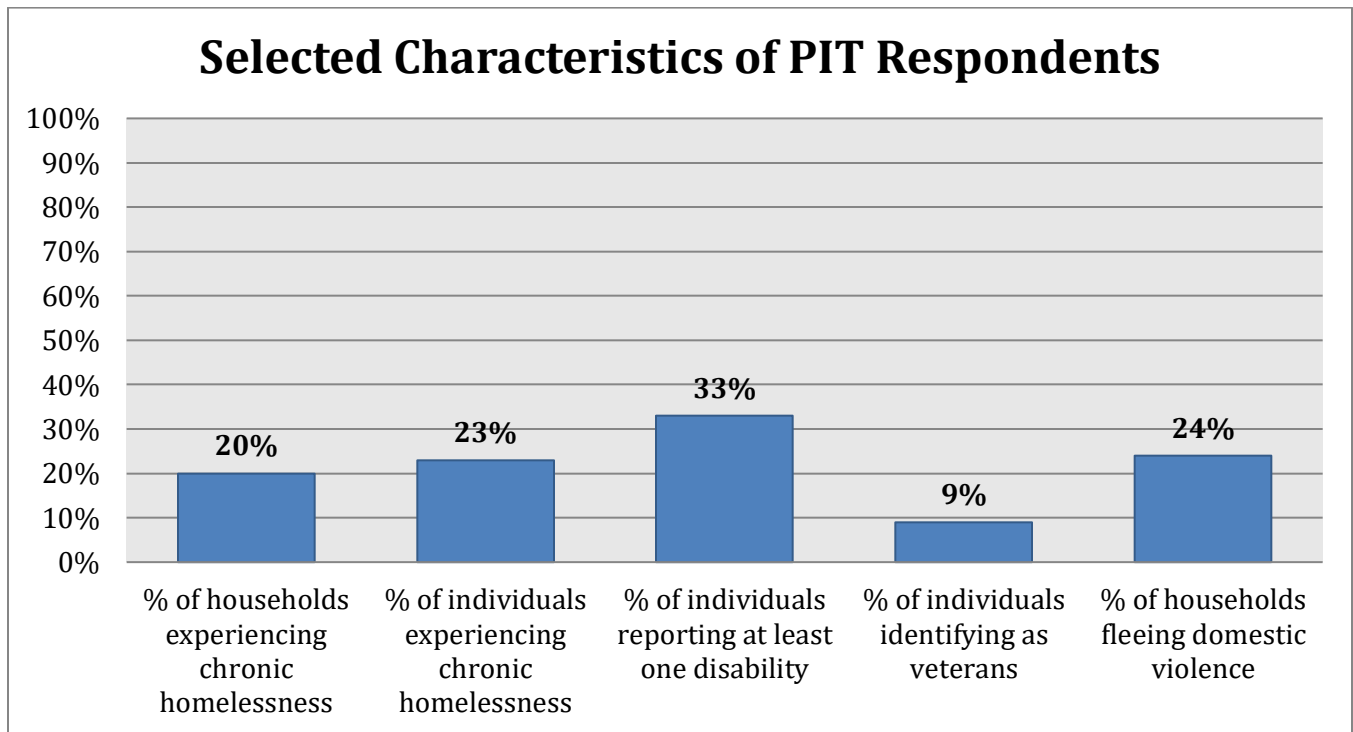


FORT COLLINS 2018 SHELTERED POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

On a single night in January 2018, 263 individuals¹ were sleeping in emergency shelters in Fort Collins.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities to regularly take count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness through the Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Counts (HIC). For the 2018 PIT and HIC Counts, HUD only required communities to count those who were staying in emergency shelters or transitional housing; an unsheltered count was not required. All data reported here reflect only those individuals and families staying in emergency shelters and transitional housing. An unsheltered and sheltered count will be conducted in 2019, in alignment with HUD requirements.



Some data is presented for “individuals” and some for “households.” A household describes the complete group of individuals living together, which may be either a family or a single individual. The majority of households surveyed are single-person households. “Individuals” describes all individuals counted through the PIT regardless of household status.

The chart above summarizes the proportion of the population surveyed who identified as experiencing chronic homelessness, having a disability, being a veteran, and/or fleeing domestic violence. A single household may fall into multiple categories.

For an individual or household to qualify as **chronically homeless**, they must identify as having a long-term disabling condition and must have experienced homelessness for either 1) a continuous year or more, or 2) four or more episodes over the course of three years, totaling at least a year’s time. Someone may qualify as having a **disability** if they identify as having any of the following conditions: severe mental illness, substance use disorder, brain injury, developmental disability, post-traumatic stress disorder, HIV/AIDS, or a chronic physical illness or disability.

¹ Survey information was collected on 221 individuals; percentage breakdowns are taken from those survey responses collected.

Planning and Methodology for the 2018 PIT

The planning and administration of the 2018 PIT and HIC Counts were overseen by staff from Housing Catalyst and the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care, and relied on the partnerships of many service providers in Fort Collins. Those agencies who participated in the planning and administration of the 2018 PIT are as follows:

Catholic Charities
City of Fort Collins
Crossroads Safehouse
Faith Family Hospitality
Fort Collins Rescue Mission
Homeless Gear
Housing Catalyst
Matthews House
Murphy Center for Hope
Outreach Fort Collins
Poudre School District
SummitStone Health Partners
United Way of Larimer County
Volunteers of America

A brief overview of the process for collecting the 2018 PIT data is included below:

Catholic Charities: Catholic Charities utilized staff to conduct the PIT surveys over the course of several days.

Fort Collins Rescue Mission: Volunteers assisted with surveying at the FCRM. Staff were on hand to assist in efforts, direct volunteers to appropriate locations in the shelter, and complete surveys with guests.

Faith Family Hospitality: Faith Family Hospitality utilized staff to conduct the PIT surveys with families staying in the program.

Crossroads Safehouse: Given the safety and privacy issues surrounding households fleeing domestic violence, staff at Crossroads Safehouse compile and submit de-identified data on all households for the PIT.

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