

FORT COLLINS, COLORADO 2019 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

**On a single night in January, 2019,
353 people experiencing homelessness were surveyed in Fort Collins.**

264 of those surveyed were staying at local shelters.

**89 of those surveyed were sleeping outside
or other place not meant for human habitation.**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities to regularly take a count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness through the Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Counts (HIC). For the 2019 PIT and HIC Counts, the night selected by the Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care was January, 23rd. The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal to end homelessness; provide funding; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs; and optimize self-sufficiency among Individuals and families experiencing homelessness. There are three designated CoC entities in Colorado with Fort Collins belonging to the Balance of State CoC.

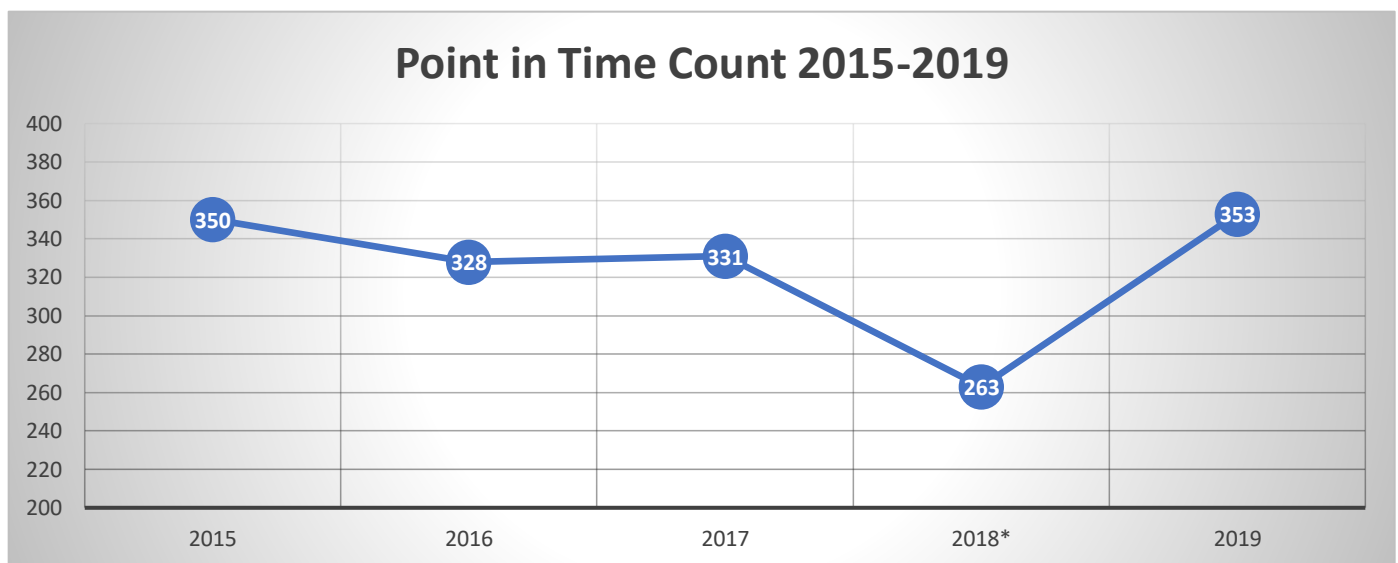
All data reported here reflects only those individuals and families who completed the survey. HUD emphasizes that these numbers are just a snapshot of homelessness on a given night and may not fully represent the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness due to a variety of factors. These include the inability to find and survey everyone experiencing homelessness on any given day, weather, and the nature of self-reporting which is not always reliable. It should also be noted that the results reported below are data only and do not include any analysis or conclusions. A variety of factors may have impacted these results including changes in overall population of Ft. Collins, economic and employment factors, and the overall rental market.

For additional information on the state of homelessness in Fort Collins, please visit the Housing First Initiative website below. This reports on additional data not collected as part of the PIT count and is collected and reported on throughout the year.

<http://www.homeward2020.org/housing-first-initiative/>

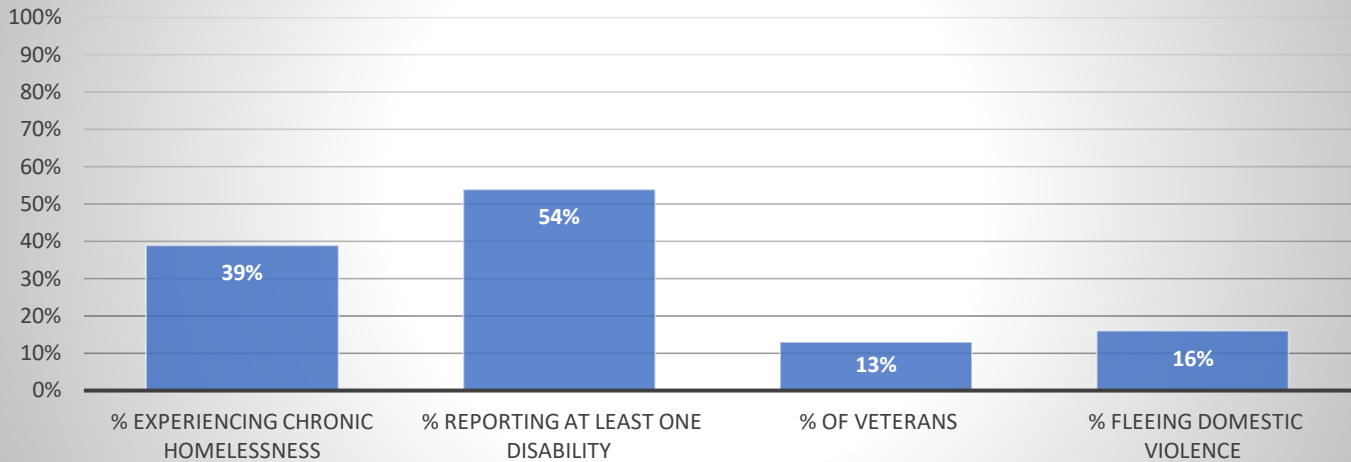
For the full PIT report for each Continuum of Care in the country, please visit the HUD website below. Note that results for the 2019 PIT count may not be listed until fall of 2019.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-homeless-populations-and-subpopulations-reports/>



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Characteristics of 2019 Respondents



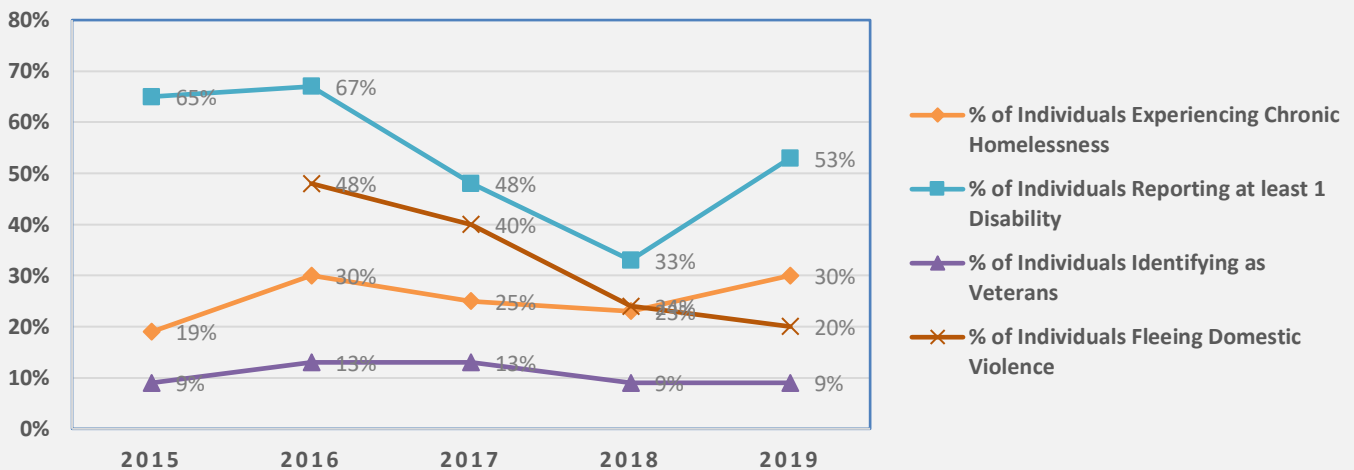
The chart above summarizes the proportion of the population surveyed who identified as experiencing chronic homelessness, having a disability, being a veteran, and/or fleeing domestic violence. A single household may fall into multiple categories.

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) 12 continuous months or more, **or** 2) four or more episodes over the course of three years, totaling at least 12 months. 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.

Changes Over Time

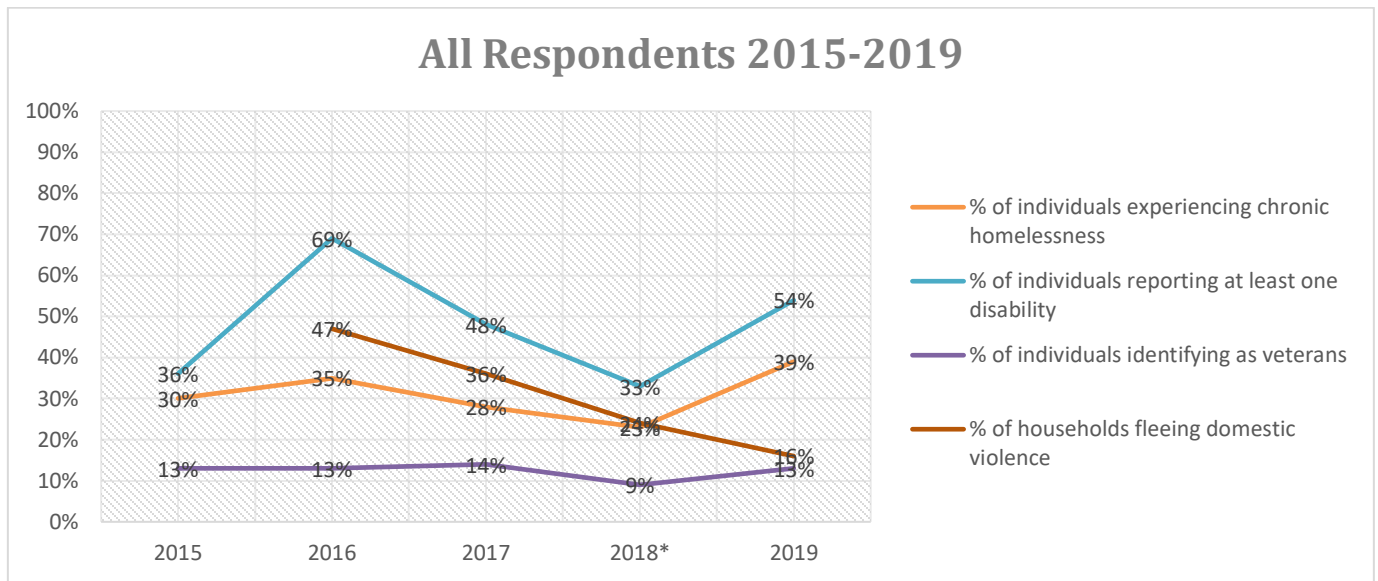
The graph below visualizes changes over time in the proportion of the **sheltered** population who experience chronic homelessness, report at least one disability, identify as a veteran, and are fleeing domestic violence at the time of the Point-in-Time Count. In 2015, HUD did not request communities to collect data regarding domestic violence. Fort Collins began collecting data regarding domestic violence in 2016.

SHELTERED PIT RESPONDENTS 2015-2019



For the past five years, Point-in-Time Counts have included both sheltered and unsheltered households every year except for 2018. HUD requests an unsheltered count only on odd numbered years. The chart below shows percentages of all respondents (sheltered and unsheltered) over the last five years who fall into each of the categories.

Selected Characteristics of All PIT Respondents: 2015 – 2019



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The planning and administration of the 2019 PIT and HIC Counts were overseen by staff from Housing Catalyst, Homeward Alliance, 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 2019 PIT are as follows:

- Catholic Charities
- Crossroads Safehouse
- Faith Family Hospitality
- Fort Collins Rescue Mission
- Homeward Alliance
- Housing Catalyst
- Matthews House
- Murphy Center for Hope
- Outreach Fort Collins
- Poudre School District
- Salvation Army
- SummitStone Health Partners
- Veterans Administration
- Volunteers of America