
2020 Broward County Point-in-Time Count Report





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2020 BROWARD COUNTY POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Total Households and Persons	Emergency	Transition	Safe Haven	US	Total	%
Total Number of Households	671	243	32	875	1821	
Total Number of Persons	857	338	32	984	2211	
Number of Children (under 18)	185	86	0	17	288	13.0%
Number of Persons (18-24)	54	33	0	14	101	4.6%
Number of Persons (over age 24)	618	219	32	953	1822	82.4%

Gender	Emergency	Transition	Safe Haven	US	Total	%
Female	346	105	12	243	706	31.9%
Male	507	233	20	737	1497	67.7%
Transgender or Non-Conforming	4	0	0	4	8	0.4%

Ethnicity	Emergency	Transition	Safe Haven	US	Total	%
Non-Hispanic	778	289	29	897	1993	90.1%
Hispanic	79	49	3	87	218	9.9%

Race	Emergency	Transition	Safe Haven	US	Total	%
White	234	116	13	460	823	37.2%
Black	597	216	18	492	1323	59.8%
Asian	11	1	0	3	15	0.7%
American Indian	2	0	0	15	17	0.8%
Native Hawaiian	10	0	1	3	14	0.6%
Multiple Races	3	5	0	11	19	0.9%

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	Emergency	Transitional	US	Total	
Families (Households)	43	44	7	129	5.6%
Unaccompanied Youth (Individuals)	65	25	9	99	4.3%
Parenting Youth Households	0	4	0	4	0.2%
Total Persons in Parenting Youth Households	0	7	0	7	0.3%
Chronically Homeless Families	12	0	9	21	0.9%
Chronically Homeless Individuals	248	0	385	633	27.4%
Adults with Serious Mental Illness	155	22	15	207	9.0%
Adults with Substance Use Disorder	82	46	5	138	6.0%
Adults with HIV/AIDS	37	7	3	50	2.2%
Victims of Domestic Violence	24	15	2	43	1.9%
Total Number of Veterans	40	41	76	159	6.9%

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BACKGROUND

Introduction

The data presented in this report provides an updated point-in-time snapshot of the homeless population in Broward County. The purpose of this report is to share the results of the count with the community, to provide a discussion of the methodology used, and to offer analysis of the findings. The U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Florida's Office on Homelessness require the count. The count includes all sheltered and unsheltered homeless in Broward County. Due to changes in the definition of homelessness and the process of counting the homeless in past years, we argue for caution in making generalizations across different time periods. A person is considered homeless only when he/she resides in one of the places described below:

1. In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings (on the street).
2. In an emergency shelter.
3. In transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters.
4. In any of the above places but is spending a short time (up to 30 consecutive days) in a hospital or other institution.
5. Is being evicted within a week from a private dwelling unit and no subsequent residence has been identified and lacks resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.
6. Is being discharged within a week from an institution, such as a mental health or substance abuse treatment facility or a jail/prison, in which the person has been a resident for more than 30 consecutive days and no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.
7. Is fleeing a domestic violence housing situation and no subsequent residence has been identified and lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.

This year's Broward County Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, shows that the total number of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness in Broward County has decreased by 17.5 percent, from 2,803 to 2,211. The number of unsheltered persons decreased by 27% percent from 1,350 to 984.

An additional 184 people were counted as “at-risk” of homelessness, which is generally defined as an individual or family seeking permanent housing but who stayed the previous night at an institution; a hotel paid by self; a jail, prison or detention center; a family member or friend’s house; were facing imminent eviction; in foster care; or people who are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled up situation, within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing.

Data Collection

Broward County's 2020 PIT count was composed of the following components:

- **Paper Survey:** A trained team of over 200 volunteers administered a comprehensive survey to self-identifying homeless individuals, primarily in outdoor locations throughout the county. This is a population survey, meaning all possible homeless individuals were surveyed. The survey elicited information about the homeless population's demographics, history of homelessness, living conditions, barriers to overcoming homelessness, and use of homeless services. Additionally, people at non-HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) participating agencies were asked to complete the survey. However, not all non-HMIS participating agencies participated in the count. A copy of the 2020 PIT survey instruments are presented in at the end of the report.
- **Sheltered HMIS:** Per HUD requirements, an enumeration of homeless individuals residing in emergency shelters and transitional housing on the date of the count using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data was created. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is an electronic database used to hold information on the characteristics and service needs of homeless people in the U.S. The program was developed in the 1990s in response to a mandate by Congress requiring states to collect data in order to receive funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address homelessness. Broad utilization of HMIS may help provide a consistent and accurate snapshot of a region's homeless population, including a population count and information on service use. HMIS also provides a measurement of the effectiveness of homeless programs as it helps track the number of chronically homeless clients and placements into permanent housing.

Data Collection

Survey interviewers emphasized the anonymity and confidentiality of the survey to encourage respondents to be candid in their responses. Interviewers assured respondents that these responses would be reported only as general findings and would not be traceable to any one individual.

Data Analysis

To avoid potential duplication of respondents, the survey queried respondents' initials and date of birth, so that duplication could be avoided without compromising the respondents' anonymity. Upon completion of the survey effort, an extensive verification process was conducted to eliminate potential duplicates. This process examined respondents' date of birth, initials, gender, and ethnicity. In addition, a question was placed on the survey that asked respondents if they had completed the survey earlier in the day. Lastly, the final survey data was cross-tabulated with the HMIS to determine if duplicates existed in sheltered and transitional housing counts. For data analysis purposes, simple descriptive statistics were calculated for all survey responses.



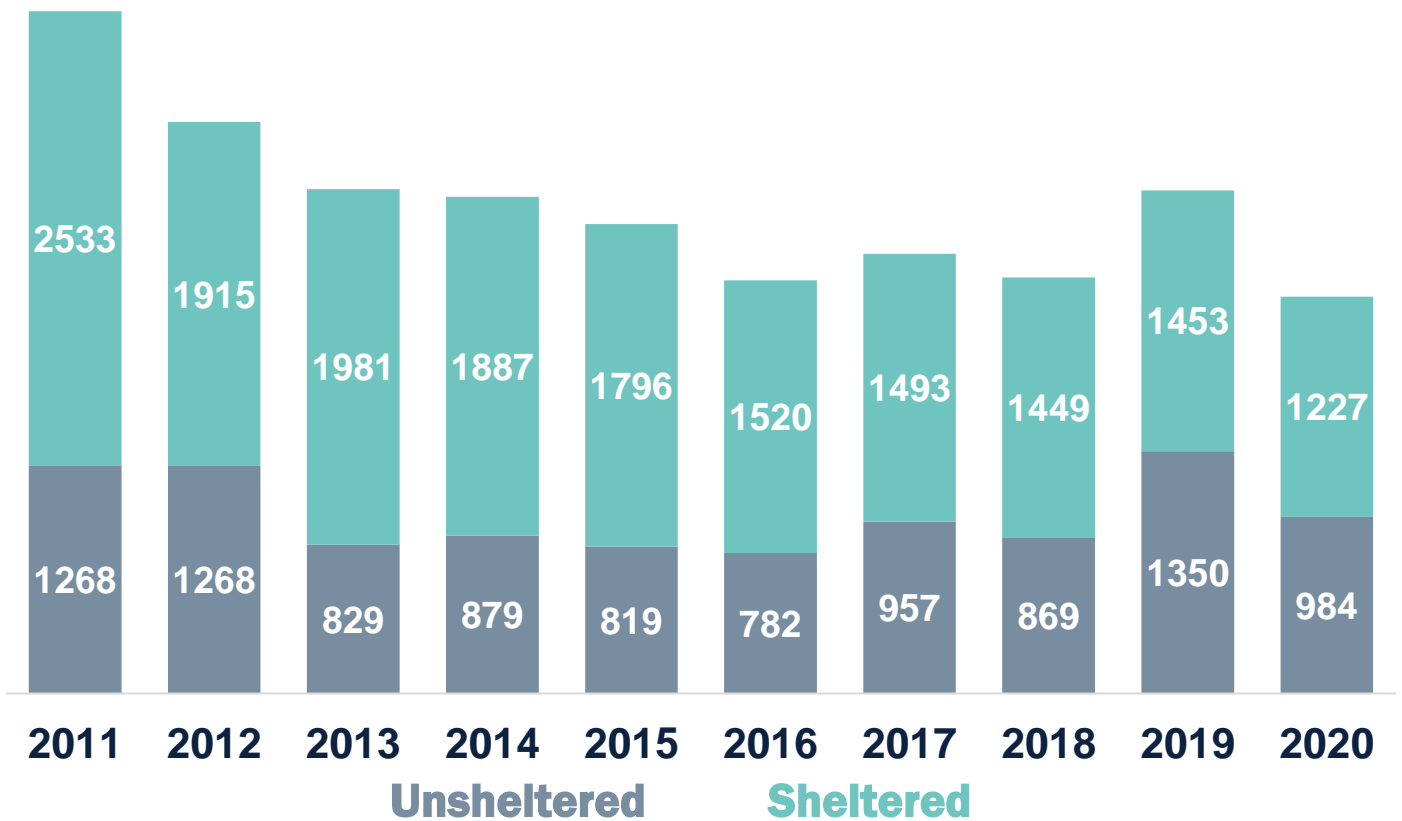
Definitions

- Chronic Homelessness – is defined to mean a homeless individual with a disability who lives either in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, or in an institutional care facility if the individual has been living in the facility for fewer than 90 days and had been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility. The individual also must have been living as described above continuously for at least 12 months, or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years, where the combined occasions total a length of time of at least 12 months. Each period separating the occasions must include at least seven nights of living in a situation other than a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter.
- Emergency Shelter - is a facility whose primary purpose is to provide temporary shelter for homeless persons.
- Individual - refers to people who are not part of a family during their episode of homelessness. They are homeless as single adults, unaccompanied youth, or in multiple-adult or multiple-child households.
- Persons in Families - are people who are homeless as part of households that have at least one adult and one child.
- Sheltered Homeless Persons - are individuals who are staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, or safe havens.
- Transitional Housing Program - is a type of housing where homeless people may stay and receive supportive services for up to 24 months, and which are designed to enable them to move into permanent housing.
- Unsheltered Homeless Persons - include people who live in places not meant for human habitation, such as the streets, abandoned buildings, vehicles, or parks.
- Homeless Age Groups include - children who are under 18, youth who are 18 to 24, and adults who are 24 or older.

HOMELESS COUNT BROWARD COUNTY 2011 - 2020

Broward County employs a technique entitled a single-contact census. The census is taken by a team of individuals in a clearly defined area where preliminary research suggests that homeless persons can be found. The advantages of using a single-contact census are twofold: It provides direct contact with the homeless population and additional information such as demographics can be collected.

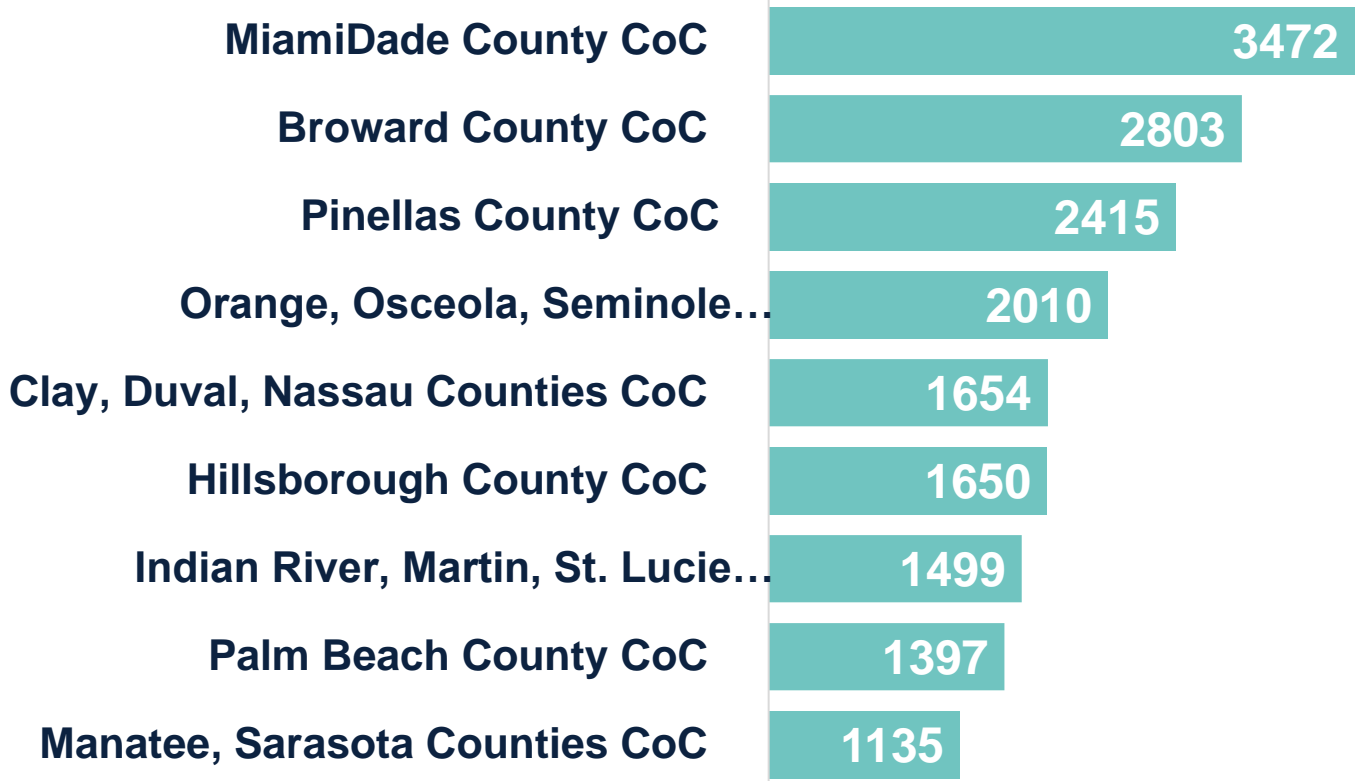
Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless in Broward County 2011-2020



HOMELESSNESS IN FLORIDA

The forces which affect homelessness are complex and often interactive in nature. Social forces such as addictions, family breakdown, and mental illness are compounded by structural forces such as lack of available low-cost housing, poor economic conditions, and insufficient mental health services.

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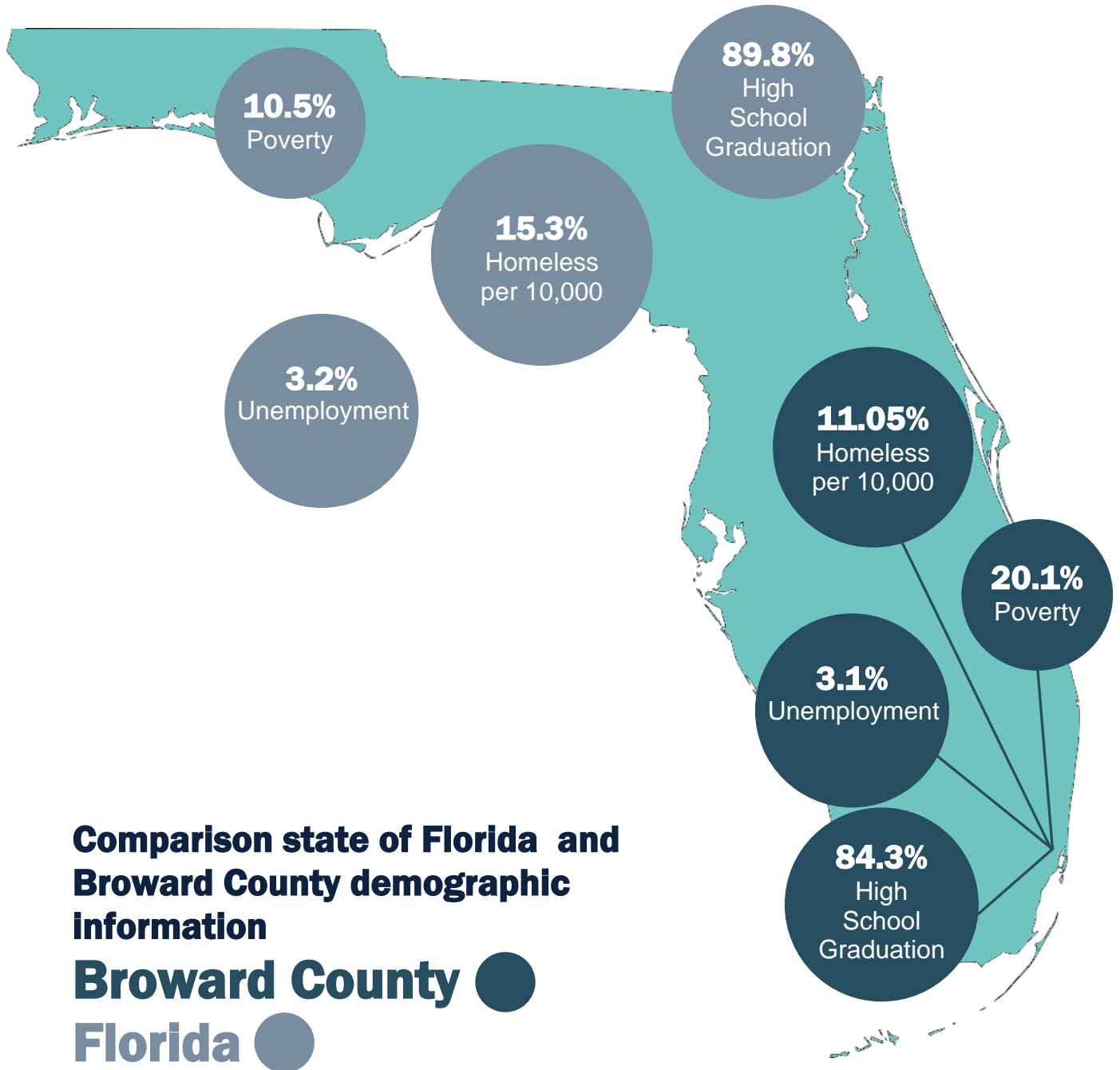


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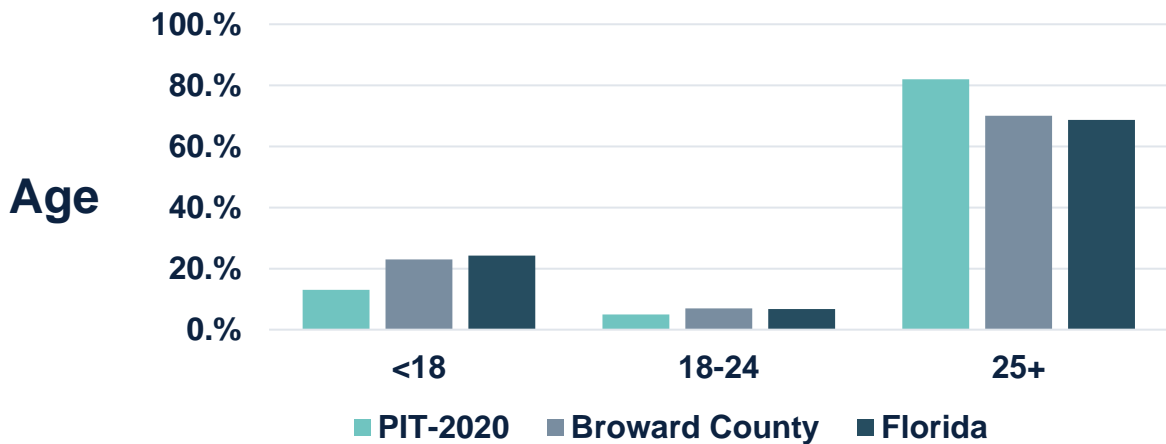
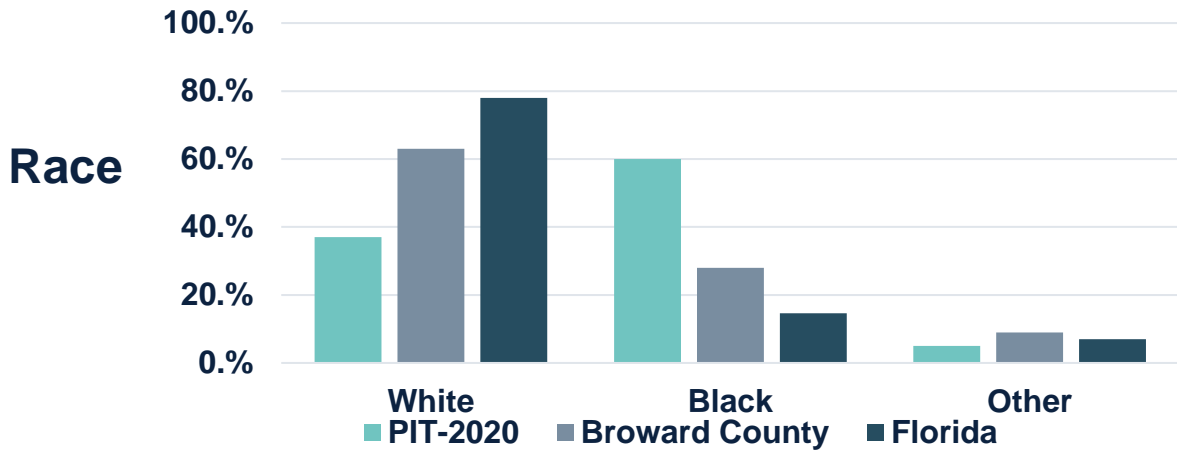
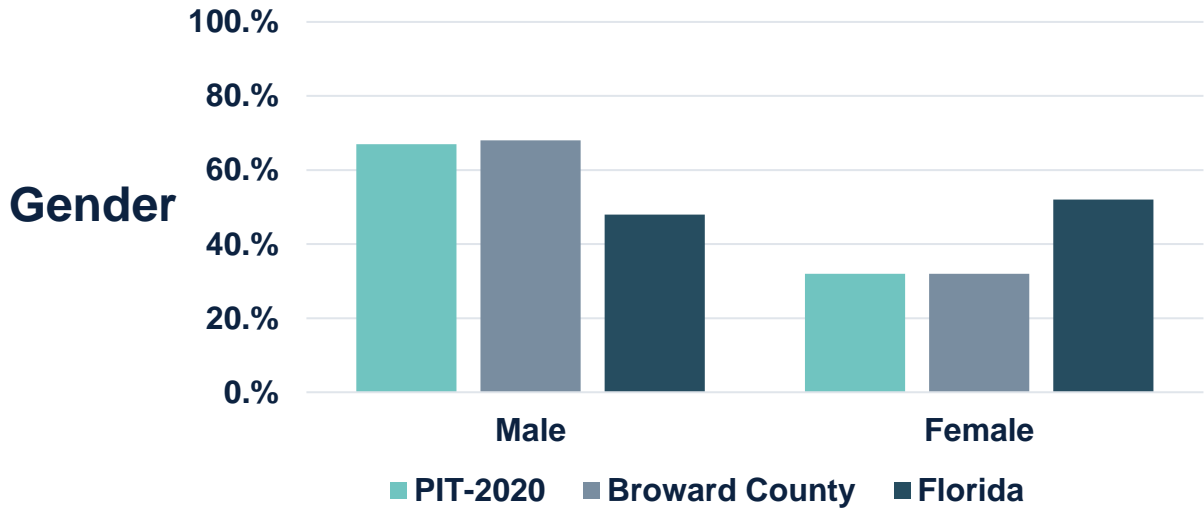


Comparison state of Florida and Broward County demographic information

Broward County ●

Florida ●

DEMOGRAPHIC COMPARISONS



FACETS OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESS BROWARD COUNTY (N=599)

Unsheltered homeless health conditions, domestic violence incidence and veteran status

13%

report chronic health conditions

51%

report drug abuse

13%

report alcohol abuse

24%

report mental health conditions

15%

report domestic violence

60%

report a disabling condition

2%

report HIV/AIDS

8%

are veterans

FACETS OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESS BROWARD COUNTY (N=599)

Unsheltered homeless reasons for homelessness

1%

claim natural
disaster as a
reason for
homelessness

15%

claim housing
loss as a
reason for
homelessness

14%

claim medical
reasons as a
reason for
homelessness

.2%

claim
immigration as
a reason for
homelessness

44%

claim job loss
as a reason for
homelessness

1%

claim domestic
violence as a
reason for
homelessness

FACETS OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESS BROWARD COUNTY (N=599)

Unsheltered homeless living situation prior to
2020 PIT count

14%

report living in
hospital prior
to PIT count
2020

15%

report living in
jail prior to PIT
count 2020

>1%

report living in
foster care
prior to PIT
count 2020

2%

report living in
a psychiatric
facility prior to
PIT count 2020

FACETS OF THE HOMELESS BROWARD COUNTY

Facts about sheltered
and unsheltered
homeless families

403

Sheltered
Families

12%

white

82%

black

6%

other

34%

male

66%

female

32

Unsheltered
Families

68%

black

32%

white

0%

other

61%

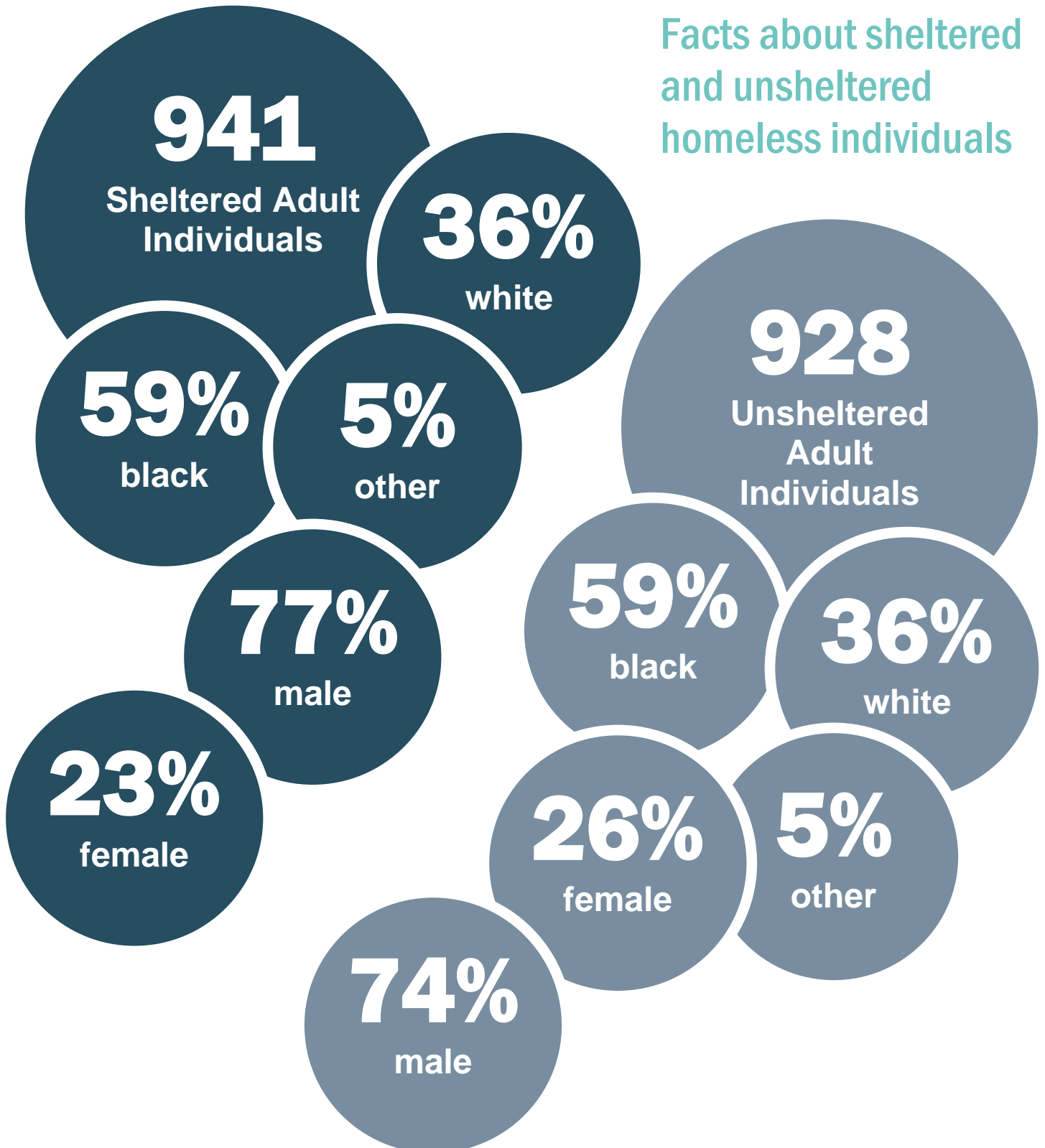
female

39%

male

FACETS OF THE HOMELESS BROWARD COUNTY

Facts about sheltered
and unsheltered
homeless individuals



FACETS OF THE HOMELESS BROWARD COUNTY (N=599)

Income source information for unsheltered homeless

52%

have no income

28%

receive public
assistance

9%

have an
unknown
income source

11%

earned income

FACETS OF THE HOMELESS BROWARD COUNTY

Where Slept Night of PIT Count 2020

City	2016 (N=782)	2017 (N=881)	2018 (N=869)	2019 (N =1164)	2020 (N=774)
	Count (Percent)	Count (Percent)	Count (Percent)	Count (Percent)	Count (Percent)
Coconut Creek	1 (0.1)	3 (0.3)	4 (0.4)	4 (0.3)	3 (0.4)
Coral Springs	0 (0.0)	2 (0.2)	1 (0.1)	2 (0.1)	4 (0.5)
Dania	10 (1.1)	13 (1.5)	16 (1.7)	21 (1.8)	21 (2.7)
Davie	12 (1.4)	24 (2.7)	25 (2.7)	25 (2.1)	41 (5.3)
Deerfield Beach	7 (0.8)	15 (1.7)	2 (0.2)	10 (0.8)	6 (0.8)
Fort Lauderdale	374 (42.5)	452 (51.3)	459 (50.0)	657 (56.4)	377 (48.7)
Hallandale	14 (1.6)	9 (1.0)	12 (1.3)	9 (0.7)	20 (2.6)
Hollywood	99 (11.2)	135 (15.3)	102 (11.1)	130 (11.1)	105 (13.6)
Lauderdale Lakes	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	7 (0.8)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Lauderhill	4 (0.5)	11 (1.2)	6 (0.7)	18 (1.5)	7 (0.9)
Lighthouse Point	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.1)
Margate	5 (0.6)	9 (1.0)	8 (0.9)	15 (1.2)	17 (2.2)
Miramar	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.1)
North Lauderdale	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	(0.0)
Oakland Park	2 (0.2)	24 (2.7)	14 (1.5)	10 (0.8)	11 (1.4)
Pembroke Park	0 (0.0)	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	7 (0.6)	(0.0)
Pembroke Pines	6 (0.7)	4 (0.5)	8 (0.9)	7 (0.6)	6 (0.8)
Plantation	16 (1.8)	15 (1.7)	11 (1.2)	9 (0.8)	13 (1.7)
Sunrise	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (0.5)
Pompano Beach	133 (15.1)	129 (14.6)	150 (16.3)	221 (18.9&	132 (17.1)
Tamarac	6 (0.7)	12 (1.4)	2 (0.2)	6 (0.5)	2 (0.3)
Wilton Manors	6 (0.7)	9 (1.0)	1 (0.1)	3 (0.3)	2 (0.3)

FACETS OF THE HOMELESS BROWARD COUNTY

Adults and youth at risk for homelessness

