

Homelessness in Minnesota

A Count of Those Experiencing Homelessness

WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA

Every three years, Wilder Research conducts a one-day statewide study to better understand the prevalence of homelessness in Minnesota, as well as the circumstances of those experiencing homelessness. The 2018 study took place on October 25, 2018, and included two components that captured information on that date:

- Face-to-face interviews with people throughout the state who meet the [federal definition of homelessness](#)
- A count of people experiencing homelessness

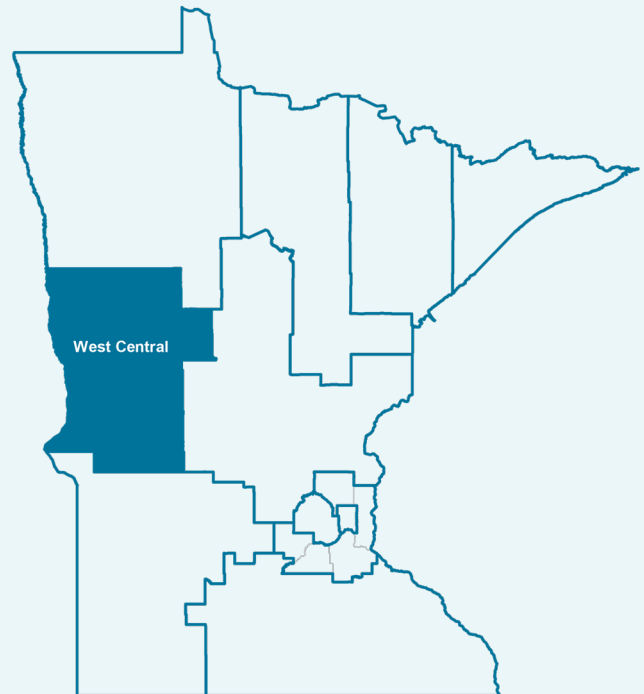
This report contains data from the counts portion of the 2018 Minnesota Homeless Study. The data include:

- People staying in all known emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters, and transitional housing sites throughout the state.
- People experiencing homelessness who were found through outreach in non-shelter locations such as encampments, hot-meal programs, and other drop-in service locations.

This report does not contain estimates of the uncounted or unidentified homeless population.

The main audience for this report includes homeless service providers and government staff. For that reason, counts data are separated by living situation (in shelter versus not in shelter), household type (individuals versus families), gender, and age.

CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONS



Counts data for all regions and select geographies, including **West Central Minnesota**, are available at mnhomeless.org.

Minnesota has 10 Continuum of Care regions. “A Continuum of Care is a community strategic plan to organize and deliver housing and services to reduce the incidence of homelessness by assisting homeless individuals, youth and families with children to move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing” ([Minnesota Housing](#)).

ALL PEOPLE

1. Total number of people experiencing homelessness, by age and living situation

Age of individual		Emergency shelters	Domestic violence shelters	Transitional housing	Rapid Rehousing ^a	Total in shelters	Total not in shelters	Total
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	2	0	2	2	4
	<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>
Young adults age 18-21	Male	0	0	7	0	7	1	8
	Female	0	0	14	0	14	4	18
	<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>26</i>
Young adults age 22-24	Male	0	0	11	0	11	0	11
	Female	0	0	7	0	7	1	8
	<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>19</i>
Adults age 25-54	Male	32	0	10	0	42	34	76
	Female	22	9	16	0	47	28	75
	<i>Total</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>151</i>
Adults age 55+	Male	10	0	3	0	13	6	19
	Female	3	0	3	0	6	2	8
	<i>Total</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>27</i>
Number of minors and adults		67	9	73	0	149	78	227
Number of children with parents		27	12	58	0	97	17	114
Total number of people experiencing homelessness		94	21	131	0	246	95	341

^a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) is temporary assistance for persons experiencing homelessness to help them obtain and pay for housing. Persons receiving RRH are generally receiving a subsidy to pay rent to landlords for a limited time. Most RRH programs in Minnesota were not included in the 2018 Minnesota Homeless Study. Similar to 2015, a review of RRH programs was done and a small number of exceptions were made to include programs that maintained the same model of services and supports, but were considered “transitional housing” during their participation in the 2012 or 2015 study.

2. Total number of people experiencing homelessness, by household type and living situation

	In shelters	Not in shelters	Total
People in families	166	27	193
People not in families	80	68	148
Total number of people experiencing homelessness	246	95	341

Note. "People in families" includes adults or youth *with* accompanying children. "People NOT in families" includes singles and couples who do not have children accompanying them.

PEOPLE IN FAMILIES ONLY

3. Number of families in shelters experiencing homelessness, by age of head of household

Age of head of household		Families in shelters	Children with parents in shelters
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	Male caregiver only	0	0
	Female caregiver only	0	0
	Couples with children	0	0
	<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Young adults age 18-21	Male caregiver only	0	0
	Female caregiver only	5	14
	Couples with children	4	5
	<i>Total</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>19</i>
Young adults age 22-24	Male caregiver only	0	0
	Female caregiver only	2	7
	Couples with children	3	8
	<i>Total</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>15</i>
Adults age 25+	Male caregiver only	3	3
	Female caregiver only	15	31
	Couples with children	15	29
	<i>Total</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>63</i>
Total for male-headed families		3	3
Total for female-headed families		22	52
Total for couples		22	42
Total for all families in shelter^a		47	97

Note. Families include adults or youth with accompanying children.

^a For the total number of families experiencing homelessness (in shelter and not in shelter) add the total families from Tables 3 and 4.

4. Number of families NOT in shelters experiencing homelessness, by age of head of household

Age of head of household		Families not in shelters	Children with parents not in shelters
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	Male caregiver only	0	0
	Female caregiver only	0	0
	Couples with children	0	0
	<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Young adults age 18-21	Male caregiver only	0	0
	Female caregiver only	0	0
	Couples with children	0	0
	<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Young adults age 22-24	Male caregiver only	0	0
	Female caregiver only	1	1
	Couples with children	0	0
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
Adults age 25+	Male caregiver only	1	2
	Female caregiver only	6	13
	Couples with children	1	1
	<i>Total</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>16</i>
Total for male-headed families		1	2
Total for female-headed families		7	14
Total for couples		1	1
Total for all families not in shelter^a		9	17

Note. Families include adults or youth with accompanying children.

^a For the total number of families experiencing homelessness (in shelter and not in shelter) add the total families from Tables 3 and 4.

5. Number of people in families

	In shelters	Not in shelters	Total
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	0	0	0
Young adults age 18-21	13	0	13
Young adults age 22-24	8	1	9
Adults age 25-54	47	9	56
Adults age 55+	1	0	1
Total parents in families	69	10	79
Total children in families	97	17	114
Total people in families	166	27	193

Note. "People in families" includes adults or youth *with* accompanying children.

PEOPLE NOT IN FAMILIES

6. Number of people NOT in families

	In shelters	Not in shelters	Total
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	2	2	4
Young adults age 18-21	8	5	13
Young adults age 22-24	10	0	10
Adults age 25-54	42	53	95
Adults age 55+	18	8	26
Total people not in families	80	68	148

Note. "People NOT in families" includes singles and couples who do not have children accompanying them. This table excludes children who are with their parents.

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