

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

of homelessness in Columbus & Franklin County

The 2022 point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County was held on January 27, 2022. The number of people counted experiencing homelessness was 1,912. An unsheltered count was not conducted in 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

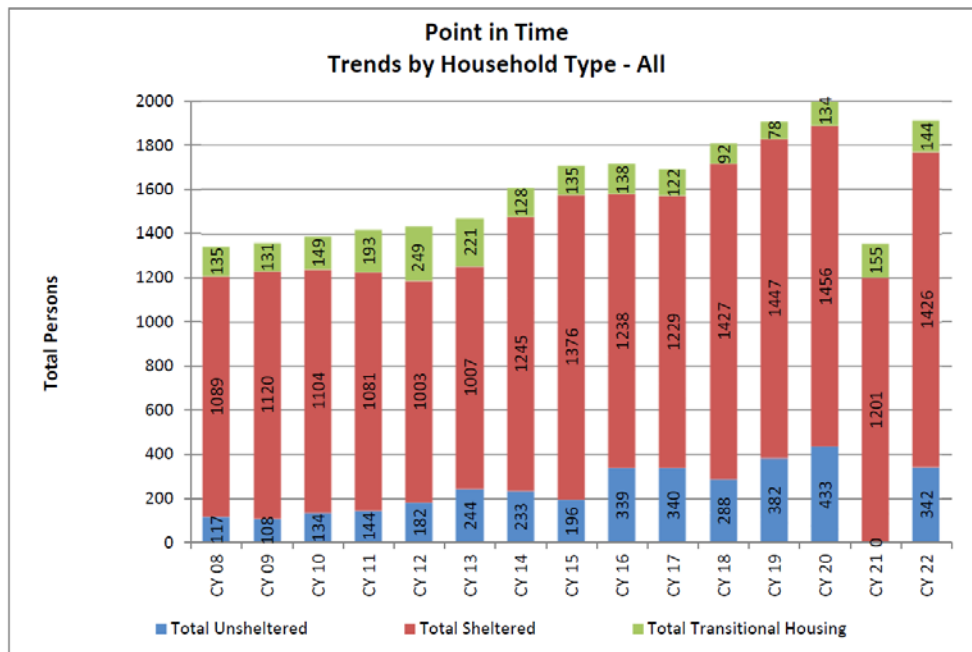
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people were counted during the Jan 2022 count.

1,426 in shelter
342 unsheltered
144 in transitional housing

Point-in-time counts are an important method used to better understand the extent of homelessness. Counts are conducted across the nation, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Development. Community Shelter Board led Columbus and Franklin County’s annual count of the area’s sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations, including adults, youth, and children. CSB worked in collaboration with local service providers, partner agencies, and volunteers.

Any count of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness is bound to be limited and incomplete. It is not possible to find every single person across the entire county who is unsheltered at a single point-in-time. The 2022 count presented a significant number of barriers related to the COVID-19 omicron surge. Conducting a safe, appropriate, and accurate count was very challenging. Due to this, it is likely there are more unsheltered community members than represented in this count.



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