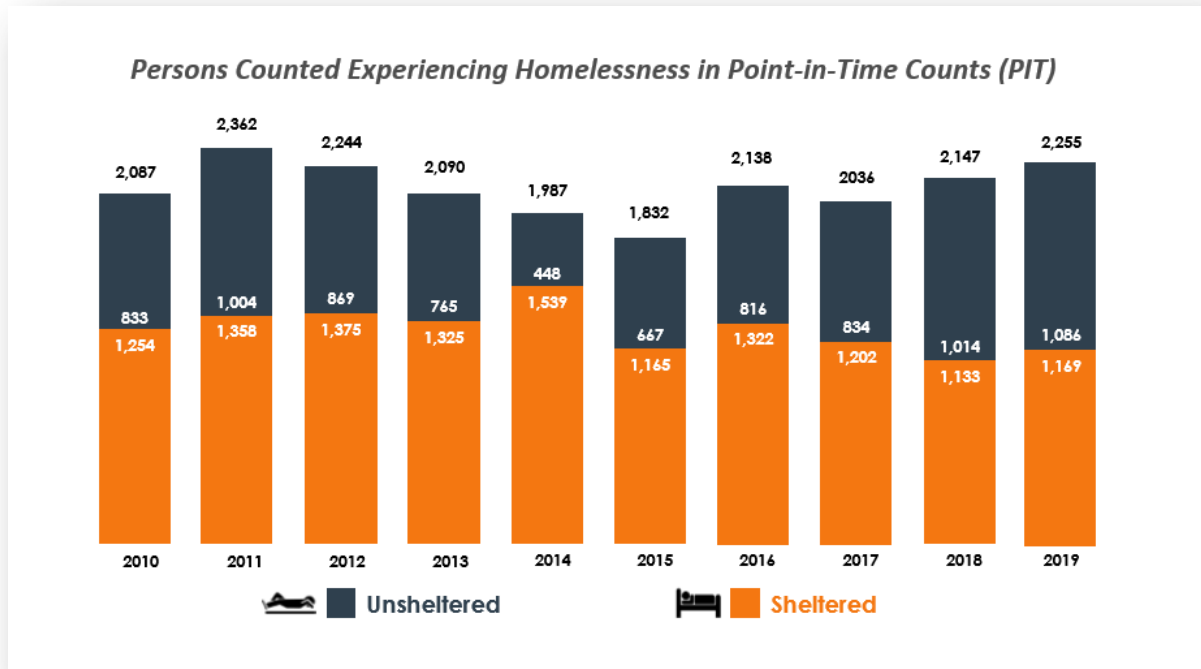


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### Snapshot

Point in Time Counts (PIT) are a measure of the number of homeless people in a specific area on a given day. This type of counting “takings a snapshot” of the current homelessness population.

On January 26, 2019, 1,086 unsheltered persons were counted across Austin’s City Council Districts.



Agencies across the City work to provide services for those experiencing homelessness:

### AUSTIN AREA SHELTER BEDS<sup>1</sup>

Shelter	Beds	Notes
Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)	130	Individual Men
A New Entry – Substance Abuse Recovery/Transitional Housing	80	42 Beds for Veterans
Austin Shelter for Women and Children - Salvation Army	81	17 rooms – Women with Children 3 rooms – Single Women
Casa Marianella	89	Dedicated to solely immigrants • (65% asylum seekers) • 41 beds – Women and children • 48 Individuals
Foundation for the Homeless- Family Rehousing Shelter	26	Families with children

<sup>1</sup> Updated per ECHO 2019 Housing Inventory Count

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Shelter	Beds	Notes
Integral Care – SafeHaven	15	Veterans
LifeWorks	20	Youth
SAFE Alliance – Domestic Violence shelter beds	106	Individuals & Families with Children
SAFE Alliance – Children's Emergency Shelter	29	16 beds – Youth 13 beds – Teen Parents
Salvation Army – Downtown Social Service Center	242	Individuals & Families with Children
Salvation Army – Rathgeber Center (not yet opened)	212	Individuals & Families with Children
South Austin Housing Center (under development)	100	Individuals
<b>TOTAL BEDS</b>	<b>1,130</b>	

### Moving Forward

#### **New Initiative: South Austin Housing Center**

The property at 1112 W. Ben White is now under acquisition. As is the case for other housing-focused shelters, Austin Public Health is leading the development of a request for proposal for management services at the new center. The goal is to have the new 100-bed center operational in the first part of 2020.

#### **New Initiatives: Salvation Army Rathgeber Center and Salvation Army Downtown Center**

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, City Council authorized one-time funding for two key initiatives between the City of Austin and the Salvation Army. The first initiative is the new 212-bed Rathgeber Center, which is designed to provide emergency shelter, meals, clothing, basic needs, case management, connection to housing resources, employment services, child care, child/family therapy, and assistance with life skills. Families from the Salvation Army Downtown Center will be transferred to the new Center. City staff is proposing one-time funding of \$1 million so that the center can begin operations. City staff is also proposing one-time funding of \$500,000 for the second initiative so that the Salvation Army Downtown Center can expand its case management services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

#### **New Affordable Rental Housing Units**

At the August 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, new loans were approved to finance affordable housing for low-income households (at or below 50% MFI for rental and 80% MFI for ownership). In FY 2018-2019, an estimated 722 units of affordable housing will be financed through loans approved throughout this fiscal year. This included loan agreements for consideration, 315 of which are supportive housing and 45 of which are Continuum of Care for people experiencing homelessness. These units are in addition to the existing inventory of nearly 12,000 affordable units that are funded or incentivized by the City of Austin.

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### **New Funding within the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Proposed Budget and Developing a Work Plan**

The Fiscal Year 2019/20 Proposed Budget contains a historic \$62.7 million budget to address homelessness in Austin; \$42 million of planned spending from the 2018 affordable housing bond for affordable housing initiatives; and \$14.4 million for the Housing Trust Fund for permanent supporting housing, housing rehabilitation, and land acquisition for affordable housing, as well as other initiatives to fund Council policy priorities. All these spending measures will be critical toward the City's efforts on homelessness. A work plan for encompassing new initiatives funded through the budget and existing initiatives will be developed so that the community is informed of the City's efforts and to lay out an implementation schedule. The work plan will be developed with the assistance of community partners, and the key initiatives listed above will not be paused while this work plan is being developed.