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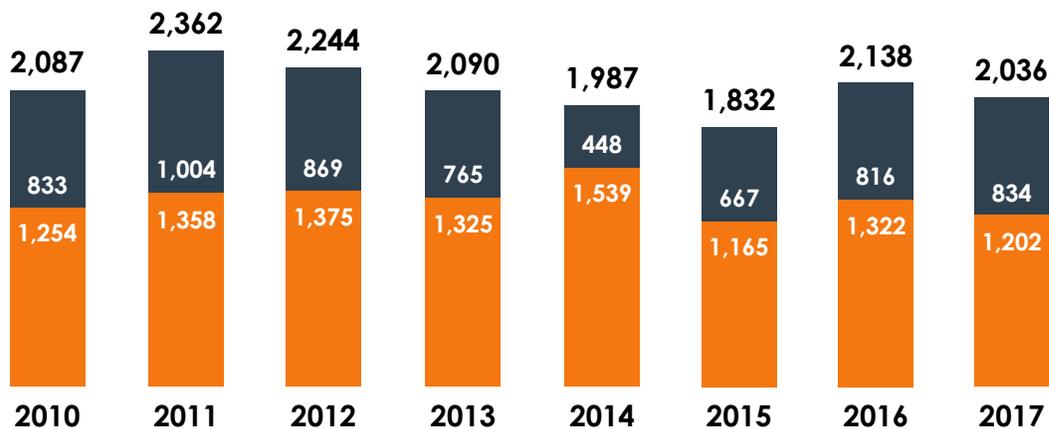
## Results of 2017 Austin/Travis County Annual Count of People Experiencing Homelessness

Between 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday January 28, 2017, over 500 volunteers counted the number of children, families and adults experiencing homelessness sleeping outdoors without shelter. Volunteers counted people in cars, tents, parks, under bridges, and on the streets. That same night, staff at agencies operating shelters and transitional housing programs counted persons staying sheltered. This combined effort is called the Point in Time Count and is a requirement from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for communities receiving HUD funds.

### Main Results:

<b>2,036 PEOPLE COUNTED HOMELESS</b>	
In Austin/Travis County from 2-9 AM on January 28, 2017	
<b>834</b> <i>Outdoors</i>	In cars, tents, parks, under bridges, and on the streets.
<b>832</b> <i>In Shelters and Safe Havens</i>	Shelters are usually full every night. Some use a lottery system because more people want shelter than there is space for them. People staying in shelters often sleep on the floor and have to return to the streets with their belongings before 7:00 a.m.
<b>370</b> <i>In Transitional Housing</i>	These programs offer time-limited housing and services to help people address issues that make it hard to maintain stable housing, such as fleeing domestic violence. HUD considers this category homeless because they will still need permanent housing.

### Persons Counted Experiencing Homelessness in Point-in-Time Counts, 2010-2017





## Subpopulations

- Total persons counted experiencing chronic homelessness in 2017 was 553, compared with 736 in 2016 – a 28% reduction.
- Total adults with a substance use disorder in 2017 was 345, compared with 188 in 2016 – an 84% increase.

**Table 2.** Comparing Subpopulations for Persons in 2016 and 2017 Point-in-Time Counts

Subpopulation	2016	2017	Change from Previous Year
<b>Adults with Serious Mental Illness</b>	524	519	-5
<b>Adults with Substance Use Disorder</b>	188	345	+157
<b>Adults with HIV/AIDS</b>	24	16	-8
<b>Persons who have experienced Domestic Violence</b>	575	740	+165
<b>Chronically Homeless</b>	736	553	-203
<b>Unaccompanied Youth</b> <i>(Youth under 25 without adults 25 or older)</i>	111	98	-13
<b>Parenting Youth</b> <i>(Youth Aged 18-24 with Children)</i>	106 youth (36 Households)	78 youth (29 Households)	-28 youth (-7 Households)
<b>Veterans</b>	257	169	-88
<b>Families with Children</b>	636 persons (192 Households)	587 persons (181 Households)	-49 persons (-11 Households)

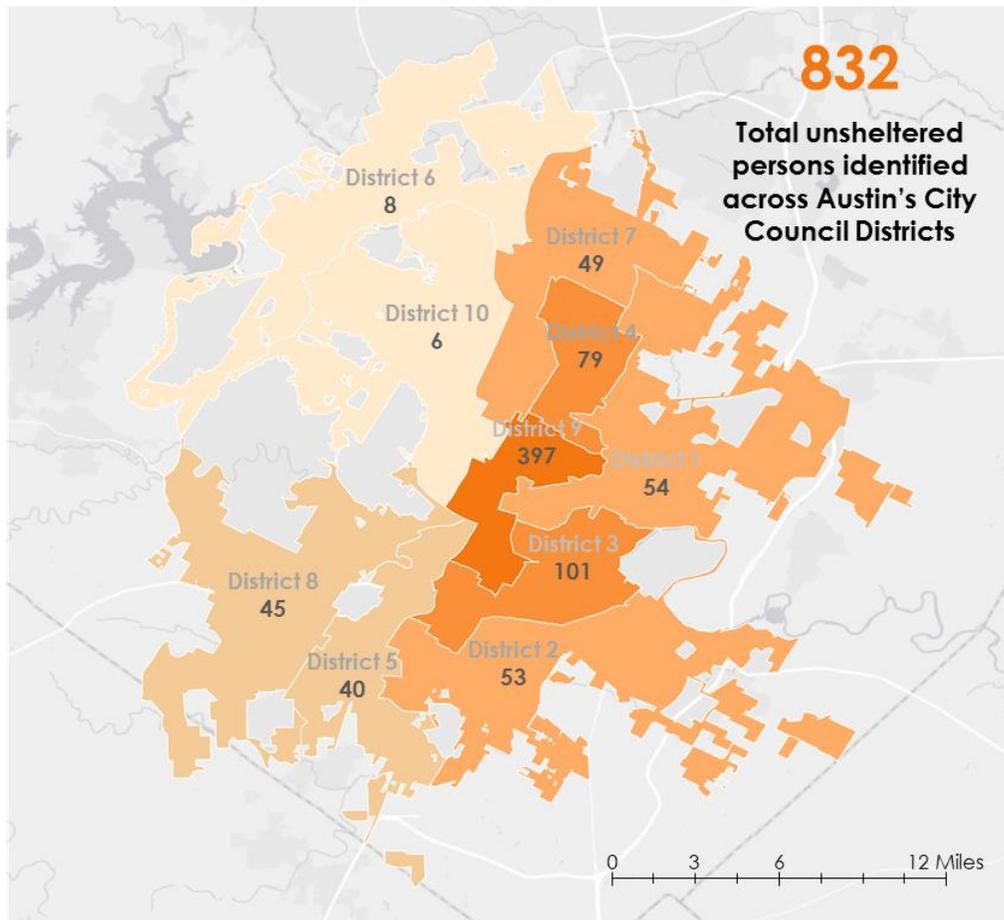
Note: Categories are not mutually exclusive so a person may fall under more than one category.

### Unsheltered Persons by City Council District

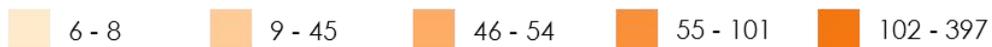
**Table 3.** Unsheltered Persons by City Council District counted during the Point-in-Time Counts in 2016 & 2017

District	2016	2017	Change from Previous Year
1	79	54	-25
2	31	53	+22
3	116	101	-15
4	47	79	+32
5	41	40	-1
6	24	8	-16
7	53	49	-4
8	15	45	+30
9	356	397	+41
10	7	6	-1

**Figure 1.** Unsheltered Persons by City Council District, Counted on January 27, 2017



#### Total Unsheltered Persons

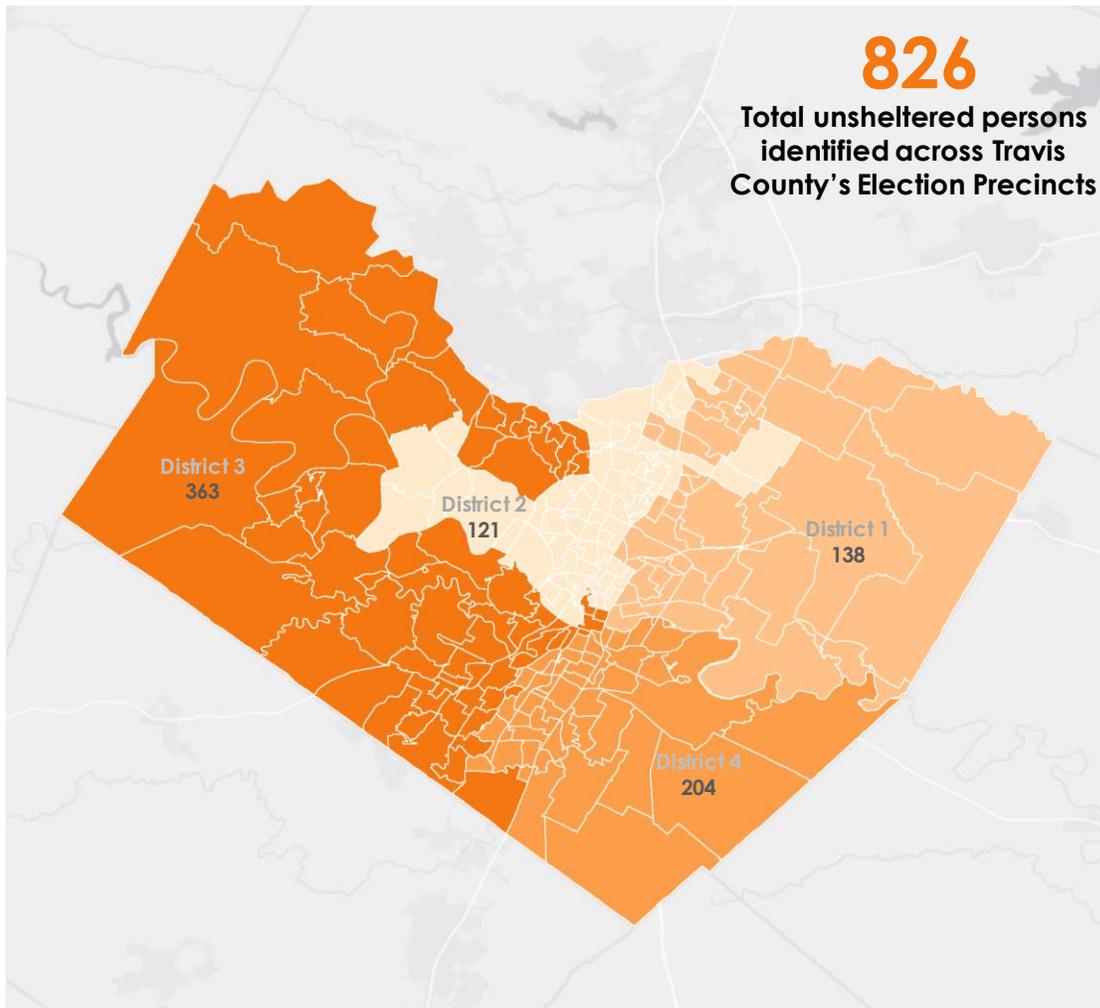


## Unsheltered Persons by County Precinct

**Table 4.** Unsheltered Persons by County Precinct

Precinct	2016	2017	Change from Previous Year
1	118	138	+20
2	150	121	-29
3	290	363	+73
4	193	204	+11

**Figure 2.** Unsheltered Persons by County Precinct, Counted on January 27, 2017





### **Point-in-Time Count Numbers in Context:**

- The number of persons counted experiencing homelessness during the Point in Time Counts is only one of the numbers our community uses to understand our progress in ending community homelessness.
- We know at least 7,000+ persons experience homelessness over the course of a year in Austin/Travis County. Since 2015, ECHO has led the community in conducting assessments to understand their needs. Learn more about our community needs here: <http://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Austin-Homelessness-Needs-and-Gaps3.pdf>
- Austin's homelessness population is most visibly concentrated downtown: on a given night, 472 persons sleep at the ARCH and the Salvation Army (downtown shelters) while 178 persons sleep in the surrounding streets – for a total of 650 persons waking up downtown homeless.
- The decrease in chronic homelessness is connected to the fact our community is prioritizing to serve the most vulnerable including persons with disabilities who have been living in the streets for a long time. Working together as a system, non-profits are using a shared database (Homeless Management Information System) for referral and tracking client's outcomes.