

2026 Memphis/Shelby County Sheltered Point-in-Time Count Data

2026 Memphis & Shelby County Sheltered Point & Time Count Summary				
Population	Count Sheltered - HMIS	Count Sheltered - CDB	Total	Prevalence of Population (%)
All Persons				
All Persons	1620	213	1833	100%
Households Composition				
Individuals (not in family units)	765	35	800	43.64%
Chronically Homeless	268	0	268	14.62%
Veterans	222	1	223	12.17%
Unaccompanied Minors (<18)	8	0	8	0.44%
Family Members (those in family units)	847	178	1025	55.92%
Children in Family Units (<18)	489	72	561	30.61%
Chronically Homeless	24	5	29	1.58%
Veterans	26	0	26	1.42%
Veterans				
All Veterans	248	1	249	13.58%
Chronically Homeless	30	0	30	1.64%
Age				
Under 18	497	72	569	31.04%
18-24	137	17	154	8.40%
25+	986	124	1110	60.56%
Chronically Homeless				
Individuals (not in family units)	268	0	268	14.62%
Family Members (those in family units)	24	5	29	1.58%
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	292	5	297	16.20%

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This year's **Sheltered PIT** count was conducted on **January 27, 2026**. Data is directly imported from the dedicated HMIS database and the Comparable Database (CDB), and data quality is cross-checked using a surveying tool distributed by CAFTH to partnering agencies. This comprehensive data snapshot expands upon reports from past years, including all housing project types, to provide a more accurate picture of the scope of housing service provision and usage.

A brief description of each program type included in this year's count:

- **Emergency Shelter (ES):** Short-term, temporary shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Included in prior PIT counts.
 - **Transitional Housing (TH):** Time-limited housing (up to 24 months) paired with supportive services to help individuals and families move toward permanent housing stability.
 - **Rapid Rehousing (RRH):** Short-to-medium term rental assistance and case management designed to help people exit homelessness quickly and stabilize in permanent housing.
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):** Long-term housing paired with ongoing supportive services, primarily serving individuals with chronic homelessness and disabling conditions.
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The 2026 total of **1,833 sheltered persons** reflects a broader and more comprehensive accounting of homelessness in Memphis and Shelby County, not simply an increase in shelter utilization. Data points of note include:

- **CDB Count:** Our CDB PIT data includes **213 clients** housed in special-population projects. Since the count, we have onboarded an additional CDB user agency and continue to seek new partnerships with agencies that serve special populations.
- **Families:** between the designated HMIS and CDB, a total of **1025 family members** were housed on the night of the count, **569 of whom are children** under 18.
- **Veterans:** **249 veterans** were housed on the night of the count.
- **Youth 18-24:** **154 total youth** 18-24 were housed on the night of the count. Our community receives YHDP and YHSI funding, enabling CAFTH to build systems to support youth-specific housing initiatives and for agencies to operate programs dedicated to housing youth experiencing homelessness.
- **Chronically Homeless:** 297 total chronically homeless clients were housed on the night of the sheltered count.

In addition to the count above, the VA reports 454 out of 492 HUD-VASH vouchers in use on the night of the count, or 92%. Recipients include 433 individual households, and 21 families (including 30 children and 4 spouses).

This year's count did not include an **Unsheltered PIT** survey. Per HUD guidance, communities are only required to conduct an unsheltered count every other year. Unsheltered count data from the prior survey year remains available as a reference point for longitudinal analysis. As our community continues to enhance our Coordinated Entry practices, including process improvements, we provide a no-wrong-door approach across all populations, with resources made readily available through the coordinated system. We use our dedicated HMIS and CDB to maintain high-quality data collection and ensure program compliance.

HMIS Lead Agency

Policy Updates:

- The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the use of the HMIS system—including all data-sharing protocols, confidentiality policies, and HUD compliance standards—was distributed to all participating providers.
- MOA distribution was accompanied by licensing invoices for each provider's HMIS user accounts on an annual basis.

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