

2026 HAYS COUNTY POINT-IN-TIME COUNT



SURVEY FINDINGS



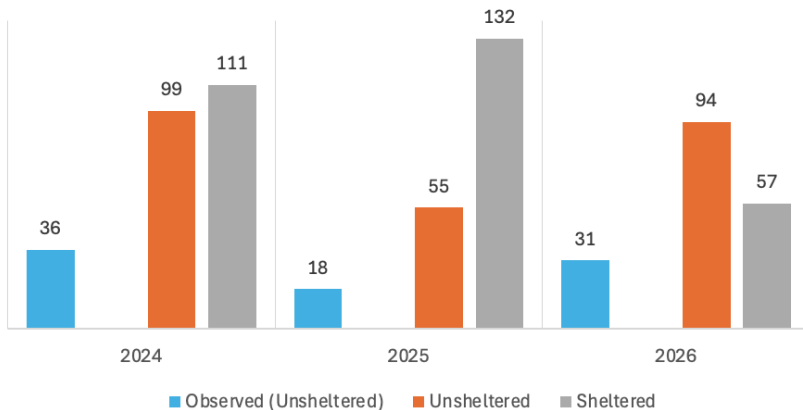
WHAT: The Point-in-Time Count is an annual effort to count individuals experiencing homelessness, including those in shelters and those unsheltered, on one night in January.

WHO: The count is conducted by the Hays County Homeless Coalition in collaboration with the Texas Homeless Network, local partners, and dedicated community volunteers.

WHEN: The count took place on Thursday, January 22nd, 2026, designated as the "night of record" for both sheltered and unsheltered populations.

WHY: The count is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding. It helps illustrate trends in homelessness over time and provides insight into the effectiveness of our community's housing programs and homeless services.

Hays County Annual Point-In-Time Counts



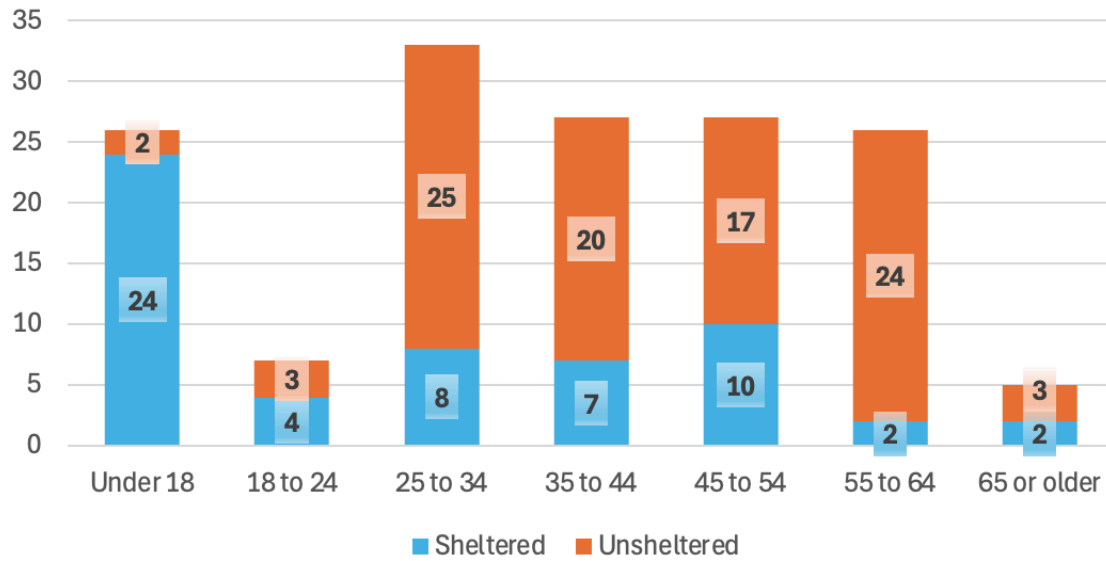
DATA TRENDS

- Despite a decrease in total homelessness this year, unsheltered homelessness increased, indicating system strain.
- Indications of barriers to housing access and increased acuity of homelessness.
- Numbers identified by this "snapshot of homelessness" falls short of the number of daily services provided by service providers and other community organizations

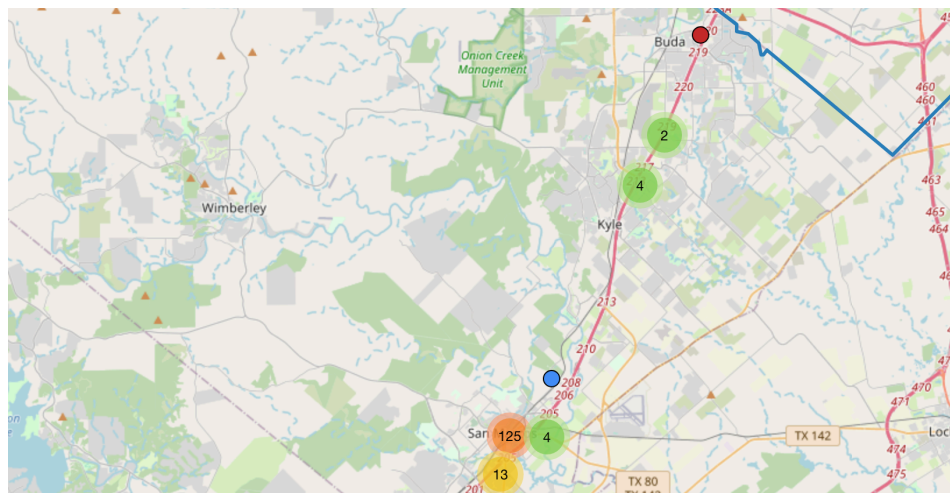
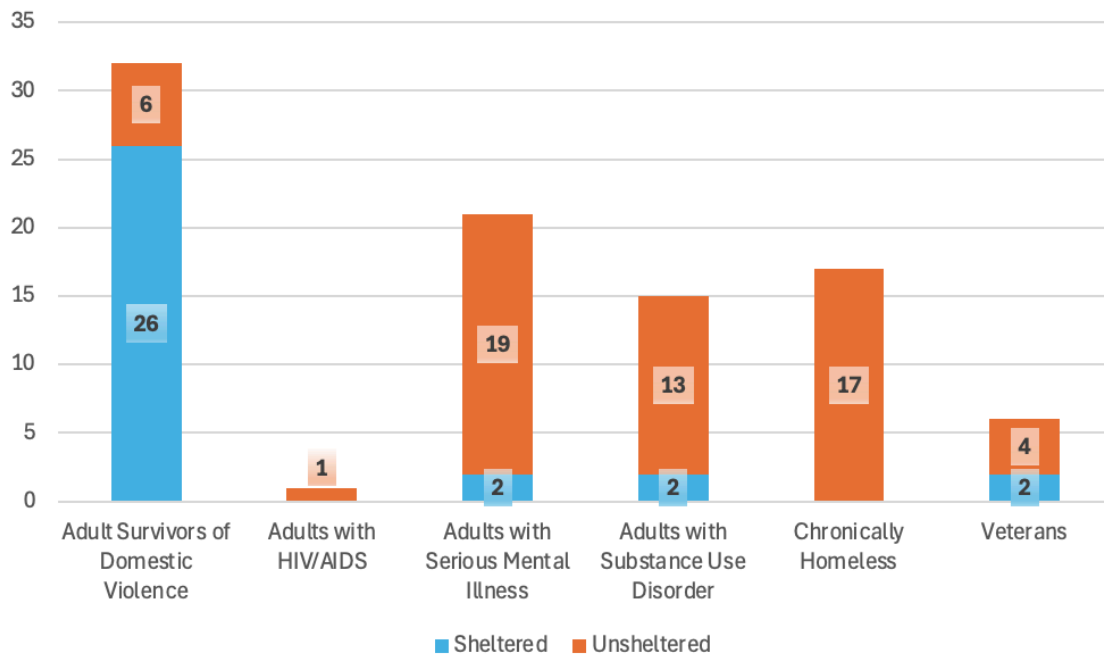
NOTED:

- The decrease in the sheltered numbers this year is largely driven by no cold-weather emergency shelter and no hotel/motel surveys this year.
- A visible presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) during this time may have influenced the increase of observations that provide no data collection.

Age and Summary



Additional Homeless Populations



Survey responses were primarily collected in San Marcos (n=144), with less surveys and observations from Kyle (n=6) and Buda (n=1).