In 2019, 9,314 people experienced homelessness in North Carolina on one night during the last week of January 2019. Using this snapshot from January and data indicating the frequency of new episodes of homelessness, an estimated 27,900 people will experience homelessness in 2019. The number of people experiencing homelessness during one night increased by 0.5% or 46 people in one year from 2018 to 2019.

Homelessness has decreased by 24% since 2010. Homelessness among veterans has decreased 28% since 2011, despite a 4% increase from 2018 to 2019.

14% are experiencing chronic homelessness, having experienced homelessness for at least a year -- or repeatedly -- while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness, substance abuse disorder, or physical disability. 10% are veterans. Homelessness among veterans has decreased 28% since 2011, despite a 4% increase from 2018 to 2019.

51% are African-American*. Among North Carolina’s larger population, African-Americans are only 22%. This indicates African-Americans experience homelessness at a disproportionate rate.

38% are female. 17% are children under 18 years old. 6% are 18-24 years old. 6% of families include parents under 25 years old. 8% are survivors of domestic violence.

*7 counties did not report

Source: NC 2019 Preliminary Point-in-Time Count

The Point-in-Time Count follows the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development definition of homelessness: People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided.