

Point in Time count

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development requires an annual census of people experiencing homelessness, in emergency shelter and transitional housing on a specified night. This data gives us a one-day snapshot of homelessness to compare from year to year.

To preserve the safety of clients, volunteers and staff during the federal immigration enforcement surge in January, Hennepin County did not conduct any 2026 unsheltered count activities.

2,496

people were experiencing homelessness on Jan 28, 2026

▼ 6%

decrease overall



▼ 5%

2,201

people were in emergency shelter



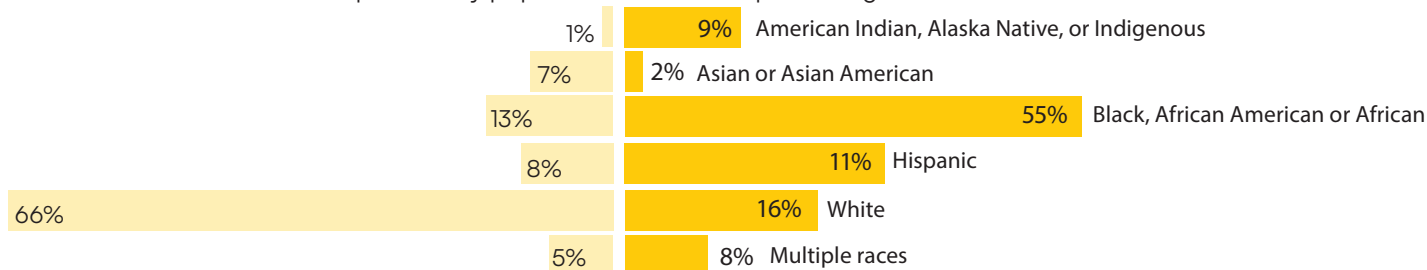
▼ 10%

295

people were in transitional housing

Of the 2,496 people experiencing homelessness

Hennepin County population Of those experiencing homelessness



365

families
1,342 people

▼ 12%



16

unaccompanied children

▼ 20%



1,138

single adults
▲ 3%



of single adults

172

are young adults
18 to 24

▼ 13%



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2026 PIT data is preliminary and subject to change.

Notes on race data: Hennepin County population race data is sourced from 2023 American Community Survey 5-year estimates (Hispanic or Latino and Race). Race categories with fewer than 5 people counted on the 2026 PIT excluded. The American Community Survey does not include a category for "Middle Eastern or North African", but the PIT does. This category is excluded here.