

Known DEMAND for HOUSING

DC currently has surpassed 700,000 residents.¹ Of those people:

- 19%, of people in the District live in poverty.²
- 6,521 persons in the District as homeless (3,862 single adults, 13 unaccompanied minors, and 815 families containing 2,646 family members.)³
- 163,874 of households in DC, or 59%, are renters.⁴ About 1/3 of those – 57,656 – have extremely low incomes (0-30% AMI, i.e. up to \$33,100 for family of 4 in 2017).⁵
- 111,000 people in DC make minimum wage (\$14/hour), composing 12%.⁶ If working full time, annual pre-tax income is \$27,560/year. Affordable rent is \$689 (30% of income).
- SSI/SSDI/Disability benefits are the primary source of income for 34.4 percent of homeless single adults.⁷ \$771 monthly SSI amount⁸ is the only source of income available to disabled adults; \$370/month Interim Disability Assistance (IDA).
- 48% of homeless families in D.C receive TANF benefits as their primary source of income.⁹
- 1,647 families sought shelter or housing services at the central point of intake for families experiencing a housing crisis (3% increase from the 2018 Hypothermia season). Only 815 families were in the shelter system when the Point-in-Time was done.¹⁰
- 6,183 single persons used the shelter system from Nov. 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.¹¹
- 32,000 D.C. children (26%) were living in poverty, and 49,000 children (39%) were living in households with a high housing cost burden in 2018.¹²
- 1,602 homeless children compose homeless population in D.C., but at least 5,593 D.C. school children were experiencing homelessness when they started the 2018-2019 academic year.¹³
- 40,000 households are on DCHA's voucher waitlist; 26,000 households are on the public housing waitlist.¹⁴
- 47% of D.C.'s population is Black, while 45% is white¹⁵; 87% of African Americans compose the homeless population.¹⁶ Median household income for Black residents is \$42,000 vs. \$134,000 for white residents.¹⁷

¹ United States Census Bureau Quick Facts (2018), District of Columbia, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/dc/PST045217>.

² United States Census Bureau Quick Facts (2018), District of Columbia, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/dc/PST045217>. Note that poverty status cannot be determined for people not in shelters and without conventional housing. See <https://www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/poverty/guidance/poverty-measures.html>.

³ The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness. TCP Fact Sheet – Point in Time 2019. <http://www.community-partnership.org/facts-and-figures>.

⁴ 2018 Out of Reach Report, National Low Income Housing Coalition. <http://nlihc.org/oor/district-columbia>.

⁵ National Low-Income Housing Coalition. 2018 District of Columbia Housing Profile. Updated June 26, 2018. Accessed August 23, 2018. http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/SHP_DC.pdf.

⁶ Bureau of Labor Statistics Report, April 2017, Table 3. <https://www.bls.gov/opub/reports/minimum-wage/2016/home.htm>.

⁷ The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness. Facts & Figures: District of Columbia CoC FY2019 Point in Time

⁸ United States Social Security Administration, SSI Federal Payment Amounts For 2019. Accessed February 21, 2019. <https://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/SSI.html>

⁹ The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness. Hypothermia FY19 Debrief – Families, Prepared for the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness. May 2019.

¹⁰ The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness. Hypothermia FY19 Debrief – Families, Prepared for the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness. May 2019.

¹¹ The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness. Hypothermia FY18 Debrief – Unaccompanied Persons, Prepared for the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness. April 2018.

¹² The Annie E. Casey Foundation. 2019 Kids Count Data Book – State Trends in Child Well-Being. Accessed August 6, 2019.

<https://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-2019kidscountdatabook-2019.pdf>

¹³ Government of the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education Responses to Fiscal Year 2018 Performance Oversight Questions. P. 859.

¹⁴ DC Housing Authority 2018 Oversight and Performance Hearing, Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, Responses to Pre-Hearing Questions, Question 87 at p. 43. http://dccouncil.us/files/user_uploads/budget_responses?dcha.pdf.

¹⁵ Census QuickFacts for District of Columbia in 2017. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/dc/PST045217>.

¹⁶ The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness. TCP Fact Sheet – Point in Time 2019. <http://www.community-partnership.org/facts-and-figures>

¹⁷ US Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 2017, Chart S1903.

<https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkml>. Note on chart incomes for other races/ethnicities.