

Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care 2019 Point-in-Time Results

What is it?

The Point-in-Time Count is one of the state's greatest tools toward understanding homelessness and the barriers that persist in connecting our neighbors without permanent housing. The Point-in-Time count is a snapshot of need for our communities and state as a whole—of both people who are sheltered and unsheltered on a single night. The annual count is a critical source of data reporting the number and characteristics of those persons who are homeless in the United States. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires every Continuum of Care (CoC) to conduct a count within the last ten (10) days of January, annually. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) is the Collaborative Applicant for the Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care. This Continuum contains 91 of the 92 counties in the state, with the IN-503 CoC being the Continuum of Care for Marion County.

Balance of State Results

The Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care conducted their Point-in-Time Count on January 23, 2019. Overall, 5 regions experienced a decrease (2, 2A, 8 and 9) while the other 12 regions saw an increase in overall homelessness.

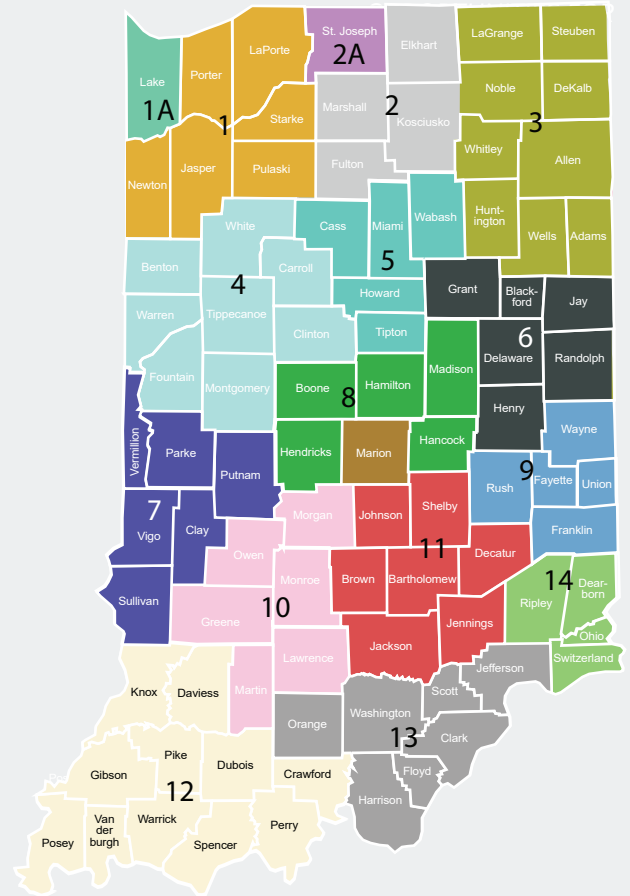
Provided below is some additional Balance of State results:

- **Overall** – 9% increase
- **Veterans** – 16% increase
- **Youth** – 12% increase
- **Substance Abuse Disorder** – 3% increase

Why the increase?

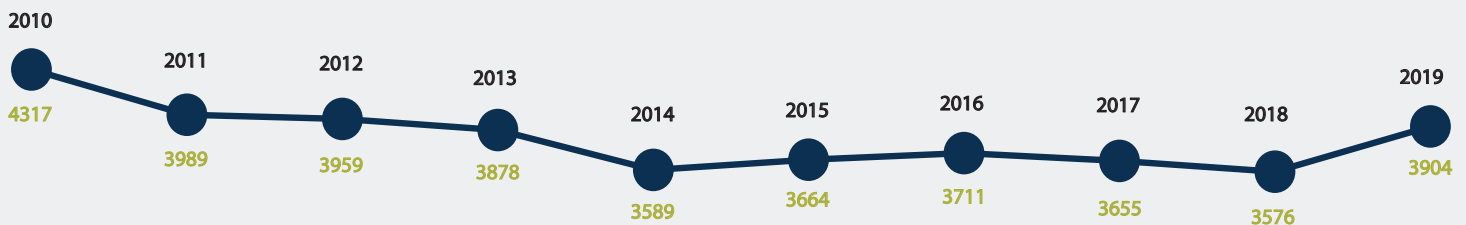
While homelessness remains an issue not only in Indiana but nationwide, the Balance of State Continuum of Care also attributes the increase in homelessness to these factors:

- **Better coordination and partnerships** – Across the state, regions are developing more partnerships and increasing awareness about the count. Including, working with shelters. This has meant a greater outreach effort and more individuals that are experiencing homelessness have been properly accounted for.
- **More training for volunteers** – Volunteers participating in the Point-in-Time Count are required to take part in both state and local training. This has made outreach to individuals facing homelessness much more effective.



Balance of State Homelessness 2010-2019

Provided below is the Balance of State overall homelessness number from 2010-2019. Despite an increase in 2019, overall homelessness is down 9% since 2010.



For more information on the 2019 Indiana Balance of State Point-in-Time Count visit: www.in.gov/ihcda/indianabos

INDIANA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

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