

# Tri-County League of Cities

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Homelessness  
is rising across  
the Country  
since 2019

| Rank Order<br>Highest to Lowest<br>2019 Unsheltered<br>PIT | CoC Name                                       | CoC Category  | Unsheltered<br>Homeless, 2019 |
|--|--|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1  | Los Angeles City & County CoC                  | Major Cities  | 42,471                        |
| 2  | San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC         | Major Cities  | 7,922                         |
| 3  | Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CoC           | Major Cities  | 6,312                         |
| 4  | Seattle/King County CoC                        | Major Cities  | 5,228                         |
| 5  | San Francisco CoC                              | Major Cities  | 5,180                         |
| 6  | Oregon Balance of State CoC                    | Rural CoCs    | 5,039                         |
| 7  | Texas Balance of State CoC                     | Rural CoCs    | 4,656                         |
| 8  | San Diego City and County CoC                  | Major Cities  | 4,476                         |
| 9  | Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County CoC           | Suburban CoCs | 3,961                         |
| 10   | Sacramento City & County CoC                   | Major Cities  | 3,900                         |
| 11   | New York City CoC                              | Major Cities  | 3,622                         |
| 109  | Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC | Suburban CoCs | 336                           |



|    | Region   | Unsheltered Homeless |
|----|--|----------------------|
| 1  | Ft Lauderdale/Broward County                         | 1,350                |
| 2  | Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties | 1,345                |
| 3  | West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County                    | 940                  |
| 4  | St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County    | 834                  |
| 5  | Pasco County   | 688                  |
| 6  | Deltona, Daytona Beach/Volusia, Flagler Counties     | 507                  |
| 7  | Sarasota, Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties       | 400                  |
| 8  | Palm Bay, Melbourne/Brevard County                   | 397                  |
| 9  | Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties           | 336                  |
| 10 | Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties              | 331                  |
| 11 | Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties          | 234                  |
| 12 | St. Johns County                                     | 200                  |
| 13 | Ocala/Marion County                                  | 179                  |
| 14 | Pensacola/Escambia, Santa Rosa Counties              | 177                  |
| 15 | Ft Myers, Cape Coral/Lee County                      | 162                  |
| 16 | Lakeland, Winterhaven/Polk County                    | 114                  |
| 17 | Naples/Collier County                                | 99                   |
| 18 | Punta Gorda/Charlotte County                         | 67                   |

Source: 2019 – HUD Point in Time Count



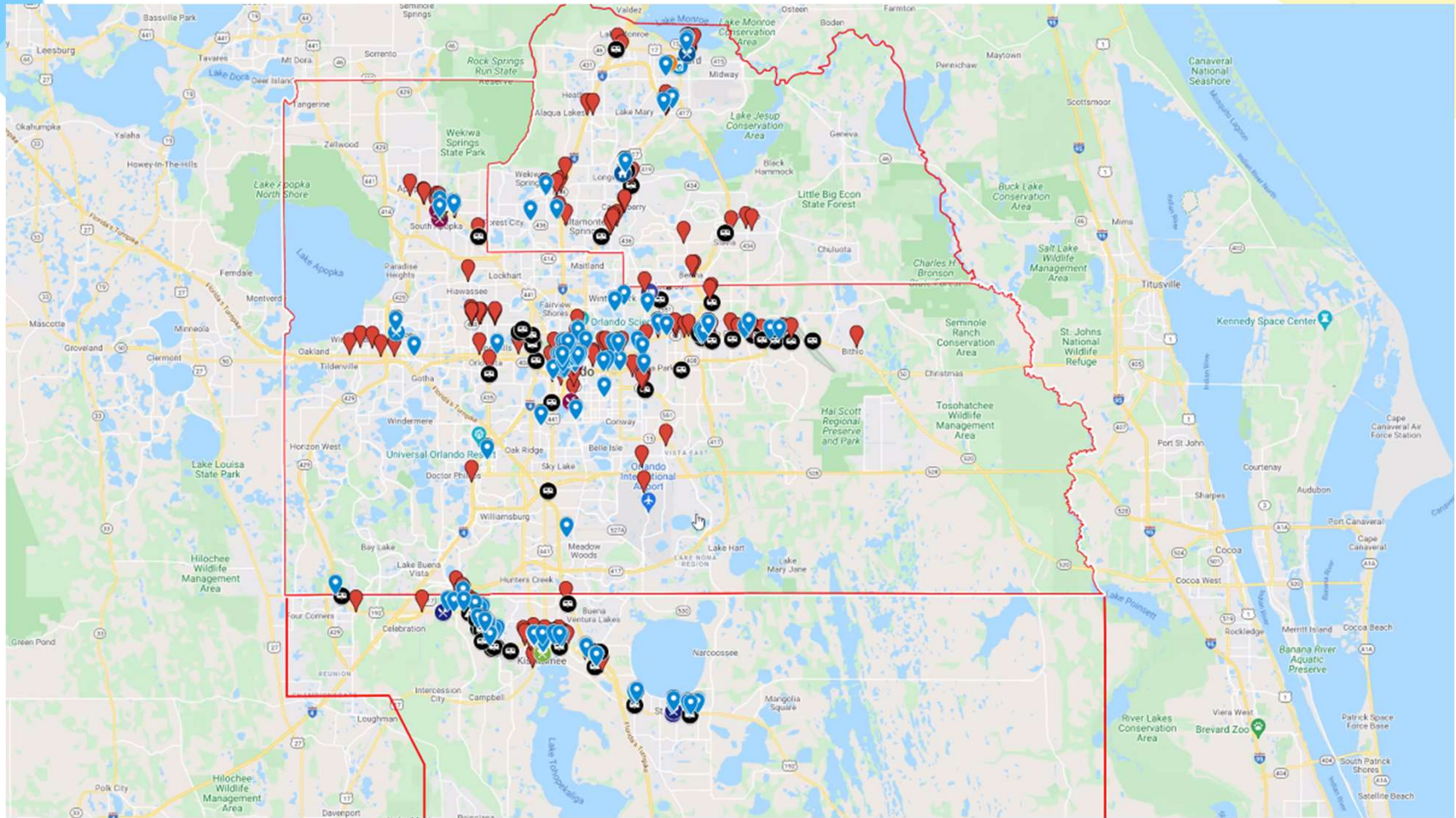
Unsheltered Homeless  
in Florida  
2019

Ranked in order of  
highest to lowest, for  
Suburban  
Communities

# 2023 Central Florida Point-in-Time

| Tri-County Region                   | Orange County   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 2,267<br>homeless persons           | 1,626<br>homeless persons<br>+6% since 2019           |
| 1,680<br>persons in shelter (ES/TH) | 1,304<br>persons in shelter (ES/TH)<br>+0% since 2019 |
| 587<br>unsheltered persons          | 322<br>unsheltered persons<br>+40% since 2019         |





Unsheltered throughout the central Florida region



# #1 Reason: Rising Rents

\$1,264

Median monthly rent for a  
two-bedroom apartment in  
Orlando MSA in 2019

\$1,745

Median monthly rent for a  
two-bedroom apartment in  
Orlando MSA in 2023

\$481

per month increase



# Regional Commission on Homelessness



- No. 1 in the nation for our efforts to house people - more than 3,400 individuals during the past year
- Federal funding to our region has increased by 70% since we implemented a Housing First strategy in 2015, including a record \$12 million dollars this year
- Private funding has tripled, including a \$5 million grant from Jeff Bezos Day 1 Family Fund



# Regional Unmet Needs

- Low Barrier Shelter
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Affordable Housing for Persons on SSI/SSD with special needs
- Affordable Housing for very low and low income
- Daytime Services and Safe Space





# **City of Orlando Three-Year Action Plan on Unsheltered Homelessness**



# Three-Year Action Plan on Unsheltered Homelessness

- Reduce the presence of unsheltered on the streets of Orlando by 50%
- No child spends the night on the streets of Orlando
- Clean and safe streets for all users



# City's Role in Homelessness

- City funds \$3.8 million annually to partner agencies focusing on city priorities within our regional system of care
- Focus on city priorities within that system
  - urban core has unique needs
- Outcome-based
  - Shelter
  - Housing
  - Employment
  - Next step toward ending homelessness

**\$3.8**  
**million**  
annually to partner  
agencies



# ADDRESSING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

There are four required components to successfully address unsheltered homelessness.



Tri-County League of Cities  
Symposium on Homelessness  
draft Agenda for March 21, 2024

- State of Homelessness and Path to Housing
- Legislative Update – (lobbyist for City)
- Legal concerns for Cities - ordinances
- What are the challenges in your City- discussion
- What can you do to help:
  - Access Points- resources for relocation and diversion
  - Hotel Conversions
  - Shelters
  - Housing



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