



HUD 2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations

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MA-500 Boston CoC

Point-in Time Date: 1/27/2021

Summary by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Households without children ¹	1,101	271	—	—
Households with at least one adult and one child ²	843	36	—	—
Households with only children ³	10	0	—	—
Total Homeless Households	1,954	307	170	2,431

Summary of persons in each household type:

Persons in households without children¹	1,203	273	—	—
Persons Age 18 to 24	69	2	—	—
Persons Over Age 24	1,134	271	—	—
Persons in households with at least one adult and one child²	2,798	91	—	—
Children Under Age 18	1,670	51	—	—
Persons Age 18 to 24	264	16	—	—
Persons Over Age 24	864	24	—	—
Persons in households with only children³	13	0	—	—
Total Homeless Persons	4,014	364	170	4,548

Demographic summary by ethnicity:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Hispanic / Latino	1,521	80	—	—
Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino	2,493	284	—	—
Total	4,014	364	—	—

Demographic summary by gender:

Female	2,022	117	—	—
Male	1,984	246	—	—
Transgender	7	1	—	—
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	1	0	—	—
Total	4,014	364	—	—

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¹This category includes single adults, adult couples with no children, and groups of adults.

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Demographic summary by race:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Black or African-American	2,142	152	—	—
White	1,283	145	—	—
Asian	40	3	—	—
American Indian or Alaska Native	13	3	—	—
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	51	3	—	—
Multiple Races	485	58	—	—
Total	4,014	364	—	—

Summary of chronically homeless households by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Chronically Homeless households with at least one adult and one child ²	87	0	—	—

Summary of chronically homeless persons in each household type:

Chronically Homeless persons in households without children ¹	374	40	—	—
Chronically Homeless persons in households with at least one adult and one child ²	174	0	—	—
Chronically Homeless persons in households with only children ³	0	0	—	—
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	548	40	—	—

Summary of all other populations reported:

Severely Mentally Ill	719	146	—	—
Chronic Substance Abuse	563	96	—	—
Veterans	89	124	—	—
HIV/AIDS	45	11	—	—
Victims of Domestic Violence	190	22	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth	82	2	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	13	0	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth 18-24	69	2	—	—
Parenting Youth	111	8	—	—
Parenting Youth Under 18	0	0	—	—
Parenting Youth 18-24	111	8	—	—
Children of Parenting Youth	140	15	—	—

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