

Park Center – Nashville, TN

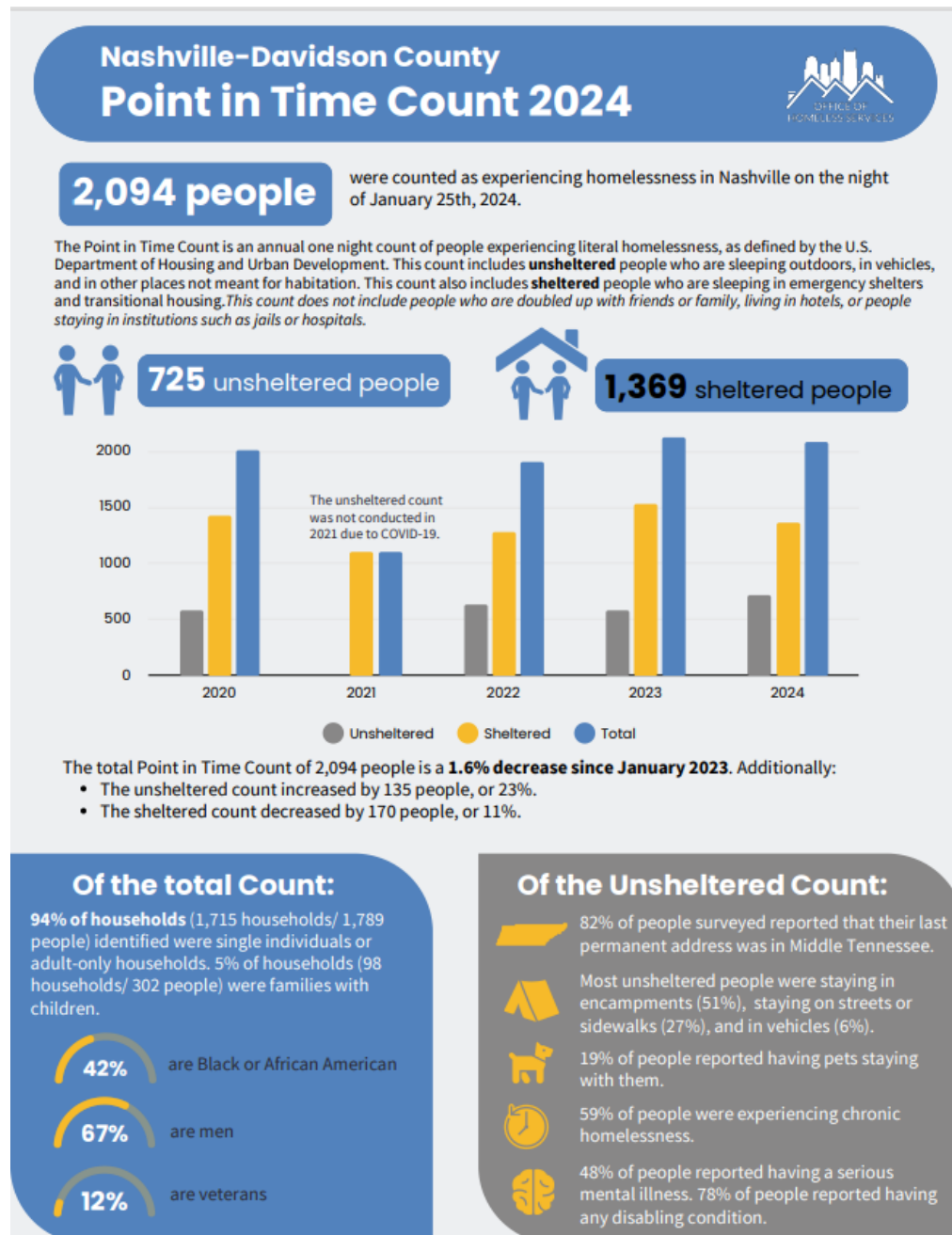
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# Nashville 2024 PIT COUNT

- 2,094 individuals experiencing homelessness
  - 725 Unsheltered
  - 1,369 sheltered
- 78% of unsheltered individuals reported having a disabling condition
- 48% of unsheltered individuals reported having a serious mental illness
  - Results in Around 348 individuals experiencing severe mental health







## Our Mission

Park Center empowers people who have mental illness and substance use disorders to live and work in their communities

## Our Core Values

Park Center staff strives to demonstrate radical compassion, be agents of hope and value perspective and experience.

## Programs

### STREET OUTREACH

Through Street Outreach, our staff identifies people living on the streets through outreach and engagement strategies; assists them in obtaining vital records; and offers case management, transportation and housing. We have Housing Navigators who work with members to secure their identifying documents (ID, Birth Certificate, and Social Security Card) and assist them in applying for and finding housing.

We also partner with local organizations to provide Street Medicine to people experiencing a housing crisis. Street Medicine brings providers to the streets to provide wound care and basic medications.

### SOAR PROGRAM

SOAR is a national program that works to end homelessness by increasing access to disability benefits through the Social Security Administration. Eligible individuals in Davidson County can be referred to SOAR through a referral to Park Center.

## How we incorporate and value lived experience

- We include lived experience as a metric for our salary computation so lived experience can be weighted similarly to education at hire
- We encourage any staff to complete CPRS training
- CPRS' are in every department of our organization, specifically focused in our Homeless Outreach & Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing Programs

