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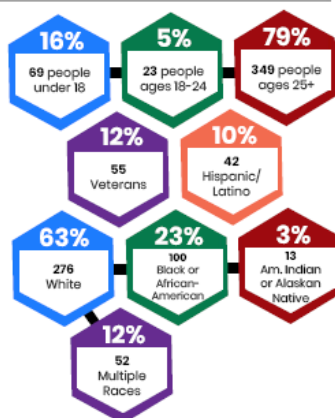
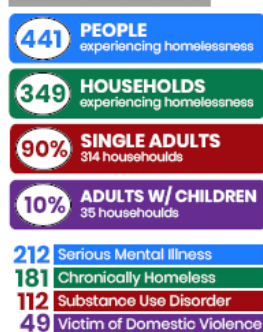
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POINT IN TIME COUNT

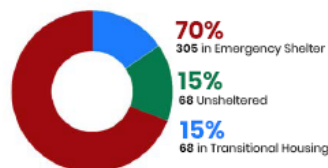
Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force
February 2019

The Point-in-Time Count was conducted on January 23, 2019. This one night event produces a snapshot of the individuals in our community experiencing homelessness as defined by Housing and Urban Development. This data supports federal funding for the Continuum of Care Initiative.

DEMOGRAPHICS



NIGHTTIME LOCATIONS



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Point-in-Time Homeless Count Results

The point-in-time count of homeless persons in Topeka took place on January 23rd. This one day event produces a snapshot of the individuals in our community experiencing homelessness as defined by Housing and Urban



Development. This data is used to support federal funding for the Continuum of Care Initiative. In 2018 the Topeka Rescue Mission saw 419 people experiencing homelessness. In 2019 that number jumped to 441. 16% of the homeless population in Topeka was under 18, for a total of 69 persons under 18. Overall the numbers of homelessness in Topeka increased from last year.

“The point-in-time count helps us to identify those people in need and to attain the resources that we need to help them,” said Corrie Wright, Division Director of Housing Services for the City of Topeka. “We want to thank all the volunteers who helped us with the count and who are helping to make our community better.”

The information gathered during the point-in-time count helps the City of Topeka understand the face of homelessness in the community so that services are meeting the needs of homeless persons. This count also helps to raise public awareness surrounding issues with homelessness and measures the community progress towards preventing and ending homelessness.



The City of Topeka's Housing Services Division has totaled the numbers from this year's point-in-time count. This one day event produced a snapshot of individuals in our community experiencing homelessness.

- 441 People experiencing homelessness.
- 349 Households experiencing homelessness.
- 212 individuals have a serious mental illness.
- 181 individuals are chronically homeless.
- 70% of people were in an emergency shelter, 15% were in transitional housing and 15% were un-sheltered.

Forty-two individuals helped with the point-in-time homeless count, including 23 community volunteers.

CIP 2020 2029 Feb 9 2019 Part



Capital Improvement Plan Workshop

The City of Topeka held a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) workshop with the governing body. Staff presented a highlight of projects in the proposed 2020-2029 CIP on Saturday, February 9 at the



Holliday Building (620 SE Madison).

A list of projects and their descriptions can be found at:

<https://www.topeka.org/finance/capital-improvement-projects/>

Fire Station #3 Renovation

Fire Station #3 is currently undergoing a renovation. Contractors are currently gutting the station. The renovations will include a new kitchen, sleeping dorm, and male and female locker rooms. The project started in late January. Crews from station 3 will be temporary relocated to Station 4 and Station 2.



Recent Updates

- There have been 11 broken [water mains](#) this month with 70 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 104 water main breaks.



- A mechanism called Pass Back has been installed in all City of Topeka garages. Cardholders should not assist parkers in or out of the garages. Once a card is utilized while exiting, the system will recognize it and not let a second vehicle out. Those who get stuck in the garage are asked to call the 217-5284 24/7 on call number. They will be instructed to press the “Lost Ticket” button and will have to pay \$12 to get out of the garage. This mechanism was put in place to assist in better managing the hourly parkers in the garages and still allow adequate parking for monthly leasers.
- The Street Department applied 453 tons of deicing material.
- The Street Department filled 991 potholes.

Snow and Ice Removal Plan





Winter weather is here. Check out the city's snow and ice removal plan.

You can also see a [map](#) of all the streets in Topeka to see if they have been treated.

1. Priority 1: Primary Streets: Arterial Streets and Emergency Snow routes

Service Level – Plowing will typically begin with 2” of snow accumulation. Complete snow and ice control within 24 hours of snowfall ending.



2. Priority 2: Secondary Streets: Collector Streets

Service Level – Plowing will typically begin with 4” of snow accumulation. Complete snow and ice control within 24 hours after Priority 1 completion.

3. Priority 3: Residential Streets: Local Streets

Service Level – Plowing will typically begin with 6” of snow accumulation to ensure that they are passable to emergency services and general public as necessary upon completion of Priorities 1 through 2.

Coming Up

- City Council Meeting, February 12th at 6 p.m.
 - Finance staff will present on 2020 Budget Priorities at the February 12 City Council meeting. This discussion is the first step in the 2020 operating budget process.
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Brent Trout

This weekly report is presented to you from the office of City Manager Brent Trout.

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