

Annual Service Count January – December 2019

The Chatham County Continuum of Care (CoC) conducts an annual service count each year. Although this is not a CoC requirement, these data tell an important story about how many persons in our community need help each year. The annual service count captures each person who receives at least one service throughout the year. Services include food, shelter, case management, and many other services related to preventing or addressing homelessness.

In 2019, Chatham County service providers delivered services to 4,590 individuals (unduplicated) who required homeless-related services. This count does not include the 689 persons who were living in permanent supportive housing in 2019.

Demographic characteristics of the individuals served in 2019 are shown below.

Chronic Homelessness

Most individuals served were not considered to be chronically homeless. “Chronic homelessness” is defined as a person who “have experienced homelessness for at least one year – or repeatedly – while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, or physical disability”. – National Alliance to End Homelessness

Characteristic	Number	Percentage
Not chronic	3723	83%
Chronic	786	17%

Race/Ethnicity

Most individuals served in 2019 identified as Black/African American.

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Black/African American	2962	65%
White/European American	1391	30%
Hispanic/Latinx	112	2%
Other	67	1%
Native American	38	<1%
Asian	20	<1%

Gender Identity and Age Range

Most individuals served in 2019 identified as male, over the age of 18.

Gender & Age Range	Number	Percentage
Male, Over age 18	2504	55%
Female, Over age 18	1387	30%
Male, Under age 18	354	8%
Female, Under age 18	342	7%
Transgender, ages unknown	3	<1%

Veteran Status

Most individuals served in 2019 were not Veterans.

Characteristic	Number	Percentage
Not a Veteran	4319	94%
Veteran	271	6%