

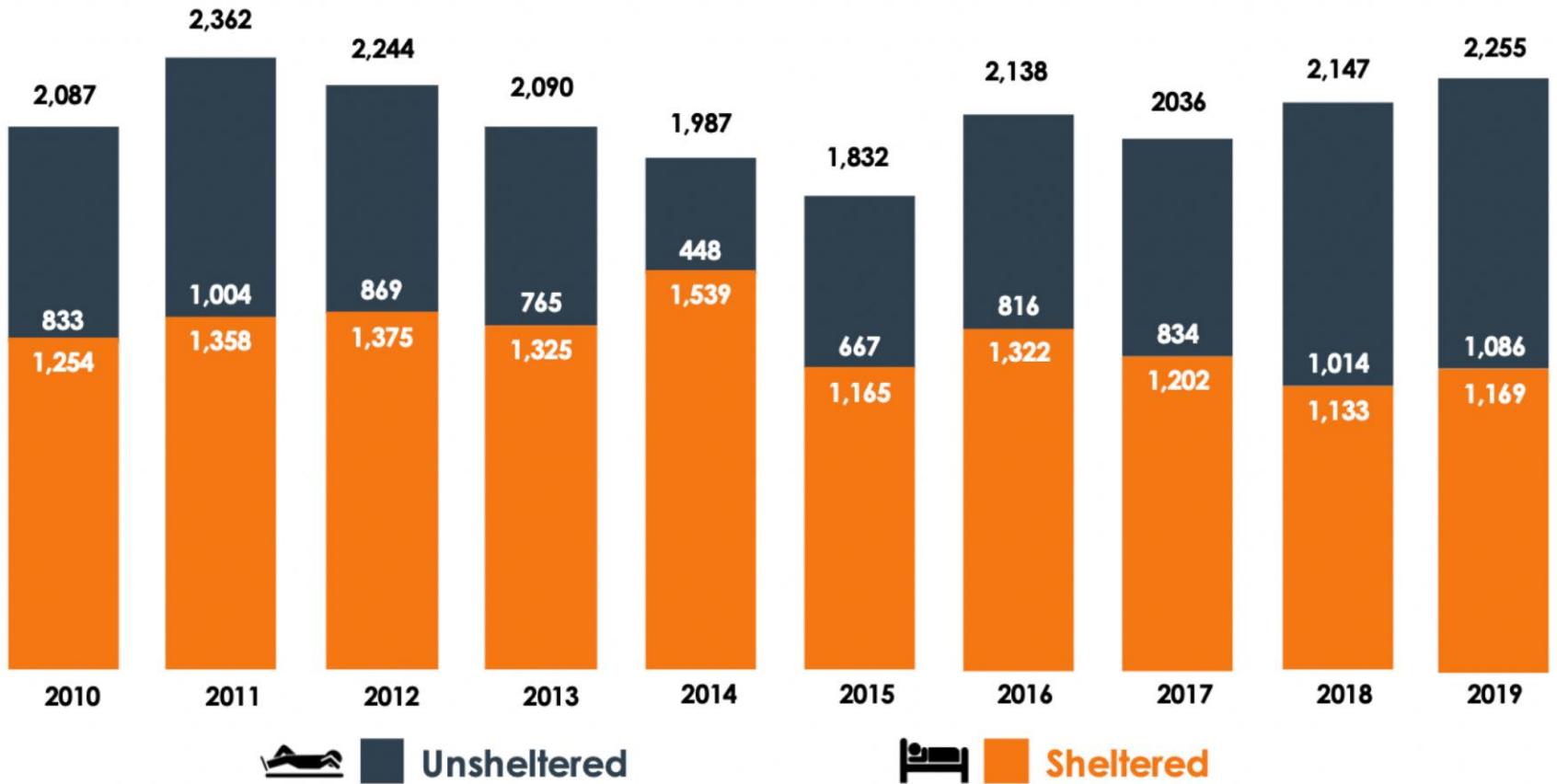
Downtown Commission  
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Homelessness in Downtown Austin



# Austin Point in Time Count (PIT) Data

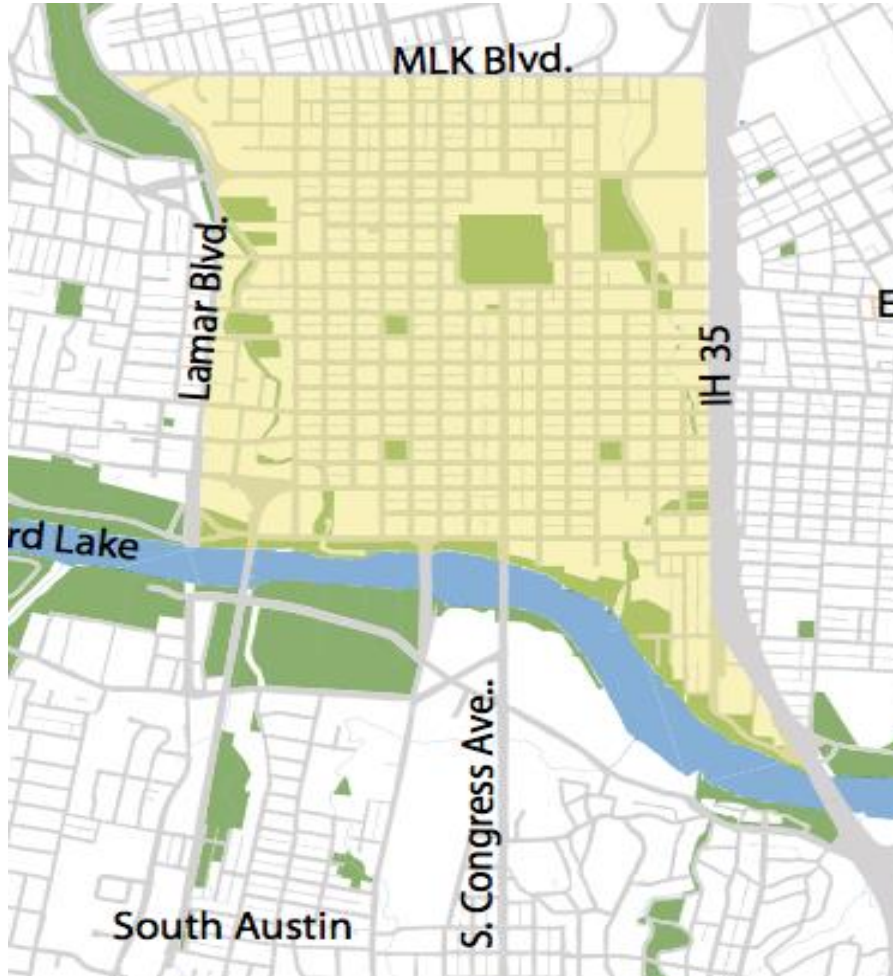
*Persons Counted Experiencing Homelessness in Point-in-Time Counts (PIT)*



(Source: ECHO 2019 Point-in-Time Count)

# Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) Area Trend

**DOWN  
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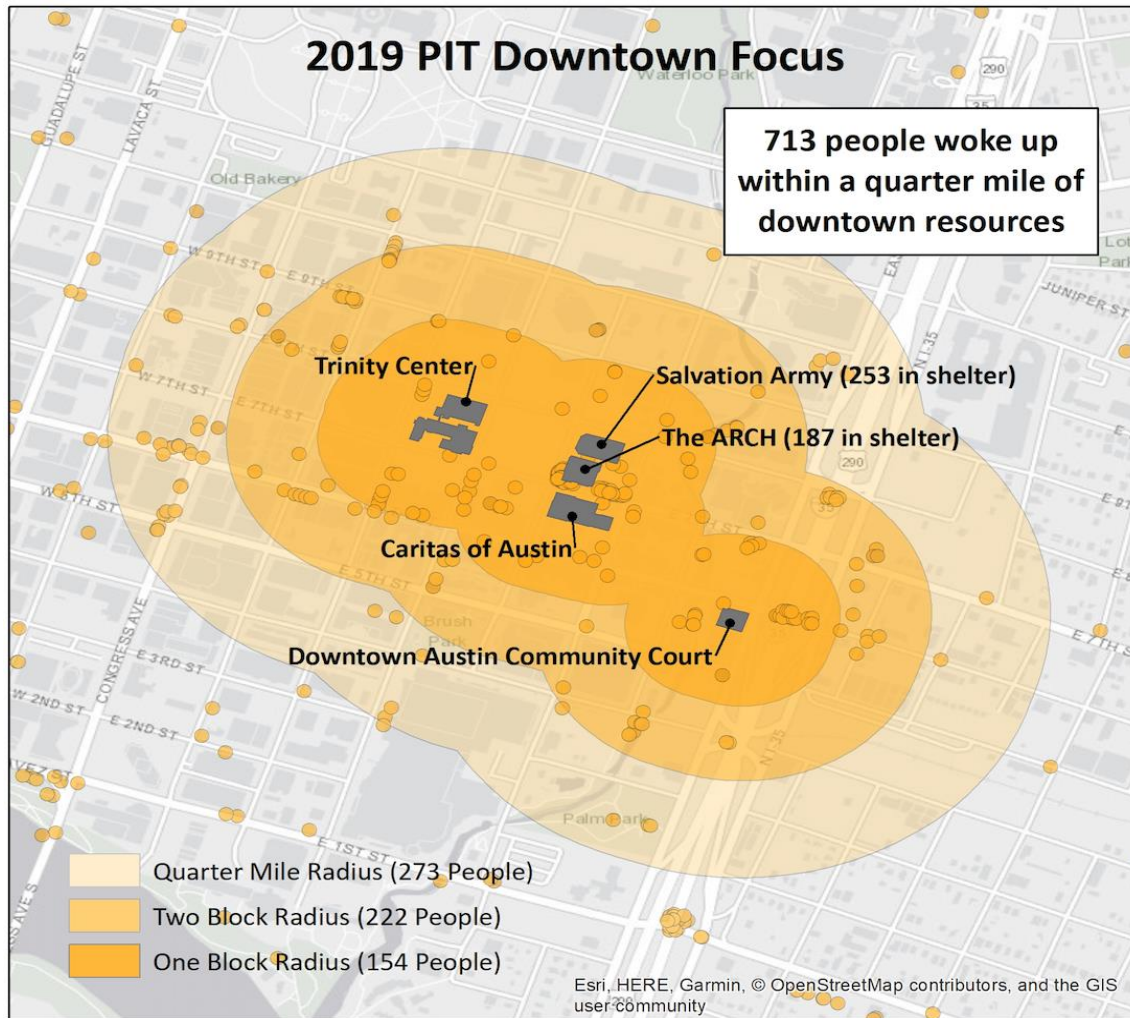


In the DAP Area:

- There are approximately 800 people experiencing homelessness on any given night.
- This number increased 6% from 2017 to 2019.

# Concentration of Homelessness

## DOWN AUSTIN TOWN ALLIANCE



Within 1/4 Mile of 7<sup>th</sup> and Neches:

- 1/3 of Austin's total homeless population
- 1/4 of Austin's unsheltered population

(Source: ECHO 2019 Point-in-Time Count)

# Downtown Austin Alliance Key Areas of Focus

1. Increase emergency shelter with 500 additional beds
  - Safe alternatives to being unsheltered
  - Navigation services to address needs and move people toward housing
  - Temporary step to long term stability
2. Create a comprehensive homeless services database
  - Maintain with live info on availability of services
  - Accessible to individuals and all service providers
3. Build private public sector leadership and private/public partnership
  - Develop a prioritized plan
  - Increase funding and resources for immediate solutions
  - Push the pace of progress – more *must* happen faster
4. Focus immediate attention on outreach and engagement of people on the streets with substance addictions and mental illness