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### **Results of 2020 Street Count Announced**

*LOUISVILLE, KY* (January 30, 2020) – Between 4:30 and 6:30am today, a record-breaking number of volunteers divided into teams to blanket the city and complete the 2020 Street Count of people experiencing homelessness in Louisville. The Street Count is coordinated by the Coalition for the Homeless each January to verify the number of people sleeping outdoors on a given night.

A preliminary analysis shows that 139 individuals were counted sleeping outside today, compared with 118 in 2019—when temperatures were dangerously low—and 153 in 2018, when temperatures were comparable to today.

This year, nearly 400 people volunteered at the Street Count, and together, they were able to cover more ground than ever before across Jefferson County.

“We were thrilled that so many volunteers showed up before dawn to count our most vulnerable neighbors,” said Natalie Harris, Executive Director of the Coalition. “But this number verifies what we already know: as a city, we need more emergency shelter and more affordable housing. No one should have to sleep outdoors. These findings will help us design better programs for Louisvillians experiencing homelessness.”

The Street Count number doesn’t include people who slept in emergency shelters, who are also considered homeless. In the spring, the Coalition will release a report detailing the total number of people who experienced homelessness on January 30—including in shelters—as well as the total number of people who experienced homelessness over the entire 2019 year.

Thanks to collaborative efforts and targeted funding, Louisville has successfully reduced the number of chronically homeless people and homeless veterans over the past several years. Since 2017, the Coalition’s collaborative effort to end homelessness among young adults aged 16-24 has reduced homelessness in that group by nearly 70%—but there is still much more work to do. To get involved, see [louhomeless.org](http://louhomeless.org).

### **About the Coalition for the Homeless**

The Coalition for the Homeless is a nonprofit organization with a mission to prevent and end homelessness in Louisville. The Coalition advocates for change, educates the public about the face of homelessness, and coordinates the work of their 30+ member agencies across the city. For more information, call (502) 636-9550, or find the Coalition online at [www.louhomeless.org](http://www.louhomeless.org), [www.facebook.com/LouHomeless](https://www.facebook.com/LouHomeless), or [www.twitter.com/LouHomeless](https://www.twitter.com/LouHomeless).

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