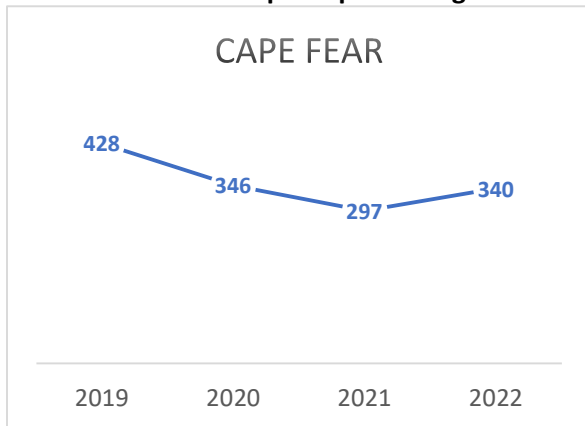


## Cape Fear People Experiencing Homelessness

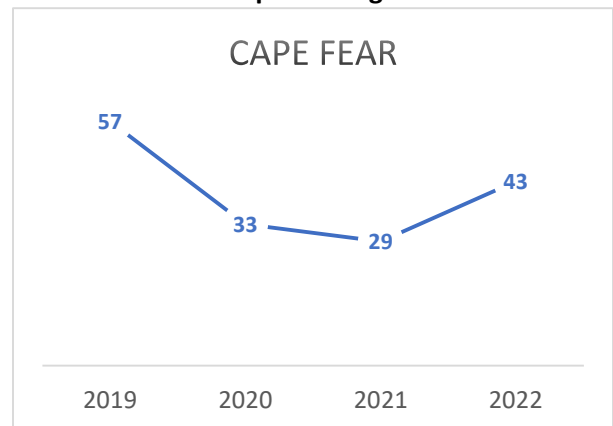
Regional or local Continuums of Care perform a point-in-time-count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness every January. Continuums of Care (CoC) are local planning bodies that coordinate resources and services for people experiencing homelessness, supported by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The point-in-time count notes details whether people are sheltered or unsheltered and the number of children experiencing homelessness.

The Cape Fear CoC includes Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender counties. Since Columbus County is not in the Cape Fear Continuum of Care, their data is collected separately. As a small county, Columbus County’s homeless count is consistently low (9 total people and 5 children in 2020, 0 in 2021, 0 in 2022).<sup>i</sup>

**Total Number of People Experiencing Homelessness<sup>ii</sup>**



**Total Children Experiencing Homelessness**



In addition to the HUD mandated point-in-time count, the Cape Fear Continuum of Care also conducted a racial equity data analysis in 2022 based off of 2018-2021 data, finding that:<sup>iii</sup>

- Native Americans are **5x** more likely experience homelessness. (0.4% gen pop, 1% PIT)
- Black people are **2.7x** more likely to experience homelessness (13% gen pop, 35% PIT)
- Multi-racial/Other identifying households are **1.3x** more likely to experience homelessness. (4% gen pop, 5% PIT)

A collaborative project in Wilmington has hired social workers to focus on unsheltered individuals in the municipal services district (MSD). In a November meeting, Wilmington Downtown Inc said that the lead social worker had 554 interactions with 83 individuals one month. According to WDI, there is an unsheltered population of about 70 sleeping in the MSD — up from 30 estimated in 2021 when the pilot program began.<sup>iv</sup>

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.nceh.org/datacenter/pitdata/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://capefearcog.org/continuum-of-care/cape-fear-homeless-coc-data/>

<sup>iii</sup> Id.

<sup>iv</sup> <https://portcitydaily.com/local-news/2022/12/04/county-wdi-to-train-social-workers-to-work-with-unsheltered-population/>