



Carrie Makarewicz Ongoing research that began as a
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Course.

Should there be a regional approach to homelessness?

In Denver Metro, people experiencing homelessness include:

12,879 k-12 students

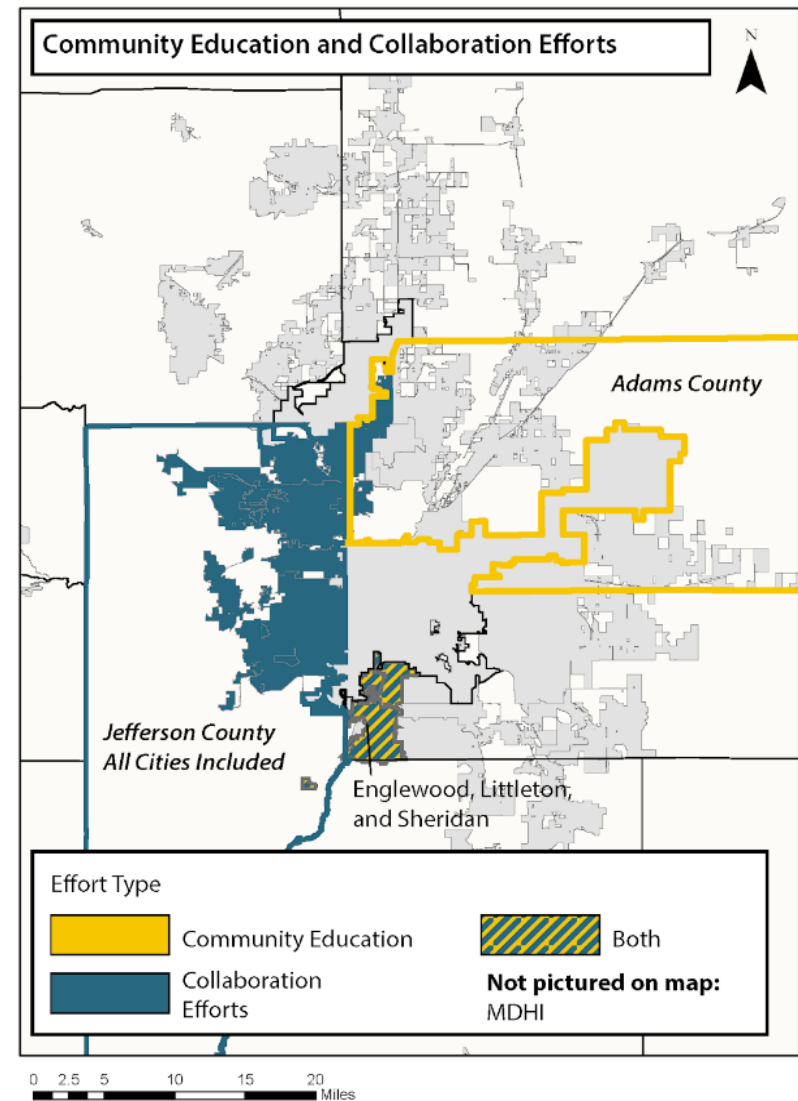
5,755 unhoused on a single night in January 2020

31,000 people who sought help with homelessness between Jun 2019 and June 2020

To answer DRCOG's inquiry about the need for a regional approach, the students and Dr. Makarewicz:

- interviewed 29 city and county staff and managers about their current responses to homelessness and interest in a regional approach.
- researched national and international best practices for regional approaches
- presented initial and final findings and recommendations to DRCOG's City & County Managers.

Dr. Makarewicz is working on a tentative joint release of a final report with DRCOG and subsequent work with Housing Colorado on affordable housing needs throughout the region and state.



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