

The Homeless Point-In-Time Count (PIT) is a one-day snapshot that captures the characteristics and situations of people living in the County without permanent housing. The Homeless PIT Count includes both sheltered individuals (those sleeping in emergency shelters or transitional housing) and unsheltered individuals (those sleeping outside or living in places that are not meant for human habitation).

The annual Homeless PIT Count occurs sometime in the last 10 days in January. Typically, The Homeless PIT Count is carried out by outreach teams and volunteers who interview people using a standard survey (via a mobile app) that asks people where they slept the night before, where their last residence was located, what may have contributed to their loss of housing, and what disabilities the individual may have. It also asks how long the individual has been homeless, age and demographics, and whether the person is a veteran and/or a survivor of domestic violence.

Like all surveys, the Homeless PIT Count has limitations. Results from the count are influenced by the weather, local encampment removal and relocation, availability of overflow shelter beds, the number of volunteers, and the level of engagement of the people volunteers interview. This year we counted 1,851 people, but the official estimate for homelessness in Pierce County is much larger - 4,300 individuals. The lower Point-in-Time count number reflects the challenge of counting a large, geographically distributed unsheltered population over a 24-hour period.

### Historical Data and Household Types

Total Persons Counted	#	%
<b>All Persons Total</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>100%</b>
Sheltered	1,184	64%
Unsheltered	343	19%
Observation	324	18%

The HUD definition of "sheltered" includes ONLY shelters or transitional housing that report in HMS.

	Historical Data				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>1628</b>	<b>1486</b>	<b>1897</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>1851</b>
Sheltered*	878	857	983	1005	1184
Unsheltered	750	550	567	0	343
Observation	0	79	347	0	324

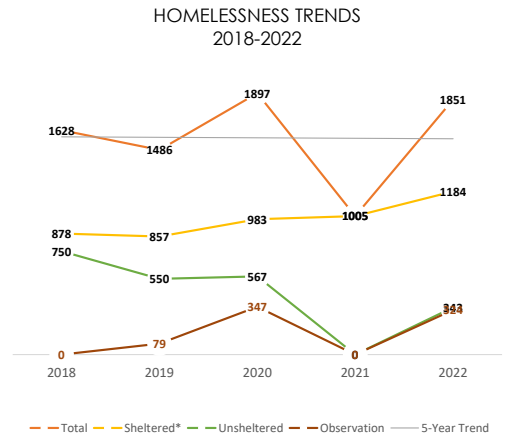
Total Household Types Counted	#	% of Total Households Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>1553</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>19%</b>
Households without Children	1443	93%	837	54%	307	20%	299	19%
Households with Children	106	7%	101	7%	2	0%	3	0%
Households with only Children	4	0%	3	0%	1	0%	0	0%

In this table only, percentages represent percent of total households (i.e. not individuals).

Hispanic/Latin(a)(o) and Race Combined	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	8	0%	5	0%	3	0%	0	0%
Asian	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%
Black/African Americans	17	1%	15	1%	1	0%	1	0%
Multi- Racial	36	2%	29	2%	5	0%	2	0%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	10	1%	8	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Unknown	32	2%	16	1%	3	0%	13	1%
White	85	5%	70	4%	10	1%	5	0%

Non- Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o) and Race Combined	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	82	4%	58	3%	15	1%	9	0%
Asian	8	0%	0	0%	6	0%	2	0.1%
Black/African Americans	300	16%	232	13%	29	2%	39	2%
Multi- Racial	193	10%	156	8%	21	1%	16	1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	76	4%	52	3%	7	0%	17	1%
Unknown	23	1%	9	0%	4	0%	10	1%
White	859	46%	489	26%	195	11%	175	9%



Unknown- Hispanic/Non-Latin(a) and Race Combined	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Asian	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%
Black/African Americans	30	2%	14	1%	11	1%	5	0%
Multi- Racial	11	1%	8	0%	3	0%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Unknown	30	2%	7	0%	12	1%	11	1%
White	45	2%	13	1%	15	1%	17	1%

Race only	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	93	5%	64	3%	19	1%	10	1%
Asian	9	0%	1	0%	6	0%	2	0.1%
Black/African Americans	347	19%	261	14%	41	2%	45	2%
Multi- Racial	240	13%	193	10%	29	2%	18	1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	88	5%	61	3%	9	0%	18	1%
Unknown	85	5%	32	2%	19	1%	34	2%
White	989	53%	572	31%	220	12%	197	11%

Ethnicity only	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1541	83%	996	54%	268	14%	277	15%
Hispanic/Latino	188	11%	143	8%	22	2%	23	1%
Unknown	122	7%	45	2%	34	1.8%	43	2.3%

Age	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 18	201	11%	193	10%	4	0%	4	0%
18-24 yr. old	99	5%	63	3%	13	1%	23	1%
25-34 yr. old	331	18%	166	9%	70	4%	95	5%
35-44 yr. old	427	23%	234	13%	99	5%	94	5%
45-54 yr. old	343	19%	187	10%	88	5%	68	4%
55-61 yr. old	279	15%	202	11%	49	3%	28	2%
62+	171	9%	139	8%	20	1%	12	1%

Gender	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
Female	704	38%	499	27%	103	6%	102	6%
Male	1114	60%	673	36%	231	12%	210	11%
Non-conforming	20	1%	5	0%	6	0%	9	0%
Questioning	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Transgender	10	1%	6	0%	3	0%	1	0%
Unknown	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%

Not all individuals answered this question.

Where People Stayed the Night Before the Count	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
Abandoned Building	3	0%	0	0%	3	0%	0	0%
Emergency Shelter	1076	58%	1076	58%	0	0%	0	0%
Out of Doors (street, tent, etc.)	220	12%	0	0%	220	12%	0	0%
Transitional Housing	108	6%	108	6%	0	0%	0	0%
Vehicle	110	6%	0	0%	110	6%	0	0%
Unknown	334	18%	0	0%	10	1%	324	18%

Targeted Populations	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
Chronically* Homeless Persons	434	23%	300	16%	134	7%	0	0%
Adult Domestic Violence Survivor	373	20%	355	19%	18	1%	0	0%
Veterans	124	7%	104	6%	20	1%	0	0%
Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults	202	11%	77	4%	37	2%	88	5%

\* HUD defines chronic homelessness as a person who has a disabling condition AND has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, OR has had at least four homeless episodes totaling one year or more in the past three years.

Historical Data					
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Chronically* Homeless Persons	403	364	223	265	434
Adult Domestic Violence Survivor	165	106	236	243	373
Veterans	135	134	95	84	124
Unaccompanied Youth & Young	96	143	61	92	202

Chronically\* Homeless Persons  
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Self-Reported Disabilities	Reported Disabilities		Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
	#	% of Total Persons Counted	#	%	#	%	#	%
Mental Health	373	20%	355	19%	18	1%	0	0%
Physical Disability	488	26%	383	21%	105	6%	0	0%
Chronic Health Condition	493	27%	375	20%	118	6%	0	0%
Substance Abuse	469	25%	326	18%	143	8%	0	0%
Developmental Disability	203	11%	164	9%	39	2%	0	0%
HIV/AIDS	12	1%	10	1%	2	0%	0	0%

Individuals may offer multiple responses  
Percentages represent percent of total persons and thus may not sum to 100%.

Last Reported Zip code	#	% of Total Responses	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
Bonney Lake	13	1%	12	1%	1	0%	0	0%
Buckley	8	1%	6	1%	2	0%	0	0%
Carbonado	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Dupont	2	0%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Eatonville	4	0%	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Elbe	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Fife	28	2%	26	2%	2	0%	0	0%
Gig Harbor	4	0%	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Graham	16	1%	13	1%	3	0%	0	0%
Joint Base Lewis McChord	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Kapowsin	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
King County	77	7%	73	6%	4	0%	0	0%
Lakebay	4	0%	2	0%	2	0%	0	0%
Lakewood	87	7%	82	7%	5	0%	0	0%
Longbranch	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Longmire	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Milton	3	0%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Orting	7	1%	6	1%	1	0%	0	0%

Outside Pierce	67	6%	59	5%	8	0%	0	0%
Outside Washington	141	12%	134	11%	7	0%	0	0%
Parkland	94	8%	84	7%	10	1%	0	0%
Puyallup	28	2%	22	2%	6	0%	0	0%
Roy	3	0%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%
South Hill	39	3%	39	3%	0	0%	0	0%
South Prairie	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Spanaway	36	3%	34	3%	2	0%	0	0%
Steilacoom	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Sumner	10	1%	7	1%	3	0%	0	0%
Tacoma	479	41%	465	40%	14	1%	0	0%
University Place	10	1%	10	1%	0	0%	0	0%
Wilkeson	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Unknown	684		89		271		324	

Income Sources	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
Alimony	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Child Support	20	1%	18	1%	2	0%	0	0%
General Assistance	54	3%	34	2%	20	1%	0	0%
Income From Job	155	8%	138	7%	17	1%	0	0%
No Resource	670	36%	603	33%	67	4%	0	0%
Other	83	4%	60	3%	23	1%	0	0%
Pension or Other Retirement	12	1%	11	1%	1	0%	0	0%
Private Disability	3	0%	1	0%	2	0%	0	0%
Retirement Income From Social Security	13	1%	9	0%	4	0%	0	0%
SSDI	109	6%	83	4%	26	1%	0	0%
SSI	297	16%	240	13%	57	3%	0	0%
TANF	76	4%	60	3%	16	1%	0	0%
Unemployment	22	1%	17	1%	5	0%	0	0%
Unknown	455	25%	0	0%	131	7%	324	18%
VA Non-Service	14	1%	13	1%	1	0%	0	0%
VA Service	39	2%	33	2%	6	0%	0	0%

Individuals may have more than one source of income. total persons and thus may not sum to 100%.

Primary Reason For Homelessness	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
Asked to leave home when turned 18	8	0%	3	0%	5	0%	0	0%
Bad Credit/ Lack of Credit	4	0%	0	0%	4	0%	0	0%
Child Born During Homeless Episode	5	0%	5	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Child reunifying with homeless family	12	1%	11	1%	1	0%	0	0%

Not all individuals answered this question.

Criminal activity	27	1%	16	1%	11	1%	0	0%
Domestic Violence Victim & Fleeing domestic violence	137	7%	129	7%	8	0%	0	0%
Eviction & Mortgage Foreclosure	98	5%	78	4%	20	1%	0	0%
Family Crisis/Breakup	276	15%	217	12%	59	3%	0	0%
Health/safety	76	4%	58	3%	18	1%	0	0%
Landlord/Owner Sold Property	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Loss of job	151	8%	95	5%	56	3%	0	0%
Loss of public assistance	5	0%	4	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Loss of transportation	11	1%	8	0%	3	0%	0	0%
Medical condition	41	2%	33	2%	8	0%	0	0%
Mental health	67	4%	46	2%	21	1%	0	0%
Mortgage Foreclosure	6	0%	2	0%	4	0%	0	0%
No affordable housing	214	12%	182	10%	32	2%	0	0%
No Family Support	33	2%	24	1%	9	0%	0	0%
Release from institution	16	1%	15	1%	1	0%	0	0%
Substance abuse	96	5%	71	4%	25	1%	0	0%
Substandard housing	5	0%	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%
Underemployment/low income	136	7%	112	6%	24	1%	0	0%
Unknown	425	23%	71	4%	30	2%	324	18%
Utility Shutoff	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%

Location Counted	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Observation	
			#	%	#	%	#	%
Auburn	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Belfair	3	0%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bonney Lake	5	0%	0	0%	5	0%	0	0%
Buckley	26	1%	0	0%	20	1%	6	0%
Fife	132	7%	0	0%	71	4%	61	3%
Gig Harbor	8	0%	0	0%	1	0%	7	0%
Graham	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Lakebay	5	0%	0	0%	2	0%	3	0%
Lakewood	55	3%	15	1%	23	1%	17	1%
Orting	44	2%	44	2%	0	0%	0	0%
Puyallup	176	10%	82	4%	44	2%	50	3%
Spanaway	13	1%	0	0%	3	0%	10	1%
Tacoma	1377	74%	1040	56%	170	9%	167	9%
University Place	5	0%	0	0%	3	0%	2	0%

