



2023 Point-in-Time Count

2023 Youth Point-in-Time Count Results

Each January, Pierce County surveys people experiencing homelessness. This homeless “point-in-time count” is a one-day snapshot that captures the characteristics and situations of people living here without a home. We counted 2,148 people, but roughly 6,500 were connected to our homeless crisis response system during the same time. The lower Point-in-Time count number reflects the challenge of counting a large, geographically distributed unsheltered population over a 24-hour period. Like all surveys, the Homeless PIT Count has limitations. Results from the count are influenced by the weather, availability of overflow shelter beds, the number of volunteers, and the level of engagement of the people volunteers interview.

2,148 people counted during the homeless Point-in-Time Count

- 36% Female
- 8% Veterans
- 22% 55+ Years old
- 25% Chronically homeless
- 41% Black, Indigenous, or People of Color
- 7% Households with children
- 8% Adult survivors of domestic violence

Not all people experiencing homelessness sleep outside

- 59% Emergency shelter (sheltered)
- 6% Transitional housing (sheltered)
- 15% Outdoors on the street or in a tent (unsheltered)
- 6% Vehicle (unsheltered)
- 14% *Not reported/other

Most told us they lived in Pierce County before experiencing homelessness

- 48% Pierce County
- 38% *Not reported
- 6% Outside Washington
- 4% King County
- 4% Other Washington counties

There are often many causes for experiencing homelessness. The top three most commonly reported answers are:

1. Family crisis
2. No affordable housing
3. Eviction and mortgage foreclosure



Mental illness is the most common reported disability. Here is the breakdown of the most commonly reported disabilities. Some people reported having multiple disabilities.

- 37% Mental illness
- 29% Chronic health condition
- 27% Substance use
- 25% Physical disability
- 12% Developmental disability

Some people experiencing homelessness have an income

- 39% Some income
- 36% No income
- 25% *Not reported

*Data listed as not reported may include incomplete surveys or respondents who refused to answer the question. Learn more at www.piercecountywa.gov/PIT