2023 Homeless 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 on our streets and in our shelters, 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.

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

Some people experiencing homelessness have an income

- *Not Reported
- Some income
- No income

Mental illness is the most commonly reported disability

Here is the breakdown of the most commonly reported disabilities. Some people reported having multiple disabilities.

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

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