

The Point-In-Time Count (PIT) is a one-day snapshot that captures the characteristics and situations of people living here without a home. The 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 PIT Count occurs the last Friday in January. It is carried out by 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. In 2018, 337 volunteers participated in the count, a significant increase over the 219 volunteers in 2017.

Like all surveys, the PIT Count has limitations. Results from the count are influenced by the weather, by availability of overflow shelter beds, by the number of volunteers, and by the level of engagement of the people volunteers interview. Additionally, this year, two changes were implemented to improve the accuracy of the unsheltered count: a) volunteers counted people in known encampments overnight (between 1:00 am and 5:00 am), whereas prior counts were only conducted during the day (between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm); and b) volunteers also conducted an observation count of unsheltered people who did not consent to a survey, whereas prior counts only reflected people who consented to be surveyed. As a result, comparisons from year to year should be conducted with these changes and limitations in mind.

Total Persons Counted	#	%	Historical Data					
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
<b>All Persons Total</b>	<b>1628</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1464</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1321</b>	<b>1628</b>
Sheltered	878	54%	Sheltered*	1171	944	1268	817	878
Unsheltered	750	46%	Unsheltered	293	339	494	504	750

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

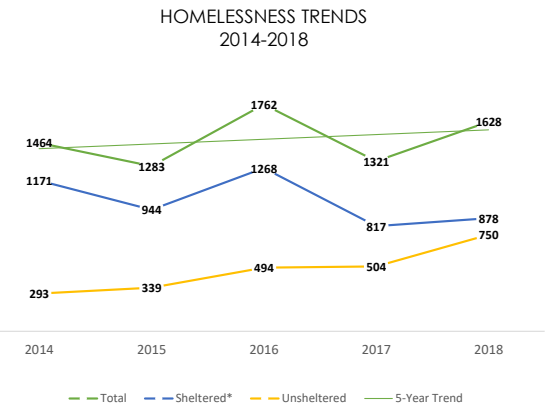
Total Household Types Counted	#	% of Total Households Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>1274</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>53%</b>
Households without Children	1135	89%	473	37%	662	52%
Households with Children	128	10%	120	9%	8	1%
Households with only Children	11	1%	9	1%	2	0%

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

Race	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	62	4%	15	1%	47	3%
Asian	28	2%	20	1%	8	0.5%
Black/African Americans	383	24%	239	15%	144	9%
Multi- Racial	227	14%	160	10%	67	4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	71	4%	50	3%	21	1%
White	857	53%	394	24%	463	28%
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Ethnicity	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1406	86%	765	47%	641	39%
Hispanic/Latino	222	14%	113	7%	109	6.7%
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Age	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Under 18	250	15%	238	15%	12	1%
18-24 yr. old	141	9%	80	5%	61	4%
25-34 yr. old	334	21%	159	10%	175	11%



\* "Sheltered" includes emergency shelter and transitional housing. With the exception of 2016, the sheltered count has generally declined due to the planned conversion of transitional housing to permanent housing. The increase in 2016 was the result of one-time additional City of Tacoma funds to emergency shelters to operate extra overflow beds through the entire winter season.

35-44 yr. old	267	16%	117	7%	150	9%
45-54 yr. old	355	22%	157	10%	198	12%
55-61 yr. old	204	13%	88	5%	116	7%
62+	77	5%	39	2%	38	2%
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Gender	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Female	637	39%	375	23%	262	16%
Male	986	61%	501	31%	485	30%
Transgender	4	0%	2	0%	2	0%
Non-conforming	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
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Where People Stayed the Night Before the Count	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Abandoned Building	125	8%	0	0%	125	8%
Emergency Shelter	743	46%	743	46%	0	0%
Out of Doors (street, tent, etc)	534	33%	0	0%	534	33%
Transitional Housing	135	8%	135	8%	0	0%
Vehicle	78	5%	0	0%	78	5%
Housed	13	1%	0	0%	13	1%
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Targeted Populations	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Chronically* Homeless Persons	366	22%	188	12%	178	11%
Victims of Domestic Violence	165	10%	97	6%	68	4%
Veterans	139	9%	60	4%	79	5%
Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults**	96	6%	47	3%	49	3%

\* 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.

\*\* The County began conducting a targeted youth and young adult count in 2015.

	Historical Data				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Chronically* Homeless Persons	217	213	420	276	403
Victims of Domestic Violence	177	244	487	183	165
Veterans	162	138	190	134	135
Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults**	NA	89	90	84	96

Self-Reported Disabilities	Reported Disabilities		Sheltered		Unsheltered	
	#	% of Total Persons Counted	#	%	#	%
Mental Health	503	31%	278	17%	225	14%
Physical Disability	409	25%	228	14%	181	11%
Chronic Health Condition	404	25%	185	11%	219	13%
Substance Use	288	18%	130	8%	158	10%
Developmental Disability	152	9%	65	4%	87	5%
HIV/AIDS	15	0.8%	6	0%	9	1%
	1771		892		879	

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

Last Reported Zipcode	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Anderson Island	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%

Not all individuals answered this question.

Bonney Lake	7	0%	3	0%	4	0%
Buckley	4	0%	3	0%	1	0%
Carbonado	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
DuPont	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Eatonville	7	0%	5	0%	2	0%
Fife	22	1%	5	0%	17	1%
Gig Harbor	9	1%	7	0%	2	0%
Graham	6	0%	1	0%	5	0%
Joint Base Lewis McChord	4	0%	1	0%	3	0%
Kapowsin	3	0%	1	0%	2	0%
King County	47	3%	29	2%	18	1%
La Grande	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Lakebay	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Lakewood	157	10%	106	7%	51	3%
Longbranch	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Milton	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Orting	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Out of Pierce and King Counties	89	5%	66	4%	23	1%
Out of State	121	7%	75	5%	46	3%
Parkland	91	6%	79	5%	12	1%
Puyallup	64	4%	19	1%	45	3%
Roy	3	0%	0	0%	3	0%
South Hill	28	2%	28	2%	0	0%
Spanaway	50	3%	32	2%	18	1%
Steilacoom	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Sumner	6	0%	1	0%	5	0%
Tacoma	529	32%	356	22%	173	11%
University Place	24	1%	22	1%	2	0%
Unknown	343	21%	36	2%	307	19%
Wauna	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%
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Income Sources	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Alimony	5	0%	3	0%	2	0%
Child Support	22	1%	20	1%	2	0%
General	52	3%	26	2%	26	2%
Income From Job	147	9%	111	7%	36	2%
No Resource	977	60%	483	30%	494	30%
Other	82	5%	23	1%	59	4%
Pension or Other Retirement	13	1%	7	0%	6	0%
Private Disability	4	0%	1	0%	3	0%
Retirement Income From Social Security	14	1%	10	1%	4	0%
SSDI	99	6%	55	3%	44	3%
SSI	247	15%	132	8%	115	7%
TANF	96	6%	70	4%	26	2%
Unemployment	11	1%	9	1%	2	0%
VA Non-Service	14	1%	6	0%	8	0%
VA Service	21	1%	11	1%	10	1%
Workers Comp	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
	1805		968		837	

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

Primary Reason For Homelessness	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%

Child Born During Homeless Episode	13	1%	4	0%	9	1%
Criminal activity	32	2%	11	1%	21	1%
Domestic Violence Victim & Fleeing domestic violence	124	8%	95	6%	29	2%
Eviction & Mortgage Foreclosure	140	9%	79	5%	61	4%
Family breakup & Family Crisis/Breakup	78	5%	15	1%	63	4%
Health/Safety	34	2%	20	1%	14	1%
Loss of child care	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Loss of job	131	8%	62	4%	69	4%
Loss of public assistance	6	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Loss of Transportation	3	0%	1	0%	2	0%
Medical condition	29	2%	18	1%	11	1%
Mental Health	37	2%	14	1%	23	1%
No affordable housing	256	16%	209	13%	47	3%
Other	54	3%	1	0%	53	3%
Released from institution	15	1%	9	1%	6	0%
Substance abuse	61	4%	34	2%	27	2%
Substandard Housing	4	0%	3	0%	1	0%
Underemployment/low income	172	11%	153	9%	19	1%
Unknown	438	27%	150	9%	288	18%
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