

The 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 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 2019, 315 volunteers participated in the count.

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 10:00 pm and 3:00 am), whereas most 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 most 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.

			Historical Data					
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Total Persons Counted	#	%						
All Persons Total	1486	100%						
Sheltered	857	58%						
Unsheltered	629	42%						
			Total	1464	1283	1762	1321	1628
			Sheltered*	1171	944	1268	817	878
			Unsheltered	293	339	494	504	750

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

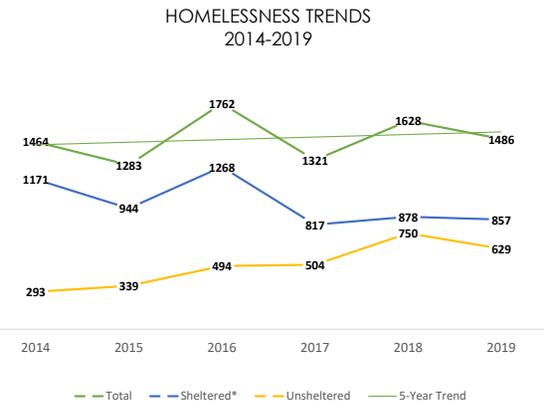
Total Household Types Counted	#	% of Total Households Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Total Households	1190	100%	614	52%	576	48%
Households without Children	1063	89%	501	42%	562	47%
Households with Children	113	9%	103	9%	10	1%
Households with only Children	14	1%	10	1%	4	0%

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	63	4%	19	1%	44	3%
Asian	21	1%	14	1%	7	0.5%
Black/African Americans	320	22%	222	15%	98	7%
Multi- Racial	228	15%	145	10%	83	6%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	54	4%	41	3%	13	1%
White	800	54%	416	28%	384	26%
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Ethnicity	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1280	86%	731	49%	549	37%
Hispanic/Latino	206	14%	126	8%	80	5.4%
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Age	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Under 18	242	16%	215	14%	27	2%
18-24 yr. old	150	10%	90	6%	60	4%
25-34 yr. old	234	16%	120	8%	114	8%



* "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	298	20%	147	10%	151	10%
45-54 yr. old	254	17%	113	8%	141	9%
55-61 yr. old	188	13%	101	7%	87	6%
62+	120	8%	71	5%	49	3%
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Gender	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Female	572	38%	353	24%	219	15%
Male	911	61%	502	34%	409	28%
Transgender	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Non-conforming	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%
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Where People Stayed the Night Before the Count	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Abandoned Building	51	3%	0	0%	51	3%
Emergency Shelter	696	47%	696	47%	0	0%
Out of Doors (street, tent, etc)	420	28%	0	0%	420	28%
Transitional Housing	161	11%	161	11%	0	0%
Vehicle	158	11%	0	0%	158	11%
Housed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
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Targeted Populations	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Chronically* Homeless Persons	364	24%	164	11%	200	13%
Victims of Domestic Violence	106	7%	47	3%	59	4%
Veterans	134	9%	67	5%	67	5%
Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults**	143	10%	81	5%	62	4%

* 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	540	36%	307	21%	233	16%
Physical Disability	444	30%	243	16%	201	14%
Chronic Health Condition	443	30%	220	15%	223	15%
Substance Abuse	343	23%	160	11%	183	12%
Developmental Disability	155	10%	85	6%	70	5%
HIV/AIDS	7	0.4%	3	0%	4	0%
	1932		1018		914	

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	
			#	%	#	%
Bonney Lake	10	1%	8	1%	2	0%

Not all individuals answered this question.

Buckley	7	0%	0	0%	7	0%
Eatonville	3	0%	2	0%	1	0%
Fife	13	1%	12	1%	1	0%
Fox Island	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Gig Harbor	24	2%	7	0%	17	1%
Graham	10	1%	8	1%	2	0%
Joint Base Lewis McChord	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%
King County	73	5%	55	4%	18	1%
Lakebay	17	1%	3	0%	14	1%
Lakewood	136	9%	92	6%	44	3%
Longbranch	5	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Milton	4	0%	2	0%	2	0%
Orting	7	0%	7	0%	0	0%
Outside Pierce	99	7%	52	3%	47	3%
Outside Washington	174	12%	121	8%	53	4%
Parkland	105	7%	73	5%	32	2%
Puyallup	30	2%	17	1%	13	1%
Roy	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
South Hill	19	1%	6	0%	13	1%
Spanaway	33	2%	27	2%	6	0%
Steilacoom	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Sumner	19	1%	11	1%	8	1%
Tacoma	436	29%	316	21%	120	8%
University Place	21	1%	15	1%	6	0%
Unknown	233	16%	20	1%	213	14%
Vaughn	3	0%	0	0%	3	0%
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Income Sources	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Alimony	3	0%	2	0%	1	0%
Child Support	21	1%	17	1%	4	0%
General Assistance	68	5%	43	3%	25	2%
Income From Job	139	9%	109	7%	30	2%
No Resource	827	56%	467	31%	360	24%
Other	77	5%	25	2%	52	3%
Pension or Other Retirement	8	1%	4	0%	4	0%
Private Disability	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Retirement Income From Social Security	24	2%	15	1%	9	1%
SSDI	96	6%	56	4%	40	3%
SSI	297	20%	164	11%	133	9%
TANF	77	5%	61	4%	16	1%
Unemployment	7	0%	5	0%	2	0%
VA Non-Service	6	0%	5	0%	1	0%
VA Service	29	2%	20	1%	9	1%
Workers Comp	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%
	1683		993		690	

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%	9	1%	4	0%
Criminal activity	42	3%	16	1%	26	2%
Domestic Violence Victim & Fleeing domestic violence	111	7%	90	6%	21	1%
Eviction & Mortgage Foreclosure	156	10%	105	7%	51	3%

Family Crisis/Breakup	154	10%	81	5%	73	5%
Health/safety	58	4%	41	3%	17	1%
Loss of Child Care	3	0%	3	0%	0	0%
Loss of job	116	8%	71	5%	45	3%
Loss of public assistance	6	0%	1	0%	5	0%
Loss of transportation	10	1%	3	0%	7	0%
Medical condition	79	5%	46	3%	33	2%
Mental health	41	3%	29	2%	12	1%
No affordable housing	173	12%	108	7%	65	4%
Other	77	5%	17	1%	60	4%
Release from institution	12	1%	7	0%	5	0%
Substance abuse	75	5%	40	3%	35	2%
Substandard housing	18	1%	10	1%	8	1%
Underemployment/low income	157	11%	125	8%	32	2%
Unknown	184	12%	54	4%	130	9%
Utility Shutoff	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
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