

## 2020 Homeless Point-In-Time Count Results January 24, 2020

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. It 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. In 2020, 336 volunteers participated in the count.

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. Additionally, Pierce County has implemented several changes to improve the accuracy of the unsheltered count: a) volunteers counted people in known encampments overnight (between 9:00 pm and 3:00 am), whereas most prior counts were only conducted during the day (between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm); 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**; c) trained outreach teams conducted outreach in December and January to inform homeless persons that the Homeless PIT Count was coming and why participation was important; and d) outreach material was used at shelters, day center, food banks, medical offices, and in encampments to educate the community on the Homeless PIT Count and encourage people to get counted. As a result, comparisons from year to year should be conducted with these changes and limitations in mind.

Total Persons Counted	#	%
<b>All Persons Total</b>	<b>1897</b>	<b>100%</b>
Sheltered	983	52%
Unsheltered	914	48%

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

	Historical Data				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1321</b>	<b>1628</b>	<b>1486</b>	<b>1897</b>
Sheltered*	1268	817	878	857	983
Unsheltered	494	504	750	629	914

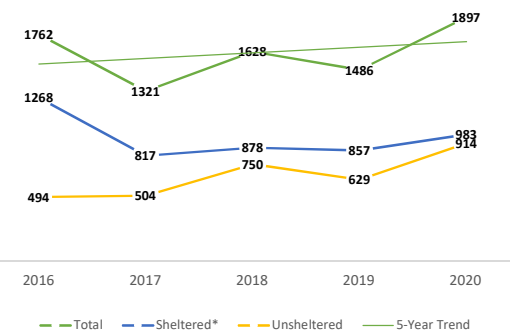
Total Household Types Counted	#	% of Total Households Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>1570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>52%</b>
Households without Children	1445	92%	638	41%	807	51%
Households with Children	113	7%	106	7%	7	0%
Households with only Children	12	1%	5	0%	7	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	96	5%	31	2%	65	3%
Asian	27	1%	16	1%	11	0.6%
Black/African Americans	455	24%	261	14%	194	10%
Multi-Racial	227	12%	159	8%	68	4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	61	3%	47	2%	14	1%
White	1031	54%	469	25%	562	30%

Ethnicity	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1744	92%	924	49%	820	43%
Hispanic/Latino	153	8%	59	3%	94	5.0%

HOMELESSNESS TRENDS  
2016-2020



Age	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Under 18	226	12%	206	11%	20	1%
18-24 yr. old	146	8%	83	4%	63	3%
25-34 yr. old	333	18%	118	6%	215	11%
35-44 yr. old	426	22%	176	9%	250	13%
45-54 yr. old	338	18%	145	8%	193	10%
55-61 yr. old	261	14%	153	8%	108	6%
62+	167	9%	102	5%	65	3%

Gender	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Female	673	35%	392	21%	281	15%
Male	1150	61%	575	30%	575	30%
Non-conforming	6	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Transgender	2	0%	2	0%	0	0%
Unknown	66	3%	14	1%	52	3%

Not all individuals answered this question.

Where People Stayed the Night Before the Count	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Abandoned Building	18	1%	0	0%	18	1%
Emergency Shelter	816	43%	816	43%	0	0%
Out of Doors (street, tent, etc.)	319	17%	0	0%	319	17%
Transitional Housing	167	9%	167	9%	0	0%
Vehicle	172	9%	0	0%	172	9%
Unknown	405	21%	0	0%	405	21%

Targeted Populations	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Chronically* Homeless Persons	420	22%	223	12%	197	10%
Adult Domestic Violence Survivor	296	16%	236	12%	60	3%
Veterans	161	8%	95	5%	66	3%
Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults	121	6%	61	3%	60	3%

	Historical Data				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Chronically* Homeless Persons	420	276	403	364	420
Adult Domestic Violence Survivor	487	183	165	106	296
Veterans	190	134	135	134	161
Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults	90	84	96	143	121

\* 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.

Self-Reported Disabilities	Reported Disabilities		Sheltered		Unsheltered	
	#	% of Total Persons Counted	#	%	#	%
Mental Health	539	28%	359	19%	180	9%
Physical Disability	491	26%	316	17%	175	9%
Chronic Health Condition	504	27%	298	16%	206	11%
Substance Abuse	385	20%	200	11%	185	10%
Developmental Disability	172	9%	100	5%	72	4%
HIV/AIDS	7	0.4%	2	0%	5	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 Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Bonney Lake	13	1%	11	1%	2	0%
Buckley	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Dupont	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Eatonville	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Fife	5	0%	5	0%	0	0%
Gig Harbor	7	0%	5	0%	2	0%
Graham	7	0%	3	0%	4	0%
Joint Base Lewis McChord	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
King County	47	2%	39	2%	8	0%
Lakebay	23	1%	3	0%	20	1%
Lakewood	144	8%	100	5%	44	2%
Long branch	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Milton	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Orting	4	0%	3	0%	1	0%
Outside Pierce	89	5%	69	4%	20	1%
Outside Washington	118	6%	89	5%	29	2%
Parkland	126	7%	92	5%	34	2%
Puyallup	32	2%	13	1%	19	1%
Roy	3	0%	2	0%	1	0%
South Hill	43	2%	30	2%	13	1%
Spanaway	34	2%	18	1%	16	1%
Steilacoom	5	0%	3	0%	2	0%
Sumner	6	0%	3	0%	3	0%
Tacoma	544	29%	386	20%	158	8%
University Place	28	1%	18	1%	10	1%
Unknown	612	32%	87	5%	525	28%
Vaughn	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%

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Income Sources	#	% of Total Persons Counted	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
			#	%	#	%
Alimony	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Child Support	17	1%	13	1%	4	0%
General Assistance	50	3%	24	1%	26	1%
Income From Job	151	8%	104	5%	47	2%
No Resource	760	40%	497	26%	263	14%
Other	102	5%	32	2%	70	4%
Pension or Other Retirement	7	0%	0	0%	7	0%
Private Disability	4	0%	1	0%	3	0%
Retirement Income From Social Security	23	1%	16	1%	7	0%
SSDI	117	6%	73	4%	44	2%
SSI	292	15%	186	10%	106	6%
TANF	74	4%	56	3%	18	1%
Unemployment	3	0%	2	0%	1	0%
VA Non-Service	13	1%	8	0%	5	0%
VA Service	24	1%	17	1%	7	0%
Workers Comp	1	0%	0	0%	1	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	
			#	%	#	%
Asked to leave home when turned 18	8	0%	8	0%	0	0%
Child Born During Homeless Episode	13	1%	7	0%	6	0%
Criminal activity	46	2%	18	1%	28	1%
Domestic Violence Victim & Fleeing domestic violence	138	7%	113	6%	25	1%
Eviction & Mortgage Foreclosure	113	6%	72	4%	41	2%
Family Crisis/Breakup	178	9%	116	6%	62	3%
Health/safety	74	4%	49	3%	25	1%
Loss of Child Care	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Loss of job	131	7%	68	4%	63	3%
Loss of public assistance	12	1%	7	0%	5	0%
Loss of transportation	5	0%	2	0%	3	0%
Medical condition	88	5%	75	4%	13	1%
Mental health	61	3%	38	2%	23	1%
Mortgage Foreclosure	8	0%	2	0%	6	0%
No affordable housing	176	9%	115	6%	61	3%
Release from institution	19	1%	14	1%	5	0%
Substance abuse	91	5%	60	3%	31	2%
Substandard housing	8	0%	8	0%	0	0%
Underemployment/low income	126	7%	98	5%	28	1%
Unknown	600	32%	112	6%	488	26%
Utility Shutoff	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%

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