



2020 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.

1,897

Homeless persons counted



22%

Chronically homeless



7%

Households with children



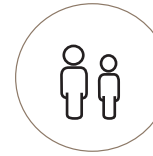
35%

Female



16%

Adult survivors of domestic violence



6%

Unaccompanied youth & young adults



8%

Veterans



46% People of color*

*However, people of color make up only 27% of the Pierce County population. (ACS estimate 2018)

Not all people experiencing homelessness sleep outside



43%

Emergency shelter



17%

Out of doors (street, tent, etc.)



9%

Transitional housing



31%

Vehicle, abandoned building, other

Most told us they lived in Pierce County before they became homeless

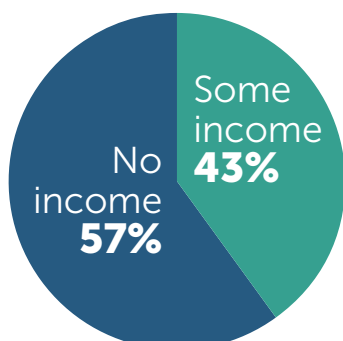


The main causes of homelessness are economic and housing-related

Survey respondents shared many causes for becoming homeless. These are the top three:

1. Family crisis
2. No affordable housing
3. Domestic violence

Many people experiencing homelessness have an income



43% of people experiencing homelessness in Pierce County report at least one source of 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

28%

Physical disability

26%

Chronic health condition

27%

Substance use

20%

Developmental disability

9%

For the full data set:

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