2022 Clark County Point In Time Count
PIT Count – What is it?

• Single Night Snapshot – normally last Thursday in January
• Required by HUD & WA Dept. of Commerce
• Trends
• New tools and increased effectiveness in counting each year
• Enables better planning and funding determinations
• Best available data
Data Sources

• Sheltered Count
  • Homeless Management Information System
  • Non-HMIS (Domestic Violence shelters)

• Unsheltered Count
  • Non HMIS – Service Locations
  • SafePark Program
  • School District Homeless Liaisons
  • Street Count
  • Project Homeless Connect Event
2021/2022 Covid Complications

• No Project Homeless Connect event or unsheltered count in 2021.
• 2022 count was originally scheduled during peak of Omicron surge in January. HUD provided a waiver to hold the count on February, 24 2022.
2022 Process Highlights

• Expanded professional outreach team participation
• 1st year count occurred in February instead of January
• 1st year that the count occurred during a “severe weather” day
• Conducted surveys using mobile app – “Counting Us” for 3rd year New Counting Sites
• Safely held an in-person Project Homeless Connect event
2022 CLARK COUNTY, WA POINT IN TIME COUNT RESULTS
WITH 2020 COMPARISONS

1197 People were experiencing homelessness in Clark County on February 24, 2022.
△ 31% From January 30, 2020

- 625 People were UNSHelterED △ 21%
- 389 People were in an EMERGENCY SHELTER △ 45%
- 183 People were in TRANSITIONAL HOUSING △ 39%

Of the 1197 people:

- 42% WOMEN
- 57% MEN

- 223 Chronically Homeless △ 13% 197 people from 2020
- 51 Survivors of Domestic Abuse △ 20% 64 people from 2020

27% PEOPLe OF COLOR

- 14% of Clark County population (ACS 2019)
- 12% Hispanic/Latinx
- 10% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 8% Multiple Races
- 6% Black/African American
- 3% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 1% Asian
Increase in people within Sheltered count

- +45% in sheltered clients largely due to increased number of year-round ES bed capacity.
- Bertha’s Place, Bertha’s Too and Safe living outpost community
- Family shelters were able to fully re-open
- Severe weather night added overflow beds
- 39% more people in Transitional Housing
More family shelter beds. Less unsheltered family members.

In comparison to 2020 count:
• 42 more people staying in family emergency shelters in 2022
• 49 less people in families with children experiencing unsheltered homeless in 2022.
Shelters and a stemmed growth in unsheltered senior numbers

• Since 2017, we’ve seen a consistent annual growth in the number of seniors age 62+ experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
• 3 in 2017. Gradually increased to 37 by 2020.
• Early 2022 Bertha’s Place was open and prioritizing seniors age 55 and up.
• In 2022 unsheltered seniors age 62+ remained at 37; same as two years prior.
Unsheltered increase in singles or couples without children and unaccompanied youth populations.

- 45% increase in number of unsheltered single individuals or couples without children. 457 in 2022 compared to 315 in 2020.
- Unaccompanied youth also increased from 2 in 2020 to 18 in 2022.
Nearly 2 out of 3 people experiencing homelessness do not sleep outside.

• 36% of people surveyed indicate they sleep outside.
• 33% of people stayed in Emergency Shelter.
• 15% of people in Transitional Housing.
• 16% of people surveyed slept in their vehicle.
Affordable housing crisis in Clark County:

- Spring 2022 apartment market report shows a 2.7% vacancy rate for one-bedroom apartments. 2.9% for two-bedroom. Source: University of Washington Center for Real Estate Research

- Housing wage needed to afford the average one-bedroom apartment in Clark County is $25.60/hr. Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition Out of Reach 2021 report
Q & A:
Thank You

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