



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 America
- 3% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 1% Asian

Increase in people within Sheltered count

- 389 people counted in ES in 2022. 213 in 2021.
- +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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