



2023 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
- Unsheltered Count
 - Non HMIS – Service Locations
 - School District Homeless Liaisons
 - Street Count
 - Project Homeless Connect Event



2023 Process Highlights

- Year-round professional outreach teams planned and performed street count.
- Conducted surveys using mobile app – “Counting Us” for 4th year.
- Saw return to pre-pandemic attendance at the Project Homeless Connect event.





2023 CLARK COUNTY, WA POINT IN TIME COUNT RESULTS

with 2022
comparisons

1300

People were experiencing homelessness in Clark County on January 26, 2023.

▲ 9% from February 24, 2022

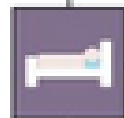


672

People were

UNSHELTERED

▲ 8%



428

People were in an

EMERGENCY SHELTER

▲ 10%



200

People were in

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

▲ 9%

Of the 1300 people:



40% WOMEN

59% MEN



344

Chronically Homeless

▲ 54% (223 people) from 2022



113

Survivors of Domestic Abuse

▲ 122% (51 people) from 2022

31%

PEOPLE OF COLOR

19% of Clark County population (ACS 2021)

11% Hispanic/Latinx

9% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

5% Multiple Races

7% Black/African American

3% American Indian/Alaska Native

1% Asian

Increase in people within Sheltered count

- 428 people counted in ES in 2023. 389 in 2022.
- +10% in sheltered clients largely due to increased number of year-round ES bed capacity.
- Bertha's Place opened to full capacity and new safe living community (Hope Village)
- 9% more people in Transitional Housing



More family shelter beds.

In comparison to 2022 count:

- 13 more family households were staying in family emergency shelters in 2023
- 2023 is the first year we've counted more families in shelters than in unsheltered situations.



2023 continued stemmed growth in unsheltered senior numbers

- Since 2017, we had been seeing a consistent annual growth in the number of seniors age 62+ experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- 3 in 2017 and had increased to 37 by 2020.
- Early 2022 Bertha's Place opened prioritizing seniors age 55 and up.
- In the 2023 PIT count the unsheltered seniors age 62+ count was 40.



Unsheltered increase in singles or couples without children and chronic homeless populations.

- 15% increase in number of unsheltered single individuals or couples without children. 527 in 2023 compared to 457 in 2022.
- Chronically homeless unsheltered individuals increased 78% from 2022.



Nearly 2 out of 3 people experiencing homelessness do not sleep outside.

- 38% of people surveyed indicate they sleep outside.
- 33% of people stayed in Emergency Shelter.
- 15% of people in Transitional Housing.
- 14% 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
- <https://wcrer.be.uw.edu/archived-reports/>
- Housing wage needed to afford the average one-bedroom apartment in Clark County in 2023 is now \$30.96/hr. In 2022, it was \$25.60 Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition Out of Reach 2023 report
- <https://reports.nlihc.org/oor/washington>



Q & A:





Thank You

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