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What is the Point-in-Time Count?

The Point-in-Time Count is a *snapshot* census of people experiencing certain categories of homelessness in the Spokane community on one night January. The count includes people who, on the night of the count, are:

- *Sheltered* (living in emergency shelters or transitional housing) or
- *Unsheltered* (staying out of doors or places not designed for habitation including vehicles, streets, parks and abandoned buildings).

More than 79 local agencies supported the 2019 Point-in-Time Count, including social service and housing providers, healthcare providers, faith-based organizations, outreach professionals, and local governments. Additionally, 142 volunteers were trained and participated in Count activities, including helping with surveying in 211 locations, sorting and distributing donation items, and with the regional Homeless Connect event.

As a recipient of federal and state funds supporting homeless services, our community is obligated to conduct Point-in-Time Counts annually. The 2019 Point-in-Time Count took place throughout Spokane County (and across Washington State) on Thursday, January 24th, 2019.

How many people were counted?

- 1,309 persons – or 1,070 households – represent the total combined count for our sheltered and unsheltered population
- 315 individuals, or twenty-four percent, of all persons counted were unsheltered
- 994 individuals, or seventy-six percent, of all persons counted were sheltered
 - 780 individuals, or sixty percent, were in Emergency Shelters
 - 97 individuals, or seven, percent were in Transitional Housing
- 60 percent of all persons counted were male, 39 percent were female, and 1 percent were transgender
- 192, or fifteen percent, of all persons counted were under the age of 18
- 106, or eight percent, all persons counted were between the ages of 18-24
- 1,011, or seventy-seven percent, of all persons counted were over the age of 24
- 75 percent were in households without children, 23 percent were in households with adults and children, 2 percent were in households with only children

How do the 2018 and 2019 Point-in-Time Count results compare?

- In 2019, our community counted 1,309 people, an 5 percent increase over the 1,245 counted in 2018
- In 2019 our community counted 85 veterans, a 12 percent decrease over 96 counted in 2018
- In 2019, our community counted 231 chronically homeless persons, an 8 percent decrease over the 249 counted in 2018
- In 2019, our community counted 302 people who identified as a family, an 8 percent decrease from the 328 counted in 2018
- In 2019, our community counted 22 youth, a 9 percent increase from the 20 counted in 2018