

## 2012 POINT IN TIME COUNT

The 2012 Point in Time (PIT) count of the homeless was conducted the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>. More than 25 volunteers worked with our community partners to collect forms at locations including meal sites, the STA plaza and the Homeless Connect event. Over 700 forms were returned, and 35 emergency shelter and transitional housing programs reported the number of individuals in their program on the night of January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Records from the Homeless Management Information System database (HMIS) were also utilized, improving the data collection process and capturing a more accurate picture of Spokane's sheltered homeless population.

A total of **1185 homeless individuals** were counted in Spokane County, a 6.8% reduction from last year's total of 1272.

This year's PIT count shows **170 homeless households with children**, a 38.2% reduction from the 274 households with children in 2011.

Another positive indicator is the increased number of sheltered homeless veterans and corresponding decrease in unsheltered homeless veterans.

The reduction of persons housed in Transitional Housing programs corresponds with the lower inventory of transitional housing beds, 130 fewer than in 2011.

There was a rise in homeless individuals identifying as domestic violence victims, both sheltered and unsheltered.

The five primary reasons identified for becoming homeless are Lack of Income (145); Lost Job (90); Family Conflict (77); Lack of Affordable Housing (68); and Domestic Violence (62).

# Persons Counted in PIT	2010	2011	2012
Emergency Shelter	536	510	516
Transitional Housing	534	624	539
Unsheltered	172	138	130
Veterans (unsheltered)	29	18	10
Veterans (sheltered)	64	73	89
DV (unsheltered)	3	11	17
DV (sheltered)	49	123	193