

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 in 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 30 local agencies participated in the 2014 Point-in-Time Count including social service and housing providers, healthcare providers, faith-based organizations, outreach professionals and local governments. As a recipient of federal and state funds supporting homeless services, our community is obligated to conduct Point-in-Time Counts annually. The 2014 Point-in-Time Count took place in Spokane (and across Washington State) on Thursday, January 23rd, 2014.

How many people were counted?

- During the 2014 Point-in-Time Count, our community counted 1,149 people.
- 561 people (49 percent) were staying in Emergency Shelters.
- 433 people (38 percent) were staying in Transitional Housing.
- 155 people (13 percent) were unsheltered.
- 58 percent were male, 39 percent were female, 3 percent did not provide gender data.
- 59 percent were in households without children, 39 percent were in households with adults and children, 2 percent were in households with only children.
- The people counted ranged in age from 1 month to 83 years.
- The average age for males was 35.
- The average age for females was 27.

How do the 2013 and 2014 Point-in-Time Count results compare?

- In 2014, our community counted 1,149 people, a 12 percent increase over the 1,030 counted in 2013.
- In 2014 our community counted 146 families with children, a 4 percent decrease from the 152 counted in 2013.
- In 2014 our community counted 85 veterans, a 36 percent decrease from the 132 counted in 2013.
- In 2014, our community counted 155 unsheltered persons, a 158 percent increase over the 60 counted in 2013.

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