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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 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 2015 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 2015 Point-in-Time Count took place in Spokane (and across Washington State) on Thursday, January 29rd, 2015.

How many people were counted?

- During the 2015 Point-in-Time Count, our community counted 1,033 people.
- 578 people (56 percent) were staying in Emergency Shelters.
- 323 people (31 percent) were staying in Transitional Housing.
- 132 people (13 percent) were unsheltered.
- 57 percent were male, 42 percent were female, less than 1 percent were Transgender.
- 61 percent were in households without children, 37 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.
- 69 percent were over age 24.
- 7 percent were age 18-24.
- 24 percent were under age 18.

How do the 2014 and 2015 Point-in-Time Count results compare?

- In 2015, our community counted 1,033 people, a 10 percent decrease over the 1,149 counted in 2014.
- In 2015 our community counted 121 families with children, a 17 percent decrease from the 146 counted in 2014.
- In 2015 our community counted 101 veterans, a 19 percent increase from the 85 counted in 2014.
- In 2015, our community counted 132 unsheltered persons, a 15 percent decrease over the 155 counted in 2014.

For additional information on the 2015 Point-in-Time Count contact:

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