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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 2016 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 2016 Point-in-Time Count took place in Spokane (and across Washington State) on Thursday, January 28rd, 2016.

How many people were counted?

- During the 2016 Point-in-Time Count, our community counted 981 people.
- 526 people (54 percent) were staying in Emergency Shelters.
- 283 people (29 percent) were staying in Transitional Housing.
- 172 people (17 percent) were unsheltered.
- 57 percent were male, 43 percent were female
- 68 percent were in households without children, 31 percent were in households with adults and children, 1 percent were in households with only children.
- The people counted ranged in age from 2 months to 78 years.
- 72 percent were over age 24.
- 7 percent were age 18-24.
- 21 percent were under age 18.

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

- In 2016, our community counted 981 people, a 5 percent decrease over the 1,034 counted in 2015.
- In 2016 our community counted 103 families with children, a 15 percent decrease from the 121 counted in 2015.
- In 2016 our community counted 103 veterans, a 2 percent increase from the 101 counted in 2015.
- In 2016, our community counted 172 unsheltered persons, a 30 percent increase over the 132 counted in 2016.

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