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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 30 local agencies participated in the 2017 Point-in-Time Count, including social service, housing and 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. This year, the Point-in-Time Count took place in Spokane (and across Washington State) on January 26. Youth and outreach advisory committees expanded community involvement, awareness, and provided feedback this year to expand count efforts in the schools and on the streets.

How many people were counted?

- 1,090 persons or 879 household represent the total combined count for our sheltered and unsheltered population
- 138 individuals, or 13%, of all persons counted were unsheltered
- 952 individuals, or 87%, of all persons counted were sheltered
 - 696 individuals, or 73%, were in Emergency Shelters
 - 256 individuals, or 27% were in Transitional Housing
- 61% of all persons counted were male, 39% were female
- 203, or 19%, of all persons counted were under the age of 18
- 73, or 7%, all persons counted were between the ages of 18-24
- 814, or 74%, of all persons counted were over the age of 24
- 71% were in households without children, 27% were in households with adults and children, 2% were in households with only children

How do the 2017 and 2016 Point-in-Time Count results compare?

- 1,090 people, an 11% increase over the 981 in 2016
- 118 veterans, an 15% increase over 103 in 2016
- 325 chronically homeless persons, a 73% increase over 188 in 2016
- 71 unaccompanied youth, a 20% increase from 59 in 2016