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## What is the Point-in-Time Count?

The Point-in-Time Count is a *snapshot* census of people experiencing 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 2018 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 2018 Point-in-Time Count took place in Spokane (and across Washington State) on Thursday, January 25th, 2018.

## How many people were counted?

- 1,244 persons or 1,011 households represent the total combined count for our sheltered and unsheltered population.
- 310 individuals, or 25%, of all persons counted were unsheltered.
- 934 individuals, or 75%, of all persons counted were sheltered.
  - 734 individuals, or 79%, were in Emergency Shelters.
  - 200 individuals, or 21%, percent were in Transitional Housing.
- 62 percent of all persons counted were male, 38 percent were female.<sup>1</sup>
- 200, or 16%, of all persons counted were under the age of 18.
- 99, or 8%, all persons counted were between the ages of 18-24.
- 945, or 76%, of all persons counted were over the age of 24.
- 86% were in households without children, 12% were in households with adults and children, and 2% were in households with only children.

## How the 2018 and 2017 Point-in-Time Count Results compare?

- In 2018, our community counted 1,244 people, a 14% percent increase over the 1,090 counted in 2017.
- In 2018, our community counted 94 veterans, a 20.3% percent decrease over the 118 counted in 2017.
- In 2018, our community counted 265 chronically homeless individuals, a 9% decrease over the 292 counted in 2017.
- In 2018 our community counted 19 unaccompanied youth, 5% decrease from the 21 counted in 2017.

<sup>1</sup> Two individuals identified as transgender or .002% of the total persons surveyed.