

# COWLITZ COUNTY

## Point In Time Count

2023 Data



### SUMMARY

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires states to complete the Point in Time (PIT) count.

The PIT is a one-time count of people who are sheltered (staying in emergency shelter and temporary housing) or unsheltered (places not meant for human habitation).

The state completes the sheltered count for all counties. Cowlitz County Health & Human Services and community partners conduct the unsheltered count.

The sheltered count was collected from the state's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which tracks data provided by some emergency shelters and transitional housing programs. The programs included in the 2023 PIT count were:

- Emergency Shelter
  - Emergency Support Shelter (ESS)
  - Community House on Broadway (CHOB)
  - Core Health Extended Support Services (CHESS)
- Transitional Housing
  - CAP Home Again
  - HOSWWA Transitional Housing

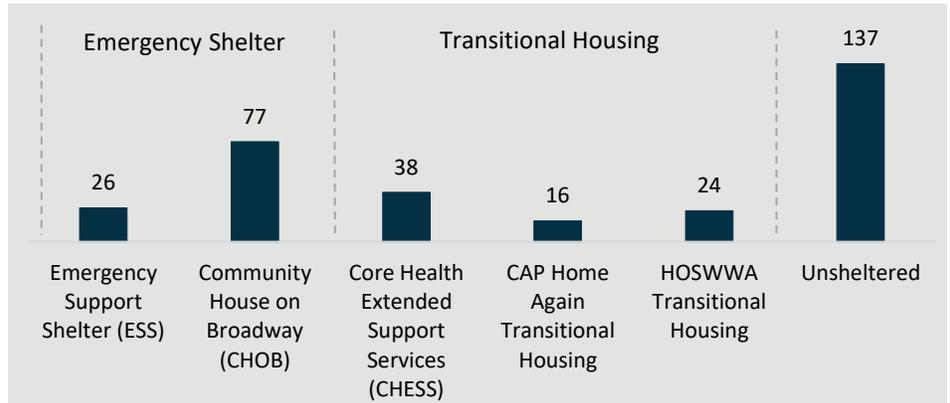
The unsheltered count was collected by local homeless outreach teams who surveyed people living outdoors, staying at Hope Village, and at the Woodland Action Center.

The PIT count does not include all homeless people. Instead, it is a snapshot of individuals experiencing homelessness on a single day.

**FIND STATE DATA HERE:** <https://bit.ly/3yxpNWL>

## 2023 Sheltered & Unsheltered Data

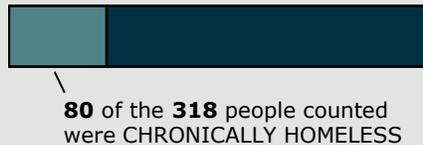
**318** homeless people were counted on **Thurs., January 26, 2023**



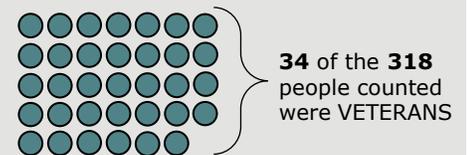
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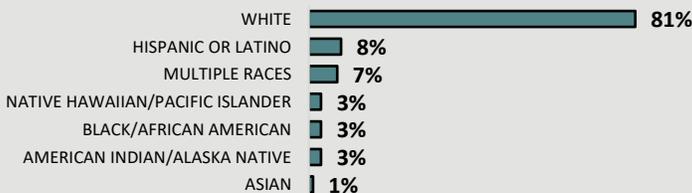
### CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PIT PARTICIPANTS:



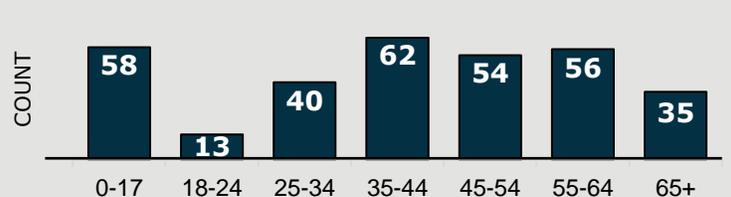
### VETERAN PIT PARTICIPANTS:



### PIT PARTICIPANTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY:



### PIT PARTICIPANTS\* BY AGE:





**2023 UNSHELTERED DATA**

Of the

**318**

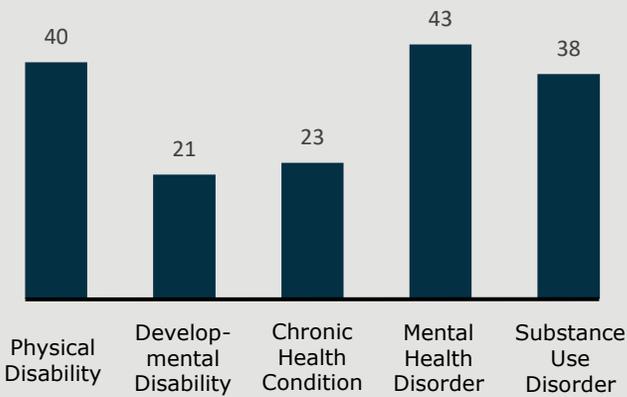
Point in Time  
count participants



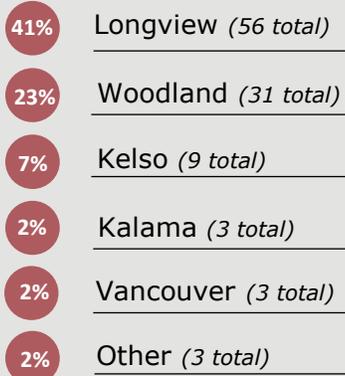
**137**

Were currently living  
**unsheltered** on  
January 26, 2023

**PEOPLE WITH DISABLING CONDITIONS**

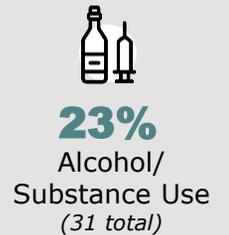
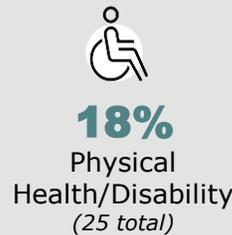


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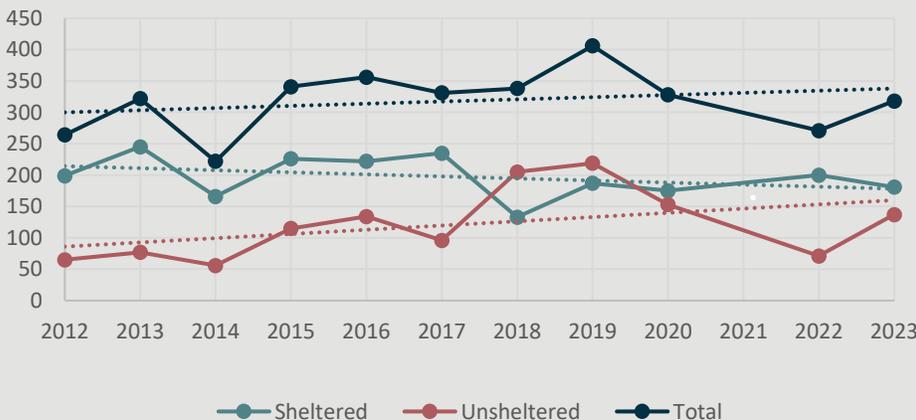


**23% (32 total)**  
of respondents  
chose not to  
disclose their last  
known permanent  
location.

**MOST COMMON CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO HOUSING STATUS:**



**PIT count over time**



**PIT count information to keep in mind...**

- The PIT count is not able to count all individuals experiencing homelessness
- Not all projects serving individuals experiencing homeless enter into the Homeless Management Information System
- PIT count numbers are not connected to county funding for housing/homeless services
- The method for completing the unsheltered PIT count can change
- The PIT count can be affected by outside factors, for example the day of the 2022 count happened to be one of the coldest days of winter

Please reach out to Health & Human Services with any questions - [AskCowlitzHealth@cowlitzwa.gov](mailto:AskCowlitzHealth@cowlitzwa.gov)