

COWLITZ COUNTY

Point In Time Count

2024 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 2024 PIT count were:

- Emergency Shelter
 - Emergency Support Shelter (ESS)
 - Community House on Broadway (CHOB)
 - Family Promise
- Transitional Housing
 - Core Health Extended Support Services (CHES)
 - HOSWWA Transitional Housing
 - Salvation Army, Hope House

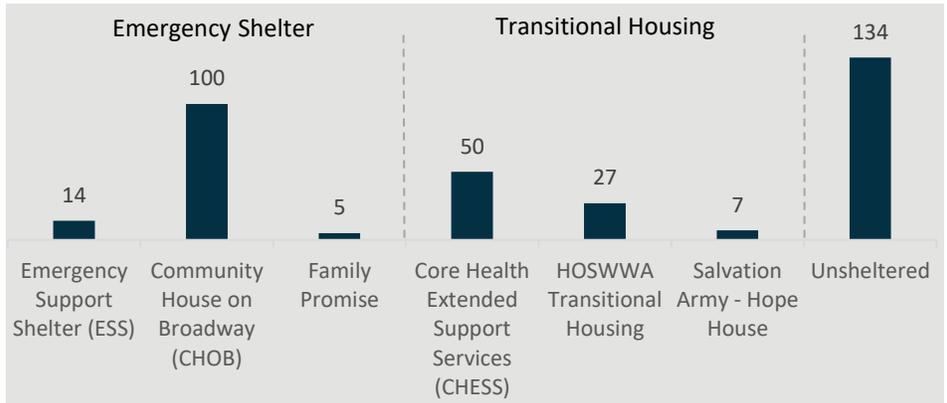
The unsheltered count was collected by local homeless outreach teams who surveyed people living outdoors, staying at Hope Village, and at the Woodland Action Center.

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

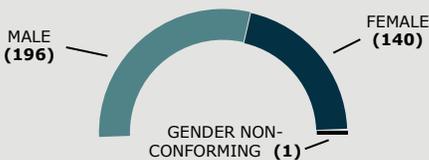
FIND STATE DATA HERE: <https://bit.ly/3yxpNWL>

2024 Sheltered & Unsheltered Data

337 homeless people were counted on **Thurs., January 25, 2024**



PIT PARTICIPANTS BY GENDER:



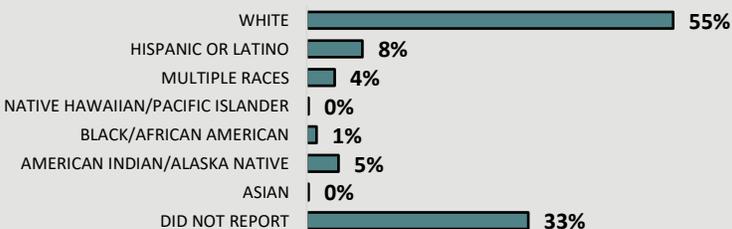
CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PIT PARTICIPANTS:



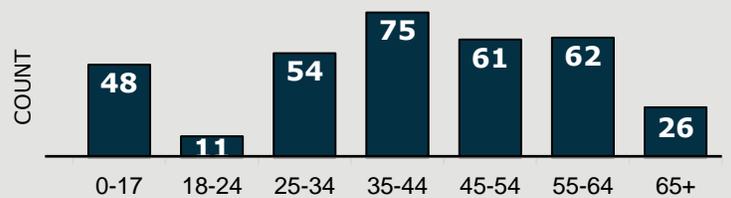
VETERAN PIT PARTICIPANTS:



PIT PARTICIPANTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY:



PIT PARTICIPANTS BY AGE:





2024 UNSHELTERED DATA

Of the

337

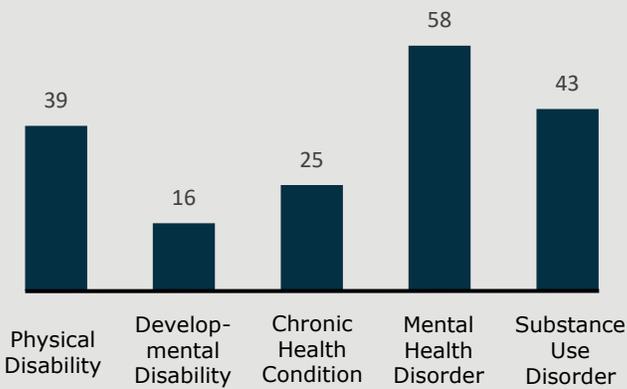
Point in Time
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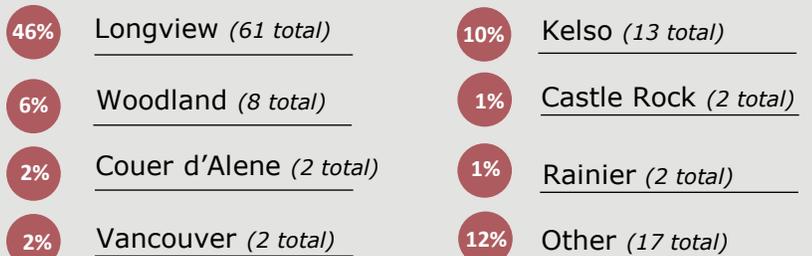
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Were currently living
unsheltered on
January 25, 2024

PEOPLE WITH DISABLING CONDITIONS



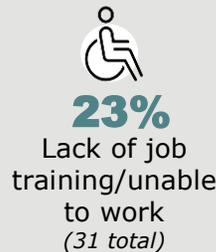
LAST KNOWN PERMANENT LOCATION



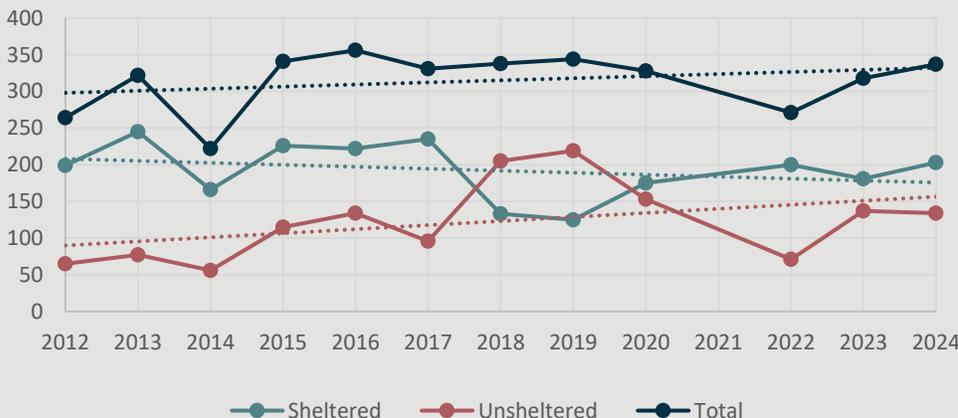
19% (26 total)
of respondents chose not to disclose their last known permanent location.

Billings, Clatskanie, Colorado Springs, Dayton, Farmont, Gresham, Kalama, Kamas, Little Falls, Olympia, Portland, Silver Lake, Springfield, St. Helens, Stockton, Toutle, and Vader

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