



**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.

This year, Cowlitz County's PIT count took place on Thurs., February 24, 2022. The count was cancelled in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and last took place on Thurs., January 23, 2020.

The sheltered count was collected from the state's Homeless Management Information System, which tracks data provided by some emergency shelters and transitional housing programs.

The unsheltered count was collected by Cowlitz County staff and community volunteers who

surveyed people at the Alabama Street homeless camp and Woodland Action Center.

During the 2022 PIT count, community partners distributed donated items – including hygiene products and winter weather supplies – and also provided about 130 hot meals.

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>

**2022 Sheltered & Unsheltered Data**

**271** homeless people were counted on **Thurs., February 24, 2022**

That's down by **19%** since 2020 when **328** homeless people were counted



**197** homeless families with at least 1 child were counted in 2022

**24%** from **252** in 2020



**SHELTERED PEOPLE:**

2022: **200**  
 2020: **175** **13%**



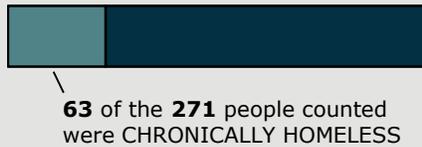
**UNSHeltered PEOPLE:**

2022: **71**  
 2020: **153** **73%**

**PIT PARTICIPANTS\* BY GENDER:**



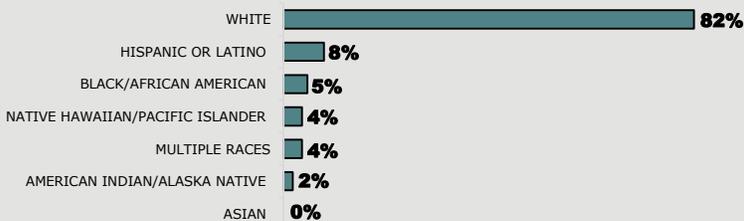
**CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PIT PARTICIPANTS:**



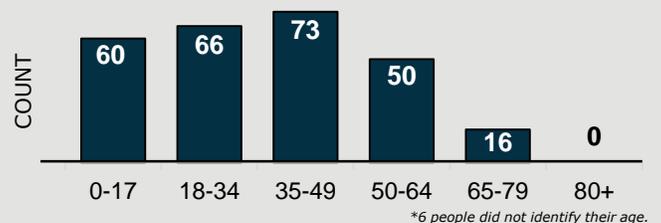
**VETERAN PIT PARTICIPANTS:**



**PIT PARTICIPANTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY:**



**PIT PARTICIPANTS\* BY AGE:**





**2022 UNSHELTERED DATA**

Of the **271**

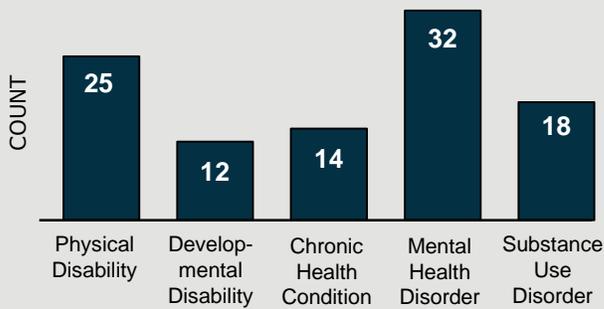
Point in Time  
 Count participants



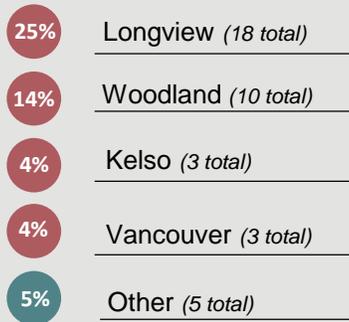
**71**

Were currently living  
**unsheltered** on  
 February 24, 2022

**PEOPLE WITH DISABLING CONDITIONS**



**LAST KNOWN PERMANENT LOCATION:**



**45% (32 total)**  
 of respondents  
 chose not to  
 disclose their last  
 known permanent  
 location.

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



**Point in Time information to keep in mind...**

- The Count is not able to count all individuals experiencing homelessness
- Not all projects serving individuals experiencing homeless enter into the Homeless Management Information System
- Point in Time Count numbers are not directly connected to county funding for housing/homeless services
- The method for completing the unsheltered count can change
- The 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

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