

HOMELESSNESS IN WHATCOM COUNTY

2023 Point-In-Time Results

A Point-In-Time (PIT) Count is a snapshot of homelessness in a community in a single night.

2023 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population:

1,059 people were experiencing homelessness in Whatcom County on January 26, 2023.

▲ 27%
increase in people counted between 2022 and 2023

711
SHELTERED

Of the 61% who were sheltered, 84% were in emergency shelters (Basecamp, hotel voucher, etc.)



348
UNSHELTERED

Of the 39% who were unsheltered, three out of four (74%) slept outside, in a tent or doorway, vehicle, or similar location.



Included among the 1,059 people:

An average of **88** Homeless families with children over the last three years (2021-2023)



15% of all persons identified in 2023 were children under the age of 18.



60 Veteran households (57 of which were made up of only one person)



164 Seniors (Age 60 and up) Senior homelessness has more than **doubled** since 2020.



Two-thirds of the people counted reported having one or more of the following additional challenges: mental illness, chronic substance use, chronic illness, physical or developmental disability, or part of a group that faces historical & ongoing discrimination.

To view the complete report, visit:
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