

HOMELESSNESS IN WHATCOM COUNTY

2022 Point-In-Time Results



On the night of **February 24th, 2022** at least **832** people experienced homelessness in Whatcom County.

 **13%** were families with children

Compared to last year, there was a **15% decrease** in homeless households with children.

In total, there were **77 families with children in interim housing facilities**- either traditional emergency shelters, motel rooms being used as emergency shelters, or in transitional housing. Five families with children were unsheltered.

3%
DECREASE

in individuals who were counted compared to last year

from **859**
to **832**

This is likely due to expanded support programs during the pandemic.

2%
INCREASE

in the number of homeless households

from **625** in 2021
to **639** in 2022

This represents a **decrease** in larger households that are homeless and a slight **increase** in the number of households with only one person.

American Indian and Alaska Native populations account for about

5%

of Whatcom County residents in poverty, but they account for

7%

of people experiencing homelessness.

Median age of all homeless persons:

39

- The youngest homeless person counted was an infant - **less than one year old**.
- The oldest homeless person counted was **83 years old**.
- **11%** were children **under 10 years old**.
- **7%** were children **10-17 years old**.

Where people experiencing homelessness stayed on PIT Night:



72%

Emergency shelter or transitional housing

(places like Basecamp, a hotel voucher, etc.)



28%

Unsheltered

(Vehicles and public spaces, such as parks, streets or encampment).

This represents a **17% decrease** in people who were unsheltered from last year. Emergency shelter and transitional housing resources were expanded as part of the pandemic response and this increase likely contributed to the larger number of people accessing shelter.

To read the complete report, visit: <https://bit.ly/WhatcomPIT>



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