Yakima County Human Services Department

Point in Time Community Report

2024

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Introduction

What is the Point in Time (PIT)?

The Point in Time Count, also referred to as the "PIT" or the "count," is a survey of individuals experiencing homelessness conducted annually throughout Yakima County by the Yakima County Human Services Department, in partnership with local outreach workers and shelter/sanctioned encampment providers. **The data collected is not a complete count of all individuals experiencing homelessness; rather, it is a voluntary survey sampling intended to provide insights on trends, demographics, and causes of homelessness.**

While the goal is always to engage and survey as many individuals as possible through this process, individuals have the right to decline consent, which would result in them not being counted. There is also always an unknowable quantity of individuals who were not identified during the PIT process. If someone is not encountered during the PIT, they cannot be surveyed – and because those who are unencountered are by default unknown, it is impossible to quantify how many individuals are missed. There are a number of strategies deployed to reduce the number of consent-refused responses and increase the number of individuals engaged, including: providing survey-takers with snacks, warm clothes, and toiletries to distribute in their survey efforts; partnering with case managers and outreach workers who have experience and relationships to conduct the surveys; and coordinating with providers prior to the count to ensure that there is adequate training and geographic coverage. Short of being omniscient, however, there is no way to know definitively who was not captured in the data. For this reason, PIT survey data can never be understood to be comprehensive and should always be interpreted as an annual *representation* of homelessness in our community, not a total number.

How is the PIT Conducted?

The PIT survey is administered through two methods:
1. **Outreach Count**, which is conducted through a week-long effort to engage individuals encountered in places not meant for habitation (such as cars, alleyways, parks, and abandoned buildings).
2. **Shelter Count**, which is a single-night count of individuals sleeping in established overnight programs (such as shelters, sanctioned encampments, and transitional housing).

The dates for these efforts always fall in January and are established at the state and federal level to ensure that no individual can be counted in the national data in more than one community. Every shelter count in the United States is performed on the same night across the entire country, on a date selected by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HUD establishes the baseline set of data which must be collected in the PIT survey through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Standards[1]. At the state and local level, there is the option to add additional questions as well. Every single survey conducted within Yakima County follows the exact same format, regardless of who is administering it. An example of Yakima County's 2024 PIT Survey is provided in Appendix B. The survey is provided in English and in Spanish.

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[1] HMIS Data Standards can be found at https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3824/hmis-data-dictionary/

After the surveys are conducted, the data is then compiled, checked for completeness and accuracy, compared against shelter rosters for confirmation of bed nights, and deduplicated by staff in the Community Grants and Partnerships Program (CGaP) in the Yakima County Human Services Department. Data is entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) by CGaP staff, where it gets reported to the Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) Housing Assistance Unit, and ultimately to HUD.

Who is Counted?

The PIT counts only individuals experiencing literal homelessness as defined by HUD at the time they are surveyed. HUD defines "Literally Homeless" as:

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
- (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
- (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
- (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

This excludes individuals who are doubled up, or "couch surfing," those who may be unstably housed, or those at risk of homelessness.

Please see Appendix A for a further list of definitions for terms used in this report.

What's the Point of the Point in Time?

The PIT is part of an annual, national effort to collect data on homelessness in the United States of America. PIT survey data gets reviewed at three levels: county, state, and federal.

At the **county level**, PIT data can provide useful insights regarding the overall state of homelessness within our community, which gives us opportunities for strategic insight into the most important issues to tackle. For example, the PIT survey collects data on the geographic distribution of individuals without housing across the county, the issues most commonly identified as causes of homelessness, and demographics regarding income, Tribal affiliation, and education that are not normally collected in county-wide service data.

One drawback to keep in mind for local data is that especially in a community the size of Yakima, where there are well under a thousand unique responses collected, small variations can cause large fluctuations. Since the PIT is best used as trend data and is not a total number of those experiencing homelessness, this level of sensitivity is something to be cognizant of. Real-life examples of how this may impact Yakima County's local trend data will be reviewed in the data section.

At the **state level**, PIT data is provided to Commerce, where it is used to give a broader picture of homelessness across the state. PIT data when observed in state reports can either show total numbers for Washington State or offer county-by-county comparisons. Like the local application, the PIT is used

to estimate which Counties have higher concentrations of homelessness, and whether the overall number of individuals experiencing homelessness appears to be trending up or down.

An important state-level application of PIT data is in the allocation of Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) funds. CHG is a state grant that serves as the primary funding source for homeless services in Yakima County, and allocation levels across the state are influenced in part by the PIT data.

At the **federal level**, PIT data is provided to HUD. Many of the small imperfections that can make trending unreliable at the local level become smoothed out by the sheer volume of data at a national scale. This is likely the most useful set of trend data, because of the enormity of the sample size. However, in order to be homogenous at that scale the data has to be stripped of any state or local custom questions that might've been added in any given region – which means that this is the level at which the dataset is least detailed and least customizable.

Challenges

Coverage

As mentioned in the "What is the Point in Time (PIT)?" section above, there are always people missing from the PIT data. Yakima County is the second largest county by land mass in the state, comprising of approximately 4,295 square miles, and the eighth largest county by population at an estimated 256,728 people (according to 2020 US Census data). This means that our community's outreach teams have a lot of ground to cover – literally – and limited resources and time in which to do it.

In order to be as effective as possible in capturing survey data, the Human Services Department coordinates with local outreach teams for months leading up to the count to ensure that plans are made to identify and prioritize outreach in areas where people experiencing homelessness are known to be present during the day. Outreach efforts are organized to maximize geographic coverage across the county, while also making sure to send outreach teams to areas where they are commonly active throughout the year, in the hopes that if they are already known and trusted by residents it will increase the likelihood of successful survey completion. The local knowledge and relationships held by outreach workers in our community are a crucial component of conducting a safe and successful PIT count.

For success in the Shelter Count, Human Services Department staff coordinate with local shelter/sanctioned encampment providers to confirm their bed and unit counts. They also clarify the populations they serve, such as families or single-person households, and if the clients are required to meet certain criteria, such as being a veteran, young adult, victim of domestic violence, etc. This information is then collected and sent on to the Washington State Department of Commerce. The Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) for Yakima County can be found in Appendix B. This information is then used to help facilitate the day of the count by determining how many surveys each provider receives, which is later used to confirm the number of surveys completed. Every single survey that is used in the PIT efforts is individually numbered and tracked by the Human Services Department to ensure that no surveys are lost.

Youth and Young Adults

Another challenge is in collecting survey feedback from Youth and Young Adults experiencing homelessness. Often called an "invisible population," young people experiencing homelessness tend to stay with friends, avoid adult services, and may be reluctant to be identified by authorities. These

factors can create an additional layer of difficulty in surveying this population, and often results in them being underrepresented in the data.

Consistency

Finally, an important challenge pertaining to the Yakima County PIT is **consistency**. Because the data is most useful as trend data, it is crucially important that it be collected in a consistent manner year over year, to limit the number of changes in data that can be attributed to methodology rather than shifts in trends. Unfortunately, due to continuous shifts in the oversight of the PIT and unusual restrictions on how the count could safely be conducted in 2021 and 2022 due to COVID, Yakima County has lacked year-over-year consistency in the execution of the PIT for nearly a decade. This makes trend data incredibly difficult to take at face value.

Staff turnover at provider agencies can also prevent a challenge in consistency, as the knowledge and relationships needed to do outreach often live with a single individual, and have to be rebuilt by their successor if they leave their position. There is also some nuance to talking about the survey, engaging with an individual to request their participation, and ensuring that the form is filled out accurately and completely so that the data can be used. The Department of Human Services attempts to alleviate the challenges brought on by staff turnover within the community by providing ample opportunities for training, technical assistance, and education for all staff at agencies participating in in the count.

With the reinstatement of the Human Services Department, Yakima County has reached a point of increased stability in PIT oversight, and moving forward is committed to keeping consistency in the survey collection practices. This is the first year that the Human Services Department has been able to regain full internal control over conducing the PIT survey, and establishes a baseline for consistency in methodology moving forward.

Despite these challenges, PIT counts are the only consistent nationwide survey that enumerates people experiencing homelessness. Despite its flaws, the count is the most reliable trend of people experiencing homelessness in the United States from which progress can be measured.

Notable Changes

The type of housing a program provides can change for various reasons, including funding streams, community needs, and more. The programs available in our community impact the services provided. In 2024, a notable change to program availability in Yakima County was that Grace City Outreach added 12 new sanctioned encampment beds through the Behavioral Health Pods at Camp Hope. Additionally, the Yakima Union Gospel Mission experienced significant staff shortages during the PIT count, which led to a substantial undercount of individuals, specifically in the night-by-night shelter count.

Point in Time Data

Individuals and Households Overview

This section displays the data collected during the 2024 PIT. The two main ways to categorize data are by individuals and by households. The following table shows the number of households and individuals counted during PIT 2024:

Category	Individuals Surveyed	Households Surveyed
Currently Homeless	532	453
Not Currently Homeless	24	23
TOTAL	556	476

Not Currently Homeless

Of the 476 Households surveyed, 23 were not experiencing homelessness on that day. The largest portion, 14 Households, were couch surfing on the nights of the count. 14 of the households not experiencing homelessness, or 60.9%, had been served at some point by a homeless service provider. No additional analysis was conducted on this population group.

Trend Data

This report is broken up by Households and Individuals.

	Households Surveyed			Individuals Surveyed		
	2023	2024	Percent Change	2023	2024	Percent Change
Unsheltered	222	142	-36%	230	143	-37.8%
Sanctioned Encampments	29	34	+17.2%	29	34	+17.2%
Emergency Shelter	217	225	+3.7%	289	300	+3.8%
Transitional Housing	52	52	0%	76	55	-27.6%
TOTAL	520	453	-12.9%	624	532	-14.7%

The table above shows program type distribution and a snapshot comparison to 2023: Overall, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness who were surveyed decreased in 2024 by -14.7% from 2023. In 2024, the unsheltered population who were surveyed decreased by 37.8% compared to 2023. Individuals who were surveyed and enrolled in Transitional Housing in 2024 decreased by 27.6% compared to 2023, while households enrolled had no change. These numbers should also take into consideration the shift in the population which is described in detail in the Multi-Year Data section of this document.

Households

Viewing data by households can provide a more consistent view of homelessness in the community than viewing the number of individuals. Some households have multiple members, such as partners and/or children, which would increase the individual count. In 2024, 453 households surveyed were experiencing homelessness – a decrease of 12.9% from 2023. Nearly half of all households surveyed, or 49.7%, were in an Emergency Shelter. Households surveyed reporting as Unsheltered decreased by 36%.
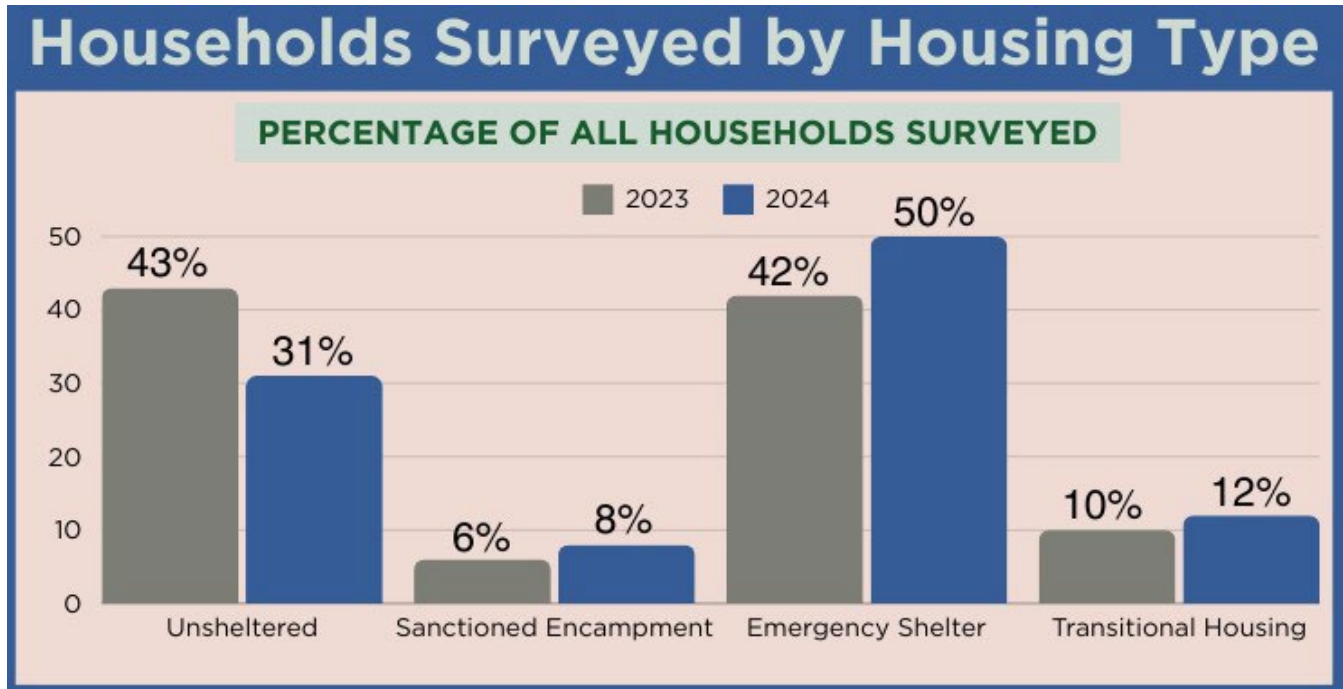
Households Surveyed by Housing Type

PERCENTAGE OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED

■ 2023   ■ 2024

	Unsheltered	Sanctioned Encampment	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing
2023	43%	6%	42%	10%
2024	31%	8%	50%	12%

Households Surveyed by Housing Type

	DISTRIBUTION OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED BY YEAR				2024 PERCENT	2024 % CHANGE
		2022	2023	2024	2024	2024
Unsheltered	Outdoors	149	193	118	26%	-38.9%
	RV/Boat & Vehicle	24	26	23	5.1%	-11.5%
	Abandoned Building	3	3	1	0.2%	-66.7%
	Total	**176**	**222**	**142**	**31.3%**	**-36%**
Sanctioned Encampment	Sanctioned Encampment	59	29	34	7.5%	+17.2%
	Total	**59**	**29**	**34**	**7.5%**	**+17.2%**
Emergency Shelter	Single Adult Shelter	177	165	156	34.4%	+5.5%
	Extreme Weather Shelter/Voucher	57	26	36	8%	+38.5%
	Family Shelter	23	11	11	2.4%	0%
	DV Shelter	13	10	12	2.7%	+20%
	Medical Respite	2	5	10	2.2%	+100%
	Total	**272**	**217**	**225**	**49.7%**	**+3.7%**
Transitional Housing	Families and Single Adults	28	22	24	5.3%	+9.1%
	Single Adults Only	19	30	28	6.2%	-6.7%
	Total	**47**	**52**	**52**	**11.5%**	**0%**
	Grand Total	**554**	**520**	**453**	**100%**	**-12.9%**

Location

While 71% of all Households stayed in the Upper Valley the night before the count, this is primarily due to the placement of temporary housing for Sanctioned Encampments, Emergency Shelters, and Transitional Housing. Looking at households that are unsheltered, 70% percent stayed in the City of Yakima the night of the count.

Households Surveyed by Location

ALL HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED

Bar chart comparing 2023 and 2024 households surveyed by region:
- Lower Valley: 22% (2023), 21% (2024)
- Upper Valley: 63% (2023), 71% (2024)
- Unknown: 15% (2023), 8% (2024)
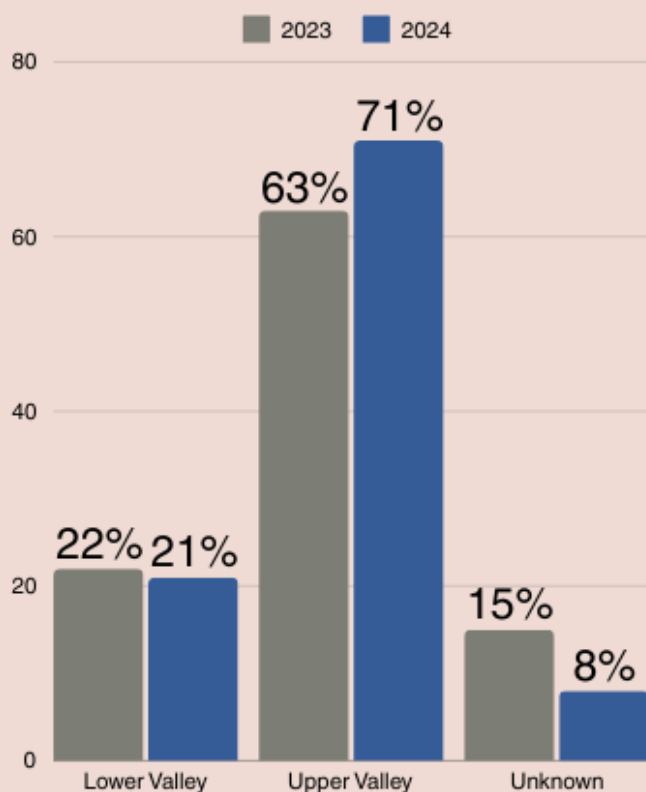
HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED BY AGENCY LOCATION

		2022	2023	2024
Upper Valley	Yakima	285	174	248
Lower Valley	Toppenish	48	13	38
	Wapato	37	30	24
	Sunnyside	4	1	1
	Granger	3	2	0
	White Swan	1		0
Unknown, Data not collected			78	0
Grand Total		378	298	311

Includes Sanctioned Encampments, Emergency Shelter, and Transitional Housing

UNSHELTERED HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED

	Yakima	Toppenish	Wapato	Sunnyside	White Swan	Mabton	Union Gap	Selah	Harrah	Granger	Unknown	Grand Total
2022	134	28	10	3		1						**176**
2023	144	48	17	1	1		7	2			2	**222**
2024	100	15	13	3	2		5				4	**142**

Includes sleeping outside, in vehicles, and abandoned buildings

Household Type

Households are composed of three categories: Households without children, Households with at least one adult and one child, Households with only children (unaccompanied minors). See the Challenges section for more information on collecting data from unaccompanied minors, under the heading Youth and Young Adults. In 2024, households with children surveyed decreased from 48 households to 30; but households without children were still far and away the most common household type, making up 93% of all households.

Households Surveyed by Type

HOUSEHOLD SURVEYED MAKE-UP

Legend: 2023, 2024

	With Children	Without Children
2023	9%	91%
2024	7%	93%

HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED WITH CHILDREN BY HOUSING TYPE

		2024
Emergency Shelter	Grace City Outreach	4
	The Lighthouse	1
	Triumph Treatment Services	8
	Yakima Union Gospel Mission	10
	Yakima Neighborhood Health Services	5
Transitional Housing	Village of Hope	2
	Grand Total	30

Households Surveyed by Type

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED BY TYPE

	2022		2023		2024	
	With Children	Without Children	With Children	Without Children	With Children	Without Children
Unsheltered	1	175	2	220	0	142
Sanctioned Encampment	0	59	0	29	0	34
Emergency Shelter	35	237	33	184	28	197
Transitional Housing	11	36	13	39	2	50
Grand Total	**47**	**507**	**48**	**472**	**30**	**423**

Income Source

Multiple categories were included when surveying about income:

Status	Income Type	Income Category	Detail
Income	Cash Income	Earned Income	Full-time Work
			Part-time Work
			Under the Table
			Farm/Seasonal Work
		Other Income	Panhandling
			TANF
			Relatives, partners, friends
			SSI/SSDI
			Per Capita
			Temp Disability/ABD
			Unemployment Income
	Non-Cash Income	Medicare/Medicaid	Medicare/Medicaid
No Income	None	None	None
	Refused	Refused	Refused

Households Surveyed Income Source

INCOME STATUS

2023 ■ 2024

Income: 63% (2023), 67% (2024)
No Income: 27% (2023), 29% (2024)
Unknown: 10% (2023), 3% (2024)
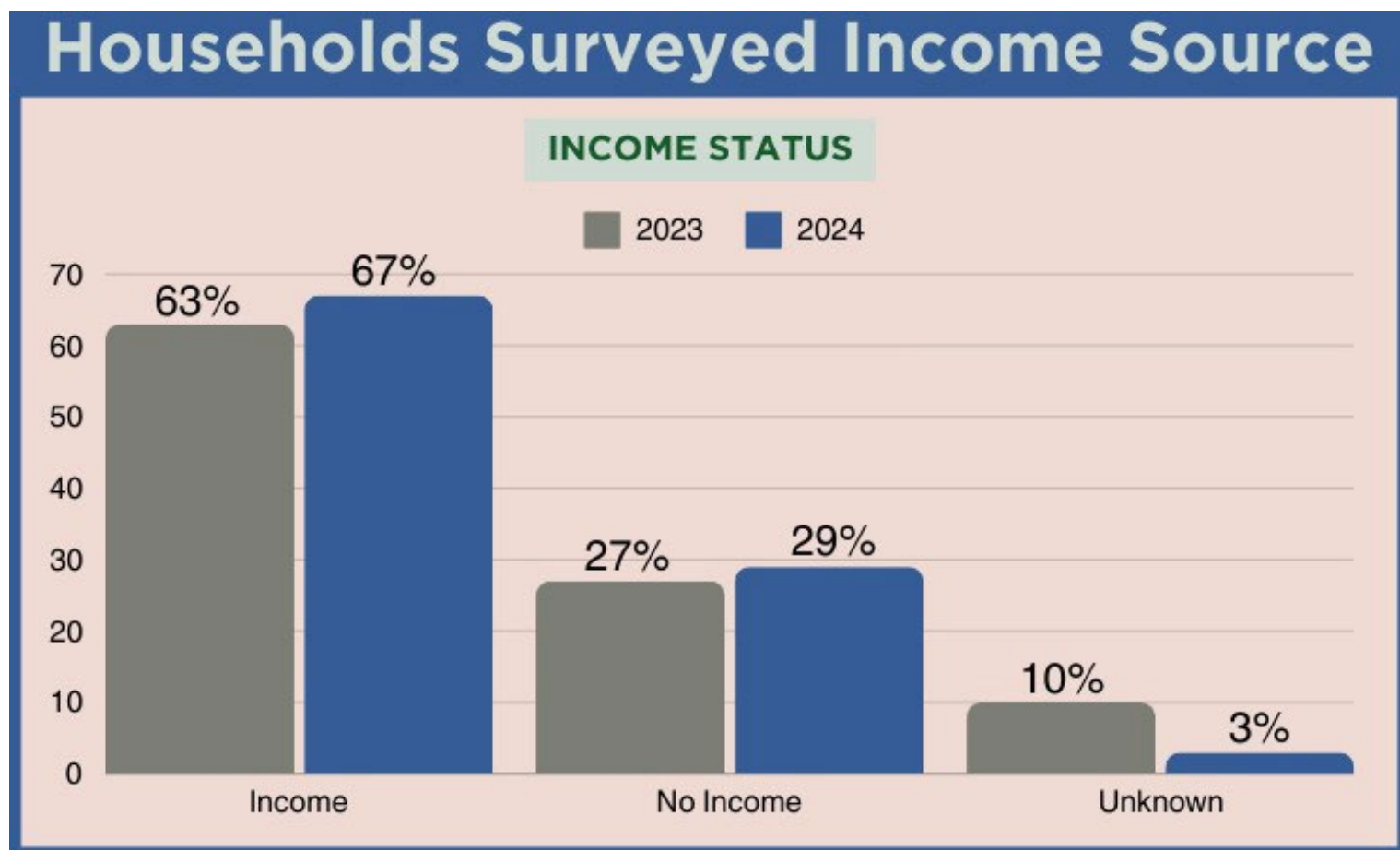
In 2024, over half of all households (67%) had some form of income:

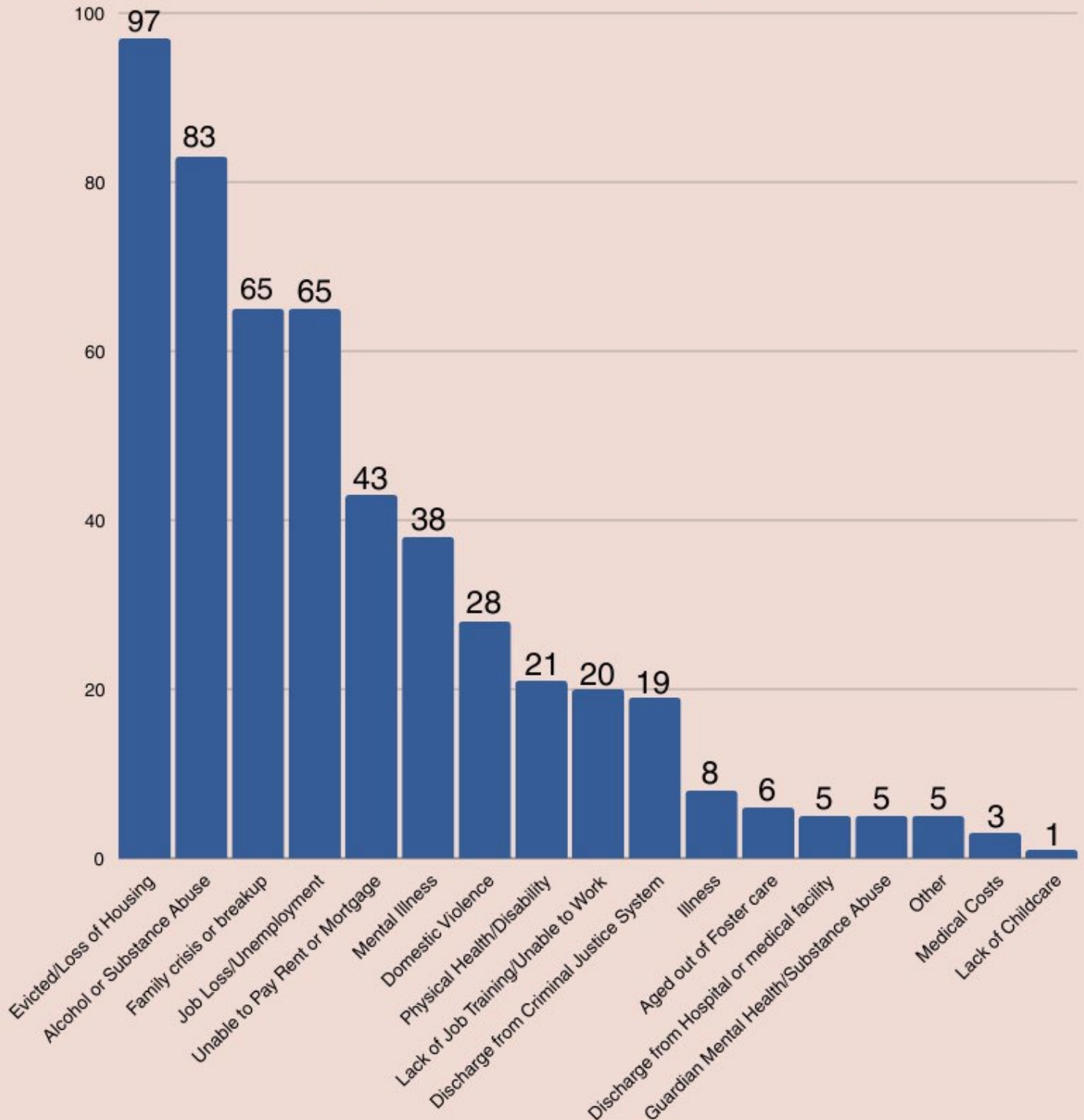## Households Surveyed Income Source

INCOME STATUS BY HOUSING TYPE

			Unsheltered	Sanctioned Encampment	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Grand Total
Income	Cash Income	Other Income Only	81	17	119	27	244
		Earned Income Only	7	3	15	3	28
		Both Earned and Other Income	6	2	11	3	22
	Non-Cash Income Only	Medicare/Medicaid Only	4	2	5	0	11
No Income	No Income	None	42	10	62	19	133
Unknown	Data Not Collected		0	0	2	0	2
	Client Prefers Not To Answer		1	0	12	0	13
		Grand Total	141	34	226	52	453

Causes and Conditions

Households surveyed were asked about what contributed most to their homelessness and were able to select more than one option. The following list is not weighted, but rather shows the number of households who listed that condition as a contributing factor. When asked about causes and conditions, 88.7%, or 402 households, responded: with only 47 households refusing or didn't know what cause or condition a contributing factor was. Eviction/Loss of housing has remained the number one cause for homelessness reported for the last four years.

Households Surveyed by Causes & Conditions

CAUSES & CONDITIONS

Cause/Condition	Households
Evicted/Loss of Housing	97
Alcohol or Substance Abuse	83
Family crisis or breakup	65
Job Loss/Unemployment	65
Unable to Pay Rent or Mortgage	43
Mental Illness	38
Domestic Violence	28
Physical Health/Disability	21
Lack of Job Training/Unable to Work	20
Discharge from Criminal Justice System	19
Illness	8
Aged out of Foster care	6
Discharge from Hospital or medical facility	5
Guardian Mental Health/Substance Abuse	5
Other	5
Medical Costs	3
Lack of Childcare	1

Households Surveyed by Causes & Conditions

NUMBER OF RESPONSES

	2022	2023	2024
Listed Causes	390	425	402
Data Not Collected	129	12	4
None Provided & Refused	35	83	47
Grand Total	**554**	**520**	**453**

The results vary when broken out by age group:

Households Surveyed by Age Group - Causes

Causes & Conditions	YA 18 to 24	Adults 25 to 64	Seniors 65+
Family crisis or breakup	10*	51	4
Lack of Job Training/Unable to Work	3	15	1
Mental Illness	3	34	0
Evicted/Loss of Housing	7	74*	15*
Job Loss/Unemployment	3	57	5
Alcohol or Substance Abuse	9	72	1
Unable to Pay Rent or Mortgage	3	37	3
Physical Health/Disability	0	20	1
Guardian Mental Health/Substance Abuse	0	5	0
Illness	0	8	0
Discharge from Hospital or medical facility	1	1	3
Domestic Violence	0	25	1
Lack of Childcare	1	0	0
Aged out of Foster care	2	4	0
Discharge from Criminal Justice System	0	18	1
Medical Costs	0	3	0

*Number one cause/condition for age group

Individuals

In 2024, 532 individuals surveyed identified as experiencing homelessness, a decrease of 14.7% from 2023. The number of people surveyed in Emergency Shelters increased by 3.8%, with the number of individuals surveyed who were unsheltered decreased by 37.8% compared to 2023.
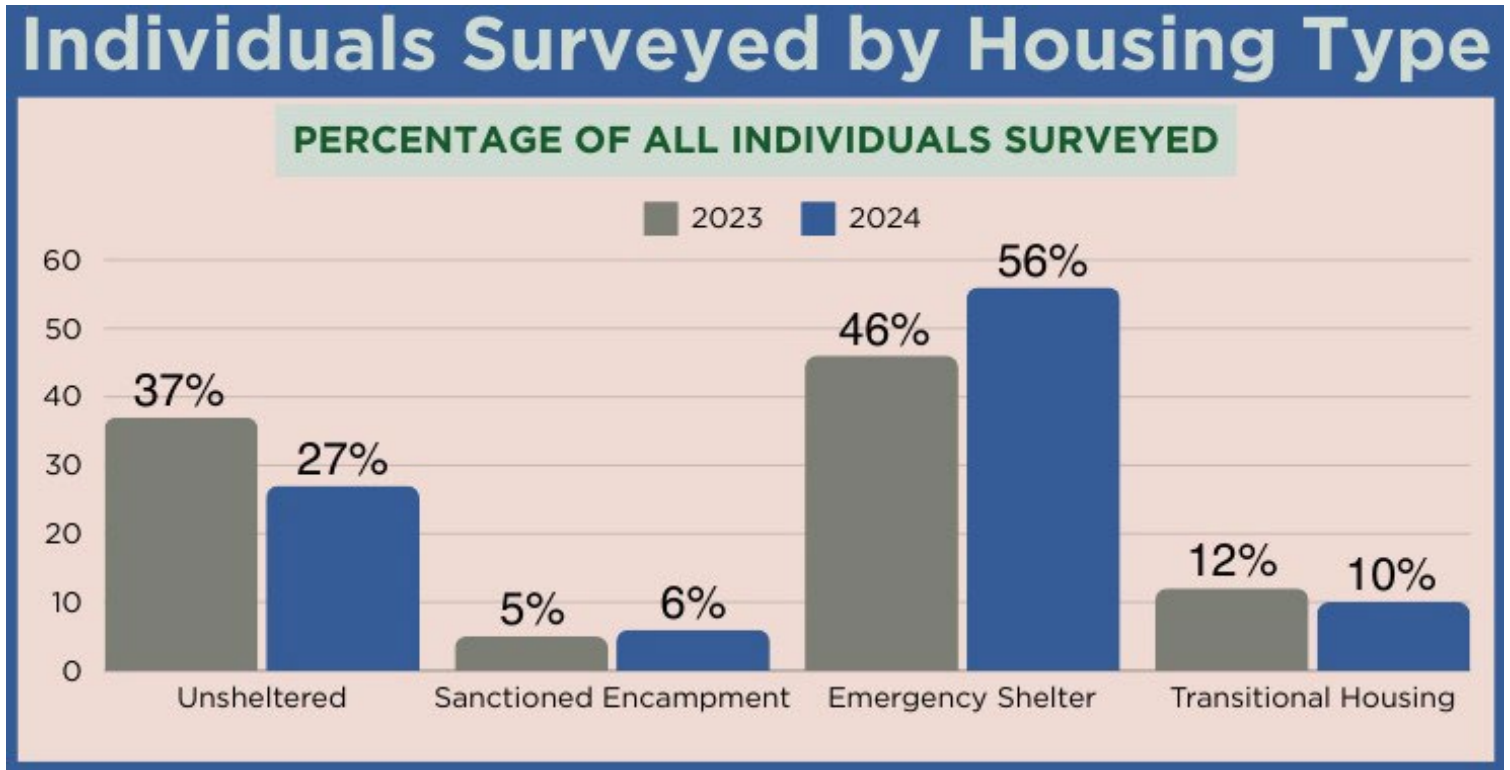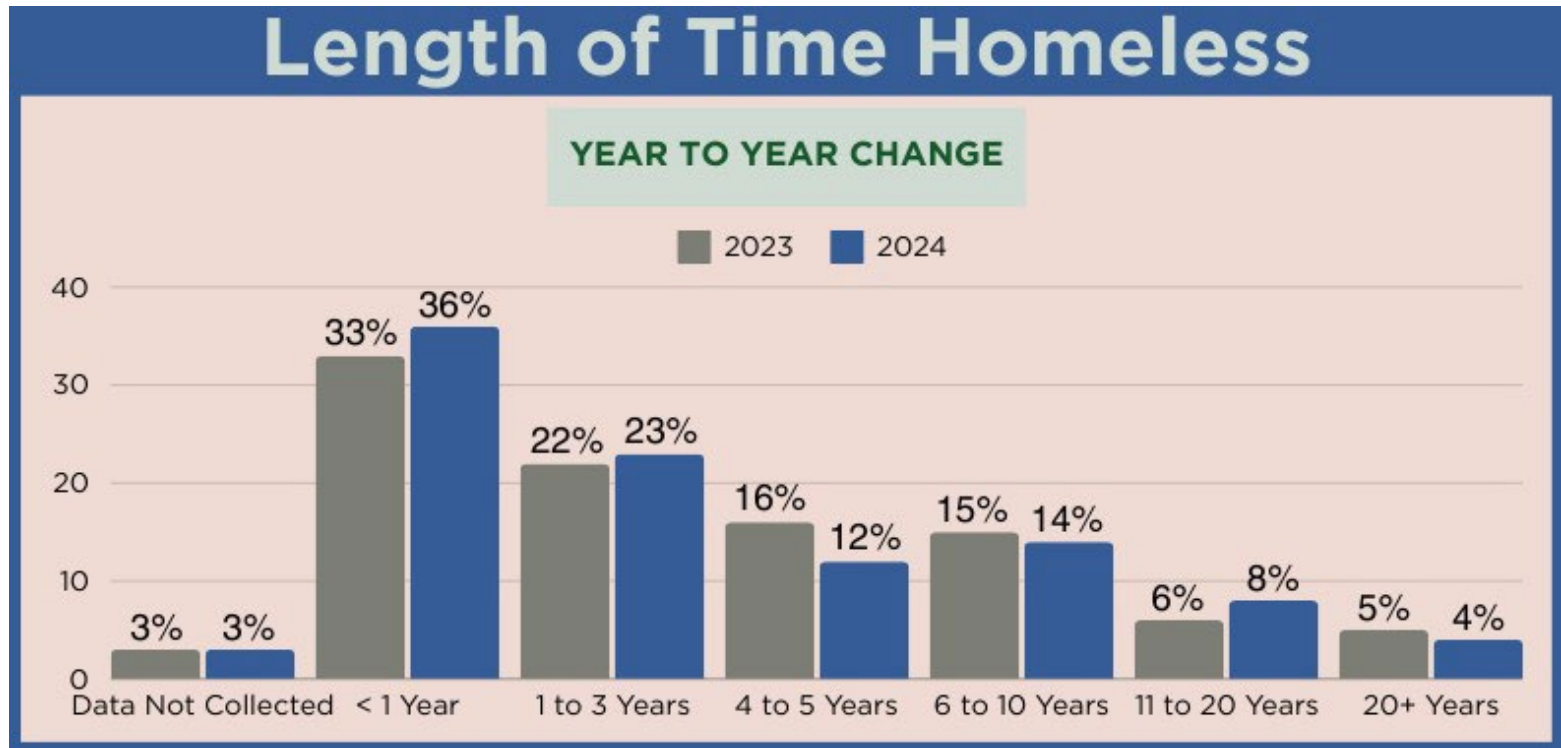
Individuals Surveyed by Housing Type

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	RV/Boat & Vehicle		30	33	24	4.5%	-27.3%
	Abandoned Building		3	3	1	0.2%	-66.7%
		Total	183	230	143	26.9%	-37.8%
Encampment	Sanctioned Encampment		59	29	34	6.4%	17.2%
		Total	59	29	34	6.4%	17.2%
Emergency Shelter	Single Adult Shelter		177	185	183	34.4%	-1.1%
	Extreme Weather Shelter/Voucher		73	29	57	10.7%	96.6%
	Family Shelter		69	37	35	6.6%	-5.4%
	DV Shelter		32	33	15	2.8%	-54.5%
	Medical Respite		2	5	10	1.9%	100%
		Total	353	289	300	56.4%	3.8%
Transitional Housing	Families and Single Adults		56	46	27	5.1%	-41.3%
	Single Adults Only		19	30	28	5.2%	-6.7%
		Total	75	76	55	10.3%	-27.6%
		Grand Total	670	624	532	100%	-14.7%

Length of Time Homeless

More than 1 in 4 individuals surveyed reported they had been experiencing homelessness for less than a year. Of those who had been homeless for less than a year, 49.7% of them were in an Emergency Shelter. Of those who are unsheltered, 27.5% had been homeless for less than a year.
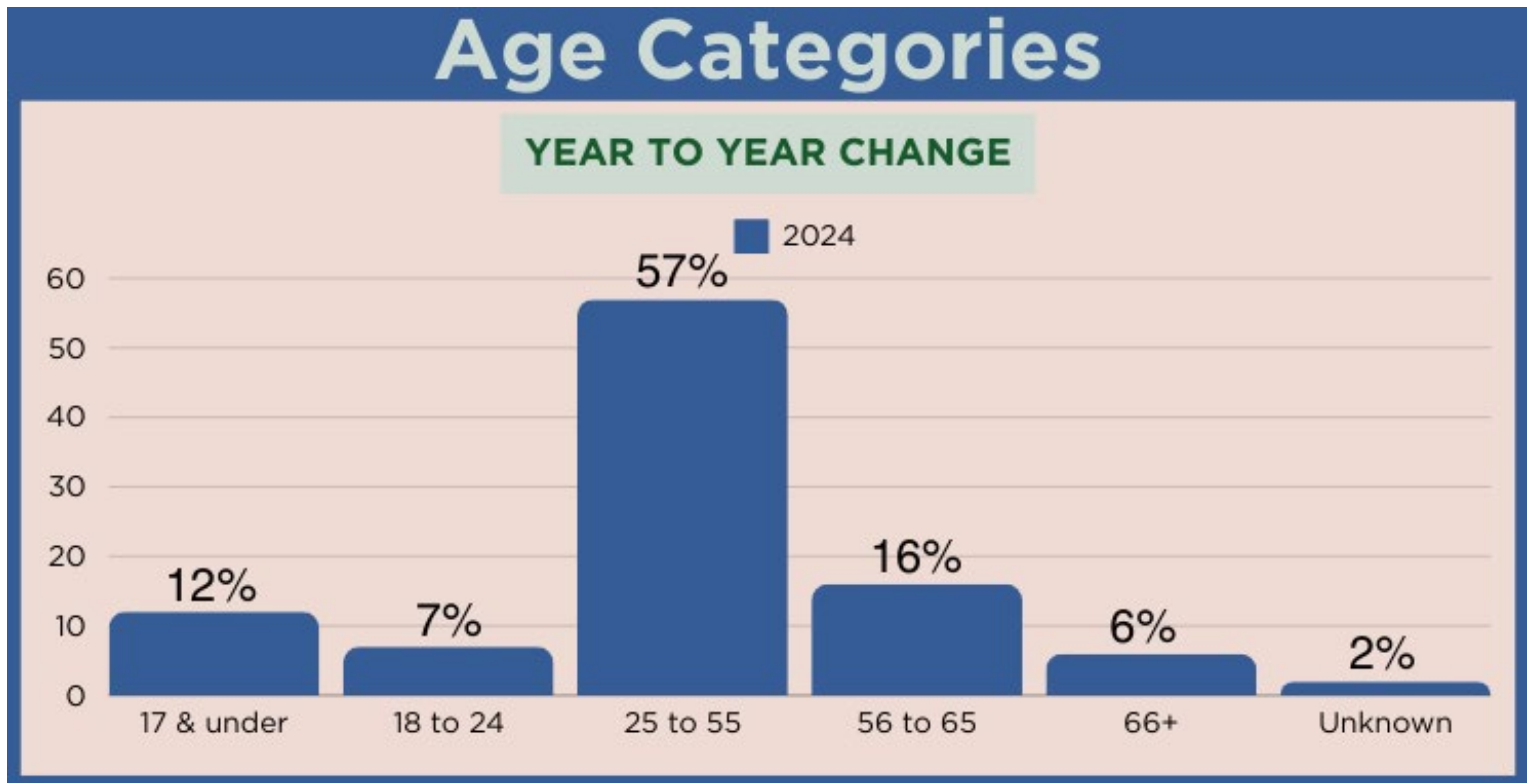

Length of Time Homeless — YEAR TO YEAR CHANGE

Legend: 2023, 2024

Category	2023	2024
Data Not Collected	3%	3%
< 1 Year	33%	36%
1 to 3 Years	22%	23%
4 to 5 Years	16%	12%
6 to 10 Years	15%	14%
11 to 20 Years	6%	8%
20+ Years	5%	4%

Length of Time Homeless

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED

	Unsheltered	Sanctioned Encampment	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	**Grand Total**
Data Not Collected	1	0	14	0	**15**
Less than a Year	39	23	86	17	**165**
1 to 3 Years	27	6	45	26	**104**
4 to 5 Years	19	2	28	3	**52**
6 to 10 Years	32	2	26	5	**65**
11 to 20 Years	17	1	15	1	**34**
20+ Years	7	0	11	0	**18**
Grand Total	**142**	**34**	**225**	**52**	**453**

Age

The average age of all individuals counted was 40 years old, which was a decrease from 2023's average age: 42 years old. The most significantly represented age bracket was those between the ages of 25-55. 57% of all individuals surveyed were in this age bracket, with 46.7% of those in this age bracket in an Emergency Shelter. 1.7% of all individuals had unknown ages, due to the client being client refused and/or having only a partial date of birth collected by their survey taker.

Age Categories

YEAR TO YEAR CHANGE

■ 2024

Category	Percentage
17 & under	12%
18 to 24	7%
25 to 55	57%
56 to 65	16%
66+	6%
Unknown	2%

Age Categories

	17 & Under	18-24	25-55	56 to 65	66+	Unknown, Data not collected	**Grand Total**
Unsheltered	1	11	102	25	4	0	**143**
Sanctioned Encampment	0	1	24	7	1	1	**34**
Emergency Shelter	61	18	142	47	25	7	**300**
Transitional Housing	1	8	36	6	3	1	**55**
Grand Total	**63**	**38**	**304**	**85**	**33**	**9**	532

*Clients refused/partial DOB collected

Gender

60% of individuals surveyed identified as Man (Boy, if child); 1.1% of individuals were Data Not Collected/Preferred Not To Say. For the privacy of people entered in HMIS, The Department of Human Services follows Commerce's prescribed data suppression standards.

Gender Categories
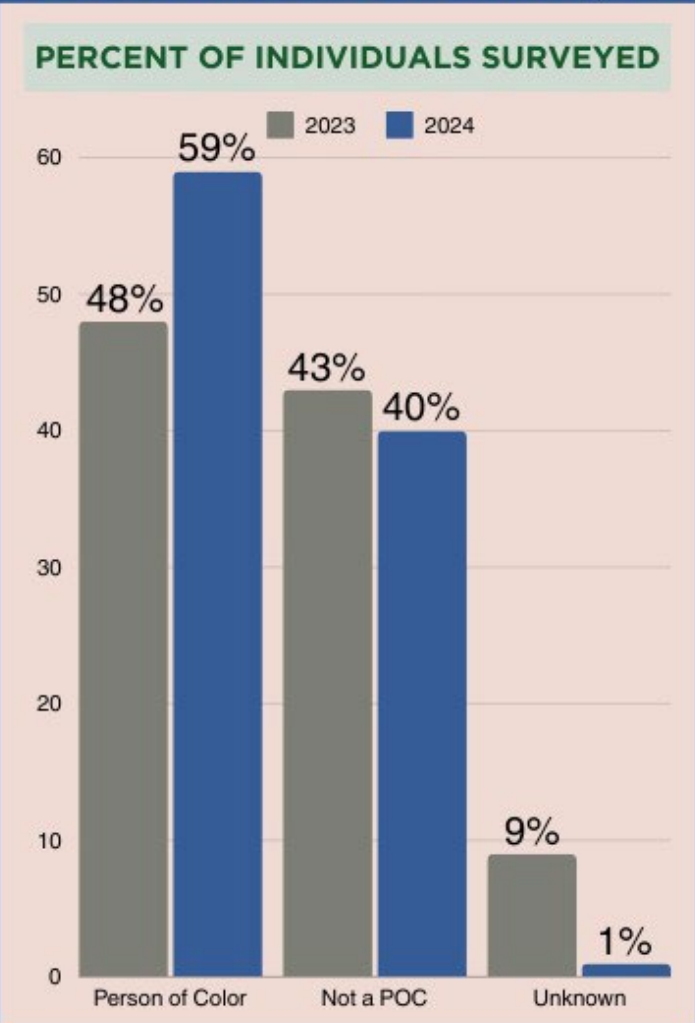
YEAR TO YEAR CHANGE

2023 2024

	Man (Boy, if child)	Woman (Girl, if child)	Transgender	Non-Binary	Data not Collected
2023	57%	41%			
2024	60%	38%	*Less than 11	*Less than 11	1% / 1%
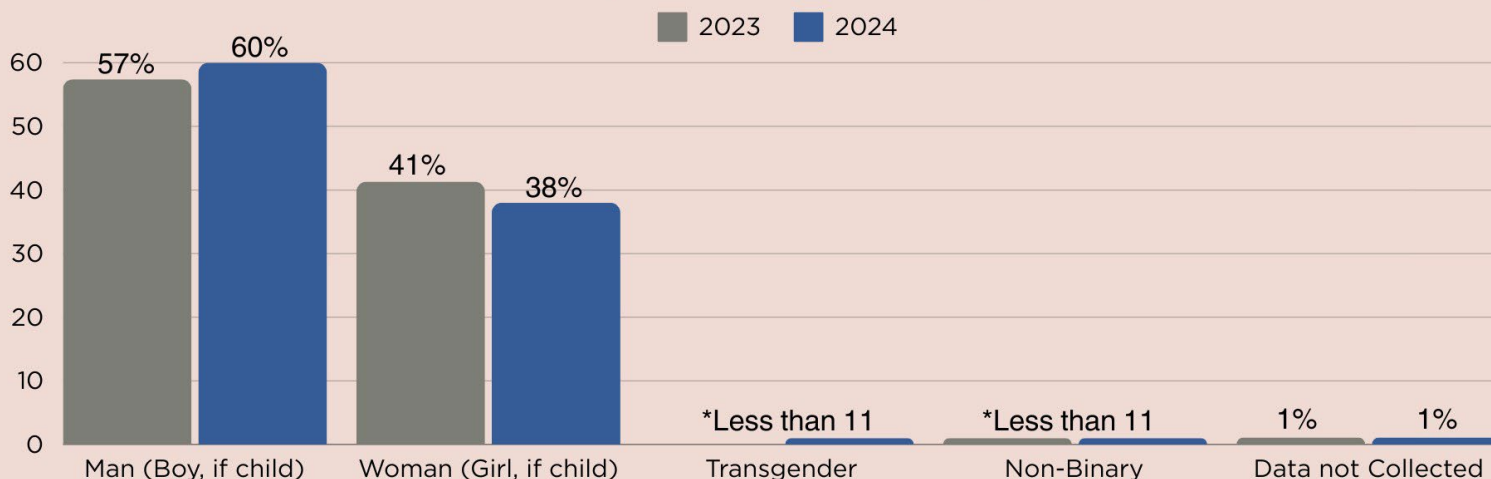
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SURVEYED

	Man (Boy, if child)	Woman (Girl, if child)	Transgender	Non-Binary	Data Not Collected
Unsheltered	93	49	< 11*	< 11*	< 11*
Sanctioned Encampment	21	< 11*	< 11*	< 11*	< 11*
Emergency Shelter	180	113	< 11*	< 11*	< 11*
Transitional Housing	25	30	< 11*	< 11*	< 11*

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Race and Ethnicity

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Race and Ethnicity of Individuals Surveyed

RACE AND ETHNICITY COMBINED

Ethnicity	Race	Not a person of color	Person of Color	Unknown
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	White	209		
	American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous		109	
	Black, African American, or African		11	
	Multi-Racial		10	
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		< 11*	
	Asian or Asian American		< 11*	
	Middle Eastern/North African		< 11*	
	Client prefers not to answer, data not collected			1
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	White		52	
	Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)		81	
	American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous		13	
	Black, African American, or African		< 11*	
	Multi-Racial		< 11*	
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		< 11*	
	Asian or Asian American		< 11*	
	Client prefers not to answer, data not collected		5	
Unknown	Client prefers not to answer, data not collected			3

*For the privacy of people entered into HMIS, The Department of Human Services follows Commerce's prescribed data suppression standards.

Race and Ethnicity of Individuals Surveyed

PERCENT OF INDIVIDUALS SURVEYED

Legend: 2023, 2024

Category	2023	2024
Person of Color	48%	59%
Not a POC	43%	40%
Unknown	9%	1%

BY HOUSING TYPE

	Sanctioned Encampment	Unsheltered	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing
Person of Color	71%	54%	65%	56%
Not a Person of Color	29%	46%	34%	44%
Unknown			1%	
Grand Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**

Tribal Enrollment

In 2024, 115 individuals surveyed were enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe. Of those, 76.5 % of those who were enrolled were members of the Confederated Tribes of Yakama Nation.

Tribal Enrollment

	2024
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	88
Round Valley Indian Tribes	5
Chippewa (Unspecified)	3
Dual Tribal Enrollments	2
Aleut (Unspecified)	2
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe	1
Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	1
The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation - Three Affiliated Tribes	1
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	1
The Citizen Potawatomi Nation	1
Syilx Okanagan Nation	1
The Northern Arapaho Tribe of Wyoming	1
Nooksack Indian Tribe	1
Eastern Shoshone Tribe	1
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	1
The Chickasaw Nation	1
Cherokee Nation	1
Cheyenne (Unspecified)	1
Blackfeet Nation	1
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	1
Grand Total	**115**

Education

The following table shows the educational attainment for surveyed adults 25 and older. This age delineation is done to prevent a falsely low educational attainment rate caused by children in the appropriate grade level. In 2024, 60% of adults 25 and older surveyed had an educational attainment level of a diploma/GED or higher.

Educational Attainment - 25 and older

YEAR TO YEAR CHANGE

Bar chart comparing 2023 and 2024:
- Diploma/GED or Higher: 47% (2023), 60% (2024)
- No Diploma/GED: 29% (2023), 37% (2024)
- Unknown: 24% (2023), 3% (2024)
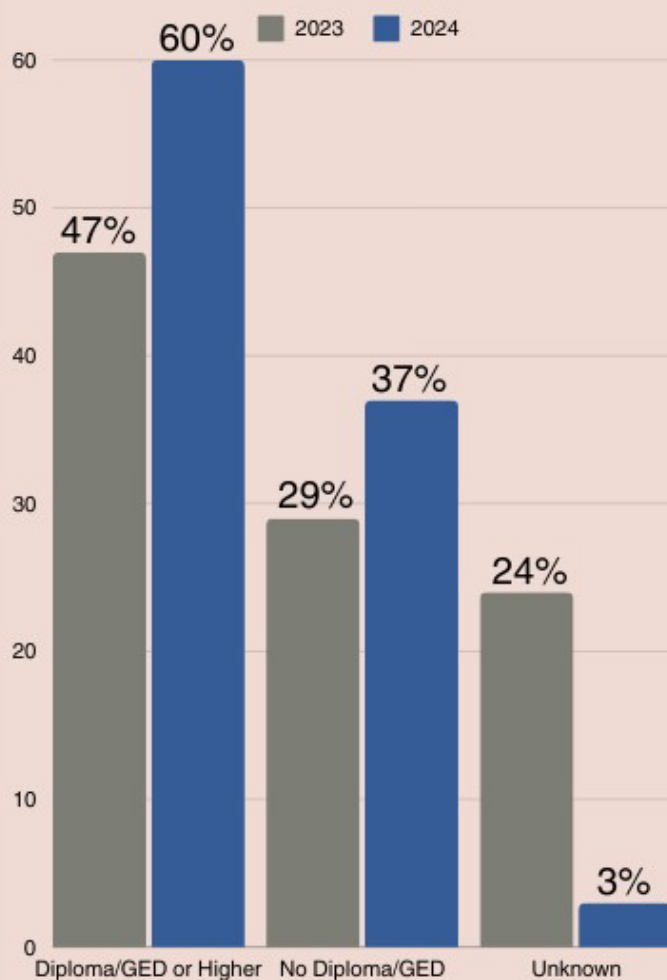
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SURVEYED

		2022	2023	2024
Diploma/ GED or Higher	Diploma/GED	141	114	152
	Some College	73	62	76
	AA Degree	12	17	19
	BA or Higher	17	12	6
No Diploma/ GED	Less than 9th Grade	53	34	62
	Some High School	102	94	93
Unknown	Data Not Collected	116	98	4
	Client Prefers Not To Answer	0	6	10
	Unknown	2	1	
	Grand Total	516	438	422

Educational Attainment - 25 and older

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY HOUSING TYPE

	Diploma/GED or Higher	No Diploma/GED	Unknown	Grand Total
Emergency Shelter	121	82	11	214
Sanctioned Encampment	23	9		32
Transitional Housing	33	11	1	45
Unsheltered	76	53	2	131
Grand Total	253	155	14	422

Special Populations

This section reviews the survey results by Chronically Homeless status, disability, age, and Veteran status.

Chronically Homeless

Chronically homeless is defined as an individual with a disability who lives either in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter. The individual could also be living in an institutional care facility, if the individual has been living in the facility for fewer than 90 days and had been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately prior to entering the institutional care facility[2]. In 2024, 191 households were identified as being chronically homeless.

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[2] Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR Parts 91 and 578; RIN 2506–AC37 Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Defining ''Chronically Homeless''. See a flowchart of this process here: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Flowchart-of-HUDs-Definition-of-Chronic-Homelessness.pdf

Chronically Homeless Households Surveyed

HOUSEHOLDS WITH A DISABILITY WHO LIVE EITHER IN A PLACE NOT MEANT FOR HUMAN HABITATION, A SAFE HAVEN, OR IN AN EMERGENCY SHELTER.

Legend: ■ 2023 ■ 2024

Category	2023	2024
Chronically Homeless	59%	70%
Not Chronically Homeless	26%	29%
Unknown	15%	1%
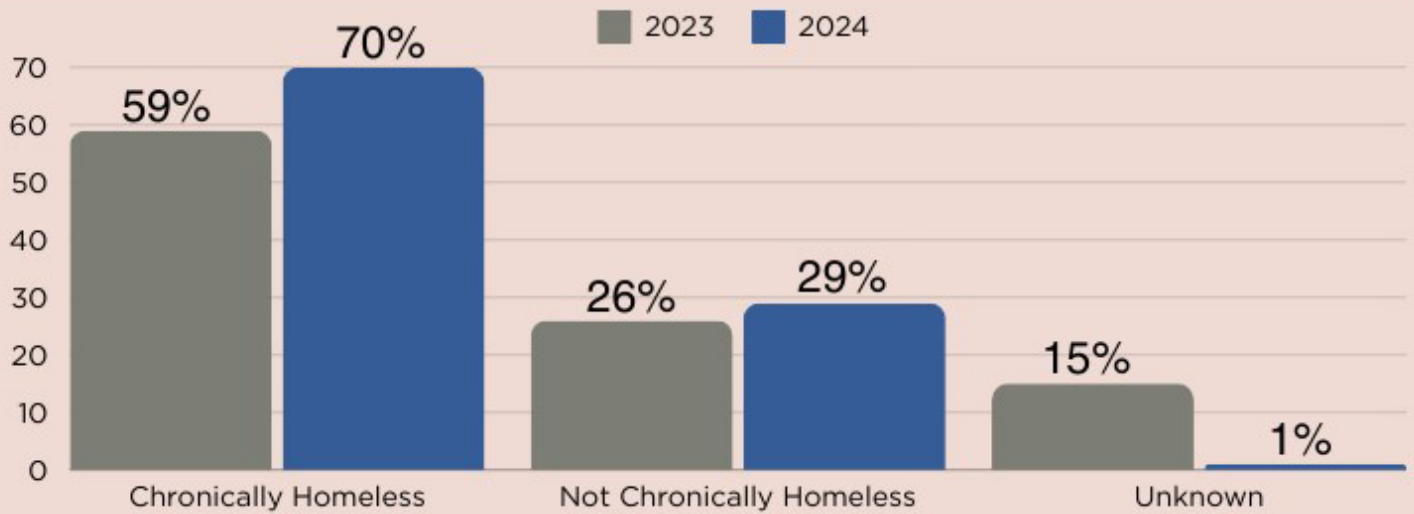
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED

	2022	2023	2024
Unsheltered	128	100	93
Sanctioned Encampment	20	13	17
Emergency Shelter	83	78	109
Grand Total	**231**	**191**	**219**

Veterans

In 2024, 32 individuals surveyed identified themselves as Veterans. Of the 32 Veterans surveyed, 31.2% of them were unsheltered. Slightly over half of all Veterans were chronically homeless, with 53% identified as chronically homeless.

Individuals Surveyed Who Are Veterans

YEAR BY YEAR
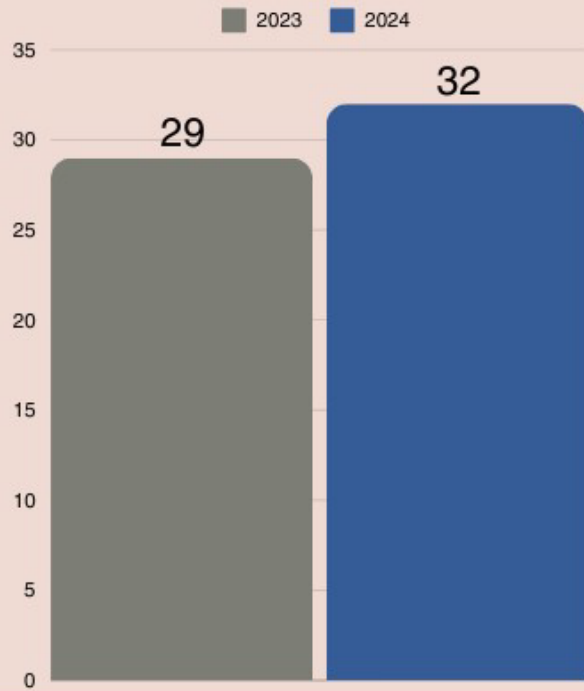
PERCENT CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

	2022	2023	2024
Chronically Homeless	50%	41%	53%
Not Chronically Homeless	45%	52%	47%
Unknown	5%	7%	0%
Grand Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**

BY HOUSING TYPE

	2023	2024
Emergency Shelter	18	15
Sanctioned Encampment	4	5
Transitional Housing	0	2
Unsheltered	7	10
Grand Total	29	32

RECEIVING VETERANS BENEFITS

	2022	2023	2024
Yes		17%	34%
No	85%	79%	56%
Unknown	15%	4%	10%
Grand Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**

Capacity and Utilization

The following table shows where the sheltered individuals resided on the night of PIT. These counts were pulled from HMIS.

Type	Category	Agency	Program	Capacity	HMIS Count	Utilization
Sanctioned Encampment	Sanctioned Encampment	Grace City Outreach	Camp Hope	110	106	96%
Emergency Shelters	DV Shelters	The Lighthouse	Domestic Violence Shelter	8	4	50%
		YWCA Yakima	Domestic Violence Shelter	44	31	70%
	Extreme Weather Shelter/ Vouchers	Yakama Nation	Iniitnu't Cold Winter Weather Shelter	50	20	40%
		Northwest Community Action Center	Vouchers	15	13	87%
		Rod's House	Young Adult Extreme Winter Weather Shelter	16	5	31%
		The Lighthouse	Domestic Violence Vouchers	10	0	0%
		Yakima Neighborhood Health Services	Vouchers and Cosecha	19	34	179%
	Family Shelters	Grace City Outreach	Portables – Families*	52	20	38%
		Triumph Treatment Services	Family Shelter	40	26	65%
		Yakima Union Gospel Mission	Family Shelter	48	40	83%
	Medical Respite	Yakima Neighborhood Health Services	Medical Respite	5	3	60%
	Single Adult Shelters	Generating Hope	Noah's Ark	37	25	68%
		Grace City Outreach	Portables – Singles*	53	70	132%
		Rod's House	Young Adult Emergency Housing	8	7	88%
		Yakima Union Gospel Mission	Adult Shelters	150	118	79%
Transitional Housing	Families and Single Adults	Village of Hope	Armory	30	18	60%
		Yakima Union Gospel Mission	Bridge, New Life, Discovery	68	30	44%
		YWCA Yakima	Transitional Housing	60	33	55%

*Total combined capacity for Grace City Outreach Portables program is 105

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- District 2 Commissioner Kyle Curtis
- District 3 Commissioner LaDon Linde

Providers

Providers are integral to having an accurate Shelter Count of those who are currently housed. Thank you to the service providers who completed Outreach and Shelter counts:

- Generating Hope
- Grace City Outreach
- Northwest Community Action Center
- Rod's House
- The Lighthouse

- Triumph Treatment Services
- Yakama Nation (Village of Hope and Iniitnu't Shelter)
- Yakima Union Gospel Mission
- Yakima Neighborhood Health Services
- Yakima YWCA

Questions?

For questions about the Point in Time survey or the results published in this report, please contact the Yakima County Human Services Department at HumanServices@co.yakima.wa.us, or by calling (509) 574-1365. More information about homelessness in Yakima County can be found online at www.yakimacounty.us/2390/Homeless-Housing-and-Assistance-Program.

Thank you for your interest in homelessness in Yakima County.

Appendix A: Definitions

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
A federal agency dedicated to strengthening and supporting the housing market and homeownership.

Disabling Condition
A diagnosable substance use disorder, a serious mental illness, a developmental disability, a chronic physical illness, or a disability including the co-occurrence of two or more of the previously mentioned conditions. A disabling condition limits an individual's ability to work or perform one or more activities of daily living.

Domestic Violence (DV) Shelter
A shelter established to provide temporary food and shelter, counseling, and related services to survivors of domestic violence situations, such as sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence.

Emergency Shelter (ES)
Provides immediate relief from homelessness and the opportunity for service providers to assess the needs of each individual. The length of stay in an emergency shelter is typically 90 days or less.

Encampment (Sanctioned)
A safe, accessible space where individuals experiencing homelessness are residing in tents or other temporary structures, and the space is one where individuals are permitted to reside in such a fashion. Sanctioned Encampments may also operate with the presence of staff to ensure safety and provide support services to residents.

Encampment (Unsanctioned)
A term used to describe tents, cardboard shacks, and other temporary structures where individuals experiencing homelessness are residing that are not part of an established sanctioned encampment and are in areas not permitted by the government for such habitation.

Extreme Weather Shelter
A shelter open during the summer or winter months during periods of extreme weather that operate with a policy to accept anyone – drunk or sober. This is a type of shelter open only on nights when the weather is dangerous to the survival of people sleeping outdoors.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
A local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness.

Homelessness
The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines four categories of homelessness:
> **Category 1: Literally Homeless**
> Individuals and families who live in a place not meant for human habitation (including on the streets or in their car), emergency shelter, transitional housing, and hotels paid for by a government or charitable organization.
> **Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homelessness**
> Individuals and families who will lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days and has no other resources or support networks to obtain permanent housing.

Category 3: Homeless under other Federal statutes

Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not meet any of the other categories but are homeless under other federal statues, have not had a lease and have moved 2 or more times in the last 60 days, and are likely to remain unstable due to special needs or barriers.

Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV

Individuals and families who are fleeing, or are attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and who lack resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.

Categories of homelessness include experiences of those who:

1. Are trading sex for housing
2. Are staying with friends, but cannot stay there longer than 14 days
3. Are being trafficked
4. Left home because of physical, emotional, or financial abuse or threats of abuse and have no safe, alternative housing

Permanent Housing (PH)

Permanent housing for individuals and families who are unable to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency. No time limitation is required.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Permanent housing for individuals and families with special needs, including physical and mental disabilities. Supportive housing provides on-site services – such as healthcare, job training, and counseling – to help people live independently in their own units.

Point in Time Count (PIT)

A survey of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.

Medical Respite

Beds provided for people who need bed rest and medical care but are not sick or injured enough to be admitted to a hospital.

Transitional Housing (TH)

Time-limited housing provided with accompanying supportive services and the time needed for a household experiencing homelessness to get stabilized. Designed as a transition between emergency shelter and permanent housing. Amenities usually include a private room, a common kitchen, and laundry facilities. The length of stay is usually limited to 24 months and is usually accompanied by program steps that must be completed, intended to prepare a resident for housing and self-sufficiency.

Unaccompanied Minor

An individual under the age of 18 who is not currently residing with an adult guardian.

Unsheltered Homelessness

A primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. This includes (but is not limited to) a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.

Youth and Young Adults (YYA)
Anyone under the age of 25.

Appendix B: Yakima County 2024 Point in Time Survey

English

2023 Point in Time Survey

Location of Interview _____ Surveyor's First/Last Name _____ Date _____

Is the household actively fleeing domestic violence? ☐ Yes ☐ No *Note: If YES, ONLY collect birth year - DO NOT record initials or exact birth date or sign consent form on back!*

Relation to HoH	Name		Birthday			Population Data								Education						Disability				
	First	Last	Month	Day	Year	Gender[1]	Sexual Orientation[2]	Veteran?	Vet Benefits?	Race[3]	Enrolled?	Parents enrolled?	Hispanic or Latino?	Less than 9th	Some HS	Diploma/GED	Some College	AA Degree	BA or Higher	Chronic Sub. Abuse	Developmental	Mental Health	Perm. Physical	Chronic Health
Self																								

If an individual is enrolled as a member of a federally recognized Tribe, what is their tribal affiliation? _____

1 - Male (M), Female (F), A gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male' (D) Transgender (T) Questioning (Q), Refused (R)
2 - Heterosexual (C), Homosexual (H), Bisexual (B), Asexual (A), Questioning(Q), Pansexual (P), Refused (R), Other (O)
3 - White (W), Black, or African American, or African (B), Asian or Asian American (A), American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (I), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (H), Refused (R)

What month & year did you become homeless this time? _____ / _____ / _____	Where did you live when you became homeless? _____

Has any adult or minor head of household been continuously without housing for a year or more? ☐ Yes ☐ No *(If yes – skip to where they stayed last night)*

Has any adult in the household or minor head of household been without housing 4 or more times in the last 3 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Do these times without housing, added together, amount to a year or more? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What City did you stay in last night? _____ *(Use the table below to indicate what type of housing they stayed in last night)*

☐ Out of Doors	☐ Vehicle	☐ Abandoned Building	☐ RV/Boat
☐ Temporarily w/ Family or Friends	☐ Jail/Prison	☐ Institution or Facility	☐ Camp Hope
☐ Shelter _____	☐ TH_____	☐ Other – Specify _____	

Source(s) of Household Income and Benefits *Check all that apply. Cash income only (i.e., no food stamps, etc.).* ☐ Refused ☐ None

☐ Panhandling	☐ TANF	☐ Medicare/Medicaid	☐ Relatives/Friends
☐ SSI/SSDI	☐ Part Time Employment	☐ Full Time Employment	☐ Under the Table/Informal Employment
☐ Per Capita	☐ Temp Disability/ABD	☐ Unemployment Income	☐ Farm/Seasonal Employment

What circumstances contributed the most to your homelessness? ☐ Refused ☐ None

Housing & Economic	COVID Related?		System & Legal	Health Issues	COVID Related?		Family Conflict
☐ Job Loss/unemployment	Y	N	☐ Discharged from hospital or other medical facility	☐ Mental Illness	Y	N	☐ Domestic Violence
☐ Eviction/Loss of housing	Y	N	☐ Discharged from criminal/juvenile justice system	☐ Physical health/disability	Y	N	☐ Guardian mental health/substance abuse
☐ Lack of job training/ unable to work	Y	N	☐ Aged out of foster care	☐ Alcohol/substance abuse	Y	N	☐ Family Rejection/Kicked Out
☐ Lack of childcare	Y	N	☐ Unable to pay rent/mortgage	☐ Illness	Y	N	☐ Medical costs

Client Release of Information and Informed Consent

IMPORTANT: Do not enter personally identifying information into HMIS for clients who are: 1) in DV agencies or; 2) currently fleeing or in danger from a domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking situation; 3) are being served in a program that requires disclosure of HIV/AIDS status (i.e.; HOPWA); or 4) under 13 with no parent or guardian available to consent to enter the minor's information in HMIS. *If this applies to you, STOP- Do not sign this form.*

This agency participates in the Washington State Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) by collecting information, over time, about the characteristics and service needs of people facing homelessness. RCW 43.185C.180 and RCW 43.185C.030

- To provide the most effective services in moving people from homelessness to permanent housing, we need an accurate count of all people experiencing homelessness in Washington State. In order to insure that clients are not counted twice, we need to collect four pieces of personally identifying information. Specifically, we collect: **name, birth date, and race/ethnicity.** You may also choose to provide your social security number. However, signing this form does not require you to do so. Your information will be stored in our database for 7 years after the last date of service. If you have questions about collection of data or your rights regarding your personally identifying information, contact the HMIS System Administrator at: (360) 725-3028
- We use strict security policies designed to protect your privacy. Our computer system is highly secure and uses up-to-date protection features such as data encryption, passwords, and two-factor authentication required for each system user. There is a small risk of a security breach, and someone might obtain and use your information inappropriately. If you ever suspect the data in HMIS has been misused, immediately contact the HMIS System Administrator at: (360) 725-3028
- The data you provide may be combined with data from the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and Education Research and Data Center for the purpose of further analysis. Your name and other identifying information will not be included in any reports or publications. Only a limited number of staff members, who have signed confidentiality agreements, will be able to see this information. Your information will not be used to determine eligibility for DSHS programs. Washington State HMIS system administrators have full access to all information in HMIS. This includes the Department of Commerce staff, designated HMIS system administrators, and the software vendor.
- By signing this form, you acknowledge and allow Department of Commerce staff to obtain additional records of information from other state agencies with which there is a data sharing agreement (DSA) on file between Commerce and the other agency. Our DSA guides data transfer and storage security protocols. If DSAs are in place, Commerce is authorized by you to obtain, add to HMIS, and use for evaluation purposes any other data you have provided to other Washington state agencies.
- Your decision to participate in the HMIS will not affect the quality or quantity of services you are eligible to receive from this agency, and will not be used to deny outreach, assistance, shelter or housing. However, if you do choose to participate, services in the region may improve if we have accurate information about homeless individuals and the services they need. Furthermore, some funders MAY require that you consent to provide your personally identifying information in HMIS in order for you to receive services from that funding source.

I understand the above statements and consent to the inclusion of personally identifying information in HMIS about me and any dependents listed below, and authorize information collected to be shared with partner agencies. I understand that my personally identifying information will not be made public and will only be used with strict confidentiality. I also understand that I may withdraw my consent at any time by filing a 'Client Revocation of Consent' form with this agency. I understand that I may obtain a copy of my signed consent form from this Agency (including forms signed electronically).

Dependent children under 18 in household, if any (Please print first and last names):

_____   _____   _____   _____
Child 1   Child 2   Child 3   Child 4

_____   _____   _____   _____
HoH Signature   Adult 1   Adult 2   Adult 3

Spanish

2023 Encuesta Prevalencia

Ubicación de Entrevista_____ Primer nombre y apellido del Entrevistador_____ Fecha_____

¿El hogar está activamente huyendo de violencia domestica? ☐ Si ☐ No Nota: ¡Si es así, SOLAMENTE tome año de nacimiento- NO registrar iniciales o fecha exacta de nacimiento o firme forma de consentimiento en la parte posterior!

Relación con cabeza de familia	Nombre		Fecha de nacimiento			Datos de Población								Educación						Discapacidad				
	Primer	Apellido	Mes	Dia	Año	Genero[1]	Orientación Sexual[2]	Veterano	Beneficios de Veteranos	Raza[3]	Registrado?	Padres registrados?	Hispano o Latino	Menos del año 9	Preparatoria	Diploma/ GED	Algo de colegio	Título técnico de bachiller	Licenciatura	Abuso crónico de substancias	Desarrollo	Salud Mental	Físico Permanente	Salud Crónica

¿Si el individuo es miembro inscrito de una tribu reconocida a nivel federal, cual s su afiliación tribal? _____

1-Masculino (M), Femenino (F), Un género que no es singularmente 'Femenino' o 'Masculino' (D), Transgenero (T), Cuestionando (Q), Rechazado (R)
2- Heterosexual (C), Homosexual (H), Bisexual (B), Asexual (A), Cuestionando (Q), Pansexual (P), Rechazado (R), Otro (O),
3- Blanco/a (W), Negro/a, o Africano/a Americano/a, o Africano/a (B), Asiatico/a o Asiatico/a Americano/a (A), Indio/a Americano/a, Nativo/a de Alaska, o Indigeno/a (I), Nativo de Hawaiano/a u otro isleño/a pacifico (H), Rechazado (R)

¿En qué mes y año se quedó sin vivienda, esta vez? _____/_____/_____   ¿Dónde vivía cuando se quedó sin vivienda? _____

¿Algún adulto o menor de edad cabeza de familia ha estado continuamente sin vivienda durante un año o más? ☐ Si ☐ No (Si es así- saltar a donde se quedó anoche)

¿Algún adulto en el hogar o menor de edad cabeza de familia ha estado sin vivienda 4 o más veces en los últimos 3 años? ☐ Si ☐ No	¿Estos tiempos sin vivienda, sumados, ascienden a un año o más? ☐ Si ☐ No

En qué Ciudad se quedó anoche?_____ (Use la tabla para indicar que tipo de alojamiento se quedó anoche)

☐ Fuera de puertas	☐ Vehículo	☐ Edificio Abandonado	☐ Casa rodante/Barco
☐ Temporalmente con Familia o Amigos	☐ Cárcel/Prisión	☐ Institución o Instalación	☐ Camp Hope
☐ Albergue	☐ Vivienda de Transición	☐ Otro-Especifique _____	

Fuente(s) de Ingresos del Hogar y Beneficios *Marque todos que apliquen. Efectivo solamente (por ejemplo, no cupones de alimentos, etc.)* ☐ Rechazo ☐ Ninguno

☐ Mendigar	☐ TANF	☐ Medicare/Medicaid	☐ Parientes/Amigos
☐ SSI/SSDI	☐ Trabajo a medio tiempo	☐ Trabajo a tiempo completo	☐ Ingresos debajo la mesa/Empleo informal
☐ Per cápita	☐ Discapacidad temporal/ ABD	☐ Ingreso de Desempleo	☐ Rancho/Empleo estacional

¿Qué circunstancias contribuyo más a su falta de vivienda? ▢ Rechazo ▢ Ninguno

Vivienda y Económico	Relacionado con COVID?		Sistema y Legal	Problemas de Salud	Relacionado con COVID?		Conflicto Familiar
▢ Pérdida de empleo/Desempleado	Sí	No	▢ Dado de alta del hospital u otro centro medico	▢ Enfermedad mental	Sí	No	▢ Violencia Domestica
▢ Desalojo/Perdida de vivienda	Sí	No	▢ Dado de baja del sistema de justicia penal/juvenil	▢ Salud física/discapacidad	Sí	No	▢ Tutor de salud mental/abuso de sustancias
▢ Falta de capacitación laboral/incapaz de trabajar	Sí	No	▢ Envejecido/a fuera del cuidado de crianza	▢ Abuso de alcohol/sustancias	Sí	No	▢ Rechazo familiar/expulsión
Falta de cuidado de niños	Sí	No	▢ Incapaz de pagar el alquiler/la hipoteca	▢ Enfermedad	Sí	No	▢ Gastos médicos

Información de Divulgación del Cliente y Consentimiento Informado

IMPORANTE: No ingrese información de identificación personal de HMIS para clientes que son: 1) en agencias de violencia doméstica o; 2) actualmente huyendo o en peligro de una situación de violencia doméstica, violencia de pareja, agresión sexual o acoso; 3) están siendo atendidos en un programa que requiere la divulgación de su estado de VIH/SIDA (por ejemplo, HOPWA); o 4) menores de 13 años sin padre o tutor disponible para dar su consentimiento para ingresar la información del menor en HMIS. *Si esto aplica a usted,* _ALTO- No firme este formulario._

Esta agencia participa en el Sistema de Información de Gestión de Personas Sin Hogar del Estado de Washington (HMIS), recopilando información, a lo largo del tiempo, sobre las características y las necesidades de servicio de las personas sin hogar. **RCW 43.185C.180**

- Para brindar los servicios más efectivos para trasladar a las personas sin hogar a una vivienda permanente, necesitamos un recuento preciso de todas las personas sin hogar en el estado de Washington. Para asegurarnos de que los clientes no se cuenten dos veces, necesitamos recopilar cuatro piezas de información de identificación personal. Específicamente, recopilamos: **nombre, fecha de nacimiento, y raza/etnicidad.** También puede optar por proporcionar su número de seguro social. Sin embargo, firmar este formulario no requiere que lo haga. Su información se almacenará en nuestra base de datos durante 7 años después de la última fecha de servicio. Si tiene pregunta sobre la recopilación de datos o sus derechos con respecto a su información de identificación personal, comuníquese con el Administrador del Sistema HMIS al: (360) 725-3028.
- Utilizamos estrictas políticas de seguridad diseñadas para proteger su privacidad. Nuestro sistema informático es muy seguro y utiliza funciones de protección actualizadas, como el cifrado de datos, contraseñas ya autenticación de dos factores, que se requieren para cada usuario del sistema. Existe un pequeño riesgo de una violencia de seguridad, y alguien podría obtener y usar su información de manera inapropiada. Si alguna vez sospecha que los datos en HMIS se han usado indebidamente, administrador del sistema HMIS al: (360) 725-3028.
- Los datos que proporcione pueden combinarse con datos del Departamento de Servicios Sociales y de Salud del Estado de Washington (DSHS) y el Centro de Investigación y Datos Educativos con el fin de realizar un análisis más detallado. Su nombre y otra información de identificación no se incluirán en ningún informe o publicación. Solo un número limitado de miembros del personal que hayan firmado acuerdos de confidencialidad podrán ver esta información. Su información no se utilizará para determinar la elegibilidad para los programas de DSHS. Los administradores para los programas de DSHS. Los administradores del sistema HMIS del estado de Washington tienen acceso completo a toda la información en HMIS. Esto incluye al personal del Departamento de Comercio, administradores de sistemas HMIS designados, y el proveedor de software.
- Al firmar este formulario, usted reconoce y permite que el personal del Departamento de Comercio obtenga registros adicionales de información de otras agencias estatales con las que existe un acuerdo de intercambio de datos (DSA) archivado entre el Departamento de Comercio y los demás datos que ha proporcionado a otras agencias del estado de Washington.
- Su decisión de participar en el HMIS no afectara la calidad, la cantidad o los servicios para los que es elegible para recibir de esta agencia, y no se utilizara para negar alcance, asistencia, refugio o vivienda. Sin embargo, si elige participar, los servicios en la región pueden mejorar si tenemos información precisa sobre las personas sin hogar y los servicios que necesitan. Además, algunos financiadores PUEDEN requerir que usted de su consentimiento para proporcionar su información de identificación personal en HMIS para recibir servicios de esa fuente de financiamiento.

Entiendo las declaraciones anteriores y doy mi consentimiento para la inclusión de información de identificación personal HMIS sobre mí y cualquier dependiente personal HMIS sobre mí y cualquier dependiente que se detalla a continuación, y autorizo que la información recopilada se comparta con agencias asociadas. Entiendo que mi información de identificación personal no se hará publica y solo se utilizará con estricta confidencialidad. Tambien entiendo que puedo retirar mi consentimiento en cualquier momento presentando un formulario de 'Revocación de Consentimiento del cliente' con esta agencia. Entiendo que puedo obtener una copia de mi formulario de consentimiento firmado de esta Agencia (incluidos los formularios firmados electrónicamente).

Hijos dependientes menores de 18 años en el hogar, si los hay (Por favor escriba primer nombre y apellido):

_____   _____   _____   _____
Nino/a 1   Nino/a 2   Nino/a 3   Nino/a 4

_____   _____   _____   _____
Firma de Cabeza de Familia   Adulto 1   Adulto 2   Adulto 3