Measuring Homelessness in Skagit County

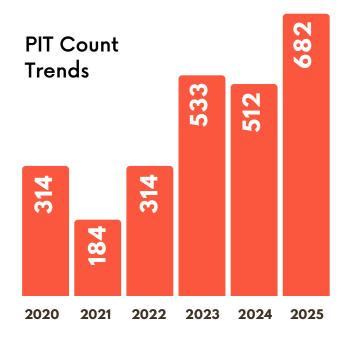
To more accurately represent the state of homelessness in Skagit County, this report includes data from various sources, including the 2025 Point in Time Count, the W.A. Dept. of Commerce, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, the National Low Income Housing Coalition, and the University of Washington Center for Real Estate Research. Though the Point in Time Count is a valuable and consistent method for assessing homelessness, it is widely recognized as an undercount. Additionally, there was a robust volunteer force in 2025, which may partially account for the increase in the number of unsheltered individuals surveyed and noted in this report.

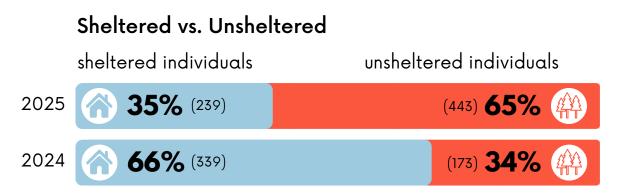




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people experiencing homelessness were surveyed on our streets and in our shelters during the annual Point in Time (PIT) Count on January 30, 2025





*unsheltered does not include those temporarily staying with friends or family, individuals currently in the hospital or a behavioral health facility, or those who are incarcerated.

Race and Ethnicity

Homelessness continues to disproportionately affect communities of color.

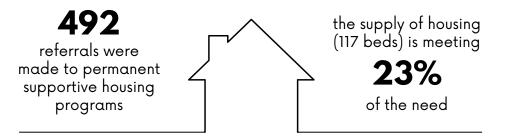
54% of unsheltered PIT Count respondents reported their last permanent address was in Skagit County

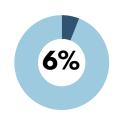
23%
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non-white population experiencing homelessness seeking assistance through the Coordinated Entry system

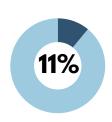
People are entering the system faster than we can house them.

1,782 households applied for housing assistance through the Coordinated Entry System in 2024.

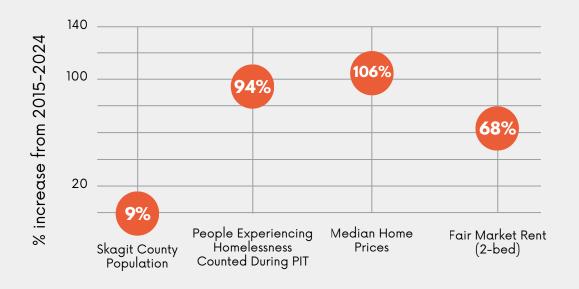




of Pre-K to Grade 12 students in Skagit County were unhoused, as defined by McKinney-Vento, during the 2023-2024 school year



of PIT count respondents reported they were chronically homeless



Homelessness is a housing problem. As housing prices rise, so does the number of people without homes.

Over the last decade, median home prices and fair market rent values have more than doubled, and the number of people experiencing homelessness reflects a similar increase.

With the assistance of more than 160 community volunteers, the Skagit PIT Crew was able to provide much needed resources and capture information from a record number of people experiencing homelessness. Continued community volunteering and support will help connect with those in need. For more information, visit www.voaww.org/pitcount.

Anyone needing information regarding available services in Skagit County, or to engage with the Coordinated Entry system, please contact Volunteers of America Western Washington at 1-800-223-8145.