

Measuring Homelessness in Skagit County

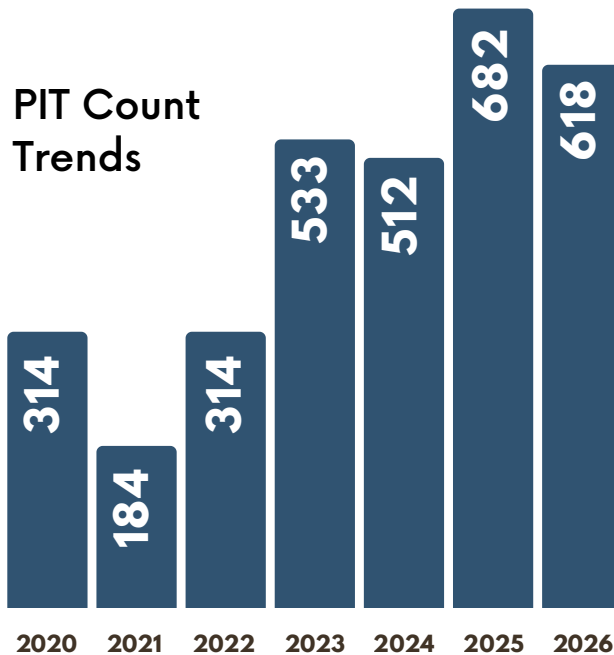


To more accurately represent the state of homelessness in Skagit County, this report includes data from various sources, including the 2026 Skagit Point in Time Count, Skagit County Trends, Skagit County Coordinated Entry, Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the University 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.

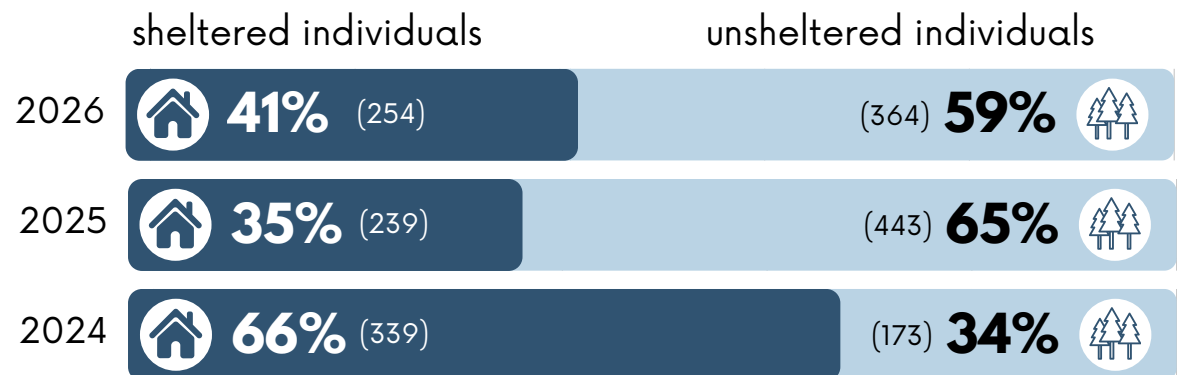
2026

618 people experiencing homelessness were surveyed on our streets and in our shelters during the annual Point in Time (PIT) Count on January 29, 2026

PIT Count Trends



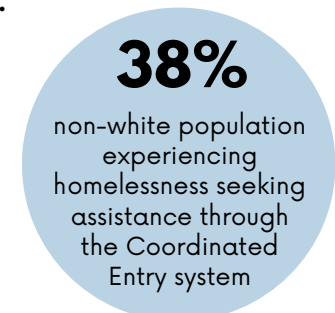
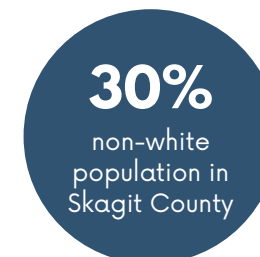
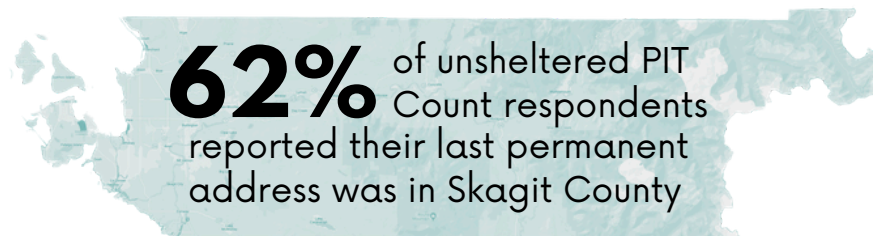
Sheltered vs. Unsheltered



*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

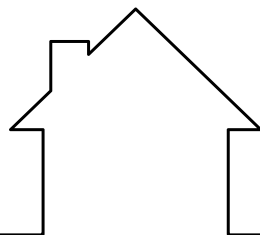
Homelessness continues to disproportionately affect communities of color.



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

1,640 households applied for housing assistance through the Coordinated Entry System in 2025.

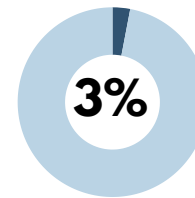
1,479
referrals were made to permanent supportive housing programs



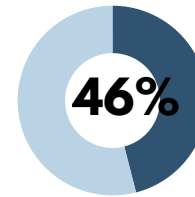
the supply of housing (117 beds) is meeting

8%

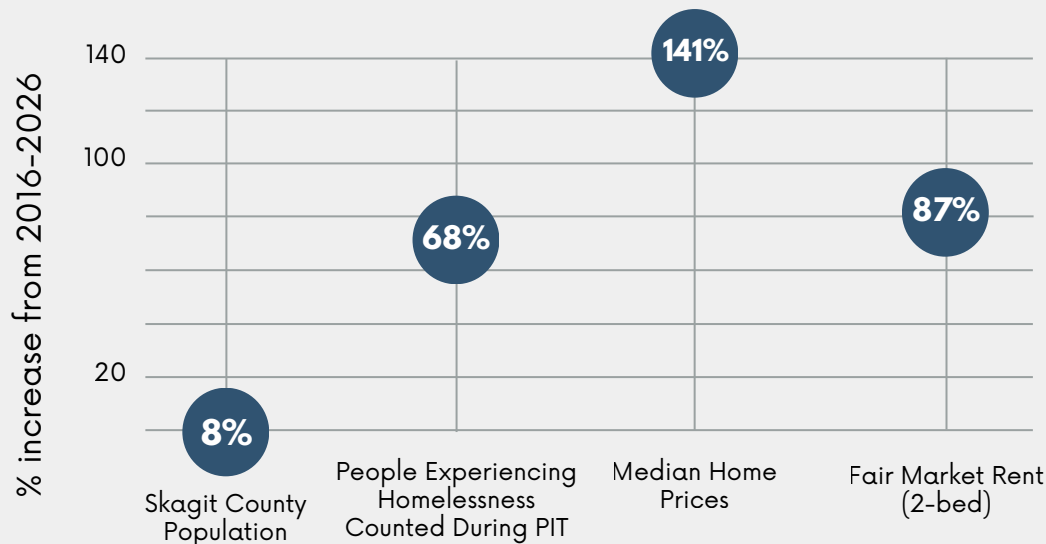
of the need



of Pre-K to Grade 12 students in Skagit County were unhoused, as defined by McKinney-Vento, during the 2025-2026 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 past decade, median home prices have skyrocketed and fair market rents have almost doubled.

Anyone needing information regarding available services in Skagit County, or to engage with the Coordinated Entry system, please contact Volunteers of America Western Washington helpline at 360-VOA-HELP (360-862-4357) or toll-free at 1-800-223-8145.

