# Yakima County Annual Point in Time Community Report

2022

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Special thank you to the current Yakima County Board of Commissioners:

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# Survey Takers

Due to COVID-19, the 2022 Point in Time was unable to utilize volunteers from the community. However, multiple agencies provided staff to conduct surveys including the following:

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

- Generating Hope
- Grace City Outreach
- Northwest Community Action Center
- Rod's House
- The Lighthouse Advocacy, Prevention, and Yakima YWCA **Education Center**
- **Triumph Treatment Services**
- Yakima Union Gospel Mission
- Village of Hope
- Yakima Neighborhood Health Services

## Community Groups and Donors

The following organizations and individuals donated time and/or supplies which supported the count:

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- Women for Women Homelessness Project
- Yakima Neighborhood Health Services
- Yakima Union Gospel Mission

### Introduction

The Point in Time count, also referred to as 'PIT' or simply 'the count', is conducted annually throughout Yakima County to estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in our communities. The local PIT count is part of a nationwide data collection effort required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Data collection for the count comes from two sources:

- A **Sheltered Count** of the individuals in Sanctioned Encampments, Emergency Shelters, and transitional housing
- An **Outreach Count** of individuals sleeping in areas not suited for habitation including outside, in vehicles, or abandoned buildings

Within this report, those two categories are all that are included per guidance from the Washington State Department of Commerce and HUD. It does not include those who are doubling up or "Couch Surfing", those who may be unstably or poorly housed, or those at risk of homelessness.

### Challenges

In January, the US Department of Health and Human Services released a report titled: *More Than a Number: Point-in-Time Counts Are Crucial Data* which described the value of a national count as well some of the challenges including counting the number of young people who experience homelessness. Often called an "invisible population," young people experiencing homelessness tend to stay with friends, often avoid adult services, and may be reluctant to be identified by authorities. These factors make it difficult for communities to include them in their annual PIT counts.

The Outreach Count also relies on the visibility of those who may be sleeping outside or in their vehicles. Yakima County is the second largest county in the state and is comprised of 4,311 square miles. In the past, a service fair was conducted in conjunction with PIT in an effort to identify individuals, but due to COVID this has been suspended. While Yakima County currently has a very robust network of Outreach workers, not all people who experience homelessness seek out or receive services. The intent of PIT is not to provide a definitive answer to exactly how many people are experiencing homelessness. Experts across the nation estimate the PIT count captures approximately 1/3 of the unsheltered population. Locally this has been confirmed by comparing the annual count with the number of interactions outreach teams have during the year.

It is also important to point out that while the number may shift a small amount, the change within the population shifts radically. This year will be the first year that the individuals counted in 2020, 2021, and 2022 will be analyzed together. The people counted in 2022 are not always the same people counted in 2021.

Despite these challenges, PIT Counts are the only measure that enumerates people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in addition to those who are sheltered. Despite its flaws, the count result is the most reliable estimate of people experiencing homelessness in the United States from which progress can be measured.

### Methodology

A considerable amount effort is taken each year to ensure the methodology is as consistent as possible. This section outlines the steps that are taken each year leading up to the count in an effort to dispel some of the myths and/or misperceptions around how the count is conducted.

### Confirmation of Inventory

The Shelter Count represents almost 2/3 of total population included in PIT. Five months prior to PIT, coordinators reach out to local providers and 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 be a veteran, young adult, victim of domestic violence etc. This information is then collected and send on to the Washington State Department of Commerce. You can view this inventory in the Housing Inventory section of this document. This information is then used to help facilitate the day of the count by informing how many surveys each provider receives and then later used to confirm the number of surveys completed.

### Outreach Prep

In the early days of PIT, community volunteers were utilized to assist in identifying those who are sleeping outside. Very few organizations had outreach workers and finding encampments was challenging. Fortunately, outreach has been given a priority, both at the state and local level, allowing for more targeted canvassing by individuals who are trained and oftentimes have ongoing relationships with the individuals they are surveying. Five months before the count, coordinators reach out to the Outreach teams and collect the names and experience of the outreach workers. Coordinators will also ask general information about the size of the unsheltered population and, in combination with the previous year's results, will estimate the number of supplies to collect both for the workers themselves (surveys, clipboards, etc.) and those they are surveying. The items distributed serve two purposes; they help meet the basic needs of those who are unsheltered and are a way of thanking those who are surveyed for their time.



For the next few months, coordinators then work various community groups and donors to collect items. See the list of community groups and donors in the Acknowledgement section of this document. This prep also included multiple community supporters who assisted with supply drives; especially The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Ahtanum Creek Ward and their youth group headed by Jennifer



Bauer. Her group of volunteers put together 500 outreach bags. for the day of the event.

### Alignment and Training

The questions during PIT are developed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the HMIS Data Standards<sup>1</sup>. HUD also develops guidance on the methodology used during PIT for local Continuums of Care. Since 2018, Yakima County has been a part of the Balance of State Continuum of Care<sup>2</sup>, which is staffed by the Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce). For this reason, PIT coordinators work closely with Commerce to ensure Yakima County is in alignment with the rest of the state. 30-60 days before the count, Commerce releases additional guidance as well as any changes to the survey questions. Locally, Yakima County used to add additional questions to the survey, but in recent years the only additional question asked is around Causes and Conditions.

After guidance is released by Commerce, PIT Coordinators will develop a crosswalk showing any changes from the previous year. Generally, there are very few changes in the questions asks to ensure the data can be tracked from year to year in a consistent manner. One example of a recent change was asking individuals who are American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous if they are enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe. The survey is then designed, and using the information collected from providers in the months before, sent off for printing. Any changes in the survey are then addressed in training materials.

This year, Yakima County requested that all survey takers be trained on the survey using the guidance released by both HUD and Commerce. This includes how to address the questions in the survey and guidance around distributing the supplies. Outreach supplies are then broken up into groups and delivered to the workers, and all Shelter Count Surveys are delivered to the Providers. Providers are asked to keep a roster of those they served the night of the count, especially the Nightby-night shelters.

### The Count

In 2020, guidance changed allowing outreach workers to spend a week identifying individuals, rather than a single day. While this results in more time spent deduplicating the data, it provides a much more accurate picture of the number of people sleeping outside. The point of both is to determine where people are on a single night. Occasionally, an individual may have two surveys; but when this happens cross-referencing is conducted to ensure the information entered into the final dataset is correct. See the sidebar for an example.

# Story of Joe

Joe moves back and forth between the Yakima Union Gospel Mission and sleeping down by the river.

- On Tuesday he is sleeping outside and completes a survey with an outreach worker.
- On PIT Night, he decides to stay at the Emergency Shelter at the Mission and is surveyed again

All of the surveys are collected, and coordinators discover they have two surveys for Joe. They review the Roster provided by the Mission and see that Joe was in fact in the Emergency Shelter on PIT night.

The survey Joe completed with the outreach worker is identified as a duplicate and is removed from the data set.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data Standards can be located at <a href="https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2022-HMIS-Data-Standards-Manual.pdf">https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2022-HMIS-Data-Standards-Manual.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> To learn more, see: https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/continuum-of-care

### Data Reconciliation

After all the surveys and rosters are collected from the providers and outreach workers, all of the data is entered into an Excel Spreadsheet for verification. The data is then deduplicated using the process described above. Because Commerce verifies all PIT data with data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)<sup>3</sup>, there must be a verification process to ensure the final results are accurate. This involves a three-factor verification process – specifically for all Sanctioned Encampments, Night-by-Night shelters<sup>4</sup>, and Extreme Winter Weather Shelters. The main goal is to ensure data matches across three areas:



Coordinators then work with providers to ensure their Rosters, data entered by providers into HMIS, and the Survey Results all match. This requires coordinators to look up each individual surveyed in HMIS and receive confirmation from the provider they were in residence that night.

### Role of Providers

Providers are the experts of their programs and have the final say in who was staying in their housing the night of the count. This process, while onerous and time consuming, ensure the data reported is accurate. It also serves the additional purpose of helping providers ensure their data entry into HMIS is accurate. Since the data in HMIS is utilized by Commerce to judge our performance as a community, this annual data cleanup is necessary to warrant year-round data quality within our system.

# Corrections and Changes from 2021

After consultation with Commerce, some clarifications were made regarding bed types for two programs and their inclusions in the PIT count:

- Host Homes provided by Rod's House were included in the 2021 count representing 5 individuals in Transitional Housing. Commerce has changed that designation to Other.
- In 2021, 11 individuals in tenant-based housing were included in the YWCA count these units have been determined to be permanent and have been removed from the count.

The impact of both of these decisions is a reduction of 16 individuals from what was reported last year. These changes have been made in all trend data in this report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> All providers utilizing local, state, or federal funds are required to use HMIS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Clients can come and go so the census changes night by night

### Notable Changes

The type of housing a program provides can shift for a variety of reasons including funding stream, needs of the community, and more. The following table shows some significant shifts in the housing inventory which must be taken into consideration when reviewing the data in this report:

- ES = Emergency Shelter
- TH = Transitional Housing
- PSH Permanent Supportive Housing
- O Other Housing Type
- X = No longer in operation
- New = New program

Agency	Program	2020	2021	2022
Comprehensive Health Care	Vet House – 8 beds	TH	PSH	PSH
Yakima Neighborhood Health Services	RDH– 36 beds	TH	TH	PSH
Yakima YWCA <sup>5</sup>	Tenant-based housing	PSH	PSH	PSH
Rod's House	Sunnyside Shelter – 8 beds		New ES	New ES
	Host Homes – 6 Beds		TH	O
Grace City Outreach	Portables; Family – 16 beds			New ES
	Portables; Singles – 84 beds			New ES

Additionally, in previous years, those residing in Sanctioned Encampments were grouped with those who were unsheltered; this has been given its own category this year to prevent any confusion.

It is also important to point out that those who are surveyed always have the option to refuse questions, and over the years coordinators have included *refused* in many charts. This year there will be a new additional field titled *Data Not Collected*. Some providers were unable to survey all of their residents. While some demographic data could be taken from HMIS, variable data such as when individuals became homeless and current disability status (both fields required to calculate Chronic Homelessness) could not be collected from HMIS. The end result was a large increase in the number of Data Not Collected fields.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See description in the Corrections and Changes section above

### Point in Time Data

This section displays the data collected during the PIT 2022. The two main ways to categorize data is by individuals and by households. The following table shows the number of households and individuals counted during PIT 2022:

Category	Individuals	Households
<b>Currently Homeless</b>	670	554
Not Currently Homeless	67	49
Total surveyed	737	603

### Not Homeless

Of the 737 individuals surveyed, 67 were not experiencing homelessness on that day. The largest portion, 33 individuals, were couch surfing on the nights of the count and 11 were in a self-pay hotel/motel. Fifty-five of the individuals not experiencing homelessness, or 82%, had been served at some point by a homeless service provider. No additional analysis was conducted on this population group.

### Summary

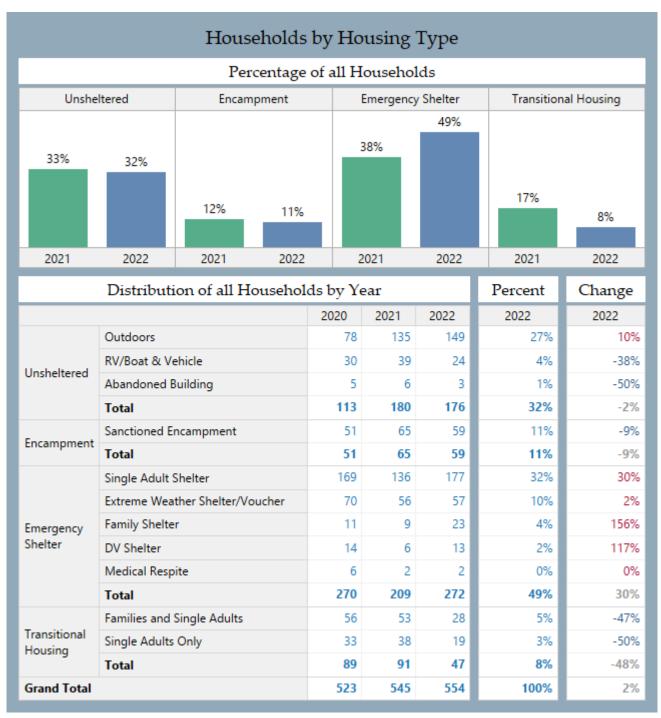
This report is broken up by Households and Individuals. The following table shows a snapshot of both and the change from 2021:

		Households	8	Individuals			
	2021	2021 2022 Percer Chang			2022	Percent Change	
Unsheltered	180	176	-2.2%	192	183	-4.7%	
Encampments	65	59	-9.2%	69	59	-14.5%	
Emergency Shelter	209	272	+30.1%	253	353	+ 39.5%	
Transitional Housing	91	47	-48.4%	133	75	-43%	
Total	553	554	+1.7%	647	670	+3.6%	

Overall, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness increased in 2022 by 3.6% from 2021. However, 42 beds changed from Transitional Housing to Permanent Supportive housing and there was an increase of 100 Emergency Shelter beds which must be taken into consideration. In 2021, the unsheltered population increased by 75% compared to 2022 where it decreased by 4.7%. 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.

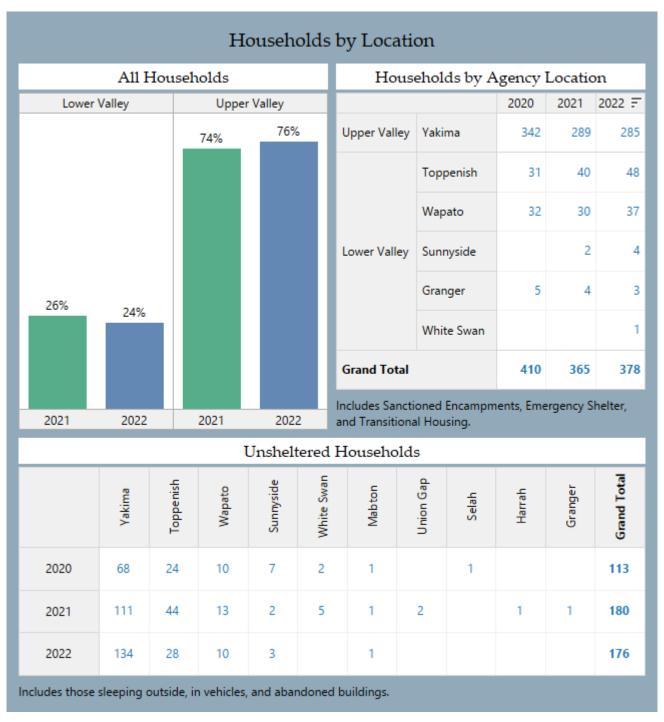
### Households

Viewing data by households can provide a more consistent view of homelessness in the community than viewing the number of individuals. Some households can have multiple children which may inadvertently increase the count. In 2022, 554 households were experiencing homelessness an increase of 2%. Almost 1 in 3 households, or 32% counted, were unsheltered. While households sleeping in family shelters increased 156%, this was an increase from 9 to 23 households. Those residing in Emergency Shelters of all types increased by 30%.



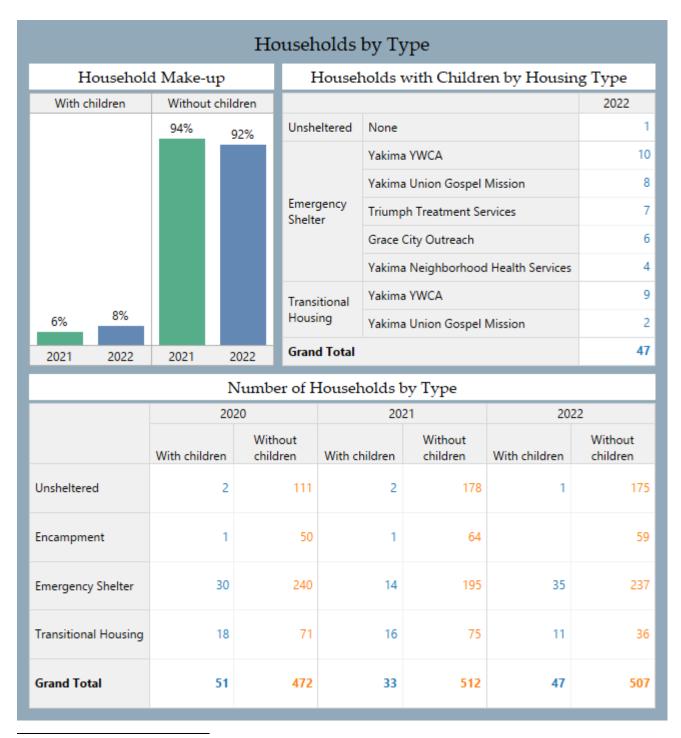
### By Location

While 76% 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, 76% percent stayed in the City of Yakima the night of the count.



### By Household Type

Households are composed of three categories: Households without children, Households with at least one adult and one child, Households with only children<sup>6</sup>. See the Challenges section in for more information. In 2022, there households with children increased from 33 households to 47 and represents 92% of all households.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Also referred to as unaccompanied minors

# By Income Source

Multiple categories were included when asking about income:

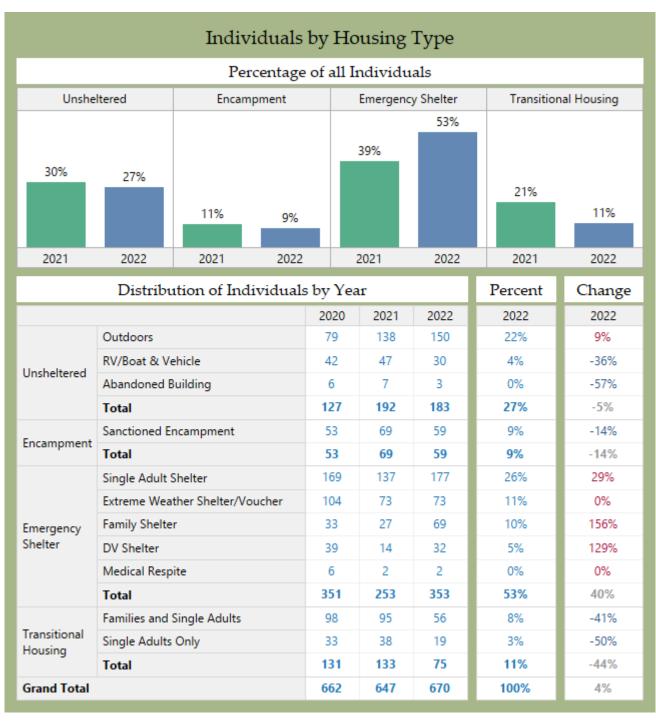
Status	Income Type	Income Category	Detail
			Full-time Work
		D 11	Part-time Work
		Earned Income	Under the Table
			Farm/Seasonal Work
	Cash Income		Panhandling
			TANF
Income		Other Income	Relatives, partners, friends
			SSI/SSDI
			Per Capita
			Temp Disability/ABD
			Unemployment Income
	Non-Cash Income	Medicare/Medicaid	Medicare/Medicaid
No Income	None	None	None
No income	Refused	Refused	Refused

In 2022, two-thirds of all households had some form of income.

Household Income Source									
Income Status									
Income No Income Unknown									
65%	48%	28%	28% 29%				23%		
					7%				
2021	2022	2021	2022		202	1	202	22	
Income Status by Housing Type									
Unsheltered Encampment Emergency Shelter Housing									
		Other Income Only		78	14	84	25	201	
Income	Cash Income	Earned Income Only		6	4	22	2	34	
meonie		Both Earned and Other		3		8	1	12	
	Non-Cash Income Only		y	11		4	2	17	
No Income	No Income	None		77	13	57	13	160	
	Data Not Collected	Data Not Collected		28	97	4	129		
Unknown	Data Hot Conceted								

### Individuals

In 2022, 670 individuals were identified as experiencing homelessness, an increase of 4% from 2021. The number of people in Emergency Shelters increased by 40%, with the number of individuals who were unsheltered decreased by 5% compared to 2021.



### Length of Time Homeless

More than 1 in 5 individuals reported they had been homeless for less than a year; 60% of them were in an Emergency Shelter. Of those who are unsheltered, 23% had been homeless for less than a year.



Age

The average age of all individuals counted was 39.5 years old, which was a decrease from 2021's average age: 40.7 years old. Three out of five individuals were adults ages 25-64; almost half of them were in an Emergency Shelter. Of those who are unsheltered, 86% were adults in this age group.



### Gender

While 4 out of 10 individuals are female, there has been a significant growth in the number of females who are experiencing homelessness in 2022. They are the largest gender group in Transitional Housing.



# Race and Ethnicity

For more information about race and ethnicity, see the Equity Analysis section of this document.

Race and Ethnicity of Individuals												
				Race as	nd Ethn	icity	y Combined	đ				
Ethnicity	Rac	e					Not a person of Color	Person of Color		Unknown		Grand Total
	Whi	ite					276					276
	Ame	erican Ind	ian, Alask	a Native,	or Indigen	ous		1	07			107
Non-	Blac	ck, or Afric	an Ameri	can, or Af	rican				30			30
Hispanic/	Mul	ltiracial							19			19
Non-Latino	Nat	ive Hawai	ian or Oth	ner Pacific	Islander				5			5
	Asian or Asian American								5			5
	Clie	nt Refuse	d								2	2
	White							1	18			118
	American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigen				or Indigen	ous			27			27
11:/	Blac	ck, or Afric	an Ameri	can, or Af	rican				3			3
Hispanic/ Latino	Mul	ltiracial							1			1
	Nat	ive Hawai	ian or Oth	ner Pacific	Islander				3			3
	Clie	nt Refuse	d						65			65
	Refu	used							1			1
Unknown	Dat	a Not Col	lected								8	8
Grand Total							276	3	84	1	0	670
	Perc	ent of I	ndivid	uals		С	1	By Hou	sing '	Туре		
Person of Co		Not a pe Col		Unkr	nown				Encampment	Unsheltered	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing
		36%	41%			Pe	rson of Color		31%	51%	64%	61%
		N					ot a person of (	Color	68%	48%	34%	39%
				2%	1%	Un	nknown		2%	1%	2%	
2021	7707	2021	2022	2021	2022	Gr	and Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

### Tribal Enrollment

In 2022, 89 individuals surveyed were enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe; 6 of them were not enrolled themselves, but their parents were enrolled. 69% of those who were enrolled or whose parents were enrolled were members of the Confederated Tribes of Yakama Nation.

Tribal Enrollment								
Year to Year Change								
	2021	2022	F					
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	97	62						
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	1	5						
Unknown	6	4						
The Spokane Tribe of Indians (Interior Salish Group)		2						
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon	3	2						
Chippewa (unspecified)	1	2						
White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation		1						
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe of Washington		1						
Swinomish Indians of the Swinomish Reservation		1						
Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Mohican Indians of Wisconsin		1						
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota		1						
Sioux (unspecified)		1						
Seneca Nation		1						
Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho		1						
Lower Elwha Tribal Community of the Lower Elwha Reservation	1	1						
Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation		1						
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	2	1						
Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana	5	1						
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation of Idaho	1							
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation	1							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe of the Muckleshoot Reservation	1							
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation	1							
Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma	1							
Arapahoe Tribe of the Wind River Reservation	1							
Aleut	1							
Grand Total	123	89						

### **Education Level**

The following table shows the educational attainment for surveyed adults 25 and older. This age delineation was done to prevent a false reading for children in the appropriate grade level. In 2022, 516 individuals were 25 and older. 47% of adults 25 and older surveyed had an educational attainment level of a diploma/GED or higher.



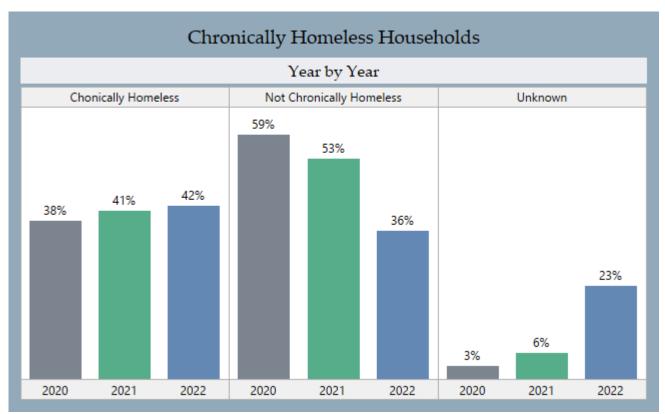
### Special Populations

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. In 2022, 231 individuals were identified as being chronically homeless – a 5% increase from 2021.

In 2022, the percentage of Chronically Homeless Households increased – even with 23% of the households having an unknown status<sup>8</sup>.

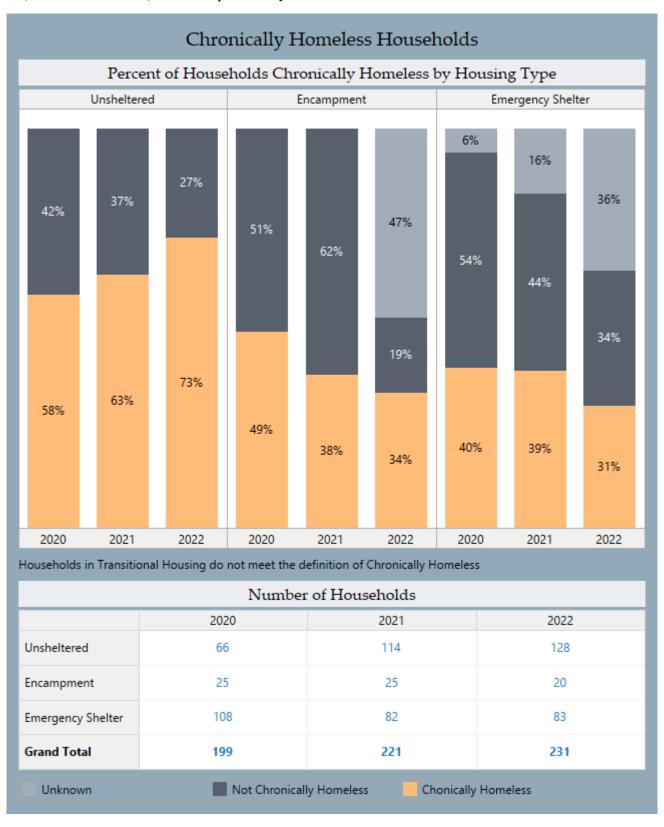


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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR Parts 91 and 578; RIN 2506–AC37 Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Defining "Chronically Homeless". See a flowchart of this process at <a href="https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Flowchart-of-HUDs-Definition-of-Chronic-Homelessness.pdf">https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Flowchart-of-HUDs-Definition-of-Chronic-Homelessness.pdf</a>

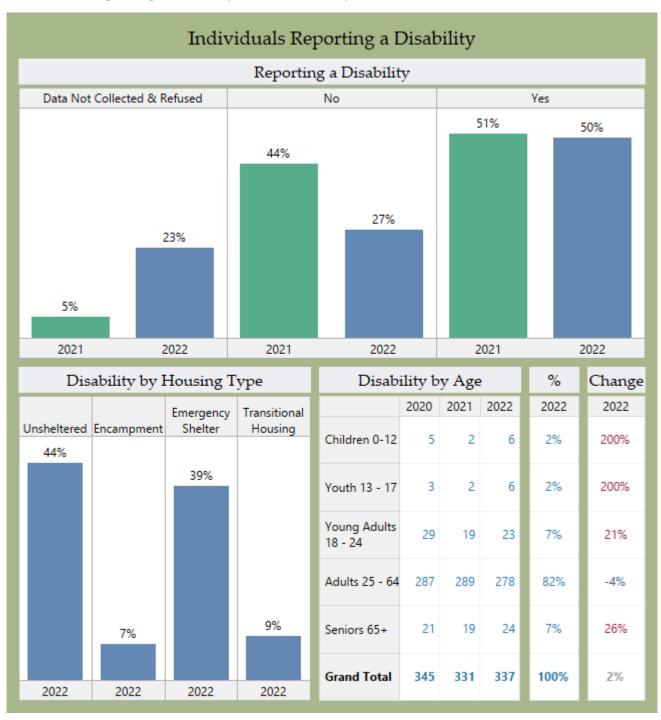
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For more information, see the Notable Changes Section of the Introduction

In 2022, the number of chronically homelessness households who were unsheltered increased by 13%, or 14 individuals, from the previous year.

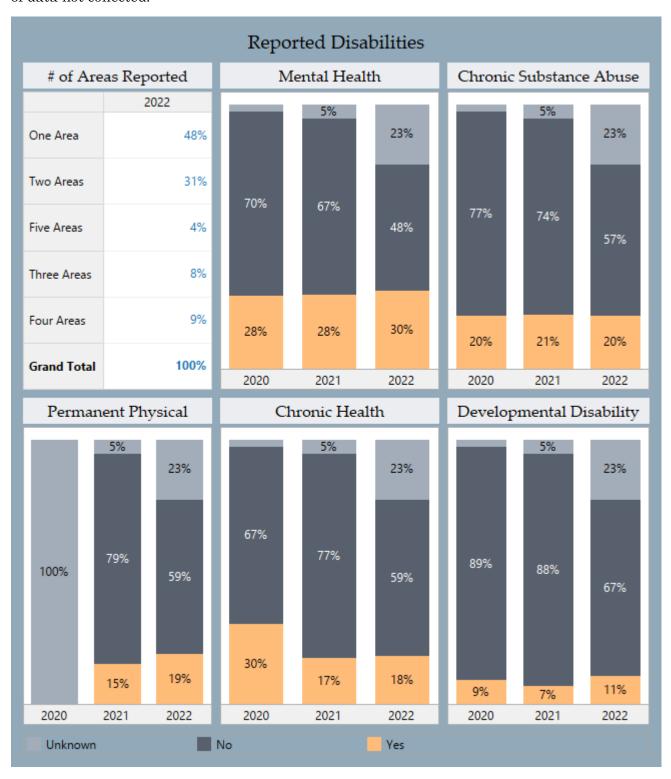


### Disability

The following section reviews reported disabilities; in 2022, 337 individuals reported a disability which included 44% of individuals unsheltered and 39% of those in Emergency Shelter. The number of individuals reporting a disability has increased by 2% from 2021.

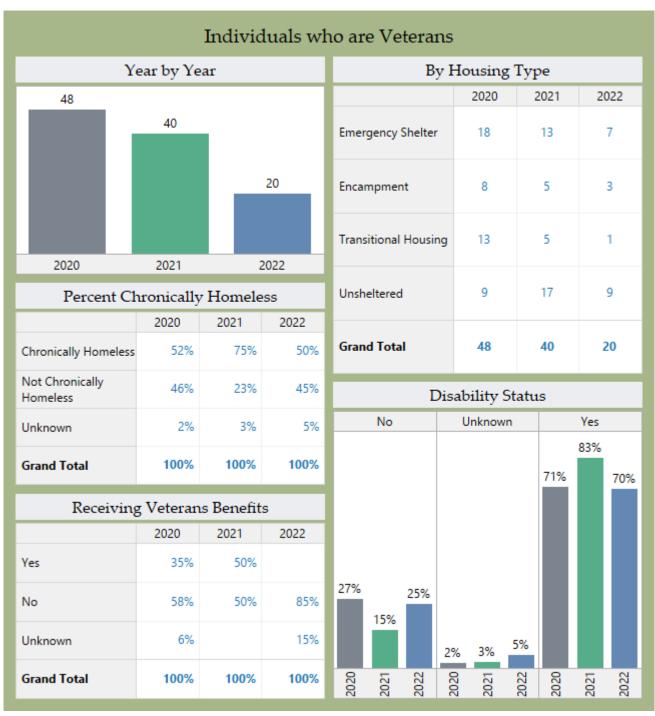


In 2022, more than half of those who reported a disability reported more than one. Note – Permanent Physical was not an option in 2020. There have been increases in all categories even with the rates of data not collected.



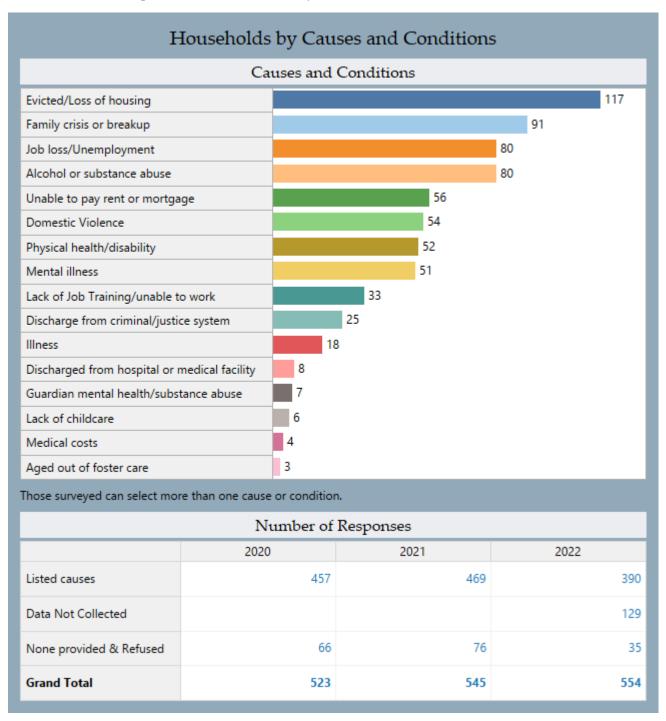
### Veterans

In 2022, 20 individuals surveyed were Veterans; half the number of Veterans surveyed the prior year. Of the 20 Veterans surveyed, 45% of them were unsheltered. Half of all Veterans were chronically homeless, with 70% reporting a disability.



### 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 individuals who listed that condition as a contributing factor. When asked about causes and conditions, 70%, or 390 households, responded: with only 35 households refusing. However, this data was not collected from 129 households. Eviction/Loss of housing has remained the number one cause for homelessness reported for the last three years.



The results vary when broken out by age group.

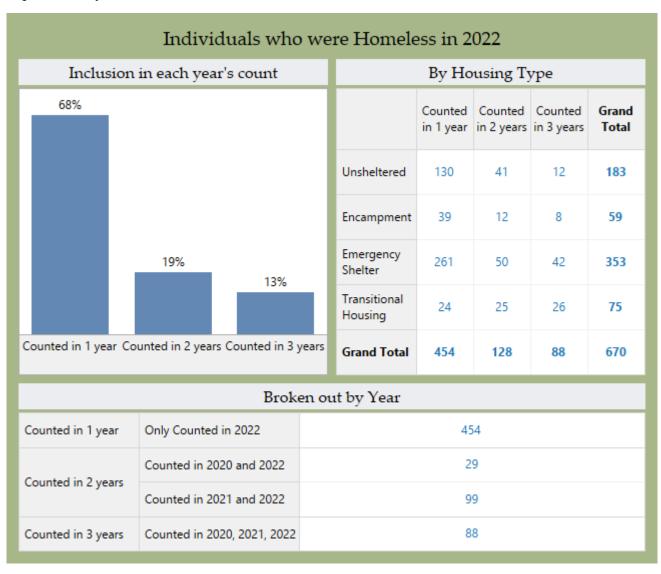
Households by Age Group - Causes							
Young Adults Ages 18-24		Adults 25 to 64					
Job loss/Unemployment	9	Evicted/Loss of housing	101				
Family crisis or breakup	9						
Alcohol or substance abuse	6	Family crisis or breakup	78				
Mental illness	5	5 Alcohol or substance abuse					
Evicted/Loss of housing	5	Alconol or substance abuse	72				
Domestic Violence	2	Job loss/Unemployment	69				
Aged out of foster care	1						
Discharge from criminal/justice system	1	Unable to pay rent or mortgage	52				
Discharged from hospital or medical facility	1 Domestic Violence		51				
Lack of Job Training/unable to work	1						
Unable to pay rent or mortgage 1		Physical health/disability	43				
Seniors 65+		Mental illness	43				
Evicted/Loss of housing	11	Lack of Job Training/unable to work	30				
Physical health/disability	9						
Family crisis or breakup	4	Discharge from criminal/justice system	23				
Mental illness	3	Illness	16				
Unable to pay rent or mortgage	3	IIIIess	10				
Discharged from hospital or medical facility	2	Guardian mental health/substance abuse	6				
Illness	2		_				
Lack of Job Training/unable to work	2	Lack of childcare	6				
Job loss/Unemployment	2	Discharged from hospital or medical facility	5				
Alcohol or substance abuse	2	District ged from hospital of medical facility	-				
Guardian mental health/substance abuse	1	Medical costs	4				
Discharge from criminal/justice system	1		2				
Domestic Violence	1	Aged out of foster care	2				

# Additional Analysis

When PIT began, only initials were collected from those who were surveyed. Currently, full names are collected except in the circumstances where there is Domestic Violence or consent is not provided. Additionally, survey data is compared against current HMIS data and in cases where an agency does not use HMIS, PIT Coordinators enroll data into the database<sup>9</sup>. This change has allowed PIT Coordinators to track groups moving in and out of the system.

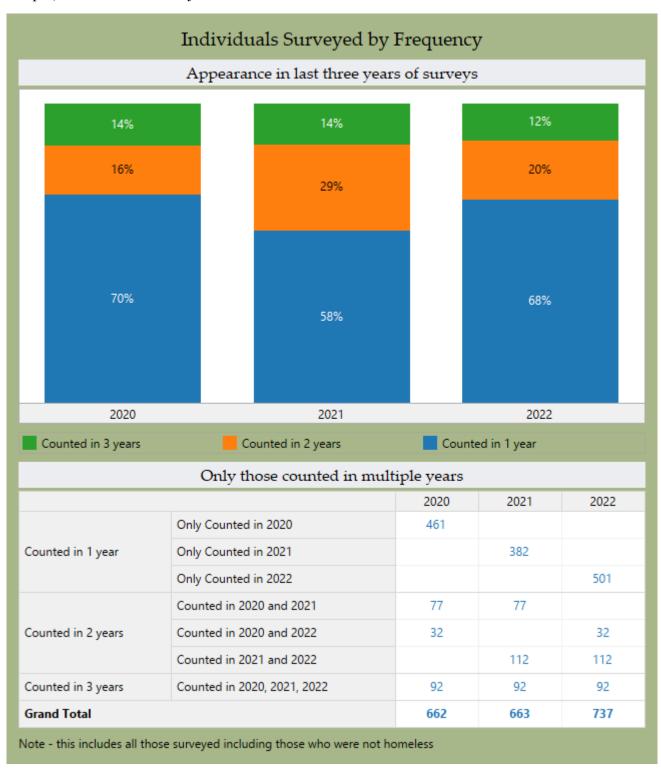
### Multi-Year Data

In 2022, 68% of those who are represented in this report were surveyed for the first time this year. The largest group is those in Emergency Shelter; 261 individuals or 74% have not been surveyed in the past three years.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> For more information, see the Methodology Section of this report

The following chart demonstrates individuals who have been surveyed in multiple years. For example, 70% of those surveyed in 2020 were not included in the 2021 or 2022 PIT.



### Commerce Performance Measures

Performance measures in this section are from the Commerce Equity Dashboard and cover the State Fiscal Year of 2021 (July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021). This both restricts the dataset to only those agencies that utilize HMIS and expands it by providing information over an entire year as opposed to a single point in time. During this time frame, 891 individuals in 691 households were served:

- All clients in Yakima reported spending a median of **104 days** homeless before enrolling in any homeless projects.
- All clients in Yakima spent a median of **43 days** before moving into housing or exiting to permanent housing.
- 41% of all clients in Yakima County exited to a permanent housing destination from all projects.
- 22% of all clients in Yakima County who exited to a permanent housing destination from all project types two years prior had subsequently returned to homelessness.

The dashboard with this data, and more, can be accessed here:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/comhau/viz/WashingtonBalanceofStateEquityAnalysisDashboard/EquityDashboard

Capacity and Utilization
The following table shows where the 487 individuals who were sheltered resided on the night of PIT.

Type	Category	Agency	Program	Capacity	PIT Count	Utilization
Encampment	Encampment	Grace City Outreach	Camp Hope	104	59	57%
Emergency Shelters	DV Shelters	ers The Lighthouse - Advocacy, Prevention, and Education Center Domestic Violence Shelt		8	0	0%
		YWCA Yakima	Domestic Violence Shelter	44	32	73%
	Extreme Weather	Grace City Outreach	Toppenish Extreme Winter Weather Shelter	50	34	68%
Shelter/ Vouchers		Northwest Community Action Center	Vouchers	15	15	100%
	Vouchers	Rod's House	Young Adult Extreme Winter Weather Shelter	16	3	19%
		The Lighthouse - Advocacy, Prevention, and Education Center	Domestic Violence Vouchers	10	2	20%
		Yakima Neighborhood Health Services	Vouchers and Cosecha	19	19	100%
	Family	Grace City Outreach	Portables - Families	16	27	169%
S	Shelters	Triumph Treatment Services	Family Shelter	40	23	58%
		Yakima Union Gospel Mission	Family Shelter	48	19	40%
	Medical Respite	Yakima Neighborhood Health Services	Medical Respite	5	2	40%
	Single Adult	Generating Hope	Noah's Ark	37	37	100%
	Shelters	Grace City Outreach	Portables - Singles	84	45	54%
		Rod's House	Young Adult Emergency Housing	8	4	50%
		Yakima Union Gospel Mission	Adult Shelters	150	91	61%
Transitional	Families and	Village of Hope	Armory	30	2	7%
Housing	Single Adults	Yakima Union Gospel Mission	Bridge, New Life, Discovery	68	37	54%
		YWCA Yakima	Transitional Housing	60	36	60%
	Single Adults	Grace City Outreach	Faith House	6	0	0%
		Grace City Outreach	Hope House	8	0	0%
		Grace City Outreach	Tiny Homes	2	0	0%