

# 2022 Homeless Point-In-Time Count

Clackamas County | June 2022



Every two years, Clackamas County conducts a Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Count to obtain information about people and families experiencing homelessness. The count, which last took place in 2019, includes persons who are sheltered within emergency shelter or transitional housing programs, living outdoors, in vehicles or other places not meant for people to live.

The 2022 count took place on the night of January 26, 2022. The count data is a requirement for Clackamas County to receive federal funding, raises public awareness about homelessness, and improves our understanding of the specific service and resource needs for this population.

The 2022 PIT Count was a community effort which included volunteers, Clackamas County staff, and community partners. People were surveyed at a variety of sites, including food pantries, faith-based organizations, agency waiting rooms, shelters, schools, and outdoor areas.

Caution should be taken in relying solely on PIT data to identify trends in the number of people experiencing homelessness in our community. Many factors affect the results of a Point-in-Time Count, including count methodology, volunteer availability, agency staff involvement, and winter weather.

## Data Summary

The number of people counted experiencing homelessness in Clackamas County remains at emergency levels. In total, 597 people experiencing homelessness were counted in 2022<sup>1</sup>, a 49 percent decrease from the 1,166 who were counted in 2019. There was a 33 percent decrease in the number of people identified as Chronically Homeless. 513 of the people counted are single adults, a 41 percent decrease compared to the number of single adults counted in 2019.

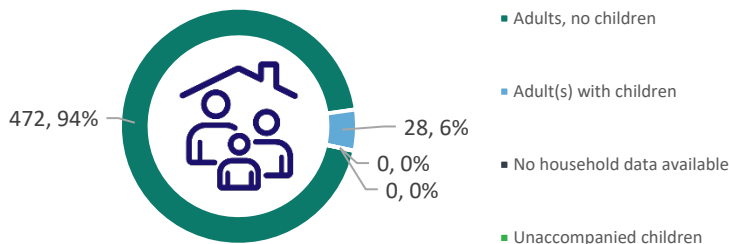
### Total Homeless Count



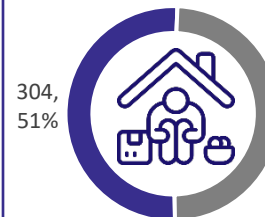
**597**

*down from 1,166 in 2019*

### Household Type (n=500)



### Chronically Homeless

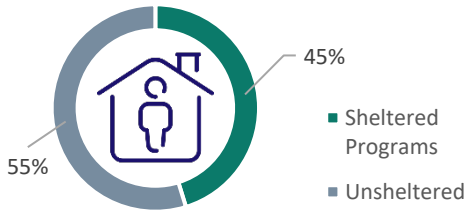


**51%**

*down 33% since 2019*

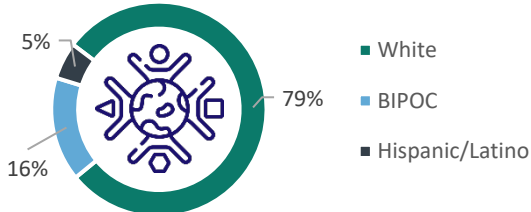
<sup>1</sup> The 2022 PIT Count did not count “doubled up” or unstably housed, just people experiencing literal homelessness as defined by HUD).

### Shelter Status



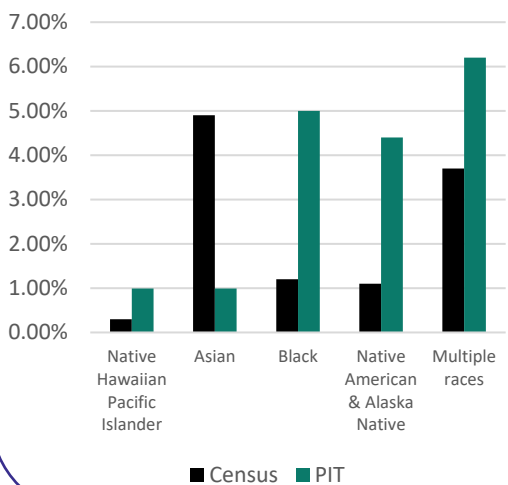
Of those surveyed, more than one-third were unsheltered. This is an increase in percentage from 2019. A large number of those who were surveyed identified as either Chronically Homeless (304) or disabled (220). A total of 295 unsheltered people responded to the employment question. Out of the respondents 27 reported they were employed (9.2%) and 268 reported they were not employed (90.8%)

### Ethnicity



People of color disproportionately experience homelessness in Clackamas County. Over four percent of respondents identified as Native American/Alaska Native, despite representing only 1.1 percent of the total population. People identifying as Black or African American now make up 4.5 percent of those counted, while representing only 1.2 percent of the county's total population.

### Race (other than White)

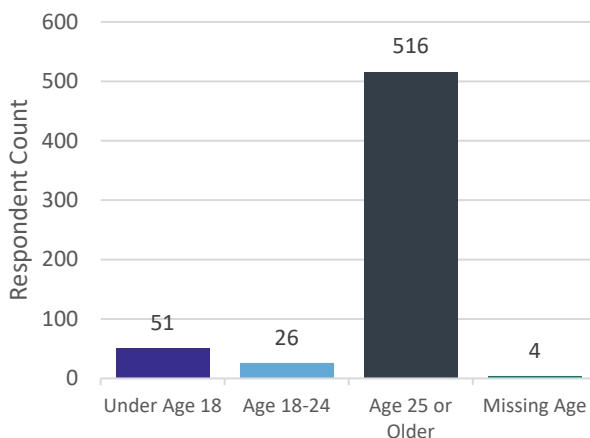


### Household Configurations

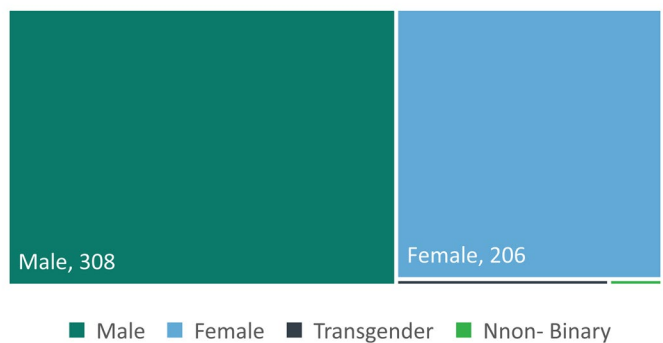
Households of all configurations were represented within the count:

- 84 people in households made up of adults with children
- 51 children under the age of 18
- 6 unaccompanied youth (people up to the age of 24 with no other adults in their household)
- 472 single adult households (Includes seniors and Domestic Violence survivors)

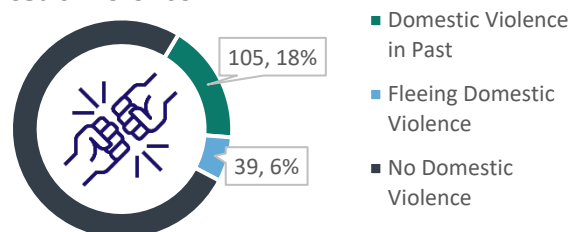
### Age



### Gender



### Domestic Violence



## Chronically Homeless

HUD defines Chronically Homeless as a homeless person with a disabling condition, who has been homeless continually for a year or longer, or has had four or more episodes of homelessness in the past three years totaling at least 12 months.

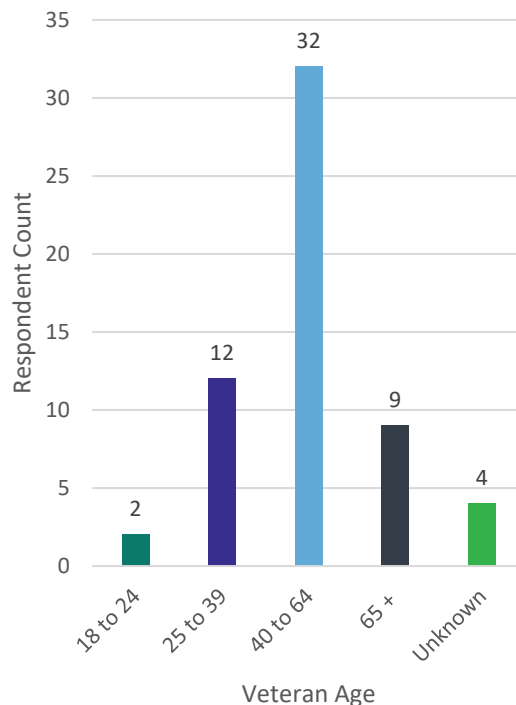
A family with at least one household member meeting the above criteria is considered Chronically Homeless. Self-reported Chronically Homeless households were comprised of 304 people of which 72 percent identified as male and 28 percent as female.

## Homeless Veterans

The number of veterans in the PIT Count experiencing homelessness decreased 17 percent in 2022 compared to 2019.

During the 2022 count, 60 individuals reported that they had served in the US Armed Forces. One of those veterans lives in a household with children, 28 veterans were unsheltered and 29 veterans self-reported as chronically homeless.

### Veteran Age



### Veterans by Gender



### Learn more

Clackamas County is committed to reducing the number of individuals experiencing homelessness. A larger study of the state of homelessness in the county drawing on a variety of additional sources of information, including School Liaison data, Coordinated Housing Access data, and the Housing Authority wait-list information is underway.

To learn more about the county's efforts to expand access to affordable housing and homelessness services, see [www.clackamas.us/homelessness](http://www.clackamas.us/homelessness).

If you are experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness, call Coordinated Housing Access at 503-655-8575.