

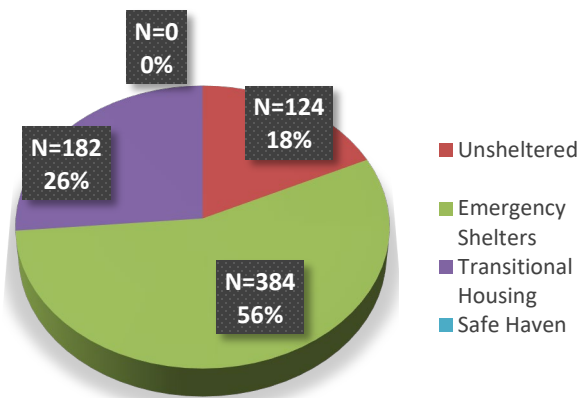
Point-In-Time Homeless Count 2022

A Snapshot of Homelessness in the Wichita-Sedgwick County area

The Impact ICT Continuum of Care conducted a survey of persons who were homeless during one 24-hour overnight period on February 24, 2022. In Wichita-Sedgwick County, 690 literally homeless persons (those living in emergency shelter, transitional housing, safe haven, or in places not meant for human habitation such as in cars or on the streets) were identified. While this number only provides a snapshot of persons encountered during the one-day count, these findings constitute a valuable planning tool to improve the response to homelessness in the Wichita-Sedgwick County area. The count is conducted annually*.

2022 Homeless Count Results

Living Situations of Persons Literally Homeless (N=690)



What is “homeless” defined as for the count?

- Homeless in this count refers specifically to an individual or family whose primary nighttime residence is not fit for human habitation, a shelter (including motels paid for by charitable organizations or the government) or any individual or family who is fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence.

How are individuals counted?

- Individuals are counted in two different ways. Those sheltered by agencies participating in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) are counted based on agency data entry.
- Those unsheltered are counted by trained volunteers who go to outreach informed locations in Wichita-Sedgwick County where homeless individuals are known to camp where those encountered are asked to participate in a survey.

KEY FACTS

- The number of persons who were literally homeless increased by 11.5 percent (N = 71) when compared with 2020*.
- Among the 690 persons who were literally homeless, 18 percent (N = 124) did not access shelter despite shelter beds not being at capacity.

Literally Homeless Point-in-Time Count--Trends Over Time: 2020 to 2022	2020	2021*	2022
Persons Staying in Emergency Shelter	379	284	384
Persons Staying in Transitional Housing	179	135	182
Persons Staying in Safe Haven	0	0	0
Total Number of Sheltered	558	419	566
Total Number of Unsheltered**	61	0	124
Grand Total (Total Number of Persons Sheltered and Unsheltered)	619	419	690
Number of Chronically Homeless Individuals***	48	49	100
Number of Chronically Homeless Veterans***	9	9	11
Number of Chronically Homeless Families***	0	0	0
Number of Persons in Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	0

* An unsheltered count was not conducted in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Due to this, data will be compared to 2020, the most recent year a full count was completed. Sheltered counts in 2021 were lower due to reduced shelter capacity to provide adequate social distancing.

** “Unsheltered homeless” includes persons who meet the HUD definition of staying in places not made for human habitation, such as living in their cars or on the streets.

*** “Chronically homeless” is a HUD-defined classification of homelessness. A household is chronically homeless if an individual, or at least one adult in the family, has been continuously homeless for more than one year or has had four or more occasions of homelessness in the past three years that totaled one year or more and who has a disabling condition, such as a severe mental illness, which prevents them from being able to get or keep a job or live in stable housing. Unsheltered households self-reported information but may not meet the criteria for “chronically homeless.”

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Literally Homeless Adults and Children--Trends Over Time: 2020 to 2022	2020	2021*	2022
Number of Sheltered Adults (single or in multiple-adult households)	464	354	456
Number of Sheltered Children (youth under age 18)	96	65	110
<i>Total Number of Sheltered (Adults and Children)</i>	558	419	566
Number of Unsheltered** Adults (single or in multiple-adult households)	61	0	124
Number of Unsheltered** Children	0	0	0
<i>Total Number of Unsheltered (Adults and Children)</i>	61	0	124
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Subpopulations--Trends Over Time: 2020 to 2022	2020		2021*		2022	
(Percentages based on identified adults)	#	%	#	%	#	%
Veterans*	58	11.0	37	10.4	66	11.4
Adult Domestic Violence Survivors *	102	19.4	26	7.3	81	14.0
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*	292	55.6	160	7.3	107	18.4
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*	186	41.0	89	25.1	56	9.6
Adults with HIV/AIDS*	6	1.1	4	1.1	2	3.4

*Multiple responses were possible, including not reporting.

2022 Race, Ethnicity and Gender Demographics

Race	Number	Percentage
American Indian	23	3.3
Asian or Asian American	5	0.7
Black or African American	176	25.5
Native Hawaiian	6	0.9
White	406	58.8
Multi-Racial	74	10.7
Total	690	100

Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Hispanic	79	11.4
Not Hispanic	611	88.6
Gender*	Number	Percentage
Female	216	31.3
Male	469	68.0
Transgender	2	0.3
Questioning	1	0.1
Nonbinary	2	0.3

*In 2022, HUD updated their gender categories for data collection to include Female, Male, Transgender, Questioning, and Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male' (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender). Categories for race were also updated.

2022 Point-In-Time Homeless Count

The 2022 PIT Homeless Count was coordinated by United Way of the Plains and made possible by local housing and homeless service providers, including The City of Wichita (Department of Housing and Community Services and Wichita Police Department), Sedgwick County (Sherriff's Office and COMCARE of Sedgwick County), other non-profit agency volunteers, and community volunteers including Wichita State students. A total of 53 volunteers assisted with the survey interviews, data quality, and logistics of the PIT Homeless Count.

The 2022 PIT Homeless Count was an activity of Impact ICT CoC. Impact-ICT is the community designated Continuum of Care for Wichita-Sedgwick County and United Way of the Plains is the Collaborative Applicant. The 2022 PIT Homeless Count data was compiled, analyzed and reported by United Way of the Plains (UWP), on behalf of Impact ICT CoC.

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