

2023 POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT

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United Way of the Plains

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The Point-In-Time Homeless Count for Wichita – Sedgwick County was conducted during one 24-hour period on January 25-26, 2023. This data supports federal funding for the Impact ICT Continuum of Care (CoC) to end homelessness in Wichita – Sedgwick County.

Demographics of Persons Experiencing Homelessness

702
people

560
households

KEY POPULATIONS

7%

49 veterans

6.8%

48 youth
(age 18-24)

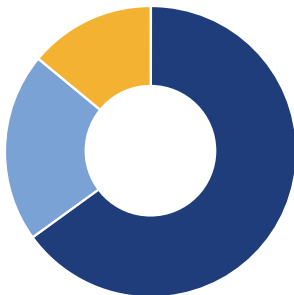
7.1%

50 chronically
homeless

4.4%

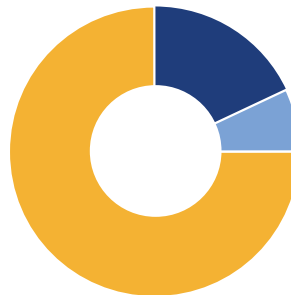
31 seniors
(age 65+)

LIVING SITUATIONS



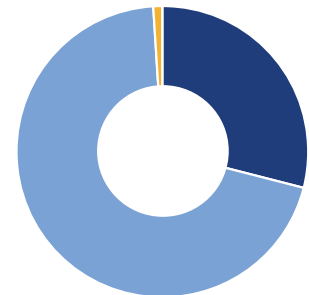
65% 456 emergency shelter
21% 150 unsheltered
14% 96 transitional housing

AGE



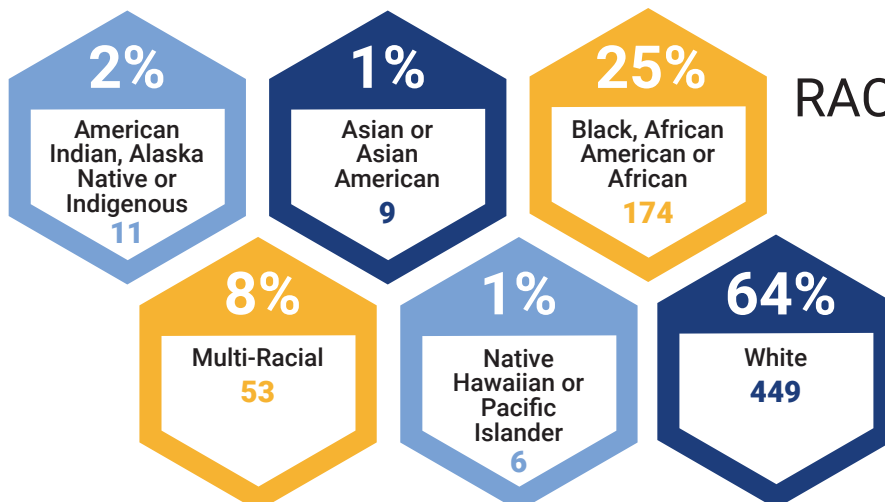
18% 125 children (under 18)
7% 48 youth (18-24)
75% 529 adults (24+)

GENDER

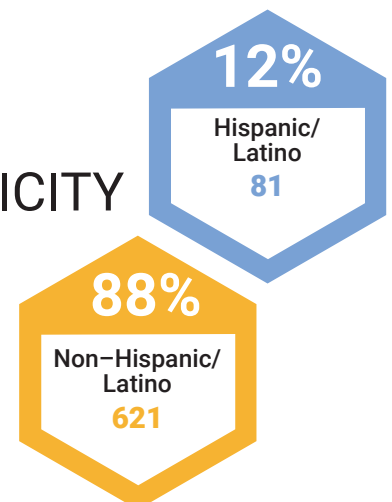


29% 205 females
70% 493 males
1% 4 nonbinary/transgender

RACE

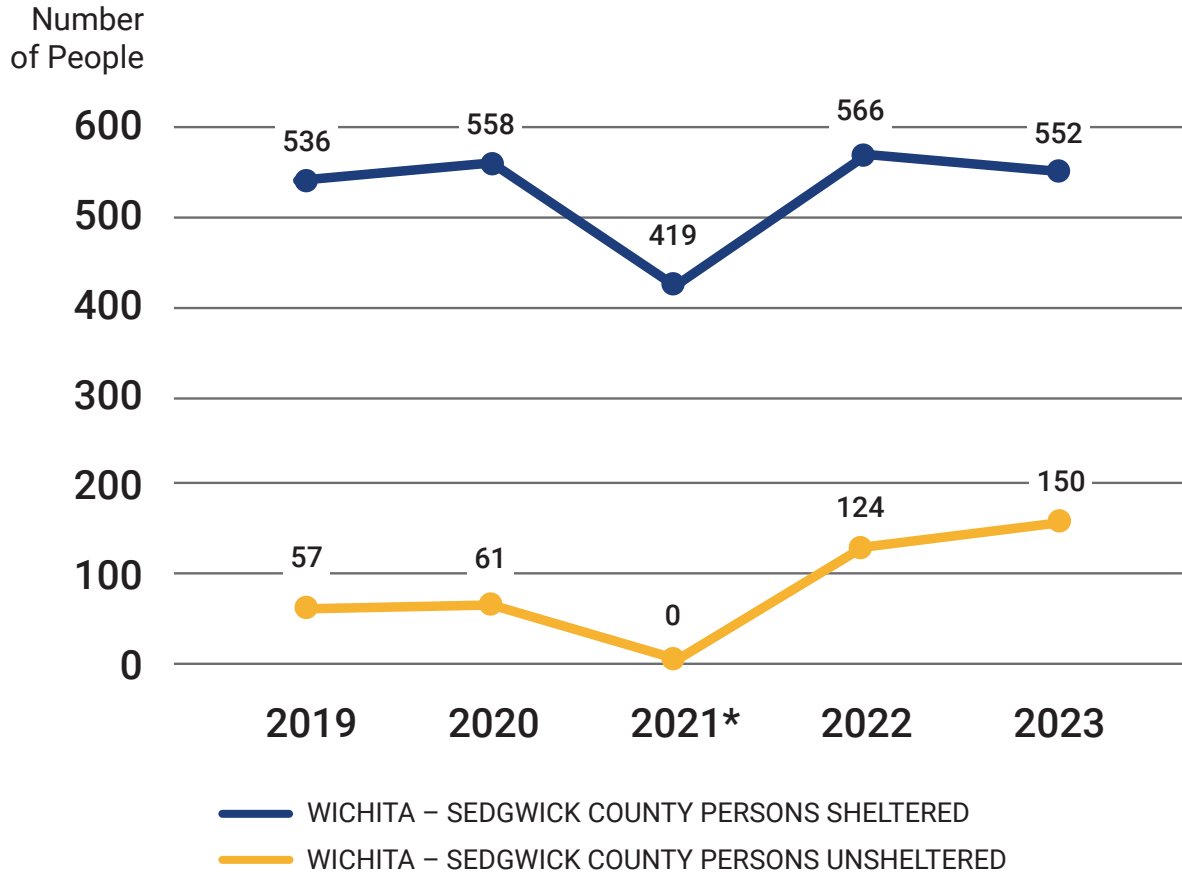


ETHNICITY



Past Annual Point-In-Time Homeless Count Results

Wichita – Sedgwick County
2019 – 2023



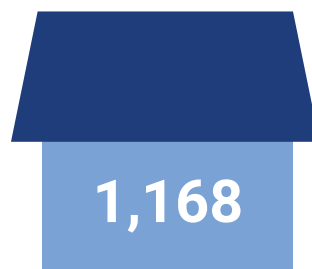
*Note that an unsheltered count was not conducted in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

2022 CoC System Performance

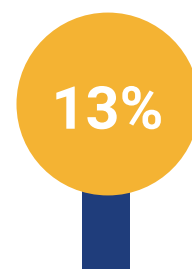
The CoC measures its success based on reducing the total number of people homeless, but also by how many people are housed, the length of time they are homeless before being housed, and how many return to homelessness within two years of being housed.



average days
homeless



housed or kept
in housing



returned to homelessness
in the last two years



Methodology

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count is undertaken once a year by professionals and volunteers to count those who are currently homeless in communities across the United States. The results reported in this document provide a snapshot of homelessness in Wichita – Sedgwick County. The initiative was organized and coordinated by United Way of the Plains through Impact ICT Continuum of Care with the help of more than 80 volunteers. The results are reported to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for federal funding of future housing services.

Persons in shelters are counted using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which collects information on unhoused persons year-round and allows agencies to communicate about clients in one system.

The unsheltered count is conducted through a survey of day shelters and by survey teams at known locations where unsheltered persons are likely to be found. Survey teams are made up of community volunteers and staff of the homeless response system. A variety of factors can influence the results of the annual count: fluctuating economic conditions, local and national increases in housing costs, improvements in count methodology (such as outreach to more locations), decreases in homelessness prevention funds post pandemic and weather conditions

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