

2024 POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT

Wichita-Sedgwick County



The Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Count is undertaken in communities across the United States once a year to count those who are currently experiencing homelessness. The results are reported to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which provides federal resources to prevent and end homelessness.

The 2024 PIT Homeless Count for Wichita-Sedgwick County was conducted by community volunteers and trained professionals during one 24-hour period on Jan. 25, 2024. The 2024 initiative was organized and coordinated by United Way of the Plains through the Coalition to End Homelessness in Wichita/Sedgwick County (formerly known as the Impact ICT-Continuum of Care).

This data provides a snapshot of homelessness in Wichita-Sedgwick County. A variety of factors can influence the results of the annual count:

- Weather conditions (More people will seek shelter on colder days.)
- Variations in local, state and national homelessness prevention funding
- Changes in shelter locations
- Fluctuating economic conditions
- Local housing costs and availability
- Count methodology (including having more volunteers resulting in additional geographic coverage)



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Self-Reported Demographics of Persons Experiencing Homelessness

691
people

537
households

KEY POPULATIONS

6%

43 veterans

7%

49 youth
(age 18-24)

16%

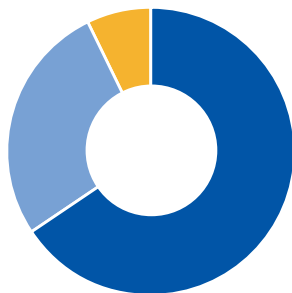
*111 chronically
homeless

4%

30 seniors
(age 65+)

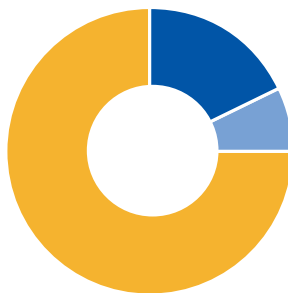
*Chronically homeless is defined as homeless for a year or longer in the last three years.

LIVING SITUATIONS



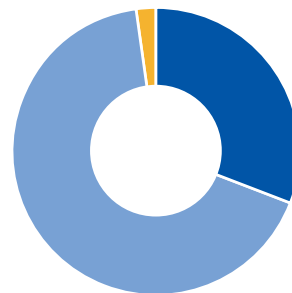
66% 452 emergency shelter
27% 188 unsheltered
7% 51 transitional housing

AGE



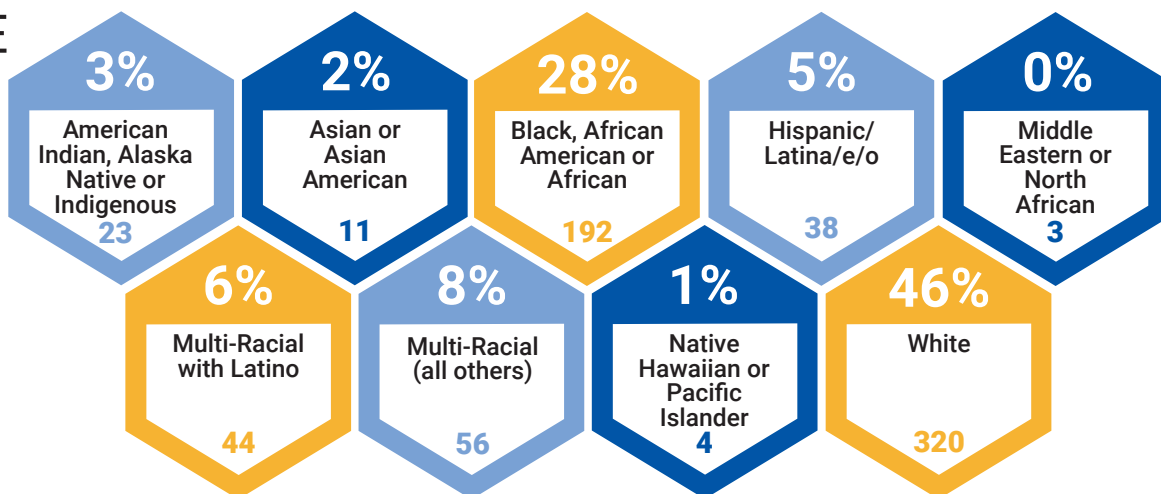
18% 127 children (under 18)
7% 49 youth (18-24)
75% 515 adults (25+)

GENDER



31% 215 females
67% 462 males
2% 14 multiple genders
(including transgender, culturally specific, non-binary, different identity and multiple gender)

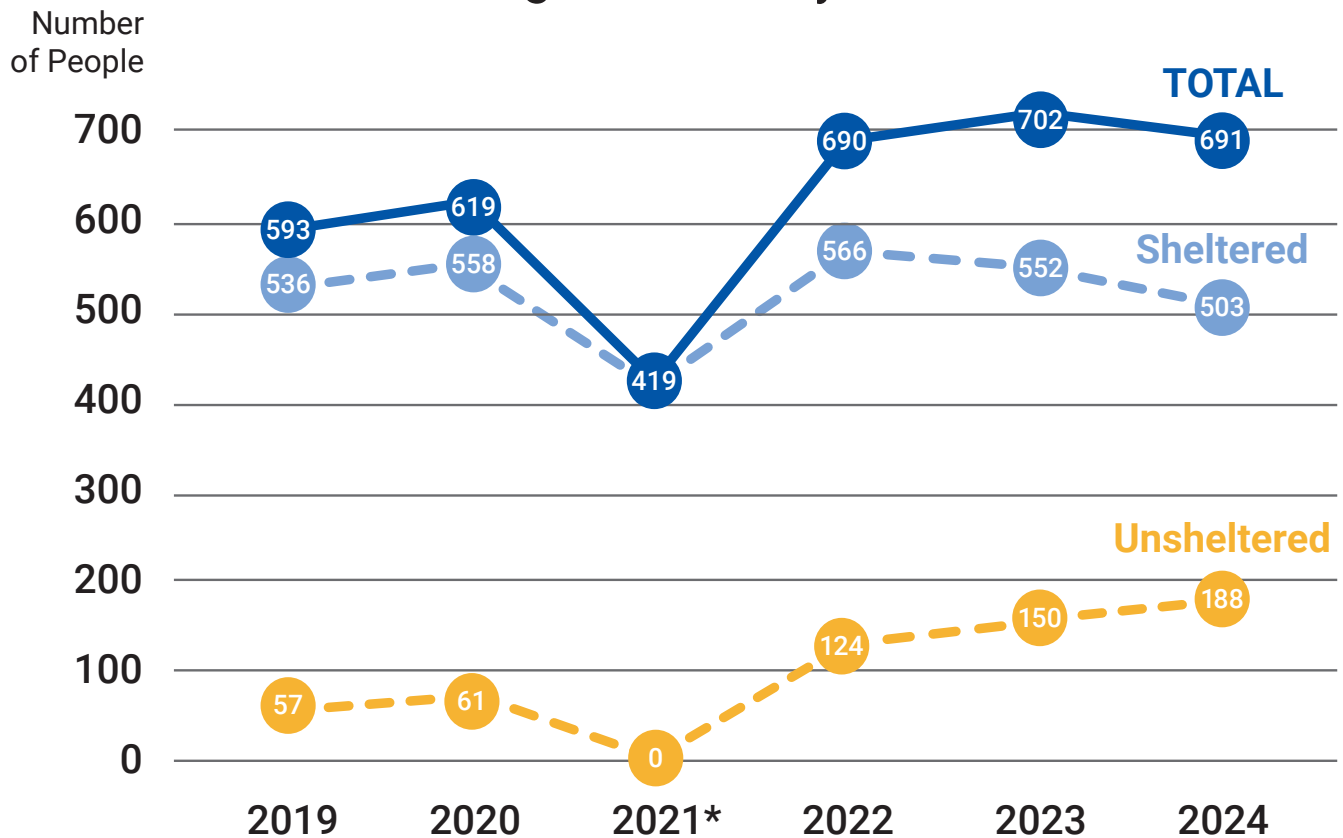
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Annual Point-In-Time Homeless Count Results

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Sheltered Count: 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 a single system.

Unsheltered Count: The unsheltered count is a simultaneous count where surveyors visit day shelters, locations where unhoused neighbors have been known to be and locations where unsheltered neighbors are likely to be found in a short time frame to reduce the possibility of double counting.

* An unsheltered count was not conducted in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions and because shelters were operating at reduced capacity.

2023 CoC System Performance

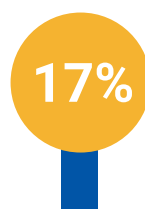
The Continuum of Care (CoC) measures its success based on reducing the total number of people homeless, but also by how many people are housed, the length of time they are homeless before being housed, and how many return to homelessness within two years of being housed.



housed or kept
in housing



average days
homeless



returned to homelessness
in the last two years



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Affordable Housing

The availability of affordable and appropriate housing directly impacts the number of persons experiencing homelessness and how difficult it is to end their situation through housing and supportive services.

Wichita's 2023 Housing Retention Rate is 97%, showing that prioritizing housing with supportive services is a highly successful strategy for ensuring long-term stability and preventing homelessness in our community.

\$774/month = market rate for a one-bedroom apartment in Sedgwick County.
(Source: HUD 2024 Fair Market Rents)

\$16.13/hour wage required to pay for a one-bedroom apartment in Sedgwick County.
(Source: HUD 2024 Fair Market Rents and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

\$7.25/hour has been the minimum wage in Sedgwick County since 2009.
(Source: Department of Labor, State of Kansas)

82 hours/week at minimum wage needed to afford a one-bedroom apartment in Sedgwick County.
(Source: HUD 2024 Fair Market Rents and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Note: The HUD guideline of keeping housing costs below 30 percent of income is intended to ensure that households have enough money to pay for other nondiscretionary costs; therefore, policymakers consider households who spend more than 30 percent of income on housing costs to be housing cost burdened.

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