

Measuring how Many People Experience Homelessness in Multnomah County



What is the PIT Count?

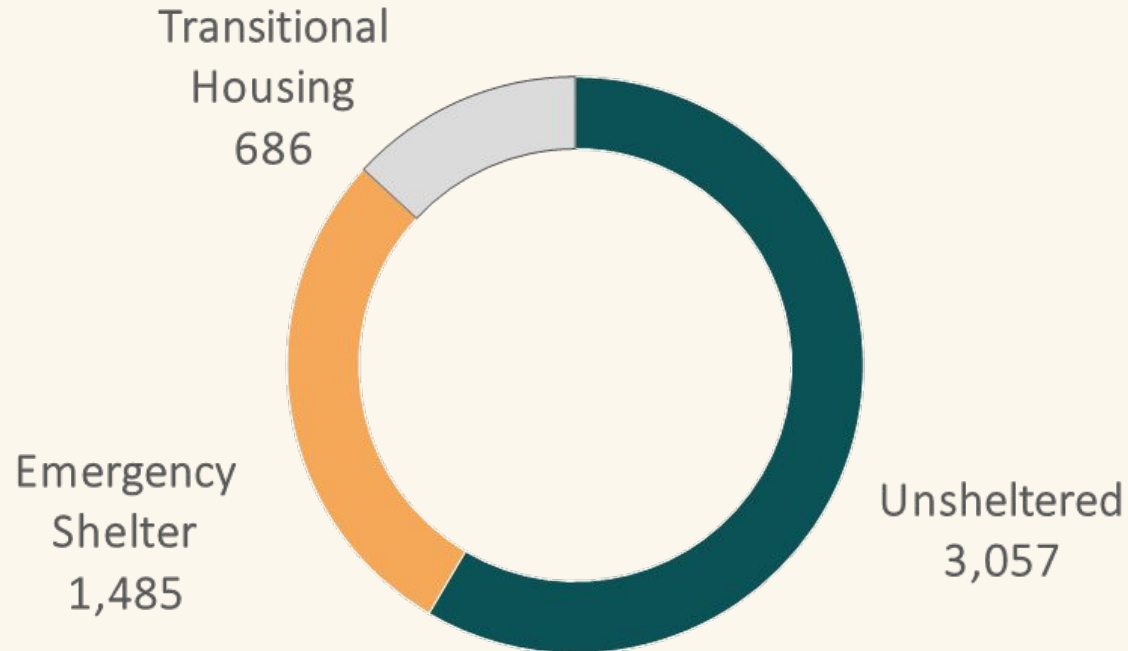
- "Point in Time", Census-style count of people experiencing homelessness according to HUD's definition
- Street Count and One Night Shelter Count
- Questions include:
 - Basic demographic information
 - Selected life experiences (such as disabling conditions, domestic violence and veteran status)
 - Whether people are from Multnomah County, the Metro region, the state, or somewhere else

What the PIT Count Does Not Tell Us

- Many people are not included in the one-night Count:
 - Can't be found or decline to participate
 - Staying with friends/family or institutionalized, but have nowhere else to go
- And a one-night snapshot misses a lot:
 - People who were experiencing homelessness in Multnomah County the rest of the year
 - Reasons why people entered homelessness, or barriers to housing stability

2022 PIT Count

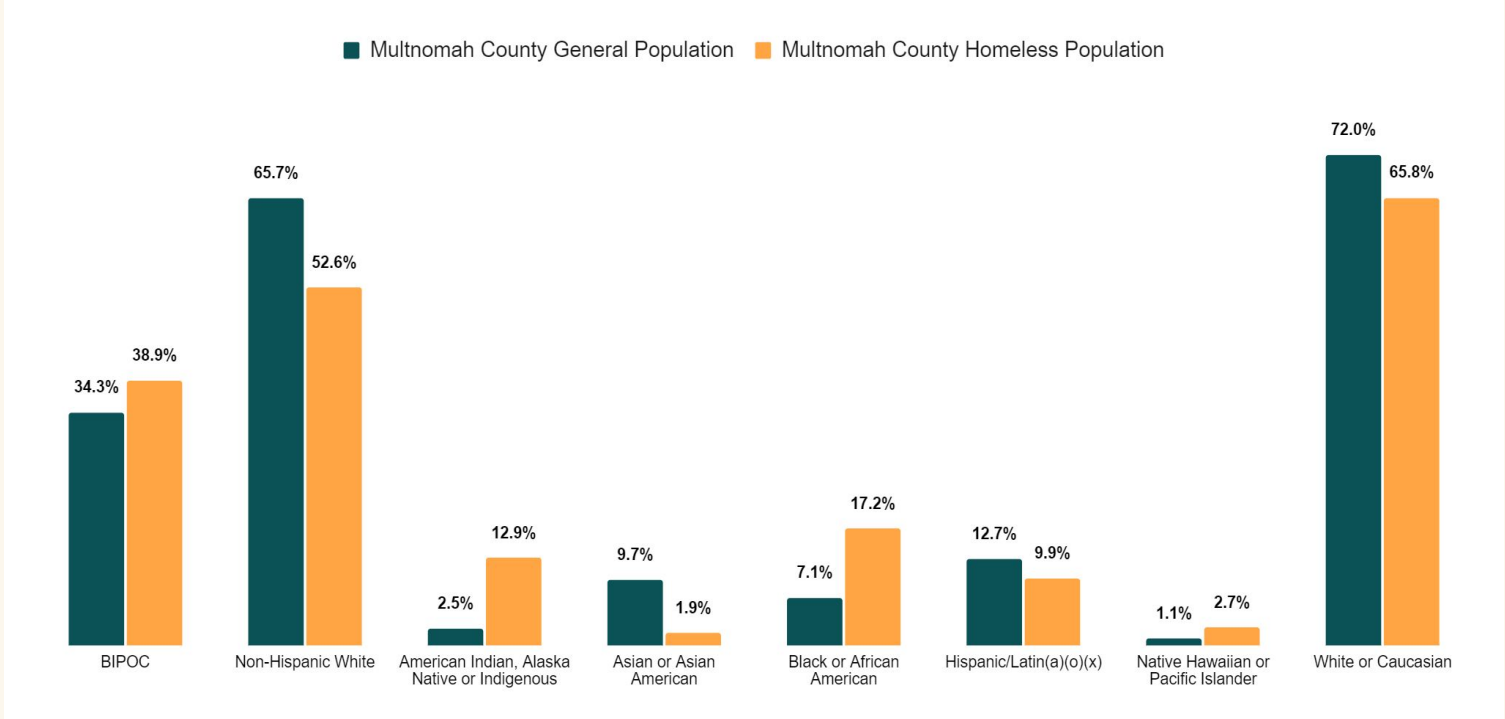
Total people counted: 5,228



2022 PIT Count: Main Takeaways

- Total people increased 30% between 2019 and 2022
 - Mainly due to unsheltered homelessness
- Including data from Coordinated Entry = different perspective
- COVID was a reason for homelessness for nearly a quarter (24%) of people surveyed
- BIPOC individuals remain over-represented
- Only 10% of people surveyed reported coming to Multnomah County in homelessness and seeking services

BIPOCs remain overrepresented



A majority have disabling conditions

- **80 percent** of people reported one or more disabilities
 - **83 percent** of unsheltered persons
- **36 percent** of people reported a mental health disorder
 - **38 percent** of unsheltered persons
- **35 percent** of people reported a substance use disorder
 - **37 percent** of unsheltered persons
- **20 percent** of people reported both mental health and substance use disorders
 - **22 percent** of unsheltered persons

Migration - a local issue

Among **all people who were surveyed for the PIT Count**, only 10 percent reported that they came to the County to obtain homelessness services.

Most people surveyed were **from Multnomah County (20 percent)** or were **housed when they arrived (40 percent)**.

Among **people who came to the County experiencing homelessness**,

- **21 percent** were from Washington, Clackamas or Clark Counties
- **17 percent** were from elsewhere in Oregon

2023 Tri-County PIT



- This new tri-county endeavor is aligned around our efforts to build a regional system of care to address and prevent homelessness.
- Focus Strategies = Project Management
- Portland State University: HRAC and PRC = Methodology, training, analysis, report writing

2023 Tri-County PIT

- Night of the PIT will be Tuesday, January 24, 2023
- The work of the PIT Count will be 1/25/23 (W) through 1/31/23 (Th)
- Current activity:
 - Volunteer recruitment efforts
 - Outreach worker involvement

Questions about the PIT?
