On January 24, 2013 in Snohomish County, 1,996 individuals in 1,151 households were counted as homeless.

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<td>2. # of Individuals in Households with Children</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>3. # of Households without Children</td>
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<td>4. # of Single Individuals and Persons in Households without Children</td>
<td>317</td>
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<td>344</td>
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**STANDOUT DATA: BY THE NUMBERS**

- 344 (17%) were unsheltered on the day of the count.
- 311 (16%) were precariously housed.
- 1,341 (67%) were sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing or using motel/hotel vouchers.
- 757 (38%) were children under the age of 18.
  - Of the total children, 662 were in emergency shelter or transitional housing.
  - Of the total children, 720 were in families with children households (versus unaccompanied).
- 99 veterans were identified (31 unsheltered, 31 precariously housed and 37 sheltered).
  - 16 were female veterans
  - Average age is 47 years old
  - 45% of the unsheltered Veterans reported they have been homeless for 3 years or longer.
- 427 (21%) homeless individuals reported they were victims of domestic violence; up from 363 last year.
- Of those surveyed, 44% reported they had at least one disabling condition (HIV/AIDS, Permanent Physical Disability, Mental Illness, Developmental Disability, or Chronic Substance Abuse)
SUMMARY

Approximately 150 volunteers collected information from people experiencing homelessness in Snohomish County on January 24, 2013. The Point in Time (PIT) Count was conducted between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Although, there were a few locations volunteers headed to before 8:00 AM.

Final results show that 1,996 individuals were homeless on the day of the count. While these numbers are lower than prior counts and can be encouraging; the need in Snohomish County has certainly not gone away.

For the last 5 years, the Point in Time (PIT) count, on average, identifies that around 2,274 individuals are homeless in Snohomish County. Because the PIT count is a snapshot of homelessness, it often does not capture households who cycle in and out of homelessness.

In 2012, for example, 2,990 new persons entered Snohomish County’s homeless system\(^1\). That’s for a system that, based on its capacity, cannot keep up with the need out there. In addition to those 2,990 persons that were served, there are more people experiencing homelessness out there placed on numerous housing waitlists.

What the PIT data has shown throughout the years is that there are both internal characteristics, and external factors contributing to homelessness. Those internal, or individual characteristics, have included: family breakup, domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness, medical problems, low job skills, criminal convictions, and poor credit and eviction history. The external factors contributing to homelessness have included: unemployment, low wage jobs, lack of affordable housing, and the lack of available services to treat the individual characteristics contributing to homelessness (e.g. job skills training, mental health and substance abuse services).

The remaining portion of the report summarizes the findings from the 2013 PIT survey, but provides little narrative. If you have questions, contact information is provided on page 7.

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\(^1\) 2,990 is the unduplicated number of people entering emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and rapid re-housing programs where they were previously homeless in 2012.
Survey Reported Needs

- Affordable, long-term housing: 50.7%
- Shower: 25.9%
- Bus ticket: 22.6%
- Food: 20.2%
- Clothing: 20.2%
- Dental care: 19.0%
- A short-term, safe place to stay: 18.2%
- Medical assistance: 15.4%
- Job search: 14.4%
- Reliable transportation: 9.8%
- Don't know where to start: 9.0%
- Laundromat: 7.2%
- Mental health assistance: 7.0%
- Alcohol/Drug treatment: 7.0%
- Budget assistance: 6.0%
- Case management: 5.6%
- Personal/Family counseling: 5.2%
- Food stamp assistance: 5.2%
- Medication: 5.0%
- Legal assistance: 4.8%
- Utility assistance: 3.8%
- Resume assistance: 3.6%
- Education information: 3.6%
- Credit counseling: 3.6%
- Program information: 3.2%
- Child care: 3.0%
- Personal storage: 2.4%
- Pet placement for housing: 1.8%
- Eviction information: 1.4%

2 Needs, conditions, causes and income percentages are only for those that were surveyed (does not include those in emergency shelter and transitional housing).
Survey Reported Causes of Homelessness

- Job Loss/unemployed: 42.5%
- Unable to pay rent/mortgage: 30.5%
- Drug/Alcohol Use: 24.8%
- Family breakup: 20.4%
- Mental health issues: 14.2%
- Kicked out of home: 12.2%
- Medical problems/illness: 11.8%
- Temporary living situation ended: 11.6%
- Evicted for non-rent: 8.8%
- Convicted of criminal offense: 8.4%
- Need additional job skills: 8.0%
- Victim of domestic violence: 7.8%
- Evicted-other reasons: 6.6%
- Poor credit rating: 6.4%
- Exhausted unemployment: 4.8%
- Medical costs: 4.6%
- Discharged from institution/jail: 4.6%
- Reduced work hours: 2.6%
- Refugee/Undocumented immigrant: 1.2%
- TANF termination: 1.0%
- Language barrier: 1.0%

*44% HAD AT LEAST ONE DISABLING CONDITION REPORTED*

Survey Reported Conditions

- Untreated dental: 35.1%
- Substance abuse: 22.6%
- Perm. physical/medical disability: 21.7%
- Uncorrected visual: 20.8%
- Mental illness: 18.6%
- Developmental disability: 7.6%
- Temporary physical disability: 6.9%
- Illiteracy: 4.1%
- HIV/AIDS: 0.5%

*Includes those reporting substance abuse, phys./medical disability, mental illness, developmental disability and HIV/AIDS.*
Veterans and those with a reported disability, experienced homelessness close to one full year longer than the rest of those surveyed.
## Trends

### 2009-2013 PIT Totals

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<tr>
<td>Chronic homeless individuals</td>
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<td>238</td>
<td>205</td>
<td>163</td>
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<td>Family households</td>
<td>399</td>
<td>462</td>
<td>413</td>
<td>444</td>
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<td>Veterans</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>104</td>
<td>115</td>
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<td>Youth - 17 and under</td>
<td>849</td>
<td>854</td>
<td>760</td>
<td>799</td>
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<td>Total homeless count</td>
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### Diagram Description

The chart shows the trend in the total homeless count and subcategories from 2009 to 2013. The total homeless count demonstrates a slight decrease over the years, with a dip in 2011 and a recovery in 2012. The categories of chronic homeless individuals, family households, veterans, and youth show a mix of increases and decreases, with the total homeless count reflecting these fluctuations.
Reasonable accommodations will be made to provide additional information upon request. Please contact Nate Marti at (425) 388-3268 (voice), 425 388-3700 (TDD), or Nate.Marti@co.snohomish.wa.us (e-mail).