

Key Numbers & Takeaways PPCoC 2024 Point in Time Count

During the last 10 days of January, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that all Continuums of Care conduct the Point in Time (PIT) survey, an annual count of people experiencing homelessness on a single night. The Pikes Peak Continuum of Care (PPCoC) surveyed people found to be experiencing homelessness on the night of Sunday, January 21 into Monday, January 22, 2024.

To review charts of the 2024 PIT breakdown, and all Federal reporting from previous years, please visit https://www.ppchp.org/homelessness/coc-reports-and-resources/. Full breakdowns and reports will be posted by the end of the year at https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3031/pit-and-hic-data-since-2007/.

1,146: 2024 Point In Time Count Number

Takeaway: The number of people counted for one night as experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness went down compared with 2023. It represents 156 fewer people counted than in 2023 (1,302), a 12% reduction.

259: Number of People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness

Takeaway: The number of people counted as experiencing unsheltered homelessness went down. This number represents 115 fewer people counted than in 2023 (374), a 31% reduction.

887: Number of People Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness

- 537: Number of people in Emergency Shelters. This number represents 18 fewer people in shelter than in 2023 (555), a decrease of 3.2%.
- 350: Number of People in Transitional Housing. This number represents 23 fewer people than in 2023 (373).

HOMELESS SUBPOPULATIONS

451: Number of People Who Are Experiencing Homelessness as Part of a Family

- There was a 12% increase (48 more persons) compared with 2023.
- 149: Number of family households (at least one adult and one child)
- 265: Number of children under age 18 (who are not unaccompanied homeless youth)*

Note: Data on families experiencing homelessness is difficult to obtain. Often this is due to fear that their children will be removed from their care in an already difficult time. In the state of Colorado, children are not removed due to homelessness. Additionally, families often "double up," stay with family or friends, and stay in hotels, neither of these qualify as homeless, for the PIT count.

74: Number of Unaccompanied Youth (ages 16 – 24 years old)

• Down from 83 in the 2023 PIT.

206: Number of People Ages 55 and Older

Takeaway: This number represents 81 fewer people counted than in 2023 (287)

- •53: Number of persons ages 65 and older experiencing homelessness; 18 unsheltered. The total number represents 20 fewer people (73) and the unsheltered number represents two more (16) than in 2023.
- •153: Number of people ages 55 to 64 experiencing homelessness; 59 unsheltered. The total number represents 61 fewer people experiencing homelessness (214) and 20 fewer people unsheltered (79) than in 2023.
- •77: Number of people ages 55 and older living unsheltered. This number represents 18 fewer people (96) than in 2023.

89: Number of Military Veterans

- 26 fewer people than in the 2023 PIT count (115).
- 22 veterans were unsheltered.

PIT 2024 Additional Populations Report: (adults only)

- 254 self-identified as living with serious mental illness: 106 unsheltered; 40 in transitional living; 108 in emergency shelter
- 165 adults self-identified as living with substance use disorder: 123 unsheltered; 18 in transitional housing; and 24 in emergency shelter
- 4 adults self-identified as living with HIV/AIDS: 1 unsheltered; 3 in emergency shelter
- 61 identified as survivors of domestic violence: 28 unsheltered; 1 in transitional housing; 32 in emergency shelter

RACIAL DISPARITIES

The 2024 PIT survey tool reflects changes in HUD policy combining the race and ethnicity categories and increasing the number of racial categories to 15 from the previous 6. One impact of the policy change is that more people now identify in the Multi-Racial category.

The 2024 PIT summary shows the number of people who identified in various racial categories. The following information is not a direct statistical comparison due to new categories not matching former categories in Census data. Rather, it puts some lens on the representation of race in the general population compared with people counted in the PIT. As a percentage of the total PIT count population of 1,146 by category named in the survey, respondents selected:

- 23.1% Multi-Racial (265 people)
- 1% Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latina/e/o (11 people)
- 47.3% White Only (542 people)
- 6.3% White & Hispanic/Latina/e/o (72 people)
- 12.7% Black, African American, or African (only) (145 people)
- 0.6% Black, African American, or African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o (7 people)
- 5% Hispanic/Latina/e/o (only) (57 people)
- 2.3% American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (only) (26 people)
- 0.5% American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latina/e/o

^{*}Additional information about youth and veteran populations flow into and out of homelessness is available at the PPCOC Built for Zero Data Dashboard on the Community Health Partnership website: https://www.ppchp.org/homelessness/data/

2.8%: Percentage Who Reported Their Race as inclusive of American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous and not in the Multi-Racial category.

Takeaway: The PIT indicates that twice the percentage of people in homelessness identify race inclusive of American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous compared with the most recent Census data for the general population. According to the 2022 El Paso County Census demographics by race, 1.4% of the County's population reported their race as American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous.

12.7%: Percentage Who Reported Their Race as inclusive of Black, African American, or African only

Takeaway: The PIT indicates that almost twice the percentage of people in homelessness identify race inclusive of Black or African American compared with the most recent Census data for the general population. According to the 2022 El Paso County Census demographics by race, 6.9% of the County's population reported their race as Black or African American.

47.3%: Percentage Who Reported Their Race as inclusive of White (only)

Takeaway: According to the 2022 El Paso County Census demographics by race, 67% of the County's population report their race as White, non-Hispanic. PIT data indicates a lower percentage of people experiencing homelessness in our community identify as White than in the general population. The U.S. Point in Time summary data for 2023 PIT shows 49.7% of people in homelessness in our nation on one given night identify as White.