



Point-in-Time Homeless Snapshot for Thurston County

2019

2019 Point-In-Time Count Results

Each January, Thurston County conducts a “point-in-time count” to capture the number and characteristics of people living without a home.



12%

Unaccompanied youth 17 and under



42%

Female



7%

Veterans



10%

Victims of domestic violence



32%

People of color* *People of color make up 18% of the Thurston County population.



31%

Chronically homeless



34%

Households with children

The main causes of homelessness are related to economic & family stability

1. Job loss/eviction
2. Mental/health/family rejection
3. Physical health/disability
4. Domestic violence/alcohol or substance abuse

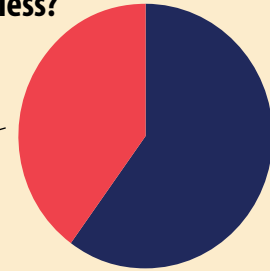
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Homeless people counted in
Thurston County

How long have people been homeless?

30%

Less than one year



70%

More than one year

Not all people experiencing homelessness sleep outside



30%

Emergency shelter



34%

Out of doors (street, tent, etc.)



14%

Vehicle, abandoned building, other



21%

Transitional housing

Most said they lived in Thurston County before becoming homeless

54% Thurston County

35% Other WA Counties

11% Outside WA

Physical health is the most commonly reported disability

Here is the breakdown of the most commonly reported disabilities. Some people reported having multiple disabilities.

Mental illness

55%

Physical disability

54%

Chronic health condition

33%

Substance use

33%

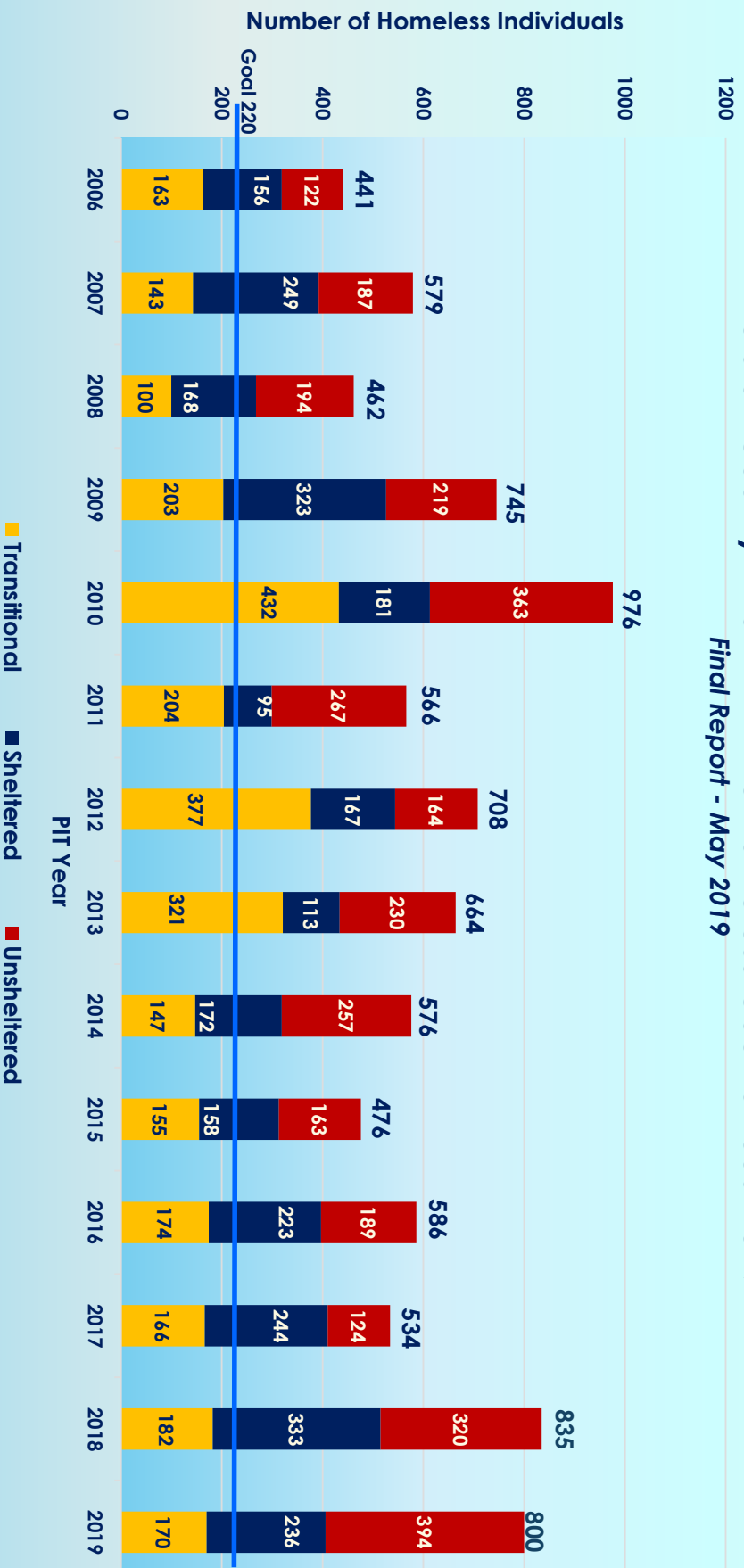
Developmental disability

5%

More on back

Thurston County - Point in Time Homeless Counts 2006-2019

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Thurston County PIT Progress Chart – Explanatory Notes by Year

- 2006:** 1st year base line of 441 – Reduction goal = 222
- 2008:** Decrease due to large inventory of new housing
- 2010:** Increase correlates with Recession high point
- 2011:** Transitional Housing Stock converted to Permanent Another did not report occupancy, unsheltered count
- 2015:** Homelessness drops with Recession recovery
- 2017:** Decrease due to limited staff capacity
- 2018:** Homeless increase correlates with rent increase
- 2019:** One shelter lost 40 beds, another didn't report Many unsheltered people declined to participate

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