



# 2018 THURSTON COUNTY POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESSNESS SNAPSHOT

## 2018 Point-In-Time Count Results

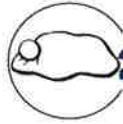
Each January, Thurston County conducts a "point-in-time count" to capture the number and characteristics of people living without a home.

# 835

Homeless persons counted



**1.2%**  
Unaccompanied youth & young adults



**23%**  
Chronically homeless



**38%**  
Households with children



**45%**  
Female



**25%**  
Victims of domestic violence



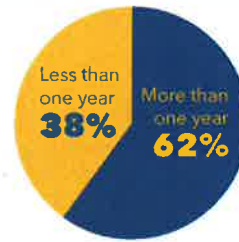
**7%**  
Veterans



**29%**  
People of color\*

\*However, people of color make up only 18% of the Thurston County population.

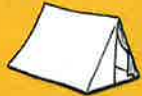
## How long have people been homeless?



## Not all people experiencing homelessness sleep outside



**40%**  
Emergency shelter



**20%**  
Out of doors (street, tent, etc.)



**22%**  
Transitional housing



**18%**  
Vehicle, abandoned building, other

## Most said they lived in Thurston County before becoming homeless

59% Thurston County

13%

28% Outside WA

Other WA counties

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

Survey respondents shared many causes for becoming homeless. These are the top four:

- 1. Job loss/unemployment**
- 2. Eviction/loss of housing**
- 3. Family rejection**
- 4. Domestic violence**

## Physical health is the most commonly reported disability

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

Chronic health condition

**28%**

Physical disability

**24%**

Mental illness

**19%**

Substance use

**19%**

Developmental disability

**10%**



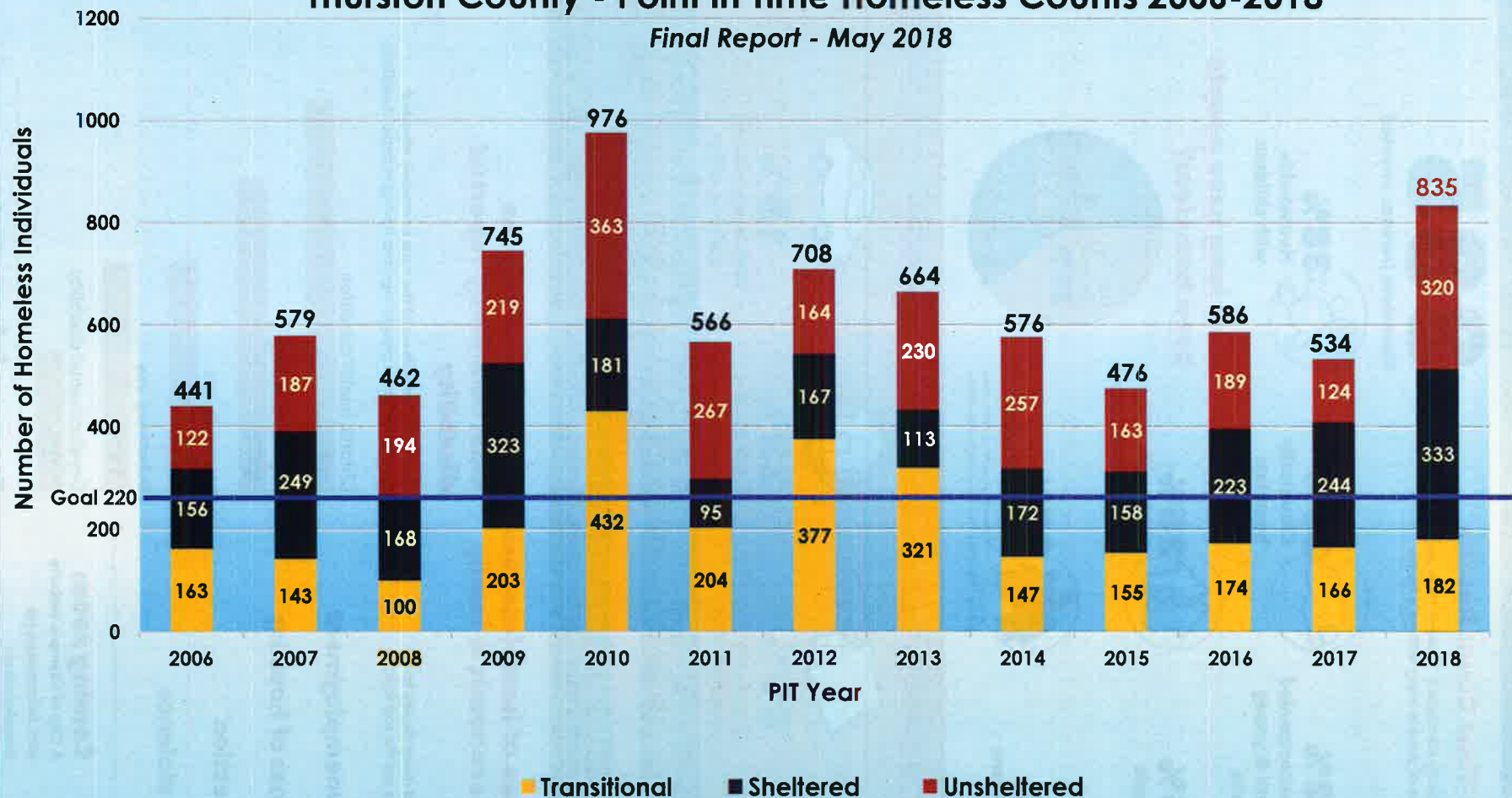
**Coming soon:**  
A City of Olympia website with information on homelessness.

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# Thurston County - Point in Time Homeless Counts 2006-2018

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## Thurston County PIT Progress Chart – Explanatory Notes by Year

**2006:** 1<sup>st</sup> year baseline of 441 - Reduction goal = 222

**2008:** Decrease due to large inventory of new housing

**2010:** Increase correlates with Recession highpoint

**2011:** Transitional Housing Stock converted to Permanent

**2011:** Decrease due to large inventory of new housing

**2015:** Homelessness drops with Recession recovery

**2017:** Decrease due to limited staff capacity

**2018:** Homeless increase correlates with rent increases