



# Allegheny County Winter 2022 Census of Unhoused People



In the winter of 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allowed Allegheny County to **delay its Point-in-Time (PIT) homeless count by a month** due to the COVID-19 pandemic; the count took place on February 23, 2022.



Allegheny County Department of Human Services staff assigned at least **10 organizations and 30 volunteers to canvass approximately 30 geographic locations** throughout the County and provided them with training on PIT engagement and survey administration.



For projects that do not collect client data in the Homeless Management Information System, homeless service providers and PIT count volunteers used the Qualtrics survey platform to ask individuals about their **housing situation, demographics, health, veteran affiliation, and — for the first time — COVID-19 vaccine status.**

**On February 23, 2022, in Allegheny County, 880 individuals experiencing homelessness were identified. Among those 880 individuals:**

**631 were staying in emergency shelters**  
(72% of overall count)

**105 were unsheltered**  
(12% of overall count)

**471 identified as Black**  
(54% of overall count)

**315 identified as White**  
(36% of overall count)

**94 identified as multiracial/other**  
(10% of overall count)

**38 identified as Hispanic or Latinx**  
(4% of overall count)

**616 were part of adult-only households**  
(70% overall)

**46 were transition age (18-24) youth**  
(5% of overall count)

**175 were children; no children (under age 18) were unsheltered**  
(20% of overall count)

**550 identified as male**  
(63% of overall count)

**326 identified as female**  
(37% of overall count)

**<1% identified as outside of the gender binary or transgender**

**85 were veterans**  
(10% of overall total)

**114 were adult survivors of domestic violence**  
(13% of overall total)

**284 were chronically homeless**  
(32% of overall total)

**The total count was higher in 2022 than in 2021 by 188 individuals.**

Although the number of individuals in every setting (emergency, transition, Safe Haven and unsheltered) increased from 2021 to 2022, the **largest numeric increase occurred in emergency shelters.**

The number of **households with children increased by 12** from 2021 to 2022; **adult-only households increased by 124.**

The COVID-19 pandemic, fluctuations in the number of volunteer data collectors, weather conditions and areas canvassed account for variations over time. More specifically, **the increases apparent from 2021 to 2022 can be attributed to:**

- 1. Significantly warmer weather in 2022** (57 degrees Fahrenheit versus 34 degrees Fahrenheit in 2021, and thus more people unsheltered and outside)
- 2. More shelter beds available in 2022**, as existing shelters had fewer COVID-19 capacity restrictions than in 2021, and additional shelter spaces opened as well
- 3. A well-organized count** with multiple organizations and individuals once again able to canvass in person throughout the County