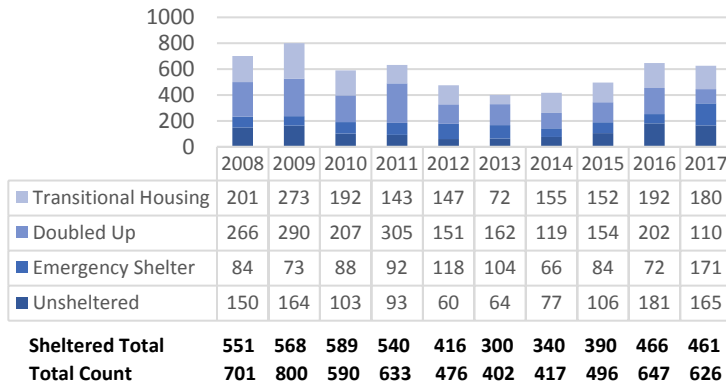


2017 Kitsap County Point in Time Count Overview – *Certified Data*

The “Point in Time” count is an annual survey that gathers information about people experiencing homelessness during a 24-hour period at the end of January. This survey provides critical information regarding the scope and nature of homelessness in our community and can impact funding for homeless housing and services.

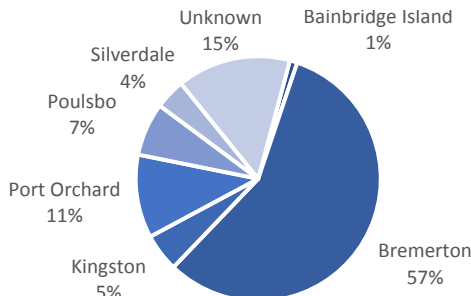
Consistent Numbers of Unstably Housed Individuals

The 2017 count shows consistent numbers of sheltered individuals (466 in 2016 vs 461 in 2017). The number of unsheltered individuals decreased 9% from in 2017, but is still 42% over the average of 116 for the past 10 years.



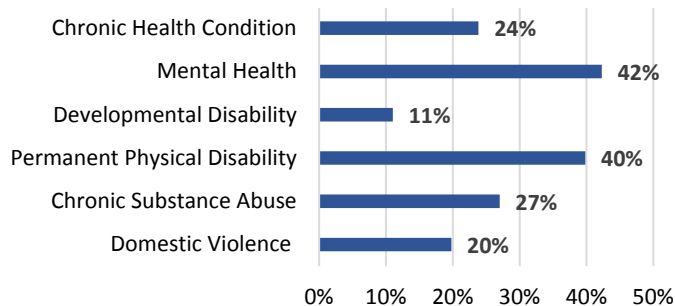
Current City

Increased efforts were made to expand the count in 2017 throughout previously under-counted areas in Kitsap County. Participants were asked to provide their current cities of residence.



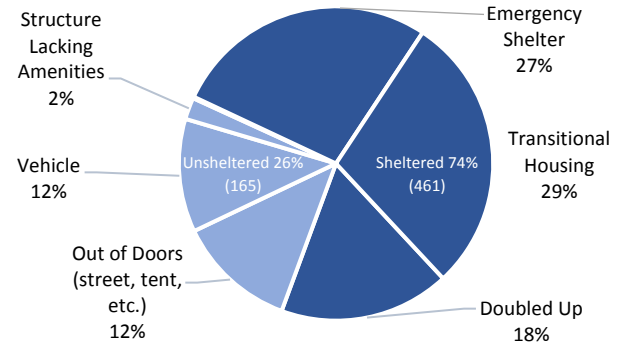
Characteristics

When asked to categorize needs other than housing, the most common response from survey participants was that they experienced challenges related to mental illness, followed by permanent disability and chronic substance use.



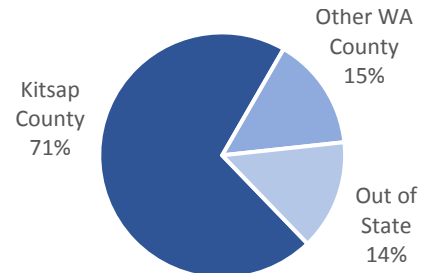
What does unsheltered mean?

For the purposes of this survey, information is collected on sheltered (emergency shelter, transitional housing, doubled up) vs. unsheltered homelessness. In this year’s count, 165 people said they were unsheltered. The majority of those who were unsheltered indicated they lived outside in places not meant for human habitation.



Last Place of Residence

Surveys also collected information about the last city of permanent residence, and 76% of participants provided this data. 151 (71%) of those participants previously had stable housing in Kitsap County.



Causes of Homelessness

When asked the specific cause (or causes) of homelessness, the most common response was health issues (including mental health), followed by economic reasons and family conflict.

