



Department of Human Services
Housing and Homelessness Division



Kitsap Housing and
Homelessness Coalition

OUTREACH SURVEY VOLUNTEER |

Survey Volunteers will survey homeless individuals sleeping unsheltered during the day of the count in areas not ordinarily used as a place for human habitation including sidewalks, parks, wooded areas, transit stations, commercial establishments, alleyways, vehicles, and encampments.

The count will take place between 6am-10am on Thursday, January 23rd. Survey Volunteers are asked to commit to a 4-hour shift (less if surveying is completed early) plus 1 hour of training time prior to the count.

Survey Volunteers will work in assigned teams under the leadership of someone with experience in the field. Teams will be distributed throughout the county in Bremerton, Central Kitsap, North Kitsap, Bainbridge Island, and South Kitsap areas.

Volunteers surveying on the street and in the woods need to be able to stand and walk for up to 4 hours. As volunteers will be walking along paths and through wooded areas, please make sure to wear clothing suitable to the weather and terrain.

We encourage all volunteers to bring a cellphone, pens (black or blue), and a clipboard if possible.

Volunteer Responsibilities

What you ARE responsible for

- Completing survey training and understanding the instructions given.
- Filling out and signing the Volunteer Agreement and Roster.
- Approaching everyone you meet on the street (regardless of their appearance) with courtesy and respect.
- Identifying yourself as a volunteer doing a survey on housing.
- Seeking explicit consent from all potential survey participants.
- Asking the survey questions as written, and writing down responses as clearly as possible.
- Gathering at least location, gender, and estimated year of birth for individuals not consenting to the survey.
- Maintaining the confidentiality of survey participants.
- Staying with your assigned team.
- Surveying only in your designated map zone or facility.
- Reporting concerns to your Team Leader, including instances where survey participants appear distressed or in harm's way.
- Arriving at the assigned meeting area at the beginning of your shift.
- Returning completed surveys.

What you ARE NOT responsible for

- Providing answers to questions about housing or services.
- Responding to panhandling requests.
- Finding someone a place to stay or directing him/her to a place to stay.
- Going somewhere with survey participants (ex. to show you where/how they are living).
- Sharing personal information with survey participants.
- The behaviour and conduct of other volunteers.
- Providing personal opinions about issues raised by survey participants.
- Responding to media inquiries.

Qualifications

- Self-motivated and able to work well with little supervision
- Ability to make clear decisions with sound judgement
- Dependable, adaptable, flexible, and punctual
- Volunteers surveying outdoors will need to be able to stand and walk for at least 4 hours.
- Access to reliable mode of transportation
- Able to complete training specific to the volunteer position
- Fluency in a second language is an asset, especially Spanish, or other languages or dialects, but is not required.

To Apply

Complete the registration form at <http://kcowa.us/PIT2020> or contact Cory Derenburger, Housing & Homelessness Division Specialist at cderenbu@co.kitsap.wa.us or (360) 337-7287. Visit <https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/HH-Point-in-Time.aspx> for more information.