

Conclusions Based on Spokane's Data from the January Annual Point in Time Count:

1. On any given day in Spokane County, about 1,300 people are experiencing homelessness, of which nearly 200 are children and 100 are young adults.
 - Spokane's 2019 Point in Time Count showed there were 1,309 homeless individuals counted, including 192 children (15%) and 106 young adults ages 18 – 24 (8%).
2. Family homelessness has been decreasing steadily since it peaked in 2011 (in terms of families who can be located and physically counted on the count day).
 - 23% of homeless people identified were in households with children. 94% of them were staying in an emergency shelter or in transitional housing. The Point In Time Count doesn't have an effective way to count people who are doubled up with friends and relatives.
3. Adult homelessness has been steadily increasing since 2011 from 650 in 2011 to 986 in 2019), and the number of unsheltered adults has increased dramatically in the last two years (from 130 in 2017 to 295 in 2019). This may be in part because federal funds shifted away from supporting shelters and towards getting people directly into transitional and permanent housing. The most common co-occurring issue is severe mental illness (315 individuals), second most common is chronic substance abuse (150), followed by domestic violence (125).
 - Top reason homeless people gave when surveyed:
 1. Family conflict
 2. Lack of income
 3. Lack of affordable housing, Or job loss (tied)
 4. Drug use, Or evicted (tied)

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