



# City Manager's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 18, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

**FROM:** Cynthia Esparza, Chief Equity & Community Relations Officer

**SUBJECT:** 2023 Point-In-Time Count Results

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The 2023 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Conducted annually, the PIT count is a measurement of sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night in the region.

### 2023 PIT Count Summary

- Overall total number of individuals experiencing homelessness: 1,690
  - 5% increase from 1605 in 2022
- Total number of unsheltered individuals (living in tent, vehicle, along the river, etc.): 329
  - 21% decrease from 417 in 2022
- Total number of individuals in an emergency shelter or transitional housing: 1361
  - 14.5% increase from 1,188 in 2022

### Key Highlights

- The overall increase to 1,690 is attributed to the addition of countywide programs reporting into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Clean and Safe and City partners (Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality, Karma Box Project, and Downtown Reno Partnership) utilize HMIS. The Community Court program is in the process of establishing access.
- Coordination amongst outreach staff and community outreach providers to help transition individuals into an emergency shelter or housing arrangement continues to improve.

As highlighted in the table below, 2023 marks two consecutive years in a decrease of unsheltered individuals in the region. Outreach to unsheltered individuals remains a priority for the Clean and Safe program and contracted outreach partners.

<b>Point in Time Count Unsheltered Individuals Year-Over-Year</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Unsheltered Individuals</b>	<b>Percentage Change Year-Over-Year</b>
2016	132	0 ( <i>previous year's data not available</i> )
2017	80	39% Increase
2018	193	141% Increase
2019	226	17% Increase
2020	459	103% Increase
2021	780*	70% Increase
2022	417	46% Decrease
2023	329	21% Decrease

*\*Nevada Cares Campus opened in May 2021*

Additional data points are available in the attachments. Please contact Cynthia Esparza at [esparzac@reno.gov](mailto:esparzac@reno.gov) or (775) 737-1374 with any questions.

Attachments:

- 2023 PIT Count Results Summary
- PIT County Data Table Year-by-Year

# THE NORTHERN NEVADA CONTINUUM OF CARE



Category of Data Set	January 26 2017	January 25 2018	January 24 2019	January 30 2020	February 4 2021	February 24 2022	January 26 2023
Number of persons on the street, along the river and in parks	80 62 males 18 females 0 transgender 0 Unknown (0 age 12 to 17 18 age 18 to 24 62 age over 24 13 Seniors 55 + 4 Vet 9 Chronically Homeless)	184 of 193 complete 139 males 44 females 9 Unknown (0 age 12 to 17 23 age 18 to 24 161 age over 24 35 of 161 Seniors 55 + 20 Vet 35 Chronically Homeless)	226 165 males 57 females 3 transgender 1 gender nonconforming (1 age 12 to 17 22 age 18 to 24 203 age over 24 16 Veterans 9 Chronically Homeless)	459 339 males 120 females 2 transgender 0 gender nonconforming (2 age 12 to 17 39 age 18 to 24 418 over age 24 38 Veterans 59 chronically homeless)	780 *Demographic data not collected due to exception from HUD for a head count only due to COVID-19	417 302 males 103 females 2 transgender 2 age under 18 12 age 18 to 24 403 age 25+ 16 Veterans 100 chronically homeless	329 238 males 80 females 11 Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male' 0 age under 18 8 age 18 to 24 321 age 25+ 15 Veterans 68 chronically homeless
Number of persons counted in emergency or transitional housing	1,026 550 in Emergency (163 of 550 were in overflow shelter) 476 in Transitional	1,008 621 in Emergency (251 of 621 were in overflow shelter, including tent and dayrooms, 185 in Safe Havens) 387 in Transitional	1,020 630 in Emergency Shelter 400 in Transitional	772 514 in Emergency Shelter 258 in Transitional	1,011 697 in Emergency Shelter 231 in Transitional Housing	1,188 1,007 in Emergency Shelter 181 in Transitional Housing	1,361 1,106 in Emergency Shelter 255 in Transitional Housing
Number of Individuals and family members in Emergency Shelter	550	621	630	514	697	1,007	1,106
Persons in weekly motels (underhoused)	3,966	3,551	1,525	2,997	2,550	2,302	2,132
Long Term Motel Residents (longer than 1 year) as part of total	1600	1,387	710	1205	1,169	1,279	968
Families living in motels	471	185 Families	60	108	97	72	43
Seniors living in motels	1,271	1,032	475	977	710	766	714

# Point in Time (PIT) Count Briefing

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May 2022

# Methodology Summary



## Point In Time Count

- ❖ Conducted annually as required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- ❖ Must be conducted during the last 10 days in January unless a waiver is granted
  - ❖ Statewide, the PIT count was conducted on 1/26/23
- ❖ Unsheltered data is counted via an in-person count across the community
  - ❖ Starts at 4 am, completed by 9 am
  - ❖ Countywide coverage
- ❖ Sheltered data is gathered through HMIS and agency submissions



### PIT Count Sheltered and Unsheltered 2015-2023



# Result—Total (Sheltered +Unsheltered)



## Point In Time Count

- ❖ 1,690 total person counted
- ❖ Increase of 85 individuals compared to 2022 PIT Count
  - ❖ Decrease of 88 individuals in the unsheltered population
  - ❖ Increase of 173 individuals in shelters and transitional housing.

# Result--Unsheltered



## Point In Time Count

- ❖ 329 counted
  - ❖ 238 male (72%)
  - ❖ 80 female (24%)
  - ❖ 11 Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male' (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender) (3%)
  - ❖ 8 between the ages of 18 and 24
  - ❖ 15 Veterans
  - ❖ 68 Chronically Homeless
- ❖ 173 individuals decrease compared to 2022 PIT Count



# Result--Sheltered



## Point In Time Count

- ❖ 1,361 sheltered (Emergency shelter + transitional housing)
  - ❖ 173 individual increase from 2022
  - ❖ 885 Male (65%), 466 Female (34%), 10 Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male' (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender); Transgender; and Questioning (1%)
- ❖ 1,106 in emergency shelter
  - ❖ 111 individual increase from 2022
- ❖ 255 in transitional housing
  - ❖ 62 individual increase from 2022

# Result—Motel Count



## Point In Time Count

- ❖ 2,132 persons in weekly motels
  - ❖ 170 individuals less than 2022
- ❖ 968 long term residents (12+ months in unit)
  - ❖ 311 fewer individuals than 2022
- ❖ 714 seniors living in weekly motels
  - ❖ 52 fewer individual than 2022
- ❖ 76 children
  - ❖ 30 fewer children than 2022

# Conclusions



- ❖ The unsheltered count decreased by 88 individuals from last year.
- ❖ The sheltered count is 173 individuals higher than last year.
- ❖ The number of sheltered beds available in the community has increased
  - ❖ Men's and Women's CrossRoads were added as emergency shelter beds in 2022
- ❖ Utilization of transitional housing has improved



# Thank you

