



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

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

FROM: Cynthia Esparza, Chief Equity & Community Relations Officer

SUBJECT: 2024 Point-In-Time Count Results

The 2024 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count was held on Thursday, January 25, 2024 throughout Washoe County. Conducted annually, the PIT count is a measurement of individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night in the region. The City of Reno is an active participant and assisted in mapping zones to count individuals. The PIT data is collected in two categories:

- Unsheltered data is counted via an in-person count across the community living outdoors, e.g. in tents, vehicles, etc.
- Sheltered data is gathered via agency submissions, e.g. emergency and transitional housing.

2024 PIT Count Summary

- Total number of individuals experiencing homelessness (sheltered and unsheltered): 1,760
 - 4% increase from 1690 in 2023
 - +70 individuals
- Total number of *unsheltered* individuals: 363
 - 10% increase from 329 in 2023
 - +34 individuals
- Total number of sheltered individuals (emergency shelter or transitional housing): 1397
 - 3% increase from 1,361 in 2023
 - +36 individuals

2024 Key Highlights

- On the morning of the count, temperatures were milder compared to previous years and frequently individuals may opt to stay outdoors or depart from the emergency shelter.

- The total increase of 70 individuals in 2024 is roughly evenly distributed between those who are unsheltered (34) and sheltered (36).
- In total, 20% of the population counted are unsheltered. These are the individuals whom Clean and Safe outreach services and its partners (RISE and Karma Box Project) target.
- 2024 marks the first increase of unsheltered individuals since the COVID-19 pandemic, as highlighted in the table below.

| Point-in-Time Count Unsheltered Individuals Year-Over-Year | | |
|---|--|---|
| Year | Total Unsheltered Individuals | Percentage Change Year-Over-Year |
| 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 |
| 2024 | 363 | 10% Increase |

**Nevada Cares Campus opened in May 2021*

Staff will continue communicating community shelter needs with Washoe County and provide outreach to those living outdoors. Please contact Cynthia Esparza at esparzac@reno.gov or 775-737-1374 with any questions.

Attachments:

- 2024 PIT Count Results Summary
- PIT County Data Table Year-by-Year

2024 Point in Time (PIT) Count Briefing

Washoe County Human Services Agency,
Division of Housing and Homeless Services

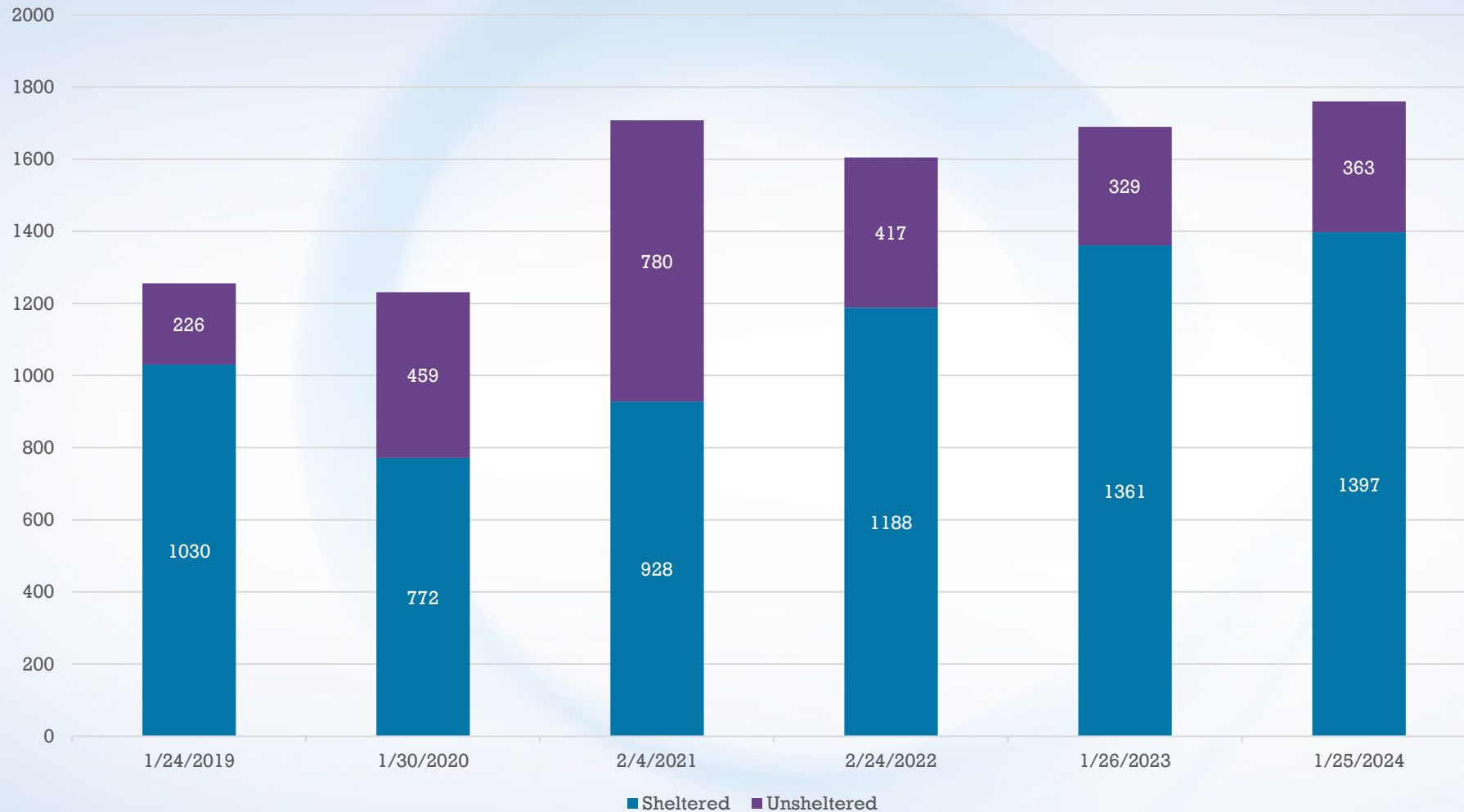
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2019-2024 Point in Time



PIT Count Sheltered and Unsheltered 2019-2024



Total (Sheltered + Unsheltered)



Point In Time Count

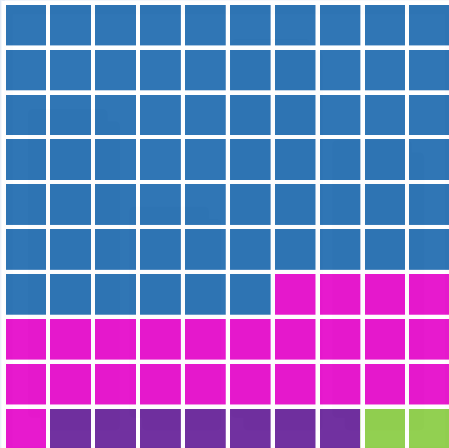
- ❖ 1,760 total person counted
 - ❖ Sheltered + Unsheltered Counts
- ❖ Increase of 70 individuals compared to 2023 PIT Count
 - ❖ Increase of 34 individuals in the unsheltered population (10%)
 - ❖ Increase of 36 individuals in emergency shelters and transitional housing (3%)

Unsheltered



Point In Time Count : 363 Counted

Gender



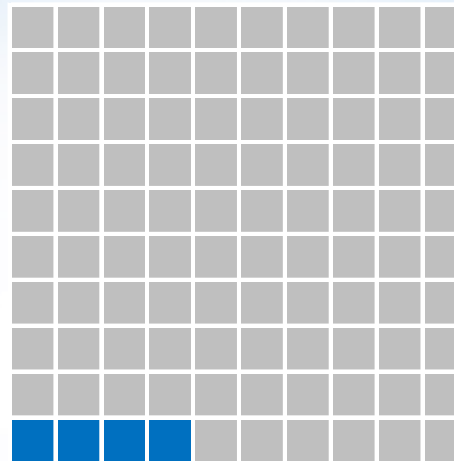
Male: 66%

Female: 35%

Data not collected: 8%

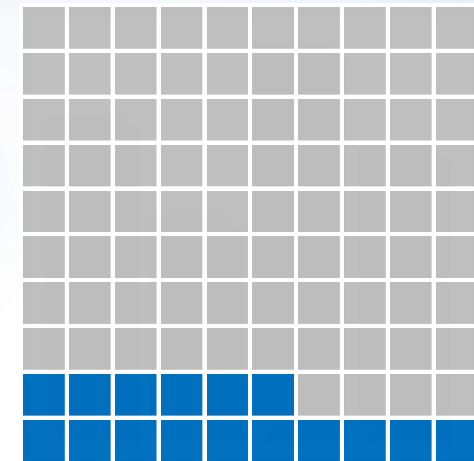
Not singularly male/female: 2%

Veterans



Veterans: 17 individuals, 4%

Chronically Homeless



Chronically homeless:
60 individuals, 16%

34 individuals increase compared to 2023 PIT Count



Motel Count



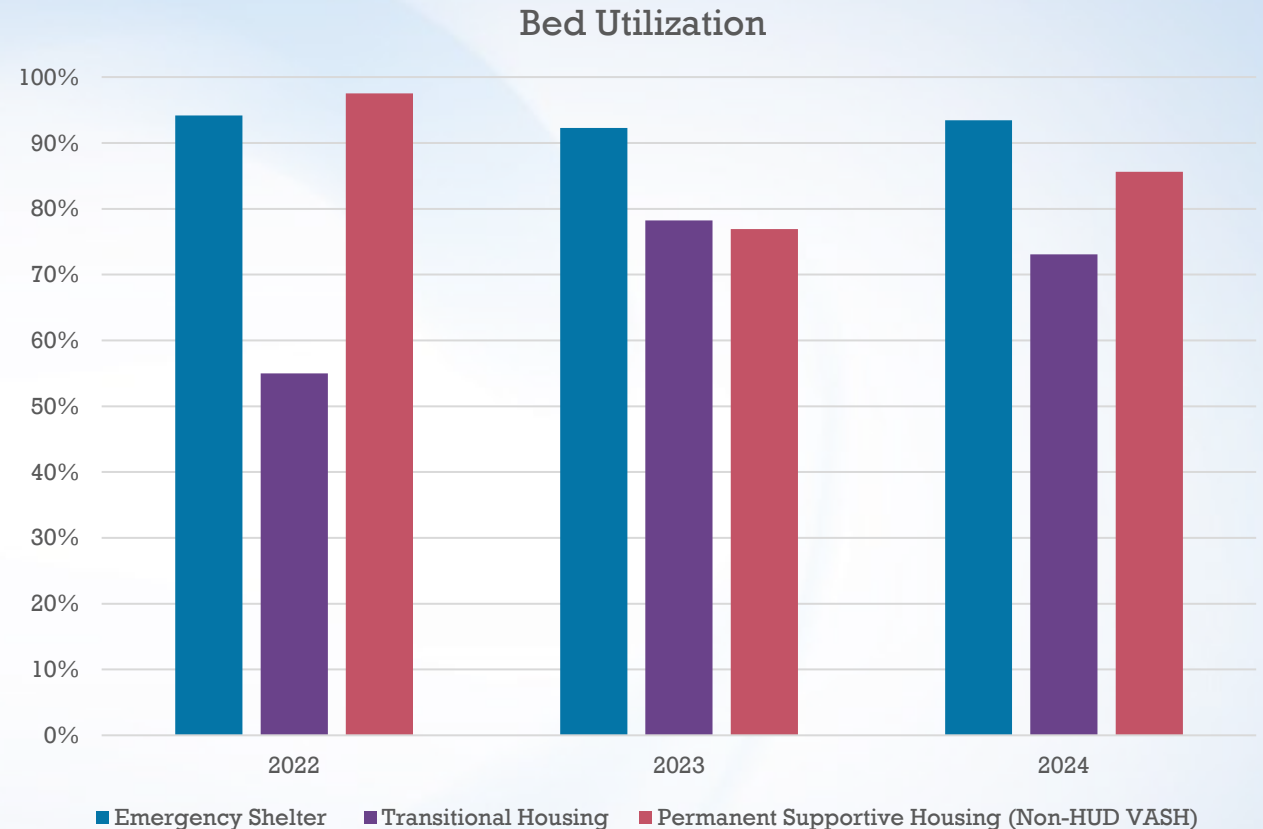
Point In Time Count

- ❖ 47 Weekly Motels Identified
 - ❖ 20 Weekly motels identified did not return a response (42.5% nonresponse rate)
- ❖ Of the 27 motels that responded
 - ❖ 1071 persons in weekly motels
 - ❖ 479 long term residents (12+ months in unit)
 - ❖ 419 seniors living in weekly motels
 - ❖ 30 families

Bed Utilization



- Emergency Shelter Bed Utilization
 - 1,195 beds available
 - 93% Utilization Rate
- Transitional Housing Bed Utilization
 - 405 Beds available
 - 73% Utilization Rate
- All Bed Type Utilization
 - 2,343 Beds Available
 - 89% Utilization



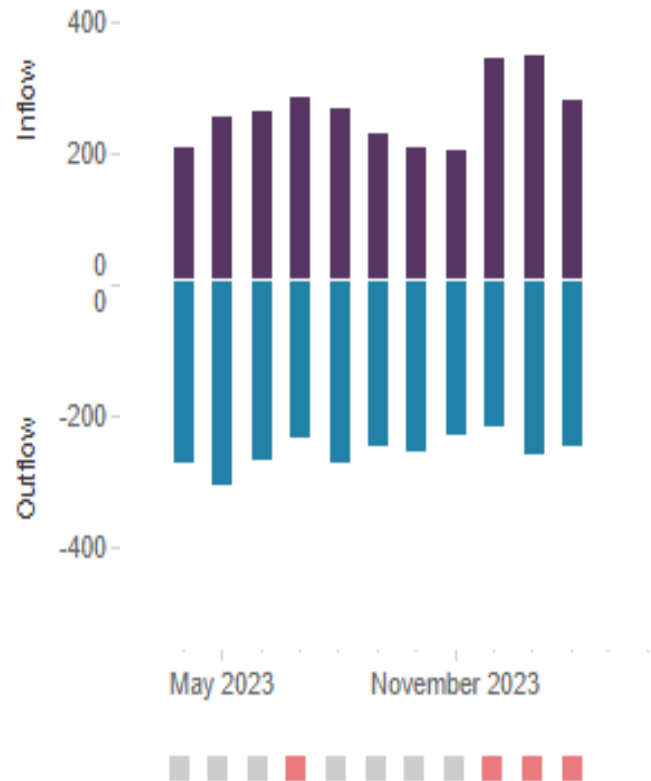
Inflow versus Outflow



- Inflow is people falling into homelessness, outflow is when people are housed or become inactive in the system
- The number of people experiencing homelessness will increase when inflow exceeds outflow
- When people fall into homelessness, emergency shelter is utilized to meet the immediate need of providing shelter while more permanent solutions are pursued
- Ideally, inflow would be zero in our community
 - Second to that goal, we want to be able to house people who fall into homelessness quickly

Inflow versus Outflow

Monthly Inflow & Outflow Red square at bottom indicates Inflow exceeded Outflow



- Inflow and outflow for single adults in Washoe County
- August-Nov of 2023, outflow exceeded inflow, which is the desired trend
- In December 2023, January 2024 and February 2024, inflow exceeded outflow

- Nationally, homelessness is rising
 - Between 2022 and 2023, the **total** number of people experiencing homelessness (sheltered + unsheltered) increased by 12 percent
 - The number of people experiencing **unsheltered** homelessness, increased by 10%)
 - More than one in five people experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2023 was age 55 or older.
 - Large cities are seeing significant increases
 - Major cities experienced a 17% increase in the **total** number of people experiencing homelessness



Conclusions



- ❖ While there is a slight increase in the total number of people experiencing homelessness, the total number of people counted is very similar to last year
 - ❖ The PIT count is one time per year snapshot
 - ❖ Many communities around the county are seeing significant increases
- ❖ Having 90% of providers enter data into HMIS allows us to analyze communitywide trends more frequently than annually
 - ❖ Continued timely data entry is critical to this analysis
- ❖ Utilization overall has increase with Emergency Shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing having higher utilization rates than Transitional Housing
- ❖ If inflow continues to exceed outflow, the total number of people experiencing homelessness will continue to grow
- ❖ Affordable Housing stock for extremely low-income populations (30% or less) must increase to see further improvements in reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness

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| Category of Data Set | January 30 2020 | February 4 2021 | February 24 2022 | January 26 2023 | January 25 2024 |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| Number of persons on the street, along the river and in parks | 459 339 males 120 females 2 transgender 0 gender nonconforming | 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 | 329 238 males 80 females 11 Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male' | 363 242 males 85 females 9 Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male' 2 Questioning |
| Age breakdown of persons on the street, along the river and in parks | 2 age 12 to 17 39 age 18 to 24 418 over age 24 | | 2 age under 18 12 age 18 to 24 403 age 25+ | 0 age under 18 8 age 18 to 24 321 age 25+ | 0 age under 18 6 age 18-24 360 age 25+ |
| Number of Veterans and Chronically Homeless people on the street, along the river and in parks | 38 Veterans 59 chronically homeless | | 16 Veterans 100 chronically homeless | 15 Veterans 68 chronically homeless | 17 Veterans 60 Chronically homeless |
| Number of persons counted in emergency or transitional housing | 772 514 in Emergency Shelter 258 in Transitional Housing | 928 697 in Emergency Shelter 231 in Transitional Housing | 1,188 995 in Emergency Shelter 193 in Transitional Housing | 1,361 1,106 in Emergency Shelter 255 in Transitional Housing | 1,397 1,131 in Emergency Shelter 266 in Transitional Housing |
| Emergency Shelter Bed Inventory and Utilization | | | 1,069 beds 94% utilization | 1,156 beds 92% utilization | 1,195 beds 93%utilization |
| Transitional Housing Bed Inventory and Utilization | | | 329 beds 55% utilization | 326 beds 78% utilization | 405 beds 73% utilization |
| Permanent Supportive Housing (Not Including HUD-VASH) Inventory and Utilization | | | 203 beds 98% utilization | 182 Beds 77% utilization | 181 beds 86% utilization |
| Persons in weekly motels (underhoused) | 2,997 | 2,550 | 2,302 | 2,132 | 1,071 **Only 27 of 47 Weekly Motels responded |