

Report Due to Commerce by March 16, 2011

*Note: If your county uses Commerce HMIS for the PIT count we fill in the report table for you.

1. Briefly describe your efforts to count unsheltered persons.

Our 2011 PIT count was a collaborative effort between the City of Spokane, Spokane County and social service providers. Our regional PIT count was conducted over a seven day period at over 100 different locations. Each individual that participated in the count was asked where they stayed on the night of January 23, 2011. Over 1,400 completed forms were returned to the City of Spokane Human Services Department. More than 300 local volunteers from the Spokane Community Colleges, social service agencies and local government participated in our regional PIT count between January 23 and January 29, 2011.

2. Briefly describe how you minimized the duplication of those that were counted.

Duplication was a primary concern during our early planning efforts. To reduce duplication we asked each individual to identify if they had already been counted during the week of our regional PIT survey. A limited number of returned forms identified individuals who had been counted more than once during the week. All duplications identified were removed from our sum count of homeless individuals and families on the night of January 23, 2011. Our most accurate method to reduce duplication was the use of our regional HMIS. Our HMIS database allowed for an accurate screening of clients who were homeless on the night of January 23, 2011. Given our methodology to reduce the rate of duplication we feel very confident that our regional PIT count is accurate with very few instances of duplication.

3. What quantitative data or qualitative impressions do you have on how complete the count was in your county? (i.e., “One-hundred percent of sheltered persons were counted, but we were not able to safely count about 10 percent of the unsheltered homeless population, that live in the southwestern forests and were not willing to come to our stand down.”)

The City of Spokane Human Services Department feels confident that we have captured nearly 100% of all sheltered homeless individuals and families on the night of January 23, 2011. It is difficult to say how complete our unsheltered homeless count was due to the difficulty of reaching the most isolated chronic homeless populations not staying in shelters. However, we did have several homeless outreach teams contacting these individuals during the week of our count. Based on the number of survey sites and volunteers we can say with confidence that our efforts reached the greatest number of homeless individuals and families in our region.

Part 1: Homeless Population	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Temporarily Living with Family or Friends
	Emergency	Transitional		
Number of Families with Children (Family Households):	63	205	6	*
Number of Households <u>without</u> Children:	347	185	14	*
Number of Households <u>without</u> Adults (nobody over 17 years old):	5	1	0	*
1. Number of Persons in Families with Children:	170	440	18	*
2. Number of Single Individuals and Persons in Households <u>without</u> Children:	338	181	120	*

3. Number of Persons in Households <u>without</u> Adults (nobody over 17 years old):	5	1	0	*
Total Persons: (Add Lines Numbered 1, 2 & 3)	513	622	138	*
Part 2: Homeless Subpopulations	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Temporarily Living with Family or Friends
	Emergency	Transitional		
a. Chronically Homeless Individuals	45	NA	29	*
b. Chronically Homeless Families	2	NA	0	*
c. Persons in Chronically Homeless Families	22	NA	0	*
d. Mentally Disabled	76	104	43	*
e. Persons with alcohol and/or other drug problems	53	92	20	*
f. Veterans	36	37	18	*
g. Persons with HIV/AIDS	2	3	0	*
h. Victims of Domestic Violence	47	76	11	*
i. Unaccompanied Youth (Under 18)	3	0	0	*
j. Children (Under 18) in Families	104	235	20	*
k. Physically Disabled	15	34	7	*
l. Seasonal Agricultural Workers	0	0	0	*
m. Persons with both substance use and mental health problems	25	49	9	*
n. Senior citizens (aged 65 or older)	5	3	2	*

*Optional