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Memorandum

DATE: May 8, 2026
TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager
FROM: Cynthia Esparza, Director
DEPT: Community Engagement & Services
SUBJECT: 2026 Point-in-Time Count

The 2026 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count was conducted on Thursday, January 29, 2026, in Washoe County. This count is a measurement of individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night in the region. Coordinated by Washoe County as the lead agency, the City of Reno assisted with pre-planning mapping and day of field support. 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 the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and agency submissions, e.g. emergency and transitional housing.

The last comprehensive count was conducted in 2024, followed by a sheltered count in 2025. The following is a summary of the 2026 PIT Count.

2026 PIT Count Summary

- Total number of individuals experiencing homelessness: 1,787
 - 1.5% increase from 1760 in 2024
 - +27 individuals
- Total number of unsheltered individuals: 341
 - 6% decrease from 363 in 2024
 - -22 individuals
- Total number of sheltered individuals (emergency shelter or transitional housing): 1,446
 - 4% increase from 1,389 in 2025
 - +57 individuals

Unsheltered Population

The City of Reno primarily interacts with the unsheltered population living outdoors. The following are key 2026 highlights and a year-over-year overview of this population:

- 68% of unsheltered individuals are males
- 5% are veterans

Point-in-Time Count Unsheltered Individuals		
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
2026	341	6% Decrease

Note: The 2025 unsheltered count was not conducted. Per HUD, this count is required at least every other year.

Attached are supporting documents with additional detailed information provided by Washoe County.

Attachments:

- 2026 PIT Results Summary
- PIT County Data Table Year-by-Year

2026

Point in Time (PIT)

Count Briefing

Washoe County Human Services Agency
Division of Housing and Homeless Services

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Methodology Summary



Point In Time Count

- ❖ Sheltered count conducted annually as required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - ❖ Unsheltered count required at least every other year
 - ❖ No unsheltered count conducted in 2025
- ❖ Count must be conducted during the last 10 days in January unless a waiver is granted, per HUD
 - ❖ Statewide, the PIT count was conducted on January 29, 2026
- ❖ Sheltered data is gathered through HMIS and agency submissions
- ❖ Unsheltered count conducted in person

Unsheltered



- ❖ 61 Street Outreach Workers and Case Managers assisted with the 2026 Unsheltered PIT Count
- ❖ The 2026 PIT Count benefited from the support of numerous regional partners, with particularly significant contributions from the Washoe County Sherriff's Office HOPE Team
- ❖ Their involvement was essential to planning and implementing our expanded coverage approach and accessing harder to reach areas within the county
- ❖ Thanks to their dedication, this year's effort resulted in our most comprehensive count to date



2019-2026 Point in Time



PIT Count Sheltered and Unsheltered 2019-2026



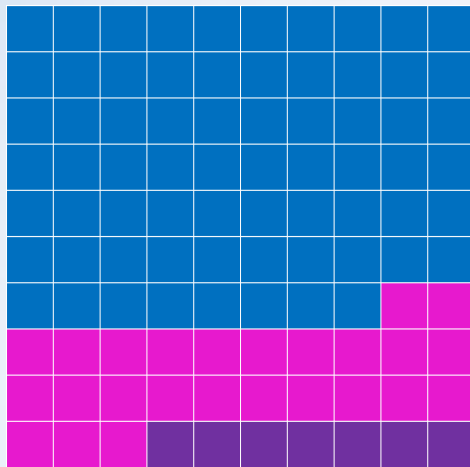
*No unsheltered count conducted in 2025

Unsheltered



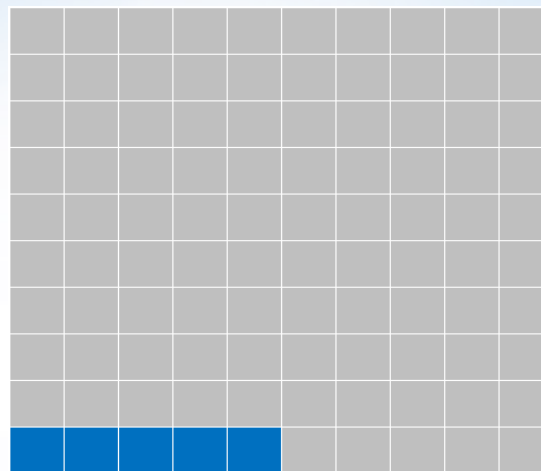
Point In Time Count : 341 People Counted

Gender



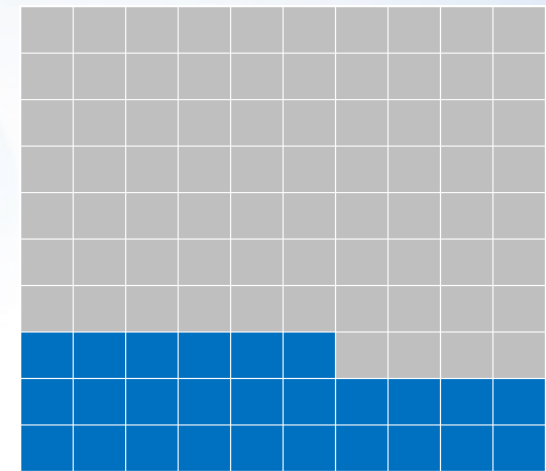
Male: 68%
Female: 25%
Data not collected: 7%

Veterans



Veterans: 18 individuals, 5%

Chronically Homeless



Chronically homeless:
88 individuals, 26%

22 individual decrease compared to 2024 PIT Count
*No Unsheltered count conducted for 2025



Sheltered

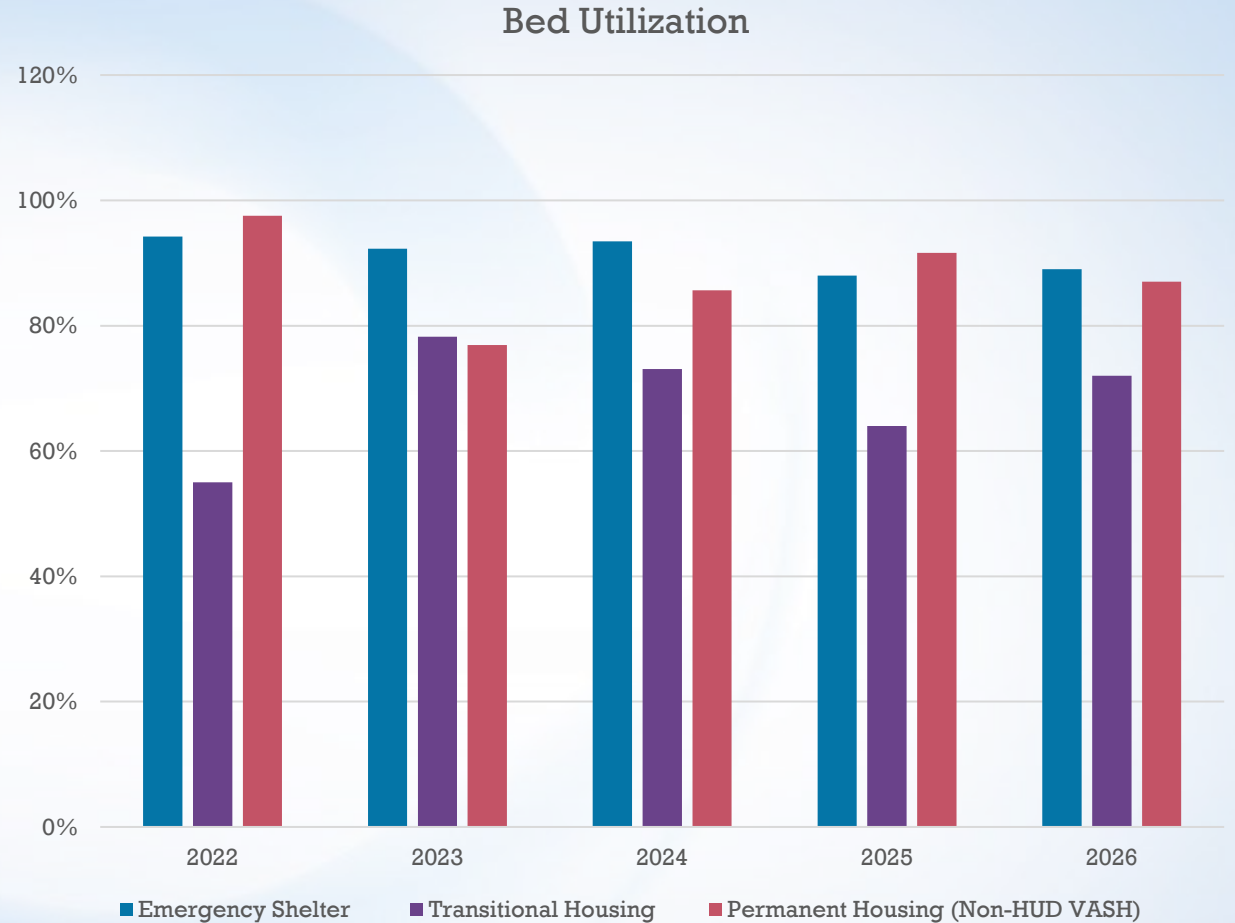


- ❖ 1,446 sheltered total (Emergency shelter + transitional housing)
 - ❖ 57 people **increase** from 2025
- ❖ 1031 in emergency shelter
 - ❖ 75 people **decrease** from 2025
- ❖ 415 in transitional housing
 - ❖ 132 people **increase** from 2025
- ❖ Increase of 57 individuals compared to 2025 PIT Count Sheltered Totals
 - ❖ 4% increase of individuals in emergency shelters and transitional housing

Bed Utilization



- Emergency Shelter Bed Utilization
 - 1,162 beds available
 - 89% Utilization Rate
- Transitional Housing Bed Utilization
 - 580 Beds available
 - 72% Utilization Rate
- Permanent Housing Bed Utilization
 - 441 Beds Available (does not include HUD VASH)
 - 87% Utilization Rate
- All Bed Type Utilization
 - 2,627 Beds Available
 - 87% Utilization Rate



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

Conclusions



- ❖ The total number of sheltered people counted is largely consistent with prior year
 - ❖ There is an increased number of people in Transitional Housing in 2026
 - ❖ 147 Transitional Housing beds added to the 2026 inventory from 2025 HIC
- ❖ Utilization overall remains high for Emergency Shelter and Permanent Housing program types, Transitional Housing continues to have the lowest utilization rate
- ❖ Having 90% of providers enter data into HMIS allows the CoC to analyze communitywide trends more frequently than annually
- ❖ 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

Thank you

Questions? Please email:

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Category of Data Set	January 30 2020	February 4 2021	February 24 2022	January 26 2023	January 25 2024	January 22 2025	January 29 2026
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	No unsheltered count conducted in 2025	341 231 males 85 females 25 unknown
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+		4 age under 18 12 age 18-24 325 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		18 Veterans 88 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	1,389 1,106 in Emergency Shelter 283 in Transitional Housing	1,446 1,031 in Emergency Shelter 415 in Transitional Housing
Emergency Shelter Bed Inventory and Utilization			1,069 beds 94% utilization	1,156 beds 92% utilization	1,195 beds 93%utilization	1,263 beds 88%utilization	1,162 beds 89%utilization
Transitional Housing Bed Inventory and Utilization			329 beds 55% utilization	326 beds 78% utilization	405 beds 73% utilization	433 beds 64% utilization	580 beds 72% utilization
Permanent Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH not included) Inventory and Utilization			203 beds 98% utilization	182 Beds 77% utilization	181 beds 86% utilization	470 beds 92% utilization	441 beds 87% utilization
Persons in weekly motels (underhoused)	2,997	2,550	2,302	2,132	1,071 **Only 27 of 47 Weekly Motels responded	No longer conducting motel count	No longer conducting motel count