



Point in Time Count Data - 2025

Homelessness in the Fox Cities Region

The **Point in Time Count (PIT)** is a statistically reliable, unduplicated count of people experiencing homelessness during a designated one-night period. The PIT Count occurs twice a year in cities around the nation. Between 11pm-3am, volunteers go into the streets to speak with individuals who are living in uninhabitable places. Each region has one week to follow up and count anyone not found that night. (This policy was implemented beginning in July 2024.)

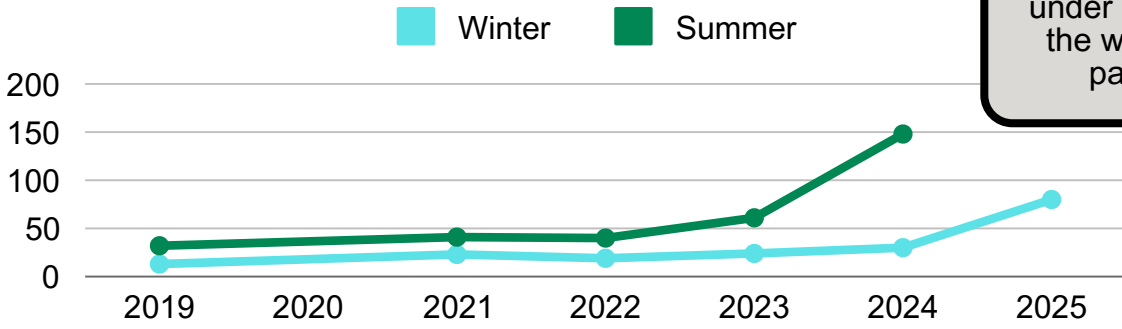
A PIT is intended to capture a minimum amount of information on the homeless population to create a “snapshot” of what homelessness looks like in a region. The data collected through the PIT process is reported in the Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) that is provided to the U.S. Congress. Homeless information is also reported to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and is utilized to develop the Housing Inventory Chart for the Balance of State Continuum of Care.

Wisconsin Balance of State, <https://www.wiboscoc.org/point-in-time.html>

Fox Cities PIT Count

These are the number of individuals who were sleeping in an “**uninhabitable**” places on the night of the PIT Count:

“Uninhabitable”:
an abandoned building or outside in a car, a tent, under a bridge, in the woods, in a park, etc.



Understanding PIT Numbers

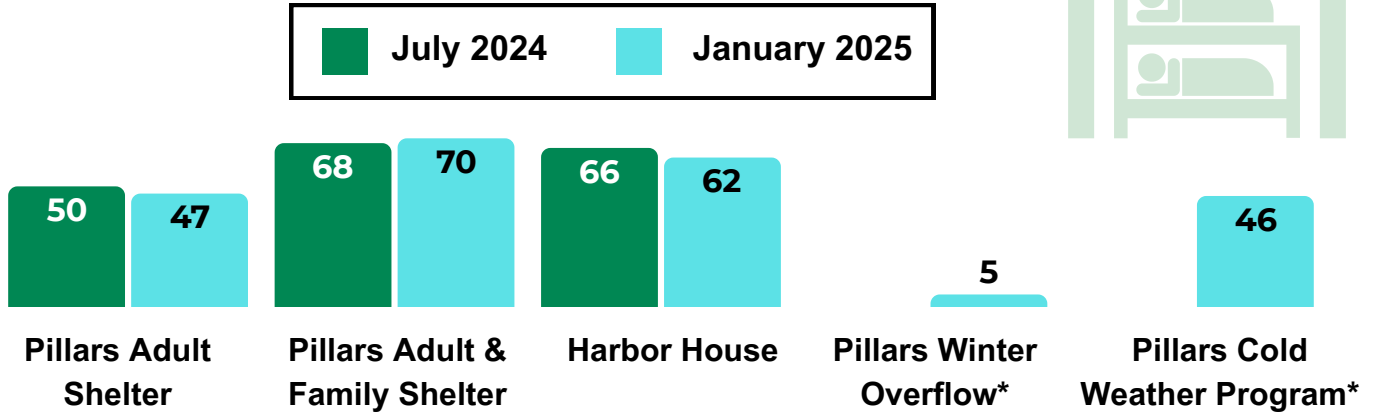
Numbers are higher in the past few years than before. Why?

Starting in July 2024, the majority of individuals counted as living in “uninhabitable” places were accounted for in the week following the night of the count due to the efforts of Appleton’s Basic Needs Team and Pillars staff. They called, texted, or met in person with every individual on the Coordinated Entry and Pillars’ waiting lists.

- Pre-PIT** { Significant time & effort spent on building relationships with a variety of community organizations
 - During PIT** { Expanded the search: added new locations for volunteers to visit
 - Post-PIT** { Extensive outreach in person & on the phone (called every individual on Pillars’ waiting lists & on the Coordinated Entry waiting list)
- There’s a national lack of available affordable housing. Families are feeling the effects of that, along with the of inflated costs of other basic needs.
 - Despite local shelters increasing their capacities (Pillars’ Adult Shelter getting bunks instead of cots and the development of a new shelter in Oshkosh) there is still a rise in unsheltered individuals who have immediate needs and nowhere to go.

Staying in an Emergency Shelter

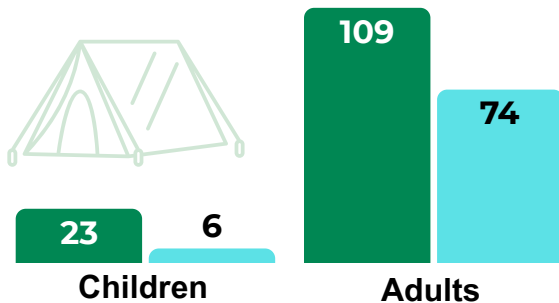
These are the number of individuals in the Fox Cities temporarily staying in **emergency shelters** on the night of the Point in Time Count:



*these programs are unique to cold weather

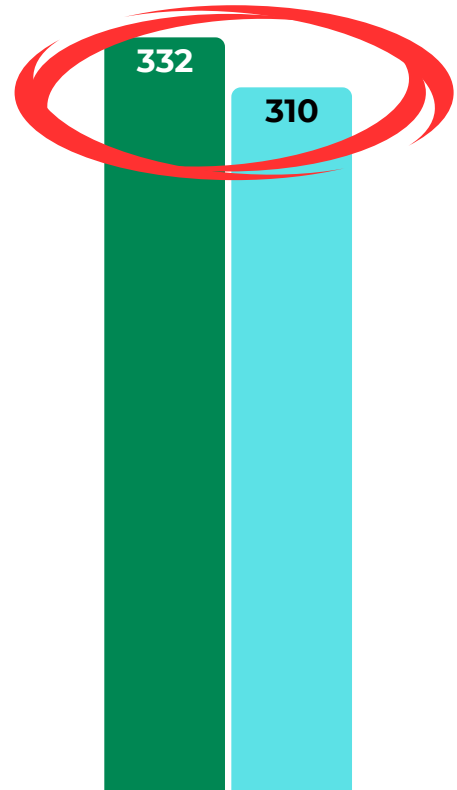
Staying in an "Uninhabitable" Place

Number of individuals in the Fox Cities living in an **"uninhabitable" place**, like an abandoned building or outside in a car, a tent, under a bridge, in the woods, in a park, etc.



Total Number of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

This is the total number of **individuals experiencing homelessness who were counted** on the night of the PIT Count July 2024 and January 2025.



+ unknown number individuals temporarily staying in a **hotel, hospital, jail, "couch-surfing," doubled-up,** etc.

Important to note is that this total does NOT include individuals experiencing homelessness that we were unable to connect with.