

# Tribal survey looks at homeless numbers

The 2019 Point-In-Time Count for Warm Springs will be on Friday, January 24 at the Family Resource Center.

The Point-In-Time (PIT) count is a requirement of Housing and Urban Development program that counts communities' homeless populations.

Data from the PIT count will be used in order to get resources for the tribes to address this housing issue.

HUD defines 'homeless' as: "People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided."

The definition also includes those who "are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a hotel or motel, or a doubled-up situation." A 'doubled up' situation is a place where a person and his or her family reside in a home with a family member or his or her family.

A person is not considered doubled-up if the person lives in the doubled-up situation by choice.

If you meet any of these criteria, you are technically considered homeless, and the PIT team would like to do a short, 10 to 15-minute interview with you and hear your story.

The PIT count program will provide some small incentives for those who participate in the count, starting with a light meal served at the Family Resource Center. Other incentive items will be hand warmers and wool socks.

The 2019 survey has been expanded to attempt to gather more data regarding the doubled-up situation; so that when government agencies and non-profit organizations seek funding, they will have accurate information.

For the community of Warm Springs, this data can help support the issues that surround housing. "We urge all those individuals who are doubled-up to come and take the survey," said PIT count organizer Buffy Hurtado, of the Health and Human Services Branch.

The information gathered by Health and Human Services will be used to improve services and create different ways to continue to support the community, Ms. Hurtado said. "This may mean adjusting existing programs to meet

and provide services in a more effective and efficient way."

The Point-In-Time Survey is a tri-county effort—Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook—where many non-profits and government facilities work to gather information collectively.

"This information is valuable when we submit grants and seek funding," said Caroline Cruz, general manager of Health and Human Services. "It also helps guide our community and create a direction that will help us all in the future."

### Why we count:

- To better understand homelessness in our community in order for individuals to receive the services they need to get help and into permanent housing.

- To determine the congressional homeless funding the County receives.

- To comply with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) requirements for Continuum of Care.

Last year for the community of Warm Springs a total 73 individuals were counted. Of those counted 27 were homeless and in an unsheltered situation.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask and I will do my best to answer them.

Buffy Hurtado, Health Care Analyst, B.S., Health and Human Services, 541-615-0141.

## Voc Rehab 26 years serving Warm Springs

Vocational Rehabilitation has been serving Warm Springs for 26 years, having started in 1993. The program, funded by a federal grant, pursues the following goal:

To improve employment for American Indians with disabilities by providing effective tribal vocational rehabilitation services. Some examples of Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation Services:

Vocational counseling and guidance. Diagnostic examinations and assessments. Assistive devices and rehabilitation technology. Vocational training. Transportation services. Referrals to substance abuse treatment. Job coaching and advocacy. Resumes. Traditional and cultural services.

Examples of disabilities: Amputations. Blindness. Hearing problems. Seizure disorders. Head injuries. Paralysis. Alcohol and drug addiction. Or any other physical or mental condition that limits one's ability to work.

Orientations with Vocational Rehabilitation are on Mondays at 3 p.m. at their office. There are orientations on Tuesdays at the Behavioral Health Center; and on the first Wednesday of the month at the Best Care Day Treatment building.

One-on-one orientation is available by calling 541-553-4952.

## Pathways Home beginning soon

Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership Course—part of the 2019 Financial Education series with the Warm Springs Community Action Team—begins in early February.

The classes are Tuesday evenings, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the tribal Credit enterprise. The first class-covering the first two modules, Exploring Homeownership and Considering Mortgage-based Homeownership—is set for February 5.

To sign up, call 5431-553-3148. The course is hosted by the Warm Springs Housing Authority, Credit, and the Community Action Team.

This course is required for anyone in the Action Team's IDA program for homeownership. Through Pathways Home learn:

Financing, purchasing and maintaining a home; building versus buying; mortgage loans, budgeting, and hands-on experience.

## Eagle art contest for tribal youth

The Confederated Tribes, PGE, Oregon Parks and partners are hosting a youth art contest for the 2019 Eagle Watch. Submissions are due by January 23. Youth can turn in artwork at school.

Art is preferred with bald or golden eagles, hawks, falcons, vultures and owls. For information contact Ranger Erin Bennett at 541-546-3412. Email: erin.bennett@oregon.gov



**2019**  
Date: January 24, 2018  
9:00 AM — 7:00 PM

**WHERE?**  
Family Resource Center  
1144 Warm Springs St.  
Warm Springs, OR 97761

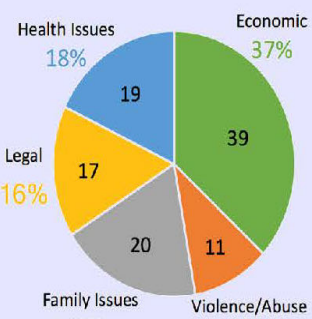
Take a one page survey and be counted!

- Information
- Incentives
- Free Clothing

Help bring awareness to unstable housing issues in our community!

**MEAL? Yes!**  
Lunch Served  
Noon-1:00 PM  
Snacks throughout the day

### 2018 reasons for homelessness



## HOMELESS AWARENESS

Many assume homelessness means on the streets. In fact, homelessness means that you do not have a stable, safe, and secure place to live. This includes doubling up, hotel/motels, camping, shelters, camp trailers, vehicles, temporary living with family and friends, being a runaway and fleeing from domestic violence.



## The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Point In Time Count 2018

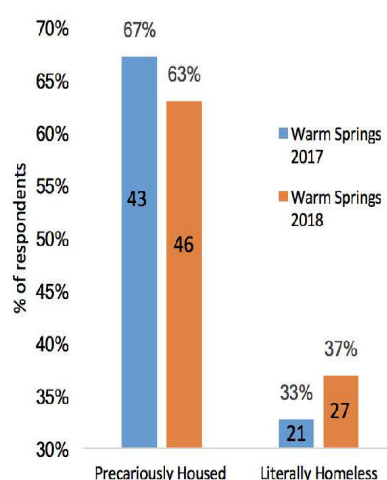
The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a count of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.

We are driven by the knowledge that together "we are stronger, healthier, safer communities where people can thrive when everyone has a safe, stable place to call home!"

	Precariously Housed	Sheltered	Unsheltered	TOTAL
Warm Springs	46	0	27	73
Jefferson County	103	8	74	185
Overall	514	207	555	1276



### 2017 & 2018 Comparison

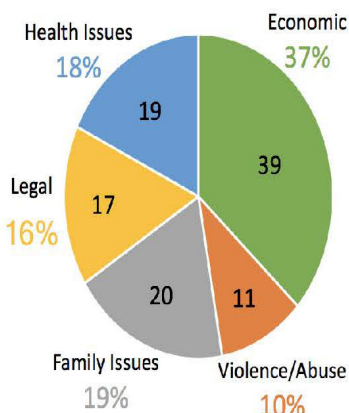


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**36%** of respondents reported having at least one source of income



### Reasons for Homelessness



### Disability Profile

Disability was the most commonly reported source of income

