

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT of homelessness in Columbus & Franklin County

Thursday, January 25, 2024

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

Interview opportunities are available at **9:00 am** and **2:00 pm** on Thursday, January 25. Contact Sara Loken to reserve a spot and receive location details.

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HOMELESS COUNT

The 2024 point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

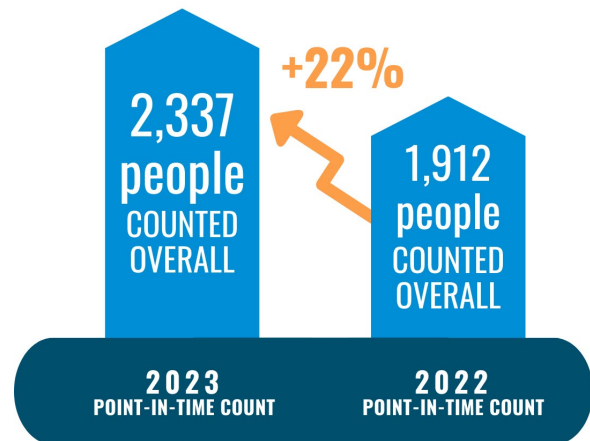
Community Shelter Board conducts the count in collaboration with the Continuum of Care, a 41-member planning body that carries out a commitment to ending homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. More than 150 volunteers are mobilized to support this effort. Point-in-time counts are an important method used to better understand the extent and nature of homelessness in communities across the nation.

INCREASING TREND

Last year's count in Jan. 2023 identified **2,337** people experiencing homelessness, up 22% from 1,912 the prior year.

- **1,839** people were staying in shelter or transitional housing (+17% from 1,570 in 2022)
- **498** people were living outside or in other spaces not meant for habitation (+46% from 342 in 2022).

This is the single largest increase and all-time high in the number of people experiencing homelessness at a single point in time in Columbus and Franklin County.



ABOUT COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD

Community Shelter Board (CSB) leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home in Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio. As the system leader for the prevention and response to homelessness in central Ohio, CSB collaborates with service provider organizations in Franklin County, creating a responsive network to ensure an effective and readied use of community resources for people experiencing homelessness. Over the past 10 years, CSB's system of care has housed more than 35,000 men, women, and children facing homelessness.

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