

Pierce County

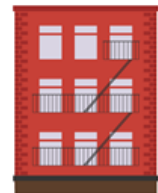
REVENUE FOR HOUSING

We Need a Plan!

In 2020, there were over 12,000 people in Pierce County who experienced homelessness
We CAN provide housing for ALL!
With a comprehensive plan that has action steps and funding

Wise Investment

Operating, maintenance, and services dollars keep us up and running, and these investments are worth it! We specialize in supporting people who without our housing, often end up in costly institutional settings.



3 days at Harborview = 3 months in jail = ONE YEAR IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING*

**source: <https://bit.ly/2NcvuoR>*

Picture of formerly homeless individual



Quote from person in picture.....

housing made the difference.....

See reverse for more information



REVENUE FOR HOUSING FAQs

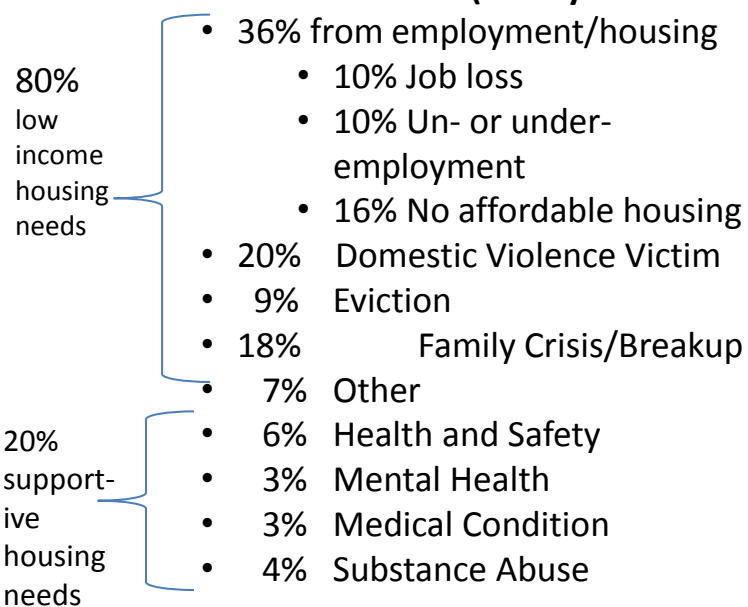
To reduce and stop homelessness, Pierce County needs a housing plan that provides for attainable housing for moderate, low- and very-low income residents, permanent supportive housing & shelter capacity for all who need it

Homelessness in Pierce County

- **12,237 people experienced homelessness in Pierce County during 2020**
 - 43% female
 - 43% members of families with children
 - 7% veterans
 - 7% unaccompanied youth or young adults

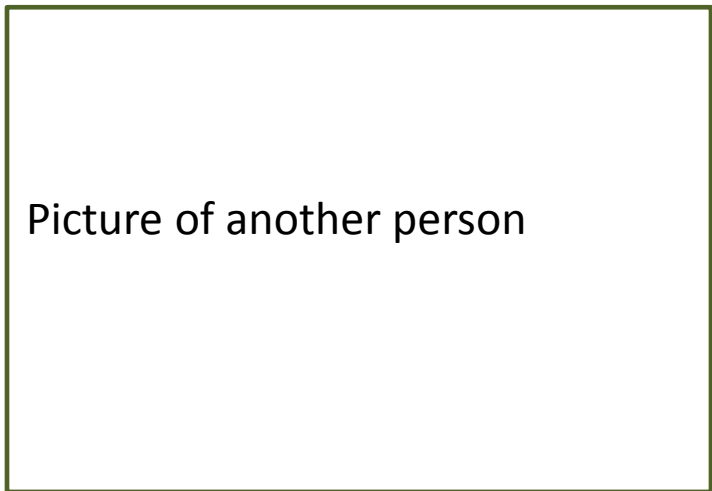
- **There were also 5,580 students in the Pierce County School system homeless in 2018-2019** (2020 data not yet available)

- **Reasons for Homelessness (2020 year to date):**



- **Providing housing is less expensive than homelessness**

- RCW 82.14.530 allows the county to approve 1/10 of one percent sales tax to provide a steady stream of income, \$18-20 million/year
- There are currently 850 units of supportive housing; 2,300 more are needed



Picture of another person

Another quote.....

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What is affordable housing?

Affordable housing is housing for which the cost can be covered by no more than 30% of the individual's income, needed especially for people whose income is at 60% of area median income or below

Also see Pierce County Homelessness, Fact Sheet:
<https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/3715/Homeless-Programs>