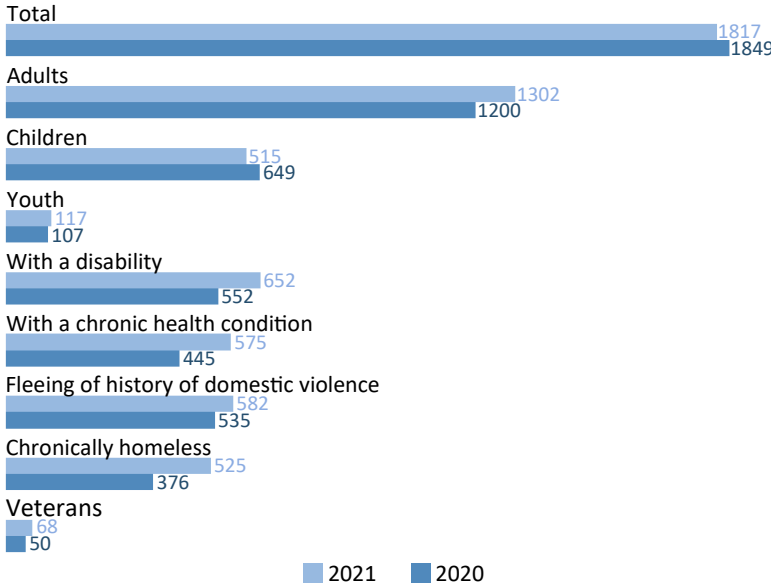




Measuring Local Homelessness

Who is Homeless in Skagit County?

Individuals who Sought and Qualified for Homeless Services*



*Some people fall into more than one category

Source ¹

Did you know?

Between 2019 and 2020, the rate of homelessness across Washington state increased more than

6.2%

Source ²

November 2021 brought multiple severe storms to Skagit County, causing a state of emergency flooding crisis.

43°/32°

November 17, 2021, the height of the flooding



Source: Accuweather

74 people accessed shelter through a cold weather congregate shelter over the winter.

An additional 102 motel vouchers were provided during the cold weather crisis.

Source ⁵

Defining Homelessness

Literally Homeless: Staying in an emergency shelter, in a car, in a tent, on the streets, or a place not meant for human habitation

Chronically Homeless: Literally homeless more than one year OR more than three times in the last three years with the combined length of homelessness being one year or more; with a disability

Fleeing Domestic Violence: Without or losing housing due to domestic violence AND lacking resources to secure housing without assistance

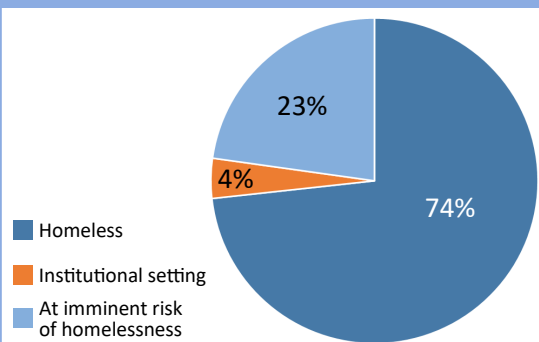
At Imminent Risk of Homelessness: Losing housing within 14 days AND lacking the resources to secure or maintain housing without assistance

Did you know?

There were more than **550** homeless students in Skagit County in 2021.

Source ⁵

Living Situations of Adults who Qualified for Homeless Services in 2021 ¹

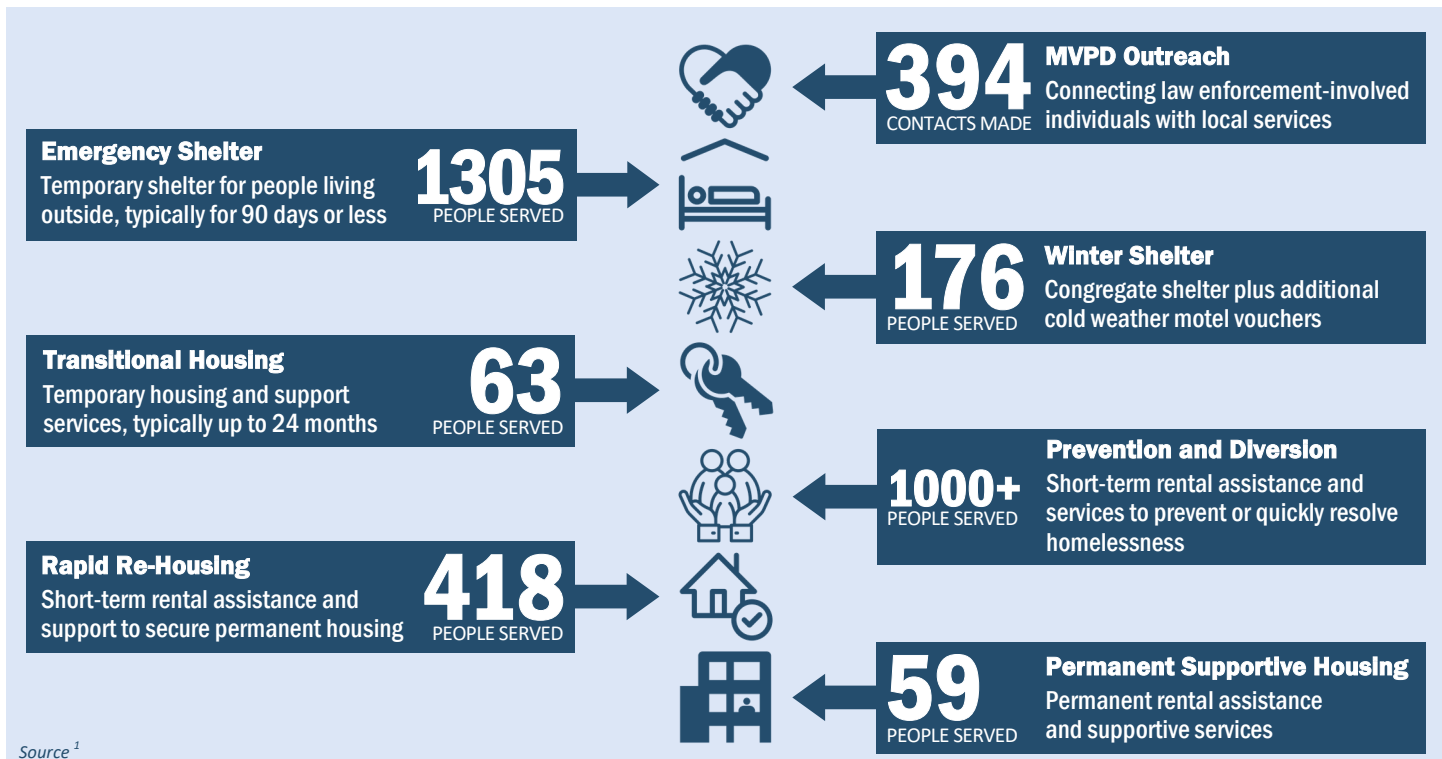


More than

\$4.4 million

in County funding spent on homeless services like outreach, shelter, rapid rehousing, rental assistance, and diversion in 2021.

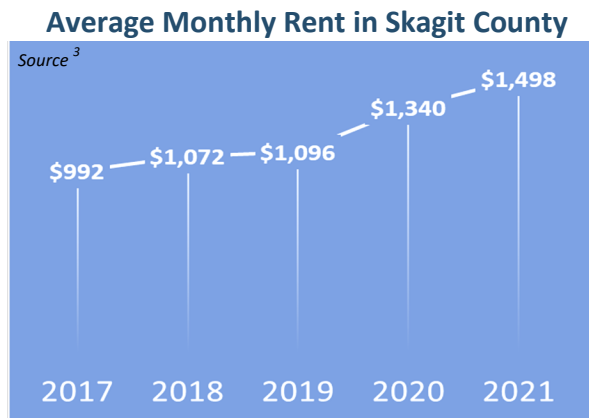
Measuring Local Action



More than 1,000 Skagit households avoided evictions in 2021 through the eviction prevention program.

\$6.6 million
spent on
Eviction Prevention

Households received an average of four months of rental assistance in order to regain their housing stability.



Median monthly rent increase since 2012

\$740

That's 97.6%

0.9%

2021 Skagit County vacancy rate.
That's the **LOWEST** in the state!

Source ³

In order to affordably rent a 2-bedroom apartment in Skagit County, a household needs an annual income of

\$53,928

The mean renter wage in Skagit County is **\$33,758**, meaning an affordable monthly rent is just **\$844**.

Source ³

Did you know?

Nearly **50%** of Skagit County renters are **rent burdened**.
Meaning, they are paying more than 30% of their income on rent.

Source ⁵

Sources

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