Levels of Homelessness

☑= Included in PIT Count

⋈= Not included in PIT Count



Unsheltered

People who are sleeping outside, in a vehicle or an abandoned building



Literally Homeless

All of the above plus people sleeping in emergency shelter



HUD Definition

All of the above plus people sleeping in transitional housing for the homeless



Broadest Definition

All of the above plus people who are doubled up or couch surfing due to the loss of housing or economic hardship, living in motels, or in institutions such as jails or hospitals and homeless prior to entry/admission

- Adapted from 2011 Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness in Portland/Multnomah County, Oregon, Kristina Smock Consulting, June 2011