

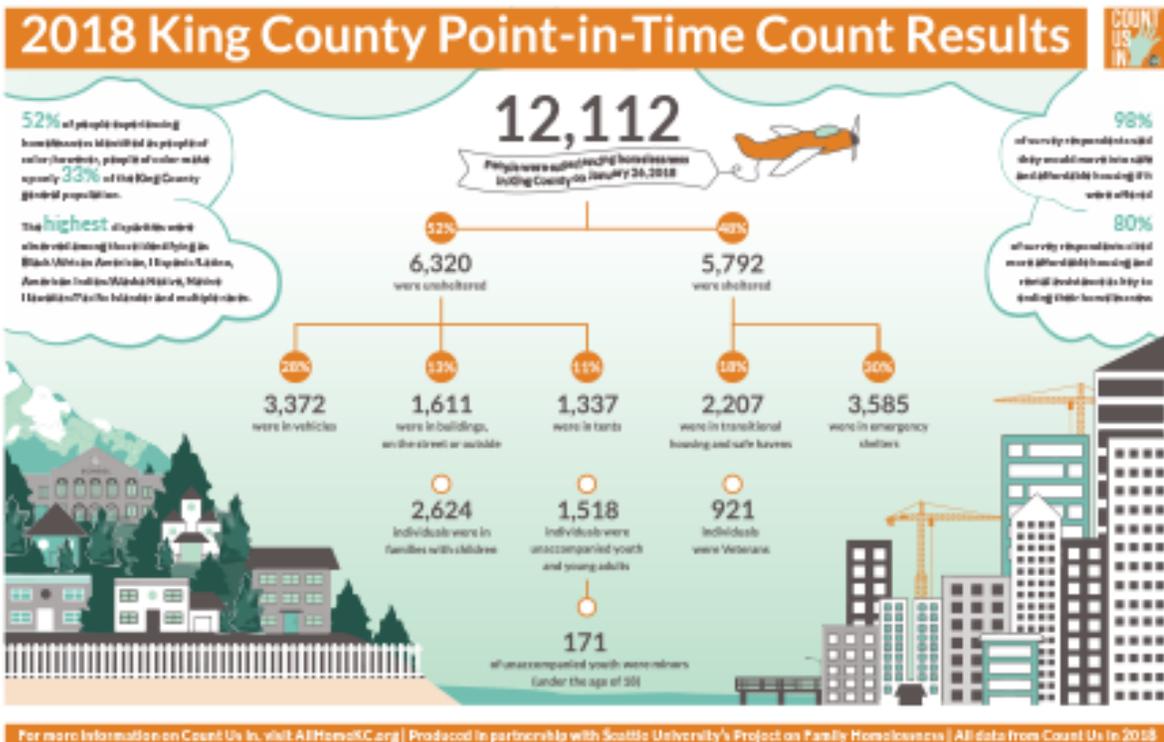


Imagine Housing
building eastside communities

The Blueprint
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2018 Count Us In Report Snapshots Homelessness in King County

[All Home](#) released the **2018 Count Us In Report** on May 31. Analysis of the point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness throughout King County in the early morning on January 26, 2018 shows some progress in targeted areas of service outreach, and reinforces the continued crisis of affordability in our region's housing.



This year's count found 12,112 people living homeless in King County, a 4% increase over 2017. More than half of the people included in this number were unsheltered the night of the count. In East King County specifically, there was an observed increase in people sleeping unsheltered, from 319 in 2017 to 393 people in 2018.

Some other points of interest from the report include:

- 98% of survey respondent said they would move into safe and affordable housing if it were offered
- 80% of respondents cited more affordable housing and rental assistance when asked what would help them to obtain permanent housing
- People of color and LGBTQ+ people continue to experience homelessness at disproportionately high rates
- Targeted county programs for outreach appear to have had a positive impact in reducing homelessness among veterans and youth

You can read the full report [here](#), and click on the graphic above for a larger view.

This Week: glassybaby Shopping Day



Join us this Friday, June 8th, at the [glassybaby Bellevue store](#) for a shopping day benefiting Imagine Housing's mission. We will receive a percentage of your purchase between 10am and 7pm - thank you in advance for any shopping you do that day!

Check out the [glassybaby website](#) today, and we hope to see you there on Friday!

Your GiveBIG Generosity Created Big Results

Thank you to the amazing supporters who helped us more than double our fundraising goal for GiveBIG 2018! With your generosity, we raised over \$12,000 to support our operations and benefit our Imagine 1000 goal of having 1,000 apartments, serving more than 2,400 people, by 2022. We had more donors than on any other GiveBIG year, and one donation was even chosen for a random boosted donation through the Seattle Foundation. Thank you for giving, sharing the news, and for all your efforts on behalf of our Eastside neighbors in need of affordable homes.

Affordable Housing Week Community Event: Building Community Awareness

For Affordable Housing Week in May, we teamed up with other Eastside housing and homelessness services providers to create an opportunity for community members to learn about the experience of homelessness firsthand from some of our clients. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the discussion, to our partners at Attain Housing, Congregations for the Homeless, Lifewire, and The Sophia Way, and particular thanks to the residents and clients accessing housing and homelessness services who took the time to share their experiences.

The Bellevue Reporter covered the event; read more about it [here](#).



Imagine Housing resident John and Resident Support Specialist Cathie in discussion with event attendees. Photo credit: Rahul Kashikar at GottaClickThat.com

Upcoming: Lunch & Learn with Imagine Housing

Learn more about the housing crisis on the Eastside and ways we can all help those in need of affordable housing in our communities! Join us for the next Imagine Housing Lunch & Learn on Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 11:45 AM-1:00 PM. This short lunch program offers an overview of our mission, programs, and goals. You'll meet other like-minded people, learn about affordable housing, and get more connected to the Eastside.

Register [here](#) to attend.



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