



Department of Human Services
Housing and Homelessness Division



Kitsap Housing and
Homelessness Coalition

OUTREACH SURVEYOR VOLUNTEER |

Survey Volunteers will survey homeless individuals sleeping unsheltered in areas not ordinarily used as a place for human habitation including sidewalks, parks, wooded areas, transit stations, commercial establishments, alleyways, vehicles, RVs, and encampments.

In 2026, street outreach groups are partnering to perform the outdoor surveying component of the Count. This has many advantages as we expect their knowledge and connections, through the services these programs provide to unsheltered individuals and households, to allow these groups to survey over the period of the count safer, faster, and more comprehensively than prior years.

Outreach Workers that are participating in the Count as part of formal or informal groups need to register.

The date of the count is Thursday Jan 29th. Outreach teams may survey from Tue Jan 27th – Mon Feb 1st as time allows. Teams will be distributed throughout the county in Bremerton, Central Kitsap, North Kitsap, and South Kitsap areas.

Surveyors may be walking along paths and through wooded areas, please make sure to wear clothing suitable to the weather and terrain. We encourage all surveyors to bring a cellphone, pens (black or blue), and a clipboard if possible.

Surveyor Responsibilities

What you ARE responsible for

- Completing survey training and understanding the instructions given.
- Filling out and signing the Volunteer Agreement and Roster.
- Approaching everyone you meet on the street (regardless of their appearance) with courtesy and respect.
- Identifying yourself as a volunteer doing a survey on housing.
- Seeking explicit consent from all potential survey participants.
- Asking the survey questions as written and writing down responses as clearly as possible.
- Gathering at least location, gender, and estimated year of birth for individuals not consenting to the survey.
- Maintaining the confidentiality of survey participants.
- Staying with your team.
- Returning completed surveys.

What you ARE NOT responsible for (as part of the Count)

- Providing answers to questions about housing or services.
- Responding to panhandling requests.
- Finding someone a place to stay or directing him/her to a place to stay.
- Going somewhere with survey participants (ex. to show you where/how they are living).
- Sharing personal information with survey participants.
- The behaviour and conduct of other volunteers.
- Providing personal opinions about issues raised by survey participants.
- Responding to media inquiries.

Qualifications

- Staff or volunteers who are part of formal or informal organizations that are working directly with the unsheltered population.
- Self-motivated and able to work well with little supervision
- Ability to make clear decisions with sound judgement
- Dependable, adaptable, flexible, and punctual
- Volunteers surveying outdoors will need to be able to stand and walk for at least 4 hours.
- Access to reliable mode of transportation
- Able to complete training specific to the volunteer position
- Fluency in a second language is an asset, especially Spanish, or other languages or dialects, but is not required.

To Apply

Complete the registration form at <http://kcowa.us/PIT2026> or contact Cory Derenburger, Housing & Homelessness Division Specialist at cderenbu@kitsap.gov or (360) 362-0404. Visit <https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/HH-Point-in-Time.aspx> for more information.