

Homelessness in Washington

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1. Various agencies collectively spend a large amount of resources to address homelessness. **Why have those dollars not had better results?**
2. How do we **learn from that previous experience** and **develop smarter strategies to support the housing insecure?**
3. What kind of **deeper collaboration** should we be looking for from **state and local governments** to improve our support and coordination for families in need?

Changes in Homelessness 2007-2017

County	% Change 2007-2017	Rank	County	% Change 2007-2017	Rank
Ferry	-100%	1	Pierce	-17%	20
Garfield **	-100%	1	Mason	-15%	21
Adams	-96%	3	Whatcom	-15%	21
Wahkiakum	-89%	4	Kittitas	-14%	23
Pacific **	-85%	5	Skamania	-12%	24
Okanogan	-79%	6	Walla Walla	-11%	25
Skagit	-71%	7	Spokane	-8%	26
Whitman	-66%	8	Jefferson	-2%	27
Benton-Franklin	-62%	9	Thurston	-1%	28
Columbia	-60%	10	Stevens	12%	29
Snohomish	-51%	11	Grant	20%	30
Clark	-46%	12	Grays Harbor	23%	31
Pend Oreille	-29%	13	Klickitat	28%	32
Lincoln	-28%	14	King	47%	33
Cowlitz	-27%	15	Asotin	63%	34
Yakima	-26%	16	Kitsap	86%	35
Lewis	-24%	17	Island	110%	36
Clallam	-21%	18	San Juan	909%	37
Chelan-Douglas	-20%	19			

County-by-County Changes 2007-2017

County	2007 TOTAL	2007 %Tot	2017 TOTAL	2017 % Tot	07-17 Change	%07-17 Change	County	2007 TOTAL	2007 %Tot	2017 TOTAL	2017 % Tot	07-17 Change	%07-17 Change
Adams	113	1%	4	0%	(109)	-96%	Mason	271	1%	229	1%	(42)	-15%
Asotin	16	0%	26	0%	10	63%	Okanogan	146	1%	30	0%	(116)	-79%
Benton-Franklin	588	3%	222	1%	(366)	-62%	Pacific **	0	0%	53	0%	53	-85%
Chelan-Douglas	503	2%	401	2%	(102)	-20%	Pend Oreille	41	0%	29	0%	(12)	-29%
Clallam	387	2%	307	1%	(80)	-21%	Pierce	1596	7%	1,321	6%	(275)	-17%
Clark	1392	6%	749	3%	(643)	-46%	San Juan	11	0%	111	1%	100	909%
Columbia	10	0%	4	0%	(6)	-60%	Skagit	1209	5%	353	2%	(856)	-71%
Cowlitz	472	2%	344	2%	(128)	-27%	Skamania	17	0%	15	0%	(2)	-12%
Ferry	20	0%	-	0%	(20)	-100%	Snohomish	2196	10%	1,066	5%	(1,130)	-51%
Garfield **	0	0%	2	0%	2	-100%	Spokane	1187	5%	1,090	5%	(97)	-8%
Grant	168	1%	201	1%	33	20%	Stevens	42	0%	47	0%	5	12%
Grays Harbor	200	1%	246	1%	46	23%	Thurston	579	3%	574	3%	(5)	-1%
Island	86	0%	181	1%	95	110%	Wahkiakum	38	0%	4	0%	(34)	-89%
Jefferson	192	1%	188	1%	(4)	-2%	Walla Walla	257	1%	229	1%	(28)	-11%
King	7902	36%	11,643	53%	3,741	47%	Whatcom	861	4%	733	3%	(128)	-15%
Kitsap	311	1%	580	3%	269	86%	Whitman	140	1%	47	0%	(93)	-66%
Kittitas	43	0%	37	0%	(6)	-14%	Yakima	777	4%	572	3%	(205)	-26%
Klickitat	25	0%	32	0%	7	28%	State TOTAL	22,045	100%	21,859		(186)	-1%
Lewis	217	1%	166	1%	(51)	-24%	State W/O King	14,143		10216			-28%
Lincoln	32	0%	23	0%	(9)	-28%							

Current Situation: BAD

- (HB2163) 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Goals
- 3rd Worst in Nation: Seattle: State-wide & national social justice embarrassment humanitarian disaster.
- The Homeless Industrial Complex, Seattle Process Rules
- Current trend status: Seattle is doomed

Root Causes: Gov't Mismanagement & Bias

1. Need: Strong, Strategic, Honest Leadership at State, County, Local level
2. Lacking: Competent Quality Management System
3. Missing: Ongoing Performance Accountability & Metrics
4. Absent: Real Plans to Address Homelessness
5. Need: Collaborative, Bipartisan Solutions, Diversity

Root Causes: Policy or Program Shortfalls

6. Lacking: Affordable Housing, GMA broken
7. Need: Effective, Efficient Interventions or Sweeps & Services
8. Need: Character, Spiritual, Cultural Rehabilitation/Transformation in Treatment/Society (Sex/Drugs/RocknRoll vs Citizenship, Family, Marriage, Faith, Community, Work)

Conclusion:

- Future? 17,000/7,000, unless...
- Leadership, Quality, Accountability, Bipartisanship, Plans, Housing, Interventions/Treatment, Character and Values