

## HOMELESS VETERAN COUNT

The 2006 Washington State Point in Time Count identified **1,309 homeless veterans** in the state of Washington. This count does not, however, reflect an accurate count of veterans. For example, during the 2007 Point in Time Count in King County, a WDVA staff member participating in the count noted that while the count was conducted at 2:00 a.m., those who were asleep were not disturbed, thus creating an inaccurate count of veterans.

The US Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) homeless count better reflects the homeless veteran population in the state of Washington. The federal VA estimates the number of homeless veterans based upon survey information from federal VA Medical Center staff, communities, as well as homeless and formerly homeless veterans. This data is combined into a yearly Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups (CHALENG) report.

Below is the federal VA's CHALENG report, ending in Fiscal Year 2005, for the VA Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) for our region. Below the table is a breakdown of homeless veterans estimated for the state of Washington.

Appendix 5: CHALENG End of FY 2005 Estimated Number of Homeless Veterans and Information Sources by VISN and VA - POC Site Assessment

VISN	VA Facility - Systems Name	Number of Homeless Veterans Estimated for your area FY05	HUD	US census	VA Low-Income veterans estimate	Local Homeless Surveys	VA Client Date	Local Homeless Provider Estimates	Staff Impressions	Other Sources
201	VA Alaska HCS & RO - 463	450						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
202	VA DOM White City, OR - 692	350				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
203	VA Puget Sound HCS (VAMC American Lake - 663A4 and VAMC Seattle, WA - 663), Tacoma, WA	2,670	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
204	VA Roseburg HCS, OR - 653 (Eugene, OR)	4,800		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
205	VAMC Boise, ID - 531	350				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
206	VAMC Portland, OR - 648	1,790	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
207	VAMC Spokane, WA - 668	3,600	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
208	VAMC Walla Walla, WA - 687	297				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>VISN 20 Total:</b>		<b>14,307</b>								

<b>VA Puget Sound Health Care System (Seattle and American Lake)</b>	<b>2,670</b>	
<b>VA Medical Center, Spokane</b>	<b>3,600</b>	
<b>VA Medical Center, Walla Walla</b>	<b>297</b>	
<b>VA Medical Center, Portland (40% of total are estimated to be in the Vancouver area)</b>	<b>716</b>	
	<b>7,283</b>	<b>Total Homeless Veteran Count in WA</b>