

Homelessness in Reading & Berks County



Homelessness is increasing

69% increase in 10 years
11% increase in the past year alone



Important Facts

1. During the annual count in 2022, there were 385 people living in emergency shelter and 145 people in transitional housing.

At least 43 people were living unsheltered - including two children.

2. In FY 2021, the Reading and Berks system saw over 1,500 people in emergency shelter and transitional housing

3. 76% of people are experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Emergency Shelter (2022)

Beds available for households
without children: 161

Beds available for households
with children: 74

High Rents Affect Homelessness

Every \$100 increase in median rent is associated with a 9 percent increase in the estimated homelessness rate.

