# HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT (HIC)

## QUICK FACT OVERVIEW

**HMIS**
San Antonio/Bexar County
Homeless Management Information System

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## WHAT

A report of a point-in-time inventory of a single night for projects dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness (and for permanent housing projects where homeless status is required at entry per the HUD homeless definition).

## WHY

HUD requires that Continuums of Care (CoC) conduct an annual count of inventory of beds and units available on the night designated for the HIC.

## HOW

The CoC coordinates the data from agencies. Agencies report their inventory for all applicable projects to the SARAH. Data for the PIT count and HIC are submitted to HUD via the online data submission Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) by SARAH.

## WHO

The following project types are included, regardless of funding source:

- ES: Emergency Shelters
- PH: Permanent Housing
- PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing
- RRH: Rapid Re-housing
- SH: Safe Haven
- TH: Transitional Housing

## WHEN

Annually; HUD requires this is completed during the last 10 days of January. The exact day is determined by SARAH each year.

● **JANUARY**

## PURPOSE

The combination of HIC and PIT reports from each CoC helps provide nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons and the capacity to house homeless persons to HUD. The HIC and PIT data play a critical role in the CoC Program Competition and in the Longitudinal System Analysis Report. HMIS uses this data to update inventory information in the system to match inventory reported on HIC. The inventory in HMIS <u>must</u> match the numbers reported on the HIC. The information can also be used on a locally to assess and make decisions on a community level.