

POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT

QUICK FACT OVERVIEW



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WHAT

A report that counts the sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.

WHY

HUD requires that Continuums of Care (CoC) conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered and unsheltered. Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally.

HOW

Sheltered count: Agency runs PIT reports using HMIS for applicable project types, verifies accuracy and sends reports to SARA.

Unsheltered count: SARA coordinates the unsheltered count which typically includes volunteers from agencies and the community.

Data for the PIT count and HIC are submitted to HUD via the online data submission Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) by SARA.



WHO

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

- ES: Emergency Shelters
- 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 SARA 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. The information can also be used on a locally to assess and make decisions on a community level.