

PIT Count 101

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What is the Point-in-Time (PIT) count?

- A literal count of all the people experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night (i.e., at a **point in time**)
- Conducted by every community nationwide in the last 10 days of January at least every other year
- A “snapshot” of homelessness on this one night in our community

Who is counted in the PIT count?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) [definition of "homeless,"](#) for the purpose of the PIT count, includes two main types of homelessness:

- **Unsheltered:** Individuals or families whose primary nighttime residence is a public place not meant for human habitation
- **Sheltered:** Individuals or families residing in a place dedicated to serving people who would otherwise be unsheltered

Who is counted in the PIT count?



Sheltered PIT Count

- Emergency shelters (including those using hotel and motel vouchers)
- Transitional housing
- Safe Havens



Unsheltered PIT Count

- Car
- Park
- Abandoned building
- Bus or train station
- Airport
- Camping ground
- Parking Lot

Why do we do a PIT count?



To measure and monitor trends and changes in homelessness on local and national levels



To help our community understand what resources we need and strategize the best ways to use them to end homelessness



To comply with federal regulations and requirements

FAQ: Why does the PIT count take place during the last 10 days in January?

- Same timeframe for every community ensures consistency across the U.S.
- Same timeframe year after year ensures that trends are monitored appropriately
- Set for a night in winter because then each CoC is likely maximizing its resources to serve people's needs. Thus, this timing can provide a more precise picture of who is unable to access emergency shelter or other crisis response assistance.
- End of the month to ensure that people who can only pay for temporary housing for part of the month are generally included in the count. For example, some people can afford to stay in a motel, but only for the first few weeks after receiving their public benefits payment at the beginning of the month

FAQ: How do we conduct the PIT count?

- Brief interviews with people who might be experiencing homelessness using a survey app
- Assessment of need for collection of demographic information

FAQ: When will we conduct our count?

- February 16 -17
- Sheltered Count February 16
- Unsheltered Count February 17

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019 vs 2020	since 2016
MALE	188	166	160	137	117	-15%	-38%
FEMALE	115	116	107	112	130	16%	13%
TRANSGENDER	0	0	1	1	2	100%	200%
UNKNOWN	0	0	11	0	0	0%	400%
	303	282	279	250	249	-0.4%	-18%
Children	17	28	35	50	33	-34%	94%
SHELTERED	217	209	201	221	208	-6%	-4%
UNSHELTERED	86	73	78	52	41	-21%	-52%
SHELTERED							
MALE	118	106	105	109	100	-8%	-8%
FEMALE	98	103	96	111	106	-5%	13%
TRANSGENDER	0	0	0	1	2	100%	200%
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%



Q&A

What questions do you have?



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