

UNDERSTANDING THE PIT AND HIC



WHAT IS THE PIT (POINT IN TIME)

- 1. A required annual project designed to document individuals and families experiencing homelessness on a single night during the last 10 days of January
- 2. Both sheltered and unsheltered counts are conducted
- 3. Data collected is submitted to HUD to be compiled with data from other states to get an idea of homelessness on a national level
- 4. Data collected is also an important tool for local CoCs/ Local Planning Bodies (LPB) to use in decision making and education.

WHY IS THE PIT IMPORTANT?

- 1. Critical source of data on the number and characteristics of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our state and county.
- 2. PIT count data is submitted to congress as part of the LSA
- 3. Data is used as a measure of local and national progress toward ending homelessness and meeting the goals of **Opening Doors: A Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.**

WHY IS THE PIT IMPORTANT?

- 4. HUD requires the submission of PIT count data and methodology as part of the annual COC Program Competition.
- 5. Generates valuable information at a local level to guide communities in local and system planning.
 - Helps to ensure efficient use of limited resources
 - Educates communities about the scope of homelessness in their area

WHO IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PIT?

- Persons counted in any location not listed on CoCs' Housing Inventory Count (HIC) (e.g., staying in projects with beds/units not dedicated for persons who are homeless)
- Persons residing in permanent housing (PH) programs, including persons housed using HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers
- Persons temporarily staying with family or friend (i.e., “doubled-up” or “couch surfing”)

WHO IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PIT?

- Persons residing in housing they rent or own (i.e., permanent housing), including persons residing in rental housing with assistance from a RRH project on the night of the count
- Persons residing in institutions (e.g., jails, juvenile correction facilities, foster care, hospital beds, detox centers)

PIT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

- CoCs must develop a PIT count plan to ensure that the PIT count meets all of the HUD-required minimum standards and collects the required PIT count data.

This includes:

- Developing PIT count committee membership, roles, and responsibilities related to implementing a successful count to completion
- The intent and scope of the activities on the night of the count and related to any count approaches occurring in the 7-day period following the count

PIT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

- Methodologies for the sheltered and unsheltered count, including enhanced approaches for hard to count geographies and subpopulations
- A data quality plan
 - Education on the importance of collecting complete and accurate data
 - HMIS Participating agencies use data generated from HMIS. Timely and accurate data entry is necessary.
 - Data entry for non-participating agencies including DV

WHAT IS THE HIC

- A report that informs the homeless assistance community on the capacity to house persons who are homeless at local and national levels
- The HIC report must be completed and reported in HDX annually
- The HIC should be maintained in HMIS

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE HIC?

- Only projects with beds and units dedicated to serving homeless persons, meaning:
 - The primary intent of project is to serve homeless persons;
 - The project verifies homeless status as part of its eligibility determination;
 - The actual program clients are predominantly homeless.

This includes all ES, SH, TH, RRH, PH, OPH, PSH projects in a community (both HMIS and non-HMIS)

HOW IS THE HIC MAINTAINED?

- Bed and Unit inventories are maintained annually at a minimum.
 - CoCs and LPBs should be responsible for periodically reviewing their local HIC
 - This includes communication with non-HMIS participating providers and DV providers
 - Updates should be documented in HMIS
 - This may be done by a System Admin or someone with similar HMIS access

2019 BOS PIT

- 2019 PIT Summary

Total Households and Persons					
	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	568	119	0	105	792
Total Number of Persons	850	261	0	134	1,245
Number of Children (under age 18)	244	133	0	13	390
Number of Persons (18 to 24)	72	39	0	10	121
Number of Persons (over age 24)	534	89	0	111	734

2019 AND 2018 COMPARED

- 2018 PIT Summary:

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	584	154	0	154	892
Total Number of Persons	860	292	0	191	1,343
Number of Children (under age 18)	262	135	0	23	420
Number of Persons (18 to 24)	80	49	0	19	148
Number of Persons (over age 24)	518	108	0	149	775

2019 AND 2018 COMPARED

- Total Unsheltered : -57
 - Total Sheltered ES: -10
 - Total Sheltered TH: -31
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- While PIT counts may have gone down, annual counts have increased. This indicates that there are areas for improvement in the local PIT processes.

2019 BOS HIC HIGHLIGHTS

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- 2018 total beds: 653
- 2019 total bed: 366
 - **44% Decrease**
 - PSH Reallocation – some clients were moved into HCV, others transferred to new PSH.
- **HMIS Participation (HMIS participating beds vs Total beds):**
 - 2018: 79%
 - 2019: 63%
 - Non-Participating includes VASH
 - Due to the learning curve of the new project guidelines, getting the projects in place at new subgrantees, and building relationships with landlords and rental opportunities in the communities where the projects have been reallocated. We are happy to note that partnerships are expanding, and it is expected that throughout the grant year projects will continue to increase capacity by introducing additional housing slots as we continue to ramp up in this new grant period.

2019 BOS HIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Rapid Rehousing (RRH):
 - 2018 Total Beds: 1005
 - 2019 Total Beds: 789
 - **22%** Decrease due to loss of Family RRH project
 - LPBs should continue to monitor during the transition away from Family RRH
 - We fully expect the number of RRH beds to rebound throughout the coming grant year as this transition is completed.

2019 BOS HIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Emergency Shelter (ES):
 - 2018 Total Beds:
 - Total: 1301
 - HMIS: 512
 - DV: 599
 - Participation (w/o DV): 73%
 - 2019 Total Beds
 - Total: 1326
 - HMIS: 507
 - DV: 616
 - Participation (w/o DV): 71%

HOW TO IMPROVE PARTICIPATION

- Community worksheet
- Encouraging new projects (rotating shelters)
 - Stay connected
 - Engage them in the community
 - Promoting HMIS participation

QUESTIONS???

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