

**PIT Office Hours: Chat and Q&A
December 3rd, 2020**

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December 3, 2020 3:01 PM from Thomas Bednar to everyone: To join the webinar via the phone, please call in using:

+1-415-655-0002 Access code: 178 394 7380

(If you need to call in toll-free, call 1-855-797-9485)

December 3, 2020 3:01 PM from Chelsea Burke to everyone: Will there be any convestation about using HMIS By Name list or will this all be about sampling

December 3, 2020 3:01 PM from Pat Frey to everyone: Hello from Columbus GA GA 505

December 3, 2020 3:02 PM from Monique Elton to everyone: Greetings from Northeast Florida CoC, FL-510

December 3, 2020 3:02 PM from William Snow to everyone: We will be sharing about sampling but will have time to talk through other topics that you all may want to discuss.

December 3, 2020 3:02 PM from Gaither Stephens to everyone: Hello from Charlotte County, Florida!

December 3, 2020 3:02 PM from Aubrey Sitler to everyone: The first half of today's session will focus on sampling, but the last half will be open Q&A. Feel free to ask about using HMIS or a by-name list at any time, and we will queue up questions as we go.

December 3, 2020 3:02 PM from DeJa Farr-Lowery to everyone: Hello From Detroit

December 3, 2020 3:02 PM from Angela Clarke to everyone: hello all from MA-519

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December 3, 2020 3:02 PM from JennaMarie Glenna to everyone: Hello from The Regional Task Force on The Homeless in San Diego, CA

December 3, 2020 3:03 PM from Evan Caster to everyone: Hello from CO-504, Colorado Springs

December 3, 2020 3:03 PM from Erin Willis to everyone: Joining from Tulsa OK! Greetings, folks!

December 3, 2020 3:03 PM from Sarah Kent to everyone: Hi Erin! Hi all :)

December 3, 2020 3:03 PM from Chelsea Burke to everyone: With the By Name List how to we determine that our By Name list can be used for our PIT count. Are there any tips to review our list to know if it will be a reliable source. Are there any restrictions with the By Name list.

December 3, 2020 3:03 PM from Thomas Bednar to everyone: Webinar materials can be found here: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=41d93284a8-2021_HIC_and_PIT_Count_Updates_for_CoCs_11_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-41d93284a8-19554637#2021-pit-count-and-hic-guidance-and-training

December 3, 2020 3:04 PM from Valerie Caplan to everyone: If we shift the date of the unsheltered count, I assume that the sheltered count and HIC count date should shift to reflect the same night?

December 3, 2020 3:04 PM from Sarah Kent to everyone: If we opt out of PIT 2021 due to safety concerns, can we use alternative 2021 data for our next NOFA or will we be required to use the 2020 street count data for that application?

December 3, 2020 3:04 PM from Lori Stewart to everyone: Hello from ICA representing Missouri CoC's

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December 3, 2020 3:05 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: I thought we didn't submit exceptions for choosing to do shorter surveys?

December 3, 2020 3:06 PM from clementina verjan to everyone: how long will it take to provide a response once an exception is submitted?

December 3, 2020 3:06 PM from Rachel Cook to everyone: How does "observation only" figure out people's household type

December 3, 2020 3:07 PM from Sarah Kent to everyone: If we opt out of 2021 PIT, can cities submit street count data directly to HUD? The PIT count report in HDX is regional in nature and not broken down by municipality, is that right?

December 3, 2020 3:07 PM from Bridgett Moore to everyone: Hi everyone, Bridgett Moore, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, HUD

December 3, 2020 3:08 PM from Anna Shears to everyone: Will the forms be posted to the HUD site, or are we using the same forms from last year?

December 3, 2020 3:08 PM from Valorie Carson to everyone: how do we do 'short surveys' and still be responsive to all questions in reporting for PIT and HIC??

December 3, 2020 3:09 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Please speak more about what you consider a shortened interview/in-person survey that would require an exception. Thanks

December 3, 2020 3:09 PM from Aubrey Sitler to everyone: Link to the resource linked on this slide (Conducting the 2021 Unsheltered PIT Count): <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6213/conducting-the-2021-unsheltered-pit-count/>

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December 3, 2020 3:09 PM from William Higgins to everyone: William Higgins
LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/williamhigginsjr/>

December 3, 2020 3:10 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: Bump Valorie's
question, what are the "short survey" data points HUD expects?

December 3, 2020 3:10 PM from Heather Carver to everyone: can we get more
information on the shortened survey and if HUD HDX will be updated to allow PIT fields to be blank for
demographic data that will not be collected?

December 3, 2020 3:11 PM from Grant Ebbesmeyer to everyone: Any guidance on using
HMIS data to supplement info received from an individual during PIT? i.e. if an individual reports at a
service site being unsheltered the night of PIT and is already in HMIS, just gathering their name and DOB
and gathering the rest of the demographics data from HMIS at a later time to shorten the survey length?

December 3, 2020 3:11 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to everyone: re. conducting the
count over 14 days: Does that mean that over the 14 day period outreach workers could ask people
where they spent the night on the night of the Count to verify homelessness?

December 3, 2020 3:12 PM from Amanda Sternberg to everyone: Regarding using
another data set: If we last did an unsheltered PIT in Jan 2019, do we need to generate a report from
HMIS for the January 2019 PIT date that demonstrates the HMIS data as of that date is comparable to
the unsheltered data we reported in HDX for Jan 2019?

December 3, 2020 3:13 PM from Erin Gallaher to everyone: Is conducting a
shortened survey with just demographics something that requires an exception?

December 3, 2020 3:13 PM from Paula Holtsclaw to everyone: To confirm: if we do a
short survey with few questions (like no subpopulation questions) then we don't need to get an
exception, correct?

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December 3, 2020 3:13 PM from Patrick Dodds to everyone: I'm guessing if we seek and HUD approves an exception, we can still do a count without the changes requested in the exception

December 3, 2020 3:14 PM from Azza Kamal to everyone: Considering the 30 day eviction filing (post the CDC moratorium lifting after December 31st), the 30 day filing will end on January 30th, so, early February is the timeframe where Cities will encounter influx in evictions.....and possibly homelessness. How the current timeline (of the last ten days in January) will reflect this anticipated influx in count of homelessness?

December 3, 2020 3:14 PM from L Tolmie to everyone: I don't understand "existing dataset".

December 3, 2020 3:14 PM from Gaither Stephens to everyone: Like a By-Name-List.

December 3, 2020 3:15 PM from Emma King to everyone: Thanks for sharing your pronouns :)

December 3, 2020 3:15 PM from Thomas Bednar to everyone: Sampling Guidance: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6218/how-to-use-sampling-within-a-coc-to-conduct-an-unsheltered-pit-count/>

December 3, 2020 3:17 PM from Arielle Benson to everyone: What are your thoughts on doing an observation based count, and utilizing HMIS data to extrapolate demographic information about the observed population?

December 3, 2020 3:17 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Chelsea - hopefully we provided you enough parameters in the presentation on what you need to be prepared to demonstrate with an alternate dataset. You essentially have to show it is comprehensive. You will need to run the data using the date of your last unsheltered PIT count and compare that to the unsheltered data you submitted to HUD.

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December 3, 2020 3:17 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Valerie - yes - your PIT count (sheltered and unsheltered) and HIC date should all be the same.

December 3, 2020 3:18 PM from Valerie Caplan to everyone: Thanks!

December 3, 2020 3:18 PM from Paula Holtsclaw to everyone: If you use a multi-day approach to the PIT count, which date would be used for the HIC?

December 3, 2020 3:19 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Sarah K - I can't speak to future NOFAs. HUD has no intent to harm a community for deciding not to count for safety reasons. We will do all we can to ensure communities are not penalized for this decision. Safety is first and we want to reinforce that.

December 3, 2020 3:19 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to everyone: If we didn't use a comprehensive HMIS dataset in 2020, but want to use a comprehensive HMIS dataset in 2021, will that be acceptable?

December 3, 2020 3:20 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Andrea - no. If you are doing a shorter survey you will still have to get an exception. The reason is because you will not be collecting on all of the required elements (including household type, subpopulations, and demographics). BUT we will give exceptions liberally and encourage you to consider a shorter survey to enhance safety.

December 3, 2020 3:22 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Clementina - the timeline for exceptions depends on when it is submitted. Right now, I tend to respond within 24 hours. During the holidays I will be out so the responses will slow down. I will respond as I am able during that time. But when I return in the New Year the responses will continue to be very fast turnarounds.

December 3, 2020 3:22 PM from Emma King to everyone: So, an observation count can only be done that one night?

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December 3, 2020 3:22 PM from laura lama to everyone: our street outreach team keep a list of actively unsheltered people. they have demo info and other PIT info on many people. This list is longer than our usual PIT count total for unsheltered. does this sound like an appropriate dataset for this year's pit in lieu of a count?

December 3, 2020 3:22 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Rachel - if you are doing an observation only you likely will not be able to accurately observe the household type. I would recommend not trying to report that if you are doing an observation only.

December 3, 2020 3:24 PM from Catherine Huang Hara to everyone: Just to make sure, can Planning Grant funds be used to purchase PPE for the unsheltered count?

December 3, 2020 3:24 PM from Ricardo Moore to everyone: Is there a sample "brief" set of survey questions that will suffice for the count this year?

December 3, 2020 3:24 PM from Matt Manlangit to everyone: when determining sample areas that are alike, do you recommend categorizing the areas into census tracts? zipcodes? are there any other ways to organize map?

December 3, 2020 3:24 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Sarah - there is only one way to "officially" submit HIC and PIT count data to HUD. However, we are always excited to look at other street data or PIT count data collected at other times. But we will not use that data for official (especially scoring) purposes.

December 3, 2020 3:25 PM from Kim Hopkinson to everyone: Does HUD provide guidance on how to count individuals or families utilizing a tent or car on the night of the count if we are using an observation only approach? Should we assume only one individual per tent or car if individuals are not visible from the outside?

December 3, 2020 3:25 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Anna - we do not plan on updating the forms this year. The sampling guidance referred to in this presentation suggests

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some questions you can use. They are essentially the first few questions in the forms (regarding identifying each person and determining their housing status).

December 3, 2020 3:26 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Valorie - using short surveys will not make it possible for you to meet the full reporting requirement. That is okay. You can request an exception to only collect on total people experiencing unsheltered homelessness (i.e., head count).

December 3, 2020 3:28 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Amy - any survey that is missing some of the elements would be a short survey. So if asked about personal identifiers (e.g. first and last name) and housing status that would be the most typical short survey. You may choose to ask about age, gender, race, and ethnicity too. If you omit any required element then that would trigger the need for an exception.

December 3, 2020 3:29 PM from Teresa Reinders to everyone: We have tiny homes for veterans. Does HUD consider those sheltered or unsheltered for PIT counting? We have heard reasons for counting in each area 1. unsheltered because no plumbing within the tiny house only in common area, 2. sheltered because they are designated as communal living. So again, what is HUD's guidance as to where to count that population?

December 3, 2020 3:29 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Heather - hopefully my earlier responses in this chat answer the question about what a short survey looks like. We have not updated HDX yet but we will based on the exception requests that come in. We will make sure communities have the options necessary to submit their data based on what was collected.

December 3, 2020 3:30 PM from Regina White to everyone: Along the same line, do we count food who have encroached abandoned buildings or others apartments (where they are not on a legal lease agreement)?

December 3, 2020 3:30 PM from Kelsey Addy to everyone: In the past, HUD provided observation tools that did include some demographic data. This year, should all observation tools only be a head count, including no demographic data? Additionally, can an observation tool be used to supplement a survey tool, i.e. if someone is asleep or unapproachable.

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December 3, 2020 3:30 PM from Regina White to everyone: *folks not food, sorry

December 3, 2020 3:31 PM from Thomas Bednar to everyone: The recording and all materials will be posted to: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=41d93284a8-2021_HIC_and_PIT_Count_Updates_for_CoCs_11_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-41d93284a8-19554637#2021-pit-count-and-hic-guidance-and-training

December 3, 2020 3:32 PM from Thomas Bednar to everyone: (Please allow 2-3 business days for posting)

December 3, 2020 3:32 PM from Arielle Benson to everyone: @laura lama our outreach folks also keep extensive lists. We are considering relying primarily on them to do the night of count, with their existing knowledge to help prepare for, and to deduplicate. Basically they will go in on that night, and utilize their existing "list" and knowledge to double check, and add any additional individuals found. Rather than sending a new team in freshly, to limit unknown folks in camps, and any trauma/issues that could arise from tokenization in the count.

December 3, 2020 3:32 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Grant - we love this kind of innovation. If you plan on submitting all of the data elements but you are confident that you have the full data on several people then you can find a way to flag that in your data collection efforts and use HMIS data to fill in the blanks. You might even add a response option in the survey for your enumerators (presumably street outreach staff) to indicate that this person is in HMIS already. That could be the indicator that the CoC will need to go to HMIS to get that other data. Be prepared to collect on people who are not in HMIS though.

December 3, 2020 3:32 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Thanks, Mr. Snow

December 3, 2020 3:32 PM from Gaither Stephens to everyone: If anyone is looking to bounce ideas around or get advice from colleagues across the country, feel free to check out www.CoAlliance.org for CoC and HMIS peer support communities. All are welcome!

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December 3, 2020 3:33 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ LLOYD - yes. But if you do this, you should be using a survey approach as opposed to an observation approach. Basically, you need a way to use that data to deduplicate. If you do an observation and then ask questions later there is no way to know who was observed relative to who was asked questions.

December 3, 2020 3:34 PM from Kristine Townsend to everyone: This is my first PIT count, of all times, I was considering a pitch to my CoC about a tandem count of online surveys combined with our street outreach. My thought is to make the online survey attach to an email or a phone number so there are not duplicates. I am not sure if this would be a consideration for HUD?

December 3, 2020 3:34 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Amanda - likely, yes. We need some way to know that your dataset is comprehensive. Some communities do counts at other times and I would consider looking at that data in comparison to your alternative dataset. But you would then have to demonstrate that BOTH datasets are somehow representative. Basically, it would be more work on your part.

December 3, 2020 3:35 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Erin - yes. A shortened survey that includes demographics BUT still excludes some of the other data will still require an exception request. For instance, if you do not collect on veteran status you would need an exception request.

December 3, 2020 3:36 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Paula - no. Please see the other responses in the chat above (including the response above this addressed to Erin).

December 3, 2020 3:37 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Patrick - the exception request is really about an exception to what you submit to HUD. If you don't want the pressure of submitting the full dataset but you decide to collect on all of the data you would have the choice of submitting based on the exception request or the broader dataset. We don't want to stop you from collecting data that you feel you can safely count.

December 3, 2020 3:38 PM from L Tolmie to everyone: Is anyone else's BWAIN hurting?

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December 3, 2020 3:38 PM from Amanda Sternberg to everyone: If we did observation only, does this mean that is it literally just a count of how many people we observe, and that we should not make assumptions about other characteristics such as age, race, ethnicity, or gender? In the past when we've done surveys we've instructed our enumerators to still record demographic information to the best they could based on visual observations of people who declined to answer survey questions.

December 3, 2020 3:39 PM from Thomas Bednar to everyone: Once again, here is the sampling guidance: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/How-to-Use-Sampling-within-a-CoC-to-Conduct-an-Unsheltered-PIT-Count.pdf>

December 3, 2020 3:39 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Azza - there are a lot of factors that could drastically impact the 2021 PIT count, including a wave of evictions. We don't know what we are going to see until folks go out and count.

December 3, 2020 3:39 PM from Kelsey Addy to everyone: ^Same as Amanda, Our outreach workers are also often know from prior interactions if someone has a disabling condition that could be reported.

December 3, 2020 3:40 PM from Joseph O'Connor to everyone: can this slide with weighting formula be shared? I do not see it in the guidance document

December 3, 2020 3:41 PM from Azza Kamal to everyone: @William Snow, true. Yet, we know the timeline where the eviction filing start, and that peak of filing will happen after the 2021 counting.

December 3, 2020 3:41 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Arielle - i would be very cautious about doing an observation count but using HMIS data to extrapolate for demographics. We have found that sheltered and unsheltered populations tend to be different populations. We have found that some unsheltered areas are even different than other unsheltered areas in a CoC. For instance, if you use street outreach data to extrapolate that may be okay. But you would want to consider if there is a bias in terms of those who are willing to present for services or respond to street outreach workers.

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December 3, 2020 3:42 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Paula - if you do a multi-day count you would always select the first day of the count for your PIT count and HIC date.

December 3, 2020 3:42 PM from Andy Pope to everyone: We have a 13-county CoC and 70% of those experiencing homelessness are in 1 county. Would it be appropriate to have 12-counties as 1 subarea and then divide the large county with high percent of homelessness into additional subareas?

December 3, 2020 3:43 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Lloyd - big maybe on teh comprehensive dataset. Be prepared to provide me some reason why you think it is sufficient. It will not be enough for you simply to say you think it is comparable - i need some evidence.

December 3, 2020 3:44 PM from Andy Pope to everyone: To clarify, the 12-counties would each represent their own subarea, so there would be 12-subareas + how the large county is divided.

December 3, 2020 3:44 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Emma - observation counts are generally done on one night. But if your CoC has "pockets" or "regions" where people do not really cross then you could count over multiple nights covering these fairly discrete areas. I would not recommend doing any observation count more than 4 days but you can send an email if you have more questions about that.

December 3, 2020 3:45 PM from Regina White to everyone: In Pittsfield, the city is currently trying to evict our folks out of city parks (despite our only shelter have only 50 beds for our 80+ homeless folks).

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Many folks will not go to the shelter and are in flux right now not knowing where to go, or if they must leave the parks.

Any chance we could submit all their demographical info earlier than January?

December 3, 2020 3:49 PM from L Tolmie to everyone: Will someone remind me how to save the chat?

December 3, 2020 3:49 PM from Matt Simmonds to everyone: While this may sound complex Shaleen, there are benefits (i.e. better count estimates with less resources). In case it helps explain the approach being described, you might look at this methodology doc created for CT.
<https://pointintime.info/simtechsolutions/assets/File/Final%20Methodology%20Report%20for%20the%20CT%20Point%20in%20Time%20Count%20-%205-30-17.pdf>

December 3, 2020 3:49 PM from Paula Holtsclaw to everyone: @ L Tolmie - me too!

December 3, 2020 3:49 PM from Amanda Sternberg to everyone: File - Save - Chat

December 3, 2020 3:49 PM from Jeanne Goodman (Abt) to everyone: To save the chat choose File > Save as > Chat from the menu at the top of the screen.

December 3, 2020 3:49 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Laura - that list sounds very promising. I'm happy to think through that more with you. Run the analysis I mentioned above (comparing that data on last year's PIT count data to last year's unsheltered PIT count data).

December 3, 2020 3:50 PM from Luella Sanders to everyone: Would the questions that assess chronic homelessness and veteran status still be expected?

December 3, 2020 3:50 PM from Corey Root to everyone: We've only asked for first two letters of first name and first two letters of last name plus birthdate for deduplication - OK to ask full name?

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December 3, 2020 3:51 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Catherine - yes. You can use CoC planning grants to pay for PPE for your staff and volunteers to count. You can also use admin ESG-CV dollars for that. You can use CoC and ESG/ESG-CV street outreach funds if you are using street outreach staff and they are doing some kind of engagement (an observation is not sufficient to meet that criteria). You can use street outreach funds to give people you are surveying PPE also.

December 3, 2020 3:51 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Ricardo - hopefully Aubrey answered your question on what is sufficient for a short survey. There are other responses in this chat about that too.

December 3, 2020 3:53 PM from laura lama to everyone: @William - can you say a little bit more about what you mean when you say we should compare our last year's PIT data with the unsheltered count data of that year? What exactly are we comparing? Total numbers? Demographics?

December 3, 2020 3:54 PM from Lurn Whitleigh to everyone: what if you used observation for the count, but the surveys to extrapolate demographic data?

December 3, 2020 3:54 PM from Diana Trejo to everyone: If a CoC decides to submit an exception request to William, when can we anticipate receiving a response? Determining if an exception request is approved or denied would be a big determining factor in our planning efforts.

December 3, 2020 3:55 PM from Gaither Stephens to everyone: If we're going to request using an alternative dataset, is there a deadline to do so?

December 3, 2020 3:57 PM from L Tolmie to everyone: So if some CoCs ask for full exception, the result will be few homeless counted. How does HUD plan to address that in its report to Congress? Extrapolating?

December 3, 2020 3:58 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Matt - those are good examples of how to divide your geography. Census, county, zipcode are most common. I'm not aware of other options but we don't want to prohibit other options that might be used elsewhere.

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December 3, 2020 3:58 PM from Azza Kamal to everyone: Any guides available for counting Youth separately?

December 3, 2020 3:58 PM from Anna Shears to everyone: Will the additional sessions be the same content?

December 3, 2020 3:58 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Kim - we addressed the tents/cars counting earlier. If you have other questions please add more to this chat.

December 3, 2020 3:59 PM from Aubrey Sitler to everyone: @Anna - each session will have a different topic of focus for the first half, then will have open Q&A for the last half.

December 3, 2020 4:00 PM from L Tolmie to everyone: idea for future -- Survey Qs being asked by CoC/exception ideas for data elements; safety measurs for homeless/volunteers

December 3, 2020 4:01 PM from Arielle Benson to everyone: If we are relying primarily on outreach workers with knowledge of the encampments, and are able to confidently deduplicate, are we still limited to 1 evening for a night of the count? \

December 3, 2020 4:01 PM from Kathy Germain to everyone: Does the collaborative applicant or CoC board chair submit exception request?

December 3, 2020 4:03 PM from Lurn Whitleigh to everyone: @Kathy - our Collab app submitted our exception request

December 3, 2020 4:03 PM from Matt Simmonds to everyone: Any guidance that HUD wants to offer on determining the size of the sample needed in order to produce statistically reliable count estimates? Could be worth hitting on this.

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December 3, 2020 4:03 PM from Valerie Caplan to everyone: It would be great to hear about how other CoCs are handling their youth count in 2021. Are people forgoing the separate youth count?

December 3, 2020 4:03 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Mazharul - we take into account the COVID surge, staff capacity, access to volunteers, etc. Really, we just need a sense of capacity and safety.

December 3, 2020 4:05 PM from Nicole Henson to everyone: Please provide more information about the Sheltered count and the HIC next time.

December 3, 2020 4:05 PM from Jeff Buscher to everyone: Sample of shortned Survey - would be helpful in future Meetings. Or posted on website.

December 3, 2020 4:06 PM from Paula Holtsclaw to everyone: For next Office Hours - if we do a survey, but have some random observations thrown in because the people didn't want to talk or because it was unsafe to approach, then could you go over how to do extrapolation to be able to fill in the details (age, gender, race, ethnicity) of those without that info.

December 3, 2020 4:06 PM from Paula Holtsclaw to everyone: Alos for next Office Hours - what fields should not be completed by extrapolation?

December 3, 2020 4:06 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Teresa - we would need more details. This is something you can email to me separately or submit an AAQ. Tiny homes mean a lot of different things.

December 3, 2020 4:08 PM from Aubrey Sitler to everyone: @Nicole -- the sheltered PIT count and HIC requirements have not changed for 2021. Is there a specific issue you are concerned about?

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December 3, 2020 4:08 PM from laura lama to everyone: Next Office Hours: More details on how to compare last year's PIT data to last year's unsheltered PIT data to assess if our active unsheltered lists are complete enough for the 2021 PIT.

December 3, 2020 4:10 PM from Alison Hade to everyone: Can we count people who are known to be unsheltered but may be quarantined in a motel or hospitalized during the count?

December 3, 2020 4:10 PM from Paula Holtsclaw to everyone: What laura lama said about comparing last year's PIT data to last year's unsheltered PIT data - for next call.

December 3, 2020 4:11 PM from Paula Holtsclaw to everyone: @ Alison Hade - if the motel is being paid by non-profit, church, govt grant, then that is sheltered count.

December 3, 2020 4:12 PM from Teresa Reinders to everyone: @ William here is a link <https://vetsoutreachwi.us/vets-village/> the places are small locations but have no plumbing within them. They have a bed, small storage, microwave, refrigerator and tv. all other items like showers, bathroom, kitchens, and laundry room are in a separate unattached common building they access by going outside from their "tiny house"

December 3, 2020 4:13 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Kristine - we don't allow online surveys. There just is not enough ability to validate that someone is experiencing homelessness.

December 3, 2020 4:14 PM from L Tolmie to everyone: No changes in those HUD-required data elements from last yr, right?

December 3, 2020 4:17 PM from Aubrey Sitler to everyone: There's an FAQ on using phone- and web-based surveys: <https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/3124/can-i-use-a-phone-or-web-based-survey/>

December 3, 2020 4:17 PM from Alison Hade to everyone: And if hospitalized?

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December 3, 2020 4:19 PM from Paula Holtsclaw to everyone: @Alison Hade - hospitalized is not literally homeless on the night of the count, so they would not be counted.

December 3, 2020 4:21 PM from Nicole Henson to everyone: @Aubrey- nothing specific. Just a general overview. Im a new HMIS Sys Admin and just want to collect all the info I can.

December 3, 2020 4:22 PM from Aubrey Sitler to everyone: @Nicole -- the latest published PIT/HIC Data Collection Notice provides details on what is required for a sheltered PIT count and HIC. Here's the link to that: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5768/notice-cpd-18-08-2019-hic-and-pit-data-collection-for-coc-and-esg-programs/>. Feel free to submit an AAQ if you have specific questions as you sort through it.

December 3, 2020 4:23 PM from Aubrey Sitler to everyone: @Nicole This is the landing page for all PIT and HIC resources on HUD Exchange - it has a range of other resources you may find helpful. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/#general-pit-guides-and-tools>.

December 3, 2020 4:24 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Do we need to inform you if we end up not using the exception?

December 3, 2020 4:24 PM from Martha Bryson to everyone: I am monitoring our CoC, and am having trouble getting the numbers and statistics collected during PIT for past years. Should their methodology be a matter of public record accessible to the general public?

December 3, 2020 4:25 PM from Elizabeth Lamond to everyone: For a future session, can you discuss in more detail covering ESG-CV projects in the HIC?

December 3, 2020 4:26 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Regina - i'm not entirely clear what you are asking. I think the answer is going to be no. If you are doing a full count, your demographic data and other data tied to the total count needs to be based on the same time frame.

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December 3, 2020 4:26 PM from Alison Hade to everyone: If someone is homeless for 365 days and then is hospitalized for COVID, you are saying we shouldn't count even though the person will be homeless when released?

December 3, 2020 4:26 PM from Matt Simmonds to everyone: Not an endorsement per se but there are tools on sample size determination like this one that can be used...
<https://surveysystem.com/sscalc.htm>

December 3, 2020 4:27 PM from Paula Holtsclaw to everyone: @Alison Hade - that is my understanding of the PIT Count. Same thing happens when here in florida, people who live on the streets year round, but on the night of the count, they pool resources to stay in a motel on their own dime because the temps drop to freezing.

December 3, 2020 4:27 PM from L Tolmie to everyone: We got PPE from our Health Dept & from FEMA/TEMA w/o having to pay w CoC Planning \$.

December 3, 2020 4:28 PM from Andy Pope to everyone: Future PIT Count Office Hours, although it may be covered in guidance... For the HIC, how to handle emergency shelters who have reduced capacity (beds) due to COVID-19. Either we will have reduced utilization or reduced number of beds.

December 3, 2020 4:28 PM from Aubrey Sitler to everyone: With 3 minutes left, we've got lots of unanswered questions. Thank you all for your active participation in this call! If you have a lingering question we didn't get to, please feel free to submit an AAQ at any time:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

December 3, 2020 4:28 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: @Alison, if they enter the hospital from homelessness and are there less then 90 days, according to Category 1 they would still be homeless unless I'm missing something.
https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HomelessDefinition_RecordkeepingRequirementsandCriteria.pdf

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December 3, 2020 you submit an AAQ	4:28 PM	from Aubrey Sitler to everyone:	Select "HDX" in Step 2 if
December 3, 2020 I'm looking for.	4:28 PM	from Alison Hade to everyone:	Thank you. That's what
December 3, 2020	4:28 PM	from Alison Hade to everyone:	Hi Shawn!
December 3, 2020	4:29 PM	from Shawn Hayes to everyone:	Hi Alison! :)
December 3, 2020	4:29 PM	from JennaMarie Glenna to everyone:	Thank you!

Q&A Session for PIT Count Office Hours

Session number: 1783947380

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2020

Starting time: 2:28 PM

-Andy Duong - 2:11 PM

Q: Isn't there a presentation?

Priority: N/A-

-Jeanne Goodman (Abt) - 2:40 PM

A: This begins in 20 minutes.-

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-Gaither Stephens - 2:53 PM

Q: Me, Myself, and I by De La Soul. I love this song!

Priority: N/A-

-Jeanne Goodman (Abt) - 2:53 PM

A: Yay! Any requests for next meeting?-

-Gaither Stephens - 2:54 PM

Q: Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots would be awesome :D

Priority: N/A-

-Jeanne Goodman (Abt) - 2:54 PM

A: You've got it!-

-Jeanne Goodman (Abt) - 2:58 PM

A: I've got such a large playlist now it may not come up automatically, but if you ping me when you get in I'll push it up to the top. :-)

-Gaither Stephens - 3:01 PM

Q: If we are interested in using our By-Name-List for our unsheltered PIT do we need to email William to be approved? If so, is there a deadline for that and parameters should we provide to make our case for that method? Thank you.

Priority: N/A-

-Camille Castillo - 3:05 PM

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Q: Are high COVID infection rates a factor in being give an exception for unsheltered count?

Priority: N/A-

-Denise Goshton - 3:09 PM

Q: Is there a plan for HUD/Abt Associates to revise or remove the demographic data such as age, race, ethnicity and other sub population information from the HDX PIT report for unsheltered clients since observation is an option?

Priority: N/A-

-Andrea Carey - 3:13 PM

Q: William, you've referenced several times that the comprehensive dataset exception request will require back/forth questions about the data. I think you've said that you'd look at the total unsheltered as well as sub-populations (veterans and CH?) What else

Priority: N/A-

-Evan Caster - 3:16 PM

Q: When are the exceptions due?

Priority: N/A-

-laura lama - 3:23 PM

Q: h team keep a list of actively unsheltered people. they have demo info and other PIT info on many people. This list is longer than our usual PIT count total for unsheltered. does this sound like an appropriate dataset for this year's pit in lieu of a count?

Priority: N/A-

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-Matt Manlangit - 4:01 PM

Q: What factors (aside from the pandemic) where us as a CoC can determine that using 2020 data to determine sample areas is not effective?

Priority: N/A-

-Matt Manlangit - 4:02 PM

Q: ...cont "One example we were thinking was a recent ban of our city to have people do encampments within certain boundaries. this was done a month AFTER the 2020 count,"

Priority: N/A-

-laura lama - 4:22 PM

Q: if a coc uses an active unsheltered list created by the street outreach team as their count for 2021, do they need to have full PIT data about chonicity and sub-populations as well?

Priority: N/A-