



Preparing for Your 2017 Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Counts

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The HIC and the PIT Count

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

- A report that informs the homeless assistance community on the capacity to house persons who are homeless at local and national levels

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

- Provides the homeless assistance community with data needed to understand the number and characteristics of persons who are homeless at one point-in-time
- CoCs are required to conduct a sheltered and an unsheltered count during the last ten days of January 2017

2017 HIC and PIT Count Notice

[Notice CPD-16-060: 2017 HIC and PIT Data Collection for CoC and ESG Programs](#)

All CoCs should review to understand all the information that must be collected the last ten days in January in order to successfully complete the HIC and PIT in 2017.



2017 PIT Count: Baseline Year for Homeless Youth

2017 will be the baseline year for PIT count data for tracking progress towards ending youth homelessness

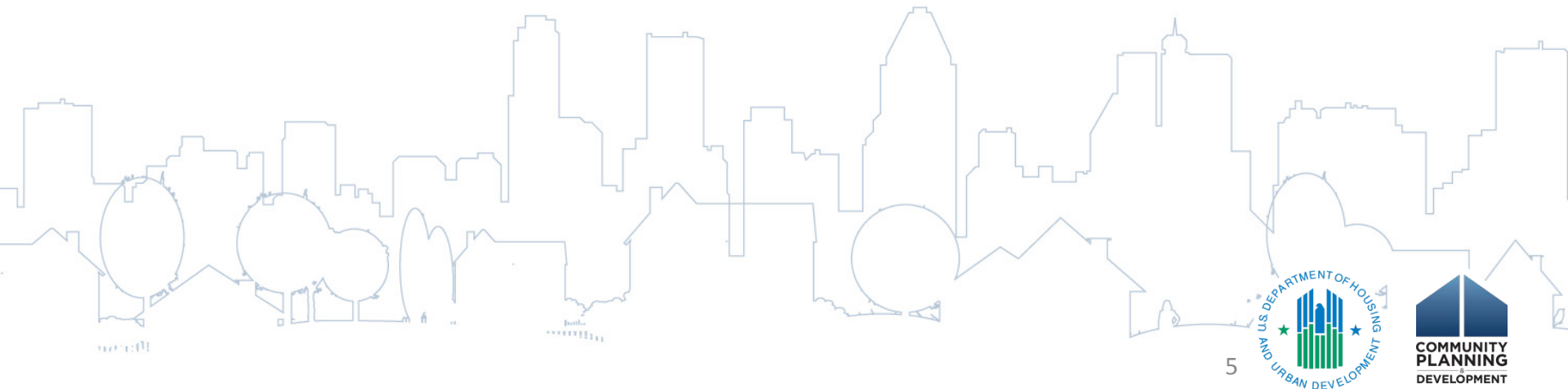
PIT count data will only be one of many important data sources for identifying homeless youth

Identifying homeless youth in the PIT count has been a challenge and we have seen communities make great progress in the past few years

Success is in building partnerships with key actors including schools, youth providers, and child welfare

Several resources for identifying homeless youth will be made available from HUD, NAEH, VoYC, NN4Y, etc

Housing Inventory Count (HIC)



What to Include 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.

Beds and units in the HIC must be dedicated to serving homeless persons, or for permanent housing projects, dedicated for persons who were homeless at entry.

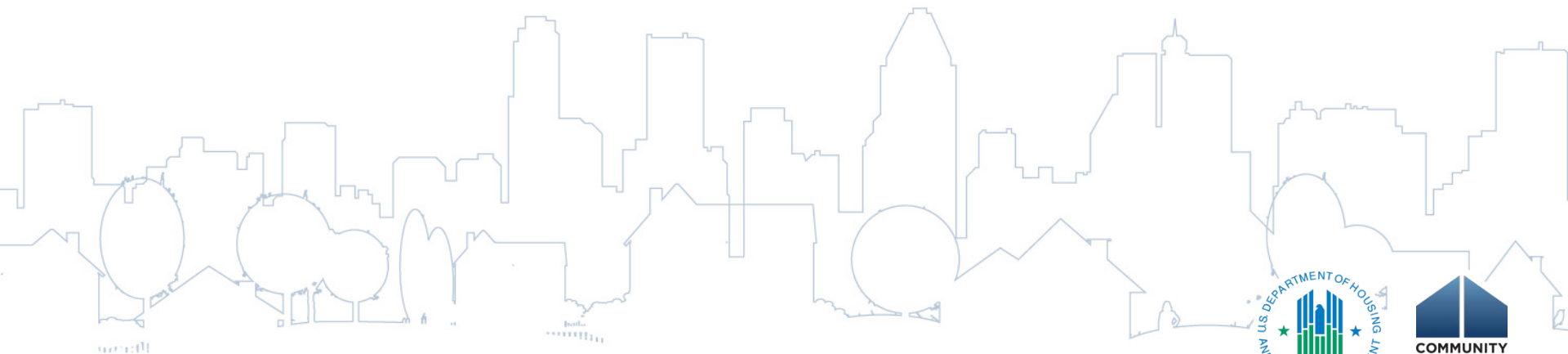
Changes to the HIC for 2017

1. The Rapid Rehousing Demonstration Program - DEM project type has been removed.
2. The McKinney-Vento funding question has been expanded from a “Yes” or “No” question to require CoCs to identify the actual HUD McKinney-Vento funding source associated with HMIS PDDE 2.6 – Federal Funding Source.
3. VA GPD (TIP) projects should report beds under the “Other Permanent Housing” (OPH) project type. Persons in these beds should not be included in the PIT Count.

Changes to the HIC for 2017

4. Beds dedicated for youth should include beds for all members of a youth headed household.
5. A new field **“Housing Type”** has been added that combines the Transitional Housing (TH) Unit Type field and the scattered site field from the address section of the HIC. In this field CoCs will indicate whether the project is:
 - Site-based – single site
 - Site-based – clustered / multiple sites
 - Tenant-based – scattered site

Point-In-Time Count (PIT)



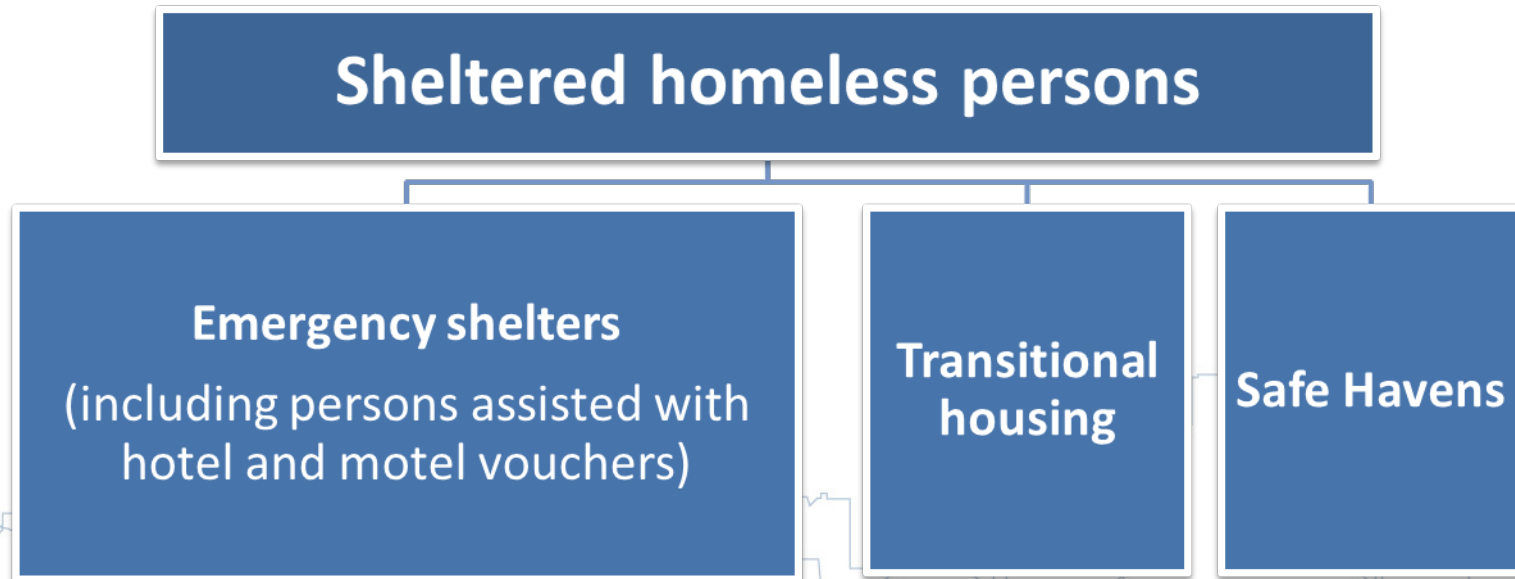
PIT Count Guidance

- CoCs are required to conduct PIT counts biennially during last 10 days in January.
- CoCs are required to conduct a sheltered and an unsheltered count in 2017.
- Counts must be conducted in compliance with HUD standards and [PIT Count Methodology Guide](#)
- CoCs will be required to identify in HDX the methodologies used for their 2017 PIT count

CoCs are strongly encouraged to use HMIS to generate their sheltered count where possible

Sheltered PIT Count

All persons who meet the criteria at 24 CFR 578.3 of the [Homeless Definition Final Rule](#)



Unsheltered PIT Count

Include all persons who meet criteria at 24 CFR 578.3 of the [Homeless Definition Final Rule](#)

Unsheltered homeless persons

Primary nighttime residence is a public place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including: car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground

People to NOT Include in PIT Count

Do not include people residing:

- in PSH projects (including VASH) and RRHD projects
- in locations not listed on the HIC (i.e., beds/units not dedicated for homeless)
- temporarily with family or friends
- in housing they rent or own (permanent housing), including rental housing with RRH assistance
- People residing in institutions

Changes to PIT Count for 2017

- New gender identity option – “Don’t identify as male, female, or transgender.”

Gender	Sheltered ES	Sheltered TH	Unsheltered	Total
Female				
Male				
Transgender				
Don't identify as male, female, or transgender				

- ✓ The new gender category is intended to represent people whose gender identity is not “male, female, or transgender,” and should not be used in the event that gender of a person is unknown. CoCs should use approved extrapolation techniques to ensure that the total number of persons listed under each category equal the total number of persons counted.

Changes to PIT Count for 2017

- Persons experiencing chronic homelessness will now be reported by **Household Type**.
- HUD clarification: If one **adult or youth head** of a household qualifies as chronically homeless, than all persons in the household should be counted as chronically homeless.
 - ✓ This means that CoCs should count all persons in the household as chronically homeless and all beds on the HIC dedicated to these household members should be counted on the HIC.

PIT/HIC Count Tools, Guidance and Webinars

PIT and HIC Resources



PIT and HIC Guides, Tools, and Webinars

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continuums of Care conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. Continuums of Care also must conduct a count of unsheltered homeless persons every other year (odd numbered years). Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally. The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of provider programs within a Continuum of Care that provide beds and units dedicated to serve persons who are homeless, categorized by five Program Types: Emergency Shelter; Transitional Housing; Rapid Re-housing; Safe Haven; and Permanent Supportive Housing.

Search for community data in HUD Population/Subpopulation reports and Housing Inventory Count reports.

Find By Topic

General PIT Guides and Tools

PIT Survey Tools

2017 PIT and HIC Reporting

2016 PIT and HIC Reporting

2015 PIT and HIC Reporting

2014 PIT and HIC Reporting

2013 PIT and HIC Reporting

2012 PIT and HIC Reporting

2011 PIT and HIC Reporting

General PIT Guides and Tools Guidance and Data

Point-in-Time Count Implementation Tools

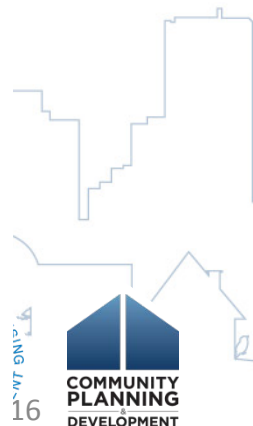
This resource page provides CoCs access to several tools to help them effectively implement their PIT counts of homeless people. Resources on this page include the PIT Count Data Extrapolation Tool, the Sheltered PIT Count and HMIS Data Element Crosswalk, the PIT Count Planning Worksheet, the PIT Count Survey Instruments: Subpopulation Crosswalk, and the PIT Count: Tips for Including People Experiencing Homelessness.

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Point-in-Time Count Methodology Guide

This guide provides CoCs with standards and guidance concerning acceptable methodologies and approaches to conducting PIT counts of homeless people. This guide replaces the [Guide to Counting Sheltered Homeless People](#) and the [Guide to Counting Unsheltered Homeless People](#).

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Questions



Submit Questions to HUD's Exchange's [Ask-a-Question](https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/ask-a-question) at:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/>

Please note: Due to the high volume of questions, please read the regulations and the training materials provided prior to submitting your question to Ask-a-Question