



2023 PIT Count Office Hours

October 27, 2022

3:00-4:00pm ET



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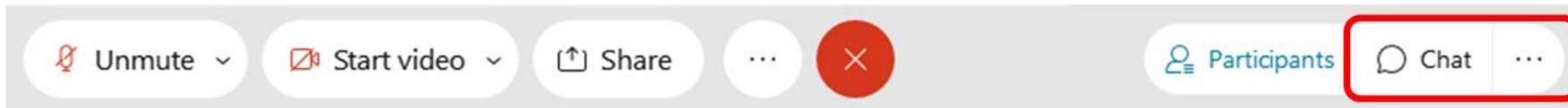
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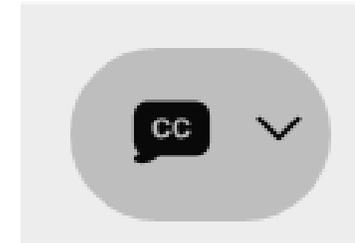
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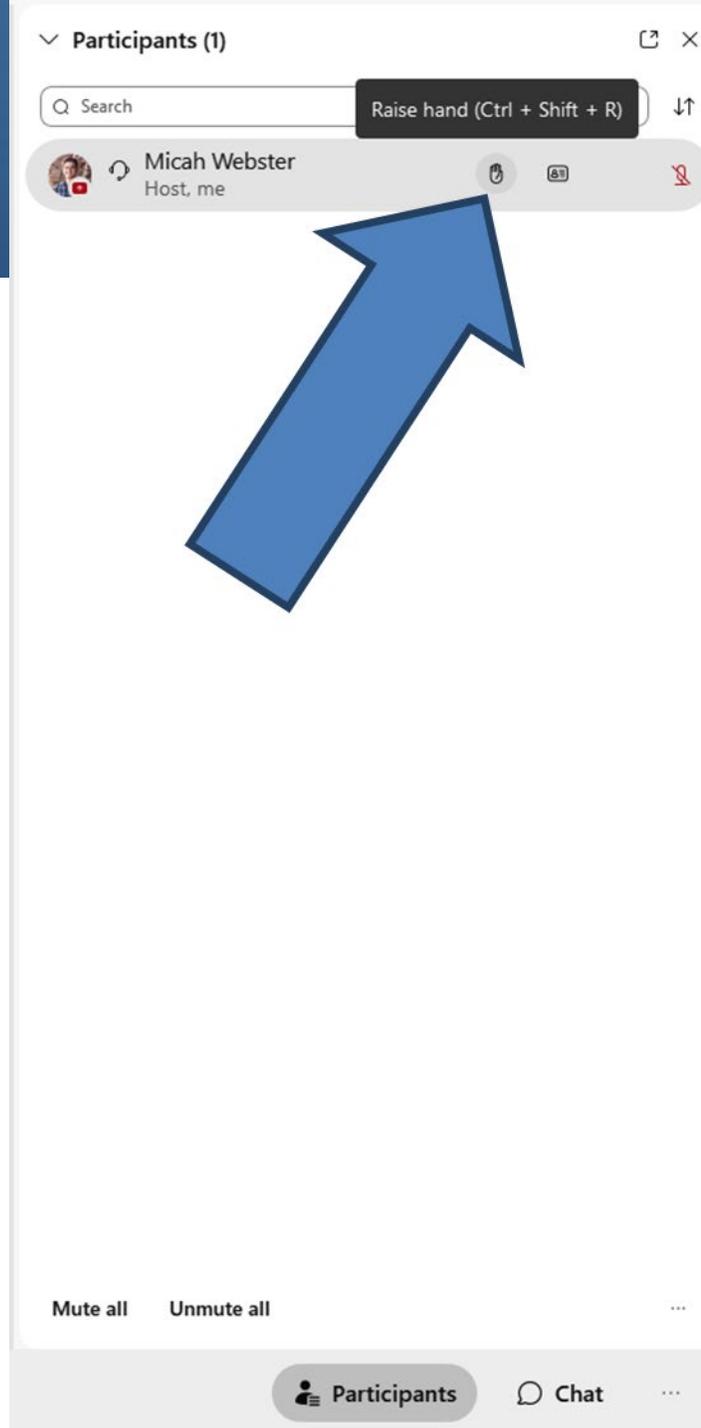
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Speakers & Resource Advisors

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Agenda

- Anticipated changes to the 2023 HIC and PIT Count
- PIT count safety considerations
- Reflections on PIT counts conducted during COVID-19
- Review of sampling guidance and tools
- Q&A

Anticipated Changes for 2023 HIC and PIT Count

The only anticipated change is an expansion to the age categories for the PIT count.

Current Response Options

- 1) Under 18
- 2) 18-24
- 3) 25 and Older



Anticipated Changes to Response Options

- 1) Under age 18
- 2) 18-24
- 3) 25-34
- 4) 35-44
- 5) 45-54
- 6) 55-64
- 7) 65 and older

Is 2023 a Required Count Year?

- The regulatory requirement for the PIT count is to conduct a **full count – sheltered and unsheltered - every *other* year.**
- If your CoC conducted a full count in 2022 it is not required to conduct a full count in 2023.
- Most CoCs choose to conduct a full count every year.
- HUD strongly encourages CoCs to conduct a full count each year.

Reminders: Safety Considerations for Counting During COVID-19



COVID-19 Safety Guidance for the PIT Count

HUD's [Safety Guidance document](#) considers the need to maintain safety while collecting sufficient data to make life-saving decisions about serving people experiencing homelessness. It includes guidance on:

- Vaccination status for people conducting the count
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Social distancing
- Volunteers
- Homeless service provider staff
- Remote PIT count training
- Partnerships
- Sampling
- Mobile count applications

Reflecting on Lessons Learned from PIT Counts Conducted During COVID-19



Positive takeaways

- New partnerships from COVID-19 allow for new voices and perspectives in the planning and counting process
- Different ways to train volunteers – using technology
- More extensive use of mobile apps
- More CoCs using HMIS as a starting place for the count and for validating data on the backend
- Heavy use of existing staff, especially staff outreach

Review of Sampling Guidance and Tools



What is Sampling?

Sampling is a way to account for information about a whole group of people by only collecting data about a portion of that full group.

In the context of an unsheltered PIT count, this means that a community could estimate the number and characteristics of all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness by counting only some sub-regions of its full geography and then extrapolating for uncounted areas.

Full Census Count



If sampling is done accurately, both these methods can produce accurate estimates of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



Sampling



Sampling Considerations

Benefits of Sampling



Requires less time than a full census count.



Requires fewer staff and volunteers

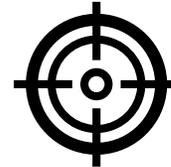


Increases safety for people experiencing homelessness and staff/volunteers

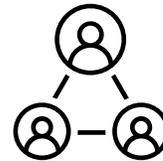
Drawbacks of Sampling



Relies on assumptions based on limited information.



May not be as precise as a full census count.



If demographics are not accounted for in developing a sampling approach, extrapolated information about demographics may not be valid.

Preparing for Sampling

CoCs can begin planning for the sampling process by:

1. Identifying a **local research partner** to help CoCs refine sampling approaches, implement sampling, and clean and analyze the data.
2. Dividing the CoC's geography into **smaller regions (or subareas) based on the expected density** or number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness (i.e., high, medium/low, none/rare).

Sampling Guidance and Tools

1. **[How to Use Sampling within a CoC to Conduct an Unsheltered PIT Count](#)**: a guidance document that provides an overview of sampling and how to use sampling to conduct an unsheltered PIT count.
 - The [December 3, 2020 PIT count office hours](#) provides more details to the guidance document. It is highly recommended to review the office hours if you are considering sampling.
2. **[PIT Count Sampling Tool](#)**: this tool helps CoCs develop a sampling approach to estimate a total count of the number of people within their geographies experiencing unsheltered homelessness on the night of the PIT count.
 - The [December 15, 2021](#) PIT count office hours provides greater detail about what sampling is and includes a walkthrough of the PIT count sampling tool.
3. **[PIT Count Estimating Tool](#)**: this tool helps CoCs that already conducted the unsheltered PIT count, using a sampling approach, to estimate a total unsheltered PIT count.
4. **[PIT Count Data Extrapolation Tool](#)**: this tool helps CoCs extrapolate for demographic data within their PIT counts, also available on the [Point-in-Time Count Implementation Tools page](#).

General PIT Count Resources

- [PIT Count and HIC Landing Page on HUD Exchange](#)
- [PIT Count Methodology Guide](#)
- [PIT Count Sampling Guidance and Tools](#)
- [PIT Count Office Hours Recordings](#)
- [PIT Count Survey Tools](#)
- The HUD Exchange HDX [Ask a Question \(AAQ\)](#) Desk
 - Note that the HUD Exchange HDX AAQ inbox **will no longer answer policy questions, including those about planning for or implementing the HIC or PIT count.** Instead, policy questions should be sent to HICPITCount@hud.gov.
 - The HUD Exchange HDX AAQ inbox will continue to **answer questions about technical assistance tools to assist communities with their HIC or PIT counts or how to submit data in HDX 1.0.**

Q & A



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