




**Preparing for Your 2012
Housing Inventory and Point-
in-Time Counts
with Special Attention on
Veteran Program Guidance**

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Webinar Format

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Webinar Materials

- Materials referenced during this webinar can be found on HUD’s Homelessness Resource Exchange (HRE) at <http://hudhre.info> or the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) at www.hudhdx.info

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Learning Objectives

In this session, you should learn:

- VA’s plan for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) participation
- What the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count are
- What data are needed to produce the HIC and the PIT
- How to prepare for the HIC and the PIT
- How to include VA programs

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Opening Doors

- Interagency Council on Homelessness: *“Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness”*
- Goal: Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 5 years
- Increasing VA participation in HMIS will “strengthen the capacity of public and private organizations by increasing knowledge about collaboration, homelessness, and successful interventions to prevent and end homelessness.”

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VA and HMIS Overview

- VA's efforts to end homelessness among Veterans require accurate and timely data describing the extent and scope of Veteran homelessness
- Beginning in 2011, HUD is requiring communities to collect Veterans information for both sheltered and unsheltered adults
- The Secretary of VA has instructed VA staff to actively work with Continuums of Care (CoCs) on PIT surveys and the Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

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VA and HMIS Overview

- VA has embarked on a plan to have all VA-funded homeless assistance programs fully participate in HMIS
- Effective 2011, VA-funded programs directed to enter data into HMIS include Grant and Per Diem (GPD), Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Residential Contract, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), and Veterans Homeless Prevention Demonstration (VHPD) programs
- VA is working to make data from its HOMES system available to CoCs in 2013

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The Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

- The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is an annual report to HUD
- Compiled and submitted by the Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Includes data about organizations, programs, and bed and unit inventory
- Provides information about community capacity to house persons who are homeless

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The Point-In-Time Count (PIT)

- The PIT is a report to HUD compiled and submitted by the CoC
- Conducted on a single night during the last 10 days of January
- Beginning in 2012, a sheltered count is required on annual basis
- An unsheltered count is required in odd years (optional in 2012)

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HIC and PIT – A Single Snapshot

- HIC and PIT count should be conducted on the *same* night
- Total persons reported in ES + TH + SH in HIC should equal the total number of persons reported in the sheltered PIT count
- Work within CoC to coordinate execution of HIC and PIT count

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Home icon Poll Question

- Who completes the PIT and HIC?
 - CoC staff
 - Service Providers
 - VA Staff



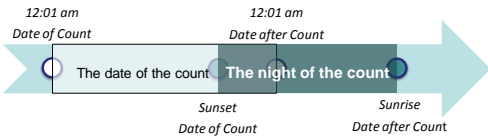
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Home icon The Night of the Count

night (*noun*) – the period of darkness between sunset and sunrise.

- What we refer to as ‘the night of the count’ covers two dates, as shown in the illustration below

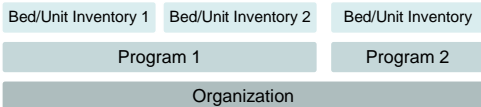


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Home icon Building Blocks of the HIC

- The HIC is a snapshot of housing for persons who are homeless in your CoC on one day
- The data components of the HIC describe the basic elements of a CoC



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HIC: Program Types

- Include residential CoC programs in the following five program types
 - Emergency Shelters
 - Transitional Housing
 - HPRP (Rapid Re-housing only)
 - Safe Havens
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
- Only include beds & units dedicated for persons who are homeless



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HIC: Homeless Programs

Remember to include housing programs for the homeless funded by:



- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Faith-based organizations
- Other private and public funding sources

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HIC: Incorporating VA Programs

- Programs that receive any part of their funding from the VA programs in the following slides must have the VA prefixes in their program names and must be assigned the program types agreed upon by HUD and VA
- CoC leads should coordinate with program staff to review and verify inventory included on the HIC

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VA Homeless Programs

- VA Grant and Per Diem Programs
 - Prefix is "GPD" and Program Type is Transitional Housing
- HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Programs
 - Prefix is "VASH" and Program Type is Permanent Supportive Housing

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VA Homeless Programs (cont.)

- Health Care for Homeless Veterans VA Community Contract Emergency Housing
 - Prefix is "HCHV/EH" and Program Type is Emergency Shelter
- Health Care for Homeless Veterans VA Community Contract Residential Treatment Programs
 - Prefix is "HCHV/RT" and Program Type is Transitional Housing
- Health Care for Homeless Veterans VA Community Contract Safe Haven Programs
 - Prefix is "HCHV/SH" and Program Type is Safe Haven

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VA Homeless Programs (cont.)

- VA Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs – Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans
 - Prefix is "VADOM" and Program Type is Transitional Housing
 - The program type is new for this year
- VA Compensated Work Therapy – Transitional Residence
 - Prefix is "CWT/TR" and Program Type is Transitional Housing

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Poll Question

- Will VA Domiciliary programs be listed on the 2012 PIT and HIC as Emergency Shelter?
 - Yes
 - No

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Using HMIS for the HIC

- Program descriptor data in HMIS is required by the HMIS Data Standards
- Where possible, CoCs are encouraged to use HMIS to complete the HIC
- Not all elements of the HIC can be derived from HMIS
 - McKinney-Vento funded?
 - Households with only children

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Level One: Organization

Data Element	Data Element Number
Organization Name	2.2

- The largest and most basic component is the organization
- Every program 'belongs to' an organization
- An organization may have more than one program

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Level Two: Program

Data Element	Data Element Number
Program Name	2.4
Program Type	2.8
Geocode	2.9
Target Population A (optional)	2.10
Target Population B	2.11
McKinney-Vento funded?	n/a

- Each program should have one value for each of these elements

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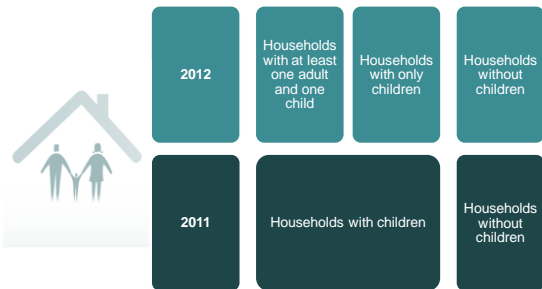
Level Three: Bed and Unit

Data Element	Data Element Number
Household Type	2.9A
Bed Type	2.9B
Bed and Unit Availability	2.9C
Bed Inventory	2.9D
CH Bed Inventory (PSH only)	2.9E
Unit Inventory	2.9F
Inventory Start Date	2.9G
Inventory End Date	2.9H
HMIS Participating Beds	2.9I
HMIS Participation Start Date	2.9J
HMIS Participation End Date	2.9K
Inventory Type	n/a

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Bed and Unit Household Types



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Designating Household Types

- For programs that serve multiple household types and do not have a specific number of beds designated exclusively for a single type:
 - Divide based on average utilization (data standards methodology) or
 - Divide based on usage on the night of the count (previous HIC guidance)



HIC Bed Types (ES only)



- *Facility-based* – located in a residential homeless facility
- *Voucher* – hotel or motel paid for by program
- *Other* – located in a church or other facility not designated for use by homeless persons



Availability (ES only)

- *Year-round*
- *Seasonal* – available only during high-demand times with set start and end dates
- *Overflow* – available on an ad hoc basis during the year when demand exceeds planned bed capacity







Bed and Unit Inventory

- Count the number of beds/units AVAILABLE on the night of the count, except:
 - Beds that are under development
 - Overflow – the number *occupied* beds
 - HPRP RRH beds – the number of people who:
 - Were 'Literally homeless' at program entry
 - Are receiving HPRP assistance
 - Are occupying conventional housing

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A Fixed Number of Units



- Programs with a fixed number of units but no fixed number of beds may estimate beds by multiplying the number of units by the average household size
 - Example: 10 units for households with at least one adult and one child * an average household size of 3 = 30 beds for households with at least one adult and one child

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Inventory Type

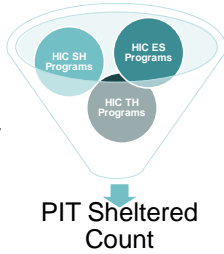
- Current (C): Beds or vouchers that are available and not new since the last HIC
- New (N): Beds or vouchers that represent an increase in capacity since the last HIC 
- Under development (U): Beds that are fully funded but not yet available at the time of the HIC 

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HIC Program-Level PIT Count

- All programs reported on the HIC must report the total unduplicated number of people served in each program on the night of the count



PIT Guidance

- CoCs are required to conduct annual sheltered counts capturing the total unduplicated count of homeless persons
 - The sheltered PIT count should be completed using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts of homeless persons
 - CoCs with are encouraged to use HMIS to generate their sheltered count where possible
- The unsheltered count is optional for 2012
 - HUD will use 2011 unsheltered data for reporting purposes if there is no count in 2012

Population Data

- Report the total number of persons and households for each of three household types:
 - Persons in households with at least one adult and one child
 - Persons in households without children
 - Persons in households with only children

 **Subpopulation Data**

- Required to collect total number of sheltered **and** unsheltered* in each subpopulation:
 - Chronically homeless individuals
 - Chronically homeless families (number of households)
 - Veterans

*Only if conducting an unsheltered count in 2012

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 **Subpopulation Data**

- Required to collect total number of sheltered persons in each subpopulation:
 - Severely mentally ill
 - Chronic substance abuse
 - Persons with HIV/AIDS
 - Victims of domestic violence
 - Unaccompanied children (under 18)

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 **Who Gets Counted?**

- *Sheltered* - persons who were sleeping in beds provided or funded by programs of the relevant types (ES, TH, SH) on the night of the count
- *Unsheltered* – homeless persons who were on the street or in a place unfit for habitation on the night of the count



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 **Who Does NOT Get Counted?**

- Residents of PSH programs
- Persons staying in beds/units not dedicated to serve persons who are homeless
- Persons who are staying with family or friends
- Persons residing in their own unit with HPRP assistance (e.g., HPRP rental assistance) as part of rapid re-housing or Homelessness Prevention program

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 **Poll Question**

- Should persons who are housed with assistance from HUD-VASH be included on the PIT?
 - Yes
 - No

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 **Resources**

- 2012 HIC and PIT Guidance: <http://hudhre.info/documents/2012HICandPITGuidance.pdf>
- A Guide to Counting Sheltered Homeless People (under revision)
- A Guide to Counting Unsheltered Homeless People

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Questions



- If you have a question and can't find the answer in the HIC and PIT Guidance, you can submit a question to the Virtual Help Desk at <http://hudhre.info/helpdesk>

