

2I. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time Homeless Population

Instructions:

This section must be completed using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons in sheltered and unsheltered locations on a single night. HUD requires CoCs to conduct a point-in-time count at least every two years during the last 10 days of January - January 22nd to 31st - and requests that CoCs conduct a count annually if resources allow. The last required count was in January 2007. Data entered in this chart must reflect a point-in-time count that took place during the last 10 days of January in 2007 or 2008, unless a waiver was received by HUD.

There are six (6) categories of homeless populations on this form. They are:

Households with Dependent Children - Sheltered Emergency
Households with Dependent Children - Sheltered Transitional
Households with Dependent Children - Unsheltered

Households without Dependent Children - Sheltered Emergency
Households without Dependent Children - Sheltered Transitional
Households without Dependent Children - Unsheltered

For each category, the number of households must be less than or equal to the number of persons. For example, in Households with Dependent Children - Sheltered Emergency, the number entered for ?Number of Households? must be less than or equal to the number entered for ?Number of Persons (adults with children).?

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the date of the last PIT count: 01/30/2008

For each homeless population category, the number of households must be less than or equal to the number of persons.

	Households with Dependent Children			
	Sheltered	Transitional	Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency			
Number of Households	41	24	13	78
Number of Persons (adults and children)	133	63	37	233
	Households without Dependent Children			
	Sheltered	Transitional	Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency			
Number of Households	93	43	86	222
Number of Persons (adults and unaccompanied youth)	93	43	88	224
	All Households/ All Persons			
	Sheltered	Transitional	Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency			
Total Households	134	67	99	300

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Total Persons	226	106	125	457

2J. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time Homeless Subpopulations

Instructions:

Enter the number of sheltered and unsheltered adults who belong in each subpopulation category. As in the Homeless Populations chart, this chart must be completed using data from a point-in-time count conducted during the last ten days of January 2007 or January 2008. Only adults should be included in the counts for this chart, except for the Unaccompanied Youth (those under age 18) category. Subpopulation data is required for sheltered persons and optional for unsheltered persons, with the exception of Chronically Homeless.

Complete the following information for the most recent point-in-time (PIT) count conducted using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons. Completion of the "Unsheltered" column is optional for all subpopulations, except for Chronically Homeless.

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
* Chronically Homeless (Federal definition)	52	58	110
* Severely Mentally Ill	80	44	124
* Chronic Substance Abuse	75	64	139
* Veterans	48	5	53
* Persons with HIV/AIDS	0	0	0
* Victims of Domestic Violence	43	25	68
* Unaccompanied Youth (under 18)	2	0	2

2K. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Homeless Population & Subpopulation: Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

Instructions:

Separately calculate and enter the percentage of emergency shelter and transitional housing providers that provided data for the Homeless Population and Subpopulation charts. For example, if 9 out of 12 transitional housing programs provided point-in-time data, enter 75%. If all providers for a program type contributed data, enter 100%.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Annually (every year); Biennially (every other year); Semi-annually (every six months)

How often will the CoC conduct a PIT count? Annually

Enter the date in which the CoC plans to conduct its next annual point-in-time count: 01/28/2009
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Indicate the percentage of providers supplying population and subpopulation data collected via survey, interview, and/or HMIS.

Emergency Shelter providers 100%

Transitional housing providers: 100%

2L. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation: Methods

Instructions:

Survey Providers:

Providers counted the total number of clients residing in each program on the night designated as the point-in-time count.

HMIS:

The CoC used HMIS to complete the point-in-time sheltered count.

Extrapolation:

The CoC used extrapolation techniques to estimate the number and characteristics of sheltered homeless persons from data gathered at most emergency shelters and transitional housing programs.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

**Indicate the method(s) used to count sheltered homeless persons during the last point-in-time count:
(Select all that apply):**

Survey Providers:	X
HMIS:	X
Extrapolation: (Extrapolation attachment is required)	
Other:	

If Other, specify:

Describe how the sheltered population data was collected and the count produced. Additionally, comparing your most recent point-in-time count to the last biennial/annual count, describe any factors that may have resulted in an increase, decline or no change in the sheltered count.

The New Hampshire Point-in-Time Committee (NH-PIT) was formed and began to meet on March 13, 2007 to standardize a sheltered data collection methodology across the three NH Continua of Care. The methodology that was adopted throughout NH included mandatory reporting from every emergency shelter and transitional housing program, a set of universal elements on a common survey tool, and a verification process through NH-HMIS. NH-HMIS staff analyzes the data, once collected and verified by each CoC, and the counts are created for each CoC separately and then combined for a statewide number. This standard methodology was employed across NH for the first time, a logical comparison to 2007 PIT count is not possible. The overall number of homeless persons was reduced, however, that is mainly due to the new standard methodology and a duplication reduction process. NH-PIT believes that 2009 PIT will have comparable qualities to 2008 and analysis will be possible.

2M. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation Data

Instructions:

HMIS:

Only HMIS used for subpopulation data on sheltered persons (no extrapolation for missing data).

HMIS plus extrapolation:

Extrapolation to account for missing HMIS data and HUD's extrapolation tool completed.

Sample of PIT interviews plus extrapolation:

Interviews conducted with a random or stratified sample of sheltered adults and unaccompanied youth and appropriate HUD extrapolation tool completed.

Interviews:

Interviews conducted with every person staying in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program on the night of the point-in-time count.

Non-HMIS client level information:

Providers used individual client records to provide subpopulation data for each sheltered adult and unaccompanied youth for the night of the point-in-time count.

Other:

CoC used a combination of methods.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the method(s) used to gather and calculate subpopulation data on sheltered homeless persons (select all that apply):

HMIS	X
HMIS plus extrapolation:	
Sample of PIT interviews plus extrapolation: (PIT attachment is required)	
Sample Strategy:	
Provider Expertise:	
Non-HMIS client level information:	
None:	
Other:	X

If Other, specify:

The PIT data was collected via provider surveys for each client surveyed during the 24-hour period

Describe how the sheltered subpopulation data was collected and the count produced. Additionally, comparing your most recent point-in-time count to the last biennial/annual count, describe any factors that may have resulted in an increase, decline or no change in the sheltered subpopulation counts, particularly the chronically homeless count.

The sheltered methodology that was adopted throughout New Hampshire (NH) included mandatory reporting from every emergency shelter and transitional housing program, a set of universal elements (including all subpopulation data) on a common survey tool, and a verification process through NH-HMIS. NH-HMIS

staff analyzes the data, once collected and verified by each CoC, and the counts are created for each CoC separately and then combined for a statewide number. This standard methodology was employed across NH for the first time, a logical comparison to 2007 PIT count is not possible. The overall number of sheltered chronically homeless persons was slightly increased. The number increased by 34 chronically homeless (that is +32 for BoSCoC; +17 for GNCoC; and -15 for MCoC). Due to the change in methodology across NH this number is pleasantly within the variation we expected. The subpopulation data analysis for next year will be more useful as we employ the NH-PIT sheltered methodology for a second time.

2N. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation: Data Quality

Instructions:

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

**Indicate the steps used to ensure the data quality of the sheltered persons count:
(select all that apply)**

Instructions:	X
Training:	X
Remind/Follow-up	X
HMIS:	X
Non-HMIS de-duplication techniques:	
None:	
Other:	

If Other, specify:

Describe the non-HMIS de-duplication techniques (if Non-HMIS de-duplication was selected):

NH-PIT created a duplication reduction process for all sheltered and unsheltered data collected. The duplication was reduced by analyzing unique client information within each CoC and then across all 3 CoC. The NH-PIT survey tool contained the following data elements by which we could de-duplicate the data: the first letter of the first name, first letter of the last name, third letter of the last name, year of birth, and gender. These elements were combined to create a unique code for each client; for example: John Doe 1965 would become jde1965m. Once the unique client code was created we would identify duplicates and determine if they were actually duplicates based upon their subpopulation data and location. We identified more duplicates this year than in any year prior.

20. Continuum of Care (CoC) Unsheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation: Methods

Instructions:

Public places count:

Count conducted based on observation of unsheltered persons without interviews

Public places count with interviews:

Interviewed either all unsheltered persons encountered during public places count or a sample

Service-based count:

Counted homeless persons using non-shelter services based on interviews.

HMIS:

HMIS used to collect, analyze or report data on unsheltered persons.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

**Indicate the method(s) used to count unsheltered homeless persons:
(select all that apply)**

Public places count:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public places count with interviews:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service-based count:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HMIS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Other, specify:

2P. Continuum of Care (CoC) Unsheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation - Level of Coverage

Instructions:

Complete coverage:

Every part of a specified geography (e.g. entire city, downtown area, etc.) is covered by enumerators.

Known locations:

Counting in areas where unsheltered homeless people are known to congregate or live.

Combination:

Conducting counts for every block in a portion of the jurisdiction (e.g. central city) AND conducting counts in other portions of the jurisdiction where unsheltered persons are known to live.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the level of coverage of the PIT count of unsheltered homeless people: Known Locations

If Other, specify:

2Q. Continuum of Care (CoC) Unsheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation - Data Quality

Instructions:

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the steps used by the CoC to ensure the data quality of the unsheltered persons count. (select all that apply)

Training:	X
HMIS:	
De-duplication techniques:	X
Other:	

If Other, specify:

Describe the techniques used to reduce duplication.

NH-PIT created a duplication reduction process for all sheltered and unsheltered data collected. The duplication was reduced by analyzing unique client information within each CoC and then across all 3 CoC. The NH-PIT survey tool contained the following data elements by which we could de-duplicate the data: the first letter of the first name, first letter of the last name, third letter of the last name, year of birth, and gender. These elements were combined to create a unique code for each client; for example: John Doe 1965 would become jde1965m. Once the unique client code was created we would identify duplicates and determine if they were actually duplicates based upon their subpopulation data and location. We identified more duplicates this year than in any year prior.

Describe the CoCs efforts, including outreach plan, to reduce the number of unsheltered homeless households with dependent children.

The CoC has employed a comprehensive outreach strategy through the Homeless Outreach and Intervention Program (HOIP) for 10+ years. The HOIP workers focus on all homeless clients including households with children. Between HOIP and the New Hampshire Homeless Hotline (NHHH) households with dependent children are identified and outreached on a daily basis. When children are involved both HOIP and NHHH have more tools that they can employ to assist the household into shelter and out of shelter. The State of New Hampshire developed and implemented a first month rent and security deposit program called the Homeless Housing Access Revolving Loan Fund (HHARLF) that assists homeless families to transition from shelter to their own apartment.

Describe the CoCs efforts to identify and engage persons routinely sleeping on the streets and other places not meant for human habitation. Additionally, comparing your most recent point-in-time count to the last biennial/annual count, describe any factors that may have resulted in an increase, decline or no change in the unsheltered population (especially the chronically homeless and families with children).

The CoC has employed a comprehensive outreach strategy through the Homeless Outreach and Intervention Program (HOIP) for 10+ years. The HOIP workers focus on all homeless clients including persons that routinely reside in places not meant for human habitation. The HOIP workers have a working knowledge of homeless encampments throughout the State and routinely engage those individuals with the basic necessities. HOIP workers attempt to engage clients and provide them with shelter, but many do not accept until winter begins and sleeping outdoors is not only dangerous, it is deadly.