

# 2019 Housing Inventory Count and Point-In-Time Count Training FAQ

This document addresses frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the 2019 HIC/PIT process. If there are additional concerns or questions, please email [ohioboscoc@cohhio.org](mailto:ohioboscoc@cohhio.org).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities receiving federal homeless assistance funds to conduct annual counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, as well as to annually count all homeless dedicated projects and beds. These are called the Point-in-Time Counts (PIT) and Housing Inventory Counts (HIC). This year, the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC) will hold its PIT Count on January 22, 2019.

## **When identifying and counting anyone housed with public/private funds on the night of the PIT Count, which type of funds would those be?**

On the night of the PIT Count, you need to count individuals and families in your community that are staying in a hotel or motel paid for by a charitable organization or by federal, state, or local government programs as emergency shelter. However, you would not count as homeless individuals housed in any Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-Housing projects.

Also, Appendix D in the *Ohio BoSCoC 2019 Housing Inventory Count and Point-in-Time Count Guidance Document* details HIC/PIT count guidance for non-CoC funded projects.

## **How do we offer shelter if our county has no shelter or agency willing to put someone into a hotel/motel?**

While offering shelter to those living in a place not meant for human habitation on the night of the PIT count is not a HUD requirement, we are asking that all providers in the Ohio Balance of State have a plan in place to be able to do so. This may mean starting early and contacting local churches or charitable organizations to see if funds or space is available to help shelter people in need for a night. If at all possible, it is important to have the ability to offer people, especially families with young children, some type of sheltered stay if they are found sleeping outside in the winter.

## **If an individual presents to an emergency shelter in the days after the PIT count and reports that they were homeless on the night of the PIT count, will the service provider forms be used?**

It is recommended that if an individual presents to an emergency shelter in the days after the PIT count (January 23-31), and reports they were homeless on the night of the PIT count, the provider should use their provider forms to assess the person, AND they should also utilize a Service-Based Point-in-Time Count form to gather information about this person IF they state that they have not completed any other 2019 Point-in-

Time count surveys previously. If you choose to take this approach in your county/region, it should be formalized and added to your PIT plan to ensure that all the local shelters have been trained on this and know what to do.

**Will the December 3<sup>rd</sup> (HIC) webinar, and the December 7<sup>th</sup> (PIT) webinar be recorded and for later viewing?**

Yes! All webinars and PowerPoint presentations related to the 2019 HIC/PIT will be posted to the COHHIO website by December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Do campers with full hook-ups count as unsheltered?**

Since every situation can be slightly different, it is important for providers to use their best judgement when encountering these types of situations. For example, if someone is living in a camper and they have electricity, water, and heat, you may not want to count them if you feel that they have their basic needs met. However, if someone is living in a camper without heat and/or water on the night of the Point-In-Time Count, they may be someone you want to speak with to assess their situation further and get more information. Also, feel free to reach out to BoS staff at COHHIO if you would like to talk through any challenging scenarios.