



Orange County  
Partnership to  
End Homelessness

# Point-in-Time (PIT) Service Count

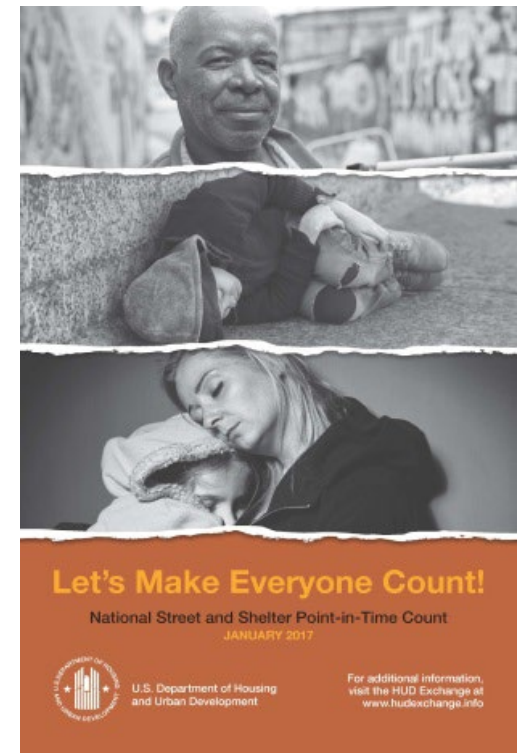
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**January 27 - February 2, 2022**

# PIT Background & Context

# The Point-in-Time count happens every January and serves multiple purposes

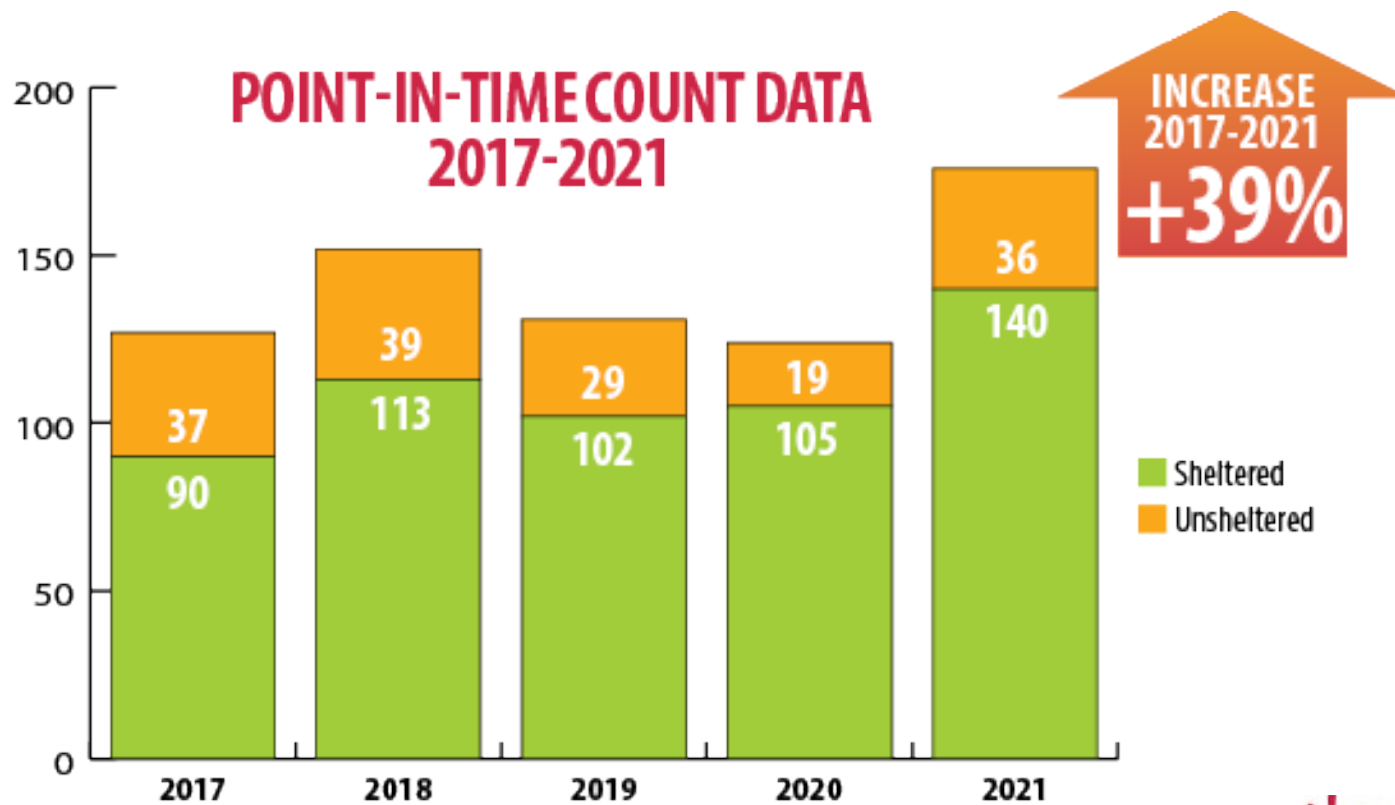
- Collects annual data required by HUD
- Provides a snapshot of homelessness on a given night in a community
- Establishes estimate of community needs and basis for funding
- Provides opportunity for outreach and connection to resources



# How do we use PIT count data?

- To produce community-wide reports
  - [2021 Homeless Data Review](#)
- To inform decision-making re: homelessness funding
  - [Orange County Homeless System Gaps Analysis](#)
- To submit data to HUD, as required
- If desired, to follow up with participants re: services and housing
  - Orange County coordinated entry process, no new programs
    - If already connected to service providers then likely have this info
  - If not on the HOME list or gone through diversion, this can be a good opportunity to connect

# Orange County Point-in-Time (PIT) count numbers increased significantly



# Who gets counted and how?

Who	How Counted
People living unsheltered	PIT Unsheltered Count
People in shelter, cold weather cots, non-congregate shelter (hotel)	PIT Sheltered Count
People in group homes, transitional housing	Not counted
People at risk of homelessness	Not counted

# Who does the counting?

- Street count – very different in 2022
  - Street Outreach team only
- Sheltered count
  - Agencies on HUD-required database (HMIS)
- Service count ← WHAT THIS TRAINING IS ABOUT
  - Agencies who have any contact with people experiencing homelessness

# Service Count Info for Agencies



# Here is the overall flow of the Service Count

- [PIT Flow Chart](#)

## 2022 POINT-IN-TIME SERVICE COUNT

Please ask this question between Thursday, January 27 - Wednesday, February 2

*Where did you sleep on  
Wednesday, January 26?*



*If the answer is...*

- Any place not meant for human habitation
- Outdoors
- Vehicle
- Abandoned building
- Motel PAID BY PROGRAM



*Please ask...*

**Have you already completed the PIT Survey?**

- 2 page survey
- Questions about identity & length of time homeless



### IN A SHELTER

- IFC Community House
- IFC HomeStart
- Urban Ministries
- Durham Rescue Mission
- Allied Churches of Alamance County

*Already Counted in PIT*

### IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- Together House
- Other group homes

### IN HOSPITAL/ DETOX/ TREATMENT

- UNC Horizons
- Freedom House
- UNC Hospital
- Duke Hospital
- Oxford House
- Crescent Green

# Expectation: 2 questions asked of many people, surveys completed for few people

- Ask of all

Where did you sleep on Wednesday, January 26?

- Ask of those who slept unsheltered

Have you already completed the PIT survey?

- ONLY complete surveys for folks who both...
  - Slept unsheltered or in a place not meant for human habitation on Wednesday Jan. 26

AND

- Have not already completed the survey

# How to fill PIT survey form

# PIT survey form is 2 pages, 15 questions, takes about 10 minutes to complete

- [PIT Survey Form](#)



## Orange County 2022 Point-in-Time Count Survey

Answers for all questions are **voluntary**. Participants can answer **all** questions, **some** questions, or **no** questions as they are comfortable. Please mark unanswered questions: **Don't Know (DK)** or **Refused (Ref)**.

Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Interview Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Interview Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewer Phone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Person provided input for survey       Person did not wish to complete survey or situation did not permit  
 Person asked to use info from program files for survey

### 1. Where are you sleeping/did you sleep on Wednesday, January 26, 2022?

<b>Considered Homeless</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsheltered ( <i>outdoors, tent, vehicle, bus/train station, abandoned building, or other place not meant for human habitation</i> )
If you select any of these choices, go to Question 2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency shelter (Name: _____)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing (Name: _____)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/motel paid for by an agency (DSS, emergency assistance program, church, etc.)
<b>Not Considered Homeless</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/motel <b>paid for with your own funds</b>
If you select any of these choices, DO NOT CONTINUE WITH THE SURVEY	<input type="checkbox"/> Jail/prison or youth detention center
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital or treatment facility (detox, substance abuse, mental health) Were you homeless immediately <b>before</b> entering this facility? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> House/apartment that <b>you rent or own</b>

# Surveys may be completed with full, partial, or no input from participants

- 15 questions, takes between 7-10 minutes
- As you begin the form, please remind folks...
  - Participation is voluntary
  - Responses are kept anonymous
  - They can stop the survey at any time
- We can use program file info to complete surveys with client consent
- Please ask everyone the last question about follow-up
- Some of the questions ask about sensitive issues like health and substance use
  - They can skip any questions they prefer not to answer
  - Responses are kept anonymous

# What about double counting people?

## What's next?

- We will de-duplicate the surveys once all are collected
  - Very important to get as much information as possible on surveys
- Survey information is gathered electronically, but OCPEH staff may follow up with you
- Please scan and email paper forms by Friday Feb. 4 to Rachel Waltz – [rwaltz@orangecountync.gov](mailto:rwaltz@orangecountync.gov)

# THANK YOU for your help

- Having an accurate PIT count affects homeless services funding & planning – we appreciate your help!!
- Follow up with us anytime
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