

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCEPH), serving as the Continuum of Care for Orange County, conduct an annual census of people experiencing homelessness on one night – this is called the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. This year's PIT Count will be January 29, 2020. OCEPH works with service providers and community volunteers to count every person. The PIT Count is broken into two categories – the Unsheltered Count and the Sheltered Count.

The UNSHELTERED COUNT surveys people sleeping on streets, in camps, cars, and other places not meant for human habitation. It is conducted in two parts – (1) the Street Count and (2) the Service Count – with the goal of counting everyone experiencing homelessness on one night, Wed. January 29.

(1) The STREET COUNT – takes place for 24 hours, Wed. January 29, 6:00pm-Thurs. January 30, 5:00pm

- Two weeks prior to the PIT night, police and other volunteers will distribute information to the campsites letting people staying there know about the PIT on Wed. January 29
- Prior to the PIT night, OCEPH staff will work with service providers, police, fire, and emergency services staff to map all known locations of homeless campsites and other places people experiencing unsheltered homelessness are staying in Orange County
- All volunteers will meet late Wednesday afternoon for survey training
- Community volunteers and social workers will form 6 teams to go to known locations to survey people experiencing homelessness: 2 Franklin Street teams, 2 Chapel Hill campsite teams, 1 Carrboro team, 1 Hillsborough and Northern Orange team
- Giveaway bags containing emergency items will be given to survey participants; OCEPH staff will work with community members to assemble 45 bags prior to the PIT night

(2) The SERVICE COUNT – takes place for the 6 days following the PIT night, continuing to survey people who slept unsheltered on Wed. January 29

- The Service Count will take place Thurs. January 30 –Tues. February 2
 - The Project Connect service event will be Thurs. January 30
 - Volunteers at the Carrboro Cybrary and Chapel Hill Pubic Library
 - Volunteers at IFC Community Kitchen
- Agencies serving people experiencing homelessness will also be asked to participate
 - Service providers: CEF, Freedom House, HomeLink, IFC Community Kitchen, IFC HomeStart & Community House, IFC Emergency Assistance, Love Chapel Hill, OCIM, Orange Co. DSS, Orange Co. Health Dept. clinics, Orange Co. Health Dept. Home Visiting Program, Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department, Orange County Reentry Council
 - Emergency services: Orange Co. Emergency Services, CHPD, CPD, HPD, Orange County Sherriff's Dept., UNC Police
 - Schools: CH-C Schools, Orange County Schools
- The Partnership to End Homelessness will reach out to identified agencies, offer to conduct on-site training, share online training links, and send forms

The SHELTERED COUNT surveys people staying in emergency shelter, emergency response programs, or transitional housing and is conducted by running reports from the HUD-required database, HMIS, and by OCEPH staff checking with agencies that periodically offer hotel/motel stays to see if any of these stays happened on the PIT night.

- HMIS Reports: OCEPH will work with HMIS Lead, the NC Coalition to End Homelessness, and service providers to pull reports of the people staying in homeless programs on the PIT night
 - IFC HomeStart (single women, 14 beds + 3 seasonal; women & children, 10units/30 beds, no overflow)
 - IFC Community House (men, 52 beds + 17 seasonal)
- Hotel/Motel Stays: OCEPH staff will touch base on Thurs. January 30 to check if anyone in these programs on Wed. January 29
 - Orange County DSS, Love Chapel Hill, Orange Congregations in Mission (OCIM), the Local Reentry Council, Red Cross, Compass Center, Orange County Schools, local congregations through IFC email list