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New PIT Count Sampling Guidance and Reminder to Register for PIT Count Office Hours – Next Session: December 3, 2020

To support Continuums of Care (CoCs) with their 2021 unsheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) counts, HUD has released a new resource, [How to Use Sampling within a CoC to Conduct an Unsheltered PIT Count](#). This guide describes how CoCs can use a sampling approach to estimate a total count of the number of people within their communities who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness on the night of the PIT count.

While this sampling guidance is applicable for any year, CoCs that typically canvass and count their full geographic area may want to use a sampling strategy for the 2021 count in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. A companion sampling tool to assist CoCs in making weighting calculations will be released soon.

Upcoming Office Hours Sessions

HUD is hosting the second of five PIT Count Office Hours this **Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM EST**. This PIT Count Office Hours session will focus on how to use sampling to conduct an unsheltered PIT count. At the end of the call HUD will answer any questions you have about conducting the 2021 PIT count.

The PIT Count Office Hours will be held on the following schedule. HUD will update CoCs on the topics of focus for future sessions through HUD Exchange listserv announcements in advance of each session.

Session	Date and Time	Registration
Session #2 Using Sampling to Conduct an Unsheltered PIT Count	December 3, 2020 3:00 - 4:30 PM EST	Register Now
Session #3 TBD	December 15, 2020 3:00 - 4:30 PM EST	Register Now
Session #4 TBD	January 12, 2021 3:00 - 4:30 PM EST	Register Now
Session #5 TBD	January 19, 2021 3:00 - 4:30 PM EST	Register Now

Past Office Hours Sessions

Recordings from all previous PIT Count Office Hours will be available on the HUD Exchange [PIT Count Office Hours page](#). Materials from each of the previous sessions in this 2021 PIT Count Office Hours series are linked below.

Session	Date and Time	Materials
Session #1 2021 Unsheltered PIT Count Flexibilities	November 24, 2020 3:00 - 4:30 PM EST	Coming Soon

Additional Resources

The [2021 PIT Count and HIC Guidance and Training page](#) will continue to be updated with new resources. Current resources include:

- [Conducting the 2021 Unsheltered PIT Count](#)
This document provides guidance to Continuums of Care (CoCs) on how to safely conduct the 2021 Point-in-Time (PIT) count during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [How to Use Sampling within a CoC to Conduct an Unsheltered PIT Count](#)
This document, explained above, provides an overview of how to use sampling to estimate a total count of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness on the night of the PIT count.

To view all of HUD's PIT count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) resources visit the [PIT and HIC Guides, Tools, and Webinars Page](#). This is a one-stop site where communities can access all of HUD's guidance on how to plan and implement their PIT counts. The resources include the PIT Count Methodology Guide, survey tool resources, implementation resources, etc.

If you have any questions about planning, implementing, or reporting your HIC or PIT count data that are not covered in the resources listed above, please submit your questions to the [Ask A Question \(AAQ\) portal](#). In Step 2 of the question submission process, select "HDX Homelessness Data Exchange (including PIT, HIC, AHAR, Sys PM, LSA, and PDX)" from the "My question is related to" drop down list.



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