

Methodology for NY-501 - Elmira/Steuben, Allegany, Livingston, Chemung, Schuyler Counties CoC

Sheltered Population Total

1. What data source(s) was used to produce the total number of people included in the sheltered population (staying in an emergency shelter, Safe Haven, or transitional housing) on the night of the count? Please indicate the percentage of the PIT count derived from each of the sources. (If a source was not used, please enter zero).

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| HMIS Data | 69% |
| Provider-level surveys | 27% |
| Client-level surveys | 0% |
| Observation | 4% |
| Other | 0% |
| Total | 100% |

2. Was the CoC able to collect information about the number of people being sheltered on the night of the count from all emergency shelters, Safe Havens, and transitional housing projects listed on the HIC or only some? listed on your HIC or only some?

- Complete census count

3. What information or method(s) was used to de-duplicate the count of the total number of people included in the sheltered population?

- Comparison of personally identifying information (PII), such as name, date of birth, and Social Security Number
- Blitz count of persons in shelters (i.e., count occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

Sheltered Subpopulation

4. What data source(s) was used to produce the demographic and subpopulation data included in the sheltered population (staying in an emergency shelter, Safe Haven, or transitional housing) on the night of the count? (select all that were used)

- HMIS Data
- Provider-level surveys

5. Was the CoC able to collect information about the demographic and subpopulation characteristics of all sheltered people or only some?

- A subset of sheltered people

5a. How did the CoC select the subset of people?

- Sheltered people were not selected randomly, and the selection was driven by convenience or expediency (e.g., people that were willing to provide information)

5b. Did the CoC adjust the information in some way (e.g., statistical adjustment or extrapolation) to account for all sheltered people?

Yes

6. Looking at the change in your sheltered count from last year's count, please choose up to three reasons that best explains these changes from the drop down list below.

- Change in PIT count methodology

Please provide a brief description of these specific factors (500 word limit):

Unsheltered Population

7. What approach(es) was used to count the total number of people included in the unsheltered population during the PIT count. (select all that were used)

8. What information or method(s) was used to de-duplicate the total count of people in the unsheltered population? (Check all that apply)

- Blitz count of unsheltered people (i.e., canvassing of different areas occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

Unsheltered Subpopulations

9. What approach(es) was used to collect demographic and subpopulation data about unsheltered people included in the unsheltered population during the PIT count?

10. Were all people who were encountered during canvassing on the night of the count or during post night of the count PIT activities asked to complete a survey/interview?

- N/A

11. What information or method(s) was used to produce an unduplicated total count of homeless people across your sheltered and unsheltered populations?

- Blitz count of unsheltered people (i.e., sheltered and unsheltered counts occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

12. Looking at the change in your unsheltered count from last year's count, please choose up to three reasons that best explains these changes from the drop down list below

- Change in PIT count methodology

Please provide a brief description of these specific factors (500 word limit):

This years the PIT survey of unsheltered persons was completed by observation at known locations on the night of 1/28/2021. In past years homeless individuals could be surveyed when applying for assistance in the days following the PIT date and additional homeless individuals were discovered. This year demographic information is missing for the homeless individuals that were observed on the night of the PIT count.

