

Methodology for NY-608 - Kingston/Ulster County 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).

HMIS Data	100%
Provider-level surveys	0%
Client-level surveys	0%
Observation	0%
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

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

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

- All sheltered people

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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 emergency shelter capacity
- Change in rapid re-housing capacity

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

COVID -19 definitely impacted the number of sheltered persons in 2021 which resulted in a reduction of sheltered homeless compared to 2020 count. COVID “stay in place orders” restricted households to remain sheltered in their residence. The eviction moratoriums at both the state and federal level reduced the need for emergency shelter as residents are remaining in rental properties, even if they have not been able to pay rent.

There was a reduction in shelter bed capacity as a result of COVID-19 to meet federal and state social distancing requirements and to reserve rooms for quarantine purposes. As such, there was less capacity to provide shelter than in years past.

Staff capacity and resources were reduced during the shutdown. Congregate shelters had to reduce capacity, which resulted in a reduction of per diems and staffing. At the same time, there was an increase in overall rapid re-housing beds for homeless families and youth age 18-25 and homeless individuals and families.

Providers believe the combination of these factors are the primary reasons for the reduced sheltered count this year.

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)

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?

- All people encountered were surveyed

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

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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

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