

# Methodology for NY-601 - Poughkeepsie/Dutchess 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	75%
Provider-level surveys	25%
Client-level surveys	0%
Observation	0%
Other	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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 unique client identifiers (not PII)
- Blitz count of persons in shelters (i.e., count occurred at same time to avoid double counting)
- Interview/survey question(s) with screening questions (e.g., have you already completed a count survey)

## 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?**

- All sheltered people

**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.**

- Increased or improved PIT count training
- Change in emergency shelter capacity
- Change in availability of affordable housing

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

The reasons that best explain the change (a net increase of 100 persons) in the unsheltered count from last year's count are: (1) Increased or Improved PIT count training, (2) Change in emergency shelter capacity, and (3) Change in Availability of Affordable Housing.

Increased or improved PIT count training: This year there was improved training. The Collaborative Applicant, in coordination with the HMIS lead, facilitated increased training opportunities for the community on PIT requirements and HMIS data clean up. The CA also provided additional one-on-one technical assistance to agencies that are not within the HMIS on how to collect data and complete required forms. This improved training led to a more accurate and complete count.

Change in Emergency Shelter Capacity: the CoC has experienced a drastic change in Emergency Shelter Capacity, with the Department of Children & Family Services increasing year-round beds from 80 in 2021 to 112 in 2022; and Hudson River Housing increasing year-round beds at Webster House from 100 in 2021 to 154 in 2022. Change in year round beds among all projects resulted in a net increase of 87 beds. This allowed the community to serve more households in emergency housing that may have otherwise been doubled-up or experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Change in Availability of Affordable Housing: Due to the eviction moratoriums, the CoC's area has seen an extremely low vacancy rate and a stark decline in available affordable housing. As a result, more households have been staying in shelter – even if voucher assistance is available – it has been challenging to find available units.

## **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)**

- "Night of the count" - complete census



**7a. Were certain areas within the CoC geography specifically excluded because the CoC had reason to believe there were no unsheltered people in those areas?**

No

**7c. In areas that were canvassed, did the CoC count all unsheltered people in those areas or a sample of people?**

- All people encountered during the count

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

- Comparison of unique client identifiers (not PII)
- Blitz count of unsheltered people (i.e., canvassing of different areas occurred at same time to avoid double counting)



- Interview/survey question(s) with screening questions (e.g., have you already completed a count survey)

## **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?**

- Surveys/interviews of people identified as unsheltered on the night of 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?**

- Comparison of unique client identifiers (not PII)
- Blitz count of unsheltered people (i.e., sheltered and unsheltered counts occurred at same time to avoid double counting)
- Interview/survey question(s) with screening questions (e.g., have you already completed a count survey)

### **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**

- Increased or improved PIT count training
- Change in rapid re-housing capacity
- Other: Eviction Moratoriums

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





The reasons that best explain the lack of change in the unsheltered count from last year's count are: (1) Increased or Improved PIT count training, (2) Change in rapid rehousing capacity, and (3) Other: Eviction Moratoriums.

Increased or improved PIT count training: This year volunteers were trained more effectively to ensure de-duplication. In addition, the Planning Lead facilitated phone meetings which included the unsheltered PIT Lead Agencies conducting outreach to ensure a more accurate and complete count.

Change in rapid re-housing capacity: the CoC saw an increase in RRH capacity due to ESG-CV funding. As a result, the community has been connect homeless households with housing at a greater rate.

Other, Eviction Moratoriums: While on the night of the count, the NYS Eviction Moratorium had expired, it had only recently expired (January 15th). As such, on the night of the count the community was still seeing the impact of the moratorium. Specifically, while eviction proceedings may occur, many evictions have yet to be implemented. This reduced the state of homelessness as residents are remaining in rental properties, even if they have not been able to pay rent.









