



2019 Bridging The Gap Point In Time Count

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Overview of PIT Count

- PIT Count is a snapshot of homelessness for the neighbor islands as of a specific date.
 - Used to measure the progress towards reducing and ending homelessness.
 - HUD mandated
 - Requires both a Sheltered and Unsheltered Count annually.
- Integral component of the annual Continuum application
- PIT Count will measure homelessness on the night of Tuesday, January 22, 2019.
 - Does not measure numbers served over a specific period, e.g. one month, one year.

Overview (cont.)

- Island of Maui last two PIT Counts:
 - 2018 – 873 (399 sheltered, 474 unsheltered)
 - 2017 – 896 (395 sheltered, 501 unsheltered)
 - Nearly 3% reduction in total homeless from 2017 to 2018
- Island of Kauai last two PIT Counts:
 - 2018 – 293 (106 sheltered, 187 unsheltered)
 - 2017 – 412 (115 sheltered, 297 unsheltered)
 - Nearly 41% reduction in total homeless from 2017 to 2018
- Hawaii Island last two PIT Counts:
 - 2018 – (200 sheltered, 669 unsheltered, 869 total)
 - 2017 – (275 sheltered, 678 unsheltered, 953 total)
 - Nearly 9% reduction in total homelessness from 2017 to 2018

Overview of Changes in Data Collection for 2019

- Minimal changes in 2019
 - Addition of Geolocation information & Natural Disaster Questions
- All forms will be available on the website below by 1/14:
www.HawaiiHomelessProgramsHMIS.org
- Same chronic homeless (CH) criteria as last year



Sheltered Count

- Matching actual census data to the HMIS. HH listing a great report for this
- Great data quality will enhance the accuracy of the reporting.
- Non-HMIS providers (e.g. DV) will use manual form as in the past.



Unsheltered Count

- Counts individuals and families that resided in unsheltered locations on the night of the count, 1/22/19
- Important question on the survey: Where did you sleep the night of Tuesday, 1/22/19?
- If answer is sheltered, end survey and do not enter into PIT module of the HMIS.
- Important to verify that children were actually unsheltered as of that night.
- As in prior years, HUD mandates population and subpopulation reporting.
- Survey forms capture all necessary info for the HUD reporting.

Unsheltered Unaccompanied Youth & Parenting Youth Surveys

- Parenting and unaccompanied youth households should fill out regular single and household surveys.
- Very rare cases in the 2018 unsheltered count
- Children in parenting youth HHs fill in demographic section of unsheltered child surveys as usual.



PIT Forms – Overview



- Outlines the PIT initiative
- Provides key 2019 dates along with data entry timelines for rural county leads
- Volunteer information and coordination

Oahu Single and Household Survey Forms

- Gathers information that allows us to enumerate the total number of homeless
- Ideally, top third of the form should have no missing data.
- Importance of skilled outreach personnel to conduct the survey as much as possible, coordinating volunteers as needed
- Important data quality aspects: CH, Vet, families, duplicates, sheltered
- Single/HH form data quality checks

Oahu Single and Household Survey Forms (cont.)

- URL to the unsheltered PIT module will be provided along with instructions as we get closer to the count date
- Training scheduled for 1/17/19 – HMIS PIT module
- Very important to clean survey data prior to entry – e.g. weeding out duplicates; sheltered surveys; review of client, provider, demographic, and subpopulation info by outreach personnel to ensure completeness and accuracy.

PIT Forms – Additional PIT Instructions

- Gives key data quality aspects for surveyors
- Outlines ways to identify active outreach clients in the HMIS that can be used to improve the count.
- Offers historical context of data quality thresholds.



Contact & Confidentiality Form

- Form must be signed by all surveyors
- PIT surveying captures client information that should not be disclosed and should be kept out of public view.
- Volunteers should not be entering survey data into the HMIS – this should be done by skilled HMIS data entry staff with great attention to detail.