



2021 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Methodology DE-500

The Delaware Continuum of Care will complete the 2021 Point-in-Time Count on Wednesday January 27, 2021. Housing Alliance DE leads the coordination of this effort as the CoC Lead Agency.

Sheltered PIT Methodology:

The DE-CoC will utilize a “**census**” count for the 2021 sheltered PIT count, meaning that all required PIT data will be collected for all persons experiencing homelessness located in temporary shelter. Temporary shelter includes emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, code purple/cold weather sanctuaries, and emergency hotel/motel stays paid for by the State or other nonprofit/charitable organizations.

- * Please note that due to COVID-19, the number of persons temporarily residing in hotels/motels has increased and the number of persons temporarily residing in congregate sheltering locations (emergency shelter, transitional housing, and cold purple/cold weather sanctuaries) has decreased.

Client-level PIT data will be collected through HMIS for HMIS participating programs. Housing Alliance Delaware HMIS staff will work with HMIS-participating programs to ensure all required client-level data is entered and accurate as of January 27, 2021.

Client-level PIT data will be collected through paper surveys for non-HMIS participating programs. Paper surveys will be distributed on or before the night of the PIT, where possible, for on-site completion with program participants on January 27, 2021. This includes persons temporarily residing in hotels/motels paid for by non-profits or other charitable organizations.

Client-level data will be provided by the Division of State Service Centers to Housing Alliance Delaware for persons experiencing homelessness residing in hotels/motels paid for by their Division, including those paid for with HUD CARES Act funding.

All client-level data collected through paper surveys or provided by non-HMIS participating programs will be entered into the DE-CoC HMIS system by Housing Alliance Delaware HMIS staff as is necessary to allow for de-duplication and HUD-required reporting.

Unsheltered PIT Methodology:

The Delaware CoC will not be conducting an unsheltered PIT count in 2021. On December 18, 2020 the DE-CoC was granted an exception by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to forgo conducting an unsheltered PIT count in 2021 due to challenges presented by COVID-19. The waiver was received via email notification from staff at HUD’s SNAPS office, and will kept on file at Housing Alliance DE.