

# HUD PIT Count Survey Instrument: Subpopulation Crosswalk

This document provides a crosswalk for using HUD's Point-in-Time (PIT) Count survey tools to identify and report people in the appropriate PIT subpopulation categories. The tools referenced in this guidance include the *Model Sheltered Night of Count PIT Survey*, the *Model Service-Based PIT Survey*, and the *Model Interview-based Unsheltered Night of the Count PIT Form*, which are available on [PIT survey tools page](#) on HUD Exchange. The *Model Observation-based Unsheltered Night of the Count PIT Survey* collects no subpopulation data; therefore this guidance document is not applicable to that tool.

The instructions below specify which survey responses are required to count a person in a subpopulation category, and separate instructions are provided for each survey tool. The subpopulation categories are:

- Chronically Homeless Individuals or Families (based on family head of household)
- Veteran
- Adults with a Serious Mental Illness
- Adults with a Substance Use Disorder
- Adults with HIV/AIDS
- Victims of Domestic Violence

The survey tools are optional. HUD created these tools to assist communities' in their efforts to collect information for the PIT count. CoCs may use them "as-is" or tailor them for local purposes. The survey tools were not intended to provide a clinical or comprehensive assessment of disability, veteran status, or any other condition. Instead, the tools are designed to provide a reasonable basis for counting someone as homeless and within a specific subpopulation using questions that are understandable and minimally intrusive.

## Chronically Homeless

To be counted as a chronically homeless adult or family head of household, a person must:

1. be *currently homeless* (unsheltered or in an emergency shelter and Safe Haven only);
2. have experienced *long-term homelessness* (only including unsheltered or emergency shelter or safe haven stays); and
3. be *disabled* (the disability must be for a long-continuing or indefinite duration, substantially impede the individual's ability to live independently, and could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions).

### Sheltered Count Form for Night of Count

#### **1. Currently Homeless**

- Record Shelter Info – "Emergency Shelter" or "Safe Havens" must be circled

**AND**

#### **2. Long-term Homelessness**

- Q14 – Must report at least 1 year (or 365 days)  
**-OR-**
- Q15 – Must report '4 or more times' **AND** Q15a should equal 12 months or more

**AND**

#### **3. Disabled**

- Q16 – Must report 'yes' to at least one item in 16a – 16g **AND** 'yes' to 16h  
**-OR-**
- Q17 – Must report 'yes'  
**-OR-**
- Q18 – Must report 'yes'

### **Service-Based Count Form**

#### **1. *Currently Homeless***

- Q1 – Must report category 1 through 8
  - If category 8 (other location) reported – the specified location must be a place not meant for human habitation.

**AND**

#### **2. *Long-term Homelessness***

- Q15 – Must report at least 1 year (or 365 days)  
**-OR-**
- Q16 – Must report '4 or more times' **AND** Q16a should equal 12 months or more

**AND**

#### **3. *Disabled***

- Q17 – Must report 'yes' to at least one item in 17a – 17g **AND** 'yes' to 17h  
**-OR-**
- Q18 – Must report 'yes'  
**-OR-**
- Q19 – Must report 'yes'

### **Unsheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

#### **1. *Currently Homeless***

- Q1 – Must report category 1 through 8
  - If category 8 (other location) reported – the specified location must be a place not meant for human habitation.

**AND**

#### **2. *Long-term Homelessness***

- Q15 – Must report at least 1 year (or 365 days)  
**-OR-**
- Q16 – Must report '4 or more times' **AND** Q16a should equal 12 months or more

**AND**

#### **3. *Disabled***

- Q17 – Must report 'yes' to one item in 17a – 17g **AND** 'yes' to 17h  
**-OR-**
- Q18 – Must report 'yes'  
**-OR-**
- Q19 – Must report 'yes'

### **Veteran**

To be counted as a veteran, an adult must have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty.

### **Sheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q10, 11, 12 – Must report 'yes' to one of these questions

### **Service-Based Count Form**

- Q11, 12, 13 – Must report 'yes' to one of these questions

### **Unsheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q11, 12, 13 – Must report 'yes' to one of these questions

## **Adults with a Serious Mental Illness**

To be counted as having a serious mental illness (SMI), an adult must have a severe and persistent mental illness or emotional impairment that seriously limits their ability to live independently. The disability must also be for a long-continuing or indefinite duration and could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions.

### **Sheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q16 – Must report 'yes' to 16d or 16e **AND** 'yes' to 16h **AND** must select 'd' or 'e' for 16i

### **Service-Based Count Form**

- Q17 – Must report 'yes' to 17d or 17e **AND** 'yes' to 17h **AND** must select 'd' or 'e' for 17i

### **Unsheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q17 – Must report 'yes' to 17d or 17e **AND** 'yes' to 17h **AND** must select 'd' or 'e' for 17i

## **Adults with a Substance Use Disorder**

To be counted as having a substance use disorder, an adult must have a substance abuse problem (alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or both). The disability must also be for a long-continuing or indefinite duration, substantially impede the individual's ability to live independently, and could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions.

### **Sheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q16 – Must report 'yes' to 16a or 16b **AND** 'yes' to 16h **AND** must select 'a' or 'b' for 16i

### **Service-Based Count Form**

- Q17 – Must report 'yes' to 17a or 17b **AND** 'yes' to 17h **AND** must select 'a' or 'b' for 16i

### **Unsheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q17 – Must report 'yes' to 17a or 17b **AND** 'yes' to 17h **AND** must select 'a' or 'b' for 16i
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## **Adults with a HIV/AIDS**

To be counted as having HIV/AIDS, an adult must have been diagnosed with AIDS and/or have tested positive for HIV.

### **Sheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q18 – Must report 'yes'

### **Service-Based Count Form**

- Q19 – Must report 'yes'

### **Unsheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q19 – Must report 'yes'

## **Victims of Domestic Violence**

To be counted as a victim of domestic violence, an adult must have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

### **Sheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q20 – Must report 'yes'

### **Service-Based Count Form**

- Q21 – Must report 'yes'

### **Unsheltered Count Form for Night of Count**

- Q21 – Must report 'yes'