



# Preparing for Your 2016 Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Counts

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# The HIC and the PIT Count

**The Housing Inventory Count (HIC)** is a report that informs the homeless assistance community on the capacity to house persons who are homeless at local and national levels

**The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count** provides the homeless assistance community with data needed to understand the number and characteristics of persons who are homeless at one point-in-time



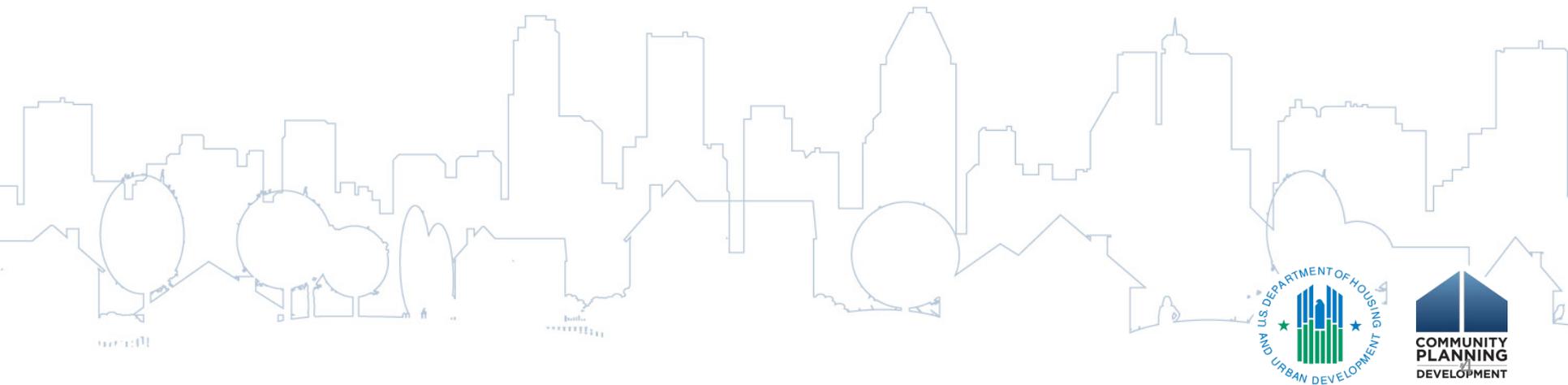
# Guidance on PIT Count Methodology

## Notice for Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-in-Time (PIT) Data Collection for Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program

All CoCs should review: includes information that must be collected to successfully complete the 2016 HIC and PIT count



# Housing Inventory Count (HIC)



# What to Include in the HIC

Only projects with beds and units dedicated to serving homeless persons, meaning:

1. primary intent of program is to serve homeless persons
2. program verifies homeless status as part of its eligibility determination
3. actual program clients are predominantly homeless



# Changes to HIC for 2016

- CoCs only report rapid re-housing (RRH) beds and units that are occupied by RRH participants on the night of the count, whether or not rental assistance was provided
- CoCs need to report chronically homeless beds by household type
- HUD will no longer be collecting Unmet Need data in HDX

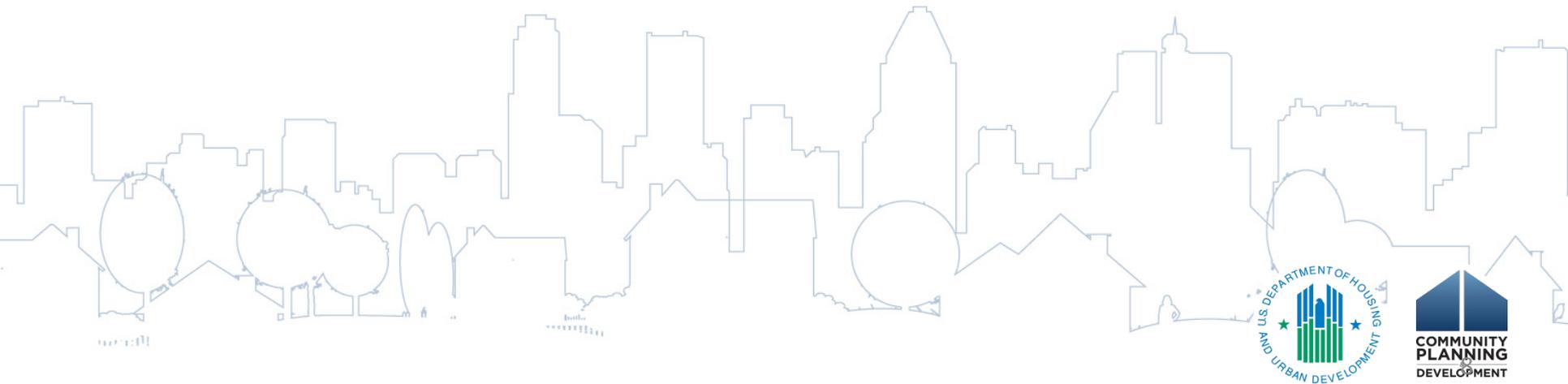


# Changes to HIC for 2016

- CoCs should no longer report inventory and persons in VA-funded Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program – Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans (VA-DOM) on the HIC
- A new data collection field for CoCs to indicate federal funding sources
- A new field to record TH unit type



# Point-In-Time Count (PIT)



# PIT Count Guidance

CoCs required to conduct PIT counts biennially during last 10 days in January

Must be conducted in compliance with HUD standards and [PIT Count Methodology Guide](#)

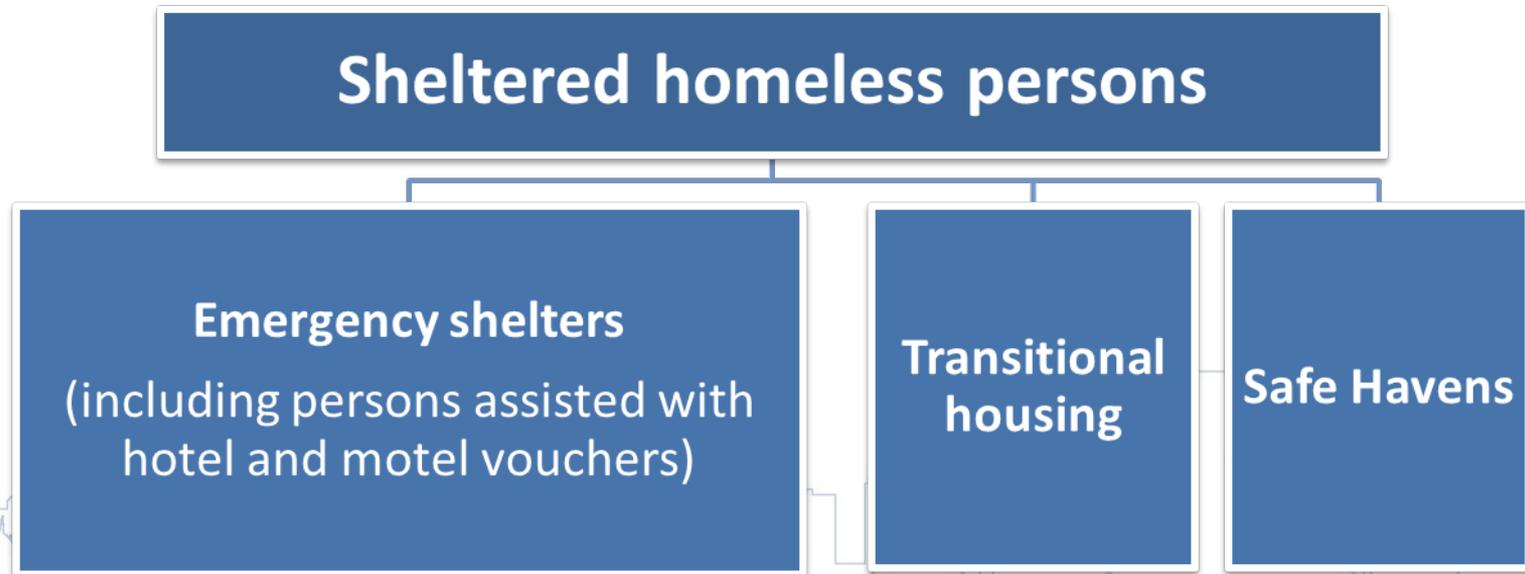
- CoCs will be required to identify in HDX the methodologies used for their 2016 PIT count

CoCs are strongly encouraged to use HMIS to generate their sheltered count where possible



# Sheltered PIT Count

All persons who meet the criteria at 24 CFR 578.3 of the Homeless Definition Final Rule



# Unsheltered PIT Count

Include all persons who meet criteria at 24 CFR 578.3 of the Homeless Definition Final Rule

## Unsheltered homeless persons

Primary nighttime residence is a public place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including: car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground



# People to NOT Include in PIT Count

Do not include people residing:

- in PSH projects (including VASH) and RRHD projects
- in locations not listed on the HIC (i.e., beds/units not dedicated for homeless)
- temporarily with family or friends
- in housing they rent or own (permanent housing), including rental housing with RRH assistance
- People residing in institutions



# Changes to PIT Count for 2016

## Change in who CoCs report as chronically homeless:

- A person who is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
- Has been homeless and living in or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in emergency shelter continuously for 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless is at least 12 months
- Has a disability



# Changes to PIT Count for 2016

CoCs must collect and report on chronically homeless status on heads of households that are under 18

- This includes unaccompanied youth and parenting youth under 18

Collapse the transgender categories back into a single reporting option – “Transgender”

Report demographic data on parenting youth and unaccompanied youth in separate tables



# Resources

- [\*Notice for Housing Inventory Count \(HIC\) and Point-in-Time \(PIT\) Data Collection for Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants \(ESG\) Program\*](#)
- [\*PIT Count Methodology Guide\*](#)
- [\*PIT Tools\*](#)
  - PIT Count Planning Worksheet
  - Survey tools
  - Extrapolation tool



# Questions

Submit Questions to HUD's Exchange's Ask-a-Question at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/my-question/>

Please note: Due to the high volume of questions, please read the regulations and the training materials provided prior to submitting your question to Ask-a-Question

