

The videos in this section provide brief descriptions of HUD's minimum standards for the PIT count. All CoCs are required to meet these minimum count standards.

The McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires homeless counts of people living in shelters and on the streets. It also requires that Homeless Management Information Systems, HMIS, collect unduplicated counts of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Congress authorized HUD to implement requirements for the homeless counts, and HUD operationalizes this mandate through the CoC Program interim rule, the PIT Count Methodology Guide, and the annual PIT and Housing Inventory Count Notice.

In 2014, HUD released 14 minimum standards as part of the PIT Count Methodology Guide. Implementation of the minimum standards will improve the quality and accuracy of PIT counts and ensure consistent PIT count practices across CoCs. This section offers a brief overview of each of the standards. However, it is still necessary to read the entire PIT Count Methodology Guide to gain a comprehensive understanding of planning and implementation requirements.

Click on the videos below to hear more about each of the PIT count standards.