



2019 POINT IN TIME COUNT

WHAT IS THE POINT IN TIME COUNT?

The Point in Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) annual grant application for Continuum of Care homeless assistance funding requires the State of Hawaii to produce an unduplicated count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless on a one-day point in time during the last 10 days of January.

WHEN IS IT HELD?

On Oahu, the 2019 count is scheduled to run from **Tuesday, January 22 to Friday January 25.**

WHY DO WE COUNT?

Point in Time counts are important because they provide an estimate of the number of homeless individuals on a given night, which can help policymakers and program administrators to track progress toward the goal of ending homelessness. Collecting data on homelessness and tracking progress can inform public opinion, increase public awareness, and assist in targeting resources that can assist in addressing the problem. HUD uses information from the local point in time counts to inform Congress about the number of people experiencing homelessness in the U.S.

HOW IS THE POINT IN TIME COUNT CONDUCTED?

Outreach workers will conduct Point in Time surveys during the last 10 days of January to collect data on people who were homeless on January 22, 2019. The Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) will be used to collect data on households who were sleeping in emergency shelters and transitional housing on January 22, 2019.

ARE THERE ANY LIMITATIONS TO THE COUNT?

Point in Time counts have limitations, and unsheltered counts have more limitations than sheltered counts. For example, information is provided by self report, and individuals who decline to participate are not included in the count. However, PIT counts are the only measure that enumerates people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in addition to those who are sheltered and those who are actively engaged in services. In addition, the count is conducted annually on Oahu using the same basic methodology each year. Despite its flaws, the annual PIT count result in the most reliable current estimate of people experiencing homelessness in Hawaii and the U.S. from which progress can be measured.



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WHO ORGANIZES THE PIT COUNT?

On Oahu, the Point in Time Count is organized by Partners in Care (PIC), Oahu's Continuum of Care for HUD funding. Partners in Care consists of nonprofit social service providers, government agencies, and other community partners dedicated to ending homelessness in our community. To learn more about Partners in Care, please visit the PIC website at <http://www.partnersincareoahu.org>.

HOW CAN VOLUNTEERS ASSIST IN THE POINT IN TIME COUNT?

Volunteers can assist with a wide range of responsibilities to support the count, which can include:

- Volunteering with trained staff to conduct the count and complete surveys with the unsheltered homeless population in your community.
- Assisting with the preparation of hygiene kits and other incentives distributed to unsheltered individuals during the count.

IF I VOLUNTEER, WHERE WILL I BE COUNTING?

Volunteers will choose one of seven regions in which to participate. (see map). The regional breakdown is as follows:

Region 1: Downtown Honolulu

Region 2: East Honolulu

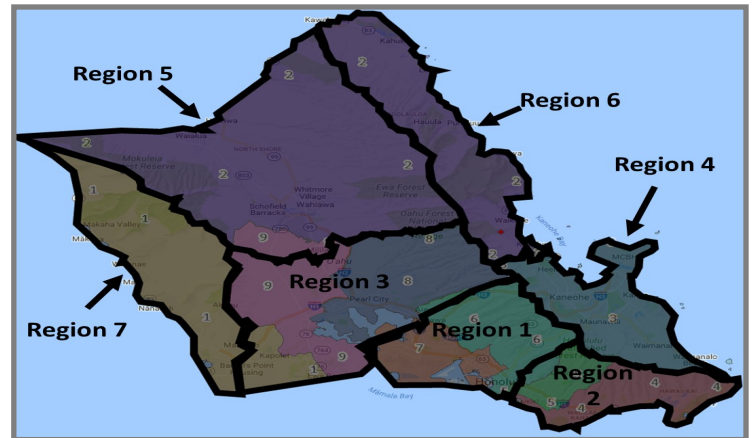
Region 3: Ewa

Region 4: Kaneohe to Waimanalo

Region 5: Wahiawa to North Shore

Region 6: Upper Windward

Region 7: Waianae Coast



IS THERE ANY SPECIAL TRAINING PROVIDED TO VOLUNTEERS?

Partners in Care (PIC) and experienced homeless outreach staff will conduct training for volunteers. Training is required for all individuals who will be directly assisting with completing surveys for the count. A list of trainings in your region will be posted on the PIC website at <http://www.partnersincareoahu.org>.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A VOLUNTEER?

Anyone interested in volunteering must be over 18 years old and MUST attend a training session to learn about the process. Volunteers directly assisting with completing surveys for the count will be assigned to a team and directed to a specific location that they will be expected to canvass by foot.

WHAT IF I CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTUAL COUNT? IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE I CAN DO?

In addition to directly volunteering, individuals can support the count by providing incentives, helping to promote awareness of the count, or by providing a small donation to support count-related activities.

WHEN ARE THE TRAINING SESSIONS?

Volunteer trainings for the PIT Count will be held in January 2019. The exact dates will be announced in the coming months. Please check the Partners in Care website for updates and to register for trainings.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

For questions about the PIT Count, please contact Sharon Baillie, Partners in Care Planning Coordinator, at sbaillie@auw.org or at (808) 543-2246.



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