



# Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

## Point in Time Committee

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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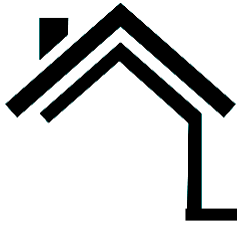
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Jay Coughlin	<b>Recording:</b>	Jay Coughlin
<b>Second Chairperson:</b>	Briana Harvey-Butterfield		

### AGENDA

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Call to Order                                                       | J. Coughlin |
| a. Welcome, introductions and updates                                  |             |
| 2. Calendar                                                            | J. Coughlin |
| 3. Point in Time Count (PIT) date and methodology                      | J. Coughlin |
| 4. Unsheltered PIT Survey Questions                                    | J. Coughlin |
| 5. Unsheltered PIT ideas                                               | J. Coughlin |
| a. Input from the committee on things for improving this year’s PIT.   |             |
| 6. Announcements/Adjourn                                               | All         |
| a. Next meeting Wednesday March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 3:00 – 4:00 pm |             |

Activity	Date
<b>January 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	
Volunteer Committee	
Sheltered Point in Time Count	
<b>February 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	2/28/2024
PIT Count date - Wednesday January 29th, 2025	
PIT Count Methodology	
Survey Questions	
<b>March 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	3/27/2024
Survey Questions Update/Discussion	
<b>April 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	4/24/2024
Finalize Survey Questions	
<b>May 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	5/29/2024
Approve Survey Questions	
Identify HUB locations- sheltered/ unsheltered/ excluded areas	
<b>June 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	6/26/2024
Identify HUB locations- sheltered/ unsheltered/ excluded areas	
<b>July 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	7/24/2024
Develop draft of marketing materials	
<b>August 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	8/28/2024
Approve marketing material	
<b>September 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	9/25/2024
Develop media and outreach plan	
Volunteer Committee: List of volunteers for review	
Secure incentives for homeless participants	
<b>October 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	10/30/2024
Review Annual HIC/PIT Count Notice	
Obtain CoC Board approval of PIT Count Approach/ Methodology/ Survey Qs	
Prepare and send "Sheltered" Count Docs to Agencies	
<b>November 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	11/20/2024
Designate and list spokespersons for media and outreach	
Volunteer Committee: Coordinate volunteer placement	
Volunteer Committee: Develop volunteer deployment plan	
Finalize HUB locations- sheltered/ unsheltered/ excluded areas	
Make a plan to case Butte County outskirts (Concow Banger etc)	

Submit survey questions for PIT to Simtech Solutions	
<b>December 2024</b>	
PIT meeting	12/4/2024
Distribute marketing materials	12/18/2024
Issue press release for Professional Volunteers	
Develop trainings for volunteers	
Notify law enforcement of plan	
Notify health care agencies of plan	
Set volunteer training dates - week of 1/13/25	
<b>January 2025</b>	
PIT meeting	1/15/2025
Develop communication strategies	
Issue press release explaining PIT Count (what and why)	
Conduct PIT volunteer training sessions	
Start formal street outreach	
Distribute gift cards to Volunteers	
Engage law enforcement	
Engage health care agencies	
Prepare for command center set up	
Obtain TV coverage for the day of the PIT count	
<b>THE DAY OF PIT</b>	<b>1/29/2025</b>
<b>February/March/April 2025</b>	
PIT meeting	2/5/2025
Data entry, de-duplication, and analysis	Feb/Mar/Apr
Preliminary results available	Feb/Mar/Apr
Complete the draft of the PIT Count Report	Feb/Mar/Apr
Submit data into HDX	Feb/Mar/Apr
Present finalized PIT Count Report to CoC Council	Feb/Mar/Apr
Release Final PIT Count Report	
<b>July 2025 - Begin Prep for next Count</b>	



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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DATE: November 14, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR: CoC Council, Members and participating Agencies

FROM: Briana Harvey-Butterfield  
Program Manager, Housing and Homeless  
Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services

SUBJECT: 2023 Point in Time (PIT) Methodology

Under section 578.7 of the CoC Program interim rule, CoCs must plan and conduct, at least biennially, a PIT count of homeless persons within the geographic area. Section 578.3 of the CoC Program interim rule states that PIT counts are “carried out on one night in the last 10 calendar days of January or at such other time as required by HUD.” CoCs will submit their count data via HUD’s Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) in the spring following the count.

HUD requires CoCs to collect reliable data on the total number and characteristics of all people (i.e., sheltered and unsheltered) residing in the CoCs’ geographic area who are homeless on a single night and report the data to HUD.

The PIT Committee for the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care intends to proceed with a 2023 sheltered and unsheltered count as encouraged by HUD and recommends the following methodology:

### **Date and Time**

The unsheltered count is to be conducted beginning at sunrise Wednesday, January 25, 2023, and continuing throughout the day. The count will capture the characteristics of homeless persons for the prior night.

### **Methodology**

Consistent with previous years, a census count method, or an enumeration of all homeless people, is recommended by the PIT Committee. The proposed method would include the entire CoCs’ geography and provide a direct and complete count of all people and their characteristics.

The committee intends for volunteers to conduct complete coverage by canvassing the geographical area. Locations, called HUBs, will be identified throughout the Continuum to provide known areas for people who are experiencing homelessness a place to drop in and be included in the count. These HUBs also serve to assist volunteers as a meeting place throughout the day. The identified HUB’s will be noted on flyers and shared with the community in the coming weeks.

### **Counting Us Application**

To ensure reliable and accurate data quality, the Counting Us application, as provided through software company Simtech will be used. This is the same software that was used to complete the 2022 PIT and will allow volunteers to download a convenient application to their mobile or electronic devices.

<http://www.buttehomelesscoc.com>

*Note: Registration and Known Location demonstration to be presented during December meeting.*

### **Sheltered PIT and HIC Count**

The PIT count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) are integrally related. The sum total number of persons reported in emergency shelter, Safe Haven, and transitional housing projects in the PIT count fields of the HIC must match the sum total of sheltered persons reported in the PIT count. Since the PIT and HIC data must match, it is critical that CoCs conduct their PIT count and HIC at the same time. The Counting Us application will contain a Sheltered Survey in order to obtain the demographics and collect responses to the community questions contain within the Unsheltered Survey.

### **Survey**

Please find attached, the survey that will be uploaded to the Counting Us application in preparation for the 2023 count. This survey include a combination of HUD required questions and local community questions as recommended by the PIT Committee.

# 2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

All questions in red are HUD required questions.

All questions in black are local questions.

## 1. What is your name?

- First Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- If hesitant, ask "What are your initials?" \_\_\_\_\_
- Person refused

## 2. Have you already been interviewed for the 2023 PIT Count? **(If yes, STOP)**

- Yes
- No

## 3. What area did you stay in last night?

- Biggs
- Chico
- Gridley
- Oroville
- Paradise
- Magalia
- Other location in Butte County: \_\_\_\_\_
- Outside Butte County: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Where did you sleep the night before the Count?

**(If option in bold/highlight is selected, continue with the survey)**

- Abandoned building**
- Under bridge/ overpass**
- Bus/ train station**
- Vehicle/ boat/ RV**
- Outdoor encampment**
- Park**
- Street or sidewalk**
- Emergency shelter (Torres, Sabbath House, Safe Space, ORM, Pallet Shelter, Catalyst Shelter, Etc.)
- Transitional housing
- Hospital
- Treatment program
- Jail
- Hotel/Motel paid for with own money
- Hotel/Motel paid for by an agency
- Temporarily with friends or family (couch surfing)
- House or apartment-rent/own
- In a place being evicted from
- Other location: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

## 5. What is your gender? (Choose all that apply)

- Male
- Female
- A gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'
- Transgender
- Questioning
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

## 6. How do you identify your sexual orientation? (choose all that apply)

- Straight or heterosexual
- Lesbian, gay, homosexual, or same gender loving
- Bisexual or pansexual
- I identify as: \_\_\_\_\_
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

## 7. What is your date of birth?

- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

If refused to answer date of birth, ask "How old are you?" \_\_\_\_\_

If refused to answer age, ask "What age range do you fall into?"

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

## 8. What is your race?

- American Indian or Alaska native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

# 2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

## 9. Are you Hispanic/Latino?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

## 10. Is this the first time you have been homeless?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

## 11. How long have you been homeless this time? (Only include time in shelters and/or streets)

- 0 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 7 to 11 months
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 to 3 years
- 3 years or more

## 12. How many months did you stay in shelters or on the streets over the past 3 years?

- 0 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 7 to 11 months
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 to 3 years
- 3 years or more

## 13. How many separate times have you stayed in shelters or on the streets in the past 3 years?

- Fewer than 4 times
- 4 or more times
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused



# 2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

## 14. Do you have any Substance Abuse Issues?

- No
- Alcohol abuse
- Drug abuse
- Both alcohol and drug

(If "yes") is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

## 15. Do you have a Chronic Health Condition?

- Yes

(If "yes") is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

## 16. Do you have a Mental Health Problem?

- Yes

(If "yes") is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

## 17. Do you have a Physical Disability?

- Yes

(If "yes") is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

# 2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

18. Do you have a Developmental Disability?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

19. Do you have AIDS or an HIV related illness?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

20. Are you experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

21. Are you a victim/survivor of Domestic Violence?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

22. Are you a veteran? (Have you served in the US Armed Forces OR been called into a duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist)

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

23. What was the last grade level you completed in school?

- Less than 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Less than 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- High School Graduate or GED
- AA Degree
- Some College
- College Degree or More
- Currently in school (If checked, provide name of school)

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

# 2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

**24. Were you ever in foster care or stayed in a group home?**

Yes

(If "yes") Were you exited from foster care or group home into homelessness?

Yes

No

No

Person doesn't know

Person refused

**25. Are you currently on probation and/or parole? (Only ask if client is over 18 yrs old)**

Yes

(If "yes") Were you released from custody into homelessness?

Yes

No

No

Person doesn't know

Person refused

**26. Were you living in Butte County when you became homeless?**

Yes

No

Person doesn't know

Person refused

**27. How long have you been in Butte County? If in and out, what is the TOTAL amount of time?**

More than a month but less than 1 year

1-2 years

3-5 years

6-9 years

10-19 years

20+ years

Person doesn't know

Person refused

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28. What housing and/or sheltering options would you be interested in? (Check all that apply)

- A parking lot with security where you can safely sleep in your car or RV
- Large shelter with individual rooms for each person
- Outside space that is legal to camp
- Sharing a room in a house or apartment
- Shelter with large shared sleeping space with pets allowed
- Shelter with large shared sleeping space without pets
- Tiny house
- Your own room in a shared house or apartment
- Your own house or apartment
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

29. What do you think led to your homelessness? (Choose all that apply)

- Age out of foster or group home
- Alcohol or substance use or abuse
- Domestic violence or partner abuse
- Direct result of COVID-19
- Employment or financial reasons
- Family crisis such as a death or serious illness in the family, divorce, family conflict, or another family problem
- Forced to relocate from home or evicted
- Incarceration
- Leaving your house due to intolerance of your sexual orientation or gender identity
- Medical or disability problems
- Mental illness
- Natural or other disasters
  - Are you survivor of the 2017 Wall Fire?
  - Are you a survivor of the 2018 Camp Fire?
  - Are you a survivor of the 2020 Bear/North Complex Fire?
- Are you a survivor of another disaster? Please state: \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent or foster parent abuse
- Personal choice to be homeless
- PRCS (Post Release Controlled Supervision)
- Recent immigration
- Substandard housing
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Person Doesn't Know
- Person Refused

# 2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

## 30. What barriers prevent you from accessing permanent housing (choose all that apply)?

- Criminal History
  - (If criminal history is checked) Were you convicted of 290 offense?
- Finding affordable housing
- Finding a job
- Finding services to help me
- I don't like the housing options available to me
- Lack of an ID card
- Lack of local services
- Managing my mental health
- No money for rent or deposit
- Pets
- Poor/no credit
- Rental History
- Substance Use
- Transportation to services
- Nothing, I prefer to be homeless
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Person Doesn't Know
- Person Refused

## 31. How do you get money? (Choose all that apply)

- Child support or alimony
- Food Stamps (CalFresh)
- Friends or family
- General Assistance (GA)
- Job or paid internship
- Odd jobs
- Panhandling or busking (street performance)
- Pension or retirement
- Recycling
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Student aid or grants
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF or CalWORKs)
- Temporary or seasonal (harvest) employment
- Unemployment benefits
- Veteran's benefits
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Person Doesn't Know
- Person Refused

# 2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

**32. What is your household's approximate monthly income? (Choose one)**

- No income
- \$1-\$150
- \$151-\$250
- \$251-\$500
- \$501-\$1,000
- \$1,001-\$1,500
- \$1,501-\$2,000
- Over \$2,000
- Person Doesn't Know
- Person Refused

**33. Which of these services would you use? (Choose all that apply)**

- Access to electricity
- Court transportation and support
- Detox center
- Drop in center for clothes, computer use, food, mail, and support
- Free laundry service
- Life coach/case manager/mentor
- Mobile shower
- Needle exchange program
- Phone charging stations
- Safe kennel provided for pets
- Safe medicine storage
- Safe personal property storage
- Temporary housing when sick
- Transportation to appointments
- Warming/cooling centers
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

**34. If you don't use Emergency Shelters, why not? (Choose all that apply)**

- I don't like the staff
- I don't like where it is located. "It's difficult for me to get there"
- I don't need to
- I feel overwhelmed being around so many people
- I feel unsafe
- I have been kicked out of the shelters and have not asked to go back
- I have too much stuff to store there
- I'm afraid of getting sick with all the people in one place
- I prefer to camp outside
- I think my children would be unsafe
- It's too noisy
- The shelter is low-barrier and it triggers me.

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- There are too many rules
  
- They don't allow medicinal Marijuana
- They don't allow my family to stay together
- They don't allow people to use drugs or alcohol before signing in
- They don't allow pets
- They don't know how to shelter transgender people
- There is somebody else in shelter that I cannot be around.
- They require religious participation to stay
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**35. Additional information:**