

2020 Point-in-Time

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

The Annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT) was conducted on January 23rd, 2020 to identify the needs of households residing in Unsheltered locations (such as cars, streets, parks, etc) as well as Sheltered locations (Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing). The PIT Count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area, over the course of one night.

Responses are self-reported and/or observations and may not be representative of the entire homeless population

5,728
Individuals
experiencing
homelessness

Sheltered



47%

(2,690 surveys)

Unsheltered



33%

(1,890 surveys)

Observation



20%

(1,148 surveys)

21% overall increase

in surveys collected (2019-2020)

- 18% increase in persons residing in sheltered locations
- 45% increase in unsheltered surveys
- 1% decrease in observation surveys

2019-2020 Comparison



50% increase
in number of children



56% increase
in survivors of domestic violence



40% increase
serious mental health disorder



54% increase
in Veterans

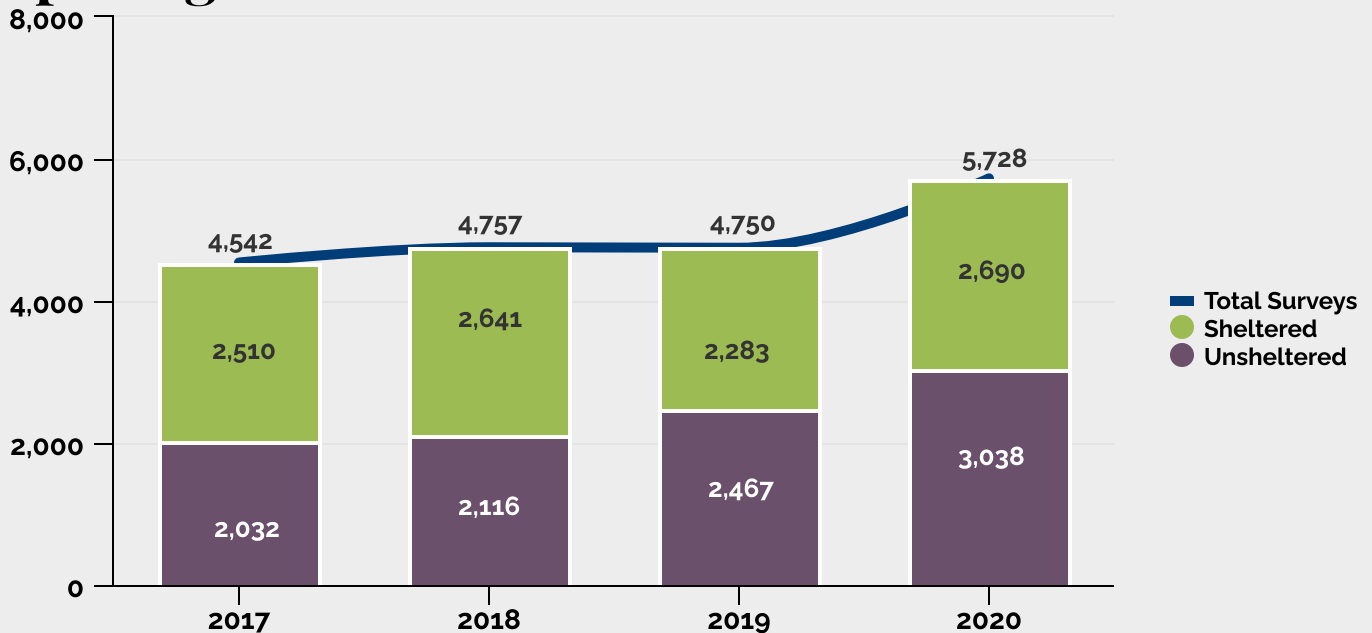


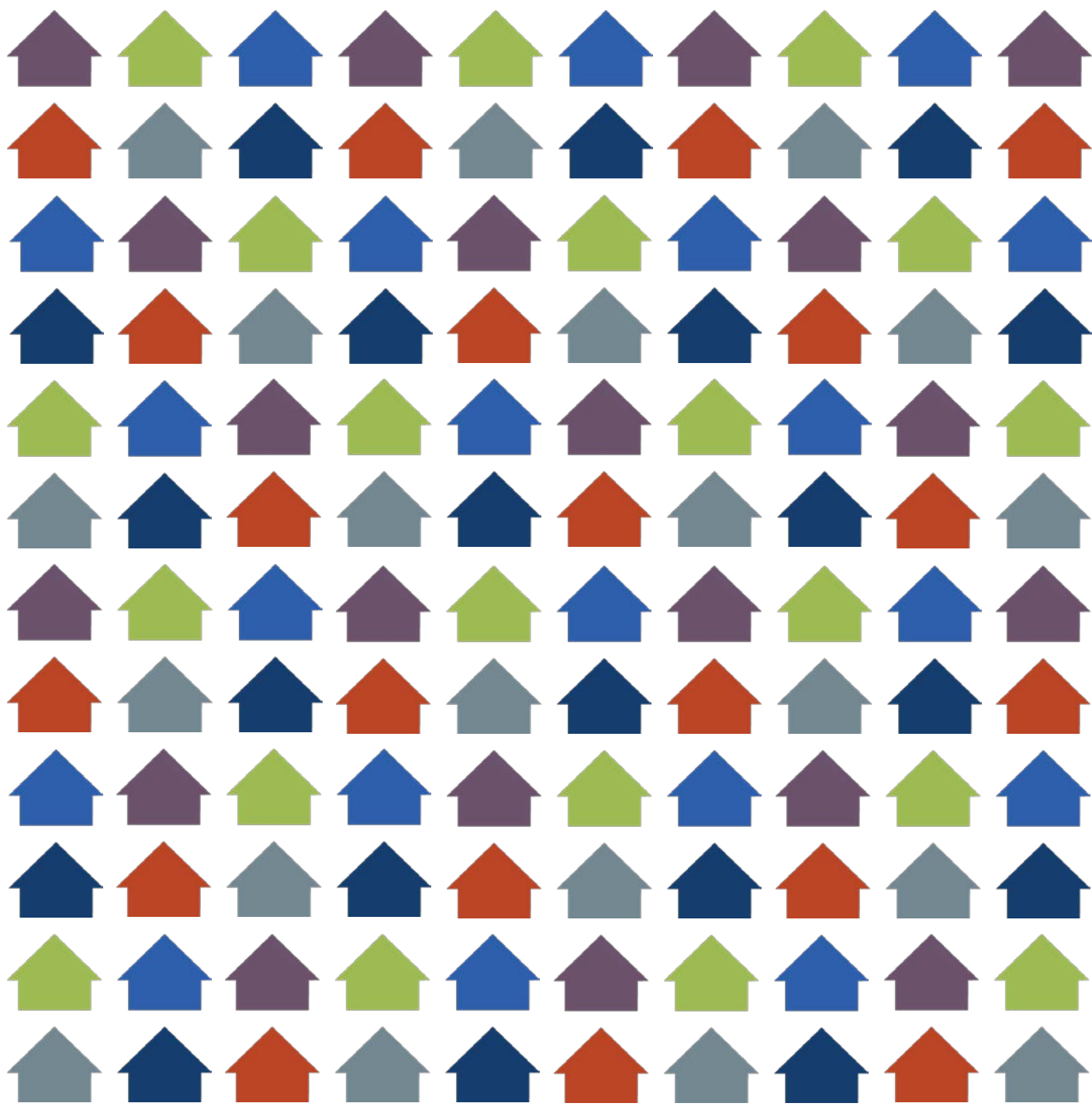
45% increase
in substance use disorder



81% increase
in chronically homeless

Comparing Counts





CoC General Meeting PIT Training

Strategies For Change

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Winter PIT Date: Poll Question

Friday: 1/22/2021
Saturday: 1/23/2021
Thursday: 1/28/2021



Agenda

- Point-in-Time Basics
- COVID-19 Disclosure
- THN Information
- PIT Count Methodology
- Wrap-up

Welcome



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Point-in-Time (PIT) Basics

- How many people are currently experiencing homelessness in your community?
- How many of them are families, youth, or veterans?
- What do they report as their causes for homelessness?

The answers to these questions and more can be answered by point-in-time counts.

A point-in-time count is an unduplicated count on a single night of the people in a community who are experiencing homelessness

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COVID-19 Disclosure

Reminder: This is the year where every CoC is required to complete both an Unsheltered Count and a Sheltered Count.

- We have not received a finalized decision from HUD regarding the 2021 PIT Count. There is no timeline for when we will receive word either.
- For now, THN will be moving forward under the impression that the count will still be occurring. Any guidance we receive will be sent directly to PIT Leads.

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Considerations

- ✓ THN will work with each community to help ensure volunteer access to:
 - ✓ Masks
 - ✓ Gloves
 - ✓ Hand Sanitizer
- ✓ Please read over the CDC guidance on Homelessness Outreach if you have not already.
- ✓ Discuss strategies for engagement with your community Outreach teams.
- ✓ Be patient with yourselves and with us as we navigate this coming count. The safety and well-being of our PIT leads, volunteers, and those experiencing homelessness are our number one priority

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THN Information

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- Texas Homeless Network (THN) is a non-profit membership-based organization helping communities strategically plan to prevent and end homelessness.
- THN works to end homelessness in Texas by collaborating with all communities, large and small, across the state to build systems to achieve this goal.
- We coordinate local and national advocacy efforts, data collection and research, host an annual statewide conference, and serve as the host agency for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) where we assist in the coordination of programs and funding.
- The Texas Balance of State CoC (TX BoS CoC) is made up of all service providers, advocates, local government officials, and citizens who work to eliminate homelessness in 215 of Texas' 254 counties.



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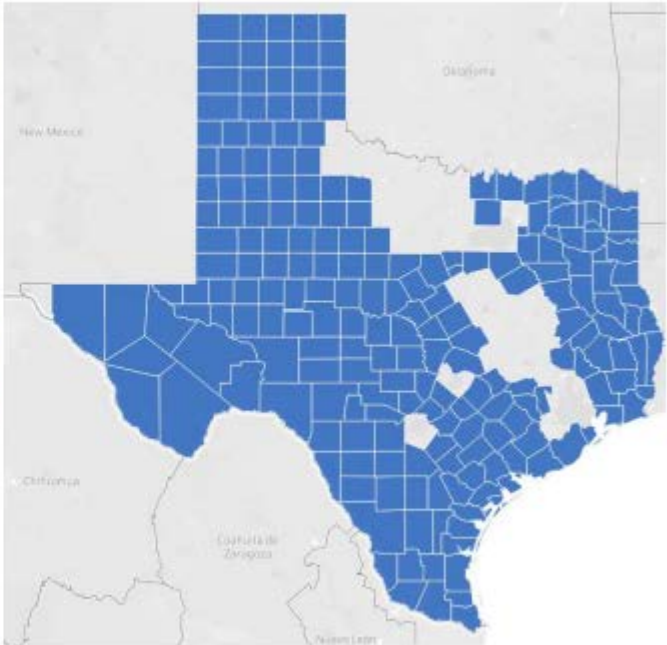
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2020 PIT Regions



Texas Balance of State Region



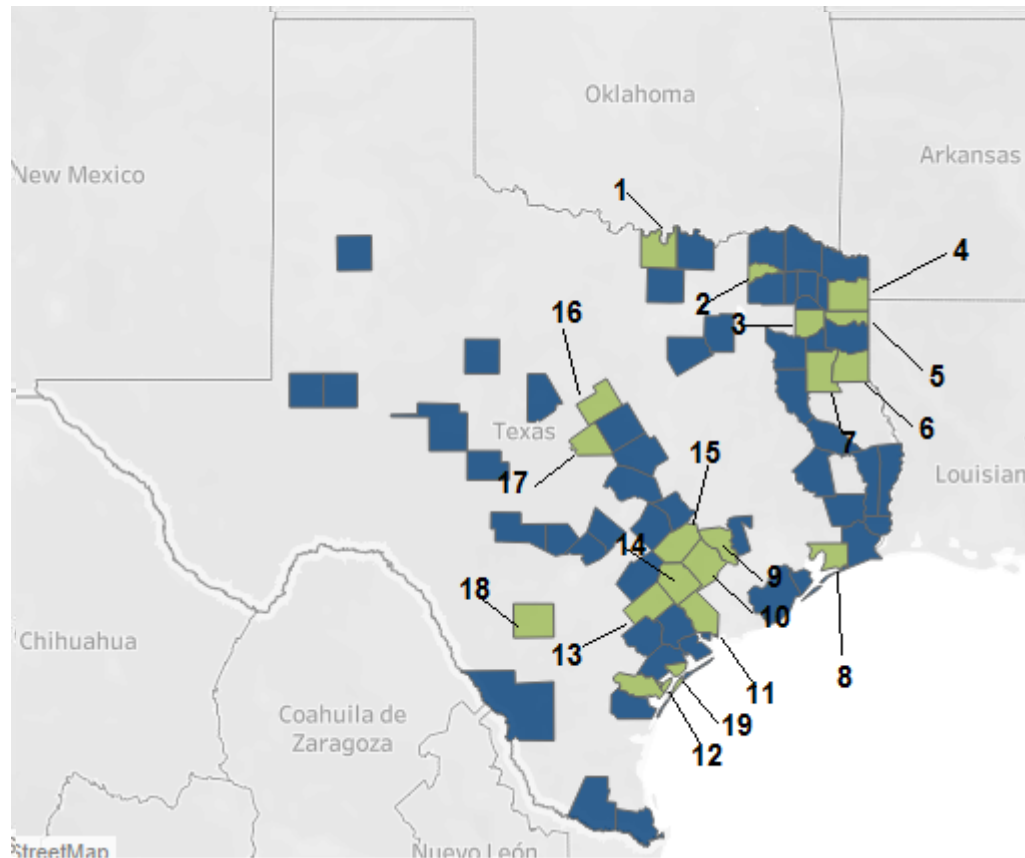
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Targeted Outreach

1. Cooke
2. Delta
3. Upshur
4. Cass
5. Marion
6. Panola
7. Rusk
8. Chambers
9. Austin
10. Colorado
11. Jackson
12. San Patricio
13. DeWitt
14. Lavaca
15. Fayette
16. Hamilton
17. Lampasas
18. Frio
19. Aransas



Does your agency cover any of these following areas?

Could you help us connect with a potential PIT lead in one of these areas and/or expand your count to include them?



Extrapolation Basics

For reporting purposes, HUD requires that CoC's report on their full geography. Due to the size of our CoC, we are not able to achieve full coverage during the PIT count. That being said, the CoC has to employ an extrapolation method that estimates the PIT number for the entire geography.

Formula

$$\left(\frac{\text{Population size of non-participant community}}{\text{Population size of participant community}} \right) \times \text{\# of surveys collected in participant community} = \text{Estimated Total}$$

Extrapolation Steps

- 1) Match non-participant community population sizes to participant community population sizes.
- 2) Calculate estimated total number of surveys in each non-participant community.
- 3) Use the Housing Inventory Count data to determine household breakdown and the household multipliers
- 4) Use the data gathered in steps two and three to extrapolate the household demographic information for the non-participant regions.
- 5) Upload extrapolated data into HDX for HUD to review



Successful PIT Steps

Module 4

Select PIT Lead

- Establish PIT Lead and Backup
- Create PIT committee
- Create timeline for count planning

Community Awareness

- Inform Community/publicize count
- Engage potential members with lived experience
- Engage community in identifying unsheltered locations
- Solicit Donations

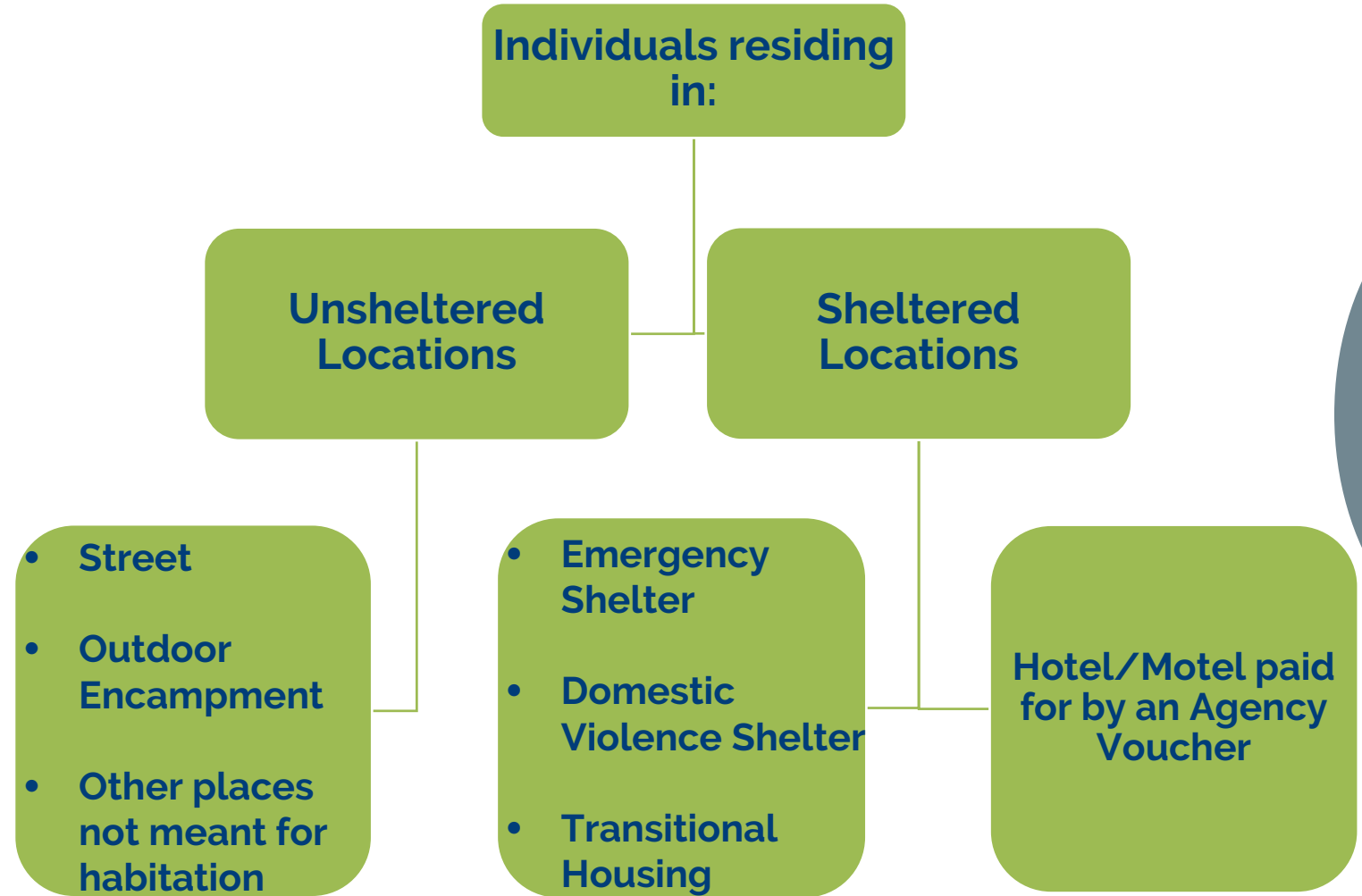
Training

- Recruit Volunteers
- Set volunteers up with training
- Schedule in person meetings
- Register and practice with the app

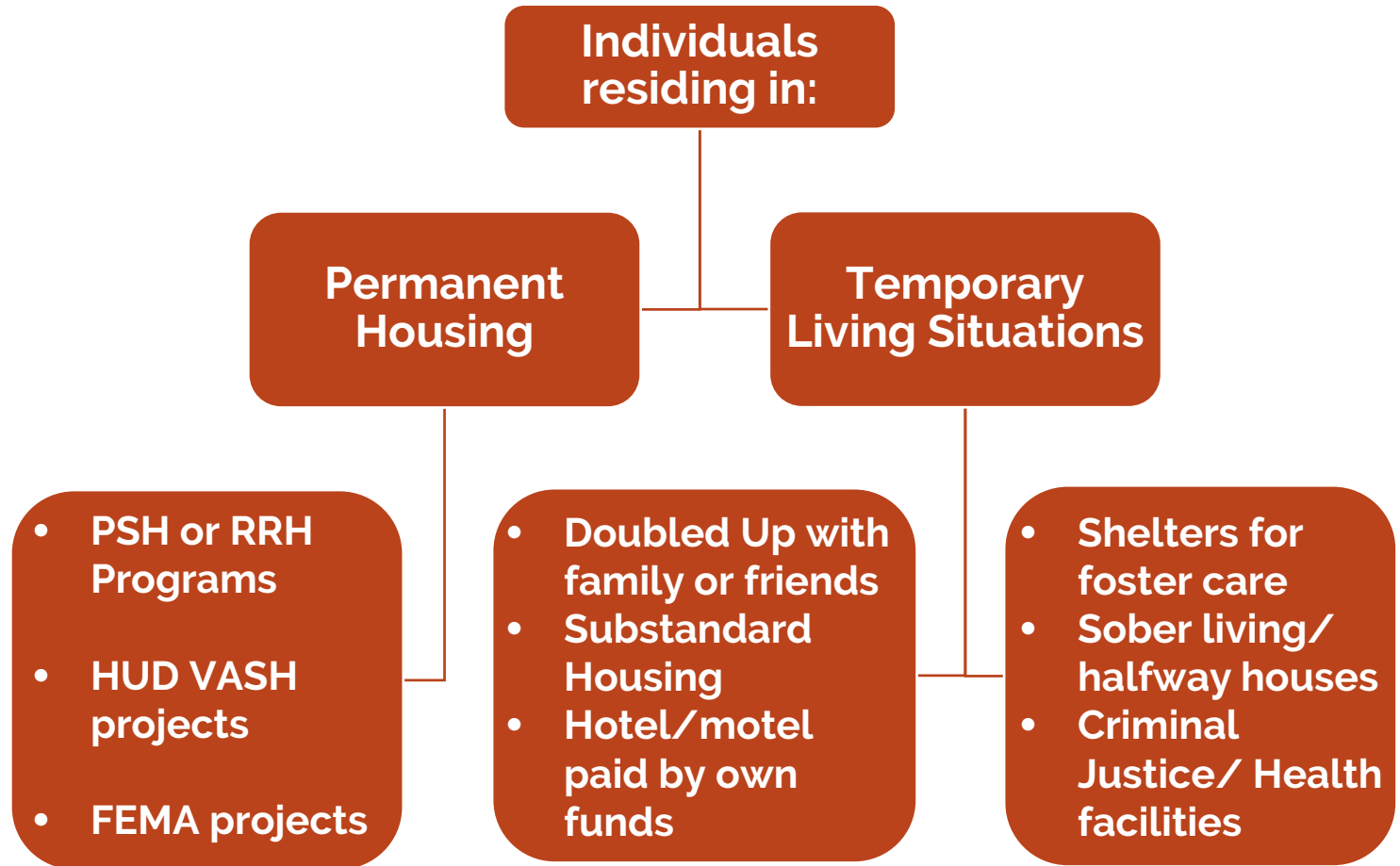
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Who to Count



Who NOT to Count



Takeaways from 2020 Count

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- Clearer guidance needed for DV providers
- Clarification needed on Paper Surveys
- Issues with Hotel Observation Surveys
- Household survey issues
- Clarification on Ethnicity vs. Race



Updates on the 2021 Count

- Trainings will now be in the form of Litmos Courses:
 - PIT Lead Litmos Course
 - Volunteer (Sheltered/Unsheltered) Litmos Course
 - DV Provider Litmos Course
- Everyone will need to complete their associated course before registering for the count
- All Litmos Courses will include:
 - General PIT information
 - Guidance on how to approach individuals experiencing homelessness
 - In depth explanation of the most important PIT count questions
 - Training on the mobile app and the command center
- There will be a series of optional webinars for targeted technical assistance. These will be mandatory for new PIT communities.



Tentative Timeline

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October

- Watch PIT Lead Litmos Course
- Deadline to join count

November

- Optional PIT Lead Webinar
- Verify all sheltered locations
- Deadline to sign up for service based count and/or paper surveys
- Round one of PIT Check in calls

December

- PIT Q&A/ App Walk through webinar
- Deadline to notify THN if you need additional resources or support for the day of the count



Next Steps

- PIT leads should register for the upcoming count
 - Link: <https://thn.wufoo.com/forms/ro8vicr0is7302/>
 - REMINDER: All communities need a PIT Lead and a Secondary Lead
- Look over the list of missing PIT communities to see if you can help Kyra coordinate a count there
 - Please email her as soon as possible at kyra@thn.org
- Begin scheduling meetings to discuss outreach strategies and to develop a list of the anticipated PPE your community will need



Q&A

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