2021 PIT Count Results (FAQ)

Q: Why is the PIT number so different from last year?

In an effort to promote safety during the global pandemic, the Continuum of Care board voted to cancel the 2021 Unsheltered count. Some communities opted to conduct an observation count of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness; however, this data is not as accurate as doing the full unsheltered count. It is also important to consider that while the sheltered count occurred as normal, the surveys were shortened in order to limit the amount of time required for face to face interaction.

Q: What is an observation count?

The observation count can also be referred to as a head count. This count only asked questions related to age, location, reason the volunteer felt like the person was experiencing homelessness, and observable unique characteristics that might help to ensure the person was not counted twice during the PIT date.

Q: What should we do with this data since it is not as accurate?

The sheltered data should be accurate, although many shelters saw a decrease in their capacity and occupancy specifically because of the global pandemic. The observation count, if your community participated, should be used sparingly and in conjunction with other more comprehensive data sets like your 2020 Unsheltered Count data, HMIS homelessness outreach data, school district homeless data, etc.

Q: Do you have any recommendations on how to present this data?

If you are going to present this data, I would recommend that you include a clear description of the difference between a "normal count year" and the 2021 count. This can include the instructional materials that were created as well as narrative from the PIT leads/ volunteers about how the count planning shifted. As stated above, whenever possible, please try to use previous count data or other homeless data sets. You can find the last five years of PIT count data as well as 2021 instructional guides on the THN website (hyperlinked).

Q: What additional assistance can THN provide?

If your community is interested in having an infographic created, please contact Kyra Henderson at kyra@thn.org with your request. Additionally, if you would like assistance writing a press release or talking to the media, you can contact Kyra for quotes, talking points around your data set, or templates based on your needs. Please, if possible, allow at least 48 hours when making these requests and be specific with your requirements.

2021 Sheltered Point-in-Time

Hidalgo County

The Annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT) was conducted on January 28th, 2021. This year the CoC opted to only conduct a sheltered count due to complications from COVID-19.
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

36
Individuals experiencing sheltered homelessness

26
Emergency Shelter

10
Transitional Housing

There are two emergency shelter projects and one transitional housing project in Hidalgo County

2021 Unsheltered Count

Each community was given the option to conduct a socially distanced observation count of those staying in unsheltered locations (streets, cars, outdoor encampments, etc).

Hidalgo County decided to opt-out of the unsheltered count at the recommendation of the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care Board

Click here to view the 2020 PIT count data

Sheltered Demographic Breakdown

- 15 Female
- 14 Male
- 7 Unknown

- 28 White
- 3 Multiple
- 1 American Indian
- 1 Other
- 3 Unknown

- 31 Hispanic/Latino
- 4 Non-Hispanic/ Non-Latino
- 1 Unknown

Sheltered Population Details

5
Experiencing homelessness because of COVID-19

7
Households With Children

13
Households Without Children

14
Children (under the age of 18)

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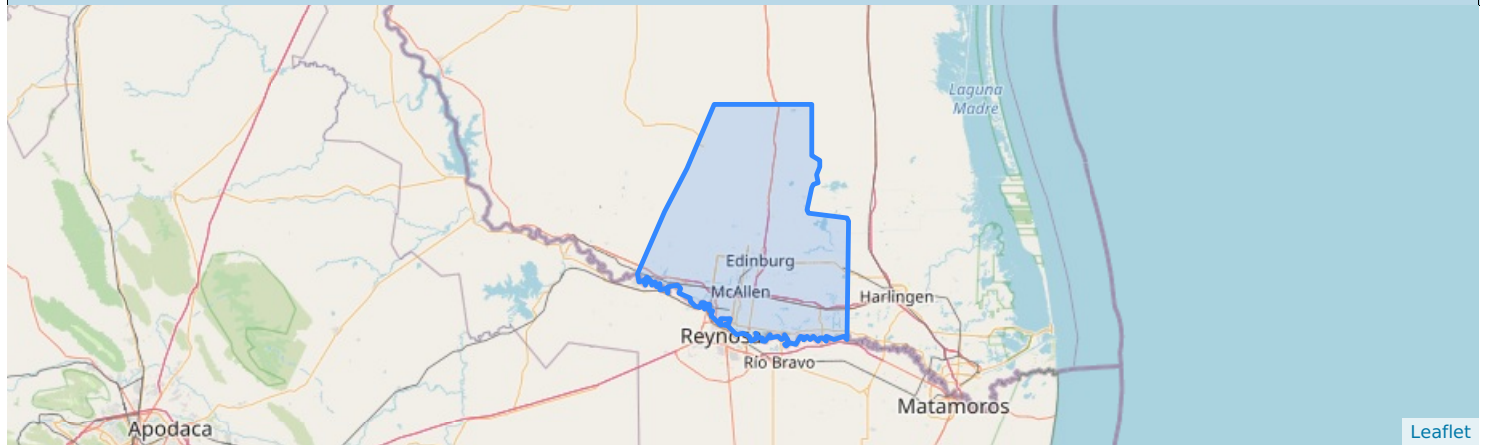Unaccompanied Youth Households

0
Chronically Homeless

2
Veterans

HUD Point in Time Report - Sheltered

Count:	**Texas Balance of State 2021 PIT Count**	Geography:	**Hidalgo**
Organization:	**All Organizations**		
Project:	**All Projects**	Project Type:	**All Project Types**
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Summary

Total Persons	36
Adults (18+)	22
Children (Under 18)	14
Unknown Age	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Adult	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Child	0
Young Adults (18-24)	2
Female	15
Male	14
Transgender	0
Chronically Homeless	0
Veterans	2
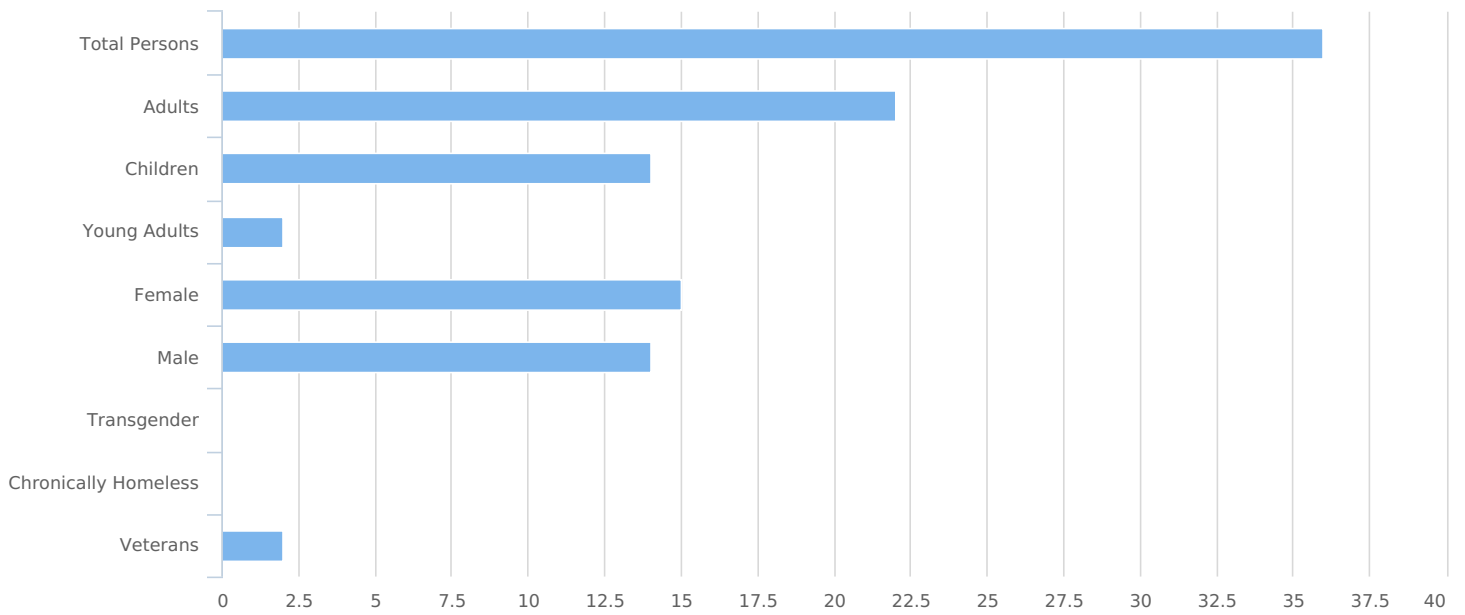
Data Quality Checks

Persons Missing Age Information	0
Persons Missing Sleeping Location	0
Persons Missing Gender	7
Persons Missing Ethnicity	1
Persons Missing Race	3
Persons Missing Relation to HoH	0
Persons with Unknown Household Type	0
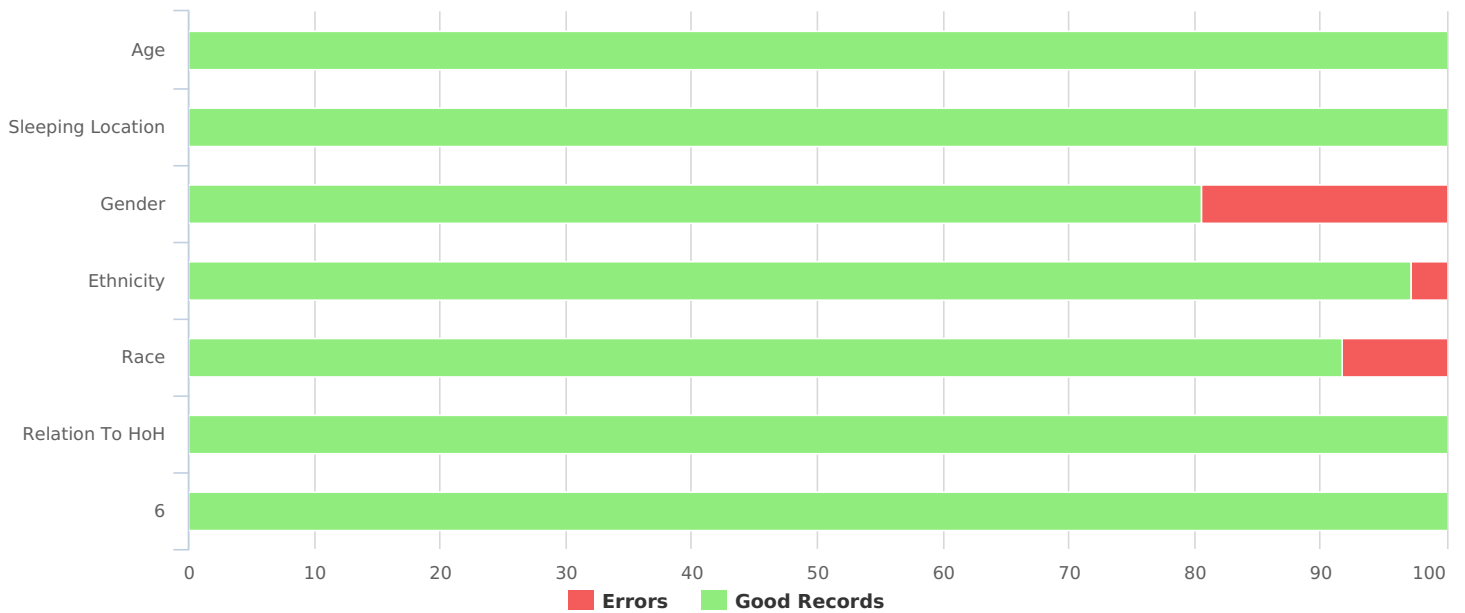
Households with at Least one Adult and One Child

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	7
Total Number of Persons	22
Number of Children (Under 18)	14
Number of Young Adults (18-24)	1
Number of Adults (25+)	7

Gender

Female	11
Male	5
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1
Hispanic/Latino	20

Race

White	16
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	3

Chronically Homeless
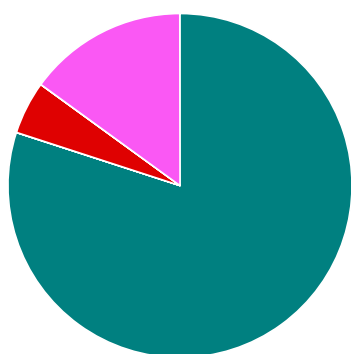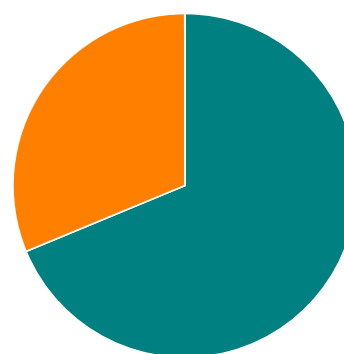
Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

Race	Gender

Race pie chart legend: White, Black or African American, Asian, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, Multiple

Gender pie chart legend: Female, Male, Transgender, Gender Non-conforming

Households without Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	13
Total Number of Persons	14
Number of Young Adults (18-24)	1
Number of Adults (25+)	13

Gender

Female	4
Male	9
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	3
Hispanic/Latino	11

Race

White	12
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	0

Race
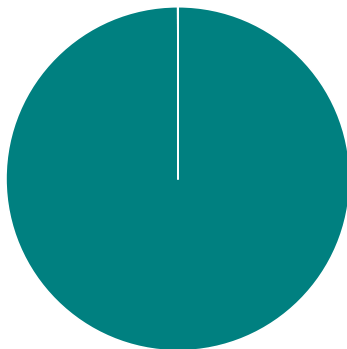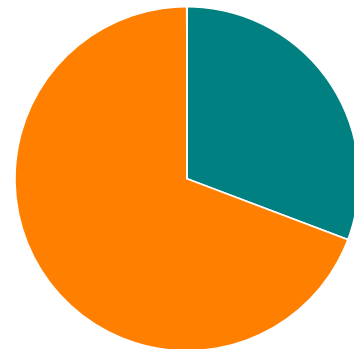
Gender

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian
- Native Hawaiian
- Multiple

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Gender Non-conforming

Households with Only Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Children	0

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	0

Race

White	0
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	0

Race	Gender

■ White	■ Black or African American	■ Asian	■ Female	■ Male	■ Transgender
■ American Indian	■ Native Hawaiian	■ Multiple	■ Gender Non-conforming		

Personal Information

Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer (LGBTQ+)?

Yes	1
No	19
Don't Know	1
Refused	0
Total	21

Are you experiencing homelessness because of COVID-19?

Yes	5
No	15
Don't Know	1
Refused	0
Total	21

If you are experiencing homelessness because of COVID-19, what reason caused your current situation? (Select all that apply

Eviction	0
Illness due to the COVID-19 virus	0
Loss of job	2
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	2
Total *Individuals could select multiple answers*	4

Veteran Questions

What is the length of service in years?

Less than one year	0
1-4 years	1
5-9 years	1
More than 10 years	0
Total	2

Experience with Homelessness

Is this the first time you've been homeless?

Yes	10
No	10
Don't Know	1
Refused	0
Total	21

How old were you when you first became homeless?

Under 5 years old	0
5-12 years old	0
13-17 years old	0
18-24 years old	0
25-54 years old	7
55-61 years old	3
62+ years old	0
Total	10

How many months did you stay in shelter or on the streets over the past 3 years?

0 to 3 months	6
4 to 6 months	2
7 to 11 months	1
1 to 2 years	1
3 years or more	0
Total	10

How many separate times have you stayed in sheltered or on the streets in the past 3 years?

Fewer than 4	8
4 or more times	2
Don't Know	1
Refused	0
Total	11

How many months have you been homeless this time?

0 to 3 months	12
4 to 6 months	2
7 to 11 months	3
1 to 2 years	3
3 years or more	0
Total	20

Veteran Households

Veteran Households with at Least One Adult and One Child

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0
Total Number of Veterans	0

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	0

Race

White	0
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

Race	Gender

White	Black or African American	Asian	Female	Male	Transgender
American Indian	Native Hawaiian	Multiple	Gender Non-conforming		

Veteran Households without Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	2
Total Number of Persons	2
Total Number of Veterans	2

Gender

Female	1
Male	1
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1
Hispanic/Latino	1

Race

White	2
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

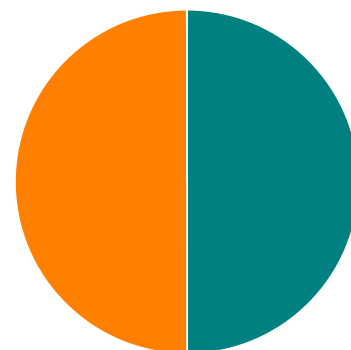|	
Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

Race
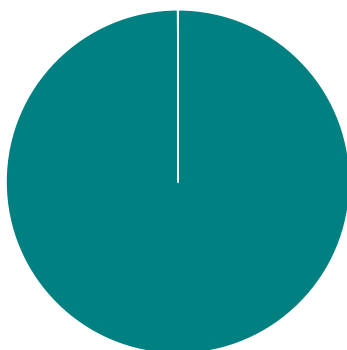
Gender

White   Black or African American   Asian
American Indian   Native Hawaiian   Multiple

Female   Male   Transgender
Gender Non-conforming

Youth Households

Unaccompanied Youth Households

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth Households	0
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth	0
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth (under age 18)	0
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth (18 to 24)	0

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	0

Race

White	0
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	0

Race	Gender

White   Black or African American   Asian   Female   Male   Transgender
American Indian   Native Hawaiian   Multiple   Gender Non-conforming

Parenting Youth

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Parenting Youth Households	0
Total Number of Persons in Parenting Youth Households	0
Total Parenting Youth	0
Total Children in Parenting Youth Households	0
Number of Parenting Youth Under 18	0
Children in Households with Parenting Youth Under 18	0
Number of Parenting Youth 18 to 24	0
Children in Households with Parenting Youth 18 to 24	0

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	0

Race

White	0
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

Race   Gender

■ White   ■ Black or African American   ■ Asian   ■ Female   ■ Male   ■ Transgender
■ American Indian   ■ Native Hawaiian   ■ Multiple   ■ Gender Non-conforming

Additional Homeless Populations (Adults Only)

Serious Mental Illness	6
Substance Use Disorder	2
HIV/AIDS	0
Survivors of Domestic Violence (optional)	9

Legend: Adults with Condition (orange), Adults without Condition (teal)