

# **2023 Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count**

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. Survey responses are self-reported and/or observed and may not be representative of the entire homeless population. The 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.

## **Considerations**

The 2023 PIT count took place during a time when the COVID-19 pandemic was winding down and no longer played a significant role in the data. We found that both volunteers and respondents were more willing to participate in the count this year and this was reflected in the data. In addition we also had significantly clearer weather in comparison to 2022, leading to increased participation as well. We were able to conduct both the sheltered and unsheltered count at the same time and on a single day. We would also like to note that a few projects, particularly Transitional Housing, shut down this year due to some federal funding sources ending.

## **Methodology**

The TX BoS CoC conducted both an unsheltered and sheltered count on the night of Thursday January 26th 2023. We Utilized a non-random sample plus extrapolation methodology.

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 for either the unsheltered or sheltered counts. That being said, the CoC has to employ an extrapolation method that estimates the PIT number for the entire geography.

## **What is a Non-Random Sample + Extrapolation?**

A non-random sample does not statistically represent the entire population, but if the non-random sample covers a large portion of the population or subpopulation believed to have similar characteristics (e.g., sheltered youth), extrapolation to derive estimates for the entire population or subpopulation is likely to be accurate.



## Extrapolation Process

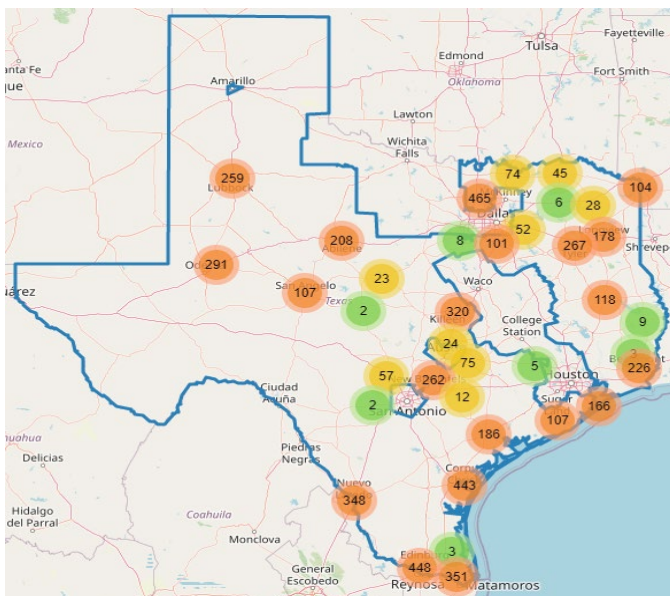
Formula:

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

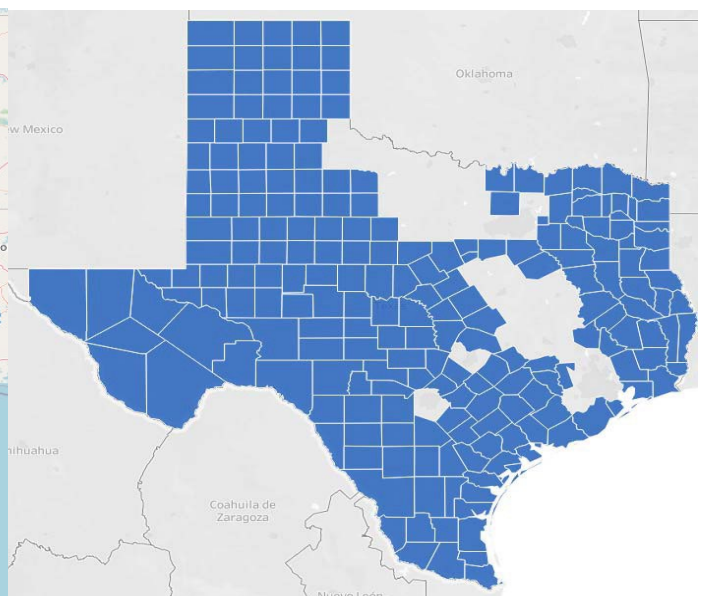
### Extrapolation Steps:

- 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 (HIC) 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 Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) for HUD to review.

### Participating PIT Regions



### TX BoS CoC Region



## Sheltered Methodology Questions

**1. What percentage of each data source was used to produce the total number of people included in the sheltered population on the night of the count?**

HMIS Data	5%
Provider-level surveys	0%
Client-level surveys	80%
Observation surveys	15%
Other	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**2. Looking at the change in your sheltered count from last year's count, please choose up to three reasons that best explains these changes.**

Change in Capacity due to COVID-19

Change in transitional housing capacity

Change in the number of volunteers for PIT count

**3. Please provide a brief description of these specific factors**

This year we implemented more comprehensive training and support to PIT leads and communities within our geography. We also had many more volunteers gathering data throughout our geography as well in comparison to 2022. This was also the first count in some time where COVID-19 did not play a significant factor, leading to unhoused individuals being more visible, and an increase in volunteer recruitment.

When it comes to our emergency shelter capacity and occupancy, many of these shelters removed their COVID-19 restrictions allowing them to serve more clients than they were able to when instituting social distancing. Even though there was a decrease in the number of ES projects (from 112 projects in 2022 to 109 projects in 2023), we noticed an increase in the number of beds reported indicating an overall increase in year round bed inventory. While we may have lost a few emergency shelter projects from 2022, we also added a few new transitional housing projects and also were informed that some of our non-federally funded projects have shifted from an emergency shelter model to a transitional housing model. This accounts for the slight increase in the participation in TH projects (from 40 projects in 2022 to 48 projects in 2023).

## **Unsheltered Methodology Questions**

### **1. What approach(es) was used to collect demographic and subpopulation data about unsheltered people included in the unsheltered population during the PIT count?**

Surveys/interviews of people identified as unsheltered on the night of the PIT (Known Locations Only)

Surveys/interviews of people identified within 7 days following the night of the PIT count night who may have been unsheltered on the night of the PIT count (e.g., “service-based” surveys at locations where people who are homeless go for assistance)

### **2. Looking at the change in your unsheltered count from last year's count, please choose up to three reasons that best explains these changes.**

Change in implementing the PIT count

Change in PIT count training

Change in volunteers for PIT Count

### **3. Please provide a brief description of these specific factors**

This year we noticed a significant increase in the amount of volunteer participation due to COVID-19 no longer being a significant factor in people choosing to participate.

We believe that the 46% increase in unsheltered homelessness from 2022 to 2023 is not, in fact, a true increase, rather is the result of a number of outside variables. Firstly, the 2022 count was conducted during a time when over half of our communities were experiencing significant surges in COVID-19. This year we noticed a significant increase in the amount of volunteer participation and recruitment due to COVID-19 no longer being a significant factor in volunteers choosing to participate. We also observed significantly clearer weather this year, increasing the visibility of unhoused individuals, and enabling volunteers and communities to conduct more comprehensive counts within their regions. We also would like to note that the increase in data for unsheltered individuals reflects a return to historical data. When our CoCs 2023 unsheltered numbers are compared to 2020 unsheltered numbers (pre-covid) are much closer to each other in comparison to the 2022 count (post covid). Again, we believe this is due to the fact that COVID played a smaller role in this years count. These factors ultimately led to a greater amount of unsheltered PIT coverage for numerous communities causing the increase in unsheltered homelessness within our geography.

## Households with Adults and Children

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	339	155	83	577
Total number of persons	1,116	513	305	1,934
Number of persons (under 18)	711	331	160	1,202
Number of persons (18 - 24)	69	28	21	118
Number of persons (25-34)	182	65	30	277
Number of persons (35-44)	115	72	54	241
Number of persons (45-54)	24	15	32	71
Number of persons (55-64)	11	2	3	16
Number of persons (65+)	4	0	5	9
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
Gender	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	718	293	181	1,192
Male	396	216	124	736
Non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	2	3	0	5
Questioning	0	1	0	1
Transgender	0	0	0	0
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
Ethnicity	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	464	256	155	875
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	652	257	150	1,059
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
Race	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	2	4	0	6
Asian or Asian American	14	0	0	14
Black, African American, or African	282	145	79	506
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0	0	2
White	789	345	219	1,353
Multiple Races	27	19	7	53
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
Chronically Homeless	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	4		5	9
Total number of persons	17		16	33

## Households with ONLY Children

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	27	3	6	36
Total number of children	28	3	6	37
<b>Gender</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	18	2	3	23
Male	10	1	3	14
Non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	3	1	2	6
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	25	2	4	31
<b>Race</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	0	1	1	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	25	2	5	32
Multiple Races	3	0	0	3
<b>Chronically Homeless</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of persons	0		0	0



## Households without Children

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	1,899	297	4,661	6,857
Total number of persons (Adults)	1,923	304	4,867	7,094
Number of persons (18 - 24)	172	62	237	471
Number of persons (25 - 34)	350	62	890	1,302
Number of persons (35-44)	409	50	1,241	1,700
Number of persons (45-54)	401	51	1,072	1,524
Number of persons (55-64)	435	52	1,037	1,524
Number of persons (65+)	156	27	390	573

<b>Gender</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	780	132	1,355	2,267
Male	1,129	170	3,445	4,744
Non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	7	1	43	51
Questioning	3	0	12	15
Transgender	4	1	12	17

<b>Ethnicity</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	1,369	219	3,207	4,795
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	554	85	1,660	2,299

<b>Race</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	26	4	106	136
Asian or Asian American	15	3	27	45
Black, African American, or African	490	69	1,028	1,587
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	30	31
White	1,343	221	3,584	5,148
Multiple Races	48	7	92	147

<b>Chronically Homeless</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of persons	299		1,348	1,647

## Household Totals

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	2,265	455	4,750	7,470
Total number of persons	3,067	820	5,178	9,065
Number of Children (under 18)	739	334	166	1,239
Number of persons (18 to 24)	241	90	258	589
Number of persons (25-34)	532	127	920	1,579
Number of persons (35-44)	524	122	1,295	1,941
Number of persons (45-54)	425	66	1,104	1,595
Number of persons (55-64)	446	54	1,040	1,540
Number of persons (65+)	160	27	395	582

Gender	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	1,516	427	1,539	3,482
Male	1,535	387	3,572	5,494
Non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	9	4	43	56
Questioning	3	1	12	16
Transgender	4	1	12	17

Ethnicity	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	1,836	476	3,364	5,676
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	1,231	344	1,814	3,389

Race	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	28	8	106	142
Asian or Asian American	29	3	27	59
Black, African American, or African	772	215	1,108	2,095
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	0	30	33
White	2,157	568	3,808	6,533
Multiple Races	78	26	99	203

Chronically Homeless	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of persons	316		1,364	1,680



## Veteran Households with Children

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	8	2	2	12
Total number of persons	23	10	8	41
Total number of Veterans	8	2	2	12
<b>Gender</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	8	1	0	9
Male	0	1	2	3
Non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	8	2	2	12
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0
<b>Race</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	3	0	0	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	5	2	2	9
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
<b>Chronically Homeless</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	0		0	0
Total number of persons	0		0	0

## Veteran Households without Children

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	157	61	347	565
Total number of persons	160	63	363	586
Total number of Veterans	159	63	350	572
<b>Gender</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	23	5	37	65
Male	135	57	308	500
Non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	0	0	5	5
Questioning	1	0	0	1
Transgender	0	1	0	1
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	136	55	266	457
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	23	8	84	115
<b>Race</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	3	1	16	20
Asian or Asian American	0	1	5	6
Black, African American, or African	45	16	77	138
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	2	2
White	103	44	245	392
Multiple Races	8	1	5	14
<b>Chronically Homeless</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of persons	30		181	211

## Veteran Household Totals

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	165	63	349	577
Total number of persons	183	73	371	627
Total number of Veterans	167	65	352	584
<b>Gender</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	31	6	37	74
Male	135	58	310	503
Non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	0	0	5	5
Questioning	1	0	0	1
Transgender	0	1	0	1
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	144	57	268	469
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	23	8	84	115
<b>Race</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	3	1	16	20
Asian or Asian American	0	1	5	6
Black, African American, or African	48	16	77	141
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	2	2
White	108	46	247	401
Multiple Races	8	1	5	14
<b>Chronically Homeless</b>	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of persons	30		181	211

## Unaccompanied Youth Households

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of unaccompanied youth households	180	64	227	471
Total number of unaccompanied youth	180	65	230	475
Number of unaccompanied children (under 18)	26	3	6	35
Number of unaccompanied young adults (age 18 to 24)	154	62	224	440
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
Gender	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	68	36	87	191
Male	107	29	132	268
Non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	4	0	3	7
Questioning	1	0	5	6
Transgender	0	0	3	3
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
Ethnicity	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	91	26	93	210
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	89	39	137	265
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
Race	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	3	0	3	6
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	41	12	36	89
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	131	50	186	367
Multiple Races	5	3	5	13
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
Chronically Homeless	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of persons	5		34	39

## Parenting Youth Households

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	45	18	5	<b>68</b>
Total number of persons	130	43	17	<b>190</b>
Total Parenting Youth	47	18	6	<b>71</b>
Total Children	83	25	11	<b>119</b>
Parenting youth (under 18)	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Children with parent(s) under 18	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Parenting youth(18-24)	46	18	6	<b>70</b>
Children with parent(s) 18-24	82	25	11	<b>118</b>
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
<b>Gender</b>	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	42	18	4	<b>64</b>
Male	5	0	2	<b>7</b>
Non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Questioning	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Transgender	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	20	9	6	<b>35</b>
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	27	9	0	<b>36</b>
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
<b>Race</b>	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Black, African American, or African	9	5	0	<b>14</b>
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
White	35	11	6	<b>52</b>
Multiple Races	3	2	0	<b>5</b>
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
<b>Chronically Homeless</b>	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	0		0	<b>0</b>
Total number of persons	0		0	<b>0</b>

## Other Homeless Subpopulations

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	562	60	1,171	<b>1,793</b>
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	273	48	855	<b>1,176</b>
Adults with HIV/AIDS	31	5	50	<b>86</b>
Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence	662	140	385	<b>1,187</b>