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HOMELESSNESS AND  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

# 2024 PIT Count

San Francisco Point-in-Time Count Planning

LHCB November 6, 2023



# Agenda

- About the PIT
- Approval of Proposed PIT Methodology
- Areas for Feedback and Improvement



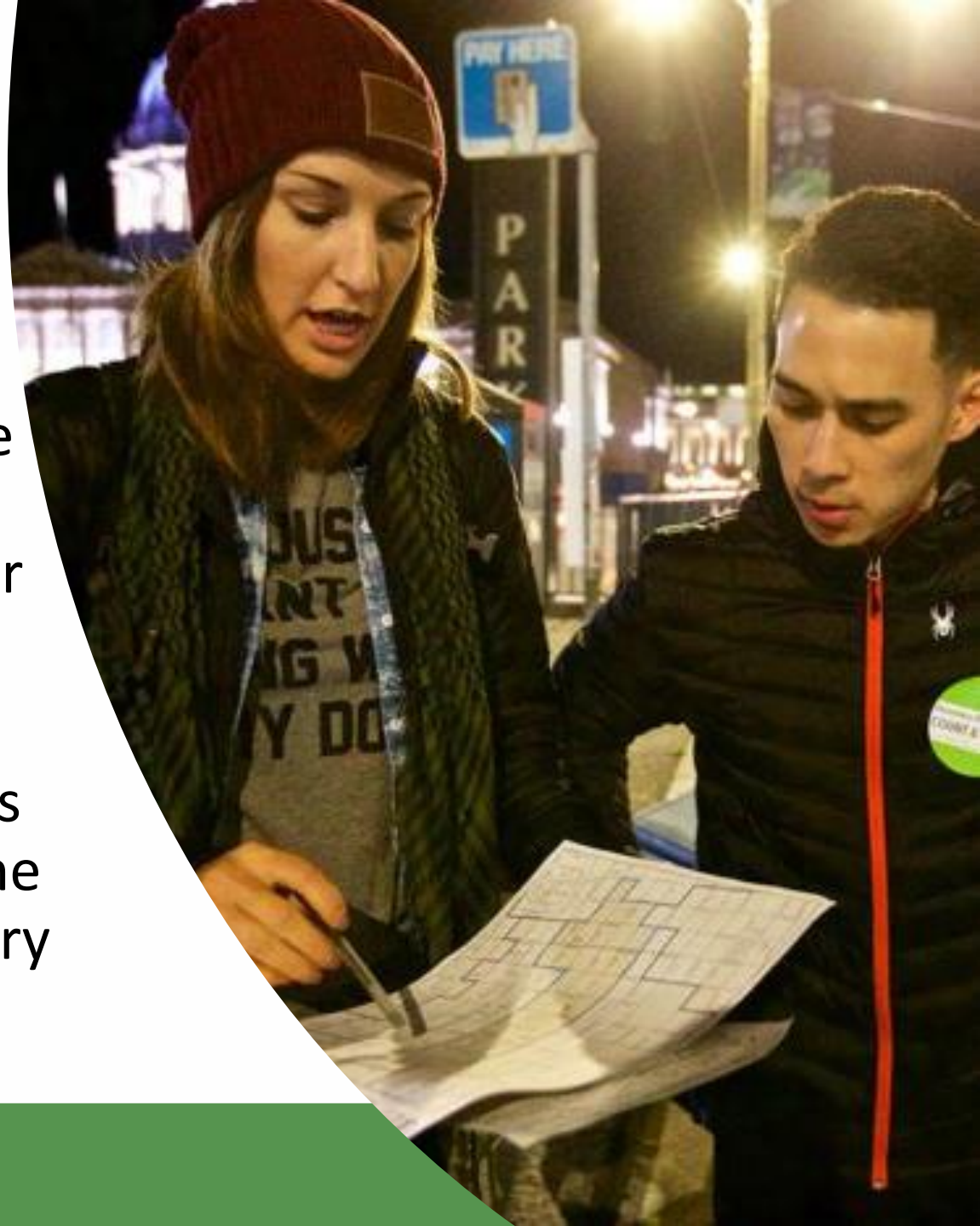
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# About the PIT



# What is the PIT Count?

- HUD requires that Continuum of Care (CoC) grantees conduct a Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of all persons experiencing homelessness at least once every other year.
- HUD also requires that CoCs report on available housing and shelter resources dedicated for homeless people as of the night of the PIT in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).



# Components of the PIT Count



## Sheltered Count

Count of homeless individuals and families staying in shelters or institutions



## Street Count

Visual count of unsheltered homeless individuals and families; including a special count for transition age youth



## Survey

Interviews with sheltered and unsheltered individuals and families; Supplemental questions are asked of transition age youth

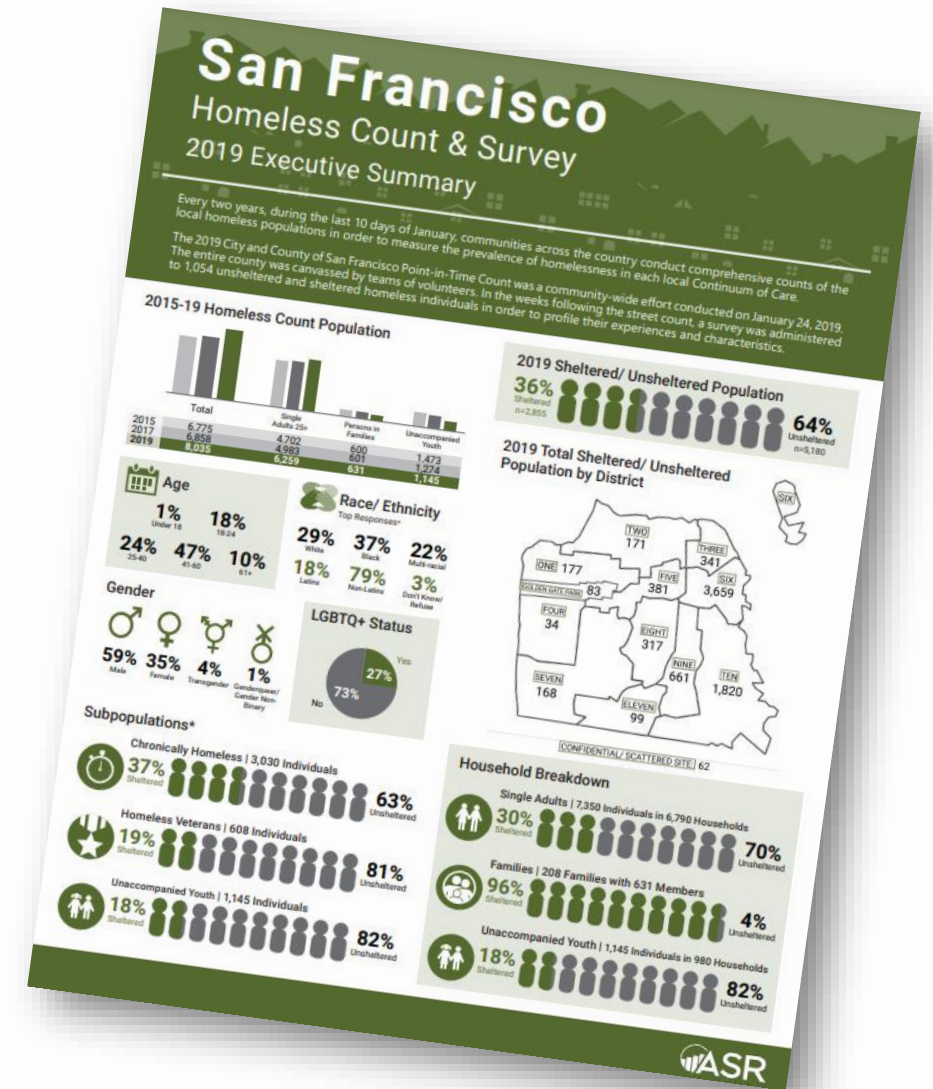


## Supplemental Data

Additional data compiled by HSH beyond HUD requirements for added context to the scope of homelessness in SF

# 2024 PIT Count

- The last full (sheltered & unsheltered) PIT count was conducted February 23, 2022
- Our tentative date for the next count is January 30, 2024



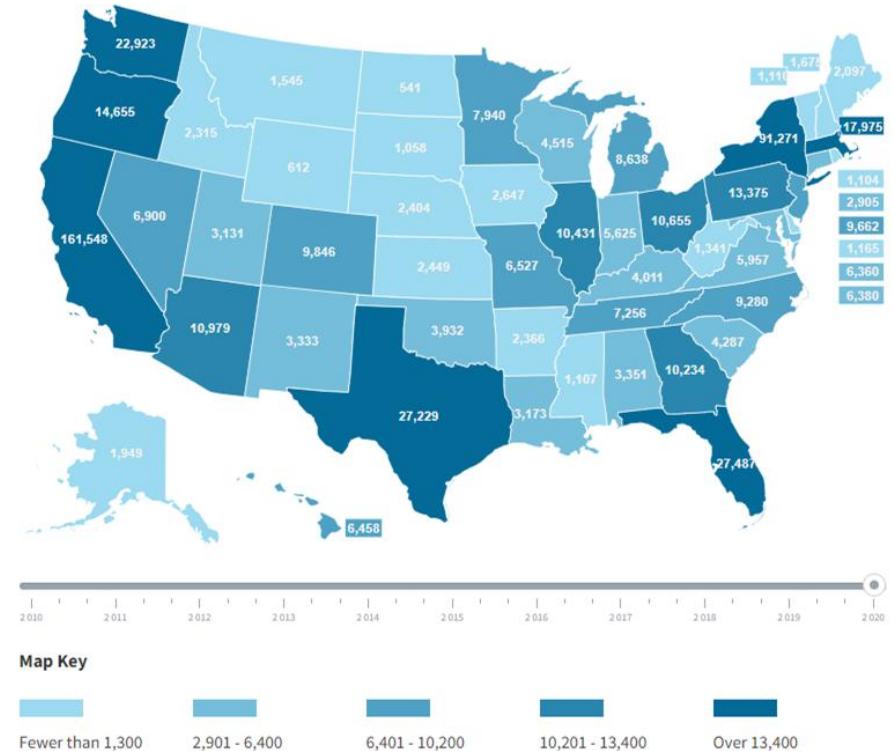
# What is the PIT Count used for?

## • The PIT Count...

- Increases our understanding of local needs
- Impacts funding for homeless services and meets federal reporting requirements
- Generates nationwide data regarding individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Drives program and policy decisions

## • Limitations:

- Captures a “snapshot” of one single night only
- Opportunities for error when identifying homeless status visually
- Does not count certain living situations (doubled up, couch surfing, etc)



# Tentative Timeline



## **January – PIT Count**

Count of unsheltered homelessness is conducted. Data is compiled in subsequent weeks for sheltered count and HIC as of the night of 1/30/2024.

Surveys administered in February 2024.

## **May – Media Release**

Summary data is reported to HUD; submission deadline TBD.

Key findings are released to media following the HUD submission.

## **July – Full Report**

Full PIT Report, Youth Count Report, and Executive Summaries are published to HSH website.

Includes supplemental data not reportable to HUD and survey findings.





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# Methodology



# PIT Count Methodology

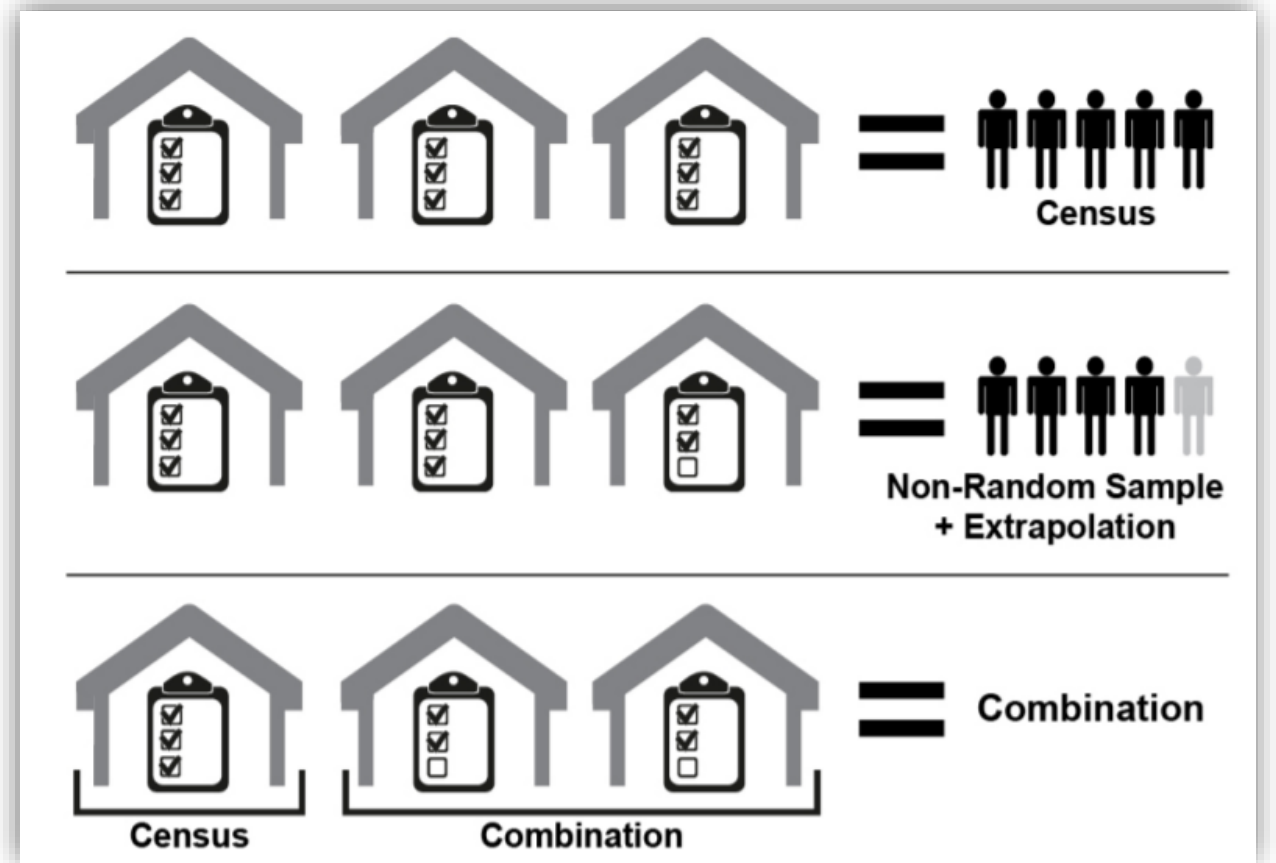
HUD Requires that all CoCs choose and implement a count methodology that meets the minimum standards outlined in the [PIT Count Methodology Guide](#).

The final PIT methodology must be approved by the CoC.

# Methodology Recommendation

HSH recommends keeping methodology consistent with past years by using a **combined approach** consistent with HUD standards:

- A **complete census count** of homeless persons
- A **non-random sample** of homeless persons are surveyed to extrapolate demographics





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# Other Areas for Improvement



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- Engaging Skilled Outreach Workers and Volunteers
- Identifying Homeless Status in High Density Areas
- Updating the Survey Tool
  - [2022 Adult Survey](#)
  - [2022 Youth Supplemental Survey](#)
- Counting Families

# Questions or Feedback?

Please contact [hshdata@sfgov.org](mailto:hshdata@sfgov.org) by 11/20/2024