2024 PA Balance of State: Unsheltered Point-in-Time Survey of the Homeless – 01/24/24

INTRODUCTIONS

Hello, I am (introduce yourself by your first name). We are conducting a survey to count people experiencing homelessness in order to learn more about people experiencing homelessness, what kinds of problems they face, and to better understand what services are needed to address homelessness. Your participation is voluntary and your response to each question is voluntary. I will ask for your initials and your age, but I will not need your name, date of birth, social security number, or any other information that could be traced back to you. The responses to these questions will not be shared with anyone outside of our team. I will need to read each question all the way through.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Can I have 10 minutes of your time?
 □ Yes → Continue to question 2
 □ No → If unwilling to be surveyed, or asleep, please complete the "Observation Only" section below.

- Did another volunteer or survey worker already ask you questions about where you are staying tonight?
 □ Yes (S please discontinue the survey) □ No (continue to question 3)
- **3.** Where are you sleeping/did you sleep the night of Jan. 24th (insert: tonight or last night)?

UNSHELTERED LOCATIONS:	SHELTERED LOCATIONS:
□ Street / sidewalk	Emergency Shelter. Name:
Vehicle (car, van RV, truck)	□ In a hotel/motel/rent-a-room: If yes, who paid for
Park	the room:
Bus / train station / airport	Self/friend/family (STOP. DISCONTINUE SURVEY*)
Under bridge / over pass	□ church
Woods or outdoor encampment	charitable/service organization
Behind stores or shopping center	government program
Abandoned building	Don't know
\Box Other. \rightarrow Specify:	\Box Other. \rightarrow Specify:
Description of unsheltered location & details to help ensure household is only counted once (REQUIRED):	□ In the home of a family member or friend → \heartsuit PLEASE CHECK OFF, SAY THANK YOU & DISCONTINUE SURVEY* □ In a home that I own/rent → \bigotimes PLEASE CHECK OFF, SAY THANK YOU & DISCONTINUE THE SURVEY* *NOTE: if all household members appear to be under age 25, please skip to YOUTH ADDENDUM on last page

OBSERVATION ONLY. Interviewer: If you are unable to survey an individual/household that you believe to be experiencing homelessness, because

individual/household is asleep or is unable or unwilling to be interviewed or to complete the full interview, please provide the following information to the best of your ability based on what you can observe for each person within the household. (Each household should be submitted as a separate survey.)

- # adults in Household: _
 - Estimated age of adults (leave blank if unable to estimate age): # age 18-24 = ______
 # age 25-34 = _____ # age 35-44 = _____ # age 45-54 = _____ # age 55-64 ______
 # 65 and older = _____
- # children (under age 18) in Household: _
- Details as to how you know/why you believe this household is unsheltered (REQUIRED): _____
- Description of location, clothing and any other details that would help to ensure this household is only counted once (please be as specific as possible) (REQUIRED):

- 4. Including yourself, how many adults are there in your household, who are sleeping in the same location tonight?
- 5. How many children (under age 18) are there in your household, who are sleeping in the same location tonight? _____
- 6. Please provide me with the following information for each household member sleeping in the same location as you last night: (Attach additional forms if more than 5 persons in Household.)

	# 1 Initials:	# 2 Initials:	# 3 Initials:	# 4 Initials:	# 5 Initials:
How are you related to Person # 1?	N/A	 Child Spouse Other Family Non-Married Partner Other, Non- Family 	 Child Spouse Other Family Non-Married Partner Other, Non- Family 	 Child Spouse Other Family Non-Married Partner Other, Non- Family 	 Child Spouse Other Family Non-Married Partner Other, Non- Family
Are you staying in the same location with Person # 1 tonight?	N/A	 Yes No Don't know/ Refused 	 Yes No Don't know/ Refused 	 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know/ Refused 	 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know/ Refused
Age (Please ask supplemental questions of youth age <24 in households without adults age 25+)	How old are you? If estimating age: Under 18 45-54 18-24 55-64 25-34 65 + 35-44	How old are you? If estimating age: Under 18 45-54 18-24 55-64 25-34 65 + 35-44	How old are you? If estimating age: Under 18 45-54 18-24 55-64 25-34 65 + 35-44	How old are you? If estimating age: Under 18 45-54 18-24 55-64 25-34 65 + 35-44	How old are you? If estimating age: Under 18 45-54 18-24 55-64 25-34 65 + 35-44
What is your race/ ethnicity? Select <u>all</u> that apply.	 White Black, African- American, or African Hispanic/ Latina/e/o Asian or Asian American Middle Eastern or North African American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 	 White Black, African- American, or African Hispanic/ Latina/e/o Asian or Asian American Middle Eastern or North African American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 	 White Black, African- American, or African Hispanic/ Latina/e/o Asian or Asian American Middle Eastern or North African American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 	 White Black, African- American, or African Hispanic/ Latina/e/o Asian or Asian American Middle Eastern or North African American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 	 White Black, African- American, or African Hispanic/ Latina/e/o Asian or Asian American Middle Eastern or North African American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Gender Select <u>all</u> that apply.	 Woman/ girl Man/ boy Culturally Specific Identity (e.g. Two-Spirit) Transgender Non-Binary Questioning Different Identity 	 Woman/ girl Man/ boy Culturally Specific Identity (e.g. Two-Spirit) Transgender Non-Binary Questioning Different Identity 	 Woman/ girl Man/ boy Culturally Specific Identity (e.g. Two-Spirit) Transgender Non-Binary Questioning Different Identity 	 Woman/ girl Man/ boy Culturally Specific Identity (e.g. Two-Spirit) Transgender Non-Binary Questioning Different Identity 	 Woman/ girl Man/ boy Culturally Specific Identity (e.g. Two-Spirit) Transgender Non-Binary Questioning Different Identity

7. Please ask <u>all remaining questions</u> to adult household members only and/or a youth under age ______18 if they are the Head of Household:

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	# 1 Initials:	# 2 Initials:	# 3 Initials:	# 4 Initials:	# 5 Initials:	
When did you last sleep in one	Less than 1					
of the following locations:	year ago					
house or apartment,						
regardless of ownership or	□ 1+ years					
who else lived there?	ago	ago	ago	ago	ago	
hotel room paid for by you,	Don't know/					
family or friends?	refused	refused	refused	refused	refused	
In the past three years, how	\Box 1 (only this					
many different periods of time			· •	· •		
have you slept in an	time)	time)	time)	time)	time)	
emergency shelter, on the	2 – 3 times					
street, in a car, in the woods,	4+ times					
or any other location identified	Don't know/					
as "UNSHELTERED" in	refused	refused	refused	refused	refused	
question 3?						
(IF 4+ TIMES HOMELESS)						
In the past three years, how	□ 1−11	🗆 1 – 11	🗆 1 – 11	□ 1 – 11	🗆 1 – 11	
many total months have you	months	months	months	months	months	
have slept in a shelter, on the	12+ months	12+ months	□ 12+ months	□ 12+ months	12+ months	
street, in a car, in the woods, or any other location identified	Don't know/					
as "UNSHELTERED" in	Refused/N/A	Refused/N/A	Refused/N/A	Refused/N/A	Refused/N/A	
question 3?						
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Instructions: For reasons of safety, please do not ask the next question in front of two adults who have identified that they are part of the same Household, if two+ adults are being interviewed together, skip this question. Did you need to leave the place you were last staying due to someone making you feel unsafe? Do you feel unable to return there because you feel unsafe? Yes No Did not ask If yes to feeling unsafe, ask the following question: Would you like to speak to someone who can talk to you about increasing your safety? • If yes, direct this individual to the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 If yes to feeling unsafe: Thank you for letting me know. I have a series of additional sensitive questions to ask you. Is that ok, or do you feel like answering additional questions would compromise your safety? Yes; it is ok to proceed with your questions. No, I am not comfortable answering any additional questions. (Thank this person and end survey.) Prompt if safety question not asked, or individual did not indicate feeling unsafe: The next set of						
questions asks about sens						
however your answers will						
used to help provide better						
	-	-	-			
(Continued)	# 1 Initials:	# 2 Initials:	# 3 Initials:	# 4 Initials:	# 5 Initials:	
Do you drink alcoholic						
beverages or use drugs						
(illegal or prescription for					□ No	
non-medical reasons)?	Don't know/	Don't know/ refused	Don't know/	Don't know/ refused	Don't know/ refused	
Do you have any mental	refused		refused	refused	refused	
health conditions (such as						
depression, anxiety,			□ No		□ No	
schizophrenia)?	Don't know/ refused					

Do you have a physical disability? This could include something that substantially limits one or more basic physical activity such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying?		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused
Do any of the situations we just discussed keep you from holding a job or living in stable housing?		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused
 If yes, which ones keep you from holding a job or living in stable housing? (check all that apply) 		Alcohol/drug Mental health Physical disability		Alcohol/drug Mental health Physical disability		Alcohol/drug Mental health Physical disability		Alcohol/drug Mental health Physical disability		Alcohol/drug Mental health Physical disability
Have you been diagnosed as having a developmental disability?		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused
Do you have AIDS or an HIV-related illness?		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused
Did you serve in <u>ACTIVE</u> <u>DUTY</u> as a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corp, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard or Reserves?		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused		Yes No Don't know/ refused
 For persons with prior military service, ask the following question: Would you like the name of someone who works with veterans to provide housing resources? If yes, direct this veteran to the VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AID-VET 										
Is there anything els	e y	ou want t	:o t	ell me ab	out	your hou	ısiı	ng experi	enc	e?
IF HOUSEHOLD ONLY INCI If this the household includ 8. Are you pregnant, a pare	les i	ndividuals	ageo	d 25+, thank		m for their t	time			terview.
9. Which of the following be Heterosexual/ Straight	•		ı thi							
BisexualDon't know/ refused		□ Queer				•	ase :	specify:		
10. Were you ever involved welfare placement?	in t □ ye		no s	•		a foster ho know/ refuse		group hom	e, o	r child
 11. What help or resources Help in finding housing Help getting a job/ employment LGBTQ+ friendly/specific server Childcare Mental health resources 	nt	-	yoı	□ Youth sp	ecifi n my rtatic ire re	c housing res education (gr on esources	ourc adua	es ating, GED)		

YOUTH ADDENDUM → for households where all persons are aged 24 and below AND did not complete the PIT survey because they question 3 indicated "SHELTERED LOCATION")

<u>Instructions</u>: Please ask these questions of any unaccompanied (without a parent/guardian) or parenting youth you encounter during the PIT Count who is age 24 and under, even if the youth identified that they are not unsheltered. We want to gather this information from any unaccompanied or parenting youth who may be unstably housed or homeless.

<u>INTRO</u>: We have a few additional questions that we are asking of youth and young adults ages 24 and under. This information will be used to identify specific needs for youth in Pennsylvania. Would you be willing to answer a few additional questions? Reminder that your participation is voluntary and your response to each question is voluntary. The responses to these questions will not be shared with anyone outside of our team. I will need to read each question all the way through.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. How old are you? If estimating age, please select:
□ Under 18 □ 18-24*
* If over age 24, please say thank you and end the interview.

2.	Initials	
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3. Is the place you are staying now a safe and stable place to stay?
□ yes □ no*
*If appropriate to offer/ and desired: National Domestic Violence Hotline available at 1-800-799-7233

4. Think about the last time you felt that you were living in safe and stable housing. How long ago was that?

Less than 1 month ago	□ 1-3 months	ago	Ľ	3 4-6 mo r	nths ago		
\Box 7 months to 1 year ago	More than 1 year			Never felt stably housed			
□ Don't know/ refused							
5. Are you pregnant, a parent, o	or a steppare	nt? □ y	/es	🗆 no	Don't know/ refused		
6. Which of the following best	its how you f	think abo	out yo	ur sexua	al orientation?		
Heterosexual/ Straight	Lesbian			∃ Gay			
Bisexual	Queer			□ Other, please specify:			
Don't know/ refused							
7. Were you ever involved in th child welfare placement?		-			ter home, group home, or now/ refused		
8. What help or resources wou	ld improve yo	our curre	ent situ	uation?	(check all that apply)		
Help in finding housing		□ Youth	specifi	c housing	resources		
□ Help getting a job/ employment	Help with my education (graduating, GED)						
LGBTQ+ friendly/specific services			□ Transportation				
Childcare		□ Health	care re	sources			
Mental health resources		□ Other	(please	e specify):			
□ None							
		🗆 Don't I	know/ r	efused			

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<u>Instructions</u>: For reasons of safety please do not ask the next two questions in front of two youth who have identified that they are part of the same household. If two adults are being interviewed together, skip to question 11.

9. Did you need to leave the place you were last staying due to someone making you feel unsafe? Do you feel unable to return there because you feel unsafe?

 \Box yes \Box no \Box Did not ask

10. If yes to feeling unsafe, ask the following question: Would you like to speak to someone who can talk to you about increasing your safety?

□ yes If yes, direct this individual to the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.
 □ no

11. What is your race/ ethnicity? Select <u>all</u> that apply.

U White	Black, African-American, or African
Hispanic/ Latina/o/x	Asian or Asian American
Image: Middle Eastern or North African	American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	

12. Please identify your gender. Select all that apply.

🗆 Woman/ girl	□ Man/ boy
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g. Two-Spirit)	Transgender
Non-Binary	Questioning
Different Identity	