

WHAT TO EXPECT

EASTERN & WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COCS 2026 POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT: JANUARY 21, 2026

If you operate a program serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness in Eastern or Western Pennsylvania, you will be asked to submit information for the 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. HUD requires that Continuums of Care (CoCs) conduct an annual PIT Count of all people experiencing homelessness.

The 2025 PIT Count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness will occur on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 (counting where households stayed overnight January 21st into morning January 22nd). **All emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters, agencies that provide hotel/motel vouchers, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and other permanent housing programs are required to submit information for the PIT Count.**

EMERGENCY SHELTERS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS, HOTEL/ MOTEL VOUCHER PROGRAMS, TRANSITIONAL/BRIDGE HOUSING PROGRAMS

SHELTERED PIT INTERVIEW FORMS - Due February 11, 2026

- Must be completed for all participants staying in your program on the night of Jan. 21st, 2026. One form per household.
- Can complete the forms on paper or via PIT mobile app. Survey forms and instructions on the PIT mobile app will be sent out in early January. You will also receive a copy of the sheltered PIT training PowerPoint - please share this with any staff/volunteers who will be conducting PIT surveys.
- If your program participates in HMIS, you will be notified in mid-January whether your HMIS data can be used for the PIT Count (based on data quality). If your data from HMIS can be used, you will not be required to submit PIT interview forms.

HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT SURVEY - Due February 11, 2026

- All programs must also complete an online survey with basic information about your program, including your housing inventory and number of people served on the night of the PIT Count. You will receive the link to the survey the week of the PIT Count.

RAPID REHOUSING, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, OTHER PERMANENT HOUSING

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Questions: Email pahomelesscount@framework-strategies.com (fastest way to reach us) or call Framework Strategies (consultant for Eastern and Western PA CoCs) at 215-576-1558.