# Methodology for FL-511 - Pensacola/Escambia, Santa Rosa Counties CoC

## Sheltered Population Total

**1. What data source(s) was used to produce the total number of people included in the sheltered population (staying in an emergency shelter, Safe Haven, or transitional housing) on the night of the count? Please indicate the percentage of the PIT count derived from each of the sources. (If a source was not used, please enter zero).**

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| HMIS Data | **0%** |
| Provider-level surveys | **0%** |
| Client-level surveys | **100%** |
| Observation | **0%** |
| Other | **0%** |
| **Total** | **100%** |

**2. Was the CoC able to collect information about the number of people being sheltered on the night of the count from all emergency shelters, Safe Havens, and transitional housing projects listed on the HIC or only some? listed on your HIC or only some?**

- Random sample and extrapolation

**3. What information or method(s) was used to de-duplicate the count of the total number of people included in the sheltered population?**

- Comparison of personally identifying information (PII), such as name, date of birth, and Social Security Number

## Sheltered Subpopulation

**4. What data source(s) was used to produce the demographic and subpopulation data included in the sheltered population (staying in an emergency shelter, Safe Haven, or transitional housing) on the night of the count? (select all that were used)**

- Client-level surveys

**5. Was the CoC able to collect information about the demographic and subpopulation characteristics of all sheltered people or only some?**

- A subset of sheltered people

**5a. How did the CoC select the subset of people?**

- Sheltered people were not selected randomly, but an effort was made to select a sample of people that "represented" all sheltered people in emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing providers in the CoC

**5b. Did the CoC adjust the information in some way (e.g., statistical adjustment or extrapolation) to account for all sheltered people?**

No

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

- Change in participation of programs serving general homeless populations (e.g., singles, families)

- Change in transitional housing capacity

- Weather

**Please provide a brief description of these specific factors (500 word limit):**

Some programs, including a HUD-funded transitional housing, closed during the operating HIC year, resulting in fewer beds available. Due to rainy weather, our census count was reduced from previous years.

## Unsheltered Population

**7. What approach(es) was used to count the total number of people included in the unsheltered population during the PIT count. (select all that were used)**

- "Night of the count" - known locations

- "Night of the count" - random sample

**7a. Were certain areas within the CoC geography specifically excluded because the CoC had reason to believe there were no unsheltered people in those areas?**

Yes

**7b. How did the CoC select the areas that were included for canvassing?**

- Areas were not selected randomly, but an effort was made to use local knowledge to target known locations (e.g., areas with known concentrations of unsheltered homeless people)

**7b1. Did the CoC adjust the information in some way (e.g., statistical adjustment or extrapolation) to account for areas within the CoC geography that were not canvassed but where unsheltered people might have been on the night of the PIT count?**

No

**7c. In areas that were canvassed, did the CoC count all unsheltered people in those areas or a sample of people?**

- All people encountered during the count

**8. What information or method(s) was used to de-duplicate the total count of people in the unsheltered population? (Check all that apply)**

- Comparison of personally identifying information (PII), such as name, date of birth, and Social Security Number

## Unsheltered Subpopulations

**9. 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 count

**10. Were all people who were encountered during canvassing on the night of the count or during post night of the count PIT activities asked to complete a survey/interview?**

- All people encountered were surveyed

**11. What information or method(s) was used to produce an unduplicated total count of homeless people across your sheltered and unsheltered populations?**

- Comparison of personally identifying information (PII), such as name, date of birth, and Social Security Number

**12. Looking at the change in your unsheltered count from last year's count, please choose up to three reasons that best explains these changes from the drop down list below**

- Change in participation of programs serving general homeless populations (e.g., singles, families)

- Change in emergency shelter capacity

- Change in transitional housing capacity

**Please provide a brief description of these specific factors (500 word limit):**

Our unsheltered census count increased from the previous year, due to the decrease in the availability of beds.