

# 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).**

HMIS Data	53%
Provider-level surveys	47%
Client-level surveys	0%
Observation	0%
Other	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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?**

- Non-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
- Comparison of unique client identifiers (not PII)
- Blitz count of persons in shelters (i.e., count occurred at same time to avoid double counting)
- Interview/survey question(s) with screening questions (e.g., have you already completed a count survey)

## 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)**

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- HMIS Data
- Provider-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, and the selection was driven by convenience or expediency (e.g., people that were willing to provide information)

**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 emergency shelter capacity

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

The increase in the sheltered unhoused population this year is due primarily to a large increase in CARES Act funding for new emergency shelter projects, as well as better participation among shelter agencies within the CoC. Two new emergency shelters came online prior to PIT that were funded by ESG CARES, which nearly doubled the ES capacity in the CoC. Additionally, there was a large increase in funding for homeless motel vouchers through CARES. Along with the increase in funding, we saw better agency participation this year, with five new ES/TH providers participating in PIT/HIC that did not do so last year.

## **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)**

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- "Night of the count" - complete census
- "Night of the count" - known locations

**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?**

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
- Comparison of unique client identifiers (not PII)
- Interview/survey question(s) with screening questions (e.g., have you already completed a count survey)

## **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
- 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)

### **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
- Comparison of unique client identifiers (not PII)
- Interview/survey question(s) with screening questions (e.g., have you already completed a count survey)

### **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 PIT count methodology

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

The drop in the unsheltered count from 2021 to 2022 can likely be entirely attributed to this year's count being a complete survey, whereas the previous year was an observation count. Due to the nature of an observation count, there is no perfect way to deduplicate or to guarantee that all individuals counted were indeed unsheltered on the night of PIT. This year, surveys were administered that allowed us to verify unsheltered status and deduplicate individuals already counted. As a result, the unsheltered count result was more in the line with 2020, which was the last year a full census was administered.





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