



What is a Point-in-Time Count?



Why is it important?



What does it mean to my community?

- Communities applying for HUD funding are required to produce statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons in sheltered and unsheltered locations at a one-day point in time designated by HUD.
- In 2013, Tuesday January 22nd is the HUD-designated date.
- Overall, homelessness in Ohio has increased every year since 2008 when this data was first collected. The number of homeless families is up by 8.4% during that period!
- In addition to funding, the Point-in-Time count has the following benefits:
 - Support for local planning efforts by identifying unmet needs and trends in the size and characteristics of homeless populations.
 - Guidance for development of more effective programming and services.
 - Raising awareness of homelessness.
 - Assisting with allocation of resources to local priorities.
 - Targeting interventions for certain homeless sub-populations like victims of domestic violence, persons with mental illness, and veterans.
 - Identifying community goals.
 - Assisting in measuring progress toward reducing homelessness.

Please help your local Continuum of Care conduct the 2012 Point-in-Time Count at your agency or organization by handing out the PIT questionnaire, helping clients complete the questionnaire, and returning the completed questionnaires by the close of business on Friday January 25th.