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HOMELESSNESS AND  
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# 2026 PIT Count

San Francisco Point-in-Time Count Planning  
LHCB September 8, 2025



# Agenda

- About the PIT Count
- PIT Consultant Update
- Areas for Feedback and Improvement



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# About the PIT



# What is the PIT Count?

- HUD requires that Continuum of Care (CoC) grantees conduct a Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of all persons experiencing homelessness at least once every other year.
- HUD also requires that CoCs report on available housing and shelter resources dedicated for homeless people as of the night of the PIT in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).



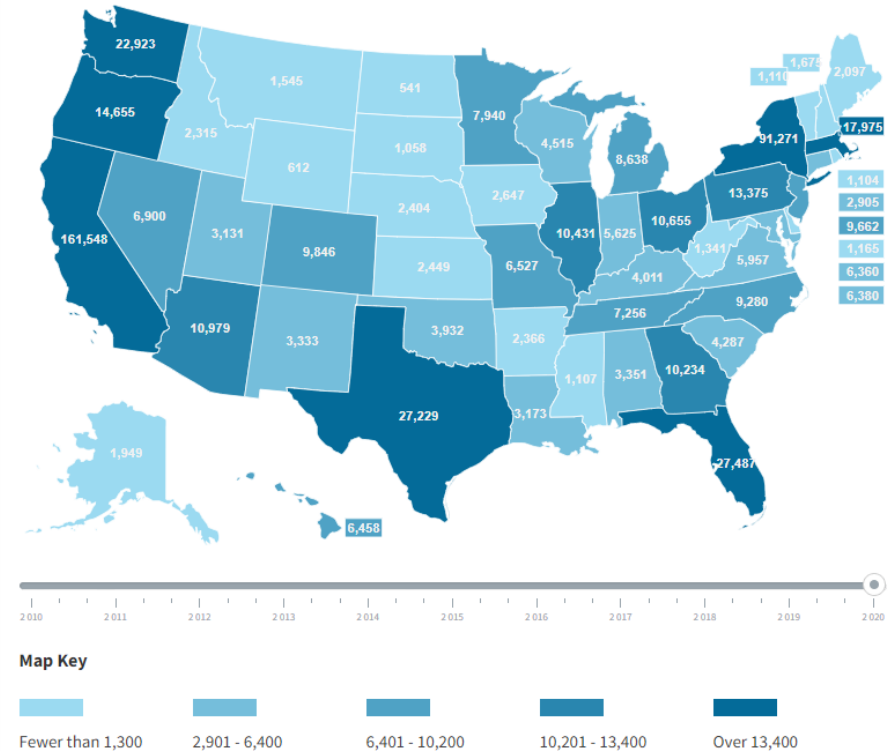
# What is the PIT Count used for?

## • The PIT Count...

- Increases our understanding of local needs
- Impacts funding for homeless services and meets federal reporting requirements
- Generates nationwide data regarding individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Drives program and policy decisions

## • Limitations:

- Captures a “snapshot” of one single night only
- Opportunities for error when identifying homeless status visually
- Does not count certain living situations (doubled up, couch surfing, etc)

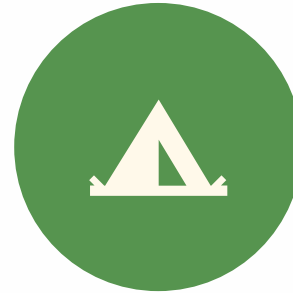


# Components of SF's PIT Count



## **Sheltered Count**

Count of homeless individuals and families staying in emergency shelters and transitional housing using administrative data



## **Street Count**

Visual count of unsheltered homeless individuals and families; including a special count for transitional age youth



## **Survey**

Interviews with sheltered and unsheltered individuals and families; Supplemental questions are asked of transitional age youth



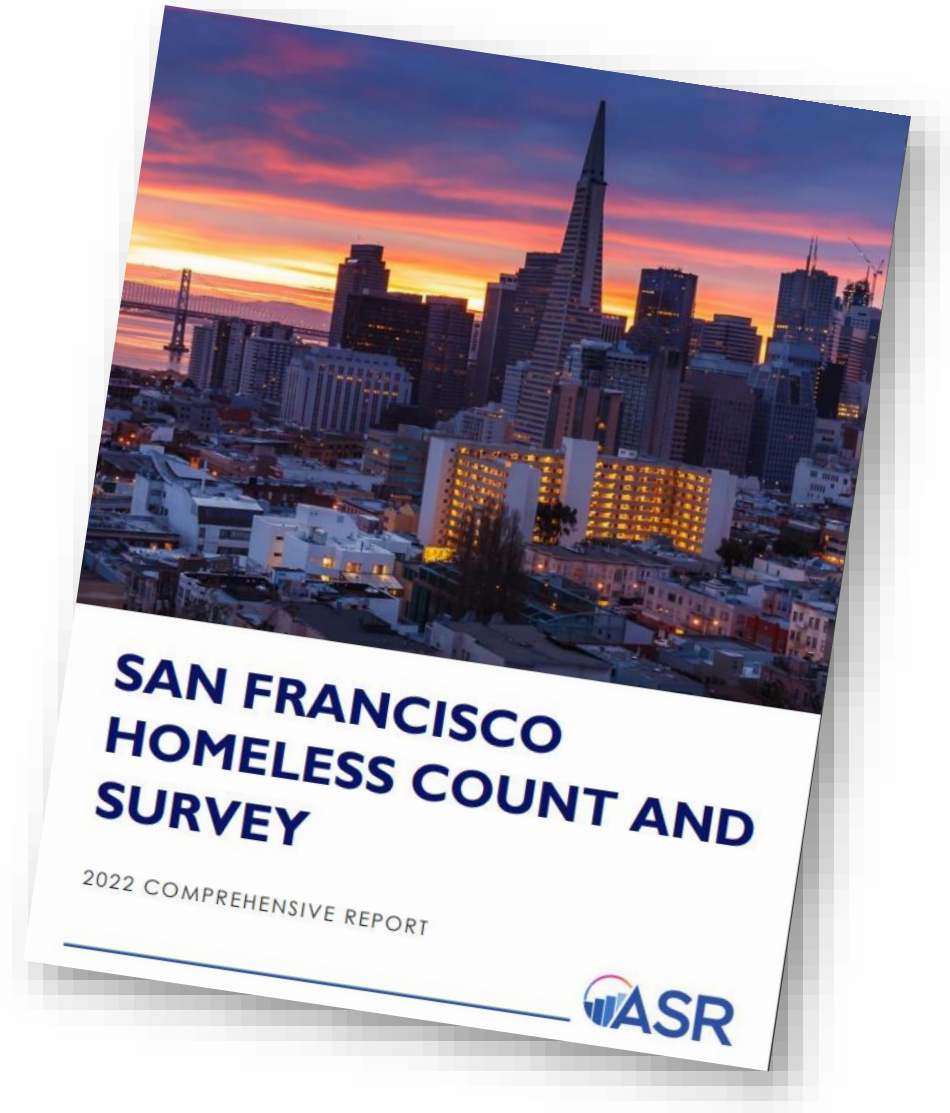
## **Supplemental Data**

Additional data compiled by HSH beyond HUD requirements for added context on the scope of homelessness in SF



# 2026 PIT Count

- The last full (sheltered & unsheltered) PIT count was conducted January 30, 2024
  - [Past SF PIT & HIC reports](#)
- Our next PIT count will take place in the last 10 days of January 2026



# Tentative Timeline



## **January – PIT Count**

Street count of unsheltered homelessness is conducted late January 2026.

Data is compiled in subsequent weeks for sheltered count and HIC as of the night the same night.

## **May – Initial Release**

Summary data is reported to HUD; submission deadline TBD.

Key findings are released to media following the HUD submission.

## **July – Full Report**

Full PIT Report, Youth Count Report, and Executive Summaries are published to HSH website.

Includes supplemental data not reportable to HUD and survey findings.





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# PIT Consultant



# PIT Count Consulting Procurement

- In Summer 2025, HSH released a Request for Information (RFI) to identify qualified firms for the 2026 PIT Count
- HSH's prior PIT Count consultant contract expired
- City rules require a new competitive procurement
- Objective was to gather interest from consultants to plan, coordinate, and implement the PIT Count



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# Areas for Feedback & Improvement



# Key Considerations for 2026

- Prioritize Accuracy and Safety
- Reduce Opportunities for Error
- Leverage HMIS Data
- Reach Hard-to-Count Populations
- Community Partnership

# Community Partnership



## **Ad Hoc PIT Committee**

- Partnering with LHCB to form a committee to meet monthly during PIT planning and implementation



## **Town Halls**

- Hosting Town Halls with the Ad Hoc Committee to gather broad feedback and ideas



## **Collaborative Planning**

- Partner to plan routes for high density areas and hard to count populations

# Questions or Feedback?

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