

# Methodology for FL-520 - Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter 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	68%
Provider-level surveys	32%
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?**

- Complete census count

**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)
- 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)**

- HMIS Data

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- Provider-level surveys

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

- All sheltered people

**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 subpopulations (e.g., veterans, youth)
- Change in emergency shelter capacity
- Change in transitional housing capacity

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

An agency providing Transitional Housing shelter to youths was added to our HMIS in the last year.

An agency providing emergency shelter added 15 transitional housing beds to their inventory; another agency already providing 12 transitional housing beds added 18 beds to their inventory.

12 new emergency beds for families were added to our inventory in agencies already providing emergency beds. Emergency beds for individuals were also increased overall by approximately 10 beds.

## **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
  
- HMIS

- Service-based count

**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
- 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

### **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 participation of programs serving general homeless populations (e.g., singles, families)
- Increased or improved PIT count training
- More volunteers for PIT count

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

A drop in center for the homeless was opened in one of our communities. During the months leading up to the PIT count, the center identified a large number of homeless who we might not have otherwise captured. We were able to pull HMIS records of services provided on the days following the PIT count and count those who were still homeless.

We provided improved training at PIT committee meetings in 3 of our counties, and held a special PIT training for those in our 4th county for the PIT volunteers.

A higher number of volunteers signed up for the PIT count than previous years.

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- HMIS data from street outreach and/or other providers



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