

# 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	83%
Provider-level surveys	1%
Client-level surveys	6%
Observation	0%
Other	10%
<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)
- 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
- Other: extrapolation

**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?**

- Other: 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?**

Yes

**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 emergency shelter capacity
- Change in transitional housing capacity

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

Our overall count of persons in ES increased by 22 over last year, however the number of persons in ES in year-round beds decreased by 49 persons due in part to reduced beds during the pandemic. The increase otherwise can be attributed entirely to ESG-CV non-congregate shelter beds, and the VA's EHA non-congregate sheltering of veterans.

There was also some change in transitional housing. We added 8 beds that had formerly been a group home for a HUD PSH program.

## **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
  
- HMIS

**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

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- Service-based 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 as unsheltered on the night of the count, but completed at a later date
- 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 emergency shelter capacity
- Other: Change in number of observational surveys

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- HMIS data from street outreach and/or other providers



While an increase in emergency shelter voucher beds cannot fully explain the decrease of 108 persons in the unsheltered count over 2020, it is certainly a contributing factor. We also had a deep reduction in the number of observational surveys due to Outreach teams being solely responsible for the Count in every county. With more identified persons, there is much less likelihood of having duplicated counts, even when doing everything possible to avoid them. Speaking to nearly everyone, rather than just observing, allowed the outreach teams to not count those who were actually housed.

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