Methodology for NY-604 - Yonkers, Mount Vernon/Westchester County 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	**0%**
Provider-level surveys	**0%**
Client-level surveys	**100%**
Observation	**0%**
Other	**0%**
Total	**100%**

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)

- Blitz count of persons in shelters (i.e., count occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

Sheltered Subpopulation

4. Looking at the change in your sheltered count from last year's count, please choose the three reasons you believe best explains these changes from the drop-down list below

- Change in other supportive housing subsidy capacity

- Change in landlord partnerships

- Impact of coordinated entry

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

Our PIT count of sheltered homeless fell from 1,306 persons in 2022 to 1,260 persons in 2023, a decrease of 46 persons (3.5%).

The number of sheltered persons in Children Only households increased by 5 (from 1 to 6). Additionally, the number of sheltered persons in Adults Only households increased by 71 (from 542 in 2022 to 613 in 2022 = 13%).
However, the number of persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child decreased by 115 (from 813 in 2022 to 698 in 2022 = 14%).

We believe that this decrease in Persons in Sheltered Households – especially families and households with the longest length of time homeless – is due to our efficient local CoC use of the additional housing resources made available over the last year from Federal and New York State sources such as Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV), eRAP, ESG-CV, and NYS Rental Supplement Program (RSP).

Unsheltered Population

5. What approach(es) was used to count the total number of people included in the unsheltered population during the PIT count? (select all that apply)

- "Night of the count" - known locations only

   5b. How did the CoC select the areas that were included for canvassing?

   - An effort was made to use local knowledge (such as outreach workers and other local expertise) locations (e.g., areas with known concentrations of people experiencing unsheltered homelessnes

- "Night of the count" - random sample

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5c1. How did you determine your sampling approach?

- Used in-house expertise

5c2. How did the CoC select the areas that were included for canvassing?

- Areas were selected randomly

- Areas were stratified based on the likelihood of finding people experiencing homelessness durin

6. Were certain areas within the CoC geography specifically excluded because the CoC had reasc there were no unsheltered people in those areas based on prior knowledge/experience?

- No

7. Did the CoC adjust the information in some way (e.g., statistical adjustment or extrapolation) to areas within the CoC geography that were not canvassed but where unsheltered people might ha night of the PIT count?

- Yes

7a. Please describe any tools or experts used in conducting these adjustments.

HUD sampling guidance publications

8. Were certain areas within the CoC geography specifically excluded because of concerns relate and safety?

- No

- Blitz count of unsheltered people (i.e., canvassing of different areas occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

- Interview/survey question(s) with screening questions (e.g., have you already completed a count survey)

Unsheltered Subpopulations

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9. What information or method(s) was used to de-duplicate the total count of people in the unsheltered population? (Check all that apply)

10. Looking at the change in your unsheltered count from last year's count, please choose up to three reasons that best explain these changes from the drop down list below. Please also provide a brief description of these specific factors (500 word limit).

- Change due to natural factors

The 2022 PIT Count was conducted on a night that was bitterly cold while the weather in 2023 wa relatively warm.

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

Our PIT count of unsheltered homeless rose from 50 persons in 2022 to 57 persons in 2023, an increase of 7 persons (14%).

With small numbers such as these, it is difficult to make definitive judgments.

We believe that this increase in Unsheltered Persons is primarily due to better weather on the night of the count in 2023 compared to 2022. The 2022 PIT Count was conducted on a night that was bitterly cold while the weather in 2023 was rainy but relatively warm.

- Weather was considerably different than the last count (e.g., unseasonably hotter, colder, snowing more than usual, heavy rains)

Please provide a brief description of these specific factors and how these changes affected PIT count implementation

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