



2020 KAUAI COUNTY POINT IN TIME COUNT

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Overview of PIT Count

- PIT Count is HUD mandated. Requires both Sheltered and Unsheltered Counts.
- Key data point. Measures progress towards reducing and ending homelessness. Effectiveness of funding initiatives.
- Integral part of federal funding and eval process.
- PIT Count is a cross section of homelessness as of 1/26/20. DOES NOT measure numbers served over one month, one year.
- Used by HUD to estimate total homelessness nationally. Data aggregated with all other CoCs.

Overview (cont.)

- FY2019 CoC Program NOFA – Changes in PIT count from year to year key part of annual scoring. System performance a large percentage of the score.
- Island of Kauai last two PIT Counts:
 - 2019 – 443 (95 sheltered, 348 unsheltered)
 - 2018 – 293 (106 sheltered, 187 unsheltered)
 - 51% increase in total homeless from 2018 to 2019, which included an 86% increase in unsheltered homeless (from 187 to 348)
- QA the data centrally before the survey data entry occurs in the HMIS.
- PSH households are considered housed and should not be counted.
- Those enrolled in RRH awaiting housing placement (i.e. still homeless) should be counted.

Overview of Changes in Data Collection for 2020

- No changes in 2020
- Forms are available on the website:

<https://www.hawaiihomelessprogramshmis.org/bridging-the-gap/2020-point-in-time-resources/>

- Same chronic homeless (CH) criteria as 2019



Sheltered Count

- Night of the sheltered count is Sunday, 1/26/20
- All individuals and families residing in ES/TH programs on the night should be included
 - Should not be included in unsheltered count
- As in the prior counts the HMIS will be used primarily for the sheltered count. Will be used to extract sheltered data as of 1/26/20
- Updating client records and matching vs actual census count

Sheltered Count (cont.)

- Matching internal census to HMIS data. HH listing a great report for this.
- Great data quality will enhance the accuracy of the reporting.
- Non-HMIS providers (e.g. DV) will use manual form as in the past.

Unsheltered Count

- Counts individuals and families that resided in unsheltered locations on the night of the count, 1/26/20
- Important question on the survey: Where did you sleep the night of Sunday, 1/26/20?
- If answer is sheltered, end survey and do not enter in PIT module of the HMIS.
- Important to verify that children were actually unsheltered as of that night.
- As in prior years, HUD mandates population and subpopulation reporting.
- Survey forms capture all necessary info for the HUD reporting.
- PIT module remains in CW. Working on testing and will be up and running for data collection by 1/27/20.

PIT Forms – Overview



- Outlines the PIT initiative
- Provides key 2020 dates along with data entry timelines for rural county leads
- Volunteer information and coordination

Kauai Single and Household Survey Forms

- Gathers information to estimate the total number of homeless
- Ideally, top third of the form should have no missing data.
- Importance of skilled outreach personnel to conduct the survey as much as possible, coordinating volunteers as needed
- Important data quality aspects: CH, Vet, families, duplicates
- Single/HH form data quality checks
- Use of skilled HMIS data entry staff with attention to detail. Minimal number of staff doing HMIS data entry.

Kauai Single and Household Survey Forms (cont.)

- URL to the HMIS PIT module will be provided along with instructions as we get closer to the count date
- Very important to clean unsheltered survey data prior to entry – e.g. weeding out duplicates; weeding sheltered surveys; review of client, provider, demographic, and subpopulation info by outreach personnel to ensure completeness and accuracy.

PIT Forms – Additional PIT Instructions

- Data quality aspects for surveyors
- Outlines ways to identify active outreach clients in the HMIS that can be used to improve the count.



Contact & Confidentiality Form

- Form must be signed by all surveyors
- PIT surveying captures client information that should not be disclosed and should be kept out of public view.
- Volunteers should not be entering survey data into the HMIS – this should be done by skilled HMIS data entry staff with great attention to detail.



Questions??