



The Sacramento Continuum of Care (CoC) and SSF conduct the Shelter Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) every year. Our HMIS Department is working hard to ensure that we collect accurate and complete data for the 2023 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reporting.

WHO NEEDS TO PARTICIPATE?

All housing providers who are funded by the federal government – through funding sources from HUD, the VA, and HHS – are required to participate in the annual HIC and Shelter PIT Count. Additionally, all faith-based organizations and any other public and private funding housing programs must participate in the HIC.

WHAT KINDS OF HOUSING IS INCLUDED IN THE HIC?

HUD requires that the HIC capture data from the following types of housing programs:

Temporary Housing Programs

- Emergency Shelters are temporary shelters (lodging and motel) for people experiencing homelessness in general or for specific populations including winter shelters.
- Transitional Housing is a temporary lodging that is designed to facilitate the movement of people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing within a specified period of time, but no longer than 24 months.
- Safe Havens are supportive housing that meets all of the following criteria:
 - It serves hard to reach homeless persons with severe mental illness who came from the streets and have been unwilling or unable to participate in supportive services,
 - It provides 24-hour residence for eligible people for an unspecified period.
 - It has an overnight capacity limited to 25 or fewer people.
 - It provides low demand services and referrals for the residents.

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

RRH programs provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short-term or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help an individual or family experiencing homelessness move as quickly as possible into permanent housing. Because these programs do not manage specific housing but instead work to help clients find housing within the community, their housing inventory is based on the number of clients who are permanently housed on the night of the PIT Count (January 25th, 2023).



Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

PSH programs provide permanent housing with support services to assist people experiencing homelessness to live independently. The program must provide long-term housing to homeless persons with disabilities and families in which one member of the household has a disability, and support services that are designed to meet the needs of the project/program participants.

Permanent Housing (PH)

PH programs provide permanent housing for people who have experienced homelessness. These programs are designated as PH because they either do not make supportive services available as part of the project or provide support services, but do not limit eligibility to persons with a disability. Note: Beds in institutional settings or beds that are not specifically dedicated to persons who are homeless are not included in the HIC and PIT. For example, detox facilities, emergency rooms, jails, and acute crises or treatment centers are not required to provide data for this reporting.

WHAT ARE YOUR AGENCY’S RESPONSIBILITIES?

All participating agencies must make sure their HMIS data is accurate and complete for each program that fits the criteria above.

- All HMIS housing inventory should reflect your current housing availability.
- All clients who slept indoors on the night of the Sheltered PIT Count, regardless of the program type, must have housing services entered into HMIS.
- All clients who were permanently housed on the night of the Sheltered PIT Count must have a move-in date in their program enrollment. All move-in dates must be on or before the date of the Sheltered PIT Count.

Any data discrepancies or issues you find will need to be corrected in HMIS. To verify your data, you can run any of the following reports:

- Program Roster report in HMIS. This program-based report lists program information for clients in your programs. For more information, please review [this article](#) from the BitFocus Help Center.
- Housing Inventory Count (HIC) report to verify each of your program’s bed inventory and PIT utilization. For more information, please review [this article](#) from the BitFocus Help Center.

If you have programs that are not currently in HMIS, we will need to speak with you to gather that data separately.