# Methodology for IL-514 - DuPage 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	95%
Provider-level surveys	5%
Client-level surveys	0%
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
  - Blitz count of persons in shelters (i.e., count occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

#### **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
  - Provider-level surveys
  - Other: Extrapolated data for those who where were not able to assess the data for.

- 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 emergency shelter capacity

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

Due to the impact of COVID-19, our shelters moved to using hotels/motels to provide shelter and expanded their capacity by 123 beds through increased funding to help meet the increased need. We also saw increases in capacity for other PH by 10, PSH by 29, RRH by 9, and TH by 5 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" complete census
  - 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?
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)

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

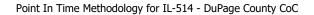
- Comparison of personally identifying information (PII), such as name, date of birth, and Social Security Number

- 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
  - Other:
- 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
  - Blitz count of unsheltered people (i.e., sheltered and unsheltered counts occurred at same time to avoid double counting)
  - 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 PIT count methodology
  - Change in emergency shelter capacity
  - Change in rapid re-housing capacity
  - Change in homelessness prevention capacity
  - Change in permanent supportive housing capacity
  - Impact of coordinated entry

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



- HMIS data from street outreach and/or other providers

Extrapolated data for those who where were not able to assess the data for.

We are seeing a decrease of 6 unsheltered persons from the previous year. In 2021, we conducted an observation only count due to COVID-19 where this year volunteers were trained to approach everyone to conduct a survey. However, related to COVID-19 our community experienced an increase of funding to help support the increased demand for emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homeless prevention and other permanent housing. Our sheltered PIT data shows that we had an increase of 122 people in emergency shelter, 10 in other PH, 21 in PSH, 9 in RRH, 3 in SH, and 12 in TH compared to the previous year.