

A photograph of two young women of African descent standing outdoors in a grassy park area. They are both wearing black t-shirts with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley logo. The woman on the left is wearing sunglasses and has her arm around the woman on the right. The woman on the right is wearing a beaded necklace and has her arm around the woman on the left. They are both smiling. The background shows trees and a playground.

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PIT Count 101

- What is the PIT Count?
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- Why do we do a PIT Count?
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What is the Point-in-Time (PIT) count?

- A literal count of all the people experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night (i.e., at a **point in time**)
- Conducted by every community nationwide in the last 10 days of January at least every other year
- A “snapshot” of homelessness on this one night in our community



Who is counted in the PIT count?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) [definition of "homeless,"](#) for the purpose of the PIT count, includes two main types of homelessness:

- **Unsheltered:** Individuals or families whose primary nighttime residence is a public place not meant for human habitation
- **Sheltered:** Individuals or families residing in a place dedicated to serving people who would otherwise be unsheltered



Who is counted in the PIT count?

- Sheltered PIT Count
 - **Emergency shelters**
(including those using hotel and motel vouchers)
 - **Transitional housing**
 - **Safe Havens**
- Unsheltered PIT Count
 - **Car**
 - **Park**
 - **Abandoned building**
 - **Bus or train station**
 - **Airport**
 - **Camping ground**

Why do we do a PIT count?



To measure and monitor trends and changes in homelessness on local and national levels



To help our community understand what resources we need and strategize the best ways to use them to end homelessness



To comply with federal regulations and requirements

FAQ: Why does the PIT count take place during the last 10 days in January?

- Same timeframe for every community ensures consistency across the U.S.
- Same timeframe year after year ensures that trends are monitored appropriately
- Set for a night in winter because then each CoC is likely maximizing its resources to serve people's needs. Thus, this timing can provide a more precise picture of who is unable to access emergency shelter or other crisis response assistance.
- End of the month to ensure that people who can only pay for temporary housing for part of the month are generally included in the count. For example, some people can afford to stay in a motel, but only for the first few weeks after receiving their public benefits payment at the beginning of the month

FAQ: How do we conduct the PIT count?

- Brief interviews with people who might be experiencing homelessness using a survey app
- Assessment of need for collection of demographic information

FAQ: When will we conduct our count?

January 26, 27, 28 & 29 2026

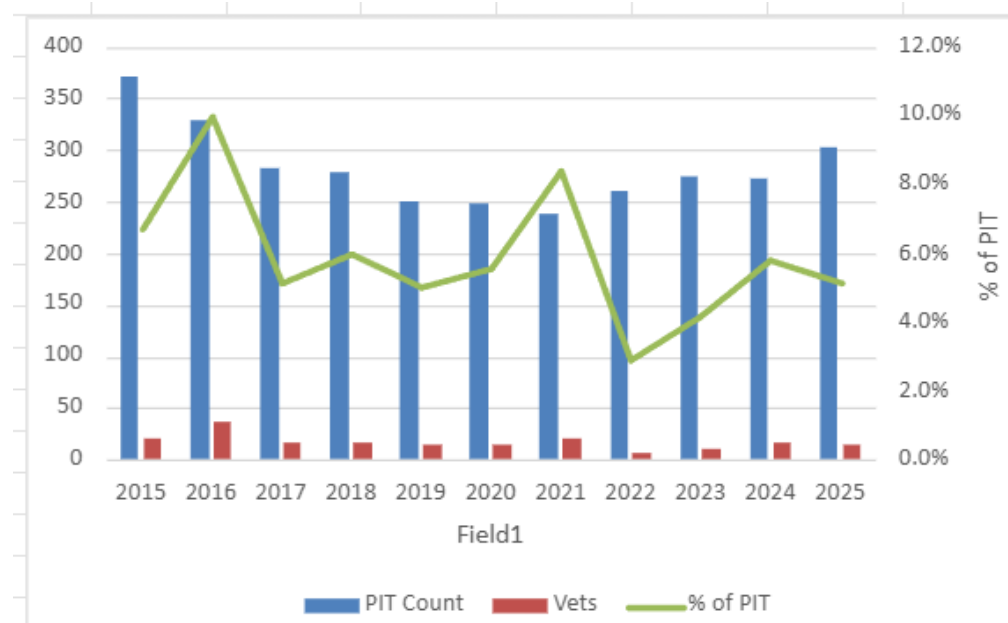
Sheltered Count January 26th

Unsheltered Count January 27th, 28th, & 29th

PIT Count 2016-2025

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024 vs 2025	since 2016
MALE	188	166	160	137	117	132	126	152	150	175	17%	-7%
FEMALE	115	116	107	112	130	106	115	122	122	125	2%	9%
TRANSGENDER	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
UNKNOWN	0	0	11	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	300%	300%
	303	282	279	250	249	239	243	274	272	303	11%	0%
Children	17	28	35	50	33	21	8	36	54	47	-13%	218%
SHELTERED	217	209	201	221	208	209	192	205	220	231	5%	1%
UNSHELTERED	86	73	78	52	41	28	51	69	52	72	38%	-40%
SHELTERED												
MALE	118	106	105	109	100	107	80	98	106	117	10%	-10%
FEMALE	98	103	96	111	106	104	110	107	114	111	-3%	16%
TRANSGENDER	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	300%	300%
UNSHELTERED												
MALE	69	60	67	41	30	25	46	54	44	58	32%	-36%
FEMALE	17	13	11	11	11	2	5	15	8	14	75%	-53%
TRANSGENDER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%

PIT Count 2016-2025



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
PIT Count	312	371	329	282	279	250	249	239	261	274	272	303
Vets	21	37	17	17	14	14	21	7	11	16	14	18
% of PIT	6.7%	10.0%	5.2%	6.0%	5.0%	5.6%	8.4%	2.9%	4.2%	6%	5%	6%

Volunteer

[Point In Time Training-Home for Good 2026 | VOMO](#)



Events, Resources & Links

SAVE THE DATE

HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

BIBB CITY

3720 5TH AVENUE

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31904

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