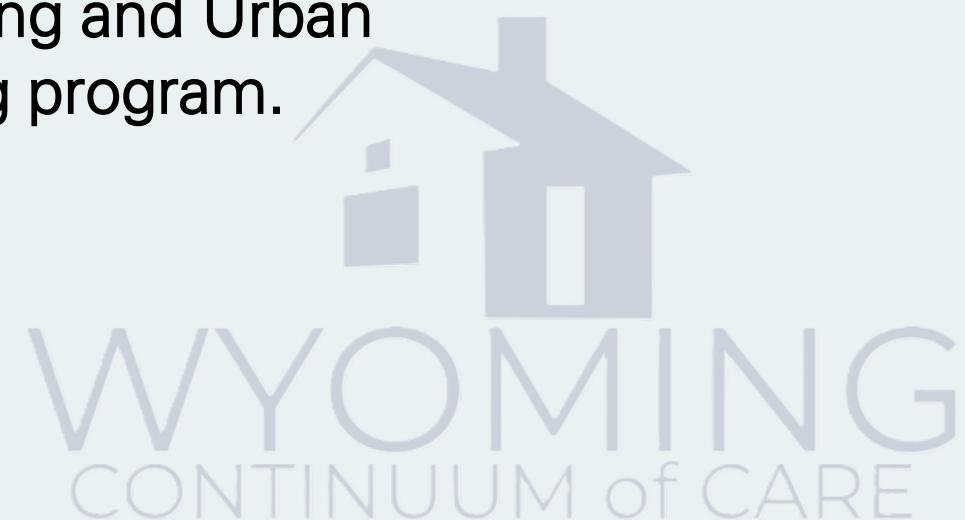


# WY Continuum of Care PIT / HIC Refresher January 7, 2026

# What is the WY Continuum of Care

- A statewide planning body that coordinates HUD-funded housing and supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- A HUD-recognized Continuum of Care region for the purposes of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care funding program.



# When is the Count

Night of  
Wednesday,  
January 28th



# PIT Count Basics

- CoCs must conduct a Point-in-Time (PIT) Count every year.
- The count happens one night in the last 10 days of January (or another time if HUD requires).
- January is used because shelters are often full and personal resources are low, giving a more accurate picture of unsheltered homelessness.

# What happens during the count

Point in Time  
Count (PIT)

- Count people and households

Housing  
Inventory Count  
(HIC)

- Count program capacity
  - Beds
  - Units

# How PIT and HIC Work Together

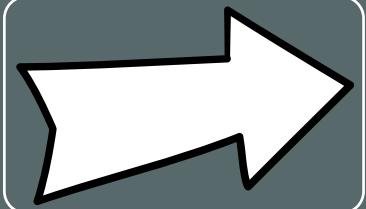
- Point-in-Time Count (PIT):  
A snapshot of *who* is experiencing homelessness on a single night.
- Housing Inventory Count (HIC):  
A snapshot of *what housing and shelter resources exist*— beds, units, and programs.

- PIT + HIC:

When you connect the two, you can see *how well current resources match the actual need*.

This helps identify gaps, under-used capacity, and areas where more housing or services are required.

# Why we do the Count?



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



To help our community understand the resources we have, identify what's still needed, and plan the most effective ways to use them



To comply with federal regulations and requirements

# Basic Roles



## Surveyor

Event/Agency Based  
Coordinated Entry List



## Housing Provider

Program Using HMIS  
Programs Not using HMIS



## Connector

Other Community Agency  
Event Lead  
Volunteer Coordinator

# **Roles & Responsibilities: Housing & Shelter Programs**

## **HMIS Agencies — Data Integrity**

- Report Data to HMIS Lead – Bobbie Nielsen
- Ensure HMIS data accuracy

## **Non-HMIS Agencies — Manual Reporting**

- Record stayers
- Report to HMIS Lead – Bobbie Nielsen



# Roles & Responsibilities: Unsheltered Count

## Coordinated Entry Leads — Outreach

- Participate in CE List outreach
- Conduct unsheltered street surveys

## CoC Leadership — Coordination

- Establish PIT/HIC guidelines
- Collect housing inventory updates
- Provide training materials

## HMIS Lead — Technical Oversight

- Develop PIT/HIC tools
- Lead data collection
- Perform final data cleaning



# Roles & Responsibilities: Unsheltered Count

## Surveyors

- Conduct unsheltered surveys
- [WY Unsheltered PIT Form](#)
- Use Observation Tool if survey declined

## Coordinated Entry Leads

- Lead CE List Outreach
- Survey people in known locations
- Update CE records

## Outreach Teams

- Identify unsheltered locations
- Guide safe engagement

## Connectors & Community Agencies

- Share key location info
- Support outreach logistics
- Coordinate with local partners

## Housing & Program Partners

- Provide insight on unsheltered trends
- Assist with service follow-up



# Resource and Data Tools

## Count Toolkits

- PIT Count Day-of Cheat Sheets
- Point-in-Time Count Forms & Guides

## Survey Links

- People in Shelter or Housing (HMIS)
- People in Shelter or Housing (Non-HMIS)
- People Not in Housing (Unsheltered)



# Upcoming Trainings

Training Session	Date	Time	Zoom Link
Unsheltered Count (Option A)	Tue, Jan 20	9:00 AM	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/97435624239?pwd=BeDEeBYieoLrvQMChvwd2vHt8SjpJ.1">https://zoom.us/j/97435624239?pwd=BeDEeBYieoLrvQMChvwd2vHt8SjpJ.1</a>
HMIS Agencies Training	Wed, Jan 21	9:00 AM	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/97435624239?pwd=BeDEeBYieoLrvQMChvwd2vHt8SjpJ.1">https://zoom.us/j/97435624239?pwd=BeDEeBYieoLrvQMChvwd2vHt8SjpJ.1</a>
Non-HMIS Agencies Training	Wed, Jan 21	3:00 PM	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/97435624239?pwd=BeDEeBYieoLrvQMChvwd2vHt8SjpJ.1">https://zoom.us/j/97435624239?pwd=BeDEeBYieoLrvQMChvwd2vHt8SjpJ.1</a>
Unsheltered Count (Option B)	Thu, Jan 22	2:30 PM	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/97435624239?pwd=BeDEeBYieoLrvQMChvwd2vHt8SjpJ.1">https://zoom.us/j/97435624239?pwd=BeDEeBYieoLrvQMChvwd2vHt8SjpJ.1</a>

# Collection & Submission Deadlines

## Street Outreach Window

Sunset Jan 28 → Sunrise Jan 29  
Active field data collection

## Daytime Events

January 29th

Ask each person where they slept last night  
(the night of January 28)

## Final Survey Deadline

Friday, February 13, 2026

All data must be finalized and submitted



## Links to Know

Wyoming CoC Website

[www.wycoc.org](http://www.wycoc.org)

Wyoming CoC Support

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