



Ramsey County

Unsheltered Point In Time Count

What:

The annual Point-In-Time (PIT) homeless count is required by HUD for every community in the country and serves as a static count of the number of people experiencing homelessness. It is the principle means for gauging the need for homeless assistance resources both nationally and here in our own Ramsey County community. The results of the PIT directly impact the amount of funding dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness in Ramsey County.

The unsheltered PIT counts the number of people who are sleeping in places not meant for human habitation (public transportation, streets, bridges, etc.), as well as those who are doubled up or couch hopping/surfing (ie: temporarily staying with someone and is not on the lease).

When:

The unsheltered PIT is scheduled for **the night of January 23rd**. This means that the count will include those who are experiencing homelessness anytime between sundown January 23rd and sunup January 24th. Unsheltered surveys may be conducted anytime between January 24th and January 31st as long as the respondents identify as experiencing homelessness the night of January 24th.

How:

To anonymously collect general demographic and income information, we conduct a brief (5-10 minute) survey/interview with each person who reports experiencing homelessness the night of January 23rd. Homeless outreach teams who are already in touch with many of the people who are homeless (ie: unsheltered and/or doubled-up) in our county will reach out to them in known outdoor locations. Volunteer teams will cover all of the meal programs and drop in center locations in the county where people who are homeless and unsheltered are likely to come in during the cold January days. Other community partners, including Ramsey County employees, are also identifying clients who may be experiencing homeless that night and conducting surveys.

For more information on the PIT or to learn how to get involved please contact Loni Aadalen at loni.aadalen@co.ramsey.mn.us or (651)-266-4116.