



## **2024 Unsheltered PIT Count: January 24, 2024**

### **Unsheltered Count**

MD-514 will conduct the annual count for individuals in unsheltered situations, including those residing in places not meant for human habitation on the night of the count. Data will be collected in the following ways:

#### **1. Unsheltered Survey:**

- a. LHC Staff and Volunteers designated to conduct the unsheltered count will use the Unsheltered Survey to collect information from those known to be sleeping in unsheltered settings on January 24, 2024
- b. The Unsheltered Survey may be administered in two ways:
  - i. **Standard Survey:** The individual/household is able and willing to answer the questions in the survey.
    1. The Surveyor should ask the individual or household if anyone else has already asked them questions about where they slept on January 24, 2024 and if they consent to completing the survey.
    2. If appropriate, the Surveyor should ask each question listed on the survey. Individuals are not required to answer each question, unanswered questions may be left blank.
    3. At the conclusion of the survey, thank the individual for their time.
  - ii. **Observation Only Survey:** If the individual is unable or unwilling to complete the survey, the Surveyor may complete questions that may be reasonably be answered by observation. Observation Surveys should **ONLY** be conducted on people the Surveyor can physically see. The Observation Only question include:
    1. Q9: Estimated Age
    2. Q10: Gender
    3. Q11: Race
    4. Q12: Ethnicity
    5. Q18: Notes -Any notes that may be relevant to the individual to prevent from being counted more than once (specific location, appearance, possessions, animals, etc)
- c. The Unsheltered Survey is available in an online format and a paper-based format.
  - i. LHCs may elect to use either the paper form or the online format during the count.
  - ii. However, all paper surveys must be submitted electronically by February 9th, 2024.

#### **2. Count Timeline**

- a. The Point in Time Count night is January 24, 2024.
- b. *Blitz Count:* LHCs may elect to conduct the full unsheltered count on the night of January 24th.

- c. *Service Based Count*: LHCs may elect to conduct the count for up to 7 days after the night of the count to identify and survey individuals who were sleeping in unsheltered settings on the night of January 24, 2024. Service Based Count efforts must conclude by February 1st, 2024.
- d. All survey data collected on paper surveys must be entered into the Google Form no later than February 9, 2024.