



# Let's Make Everyone Count!

National Street and Shelter Point-in-Time Count

JANUARY 2019

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During a 24-hour period in the last ten days of every January, homeless advocates across the nation seek to count the sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons within their coverage areas. The Point in Time (PIT) Count greatly affects funding, both private and public, for homeless services and affects the methodology of those services. A thorough count is crucial in identifying and understanding both the progress we've made and the gaps within our services. Collecting data on homelessness increases public awareness and attracts resources that will lead to the eradication of the problem. The Houma Region count will be held the night of January 28, 2019. The Houma Region count which will encompass Terrebonne, Lafourche, Assumption, St. John, St. Charles and St. James parishes will **greatly affect the federal funding made available to the Houma Region.**

Federally funded homeless shelter and transitional housing agencies are mandated to count all sheltered persons that are homeless. The more difficult task is counting unsheltered persons. If unsheltered homeless persons are not included in local point-in-time counts, their needs could be under-represented as governments, nonprofits, and key stakeholders at the federal, state, and local level plan to respond to the problem.

**When is the PIT reference period?**

The night of January 28, 2019 through the morning of January 29, 2019

**How long can the surveys be conducted?**

January 28, 2019 through February 1, 2019 (persons counted must have been homeless on the night of the 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Who do we count?**

Homeless persons that are sheltered (emergency shelter or transitional housing clients) and unsheltered (living in place not meant for human habitation)

If you know of any homeless hot spots within our community, have any questions or would like to be a PIT volunteer, please contact Kelli Cunningham, Community Development Administrator for Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government at 985-873-6591 or [kcunningham@tpcg.org](mailto:kcunningham@tpcg.org)