

2025 PIT Count Summary Report



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Introduction

The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) in partnership with the Philadelphia Continuum of Care (CoC) conducted the 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count on January 22, 2025.

The PIT Count is a census of people experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness that occurs on a single night within the last 10 days of January. Nationally, all CoCs must conduct a PIT Count per the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The PIT Count includes all individuals and families in emergency shelters, transitional housing, safe havens, and those who are unsheltered. PIT Counts exclude individuals and families staying with others temporarily (couch-surfing) as that does not meet the definition of homelessness utilized by HUD.

PIT data allows the Philadelphia CoC to see a single-night snapshot of homelessness within our community. As such, PIT data does not necessarily reflect the full, annual extent of homelessness in Philadelphia. However, it provides crucial information such as changes in populations experiencing homelessness and utilization of shelters.

At a national level, PIT Count data from every CoC is presented to Congress in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), which informs national priorities on homelessness and critical funding decisions.

How the PIT Count is conducted

Throughout the year, service providers use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to manage program enrollments, shelter stays, and collect necessary participant data. These agencies provided counts of all individuals and households at their facilities the night of the 2025 PIT Count, confirming accuracy with HMIS. Providers not using HMIS provided data for the night of the PIT Count directly to OHS to include. Victim Service Providers provided aggregate participant data with no personally identifiable information to protect confidentiality.

For the unsheltered portion, electronic surveys were used to gather information directly from unsheltered individuals. Surveys were conducted by approximately 230 volunteers, including street outreach teams. Outreach staff provided information for hotspots throughout the city so teams ensured they conducted

surveys with individuals in these locations. Surveys were voluntary and participants could end the survey at any time during the interaction. Data was cleaned and verified prior to HUD submission.

Special conditions

During the 2025 PIT Count, Philadelphia was experiencing frigid temperatures, resulting in a Code Blue. The table below illustrates historical temperatures and Code Blue status between 2023 - 2025.

	2023	2024	2025
Date	January 25, 2023	January 24, 2024	January 22, 2025
Code Blue	No	No	Yes
Precipitation	Yes	No	No
High Temperature	58	54	19
Low Temperature	29	40	11

2025 Point In-Time Count at a glance

On the evening of January 22, 2025, there were 5,516 Philadelphia residents who slept in shelter, transitional housing, safe haven, or place not meant for human habitation. The below sections provide tables showing individuals' locations, demographics, household composition, populations, and chronic homeless status.

	Number of Individuals
Emergency Shelter	3,757
Transitional Housing	349
Safe Haven	232
Unsheltered	1,178
TOTAL	5,516

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Minors (under age 18)	780	0	780
Young Adults (age 18 -24)	350	16	366
Adults (age 25 - 63)	2,967	1,106	4,073
Age 65 +	241	56	297

Location	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Citywide*	4,338	1,178	5,516
Kensington Only	214	280	494

*includes Kensington

Households reported

HUD defines a household as a single individual or group of people who live together in one dwelling, or, for people who are not housed, who would live together in one dwelling if they were housed.

Sheltered Households	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Households w/o Children	2,148	2,421	2,561	2,722	3,020
Households w/ Adults & Children	474	426	449	494	443
Households w/ Only Children (under 18)	3	0	4	2	4
Total	2,625	2,847	3,014	3,218	3,467

Unsheltered Households	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Households w/o Children	700	787	702	970	1,106
Households w/ Adults & Children	0	0	0	0	0
Households w/ Only Children	0	1	0	6	0
Total	700	788	702	976	1,106

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Households	3,325	3,635	3,716	4,194	4,573

Unsheltered count by zones

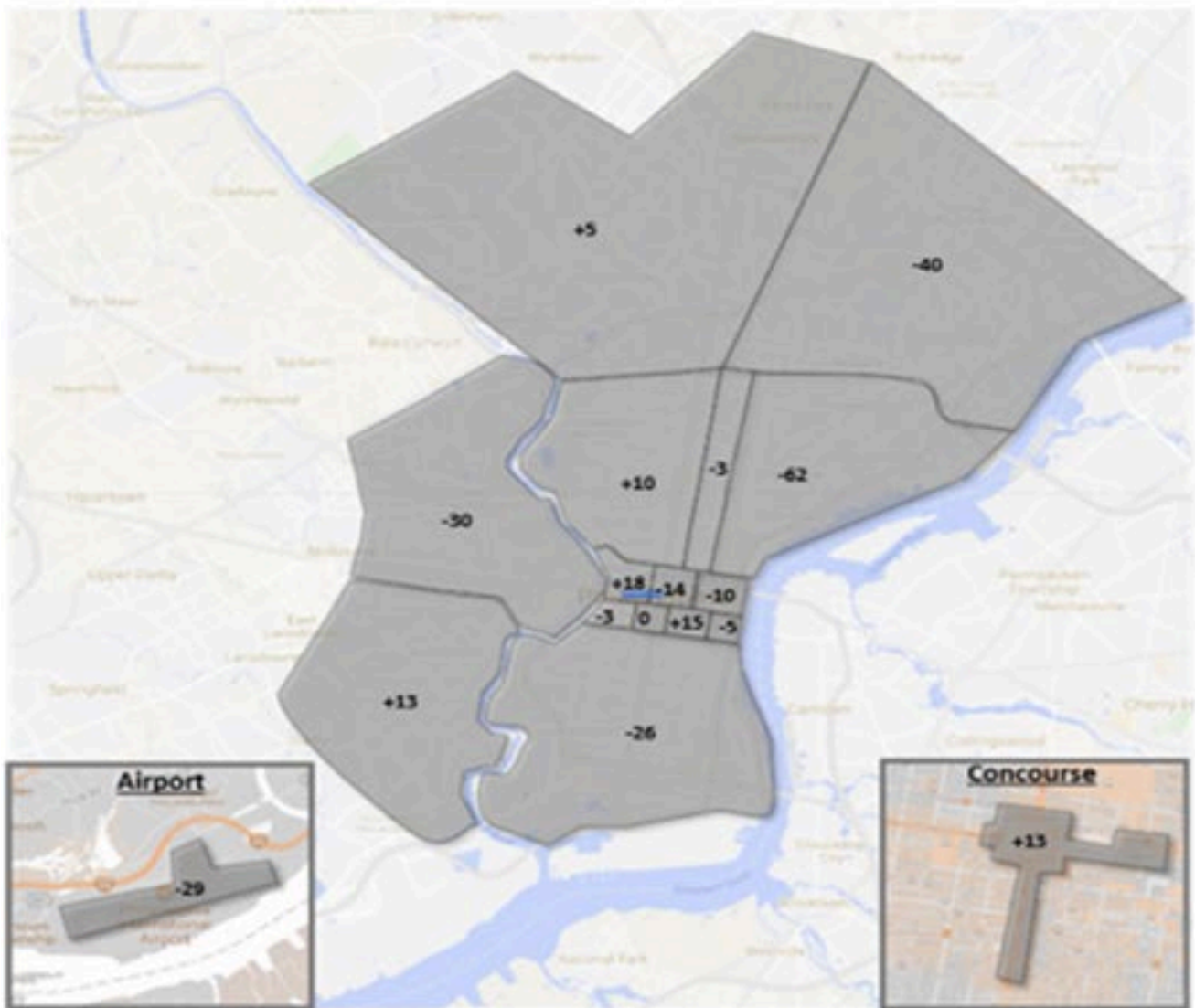
Zone*	Description	2024-25 change
1	Front to 7 th , Market to Front	-5
2	7 th to Broad, Market to South	15
3	Broad to 18 th , Market to South	0
4	18 th to River, Market to South	-3
5	Front to 11 th , Market to Spring Garden	-10
6	11 th to 17 th , Market to Spring Garden	-14
7	17 th to 25 th , Market to Spring Garden	18
8	West Philadelphia	-30
9	Kensington	-62
10	Concourse	13
11	Airport	-29
12	South Philadelphia	-26
13	North Philadelphia (not Kensington)	10
14	North Philadelphia (Central)	-3
15	Far Southwest	13
16	Far Northwest	5
17	Far Northeast	-40

Yearly winter count totals:

2023	2024	2025
706	976	1,178
2024 vs. 2025 difference: +202		

*Included in the total unsheltered count are 423 people counted at locations outside the 17 zones such as warming centers and subway stations.

Zone map



Kensington vs. citywide Point-In-Time Count

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Unsheltered - Kensington	245	273	274	337	280
Unsheltered - Citywide*	700	788	706	976	1,178
% of Unsheltered in Kensington	35%	35%	39%	35%	24%

*Citywide includes Kensington

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Sheltered - Kensington	190	210	188	211	214
Sheltered - Citywide*	3,602	3,701	4,019	4,215	4,338
% of sheltered in Kensington	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%

*Citywide includes Kensington

Chronically homeless

The definition of chronically homeless, per HUD, is:

- A homeless individual with a disability who:
 - o Lives in a place not meant for habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter and
 - o Has been homeless and living as described for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months
- An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility for less, including jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria of this definition before entering that facility, or
- A family with an adult head of household who meets all of the criteria of this definition

The table below shows the number of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness during the 2025 PIT Count.

Emergency Shelter	Safe Haven	Unsheltered	Total
1,053	166	393	1,612

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Chronically Homeless Individuals	933	1,060	1,055	1,080	1,612

Subpopulations

CoCs must submit data to HUD on specific subpopulations as part of the annual PIT Count. These subpopulations are included in the table below.

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Unaccompanied Young Adults (age 18 -24)	231	16	247
Parenting Young Adults (age 18 - 24)	80	0	80
Veterans	156	128	284
Serious Mental Illness	1,699	272	1,971
Substance Abuse Disorder	1,320	433	1,753
HIV / AIDS	134	8	142
Survivors of Domestic Violence	199	89	288

Key takeaways

- 5,516 individuals were counted in the 2025 PIT, a 6% increase from 2024 (5,191)
- 1,612 individuals were experiencing chronic homelessness in the 2025 PIT Count, a 49% increase from 2024 (1,080)
- 443 households experienced homelessness in families with minor children, representing 10% of the total households identified in the 2025 PIT Count

- 1,178 individuals were unsheltered in 2025, 21% increase from the 2024 PIT Count (976)
- 280 unsheltered individuals were counted in Kensington, a 20% decrease from the 2024 PIT Count (337)

Housing inventory count

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is also a point-in-time conducted on the same night as the annual PIT Count, but rather than counting individuals and families, it counts beds and units dedicated to serving those experiencing homelessness.

The table below depicts the comparison of Philadelphia's HIC over the past 5 years for total year-round beds or units.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Emergency Shelter	3,392	3,667	3,714	3,907	3,863
Safe Haven	247	245	264	242	251
Transitional Housing	1,061	1,026	850	736	475
Rapid Re-housing	1,379	1,512	1,325	1,060	758
Permanent Supportive Housing	5,341	5,286	5,288	5,450	5,249
Other Permanent Housing	6	10	10	6	0

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