



Count Us In

Seattle/King County

2017 Homeless Point-In-Time Count and Survey

What is Count Us In?

Count Us In, formerly the One Night Count, is our community's annual Point In Time Count of individuals experiencing homelessness.

- HUD Requires the Point In Time count
- All Home, as the Continuum of Care lead, is responsible for carrying out the Count
- All Home has contracted with Applied Survey Research to conduct Count Us In.



Why Conduct an Annual Count?

- Key method for collecting data on the needs of people experiencing homelessness
- Opportunity to increase awareness and spark action
- A successful and accurate count is an essential component to informing our system response to community need.
- HUD Requires the Point In Time count



What's the same?

- Commitment to safe, accurate, and respectful data collection
- Partnership with providers, communities, and volunteers
- Multiple components
 - Street count teams– 2am-6am in most areas
 - Regional “Deployment Sites”
 - Shelter count– HMIS & non-HMIS
 - Follow up surveys



What's different?

- Different partnerships- Applied Survey Research
- Involvement of Guides on street count teams
- Change in Methodology/Data released in June:
 - Coverage of more areas, organized by Census Tract
 - More comprehensive sample-based survey effort
 - Special and/or adapted strategies for busses, vehicle residents, encampments, and hospitals
- Different data collection tools
- Integration of youth count



Volunteer Recruitment

- **More than 700 volunteers** have registered in areas throughout Seattle and King County, well beyond our goal of 550. Online registration has now closed.
- **11 Trainings** have been held in locations across King County and Online training is available on All Home's website here: <http://allhomekc.org/king-county-point-in-time-pit-count/#fndtn-regional-headquarters-and-training-details>
- **Volunteer FAQs** are posted at <http://www.allhomekc.org>



Guide Recruitment

In addition to volunteers, count teams will be led by **Point In Time Guides**.

- **Guides** are paid positions (\$15/hr) for homeless for recently homeless individuals with lived experience in or near their count area.
- **Dozens of community partners have assisted in recruitment** of Guides
- More than **140 Guides have been recruited**, nearing our goal of 200 Guides



Youth Count & Survey

- **What?**

- Targeted outreach effort to count unaccompanied youth (under 18) and young adults (18-24)
- Surveys administered throughout the day on January 27, 2017
- Question “Where did you sleep last night?” refers to the same night as the all-population street count
- Includes youth and young adults who are literally homeless or unstably housed (couch surfing or imminently losing housing)

- **How?**

- Youth and young adult-specific providers administer the survey at their sites
 - *(We’ve had more than 70 partners for the past two years!)*
- Youth outreach workers and volunteers will participate in street outreach efforts with young adult guides to provide the survey with young people who are not connected with services



City of Seattle Role and Questions

- **The City of Seattle has been an active and key participant in the planning for Count Us In:**
 - Participation in the Count Us In Steering Committee
 - Staff support for coordination of Guide recruitment
 - Actively engaged in volunteer recruitment and special strategy coordination
- **Questions?**

