

Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care 2019 Point in Time Count

HELP US END HOMELESSNESS IN ARIZONA

Each year, the Arizona Department of Housing, as the Lead Agency for the [Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care \(AZBoSCoC\)](#) is tasked by HUD with doing a “Point in Time” count of persons and families experiencing homelessness in our rural and Balance of State (BoS) Counties. The information collected helps estimate the numbers of homeless persons and their needs. This information directly impacts local and federal efforts to secure funding, target existing resources and set our community service priorities to end homelessness.

During the 2018 PIT count, over 300 volunteers throughout Arizona BoS Communities conducted over 1,000 short, ten to twenty minute, surveys with over 1,000 unsheltered homeless persons. Volunteers included those from service agencies, local schools and universities, government, faith based organizations and interested individuals. The survey gathers basic demographic and personal information about each persons’ homeless experience and conditions. This year we would like to increase our volunteers so we can further reach all persons experiencing homelessness in the AZBoSCoC to obtain their information and be sure they are counted.

CALL TO ACTION

Volunteers are desperately needed. This year’s count will take place between Tuesday, January 22nd and Sunday, January 26th. Each County in the AZBoSCoC has designated a local lead who will be recruiting and training volunteers, coordinating geographic coverage and collecting survey results. To get involved, please see the list and contact the local lead in your community to find out survey times and how to get involved. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. No experience is required and volunteers will be provided with local training on the survey process as well as strategies for engaging persons. Community volunteers will be partnered with experienced outreach or homeless service providers to form survey teams. All volunteers will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement agreeing not to share the personal information of the individuals they interview.

ABOUT

The Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care (AZBoSCoC) is a consortium of Local Coalitions to End Homelessness (LCEH) located in the following 13 counties: Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma. The AZBoSCoC at both the continuum level and at the local level through the LCEHs is responsible for planning and implementation of strategies to end homelessness. The 2018 PIT count identified just over 1,000 persons experiencing unsheltered homeless people in its thirteen (13) counties and an additional 1,000 homeless persons residing in emergency and other shelter programs. Last year, AZBoSCoC providers housed almost 1,700 persons and families experiencing homelessness.

Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) coordinates the Point in Time (PIT) count for the Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care which includes the 13 counties listed above. If you would like more information, please contact AZBoSCoC Continuum of Care Coordinator with ADOH, David Bridge at david.bridge@azhousing.gov or by phone at (602) 771-1039.

For Maricopa or Pima County, please contact the organizations below for more information:

Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Point-In-Time Count

Coordinated by the [Maricopa Association of Governments](#)

[Click HERE to contact a community coordinator in your area](#)

Tucson/Pima County Continuum of Care Point-in-Time Count

Coordinated by the [Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness](#)

[Click HERE to complete the volunteer application](#)