

Would you be willing to be counted in the Annual Count of People Experiencing Homelessness 22nd-23rd January, 2025?

The annual Point In Time count helps to plan services and respond to homelessness. Your participation does three things:

1. *It recognizes you and counts you. It documents you, as human being, struggling to survive.*
2. *It justifies funding and helps us to correctly distribute funding for service agencies*
3. *It gives policy makers facts to help them appropriately to meet your needs.*

What you get out of the count:

- You decide if it's worth it. We who are doing the count want everyone in our community to know how many people are dealing with homelessness. If you get services anywhere, if you want the community to help you, being counted is how we all understand the assistance that is needed.

What the Federal Government wants to know:

- We ask for a few letters from your name and your birth date, so that if you accidentally get counted twice we can find the duplicate. The information is all treated as absolutely confidential and your identity is not connected with any other data base. We are committed to your anonymity and privacy.
- We ask about your place of shelter (tent, car, motel), your family status, disability status, duration of homelessness, recovery status. If you are fleeing Sexual or Domestic Violence, you have extra identity protections if you want them. This information helps to further refine what services are needed and should be funded.

Outreach folks from Safe Harbor, CVOEO, CORA, the City, Howard Center, Chittenden County Homeless Alliance, and other volunteers, will be visiting camps and places where you might access services, like the Community Resource Center, UVMHC, COTS, the library, and downtown places and towns on January 22-29th.

The most likely time for us to visit your camp is: _____

If you cannot be here, please call 2-1-1 on January 22nd or 23rd. Tell them "I want to be counted". They will know how to help you.

This Count is completely voluntary. If you do not want to answer any question, we will respect that wish. If you do not want to be counted, we will not. Your dignity is our priority.

