

Instructions for PIT Survey Completion

Homeless Leadership Coalition
Wednesday, January 23, 2019
through
Friday January 25, 2019

About the PIT Survey

Each January, the HLC conducts a one-night count of people who are experiencing homelessness in our region. Agencies, volunteers, and other community partners throughout Central Oregon come together to survey people experiencing homelessness. The better we understand homelessness and housing instability, the more meaningfully we can work toward meaningful solutions.

Benefits of PIT Survey

- Demonstrates our region's real housing and homelessness needs
- Destigmatizes homelessness
- Results help us put resources where they are most needed
- Helps programs secure funding

Safety First

- **Call 9-1-1 in the case of an emergency**
- Do not put yourself in a situation you are uncomfortable with.
- If you become uncomfortable, leave and notify your Point of Contact.
- Do not give participants anything other than the provided incentives (for instance, do not give money).
- Do not take or post photos without a person's WRITTEN permission.
- Do not disclose exact locations where you spoke with participants on social media, to friends, etc.

Survey Objectives

In order to get the most accurate information from each person,

- Please write CLEARLY.
- Follow all written instructions. Some questions require 1 answer only, while other questions can have more than 1 answer.
- The first 4 questions must be answered for the survey to counted.
- If someone is permanently housed, **STOP the survey** and thank the person for his or her time. Be sure to offer the provided incentives.

Survey Best Practices:

- Ask every person if they are willing to complete the survey with you; make no self-judgments about people's housing status.

Definitions:

Episode of homelessness = homeless separated by at least 7 days of stable housing

Household = two or more people living together; no blood relation, marriage or sharing a child is necessary to fit this definition.

Disability – answers are self-report; avoid making judgments or assumptions.

Survey Abbreviations (in Alphabetical Order)

Q stands for Survey 'Question'

Q#3 (about temporary housing):

ES=Emergency Shelter, TH= Transitional housing for homeless

Q#7 & #17c (gender identity): M=Male; F=Female; T=Transgender TS=Two Spirit

Q#10 (episode of homelessness): Episodes are separated by at least 7 days with stable housing.

Q#17 (gender in table format): M = Male; F = Female; TMtF = Transgender Male to Female; TftM = Transgender Female to Male; TS=Two Spirit D = Don't Know; R = Refused to Answer

Q#17.g. Veterans are adults who have served on **active duty** in the Armed Forces of the U.S. - including military reserves and the National Guard **if they were deployed into active duty**. The person does not have to have VA benefits to be counted as a Veteran.

Q#17.r. (location to get healthcare):

ER=Emergency Room; FC=Free Clinic; MV=Medical Van; UC=Urgent Care; RD=Regular Doctor; DA=Didn't Access Healthcare, IHS=Indian Health Service

