

POINT IN TIME COUNT

- The point-in-time (PIT) count is a one day count of people experiencing homelessness in our community.
- Communities that receive HUD funding for homelessness are required to count those experiencing homelessness at certain times.
- Our goal is to count all people in the New River Valley who meet HUD's criteria for homelessness.
 - HUD's definition: **An individual who is homeless lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes those who are living in a shelter or a place not fit for human habitation (for example, a bench, the sidewalk, or under a bridge).**
 - This does NOT include:
 - staying with family or friends
 - living in motel
 - living in crowded or substandard conditions
- The data collected from this count is used to identify community needs and is used to determine the level of funding communities should get to address homelessness.
- The information gathered is used in community planning processes because it demonstrates which geographic areas and subpopulations are most negatively affected by housing instability.