



Arizona Department of Housing 2024 Information Bulletin

REGARDING PROGRAMS: AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care

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RE: 2024 AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care Point in Time Count Data

The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) serves as the Lead Agency of the Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care (AZBOSCO) covering the state's 13 counties outside Maricopa and Pima Counties, including seven rural counties. Each year, on a single night in January, the AZBOSCO is tasked by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with conducting a Point in Time (PIT) count of persons and families experiencing homelessness. Surveying takes place in a variety of locations in the 13 counties. For 2024, more than 350 volunteers across the AZBOSCO participated, representing a significant increase in participation over previous years. [The 2024 AZBOSCO PIT Count](#) report, with the full data set including demographics, is now available for review on ADOH's [Special Needs](#) page.

The AZBOSCO PIT count identified 3,160 persons experiencing homelessness on the survey night. This included 1,226 persons residing in Emergency or other shelter facilities and 1,934 persons living unsheltered in the street or other places not meant for habitation.

The number of persons identified in 2024 was higher than in 2023 due to ADOH funding more than \$1 million to coalition partners in all 13 counties to significantly increase local coordination and resources, resulting in additional volunteers participating in the PIT count. The increase in persons identified was primarily driven by greater geographical coverage and more coordinated outreach to existing populations likely not counted in prior years due to a lack of volunteers and coordination. A secondary factor for the increase in persons identified was the weather. The 2023 PIT count took place during a blizzard in the northern counties which made many unsheltered areas inaccessible and resulted in lower street counts as temporary emergency freeze shelters opened to address the weather conditions.

The 2024 PIT count showed 1,226 persons safely in shelter which represents a 4% increase in the number of persons sheltered compared to 2023 even with freeze shelters not open during the 2024 count. Moreover, it represented a 29% increase in sheltered persons compared with 2022 showing the impact of new beds and capacity created statewide from the state's historic 2024 investment in the State Housing Trust Fund and the newly created Homeless Shelter and Services Fund to address homelessness and increase shelter options across all Arizona counties.

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