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## **Annual Point in Time Count to Survey SC Citizens Experiencing Homelessness**

January 17, 2023 – South Carolina: Every January in South Carolina and across the country, Continuum of Cares conduct the Point in Time (PIT) Count. The goal is to try and assess the number of people in any given geographic area who are experiencing homelessness during a single night in January. Each year a host of volunteers are organized and trained to conduct surveys among those living in shelters as well as places not meant for human habitation.

“While we know this count is just a snapshot of the number of people experiencing homelessness across our communities, it is a great tool that helps us call attention to the growing number of people living unstably housed and be able to connect them with services during what is often the coldest part of the year,” says Lorain Crowl, Chair of the SC Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The SC Interagency Council uses this data, and data from a variety of other sources to compile the annual SC State of Homelessness Report.

“The 2024 SC State of Homelessness Report is scheduled to be publish in late spring or early summer of this year,” says Crowl. “The report will compare data sets from many sources for both 2023 and 2024 to show the trend in growth rate of this population in our state.”

If you would like to participate in the annual Point in Time Count in your area, visit the [SC Interagency Council on Homelessness](#) website to see which continuum of care covers your county and contact them as soon as possible! Most counts in SC are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

## **About the SC Interagency Council on Homelessness**

The SC Interagency Council on Homelessness is a statewide network of advocates, service providers, state agencies and funders dedicated to ending homelessness. Our goals are to provide meaningful research, advocate for those experiencing homelessness, respond to federal and state homelessness policies, and promote collaboration among all our local, state and federal partners working to end homelessness.

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