

Fulton County Point-in-Time Count (PITC) 2026

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What Is the PIT Count?

The **Point-in-Time Count (PITC)** is an annual effort to count individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Fulton County. This includes people living on the streets, in cars, abandoned buildings, shelters, or transitional housing. The count helps us:

- Understand the scope of homelessness
 - Identify needs and trends
 - Secure federal funding
 - Shape local and national policies
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When is the 2026 PIT Count Happening?

Unsheltered Canvassing Dates:

Date	Location
January 22, 2026	South Fulton
January 23, 2026	North Fulton

Backup Dates (in case of inclement weather):

Date	Location
January 28, 2026	South Fulton
January 30, 2026	North Fulton

How Can Volunteers Help?

Volunteers will work in teams using the **Counting Us mobile app** to survey individuals experiencing homelessness. After signing up, you'll receive a confirmation email, instructions to set up your app account and information on volunteer training.

Why Is the PIT Count Important?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires this count to qualify for federal funding. It helps us:

- Capture a snapshot of people sleeping in places not meant for habitation (e.g., cars, parks, abandoned buildings).
 - Include those in shelters, transitional housing, or hotels/motels paid for by charitable or public programs.
 - Collect data on demographics, veteran status, disabilities, domestic violence, and more.
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What the PIT Count Doesn't Show

- It only reflects where someone slept on one night—not the full scope of homelessness over time.
 - It doesn't explain why someone became homeless or how they exited homelessness.
 - Some locations may be missed, and circumstances can change quickly.
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2025 PIT Count Results

On **January 28, 2025**, Fulton County counted **241 individuals** experiencing homelessness:

- **103 unsheltered**
- **138 sheltered**

This was a **28.9% decrease** from 2024, likely due to weather and operational challenges.

What About Couch-Surfing or Doubling Up?

HUD's definition of homelessness for the PIT Count does **not** include people staying temporarily with friends or family. The count only includes:

- Emergency shelters
 - Transitional housing
 - Unsheltered locations (e.g., cars, parks, abandoned buildings)
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How Are People in Vehicles Counted?

- **Cars, trucks, vans:** Counted as **unsheltered**, even in safe parking programs.
 - **RVs/camper vans:** Counted as **sheltered** only if parked in a location with utilities and advertised as temporary housing. Otherwise, they are considered **unsheltered**.
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Who Coordinates the PIT Count?

The count is led by **Fulton County's Continuum of Care (CoC)** and the **Department of Community Development**, with support from municipalities, nonprofits, and community volunteers.

How Is the Street Count Organized?

Local partners help map known locations where people experiencing homelessness stay. On the night of the count, volunteers canvass these areas and conduct surveys.

 **Ready to Volunteer?** Visit <https://pointintime.info/volunteer/> or scan the QR code below to sign up and learn more.



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