



Agenda Item Report

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ITEM TITLE: Hays County Homeless Coalition - 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Report Results
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Hays County Homeless Coalition has completed the 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, an annual effort to gather data on individuals experiencing homelessness in Hays County. The count, conducted in January 2026, provides a snapshot of homelessness in the area and helps inform local policy, funding, and support services. This report will present the findings from the 2026 PIT Count, highlight year-over-year trends, and discuss implications for the City's ongoing efforts to address housing insecurity.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Hays County Homeless Coalition conducts a Point-in-Time (PIT) count annually, a Federally coordinated one-day census used to assess the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in the county. The count is typically done in late January or early February. This year it was held on January 2026.

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. HUD requires an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally.

3. ANALYSIS

Not applicable.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

EXCEPTIONAL CITY SERVICES WITH A LOW TAX RATE

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Utilize accurate data to assess community needs and support informed decision-making for housing and social services.

7. PROS AND CONS

Not applicable.

8. ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable.

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

No action required; this item is for informational purposes only.

Attachments:

[2026 Homeless Coalition PIT Count PPt.pdf](#)