

# NJCounts FAQs

## ***Who is conducting NJCounts and where is it taking place?***

Networks of organizations, agencies and others that plan community efforts to end homelessness conduct NJCounts across New Jersey's twenty-one counties.

## ***Who is coordinating NJCounts?***

Monarch Housing Associates is coordinating NJCounts. For more information, contact Kate Kelly at 908-347-1064 or visit Monarch's website at [www.monarchhousing.org](http://www.monarchhousing.org)

## ***What is NJCounts?***

NJCounts is the annual statewide Point-in-Time count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in the New Jersey.



## ***When is NJCounts taking place?***

NJCounts takes place the last ten days in January. The State of New Jersey typically holds the count on the last Wednesday of the month.

## ***Why is NJCounts taking place?***

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandates that local communities conduct a sheltered count each year and additionally, an unsheltered count every other year.

HUD strongly encourages communities to conduct an unsheltered count to track year by year changes. In an unsheltered count, volunteers survey homeless individuals and families living on the street, in cars, under bridges and in any other places not meant for human habitation.

New Jersey and local Continuums of Care (CoC) employ the annual count to obtain consistent data about the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness and to better understand the causes of homelessness and their service and housing needs. NJCounts is designed to understand the nature of New Jersey's homeless population so that limited housing and services resources can most appropriately meet its needs.

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