

August 23, 2024

Re: Call for Volunteers - 2024 Point-in-Time Count

Saskatoon's 2024 Point-in-Time (PiT) Count is being led in collaboration by the City of Saskatoon, the Community-University Institute for Social Research (CUISR) and the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP).

The PiT Count will look to better understand the extent of homelessness in Saskatoon on a given night, and has three purposes:

- An enumeration, or count, of people experiencing absolute homelessness and to identify those experiencing homelessness in shelters or unsheltered locations.
- A survey of the homeless population to gather information on demographics and service needs.
- A survey of all encountered on Count Day (housed and unhoused) to gather data about perceptions of homelessness in Saskatoon.

The City of Saskatoon, CUISR and SHIP are looking for volunteers to assist with the 2024 PiT Count.

To volunteer please complete the [registration form](#) by September 16, 2024.

PiT Count Date:

October 8, 2024, from 11:00am to 11:00pm

Volunteer Details:

Volunteers will survey individuals on the street, in encampments, in shelters, and at service locations. Volunteer shifts will be three hours in length, and volunteers may sign up for multiple shifts if desired.

If you are unable to stand or walk for up to three hours, please ensure to note that on your registration form. Alternative options and accommodations can be arranged as needed.

Volunteers in groups of three will be assigned a team lead who has experience working with individuals that are experiencing housing insecurity.

Volunteer responsibilities include:

- Approaching everyone you meet on the street.
- Identifying yourself as a volunteer doing a survey on housing and homelessness.
- Seeking explicit consent from all potential survey participants.

- Asking the survey questions as written.
- Maintaining the confidentiality of survey participants.
- Staying with your assigned team.
- Surveying only in your designated map zone or facility.
- Reporting concerns to your team leader and/or headquarters, including instances where survey participants appear distressed or in harm's way.
- Immediately notifying your team leader if you encounter a youth under the age of 16.
- Arriving at headquarters at the beginning and end of your shift.

The 2024 PiT Count headquarters will be located at Station 20 West, where all volunteers will check-in prior to your shift and debrief following your shift.

Volunteer Training:

All volunteers are required to complete one three-hour training session, prior to the PiT Count. The training dates and times are included within the registration form.

In addition to the required training, there will be an optional supplementary one-hour training session for those who would value extra training and practice with surveying. The supplementary training session will include scenarios for volunteers to feel more comfortable leading up to the PiT Count.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah King at sarah.king@saskatoon.ca or at 306-975-2774.

Sincerely,



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Please scan the QR code to register.