

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Annual Count of Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Population  
January 29, 2020**

The Annual Point in Time Count is an initiative to count the homeless population throughout 101 rural counties in Missouri. The homeless population census will assess the number of homeless individuals and families following regulations set forth by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the night of January 29, 2020.

The Missouri BoS Continuum of Care is a 101 county area. HUD requires a bi-annual count, in odd years, during the last 10 days of January to gauge progress towards national goals of reducing and ending homelessness. In addition to the biennial count required by HUD, The Missouri Balance of State has elected to conduct one point-in-time count annually to better track trends and needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

To complete the point-in-time count, county leaders need large networks of volunteers to help complete surveys. If you are interested in volunteering, please call **INSERT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**.

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