

# NJ Counts 2017 FAQs

## ***Who is conducting NJCounts 2017 and where is it taking place?***

Networks of organizations, agencies and others that plan community efforts to end homelessness conduct the NJCounts 2017 across New Jersey's twenty-one counties.

## ***Who is coordinating NJCounts 2017?***

Monarch Housing Associates is coordinating NJCounts 2017. 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 2017?***

NJCounts 2017 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 2017 taking place?***

On January, 25, 2017, volunteers will ask homeless shelter residents and those in unsheltered locations where they spent the night of January 24, 2017.

## ***Why is NJCounts 2017 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. 2017 is a mandated unsheltered count year. HUD will use the 2017 count for tracking efforts to end youth homelessness.

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 2017 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.