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HMIS Annual Report: Columbia/Greene Counties CoC

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The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a secure, computerized data collection system used to produce an unduplicated count of persons using homeless services. The system is used by multiple agencies to capture client-level information, over time, regarding the characteristics and service needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. This information is then used for reporting, grant writing, and community planning¹

All recipients of The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds for homelessness and homelessness prevention services are required to participate in the HMIS. This includes recipients of Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds, Supportive Housing Program (SHP), Shelter Plus Care (S+C), Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation for Single Room Occupancy (SRO) program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In addition, HUD encourages participation of other federal programs that serve homeless persons. Participation of other organizations that do not receive HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) funding is voluntary, but strongly encouraged in order to achieve an accurate accounting of homeless services in the community.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Continuum of Care and community on the state of homelessness in the stated counties using data from the CARES Regional Homeless Management Information.

The Policy and Procedures Manual for the CARES Regional HMIS can be located at <http://caresny.org/hmis-user-resources>.

Annual Homeless Assessment Report

The Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) is a report to the U.S. Congress on the extent and nature of homelessness in America, prepared by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless persons.

The AHAR Local Report is meant to be a resource for stakeholders in each community to view their data in a variety of user friendly tables and charts. The report is based primarily on Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data about homeless persons who used emergency shelter, transitional housing or permanent supportive housing programs during the 12-month period between Monday, October 1, 2012 to Monday, September 30, 2013. The data are collected in six categories: Persons in Families in Emergency Shelter, Individuals in Emergency Shelter, Persons in Families in Transitional Housing, Individuals in Transitional Housing, Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing and Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing.²

While this community participates in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) for HUD, participation in the database is voluntary for non-HUD funded programs. The Columbia-Greene Counties CoC was not able to submit data on emergency shelter for individuals or families due to the lack of participation in the HMIS from the county departments of social services who operate the only emergency housing in the counties. The county does not currently have HMIS eligible Transitional Housing and those tables were marked as "Zero Provider" which will not impact the CoC Grant Application. Errors such as low utilization within the HMIS disqualified AHAR reporting for Permanent Housing in the CoC, so those shells were marked as "Not Reporting" in 2013.

The 2013 AHAR submissions for NY 519 included the following tables: ⁴

- Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing
- Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing - VET Subpopulation

Support services, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing programs collected in the HMIS are not, at this time, collected in the AHAR, but is reflected in the data provided within this report.

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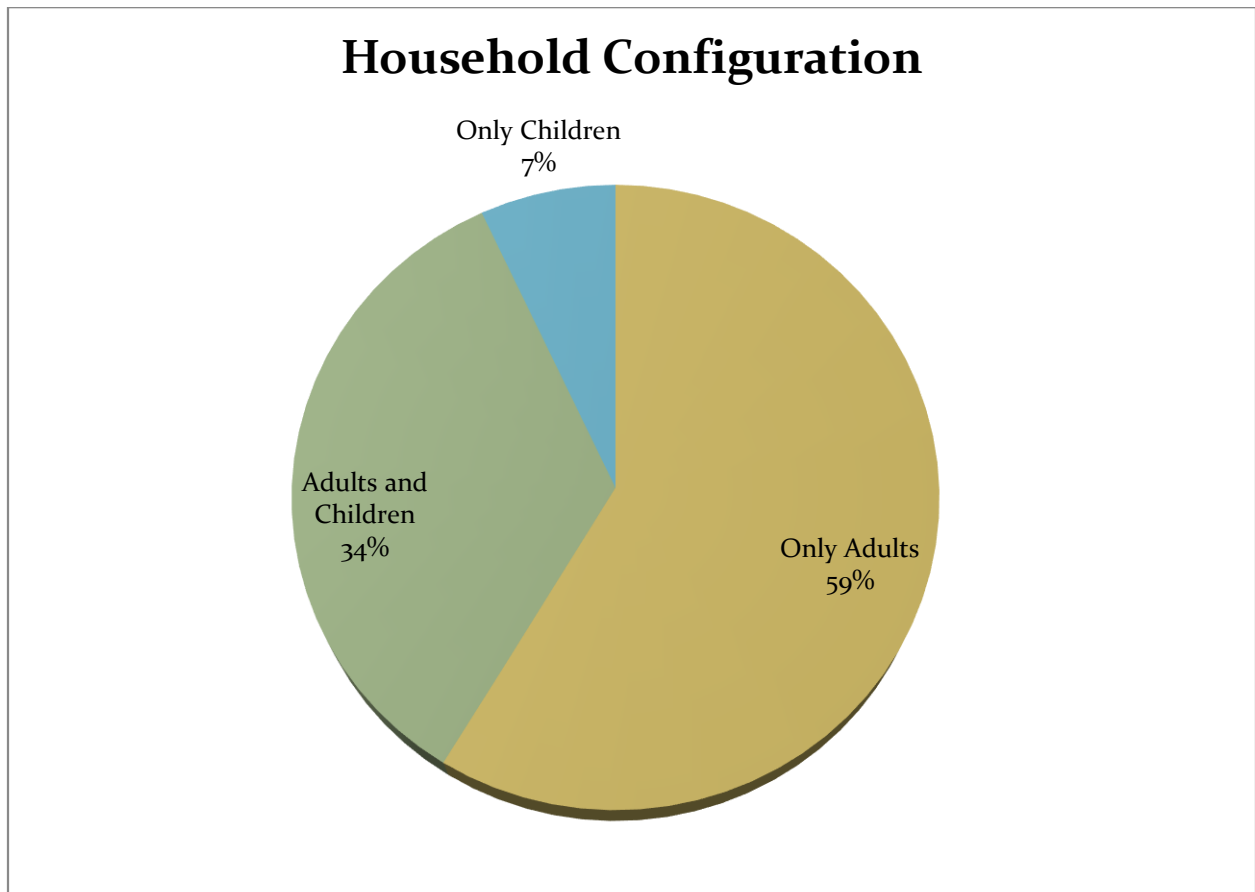
The data contained in the HMIS Annual Report differs from the AHAR in two distinct ways; date range and scope of data reported on. The AHAR, as noted above, reports on the Federal fiscal year cycle, but most researchers, grant writers and community planners require a calendar year reporting cycle. This Annual Report will cover all data reported within the HMIS, regardless of HMIS bed coverage, making the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) an invaluable companion when analyzing any data contained herein. A copy of the most recent HIC is available upon request from CARES, Inc. and the 2014 HIC will be posted to the website once it has been formally submitted to HUD on April 30, 2014.

Over the past ten years, CARES, inc. has continually revised the format of this report to continue to meet the needs of the community with a standardized system of data collection and reporting across agencies, programs and service categories. However, it can be difficult to compare reports from year to year due to changes at the Federal level and community participation at the local level. When HUD redefines programming specifications for the HMIS, as happened in 2010 and will happen again in 2014. Your HMIS System Administrator is available to assist in navigating this complex landscape of data. Please contact CARES at (518) 489-4130 or hmis@caresny.org for any assistance in interpreting the data presented in this report. A time period of two weeks is appreciated for additional data requests.

Summary of Demographics

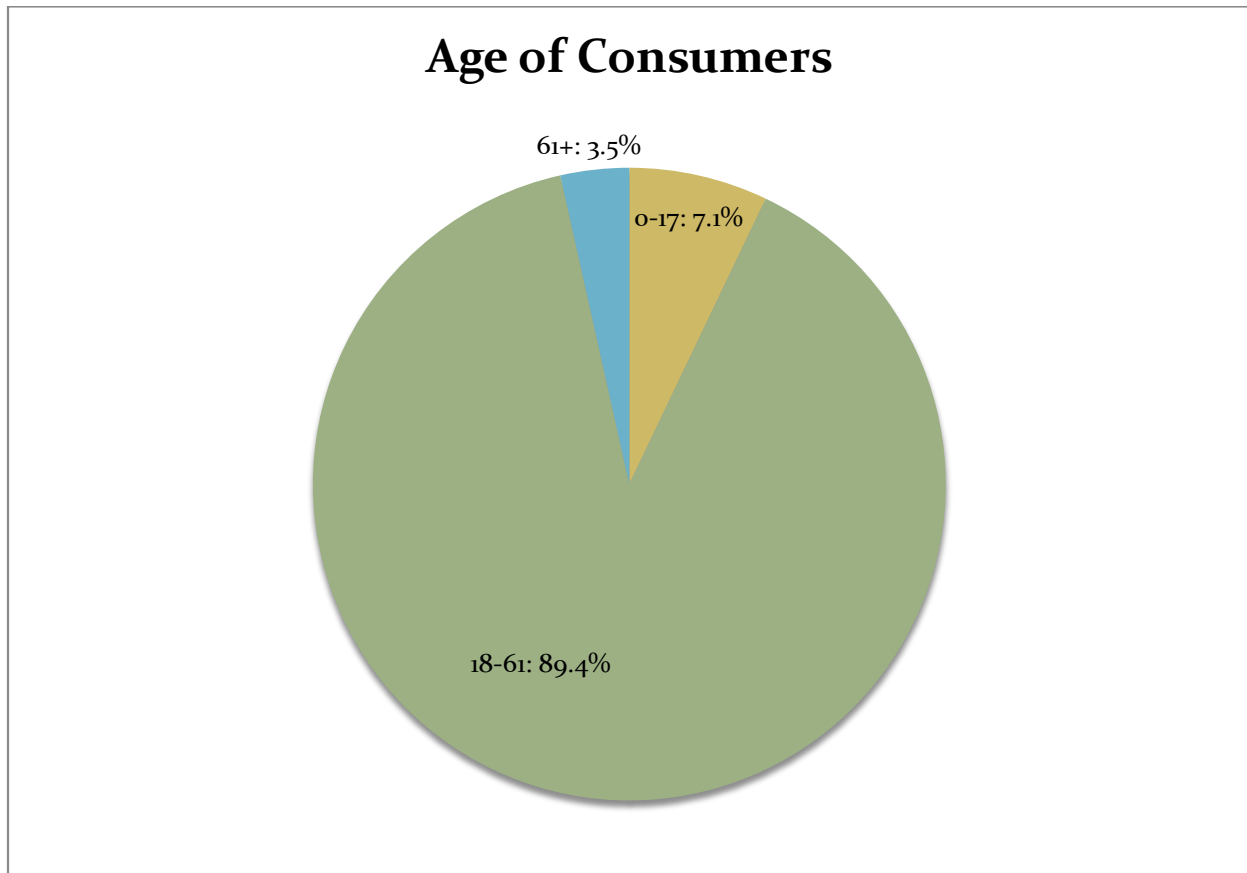
Program Admissions

In 2013, the Columbia/Greene Counties HMIS recorded an unduplicated count of 2,273 persons¹ in served in 2,082 households during the calendar year, primarily as individual adults.



Age

Within the HMIS, 89% of all persons served were 18-61 years of age, but only 25% had any type of earned income.

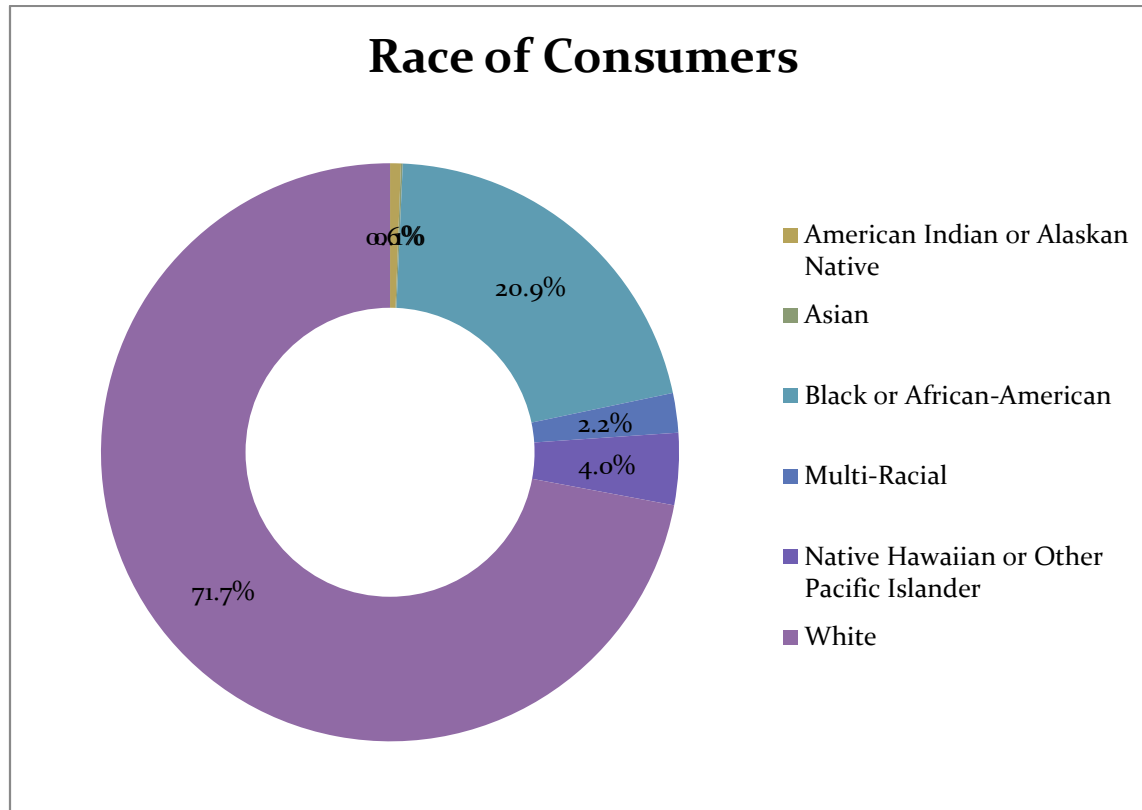


Gender

The gender of consumers was split almost equally between male and female. While too small a population to earn a percentage point, transgendered persons were represented as well.

Race and Ethnicity

71% of consumers recorded in the CRHMIS identify as white, where 21% identify as African American and the balance identify as other minorities or mixed race².



Veterans

Only 2% of all adults entered into the CRHMIS database identified as veterans, well below the national average of 10%. This is likely a result of not having emergency housing services in the database.

Disabling Condition

Of all consumers recorded in the CRHMIS, adults and children, 33% of them identified at least one disabling condition, whether it be mental health, physical health, developmental disability or substance abuse.

Chronic Homelessness

Only 1% of all consumer admissions reported met HUD's definition of chronic homelessness. Again, this is likely due to not capturing any emergency housing services within the database.

Discharge Destination

The majority of persons discharged from all program types were discharged to permanent housing. This is not representative of emergency services, however.

Please see attached data report for more details.

Annotations

1 - This data is collected from participating programs, including Emergency, Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing programs as well as support service only programs including rapid re-housing and prevention. NOT included in this count are Domestic Violence only programs and programs which have chosen not to participate in the HMIS. Please see the last page for a full listing of these programs.

2 - All demographics are consumer reported and, unless otherwise noted, unduplicated as of the last instance of service. This report contains both consumers who presented as Literally Homeless by HUD's definition and those who are at risk of homelessness and seeking services to retain or stabilize housing. All residential programs require homelessness as a pre-requisite, however, so ES, TH and PSH program types contain only people who were literally homeless upon admission.

3 - To see how these statistics compare to the community at large, please follow the link below to the most recent US Census.

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/36/36021.html>

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
Total Record Count:	2,142	2,190	2,163	2,142	2,273

PROGRAM CATEGORY	%	%	%	%	%
PH Permanent Housing	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%
SSO Supportive Services Only	98.6%	98.1%	98.2%	98.2%	98.0%

HOUSEHOLDS WITH:	%	%	%	%	%
Only Adults	54.7%	54.0%	54.3%	55.0%	52.7%
Adults and Children	31.1%	31.2%	31.2%	31.1%	30.9%
Only Children	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%	6.6%	6.3%

RELATION TO PRIMARY CLIENT	%	%	%	%	%
Child	4.4%	6.6%	4.6%	4.0%	6.8%
Other Adult	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%	0.8%	1.5%
Self	94.8%	94.2%	94.5%	95.2%	91.6%
Other	0.0%	0.1%	--	--	0.1%

AGE AT INTAKE	%	%	%	%	%
0-17 :	4.9%	5.3%	5.1%	4.4%	7.1%
18-61 :	91.5%	91.2%	91.3%	91.9%	89.4%
61+:	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	3.5%

GENDER	%	%	%	%	%
Female	57.7%	57.5%	57.5%	57.7%	57.3%
Male	42.3%	42.4%	42.5%	42.3%	42.6%
Transgendered Male to Female	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

ETHNICITY	%	%	%	%	%
Hispanic / Latino	6.7%	6.7%	6.5%	6.8%	6.8%
Non-Hispanic / Non-Latino	93.2%	93.2%	93.5%	93.1%	93.0%
Don't Know	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

RACE	%	%	%	%	%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
Asian	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Black or African-American	21.8%	21.3%	21.1%	21.2%	20.9%
Multi-Racial	2.2%	2.1%	1.8%	2.1%	2.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%
White	70.9%	71.2%	71.7%	71.3%	71.7%

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
VETERAN? *adults only	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	2.1%	2.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%
No	93.3%	97.6%	97.4%	97.4%	97.3%
Don't Know	0.3%	30.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	0.9%	1.3%	1.2%	0.8%	0.8%
No	96.7%	96.0%	96.2%	95.8%	95.6%
No Data	2.4%	2.7%	2.7%	3.4%	3.6%

DISABLING CONDITION	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	33.3%	33.6%	33.7%	33.9%	33.4%
No	59.8%	59.6%	59.6%	59.4%	60.1%
Refused	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Don't Know	5.6%	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%	5.2%

HIV/AIDS (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
No	33.4%	34.2%	34.9%	34.4%	37.2%
Don't Know	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	1.4%
Refused	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	--	0.1%
No Data	65.5%	64.7%	64.2%	64.9%	61.2%

PHYSICAL DISABILITY (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	5.2%	0.0%	5.4%	5.3%	5.7%
No	30.4%	31.3%	31.7%	31.0%	34.1%
Don't Know	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	--	--	0.1%
No Data	64.1%	63.4%	62.7%	63.4%	59.8%

CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	3.0%	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%	4.0%
No	31.2%	31.8%	32.2%	31.4%	34.4%
Don't Know	0.1%	--	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	--	--	0.1%
No Data	65.6%	64.8%	64.2%	64.9%	61.2%

MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	7.4%	7.9%	8.3%	8.3%	8.1%
No	29.0%	29.4%	29.8%	29.2%	32.2%
Don't Know	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.6%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	--	--	0.1%
No Data	63.1%	62.4%	61.7%	62.4%	58.9%

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Alcohol abuse	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%
Drug abuse	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%
Both alcohol and drug abuse	2.1%	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
No	29.5%	30.2%	30.8%	30.0%	33.5%
Don't Know	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%
Refused	0.1%	0.0%	--	--	0.1%
No Data	64.6%	63.8%	63.2%	63.9%	60.3%

MONTHLY INCOME SOURCES (ADMISSION) *ages 18-65	%	%	%	%	%
Earned Income	26.9%	25.0%	25.0%	25.1%	24.5%

MONTHLY INCOME SOURCES (DISCHARGE) *ages 18-65	%	%	%	%	%
Earned Income	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	1.0%
Still In Program	98.3%	97.3%	98.2%	98.0%	92.4%

RESIDENCE PRIOR TO PROGRAM ENTRY	%	%	%	%	%
Emergency	21.9%	21.8%	22.1%	22.1%	21.3%
Temporary	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%
Permanent	69.5%	69.0%	68.8%	69.4%	67.8%
Don't Know	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Other	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%	1.7%
No Data	4.3%	4.9%	4.8%	4.1%	6.7%

DESTINATION	%	%	%	%	%
Permanent	2.5%	2.3%	1.7%	1.7%	6.5%
Temporary	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%
Don't Know	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	--	--	0.0%
Still In Program	96.8%	97.3%	98.2%	98.0%	92.5%

HOUSING STATUS (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Literally homeless	30.0%	30.5%	31.3%	31.3%	30.5%
Imminently losing their housing	8.7%	8.8%	8.8%	8.7%	9.0%
Unstably housed and at-risk of losing their housing	15.6%	15.8%	15.0%	14.6%	17.8%
Stably housed	44.0%	43.3%	43.2%	43.7%	41.0%
Don't Know	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
No Data	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%

HOUSING STATUS (DISCHARGE)	%	%	%	%	%
Literally homeless	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	--	0.1%
Imminently losing their housing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	--	0.1%
Unstably housed and at-risk of losing their housing	0.2%	0.2%	--	0.1%	0.4%
Stably housed	2.5%	2.1%	1.8%	1.8%	6.7%
Don't Know	0.4%	0.3%	--	--	0.4%
Still In Program	96.8%	97.3%	98.2%	98.0%	92.4%