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HMIS Annual Report: Albany City and County 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 Albany City and County CoC was not able to submit any data on emergency shelter utilization of Families to HUD for 2013 due to the limited participation from the emergency shelter providers, particularly for households with children. Please see the annotations for a full list of programs included and excluded from this report.³

The 2013 AHAR submissions for NY 502 included the following tables: ⁴

- Families in Emergency Shelter
- Families in Emergency Shelter - VET subpopulation
- Families in Permanent Supportive Housing
- Families in Permanent Supportive Housing - VET subpopulation
- 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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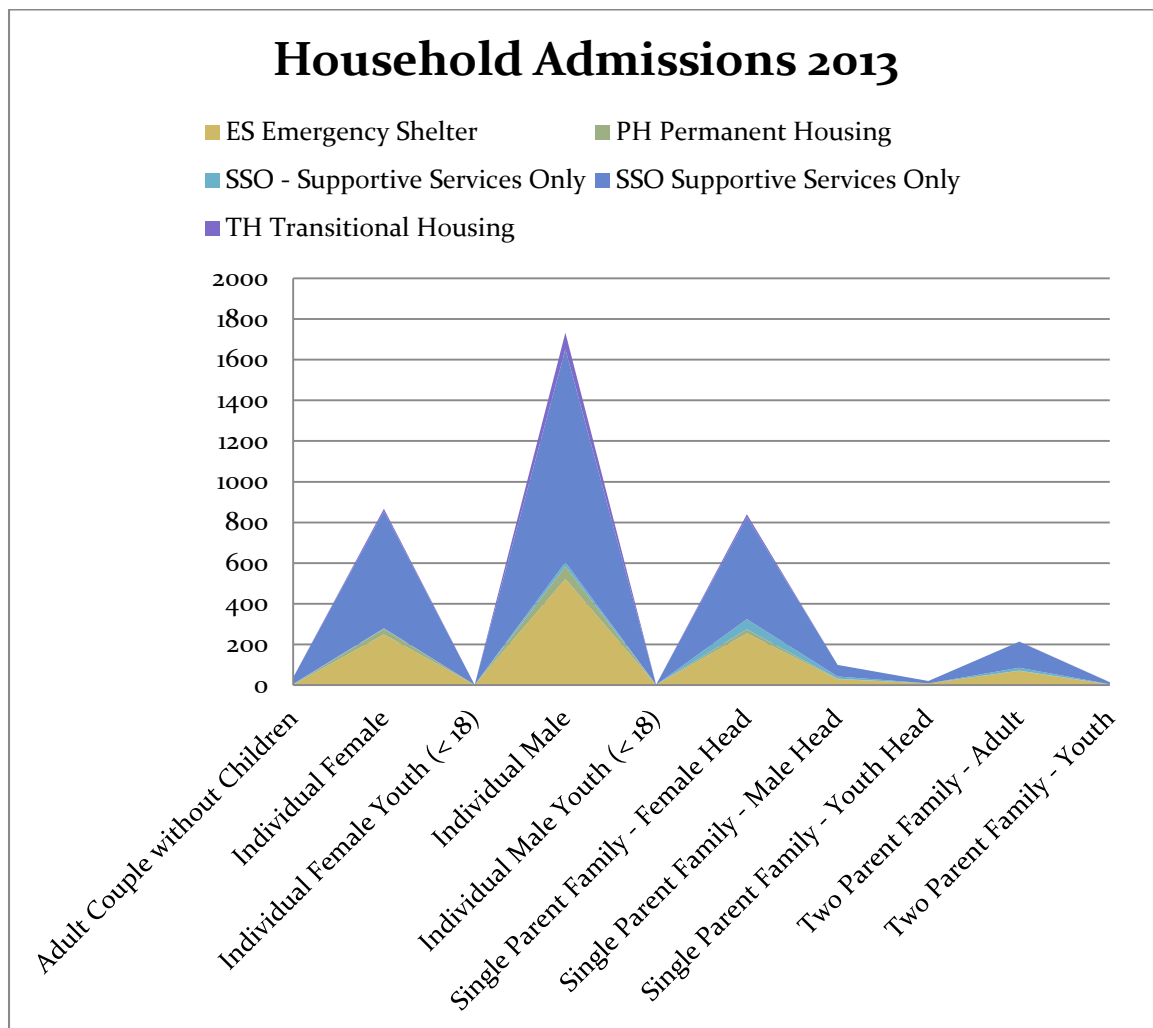
The data contained in the HMIS Annual Report differs from the AHAR in two distinct ways; date range and scope of data reported on. The AHAR, as noted above, reports on the Federal fiscal year cycle, but most researchers, grant writers and community planners require a calendar year reporting cycle. This 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.

Consumer Demographics

Program Admissions

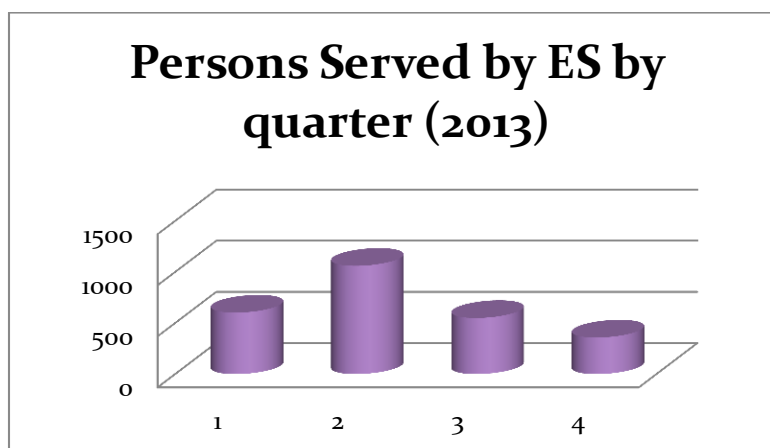
In 2013, the Albany County HMIS recorded an unduplicated count of 7,161 persons¹ in served in 5,012 households during the calendar year. Approximately 26% of those served were children in families while 51% were households with only adults and the remaining 23% were adults in households with children. There are more persons recorded in the 0-17 age range than children in households as any person under 18 without an adult in the household is recorded as an unaccompanied child. Teenage parents would be recorded as unaccompanied children (households with only children) as would any infants or small children brought with them. In this case, that makes up approximately 1% of all persons.



	Adult Couple without Children	Individual Female	Individual Female Youth (< 18)	Individual Male	Individual Male Youth (< 18)	Single Parent Family - Female Head	Single Parent Family - Male Head	Single Parent Family - Youth Head	Two Parent Family - Adult	Two Parent Family - Youth
ES Emergency Shelter	1	249	1	522	1	254	29	8	70	2
PH Permanent Housing	2	27	0	61	0	20	2	0	1	1
SSO - Supportive Services Only	2	3	0	21	0	50	11	0	14	1
SSO Supportive Services Only	32	576	0	1048	1	502	57	12	128	9
TH Transitional Housing	0	12	0	81	0	14	0	0	0	0

****This chart illustrates number of household admissions, not number of persons admitted.***

The number of persons served spiked in the second quarter, specifically with a large increase in persons reported within emergency housing during the second quarter, which, by the 4th quarter had decreased to 41% from the first quarter. This is not a full picture of homelessness in Albany County as the Capital City Rescue Mission, which holds the majority of beds for individual males does not submit data to the CARES Regional HMIS (CRHMIS), however it does capture all homeless families in the county. During this reporting period, the Albany County Department of Social Services' (ACDSS) created a team to divert homeless families and avoid costly hotel/motel stays while long term accommodations are secured. ACDSS is also, with this new program, able to better prioritize Solutions To End Homelessness Program (STEHP) funding for the most needy families presenting as at risk and avoid a homeless episode entirely.



Summary of Demographics

Age

Within the HMIS, there is a fairly even distribution of consumers in every age between 18 and 61, at which point the population served shrinks significantly. The highest concentration of all ages is between 0 and 5 years of age; 13% of consumers served in an unduplicated count of homelessness were children under the age of 6. In comparison, only 2% were over the age of 60.

Gender

The gender of consumers recorded in the CRHMIS is split relatively evenly between male and female with a very small percentage (less than 1%) identifying as transgendered. This is not an accurate representation of the homeless community, however, as the database is missing records for 60% of the emergency shelter beds designated to individual males and transitional beds for both individuals and families, skewing the data towards the households with children, the vast majority of which are female headed. While there is some crossover from consumers within the non-participatory programs, the agency which holds the non-participatory beds also does most support services internally, limiting that potential data source. Taking into account the gender of children within household served does not change these percentages.

Race and Ethnicity

Only 34% of consumers recorded in the CRHMIS identify as white, where 56% identify as African American and the balance identify as other minorities or mixed race². This varies significantly from the 2011 Census Bureau racial breakdown of Albany County³ (79% white, 13% black) showing a disproportionate use of emergency resources by minority populations.

While the 2011 Census³ reported that 5% of residents in Albany County identified as Hispanic, the CRHMIS shows 15% of all persons accessing homeless housing or prevention services identify as Hispanic. This is also an increase of 4% from the 2012 CRHMIS data.

Veterans

In Albany County, 12% of all adults entered into the CRHMIS database identified as veterans. While slightly above the national average of 10% in 2012, it is consistent with the 2012 findings and reflects the increased efforts on the part of the Veteran's Administration (VA) to engage and house homeless and at risk veterans.

Albany County participated in the Veteran's Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) for eligible tables. This is available upon request and breaks down all the shells in that report by the subpopulation of Vet.

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

18% of all consumer admissions reported met HUD's definition of chronic homelessness.

Discharge Destination

11% of all persons discharged from all program types were discharged to homelessness.

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 - <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/36/36001.html>

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
Total Record Count All Categories:	4,215	5,437	4,508	4,263	7,161

PROGRAM CATEGORY	%	%	%	%	%
ES Emergency Shelter	14.3%	19.5%	12.2%	8.4%	22.7%
PH Permanent Housing	14.9%	12.7%	13.6%	14.4%	9.8%
TH Transitional Housing	1.2%	1.8%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%
SSO Supportive Services Only	69.6%	65.8%	72.6%	75.4%	65.8%

HOUSEHOLDS WITH:	%	%	%	%	%
Only Adults	59.8%	52.0%	57.5%	61.9%	50.9%
Adults and Children	13.6%	16.9%	14.4%	13.1%	14.0%
Only Children	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%

RELATION TO PRIMARY CLIENT	%	%	%	%	%
Child	22.3%	27.4%	24.4%	25.9%	25.9%
Other Adult	2.5%	3.3%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%
Self	74.2%	68.3%	72.0%	76.2%	70.2%
Other	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%

AGE AT INTAKE	%	%	%	%	%
0-17 :	23.2%	28.2%	25.2%	22.5%	27.6%
18-61 :	74.4%	69.8%	72.5%	75.1%	70.0%
61+:	2.4%	2.0%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%

GENDER	%	%	%	%	%
Female	44.2%	45.8%	46.8%	44.8%	47.0%
Male	55.7%	54.1%	53.1%	54.9%	52.8%
Transgendered Female to Male	0.0%	--	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Transgendered Male to Female	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%

ETHNICITY	%	%	%	%	%
Hispanic / Latino	13.0%	14.1%	13.6%	0.2%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic / Non-Latino	85.4%	84.3%	85.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Don't Know	1.3%	1.4%	1.2%	13.0%	14.5%
Refused	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

RACE	%	%	%	%	%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	1.8%
Asian	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
Black or African-American	55.1%	57.0%	55.3%	55.5%	56.3%
Multi-Racial	3.6%	4.2%	4.0%	3.4%	4.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
White	35.2%	33.0%	34.3%	35.8%	34.1%
Don't Know	2.7%	2.9%	2.4%	2.0%	2.1%
Refused	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
VETERAN? *adults only	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	12.6%	13.2%	10.7%	11.3%	12.0%
No	86.5%	85.1%	87.1%	86.8%	85.6%
Don't Know	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.3%	2.0%
Refused	0.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%

	%	%	%	%	%
CHRONICALLY HOMELESS *adults only	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	10.5%	10.3%	9.8%	9.6%	8.2%
No	57.3%	69.9%	72.5%	72.5%	70.9%
No Data	32.2%	19.7%	17.7%	17.9%	20.8%

	%	%	%	%	%
DISABLING CONDITION	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	38.8%	36.4%	37.9%	38.7%	32.9%
No	57.0%	59.3%	58.0%	57.3%	61.4%
Refused	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Don't Know	3.9%	4.0%	3.7%	3.7%	5.4%

	%	%	%	%	%
HIV/AIDS (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	3.4%	2.8%	3.3%	3.9%	2.8%
No	76.6%	79.8%	76.1%	77.4%	78.2%
Don't Know	4.4%	16.4%	19.5%	17.6%	18.2%
Refused	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
No Data	1.2%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%	0.7%

	%	%	%	%	%
PHYSICAL DISABILITY (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	15.2%	13.6%	15.0%	16.1%	14.0%
No	78.9%	81.3%	80.0%	79.1%	79.3%
Don't Know	4.4%	4.0%	3.8%	3.6%	5.7%
Refused	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
No Data	1.4%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	0.8%

	%	%	%	%	%
CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	20.3%	18.0%	19.5%	20.3%	18.2%
No	72.1%	75.2%	73.8%	73.1%	74.1%
Don't Know	5.9%	5.4%	4.9%	4.8%	6.5%
Refused	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%
No Data	1.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	0.8%

	%	%	%	%	%
MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	29.1%	27.1%	27.8%	28.7%	25.6%
No	65.2%	67.8%	67.4%	66.7%	67.8%
Don't Know	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%	3.8%	5.9%
Refused	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Alcohol abuse	6.6%	5.8%	5.6%	5.8%	4.9%
Drug abuse	6.3%	6.1%	5.9%	6.1%	5.6%
Both alcohol and drug abuse	10.7%	9.9%	9.4%	9.9%	8.2%
No	70.8%	73.2%	74.4%	73.6%	74.9%
Don't Know	4.6%	4.1%	3.8%	3.7%	5.8%
Refused	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%

MONTHLY INCOME SOURCES (ADMISSION) *ages 18-65	%	%	%	%	%
Earned Income	15.1%	12.5%	12.0%	12.1%	11.7%

MONTHLY INCOME SOURCES (DISCHARGE) *ages 18-65	%	%	%	%	%
Earned Income	6.6%	3.1%	2.6%	1.6%	6.0%
Still In Program	63.3%	74.8%	84.1%	90.4%	53.5%

RESIDENCE PRIOR TO PROGRAM ENTRY	%	%	%	%	%
Emergency	32.6%	29.4%	32.3%	35.5%	29.7%
Temporary	5.4%	5.3%	5.1%	4.8%	5.1%
Permanent	40.2%	38.6%	38.3%	37.8%	39.2%
Don't Know	1.1%	0.7%	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%
Refused	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%	0.7%	1.2%
No Data	19.9%	25.1%	22.7%	20.4%	23.9%

DESTINATION	%	%	%	%	%
Emergency	8.0%	10.8%	2.7%	1.5%	9.3%
Permanent	16.2%	8.9%	10.7%	5.7%	25.0%
Temporary	6.5%	3.0%	1.7%	1.6%	7.4%
Don't Know	2.5%	2.2%	0.6%	0.6%	3.9%
Refused	0.1%	--	--	--	0.1%
Other	0.6%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.8%
Still In Program	65.8%	74.8%	84.1%	90.4%	53.5%

HOUSING STATUS (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Literally homeless	64.9%	70.2%	64.8%	64.9%	65.8%
Imminently losing their housing	13.2%	13.1%	14.2%	11.4%	15.1%
Unstably housed and at-risk of losing their housing	19.5%	14.5%	18.7%	21.3%	17.1%
Stably housed	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	2.0%	1.6%
Don't Know	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%

HOUSING STATUS (DISCHARGE)	%	%	%	%	%
Literally homeless	9.2%	11.5%	3.0%	1.6%	11.2%
Imminently losing their housing	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.4%
Unstably housed and at-risk of losing their housing	4.9%	1.6%	1.6%	0.3%	4.3%
Stably housed	17.2%	9.5%	10.1%	7.0%	26.6%
Don't Know	2.7%	2.4%	0.8%	0.7%	4.0%
Still In Program	65.8%	74.8%	84.1%	90.4%	53.5%