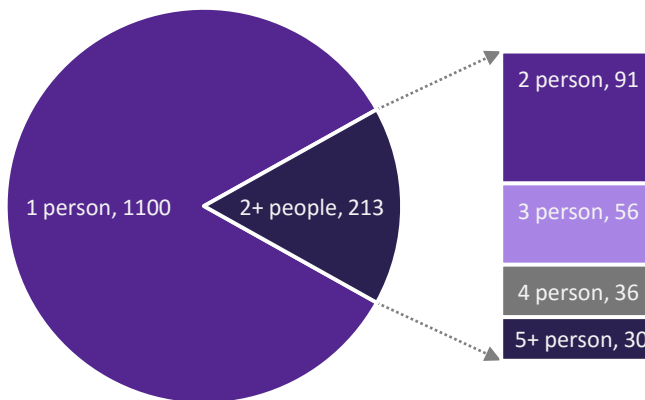# NY-507 - Schenectady City & County CoC

10/1/2015-12/31/2015

## Overview

Between 10/1/2015 and 12/31/2015, providers in the Schenectady City & County CoC served 1767 people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness[i]. 722 people were served in residential programs, with an additional 1045 served in supportive services only programs[ii].



Number of Households by Size

1 person, 1100 — 2+ people, 213
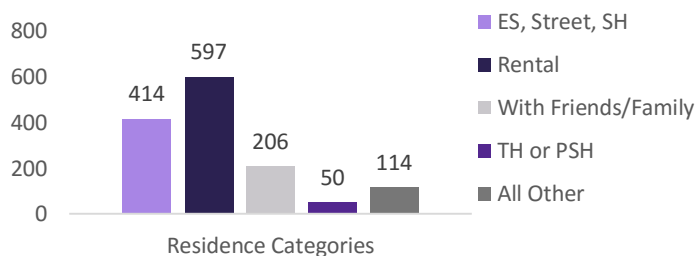2 person, 91
3 person, 56
4 person, 36
5+ person, 30

There were 1131 households without children (containing 1177 individuals), 169 households with adults and children (containing 234 adults and 333 children), and 13 households with 23 unaccompanied minors[iii].

By gender, providers in the CoC served 962 (54%) women, 801 (45%) men and 4 (0.2%) trans-identified individuals.

The racial and ethnic breakdown of those served included 868 (49%) White, 763 (43%) Black or African-American, 29 (1.6%) Asian, 12 (0.7%) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 25 (1.4%) American Indian or Alaskan Native, and 64 (4%) Multiple Races. 235 (13%) individuals identified as Hispanic/Latino regardless of race.



Prior Residence

- ES, Street, SH
- Rental
- With Friends/Family
- TH or PSH
- All Other

414, 597, 206, 50, 114
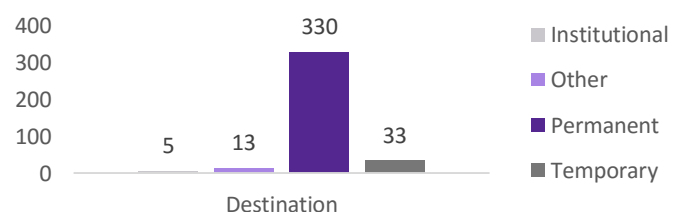
Residence Categories

Of 1418 adults or heads of household, 414 (29%) indicated a prior residence of Emergency Shelter, the streets or Safe Haven. Of these clients, 244 (59%) reported no previous episodes of homelessness within the last three years while 84 (20%), 39 (9%), and 70 (17%) had been homeless 2, 3, or 4+ times (respectively) during the same time frame. 7 (2%) did not report on this data element.

For those adults or heads of household who were in program a year or more and received an annual assessment (142), 67 (47%) saw an increase in income (cash and cash benefits) between admission and the most recent update. An additional 46 (32%) saw no change in income that was initially higher than zero[iv].

The total number of individuals discharged during the quarter was 385, which included 232 adults and 153 children. Income for 36 (16%)



Exiting To

- Institutional
- Other
- Permanent
- Temporary

5, 13, 330, 33

Destination

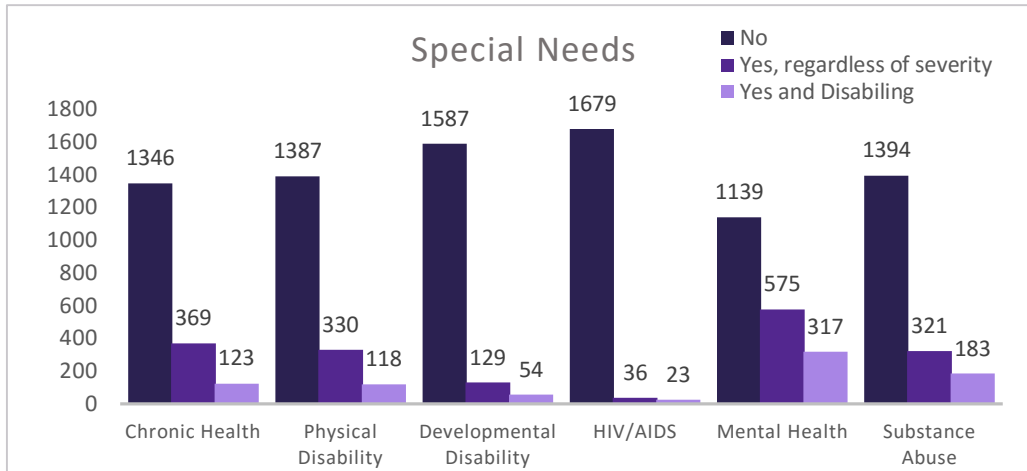clients over 18 rose between admission and discharge while 132 (57%) maintained stable income of

greater than zero.  Of 381 clients with known destinations, 330 (87%) were discharged to a permanent destination.

## Special Needs
57% of adults (810/1411) and 14% of children (49/356) self-reported at least one physical, emotional, or other health condition *regardless of whether the condition had become serious enough to be disabling*. Among those reporting multiple conditions, the most significant comorbidity was Mental Health and Substance Use (207). When taking severity of condition into account, 520 adults reported



Special Needs

Legend:
- No
- Yes, regardless of severity
- Yes and Disabling

| Category | No | Yes, regardless of severity | Yes and Disabling |
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| Chronic Health | 1346 | 369 | 123 |
| Physical Disability | 1387 | 330 | 118 |
| Developmental Disability | 1587 | 129 | 54 |
| HIV/AIDS | 1679 | 36 | 23 |
| Mental Health | 1139 | 575 | 317 |
| Substance Abuse | 1394 | 321 | 183 |

conditions that met the criteria to be considered a disability.

## Sub-Populations
100 (7%) individuals over 18 met the criteria for chronic homelessness at the time of project entry, which included individuals who were admitted under the previous definition (*the percentage of clients considered chronically homeless is expected to decrease over time due to changes in the definition implemented  by HUD which became effective in HMIS as of 10/1/15*).

1 out of every 12 adults receiving services this quarter was a veteran (8%).  Out of the 118 veterans served, 41 (35%) reported a disabling condition and 11 (9%) met the criteria for chronic homelessness at admission.

## System Performance Measures
On 1/1/16, HUD released 7 new System Performance Measures intended to leverage HMIS data in order to inform planning and track outcomes at the CoC-level.  The measures will assist with assessing the overall success of community efforts to address, divert and end homelessness and include: number of homeless persons; number of first-time episodes of homelessness; length of time persons remain homeless; job and income growth during program stays and/or at discharge; placement in permanent destinations; returns to homelessness/recidivism.  Additionally, these measures will play an important part in receiving and retaining Federal funding through the CoC Grant Competition.

Data quality and completeness play a major role in ensuring that the System Performance Measures accurately reflect the work being done within the CoC.  CARES routinely tracks the health of HMIS data and this information may be found on www.caresny.org.

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[i] Data breakdowns for subsequent categories may total less than this number due to differences in data reporting across funders, as well as data completeness. For more information on data completeness, please see  www.caresny.org
[ii] Programs included in this report listed on www.caresny.org. For the purposes of this report, any RRH enrollments are considered residential
[iii] Data based on current age and household composition, which may differ from information reported at admission
[iv] This measure includes individuals across all project types

## Projects Included in Report

### Emergency Shelter
- Bethesda House Emergency Veterans Initiative
- SAFE House
- SCDSS - Schen Co - Home Connections ES

### Homelessness Prevention
- Bethesda House of Schenectady HOME Prevention
- RPC SSVF Prevention
- SCAP STEHP LEGAL AID Prevention
- SCAP STEHP Prevention
- SCAP-ESG-Court Advocacy
- SCAP-ESG-Court Advocacy Prevention LASH

### Transitional Housing
- SCAP Sojourn House

### PH - Permanent Supportive Housing
- Bethesda House Liberty House
- Bethesda House Lighthouse
- Bethesda House Pathways To The Future
- Mohawk Opportunities Continuum of Care Program - 14 Unit
- Mohawk Opportunities Permanent Housing for Chronically Homeless - 8 bed
- Mohawk Opportunities Permanent Supported Housing Program - CoC 6 bed
- Mohawk Opportunities Rental Assistance Program
- Mohawk Opportunities Supported Housing Program
- New Choices Recovery Center Shelter Plus Care -DUP09A
- New Choices Recovery Center Shelter Plus Care -DUP09B
- SCAP PHP 16
- SCAP Shelter Plus Care Program
- Schenectady YMCA - SRO
- YMCA of Schenectady Shelter Plus Care -DUP09A
- YMCA of Schenectady Shelter Plus Care -DUP09B
- YMCA Supported Housing
- YWCA Schenectady - Main Building
- YWCA Schenectady Rosa's House
- YWCA Schenectady Rosa's House Expansion

### PH - Rapid Re-Housing
- Bethesda House of Schenectady HOME Rapid Re-housing
- BH STEHP Rapid Re-Housing
- RPC SSVF Program Rapid Rehousing
- SCAP STEHP LEGAL AID Rapid Re-Housing
- SCAP STEHP Rapid Rehousing

| Services Only Program |
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| Bethesda House Case Management |
| Bethesda House Day Program Drop-in Center |
| Bethesda House of Schenectady Day Shelter |
| Bethesda House Rep Payee Program |
| BH STEHP Emergency Services Program |
| LASH Schenectady |
| Project Safe - Schenecatady |
| SCAP Emergency Shelter Grant |
| SCAP Supportive Housing Solutions |