

Memo

To: Franklin Essex Housing Coalition

From: CARES of NY, Inc.

Date: May 4, 2021

Subject: Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Count Summary

Memo Overview and Intention

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2021 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on behalf of the Continuum of Care on or before May 14th, 2021 according to HUD's requirement. This data is being shared with homeless shelter and housing providers to 1) identify and report to CARES any errors before submission and 2) identify 2021 HIC and PIT outcomes that will impact the CoC Application score. Please report any errors and/or questions to the CARES Planning Team.

2021 Housing Inventory Summary

Continuums are required to report annually on the number of available beds dedicated to homeless persons; these beds include emergency, safe havens, transitional and permanent housing. Below is a summary of changes within these beds from 2020 to 2021.

- **Emergency Housing:**
 - **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round beds increased from 4 to 14.
 - Mohawk Indian Housing McGee Road apartments – ES was added to the HIC this year, adding 6 beds.
 - Soldier On - SSVF – EHA was added to the HIC this year with new HUD guidance, adding 2 beds.
 - Behavioral Health Services North DV Shelter was added to the HIC this year, adding 1 bed.
 - Franklin County Community Housing Council Safe Dwelling increased by 1, from 0 to 1.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds decreased by 3, from 29 to 26.
 - Essex County DSS hotel/motel vouchers decreased by 1, from 6 to 5.
 - Franklin County DSS decreased by 2, from 23 to 21.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds remained the same at 0.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds remained the same at 10.

▪ **Permanent Housing Beds:**

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 1, from 33 to 34.
 - Franklin County Community Housing Council- Housing Program increased by 7, from 15 to 22 due to utilization. (Increase of 4 family units and 7 family beds)
 - Veterans Administration- Albany VASH Franklin Essex VISN decreased by 6, from 18 to 12 due to utilization. (Decrease of 1 family unit and 3 family beds, Decrease of 3 single beds)
- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 3 beds, from 5 to 2.
 - Veterans Administration- SSVF Soldier On decreased by 3 beds in households without children due to utilization.

NOTE: The decrease in Rapid Rehousing beds *may* negatively impact the community's CoC application score.

- **Rapid Rehousing for Families:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count for families remained the same at zero.

NOTE: The lack of Rapid Rehousing beds for families *may* negatively impact the community's CoC application score.

- **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds remained the same at 2.

Annual Comparison of the Point-in-Time Count

Point-in-Time Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2021	35	5	40	1	41
2020	31	8	39	0	39
Difference	+4	-3	+1	+1	+2

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2021 (40 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2020 (39 persons) sheltered PIT an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 1 person utilizing services on the night of the count with a 4-person increase in use of emergency services and a 3-person decrease in the use of transitional housing.

NOTE: The increase in the sheltered homeless Point-in-Time count may negatively impact the community's CoC application score.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals increased 1, from 0 in 2020 to 1 in 2021
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless households remained the same at zero.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans remained the same at zero.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth remained the same at zero.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 1 in 2020 to 2 in 2021.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 1 in 2020 to 2 in 2021.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS remained the same at zero.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 2 in 2020 to 1 in 2021.

NOTE: Special populations (e.g., persons living with HIV/AIDS) often do not disclose their status which may indicate a lower than actual total number reported.

Unsheltered PIT breakdown

- In 2021 HUD allowed NY-520 the flexibility to complete a limited unsheltered PIT count due to the dangers of COVID-19 in the community. The NY-520 2021 unsheltered PIT was conducted via client survey at various agencies throughout the CoC over the course of 14 days. Information gathered in the survey included:
 - Type of sleeping locations: outdoors, car, abandoned building, etc.
 - Initials
 - County
 - Ages of any additional Household members
- Due to the nature of this survey, many demographic and sub-populations categories were excluded and cannot be accurately reported for 2021.
- When comparing the 2020 unsheltered PIT with the 2021 unsheltered PIT, a 1-person increase was noted.
- In 2020 there were 0 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 1 in 2021.

NOTE: The increase in the unsheltered homeless Point-in-Time count may negatively impact the community's CoC application score.