

Memo

To: Rockland County Continuum of Care

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 decreased by 1, from 44 to 43.
 - Rockland County DSS, Family Shelter Program decreased by 1 bed due to family composition.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds remained the same at 4.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds remained the same at 54.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 20 beds, from 50 to 30.
 - Open Arms, Supportive Living Program was not open the night of the PIT count, this change decreased the bed count by 20.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 8, from 83 to 91.
 - Loeb House Inc., Fred Hecht Apartment PSH Program increased by 3 beds. The increase was due to family composition.
 - Rockland County DSS PSH Program increased by 4 beds. The increase was due to family composition, and an increased utilization of 2 single beds.
 - VA Hudson Valley, HUD VASH Program increased by 1 bed due to increased utilization.

- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 8 beds, from 45 to 53 beds due to utilization and adding a project to the HIC this year.▪
 - Center for Safety & Change program increased by 9 beds.
 - Rockland County DSS, HH RRH program increased by 4 beds.
 - Rockland County DSS, RRH1 program decreased by 10 beds.
 - Rockland County DSS, STEHP RRH program was added to the HIC this year with 5 beds.
- **Rapid Rehousing for Families:** The Rapid Rehousing for Families bed count increased by 9, from 39 to 48 beds.
 - Center for Safety and Change, DV-RRH this year added 10 beds for families.
 - Rockland County DSS, HH RRH Program increased by 4 beds for families.
 - Rockland County DSS, RRH1 Program decreased by 10 beds for families.
 - Rockland County DSS, STEHP RRH Program was added to the HIC this year adding 5 beds for families.
- **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds remained the same at 16 beds, 10 for households with adults & children and 6 for households without children.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point in Time Overview					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2021	43	10	53	N/A	53
2020	88	33	121	72	193
Difference	-45	-23	-68	N/A	-140

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2021 (53 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2020 (121 persons) sheltered PIT a decrease in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a decrease of 68 persons utilizing services on the night of the count.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 23 in 2020 to 7 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 increased from zero in 2020 to 1 in 2021.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 43 in 2020 to 21 in 2021.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders decreased from 48 in 2020 to 14 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 8 in 2020 to 3 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 provided NY-606 with a full exemption from the unsheltered PIT count due to the COVID-19 crisis. As a result, no data was gathered on those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.