

Memo

To: Albany County Coalition on Homelessness

From: CARES of NY, Inc.

Date: April 21, 2023

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

Memo Overview and Intention

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2023 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT) compared to 2022 data.

2023 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 2022 to 2023. Under each section, you will see a breakdown of the *primary* reasons contributing to changes.

- **Emergency Housing:**
 - **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round beds decreased by 14, from 328 to 314.
 - Catholic Charities-Mercy House closed during this time.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 131, from 220 to 346.
 - Capital City Rescue Mission overflow beds increased by 39, from 36 in 2022 to 75 in 2023. This was likely due to the expiration of the eviction moratorium.
 - Department of Social Services placements at motel voucher beds and Schuyler Inn increased by 74 beds, from 165 to 239.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds increased by 16, from 34 to 50.
 - IPH Safe Haven added 16 beds in 2023, from 19 to 35. The bed increase is due to less restrictive social distancing guidelines for shelters.
- **Safe Haven:** The number of Safe Haven beds increased by 2 as a result of reclassification of Emergency Shelter beds per HUD.
- **Transitional Housing:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 9, from 166 to 157
 - CARES of NY, Inc. Perry House was reclassified as PSH, resulting in a decrease of 6 beds.
 - Catholic Charities Mercy House decreased by 2 beds due to the closure of the program.

▪ **Permanent Housing Beds:**

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 2 from 820 to 822.
- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count stayed the same at 283.
- **OPH:** Other PH projects include Albany Housing Authority Emergency Housing Vouchers, which increased from 7 beds in 2022 to 25 beds in 2023.
- **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds increased by 6, from 239 to 245 due to family composition.

NOTE: A lack of an increase in the number of Rapid Rehousing beds on the HIC may negatively impact the CoC's Application score in FY2023.

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Annual Comparison of the Point-in-Time Count

Point in Time Overview						
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Safe Haven	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2023	661	127	0	788	101	889
2022	536	131	0	667	67	734
Difference	+125	-4	0	+121	+34	+155

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2023 (788 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2022 (667 persons) sheltered PIT, an increase of 121 total number of persons utilizing services on the night of the count is noted, with a 125-person increase in the use of emergency services and a 4-person decrease in the use of transitional housing.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- **Chronically Homeless Individuals:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased by 60, from 96 in 2022 to 36 in 2023.
- **Chronically Homeless Families:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless family households remained at 1 (total of 6 persons, an increase from 3 persons in 2022) in 2023.
- **Chronically Homeless Vets:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans remained the same at 5.
- **Chronically Homeless Youth:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth decreased from 2 in 2022 to 1 in 2023.
- **Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:** The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness remained the same at 88.
- **Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:** The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 84 in 2022 to 86 in 2023.
- **Adults with HIV/AIDS:** The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS decreased from 8 in 2022 to 6 in 2023.
- **Victims of Domestic Violence:** The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 25 in 2022 to 16 in 2023.

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

- When comparing the 2022 unsheltered PIT with the 2023 unsheltered PIT, a 42-person increase was noted.
- In 2022 there were 67 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 109 in 2023.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- **Chronically Homeless Individuals:** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 46 in 2022 to 60 in 2023.

- **Chronically Homeless Families:** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained the same at zero in 2023.
- **Chronically Homeless Vets:** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless veterans increased from 0 in 2022 to 5 in 2023.
- **Chronically Homeless Youth:** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless youth remained the same at zero.
- **Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:** The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness increased from 28 in 2022 to 61 in 2023.
- **Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:** The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 21 in 2022 to 61 in 2023.
- **Adults with HIV/AIDS:** The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS remained the same at zero in 2023.
- **Victims of Domestic Violence:** The number of unsheltered persons noting DV increased from 1 in 2022 to 3 in 2023.

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