

# Memo

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**To:** Homeless Services Planning Board

**From:** CARES of NY, Inc.

**Date:** April 21, 2023

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

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## 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.

- **Safe Haven:** There was no change in beds between 2022 and 2023 (3 beds).
- **Emergency Housing:**
  - **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round increased by 10, from 163 to 173.
    - City Mission of Schenectady increased by 6 beds.
  - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 89, from 78 to 167.
    - DSS Hotel/Motel sheltering increased beds due to an increase in presenting need, likely resulting from the end of the eviction moratorium and lack of available units.
    - Please note: the number of overflow beds is in alignment with pre-pandemic numbers.
  - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds increased by 12, from 24 to 36
    - Bethesda House Code Blue increased by 19 beds as a result of increased funding.
    - City Mission Code Blue decreased by 9 beds.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds increased by 17, from 51 to 68
  - City Mission of Schenectady reported an increase of 12 beds due to household composition. Specifically, it was reported additional family households utilized transitional housing this year as there is a lack of available units for families.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
  - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 16, from 451 to 435 due to utilization.

- New Choices Recovery Center PSH decreased by 6 beds due to household composition and a reported lack of affordable units.
  - Schenectady Community Action Program’s PHP 27 decreased by 9 beds due to household composition.
  - SMHA Shelter Plus Care decreased by 6 beds due to household composition. The decrease was attributed to lack of affordable units for both households of Adults with Children and Adult-Only households.
- **Rapid Rehousing Total:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 19 beds, from 107 to 88 beds.
    - Schenectady Community Action Program’s Rapid Rehousing Program beds decreased by 39, from 51 to 12. The provider indicated lack of affordable units as the reason for this decrease.
    - Schenectady Community Action Program’s ESG-CV Rapid Rehousing Program increased by 11 beds.
  - **Other Permanent Housing:** The Other Permanent Housing increased by 19 beds this year, as a result of two new programs (Bethesda House Rental Supplement Program and Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority Emergency Housing Voucher Program)
  - **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds increased by 2, from 80 to 82 due to higher utilization of 100% dedicated chronic projects.

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

**Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count**

| Point in Time Overview |                   |                      |                 |             |       |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|
|                        | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Total Sheltered | Unsheltered | Total |
| <b>2023</b>            | 339               | 84                   | 423             | 7           | 444   |
| <b>2022</b>            | 233               | 49                   | 282             | 7           | 289   |
| <b>Difference</b>      | +106              | +35                  | +141            | 0           | +155  |

**Sheltered PIT Breakdown**

- When comparing the 2023 (423 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2022 (282 persons) sheltered PIT, an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 141 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 106-person increase in use of emergency services and 35-person increase in the use of transitional housing.
- Please note: the emergency sheltered total is in alignment with pre-pandemic numbers.

**Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information**

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 36 in 2022 to 22 in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless households remained the same at 1.
- *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 2.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 77 in 2022 to 70 in 2023. (Total decrease of 7)
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 45 in 2022 to 76 in 2023. (Total increase of 31)
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS decreased from 1 in 2022 to 0 in 2023 (total decrease of 1).
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 16 in 2022 to 15 in 2023. (Total increase of 1)

**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, the number of unsheltered individuals remained the same at 7.
- In 2022 there were 7 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 7 in 2023.

#### **Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information**

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

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