

Memo

To: Points North Housing Coalition

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.

- **Emergency Housing:**

- **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round beds increased by 12, from 14 in 2022 to 26 in 2023. Please note: this number is likely to change from year-to-year due to family composition.
 - Lewis County Opportunity Safe Dwelling increased by 7 beds, from 1 to 8 (one unit was reported on the night of the count last year with 0 occupants).
 - St. Lawrence County Renewal House Safe Dwelling increased by 5 beds, from 2 to 7 due to utilization.
- **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds utilization increased by 20, from 93 to 113.
 - St. Lawrence County DSS voucher beds increased by 40 beds, from 25 in 2022 to 65 in 2023. This increase was due to being able to serve additional households as a result of ESG-CV funding.
 - Jefferson County DSS Overflow beds decreased by 21. This decrease demonstrates a return to pre-pandemic emergency housing voucher utilization.
 - Note: Jefferson County DSS's bed number is still an increase compared to pre-pandemic years. Lack of available affordable units and the end of the eviction moratorium increase the length of time persons are remaining in shelter.
- **Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds increased by 24, from 0 in 2022 to 24 in 2023.
 - Jefferson County Department of Social Services received funding to open a new warming center, adding 24 beds.

- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional housing beds decreased by 11 beds, from 22 in 2022 to 11 in 2023.
 - Mental Health Association of Jefferson County program was reclassified as a Rapid Rehousing project, decreasing the TH bed count by 7 beds.
 - North Country Transitional Living Services Gateway program decreased beds by 4 due to household composition.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - ***Permanent Supportive Housing:*** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 34, from 454 to 420.
 - North Country Transitional Living Services Gaslight Village bed inventory decreased by 14, from 96 in 2022 to 82 in 2023 due to household composition.
 - ***Rapid Rehousing:*** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 72 beds, from 74 to 146 beds.
 - MILC RRH increased by 57 beds reportedly due to the eviction moratorium lifting, resulting in increased need and more availability of units.
 - Snowbelt SBH CoC Rapid Rehousing increased by 11 beds, from 1 in 2022 to 12 in 2023.
 - ***Chronic Beds:*** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds decreased by 3, from 28 in 2022 to 25 in 2023.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point in Time Overview					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2023	132	16	148	34	182
2022	106	9	115	15	130
Difference	+26	+7	+33	+19	+52

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2022 (115 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2023 (148 persons) sheltered PIT an increase of 33 is noted in the total number of persons sheltered.
- In total, there was an increase of 33 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 26-person increase in use of emergency services and a 7-person increase in 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 decreased by 5 persons, from 5 to 0.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless households remained at zero.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans remained at zero.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth remained at zero.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased by 1, from 13 in 2022 to 12 in 2023.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased by 1, from 3 to 4 persons in 2023.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS remained at 0.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased by 13, from 6 in 2022 to 19 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 19-person increase was noted.
- In 2022 there were 15 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 34 in 2023.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

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- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 10 in 2022 to 20 in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless households increased from zero in 2022 to zero in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless veterans increased from zero in 2022 to 2 in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth decreased from 1 in 2022 to zero in 2023.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of unsheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 10 in 2022 to 26 in 2023.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of unsheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 12 in 2022 to 25 in 2023.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of unsheltered persons with HIV/AIDS remained at zero in 2023.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of unsheltered persons noting DV increased from 4 in 2022 to 9 in 2023.