

Memo

To: Rensselaer County Homeless Services Collaborative
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 annually report the number of available beds dedicated to homeless persons; these include emergency, safe haven, transitional and permanent housing beds. Below is a summary of changes from 2022 to 2023. Under each section, you will see a breakdown of the *primary* reasons contributing to the change.

- **Emergency Housing:**
 - **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round beds decreased by 19, from 103 in 2022 to 84 in 2023.
 - **Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless – Medical Respite** moved its physical location to Albany County accounting for a 17 bed decrease
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased from 13 beds in 2022 to 16 beds in 2023, with the addition of 3 persons served by Rensselaer County DSS in hotels/motels on the night of the count.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds remained the same at 0 beds.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds increased by 12, from 27 in 2022 to 39 in 2023 due to family composition.
 - **Unity House UH 374** increased from 9 beds in 2022 to 14 in 2023.
 - **YWCA GCR Women in Transition** increased from 16 beds in 2022 to 23 beds in 2023.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 33, from 662 in 2022 to 695 in 2022, due to utilization and/or family composition and new projects being added to the HIC.
 - **St. Paul's Center Lee Dyer Family Apartments** decreased from 34 to 27 beds due to family composition.
 - **Joseph's House Bethune Program** decreased by 10, from 43 in 2022 to 33 in 2023 due to utilization.

- **Unity House of Troy – Permanent Supported Housing Program 800** decreased by 4, from 143 in 2022 to 139 in 2023 due to family composition (???)
 - **Unity House of Troy - UH 300** increased by 51, from 84 in 2022 to 135 in 2023 due to utilization.
 - **Veterans Administration VASH – VA** decreased by 9, from 18 in 2022 to 9 in 2023.
- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 20 beds, from 132 in 2022 to 152 in 2023 (15% increase).
- **Joseph’s House JH** - NYS ESG-CV RRH closed due to exhausting funding for a loss of 19 beds.
 - **St. Paul’s** Cabrini Health RRH increased from 5 to 6 beds.
 - **St. Paul’s** ESG-CV RRH decreased from 15 beds to 3 due to utilization.
 - **St. Paul’s** St. Paul - NYS ESG-CV RRH increased by 32 beds, from 7 in 2022 to 39 in 2023 due to utilization.
 - **Unity House of Troy STEHP Rapid Rehousing** increased by 23 beds, from 19 in 2022 to 42 in 2023 due to increased utilization.
 - **Unity House of Troy Supportive Housing (352)** increased by 12 beds, from 8 beds in 2022 to 20 beds in 2023 due to increased utilization.
 - **Unity House of Troy UH** - ESG-CV RRH closed due to exhausting funding with a loss of 8 beds.
 - **Unity House of Troy UH** - NYS ESG-CV RRH closed due to exhausting funding with a loss of 10 beds.
 - **St. Catherine’s Center for Children** Project Host decreased by 2 beds, from 8 beds in 2022 to 6 in 2023.
- **Dedicated Chronic Homeless Beds:** the number of dedicated chronic homeless beds decreased from 259 in 2022 to 244 in 2023 due to utilization.

NOTE: a lack of a 20% increase in the number of Rapid Rehousing beds on the HIC may negatively impact the CoC’s Application score in FY2023.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point In Time Count Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2023	105	28	133	23	151
2022	111	23	134	14	148
Difference	-6	5	-1	9	3

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2023 (133 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2022 (134 persons) sheltered PIT, a decrease in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a decrease of 1 person utilizing services on the night of the count with a 6-person decrease in the use of Emergency Shelters and a 5-person increase in use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased by 4, from 6 in 2022 to 2 in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless households remained at 0.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans remained at 0.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless youth remained at 1.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 34 in 2022 to 20 in 2023.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders decreased from 18 in 2022 to 7 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 decreased from 38 in 2022 to 25 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 9-person increase was noted.
- In 2022 there were 14 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 23 in 2023.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 10 in 2022 to 16 in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained at zero.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless veterans increased from 0 in 2022 to 1 in 2023.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness increased from 10 in 2022 to 17 in 2023.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 6 in 2022 to 16 in 2023.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS increased from 0 in 2022 to 1 in 2023.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of unsheltered persons noting DV increased from 0 in 2022 to 3 in 2023.

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