

Memo

To: Saratoga-North Country 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, 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 increased by 9, from 79 to 88.
 - Open Door Mission, Women’s Residential Shelter, was newly opened and added to the HIC this year, resulting in an 8 bed increase.
 - Salvation Army NYS ESG-CV SA Immediate was added to the HIC this year, for an increase of 4 beds.
 - The following projects closed due to funding completion: CAPTAIN NYS ESG-CV Immediate EH (1 bed) and RISE NYS ESG-CV Immediate EH (3 beds).
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 59, from 83 to 142 due to utilization of hotels/motels due to a reported lack of affordable housing units.
 - Saratoga DSS Hotel/Motel beds increased by 12, from 17 to 29.
 - Warren Co. DSS Hotel/Motel beds decreased by 10, from 53 to 43.
 - Washington Co. DSS Hotel/Motel beds increased by 57, 13 to 70.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds increased by 18, from 83 to 101.
 - Shelters of Saratoga Code Blue increased by 18, from 43 to 61.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional housing beds remained the same at 32.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 7, from 221 to 228.

- Wellspring Permanent Housing Program increased by 3 beds due to household composition.
- VASH VA increased by 6 beds due to increased utilization and household composition.
- VCHC Center Street decreased by 2 beds due to household composition.
- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 48 beds, from 109 to 61 due to utilization and the end of temporary funding.
 - CAPTAIN STEHP RRH decreased by 5 beds, from 6 to 1
 - CAPTAIN NYS ESG-CV RRH decreased by 9 beds, from 11 to 3.
 - Shelters of Saratoga, NYS ESG-CV RRH program ended, decreasing the bed count by 12.
 - St. Paul's Center, Cabrini Health RRH bed count decreased by 3, from 5 to 2.
 - Wellspring New View Rapid Rehousing Program decreased by 13, from 35 to 22.
 - Washington Co. DSS ESG-CV RRH program decreased by 10, from 14 to 4.
- **Other Permanent Housing:** (OPH) beds increased from 5 in 2022 to 35 in 2023. NYS HCR Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) project was added to the HIC in 2022, as these vouchers were newly operational, and HUD provided guidance EHV's should be listed on the HIC. The number of beds (35) reflect those utilized on the night of the count by a household that came from homelessness, Rapid Rehousing, or a domestic violence situation.
- **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds decreased by 4 beds from 68 in 2022 to 64 in 2023 due to decreased utilization.

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
2023	314	13	327	5	332
2022	200	19	219	3	222
Difference	+114	-6	+108	+2	+110

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2023 sheltered PIT (327 persons) with the 2022 sheltered PIT (219 persons) an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a increase of 108 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 114-person increase in use of emergency services and a 6-person decrease in the use of 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 increased from 21 in 2022 to 29 in 2023.
- **Chronically Homeless Families:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless households decreased from 1 to 0.
- **Chronically Homeless Vets:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans increased from zero in 2022 to 3 in 2023.
- **Chronically Homeless Youth:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth decreased from 3 in 2022 to 1 in 2023.
- **Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:** The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 35 in 2022 to 47 in 2023.
- **Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:** The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders decreased from 27 in 2022 to 20 in 2023.
- **Adults with HIV/AIDS:** The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 1 in 2022 to 2 in 2023.
- **Victims of Domestic Violence:** The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 14 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 2-person increase was noted.
- In 2022 there were 3 unsheltered individuals compared to 5 in 2023.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals in increased from 1 in 2022 to 3 in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless households remained the same at zero in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless veterans remained the same at zero.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth remained the same at zero.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of unsheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 3 in 2022 to 4 in 2023.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 3 in 2022 to 4 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 decreased from 1 in 2022 to 0 in 2023.