

Memo

To: NY-501/Southern Tier Entry to Programs and Services
From: CARES of NY, Inc.
Date: May 12, 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). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on behalf of the Continuum of Care on or before April 29, 2023, according to HUD's requirement. This data is being shared with homeless shelters and housing providers to identify 2023 HIC and PIT outcomes that will impact the CoC Application score and for grant writing purposes. Please report any errors and/or questions to Paula Howard, the yIS Administrator at: Paula.Howard@dor.org.

2023 Housing Inventory Summary

Continuums are required to report annually on the number of available beds dedicated to homeless people; 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 from 57 to 52.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased from 399 to 496. This is due to a stark increase in the number of households sheltered in hotels/motels paid for by counties. It was reported this increase in homelessness is due to the Housing Stability and Reform Act, bail reform, the COVID-19 pandemic, among other reasons.
 - Allegany County Emergency Housing Vouchers decreased from 19 to 2.
 - Livingston County Hotel/Motel Vouchers decreased from 34 to 27.
 - Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers Emergency Services Homeless Shelter overflow beds were reclassified as Chemung County DSS Motel Voucher Program beds. Between the two agencies, there was an increase from 182 beds to 236 beds utilized on the night of the count.
 - Steuben County Emergency Housing Vouchers increased from 147 to 221.
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- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased from 44 to 40 due to family composition changes.

- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - ***Permanent Supportive Housing:*** Permanent supportive housing beds increased from 296 to 309.
 - AIM Independent Living Center opened a new project, AIM Supported Housing for Youth – ESSHI, which resulted in an increase of 5 beds.
 - Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler’s Shelter Plus CARE HUD Permanent project increased from 26 beds in 2022 to 36 beds in 2023.
 - ***Rapid Rehousing:*** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased from 277 to 196. This is due at least in part to the trend of moving RRH households into the Rental Supplement Program when their RRH program time period ends or utilizing RRH funds to initiate housing and transitioning households to RSP which does not carry a time limit on the rental supplement. This creative use of ESG funds combined with the new NYS RSP program has allowed agencies to preserve precious fair market value housing stock and reduce risk of recidivism in the RRH population who are unable to maintain housing after the rental stipend ends.
 - ACCORD Corp’s RRH Supportive Housing Project I project decreased from 18 beds in 2022 to 9 beds in 2023.
 - Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler’s CCST NYS ESG-CV Chemung RRH project decreased from 37 beds in 2022 to 1 bed in 2023.
 - Steuben County DSS NYS ESG-CV RRH project decreased from 107 beds in 2022 to 32 beds in 2023.
 - A number of projects saw an increase in RRH beds that offset some of the above decreases, including Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler’s STEHP ESG RRH, Catholic Charities of Livingston’s NYS ESG-CV RRH, Chances & Change’s STEHP ESG RRH, Salvation Army of Elmira’s RRH, and Soldier On’s SSVF projects.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point in Time Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2023	535	40	575	19	594
2022	445	42	487	11	497
Difference	+90	-2	+88	+8	+97

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2023 (535 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2022 (445 persons) sheltered PIT, a total increase in persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 90 people utilizing services on the night of the count.

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 7 in 2022 to 13 in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless family households increased from 0 in 2022 to 1 in 2023.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans remained at 0.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth increased from 0 to 1.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 18 in 2022 to 49 in 2023.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 11 in 2022 to 24 in 2023.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 1 in 2022 to 3 in 2023.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 6 in 2022 to 26 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, an increase of 8 persons was noted. This is due primarily to family composition size.
- In 2022 there were 11 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 19 in 2023.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals in 2023 was two.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families in 2023 was zero.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless veterans in 2023 was zero.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth in 2023 was one.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of unsheltered persons with serious mental illness in 2023 was five.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons with substance abuse disorders in 2023 was six.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons with HIV/AIDS in 2023 was zero.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons noting DV in 2023 was one.