

Memo –

To: Albany County Coalition on Homelessness
From: CARES of NY, Inc.
Date: May 17, 2024
Subject: Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Count Summary

Memo Overview and Intention

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2024 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT was submitted on behalf of the Continuum of Care before the May 10th, 2024 deadline according to HUD's requirement. This data is being shared with homeless shelter and housing providers to 1) identify and report to CARES any errors that can be rectified during HUD's review and 2) identify 2024 HIC and PIT outcomes that will impact the CoC Application score. Please report any errors and/or questions to Denise Galloway (dbrodt@caresny.org) or Kelli Clark (kclark@caresny.org).

2024 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 2023 to 2024. 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 181, from 314 in 2023 to 495 in 2024.
 - Schuyler Inn was recategorized as year-round beds instead of overflow beds, and increased from 156 in 2023 to 214 in 2024
 - Catholic Charities' St. Charles Lwanga Shelter closed 19 beds
 - Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless reopened Mercy House and added 20 beds & increased contracted ES beds at Morton Ave shelter
 - Altamont Program opened a new shelter at 50 Thorton St adding 10 beds
 - *Emergency Overflow Beds:* The number of overflow beds decreased by 200, from 346 in 2023 to 146 in 2024.
 - Schuyler Inn was recategorized as year-round beds instead of overflow beds, resulting in a reduction of 156 Overflow Beds reported
 - Capital City Rescue Mission reported 54 overflow beds in their Emergency Shelter compared to 75 in 2023
 - Albany County DSS reported a reduction of overflow beds utilized on the night of the count, from 83 in 2023 to 62 in 2024
 - Soldier On SSVF EHA beds were not reported this year, resulting in a reduction of 8 beds
 - *Emergency Seasonal Beds:* The number of seasonal beds increased by 1 at 34 in 2023 and 35 in 2024.

- Safe Haven Beds: The number of Safe Haven beds increased by 2, from 2 in 2023 to 4 in 2024.
 - Albany Housing Coalition Community reported contract beds increased from 2 to 4.
- Transitional Beds: The number of transitional beds decreased by 2, from 157 in 2023 to 155 in 2024.
 - The Albany Rescue Mission decreased by 17 beds
 - Equinox Transitional Program decreased by 1 bed.
 - Capital City Rescue Mission opened a new Transitional Housing project that added 15 beds to the inventory.
- Permanent Housing Beds:
 - *Permanent Supportive Housing*: Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 15, from 822 in 2023 to 838 in 2024.
 - CARES of NY, Inc. opened a new program, adding 20 ESSHI beds
 - Catholic Charities Housing Office Scattered Site decreased by 9 beds due to utilization.
 - Damien Center increased by 5 beds.
 - Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless increased by 1 bed.
 - Albany VA VASH increased by 2 beds.
 - *Rapid Rehousing*: The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 65 beds, from 283 in 2023 to 218 in 2024. This is largely due to increased utilization.
 - Albany Housing Coalition UFA RRH decreased by 4 beds.
 - Albany Housing Coalition RRH decreased by 13 beds.
 - Equinox Project Breakfree increased by 18 beds.
 - HATAS Next Step increased by 2 beds
 - HATAS STEHP increased by 2 beds.
 - Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY RRH decreased by 44 beds, likely due to data cleanup
 - St. Catherine’s Project Host was not included on the HIC this year as the project had no one in housing on the night of the count, resulting in a reported loss of 20 beds
 - St Catherine’s Center for Children CDPHP Project decreased by 4 beds; St Catherine’s Center for Children ESG-CV project ended, decreasing 4 beds.

NOTE: a decrease in the number of Rapid Rehousing beds on the HIC may negatively impact the CoC’s Application score in FY2024.

- *Other Permanent Housing*: The number of Other Permanent Housing beds remained the same at 25 between 2023 and 2024.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point In Time Count Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2024	684	154	838	173	1,011
2023	661	127	788	101	889
Difference	23	27	50	72	122

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2023 (788 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2024 (838 persons) sheltered PIT, an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 50 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 23-person increase in the use of Emergency Shelters and a 27-person increase in use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 30 in 2023 to 26 in 2024.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of sheltered chronically homeless households decreased from 1 household (6 persons) in 2023 to 0 in 2024.
- *Families*: The number of sheltered homeless families increased from 104 households (297 persons) in 2023 to 106 (323 persons) in 2024.
- *Veterans*: The number of sheltered homeless veterans decreased from 38 in 2023 to 37 in 2024.
- *Unaccompanied Youth*: The number of sheltered unaccompanied youth increased from 15 in 2023 to 34 in 2024.
- *Parenting Youth*: The number of parenting youth decreased from 8 households (20 persons) in 2023 and 1 household (2 persons) in 2024.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 88 in 2023 to 86 in 2024.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders decreased from 86 in 2023 to 62 in 2024.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS decreased from 6 in 2023 to 2 in 2024.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 16 in 2023 to 4 in 2024.

NOTE: Special populations (e.g., persons living with HIV/AIDS, youth) often do not disclose their status or are underreported which may indicate a lower than actual total number reported.

Unsheltered PIT breakdown

- When comparing the 2023 (101 persons) unsheltered PIT with the 2024 unsheltered PIT (173 persons), a 72-person increase was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 60 in 2023 to 112 in 2024.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families increased from zero in 2023 to 1 in 2024.
- *Families*: The number of unsheltered families increased from 0 in 2023 to 1 in 2024.
- *Veterans*: The number of unsheltered homeless veterans remained at 5 in 2024.
- *Youth*: The number of unsheltered youth was 1 in 2023 and increased to 5 in 2024.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness increased from 61 in 2023 to 77 in 2024.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 61 in 2023 to 85 in 2024.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS remained at zero in 2024.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons noting DV increased from 3 in 2023 to 5 in 2024.

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