

Memo –

To: Homeless Services Planning Board - Schenectady
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 29, from 173 in 2023 to 202 in 2024.
 - **Bethesda House** opened CARA House, adding 10 shelter beds.
 - **Schenectady City Mission** added 15 beds.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds decreased by 31, from 167 in 2023 to 136 in 2024.
 - All seasonal shelters were recategorized as overflow beds, as they were not open every night during the season.
 - Decrease in overflow beds reported a result of data cleanup in Home Connections programs.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds decreased from 36 in 2023 to 0 in 2024.
 - All seasonal shelters were recategorized as overflow beds, as they were not open every night during the season.

- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds increased by 22, from 70 in 2023 to 92 in 2024.
 - **City Mission** opened 2 new TH projects, adding an additional 20 beds.
 - **SCAP** added 2 beds to Sojourn House.

- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 28, from 435 in 2023 to 463 in 2024, mostly due to utilization and/or household composition or new projects being added to the HIC.
 - **Bethesda House** opened 2 new projects via Cara House, adding 26 beds.
 - **HUD VASH** reported an additional 8 beds due to utilization.
 - **New Choices Recovery Center Shelter Plus Care** reported an additional 7 beds due to utilization.
 - **Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority** reported a reduction of 15 beds.
 - **SCAP Shelter Plus Care** reported an additional 2 beds due to utilization.
 - **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 102 beds, from 88 in 2023 to 190 in 2024. This is largely due to new projects being added to the HIC.
 - **The YWCA** added 90 beds through their DV Bonus and DV Renewal projects.
 - 2 beds were lost due to the ending of ESG-CV funds.
 - **Other Permanent Housing:** The OPH bed count decreased from 19 in 2023 to 10 in 2024.
 - **Bethesda House** Rental Supplement Program was not in operation during the night of the count this year, resulting in a reported decrease of 9 beds.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point In Time Count Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2023	339	84	423	7	430
2024	288	56	344	18	362
Difference	-51	-28	-79	+11	-68

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2023 (423 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2024 (344 persons) sheltered PIT, a decrease in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a decrease of 79 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 51-person decrease in the use of Emergency Shelters and a 28-person decrease in use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- **Chronically Homeless Individuals:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 22 in 2023 to 5 in 2024.
Please note: this decrease is likely due to a lack of reporting disabling conditions in HMIS; CARES will be focusing on highlighting this when retraining HMIS users.
- **Chronically Homeless Families:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless households decreased from 1 household (3 persons) in 2023 to 0 in 2024.

- *Families*: The number of homeless households increased from 39 households (108 persons) in 2023 to 51 households (148 persons) in 2024.
- *Veterans*: The number of sheltered homeless veterans decreased from 2 in 2023 to 1 in 2024.
- *Unaccompanied Youth*: The number of sheltered homeless youth decreased from 18 in 2023 to 13 in 2024.
- *Parenting Youth*: The total number of sheltered parenting youth decreased from 6 households (14 persons) in 2023 to 5 households (12 persons) in 2024.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 70 in 2023 to 27 in 2024.
Please note: this decrease is likely due to a lack of reporting disabling conditions in HMIS; CARES will be focusing on highlighting this when retraining HMIS users.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders decreased from 76 in 2023 to 7 in 2024.
Please note: this decrease is likely due to a lack of reporting disabling conditions in HMIS; CARES will be focusing on highlighting this when retraining HMIS users.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 0 in 2023 to 1 in 2024.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 15 in 2023 to 7 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 (7 persons) unsheltered PIT with the 2024 unsheltered PIT (18 persons), an 11-person increase was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 1 in 2023 to 3 in 2024.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained at zero.
- *Families*: The number of unsheltered families increased from 0 in 2023 to 2 in 2024.
- *Veterans*: The number of unsheltered homeless veterans decreased from 1 in 2023 to 0 in 2024.
- *Youth*: The number of unsheltered homeless youth increased from 3 in 2023 to 7 in 2024.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness increased remained at 3 in 2024.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 1 in 2023 to 5 in 2024.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS remained at 0 in 2024.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons noting DV increased from 0 in 2023 to 1 in 2024.

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