

Memo –

To: Rensselaer County Homeless Services Collaborative
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 13, from 84 in 2023 to 97 in 2024, largely due to utilization.
 - **Joseph’s House Emergency Shelter:** Increased by 5 beds.
 - **Unity House of Troy:** Increased by 6 beds.
 - **St. Paul’s Center:** Increased by 2 beds.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 74, from 16 in 2023 to 90 in 2024. This is due to an increase in people being sheltered in hotel/motel and better data entry.
 - **Joseph’s House Code Blue Emergency Shelter:** 13 overflow beds were recategorized as seasonal beds.
 - **Rensselaer County DSS:** Increased their placements by 87, a result of both better data entry and an increase in the sheltered homeless population.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds increased by 17, from 0 in 2023 to 17
 - **Joseph’s House:** 13 overflow beds were recategorized as seasonal beds
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds increased by 14, from 39 in 2023 to 53 in 2024.
 - **Unity House of Troy:** Increased by 12 beds due to family composition.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased 39, from 695 in 2023 to 734 in 2024, mostly due to utilization and/or household composition.
 - **Joseph’s House Bethune:** Increased by 10 beds due to utilization
 - **Joseph’s House 800:** Decreased by 14 beds due to utilization
 - **Tapestry on the Hudson:** Decreased by 7 beds due to family composition.
 - **Unity House of Troy 800:** Increased by 54 beds due to utilization.

- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 16, from 152 in 2023 to 136 in 2024 due to a mixture of utilization and closed programs.
 - **Joseph’s House STEHP RRH:** Increased by 45 beds due to utilization.
 - **St. Paul’s Cabrini RRH:** closed for a decrease of 6 beds.
 - **St. Paul’s ESG-CV RRH:** closed for a decreased of 42 beds.
 - **Unity House of Troy RRH:** increased by 6 beds due to utilization.
 - **Unity House of Troy STEHP RRH:** decreased by 19 beds due to utilization.

- **Other Permanent Housing:** Other permanent housing remained at 38 in 2024.

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

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point In Time Count Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered*	Total
2024	203	42	245	25	270
2023	105	28	133	23	156
Difference	98	14	112	2	114

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2023 (133 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2024 (245 persons) sheltered PIT, an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 112 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 98-person increase in the use of Emergency Shelters and a 14-person increase in use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- **Chronically Homeless Individuals:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 2 in 2023 to 3 in 2024.
- **Chronically Homeless Families:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless households increased from 0 in 2023 to 1 in 2024.
- **Families:** The number of sheltered families increased from 24 in 2023 to 53 households in 2024.
- **Veterans:** The number of sheltered homeless veterans increased from 0 in 2023 to 2 in 2024.

- *Unaccompanied Youth*: The number of sheltered homeless youth decreased from 8 in 2023 to 5 in 2024.
- *Parenting Youth*: The number of sheltered *Parenting Youth Households* decreased from 6 in 2023 to 5 in 2024.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 20 in 2023 to 23 in 2024.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 7 in 2023 to 12 in 2024.
- *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 25 in 2023 to 22 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*

**Numbers reported are preliminary and do not include information from local hospitals.*

- When comparing the 2023 (23 persons) unsheltered PIT with the 2024 unsheltered PIT (25 persons), a 2-person increase was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 16 in 2023 to 15 in 2024.
- *Families*: The number of unsheltered homeless families remained at zero in 2024.
- *Veterans*: The number of unsheltered homeless veterans remained at 1 in 2024.
- *Youth*: The number of unsheltered youth remained at zero in 2024.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness increased from 17 in 2023 to 18 in 2024.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 16 in 2023 to 19 in 2024.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS decreased from 1 in 2023 to 0 in 2024.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons noting DV remained at 3 in 2024.

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