

Memo –

To: Homeless Services Planning Board - Schenectady
From: CARES of NY, Inc.
Date: May 6, 2025
Subject: Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Count Summary

Memo Overview and Intention

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2025 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on behalf of the Continuum of Care before the June 13th, 2025, deadline according to HUD's requirements. 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 2025 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) by June 4th, 2025.

2025 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 2024 to 2025. 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 7, from 202 in 2024 to 209 in 2025.
 - **Bethesda House's CARA House Emergency Shelter Medical Respite** opened, adding 6 shelter beds.
 - **Bethesda House Overnight Emergency Shelter** closed, losing 15 shelter beds.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady FLC Emergency** reconfigured beds among Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing to accommodate families, adding 16 beds.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 104, from 161 in 2024 to 265 in 2025.
 - **Bethesda House Code Blue** reported a 9 person increase to accommodate for closing of the overnight shelter on the night of the count.
 - **Bethesda House CARA House Emergency Shelter** added 3 beds to accommodate increased need.
 - **Schenectady County Department of Social Services Home Connections Family** reported a 78 bed increase due to increased household size.
 - **Schenectady County Department of Social Services Home Connections Hotel/Motel** reported a 14 bed increase due to increased need from the Bethesda House Overnight

Shelter closing.

- **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds remained the same between 2024 and 2025 at 0.
 - All seasonal shelters were recategorized as overflow beds in 2024, as they were not open every night during the season.

- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds increased by 25, from 92 in 2024 to 117 in 2025.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady Transitional 302** reported an increase of 2 beds due to family composition.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady Transitional Cornerstone** opened, adding an additional 23 beds.

- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 7, from 455 in 2024 to 462 in 2025.
 - **Bethesda House RSP Homeless Housing** opened, adding 5 beds
 - **New Choices Recovery Center Shelter Plus Care** reported a reduction of 4 beds due to utilization.
 - **SCAP PHP 27** reported a reduction of 3 beds due to family composition.
 - **SCAP Shelter Plus Care** reported an additional 8 beds due to utilization.
 - **YMCA Shelter Plus Care 10 Unit** added 1 bed due to increased capacity.

 - **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 48 beds, from 190 in 2024 to 142 in 2025.
 - **Bethesda House Schenectady HOME RRH** closed, losing 10 beds.
 - **SCAP CoC RRH** reported a decrease of 33 due to data cleanup.
 - **YWCA of Schenectady DV Bonus** saw an increase of 4 due to utilization.
 - **YWCA of Schenectady DV Bonus Renewal** saw a 3 person decrease due to utilization.
 - **Albany Housing Coalition RRH** saw a reduction in 2 beds due to utilization.
 - **Veterans and Community Housing Coalition SSVF RRH** saw a reduction of 4 beds due to utilization.

 - **Other Permanent Housing:** The OPH bed count remained the same between 2024 and 2025 at 10.

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

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point In Time Count Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2024	288	56	344	13	357
2025	409	83	492	19	511
Difference	+121	+27	+148	+6	+154

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2024 (344 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2025 (492 persons) sheltered PIT, an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 148 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 121-person increase in the use of Emergency Shelters and a 27-person increase in the use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of chronically homeless individuals sheltered increased from 5 in 2024 to 8 in 2025.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of sheltered chronically homeless households increased from 0 in 2024 to 1 household (2 persons) in 2025.
- *Families*: The number of homeless households increased from 51 households (148 persons) in 2024 to 64 households (221 persons) in 2025.
- *Veterans*: The number of sheltered homeless veterans increased from 1 in 2024 to 3 in 2025.
- *Unaccompanied Youth*: The number of sheltered homeless youth increased from 13 in 2024 to 23 in 2025.
- *Parenting Youth*: The total number of sheltered parenting youth increased from 5 households (12 persons) in 2024 to 6 households (15 persons) in 2025.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 27 in 2024 to 48 in 2025.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 7 in 2024 to 49 in 2025.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 1 in 2024 to 3 in 2025.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 7 in 2024 to 28 in 2025.

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 2024 (13 persons) unsheltered PIT with the 2025 unsheltered PIT (19 persons), a 6-person increase was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 16 in 2024 to 10 in 2025.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained at zero.
- *Families*: The number of unsheltered families decreased from 2 in 2024 to 0 in 2025.
- *Veterans*: The number of unsheltered homeless veterans remained at zero.
- *Youth*: The number of unsheltered homeless youth decreased from 5 in 2024 to 1 in 2025.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness increased from 3 in 2024 to 8 in 2025.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 5 in 2024 to 9 in 2025.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS remained at 0 in 2025.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons noting DV remained at 1 in 2025.

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