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**To:** Albany County Coalition on Homelessness  
**From:** CARES of NY, Inc.  
**Date:** April 28, 2026  
**Subject:** Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Count Summary

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## Memo Overview and Intention

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2026 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT was submitted on behalf of the Continuum of Care on April 21, 2026, in advance of the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline according to HUD's requirements. This data is being shared with homeless shelter and housing providers to identify HIC/PIT outcomes that will impact the CoC Application score. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Denise Galloway ([dgalloway@caresny.org](mailto:dgalloway@caresny.org)) or Kelli Clark ([kclark@caresny.org](mailto:kclark@caresny.org)).

## 2026 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 2025 to 2026. 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 by 24, from 653 in 2025 to 633 in 2026.
    - **Equinox DV Shelter** reported an increase of 3 beds due to household composition.
    - **IPHNY- Safe Haven** reported a 20 bed decrease due to increased accuracy in bed reporting on configuration of year-round beds to overflow.
    - **SAI – Basic Center Program Shelter** reported a 5-bed decrease
  - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 5, from 184 in 2025, to 189 in 2026.
    - **Altamont Program – 50 Thornton Street** reported a 1 bed decrease due to utilization.
    - **Albany County DSS – Code Blue** decrease by 54 due to reclassification of beds from overflow to seasonal
    - **HATAS – ACDSS Hotel Motel** increased by 37 beds due to increased utilization.
    - **IPHNY – Safe Haven** reported an increase of 22 beds due to increased accuracy in bed reporting.
    - **Soldier On – EHA** reported an increase of 1 bed due to higher utilization.
  - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds increased by 72 beds from 0 in 2025 to 72 in 2026.
    - **Albany County DSS – Code Blue** increased by 54 due to reclassification of beds from overflow to seasonal

- **IPHNY – Safe Haven** reported an increase of 19 beds due to a seasonal bed correction in 2025 HIC
  
- **Safe Haven Beds:** The number of Safe Haven beds remained the same at 4 beds in 2025 and 2026.
  
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds increased by 23, from 161 in 2025 to 184 in 2026.
  - **Damien Center - Transitional Housing** increased by 19 beds due to being a new program.
  - **In Our Own Voices TH for LGBTGNC** increased by 4 beds due to better reporting for 2026 HIC.
  
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
  - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 49, from 916 in 2025 to 867 in 2026.
    - **Albany Housing Coalition PSH for Homeless Veterans** decreased by 10 beds due to utilization caused by FMR constraints and program eligibility requirements.
    - **Albany Housing Coalition S Plus C for Homeless Veterans with Disabilities** decreased by 17 beds due to underutilization with 2 households currently slated to move in.
    - **Albany VA – VASH VISN** decreased by 24 beds due to difficulty finding affordable units, however there are 14 individuals in the program who are awaiting move in.
    - **CARES of NY, Inc. Project Help** decreased by 12 beds due to a correction in 2025 HIC, household composition and improved data entry for 2026.
    - **CARES of NY, Inc. S Plus C for Persons with Disabilities Yr 3** Increased by 15 beds due to clients transfer from Hope House closing.
    - **Catholic Charities Scatter-site** decreased beds by 7 due to changes in household composition.
    - **Damien Center of Albany Housing** decreased beds by 10 due to capacity.
    - **HATAS Shelter Plus Care** decreased beds by 9 due to changes in household composition.
    - **HATAS Pathways** increased beds by 5 due to more improved data entry in 2026 reporting.
    - **Hope House PSH** decreased beds by 25 due to program closing.
    - **IPHNY Housing** increased beds by 8 due to increased utilization as clients were transferred from another program.
    - **IPHNY HATAS SCCC Collaborative PSH** increased beds by 4 due to changes in household composition.
    - **RSS - UFA Albany SAIL** increased beds by 2 due to a change household composition.
    - **SPARC Shelter Plus Care** increased beds by 1 due to a change in household composition.
    - **St Catherine’s SHP** increased beds by 13 due to a change in household composition.

- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 48 beds, from 286 in 2025 to 238 in 2026.
  - **Albany Housing Coalition RRH for Homeless Veterans** increased by 6 beds due to improved data entry for 2026
  - **Albany Housing Coalition RRH** increased by 16 beds due to more accurate reporting.
  - **CARES of NY, Inc. SCN RRH** is a new program with 4 beds.
  - **Equinox Project Break Free** decreased by 3 beds due to household composition.
  - **HATAS STEHP** decreased by 2 beds due to changes in utilization.
  - **HATAS The Next Step** decreased by 1 bed due to changes in utilization.
  - **In Our Own Voices RRH for LGBTGNC** was not reported in 2025 leading to a 8 bed increase in 2026.
  - **Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY RRH** decreased by 71 beds, due to changes in household composition. In 2025 this project moved additional funding into this project to accommodate larger family compositions. This shift was not required in 2026 due to smaller family compositions.
  - **Soldier On ENY RRH** increased by 3 beds due to utilization.
  - **St. Catherine's Project Host** decrease of 8 beds due to program closing.
- **Other Permanent Housing:** The number of Other Permanent Housing beds remained the same at 25 beds from 2025 to 2026.

### Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point In Time Count Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2026	664	154	818	109	927
2025	856	117	973	78	1051
Difference	-192	+37	-155	+31	-124

#### Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2025 sheltered PIT count (973 persons) with the 2026 sheltered PIT count (818 persons), a decrease in the total number of sheltered persons is noted.
  - Albany County DSS – Schuyler Inn** reported a decrease of 192 persons due to family composition and utilization.
- Overall, there was a decrease of 155 people utilizing shelter services on the night of the count, including a 192-person decrease in Emergency Shelter utilization and a 37-person increase in Transitional Housing utilization.

#### Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of chronically homeless individuals sheltered increased from 16 in 2025 to 45 in 2026.
- Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of chronically homeless families decreased from 1 household (9 persons) in 2025 to 2 household (8 persons) in 2026.
- Families:* The number of sheltered homeless families decreased significantly, from 168 households (463 persons) in 2025 to 78 households (221 persons) in 2026.
- Veterans:* The number of sheltered homeless veterans increased slightly, from 37 in 2025 to 40 in 2026.
- Unaccompanied Youth:* The number of unaccompanied youths decreased from 40 in 2025 to 23 in 2026.
- Parenting Youth:* The number of parenting youth increased from 10 households (24 persons) in 2025 to 9 households (24 persons) in 2026.
- Adults with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI):* The number of adults with serious mental illness decreased from 77 in 2025 to 64 in 2026.  
*This decrease is likely due to data reporting and not an actual decrease in persons with SMI.*
- Adults with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD):* The number of adults with substance use disorders decreased from 31 in 2025 to 25 in 2026.  
*This decrease is likely due to data reporting and not an actual decrease in persons with SUD.*
- Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of persons with HIV/AIDS increased substantially, from 2 in 2025 to 22 in 2026.
- Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of persons identifying as victims of domestic violence increased from 12 in 2025 to 25 in 2026

**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 2025 unsheltered PIT count (78 persons) with the 2026 unsheltered PIT count (111 persons), a increase of 33 individuals was noted.

### Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals increased, from 39 in 2025 to 42 in 2026.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families decreased by 0 in 2025 to 0 in 2026.
- *Families*: The number of unsheltered families decreased, from 1 family in 2025 to 0 in 2026.
- *Veterans*: The number of unsheltered homeless veterans decreased, from 3 in 2025 to 1 in 2026.
- *Youth*: The number of unsheltered youth increased, from 1 in 2025 to 3 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)*: The number of unsheltered persons reporting a serious mental illness increased, from 31 in 2025 to 34 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD)*: The number of unsheltered persons reporting a substance use disorder increased, from 31 in 2025 to 34 in 2026.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons reporting HIV/AIDS remained the same at 2 in 2025 and 2026.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons reporting domestic violence increased, from 2 in 2025 to 6 in 2026.

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