

Memo –

To: Points North Housing Coalition
From: CARES of NY, Inc.
Date: April 7, 2026
Subject: Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Count Summary

Memo Overview and Intention

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2026 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on behalf of the Continuum of Care before April 30, 2026, 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 2026 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 April 10, 2026.

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 increased by 26 from 122 in 2025 to 148 2026.
 - **JCDDS Hotel/Motel** saw an increase of 26 in hotel/motel beds due to increased need.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 29, from 31 in 2025 to 60 in 2026 largely due to utilization.
 - **St. Lawrence DSS hotel/motel** experienced an increase of 25 due to need.
 - **Lewis County DSS hotel/motel** experienced an increase of 3 due to need.
 - **Lewis County DSS-Code Blue** experienced an increase of 1 due to need.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds remain the same at 30 from 2025 to 2026.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 2, from 16 in 2025 to 14 in 2026.
 - **Thrive Gateway** decreased by 2 due to prioritizing families in need.

▪ **Permanent Housing Beds:**

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 9, from 435 in 2025 to 426 in 2026 mostly due to utilization or household composition changes.
 - **Jefferson County DSS UFA PSH Chronic** units decreased by 5-due to utilization
 - **Jefferson County DSS UFA PSH** decreased by 17 due to utilization.
 - **Thrive Gaslight Village** saw a decrease of 13 due to household composition.
 - **Thrive CHAAP PH** saw a decrease of 19 AO beds due to sites closing
 - **Neighbors of Watertown Emerson Place** decrease of 13 beds.
 - **Syracuse VA- VASH Syracuse VISN** saw an increase of 59 due to being left off the HIC last year.
- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 87 beds, from 65 in 2025 to 152 in 2026.
 - **Snowbelt Home ARP RRH** increased by 6. ARP eligibility makes it easier to house.
 - **Thrive RRH** decreased by 11 due to household composition.
 - **Jefferson County DSS UFA DV RRH, RRH Bonus, and STEHP** increased AC beds by 44.
 - **MHAJC** increased by 3 due to more accurate reporting
 - **MILC STEHP** was not on HIC last year, increase of 32.

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
2026	177	14	191	13	204
2025	183	16	199	15	214
Difference	-6	-2	-8	-2	-10

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2025 (199 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2026 (191 persons) sheltered PIT, a decrease in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a decrease of 8 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a decrease of 6 person in the use of Emergency Shelters and a 2 person decrease in use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 5 in 2025 to 4 in 2026.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of sheltered chronically homeless remained at 0.
- *Families*: The number of sheltered families decreased from 13 households (47 persons) in 2025 to 17 households (58 persons) in 2026.
- *Veterans*: The number of sheltered homeless veterans decreased from 7 in 2025 to 4 in 2026.
- *Unaccompanied Youth*: The number of sheltered homeless youth decreased from 19 in 2025 to 13 in 2026.
- *Parenting Youth*: The total number of sheltered parenting youth increased from 2 households (9 persons) in 2025 to 8 households (31 persons) in 2026.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 5 in 2025 to 2 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders remained the same at 2 for 2025 and 2026.

Please note: this low number 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 remained at 0 in 2026.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 11 in 2025 to 3 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(15 persons) unsheltered PIT with the 2026 unsheltered PIT (13 persons), a 2 person decrease was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 7 in 2025 to 9 in 2026.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained the same at 0 from 2025 to 2026.
- *Families*: The number of unsheltered families remained the same at 0 from 2025 to 2026.
- *Veterans*: The number of unsheltered homeless veterans decreased from 2 in 2025 to 0 in 2026.
- *Youth*: The number of unsheltered homeless youth decreased from 2 in 2025 to 0 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness decreased from 9 in 2025 to 8 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 7 in 2025 to 9 in 2026.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS decreased from 1 in 2025 to 0 in 2026.

- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons noting DV remained the same at 4 from 2025 to 2026.

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