

Memo –

To: Saratoga-North Country
From: CARES of NY, Inc.
Date: April 6th, 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 30th, 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 10th, 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 18 beds from 103 in 2025 to 121 in 2026.
 - **Open Door Mission ODM Women's Residential Shelter Program** increased by 1 bed.
 - **SOS ES** increased by 9 beds.
 - **CC Washington Warren Saratoga County - DV Warren Washington** increased by 8 beds due to improved data entry methods.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 143 from 299 in 2025 to 442 in 2026.
 - **Saratoga County DSS** increased by 150 beds due to improved data entry methods and increased utilization.
 - **Warren County DSS** increased by 85 beds due to increase in utilization.
 - **Washington County DSS** decreased by 92 beds due to increase in PSH placements.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds increased by 2, from 123 in 2025 to 125 in 2026.
 - **Open Door Mission Code Blue** increased by 2 beds.

- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 3 beds, from 81 in 2025 to 78 in 2026.
 - *Open door ODM Residential Shelter Program* decreased by 6 due to correction between the 2025 and 2026 HIC.
 - *WAIT House TLP* increased by 3 due to correction between the 2025 and 2026 HIC.

- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 10 beds from 291 in 2025 to 281 in 2026 mostly due to lack of utilization.
 - *Shelters of Saratoga SOS ESSHI* increased by two beds.
 - *VCHC Saratoga Veterans Apartment Program* increased by 3 beds due to improved reporting.
 - *WAITHOUSE Community* decreased by 17 beds due to lack of utilization.
 - **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 19 beds, from 102 in 2025 to 83 in 2026 largely due to utilization.
 - *CAPTAIN STEHP RRH* increased by 2 beds.
 - *CAPTAIN STEHP RRH WAIT HOUSE* increased by 1 beds.
 - *Solider ON ENY-RRH* decreased by 2 beds due to lack of utilization.
 - *VCHC SSVF RRH* decreased by 5 beds.
 - *WAITHOUSE Youth Rapid Rehousing Program* decreased by 9 beds due to lack of utilization.
 - *Wellspring New View RRH* decreased by 28 beds due to program consolidation.
 - *Wellspring New View RRH II* increased by 22 beds due to program consolidation.
 - **Other Permanent Housing:** The Other Permanent Housing bed count remained the same at 20 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	648	39	687	11	698
2025	496	49	545	0	545
Difference	152	-10	142	11	153

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2025 (545 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2026 (687 persons) sheltered PIT, an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a 142 increase of persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 152 person increase in the use of Emergency Shelters and a 10 person decrease in use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 13 in 2025 to 21 in 2026.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless households decreased from 1 in 2025 to 0 in 2026.
- *Families:* The number of sheltered families increased from 53 (171 people) in 2025 to 78 households (227 persons) in 2026.
- *Veterans:* The number of sheltered homeless veterans increased from 24 in 2025 to 26 in 2026.
- *Unaccompanied Youth:* The number of sheltered homeless youth increased from 36 in 2025 to 40 in 2026.
- *Parenting Youth:* The number of sheltered parenting youth decreased from 8 in 2025 to 5 in 2026
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 78 in 2025 to 93 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 39 in 2025 to 56 in 2026.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 0 in 2025 to 2 in 2026.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 27 in 2025 to 15 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 (0 persons) unsheltered PIT with the 2026 (11 persons) unsheltered PIT, an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 0 in 2025 to 1 in 2026
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families increased from 0 in 2025 to 2 in 2026
- *Families:* The number of unsheltered families increased from zero in 2025 to 2 in 2026.
- *Veterans:* The number of unsheltered homeless veterans remained at 0 from 2025 to 2026.
- *Youth:* The number of unsheltered youth increased from 0 in 2025 to 1 in 2026
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness increased from 0 in 2025 to 2 in 2026.

- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 0 in 2025 to 1 in 2026.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS remained at 0 from 2025 to 2026.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons noting DV remained at 0 from 2025 to 2026.

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