



## NEW BEDFORD CONTINUUM OF CARE

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# 2019 Point-in-Time Homeless Count

*Revised April 29, 2019*





# 2019 PIT

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## Everyone Counts!

**Homeless Point In Time Count  
January 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Volunteers Needed!**

The New Bedford Homeless Service Providers Network (HSPN) is looking for volunteers to help undertake a census of those currently experiencing homelessness in the City of New Bedford.

Sign up today to be a volunteer by going to: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/TGBYJL2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TGBYJL2) or contacting the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development at 508.979.1500.

Contact Jennifer Clarke from the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development at [Jennifer.Clarke@new-bedford.ma.us](mailto:Jennifer.Clarke@new-bedford.ma.us) or at 508.979.1500 for more information.



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## Baseline Information

- What is a Point-In-Time [PIT]?
  - ❖ Required by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.
  - ❖ A census of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
  - ❖ A count of those who are sheltered and those who are unsheltered and living on the streets.
  - ❖ Sampling of homelessness on any given day.
- The goal of the PIT is to...
  - ❖ Provide a one night “snapshot” of homelessness.
  - ❖ Capture demographic information about the populations that are experiencing homeless.
  - ❖ Understand how many individuals and families live on the streets, in emergency shelters or in transitional housing throughout New Bedford.
  - ❖ Provide data that reveals the extent to which resources are needed, who is served / un-served, hardest to house, etc.





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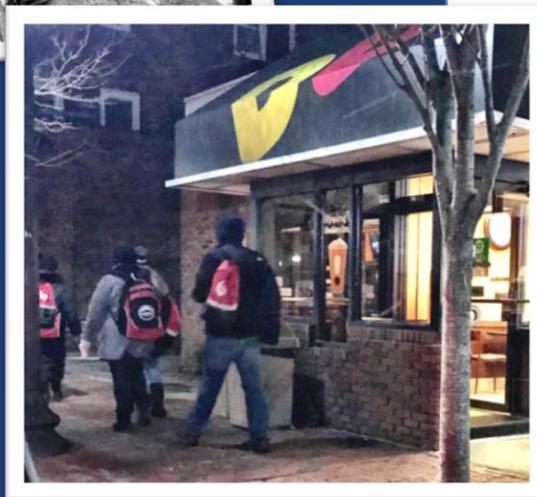
## Baseline Information

- When is the PIT undertaken?
  - ❖ At the end of January each year across the country.
  - ❖ In New Bedford the 2019 PIT was on conducted on January 30<sup>th</sup> for a 24 hour period stretching overnight into January 31<sup>st</sup>.



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# Baseline Information

- Who does this?
  - Nationally conducted
  - Continuums of Care—New Bedford
  - Homeless Service Providers Network [HSPN]

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# Baseline Information

- What's this data used for?
  - Provides reliable snapshot of big picture
  - Generates important data about different subpopulations
  - Presents information about trends
  - Guides strategic planning efforts
  - Informs federal funding decisions
  - Helps identify weaknesses, strengths and successes

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## Baseline Information

### ■ Logistics and Execution

- ❖ HSPN's PIT Count Committee formed—15 members strong!
- ❖ Planning initiated in November 2018
- ❖ HUD guidance/past practices reviewed
- ❖ Marketing:
  - ✓ Volunteers recruited
  - ✓ Donations solicited
  - ✓ Public education
- ❖ Public kick off—  
City Hall/Mayoral event
- ❖ Data aggregated, analyzed and published





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# Baseline Information

## Logistics and Execution Kick-off and press conference

- Hosted by Mayor Jon Mitchell on City Hall Plaza on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Provided information about the PIT count to the public and press.
- Recognized the importance and relevance of conducting such a census.
- Acknowledged the contributions of local businesses, organizations and volunteers.
- Officially opened the 24 hour count period.





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## Baseline Information

- Logistics and Execution...
  - ❖ Giveaways to folks participating in the PIT were provided as incentive and support.
  - ❖ A backpack with items like socks, gloves/mittens, food/beverage coupons, bus passes and toiletries was provided to each person counted.

### Those donating generously for the 2019 PIT

Adcare  
Allcare Wellness  
Catholic Social Services  
Mobile Loaves and Fishes  
NBPD  
PAACA  
Seven Hills  
Southeast Family Services  
St. Luke's Hospital  
Standard Times  
Steppingstone  
United Way  
Veterans Transition House  
WBSM

Carl Alves  
Wendy Bluis  
Danielle Brown

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George Bailey  
Officer Scott Conceicao  
Raymond Duarte  
Angela Eddings  
Karen McDonald  
Phil Paleologos  
Drena Ribeiro  
Wendy Tolley's mother  
Amy Viera  
Chris Waters

*...and many more Anonymous Donors*





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## Volunteers

Their importance cannot be overstated!  
Without them, there would be *no* count.



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## Logistics and Execution...

- The **STREETSHEET.2018** was included in all backpacks.
- Brochure of resources, contacts and services available to those experiencing homelessness and poverty in New Bedford.
- Provided in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

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### FOOD PANTRIES

**American Red Cross** 617.274.5200  
593 Kempton Street (Mill St. entrance) ext. 5596  
Thursday 1-4pm (available 1x per month)  
Photo, ID, proof of income, rent receipts, proof of address, ID for household members required.

**Braz/Bean Community Center** 508.979.1737  
360 Coggeshall Street  
Monday - Thursday 9-1 (available 1x every 30 days)  
ID and/or MA Health card required.

**Catholic Social Services** 508.997.7337  
238 Bonney Street (in back of O. L. of Mt. Carmel R. C. Church)  
Wednesday 10-12 (available 1x every 30 days)  
Min. 18 years-old, proofs of income & residency, photo ID, MA Health ID required for all children. Non-perishable foods.

**Grace Episcopal Church** 508.993.0547  
133 School Street  
Wednesday & Friday 9.30 - 10.30 (available 1x per month / 12 x per yr.  
Photo ID required and children's insurance cards.

**MO Food Life Pantry** 508.992.5978  
725 Pleasant Street  
Open 3 Wednesdays per month (call first) 10-12 noon (available once every 30 days) For adults, picture ID & proof of income, ID for family members.

**Mobile Ministries** 508.993.0614  
MON: Salvation Army parking lot 6.00pm  
TUES: PAACA 6.00pm  
WED: South Baptist Church, Brock Avenue 3.30pm  
THU: Salvation Army parking lot 6.00pm  
FRI: PAACA 6.00pm  
SAT: Salv. Army lot 11.30am; South Bapt. Church, Brock Ave 1.30pm

### FOOD PANTRIES

**PACE, Inc.** 508.999.9920  
166 William Street  
Monday-Friday 9-11am and 2-3pm but closed Wednesday afternoons;  
picture ID and insurance verification for all adults, insurance only for children. Call for more details.

**Debbie's Kitchen Food Pantry** 508.525.9010  
95 Willow Street  
Saturdays 10 am-Noon. Requires photo ID, food stamp ID and proof of income. Serves residents of NB and the surrounding area. Delivery to elders/handicap available; need to call. Limited to one visit/month.

**The Salvation Army** 508.997.6561  
619 Purchase Street  
Monday-Friday 8.30am-Noon & 1-3 (available 1x every 3 months)  
Required: ID for household members & proof of residence for app. 3-5 days of food / clothing vouchers for fire victims only.

**St. Anthony's Church** 508.993.1691  
Nye Street Entrance (enter through church basement door)  
Every other Thursday @ 11.30am - 1.00pm (1x every other week)  
Picture ID, proof of address and MA Health.

**St. Lawrence Church** 508.992.4251  
110 Summer Street  
Every other Friday from 10.30-11.30am. Photo ID for household members and proof of address in 02740 zip code required.

**St. Martin's Church** 508.994.8972  
136 Rivet Street  
3rd Saturday 10-11am and last Tues of month 5-6pm

**Severn Hills Behavioral Health** 508.999.4159  
1177 Acushnet Avenue  
Monday & Wednesday 9.30 - 12.00, Thursday 5.00 - 7.00pm  
Photo ID, proof of income and proof of address.

### HEALTH/MEDICAL

**SouthCoast Center for Women's Health** 508.998.0600  
**GNB Community Health Center** 508.992.6553  
**NB Family Planning** 508.984.5333  
**St. Luke's Hospital** 508.997.1515

### MENTAL HEALTH

**New Bedford Crisis Center** 508.996.3154  
543 North Street

**Child & Family Services** 1061 Pleasant St. 508.996.8572  
543 North Street 508.984.5566  
3057 Acushnet Ave 508.742.1040

**FHR Anchor House** 508.984.4300  
2277 Purchase Street

**Severn Hills Recovery & Wellness Center** 508.999.3126  
34 Gifford Street

**MA Dept. of Mental Health** 508.996.7900  
888 Purchase Street

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**ADCARE** 508.999.1102  
**High Point Treatment Center (for Women)** 774.628.1000  
**Community Substance Abuse Center** 508.979.1122  
8 Kilburn Street

**PAACA** 508.997.9051  
360 Coggeshall Street

**Self-Help/Trtmtnt Info (for Men) (SEMCOA)** 508.992.7788  
**Severn Hills Recovery & Wellness Center** 508.999.3126  
34 Gifford Street  
**Steppingstone** 508.674.2788

### VETERANS ASSISTANCE

**MA Dept. of Veterans Services** 1.888.844.2838  
**New Bedford Veterans Services** 508.991.6184  
**New Bedford VA Outpatient Clinic** 508.994.0217

**NB VET Center** 508.999.6920  
**National Call Center Homeless Veterans** 1.877.424.3838  
**Veterans, Inc.** 1.800.482.2565  
**Veterans Transition House** 508.992.5313

### STREET SHEET 2018

**Available help for those who are experiencing homelessness or are threatened with homelessness.**

The City of New Bedford's Homeless Service Providers' Network (HSPN) has created this "Street Sheet" to identify some important resources available to you—where to get a meal, how to find shelter and where to call for help that you need right now.

This information is updated semi-annually and some providers or programs may have changed since the last revision. Check each agency to verify their current service capabilities.

**City of New Bedford, MA**  
**HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS' NETWORK**  
www.nbhspn.com

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# 2019 PIT

## Baseline Information

- Logistics and Execution

### Volunteers

Recruited between November and January

Over 50 people participated as volunteers in 2019 PIT

Volunteers conducted actual street counts, assisted in creating backpacks, hosted two meals for folks coming off the streets to the PIT home base.

### Training

Conducted within a week prior to the actual count

Required for all volunteers

Provided detailed information as to how counts were to be conducted for unsheltered homeless





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## Training

The importance of preparedness,  
communication and understanding!





# 2019 PIT

## Baseline Information

### ■ Logistics and Execution

Details around conducting the count:

- ✓ City was divided into zones.
- ✓ Specific locations where it was known that unsheltered individuals would be present were identified as “hotspots”:
  - Included the hospital emergency room soup kitchens, food pantries, substance abuse treatment facilities, libraries, medical facilities, etc.
  - The New Bedford Police Department assisted in identifying hotspots and provided a police officer to conduct the overnight count.
- ✓ Volunteers partnered with local homeless agency staff to form teams.
- ✓ Teams were given assigned areas throughout the city that were targeted for the count.





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# Baseline Information

- Defining the work...
  - ❖ HUD definitions for homeless are used in conducting the actual count.
  - ❖ All adults, children in households and unaccompanied youth who live in one of the following are counted for the PIT census:



One who is **unsheltered** is someone living in a place not meant for human habitation such as in a vehicle, in tents, doorways and encampments.



One who is **sheltered** is someone living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing.





# 2019 PIT

## Statistical Results

- PIT Count Totals

The 2019 PIT Count identified **433** total adults and children in New Bedford experiencing homelessness.

The 2019 PIT total count is roughly 9% higher than the 2018 PIT total.

### Total PIT Count





# 2019 PIT

## Statistical Results

- Understanding the 2019 PIT Count Totals

What were the numbers for this year and last year?

2019 PIT Total	2018 PIT Total
433	398

Why did the overall 2019 PIT Count Total increase by 9%?

- ❖ The increase since last year's point in time count is the result of increases in the number of people who were both sheltered and unsheltered.
- ❖ The 2019 unsheltered count increased by four (4) people over the 2018 figure.
- ❖ Changes affecting the number of people in shelter included increases and decreases...

Although a number of programs had minor changes in their bed—and thus their PIT—counts, the 9% overall increase is largely attributable to the addition of a private emergency shelter (House of Hope).



The number of unsheltered persons counted in New Bedford has *slightly* increased while the number of shelter beds counted modestly increased.



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## Statistical Results

- Breaking Down the 433: Sheltered vs. Unsheltered

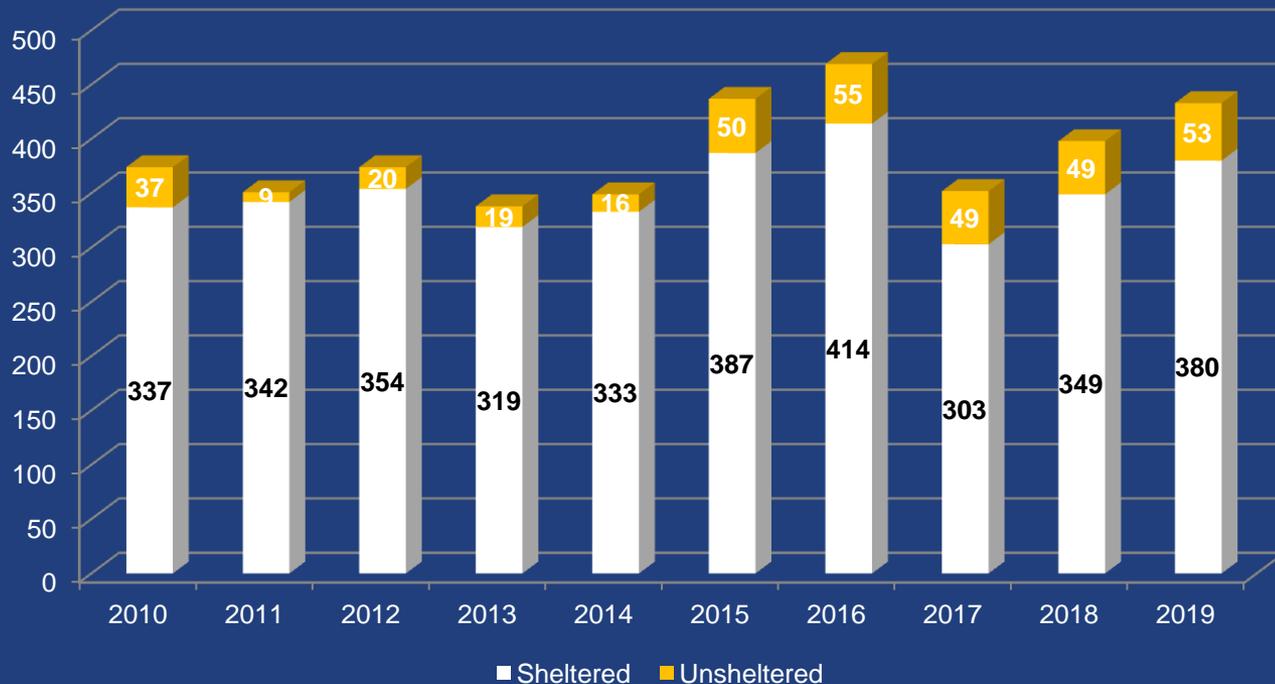
Of the total 433 people counted...

53 people were unsheltered and living on the streets

288 were in emergency shelter and

92 were in transitional housing programs.

### Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT Count





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## Statistical Results

- Unsheltered Only

The 2019 total unsheltered count of 53 people living on the streets is slightly above the 2018 unsheltered PIT count of 49 and fairly consistent with unsheltered counts conducted over the past five years.

### Unsheltered PIT Count



*NOTE: There were two (2) unaccompanied youth ages (18-24) counted as being unsheltered in 2019.*



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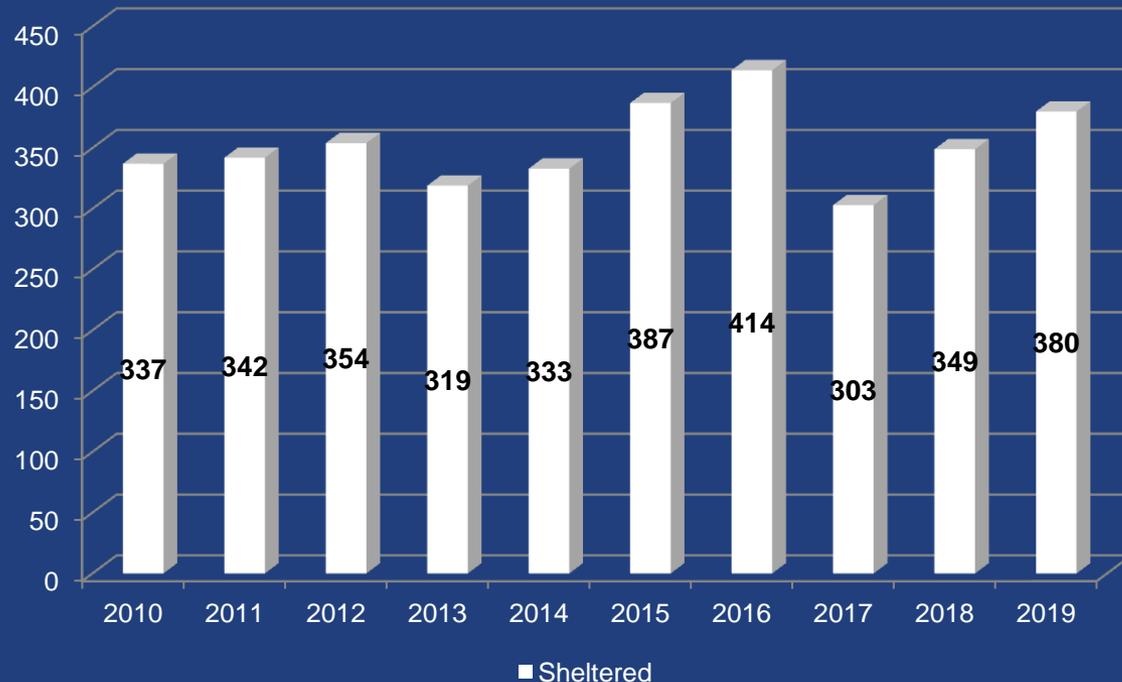
## Statistical Results

- Sheltered Only

The 2019 total sheltered count of 380 people living on the streets represents an increase above the 2017 and 2018 shelter counts.

This is largely attributable to the addition of some shelter beds within existing programs, the introduction of the House of Hope to the PIT Count and consistently high utilization rates the night of the PIT.

### Sheltered PIT Count





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## Statistical Results

- Households

“Adult households” (single households) and “households with children” are among the types of households that HUD defines as part of the PIT’s sheltered and unsheltered counts.

### Adult – Only Households

#### *Singles’ Households*

Households with adults, only.  
Includes households comprised of  
unaccompanied youth  
(ages 18-24).

### Households with Children

#### *Family Households*

At least one minor child  
Households of only children, such  
as those households with  
unaccompanied youth (*and no adult*)  
Adolescent parents and their  
child/children.

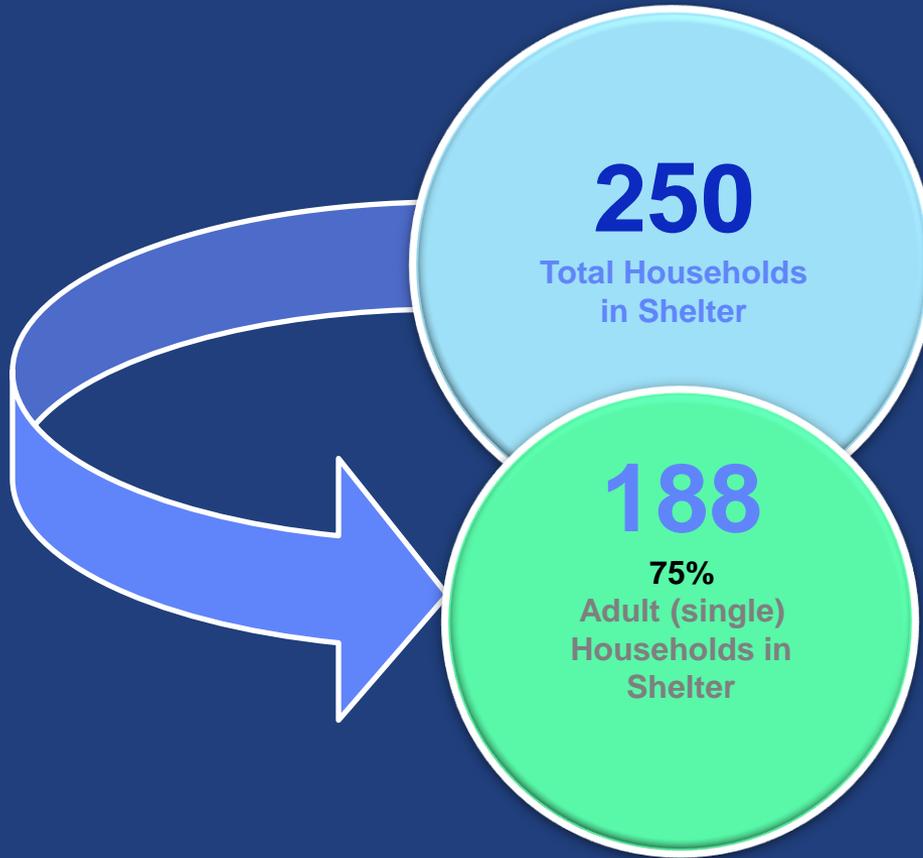




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# Statistical Results

Comparing Total vs. Adult-Only Households in shelter 2019



*Adult households (households with no children) constituted the majority of those experiencing homelessness living in shelter in New Bedford at a ratio of 3:1 in the 2019 count.*

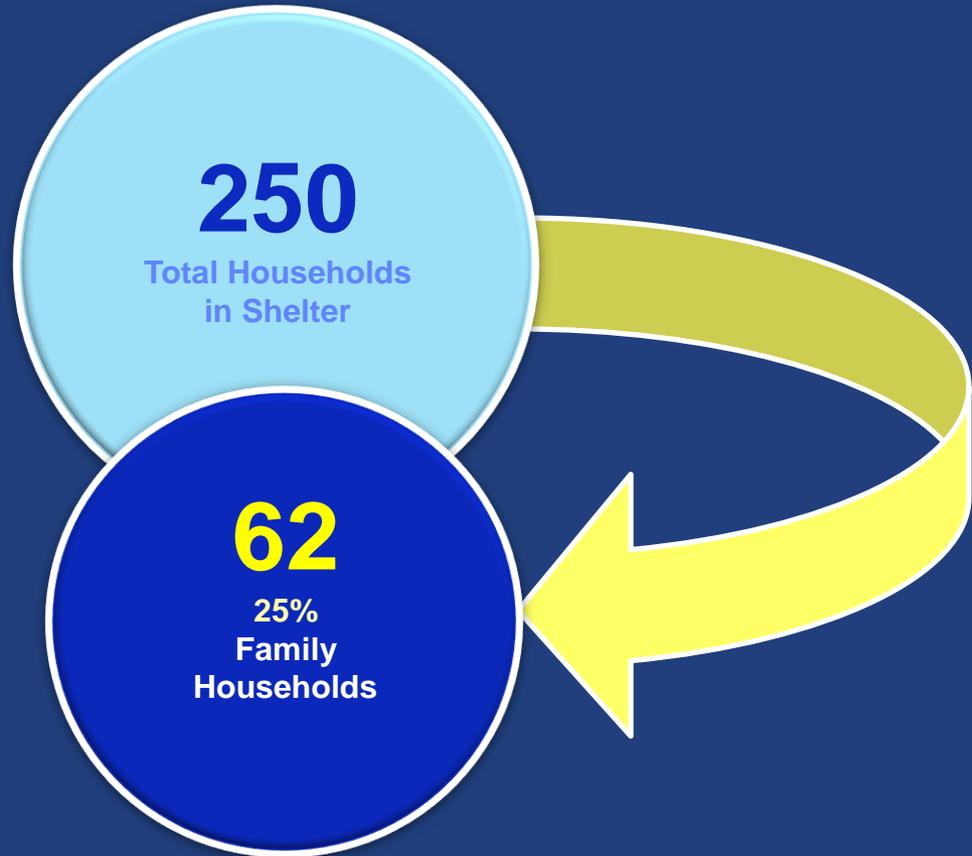




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# Statistical Results

Comparing Adult vs. Family Households in shelter 2019



*Although the number of family households living in shelter was less than the number of adult (single) households (households with no children), the number of family households experiencing homelessness continues to tick upward. (2018 = 57 family households compared with 2019 = 62 family households)*

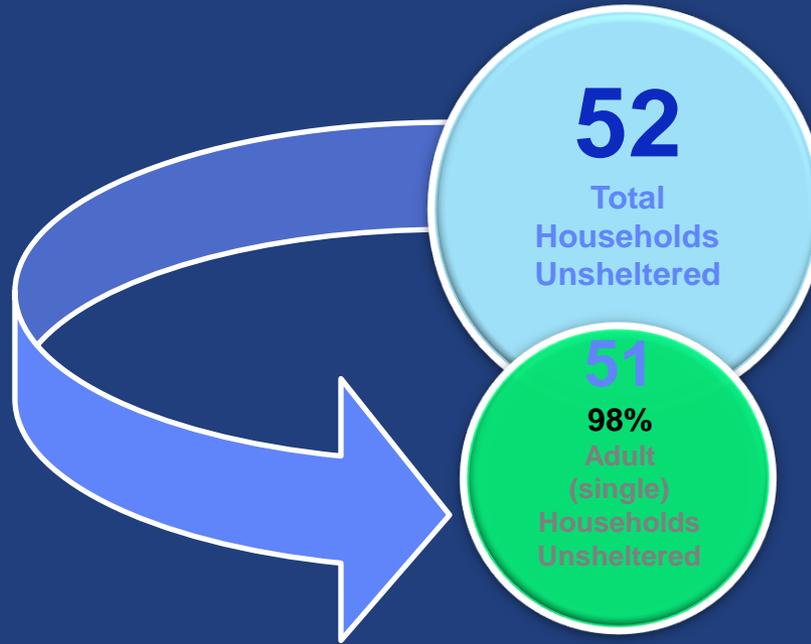




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# Statistical Results

Comparing Total vs. Adult-Only Households **unsheltered** 2019



*Adult households (households with no children) constituted the vast majority of those experiencing homelessness living unsheltered in New Bedford in the 2019 count.*

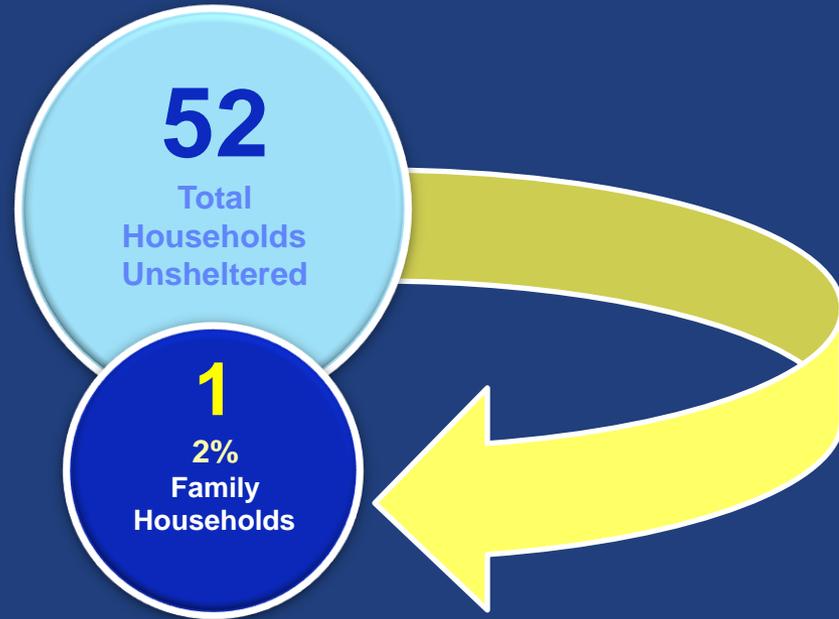




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# Statistical Results

Comparing Total vs. Family Households **unsheltered** in 2019



*In 2019 only one unsheltered household was a family (one adult with one minor child).*



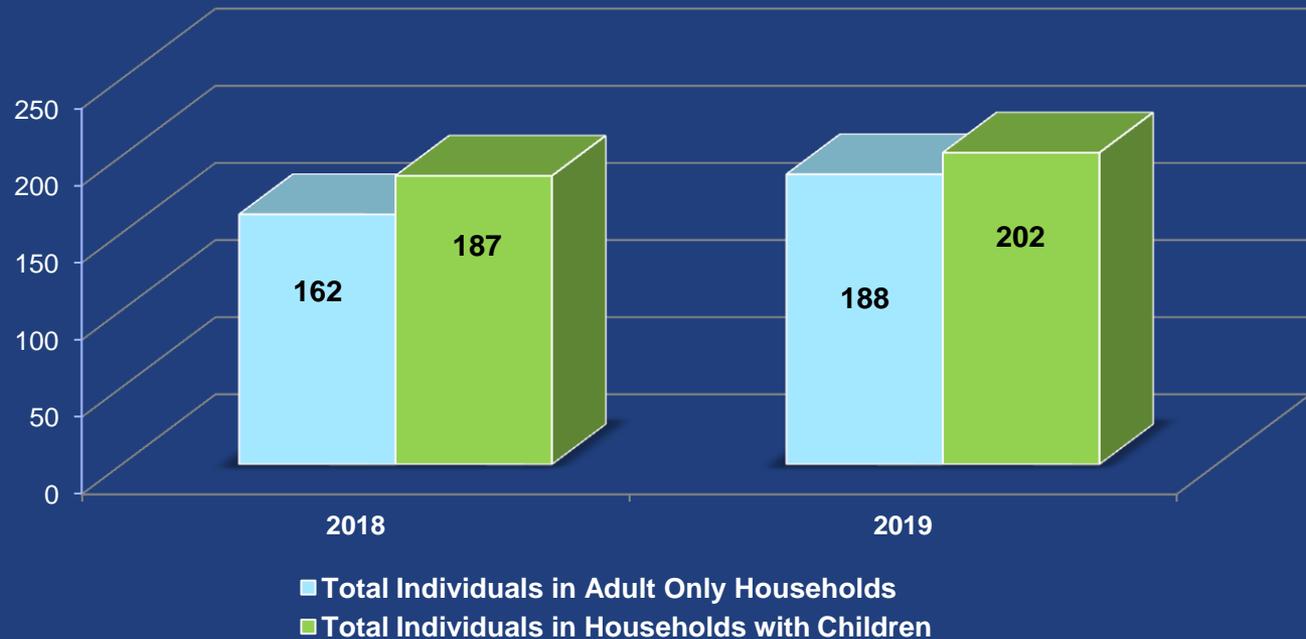
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## Statistical Results

- Households

“Adult households” (single households) and “households with children” are each a type of household HUD defines as part of the PIT’s sheltered and unsheltered counts. Despite an overall lower number of family households compared with adult-only households, the number of individuals in family households outpaced those in adult only settings.

### Comparison of Persons in Shelter within Adult-Only Households and Persons in Shelter within Households with Children





# 2019 PIT

## Statistical Results

### Households

The 202 total individuals (adults and children) in 2019 that constituted the 62 family households in shelter and one (1) unsheltered family household represents the largest number of persons in families experiencing homelessness documented during annual PITs in New Bedford.

### Number of Persons in Households with Children who are living in shelters and living unsheltered





# 2019 PIT

## Statistical Results

### ■ Comparing Sheltered Households by Type

- The 2019 PIT count found a **total of 380 people living in shelters**, some of whom were in adult-only households and others who were in family households.
- The number of sheltered individuals counted in 2019 differed by household type over time:

- The number of 2019 sheltered individuals in adult-only households increased by 9% over 2018's count and by 30% over 2017's count.  
*(178 compared with 162 in 2018 and 125 in 2017)*

The increase in total sheltered individuals counted in adult-only households is largely attributable to the addition of the House of Hope's 40 beds where 26 persons were in residence the night of the PIT count.

- The number of 2019 sheltered adults and children in family households increased by roughly 7% over 2018's count and by 13% over 2017's count.  
*(200 compared with 187 in 2018 and 174 in 2017)*

The increase in total individuals counted in family households is attributed to an increase in family sizes at several shelter programs coupled with higher utilization rates.





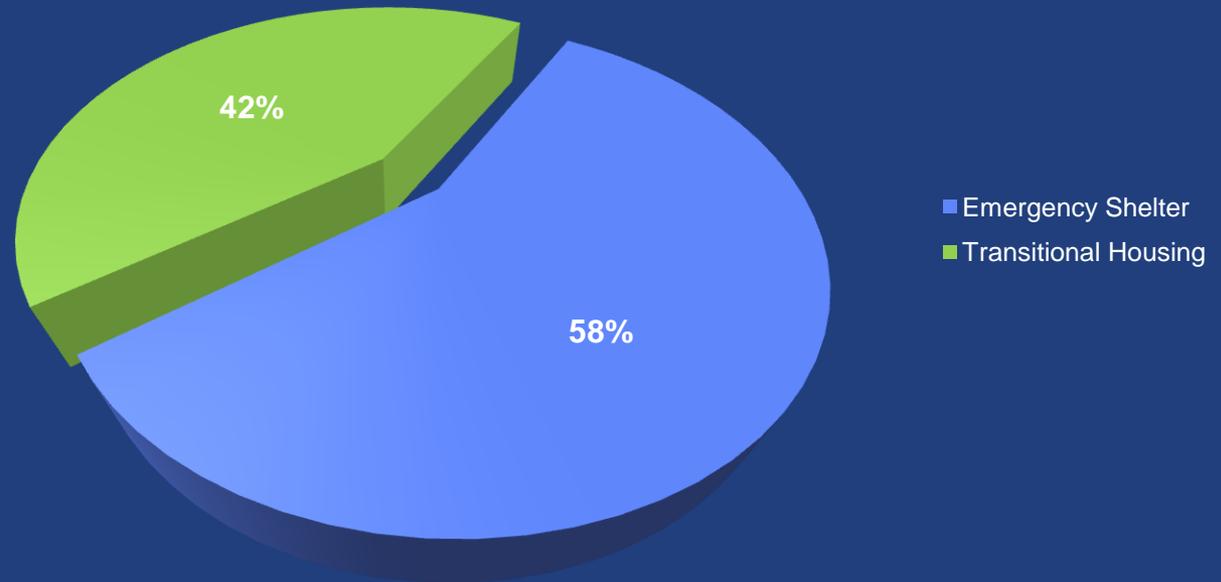
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# Statistical Results

- **Individuals in Adult-Only Sheltered Households**

Of the 178 individuals who constituted “adult-only” households that were living in shelters, 103 of those individuals (58%) were in Emergency Shelter programs and 85 individuals (42%) were in Transitional Housing.

Percentage of Individuals in Adult-Only Households living in shelter and transitional housing programs





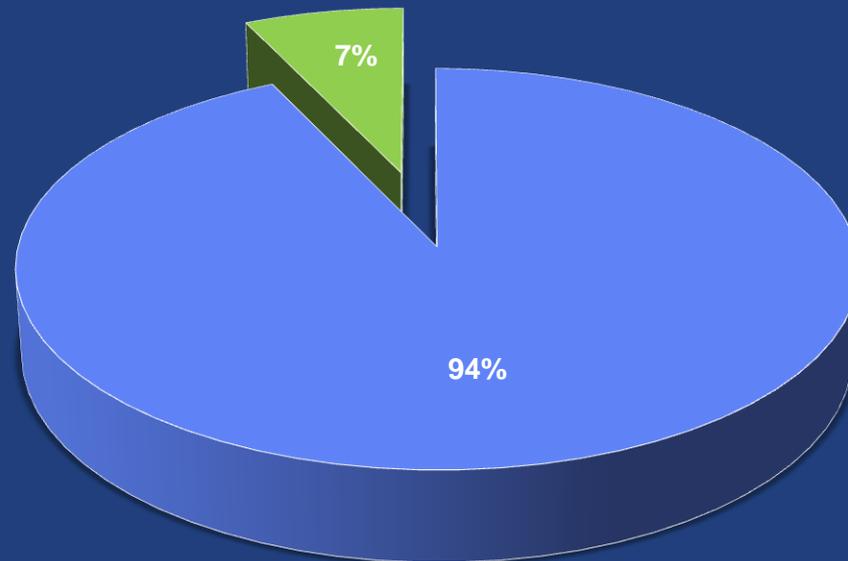
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# Statistical Results

- **Individuals in Sheltered Family Households**

Of the 200 individuals who constituted “households with children” living in shelters, 187 of those individuals (94%) were in Emergency Shelter programs and 13 individuals (7%) were in Transitional Housing.\*

Percentage of individuals in Households with Children living in shelter and transitional housing programs



■ Emergency Shelter      ■ Transitional Housing



*\*Total percentages = 101% due to rounding*



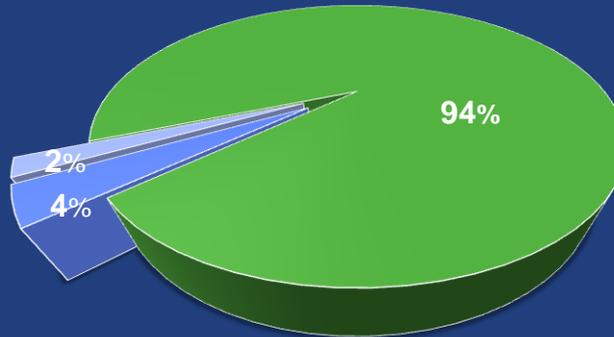
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## Statistical Results

### ■ Subpopulation

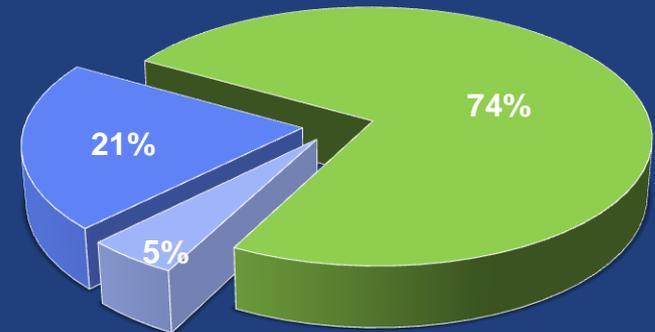
- As part of the PIT, demographic information about subpopulations was included in the interviews and recorded.
- This information included a look at age by household group in both sheltered and unsheltered settings.

2019 Percentage of households who were unsheltered by age.



- Total Adults 25+
- Total Adults 18-24
- Total Children Under 18

2019 Percentage of households living in shelter by age.



- Total Adults 25+
- Total Adults 18-24
- Total Children Under 18



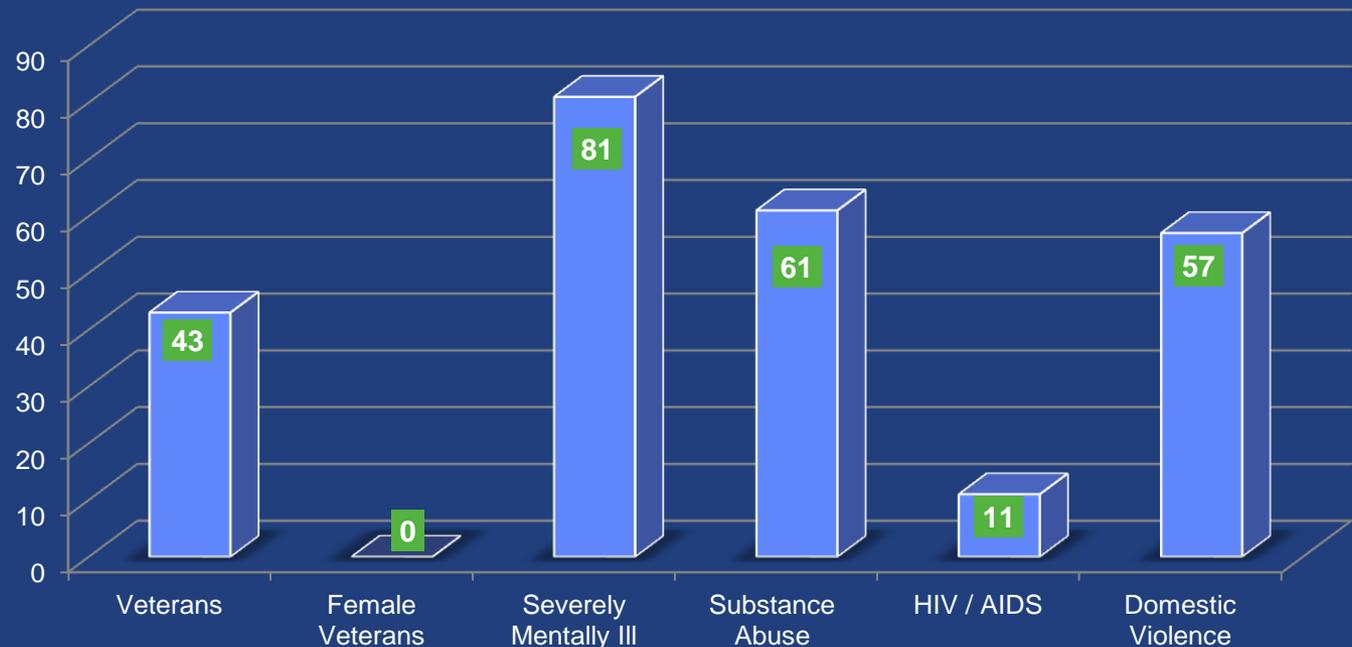


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## Statistical Results

- **Subpopulations** (*sheltered and unsheltered*)
  - ❖ As part of the PIT, demographic information about self-reported subpopulations was included in the interviews and recorded. In the case of the data points, below, having at least one member of an adult household self-identifying with a particular characteristic resulted in the household being counted.
  - ❖ Because households may have identified under multiple categories, they may be included in more than one of the following subpopulations.

**2019 Sub-Populations in All Households**  
(*Sheltered and Unsheltered*)





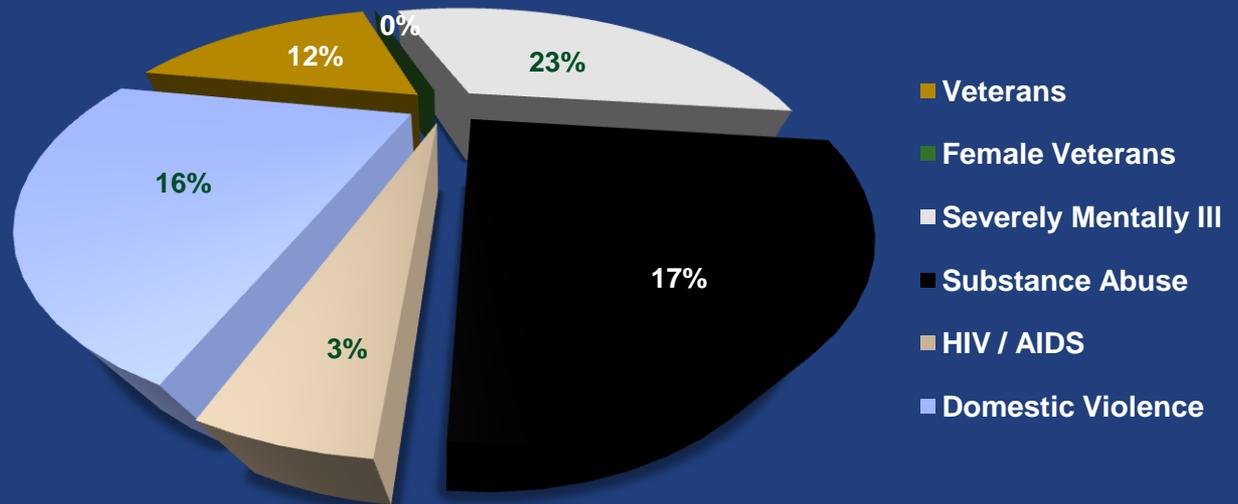
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# Statistical Results

## ■ Subpopulations *(sheltered and unsheltered)*

- Based on the information collected, adults most frequently self-identified as being severely mentally ill (**23%**) and/or as suffering from substance abuse (**17%**).
- This differs from 2017 and 2016 levels particularly in the extent to which domestic violence—reported by 16% of all sheltered and unsheltered adults—increased and self-reporting of serious mental illness and substance abuse has actually declined.

Percentage of total sheltered and unsheltered adults self-identifying as being a part of the described subpopulation





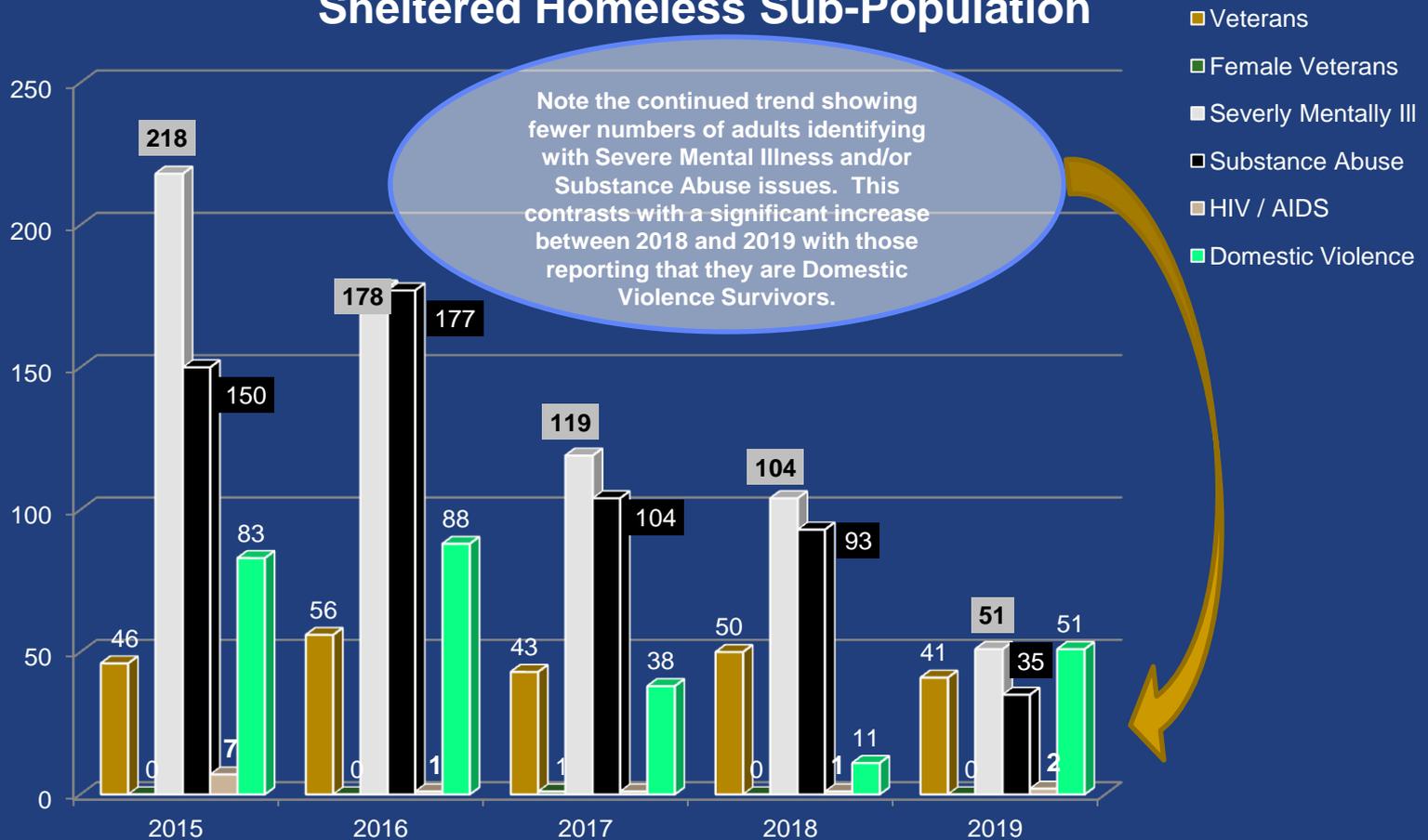
# Statistical Results

## Subpopulation Trends *(sheltered)*

The year to year comparison by subpopulation for those in emergency shelters and transitional housing shows a continued reduction in those self-reporting substance abuse and severe mental illness but has significantly spiked with respect to reporting domestic violence between 2018 and 2019.

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### Sheltered Homeless Sub-Population





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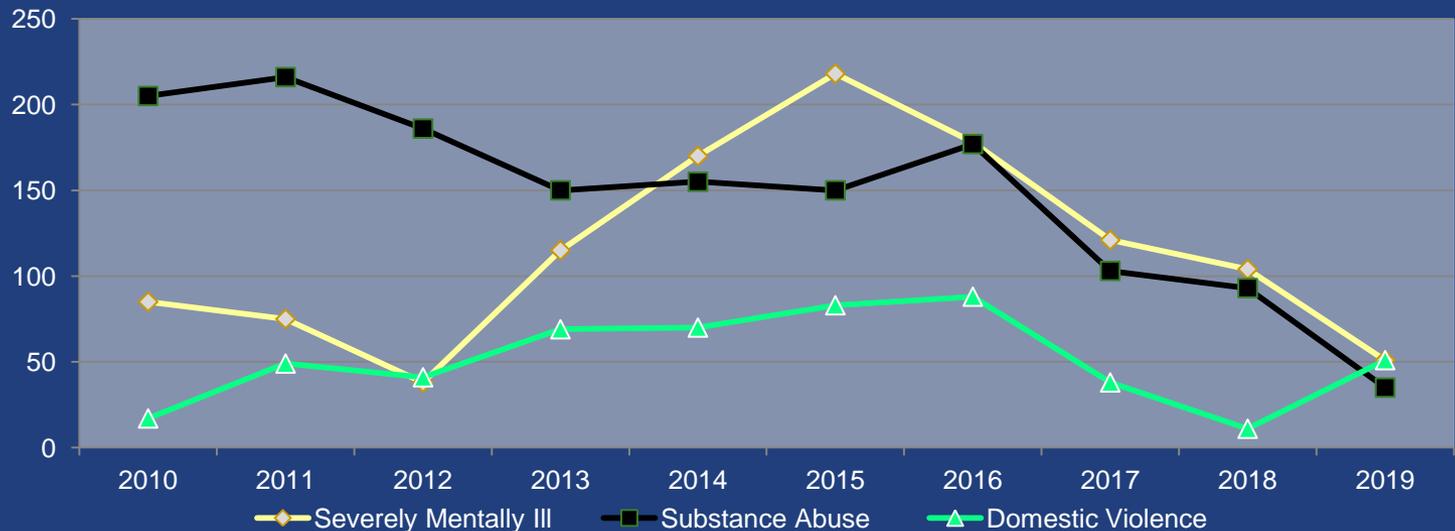
## Subpopulation Trends *(sheltered)*

Although there was an increase in the number of sheltered adults self-identifying as **severely mentally ill** between 2012 and 2015, that number has continued to significantly decline over the past four years.

The number of people identifying as having **substance abuse** issues has similarly continued to decline, continuing an overall trend reduction to 35 in 2019 compared with a high of 216 in 2011.

The numbers of sheltered adults self-identifying as having been a victim of **domestic violence** increased from 11 to 51 between 2018 and 2019.

### Year to Year Comparison of Three Sheltered Subpopulations



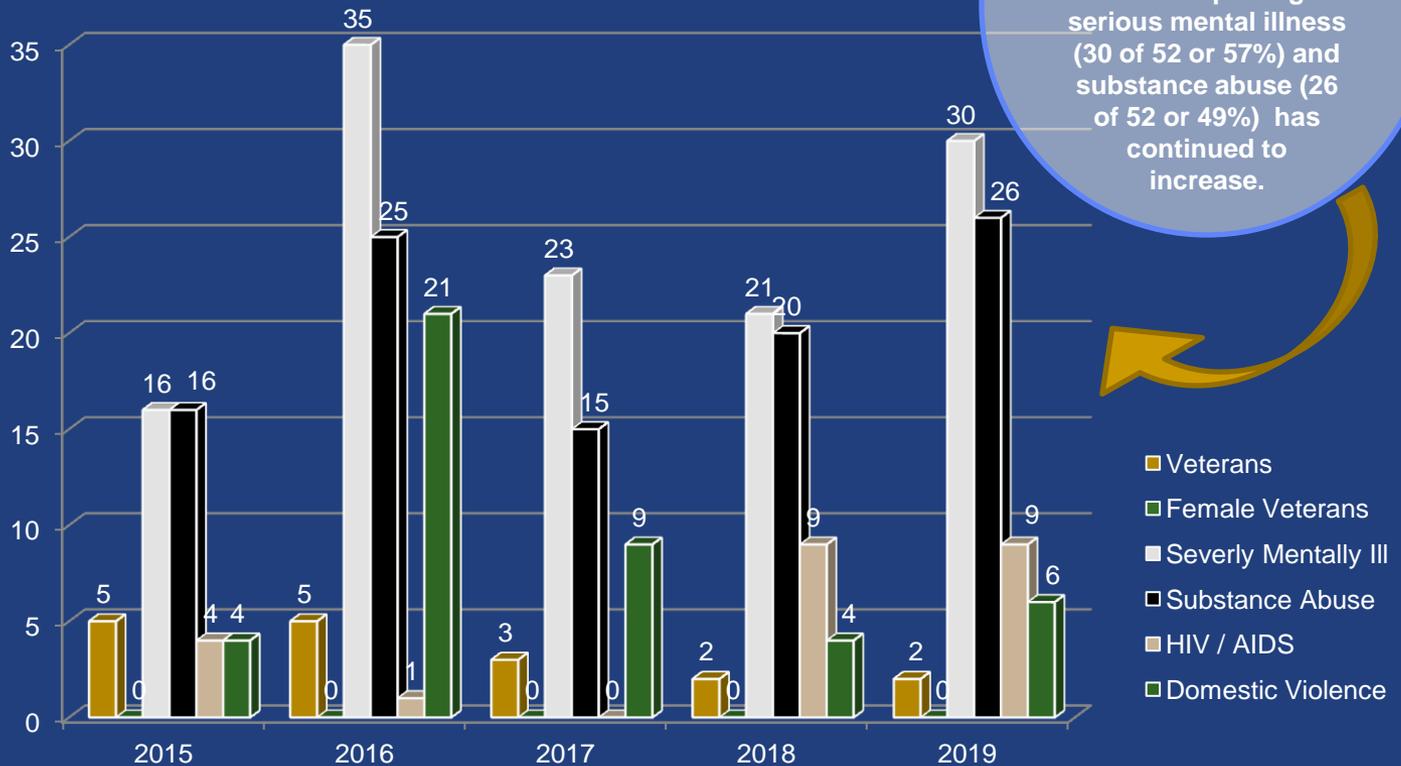


# Statistical Results

## Subpopulation Trends *(unsheltered)*

The total unsheltered census number, along with the additional information collected during interviews with those living on the streets, helps to better understand this segment of the homeless population, the breadth of needs within the community and why many may not be accessing available residential housing and services.

### Unsheltered Homeless Sub-Population



Note that although HIV/AIDS has been self-reported by 9 of the 52 adults (17%) living on the streets, those reporting serious mental illness (30 of 52 or 57%) and substance abuse (26 of 52 or 49%) has continued to increase.



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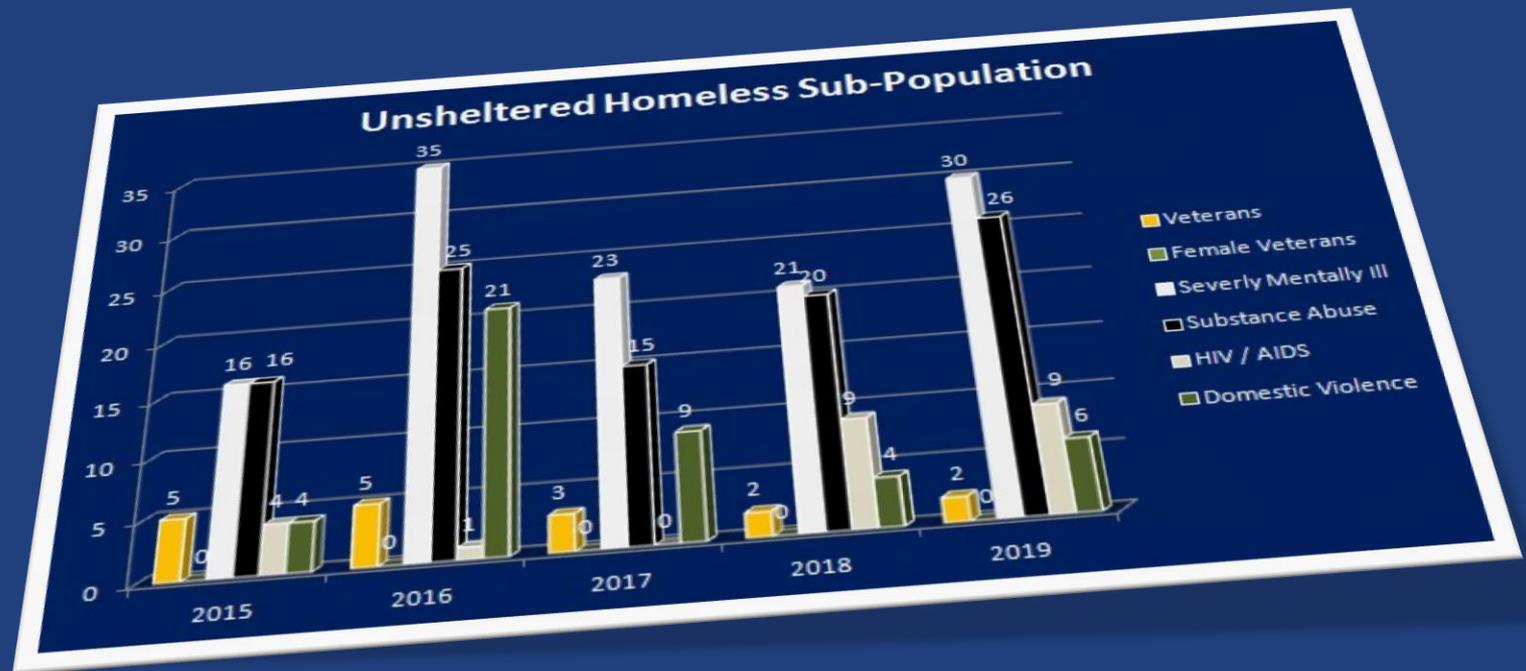
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# Statistical Results

## ■ Subpopulation Trends *(unsheltered)*

The number of those living on the streets identifying as having substance abuse issues has continued to increase over the past three years as has the number of those identifying as struggling with severe mental illness.

The number of those living with HIV/AIDS increased among those unsheltered in 2018 by 18%; in 2019 that number has remained. Once again it is possible that this percentage is attributable to the opioid epidemic.





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# Statistical Results

## ■ Chronic Homelessness

- ⊕ Federal guidelines define not only “homelessness” but also “chronic homelessness.”
- ⊕ Continuums of care across the country were tasked with reducing the number of people meeting the chronic homeless definition with an end goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2017.
- ⊕ **So what does it mean to be “chronically homeless?”** An individual with a disabling condition or a family with at least one adult member with a disabling condition who has been either continuously homeless (living on the streets/in a place not meant for human habitation) for a year or more OR one who has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness that total one year within a consecutive three year period.





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## Statistical Results

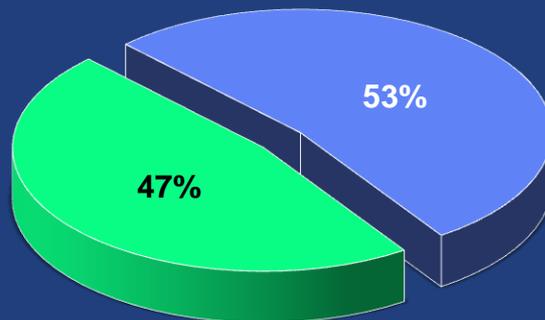
### ■ Chronic Homelessness

Those meeting the definition of chronic homelessness may be unsheltered at the time of the PIT count or may have already entered emergency shelter or transitional housing.

- For those 53 individuals who were **unsheltered**, 25 individuals (or 47% of the overall total) were identified as being chronically homeless. This is a 12% increase over 2018 levels.
- For those 388 individuals who were **sheltered**, 25 individuals (or 6% of the overall total) were identified as being chronically homeless. This is a 2% increase over 2018 levels.

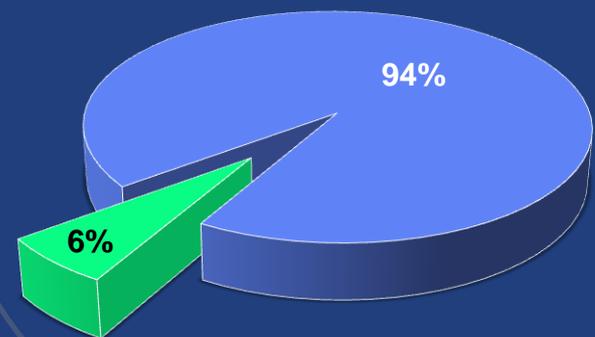
In order to meet federal expectations, this data comparison shows that New Bedford must continue working on reducing the number of those considered chronically homeless who are living on the streets while getting more chronically homeless into shelter and rapidly into permanent housing.

#### Unsheltered Persons who were Chronically Homeless in 2019



■ Chronically Homeless  
■ Homeless

#### Sheltered Persons who were Chronically Homeless in 2019



■ Chronically Homeless





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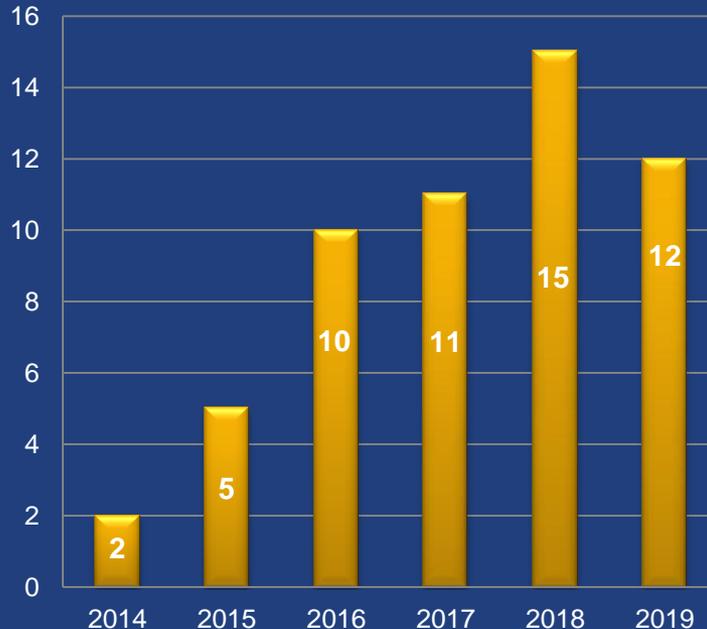
## Statistical Results

### ■ Unaccompanied Youth

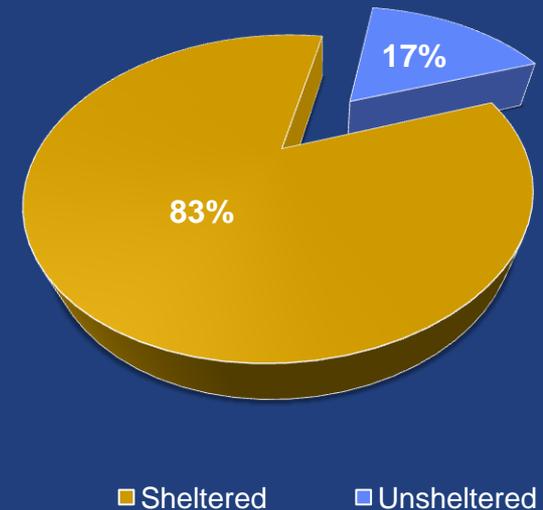
In addition to counting individuals and households with children, the PIT also looks at the number of “unaccompanied youth” or those who are between 18-24 years old who are experiencing homelessness and not presenting or sleeping in the same place as their parent/legal guardian.

The total number of unaccompanied youth has decreased between 2018 and 2019. In 2019 there were 10 unaccompanied youth (83%) living in shelters (compared with 14 in 2018) and there were 2 unsheltered youth (17%) living on the streets.

#### Total Unaccompanied Youth



#### Sheltered vs. Unsheltered Youth in 2019





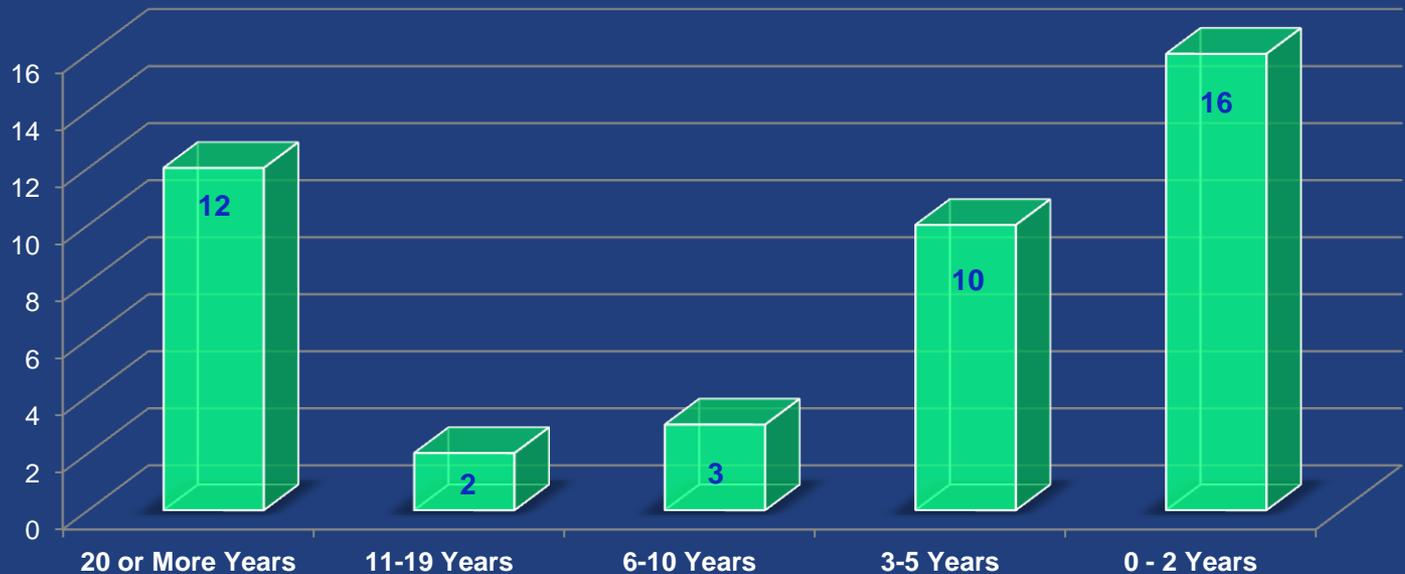
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# Statistical Results

## ■ New Bedford Residency

- In addition to the more traditional metrics, the City of New Bedford asked how many years every unsheltered individual had been in the city.
- Of those responding, 33% of those who were unsheltered reported that they have lived in New Bedford eleven years or more and 37% reported that they have lived in New Bedford for less than 2 years.

**Number of Years Unsheltered Individuals Have Reported Living in New Bedford**  
*(Of those responding, number of years)*





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# Housing Inventory Count [HIC]

- Overview

The Housing Inventory Count [HIC] collects information about all of the beds and units in the Continuum of Care homeless system by housing category.

- HIC Categories

The HIC categories relevant to the City of New Bedford are:

Emergency Shelter:

Total number of emergency shelter beds and units that are designated to serve people who are homeless and are recognized as part of the formal homeless system.

Transitional Housing:

Total number of transitional housing beds and units designated to serve people who are homeless and are recognized as part of the formal homeless system.

Perm. Supportive Housing: Total number of permanent supportive housing beds and units.

## What's the difference between the PIT and the HIC?

### PIT

- Counts people
- Counts unsheltered, emergency shelters and transitional housing

### HIC

- Counts beds
- Counts emergency shelters, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing





# 2019 PIT

## Housing Inventory Count [HIC]



### YEAR ROUND BEDS

Each agency providing beds for those experiencing homelessness in the City of New Bedford is responsible for providing the number of year-round beds that are available to the homeless community at their agency/facility. From year to year, the number of year-round beds stays the same unless a program increases or decreased their bed capacity. Cribs do *not* count as part of the inventory.

### UTILIZATION RATE

In order to calculate the "utilization rate," the PIT Count number is divided by the year-round beds. The utilization rate presented in the 2019 HIC is based on the January 30, 2019 PIT count and is not necessarily indicative of a year round count.





# Housing Inventory Count [HIC]

## Emergency Shelter

2019 PIT

Prog. Type	Organization Name	Program Name	PIT Count	Beds	Utilization Rate
ES	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Grace House	8	11	73%
ES	Catholic Social Services Inc.	HOUSE Program	45	59	76%
ES	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Sister Rose House	25	25	100%
ES	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Sister Rose House/Overflow	38	30	127%
ES	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Killian's Overflow	0	6	0%
ES	Greater New Bedford Women's Center	Artemis I Shelter	10	12	83%
ES	Greater New Bedford Women's Center	Artemis II Shelter	6	14	43%
ES	House of Hope	House of Hope	26	40	65%
ES	Justice Resource Institute	JRI Family Housing Services	73	73	100%
ES	Missionary Sisters of Charity	Missionary Sisters of Charity	4	9	44%
ES	Southeast Family Services, Inc.	Harbour House Family Center	53	53	100%
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER TOTAL</b>			<b>288</b>	<b>332</b>	

*\*NOTE: The Cold Weather Overflow Shelter's 30 beds and Killian's Overflow Shelter's 6 beds are seasonal, not year round.*





# Housing Inventory Count [HIC]

## Transitional Housing

2019 PIT

Prog. Type	Organization Name	Program Name	PIT Count	Beds	Utilization Rate
TH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Killian's House	8	8	100%
TH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	27 Penniman Street	7	7	100%
TH	Greater New Bedford Women's Center	Home Port	12	14	86%
TH	Steppingstone Inc.	Graduate Program	6	9	67%
TH	Steppingstone Inc.	NB Women's Therapeutic Community	23	23	110%
TH	Southeastern MA Veterans Housing Program Inc.	VTH GPD Program	16	19	84%
TH	Southeastern MA Veterans Housing Program Inc.	Veterans Transition House	20	33	61%
<b>TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TOTAL</b>			<b>92</b>	<b>113</b>	





# Housing Inventory Count [HIC]

## Permanent Housing

2019 PIT

Prog. Type	Organization Name	Program Name	PIT Count	Beds	Utilization Rate
PSH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Portico	141	141	100%
PSH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	PRISM	9	12	75%
PSH	Catholic Social Services Inc./Justice Resource Institute	CSS/JRI HomeBASE	256	256	100%
PSH	PAACA Inc.	Step Up	27	35	77%
PSH	Providence VA	HUD VASH	53	53	100%
PSH	Steppingstone Inc.	Welcome Home	15	15	100%
PSH	SEMCOA Inc.	Unity House	10	11	91%
PSH	Southeast Family Services Inc.	Family Preservation Program	41	46	89%
RRH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Transition to Stability	29	29	100%
RRH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Emergency Solutions Dept.	0	0	NA
RRH	PACE Inc.	PACE Housing Services	0	0	NA
<b>PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TOTAL</b>			<b>581</b>	<b>598</b>	





# 2019 PIT

## A Half Dozen Take-Aways...

- **Overall Count**

This year for the first time, the House of Hope was included as a private emergency shelter on the HIC; as such those staying there were additionally included in the Point In Time Count. This 40 bed shelter increases the overall portfolio and count within the CoC.

- **Subpopulations**

Although those living in shelter self-identifying with serious mental illnesses and substance abuse issues has continued to decline, these numbers have continued to increase for those living on the streets. The number of those self-identifying as victims of domestic violence has modestly increased within the past year for those living on the streets as well as dramatically increased for those in shelter.

- **Opioids**

Although there has been a reduction in different presenting factors around homelessness, the number of those living unsheltered on the streets with HIV/AIDS has remained high compared with the overall street population—attributable, perhaps, to the opioid crisis.

- **Unaccompanied Youth**

The number of unaccompanied youth (18-25 year olds living without any parent/guardian) living on the streets increased from 1 to 2 persons, but those in shelters decreased by 29% (going from 14 in 2018 to 10 in 2019) .

- **Chronic Homelessness**

The percentage of those individuals meeting HUD's definition of being chronically homeless in 2019 increased both in shelters and for those unsheltered over 2018 levels.

- **Families**

The number of families living in homeless shelters in New Bedford has continued to tick upward over the past several years, a pattern that continues in 2019. This year there were 200 people living in families in shelters throughout New Bedford 7% higher than 2018 and 14% higher than 2017. The 2019 number in families is higher than at any point previously counted in New Bedford.





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## 2019 Point-in-Time Homeless Count

