



Bristol County CoC HIC • PIT Homelessness Snapshot • 2026



56%

Drop in Overall PIT Count

The 2025 PIT was 1,130; this sharply reduced to under 500 in 2026 following the closure of state-run family shelters within the CoC.



188

True Unsheltered Demand

Those unsheltered plus those in cold weather overflow shelters during the 2026 Count.



12%

Chronically Homeless in Shelter

Chronicity increased over 2025 levels indicating slower housing exits for high barrier clients..



336

Individuals self-reported as having a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)



99%

Occupancy in PSH: Inventory Stress.

Permanent housing utilization reached 99%, signaling severe bottlenecks and insufficient housing inventory.



26%

Those counted who self-identified as Black

The number of people who self-identified as being Black among those homeless was disproportionate to the 4.5% in the overall population.



75%

Overall drop in the number of unaccompanied youth in 2026 from 2025.

Despite the drop overall, street vulnerability increased sharply among unaccompanied youth with 40% unsheltered.



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Number of families in the CoC who were unsheltered the night of the count.



3x Higher

SMI prevalence reported among unsheltered individuals

Unsheltered people self identifying with SMI was more than three times higher than reported SUD rates.



130%

Extent to which the number of single-adults outpaced the number of families in shelter.

Single adults dramatically outpaced families in shelter following reductions in family shelter capacity.