

2023

NEW BEDFORD CONTINUUM of CARE POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT

WHAT

- Point In Time (PIT): snapshot of all people in shelter/on streets in a brief period.
- Housing Inventory County (HIC): count of all beds in the local homeless system
- Both required by HUD

WHY

- To generate data to understand issues and trends around homelessness.
- To inform strategic planning
- To help identify federal funding.

WHO

- Throughout the nation every CoC conducts a PIT count
- New Bedford's CoC accomplishes this count through its Homeless Service Provider's Network.

WHEN

- HUD requires the PIT count be taken in the last 10 days of January
- The 2023 annual count was conducted over a 24hr period on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

HOW

- This year the professional Street Outreach Team from Steppingstone exclusively conducted the count for the NB Continuum of Care.

RESOURCES

Donations for those encountered and unsheltered are distributed in backpacks along with Street Sheets to provide support and details on available assistance and food.



STATISTICAL RESULTS

TOTAL 2023 COUNT:

PIT 373

ON THE STREETS 67
IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS 227
IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING 79

TOTAL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHELTERED AND THOSE LIVING ON THE STREETS

The 2023 total PIT is below the average PIT number over the past 14 years (385).

SUBPOPULATIONS

Many adults in shelter and on the streets self-identified with one or more of these subpopulations during the Point In Time:

8 HIV/AIDS

110 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

36 VETERANS

61 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

149 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

262 HOUSEHOLDS

67 Unsheltered (single)
0 Unsheltered (family)
149 Sheltered (single)
46 Sheltered (family)

76%

OF THOSE PERSONS LIVING ON THE STREETS HAVE LIVED IN NEW BEDFORD FOR AT LEAST 3 OR MORE YEARS.



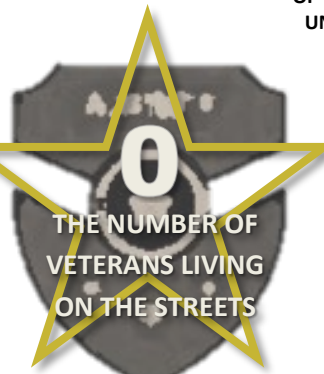
80% INCREASE IN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH COMPARED TO 2022

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

HUD defines "chronic homelessness" as a disabling condition plus 1 Year of consistent homelessness or a disabling condition with four episodes totaling 12 months or more over a three-year period of homelessness.

52% OF THOSE WHO ARE UNSHELTERED ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

11% OF THOSE WHO ARE SHELTERED ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS



0 THE NUMBER OF VETERANS LIVING ON THE STREETS

HIC

HOUSING INVENTORY (BED) COUNT IN NEW BEDFORD:

244 EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS

123 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS

438 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS

FACTS:

- The total PIT count in 2023 is consistent with the previous two years and is below the 14-year PIT count average.
- There were 4.5 single households for every 1 family household.
- The number of those living in shelters and self-identifying as having severe mental illness and/or substance use issues climbed in 2023 and is the highest rate since 2018.
- The number of those living unsheltered (on the streets) in 2023 was the highest ever counted.

PIT COUNTS PEOPLE

HIC COUNTS BEDS

This year...

...saw the highest number of unsheltered adults self-identifying as having a severe mental illness and/or substance use, doubling the 2021# rate.

