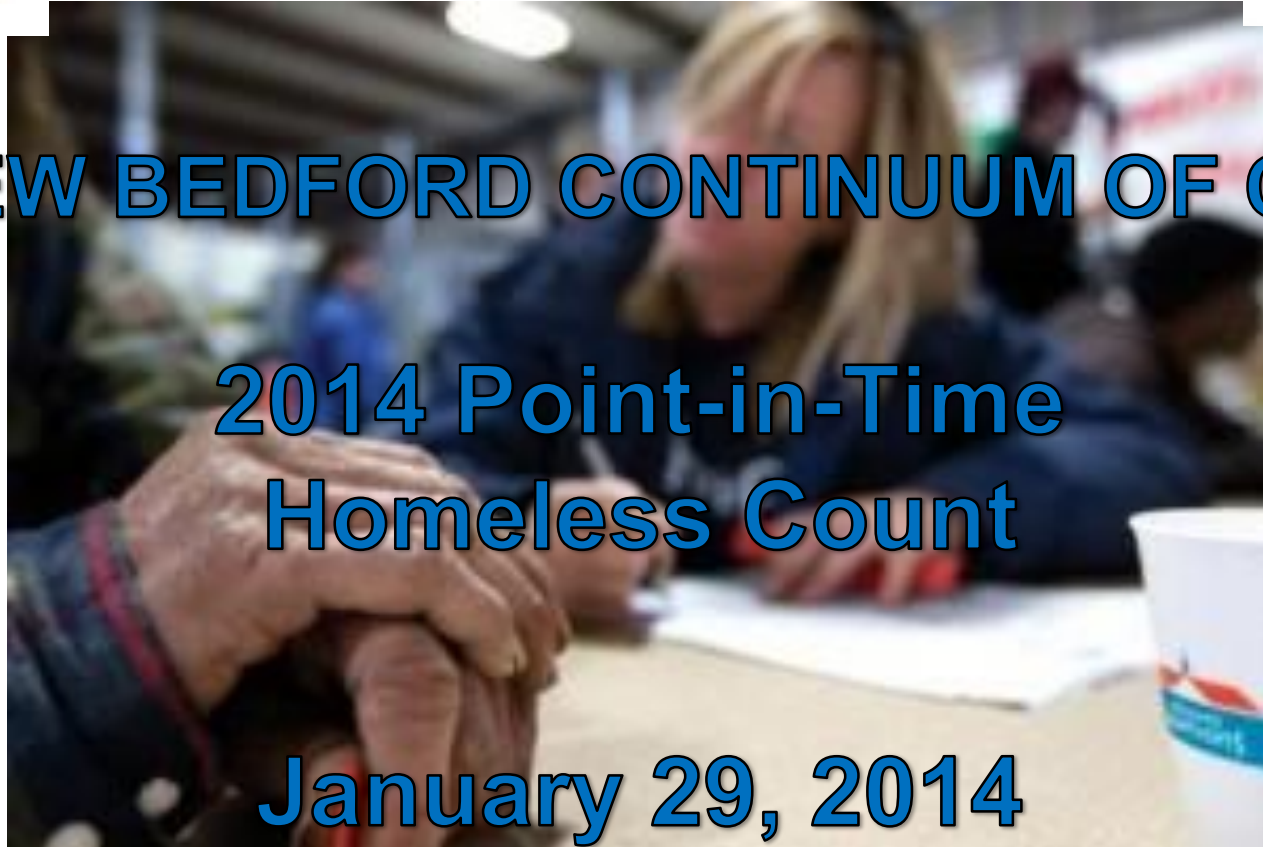




NEW BEDFORD CONTINUUM OF CARE

2014 Point-in-Time Homeless Count

January 29, 2014



POINT-IN-TIME COUNT 2014

Background:

On Wednesday, January 29 to January 30, 2014 the New Bedford Homeless Continuum of Care, known as the Homeless Service Providers Network, conducted New Bedford's annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and survey on January 29, 2014.

The information collected provides a reliable snap shot of unduplicated sheltered and unsheltered individuals and families experiencing homelessness. During the third week of January, PIT Counts are conducted annually across the nation and are designed to collect data on the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness on any given night.

The information collected through the PIT Count is used to help guide community planning efforts—including federal funding decisions for homeless programs—and to measure New Bedford's progress towards ending homelessness.

PIT SUBCOMMITTEE

The PIT Count Committee, a subgroup of the HSPN, began meeting regularly in November, 2013 to review policies and procedures about conducting the most accurate and comprehensive count possible.

On January 29th at 1:00pm teams of volunteers and supporters gathered on the steps of the New Bedford City Hall to commence with the count and lead a procession to the Point-in-Time coordination center at the Sister Rose House. The purpose of the PIT kick-off was to raise awareness to the issue of homelessness.

The volunteers then dispersed throughout the City to count homeless individuals and families currently residing on the streets and in other locations throughout the City.



PIT SUBCOMMITTEE

Volunteers consisting of 50 enumerators dispersed throughout the City to count homeless individuals and families residing on the streets and in other locations throughout the City.

The count also surveyed people living in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and in other programs.



Goal

The primary goal of the PIT count is to provide a one-night “snapshot” of the number of homeless persons who are either living on the streets, in places not meant for habitation, or are currently residing in Emergency Shelters or Transitional Housing programs for the homeless.

The information gleaned from the Point-in-Time Count is critical to demonstrating the need for resources, accurately measuring and identifying the needs of populations that are hardest to serve, and measuring progress toward eliminating homelessness.

PIT Definition of Homelessness

Using HUD's definition of homelessness for the PIT count, CoCs are instructed to count all adults, children in households, and unaccompanied youth who, on the night of the count, resides in one of the places described below:

- An unsheltered homeless person resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a vehicle or on the streets. Included in this count are people in temporary tents, encampments, and warming centers.
 - A sheltered homeless person resides in an emergency shelter, transitional housing or supportive housing for homeless persons who originally came for the streets or emergency shelters
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Logistics & Details

The New Bedford Police Department and HSPN Agencies were aware of locations where known unsheltered homeless were located.

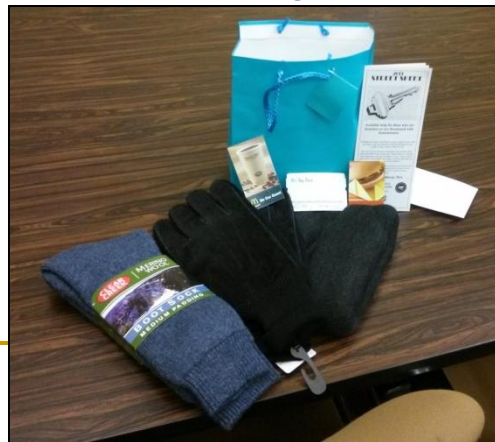
Volunteers partnered with agency staff to comprise teams. Each team was given assigned areas with identified known homeless hot-spots. The NB Police Department also assisted with identifying hot-spots and by providing a police officer to conduct the overnight count.

Volunteers covered both service locations (soup kitchens and food pantries, substance abuse treatment facilities, libraries, medical facilities).

Logistics & Details

Unsheltered persons were interviewed and survey information provided subpopulation & homeless characteristics. A count was also conducted on the PIT date from school sites of only unsheltered homeless students.

The PIT Committee also continued its tradition of providing "giveaways" to interviewees - socks, gloves and mittens, hats, food and beverage coupons, and bus passes (generously donated by Catholic Social Services, A.I.D Inc., S. Dartmouth Congregation Church, GNBHC, Family Preservation/High Point, Mercy, Meals & More, Mobile Loaves and Fishers, VTH, PAACA and New Bedford Police) - both to humanize the counting process and to encourage participation.



Logistics & Details

The 2014 Street Sheet resource guide, which the HSPN publishes and distributes widely every year, was provided to interviewees that detailed the local services that can help them avoid homelessness. All of these measures proved highly successful.

FOOD PANTRIES	
American Red Cross 93 Kenpton Street (Hill St. entrance) Thursday 1-5 (available 1x per month) Photo, ID, proof of income, rent receipts, proof of address, ID for household members required	508.996.8286
Braz/Bean Community Center 360 Coggeshall Street Monday - Thursday 9-1 (available 1x every 30 days) ID and/or MA Health card required	508.979.1737
Catholic Social Services 238 Bonney Street (in back of O. L. of Mt. Carmel R. C. Church) Wednesday & Thursday 10-12 (available 1x every 30 days) Min. 18 years-old, proofs of income & residency, photo ID, MA Health ID required for all children. Bread, non-perishable foods and fresh produce	508.997.7337
Grace Episcopal Church 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	508.993.0547
Immigrants Assistance Center 58 Crapo Street Wednesday 10-2 (available 1 x per month) photo ID and proof of income, basic application required, please call in advance	508.996.8113
MO Food Life Pantry 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	508.992.5978


FOOD PANTRIES	
Mobile Loaves and Fishes Food/clothing available at sites across the city: Monday: Salvation Army parking lot 6:00pm, Tuesday: Hungry Whale on Elm Street 6:00pm, Wednesday: Acushnet Heights near Weld Square 6:00pm, Thursday: on the corner of Middle and Pleasant Streets 12:00pm, Thursday: Main Post Office 6:00pm, Friday: PAACA 6:00pm, and Saturday: Salvation Army parking lot 11:30am	508.993.0614
PACE, Inc. 166 William Street Monday-Friday (New walk-ins or received no service w/in past yr.: 9-11, all others by appointment) (Available 1x every 3 months, if PACE client, 1x per month) Referral, Picture ID & verification of dependents required	508.999.9920
The Salvation Army 619 Purchase Street Monday-Friday 8:30-Noon & 1-3 (available 1x every 3 months) Required: ID for household members & proof of residence for appt. 3-5 days of food / clothing vouchers for fire victims only	508.997.6561
St. Anthony's Church Nye Street Entrance (enter through church basement door) Thursday @ Noon (1x every other week) Picture, ID and MA Health	508.993.1611
St. Martin's Church 136 Rivet Street 3rd Saturday 10-11 and last Tuesday 5-6	508.264.1520
Seven Hills Behavioral Health 1177 Acushnet Avenue Monday & Wednesday 9:30 - 12:00, Thursday 5:00 - 7:00pm Photo ID, proof of income and proof of address	508.999.4159

MEAL SITES AND TIME	
Sister Rose House Soup Kitchen and Mercy, Meals & More Pilgrim United Church of Christ - 636 Purchase Street 508.728.1489	
Grace Episcopal Church, 133 School Street / The Salvation Army, 619 Purchase Street / St. Anthony's R.C. Church, Nye	

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast	7:30-8:30 Grace Episcopal Church	6:35-7:30 Mercy, Meals and More	6:35-7:30 Mercy, Meals and More	6:35-7:30 Mercy, Meals and More	6:35-7:30 Mercy, Meals and More	6:35-7:30 Mercy, Meals and More	6:35-7:30 Mercy, Meals and More
Lunch	11:00 Full Blessings Church Service & Meal	11:00-1:00 Sister Rose House Soup Kitchen	11:00-1:00 Sister Rose House Soup Kitchen	11:00-1:00 Sister Rose House Soup Kitchen	11:00-1:00 Sister Rose House Soup Kitchen	11:00-1:00 Sister Rose House Soup Kitchen	
Dinner	5:15 Salvation Army			4:30 Salvation Army	4:00 Sister Rose Every 4th Thurs of the month		

EMERGENCY SHELTER	
PACE, Inc. Housing Services Monday - Friday 8-4 "First-stop" homelessness triage and referral services to shelters and homeless prevention resources in the region and limited financial assistance	508.993.0033
The Women's Center 405 County Street (office) Provides confidential short-term shelter, counseling, and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault	508.996.3343
Sister Rose House Shelter 60 8th Street Men only. Call at 9am Monday-Friday for bed availability Shelter and appropriate support services provided to guests	508.997.3202
Missionaries of Charity Female adults, women 18 & under, boys 6 & under	508.997.7347
Harbour House Family Center 713 Shawmut Avenue Must present at DTA for DHCD referrals only	508.992.6027
CRISIS ASSISTANCE	
Domestic Violence Hotline	508.999.6636
Domestic Violence (The Women's Center)	508.996.3343
Elder at Risk Hotline	508.675.2101
New Bedford Crisis Center 543 North Street	508.996.3154
St. Luke's Hospital	508.997.1515
Suicide Prevention Hotline (Samaritans)	877.870.4673
Alternate Emergency Services	911
New Bedford Police Dept.	508.991.6350
Mercy Meals and More 636 Purchase Street "More" services include temporary "overflow" emergency shelter during inclement weather, clothing and book distributions	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	
AA Hotline (SEMCOA)	508.992.7788
NA Hotline Drug Alcohol Helpline 24/7	800.314.8174
ADCARE	508.999.1102
High Point Treatment Centers (Plymouth) (Brockton) (Women—New Bedford)	508.224.7701 508.584.9210 774.628.1000
Community Substance Abuse Center 8 Kilburn Street	508.979.1122
PAACA 360 Coggeshall Street Addiction counseling and support services	508.997.9051
Seven Hills Recovery & Wellness Center 34 Gifford Street Counseling, medication assisted detox, psychiatry, and support services.	508.999.3126

2014 STREET SHEET



Available help for those who are homeless or are threatened with homelessness

Whether you need a safe place to sleep tonight or just a few groceries to get you and your children through the next couple of days, there is help for you.



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 in New Bedford.

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

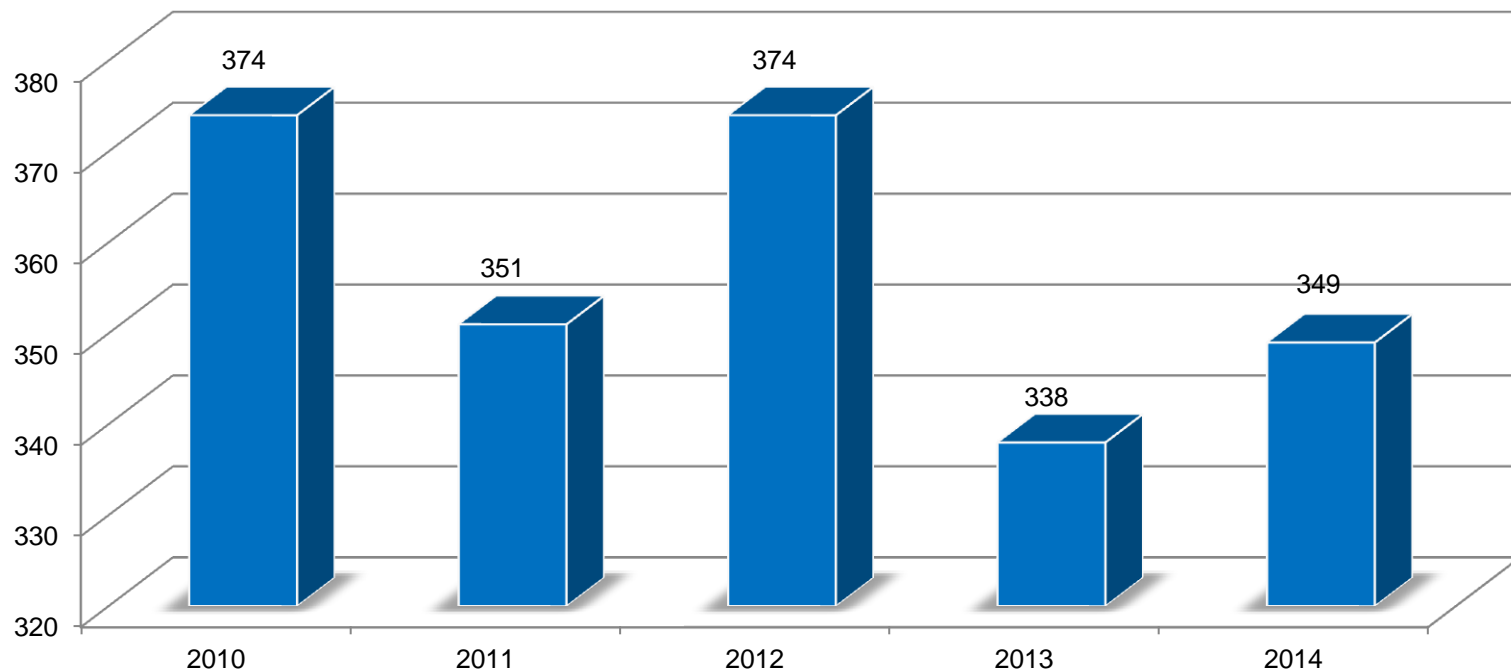
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PIT Count Totals

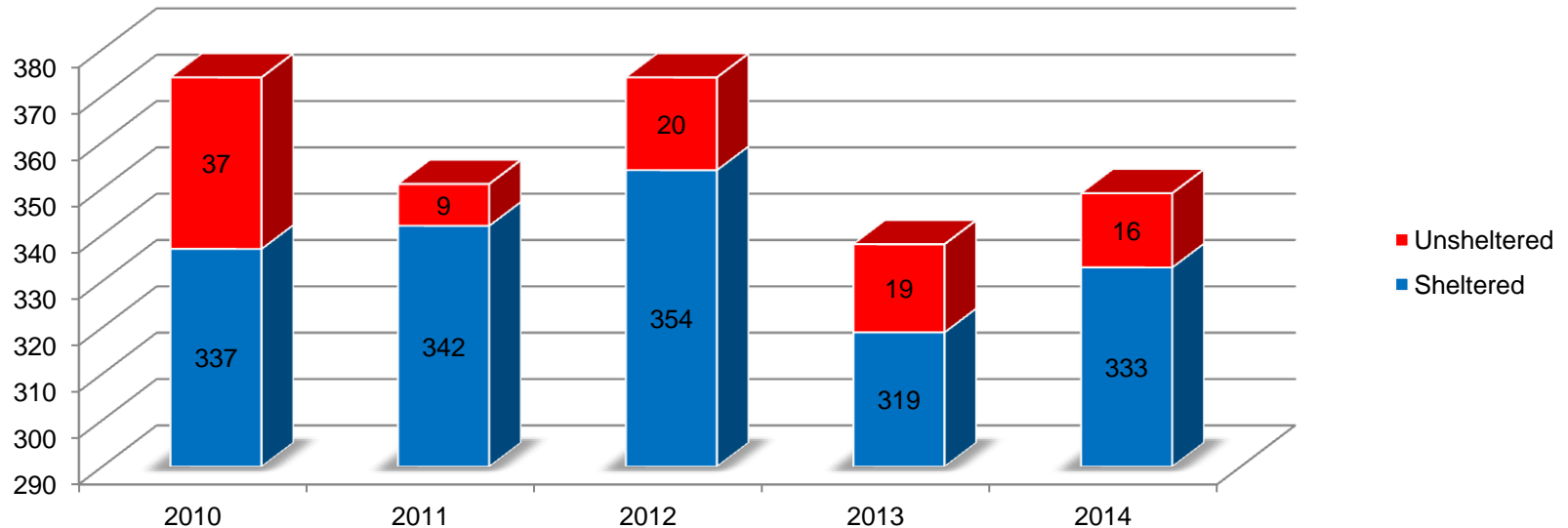
On the night of January 29, 2014 the PIT Count identified 349 homeless men, women and children in New Bedford. This represents a 3.2% overall increase from 2013.

Total PIT Count



Total PIT Count by Sheltered and Unsheltered

PIT Count by Sheltered and Unsheltered



The Unsheltered Count at 16 decreased slightly from the 2013 Unsheltered Count. However the Sheltered Count increased from 319 in 2013 to 333 in 2014.

Households

All Adult Households and Households with Children

The PIT Count Report breaks out households into two categories:

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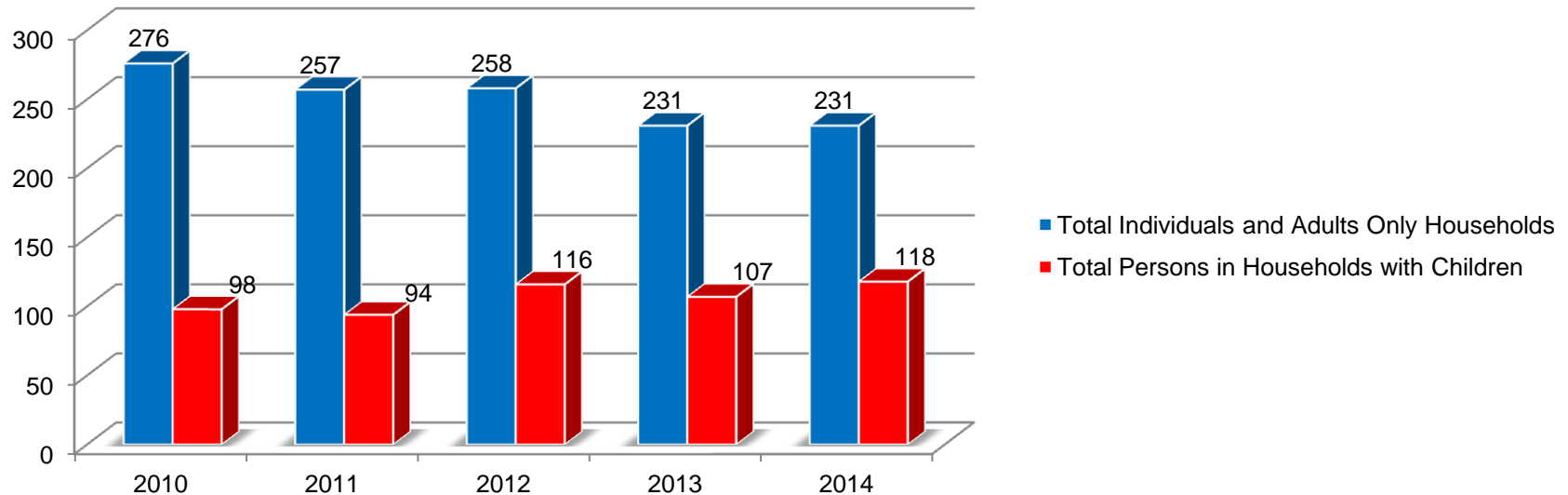
- 1) All Adult Households consist of single individuals or households of adult members only.
 - 2) Households with Children are all households that have at least one minor child. This includes households of only children such as unaccompanied youth and adolescent parents and their children.
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Households

All Adult Households continue to represent the majority of the homeless population in New Bedford. However, households with children continue to increase each year.

In 2010 – 35% of the total homeless were comprised of households with children. In 2012 that figure jumped to 45% and in 2013 46%. In 2014 the total households comprised of households with children increased to a 5 year high of 51%.

Comparison of All Adult Households and Households with Children

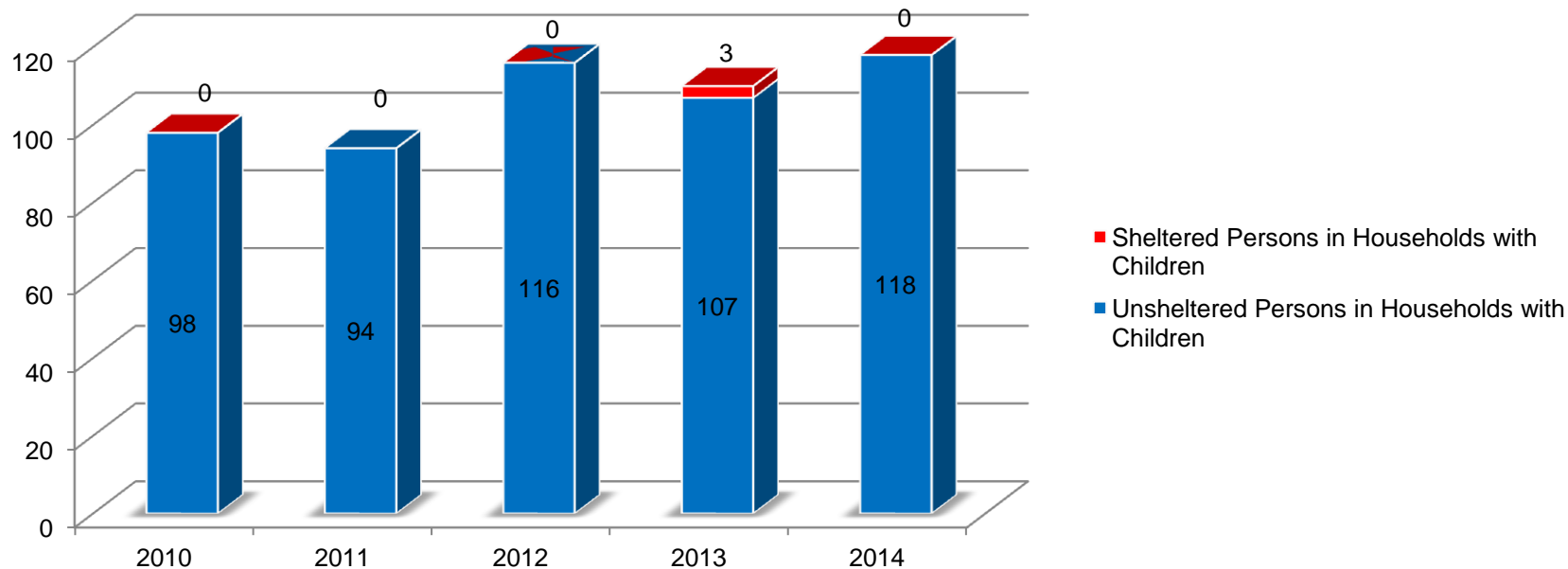


Households with Children

In recent years HUD has placed a greater emphasis on identifying and helping households with children.

In 2014 there were a total of 118 Households with Children identified in the count with a total of 349 persons.

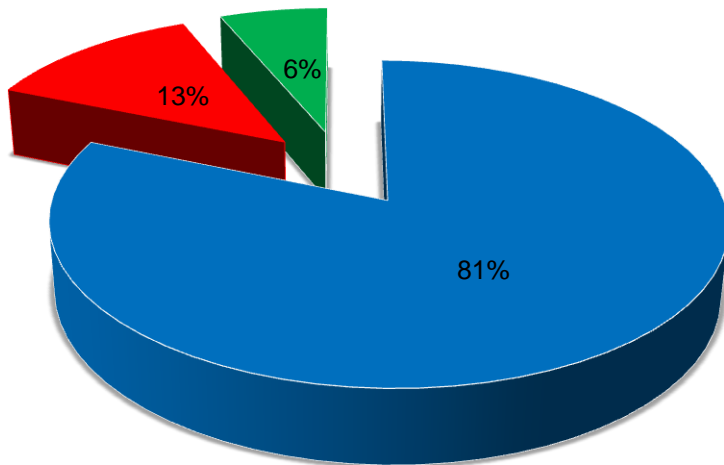
Number of Persons in Households with Children



Subpopulations

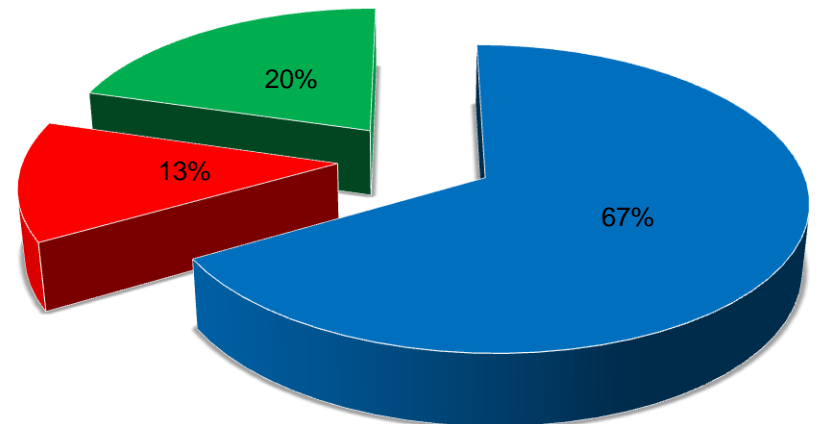
Subpopulation counts look at specific demographics by person, by household group and by sheltered and unsheltered situations. The subpopulations reported below are all for Households with Children within sheltered or unsheltered situations in the 2014 enumeration.

2014 Households with Children Unsheltered Age Groups



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

2014 Households with Children Sheltered Age Groups



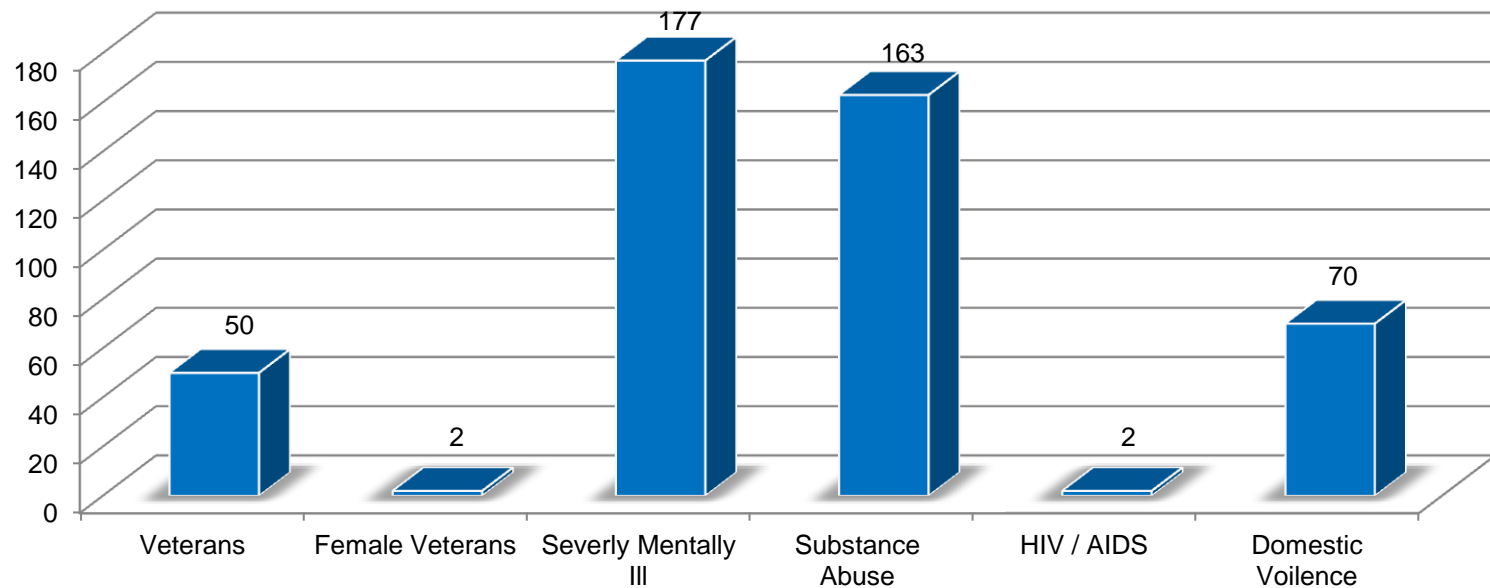
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SubPopulations

The following subpopulations chart reports on the percentage of All Adult Households that have at least one member in the household in one of the subpopulations listed.

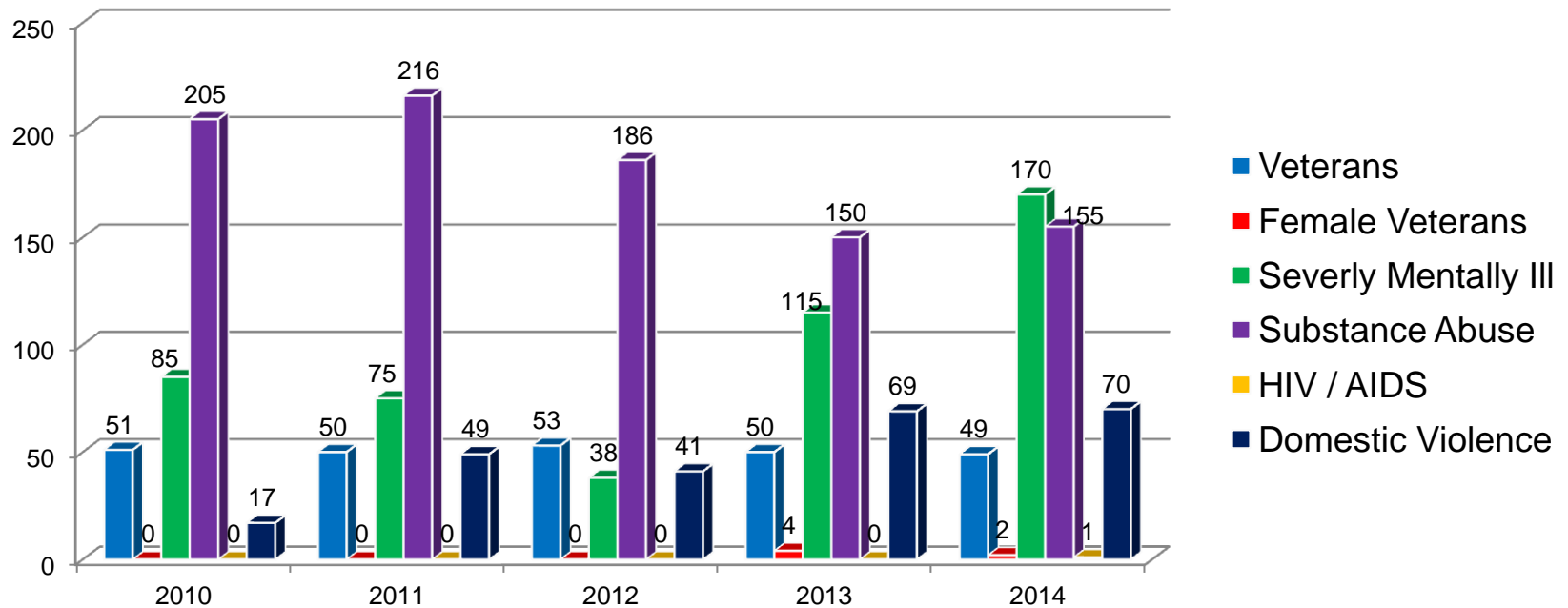
Note: Households may be counted in more than one subpopulation category.

2014 Sub-Populations in All Adult Households



SubPopulations - Year to Year Comparison

Sheltered Homeless Sub-Population



Since 2012 Victims of Domestic Violence and Severly Mentally Ill totals have continued to increase.

Chronically Homeless

Working within federal policy guidelines CoCs are tasked with reducing the number of chronically homeless persons in our communities. Prior to 2011 only individuals could be counted as chronically homeless. In 2011 the chronically homeless definition was expanded to include person in households.

A Chronically Homeless person is defined as an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition, or a family with at least one adult member who has a disabling condition, who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

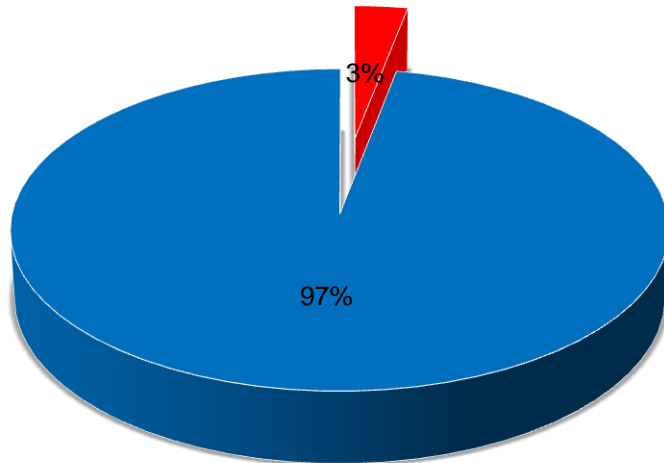
Additionally, to be counted they must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g. living on the streets) and/or in emergency shelter.

Chronically Homeless

During the 2014 count, 3% of the New Bedford's homeless were identified as chronically homeless; this represents a 6% decrease from 2013.

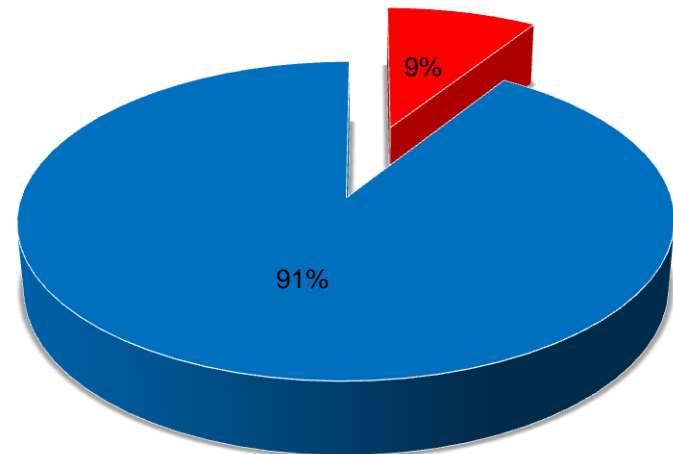
Note: From 2012 to 2013, the chronically homeless population increased by 4%.

**2014 Chronically Homeless
Individuals and Households**



■ Chronically Homeless ■ Homeless

**2013 Chronically Homeless
Individuals and Households**



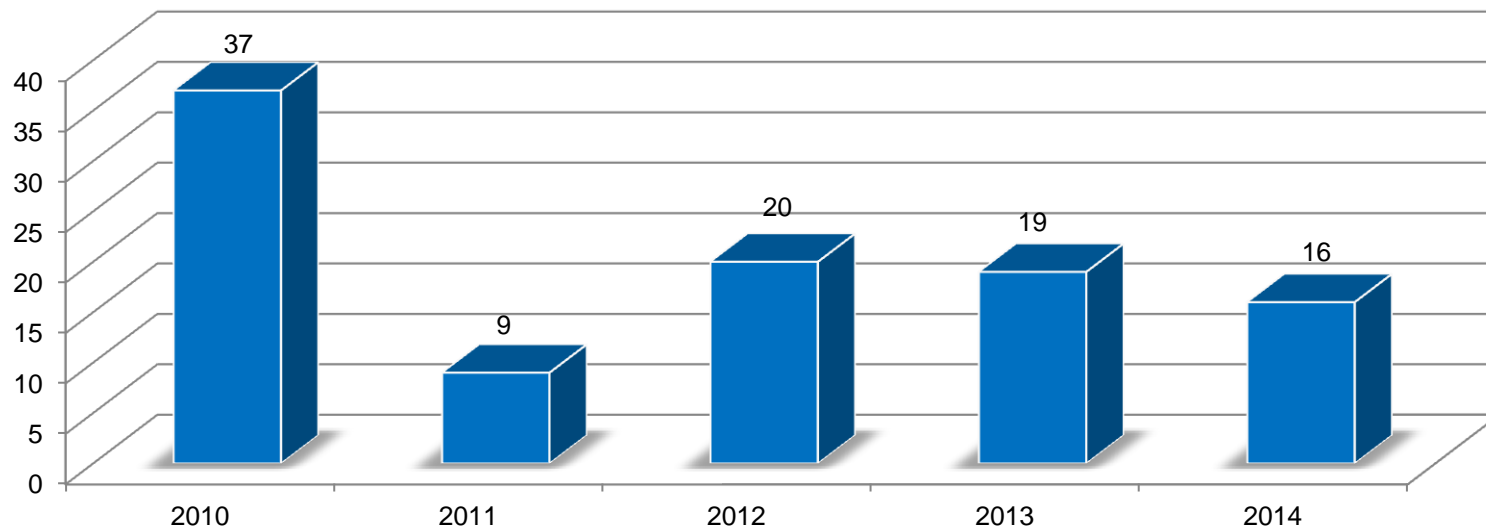
■ Chronically Homeless ■ Homeless

Unsheltered Homeless

Unsheltered homeless are persons who were staying on the streets, in a vehicle or other places not meant for habitation on the night of the count. Surveys collect additional information to better understand this segment of the homeless population that is not accessing available residential programs for the homeless.

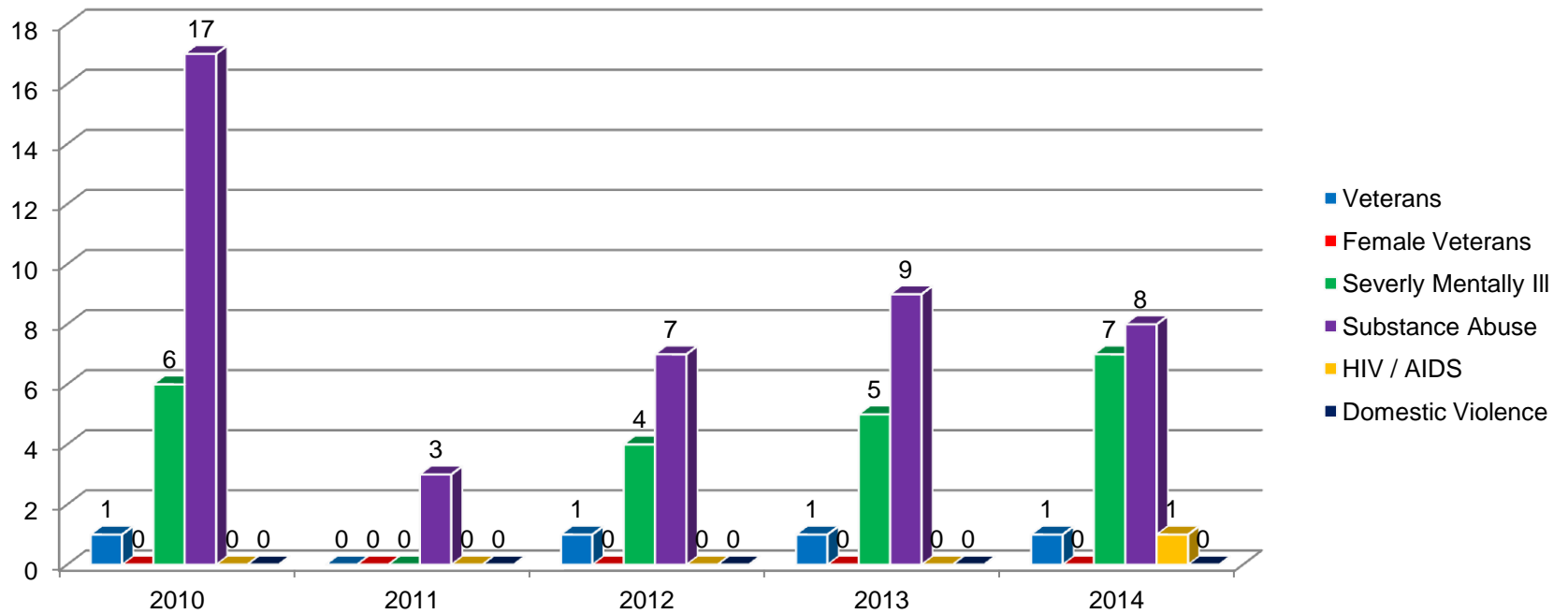
On the night of January 29, 2014, there were a total of 16 folks living on the streets of New Bedford unsheltered. Note: Of the 16 individuals identified, 3 were classified as unaccompanied youth.

Unsheltered Homeless



Unsheltered Homeless SubPopulations

Unsheltered Homeless Sub-Population



The Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

The Housing Inventory Count collects information about all of the beds and units in each Continuum of Care homeless system, categorized by five Program Types.

- **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.
 - **Safe Haven:** Total number of Safe Haven beds and units that satisfy HUD's standards, as identified in the 2009 NOFA.
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Total number of permanent supportive housing beds and units.
 - **Rapid Rehousing (new for 2013).**
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Housing Inventory Count - Emergency Shelter

HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT - EMERGENCY SHELTER

Year	Prog. Type	Organization Name	Program Name	PIT Count	Year-Round Beds	Utilization Rate
2014	ES	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Sister Rose House	24	25	96%
2014	ES	Justice Resource Institute	FOCUS on the Family	27	30	90%
2014	ES	Greater New Bedford Women's Center	Artemis I DV Program	10	16	63%
2014	ES	Greater New Bedford Women's Center	Artemis II	4	14	29%
2014	ES	Southeast Regional Network	Harbour House Family Center	49	36	136%
2014	ES	Missionary Sisters of Charity	Missionary Sisters of Charity Shelter	6	9	67%
EMERGENCY SHELTER TOTAL				120	130	

Housing Inventory Count – Transitional Housing

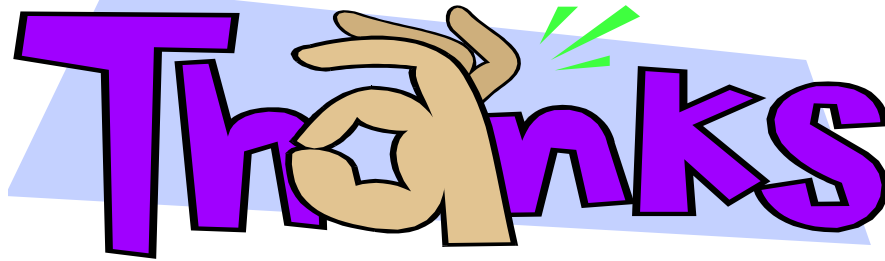
HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT - TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Year	Prog. Type	Organization Name	Program Name	PIT Count	Year-Round Beds	Utilization Rate
2014	TH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Donovan House	18	20	90%
2014	TH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Sister Rose Transitional Program	6	7	86%
2014	TH	High Point Treatment Center	Transitional Support Program	35	36	97%
2014	TH	Greater New Bedford Women's Center	Home Port	16	15	107%
2014	TH	Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Addiction (SEMCOA)	Harmony House	25	26	96%
2014	TH	Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Addiction (SEMCOA)	Monarch House	18	21	86%
2014	TH	Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Addiction (SEMCOA)	Wrap House	8	11	73%
2014	TH	Steppingstone Inc.	Graduate Program	8	9	89%
2014	TH	Steppingstone Inc.	Women's Therapeutic Community	23	24	96%
2014	TH	Southeastern Mass. Veterans Housing Program Inc.	GPD - Graduate House	21	27	78%
2014	TH	Southeastern Mass. Veterans Housing Program Inc.	Network House	10	10	100%
2014	TH	Southeastern Mass. Veterans Housing Program Inc.	Veterans Transition House	25	43	58%
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TOTAL				213	249	

Housing Inventory Count – Permanent Supportive Housing

HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT - PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Year	Prog. Type	Organization Name	Program Name	PIT Count	Year-Round Beds	Utilization Rate
2014	PSH	Community Action for Better Housing	St. Anne's SRO	13	17	76%
2014	PSH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Prism	26	26	100%
2014	PSH	Catholic Social Services Inc.	Portico	123	123	100%
2014	PSH	PAACA Inc.	Step Up	37	38	97%
2014	PSH	Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Addiction (SEMCOA)	Unity House	11	11	100%
2014	PSH	Southeast Regional Network	Family Preservation Program	41	46	89%
2014	PSH	YWCA	A Woman's Place	7	9	78%
2014	PSH	YWCA	Another Woman's Place	8	11	73%
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TOTAL				266	281	



to the many organizations and businesses that donated funding, food vouchers and gifts and to everyone who volunteered their time and effort.
