

2020

# NEW BEDFORD CONTINUUM of CARE POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT

## WHAT

- Point In Time (PIT): snapshot of all people in shelter/on streets in one 24hr period
- Housing Inventory County (HIC): count of all beds in the local homeless system
- HUD requires both.

## 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
- New Bedford's PIT is conducted annually
- This year's count was January 29/30 2020

## HOW

- HSPN establishes a PIT committee that begins working three months prior to PIT
- Volunteers/Donations
- Training conducted
- Public kickoff
- Resource Event held concurrently



# STATISTICAL RESULTS

TOTAL 2020 COUNT:

# PIT 398

TOTAL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHELTERED AND THOSE LIVING ON THE STREETS

ON THE STREETS 48

IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS 278

IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING 72

### RESOURCES

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



**67%**  
INCREASE IN ALL UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH HOMELESSNESS BETWEEN 2019 AND 2020

## 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.

**27%** OF THOSE WHO ARE UNSHELTERED ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS  
**11%** OF THOSE WHO ARE SHELTERED ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

### 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

90

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

39

VETERANS

112

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

53

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

371

HOUSEHOLDS

46 Unsheltered (single)  
144 Sheltered (single)  
181 Sheltered (family)

**47%**

OF THOSE PERSONS LIVING ON THE STREETS HAVE LIVED IN NEW BEDFORD FOR AT LEAST 6 YEARS OR MORE.

**46%**

OF ALL ADULT HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NEW BEDFORD ALSO SUFFER FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND/OR MENTAL ILLNESS.

## FACTS:

- The total PIT count in 2020 is roughly 10% lower than the 2019 count but fairly consistent with those of the past decade.
- The number of those unsheltered in 2020 was the lowest in six years.
- Most people experiencing homelessness are living in family units with children and not in adult-only households.



PIT COUNTS PEOPLE

HIC COUNTS BEDS

## HIC

HOUSING INVENTORY (BED) COUNT IN NEW BEDFORD:

**298**  
EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS

**97**  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS

**501**  
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS

### Since 2019...

The number of those self-identifying as having issues with mental illness and/or substance use disorders has increased.

