

2022

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 2022 annual count was delayed because of COVID.
- This year's count was February 23-24, 2022.

HOW

- This year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the professional Street Outreach Team exclusively conducted the count for the NB Continuum of Care.



STATISTICAL RESULTS

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.

TOTAL 2022 COUNT:

PIT 370

TOTAL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHELTERED AND THOSE LIVING ON THE STREETS

Lowest Count Total since 2017

ON THE STREETS **61**
 IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS **219**
 IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING **90**

SUBPOPULATIONS

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

1

HIV/AIDS

94

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

35

VETERANS

141

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

69

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

72%

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



64%

DECREASE IN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH DECREASE IN UNACCOMPANIED

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.

36%

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



PIT COUNTS PEOPLE

HIC COUNTS BEDS

HIC

HOUSING INVENTORY (BED) COUNT IN NEW BEDFORD:

283

EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS

124

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS

410

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS

FACTS:

- The total PIT count in 2022 is consistent with the previous year and reflects the lowest count total since 2017.
- Single households outpace family households by 2:1.
- The number of those living in shelters and self-identifying as having severe mental illness and/or substance use issues has climbed in 2022 over 2021 rates.
- The number of those living unsheltered (on the streets) in 2022 was the highest ever counted but likely attributable to the closed overflow shelter that night.



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.