

2024

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 2024 annual count was conducted over a 24hr period beginning Weds, January 24, 2024.

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 2024 COUNT: (TOTAL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHELTERED AND THOSE LIVING ON THE STREETS)

PIT 346

The total 2024 PIT # is below the average count experienced over the past 15 years.

ON THE STREETS

110

IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS

154

IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

82

ON THE STREETS...The cold weather overflow shelter was not open during the 2024 PIT Count because of fair weather; had it been, the number of those on the streets would likely have been around 80, more consistent with past years when the overflow was open.



80%
DECREASE IN
UNACCOMPANIED
YOUTH
COMPARED TO 2023

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.

48%
OF THOSE WHO ARE
UNSHeltered ARE
CHRONICALLY
HOMELESS

16%
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:

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HIV/AIDS

71
SUBSTANCE
USE DISORDER

42
VETERANS

48
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE

119
SERIOUS
MENTAL ILLNESS

79%
OF THOSE PERSONS
LIVING ON THE STREETS
HAVE LIVED IN NEW
BEDFORD FOR AT LEAST
3 OR MORE YEARS.



265
HOUSEHOLDS
110 Unsheltered (single)
0 Unsheltered (family)
118 Sheltered (single)
37 Sheltered (family)

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THE NUMBER OF VETERANS LIVING ON THE STREETS DURING THE 2024 PIT COUNT.

HIC
HOUSING INVENTORY (BED)
COUNT IN NEW BEDFORD:

178
EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS
108
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS
537
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING BEDS

FACTS:

- The total PIT count in 2024 is consistent with the past few years. Despite such consistency, the overall count was the lowest count since 2013.
- There were 3 single households for every 1 family household.
- The 2024 count marked the highest number of unsheltered adults self-identifying as experiencing serious mental illness and/or substance use issues since such counts have been taken.
- The number of those living unsheltered (on the streets) in 2024 was the higher than the previous year.

PIT COUNTS PEOPLE

HIC COUNTS BEDS

This year...

On the night of the PIT Count there were 754 people in New Bedford occupying the city's inventory of 839 shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing beds.

