

2019

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
- 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
- New Bedford's PIT is conducted annually
- This year's count was January 30/31 2019

HOW

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



STATISTICAL RESULTS

TOTAL 2019 COUNT:

PIT 433

TOTAL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHELTERED AND THOSE LIVING ON THE STREETS

ON THE STREETS

53

IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS

288

IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

92

RESOURCES

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



20%

DECREASE IN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH HOMELESSNESS BETWEEN 2018 AND 2019.

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.

47%

OF THOSE WHO ARE UNSHELTERED ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

6%

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:

11

HIV/AIDS

61

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

43

VETERANS

81

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

57

DOMESTIC

40%

OF THOSE PERSONS LIVING ON THE STREETS HAVE LIVED IN NEW BEDFORD FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS OR MORE.



40%

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

292

HOUSEHOLDS

51 Unsheltered (single)
1 Unsheltered (family)
178 Sheltered (single)
62 Sheltered (family)

FACTS:

- The total PIT count in 2019 is higher than 2018 but remains 8% less than the city's highest count in 2016.
- Singles outpace family households by almost 3:1.
- The number of those living in shelters and self-identifying as having severe mental illness and/or substance use issues has continued to decline since 2016.
- For the second year in a row, the number of those living with HIV/AIDS on the streets (unsheltered) represents the highest number in ten years.



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PIT COUNTS PEOPLE

HIC COUNTS BEDS

HIC

HOUSING INVENTORY (BED) COUNT IN NEW BEDFORD:

332

EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS

113

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS

598

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS

Since 2018...

The number of sheltered adult individuals increased 30%; sheltered individuals in families increased by 7%.