# 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

- To generate data to understand issues and trends around
- To inform strategic
- To help identify federal funding.

#### WHO

- Throughout the nation every CoC
- New Bedford's CoC accomplishes this count through its **Homeless Service**

## 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 27-28 2021

## HOW

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

# **STATISTICAL** RESULTS **TOTAL 2021 COUNT:**

**TOTAL ADULTS AND CHILDREN** SHELTERED AND THOSE LIVING ON THE STREETS

ON THE STREETS

IN EMERGENCY

SHELTERS

IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

### **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.



#### **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.

OF THOSE WHO ARE **UNSHELTERED ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS**  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:

2 HIV/AIDS

**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER** 

36

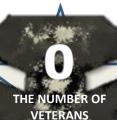
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**SERIOUS** MENTAL ILLNESS

OF THOSE PERSONS LIVING ON THE STREETS HAVE LIVED IN NEW **BEDFORD FOR AT LEAST** 



43 Unsheltered (single) 0 Unsheltered (family 207 Sheltered (single) 50 Sheltered (family



LIVING ON THE

**STREETS** 

**INCREASE IN** 

UNACCOMPANIED

**HOMELESSNESS** 

BETWEEN 2020 AND 2021.

**COUNTS PEOPLE** 

COUNTS



COUNT IN NEW BEDFORD:

**EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS** 

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE **HOUSING BEDS** 

#### Since 2018...

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



- The total PIT count in 2021 is 7% lower than that of 2020 and remains lower than the average count over the prior ten vears.
- Single households outpace family households by 4:1.
- The number of those living in shelters and selfidentifying as having severe mental illness and/or substance use issues has continued to decline since 2016.
- The number of those living unsheltered (on the streets) in 2021 is the lowest its been since 2014.