

2021

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
- New Bedford's PIT is conducted annually.
- This year's count was January 27-28 2021

HOW

- This year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the professional Street Outreach Team 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 2021 COUNT:

PIT 372

ON THE STREETS

43

IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS

267

IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

62

TOTAL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHELTERED AND THOSE LIVING ON THE STREETS

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

54

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

23

VETERANS

36

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

87

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

74%

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



40%

INCREASE IN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH HOMELESSNESS BETWEEN 2020 AND 2021.

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.

23%

OF THOSE WHO ARE UNSHELTERED ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

15%

OF THOSE WHO ARE SHELTERED ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

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THE NUMBER OF VETERANS LIVING ON THE STREETS



PIT COUNTS PEOPLE

HIC COUNTS BEDS

HIC

HOUSING INVENTORY (BED) COUNT IN NEW BEDFORD:

284

EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS

91

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS

420

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS

FACTS:

- The total PIT count in 2021 is 7% lower than that of 2020 and remains lower than the average count over the prior ten years.
- Single households outpace family households by 4:1.
- 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.
- The number of those living unsheltered (on the streets) in 2021 is the lowest its been since 2014.

Since 2018...

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

