

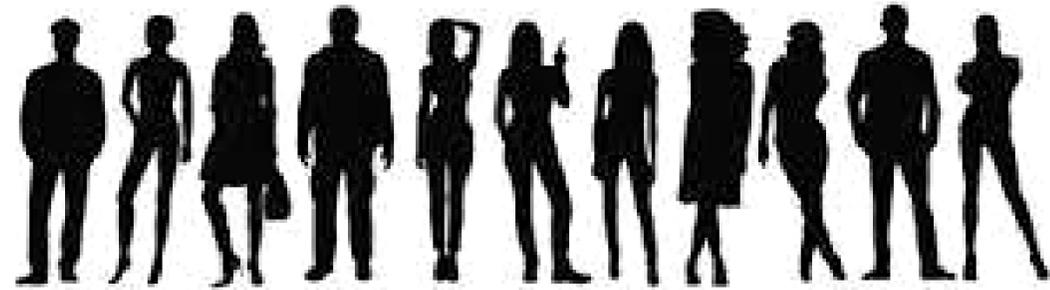
# 2022 PIT HIC Snapshot

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# Background

- The focus of the **Point In Time (PIT) Count** is **people**. The PIT is the Annual Census of Sheltered (*emergency shelter and transitional housing*) and Unsheltered people.
- Conducted February 23, 2022 following U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development guidelines.
- Undertaken by Steppingstone's Street Outreach Team during a 24 hour period throughout the City of New Bedford.
- The focus of the **Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)** is **beds**. It is an account of all beds and units within the City's homeless system reviewed simultaneously with the PIT Count.

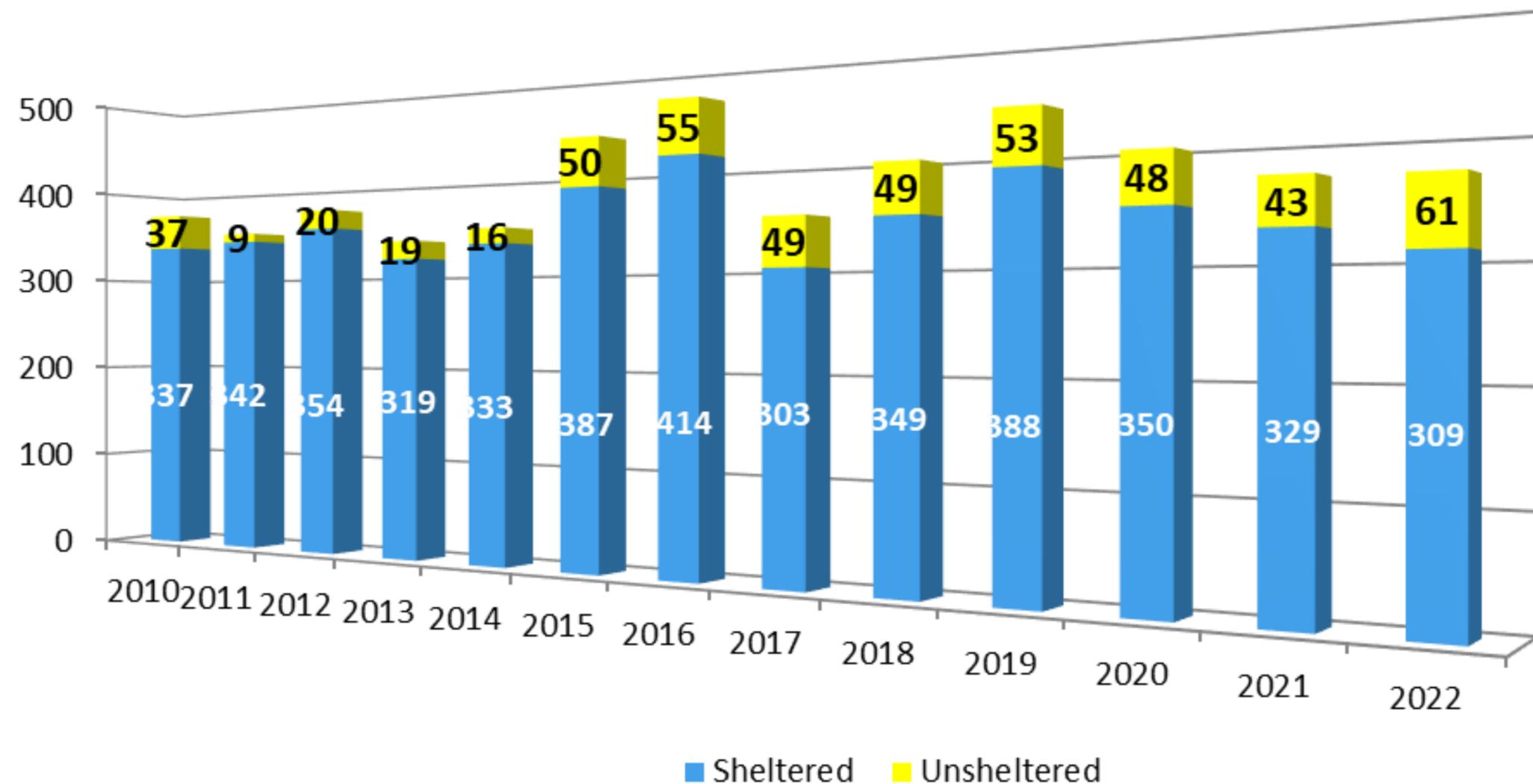


# Statistics

## Total Counts

- Of the 370 total people counted... **61** people were unsheltered and living on the streets, **219** were in emergency shelters and **90** were in transitional housing programs.
- The total number of **unsheltered** people is the highest number counted in over a decade but is likely attributable to the fact that there was no cold weather overflow shelter during this year's count resulting in more people on the streets.
- With the exception of 2017, the total sheltered count of 309 is the lowest number of people in shelter since 2013.

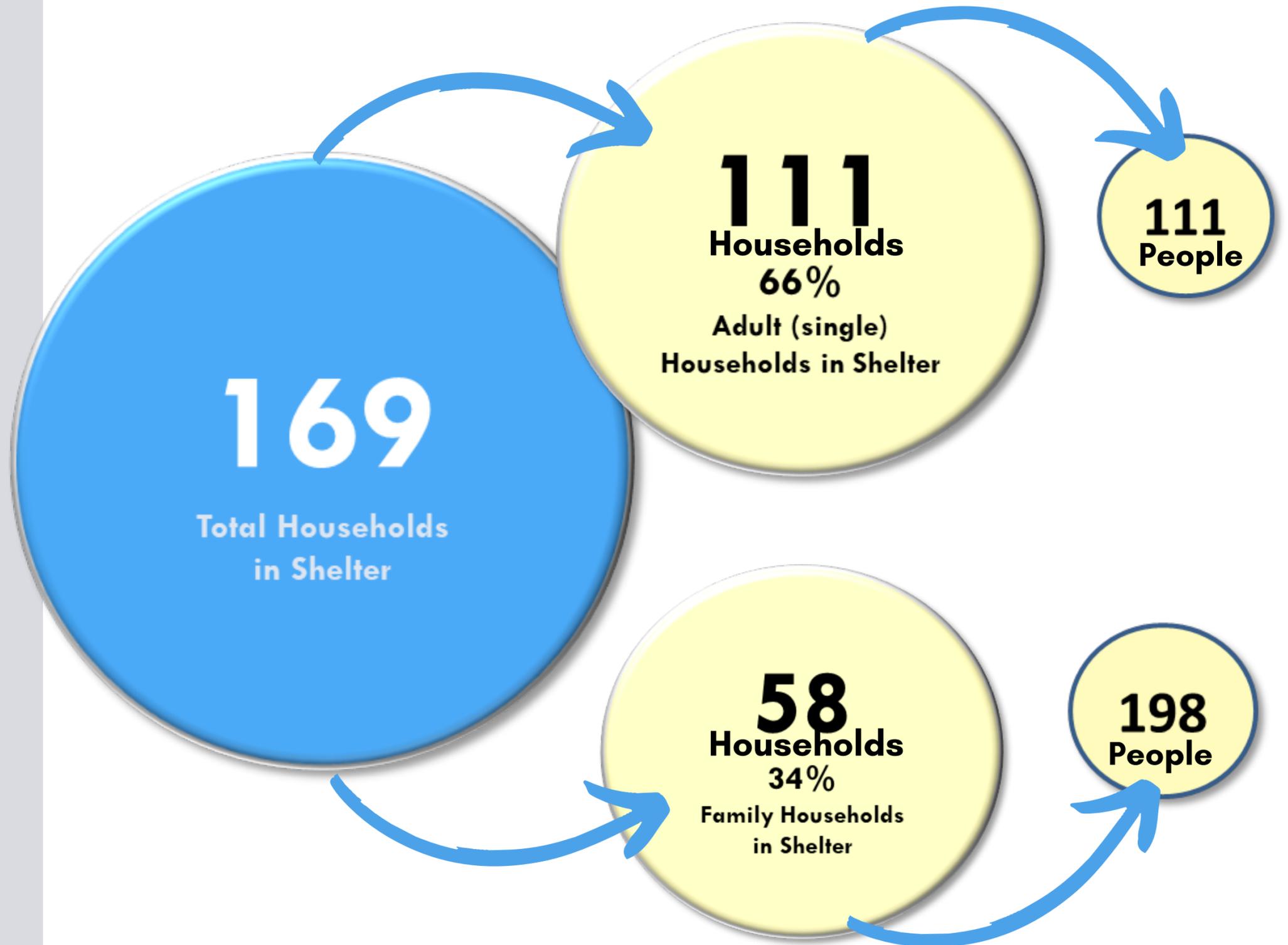
## Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT Count



# Statistics

## Households

- People live either in single adult-only households or in family households.
- The number of adult-only households (111) decreased by roughly 30% from the 2021 count and has continued to decrease since the 2016 count.
- In contrast, the number of family households increased by about 20% from the 2021 count and was 8% higher than the 2020 count.
- **The numbers of family households in shelter are continuing to increase in New Bedford as compared with adult single households which continues to decline.**

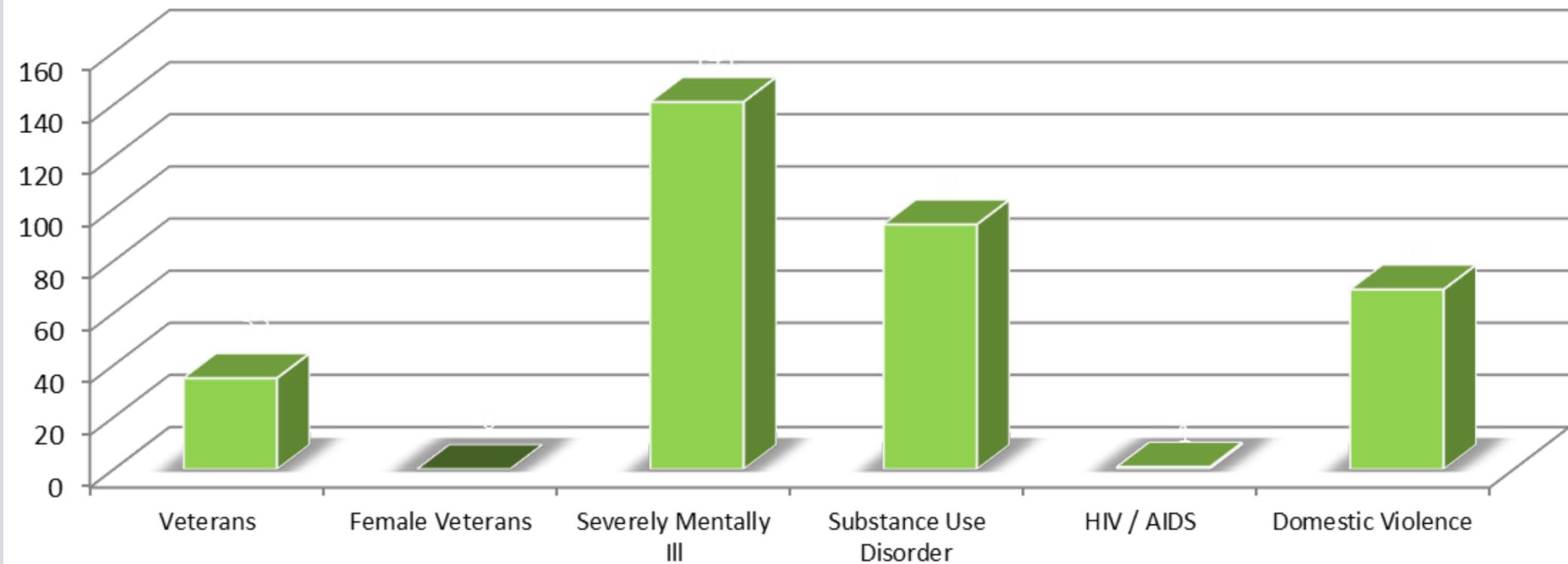


# Statistics

## Subpopulations

- Based on the information collected, adults--whether in shelter or living unsheltered on the streets--most frequently self-identified as being severely mentally ill (61%) and/or as suffering from substance use disorder (41%).
- Notably, domestic violence accounts for 30% of what surveyed adults reported.

**2022 Sub-Populations in All Households**  
*(Sheltered and Unsheltered)*



*NOTE: Because individuals could self-identify as being a part of more than one subpopulation, the percentages do not add up to 100%.*

# Statistics

## Subpopulations

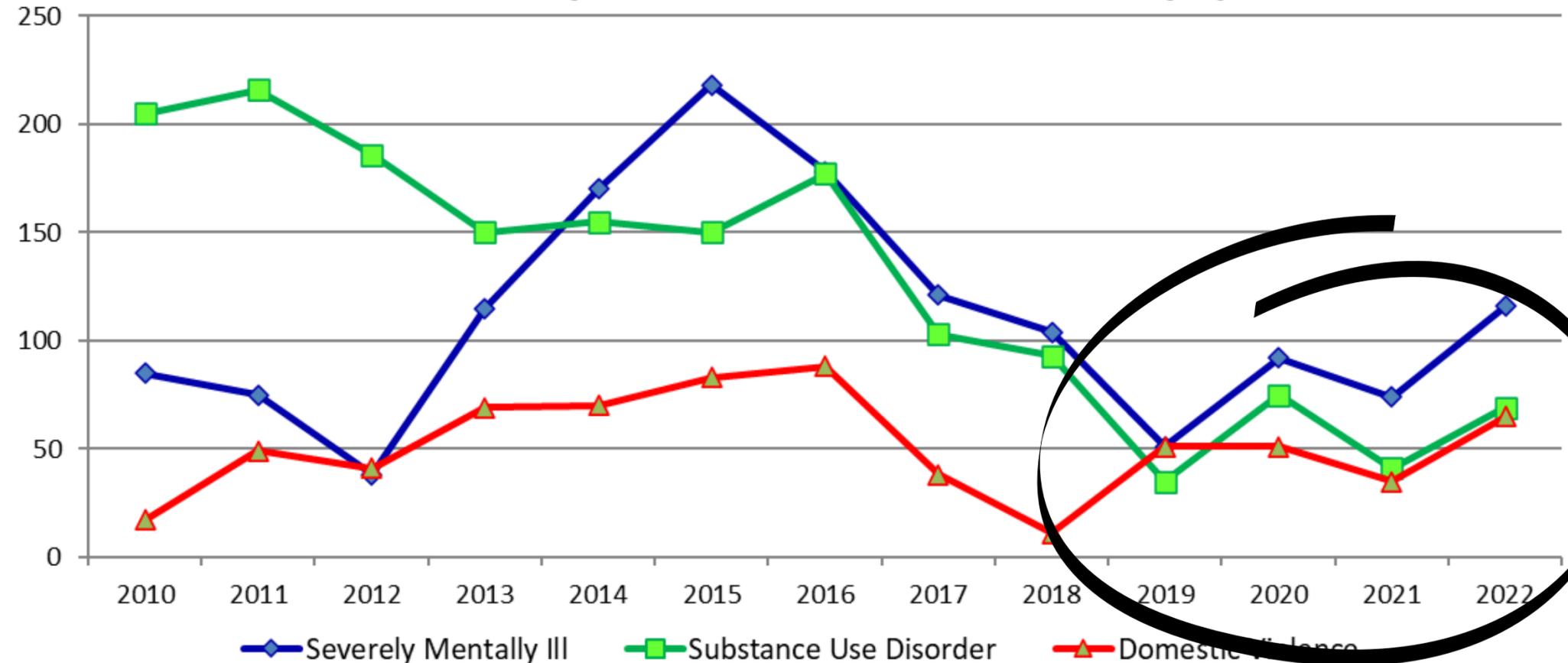
### Sheltered...

- Despite some decreases in the number of those self-reporting substance use disorders and severe mental illness between 2020 and 2021, those subpopulations significantly increased the following year (between 2021 and 2022) marking the highest levels since 2017.
- The numbers of sheltered adults self-identifying as having been a victim of domestic violence also increased in 2022 from 2021 rates despite previously recorded decreases, reflecting the highest measure since 2016.

### Unsheltered...

- No one living on the streets identified as a veteran, the second consecutive year this has happened.

Year to Year Comparison of Three Sheltered Subpopulations



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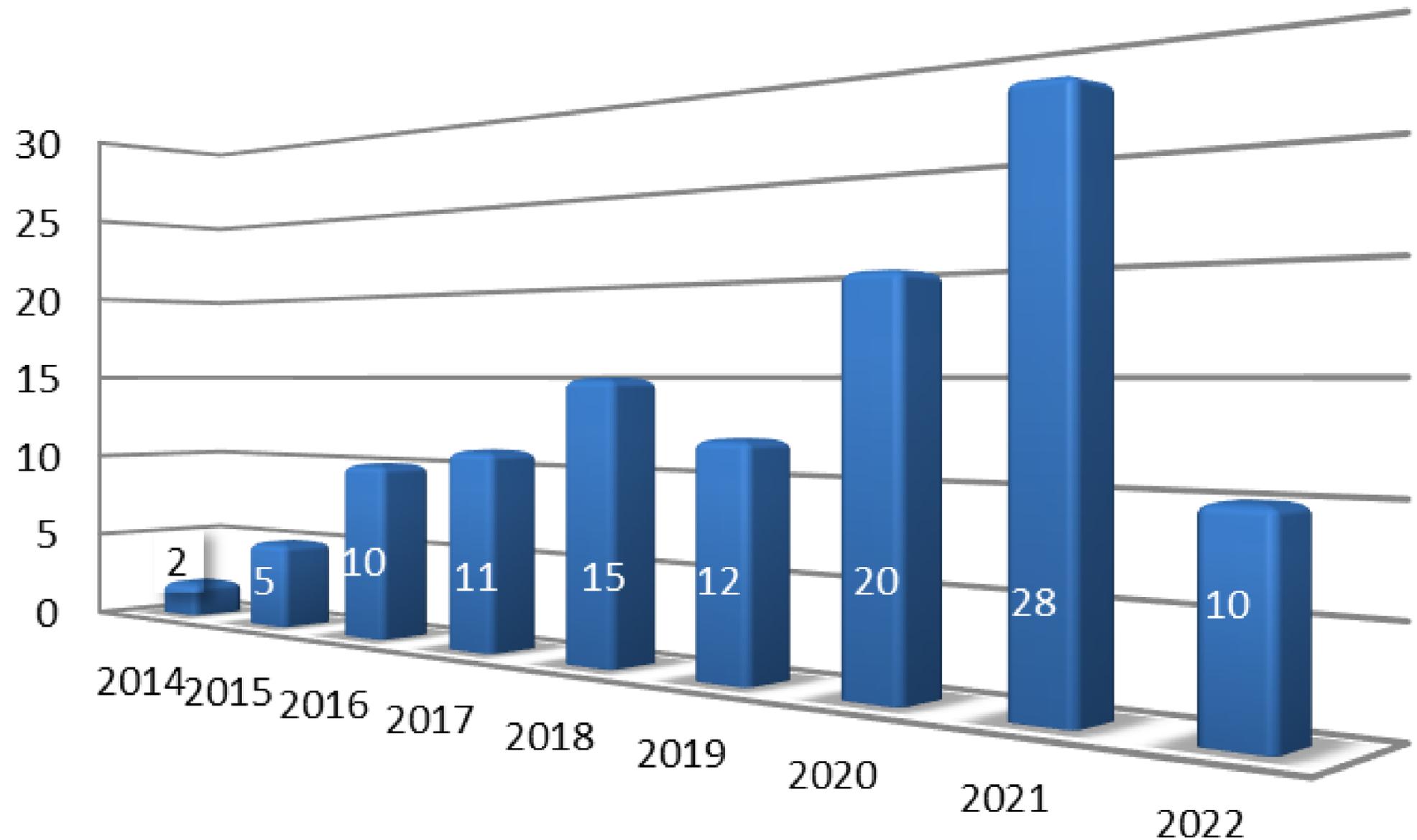
## Youth

### Unaccompanied Youth

Defined as those under 18 experiencing homelessness and not with a parent/legal guardian and those between age 18-24 who are unaccompanied.

- The total number of unaccompanied youth decreased by 64% between 2021 and 2022.
- In 2022, 7 of the 10 unaccompanied youth (70%) were living in shelters. The remaining three were living on the streets and accounted for 30% of the total.

### Total Unaccompanied Youth Count



# Housing

## Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)

- The Housing Inventory Count captures information relative to three categories of housing: emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing which includes permanent supportive housing (PSH) and permanent rapid rehousing (PH-RRH).
- When the number of beds in each housing category is compared against the PIT Count, the result provides the utilization rate.

HOUSING TYPE	NUMBER OF ORGS	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	YEAR ROUND BEDS	PIT COUNT	UTILIZATION RATE
Emergency Shelter	6	10	283	219	77%
Transitional Housing	4	6	124	90	73%
Permanent Housing	8	12	410	397	97%
<b>Total HIC</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>86%</b>

In 2022, almost every single one of the 410 beds counted classified as PH within the city was occupied.

# Take Aways

- **Overall Count**

The 2022 PIT Count identified 370 people, both sheltered and unsheltered, a figure consistent with the previous year and reflecting the lowest count total since 2017.

- **Unsheltered**

The unsheltered count of 61 was the highest number ever counted in New Bedford and is likely attributable to the fact that fair weather meant the cold weather overflow shelter was not available and more people were on the streets as a result.

- **Sheltered Count**

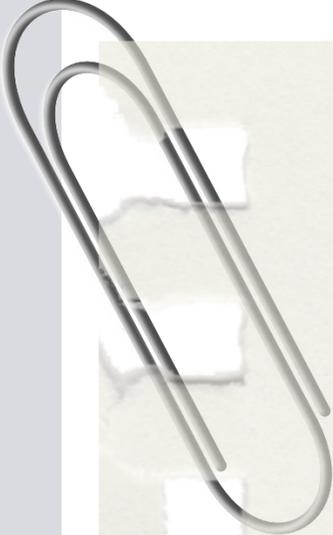
The sheltered count (emergency and transitional) of just 309 reflected the second lowest census since 2010.

- **Families versus Individual Households**

Although last year the number of people experiencing homelessness living in family households with children compared with those living in single adult-only households was fairly even, 2022's Count revealed that single adult households outpaced family households at a rate of roughly 2:1.

*NOTE: For a complete discussion of Take Aways from the 2022 Point In Time Count, refer to the 2022 PIT HIC PowerPoint at [www.nbhspn.com](http://www.nbhspn.com).*

# Take Aways



- **Unaccompanied Youth**

The number of unaccompanied youth (those aged 18-24) decreased by 64% between 2021 and 2022. In 2022, 70% of the unaccompanied youth were living in shelter while the remaining 30% (3 individuals) were living on the streets.

- **Domestic Violence**

The total of those identifying as either fleeing/surviving domestic violence in the 2022 PIT Count was 46% higher than the previous year's count and 10% higher than the average of 55 over the past over the previous seven years.

- **Utilization**

During the 2022 PIT, emergency shelter utilization was 77%, (219 of 283 beds), transitional housing was 73% (90 of 124 beds) and permanent housing utilization was 97% (397 of 410 beds).

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# Take Aways



- **Subpopulations**

Consistent with past years, those self-identifying as having a serious mental illness and/or a substance use disorder represents the most prevalent subpopulation attributes among those both sheltered and unsheltered.

- **Veterans**

For the second consecutive year since PIT counts have been recorded in New Bedford, no one unsheltered identified as being a veteran.

- **Families**

The number of adults and children living in family households in homeless shelters in New Bedford (198) in 2022 has increased by almost 20% over the 2021 count.

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