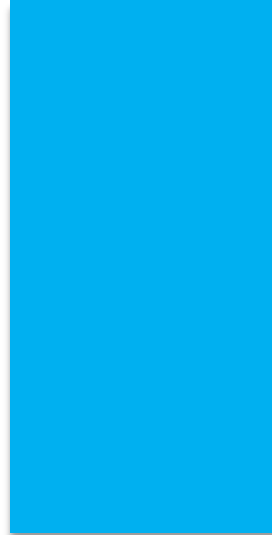


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“Homelessness will be rare, brief and non-recurring.”



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Introduction

The Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition (SVHC) includes more than 40 member agencies and individuals working to address homelessness across 1,700 square miles and six jurisdictions: the cities of Norfolk, Chesapeake, Suffolk, and Franklin, as well as Isle of Wight and Southampton counties.

SVHC works to engage individuals, groups, and organizations throughout the community, including faith partners and members of the private sector that provide services to persons experiencing homelessness or have an interest in the process. Persons who have experienced homelessness are also encouraged to attend meetings and join committees.

SVHC serves as a regional Continuum of Care (CoC) organization, responsible for coordination and management of local, federal and state funding for homeless services. Facilitation and coordination is provided by the designated Lead Agency—The Planning Council. SVHC recognizes five standing committees: the Governance Board, Program Monitoring, HMIS & Data Collection, Singles Services Coordination and Families Services Coordination

Hampton Roads HMIS is a repository for client-level data and a required data tool for any agencies receiving funds from the U.S. government to assist homeless clients. HMIS provides the capability at the community level to generate aggregate reports that can assist in completion of the required project reports, CoC reports, and a multitude of other local needs assessments; to support community education regarding the number and characteristics of homeless populations as well as a variety of other issues related to poverty; and to inform policy decisions aimed at addressing and ending homelessness at local, state and federal levels.

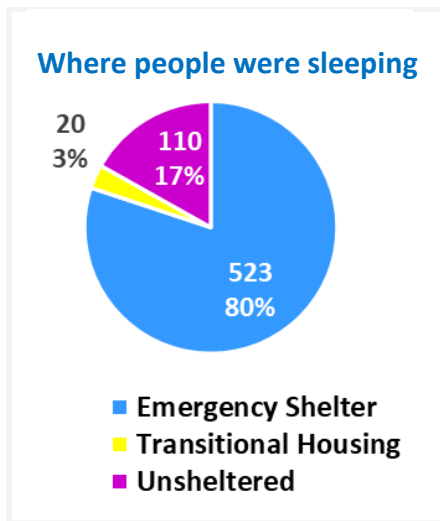
The Scope of Homelessness in the Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition Service Area

Each year, homeless coalitions across the country conduct a **Point in Time Count (PIT)** during the same 24-hour period in January to estimate the number of persons experiencing homelessness living in their respective regions. The PIT Count includes those living in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, and those living unsheltered on the street. However, the PIT count does not include the many homeless families and youth who are doubled up with family or friends, or those at imminent risk of becoming homeless, so the numbers are more of a “snapshot” on a single day than a definitive count. Despite these limitations, the count helps communities plan for programs and services, identifies gaps in the homeless system, and provides some demographic information about populations who experience homelessness.

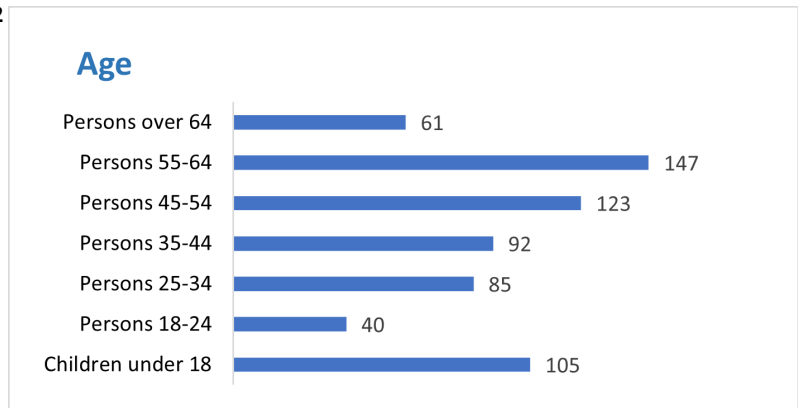
The 2023 Point in Time Count was conducted across the 6 jurisdictions that comprise the Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition. **Overall, 653 persons were counted in 2023, which is a 12% decrease over the 2022 count of 738.** The graphs below illustrate that the majority of persons counted in 2023 were male, single individuals, age 25 and older, and sheltered. The tables on the following pages show the 2023 Point in Time count in detail.

SVHC 2023 Point in Time Count Highlights

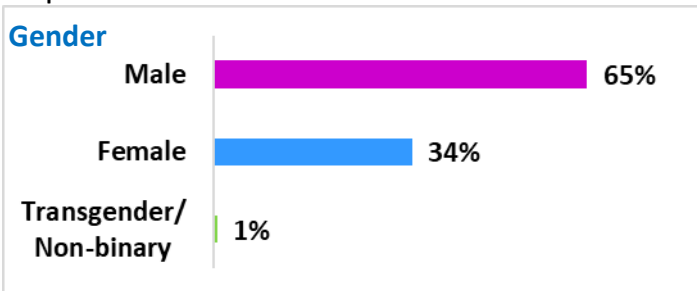
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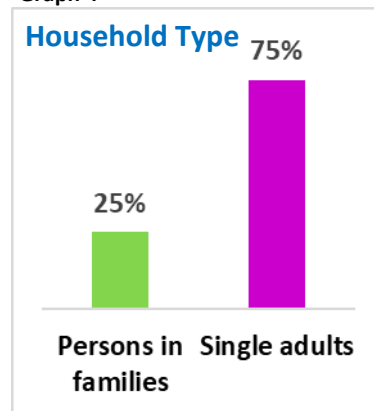
Graph 2



Graph 3



Graph 4



2023 SVHC Point in Time Count Detail

Point in Time Count	2022 Results SVHC	2023 Results SVHC	Change: SVHC 22-23	2023 Results Norfolk	2023 Results Chesapeake	2023 Results Western Tidewater
Total Number of Persons	738	653	↓	412	172	69
<i>2022 Total Number of Persons</i>	—	—	—	469	171	98
Number Sheltered	658	543	↓	336	148	59
Number Unsheltered*	80	110	↑	76	24	10
Number of Adults	637	548	↓	392	113	43
Number of Children	101	105	↑	20	59	26
Number of Families*	54	48	↓	14	24	10
Number of Persons in Families*	168	163	↓	34	90	39
Number of Unsheltered Families*	0	0	▬	0	0	0
Number of Unsheltered Children*	0	0	▬	0	0	0
Number of Adult Only Households	552	487	↓	377	81	29
Number of Persons in Adult Only Households	570	490	↓	378	82	30
Number of Unsheltered Persons in Adult Only Households*	80	110	↑	76	24	10
Total Number of Persons in Households with only Children	0	0	▬	0	0	0

* Number of families and persons in families includes households with at least one adult and one minor child.

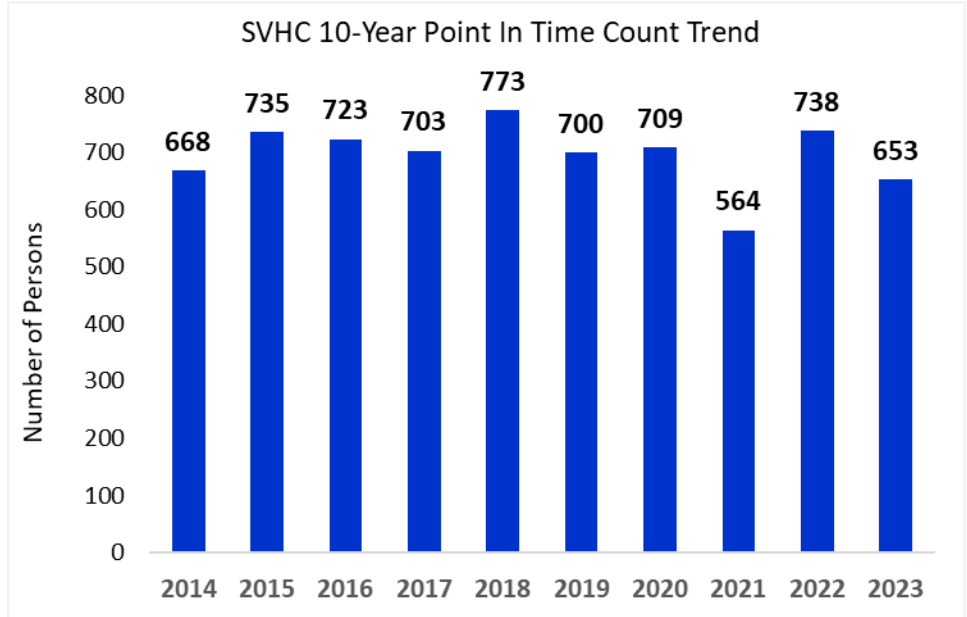
2023 SVHC Point in Time Count Detail

Point in Time Count	2022 Results SVHC	2023 Results SVHC	Change: SVHC 22-23	2023 Results Norfolk	2023 Results Chesapeake	2023 Results Western Tidewater
Total Number of Chronically Homeless Individuals	157	123	↓	87	29	7
Total Number of Chronically Homeless Families	1	2	↑	0	2	0
Total Number of Persons in Chronically Homeless Families	2	15	↑	0	15	0
Total Number of Veterans	66	54	↓	44	8	2
Total Number of Female Veterans	6	6	▬	4	2	0
Total Number of Parenting Youth	3	9	↑	5	3	1
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth	21	22	↑	16	5	1
Total Number of Adults Fleeing Domestic Violence	45	51	↑	39	5	7
Total Number of Adults with a Substance Abuse Problem	40	20	↓	15	5	0
Total Number of Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	114	67	↓	56	10	1
Total Number of Adults Living with HIV/AIDS	12	9	↓	7	2	0

SVHC Point in Time Trends

Between 2014 and 2023, the number and percentage of persons counted has decreased by 2%, from 668 in 2014 to 653 in 2023.

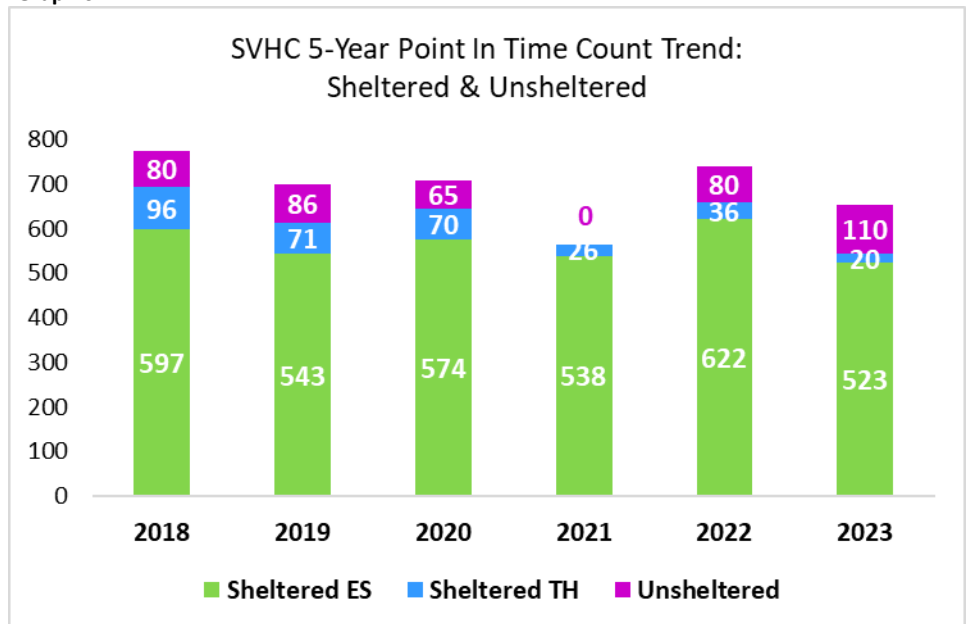
Graph 5



The graph at right shows a slight increase in unsheltered persons counted (in purple), from 80 in 2014 to 110 in 2023.

The blue portions of the columns show a decrease in the number of persons sheltered in Transitional Housing over the past 10 years, from 96 persons in 2014 to 20 persons in 2023. The green areas at right show the decrease in the number of persons sheltered in Emergency Shelter, from 597 in 2014 to 523 in 2023.

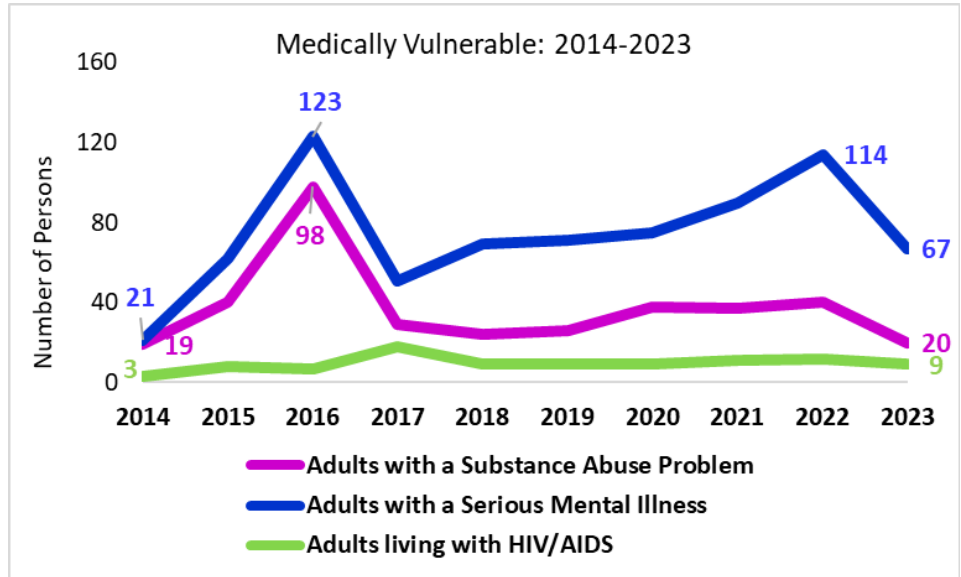
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SVHC Subpopulation Trends

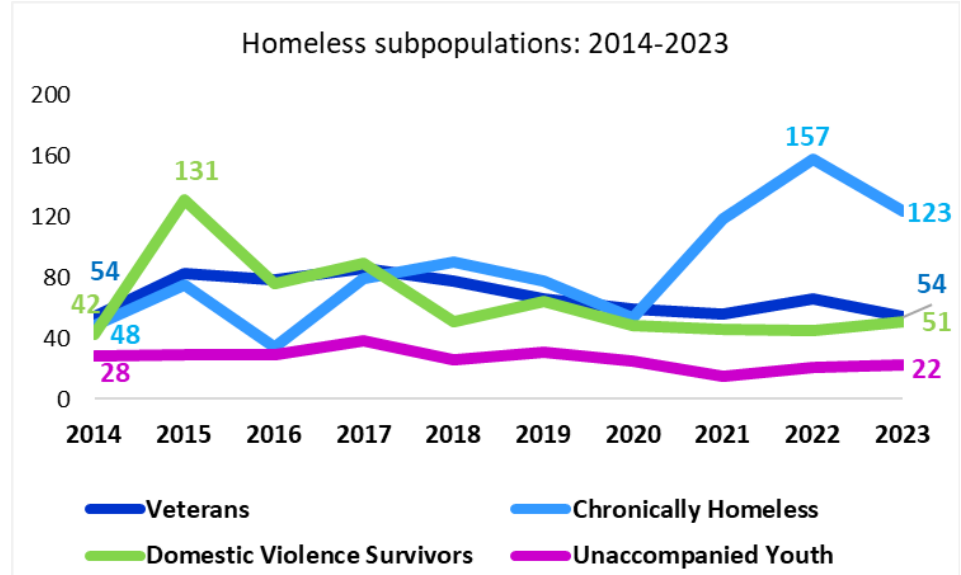
The number of persons reporting a **mental illness** has increased from 21 persons in 2014 to 67 persons in 2023, and this number spiked to 123 persons in 2016 and to 114 persons in 2022. Similarly, the number of those reporting chronic **substance abuse** spiked to 98 persons in 2016, but then remained fairly level overall, from 19 persons in 2014 to 20 in 2023. The number of persons with **HIV/AIDS** has increased from 3 persons in 2014 to 9 persons in 2023.

Graph 7



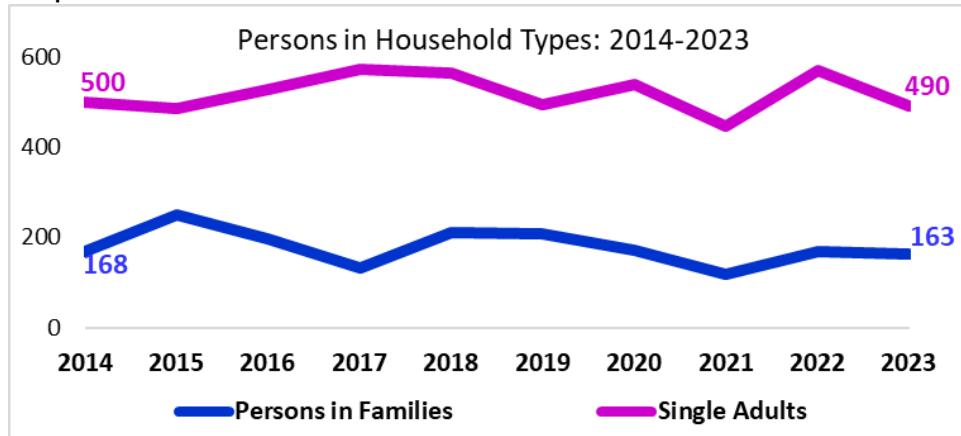
The number of **homeless veterans** has remained fairly constant over the past decade, with a count of 54 veterans in both 2014 and 2023. Following the national trend, **chronic homelessness** has increased from 48 persons in 2014 to 123 persons in 2023. The number those experiencing **domestic violence** has increased slightly, from 42 persons in 2014 to 51 in 2023 despite a significant increase of 131 persons in 2015. The number of **unaccompanied youth** slightly decreased from 28 youth in 2014 to 22 youth in 2023.

Graph 8



Despite some fluctuations over the past ten years, the number of homeless single adults the number and persons in families has remained fairly level.

Graph 9



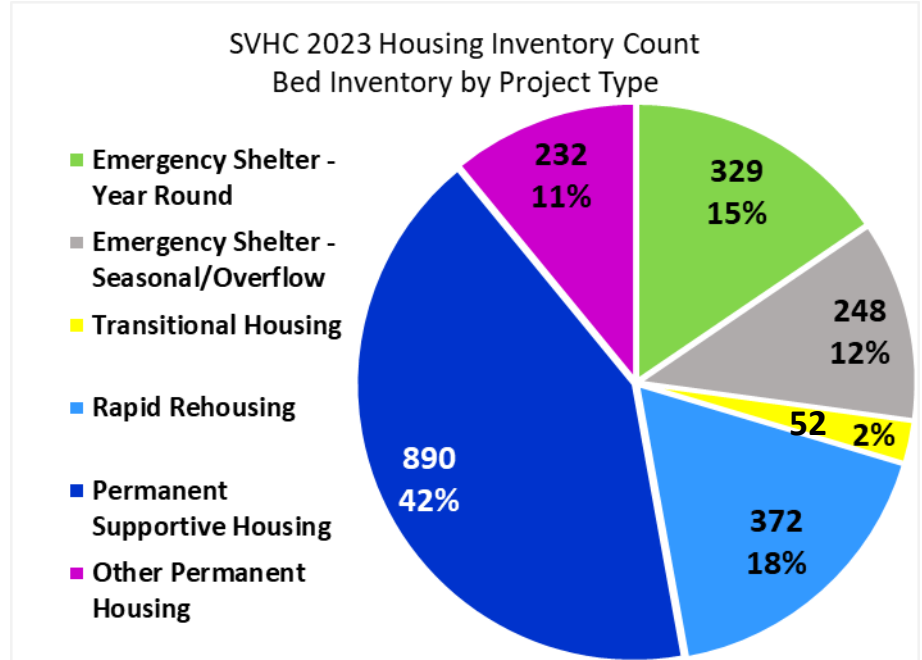
SVHC Housing Inventory Count: Project Beds

Like the PIT Count, the CoC conducts a Housing Inventory Count to identify how many beds are available at one point in time. In 2023, a total of 2,123 beds were available for persons experiencing homelessness in the SVHC service area, which is a 9% increase over the number of beds available in 2022.

The total includes 1,875 year-round beds and 248 seasonal/overflow beds.

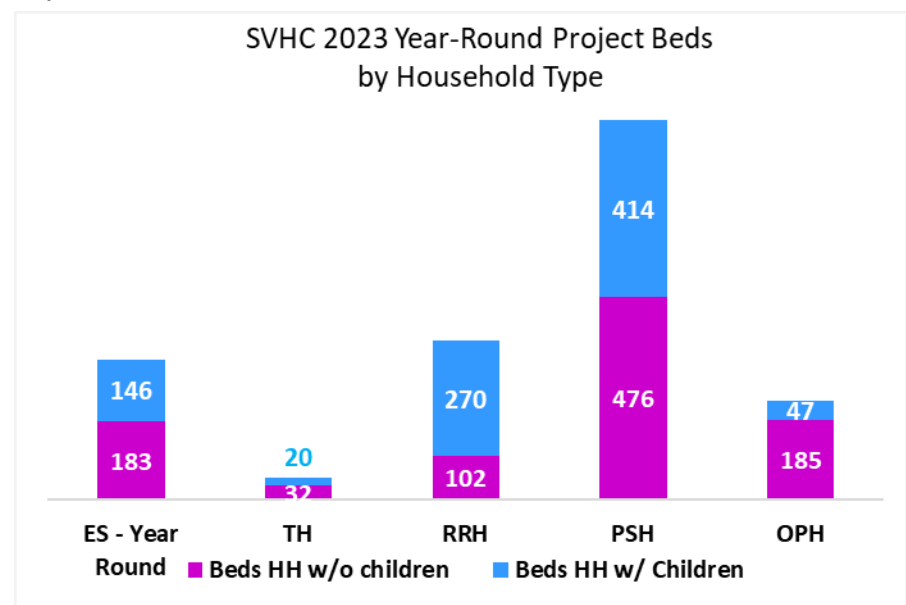
In 2023, the SVHC identified an increase in RRH beds. This is a significant feat as the CoC has reported a decline in RRH beds in the previous three submissions.

Graph 10



The Housing Inventory Count can also be broken down by number of beds for persons in families and beds for single individuals.

Graph 11



The purple areas of the graph at right show a total of 978 year-round beds for persons in families with children.

Beds for persons in families are in the following programs:

- 183 Emergency Shelter
- 32 Transitional Housing
- 102 Rapid Rehousing
- 476 Permanent Supportive Housing
- 185 Other Permanent Housing

The blue portions in the graph show 897 year-round beds for single adults.

Beds for single individuals are in the following programs:

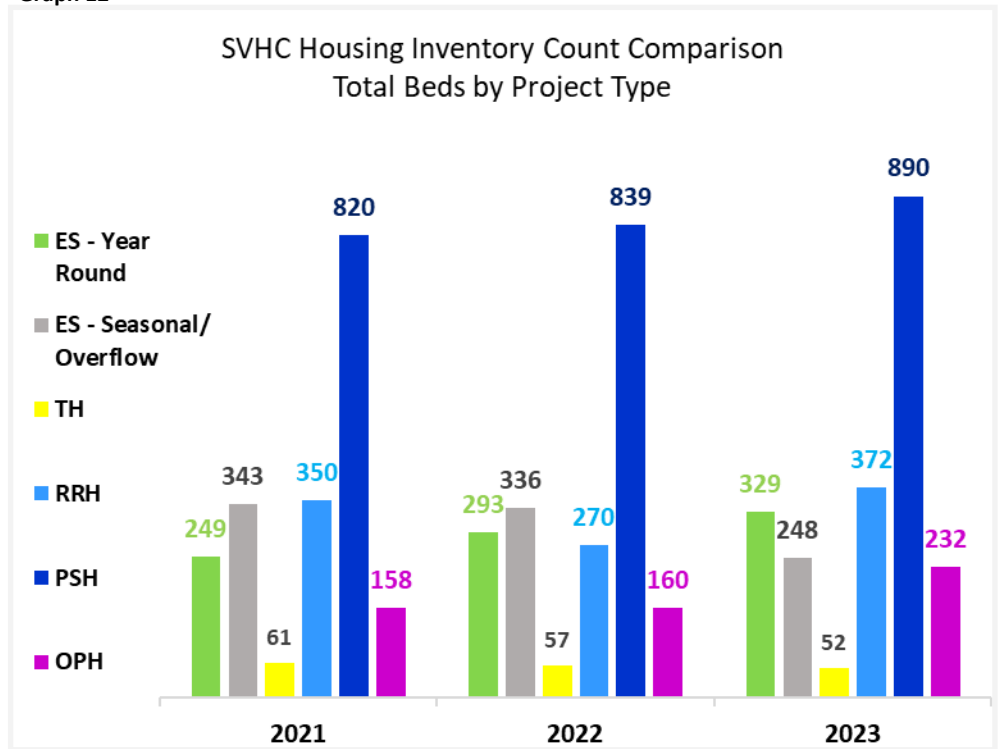
- 146 Emergency Shelter
- 20 Transitional Housing
- 270 Rapid Rehousing
- 458 Permanent Supportive Housing
- 47 Other Permanent Housing

SVHC Housing Inventory Count: Changes by Project Type

Since 2021, there has been a net increase of 168 beds, which is a 9% increase. The change in bed types can be seen in the graph at right and table below. The increase since 2021 is due to the addition of the following bed types:

- **102 Rapid Rehousing**
- **72 Other Permanent Housing**
- **51 Permanent Supportive Housing**
- **36 Emergency Shelter-Year Round**

Graph 12



There was also a decrease of the following bed types:

- **88 Emergency Shelter-Seasonal/Overflow**
- **5 Transitional Housing**

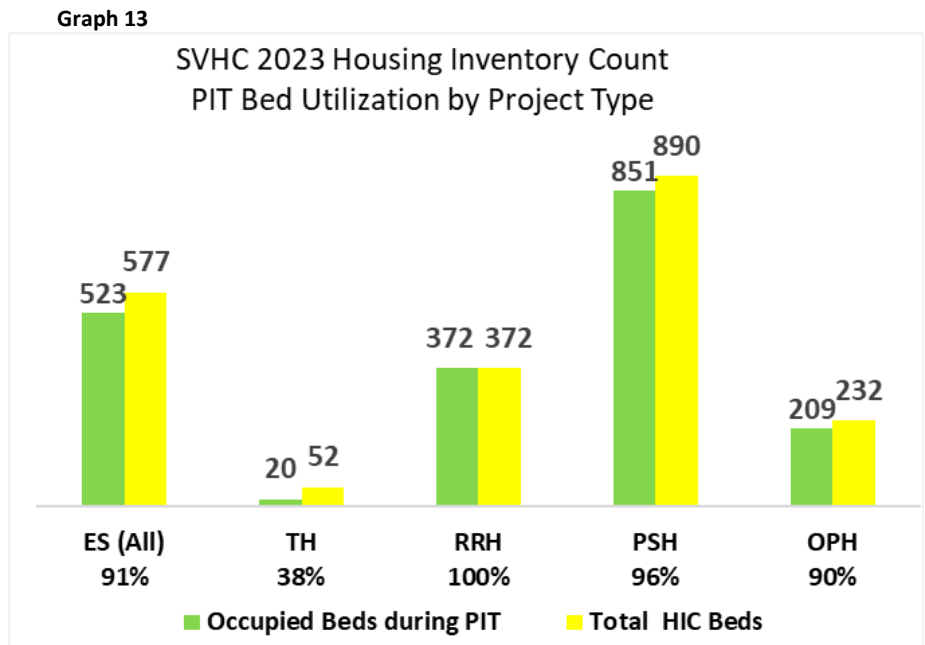
Table 1

Change in Project Bed Types 2022-2023							
YEAR	ES - Year Round	ES - Seasonal/Overflow	TH	RRH	PSH	OPH	Total
2021	249	343	61	350	820	158	1,981
2022	293	336	57	270	839	160	1,955
2023	329	248	52	372	890	232	2,123
Change	36	-88	-5	102	51	72	168

SVHC Housing Inventory Count: Utilization Rate

Conducting the Housing Inventory Count with the Point In Time Count allows the CoC to determine utilization rates across the programs.

In Graph 13, the yellow column identifies how many beds in were available on the day of the PIT Count for each program type. The green column illustrates the number of program participants in each program type. Putting these two components together allows the CoC to understand how well our resources are used and where we may improve service delivery to reduce the number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



Overall, many programs were at or above 90% of their capacity.

Transitional Housing program utilization rates were at 38%. This is due in part to one program preparing to transition from a Transitional Housing program to Permanent Supportive Housing as well as TH programs continuing to follow protocols to avoid transmission of COVID-19 in congregate spaces.

Table 2

2023 Utilization Rate During Point in Time Count			
Project Type	Total HIC Beds	Occupied Beds during PIT	PIT Utilization Rate
Emergency Shelter (All)	577	523	91%
Transitional Housing	52	20	38%
Rapid Rehousing	372	372	100%
Permanent Supportive Housing	890	851	96%
Other Permanent Housing	232	209	90%