



The Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium (GVPHC) is comprised of approximately 40 organizations that provide services and

resources to the most vulnerable households and individuals across the six (6) jurisdictions of **James City County, Williamsburg, York County, Newport News, Poquoson and Hampton**. The combined population is 485,763 with an average poverty rate of 12%. Bordered by two rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, residents live in a mix of urban, suburban, and rural communities. The region is home to NASA Langley Research Center and Newport News Shipbuilding, which is the largest industrial employer in Virginia.



The GVPHC serves as the region’s Continuum of Care (CoC) organization and is responsible for coordination and management of federal and state funding for homeless services. The Hampton Department of Human Services acts as the designated Lead Agency. Support for coordination and facilitation, along with administration of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) are provided by The Planning Council. The Mayors and Chairs Commission on Homelessness makes collaborative decisions on behalf of the local jurisdictions to help guide the work of the GVPHC.

GVPHC partners include the faith community, shelter and housing providers, local governmental agencies, public housing authorities, healthcare systems, legal aid, and agencies serving veterans, the disabled, disconnected youth, the LGBT community, domestic violence survivors, older adults, and other vulnerable populations. Persons with lived experience of homelessness are also encouraged to participate in meetings and on committees.

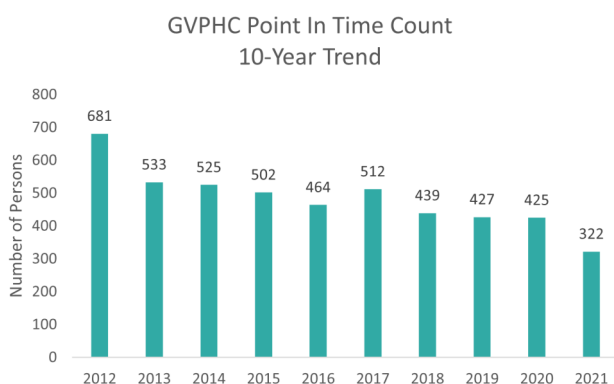
The GVPHC has six standing committees: Leadership Committee, Program Monitoring Committee, Resource Committee, HMIS User Group, and two Service Coordination & Assessment Network Committees—Upper & Lower SCAAN. The GVPHC also operates a multisite centralized access Coordinated Entry System (CES) with designated Access Points that connect households experiencing a crisis to the most appropriate housing opportunity and supportive services.

Affordable Housing Shortage in the SVHC Service Area

- Rent affordable at 30% of area median income = **\$595** vs. Fair Market Rent for a 2-bedroom = **\$1,147**^{1,2}
- There are just **49** units for every **100 households** earning less than 30% of area median income³
- **90%** of renter households earning less than \$20,000 pay over 30% of their income toward rent⁴

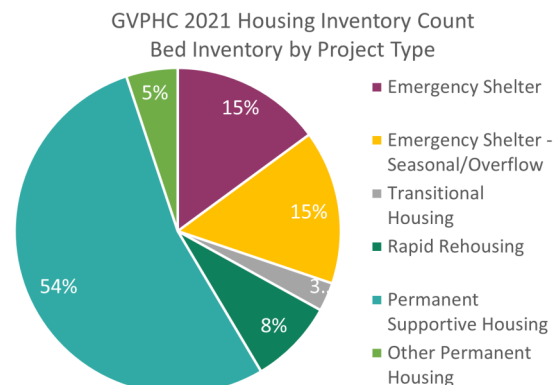
Homelessness

According to the Urban Institute, the region’s 2021 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) of 322 could actually mean that up to **1,610** persons cycle through homelessness during the course of a year (PIT count x 5).⁵



Homeless Beds Available

During the 2021 Housing Inventory Count, **1,722 beds** were available to homeless individuals and families in the following programs, including a variety of vouchers from local housing authorities:



¹ National Low Income Housing Coalition. *Out of Reach Virginia 2019*. ² Virginia Housing. website: <https://www.vhda.com/Pages/Home.aspx>
³ Urban Institute, *Mapping America’s Rental Housing Crisis*. ⁴ U.S. Census, American Community Survey, Table B25106. ⁵ Urban Institute, *Homeless Programs and the People They Serve*, 1999.