

The Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition (SVHC) is a regional Continuum of Care that includes more

than 50 member agencies working to prevent and end homelessness across 1,700 square miles covered by six separate jurisdictions: **Norfolk, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Franklin, Isle of Wight County and Southampton County**. The combined population is 642,393 with an average poverty rate of 13%. Residents live in a mix of urban, suburban, and rural communities. The region is home to the world's largest U.S. Naval Base, two of the state's four major marine terminals, and several other large economic drivers and employers.



SVHC 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.

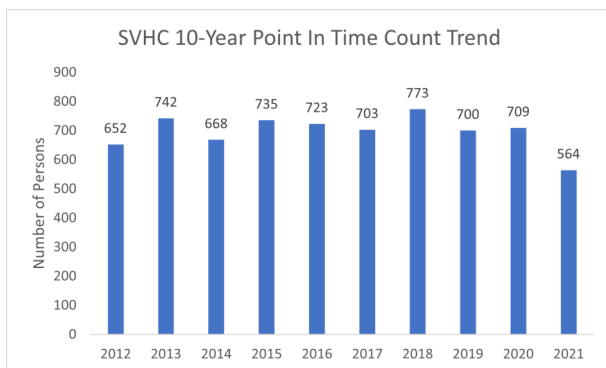
The Planning Council serves as the Continuum of Care Lead Agency and is responsible for coordination and management of over **\$7 million** received annually from local, federal, and state sources for homeless services. The SVHC has five standing committees: the Governance Board, Program Monitoring, HMIS & Data Collection, Singles Services Coordination, and Families Services Coordination. The SVHC also operates a multisite Coordinated Entry System (CES) with designated Access Points that connect households experiencing a housing crisis to the most appropriate housing solution, supportive services and community resources.

### 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**<sup>1,2</sup>
- There are just **43** units for every **100 households** earning less than 30% of area median income<sup>3</sup>
- **86%** of renter households earning less than \$20,000 pay over 30% of their income toward rent<sup>4</sup>

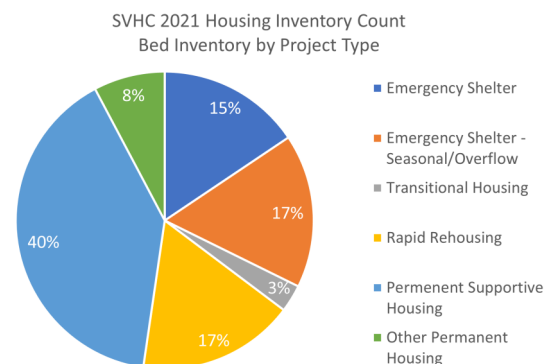
### Homelessness

According to estimates by the Urban Institute, the region's 2021 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) of 564 could actually mean that up to **2,820** persons are homeless who cycle through the communities during the course of a year (PIT count x 5).<sup>5</sup>



### Homeless Beds Available

During the 2021 Housing Inventory Count, **2,053** were available to homeless individuals and families in the following programs, including a variety of vouchers from local housing authorities.



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