

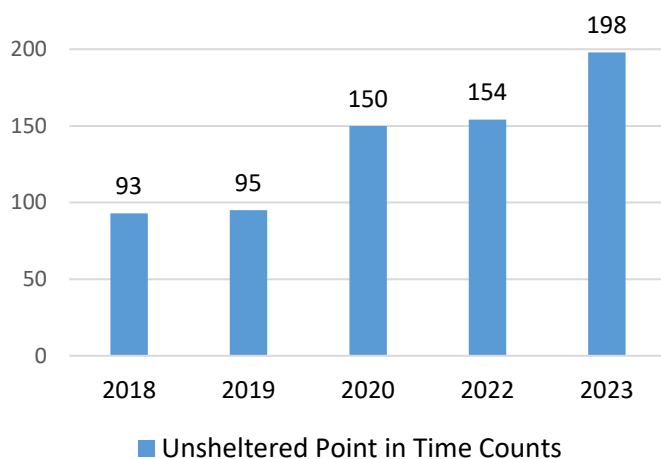
2023 Point in Time Count



UNSHELTERED COUNT

In 2023 the number of people enumerated in the PIT Count as unsheltered¹ increased from 154 people in 2022 to 198 (a 28% increase). **This is the highest unsheltered count on record in Delaware since 2008².**

Unsheltered Point in Time Counts



People who are homeless in unsheltered locations are much more difficult to count than their sheltered counterparts. This was especially true in 2023, as 1) the night of the PIT count was marked by heavy rains and winds, which made it more difficult to identify people; and 2) the PIT Count occurred just days after two very large encampments in Milford and Georgetown were dismantled by local law enforcement/officials, scattering the 100 or so people who were living there, making it harder to find and count them.

Nonetheless, there was a nearly 30% increase in the unsheltered count.

The number of people sleeping on our streets has risen. There are certainly others who are living

“uncounted” in a hidden world that includes sleeping outdoors, in cars, in sheds, garages, etc.

In January 2023, the same month as the 2023 PIT Count, 298 households contacted Housing Alliance Delaware for emergency housing help reporting that they were unsheltered.

SHELTERED COUNT

In 2023, 1,091 people were sheltered (living in emergency shelters, hotels/motels paid for with a voucher or by a charity, or transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness) on the night of the PIT Count. This number reverses the dramatic increases in sheltered homelessness the 2021 and 2022 PIT counts, which reflects major cuts in the number of temporary shelter beds available to people experiencing homelessness in DE. In other words, the 2023 PIT count does not necessarily reflect a decrease in homelessness as much as it reflects a decrease in temporary shelter accommodations available to homeless, unstably, or unsafely housed people and families.

The vast majority of people experiencing homelessness in the PIT count each year in DE are people staying in temporary shelter. In 2021 and 2022, the State of Delaware used federal COVID-19 relief funds to double the supply of temporary shelter, making room for an additional 836 people in 2021, and 1,056 people in 2022 in hotels and motels. Accordingly, the PIT count doubled from 2020 – 2022 as people and families left unsheltered,

¹ Sleeping in cars, parks, on benches, in encampments, in abandoned buildings, etc.

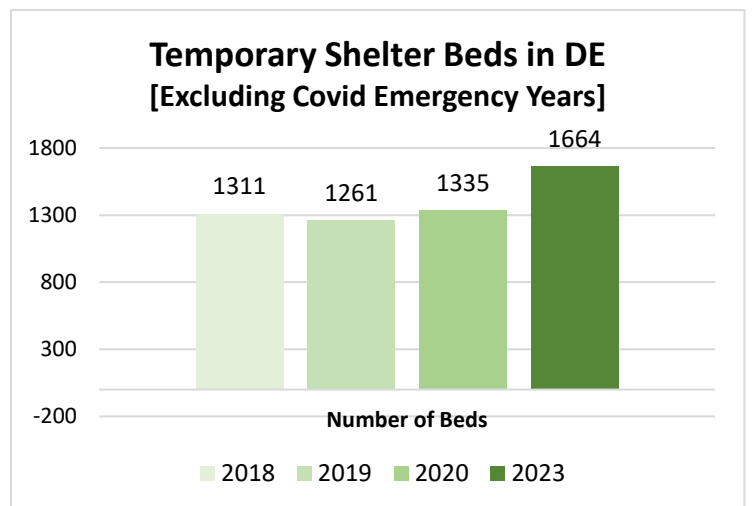
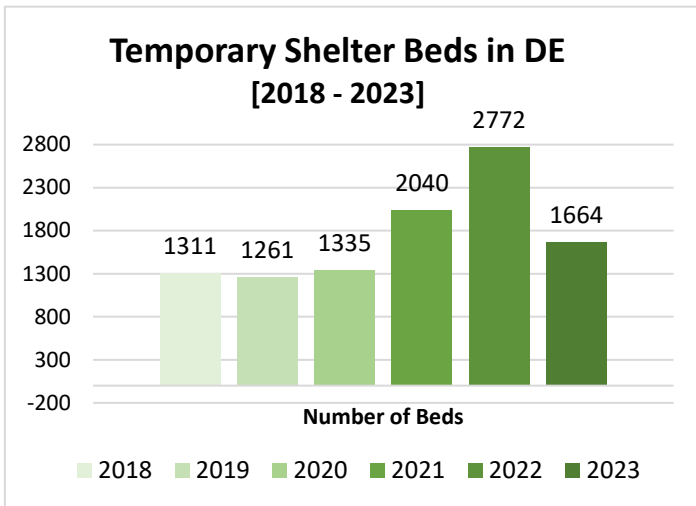
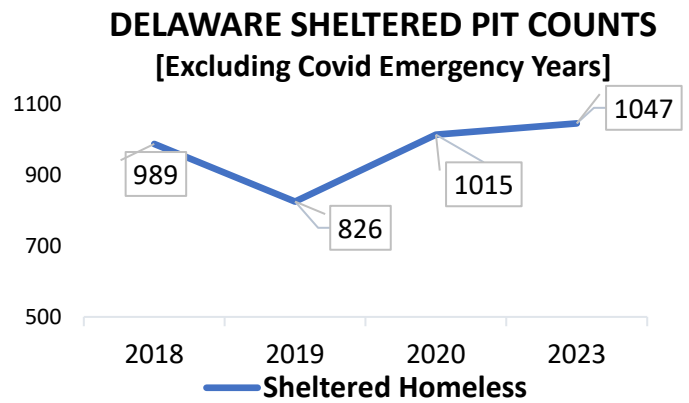
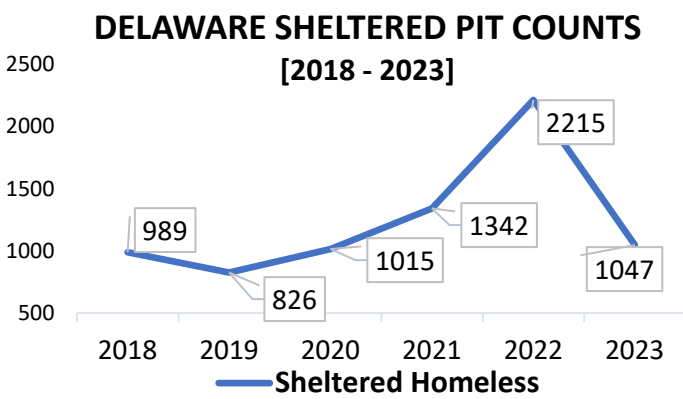
² There was no unsheltered PIT count conducted in 2021 due to COVID-19.

unsafe, or precariously housed living situations, where they were previously uncouned in the PIT, for safe temporary shelter opportunities.

In 2023, the state reduced the number of hotel/motel shelter beds back to 2020 levels. As a result, the PIT number also dropped by almost half, as people and families returned to precarious, unsafe, often hidden living situations.

In January 2023, the same month as the 2023 PIT Count, 218 households reported that they were “doubled up” temporarily with family or friends or couch surfing, with no plan for stable housing. These households were not counted in the 2023 PIT Count.

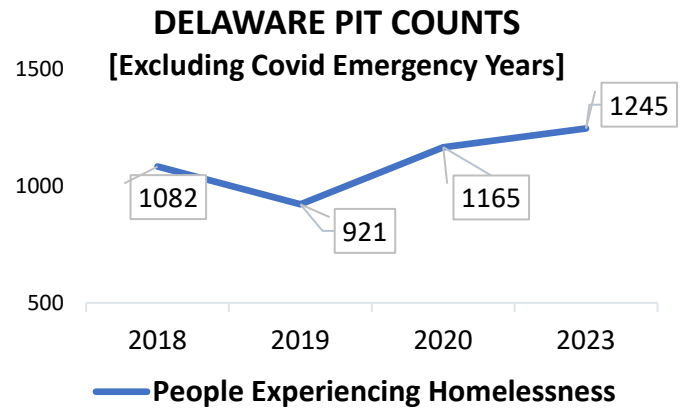
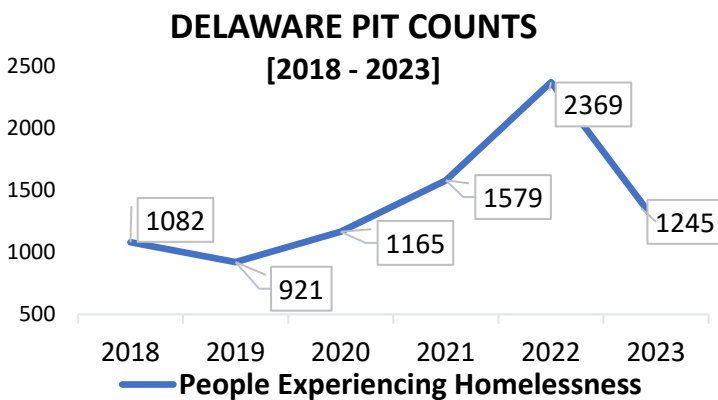
Because the additional shelter beds have come and gone, we compared the 2023 sheltered PIT count to the 2020 sheltered PIT count. The 2020 count occurred immediately before COVID-19 arrived, when the availability of homeless shelter beds was more similar to 2023. In this comparison, sheltered homelessness increased from 2020 -2023.



TOTAL PIT COUNT

The total PIT Count in 2023 was 1,245 people. **Without the inclusion of 2021 and 2022, when the availability of shelter beds ballooned, the 2023 PIT Count is largest on record in Delaware since PIT data collection began in 2007.**

We cannot ignore that there are many more people and families who are unhoused, unsafely housed, or precariously housed in our communities than are captured as homeless on the night of the PIT. They may not always be visible, but we know that their housing needs are so severe that when safe shelter is available, they will utilize it.



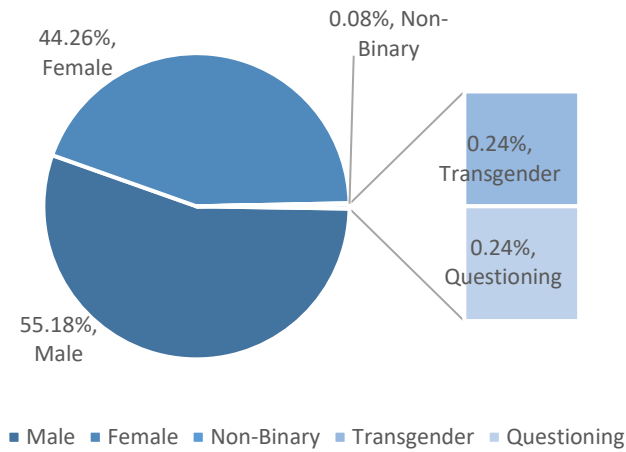
Thank you to everyone who helped Housing Alliance Delaware and the Delaware CoC conduct a successful PIT Count in 2023.

- People's Place II Whatcoat Shelter
- Love Inc. of Mid Delmarva
- Division of State Service Centers
- New Castle County Hope Center
- Sunday Breakfast Mission
- Friendship House Empowerment Centers
- Salvation Army
- YWCA Delaware
- Kent County Code Purple
- Child, Inc.
- St. Patrick's
- Horizon House
- Brandywine Counseling Community Services, Inc.
- Creative Vision Factory
- First State Community Action Agency
- The Teen Warehouse
- Wilmington Library
- Dover Library
- ACE Peer Resource Center Georgetown / Seaford
- Community Resource Center, Rehoboth
- The Shepherd Office
- Higher Ground, Inc.
- Christiana Care
- Delaware Health First
- AmeriHealth Caritas
- CORAS Wellness & Behavioral Health
- Bridge Clinics (DSAMH)
- Springboard Collaborative
- Sun Behavioral Health
- West End Neighborhood House
- YMCA of Delaware
- The CareWear Project

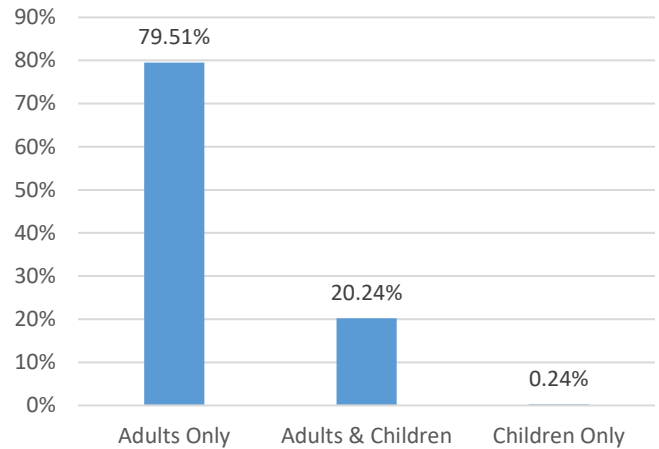
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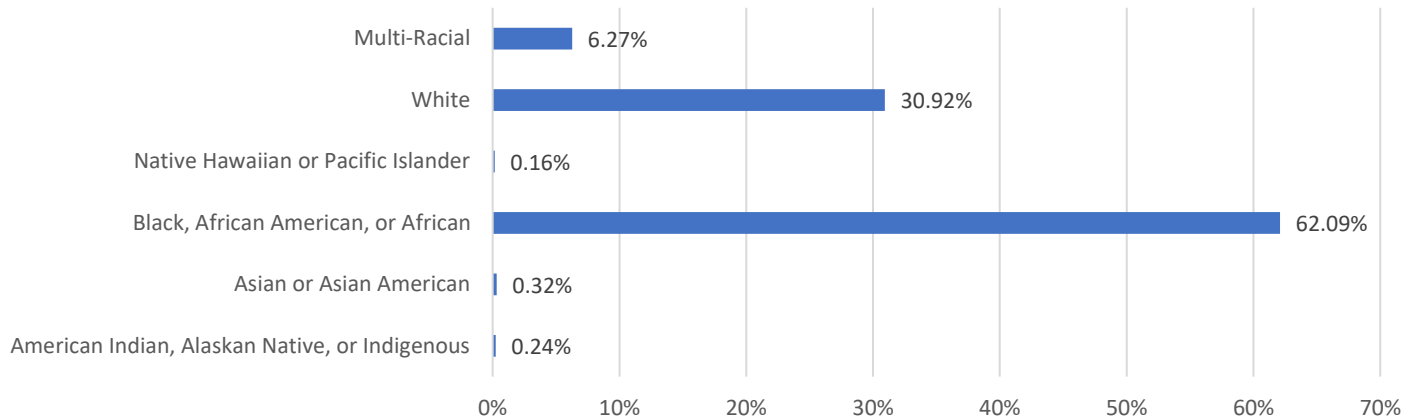
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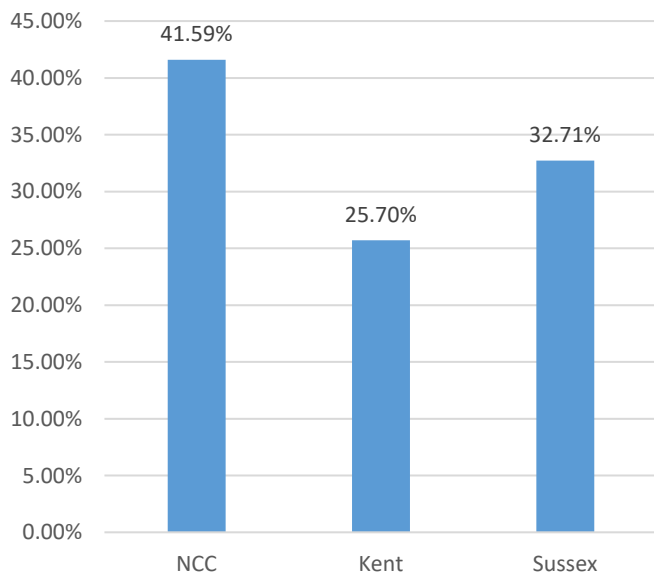
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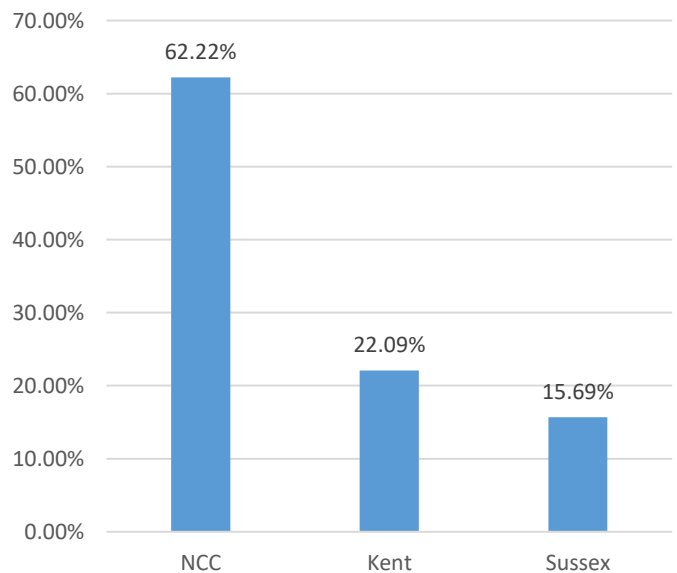
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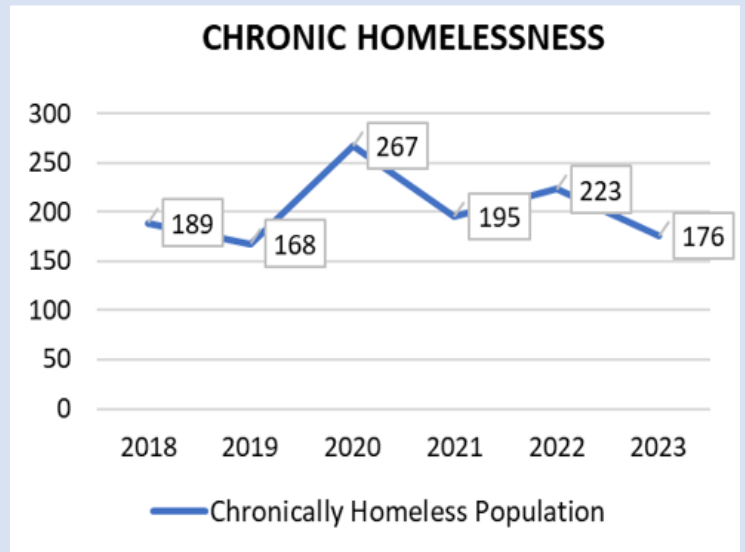
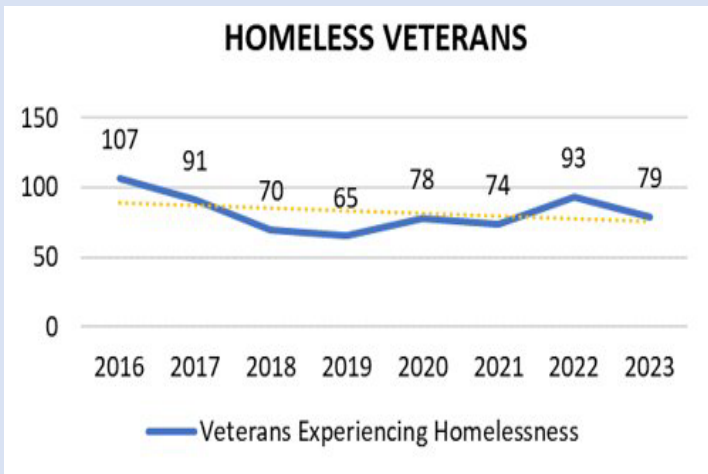
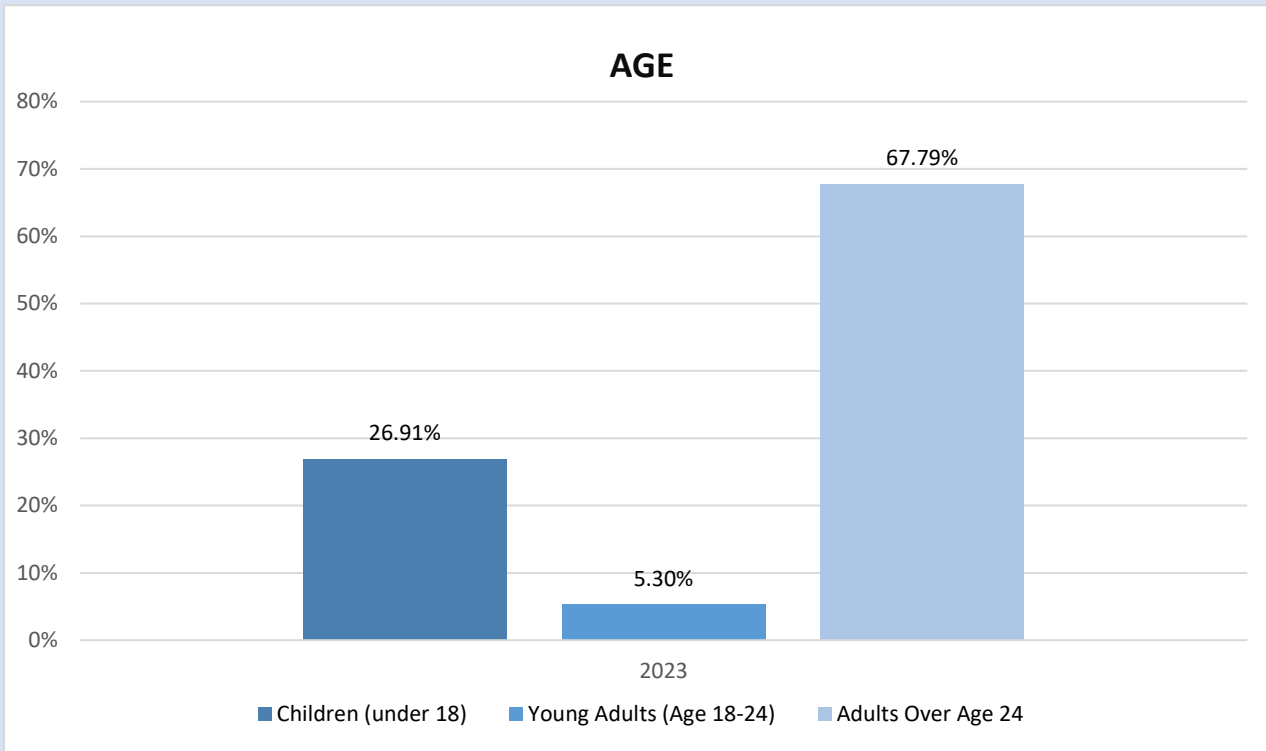
Unsheltered Households by County



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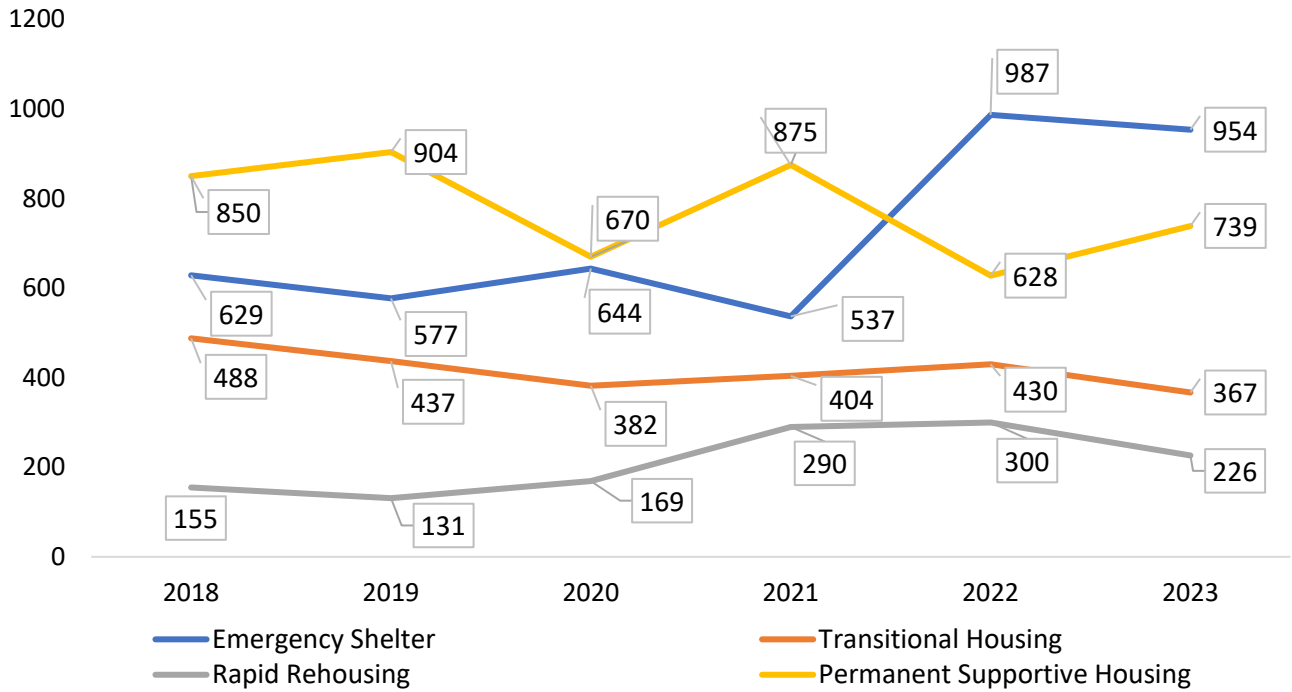


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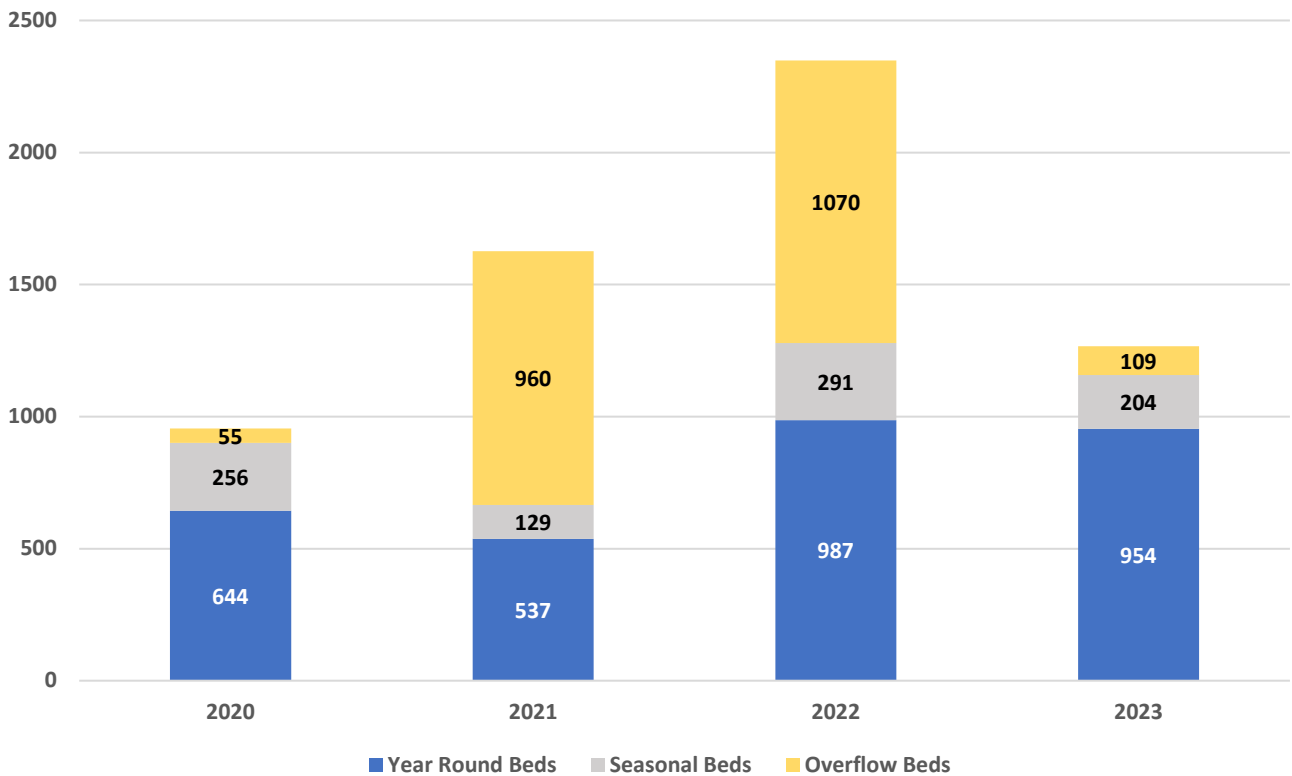


2023 Housing Inventory Count

YEAR ROUND HOMELESS ASSISTANCE BEDS



EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS



2023 Point-in-Time Count DE-500 Delaware Statewide CoC

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Number of Households	122	39	5	166
Total Number of persons (Adults & Children)	425	108	13	546
Number of Persons (under age 18)	262	63	7	332
Number of Persons (18 - 24)	25	3	0	28
Number of Persons (25 - 34)	69	20	4	93
Number of Persons (35 - 44)	44	15	0	59
Number of Persons (45 - 54)	20	5	0	25
Number of Persons (55 - 64)	3	2	2	7
Number of Persons (over age 64)	2	0	0	2

Gender (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	251	65	7	323
Male	173	42	6	221
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0
Questioning	1	1	0	2
Transgender	0	0	0	0

2023 Point-in-Time Count DE-500 Delaware Statewide CoC

Ethnicity (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	388	84	12	484
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	37	24	1	62

Race (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	1	0	0	1
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	329	71	7	407
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	1	1
White	68	20	4	92
Multiple Races	27	17	1	45

Chronically Homeless (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	6		0	6
Total number of persons	15		0	15

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households with only Children

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	1	1	0	0	2
Total Number of children (under age 18)	1	2	0	0	3

Gender (only children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	0	2	0	0	2
Male	1	0	0	0	1
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (only children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	1	2	0	0	3
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0	0

Race (only children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	0	2	0	0	2
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	1	0	0	0	1

Chronically Homeless (only children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total number of persons	0		0	0	0

2023 Point-in-Time Count DE-500 Delaware Statewide CoC

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households without Children

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	379	109	0	164	652
Total Number of persons (Adults)	401	110	0	185	696
Number of Persons (18 - 24)	23	6	0	9	38
Number of Persons (25 - 34)	52	9	0	41	102
Number of Persons (35 - 44)	62	19	0	49	130
Number of Persons (45 - 54)	91	27	0	50	168
Number of Persons (55 - 64)	137	38	0	29	204
Number of Persons (over age 24)	36	11	0	7	54

Gender (adults)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	120	45	0	61	226
Male	280	65	0	120	465
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	1	1
Questioning	0	0	0	1	1
Transgender	1	0	0	2	3

2023 Point-in-Time Count DE-500 Delaware Statewide CoC

Ethnicity (adults)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	381	107	0	163	651
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	20	3	0	22	45

Race (adults)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	1	1	0	0	2
Asian or Asian American	2	2	0	0	4
Black, African American, or African	225	67	0	72	364
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	1	0	0	1
White	154	33	0	106	293
Multiple Races	19	6	0	7	32

Chronically Homeless (adults)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total number of persons	81		0	80	161

Date of PIT Count: 1/25/2023

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Total Households and Persons

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	502	149	0	169	820
Total Number of Persons	827	220	0	198	1,245
Number of Children (under age 18)	263	65	0	7	335
Number of Persons (18 to 24)	48	9	0	9	66
Number of Persons (25 to 34)	121	29	0	45	195
Number of Persons (35 to 44)	106	34	0	49	189
Number of Persons (45 to 54)	111	32	0	50	193
Number of Persons (55 to 64)	140	40	0	31	211
Number of Persons (over age 64)	38	11	0	7	56

Gender

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	371	112	0	68	551
Male	454	107	0	126	687
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	1	1
Questioning	1	1	0	1	3
Transgender	1	0	0	2	3

Ethnicity

Point In Time Summary for DE-500 - Delaware Statewide CoC

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin (a)(o)(x)	770	193	0	175	1,138
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	57	27	0	23	107

Race

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	2	1	0	0	3
Asian or Asian American	2	2	0	0	4
Black, African American, or African	554	140	0	79	773
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	1	0	1	2
White	222	53	0	110	385
Multiple Races	47	23	0	8	78

Chronically Homeless

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total number of persons	96		0	80	176