



2023 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT TALKING POINTS

Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH) works to expand capacity to address homelessness within the South Carolina counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, and York.

What is the Point-In-Time Count?

Since 2005, HUD has required applicants for federal homeless assistance grants to count and report the number of people experiencing homelessness in their communities on one night during the last ten days of January.

PIT Counts across the country are used as a primary data source to inform federal funding for programs and services to end homelessness and to track progress against established goals.

Key Results:

- During the PIT Count in January 2023:
 - 1,165 individuals were homeless (living on the streets or a shelter) – an overall decrease of 4% since 2019
 - 209 individuals were unsheltered living on the streets - 40% decrease since 2019
 - 956 individuals were in a homeless shelter or transitional housing project
 - 320 individuals were experiencing chronic homelessness (long-term homelessness and living with a severe disability) a 15% increase since 2019
 - 135 Veterans were identified during the PIT; 12 Veterans were unsheltered – a decrease of 60% since 2019
 - 71 families were experiencing homelessness – a decrease of 9% since 2019
 - 86 unaccompanied youth (ages 24 and under) were identified on the night of the PIT – a 6% increase since 2019
- There were 125 people who volunteered for the PIT
- 233 Emergency shelter beds were added since 2019

Takeaways:

- Progress toward eliminating homelessness is being accomplished, due to the commitment of MACH member organizations and other community partners in focusing on housing first, rapidly re-housing those who become homeless, emergency shelter services, and the valiant work of street outreach.
- Additional funding for affordable housing is needed to truly eliminate homelessness.
- Local governments working collectively with providers is essential to reduce criminalization of homelessness
- Volunteers are critical in accurately capturing the extent of homelessness across MACH's counties.

Information

- If you have detailed questions, please contact Erin Epperson, HMIS Data Specialist, eepperson@uway.org To volunteer for the upcoming 2024 Point-In-Time Count please contact Brenda Santiago: bsantiago@uway.org or 803.733.5447