



# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## NC Balance of State CoC Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 6.22.2023

**Members Present:** Bonnie Harper, Melissa Hewitt, Lynne James, Melissa McKeown, Amy Modlin, Trishonda Roberson, Talaika Williams, Gretta Worley, Melanie York,

**NCCEH Staff Present:** Andrea Carey, Jenny Simmons

### Minutes:

#### Welcome

Andrea welcomed members and began the review of the 2023 Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count.

#### 2023 Point-In-Time Count

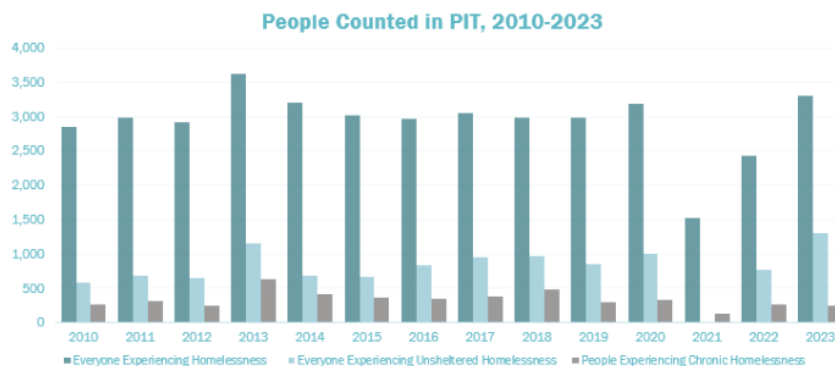
##### Data:

- Data Center submitted Point-In-Time Count data of the total people experiencing homelessness on January 25, 2023 in the NC Balance of State CoC to HUD.
- 2023 Point-in-Time count by region and county will be posted at [ncceh.org/datacenter/pitdata](https://ncceh.org/datacenter/pitdata)
- 2023 Housing Inventory Count is already on the website.
- Specific requests regarding data are to be submitted to the Data Center via their email: [hmis@ncceh.org](mailto:hmis@ncceh.org)

##### Data Review:

Point-in-Time Count data is a reflection of who we could count as experiencing homelessness in a one night census.

- Reviewed NC BoS CoC Point-in-Time Count data from 2010 – 2023:



\*Unsheltered data was not collected in 2021 due to the pandemic



- Unsheltered data for the NC BoS CoC was not collected in 2021 due to the pandemic, NC BoS CoC was given a waiver.
- Total 2023 Count (including Unsheltered, Emergency Shelter, and Transitional Housing): 3311; 1,314 were unsheltered; 253 were chronically homeless.
- Reviewed NC BoS CoC Point-in-Time Count data from 2010 – 2023 by Household Type:

## 2023 Point-in-Time Count



- Total Count by Household Type: Adults with children: 967; Adults only: 2336; Only Children: 8 (reflects 1 program dedicated to youth)
- NC BoS CoC Data Review Preliminary Racial Equity Analysis:

### BoS Makeup – 2021 US Census

#### Race/Ethnicity by Total Population, Population in Families with Children by Poverty

	White	Black	Native American/Alaskan	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Multi-Racial	TOTAL
% of Everyone	70%	19%	2%	2%	8%	100%
% of People Experiencing Poverty	53%	31%	3%	1%	12%	100%
% of People in Families Experiencing Poverty	49%	34%	3%	1%	12%	100%
% of Everyone Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness	51%	42%	2%	1%	4%	100%
% of People in Families Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness	37%	53%	2%	1%	6%	100%
% of Everyone Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness	64%	27%	3%	1%	5%	100%
% of People in Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness	33%	59%	1%	0%	8%	100%

- The Data Center is working on publishing a report with this data to the Steering Committee later this summer.
- For the entire NC BoS CoC, 19% of people from the census (general population) identify as Black whereas 42% of people experiencing sheltered homelessness identified as Black and 27% of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness identified as Black. The people experiencing

sheltered and unsheltered homelessness in the NC BoS CoC disproportionately identify as Black compared to the general population. This disparity triggered some Coordinated Entry Assessment tool reform. In the NC BoS CoC we are piloting a new Coordinated Entry Assessment tool that will take into account racial disparities. The NC BoS CoC Racial Equity Subcommittee is looking at this data. The disparity is even more significant in families experiencing unsheltered homelessness with 59% identifying as Black.

- NC BoS CoC Data Review Preliminary Ethnicity Equity Analysis:

### BoS Makeup – 2021 US Census

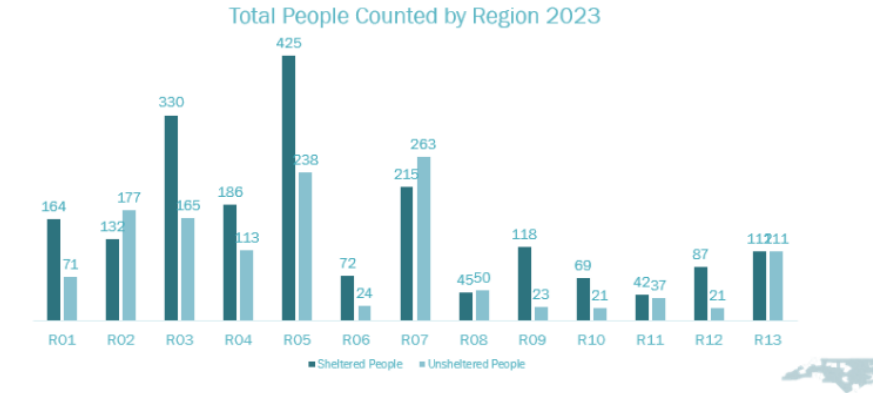
#### Race/Ethnicity by Total Population, Population in Families with Children by Poverty

	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	TOTAL
% of Everyone	9%	91%	100%
% of People Experiencing Poverty	15%	85%	100%
% of People in Families Experiencing Poverty	17%	83%	100%
% of Everyone Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness	7%	93%	100%
% of People in Families Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness	12%	88%	100%
% of Everyone Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness	4%	96%	100%
% of People in Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness	6%	94%	100%

- For the entire NC BoS CoC, 9% of people from the census (general population) identify as Hispanic (and the Census Bureau believes there was an undercount in 2020 of people who identify as Hispanic) whereas 7% of people experiencing sheltered homelessness in the NC BoS CoC identify as Hispanic (the Data Center believes the NC BoS CoC has had an undercount here), but is a bit higher than in previous years. This increase could be due to our CoC’s work on creating welcoming spaces, emphasizing language access, and accessibility of services. The data reflects a more significant underrepresentation of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness who identify as Hispanic at 4%.
- The group discussed what can be done to address disparities? Raised issues of trust, and language access. The Racial Equity Subcommittee is highlighting language access through the Racial Equity Dialogue Series. The Racial Equity Subcommittee is looking at more to do in this area making sure providers understand our responsibilities around access, sharing resources, federal funding expenses, and language translation vs interpretation. It is important that we include focusing on equity in terms of race and ethnicity in our scorecards; how we evaluate the performance of our system and promote justice and equity.
- The group recognized regional differences in general population census data in terms of race and ethnicity. This regional data will be in the Data Center’s report for folks to use later this summer. All of this data is important for FPS in our work making funding and performance decisions and we continue to see disparities. So, the work continues.

- NC BoS CoC Point-in-Time Count by Region:

## PIT Across the NC Balance of State CoC



- Some differences based on shelter resources. Fewer shelters are available in the eastern part of the state.
- NC BoS CoC Point-in-Time Count, Sheltered by County

## Sheltered PIT Across the NC Balance of State CoC

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Alamance	33	Hallfax	7	Robeson	26
Alexander	0	Harnett	26	Rockingham	29
Anson	26	Haywood	87	Rowan	100
Beaufort	12	Henderson	52	Rutherford	36
Bertie	0	Hertford	0	Sampson	8
Bladen	0	Hoke	0	Scotland	11
Burke	36	Hyde	1	Stanly	26
Cabarrus	116	Frederic	122	Stokes	0
Caldwell	46	Jackson	26	Surry	51
Camden	0	Johnston	16	Swain	2
Carteret	23	Jones	0	Transylvania	40
Caswell	2	Lee	60	Tyrrell	0
Catawba	185	Lenoir	36	Union	101
Chatham	2	Macon	7	Vance	14
Cherokee	21	Madison	17	Warren	0
Chowan	0	Martin	0	Washington	0
Clay	4	McDowell	60	Wayne	5
Columbus	18	Montgomery	0	Wilson	20
Craven	35	Moore	22	Yadkin	4
Currituck	0	Nash	58		
Dare	18	Northampton	0		
Davidson	82	Onslow	46		
Davie	9	Pamlico	0		
Duplin	0	Pasquotank	24		
Edgemcombe	82	Perquimans	0		
Franklin	3	Person	6		
Gates	0	Pitt	74		
Graham	0	Polk	4		
Granville	2	Randolph	59		
Greene	0	Richmond	6		

- Gap: 22 Counties reported 0 sheltered clients during Point-in-Time Count. Discussed barriers to accessing shelters due to distance from where folks are experiencing homelessness, lack of transportation. Some folks are working where they are experiencing homelessness and do not want to leave that county to go to a shelter. Applying for non-congregate shelter (hotel/motel stays) through ESG could provide some assistance

*\*Chart corrected with all 79 counties after FPS meeting.*

## Sheltered PIT Across the NC Balance of State CoC

Row Labels	Sum of Total Persons
Alexander	0
Bertie	0
Bladen	0
Camden	0
Chowan	0
Currituck	0
Duplin	0
Gates	0
Graham	0
Greene	0
Hertford	0
Hoke	0
Jones	0
Martin	0
Montgomery	0
Northampton	0
Pamlico	0
Perquimans	0
Stokes	0
Tyrrell	0
Warren	0
Washington	0

22 Counties had 0 sheltered clients during PIT



- NC BoS CoC Unsheltered Count

## Unsheltered PIT Across the NC Balance of State CoC

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Alamance	11	Halifax	0	Robeson	44
Alexander	20	Harnett	13	Rockingham	0
Anson	10	Haywood	8	Rowan	56
Beaufort	1	Henderson	145	Rutherford	12
Bertie	1	Hertford	0	Sampson	0
Bladen	3	Hoke	6	Scotland	3
Burke	65	Hyde	0	Stanly	20
Cabarrus	90	Iredell	51	Stokes	2
Caldwell	23	Jackson	13	Surry	57
Camden	0	Johnston	49	Swain	0
Carteret	27	Jones	1	Transylvania	19
Caswell	0	Lee	72	Tyrrell	0
Catawba	45	Lenoir	0	Union	31
Chatham	9	Macon	44	Vance	0
Cherokee	6	Madison	0	Warren	0
Chowan	2	Martin	0	Washington	2
Clay	0	McDowell	12	Wayne	13
Columbus	0	Montgomery	3	Wilson	8
Craven	8	Moore	24	Yadkin	3
Currituck	0	Nash	17		
Dare	0	Northampton	0		
Davidson	81	Onslow	75		
Davie	0	Pamlico	0		
Duplin	0	Pasquotank	29		
Edgecombe	6	Perquimans	6		
Franklin	0	Person	4		
Gates	0	Pitt	17		
Graham	0	Polk	1		
Granville	0	Randolph	68		
Greene	0	Richmond	18		

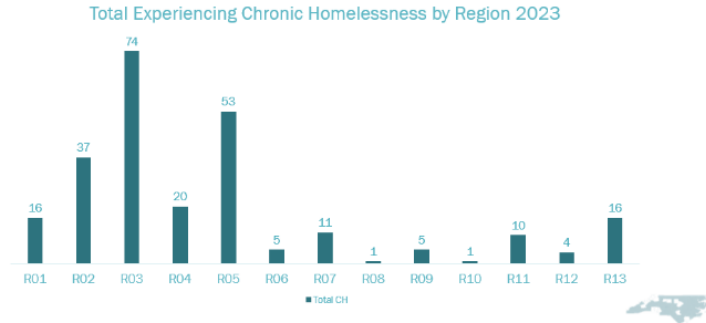


- 27 Counties reported 0 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness during Point-In-Time Count. Work on Unsheltered Access Coordination will hopefully help address this count next year. Recognition that Unsheltered Access Coordination is needed and yet is an unfunded position in each region. Andrea referenced the Back@Home- NC BoS CoC, Special NOFO, RFA that has been released to address rural and unsheltered homelessness.

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- NC BoS CoC Point-in-Time Count: Subpopulations
  - Chronically Homeless

### PIT Across NC Balance of State CoC: Subpopulations

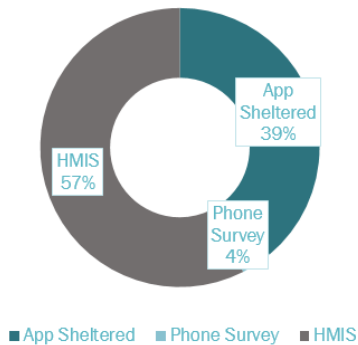


- Methodology is likely causing an undercount of chronic homelessness across the CoC. Using Coordinated Entry for the unsheltered count and not having chronic homelessness determined or getting history of homelessness and disabling condition. Still working to increase having this information as people are worked with year-round and capturing this data.

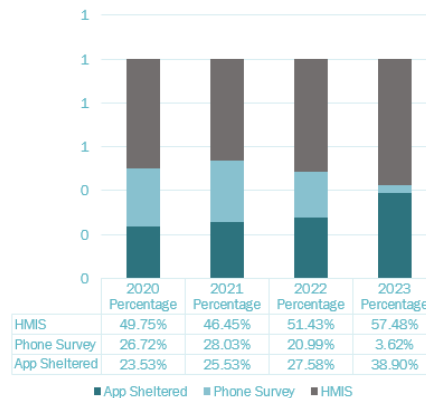
#### Methodology Review:

## How were people counted?

People Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness



Methodology



- More non-HMIS shelters used the Counting Us App this year.

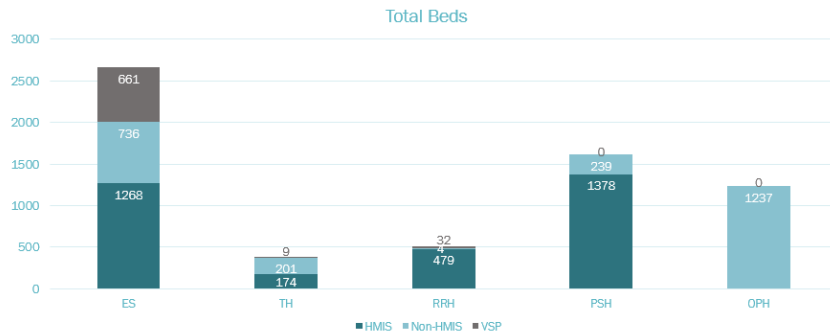
#### 2023 Housing Inventory Count:

The Housing Inventory Count is an estimate of Bed Capacity [ES, TH, RRH, PSH, Other PH without services (like Emergency Housing Vouchers, Housing Choice Voucher Set-aside that are resources dedicated to people experiencing homelessness but doesn't have supportive services)]; does not include folks experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

## HMIS Bed Coverage

- Total Beds

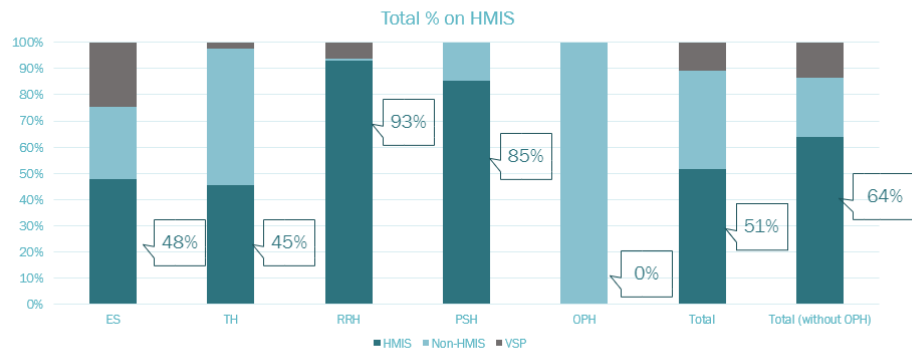
### HMIS Bed Coverage



- RRH, PSH, OPH – who were we supporting in a unit on the night of the count.

- Total % of Beds in agencies participating in HMIS, non-HMIS agencies are not participating in HMIS but could, and Victim Service Providers are prohibited from participating in HMIS.

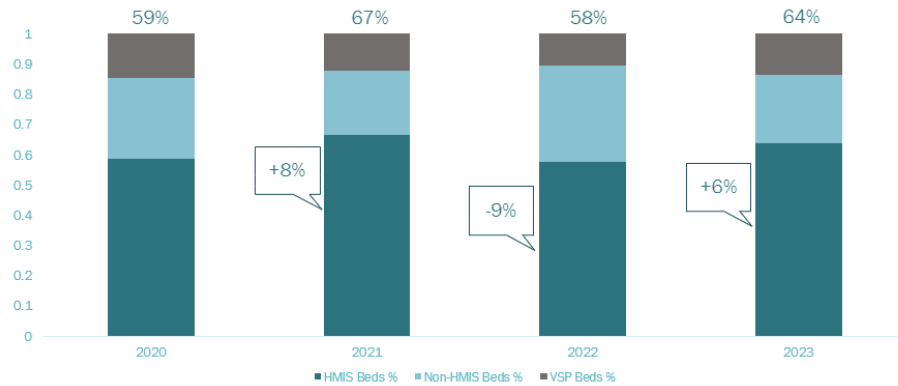
### HMIS Bed Coverage



- FPS should keep in mind that when we talk about System Performance Measures or Longitudinal Study Analysis that the non-HMIS bed and VSP beds are not included.

- HMIS Bed Coverage – change over time from 2020 – 2023

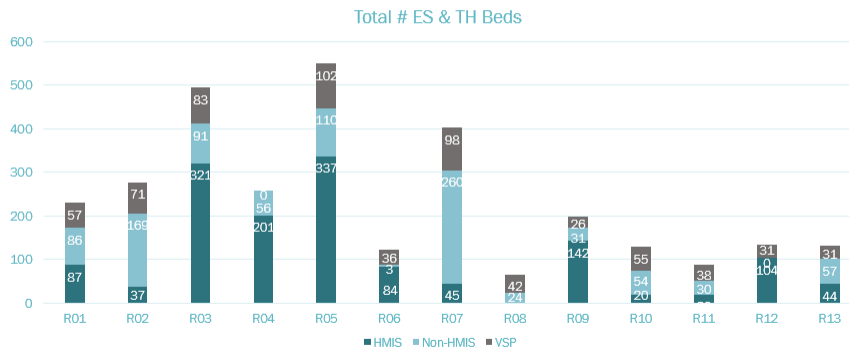
## HMIS Bed Coverage – changes since 2020



- Surge in funding from covid in 2021 required HMIS participation. In 2022, some covid funding ended. In 2023, we increased HMIS beds.
- The Regional Alternate’s role is to help increase HMIS participation.

- HIC HMIS Participation by Region

## 2023 HIC HMIS Participation by Region

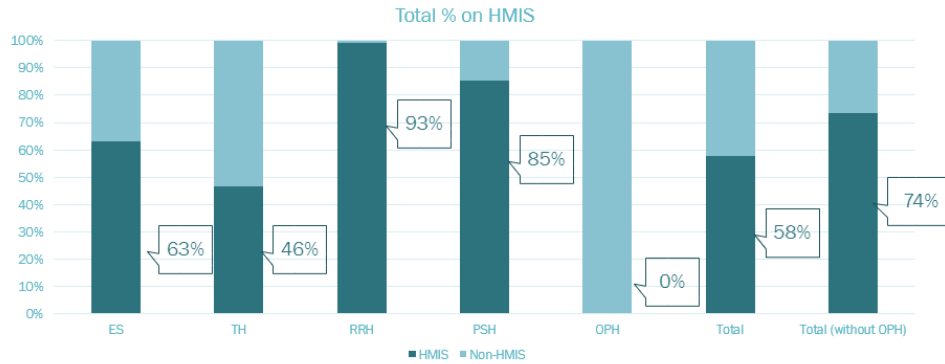


- Targeting providers in light blue (non-HMIS) to join HMIS.



- HMIS Bed Coverage without Victim Service Providers

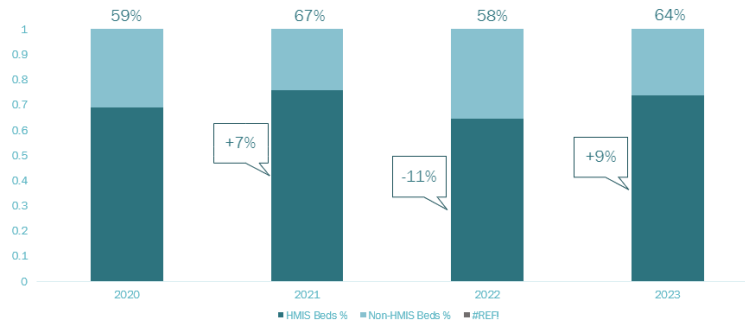
## HMIS Bed Coverage without VSPs



- Without VSPs, there is an increase in coverage rates.

- HMIS Bed Coverage without Victim Service Providers – there is an increase in bed coverage rates.

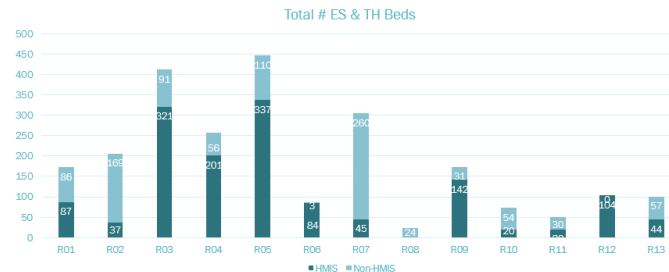
## HMIS Bed Coverage without VSPs – changes since 2020



- HUD wants to see the HMIS Participation rate reach the threshold of at least 85%.

- 2023 HIC HMIS Participation without Victim Service Providers by Region: Want to target those in light blue (non-HMIS) to participate in HMIS.

### 2023 HIC HMIS Participation without VSPs by Region



FPS discussed ways to increase HMIS Participation Rate to 75% for ES (currently at 63%; although HUD’s goal is 85%); 45% for TH (TH HMIS Participation Rate has been achieved).

- Develop Non-congregate shelters (hotel/motel stays) using ESG funds.
- FPS page on the NCCEH website has an HMIS Recruitment section with the non-HMIS HIC listed there.
- Barriers/challenges to participating in HMIS tend to include staff capacity, funding, and training time.
  - Consider how FPS member agencies overcame these barriers to address these challenges.
  - There has been some increase in the TH HMIS participation rate.
  - Training has improved with Learning Management System (no longer in-person, all-day training; although some agencies are requesting this again), but it is a lot at the beginning. There is a training feedback survey.
- Regional Lead Alternate – lead for HMIS Participation recruitment. Non-HMIS HIC gets sent to Regional Lead Alternates with sample scripts, Frequently Asked Questions, and HMIS agencies to offer peer-to-peer support: all in the Increasing HMIS Bed Coverage Procedures document on the FPS page. Also, NC BoS CoC is not getting the HMIS recruitment reports quarterly from Regional Lead Alternates. How do we get more agencies participating so we can look at System Performance Measures that include more of those agencies really participating in the system?

Next FPS meeting: Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 11 AM