2023 HIC PIT REPORT

INTRODUCTION

More than just numbers!

Advancing CT Together is pleased to present the results of the 2023 Annual Point-in-Time Count. The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a HUD-required annual survey of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. The PIT is coordinated under the direction of the two Connecticut Continuums of Care (Opening Doors Fairfield County and Balance of State). We use the federally-sanctioned database called HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) to analyze the data on one particular night of the year (January 24, 2023) that gives us a snapshot of the severity and extent of homelessness in the state at a point in time. **Read More**

HUD and the Continuums of Care use the data from PIT counts to evaluate the effectiveness of local agencies' efforts to address homelessness. Coupled with the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), a summary of the state's capacity to meet the needs of its citizens experiencing homelessness, these numbers are guideposts. Since the first count in 2005, we've gotten better at estimating these numbers. Using an increasingly robust HMIS data system, called CaseWorthy, we are able to more accurately capture the utilization of our homeless housing services system as well as capture information known about those living outdoors ("the unsheltered"). The HMIS database captures information on those in the housing and shelter systems as well as those living outdoors; it has all but replaced the need for a one-night paper-and-pen count on the streets of Connecticut during the wee hours of the night on a cold January day (the required timeframe from HUD).

Imperfect as they are, these numbers and the focus on doing an annual count remind all of us that there is work to be done. We are not just counting the number of those who are sheltered and unsheltered for the sake of knowing the scope of "the problem". We are doing the count to cast a spotlight on the challenge that our society must do better. It provides the opportunity to engage in dialogue: what are we doing well, and what can we do better to ensure that every family is housed? What are the systemic barriers and economic realities that make housing unattainable for those who are poor? (Hint: no one can afford to live in Connecticut solely on a minimum wage salary!) How do we meet the challenging needs of individuals struggling with mental health and addiction as we strive to meet their housing needs?
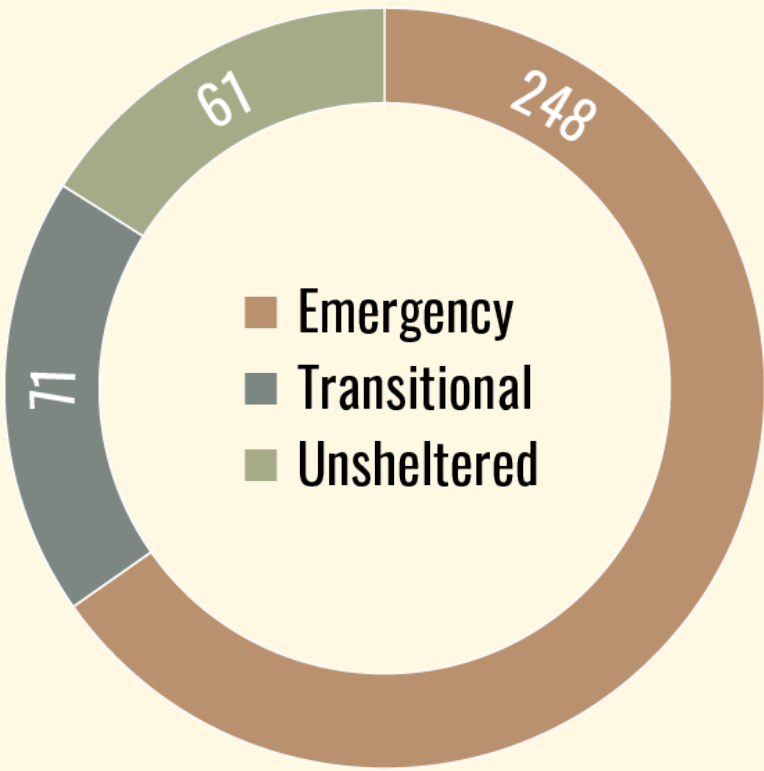
Each number in the report represents real-life persons and families with hopes, dreams, and the right to be stably housed. We hope that reviewing these numbers will inspire challenging and solutions-based dialogue. The PIT count numbers help tell the story, but the dialogue that ensues is where the solutions will be found. While the point-in-time count happens one night per year, the dialogue continues throughout the entire year as we seek solutions to making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Advancing CT Together, with our partners Housing Innovations, LLC and Nutmeg Consulting, LLC, coordinated the 2023 PIT and HIC alongside the tireless service providers that serve those experiencing homelessness throughout the year.
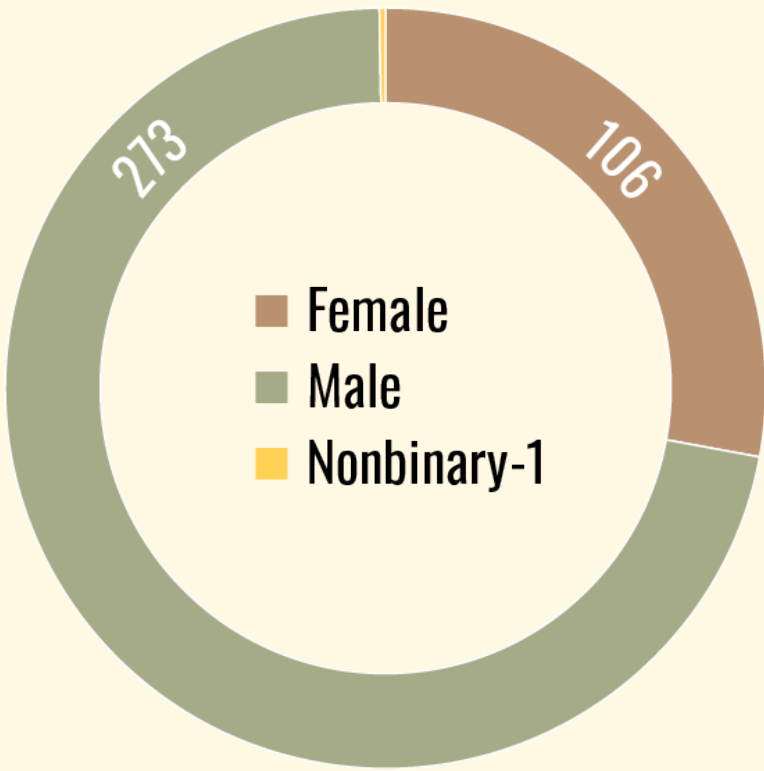
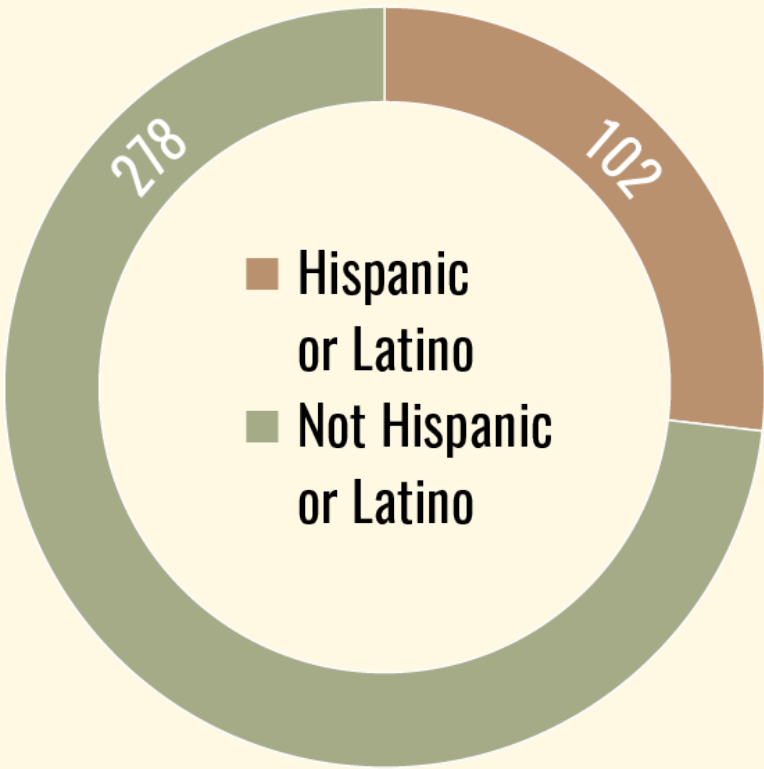OPENING DOORS FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Adults - 380

(Persons in Households without Children)

Location

- Emergency — 248
- Transitional — 71
- Unsheltered — 61

Gender

- Female — 106
- Male — 273
- Nonbinary-1

Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino — 102
- Not Hispanic or Latino — 278

Race

- Black — 159
- White — 189
- Native American-5
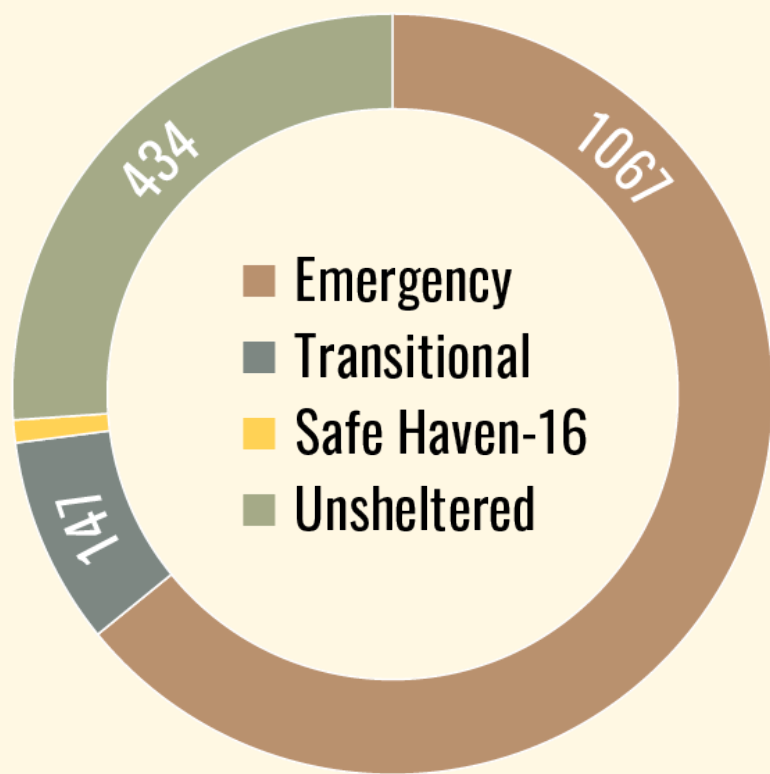- Asian-2
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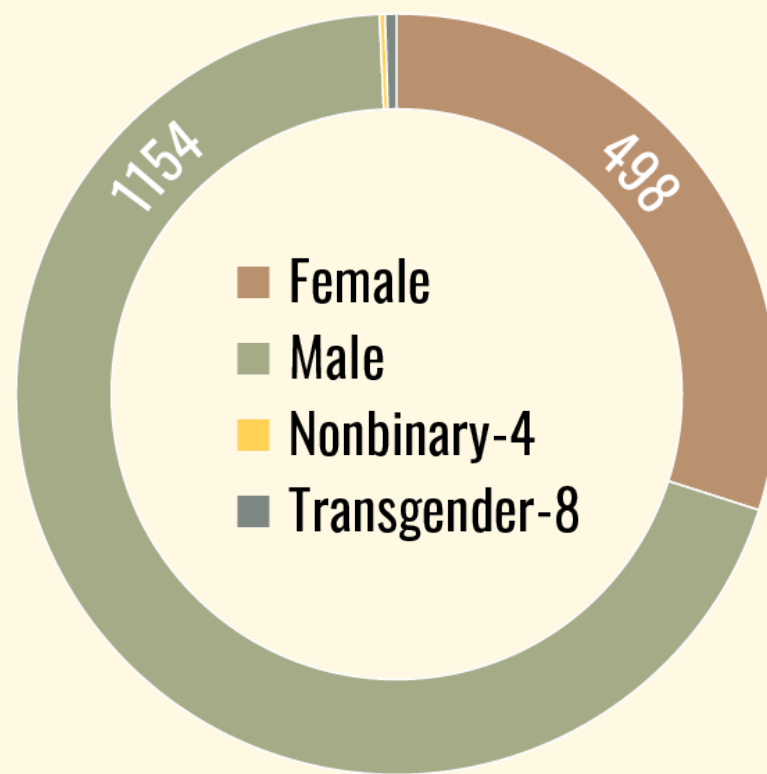- Multiple Races — 24
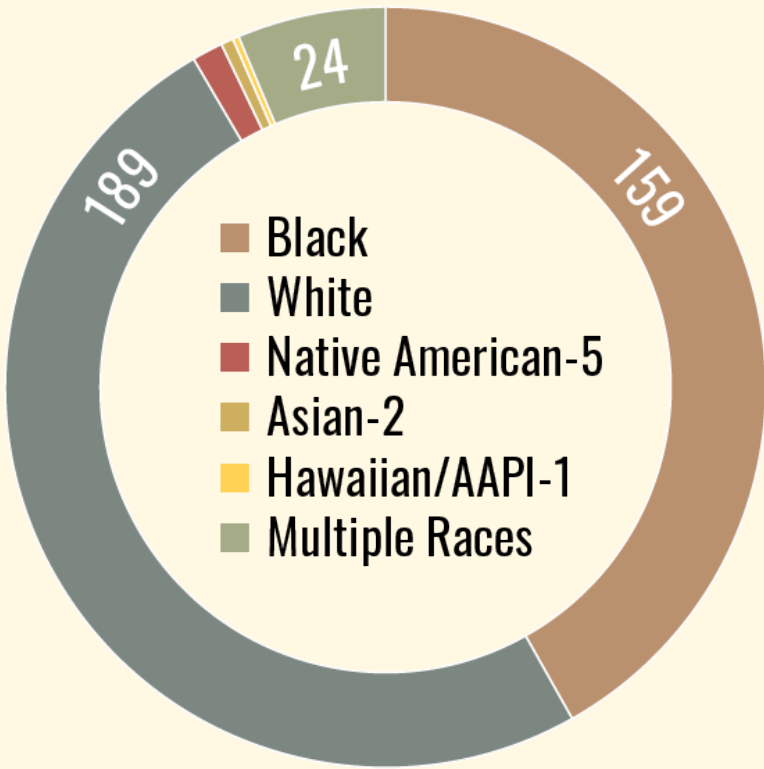
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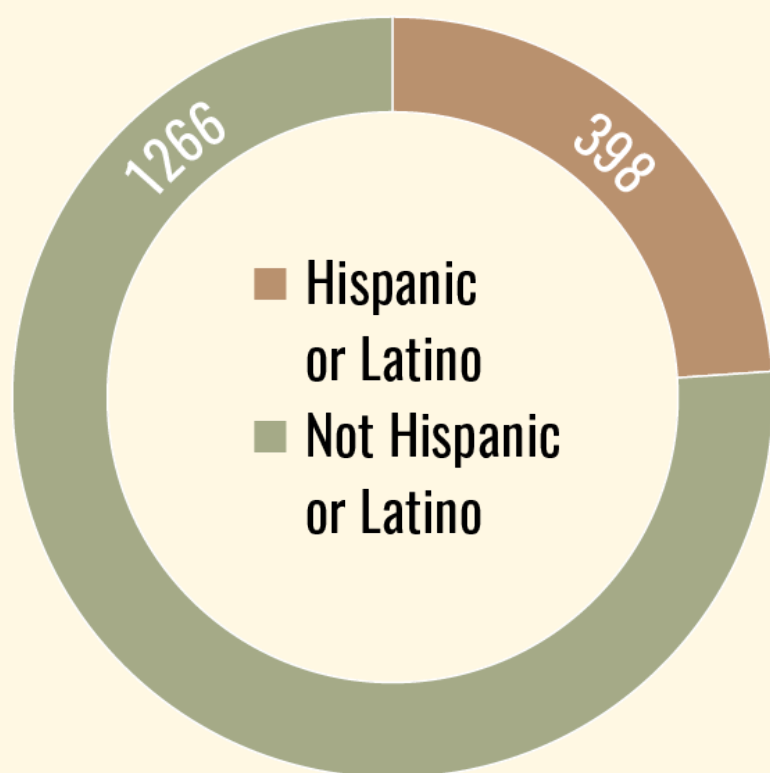
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Adults - 1,664

(Persons in Households without Children)

Location

- Emergency
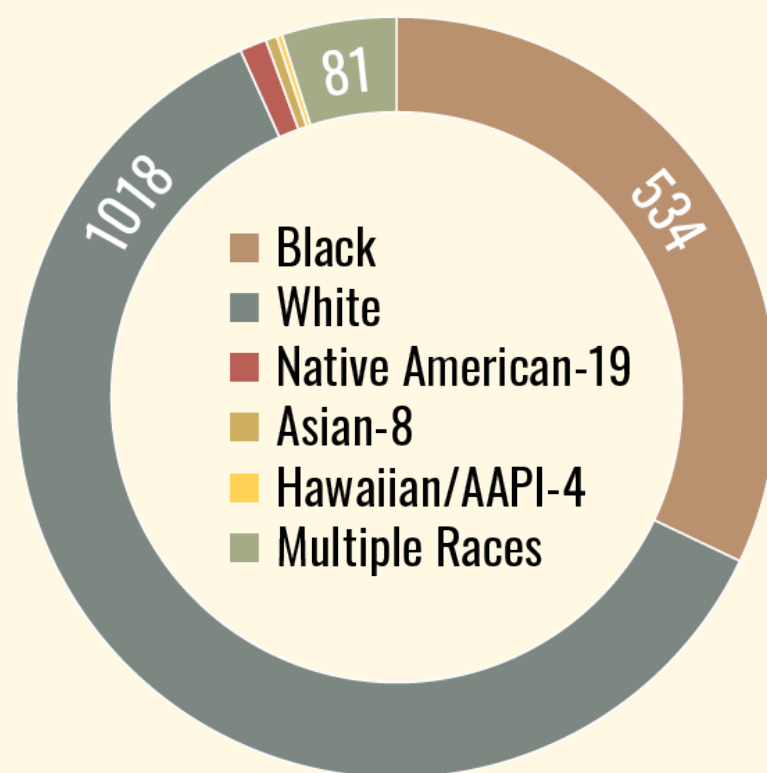- Transitional
- Safe Haven-16
- Unsheltered

1067
434
147

Location

Gender

- Female
- Male
- Nonbinary-4
- Transgender-8

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498

Gender

Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

1266
398

Ethnicity

Race

- Black
- White
- Native American-19
- Asian-8
- Hawaiian/AAPI-4
- Multiple Races

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Race