WORKFORCE SERVICES
HOMELESS SERVICES

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
Planning & Budget

Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee
September 2024

- 2024 H.B. 298, section 35A-16-208 of Utah State Code requires reporting on homelessness data

- Effective May 1, 2024

- Many items are available in the Annual Report Data Dashboard, released Aug. 16, 2024

Office of Homeless Services Reporting Requirements.

Annual Report Data Dashboard.

- Required data points that are available in the dashboard:
  - Number of individuals who are homeless for the first time
  - Number of individuals who returned to homelessness after having exited homelessness within the two previous years
  - Number of individuals who remained homeless since the last report
  - Number of individuals experiencing homelessness since the last report by household type (partially available)
  - Number of individuals who exited by exit destination (partially available)

Upcoming Data Dashboard for Reporting Requirements.

- Required data points that are still in development and will be added to the dashboard:
  - Number of individuals who are experiencing homelessness for the first time plus the number of individuals who are returning to homelessness minus the number of individuals who are exiting homelessness

  - Percentage of individuals experiencing homelessness who have a mental health disorder, substance use disorder, chronic health condition, physical disability, developmental disability, HIV/AIDS or are survivors of domestic violence, veterans or are unaccompanied youth 24 years old or younger

  - Number of individuals who exited homeless services since the last report by type of homelessness, subpopulation, exit destination, progress, by project type, on each goal established in accordance with goals **established by the Utah Homeless Services Board**. The board has not yet established these goals.

Making Homelessness Rare.

Prevention strategies are essential for making homelessness rare.

- **273,052** (8.2%) of Utah's population was living below the poverty line.
- Addressing poverty:
  - Economic opportunities
  - Affordable housing initiatives
  - Social safety nets
- Rapid growth increases strain on affordable housing and behavioral health systems

Making Homelessness Rare: Results.

- **11 in 10,000** Utahns are homeless, compared to 20 per 10,000 nationally

- **9,838** Utahns experienced homelessness **for the first time**, a 9% increase

- **5% increase** in people homeless on a single night

- **4% increase** in individuals experiencing homelessness multiple times

Making Homelessness Brief.

Robust resources and comprehensive wrap-around services are crucial in ensuring that homelessness is brief and individuals can quickly transition to stable housing.

- Addiction and mental health services
- Job training programs
- Affordable housing options

Making Homelessness Brief: Results.

- **Successful exits to permanent housing** from emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing increased to **31.6%**

- Average length of time in emergency shelters increased by 1.21 days or 2%

- **80%** of individuals engaging with our emergency shelter system spent **90 days or less in shelter**

- Percentage of individuals staying 12 months or more remained at 2%

Making Homelessness Non-Recurring.

Ongoing supportive services play a crucial role in assisting individuals and families as they transition out of homelessness.

- Housing assistance
- Job training
- Transitional housing
- Case management
- Financial counseling
- Long-term housing solutions

Making Homelessness Non-Recurring: Results

- The number of people returning to homelessness within two years of exiting the system to a permanent housing situation **decreased from 30% to 25%**

- **93%** of people housed by long-term housing projects **maintained their housing or obtained permanent housing** outside the project

Annual Data Report on Homelessness

View Instructions

The Utah Annual Data Report on Homelessness incorporates various data sources, including the System Performance Measures (SPM), Housing Inventory Count (HIC), and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). By examining these reports collectively, we gain a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted issue of homelessness. This report includes data at multiple levels, including the State, Local Homeless Councils (LHC), and county levels, allowing for a detailed analysis of homelessness trends across different geographic areas.

2024 PIT Count: **3,869 Individuals**

2024 HIC Bed Utilization: **86.86%**

2023 Returns to Homelessness From Exits: **25.32%**
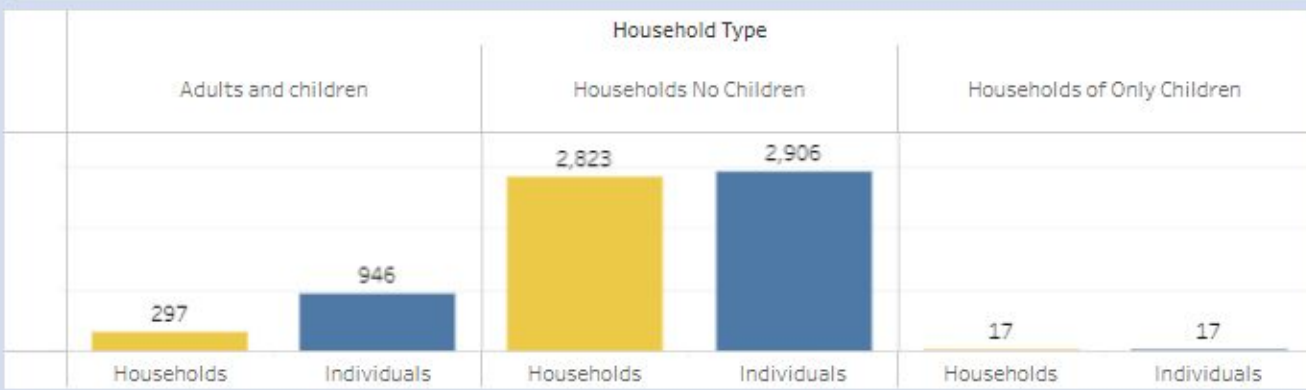
System Performance Measures

The System Performance Measures (SPM), developed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provide a holistic view of the performance of a community's homelessness services system as a whole. Instead of focusing solely on individual projects, the SPM allows communities to assess their overall impact, successes, and challenges, enabling informed decision-making in the development of homelessness services.

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Point In Time Count

View Instructions

AT THE END OF JANUARY EACH YEAR , Utah's Continua of Care (CoC) carry out the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. While many factors influence who is experiencing homelessness on a single night, the PIT helps communities understand the need for homeless services on a single night. It also provides a better udnerstanding of populations, such as those who are fleeing domestic violence or experiencing unsheltered homelessness, that are underrepresented in other reports and data systems.

Household Type

	Adults and children		Households No Children		Households of Only Children	
	Households	Individuals	Households	Individuals	Households	Individuals
	297	946	2,823	2,906	17	17

Year:
2024
Total PIT Count:
3,869

Subpopulation	
Adults with HIV/AIDS	66
Adults with Mental Illness	1,378
Adults with Substance Abuse Disorders	871
Child of a Youth Parent	38
Chronically Homeless Persons in Households of Adults and Minors	37
Chronically Homeless Veterans	21
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults and Minors)	716
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Adults Only)	422
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	906
Unaccompanied Youth (Under Age 25)	240
Veterans	121
Youth Parent (Under Age 25)	29

*Subpopulation data is self reported when the Point-in-Time questionaire is administered.

Year
2024

Location Type
COC

COC
Statewide

Sheltered
(All)

Housing Inventory Count

View Instructions

ON THE SAME NIGHT AS THE PIT COUNT AT THE END OF JANUARY EACH YEAR, Utah's Continua of Care (COC's) carry out the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). The HIC compares the number of individuals and families staying in various homeless services projects on a specific night to the available beds in those projects. It also provides information on the number of beds dedicated to specific subpopulations, such as veterans, survivors of domestic violence (DV), individuals with HIV or AIDS, and youth. By conducting the HIC, communities can assess the capacity of their homeless service system and determine how effectively those resources are being utilized.
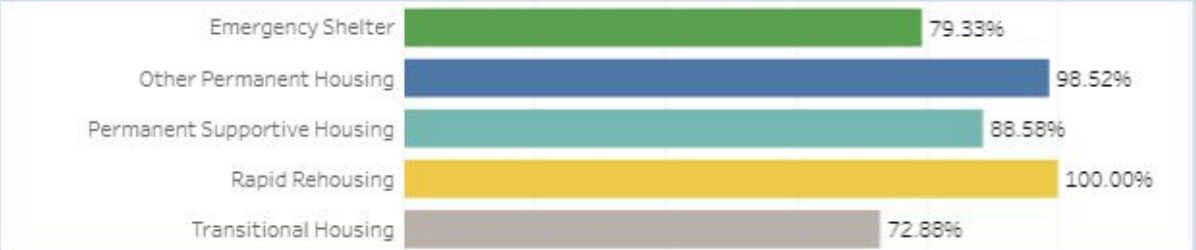
Average Statewide Bed Utilization: 86.86%

Location Type	COC	Year
COC ▼	Statewide ▼	2024 ▼

Bed Utilization Rate

Emergency Shelter	79.33%
Other Permanent Housing	98.52%
Permanent Supportive Housing	88.58%
Rapid Rehousing	100.00%
Transitional Housing	72.88%

Emergency Shelter Bed Utilization

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Year-Round Beds	76.28%
Year-Round Overflow	68.50%
Winter Overflow	94.37%

Project Type	DV Beds Utilized	DV Beds Total	Youth Beds Utilized	Youth Beds Total	Veteran Beds Utilized	Veteran Beds Total	HIV Beds Utilized	HIV Beds Total
Emergency Shelter Total	267	578	64	126	0	0	0	0
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	0	11	11	675	851	99	113
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing	270	349	18	24	62	92	0	0
Rapid Rehousing	220	220	31	31	180	180	0	0

Length of Homelessness

LENGTH OF TIME IN EMERGENCY SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: This measure looks at all Emergency Shelter (ES) and Transitional Housing (TH) projects and finds the average days that a person was homeless in any ES or TH projects in the area during the reporting period.

The data in this dashboard represents a calendar year (January - December). Previously the Annual Report utilized data based on the federal fiscal year (October - September).
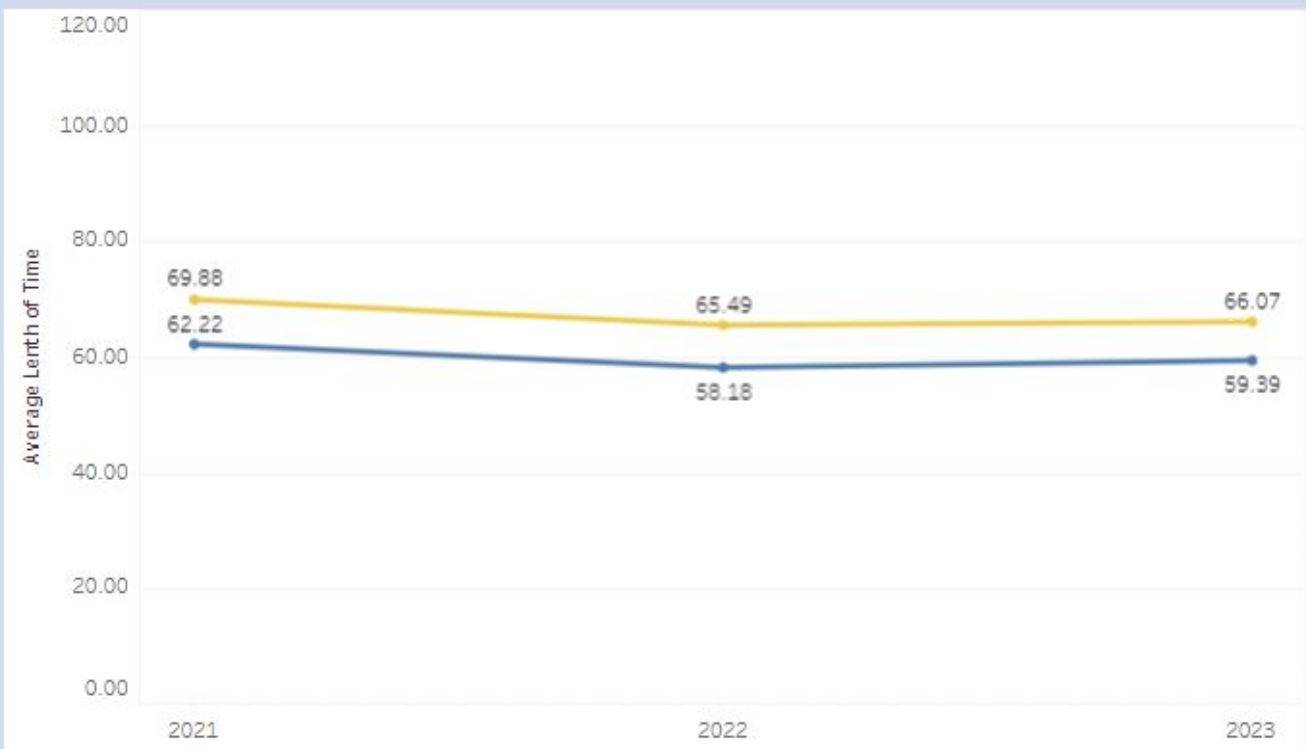
2022 to 2023 Relative Change in Average Days Homeless

Shelter Type	Days difference	YOY Change
In ES	1.21	2.08%
In ES and TH	0.58	0.89%

Shelter Type
- In ES
- In ES and TH

LHC
Statewide ▼

Average Length of Time chart:
- In ES: 2021 = 62.22, 2022 = 58.18, 2023 = 59.39
- In ES and TH: 2021 = 69.88, 2022 = 65.49, 2023 = 66.07

Year: 2023

Shelter Type	Count of Persons	Average Days of Homelessness	Median Days of Homelessness
In ES	12,110.0	59.39	19.0
In ES and TH	12,414.0	66.07	20.0

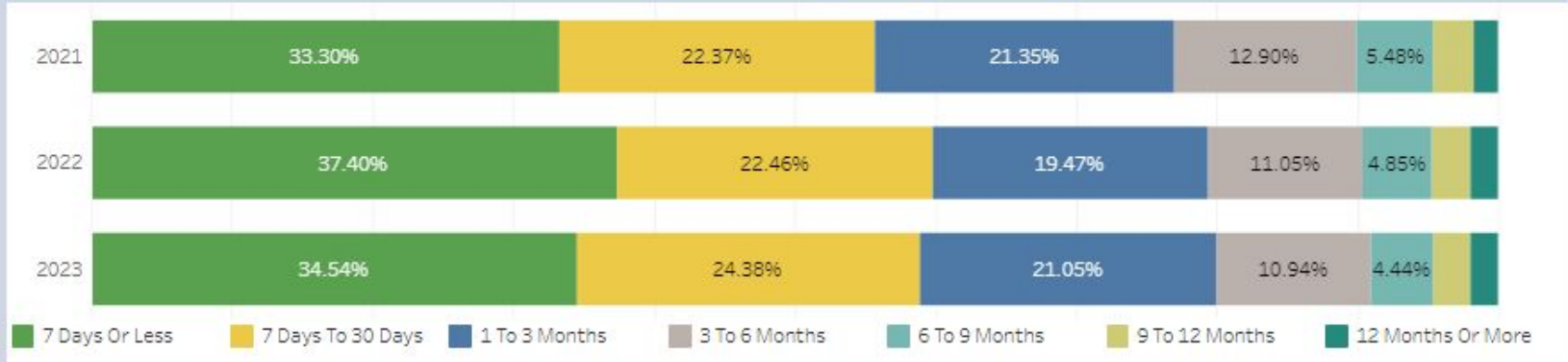# Length of Time in Emergency Shelter

This page provides additional information about the measure: Length of Time Homeless. With a focus on lenth of time spent in emergency shelter. This page shows the percentage of individuals who exited shelter within a specific time frame ranging from less than seven days to 12 months or more.

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COC

Statewide ▼

Percentage of Exits by Length of Stay

2021	33.30%	22.37%	21.35%	12.90%	5.48%		
2022	37.40%	22.46%	19.47%	11.05%	4.85%		
2023	34.54%	24.38%	21.05%	10.94%	4.44%		

■ 7 Days Or Less   ■ 7 Days To 30 Days   ■ 1 To 3 Months   ■ 3 To 6 Months   ■ 6 To 9 Months   ■ 9 To 12 Months   ■ 12 Months Or More

	2021	2022	2023
7 Days Or Less	33.30%	37.40%	34.54%
7 Days To 30 Days	22.37%	22.46%	24.38%
1 To 3 Months	21.35%	19.47%	21.05%
3 To 6 Months	12.90%	11.05%	10.94%
6 To 9 Months	5.48%	4.85%	4.44%
9 To 12 Months	2.79%	2.85%	2.63%
12 Months Or Mo..	1.80%	1.92%	2.03%

Returns to Homelessness

PEOPLE RETURNING TO HOMELESSNESS AFTER OBTAINING PERMANENT HOUSING: This measure evaluates how many people who exited homelessness to permanent destinations 24 months before the reporting period returned to homelessness at different intervals.

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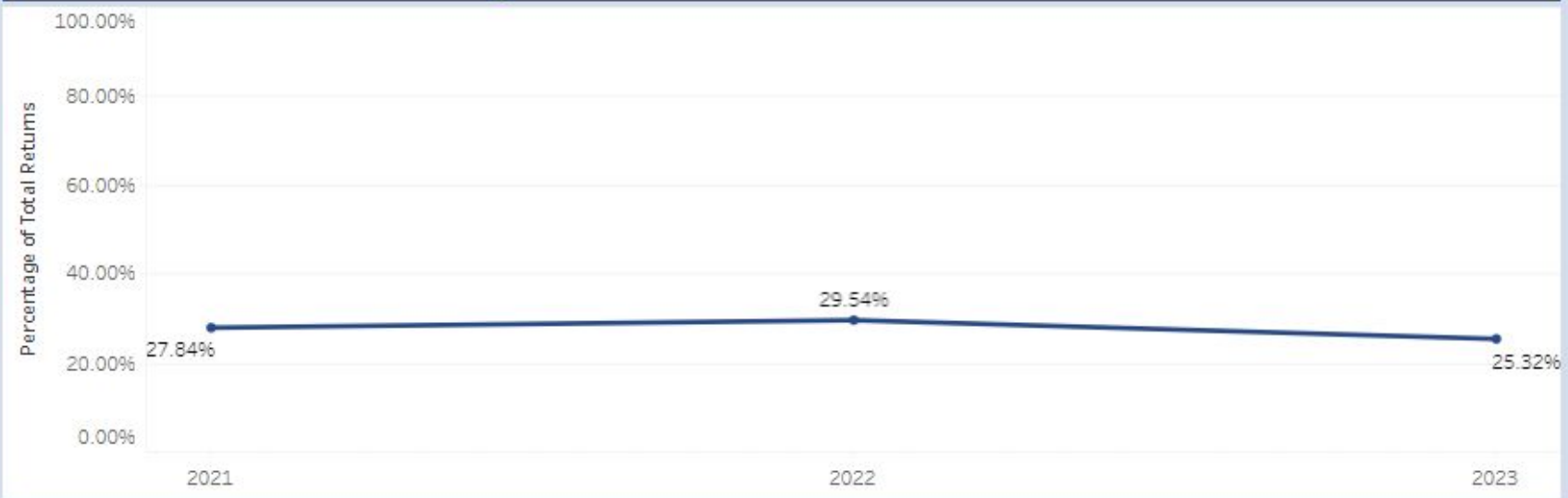| Year of Y..	% Return < 6 months	% Return 6-12 Months	% Return 13-24 Months
2021	14.56%	5.97%	7.32%
2022	14.89%	5.98%	8.67%
2023	9.96%	5.18%	10.18%

LHC
Statewide ▼

Project Type
Total returns to homelessness ▼

Percentage of Returns to Homelessness Within 24 Months

* SO = Street Outreach, TH = Transitional Housing, ES = Emergency Shelter, PH = Permenent Housing

Annual Count of Sheltered Homelessness

ANNUAL COUNT OF PEOPLE STAYING IN EMERGENCY SHELTER OR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING : This measure represents a deduplicated count of people enrolled in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing projects during the reporting period.
*The data in this dashboard represents a calendar year (January - December). Previously the Annual Report utilized data based on the federal fiscal year (October - September).

Number of Homeless Persons

	2021	2022	2023
Emergency Shelter	10,414	11,869	12,401
Transitional Housing	500	491	453
Deduplicated Total	10,804	12,223	12,720

LHC

Statewide ▼

Employment and Income growth

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME GROWTH FOR HOMELESS PERSONS IN COC PROGRAM-FUNDED PROJECTS: This measure calculates the percentage of individuals in CoC-funded programs, such as transitional and permanent housing projects, who experience an increase in income during the reporting period. It is important to note that this measure is specific to one funding source and may not provide a comprehensive understanding of income and employment trends across the entire homeless service system.

	In COC Funded Project	W/ Increased Earned Income	W/ Increased Other Income	W/ Increased Total Income
System Leavers	546	79	86	152
System Stayers	694	52	201	241

*System Stayers are those that remain in the homeless system, System Leavers are those that have left the homeless system. Increased Total Income has been dedupilcated because some persons have both Earned and Other Income.
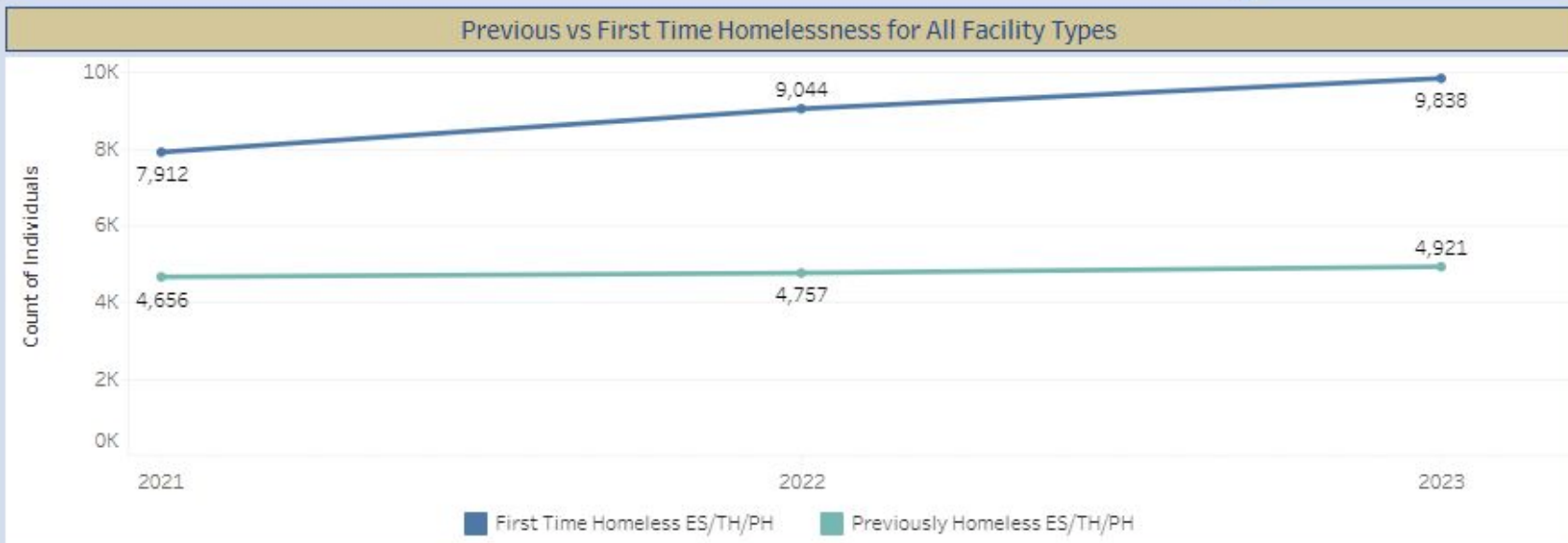
Year
2023 ▼

LHC
Statewide ▼

System Status
System Leavers ▼
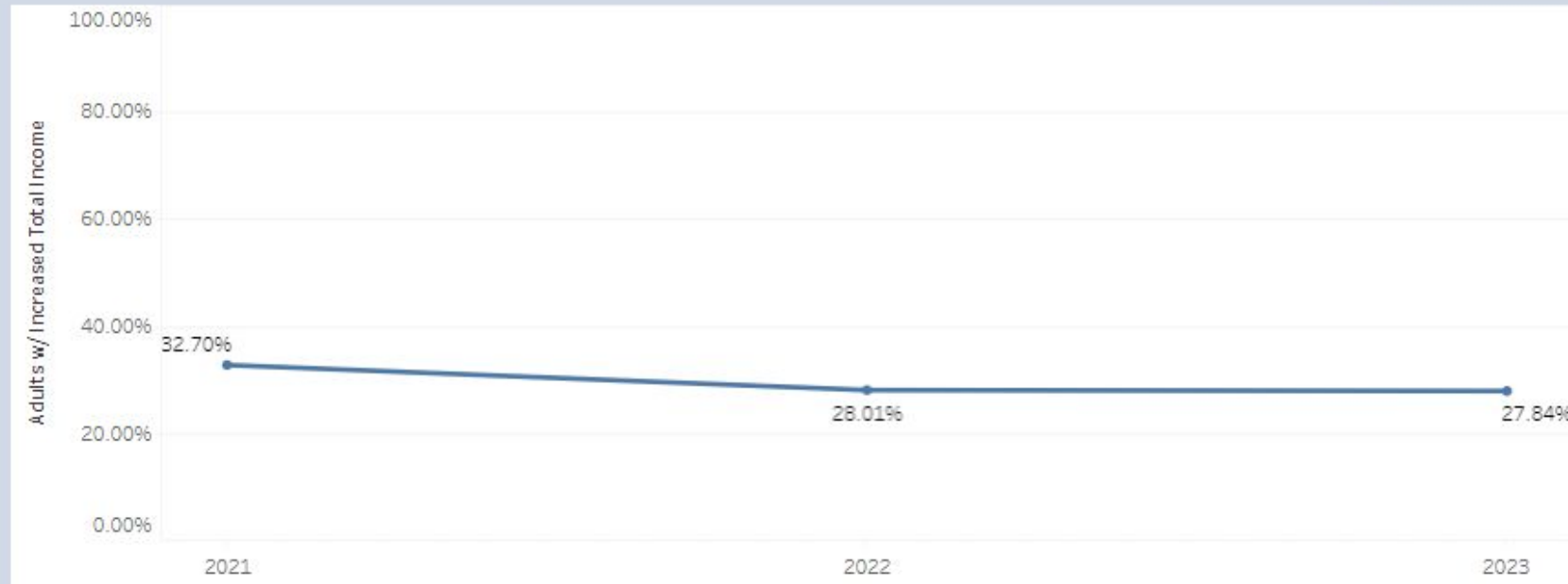
First Time Homeless

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO BECOME HOMELESS FOR THE FIRST TIME: This measure captures the number of individuals entering specific homeless service projects who were not enrolled in any of those projects during the previous 24 months. It includes those who enter emergency shelters (ES), transitional housing (TH), and all permanent housing (PH) projects. By tracking this measure, we can gain insights into the number of individuals who are newly entering the homeless service system and identify trends and patterns in homelessness inflow.

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Previous vs First Time Homelessness

LHC

Statewide ▼

	2021	2022	2023
First Time Homeless ES/TH/PH	7,912	9,044	9,838
Previously Homeless ES/TH/PH	4,656	4,757	4,921
Total Homeless ES/TH/PH	12,568	13,801	14,759

Previous vs First Time Homelessness for All Facility Types

Count of Individuals

- First Time Homeless ES/TH/PH: 7,912 (2021), 9,044 (2022), 9,838 (2023)
- Previously Homeless ES/TH/PH: 4,656 (2021), 4,757 (2022), 4,921 (2023)

Legend: ■ First Time Homeless ES/TH/PH   ■ Previously Homeless ES/TH/PH

Successful Housing Outcomes

SUCESSFUL HOUSING OUTCOMES: This measure reports the number of people who had successful housing outcomes in various types of projects during the reporting period. Successful housing outcomes can be different across project types and includes exits to Permanent Housing (PH) and, in some cases, exits to Temporary Housing (TH) or renention of housing withing a project. *The data in this dashboard represents a calendar year (January - December). Previously the Annual Report utilized data based on the federal fiscal year (October - September).*

Legend:
- PH Exit/Retention in PH
- Successful Exits From ES, TH, PH-RRH to PH
- Successful Exits From SO to PH or Other Housing

Entry Point ↑	Successful Outcomes	Total Outcomes	Successful Outcomes vs Total Outcomes
Successful Exits From SO to PH or Other Housing	306	3,594	8.51%
Successful Exits From ES, TH, PH-RRH to PH	3,682	11,652	31.60%
PH Exit/Retention in PH	2,856	3,152	92.45%

LHC
Statewide ▼

Year
2023 ▼

* SO = Street Outreach, TH = Transitional Housing, ES = Emergency Shelter, PH = Permenent Housing, PH-RRH = Rapid Rehousing
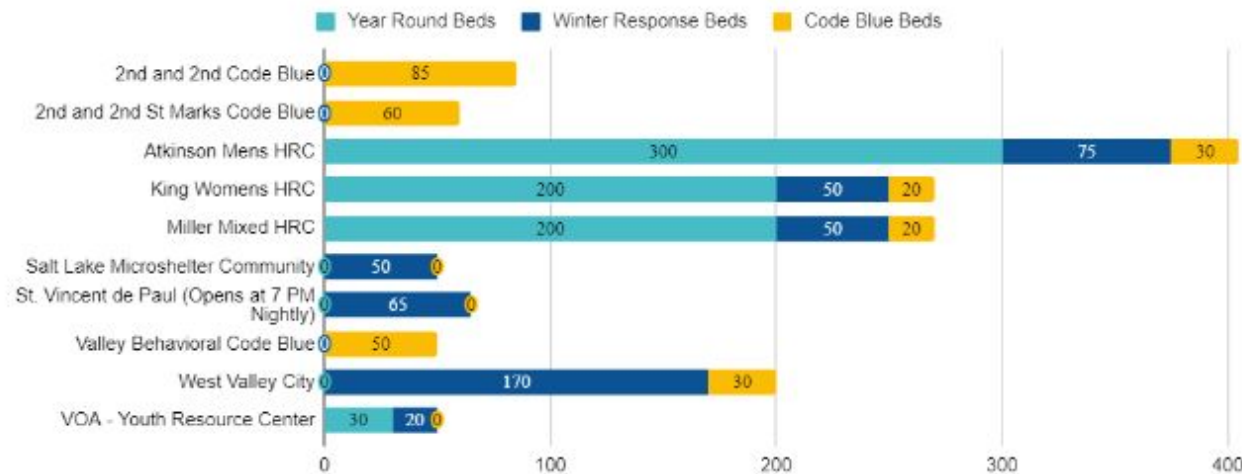
Shelter Bed Availability Dashboard

Daily bed capacity is entered by facilities as beds either become available or facility reaches capacity. This dashboard is updated as close to real time as data becomes available.

If a facility is a nightly shelter (i.e. St. Vincent de Paul), beds do not become available until the evening and the facility will show as "Opening Tonight." Code blue facilities will show as "Closed" unless there is an active code blue. When a code blue is called the Code Blue Beds will show as "Opening Tonight". If a facility does not offer a particular bed type it with will show as "N/A."

Bed Availability

Facility	Last Updated	Year Round Beds	Winter Response Beds	Code Blue Beds
2nd and 2nd Code Blue	02/27/2024 09:01 PM	N/A	N/A	At Capacity
2nd and 2nd St Marks Code Blue	02/28/2024 05:37 AM	N/A	N/A	At Capacity
Atkinson Mens HRC	09/16/2024 07:44 AM	At Capacity	Closed	Closed
King Womens HRC	09/16/2024 07:56 AM	At Capacity	At Capacity	Closed
Miller Mixed HRC	09/16/2024 07:32 AM	At Capacity	At Capacity	Closed
Salt Lake Microshelter Community	07/23/2024 11:27 AM	N/A	Closed	N/A
St. Vincent de Paul	09/04/2024 01:57 PM	N/A	Closed	N/A
Valley Behavioral Code Blue	04/30/2024 06:09 AM	N/A	N/A	Closed
West Valley City	09/15/2024 08:42 AM	N/A	At Capacity	Closed

Total Shelter Capacity

Legend: Year Round Beds, Winter Response Beds, Code Blue Beds

Facility	Year Round Beds	Winter Response Beds	Code Blue Beds
2nd and 2nd Code Blue	0		85
2nd and 2nd St Marks Code Blue	0		60
Atkinson Mens HRC	300	75	30
King Womens HRC	200	50	20
Miller Mixed HRC	200	50	20
Salt Lake Microshelter Community	0	50	0
St. Vincent de Paul (Opens at 7 PM Nightly)	0	65	0
Valley Behavioral Code Blue	0		50
West Valley City	0	170	30
VOA - Youth Resource Center	30	20	0

Office of Homeless Services.

Tricia Davis — Director, Office of Homeless Services

How the office works with U.S. Housing and Urban Development, Continuum of Care, and Service Providers

Office of Homeless Services Responsibilities.

- Per Utah Code, the office administratively supports:
  - The Utah Homeless Services Board (UHSB) - 35A-16-204
  - UHSB Executive Committee - 35A-16-204
  - The Utah Homeless Network - 35A-16-206
  - The Shelter Cities Advisory Board - 35A-16-210
  - The Utah Homeless Management Information System - 35A-16-202
  - Five (5) required Winter Task Force groups in counties of the first and second class - 35-A-16-501.5
  - Code Blue response in 24 counties throughout the state - 35A-16-702

- The DWS FY24 Annual Report will be published October 1, 2024 and will address all statutorily required reporting for the office.

Office of Homeless Services Overview.

- Administers funding appropriated for homelessness response and deeply affordable housing from:
  - State appropriations
  - Tax donations made to the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund
  - Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services round-up *(new FY25)*
  - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Utah Homeless Management Information System (UHMIS) administrator

- Collaborative Applicant for the Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) HUD federal funding opportunity

Office of Homeless Services Overview.

- Supports the 3 federally designated Continuum of Care areas and 13 Local Homeless Councils
- Ensures programmatic and fiscal contract compliance through monitoring, evaluation and audit
  - >176 contracts
  - >220 projects
- Provides program and data technical assistance and training
  - 70 participating UHMIS service providers

Continuum of Care and Local Homeless Councils (LHCs)●
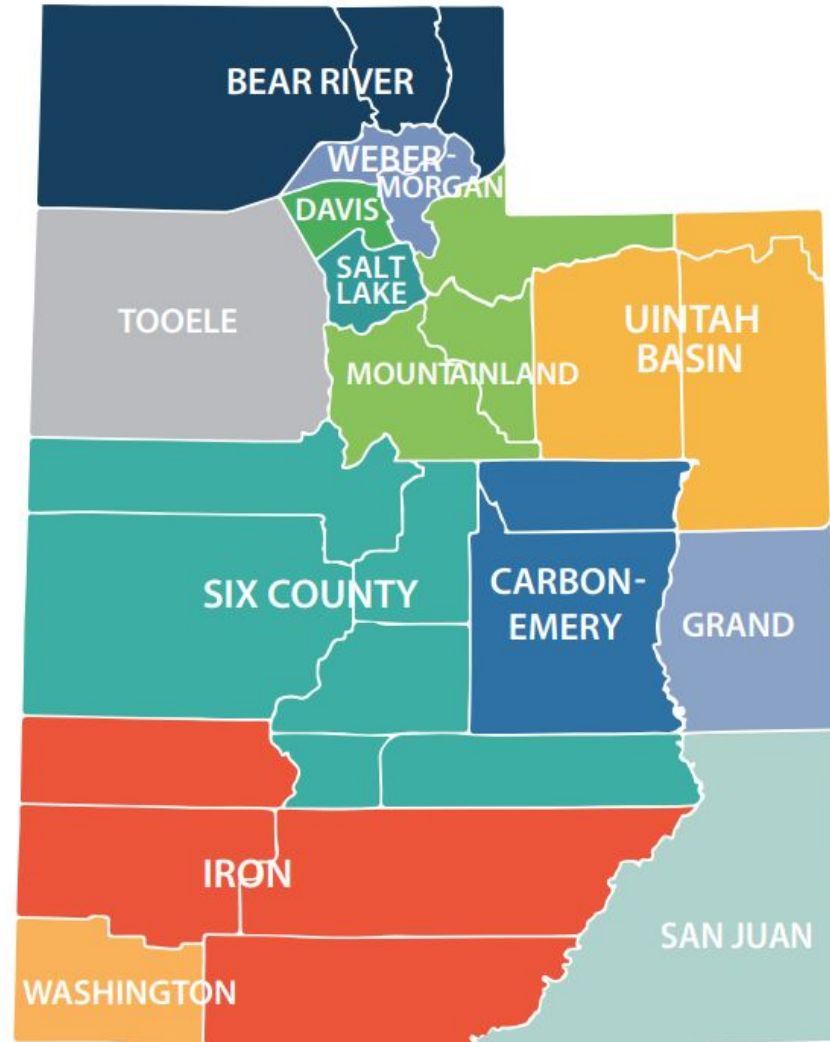
Continuum of Care

Balance of State — 11 LHCs

- 25 Counties throughout the state

Mountainland — 1 LHC

- Summit County
- Utah County
- Wasatch County

Salt Lake County — 1 LHC

- Salt Lake County
- Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness

Coordination with HUD

- HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
  - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
  - Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids (HOPWA)
  - *New* - Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities

- Utah Homeless Management Information System (UHMIS) Administrator
  - Annual data submission to HUD
  - Required reporting

- Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC), Collaborative Applicant

- Federal monitoring compliance and audit

Coordination with Continuum of Care (CoC)

- Support Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee

- CoC/Local Homeless Council support staff
  - Strategic plan implementation
  - Code Blue implementation
  - Statewide Point in Time Count planning
  - Ongoing training and technical assistance

- Data and reporting coordination

- Coordinate funding for service providers with CoCs to meet unique system needs

- Monitoring tool development to align with CoC federal funding requirements

END UTAH HOMELESSNESS Balance of State

END UTAH HOMELESSNESS Salt Lake Valley

END UTAH HOMELESSNESS Mountainland

Utah's Plan ●

Our vision for the homeless response system in Utah is to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring; that all people experiencing homelessness can thrive to their fullest potential; and that our communities are stable and safe for everyone.

The strategic plan, implementation guide, and data is available at:
jobs.utah.gov/homelessness/strategic.html

GOAL 1

Increase accessible and affordable permanent housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness across the state

GOAL 2

Increase access to and availability of supportive services and case management for people experiencing and at risk of homelessness

GOAL 3

Expand homeless prevention efforts by increasing coordination, resources, and affordable housing opportunities

GOAL 4

Target housing resources and supportive services to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness

GOAL 5

Promote alignment and coordination across multiple systems of care to support people experiencing and at risk of homelessness

TARGET OUTCOMES BY 2027[1]

Based on the needs assessment as described in detail below, several target outcomes have been identified to address the key issues of a lack of permanent housing (especially for vulnerable subpopulations with high service needs), supportive/recovery services, and homeless prevention.

Create or identify **574 housing opportunities** for people experiencing homelessness

Increase supportive service interactions **by 20%**

Reduce number of people becoming homeless each year **by 20%**

Reduction of vulnerable subpopulations of chronically homeless, veterans, survivors of domestic violence, youth, and people with disabilities **by 7%**
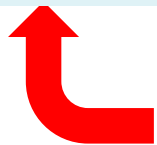
Each target outcome has implementation strategies, measurable goals and outcomes outlined in the plan.

- End Utah Homelessness website
- Code Blue coordination, training and implementation
- Quarterly contract performance measures reporting and review
- Provider data monitoring

- UHMIS training
- Contract monitoring and compliance
- DHHS licensing coordination
- Emergency Shelter Bed Availability Dashboard
- Annual Homelessness Conference

Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee Members.

- The chair of each local homeless council
- Individual who has experienced homelessness
- Balance of State continuum of care representative
- Mountainland continuum of care representative
- Salt Lake County continuum of care representative
- OHS program staff member
- OHS data staff member

Committee Duties.

- Support connections among stakeholders
- Coordinate statewide emergency and crisis response
- Provide training to service providers
- Educate the general public and stakeholders
- Make recommendations to the homelessness council [board] regarding the awarding of funding
- Develop a funding formula

COC Structure and Coordination with OHS•

- **Katherine Fife - Associate Deputy Mayor, Salt Lake County**
  - Salt Lake County Continuum of Care (CoC), Collaborative Applicant
  - CoC/Local Homeless Council - Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH)
    - Support and Coordination
  - Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee
    - OHS funding opportunities and coordination
    - Statewide participation and connections to surrounding Local Homeless Councils

- **Shawn McMillen - Executive Director, First Step House**
  - Co-Chair SLVCEH
    - SLVCEH Steering Committee
    - Local Strategic Plan Implementation
    - Subcommittee structure

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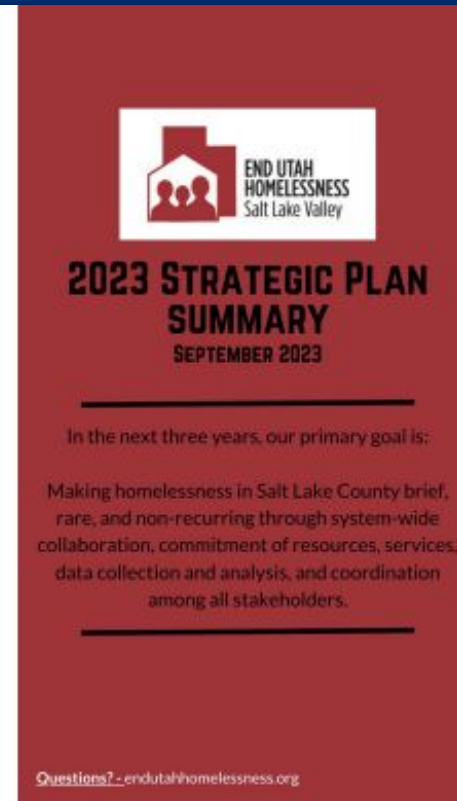# COC Structure and Coordination with OHS.

Core Function Groups of the
Salt Lake Valley Coalition
to End Homelessness

COC Structure and Coordination with OHS.

Salt Lake Valley Coalition
to End Homelessness
Strategic Plan

https://slco.to/SLVCEHstrategicplan

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2023 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 2023

In the next three years, our primary goal is:

Making homelessness in Salt Lake County brief, rare, and non-recurring through system-wide collaboration, commitment of resources, services, data collection and analysis, and coordination among all stakeholders.

Questions? - endutahhomelessness.org

FOUNDATIONAL PILLARS

EQUITY
Strategies to lead with equity and address disparities among those experiencing homelessness.

DATA
Strategies to base decision and action in research and data.

COLLABORATION
Strategies to end siloed conversations and information.

SOLUTION PILLARS

SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS
Strategies to improve the effectiveness of our homeless response system to meet the needs of those in crisis.

HOUSING AND SERVICES
Strategies to increase supply and access to safe and afforable housing opportunites with tailored support services.

PREVENTION
Strategies to reduce first time episodes of homelessness and returns to homelessness.

HOUSING FIRST FOCUS:
Housing First does NOT mean housing only. Housing First is an approach to connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment, or service participation requirements. The model depends upon robust wraparound services to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness.

Making homelessness in Salt Lake County brief, rare, and non-recurring through system-wide collaboration, commitment of resources, services, data collection and analysis, and coordination among all stakeholders.

Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness

Working document to operationalize the Strategic Plan

5. Housing and Services

"Strategies to increase supply and access to safe and affordable housing opportunities with tailored support services."

Core Function Group Leads: Housing Core Function Group
Support:

Yr One Metrics:

Objectives Year two:
(1-5 yr. completion)

1. Scale housing to meet demand- Action, 3 year
Lead Group:
Housing CFG,

- To advocate for enough housing to meet the demand in our community, we will begin by updating the HousingNow report previously produced by the Coalition. This will give up a target number of units needed.
- We will use that report to advocate at the legislature, state, county, and city levels, as well as with private developers to increase the housing stock in Salt Lake County to meet the demand.

First Step House Programs

SUD Treatment Continuum	Transitional Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Housing Case Management Onsite + Scattered	Wraparound Supportive Services
206 beds	**124 units**	**262 units by 2027**	**303 units by 2027**	**Serving 1,700**
Residential treatment	Recovery Residences	Central City Apartments	Case management for FSH clients	Medical clinic and nursing care
— Fairpark facility	Mental Health Court Housing	Medina Place Apartments	Case management at scattered site housing:	Outpatient mental health treatment
— Central City facility	Valor House for homeless veterans	Stratford Apartments (opening 2025)	— Housing Connect multiple sites	Supported employment
— REACH program post-incarceration		44 North 10000 West (opening 2026)	— The Point Airport	Peer support
Outpatient treatment		273 East 800 South (opening 2027)	— Richmond Flats	Transportation
Long-term recovery management			— Fireclay I and II (opening 2025)	Embedded outreach at HRCs

Housing case
management

Medical clinic

Nursing and
medication
services

Outpatient mental
health treatment

Employment
support

Peer support

Food and nutrition
services

Transportation

First Step House Supportive Services.

Legislative Implementation and Accomplishments.

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2024 H.B. 298

- **The new Utah Homeless Services Board (UHSB) has been established**
  - Four (4) meetings have taken place since May 2024
- **Reporting requirements**
  - The Annual Report Data Dashboard has been created. - Many data elements are in place, the remaining will be discussed and further determined by UHSB
- **Cost measures**
  - Contract reporting requirements have been added to address cost measures - the office is working how to best collect this information and anticipate to have information will be available by August 2025
- **The Shelter Cities Advisory Board has been established**
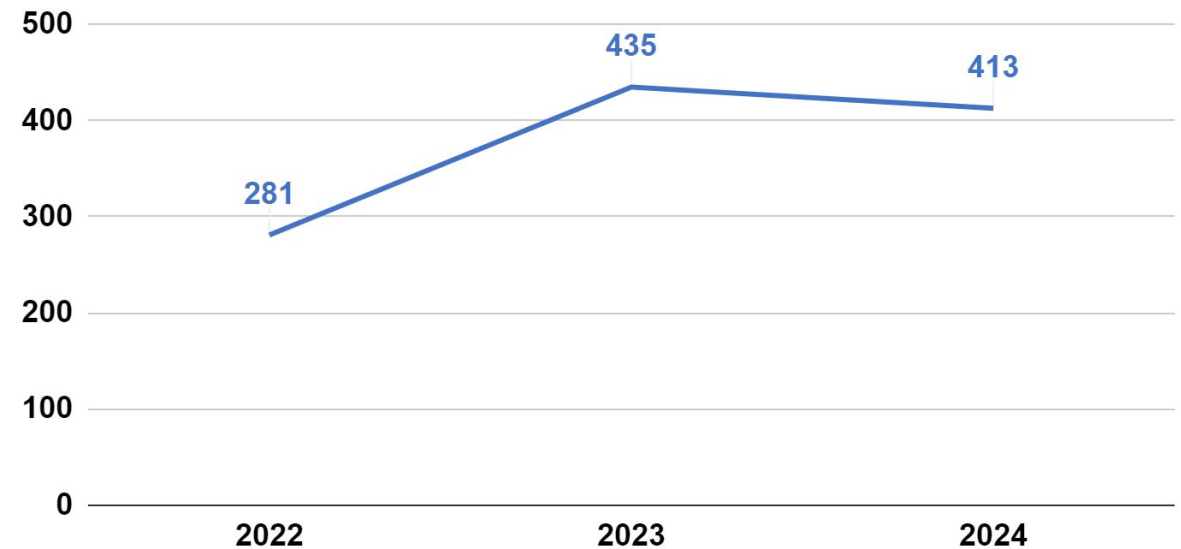 - Six (6) meetings have taken place since April 2024

FY 24 Accomplishments.

2024 H.B. 298

- **Winter Response Task Force requirements for counties of the first and second class** - Davis County, Utah County, Salt Lake County, Washington County and Weber County
  - Winter response task force groups convened beginning in January, 2024 - Over fifty (50) meetings have been held
  - Plans were submitted to the office by by August 1, 2024

- **Code Blue requirements** for counties were adjusted and are in implementation status

Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness Unsheltered Count

Year	Count
2022	281
2023	435
2024	413

2024 H.B. 421

- **Code Blue temperature** changed from 15 to 18 degrees - Implementation of the changes will be in place for winter 2024-2024
- **Added prioritization requirements** for emergency shelter beds - New administrative rule has been drafted for review and approval of the UHSB

2024 H.B. 394

- **A funding formula** has been adopted and implemented by the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee and the Office of Homeless Services

FY 24 Accomplishments.

- More winter response beds available throughout the state in 2023-2024 than ever before

- The Microshelter Community site moved to state owned property, serving 50 previously unsheltered individuals

- Utah Homeless Services Board approved:
  - Over $31 million in state and federal funding for the provision of homeless services
  - Over $17 million to Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation eligible municipalities

- Funding allocated for more than 1,200 units for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness

Update on FY25 Appropriations

Our vision is to have locations sufficient to accommodate crisis response for emergency shelter for the next 50 years.

- $25,000,000 one-time
  - 900-1200 emergency shelter beds needed throughout the state
  - Property identification is a top priority
- $10,000,000 ongoing
  - Sustain homeless systems and ongoing operations throughout the state
  - Operations for Microshelter Site
- $11,800,000 one-time
  - One-time operations for year round, winter response, and code blue beds

Addressing Goals and Strategies in the Strategic Plan

- **Chronic homelessness, mental health, substance use**
  - **48%** of people had a disability, **36%** a mental health or substance use disorder

- **Supportive services and case management**
  - Expanding case management services and increasing wages
  - Investment in expansion of substance use and mental health services

- **Addressing funding gaps**
  - Expansion of sites and services throughout the state
  - Homeless service provider operating costs
    - Many homeless services staff are not making a living wage and experience homelessness and housing insecurity themselves
  - Expansion of the Sequential Intercept Model

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