



Homeless and Housing Coalition

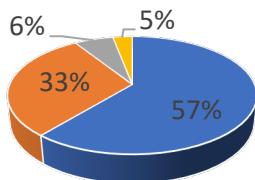
# Erie County, PA Continuum of Care

## 2025 POINT IN TIME COUNT

*a one-day snapshot of  
homelessness in our community.*

### What is the PIT Count?

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count is an annual street and shelter count that determines the number of people experiencing homelessness on any given day. Coinciding with one identified night in the last part of January, this project includes a brief survey to identify the needs and characteristics of those experiencing homelessness. Every Continuum of Care is required to submit PIT Count results to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of a national effort to identify the extent of homelessness across the country.



■ White ■ Black ■ Multi-race ■ Other

Those who are homeless often face other stressors that compound their issue (sheltered and unsheltered).

- 179 Adults battle mental illness (55%)
- 139 Adults face substance use disorders (43%)
- 33 Adults are fleeing domestic abuse (10%)

*On the night of January 23, 2025...*

**457**

**People experienced homelessness  
in Erie County**



*410 were sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or safe haven...*



*While 47 were unsheltered, spending the night outside or a place not meant for human habitation.*

**Who were these 410 sheltered on the night of January 23, 2025?**



**42 Families with Children**

- There were 131 persons in these households
- 88 Children under the age of 18
- 69 were Female and 53 were Men



**278 Households of Adults only**

- There were 279 persons in these households
- 19 were Senior Citizens (65+)
- 68 were Female, 209 were Men, 2 Other



*There were 37 households led by Veterans who served our country, accounting for 42 persons.*

### The Unsheltered

The 2025 PIT Count identified a lower number of unsheltered persons compared to 2024, but still higher than historical numbers (47 and 76, respectively). There are multiple factors contributing to the figures, including the ending of rental assistance funds, as well as an improved count methodology and increase in volunteers.

- ✓ 47 unsheltered were in adult-only situations
- ✓ No youth were identified as unsheltered in 2025
- ✓ There were 38 Males and 9 Females
- ✓ 21 identified as first time homeless
- ✓ 30 reported being homeless mover over a year
- ✓ Multiple new encampments were identified as the street outreach efforts expanded

**What we know about our unsheltered....**



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### TREND ANALYSIS: 2018 - 2025

#### Total Number of Identified Households

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Unsheltered	4	6	8	0	21	38	64	47
Emergency Shelter	191	214	206	138	183	212	250	262
Transitional/Safe Haven	79	87	72	77	44	39	54	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>361</b>

#### Total Number of Identified People in Households

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Unsheltered	4	6	8	0	23	40	76	47
Emergency Shelter	238	273	255	165	224	266	301	326
Transitional/Safe Haven	114	117	85	96	53	65	77	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>457</b>

The number of households in Erie County identified as Sheltered or Unsheltered has increased over the past several years. Point in Time Counts in 2024 and 2025 saw the highest number of households and people identified as unsheltered, residing in an emergency shelter, or in a transitional housing program. Most notable, the total number of unsheltered persons has increased significantly.

To be **CHRONICALLY HOMELESS** means that you have a disability such as mental illness, substance use disorder, or physical impairment, *and* you have experienced homelessness for **AT LEAST 1** full year continuously, or **at least four times** in the past three years. In Erie County, 112 of the 457 homeless persons, or 25%, were found to be **CHRONICALLY HOMELESS**.

### The Near Homeless

In addition to those deemed homeless, there is another cohort of families and individuals that are served by Permanent Supportive and Rapid Rehousing programs. Each year, Erie County has over 600 people, including adults and children, residing in one of our local Permanent Supportive or Rapid Rehousing Programs on the night of the Point in Time Count. Many of the residents came from the Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing programs or were unsheltered. Why is this population important to keep an eye on? If not for these programs, our homeless population could be significantly higher.

#### 2025 POINT IN TIME DATA was gathered from the following sources:

##### Emergency Shelters

Community of Caring  
CSS Drop-In Center  
Erie City Mission Samaritan Care  
EUMA Our Neighbors Place  
EUMA The Refuge  
SafeNet Hospitality House  
Safe Journey  
St. Patrick's Haven  
We Soldier On

##### Transitional Housing/Safe Havens

Erie City Mission New Life Program  
EUMA Liberty House  
Mercy Center for Women  
SafeNet Bridge House  
SafeNet TLC

##### Supplemental Collection Locations

Emmaus Ministries Meal Service  
Erie City Mission Meal Service  
MHA of NWPA Meal Service  
Upper Room Drop in Center  
Salvation Army of Corry/Union City  
ECCM Street Outreach Team  
Harvest 912 Street Outreach Team  
Erie City Mission Street Outreach Team