



**Summary of the
Erie County (PA) Continuum of Care
2022 HUD Point in Time Count
Evening of February 24, 2022 9pm
through February 25, 2022 4am**

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Overview of the 2022 Erie County Point in Time Count

- The Erie County (PA) Continuum of Care conducted their annual Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Point in Time Count of unhoused persons on the evening of February 24, 2022.
- The methodology of the Unsheltered Street Count changed substantially from past years. As opposed to canvassing Erie County during the late evening/early morning hours, the volunteer teams were stationed at known-congregation spots on Friday February 25th and conducted interviews with individuals encountered. Locations included in this approach were: Upper Room during the breakfast serving hours (7:30 am to 9:30 am); Erie City Mission (11:00 am until 1:00 pm) and Mental Health Association (10:30 am until 12:30 pm) for the lunch services; and Emmaus Soup Kitchen (3:45 until 6:00 pm) for the dinner service.
- During the Unsheltered Street Count, all persons encountered were offered a 'leave behind' bag of food, supplies, toiletries, and clothing. Just short of 400 bags were distributed over the course of the day. Items in the bags were generously supplied by many of our service providers, local businesses, and a sizable cash contribution from a local health foundation.
- This new approach of the Unsheltered Street Count led to a sizable increase in the number of identified persons. Twenty-three persons interviewed noted they slept in a place not for habitation the evening of February 24th.
- The Sheltered Count methodology remained unchanged from prior years, as HUD did not introduce any new variables to be included in the report.
- HMIS staff coordinated with the provider agencies in the few weeks prior to work on cleaning data to make sure it was accurate and up-to-date for the count. Agency and program staff were asked to complete an excel spreadsheet with their data for each of the programs they were responsible for. After submission, HMIS and Mercyhurst Civic Institute staff would reconcile figures for accurate reporting. Any discrepancies found would be addressed by the program and corrected prior to resubmission.
- 1,089 total persons were reported during the evening as being in an Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Safe Haven, Permanent Supportive, or Rapid Rehousing Program. This figure represents a 4% decrease from the 2021 figure of 1,137.
- The total number of persons identified as homeless the night of the Point in Time count was the second highest it has been in the time period data has been reported (since 2017).
- Of the 1,089 persons, a total of 277 were identified by Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing Programs and Safe Havens. It is important to separate this figure from the overall totals, as this figure is reported to HUD along with unsheltered individuals. HUD does not quantify those in long-term housing programs as being homeless. The Erie County Continuum of Care identifies them as being near homeless; without the permanent housing and rapid rehousing programs they utilize many may be reliant on the short-term programs. It is important for local planning efforts to track this population as their situations may change.

Table 1: Overall Summary 2022 Erie County Point in Time Count

Households with Adults with Children Together		
	<i>Total # Of Households</i>	<i>Total # People Residing</i>
Unsheltered	-	-
Emergency Shelters	16	55
Transitional Housing	7	15
Safe Haven	-	-
Permanent Housing/Rapid Rehousing	135	465
TOTAL ADULTS WITH CHILDREN	158	535
Households Adults Only (without Children)		
	<i>Total # Of Households</i>	<i>Total # People Residing</i>
Unsheltered	21	23
Emergency Shelters	167	169
Transitional Housing	30	31
Safe Haven	7	7
Permanent Housing/Rapid Rehousing	319	324
TOTAL ADULTS ONLY (WITHOUT CHILDREN)	544	554
Totals- Combined		
	<i>Total # Of Households</i>	<i>Total # People Residing</i>
Unsheltered	21	23
Emergency Shelters	183	224
Transitional Housing	37	46
Safe Haven	7	7
Permanent Housing/Rapid Rehousing	454	789
TOTAL ALL	702	1,089

On the evening of the 2022 PIT Count, a total of 702 households were identified, comprising of 1,089 persons. Households are identified as those being *Adults with Children*, and those comprising of *Adults Only*. Within those households of Adults with Children, there were a total of 535 persons residing within 158 households. Eighty-seven percent of those resided in Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing programs. Within Adults Only households, 554 persons resided in a total of 544 of these settings. Three-hundred and twenty-four persons resided in 319 Permanent Housing or Rapid Rehousing Programs. There were also 169 individuals residing in Emergency Shelters.

Figures in other sections of this report will illustrate further demographics of those identified in each housing type.

Figure 2: Trend Analysis of Erie County Point in Time Count Data

Figure 2a: Total # of Identified Homeless Persons

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total # Homeless	949	1,026	1,040	1,004	1,137	1,089
Total # Sheltered	941	1,022	1,034	996	1,137	1,066
Total # Unsheltered	8	4	6	8	-	23

Figure 2b: Total # of Identified Persons; by Housing Type

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Emergency Shelter	240	238	273	255	165	224
Transitional/Safe Haven	179	114	117	85	96	53
Permanent/RRH	522	670	644	656	876	789

Figure 2c: Total Number of Identified Households

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Unsheltered	4	6	8	0	21
Emergency Shelter	191	214	206	138	183
Transitional/Safe Haven	79	87	72	77	44
Permanent/RRH	350	349	385	458	454
TOTAL	624	656	671	673	702

The above figures identify trend data for the Erie County Point in Time Count from years 2017 through 2022. Figure 2a represents the total number of identified homeless since 2017. As shown, 2021 and 2022 had the highest census counts in the measured time period (1,137 and 1,089, respectively). The rise in 2021 and 2022 figures can be attributed to the COVID pandemic and the impact it has had economically, psychologically, and sociologically. Figure 2b illustrates the number of persons identified by housing type. 2021 recognized the smallest number of persons in Emergency Shelters, which was due to fewer bed spaces stemming from the pandemic. The 2022 Emergency Shelter figure was more in-line with previous years. Figure 2c illustrates the number of identified households. Transitional/Safe Haven households were considerably lower, due to a reduction in available beds in these programs, as well as need. Though 2022 served the second-highest number of persons in the measured timeframe, this past year did see the highest number of households served. Figure 2c does not include 2017 data due to reporting discrepancies.

Figure 3: Erie County Emergency Shelters, 2022 Point in Time Count

Erie County, PA CoC 2022 Point in Time Count Friday February 24, 2022	Adults and Children Together		Adults Only	
	TOTAL	Vets	TOTAL	Vets
Total # Households	16	1	167	14
Of those, the total # of people residing in these households	55	1	169	14
# of People 17 or younger	34	-	-	-
# of People 18-24	3	-	12	-
# of People age 25 and older	18	1	157	14
Female	30	-	47	1
Male	25	1	121	13
Transgender	-	-	1	-
Unspecified	-	-	-	-
Non-Hispanic	55	1	162	12
Hispanic	-	-	7	2
White	10	1	101	10
Black/African American	41	-	59	3
Asian	-	-	2	-
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	-	2	1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-
Multiple Races	4	-	5	-
Total # of Households that are Chronically Homeless	1	-	32	2
Of these, the total number of people who reside in these households (adults and children combined)	3	-	33	2

Nine Emergency Shelters reported data for the 2022 Point in Time Count. There were a total of 183 households comprising 224 persons. This population was largely made up of Adult Only households (169 persons), versus 55 in household with children. Of note, there were 34 children ages 17 or younger who were identified in an Emergency Shelter that evening. These households were also largely led by females., and 75% identified as Black/African American. Adult Only households were largely male, by almost a 3-to-1 margin, and two-thirds identified as White/Caucasian. Of the 169 persons identified in Adult Only households, 14 were known Veterans. There were also 33 persons identified as being Chronically Homeless in this population, or 20% of those in this category.

Not depicted in the table: 105 individuals were reported to have a Serious Mental Illness, 56 faced a Substance Use Disorder, and 34 were a Victim of Domestic Violence.

Table 4: Transitional Housing Programs, 2022 Point in Time Count

Erie County, PA CoC 2022 Point in Time Count Friday February 24, 2022	Adults and Children Together		Adults Only	
	TOTAL	Vets	TOTAL	Vets
Total # Households	7	1	30	1
Of those, the total # of people residing in these households	15	1	31	2
# of People 17 or younger	8	-	-	-
# of People 18-24	3	-	3	-
# of People age 25 and older	4	1	28	2
Female	7	-	7	-
Male	6	1	24	1
Transgender	-	-	-	-
Unspecified	-	-	-	-
Non-Hispanic	13	1	31	1
Hispanic	-	-	-	-
White	8	1	23	-
Black/African American	1	-	8	1
Asian	-	-	-	-
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-
Multiple Races	3	-	-	-
Total # of Households that are Chronically Homeless	1	-	1	-
Of these, the total number of people who reside in these households (adults and children combined)	2	-	1	-

Five Transitional Housing programs reported a total of 46 persons for the evening of the 2022 PIT Count. As with Emergency Shelters, those households of Adults with Children were largely led by females, while Adult Only households were approximately 80% male. Two-thirds of those in Transitional Housing programs identified as White/Caucasian.

Not depicted in the table: 27 individuals were reported to have a Serious Mental Illness, 29 had a Substance Use Disorder, and 12 a Victim of Domestic Violence.

NOTE: 2 of the 15 persons identified in the Adults with Children category did not have demographic figures reported.

Table 5: Safe Haven Programs: 2022 Point in Time Count

Erie County, PA CoC 2022 Point in Time Count Friday February 24, 2022	Adults Only	
	Total	Vets
Total # Households	7	7
Of those, the total # of people residing in these households	7	7
# of People 17 or younger	-	-
# of People 18-24	-	-
# of People age 25 and older	7	7
Female	-	-
Male	7	7
Transgender	-	-
Unspecified	-	-
Non-Hispanic	7	7
Hispanic	-	-
White	7	7
Black/African American	-	-
Asian	-	-
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	-
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	-	-
Multiple Races	-	-
Total # of Households that are Chronically Homeless (see definition of chronically homeless)	1	1
Of these, the total number of people who reside in these households (adults and children combined)	1	1

There is one Safe Haven program within the Erie County Continuum of Care service area. There were 7 males reported in this program on the night of the 2022 Point in Time Count. All were identified as White males, with Veteran status.

Table 6: Permanent Supportive & Rapid Rehousing Programs, 2022 Point in Time Count

Erie County, PA CoC 2022 Point in Time Count Friday February 24, 2022	Adults and Children Together		Adults Only	
	TOTAL	Vets	TOTAL	Vets
Total # Households	135	7	319	96
Of those, the total # of people residing in these households	465	26	324	99
# of People 17 or younger	292	15	-	-
# of People 18-24	21	-	11	
# of People age 25 and older	150	11	313	96
Female	280	11	90	9
Male	185	10	233	89
Transgender			1	-
Unspecified			-	-
Non-Hispanic	400	2	293	96
Hispanic	46	-	9	2
White	201	18	226	74
Black/African American	188	3	83	23
Asian	1	-	1	
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	-	2	
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	11	-	-	
Multiple Races	62	-	11	1
Total # of Households that are Chronically Homeless (see definition of chronically homeless)	31	9	128	87
Of these, the total number of people who reside in these households (adults and children combined)	110	30	133	90

Ten Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing Programs participated in the 2022 Point in Time Count. Seven-hundred and eighty-nine persons were identified as residing in one of these long-term housing programs. There were 135 Adult with Children households comprising of 465 persons, including 292 children under the age of 18. Approximately 43% were reported as Caucasian/White, and 60% were female. There were 319 Adults Only households, consisting of 324 persons. Ninety-nine (30%) were Veterans. Approximately 70% of this population were males and Caucasian/White. Over 40% were identified as being Chronically Homeless. Note: not all demographic information was reported for all children; therefore, the above categories may not equal the total number of people residing in corresponding households.

Not depicted in the table: 244 were reported to have a Serious Mental Illness, 100 a Substance Use Disorder, and 132 were victims of Domestic Violence.

Table 7: Other Data Points — 2022 Point in Time Count

VETERANS

- One hundred and forty-nine persons were identified in Veteran-led households on the evening of the 2022 Point in Time Count. There were 126 households.
- Seventeen were identified in Emergency Shelters, 7 were in Safe Haven programming, and one Veteran was identified in the Unsheltered Count. The balance (124) were counted in Permanent Supportive or Rapid Rehousing programs.
- Of the Veteran households identified, 99 were known to be Chronically Homeless, accounting for 123 persons.
- Veterans identified were also identified as having a SMI diagnosis (24), battling Substance Use Disorder (23), or have been a victim of Domestic Violence (13).

YOUTH

- For HUD-reporting purposes, Youth are defined as unaccompanied young adults (18 – 24), unaccompanied children (under age 18), parenting young adults (18 – 24), or parenting youth (under age 18). No adults 25 or older are present in these households.
- Twenty Youth households were identified during the 2022 Point in Time Count.
- There were 15 total unaccompanied youth households; twelve were in Emergency Shelters and 3 in Transitional Housing.
- All were ages 18 – 24. Eight were female, one male, and one transgender
- Five Parenting Youth households were identified, consisting of 12 total persons.
- Six Parenting Youth with six additional children comprised this total.
- Two households were in Emergency Shelter, while three were in Transitional Housing.

Table 8: Bed Utilization Rates—2022 Point in Time Count

EMERGENCY SHELTERS	Clients Served	# Beds	% Capacity
SafeNet - Hospitality House	5	44	11%
Safe Journey	0	8	0%
EUMA -Refuge	25	30	83%
EUMA Hotel/Motel Voucher*	21	21	100%
Erie City Mission—Samaritan Care	28	56	50%
Community Shelter Services - Shelter	52	67	78%
St Patrick's Haven	23	23	100%
Community of Caring - Emergency Shelter/Mary Rose	37	43	86%
EUMA Our Neighbors Place	33	36	92%
TOTALS FOR ES	224	328	68%

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING/SAFE HAVEN	Clients Served	# Beds	% Capacity
Mercy Center for Women	16	27	59%
Erie City Mission - New Life Program	23	38	61%
SafeNet TLC	4	18	22%
SafeNet - Bridge House	1	30	3%
EUMA - Transitional Housing	2	2	100%
EUMA - Liberty House	7	10	70%
TOTALS FOR TH and SH	53	125	42%

PERM. SUPPORTIVE / RAPID REHOUS.	Clients Served	# Beds	% Capacity
EUMA - My Way Home	168	168	100%
Community Shelter Services—Lodge on Sass	49	50	98%
Community Shelter Services - Columbus Apartments	37	40	93%
Community Shelter Services - Lighting the Candle	68	68	100%
Guadenzia - Fresh Start	33	34	97%
Erie Dawn RRH	9	12	75%
HUD VASH*	98	98	100%
Soldier On RRH*	2	2	100%
ECCM -Self Start	229	246	93%
ECCM RRH*	96	96	100%
TOTALS FOR PH	789	814	97%

TOTAL UTILIZATION RATES	1045	1246	84%
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Bed utilization rates are depicted in the table above. These figures should be read with caution, however. In some cases, voucher and rental assistance programs do not have a true bed capacity (noted with *) and figures reported above are duplicative of clients served in those cases. The above does give a reasonable estimate of bed utilization for the 2022 Point in Time Count.

Agency Participation by Program Type - 2022 Point in Time Count

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

- ⇒ *Community of Caring Drop in Shelter/Mary Rose Sanctuary*
- ⇒ *Community Shelter Services Emergency Shelter*
- ⇒ *Erie City Mission Samaritan Care*
- ⇒ *Erie United Methodist Alliance Hotel/Motel Program*
- ⇒ *Erie United Methodist Alliance Refuge*
- ⇒ *Erie United Methodist Alliance Our Neighbors Place*
- ⇒ *Safe Journey*
- ⇒ *SafeNet Hospitality House*
- ⇒ *Saint Patrick's Haven*

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- ⇒ *Erie City Mission New Life Program*
- ⇒ *Erie United Methodist Alliance Transitional Housing*
- ⇒ *Erie United Methodist Alliance Liberty House (Safe Haven)**
- ⇒ *Mercy Center for Women*
- ⇒ *SafeNet Bridge House*
- ⇒ *SafeNet TLC Program*

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE

- ⇒ *Community Shelter Services Lodge on Sass*
- ⇒ *Community Shelter Services Columbus Apartments*
- ⇒ *Community Shelter Services Lighting the Candle*
- ⇒ *Erie County Care Mgmt Permanent Supportive Housing*
- ⇒ *Erie United Methodist Alliance My Way Home*
- ⇒ *Gaudenzia Fresh Start*
- ⇒ *Veteran Affairs HUD-VASH*

RAPID REHOUSING

- ⇒ *Erie County Care Mgmt Rapid Rehousing*
- ⇒ *Erie Dawn Rapid Rehousing*
- ⇒ *Soldier On Rapid Rehousing*



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