CT Balance of State (CT BOS) Continuum of Care (CoC) Steering Committee Meeting

September 19, 2025

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Group Agreements for Meetings
- Adopt August Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- HUD NOFOs
- 2025 Point-in-time Count of People Experiencing Homelessness Report
- Break Out Groups
- CT CAN End Homelessness Updates
- Federal Updates
- Vote -- CT BOS CoC Governance Updates
- Data Strategy Board (DSB) Updates
- Partner Announcements & Other Business

CT BOS Group Agreements for Meetings

Developed by Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP)

- Be present and listen actively
- Choose courage over comfort
- Participate to the fullest of your ability
- Take space, make space
- Assume good intent, but also acknowledge impact
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Use "I" statements
- Recognize emotional tax, extra labor, and burden that Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPI), Latino/a/x, LGBTQ+, persons with Behavioral Health issues, DV survivors, Veterans and people with lived expertise/experience of homelessness face in some conversations
- Honor the Conflicts of Interest Policy

Approve August Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Draft SC Minutes August 2025

Announcements

Reminder: Post Steering Committee Debrief

- Anyone who has questions or comments about Steering Committee business can stay on at the end of the monthly zoom meeting.

- As always, questions/comments can also be sent CTBOSCoC@gmail.com or call a team member any time!

Welcome Stacey Hooker, MMW CAN Rep

CT BOS Semi-Annual Meeting!
CT State Community College Middlesex
November 21, 2025 – 11am-1pm

2026 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) & Point-in-Time(PIT) Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness

- **Count will be January 27, 2026**

- HIC and PIT required by HUD annually & include:

  o All beds and units (HIC) dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness

  o Includes emergency shelters (ES), transitional housing (TH), safe havens (SH), rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing & other permanent housing (e.g. emergency housing vouchers)

  o People experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness (PIT) at a single point in time

  ➤ Sheltered homelessness - people staying in ES,TH, SH

  ➤ Unsheltered homelessness - people sleeping in places not meant for human habitation

2026 Point-in-time (PIT) Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness Training

Training Registration Link for Sheltered Programs

- 10/7/25 – 10am-12pm

- Training for users confirming the programs for PIT and bed information for:

- Emergency Shelter; Safe Haven; Transitional Housing; Permanent Supportive Housing; Rapid Rehousing programs; Other Permanent Housing (e.g. emergency housing vouchers)

Training Registration Link for Unsheltered Programs

- 10/7/25 – 1pm-3pm

- Training for users confirming Street Outreach programs (including Youth Navigators) and the unsheltered persons count for PIT.

Introduction to CT BOS Slides Available

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INTRO TO CT BOS

CT BOS Equal Access Zoom Training 10/29: 1pm-3pm

HUD's Equal Access rule ensures equal access to HUD's Department of Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs, shelters, benefits, services and accommodations.

It prohibits certain forms of discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender nonconforming individuals.

CT BOS will conduct an Equal Access virtual training on **Wednesday, October 29th from 1 - 3 p.m.**

The training will include:
- The requirements of HUD's 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rule & HUD's policy prohibiting involuntary family separation
- CT BOS's LGBTQIA+ Policy
- Sample Agency Level Anti-Discrimination Policy

Link to Join; Meeting ID: 823 9072 2008; Passcode: 415285; Phone: 646 876 9923

DOH Notice of Funding Availability Homeless Shelter Capital Improvement Funds

- Funding for non-profits for capital improvements to facilities
  - Must house or provide services to persons experiencing homelessness
  - Emergency shelters, day shelters, homeless hubs and other facilities can apply

- Improvements to:
  - kitchens, bathrooms and sleeping areas, beds
  - generators, painting, plumbing and electrical repair and upgrades
  - heating and air conditioning systems, and energy conservation

- May not be used for acquisitions, demolitions, purchases of land or buildings

- Applications accepted starting 9/15/25 through 3/15/26 or until all funds are committed.

- Click to read the full NOFA.

HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs)

CoC Builds 3 NOFO Insights

- Funds for capital projects
- Recalled applications submitted in Round 2 of CoC Builds NOFO
- Requires applicants to certify a number of new items:
  - Applicant will and does require participants to participate in services by contract, occupancy agreement, or lease.
  - Locality where project is prohibits public illicit drug use and enforces prohibition
  - Locality prohibits public camping or loitering and enforces such prohibition
  - The applicant does not and will not deny the sex binary in humans or promote the notion that sex is a chosen or mutable characteristic
  - The city, county, or state in which the project is located cooperates with Federal immigration enforcement.
- See the NOFO for the full list of certifications: CoC Builds NOFO 9-2025
- The U.S. District Court for the District of RI granted a temporary restraining order (TRO) in National Alliance to End Homelessness v. Turner, et al, halting any activities on the CoC Builds NOFO.

HUD CoC Eligible New Project Type Stabilization Beds

- HUD has announced that it will seek applications for new Transitional Housing (TH) through the 2025 CoC Competition
- BOS anticipates seeking applications for TH/Stabilization Beds serving:
  - People experiencing unsheltered homelessness who are medically and/or psychiatrically vulnerable
  - Including but not limited to older adults
- Interested applicants should begin formulating a project concept
- Will release info on process and deadline for submission once HUD releases the NOFO
- BOS anticipates a quick turn-around for the apps

HUD CoC Eligible New Project Type Stabilization Beds (2)

- **Housing stabilization beds** should be part of the local Coordinated Access Network(s) street outreach strategy
- Must provide immediate, short-term, temporary housing for people living in unsheltered locations.
- Purpose is to provide stability and a pathway to permanent housing or long-term care.
- Key services include:
  - Offering a safe place to sleep and basic services like showers
  - Providing case management and housing location assistance
  - Providing linkages to medical and behavioral health treatment
  - Providing linkages to public benefits
  - Aftercare services to support transition to permanent housing

HUD CoC Eligible New Project Type Stabilization Beds (3)

- Stabilization beds can include hotel/motel locations
- Project must dedicate 100% of CoC funded units exclusively to serve people living in places not meant for human habitation
- Projects must coordinate with DMHAS funded street outreach projects
- Projects are encouraged to develop partnerships with:
  - Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
  - Local Mental Health Authority
  - Other licensed medical and behavioral health providers.
- Eligible activities: master leasing of a structure or units, operating costs, supportive services, HMIS; project administration, and/or VAWA.

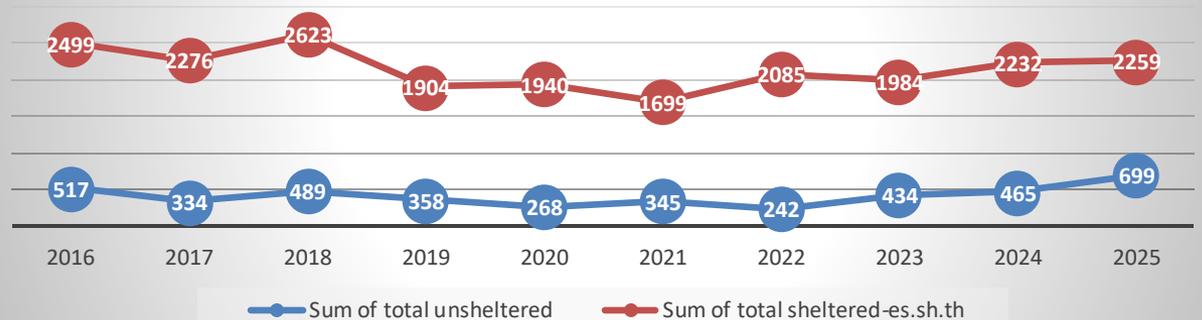# CT HMIS
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2025 POINT IN TIME COUNT

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Balance of State Homeless - Sheltered and Unsheltered

Year	Sum of total unsheltered	Sum of total sheltered-es.sh.th
2016	517	2499
2017	334	2276
2018	489	2623
2019	358	1904
2020	268	1940
2021	345	1699
2022	242	2085
2023	434	1984
2024	465	2232
2025	699	2259

Agenda

- Where are they Now
- Profile
- Trends Persons
- Trends Beds
- Utilization and Empty Beds (not included in final report)
- Dashboards

Statewide - Where are they Now

73% of all ES programs were participating in HMIS on the night of the count.
- Note that 100% of all year-round beds are in HMIS
- The 27% represents DV and seasonal ES programs

83% of all people counted in ES were found in an HMIS based ES program.

94% of all SO programs participated in HMIS on the night of the count.
85% of all people counted in SO were found in an HMIS based SO program.

For any persons in an HMIS Emergency Shelter (ES) or Street Outreach (SO) program counted in 2022, 2023 or now 2024 we can see if they continue to experience homelessness in 2025

Counted in ES/SO in 2022		Counted in ES/SO in 2023		Counted in ES/SO in 2024	
Program Type	Location in 2025	Program Type	Location in 2025	Program Type	Location in 2025
Emergency Shelter	60	Emergency Shelter	83	Emergency Shelter	278
Street Outreach	20	Street Outreach	33	Street Outreach	85
Permanent Housing	223	Permanent Housing	253	Permanent Housing	271
Rapid Re-Housing	23	Rapid Re-Housing	80	Rapid Re-Housing	173
Transitional/Safe Haven	0	Transitional/Safe Haven	0	Transitional/Safe Haven	3
Grand Total	326	Grand Total	449	Grand Total	810

Statewide-Where are they Now

36-month range - 326 people counted in 2025 and 2022:
- 60(18%) were still found in an ES in 2025
- 20(6%) were still in SO in 2025
- 246(75%) fortunately were counted in more stable situations in 2025, either PSH or RRH

24-month range - 449 people counted in 2025 and 2023:
- 83(18%) were still found in an ES program in 2025
- 33(8%) were found in an SO program in 2025
- 333(74%) fortunately were counted in more stable situations in 2025, either PSH or RRH

12-month range - 810 counted in 2025 and 2024:
- 278(34%) were still found in an ES program in 2025
- 85(10%) were still found in an SO program in 2025 count
- 447(55%) fortunately were counted in more stable situations in 2025, either PSH, RRH or TH

2025 vs. 2024
PIT Household Profile

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HMIS Emergency Shelter – Households With Children

ES HH w/children	PIT - HMIS total person count	PIT - HMIS household count
2025	523	166
2024	454	140

ES HH w/children	HH with income	ave income	%with income	HH with income from work	ave income from work	HH with income from other	ave income from other	HH with zero income	% with zero income	HH with No income data
2025	91	1377	55%	38	1892.45	57	913.16	70	42%	8
2024	76	1472	54%	41	1688	34	1133	62	44%	2

ES HH w/children	members with ins	%with ins	members with no ins.	%w/o ins	ins dnc	%ins dnc
2025	418	80%	41	8%	64	12%
2024	399	88%	29	6%	25	6%

ES HH w/children	HH with Non Cash	%with noncash	HH no nonCash	%without noncash	HH no data nonCASH
2025	115	69%	42	25%	9
2024	107	76%	33	24%	na

2025 vs. 2024 PIT Household Profile

HMIS Emergency Shelter – Household w/o Children

ES HH Adult Only	PIT - HMIS total person count	PIT - HMIS household count
2025	1079	1058
2024	909	888

ES HH Adult Only	adults with income	ave income	%with income	adults with income from work	ave income from work	adults with income from other	ave income from other	people with zero income	% with zero income	adults with No income data
2025	401	1199.51	37%	90	1534.12	311	1089	632	59%	46
2024	363	1115	40%	82	1459	285	1005	523	58%	23

ES HH Adult Only	members with ins	%with ins	members with no ins.	%w/o ins	ins dnc	%ins dnc
2025	921	85%	97	9%	61	6%
2024	789	87%	93	10%	27	3%

ES HH Adult Only	ppl with Non Cash	%with noncash	ppl no nonCash	%without noncash	ppl no data nonCASH
2025	576	53%	454	42%	49
2024	503	55%	390	43%	16

2025 vs. 2024
PIT Household Profile

HMIS Street Outreach - Household w/o Children

SO HH Adult Only	PIT - HMIS total person count	PIT - HMIS household count
2025	570	565
2024	387	na

SO HH Adult Only	adults with income	ave income	%with income	adults with income from work	ave income from work	adults with income from other	ave income from other	adults with zero income	% with zero income	adults with No income data
2025	183	1232	32%	45	1786	145	1063	342	60%	42
2024	138	1268	36%	42	1731	96	1023	209	54%	40

SO HH Adult Only	members with ins	%with ins	members with no ins.	%w/o ins	ins dnc	%ins dnc
2025	421	74%	65	11%	84	15%
2024	270	70%	45	12%	72	19%

SO HH Adult Only	adults with Non Cash	%with noncash	adults no nonCash	%without noncash	adults no data nonCASH
2025	266	47%	240	42%	64
2024	172	44%	142	37%	72

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People Counts

The Sheltered Homeless count has flattened a bit
The Unsheltered Homeless count continues to climb with the largest increase
between counts from 465 in 2024 up to 699 in 2025

Balance of State Homeless - Sheltered and Unsheltered
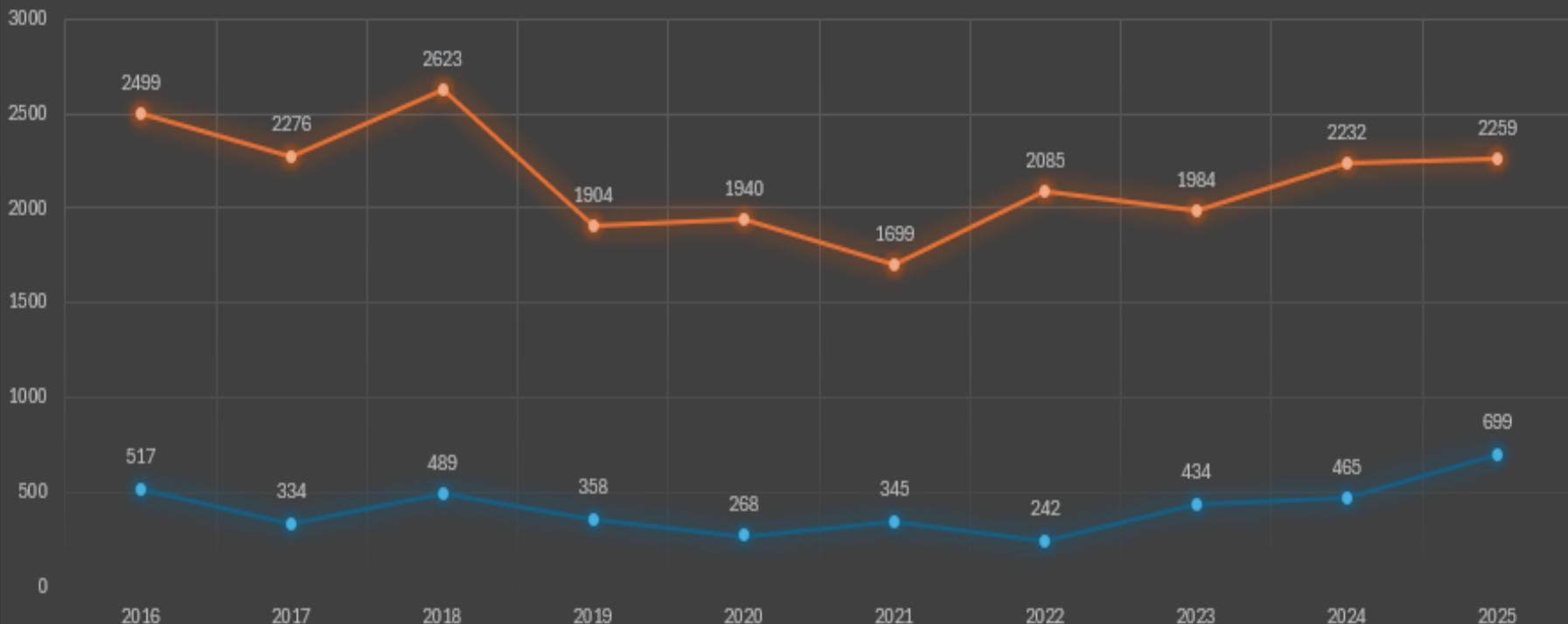
Household Counts – With Children

There was a total of 261 families experiencing homelessness, comprised of 791 people of which 462 were children.
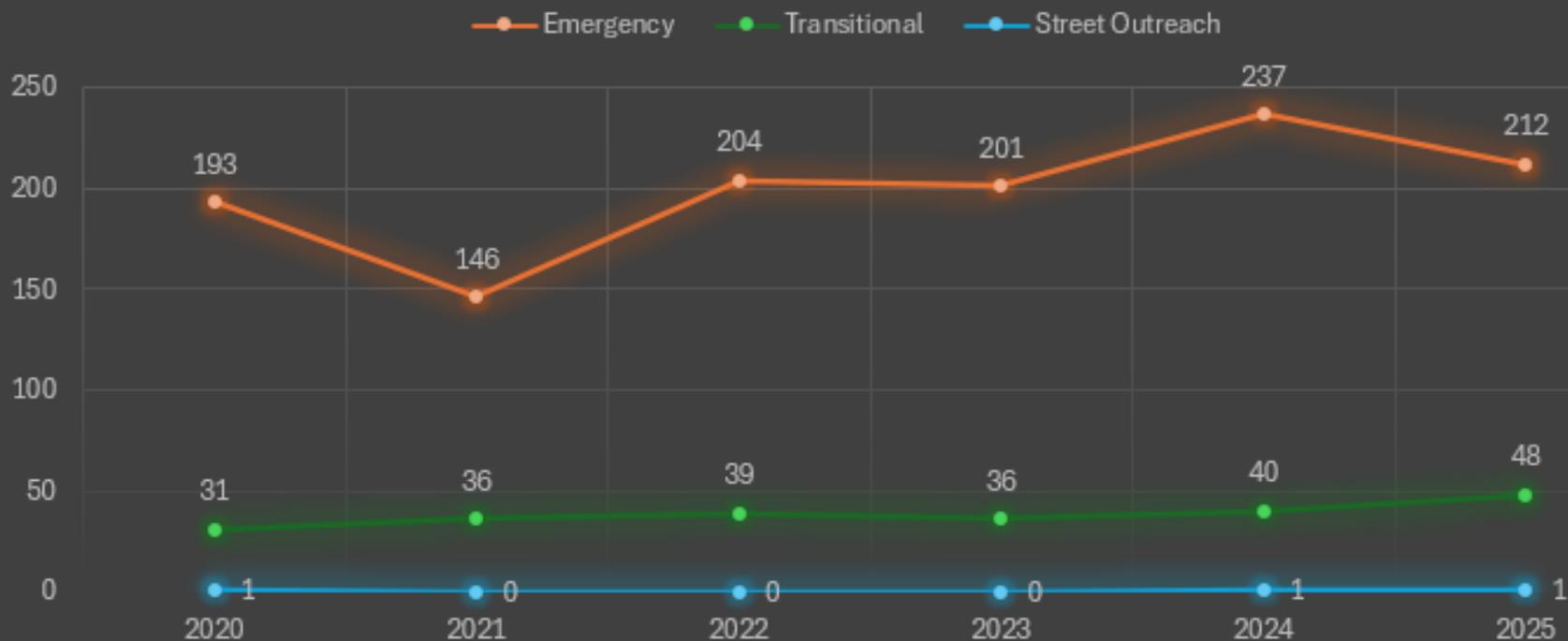
Household Counts – With Adults Only

There was a total of 2,119 households experiencing homelessness, comprised of 2,167 between the ages of 18-over 64

BOS Households without children

Legend: Emergency, Transitional, Safe Haven, Street Outreach

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Emergency	1039	1023	1169	1033	1181	1313
Street Outreach	257	345	240	425	453	686
Transitional	186	141	127	145	139	100
Safe Haven	9	9	13	16	20	20
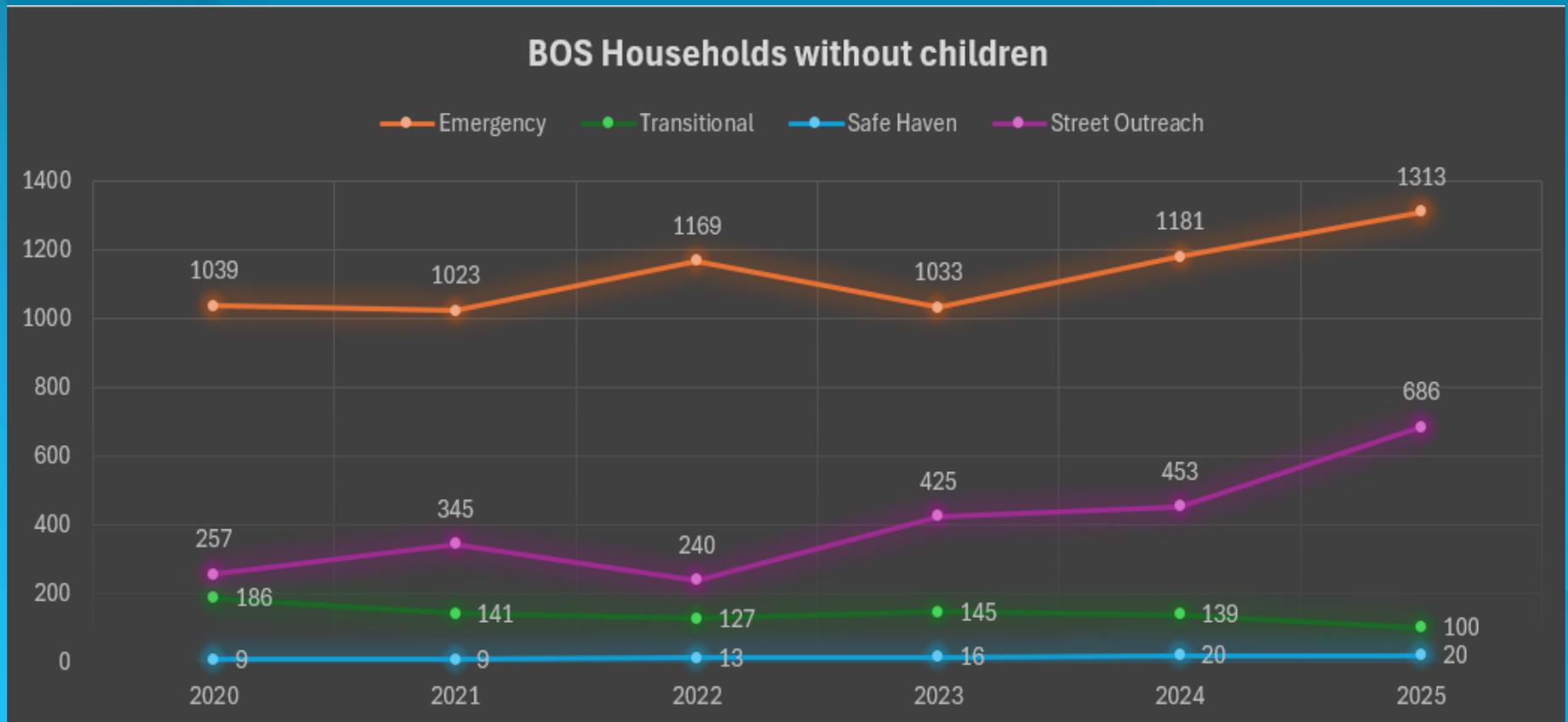
Household Counts – Parenting Youth Households

BOS Parenting Youth Households – these are households where the parents are between the ages of 18-24. There were a total of 36 households of 85 people of which 23 were children
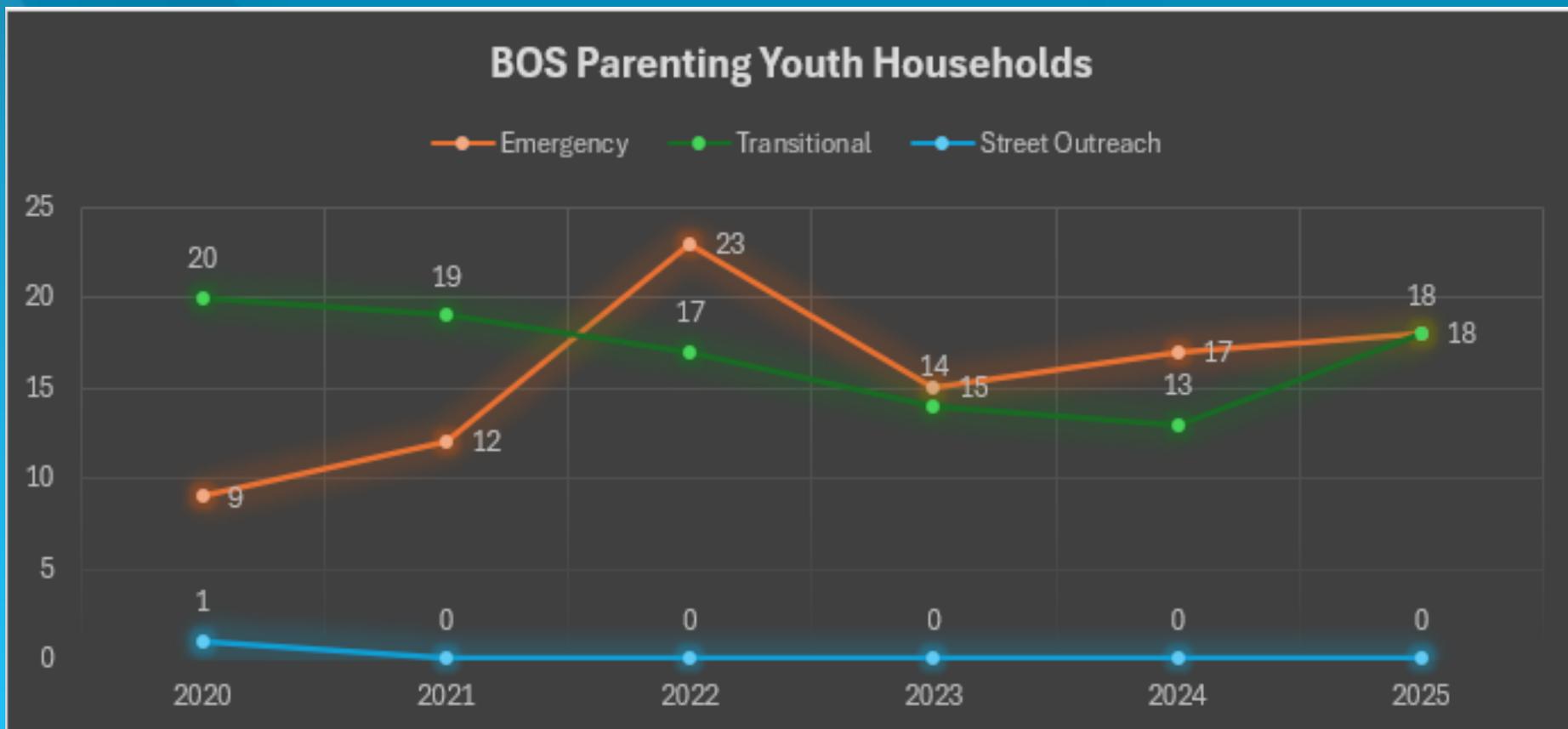
Household Counts – Unaccompanied Youth Households

BOS Unaccompanied Youth Households – these are households generally of single individuals who are between the ages of 18-24. There were 110 households of 110 people

Bed Counts

BOS Emergency Shelter (ES), Safe Haven (SH) and Transitional Housing (TH) Bed Counts:

BOS ES, SH, TH Beds by Year

ES — SH — TH

Year	ES	TH	SH
2016	2043	704	
2017	2006	620	
2018	2528	360	
2019	1912	350	5
2020	2067	340	11
2021	1996	343	15
2022	2210	310	20
2023	2086	334	20
2024	2237	308	20
2025	2323	262	25
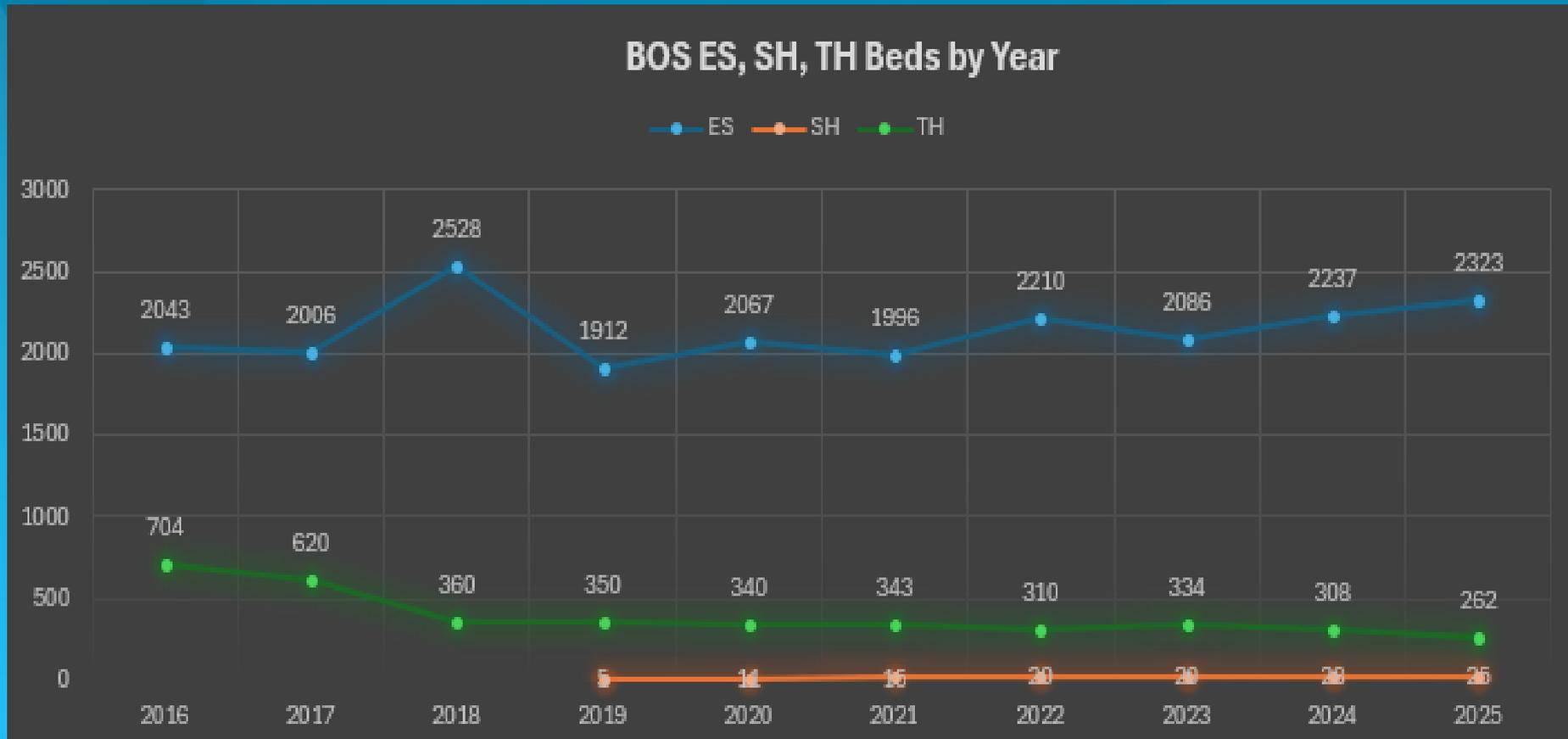
BOS - Utilization (not included in write up)

BOS Emergency Shelter (ES), Safe Haven (SH) and Transitional Housing (TH) Utilization – All Beds HMIS and Non-HMIS:

ES.SH.TH Utilization
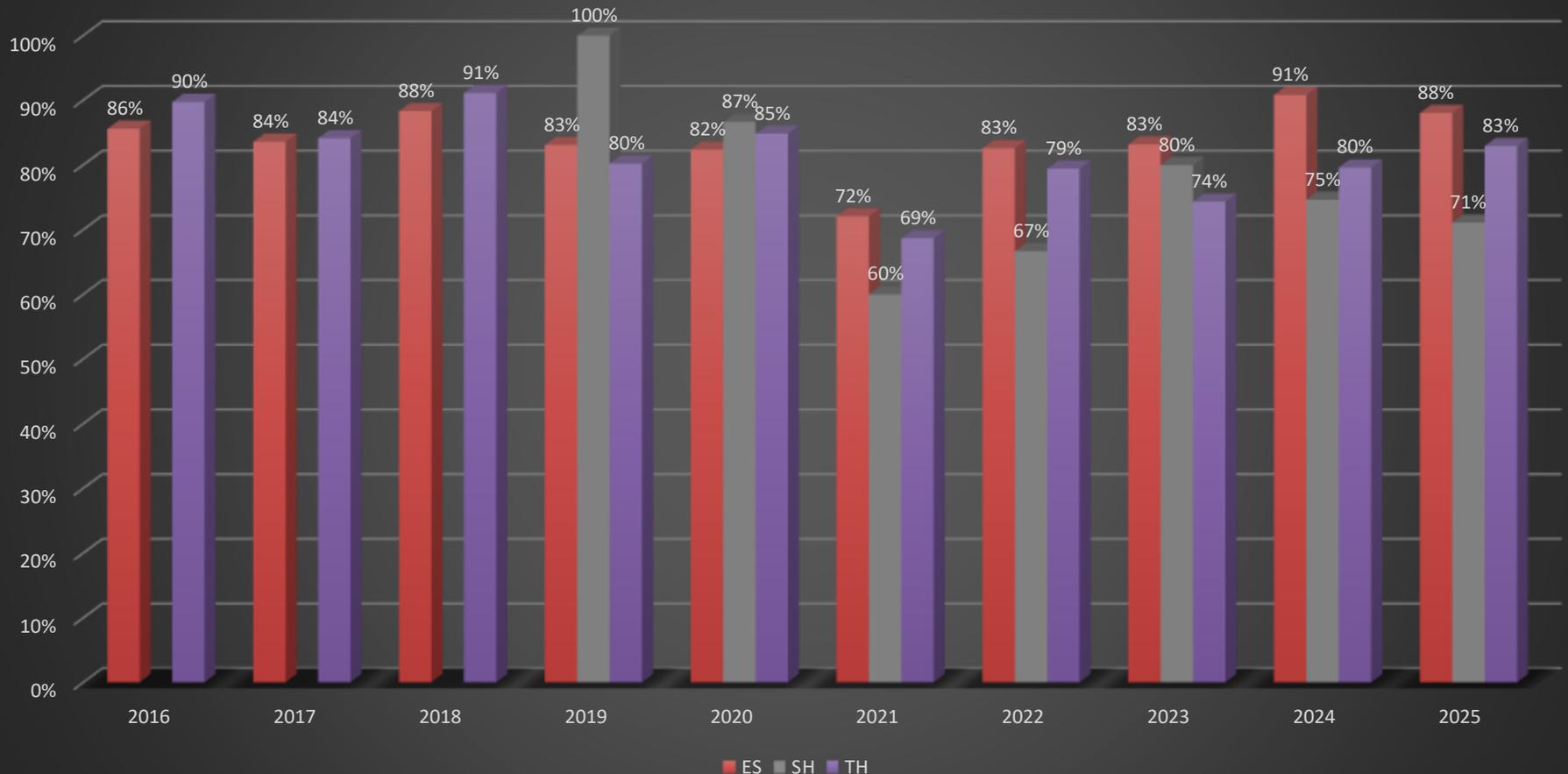
BOS – Empty Bed Review (not included in write up)

Only Counts HMIS participating programs and year-round beds. There is not an effective way to have actionable items for non-HMIS programs

BOS ES Empty Beds

■ both ■ Family ■ Individuals
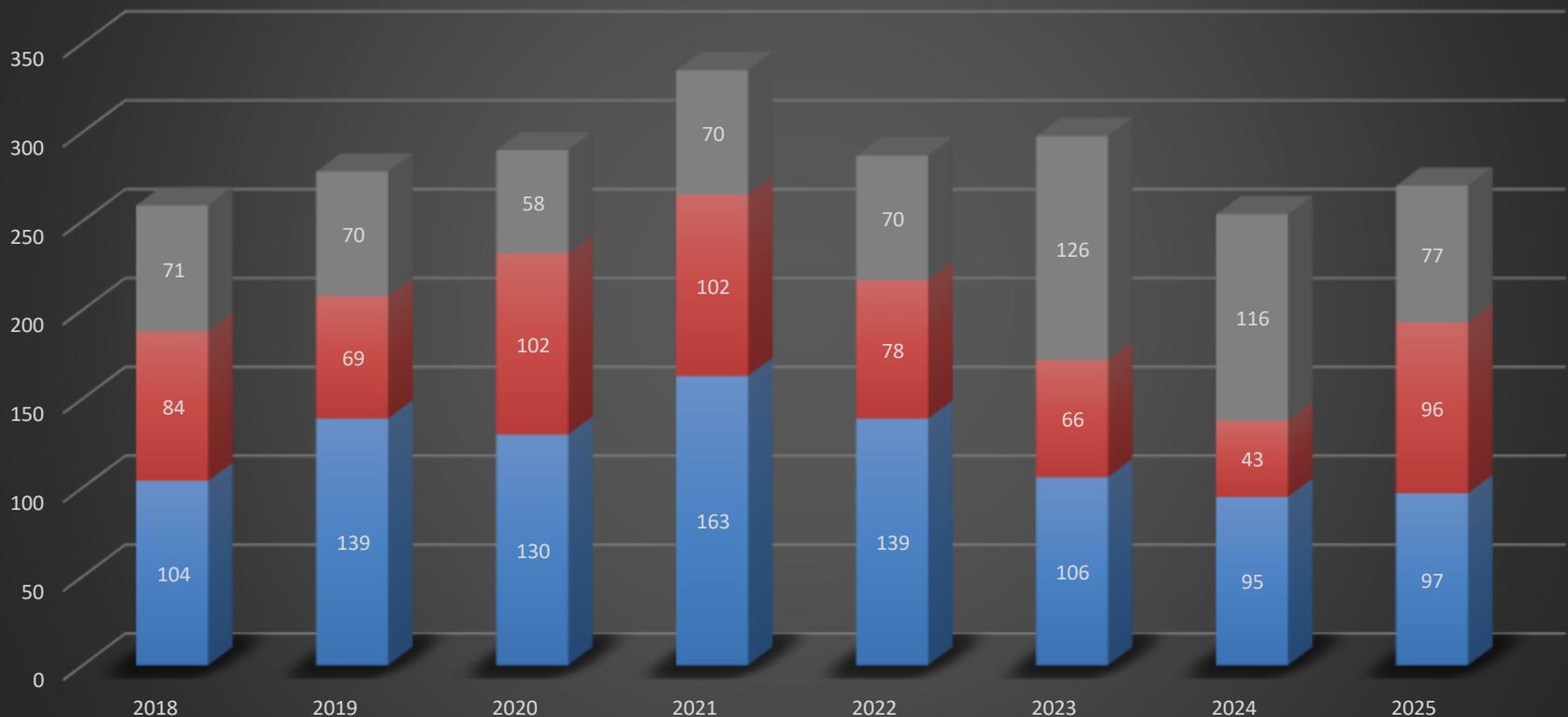
Year	both	Family	Individuals
2018	104	84	71
2019	139	69	70
2020	130	102	58
2021	163	102	70
2022	139	78	70
2023	106	66	126
2024	95	43	116
2025	97	96	77

BOS – Empty Bed Review (not included in write up)

Only Counts HMIS participating programs and 'current' inventory

BOS TH.SH Empty Beds

both ■ Family ■ Individuals

Year	both	Family	Individuals
2018	1	12	16
2019		5	31
2020		1	31
2021		8	75
2022		5	37
2023	2	11	49
2024		12	35
2025		10	31
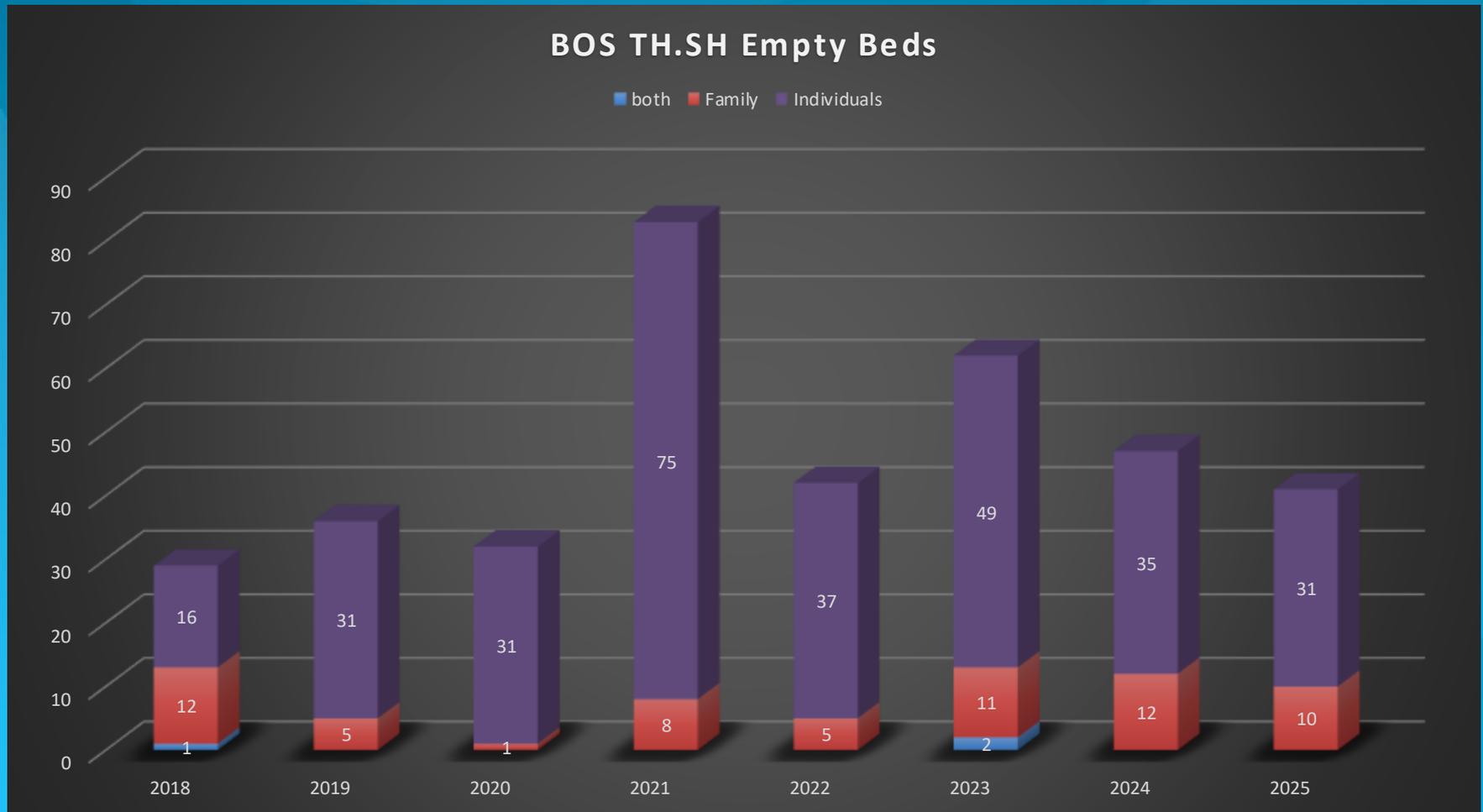
Bed Counts

BOS Permanent Housing (PH), Other Public Housing (OPH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

BOS PSH and RRH Beds by Year

BOS Permanent Housing (PH), Other Public Housing (OPH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-housing (RRH) - All Beds HMIS and Non-HMIS:

PH.OPH.PSH.RRH Utilization

BOS – Empty Bed Review (not included in write up)

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Only Counts HMIS participating programs and 'current' inventory
A new data element for 2025 is a count of reserved beds to help capture why a
PSH bed may be empty on the night of the PIT Count

BOS PSH.PH Empty Beds

Legend: ■ both ■ Family ■ Individuals ■ Reserved

Year	both	Family	Individuals	Reserved
2018	73	30	70	
2019	87	40	85	
2020	94	52	130	
2021	140	82	171	
2022	228	82	252	
2023	191	111	265	
2024	201	104	342	
2025	177	51	268	46

The challenge as we continue forward will be:
- Housing affordability
- How to slow the influx of new homeless and re-occurring homelessness
- How to address utilization/empty beds
- How to transition those in PSH and RRH into independence
- How to address the aging populations, there has been a 23.5% increase in 55 and over from 2024 to 2025
- Continue to bring in funds for more permanent housing opportunities.
- Gainful employment opportunities and training
- Bring landlords into the system
  - get their information into HMIS
  - How many units do they have?
  - When will their next unit be available?
  - What rent do the charge?

Changes in 2024 and 2025

1. 2024 - HUD combined the Race and Ethnicity categories and expanded the choices for multiple race options.

2. 2024 - HUD expanded the gender categories allowing for multiple combinations. HUD has made slight changes to this category each year but this year was by far the most dynamic.

3. 2025 – HUD removed the gender questions but we kept them b/c the HMIS change doesn't happen until 10/1/2025 so we had all the data and the Non-HMIS programs were still able to collect the data in the PIT App.

PIT Dashboard
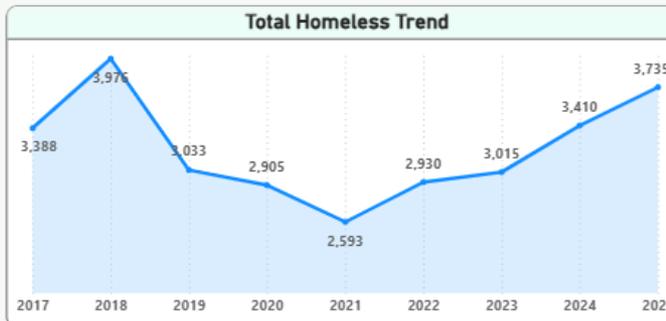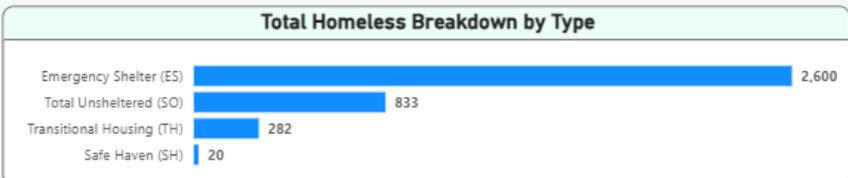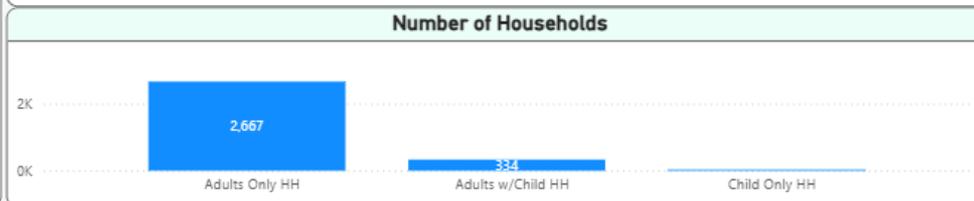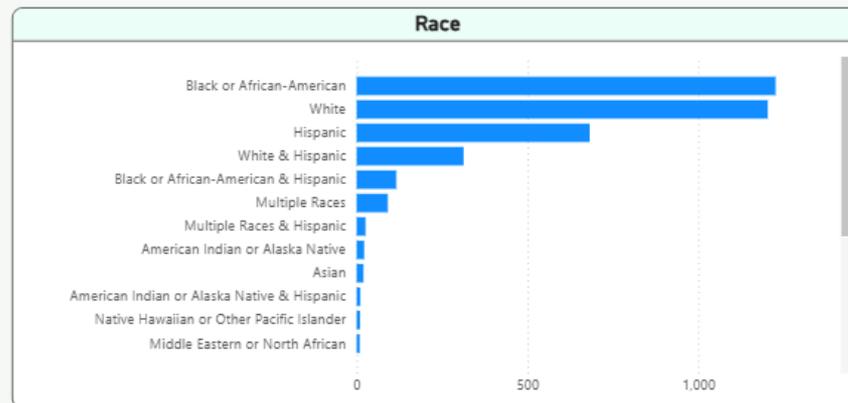
Rent Crisis Dashboard

Dashboard shows rent contributions tracked in HMIS by any program that provides rental support such as RRH, PSH, PH, Prevention or Services Only – Link Below:
CT Rent Crisis Dashboard Link

Discussions

- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion for today:
  ◦ What PIT results stood out to you the most?
- Please share suggestions in the chat or email to ctboscoc@gmail.com

Reminders: To join a group, accept the invitation. Any issues, return to the main session for assistance.

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Updates

Federal Updates

Update on Manatt Consult for the State of CT

- NAEH has received a written opinion from Manatt on complying with the new HUD CoC contract requirements.

- CT BOS and ODFC have been exploring whether Manatt can provide an opinion specific to CT and possibly offer a Q&A session for agencies.

- Next steps

Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act (PRWOA) Updates – Good News!

- The Department of Justice (DOJ) sought to end certain exemptions, meaning CoC program recipients and subrecipients who are not nonprofits would need to verify immigration status for all program types.

- Connecticut AG joined a multi-state lawsuit to block restrictions

- State of NY vs U.S. Department of Justice - **Preliminary Injunction Granted!**

- CT and other states that joined the suit currently do not need to check immigration status.

FY 26 Budget and Advocacy to Honor 2-year NOFO

- FY 25 Budget expires 9/30/25.

- If Congress does not pass a full appropriations bill, options:
  - ✓ Government shutdown
  - ✓ Continuing Resolution (CR)

- Advocates calling for any CR to require HUD to:
  - ✓ Honor the two-year FY24 CoC Program NOFO
  - ✓ Award renewal funding per results of the FY24 CoC Competition

2025 Awards

- Agencies should prepare for significantly delayed 2025 awards:
  - Will impact operating years that begin in 2026.
  - Projects will not be able to draw down funds until grant agreements are executed
  - Projects with start dates in Q1 or Q2 of 2026 most likely to be impacted

Proposed Updates to CT BOS Governance

Updates to BOS Governance – Clean up Items

- Adds new selection process for Community Representatives (CR's)
- Changes "HMIS Steering Committee" to "Data Strategy Board" and removes PIT oversight as a responsibility of that body.
- Includes hearing grievances from clients in BOS projects in purpose of the Grievance Committee.

Vote -- Community Representative Selection Process - Proposed Bylaws change s

Motion:

- Annually and as needed, the CLIP program will recruit and vet people to serve as Community Reps for the BOS Steering Committee. The CLIP program will present a slate of Community Representatives for acceptance by the Steering Committee.

- Approve wording changes in previous slide

Detailed Gantt Chart for Statewide HMIS RFP Timeline (Sept 2025 - Mar 2026)
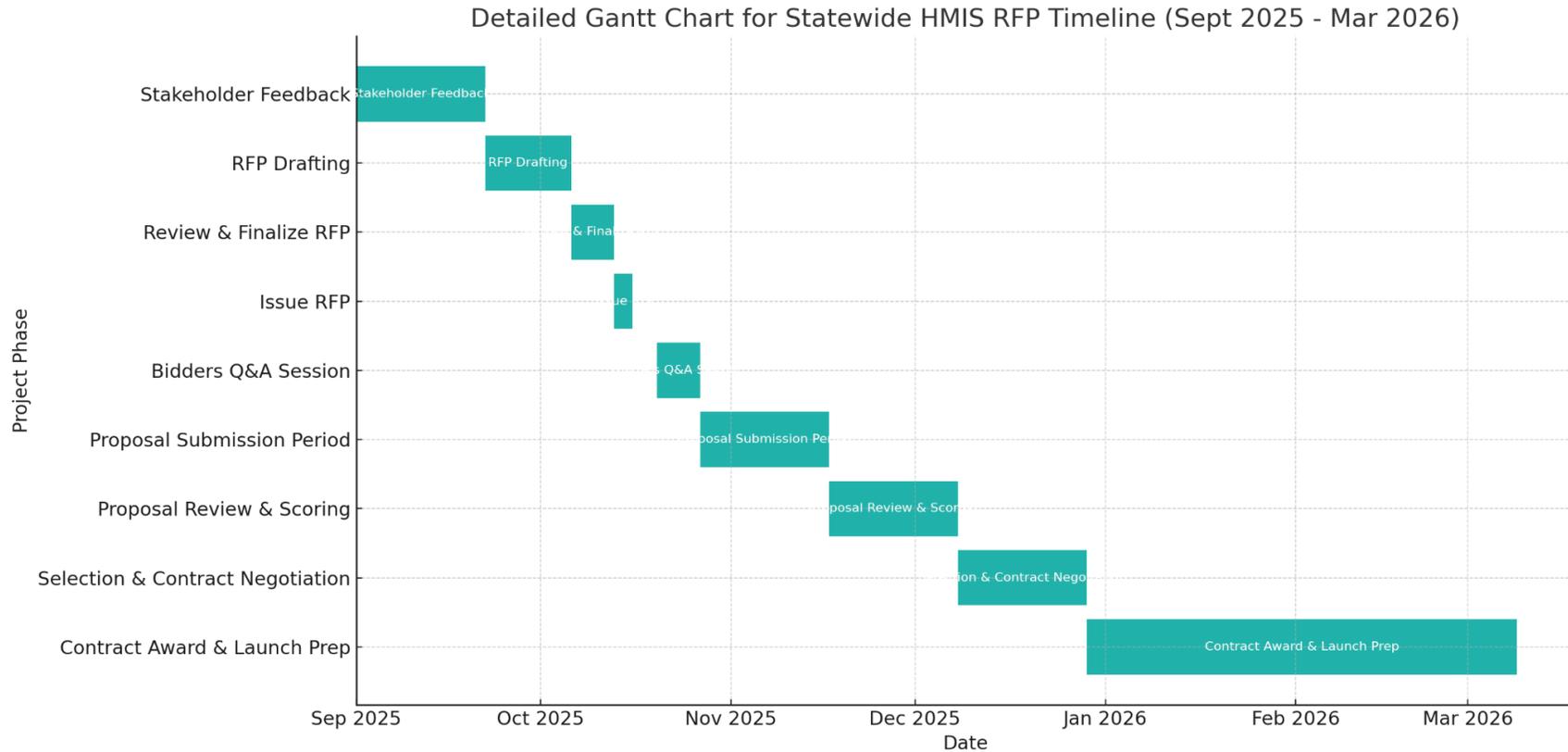
- Preparing Request for Proposal (RFP) for the HMIS software vendor

Housing and Homelessness Data Strategy Board (DSB) Updates- September

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- 2 subcommittees being formed
  - Cold weather shelter data collection
  - Document updates related to HMIS (P&P, Data Quality Management Plan, Release of Information, Privacy Policy)
- DSB retreat (early October) will focus on the following 2 priorities:
  - Standardizing key performance indicators and measurement methodology
  - Reporting and data visualization
- System enhancement requests still on hold
  - Need to better assess initial and ongoing annual costs to for enhancements

Partner Announcements

Other Business?

Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings

Meetings are from 11:00-12:30 unless otherwise noted

- October 17, 2025
- **November 21, 2025 Semi-annual Meeting 11-1**
- December 19, 2025

- January 16, 2026
- February 20, 2026
- March 20, 2026
- April 17, 2026
- May 15, 2026
- June 12, 2026

Zoom Info for all SC meetings:
- Meeting link
- Meeting ID: 956 4487 8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number: 646-876-9923

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