



# CONTINUUM OF CARE UPDATE

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Board of Commissioners Briefing

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# POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT

- **PIT Count:** Census of people who meet Federal definition of literal homelessness (persons in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or unsheltered)
- **Federal Requirements for PIT Count:**
  - Conduct every other year
  - Conduct within the last 10 days of January
- **Local Practice for PIT Count:** Conduct annually
- **Jurisdictions Included:** Buncombe County and all its municipalities

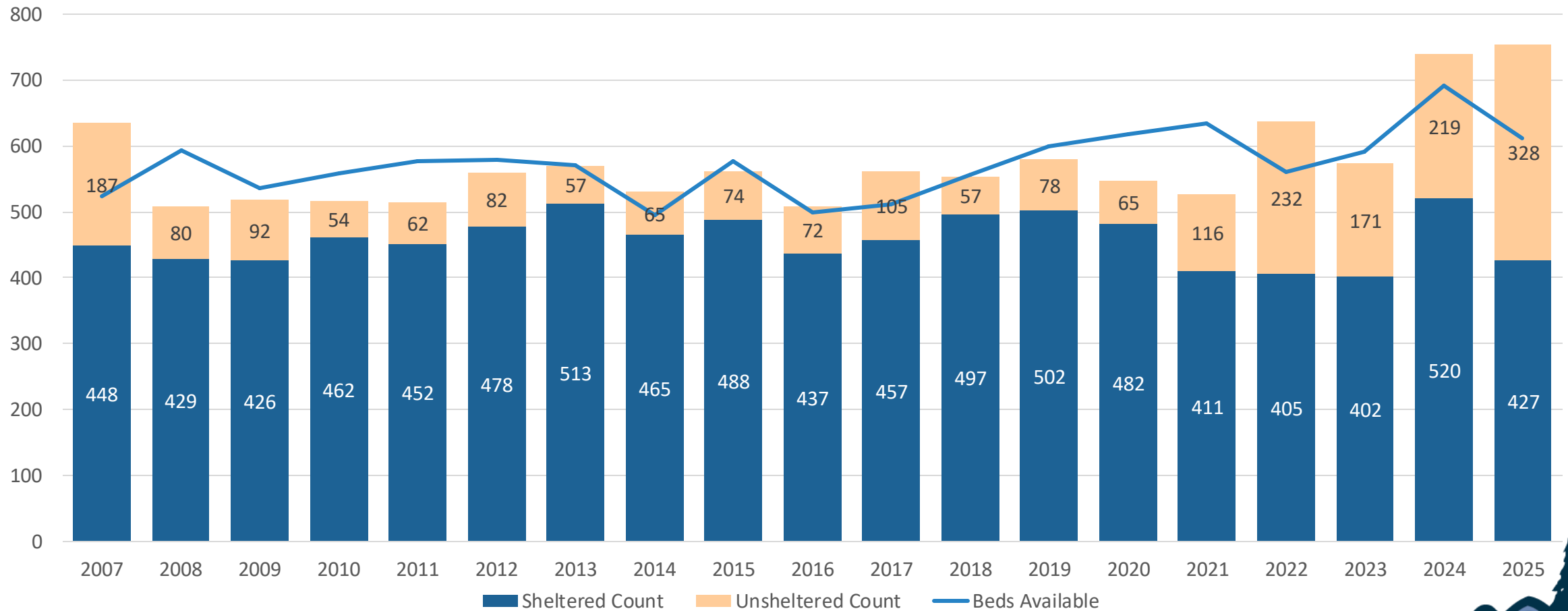
## The 2025 PIT Count

- 1/28, 4-7pm & 1/29, 10-2pm
- 135 Volunteers
- Activities: Street count, expanded service locations, encampment outreach
- Managed by Lead Agency staff



# POINT-IN-TIME TRENDS

Sheltered and Unsheltered Count by Year with Beds Available



# POINT-IN-TIME COUNT RESULTS

Housing Status	2024	2025	Net Change
Emergency Shelter	270	270	0
Transitional Housing*	250	157	-93
Unsheltered**	219	328	+109
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>+16</b>
FEMA TSA	--	1,548	
<b>Total Including TSA</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>2,303</b>	

\*Loss of transitional housing capacity due to VRQ flooding

\*\*116 (35%) reported experiencing unsheltered homelessness because of Tropical Storm Helene.



# DEMOGRAPHICS

Self-Reported Race & Ethnicity	County (2024)	2024	2025	Net % Change
American Indian, Alaska Native, Or Indigenous	0.6%	1.6%	2.1%	+0.5
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous and Hispanic/Latinx	-	-	0.3%	+0.3
Asian or Asian American (only)	1.5%	1.0%	0.5%	-0.5
Black, African American, or African (only)	6.0%	18.4%	17.6%	-0.8
Black, African American or African & Hispanic/Latinx	-	0.3%	0.4%	+0.1
Hispanic/Latinx (only)	1.0%	1.1%	1.6%	-0.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latinx	0.2%	-	0.5%	+0.5
White (only)	81.8%	73.3%	68.1%	-5.2
White and Hispanic/Latinx	7.6	1.9%	1.7%	-0.2
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latinx	-	0.3%	0.3%	0
Multi-Racial (all other)	2.3%	2.2%	2.9%	+0.7
Data not available/not provided			0.4%	



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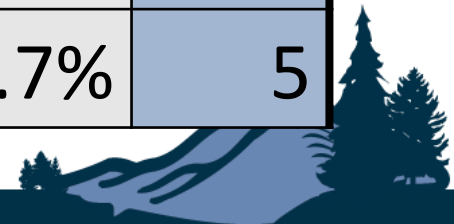
Self-Reported Gender	Census (2024)	2024		2025	
Female	51.8%	30.0%	220	31.8%	240
Male	48.2%	68.8%	509	65.8%	497
Other*	-	1.2%	10	0.6%	5
Not Available/Provided	-	0.0%	0	1.8%	13

\* Includes individuals who self-reported one of the following: culturally-specific identity, transgender, non-binary, or multiple gender



# DEMOGRAPHICS

Self-Reported Age	Census (2024)	2024		2025	
Under 18	21.9%	6.6%	49	3.0%	23
18-24	56.3%	5.1%	38	2.5%	19
25-34		18.0%	133	18.7%	141
35-44		22.7%	168	24.6%	186
45-54		17.6%	130	19.2%	145
55-64		20.0%	148	21.9%	165
65 and older	21.8%	9.9%	73	9.4%	71
Not Available/Provided	-	0%	0	0.7%	5



# HOUSEHOLD & GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	2024	2025	
Individual Adults	89.0%	98.0%	694
Families	10.7%	1.8%	13
Child Only	0.3%	0.1%	1

Area	PIT Count %
Asheville	94.2%
Swannanoa	2.6%
Barnardsville	2.1%
Fairview	0.6%
Black Mountain	0.2%
Arden	0.2%
Weaverville	0.1%





# ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS\*

Self-Reported Characteristic	2024	2025	Change
Veterans	191	161	-30
Chronically Homeless	230	262	+32
Youth	38	19	-19
Serious Mental Illness	55	97	+42
Substance Use Disorder	38	70	+32
Living with HIV/AIDS	4	8	+4
Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence	51	58	+7
Not available/Reported	132	80	-52



# HUD COC FUNDING

- Eligible Activities: Supports homelessness and housing programs
- CoC Board Approved Consolidated HUD CoC FY24 Application (November)

Applicant	FY23 Award (Activities/ Expenses Begin January 2025)	FY24 Award (Activities/ Expenses Begin January 2026)	Change in Funding Amount
Homeward Bound Permanent Supportive Housing Projects	\$1,679,313	\$1,420,174	-\$259,139
Helpmate Rapid Rehousing Projects	\$297,809	\$396,524	+\$98,715
City of Asheville - Planning Grant	\$92,836	\$102,588	+\$9,752
City of Asheville – HMIS	\$63,744	\$67,344	+\$3600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,133,702</b>	<b>\$1,986,085</b>	<b>-\$147,617</b>



# CoC BOARD ACTIVITY

## Appointments

- Application process underway to fill 4 Vacant CoC Board seats
- HACA appointed voting seat is currently filled by Rhodney Norman, HACA Interim CEO, in a non-voting/liaison capacity

## Established New Workgroups

- Healthcare Workgroup
- Shelter Planning Workgroup

## CoC Board Actions

- Adopted Plan for Compensation of People with Lived & Living Experience of Homelessness (outlines a structure to compensate persons; no funding secured)
- Selected Goodwill Industries as Fiscal Agent (apply for/receive/disburse funds)



# CoC STRATEGIC PLAN

CoC Strategic Planning Process and Timeline	
January 15	Members invited to give input at monthly meeting
February 17-18	CoC Board participates in planning sessions facilitated by HUD TA
April 22	Draft 3-year strategic plan shared with CoC Board for feedback
May 8	CoC Board reviewed feedback and made suggestions for revisions
<b>June 12</b>	<b>CoC Board to vote on adoption of CoC Strategic Plan final draft</b>

- Plan is structured around 4 objectives, each with 3 strategies and associated actions:
  1. Decrease unsheltered homelessness
  2. Increase exits from homelessness to permanent housing
  3. Coordinate and expand homelessness prevention, diversion, and rapid rehousing
  4. Build housing focused system capacity
- Strategies will be assigned to a CoC Board Member for oversight
- Actions will be assigned to a formal CoC body to lead implementation



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Location:** Harrah's Cherokee Center Banquet Hall

**CoC Board:** June 12, 4pm-6pm

**CoC Membership:** June 18, 6pm-7:30pm

## County Representatives to the CoC Board

Commissioner Jennifer Horton, Non-Voting Liaison

Lacy Hoyle, Homelessness Program Manager, Buncombe  
County Staff Appointed Seat



# QUESTIONS?

