



# 2024 Point-in-Time & Housing Inventory Count



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# Point-in-Time Count Overview

## What is a Point-in-Time Count?

A homeless Point-in-Time Count (PIT Count) is a federally mandated (via the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act) count of individuals experiencing homelessness on a given night in a community. The count takes place during the last 10 calendar days of January. Every year, a count of homeless individuals and families in shelters is completed. Every other year, in addition to the sheltered count, a count of unsheltered homeless individuals is completed; however, beginning in 2022, the NoCO CoC decided to conduct an unsheltered count every year. The data collected during the Point-in-Time Count is reported to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**In 2024 the night of the PIT Count was January 30, 2024**

## Purpose of the Point-in-Time Count

The purpose of a PIT Count is to help local communities analyze year-over-year trend analysis data to 1) determine the number of people experiencing homelessness in their community compared to previous years and 2) utilize that data in order to better address the needs of this population. By assessing the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness, communities are more adequately aware of the number of individuals experiencing homelessness, and thus, better able to provide necessary resources. Sheltered counts are particularly important for the programming and system planning of established shelters in a community. Unsheltered counts are important for local homeless planning and program development.

## Who is Counted

For the sheltered count, only those individuals and families who meet the following criteria, as defined by 24 CFR 578.3 of the Homeless Definition Final Rule, can be counted:

“An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals).”

For the unsheltered count, only those individuals and families who meet the following criteria, as defined by 24 CFR 578.3 of the Homeless Definition Final Rule, can be counted:

“An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.”

Any individual that does not meet these requirements should NOT be included in the PIT Count. Some instances of individuals who do not fit this requirement include, but are not limited to:

- Those who are “precariously housed” or at-risk of becoming homeless; this would include persons temporarily staying with friends and/or family, or who are “doubled-up” or “couch surfing”;
- Persons in mental health facilities, chemical dependency facilities, or criminal justice facilities;
- Formerly homeless persons residing in Permanent Supportive Housing programs, Shelter Plus Care (S+C) programs, or who are utilizing Section 8 Housing Vouchers, Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Vouchers, or Tenant Based Rental Assistance;
- Persons residing in their own unit with assistance from a Rapid Re-housing Provider on the night of the count.

Those who are currently homeless, as defined above, but are awaiting placement through another program should be included in the count. For example, a household that has Rapid Re-Housing assistance, but has not yet found a place to stay should be counted.

All homeless youth who meet the above criteria for the sheltered and unsheltered PIT Count and who are NOT in a Host Home Program, in foster care, wards of the state, or otherwise under government custody or supervision on the night designated for the count should be included. Per HUD guidance, youth who are defined as homeless by other Federal definitions (such as those doubled-up or couch surfing) should not be included in the final count numbers that are submitted to HUD.<sup>1</sup>

## Data Definitions

| Variable                                 | HUD-Provided Definitions   |
|--|--|
| Emergency Shelter (ES)                   | Any facility with overnight sleeping accommodations, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in general or for specific populations of homeless individuals.  |
| Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)       | Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability.   |
| Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)                   | Permanent housing that provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.  |
| Transitional Housing (TH)                | A project that is designed to provide housing and appropriate supportive services to homeless persons to facilitate movement to independent living within 24 months, or a longer period approved by HUD.   |
| Household (HH)                           | Anywhere from a single individual to a family of any size traveling and staying together.  |
| HH with at least one adult and one child | Households with (at least) one adult (including youth ages 18 to 24) and one child.  |
| Parenting Youth                          | A youth who identifies as the parent or legal guardian of one or more children who are present with or sleeping in the same place as the youth parent, where there is no person over age 24 in the household.  |
| Unaccompanied Youth                      | Persons under age 25 who are not presenting or sleeping in the same place as their parent or legal guardian or their own children.   |
| Chronically Homeless Individual          | A person who: Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless in those occasions is at least 12 months; and has a disability. |





## Interpreting Point-in-Time Count Data

The PIT Count provides a snapshot of sheltered and unsheltered homelessness on a single night in January. In 2024, the PIT Count occurred on Tuesday, January 30. The previous dates of the PIT Count were Tuesday, January 24, 2023; Tuesday, January 25, 2022; Monday, February 22, 2021; and Tuesday, January 28, 2020.<sup>2</sup>

Due to the transient nature of the population and the large geographic area of the Northern Colorado region, it is extremely difficult to capture all homeless individuals and families. Because of this, the 2024 PIT Count is considered an underrepresentation of homelessness in Northern Colorado.

The PIT Count survey relies on self-reporting, which may affect the data. Individuals may be unwilling to disclose certain information or may not realize that they meet the criteria for a specific condition. Many of the disabling conditions included on the PIT Count survey are stigmatized, which may lead to underreporting.

Finally, changes in the homeless population year-to-year cannot be solely determined by examining PIT Count data. Each year, changes are made to the PIT Count methodology and survey forms. Additionally, local conditions such as the number of participating agencies, the number of volunteers, and unseasonably warm or cool weather can influence both the number of individuals who seek shelter and the number of individuals included in the PIT Count. Increases or decreases in the homeless population may be due to improvements in methodology or changes in local conditions instead of true changes in the homeless population.

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<sup>2</sup> Though federally mandated to occur in the last 10 days of January, communities received a waiver to postpone the 2021 PIT Count to February due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## PIT Count Methodology

The sheltered PIT Count was completed using Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data available for clients accessing emergency shelters or transitional housing programs that use the HMIS data management platform. Other programs, such as domestic violence providers prohibited from entering into HMIS or homeless service providers who have not yet enrolled into using HMIS, completed surveys with individuals accessing services on the day of the count. These surveys were collected using ArcGIS Survey123 and were manually combined with HMIS collected data.<sup>3</sup>

The unsheltered count was completed using HMIS data insofar as it was available. People were counted as unsheltered on the night of the PIT Count if they used day shelter services at the Murphy Center for Hope, the Loveland Resource Center, or the United Way of Weld County Housing Navigation Center the day after the PIT Count (January 31), but were not checked into a night-by-night shelter or enrolled in an entry-exit shelter or transitional housing program on that night (January 30). Additionally, individuals that engaged with a street outreach team on the immediate days following the PIT Count but were not enrolled in a shelter or counted through Survey123 were counted as unsheltered.

In addition, there were improved and coordinated street surveying efforts of known encampment locations, coordinated surveying events, and general mobile canvassing across Larimer and Weld counties. Similar to last year, the NoCO CoC used the Survey123 software which allowed surveyors to enter the PIT Count data directly into a tablet or phone via an app; the software also tracks areas that have already been surveyed to avoid duplication of efforts. Surveyors received training prior to the night of the PIT Count on how to use Survey123 as well as surveying best practices and use of incentives. In contrast to previous PIT Count efforts, street outreach surveying efforts were much more widespread and encompassed the majority of the two counties. Street outreach surveying teams canvassed the following areas the day after the PIT Count: Berthoud, Dacono, Eaton, Estes Park, Evans, Firestone, Fort Collins, Fort Lupton, Frederick, Gilcrest, Greeley, Johnstown, LaSalle, Loveland, Milliken, Platteville, Red Feather Lakes, Severance, Wellington, Windsor, and the I-25 corridor.

All street-based surveys were entered into Survey123 and then manually de-duplicated by the HMIS Lead team against HMIS collected data. The combined method of HMIS and manual survey collection provided Northern Colorado a more comprehensive count, particularly of unsheltered homelessness. De-duplication with the HMIS-inferred unsheltered list was accomplished using a complete match on "first three letters" of the first and last names, race, ethnicity, and age tiers.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.esri.com/en-us/arcgis/products/arcgis-survey123/overview?rsource=%2Fen-us%2Farcgis%2Fproducts%2Fsurvey123%2Foverview>







# 2024 Point-in-Time Count Insights

## Sheltered and Unsheltered Homelessness

Chart 1: 2024 Point-in-Time Count Data

| Location      | Sheltered  |              | Unsheltered |              | GRAND TOTAL |
|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Fort Collins  | 259        | 68.0%        | 122         | 32.0%        | 381         |
| Greeley/Evans | 225        | 72%          | 88          | 28%          | 313         |
| Loveland      | 111        | 68%          | 52          | 32%          | 163         |
| Windsor*      | 0          | 0%           | 1           | 100%         | 1           |
| Estes Park    | 0          | 0%           | 3           | 100%         | 3           |
| Fort Lupton   | 27         | 96%          | 1           | 4%           | 28          |
| Del Camino*   | 0          | 0%           | 4           | 100%         | 4           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>622</b> | <b>69.7%</b> | <b>271</b>  | <b>30.3%</b> | <b>893</b>  |

\*Starred cities/towns were new to surveying for the PIT Count in 2024

Point-in-Time Count surveying efforts in 2024 were concentrated in the three largest cities in Northern Colorado: Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland. This year there were new concerted efforts to survey in smaller or more rural areas as well as throughout the region, including Berthoud, Del Camino, Estes Park, Fort Lupton, Red Feather Lakes, Wellington, Windsor, and other municipalities, as well as along I-25 itself.

This year, there was no statistical significance in the difference in PIT Count numbers between 2023 and 2024. This is notable because the NoCO CoC expanded street-based counting efforts across the two counties. This indicates homelessness has not increased in Northern Colorado over the last year.

Chart 2: Comparison Between 2023 & 2024 PIT Count Data

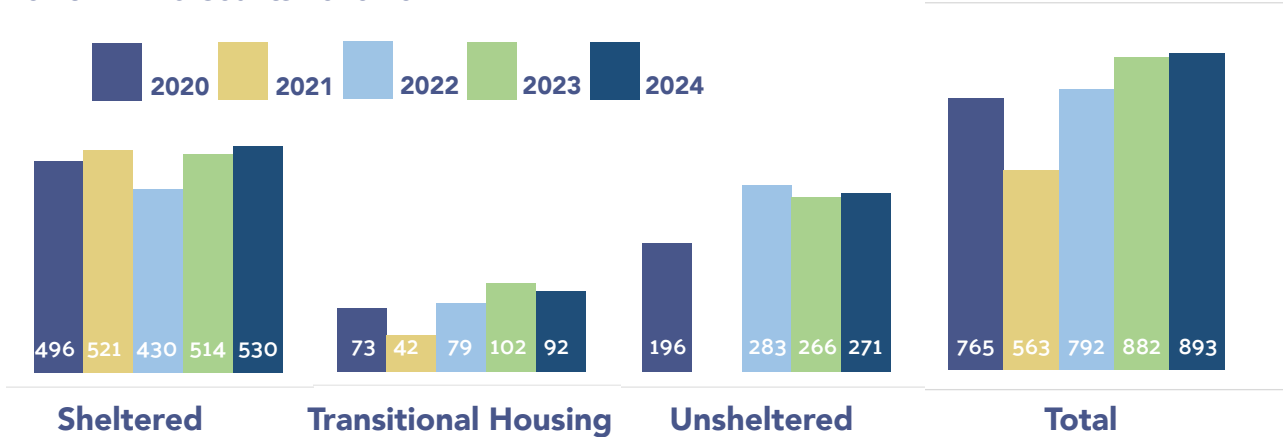
| Location      | Sheltered  |            |            | Unsheltered |            |              | Grand Total |            |              |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
|               | 2023       | 2024       | % Change   | 2023        | 2024       | % Change     | 2023        | 2024       | % Change     |
| Fort Collins  | 273        | 259        | -5%        | 120         | 122        | +1.7%        | 393         | 381        | -3%          |
| Greeley/Evans | 220        | 225        | +2.3%      | 88          | 88         | 0%           | 308         | 313        | +1.6%        |
| Loveland      | 103        | 111        | +7.7%      | 41          | 52         | +26.8%       | 144         | 163        | +13.19%      |
| Windsor*      | N/A        | 0          | --         | N/A         | 0          | --           | N/A         | 1          | --           |
| Estes Park    | 1          | 0          | -100%      | 9           | 3          | -66.7%       | 10          | 3          | -70%         |
| Fort Lupton   | 19         | 27         | +42%       | 0           | 1          | +100%        | 19          | 28         | +47.4%       |
| Del Camino*   | N/A        | 0          | --         | N/A         | 4          | --           | N/A         | 4          | --           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>616</b> | <b>622</b> | <b>+1%</b> | <b>266</b>  | <b>271</b> | <b>+1.9%</b> | <b>882</b>  | <b>893</b> | <b>+1.2%</b> |

\*Starred cities/towns were new to surveying for the PIT Count in 2024



# 2020-2024 Year-over-Year PIT Count Insights

Chart 3: Point-in-Time Counts 2020-2024



\*2021 total does not include unsheltered count which was not held due to COVID-19 pandemic

## Background on Comparisons Between PIT Counts

Point-in-Time counts can provide useful insights into general homelessness trends year-over-year if taken into context with other available data sources, changes in methodology and/or survey coverage, as well as making educated inferences to the validity or limitations of the data story depicted. Because the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care was formalized in January 2020, there are only five years of PIT Count data to compare. Additionally, in order to limit risk from the COVID-19 pandemic, there was not an unsheltered count in 2021.

## Sheltered and Unsheltered Homelessness Over Time

Between 2020 and 2024, the PIT Count of all persons counted shows a 16.7% increase in the total homeless population, but only a 1.2% increase from last year. Because PIT Count survey strategy has only become more comprehensive over time, especially in the last two years, it is more likely that the increases in homelessness data between 2020 and 2024 is a result of better survey strategies than an actual increase in homelessness. It is important to note that 2024 street-based surveying was much more comprehensive across the entire two counties than in any other year, however the total number of persons counted only increased by 11 individuals. In the two years since the NoCO CoC changed to using a combination of HMIS data as well as comprehensive street-based surveying, neither sheltered or unsheltered PIT Count numbers have increased in a statistically significant manner.

In 2024, HUD changed the data standards for how race/ethnicity is reported in HMIS, which has led to an increased percentage of people reported under "Multiple Races." Many of these individuals captured in the "Multiple Races" category indicated being both "White" and "Hispanic." In previous years, those marked as "White" included both those who identify as Caucasian and those who identify as Hispanic/Latin(o)(a)(x). In 2024, "White" and "Hispanic" have been separated.

**Chart 4: Racial Demographics of PIT Count 2020-2024 Sheltered**



|                         | 2020  | 2021  | 2022 | 2023  | 2024  |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Asian                   | 0.6%  | 1%    | 0.9% | 1%    | 0.6%  |
| Multiple Races          | 7.6%  | 1.6%  | 7.3% | 3.5%  | 19.6% |
| Native Hawaiian         | 2.1%  | 0.9%  | 1.2% | 4.4%  | 2.6%  |
| Native American         | 3.9%  | 6.7%  | 4.5% | 5%    | 1.9%  |
| Black/African American  | 3.9%  | 5.5%  | 7.1% | 5.3%  | 7.1%  |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | -     | -     | -    | -     | 14.1% |
| White                   | 81.9% | 84.3% | 79%  | 80.8% | 54.1% |

**Chart 5: Racial Demographics of PIT Count 2020-2024 Unsheltered**



|                         | 2020  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Asian                   | 0%    | 0%    | 0.7%  | 0.7%  |
| Multiple Races          | 5.6%  | 6.4%  | 5.3%  | 12.5% |
| Native Hawaiian         | 3.7%  | 1.7%  | .7%   | 1.1%  |
| Native American         | 1%    | 5.7%  | 7.5%  | 3.7%  |
| Black/African American  | 3%    | 4.9%  | 3.4%  | 6.3%  |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | -     | -     | -     | 16.2% |
| White                   | 86.7% | 81.3% | 82.4% | 59.5% |

## Gender

The proportion of men and women experiencing homelessness has remained consistent over the last five years, with men making up the largest percentage of people experiencing homelessness. However, within families with children experiencing homelessness, there was a significantly higher proportion of women than men. A very small number of people identifying as Transgender or Gender Non-Conforming were surveyed during any of the last five PIT Counts. Regardless, it is known this data is likely a significant undercount due to social stigma and bias felt by non-binary and transgender people to disclose their gender identities when seeking services.<sup>4</sup>

**Chart 6: Gender Analysis in PIT Count 2020-2024**

|                              | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Gender Non-Conforming</b> | 0.14% | 0%    | 0.3%  | 0.68% | 0.67% |
| <b>Transgender</b>           | 0.26% | 0.40% | 0.40% | 0.5%  | 0.56% |
| <b>Women</b>                 | 35.8% | 35.5% | 35.7% | 36.2% | 34.9% |
| <b>Men</b>                   | 63.8% | 64.1% | 63.6% | 62.6% | 63.8% |

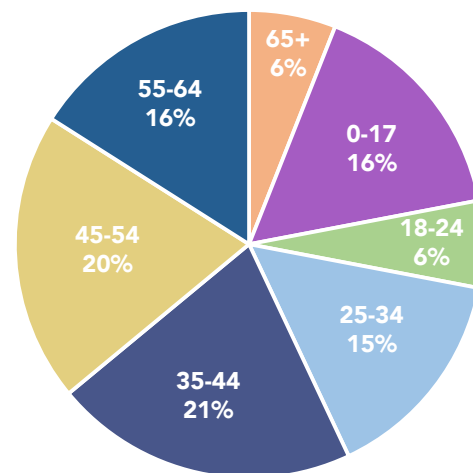
\*'Gender Non-Conforming' includes those who identified as non-binary, more than one gender, and/or with a culturally specific gender

\*Chart includes gender data of youth (0-17)

## Age

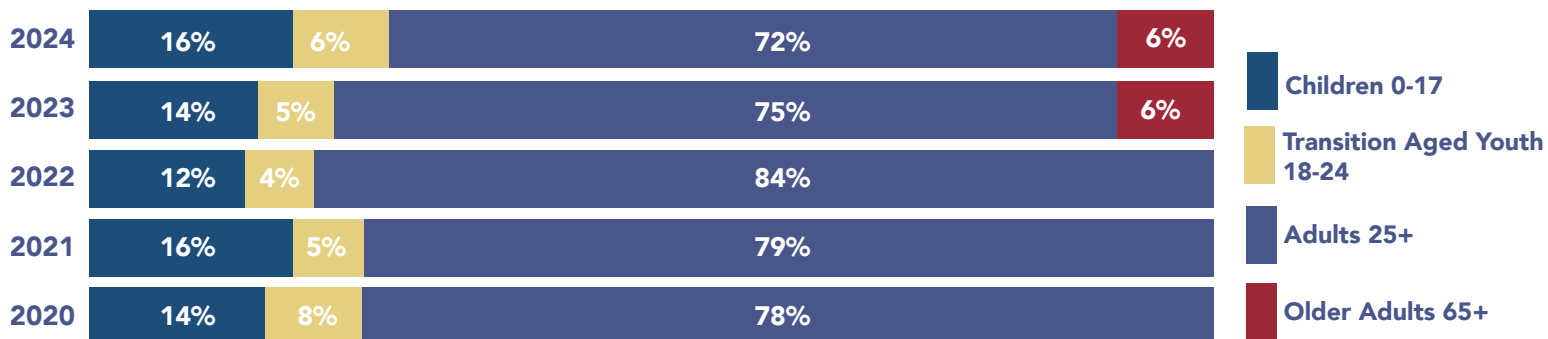
The number of children (0-17) experiencing homelessness has remained consistent over the last five years. There were two (2) unaccompanied youth (under 18) counted this year through street-based surveying efforts. Transition-aged youth (18-24) increased to 6% this year, up from 4.5%. However, this is likely still an undercount, since it is known that young adults experience homelessness differently than older adults and may not seek services at traditional homeless service programs.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, as of 2024 there is not a youth-specific shelter or day center for at-risk/homeless youth, which has created gaps in the NoCO CoC's ability to identify and count the true number of 18-24 year olds and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness. More comprehensive data related to youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability can be accessed through the US Department of Education, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program.<sup>6</sup>

**Chart 7: 2024 PIT Count Age Breakdown**



In 2023, HUD changed the data standards for collecting age data to better distinguish between various age groups rather than simply grouping all adults 25 years and older together. This will be particularly helpful to monitor changes in older adult populations experiencing homelessness. Between 2023 and 2024, there was no significant difference in the percentage of older adults identified during the PIT Count (6.3% and 6.2% respectively).

**Chart 8: Age Analysis in PIT Count 2020-2024**



<sup>4</sup> <https://transequality.org/issues/housing-homelessness>

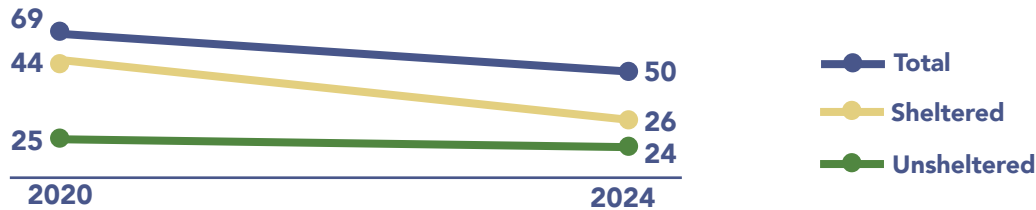
<sup>5</sup> <https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/who-experiences-homelessness/youth/>

<sup>6</sup> Homeless Education Data | CDE (state.co.us)

## Veteran Homelessness

There has been a 27.5% decrease in overall veteran homelessness between 2020 and 2024. The percent of the overall homeless population who are veterans versus the total number of people counted is declining. Veterans comprised 9% of those counted in 2020 versus 5.6% of those counted in 2024. Interestingly, in a change over the last several years, the number of sheltered and unsheltered veterans was nearly identical in 2024, indicating unsheltered homelessness may be rising in this population.

**Chart 9: Veteran Homelessness in PIT Count 2020 vs 2024**



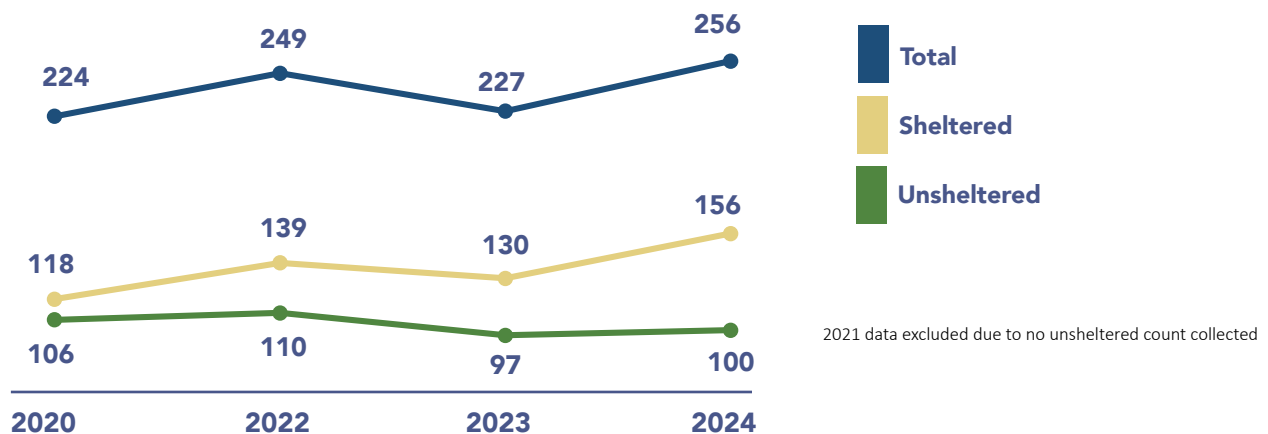
## Chronic Homelessness

The basic definition of “chronic homelessness” is having a disabling condition and being unhoused for more than 12 months, either continuously or totaling 12+ months in at least four separate occasions over three years.<sup>7</sup> People experiencing chronic homelessness tend to have the highest barriers and are the most vulnerable to death. In fact, people who are chronically homeless have a life expectancy that is 17 years shorter than people who are housed.<sup>8</sup> Many people experiencing chronic homelessness struggle with untreated mental illness, substance use disorder, and/or physical health conditions.<sup>9</sup>

While it is difficult to determine a clear trend in chronic homelessness in Northern Colorado, the most significant inference that can be drawn at this time is that chronic homelessness appears overall to be on the decline from five years ago but may be ticking upwards.

Some contributing factors to the reduction in unsheltered chronic homelessness from 2020 levels is the increase in lower barrier emergency sheltering programs across the region, particularly in Loveland and Greeley. Additionally, the Coordinated Assessment Housing Placement System (CAHPS) has continued to prioritize households experiencing chronic homelessness for available supportive housing resources.

**Chart 10: Chronically Homeless Population 2020-2024**



<sup>7</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5181/flowchart-of-huds-definition-of-chronic-homelessness/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://community.solutions/what-is-chronic-homelessness/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/who-experiences-homelessness/chronically-homeless/>



## Substance Use and Serious Mental Illness

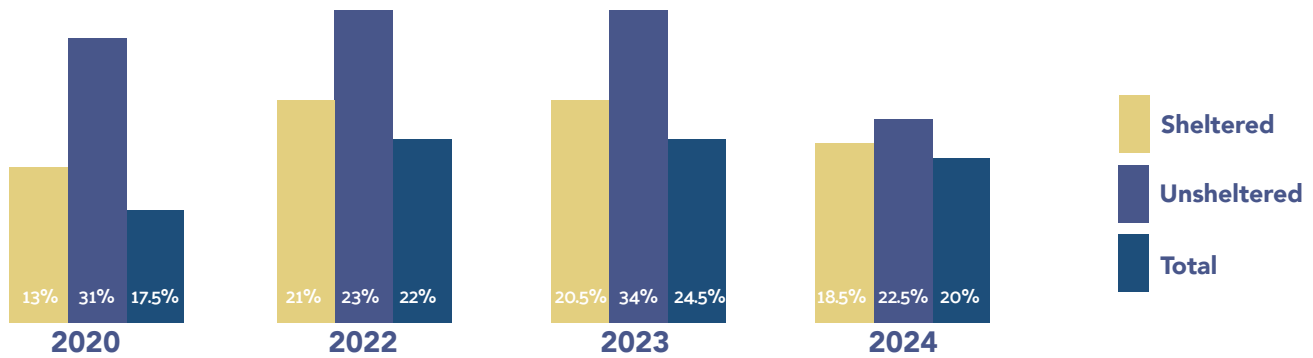
Between 2023 and 2024, Northern Colorado saw a 11.5% decrease in the percent of unsheltered people who have mental illness. Additionally, the number of people self-identifying as having substance use disorder has declined 4.5% from last year to this year, and 9% lower than in 2022.

Based on 2023 National Point-in-Time Count Data, 31% of people experiencing homelessness reported having a serious mental illness and 24% reported chronic substance use.<sup>10</sup> In a reverse from the previous year in which Northern Colorado was higher than the national average, Northern Colorado's 2024 PIT Count suggests a shift below the national average of homeless individuals with mental illness and substance use (20% and 12.5% respectively). Though the decrease in both serious mental illness and substance use disorder is encouraging, due to the limited scope of this data, it is not feasible to draw conclusions that overall rates are declining among those experiencing homelessness.

While mental illness and substance use remain significant concerns for the health and wellbeing of people experiencing homelessness, it is worth noting that these conditions are much less prevalent than the general community perception that all people experiencing homelessness are mentally ill or addicted to drugs and alcohol. Nationally, most people (~75%) report loss of employment and unaffordable housing as the primary reason for falling into homelessness.<sup>11</sup> It is beyond the scope of this analysis to report on contributing factors locally, but it is reasonable to assume the same causation in Northern Colorado.

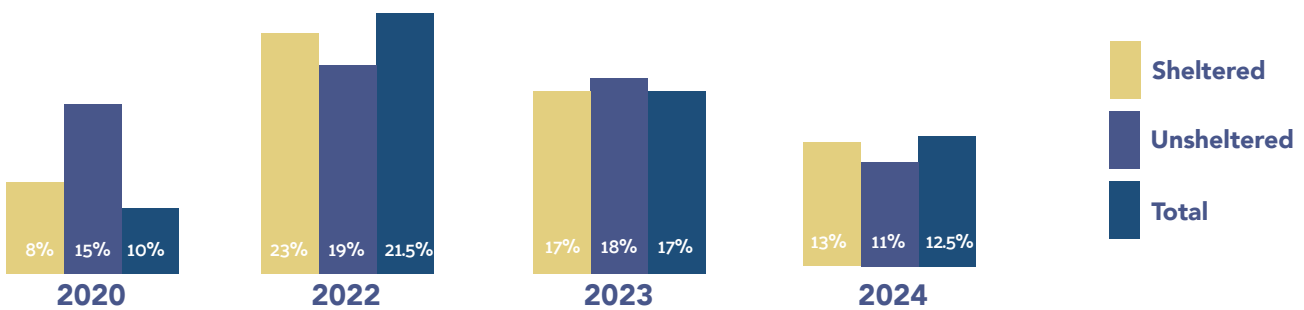
### Chart 11: Serious Mental Illness in PIT Count 2020-2024

2021 data excluded due to no unsheltered count collected



### Chart 12: Substance Use Disorder in PIT Count 2020-2024

2021 data excluded due to no unsheltered count collected



<sup>10</sup> <https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/what-causes-homelessness/health/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://unitedtoendhomelessness.org/blog/myth-most-homeless-people-are-either-mentally-ill-or-have-a-substance-use-disorder/>



# Housing Inventory Count Overview

## What is a Housing Inventory Count?

The annual Housing Inventory Count (HIC) provides a snapshot of the available housing resources that are dedicated to people experiencing homelessness inside the Continuum of Care's region. The report tallies the number of beds and units available on the night designated for the count by program type, including Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing projects, as well as permanent housing projects such as Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing. The HIC was completed on January 30, 2024, in conjunction with the Point-in-Time Count, to show the system's capacity for sheltering and housing people experiencing homelessness on a given night.

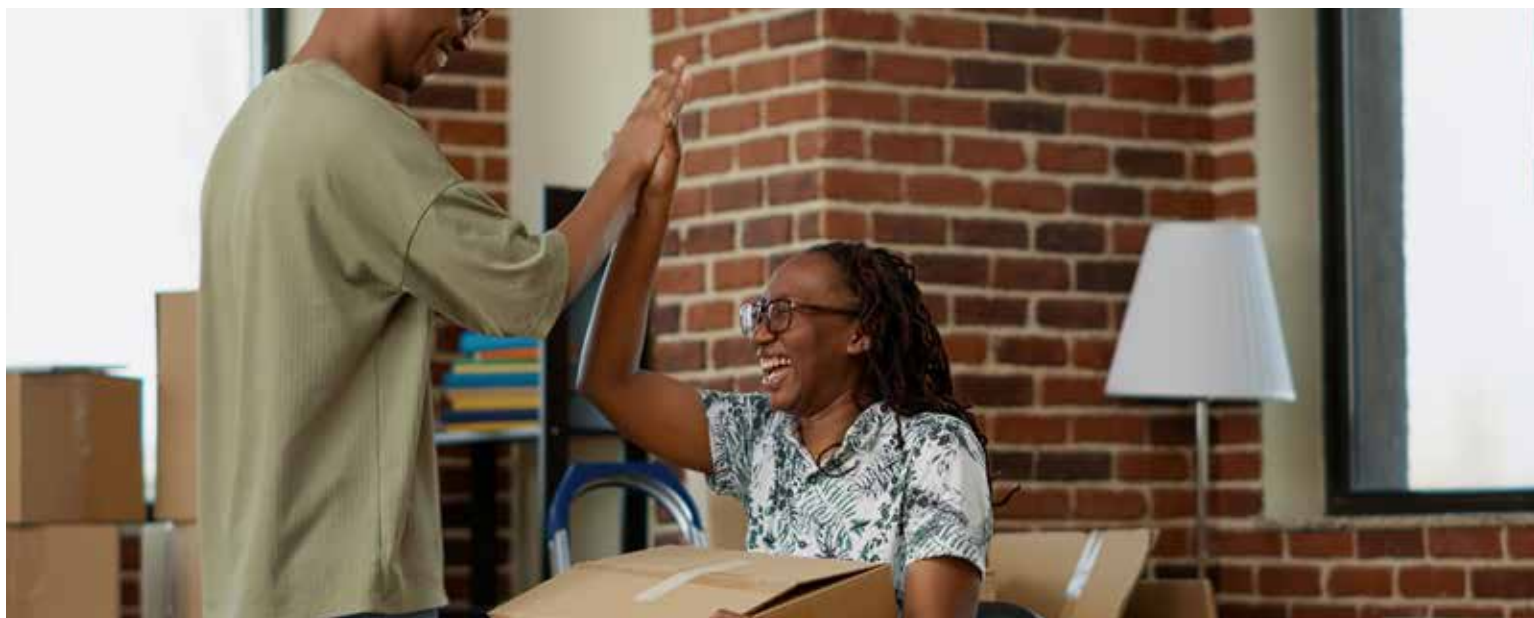
## Housing Inventory Count Methodology

The Housing Inventory Count was conducted, first, by training all the housing providers in the community on how to tally bed inventory. Then, the housing providers filled out an online HIC form to report project type, funding sources, bed/unit inventory and utilization. These forms were reported to Homeward Alliance, the HMIS Lead Agency.

Projects that are actively entering data into HMIS were required to submit a report that verified an accurate enrollment count to match what they reported on their HIC forms. To calculate utilization rates, the HMIS Lead Agency compared the bed counts in the HIC to the official Point-in-Time Count and to ensure the numbers reported across all emergency shelter and transitional housing projects was consistent and not duplicative.

## Utilization Rates

An important metric determined by comparing the Housing Inventory Count and the Point-in-Time Count is the overall utilization rate of these housing resources. More simply, how many available beds are actually being used to assist people experiencing homelessness? Understanding the overall utilization of resources based on a single night presents challenges because utilization rates can be impacted by many factors, including mild weather, held beds being unfilled the night of the count, or programmatic requirements for entry. The best practice to most effectively measure capacity and identify gaps is to conduct housing inventory counts more than once per year.





# 2024 Housing Inventory Count Insights

## Types of Projects, Beds and Utilization Rates

The Housing Inventory Count identified 1,614 available beds/resources in our region, including year-round, seasonal, and overflow emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing units and vouchers, and rapid re-housing. On the night of the count, 1,465 or 91% were utilized.

**View an interactive dashboard for Housing Inventory Count data at: [nocococ.org/data-reports](https://nocococ.org/data-reports)**

There are several notable changes in projects serving people experiencing homelessness between 2020 and 2024. First, there has been an increase in the year-round number of beds for all project types, with Permanent Supportive Housing increasing the most. Second, there has been a large increase in the number of homeless-specific projects from 2020, including additional projects opening since last year.

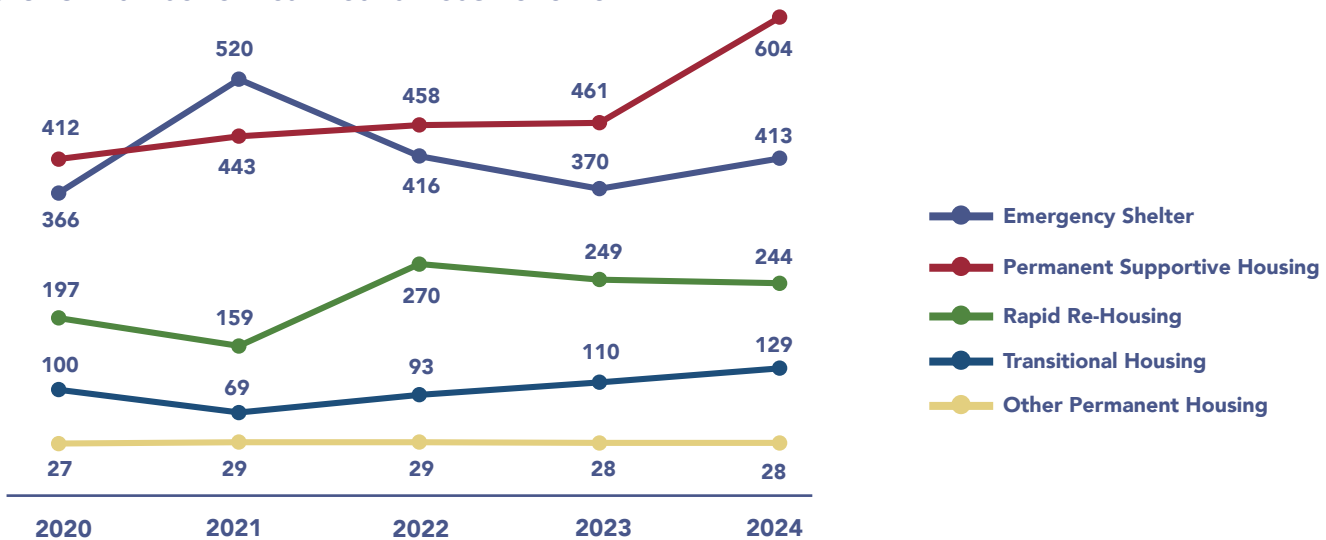
**Emergency Shelter (ES):** Over the last several years there had been a decline in the number of year-round shelter beds after a large increase in 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; however this trend appears to be reversing in 2024. The number of year-round shelter beds is now on par with 2020 numbers. On the night of the PIT Count, there was a 72.8% utilization rate for available shelter beds in 2023, and this increased to 82.5% in 2024. Shelters that operate with low-barrier practices had 96.6% of beds filled on the night of the 2024 PIT Count, indicating this program model is well utilized.

**Rapid Re-Housing (RRH):** While Rapid Re-Housing resources increased from the number our region had in 2020, there continues to be a slow decline in RRH beds since a high in 2022. This decrease is due to the wind-down of several RRH programs funded by emergency COVID-19 relief programs without sufficient new RRH funds entering the system. By the nature of the program, RRH programs have a 100% utilization rate.

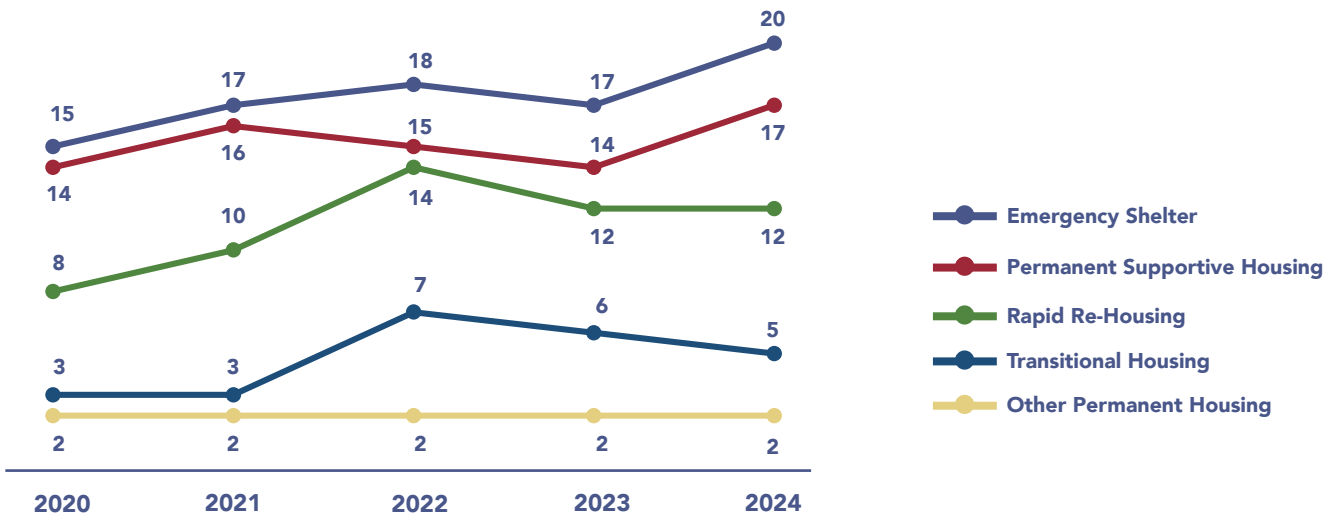
**Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):** There has been a 65% increase in the number of Permanent Supportive Housing beds since 2020, including a 31% increase between this year and last. This impressive increase is due to the opening of several large PSH projects in both counties in 2023. Across our region, PSH projects are well utilized, with a 95.7% utilization rate.

**The Housing Inventory Count identified 1,456 available beds or housing resources for people experiencing homelessness in Northern Colorado**

**Chart 13: Number of Year-Round Beds 2020-2024**



**Chart 14: Number of Housing Projects 2020-2024**

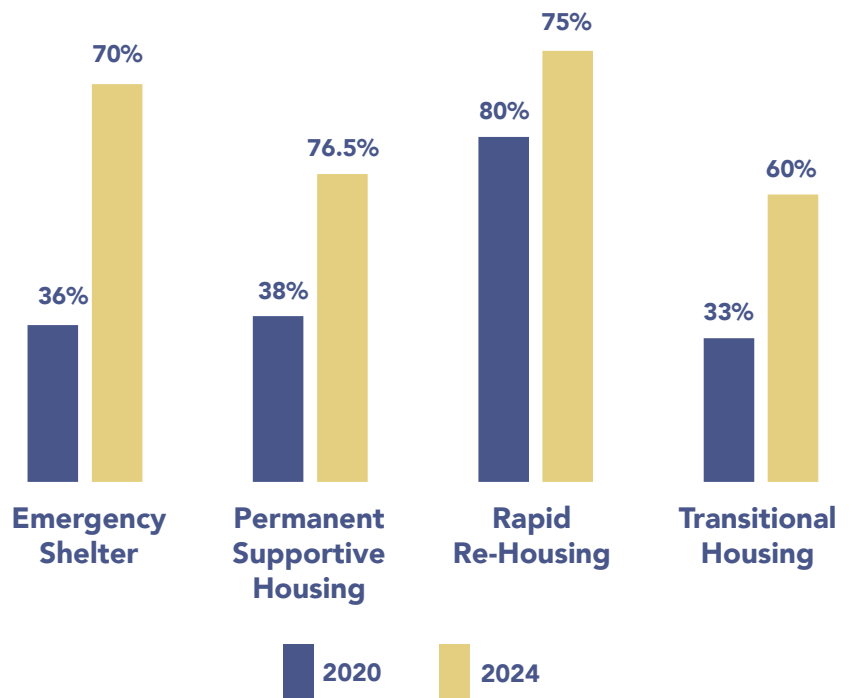


**Homeless Management Information System Participation**

While the use of a Homeless Management Information System is a requirement for certain homeless service projects, there are other programs that are not required to enter data into the system. However, it is a goal of the NoCO CoC to have wide-scale use of HMIS by programs who provide services to people experiencing homelessness. Having high agency participation in HMIS allows for more accurate, comprehensive, and real-time data on homelessness in Northern Colorado.

It is important to note that victim service providers are federally prohibited from entering client data into HMIS. It is a goal of the NoCO CoC to support victim service providers, such as domestic violence shelters, with using an HMIS comparable database so that important information on domestic violence victims experiencing homelessness is captured alongside the mainstream homelessness data. Over the last year, using Northern Colorado as a test region, the State of Colorado Division of Housing has initiated employing developers to improve the state-supported comparable databased used by victim service providers (CAFÉ), to better align with the data reporting functionality of the HMIS database system used for mainstream homeless service providers.

**Chart 15: Project Participation in HMIS 2020 vs 2024**





# Appendix A: 2024 Point-in-Time Count Data

| Total (N=893)                     | Number of People | Percentage of People | Special Populations       |           |             |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Program Type                      |                  |                      | Population                | Sheltered | Unsheltered |
| Emergency Shelter                 | 530              | 59%                  | Veteran                   | 26        | 24          |
| Transitional Housing              | 92               | 11%                  | Fleeing Domestic Violence | 71        | 25          |
| Unsheltered                       | 271              | 30%                  | Households w/ Children    | 216       | 4           |
| <b>Gender</b>                     |                  |                      | Unaccompanied Youth       | 0         | 2           |
| Male                              | 565              | 63%                  | Chronically Homeless      | 156       | 100         |
| Female                            | 312              | 35%                  | Substance Use Disorder    | 74        | 29          |
| Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming | 16               | 2%                   | Serious Mental Illness    | 115       | 61          |
| <b>Age</b>                        |                  |                      |                           |           |             |
| 0-17                              | 140              | 16%                  |                           |           |             |
| 18-24                             | 50               | 6%                   |                           |           |             |
| 25-34                             | 135              | 15%                  |                           |           |             |
| 35-44                             | 190              | 21%                  |                           |           |             |
| 45-54                             | 176              | 20%                  |                           |           |             |
| 55-64                             | 146              | 16%                  |                           |           |             |
| 65+                               | 56               | 6%                   |                           |           |             |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity*</b>            |                  |                      |                           |           |             |
| White                             | 489              | 55%                  |                           |           |             |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)           | 260              | 29%                  |                           |           |             |
| American Indian/Alaska Native     | 36               | 4%                   |                           |           |             |
| Asian                             | 6                | 1%                   |                           |           |             |
| Black or African American         | 67               | 8%                   |                           |           |             |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  | 20               | 2%                   |                           |           |             |
| Multiple Races                    | 43               | 5%                   |                           |           |             |

\*Totals do not equal 100% due to how race and ethnicity are reported



**Appendix 1 Table 2: County-Specific Overall PIT Count Data**

| Larimer County                    |                      | Weld County                       |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Total N=547                       | Percentage of People | Total N=346                       | Percentage of People |
| <b>Program Type</b>               |                      | <b>Program Type</b>               |                      |
| Emergency Shelter                 | 345 (63%)            | Emergency Shelter                 | 184 (53%)            |
| Transitional Housing              | 27 (5%)              | Transitional Housing              | 69 (19%)             |
| Unsheltered                       | 175 (32%)            | Unsheltered                       | 93 (28%)             |
| <b>Gender</b>                     |                      | <b>Gender</b>                     |                      |
| Male                              | 355 (65%)            | Male                              | 211 (61%)            |
| Female                            | 181 (33%)            | Female                            | 131 (38%)            |
| Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming | 11 (2%)              | Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming | 4 (1%)               |
| <b>Age</b>                        |                      | <b>Age</b>                        |                      |
| 0-17                              | 55 (10%)             | 0-17                              | 84 (25%)             |
| 18-24                             | 33 (6%)              | 18-24                             | 22 (6%)              |
| 25-34                             | 82 (15%)             | 25-34                             | 53 (15%)             |
| 35-44                             | 115 (21%)            | 35-44                             | 77 (22%)             |
| 45-54                             | 131 (24%)            | 45-54                             | 45 (13%)             |
| 55-64                             | 93 (17%)             | 55-64                             | 48 (14%)             |
| 65+                               | 38 (7%)              | 65+                               | 17 (5%)              |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>             |                      | <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>             |                      |
| White                             | 328 (60%)            | White                             | 149 (42%)            |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)           | 38 (7%)              | Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)           | 93 (27%)             |
| Multiple Races*                   | 88 (16%)             | Multiple Races*                   | 69 (20%)             |
| American Indian/Alaska Native     | 22 (4%)              | American Indian/Alaska Native     | 2 (1%)               |
| Asian                             | 5 (1%)               | Asian                             | 0 (0%)               |
| Black or African American         | 49 (9%)              | Black or African American         | 10 (3%)              |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  | 5 (1%)               | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  | 17 (5%)              |
| Missing Data                      | 12 (2%)              | Missing Data                      | 6 (2%)               |

\*Includes people who reported being both White & Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x), as well as other Multi-Racial combinations reported



# Appendix B: 2024 Housing Inventory Count Data

Northern Colorado CoC 2024 Housing Inventory Count  
An interactive 2024 HIC Data Dashboard may be found at [nocococ.org/data-reports](http://nocococ.org/data-reports)

**Appendix B Table 1: HIC Summary Combined Totals (Larimer & Weld)**

|   | Total Year Round Beds | Total Seasonal Bed | Total Overflow Beds | DV Beds | Veteran Beds | Youth Beds |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Emergency Shelter &amp; Transitional Housing</b> |                       |                    |                     |         |              |            |
| Emergency Shelter                                   | 413                   | 130                | 66                  | 92      |              |            |
| Transitional Housing                                | 129                   |                    |                     |         |              |            |
| <b>Permanent Housing</b>                            |                       |                    |                     |         |              |            |
| Permanent Supportive Housing                        | 604                   |                    |                     |         | 215          | 5          |
| Rapid Re-Housing                                    | 244                   |                    |                     | 65      | 116          | 4          |
| Other Permanent Housing                             | 28                    |                    |                     |         |              |            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                  | 1,418                 | 130                | 66                  | 157     | 331          | 9          |

**Appendix B Table 2: HIC Summary by Program**

| County  | City (if Applicable) | Organization Name             | Project Name                               | Bed Type | Special Population | Year-Round Beds | Total Seasonal Beds | Overflow Beds | Total Beds | Beds In Use on PIT | Utilization Rate |
|---------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Both    |                      | Rocky Mountain Human Services | RMHS_SSVF-RRH-CO505_RRH                    | RRH      | Veteran            | 1               |                     |               | 1          | 1                  | 100%             |
| Both    |                      | Volunteers of America         | VOA NoCO_COR3_RRH                          | RRH      |                    | 36              |                     |               | 36         | 36                 | 100%             |
| Both    |                      | Volunteers of America         | VOA NoCO_SSVF Priority 2 RP_RRH            | RRH      | Veteran            | 79              |                     |               | 79         | 79                 | 100%             |
| Both    |                      | Volunteers of America         | VOA NoCO_COR3_PSH                          | PSH      |                    | 2               |                     |               | 2          | 2                  | 100%             |
| Larimer |                      | Alternatives to Violence      | ATV Loveland Safehouse                     | ES       | DV                 | 12              |                     |               | 12         | 12                 | 100%             |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Catholic Charities            | CCD_Extended Stay_Larimer County_ES        | ES       |                    | 37              |                     |               | 37         | 19                 | 51%              |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Catholic Charities            | CCD_The Mission_Larimer County Overflow_ES | ES       |                    | 34              |                     | 16            | 50         | 44                 | 88%              |
| Larimer | Loveland             | City of Loveland              | CL_Emergency Shelter_ES                    | ES       |                    | 42              |                     | 23            | 65         | 65                 | 100 %            |

| County  | City (if Applicable) | Organization Name             | Project Name                  | Bed Type | Special Population | Year-Round Beds | Total Seasonal Beds | Overflow Beds | Total Beds | Beds In Use on PIT | Utilization Rate |
|---------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Crossroads Safehouse          | Crossroads Safehouse          | ES       | DV                 | 53              |                     |               | 53         | 29                 | 55%              |
| Larimer | Estes Park           | Estes Valley Crisis Advocates | My Sister's Place             | ES       | DV                 | 10              |                     |               | 10         | 0                  | 0%               |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Family Housing Network        | FHN_Emergency Shelter_ES      | ES       |                    | 15              |                     |               | 15         | 13                 | 87%              |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Fort Collins Rescue Mission   | FCRM_Overflow Shelter_ES      | ES       |                    |                 | 70                  | 27            | 97         | 97                 | 100%             |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Fort Collins Rescue Mission   | FCRM_Extended Stay Shelter_ES | ES       |                    | 48              |                     |               | 48         | 48                 | 100%             |
| Larimer | Loveland             | House of Neighborly Service   | HNS_Family Promise Shelter_ES | ES       |                    | 16              |                     |               | 16         | 12                 | 75%              |
| Larimer | Loveland             | Salvation Army Loveland       | SAL_Motel Voucher Shelter_ES  | ES       |                    | 6               |                     |               | 6          | 6                  | 100 %            |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Housing Catalyst              | HCAT_Mason Place_PSH          | PSH      |                    | 60              |                     |               | 60         | 59                 | 98 %             |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Housing Catalyst              | HCAT_Redtail_Non PSH          | PSH      |                    | 20              |                     |               | 20         | 20                 | 100 %            |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Housing Catalyst              | HCAT_Redtail_PSH              | PSH      |                    | 40              |                     |               | 40         | 40                 | 100 %            |
| Larimer |                      | Housing Catalyst              | HCAT_VASH Vouchers            | PSH      | Veteran            | 203             |                     |               | 203        | 203                | 100 %            |
| Larimer |                      | Homeward Alliance             | HOME_FUSE_DOH                 | PSH      |                    | 12              |                     |               | 12         | 12                 | 100 %            |
| Larimer | Loveland             | Loveland Housing Authority    | LHA_St Valentine_PSH          | PSH      |                    | 60              |                     |               | 60         | 32                 | 53%              |
| Larimer | Loveland             | Loveland Housing Authority    | LHA_Youth PSH                 | PSH      | Youth              | 5               |                     |               | 5          | 5                  | 100%             |
| Larimer | Loveland             | Loveland Housing Authority    | VASH @ The Edge               | PSH      | Veteran            | 12              |                     |               | 12         | 12                 | 100 %            |
| Larimer |                      | Summit Stone Health Partners  | SHP_DOH_PSH                   | PSH      |                    | 16              |                     |               | 16         | 16                 | 100 %            |
| Larimer | Loveland             | Summit Stone Health Partners  | SHP_Loveland_PSH              | PSH      |                    | 8               |                     |               | 8          | 7                  | 88 %             |
| Larimer |                      | Alternatives to Violence      | ATV_Northern Front Range_RRH  | RRH      | DV                 | 23              |                     |               | 23         | 23                 | 100 %            |
| Larimer |                      | Crossroads Safehouse          | CSH_A Road to Home ESG_RRH    | RRH      | DV                 | 17              |                     |               | 17         | 17                 | 100 %            |
| Larimer |                      | Family Housing Network        | FHN_ESG Rapid_RRH             | RRH      |                    | 19              |                     |               | 19         | 19                 | 100 %            |
| Larimer |                      | Family Housing Network        | FHN_Next Step 2 Gen_RRH       | RRH      |                    | 3               |                     |               | 3          | 3                  | 100 %            |
| Larimer |                      | The Mathews House             | TMH_Rapid Re-Housing_RRH      | RRH      | Youth              | 4               |                     |               | 4          | 4                  | 100%             |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Housing Catalyst              | HCAT_1st Street SRO_PH        | SRO      |                    | 13              |                     |               | 13         | 13                 | 100%             |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Housing Catalyst              | HCAT_Myrtle SRO               | SRO      |                    | 15              |                     |               | 15         | 15                 | 100%             |
| Larimer | Fort Collins         | Family Housing Network        | FHN_Sherwood House_TH         | TH       |                    | 21              |                     |               | 21         | 9                  | 43 %             |
| Larimer | Loveland             | House of Neighborly Service   | HNS_Bridge Housing_TH         | TH       |                    | 20              |                     |               | 20         | 16                 | 80%              |
| Weld    | Fort Lupton          | Hope at Miracle House         | HMH_Emergency Shelter         | ES       |                    | 27              |                     |               | 27         | 27                 | 100%             |
| Weld    | Greeley              | A Woman's Place               | A Woman's Place Shelter       | ES       | DV                 | 17              |                     |               | 17         | 17                 | 100%             |

| County | City (if Applicable) | Organization Name             | Project Name                                | Bed Type | Special Population | Year-Round Beds         | Total Seasonal Beds   | Overflow Beds         | Total Beds        | Beds In Use on PIT     | Utilization Rate           |
|--------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Weld   | Greeley              | Catholic Charities            | CCD_Guadalupe Emergency Shelter_Greeley_ESG | ES       |                    | 35                      |                       |                       | 35                | 27                     | 77%                        |
| Weld   | Greeley              | Catholic Charities            | CCD_Greely_H2H_ES                           | ES       |                    | 7                       |                       |                       | 7                 | 0                      | 0%                         |
| Weld   | Greeley              | Catholic Charities            | CCD_Greeley Overflow Shelter_ES             | ES       |                    | 8                       |                       |                       | 8                 | 8                      | 100%                       |
| Weld   | Greeley              | City of Greeley               | CoG_Motels for Outreach_ES                  | ES       |                    | 10                      |                       |                       | 10                | 12                     | 120%                       |
| Weld   | Greeley              | Greeley Family House          | GFH_ESG_Emergency Shelter                   | ES       |                    | 30                      |                       |                       | 30                | 30                     | 100%                       |
| Weld   | Greeley              | United Way of Weld County     | UWWC_Cold Weather Shelter_ES                | ES       |                    |                         | 60                    |                       | 60                | 58                     | 97%                        |
| Weld   | Greeley              | United Way of Weld County     | UWWC_THR Bridge Housing_ES                  | ES       |                    | 6                       |                       |                       | 6                 | 6                      | 100%                       |
| Weld   | Greeley              | ADEO                          | ADEO_Stephens Brain Injury Campus_PSH       | PSH      |                    | 10                      |                       |                       | 10                | 10                     | 100%                       |
| Weld   | Greeley              | Catholic Charities            | CCD_Guadalupe Apartments Greeley_PSH        | PSH      |                    | 73                      |                       |                       | 73                | 72                     | 99%                        |
| Weld   | Greeley              | City of Greeley               | CoG_Olmstead_PSH                            | PSH      |                    | 24                      |                       |                       | 24                | 24                     | 100%                       |
| Weld   | Greeley              | City of Greeley               | CoG_SWSHE_PSH                               | PSH      |                    | 31                      |                       |                       | 31                | 31                     | 100%                       |
| Weld   |                      | North Range Behavioral Health | NRBH_DOH_PSH                                | PSH      |                    | 10                      |                       |                       | 10                | 10                     | 100%                       |
| Weld   | Greeley              | North Range Behavioral Health | NRBH_Harmony Way_PSH                        | PSH      |                    | 18                      |                       |                       | 18                | 16                     | 89%                        |
| Weld   |                      | A Woman's Place               | AWP_OVW Rapid Re-Housing_RRH                | RRH      | DV                 | 25                      |                       |                       | 25                | 25                     | 100%                       |
| Weld   |                      | Almost Home                   | AHI_NoCo_ESG_RRH                            | RRH      |                    | 7                       |                       |                       | 7                 | 7                      | 100%                       |
| Weld   |                      | Greeley Family House          | GFH_Next Step II_RR                         | RRH      |                    | 6                       |                       |                       | 6                 | 6                      | 100%                       |
| Weld   |                      | Greeley Family House          | GFH_NFR_RR                                  | RRH      |                    | 24                      |                       |                       | 24                | 24                     | 100%                       |
| Weld   | Greeley              | Greeley Family House          | Camfield Corner Apartments                  | TH       |                    | 64                      |                       |                       | 64                | 48                     | 75%                        |
| Weld   | Greeley              | Jobs of Hope                  | JOBS_House of Hope_TH                       | TH       |                    | 12                      |                       |                       | 12                | 10                     | 83%                        |
| Weld   | Greeley              | North Range Behavioral Health | NRBH Transitional Housing Program           | TH       |                    | 12                      |                       |                       | 12                | 9                      | 75%                        |
|        |                      |                               |   |          |                    | <b>Total Year Round</b> | <b>Total Seasonal</b> | <b>Total Overflow</b> | <b>Total Beds</b> | <b>Total PIT Count</b> | <b>Average Utilization</b> |
|        |                      |                               |   |          |                    | <b>1,418</b>            | <b>130</b>            | <b>66</b>             | <b>1,614</b>      | <b>1,465</b>           | <b>91%</b>                 |

## About the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care

### Vision

The Northern Colorado Continuum of Care (NoCO CoC) ensures homelessness in Northern Colorado will be rare, short-lived, and non-recurring using best practices.

### Mission

The NoCO CoC covers Larimer and Weld counties in Northern Colorado, working diligently to coordinate regional policies, strategies, and activities for quickly rehousing individuals and families, aligning homeless funding objectives, and promoting equitable access to housing resources through Housing First best practices.

### Housing Solves Homelessness

Experiencing homelessness is traumatic, for individuals, families, and the community. While the causes and experience of homeless are complex, the solution is straightforward: we need to house people. The NoCO CoC supports a coordinated community-wide system capable of quickly connecting people experiencing homelessness to permanent housing and supportive services.

### Together We Can End Homelessness

As authorized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the NoCO CoC is built on a strong collaborative network of many individuals and 40+ organizations that are all invested in making homelessness rare, short-lived, and non-recurring. While this important work is supported by a small number of NoCO CoC staff, our efforts are successful because of buy-in and engagement from community partners that know it takes the whole community to end homelessness!

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