

State of Homelessness



Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness

- 2023 -

***Why do people
Experience
Homelessness?***



\$1,996

Average cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Rhode Island

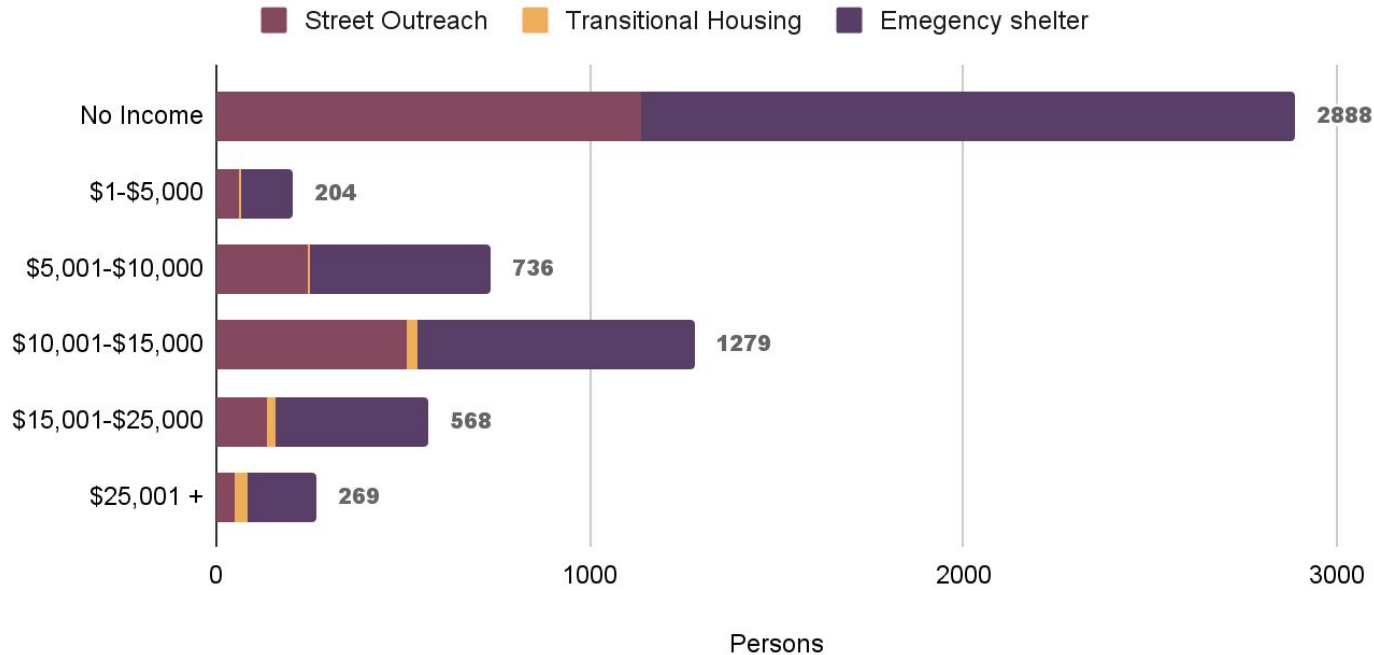
\$80,000

Income needed to afford this



Income

Annual Income Ranges for Rhode Islanders Experiencing Homelessness (by Project Type)



49%
of Rhode Islanders
experiencing
homelessness
reported having
**No
Income**



Source: HMIS, Household Income by Number of Clients for Distribution, (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Current Trends



January 2023 Point in Time Count

1,288 persons living in “Emergency Shelter”

187 persons living in “Transitional Housing”



334 persons living “Outdoors or in Cars”

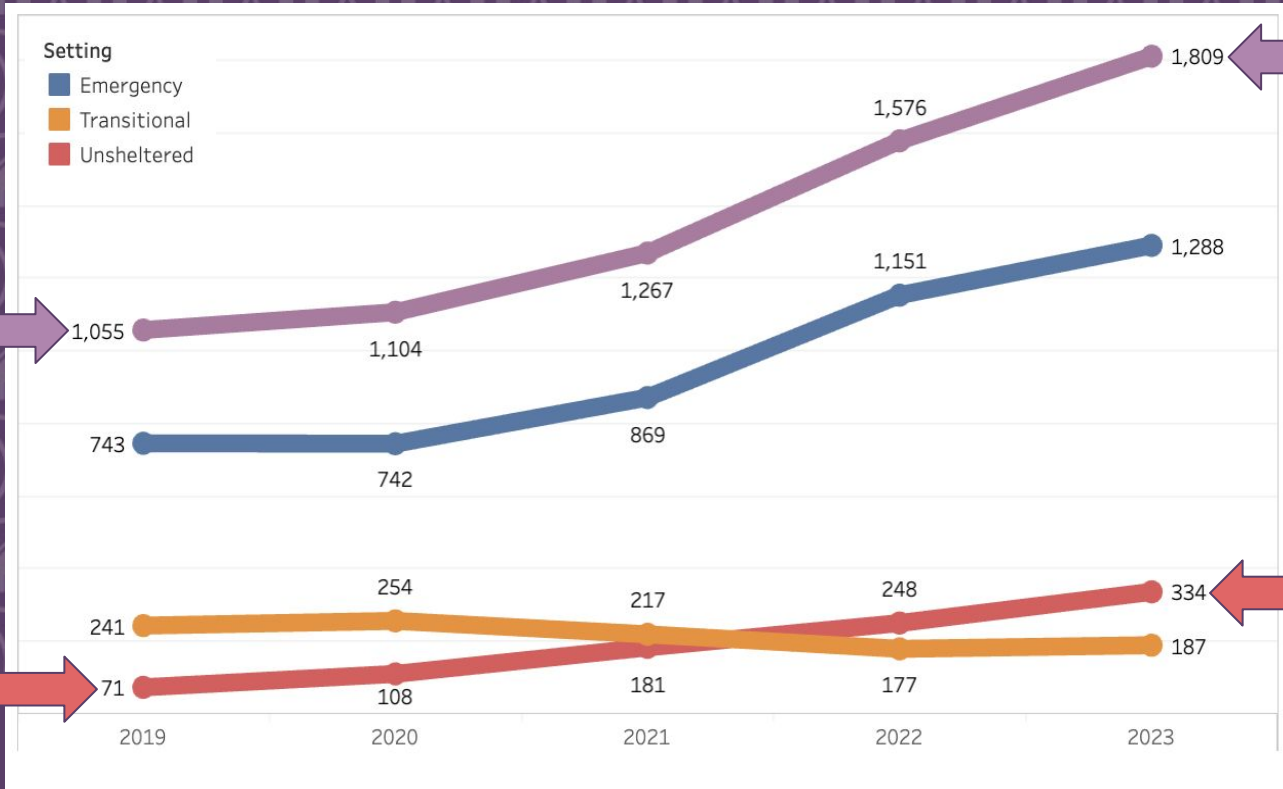
Total of **1,809 persons** experienced

Homelessness on January 26th, 2023

The Point in Time Count is an annual count of people experiencing homelessness, including a physical street outreach count of unsheltered individuals.



Point in Time Count over Time



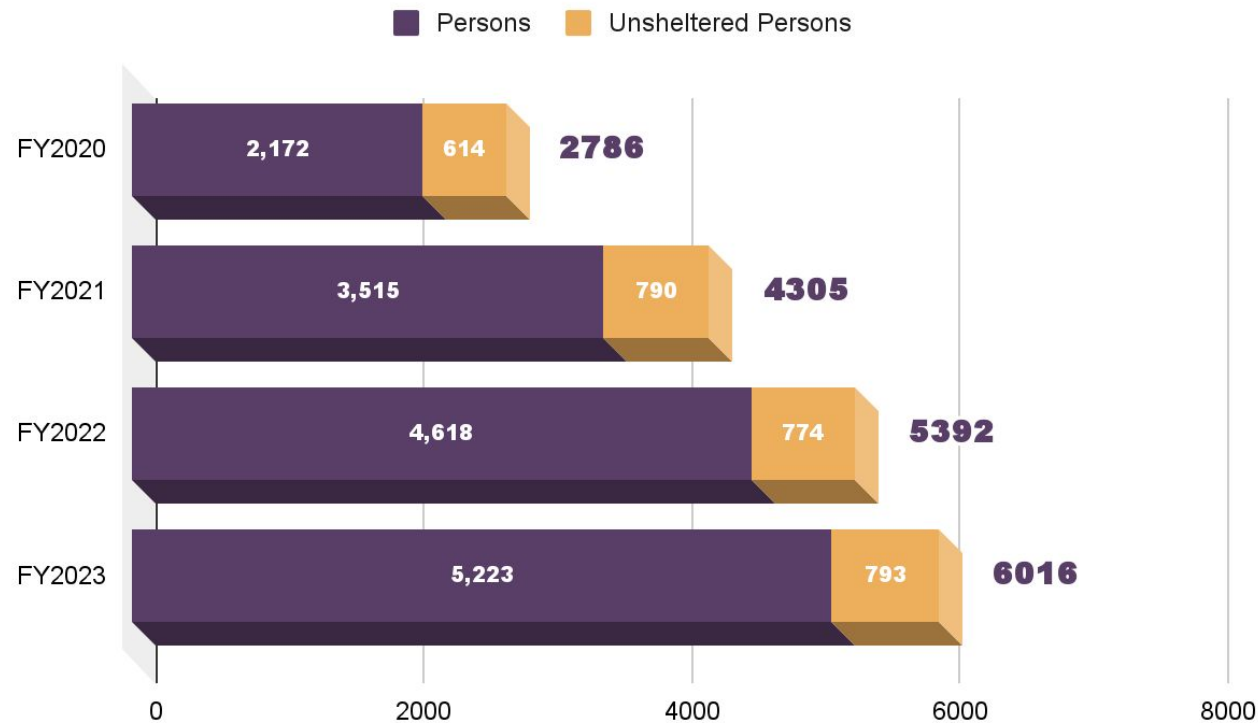
There has been a
72%
increase in the overall*
number of people
experiencing
homelessness since
2019.

Since 2019,
Unsheltered
Homelessness has
increased
370%



Source: Rhode Island/HUD PIT Report 2019-2023, Data includes Domestic Violence Shelters and other non HMIS participating sites.

The Homelessness Management Information System

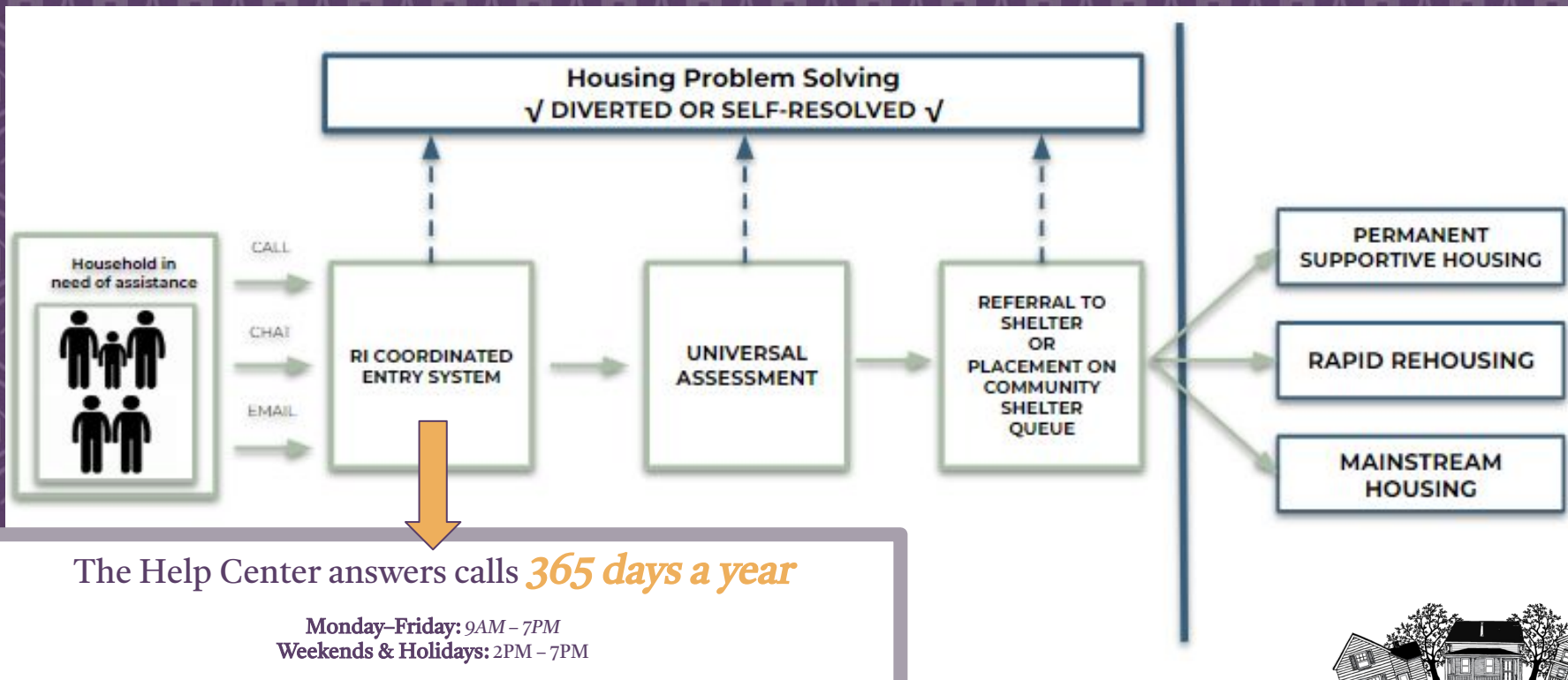


Each year the number of new people entering the system has increased. Over the last 4 years **18,499** new people have entered the Homeless System.



Source: HMIS, *New Clients by Enrollment*, Report run by fiscal year by all project types (FY2020 - 7/1/19-6/30/20) (FY2021 - 7/1/20-6/30/21) (FY2022- 7/1/21-6/30/22) (FY2023 - 7/1/22-6/30/23)

Navigating Coordinated Entry



The Help Center answers calls **365 days a year**

Monday–Friday: 9AM – 7PM
Weekends & Holidays: 2PM – 7PM

Clients can call **401-277-4316** to be put in touch with available services



11,799

The number of calls CES fielded from 2,286 unique callers in September 2023



Shelter Queue Household Breakdown



Household with Children
203 Persons
(65 Households)



Household without Children
209 Persons
(104 Households)



Single Adults
314 Persons
(314 Households)

726 Persons
(483 Households)
are on the shelter queue

What is the “Shelter Queue”?

The shelter queue is a dynamic waitlist of individuals and families awaiting shelter placement.



Time on the Shelter Queue

22% of the referrals to the shelter queue in the last 2 years ended in shelter placements*

**This is based on referrals, not households. One household could be added to the Shelter Queue multiple times during a period of time.*

For those that receive Shelter Referrals:

Average time on
Shelter Queue to
Shelter Referral

14 Days

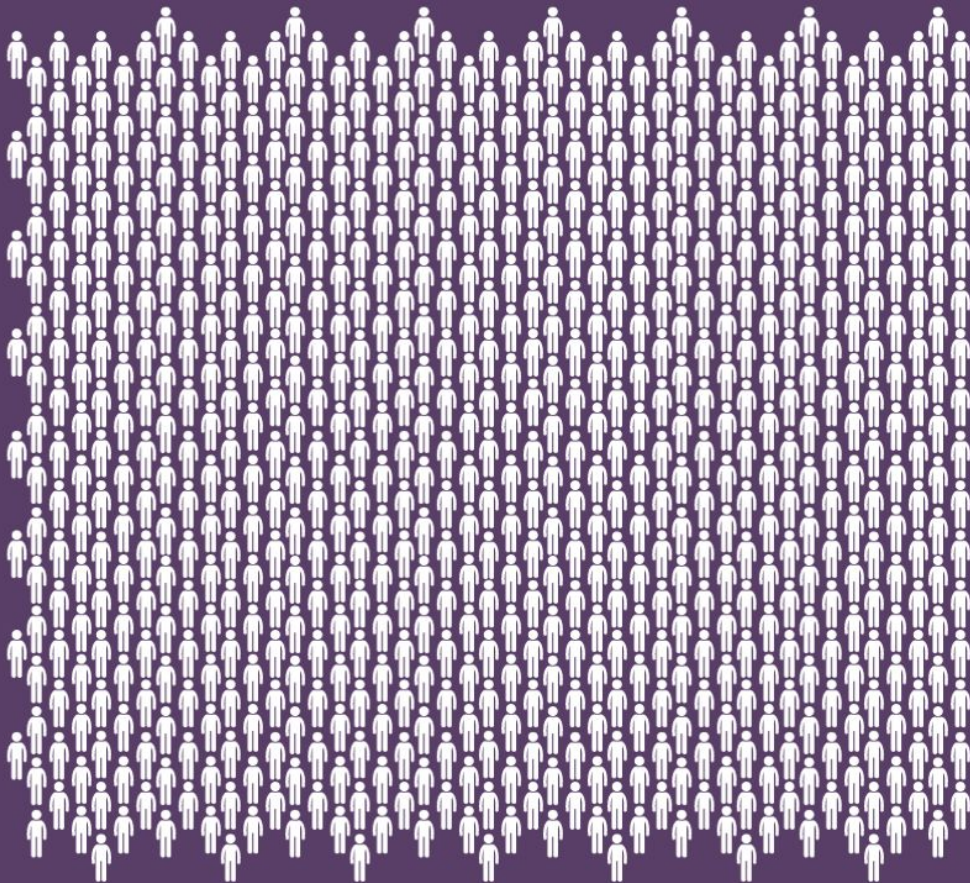
Average time from
Shelter Referral to
Shelter Placement

1 Day

Source: HMIS, Shelter Queue De-Identified (10/23/23) &
Time from Referral to Queue to Shelter Placement, CES Evaluation Dashboard, (past 2 years- Pulled 10/26/23) &
All SQ referrals for matching and denied Information (past 2 years Pulled 10/3/2023)

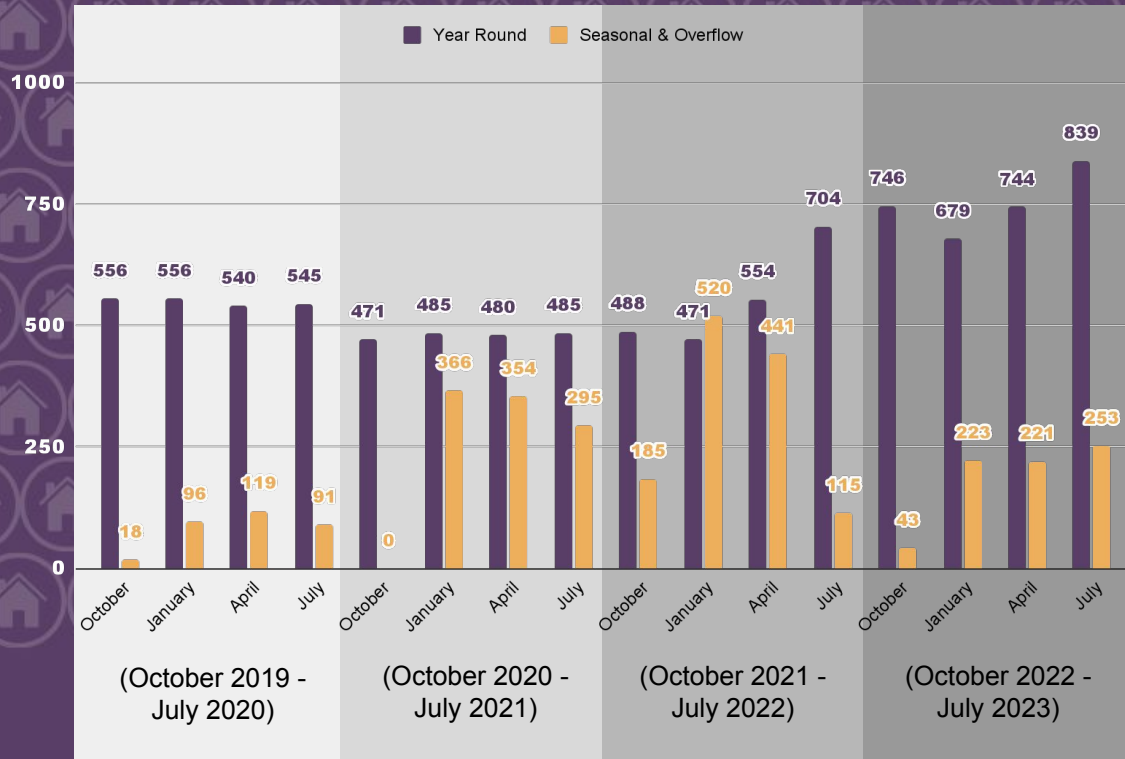


This is what
726
Unsheltered
Persons
Seeking
Shelter
when there
are only an
average of **7**
Shelter
Openings
per day
looks like.



Shelter Bed Inventory

Total Beds Over Time



Shelter Beds in the System Now

Family Beds	Adult only* Beds
366	755
1,121 Beds Total	

*Adult Only beds refer to Households without Children and Single adults.



Source: HMIS, Beds and Enrollments on a Particular Day (10/15/23) & Beds and Enrollments on A Particular Day, (October 2019-July 2023), report run on the first of each month: October, January, April and July

Moving into Housing

Current Housing Queue



630 Persons
(190 Households)



322 Persons
(154 Households)



612 Persons
(612 Households)

Source: HMIS, Shelter Queue
De-Identified (10/23/23)

Average time on
Housing Queue to
Housing Referral

113 Days

Average time from
Housing Referral to
Move In

188 Days

There are
154
Households
With a Housing Voucher
but no Move-in Date

Source: HMIS, Time from Housing Queue Referral to Matchmaker Reassigned to Accepted to Move-in, CES Evaluation Dashboard (past 2 years- Pulled 10/26/2023) & Long term Stayers (10/3/23)
Boston Consulting Group, Housing Supply and Homelessness in Rhode Island, (April 2023)



What's Next?



How we address this crisis?

State and municipal leaders can continue to:

- Develop flexible Housing Problem Solving resources to prevent and divert homelessness.
- Increase the supply of crisis housing and shelter, including innovative models.
- Dramatically increase the supply of affordable housing for very low income households, including permanent supportive housing.
- Continue to support State efforts; working together to end homelessness.
- Treat housing as healthcare to bridge the gap between health and housing stability.



How we address this crisis?

We need the Federal Government to:

- Expand Housing Choice Vouchers to an entitlement program (so all who are eligible can receive it)
- Increase HUD funding for Homeless Assistance Grants
- Continue and expand regulatory waivers, making programs more effective and nimble



How we address this crisis?

We need Rhode Islanders to:

- Call for more affordable housing options and shelter in your city and town.
- Ask us to present to local municipalities our State of Homelessness presentation.
- Volunteer with local providers to help our unhoused neighbors.
- Support our legislative agenda.
- Donate. Volunteer. Sign up for our enews.
- Volunteer for our January 2024 Point in Time Count.



Support Legislative Priorities

*We are in process of developing our 2024 Legislative Priorities.
Join us in supporting the legislation that is designed to:*

- Create more affordable housing and remove barriers to accessing housing
- Protect people who are experiencing homelessness
- Help to keep people safely housed
- Prevent unjust practices that lead to homelessness

Process

Our legislative priorities are formed from interviews with front line service providers then vetted by constituents, stakeholders and partners like you!



**Thank You for your commitment to
Ending Homelessness!!**

