



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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March 31, 2025

The Honorable Daniel McKee
Governor of Rhode Island
Rhode Island State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Governor McKee:

The Department of Housing is pleased to submit the below report on the activities of the Interagency Council on Homelessness pursuant to § 40-17-4.

The Interagency Council on Homelessness reconvened for its first meeting in over seven years in December 2024 and has had monthly meetings since. Reviving the Interagency Council on Homelessness is aligned with the 2024 Housing Organization Report recommendations, which envisions the Interagency Council on Homelessness and a new Interagency Council on Housing Production and Preservation serving as key coordinating entities to align state agency processes, resources, and programs to achieve strategic goals related to homelessness and housing, respectively.

The Interagency Council on Homelessness has focused on the following topics at the recent meetings as it works to re-establish itself and ensure shared understanding of the current system across all member agencies:

- December 2024: Housing Organizational Plan proposals and the Municipal Homelessness Support Initiative.
- January 2025: Mapping resources and activities across member agencies related to preventing and addressing homelessness.
- February 2025: Department of Housing updates on expansion of temporary emergency shelter capacity and discussion of proposed new revenue streams for homelessness in the Governor's proposed budget.
- March 2025: Presentation from the Continuum of Care on the activities of the CoC and its relation to the work of the Interagency Council.

All meeting materials are posted on the Department of Housing website here: [Interagency Council on Homelessness | Department of Housing](#).

At each meeting, the Council has also received valuable public comment about the state of homelessness and opportunities to improve the system to better serve people experiencing homelessness.

Following up on the January meeting and using planning funding from State Fiscal Recovery Funds, the Department of Housing has engaged a consulting firm to map the federal and state resources to prevent and address homelessness in Rhode Island. This mapping will provide foundational information from which the Interagency Council can identify opportunities to optimize resources, reduce duplication of efforts, and better serve Rhode Islanders experiencing homelessness. This is particularly vital as the federal funding outlook is increasingly uncertain and one-time pandemic resources have come to an end. This mapping will also inform the development of an updated strategic plan to end homelessness.

On an annual basis, the RI Continuum of Care is required to set the policies for a Point in Time (PIT) count of all people experiencing homelessness in the state. The most recently available data from the PIT is attached to this report. HUD has set policies for data collection and approved count methodologies. The PIT count must occur during the last 10 days of January each year, with the exact dates varying slightly from year to year. This count typically lasts for one night, although some communities may extend it to cover multiple nights to ensure a more accurate count. The duration is designed to capture a snapshot of homelessness on a specific night to gather data on the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the community.

The Department of Housing is working on statutory language to effectuate the recommendations of the 2024 Housing Organization Report including proposed changes to the structure of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, such as clarifying that the Secretary of Housing is the chair of the council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on the activities and progress of the Interagency Council on Homelessness. If you have any questions, please reach out Katuska.Perez@housing.ri.gov.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah J. Goddard". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Deborah J. Goddard
Secretary of Housing

PIT 2024 Presentation

2024 Results	5 Year Trends	Sheltered Families	Individuals	Unsheltered	Transition Aged Youth	Chronic Homelessness
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Night of January 24, 2024 - Persons Experiencing Homelessness



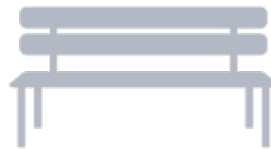
Total Persons
2,442



Young Adults
142



Persons in Families
877



Chronic Homeless
936



Individuals
1,565



Veterans
130

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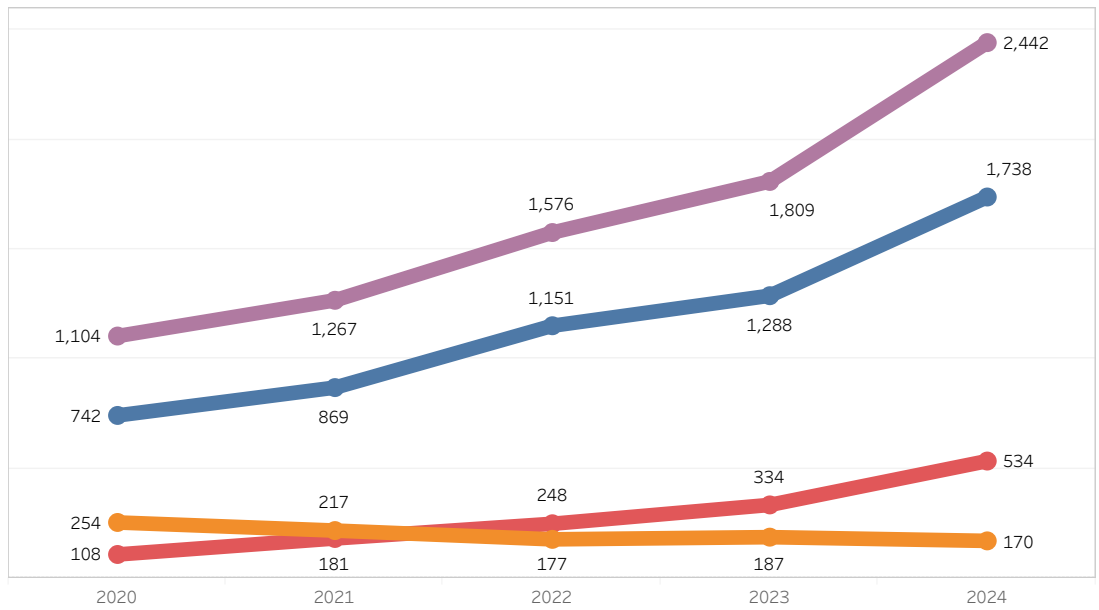
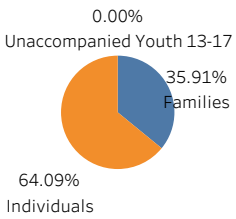
5 Year Trends: Overall

The number of people experiencing homelessness increased 35% from the 2023 count. The largest increase was within Persons Unsheltered and in Emergency Shelter.

Setting

- Emergency
- Transitional
- Unsheltered

2024 PIT HHs



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5 Year Trend: Adults with Children

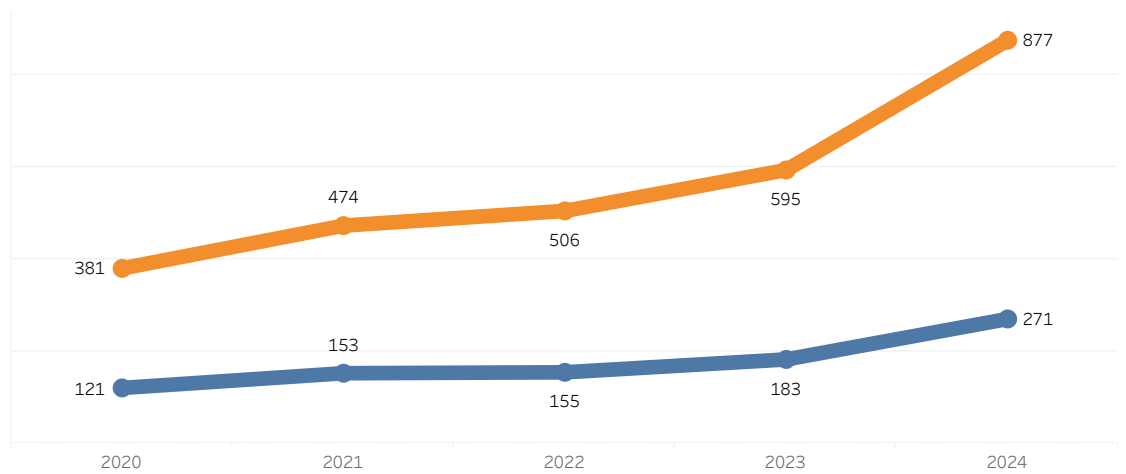
Since last year, there are 47% more people in family households.

Setting1
All

Trends - Families

Measure1

- Total Number of Household..
- Total Number of Persons - A..



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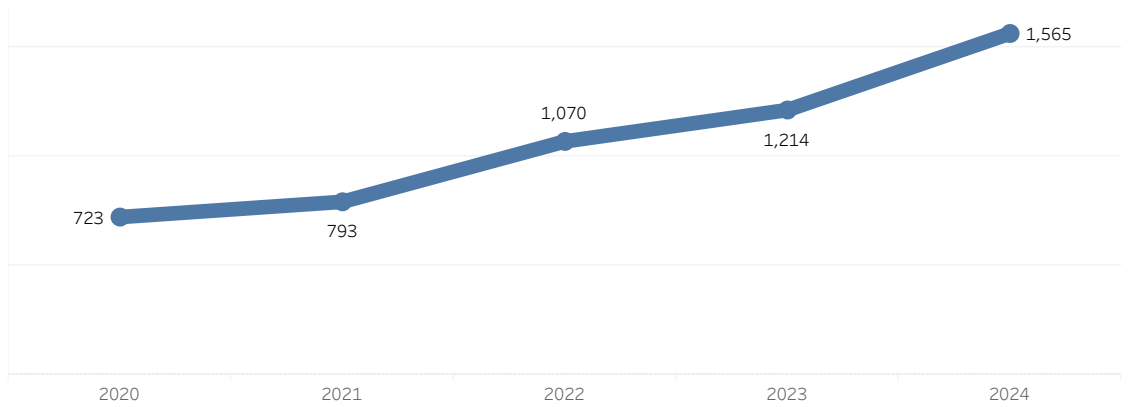
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5 Year Trend: Adult Only Households

The overall count of individuals experiencing homelessness has increased by 28% since last year.

Setting
All

Trends - Individuals



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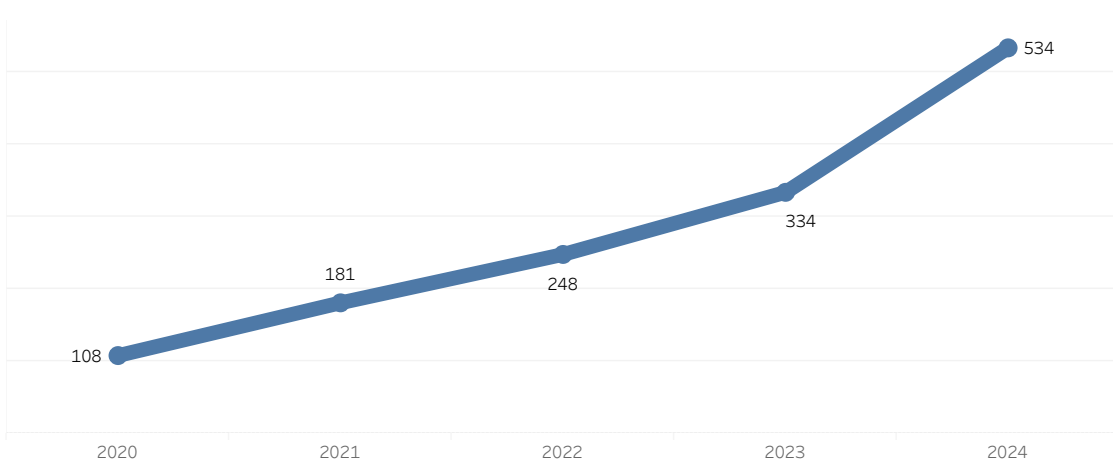
5 Year Trends	Sheltered Families	Individuals	Unsheltered	Transition Aged Youth	Chronic Homelessness	RRH in housing search
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5 Year Trend: Unsheltered

Unsheltered Homelessness increased 35% since 2022, since 2020 it has increased 394%

HH Type1
All

Trends - Unsheltered



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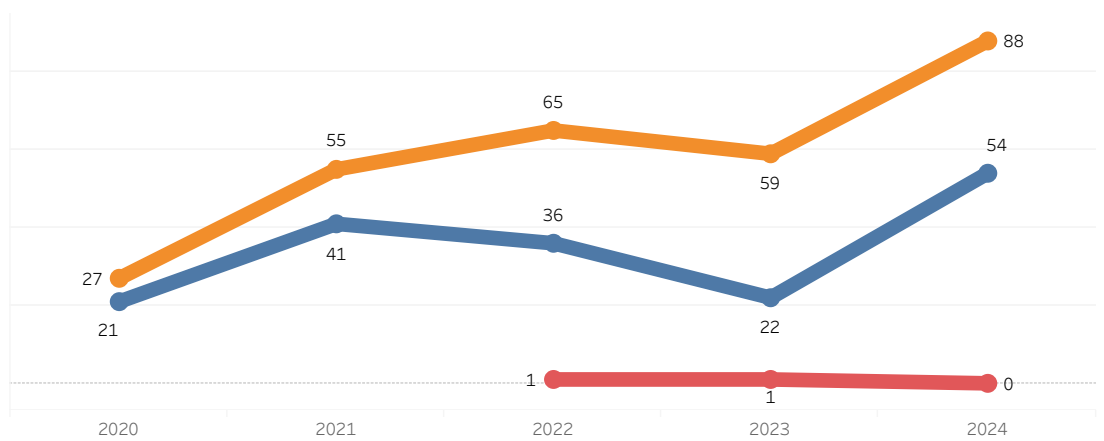
Sheltered Families	Individuals	Unsheltered	Transition Aged Youth	Chronic Homelessness	RRH in housing search	Equity Analysis
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5 Year Trend: Unaccompanied Youth and Young Adults

Young Adults (age 18-24) increased, particularly in YHDP Transitional Housing projects.

HH Type1
Families
Individuals
Unaccompanied Youth 13-17
Setting1
All

Trends - Unaccompanied Youth and Young Adults



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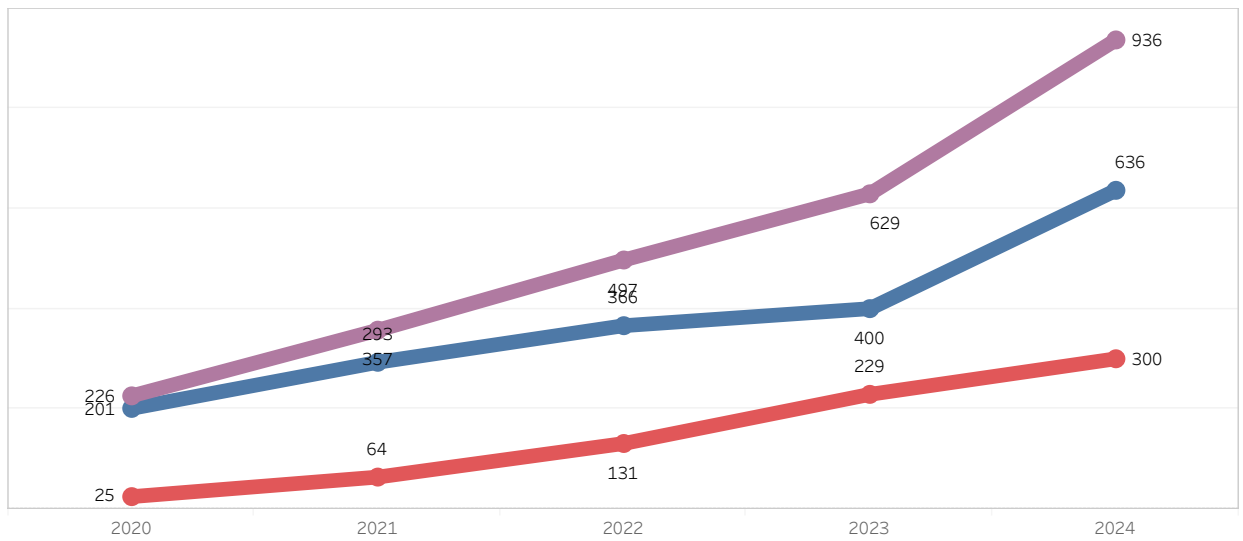
Individuals	Unsheltered	Transition Aged Youth	Chronic Homelessness	RRH in housing search	Equity Analysis	Equity Unsheltered and Sheltered
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5 Year Trends: Chronic Homelessness

The number of Chronically Homeless persons increased by 20% from last year. This graph does not include people in transitional housing, because by definition they are no longer counted as chronically homeless once entering transitional housing.

Setting
■ Emergency
■ Unsheltered

Trends - Chronic Homeless



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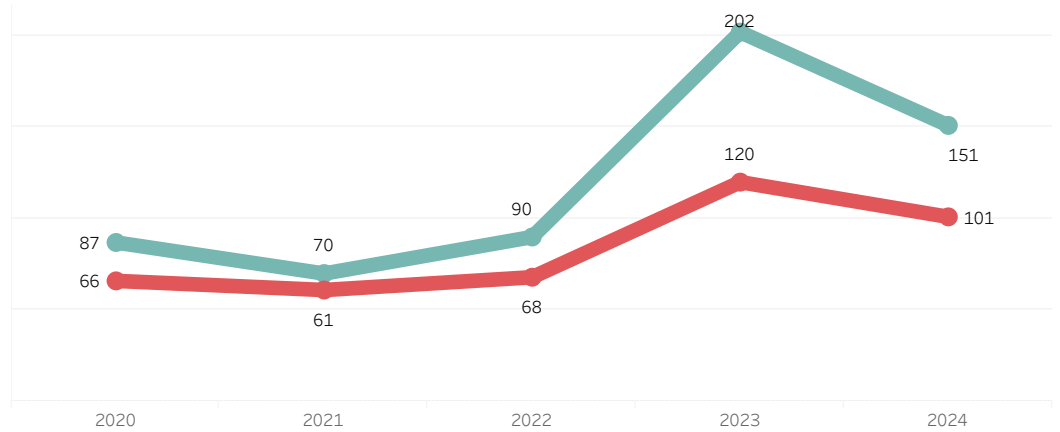
Unsheltered	Transition Aged Youth	Chronic Homelessness	RRH in housing search	Equity Analysis	Equity Unsheltered and Sheltered	Unsheltered Heat Map
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5 Year Trend: RRH in Housing Search

There were many households experiencing homelessness who had obtained a Rapid ReHousing voucher on the night of the Point in Time Count. Due to the extreme lack of affordable housing they were still looking for a unit to utilize their voucher. As a result, they are counted in the shelter and/or unsheltered count.

Homeless in housing search with RRH
■ Total number of Households
■ Total Number of Persons

Homeless with an RRH enrollment not moved-in

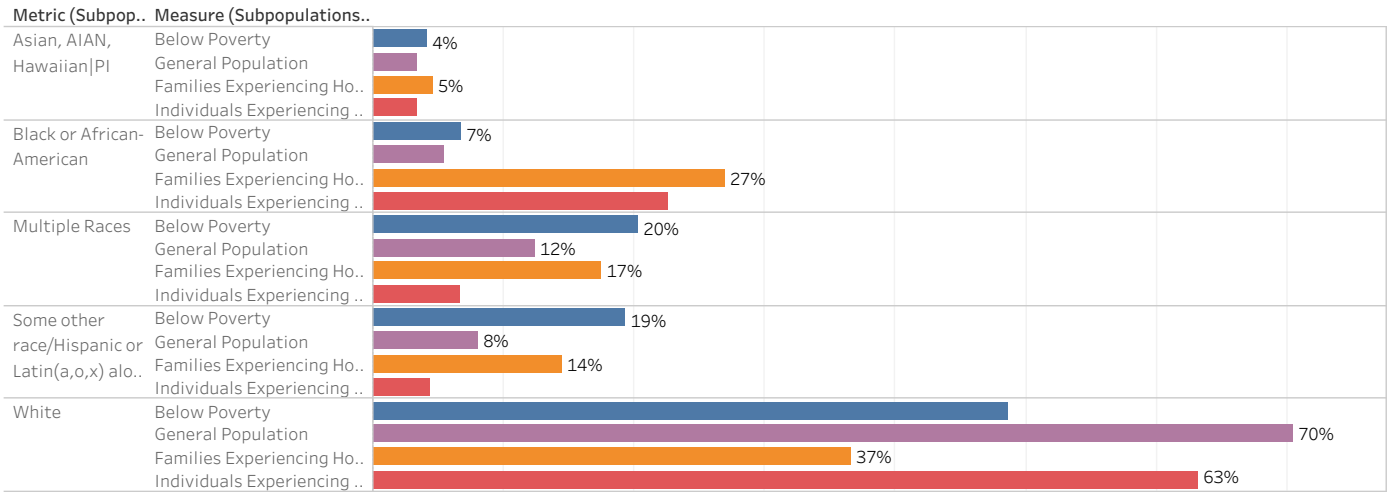


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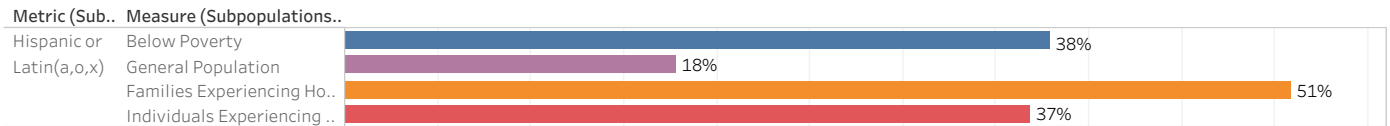
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Equity Analysis

Race



Ethnicity



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Equity Analysis Sheltered status of Adults Only Households

Race/Ethnicity

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Black or African-American and Hispa..
- Hawaiian or PI
- Hispanic/Latino
- Hispanic/Latino and a different race
- MENA
- Multiple races including Hispanic
- Multiple races not including Hispanic
- White
- White and Hispanic

Gender

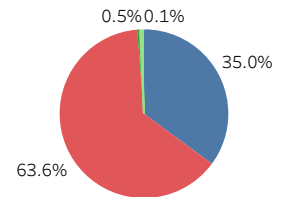
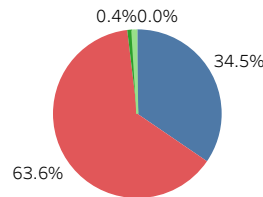
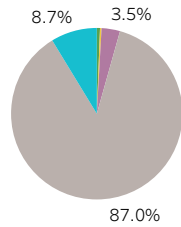
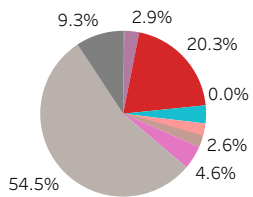
- Culturally Specific Gender
- Different Identity
- Female
- Male
- Multiple Genders
- Non-binary
- Questioning
- Transgender

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Unsheltered

Unsheltered

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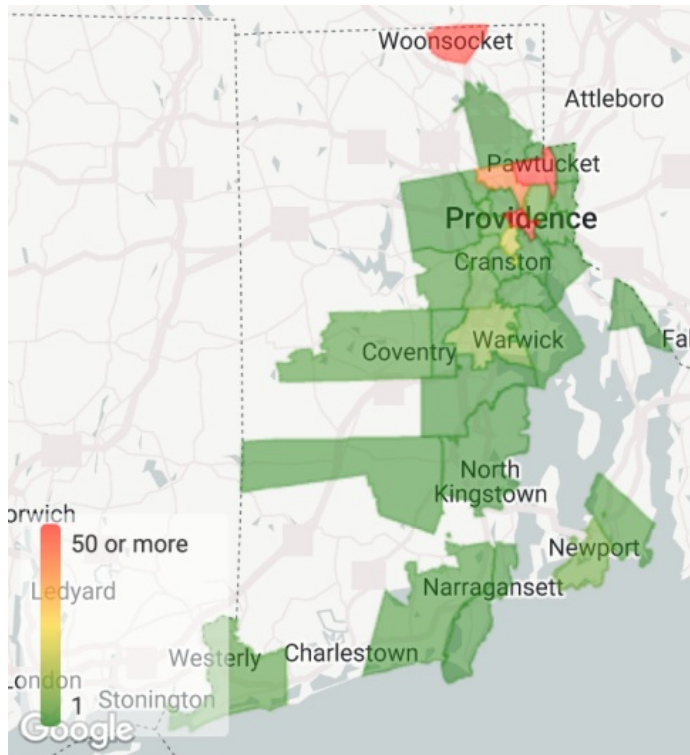


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Unsheltered Locations

Zip codes of unsheltered persons counted



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Descriptive1	Measure1	Year					Year
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Populations / Subpopulations	Total Number of Persons - Adult-Only HHs	723	793	1,070	1,214	1,565	<input type="checkbox"/> 2012
	Total Number of Persons - Adults with Children	381	474	506	595	877	<input type="checkbox"/> 2013
	Total Number of Households - Adults with Children	121	153	155	183	271	<input type="checkbox"/> 2014
	Total Number of CH persons	226	357	497	629	936	<input type="checkbox"/> 2015
	Total Number of CH households	11	14	23	14	54	<input type="checkbox"/> 2016
	Total number of Households	66	61	68	120	101	<input type="checkbox"/> 2017
	Total Number of Households - Child Only			1	1	0	<input type="checkbox"/> 2018
	Total Number of Persons	87	70	90	202	151	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019
	Total Number of Persons - Child-Only HHs			1	1	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2020
							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2021
Race	American Indian or Alaska Native	24	18	37	33		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2022
	Asian	6	5	8	12		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2023
	Black or African-American	322	437	384	436		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2024
	Multiple Races	90	134	113	185		
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6	9	5	4		
	White	656	777	1,030	1,140		
Ethnicity	Hispanic/Latino	247	307	348	406		
	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	857	960	1,229	1,404		
Gender	Female	431	522	622	718	1,041	
	Gender Non-Conforming	1	0	6	11		
	Male	667	739	940	1,069	1,373	
	Transgender	5	6	9	12	7	
	Culturally Specific Gender					0	
	Different Identity					1	
	Multiple Genders					12	
	Non-binary					8	
Questioning					0		
Age Group	Number of Persons Under 18 yrs	238	290	317	376	468	
	Number of Persons 18 - 24 yrs	48	96	101	81	142	
	Number of Persons 25+ yrs	818	881	1,159	1,353		
	Number of Persons 25 - 34 yrs					414	
	Number of Persons 35 - 44 yrs					494	
	Number of Persons 45 - 54 yrs					379	
	Number of Persons 55 - 64 yrs					334	
	Number of Persons 65+ yrs					162	
Number of Persons Under 18					49		
Race/Ethnicity	American Indian or Alaska Native					10	
	Asian					3	
	Black or African-American					113	