

Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative Dashboards

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Summary

As of September, 2023, Tri-Cities has reached the halfway point in implementation of the Tri-Cities Homeless Action Plan. This milestone marks a significant increase in the region's capacity to address homelessness. Services such as CrossPurpose, street outreach, Built-for-Zero, and OneHome have already begun changing lives and moving unhoused community members off the streets. As implementation continues, further transformational services will launch, such as Ready to Work, a Navigation Center, Safe Parking, and more. Recent highlights of this implementation work include:

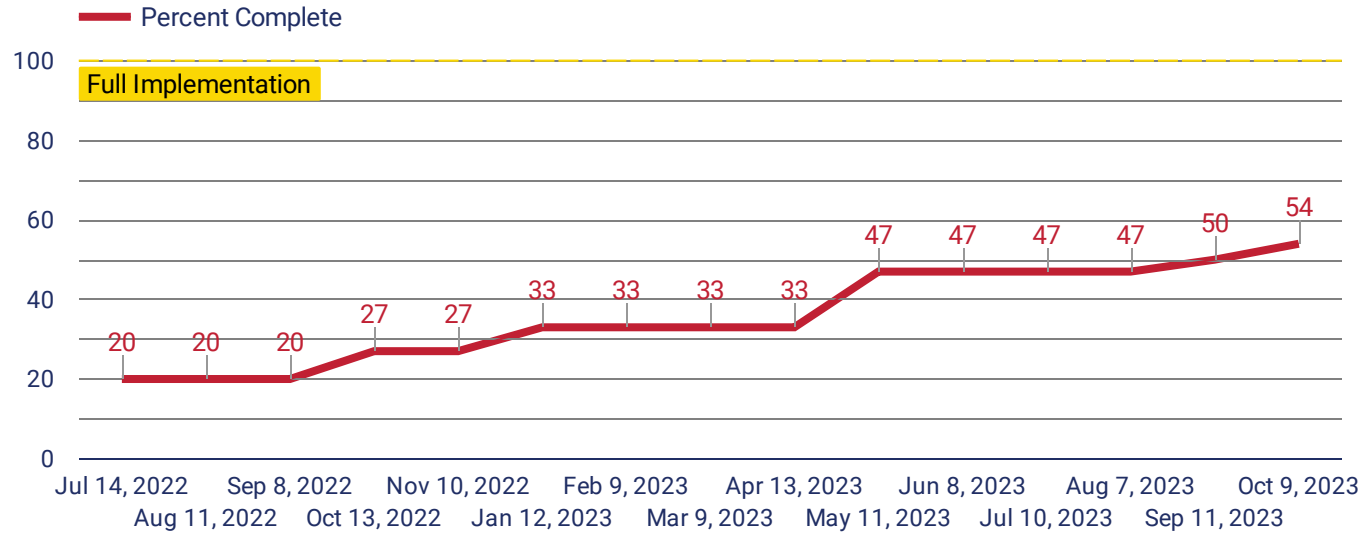
- Funding for the **Tri-Cities Navigation Center!** The State of Colorado awarded \$1,647,801 to fund the renovation and initial operations of the Navigation Center. This program will provide base services, navigation beds, and case management to move up to 60 individuals out of homelessness per year. This program is expected to launch in early 2024.
- Official expansion of **Built-for-Zero** to include single adults. Beginning in October, the Tri-Cities Case Conferencing team will add a focus on unhoused single adults. Through direct provider referrals, this group will begin coordinating care and housing placements for both veterans and single adults. Impact of this expansion will be tracked on the "Built-for-Zero" page of this dashboard.
- Coordination with Tri-Cities libraries on a plan for **Online Skills Training Promotion.**
- Stakeholder engagement around piloting a **Safe Parking Program.**

To learn more about these steps, as well as the Homeless Action Plan in its entirety, visit tricityshomeless.com. As work continues to implement the plan, Tri-Cities leadership is hopeful that a wider array of services will be noticeable to all community members experiencing challenge related to homelessness. Additionally, impact tracking, as can be seen below, will help guide future work related to homelessness response in a data-driven fashion.

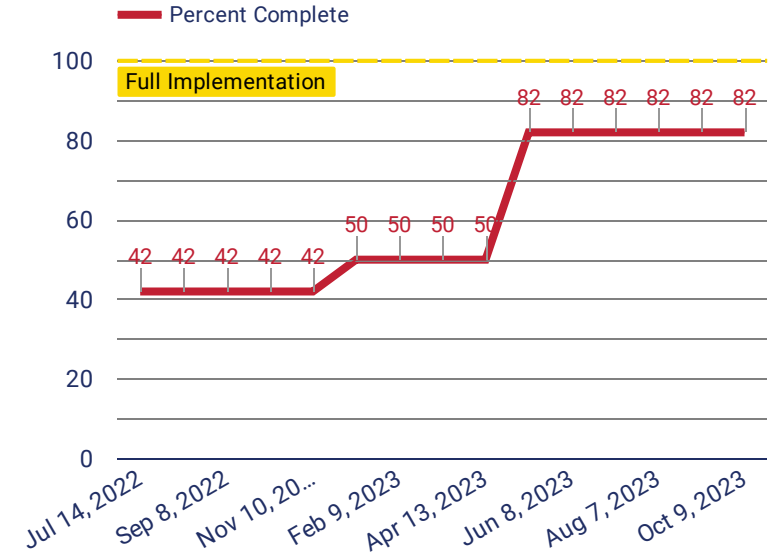
Homelessness Action Plan Implementation Status

These dashboards track the implementation progress of the Tri-Cities Homelessness Action Plan. Each action item is scored "completed" once implemented. These visualizations track percentages of action items that have achieved this score, thus tracking the plan's implementation both in totality and in categorical breakdown.

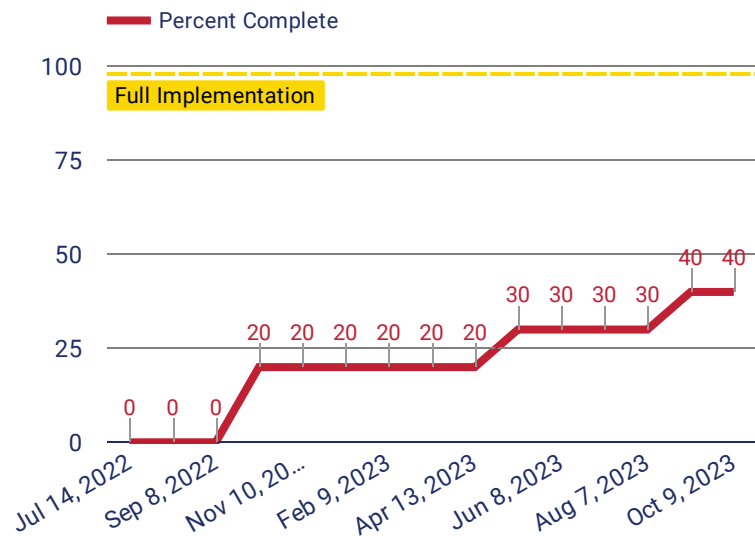
Total Action Plan



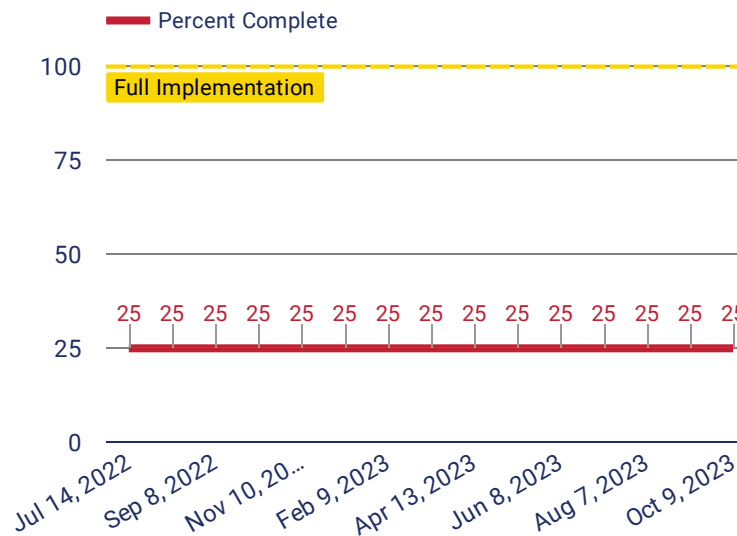
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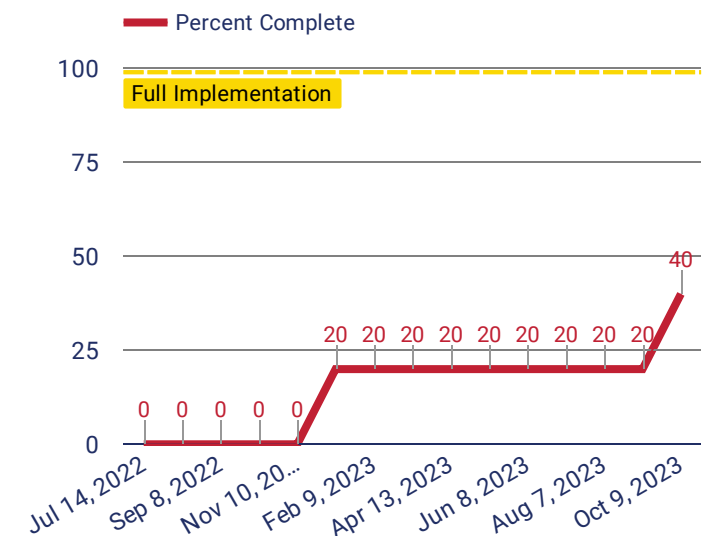
Single Adult System



Workforce Development



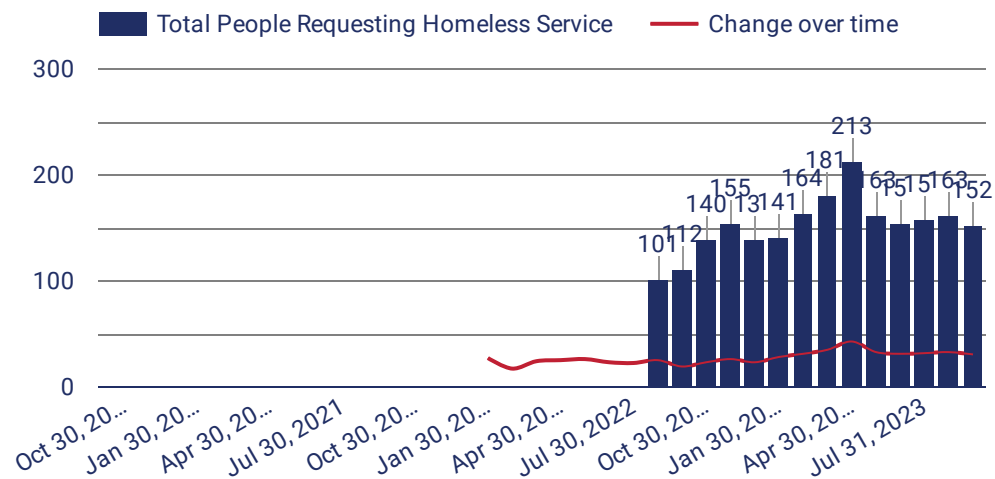
Family System



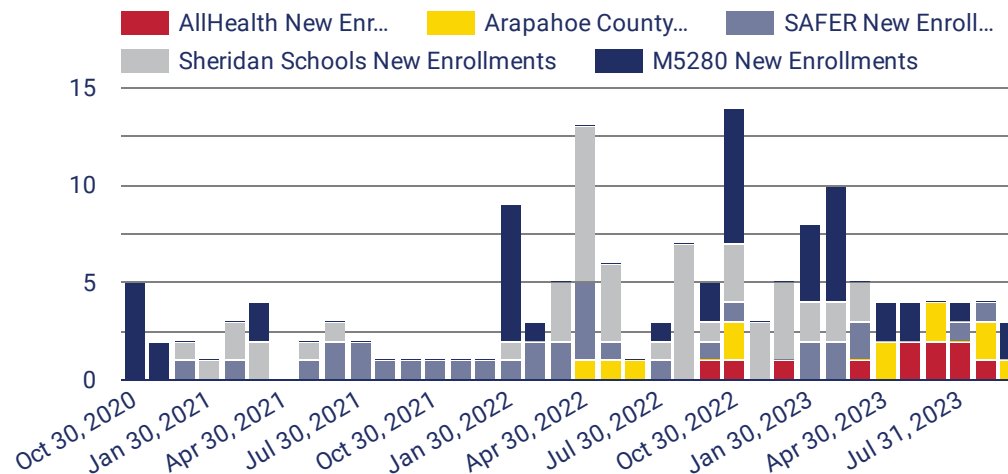
Homelessness Trends: HMIS

The Homeless Management Information System provides a real-time sampling of individuals requesting services for homelessness support in local service providers. While this sampling does not provide comprehensive totals of people experiencing homelessness, it is an ongoing indicator of homeless trends.

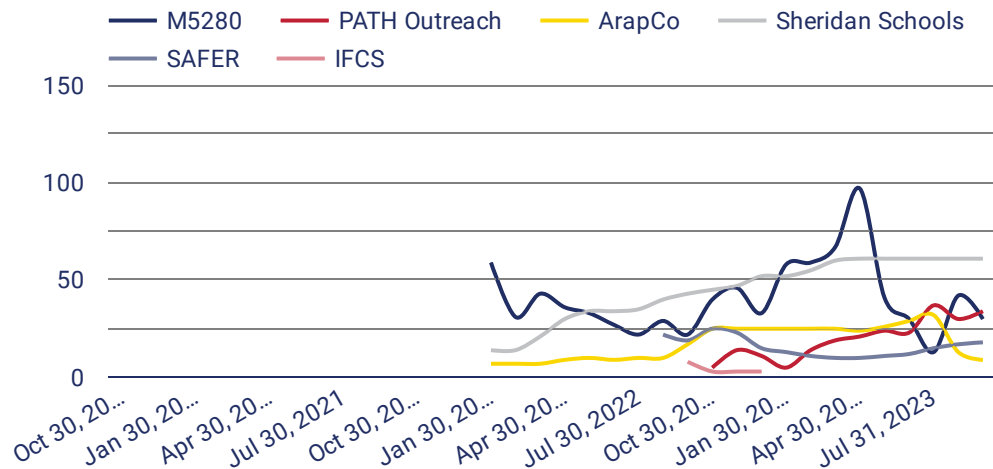
HMIS Sampling



New HMIS Enrollments



HMIS Trends by Agency



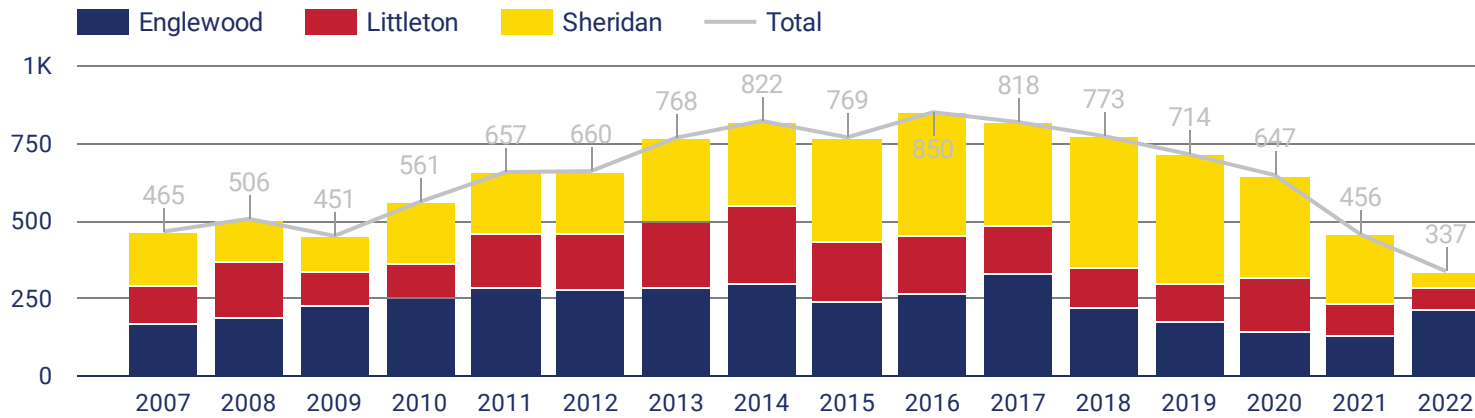
Commentary

The HMIS System carries the unique capacity, relative to other homelessness indicators, of providing data on an on-going basis (in this case, monthly) rather than an annual count. While this data set does not provide sum totals of people experiencing homelessness, it does provide an on-going demonstration of the degree to which this sampling of agencies is serving clients. One limitation to consider with regards to HMIS data is the task of managing such a large system in real time. Tweaks and alterations to the system are often made to continue to improve its accuracy and functionality. Additionally, new agencies begin implementing HMIS regularly, contributing to variances in data trends.

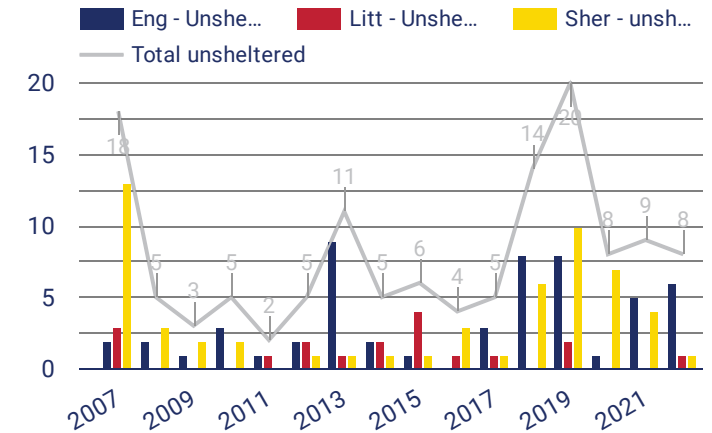
Homelessness Trends: McKinney-Vento

Student and Family homelessness is tracked by the reporting from public school districts in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act.

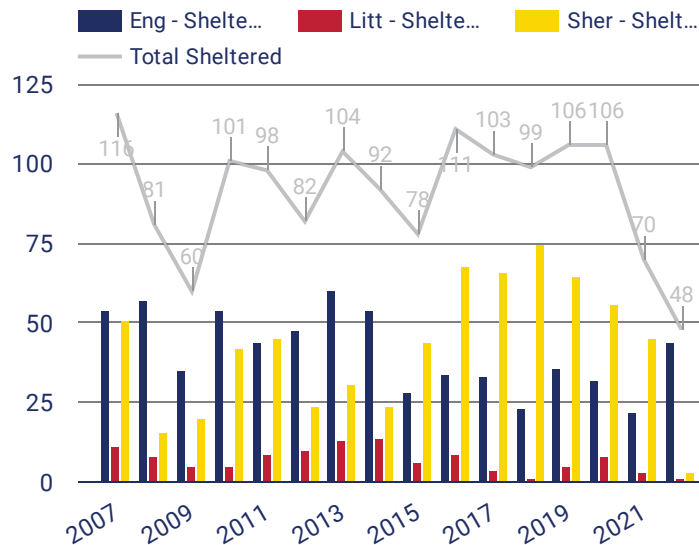
Student Homelessness Totals



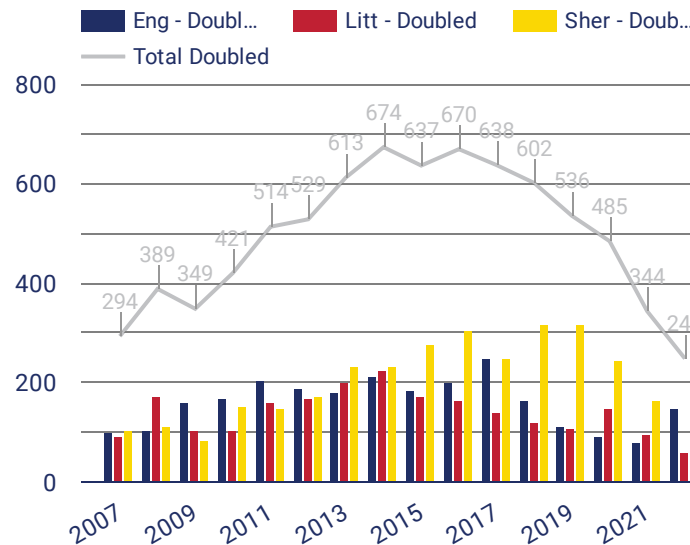
Unsheltered Students



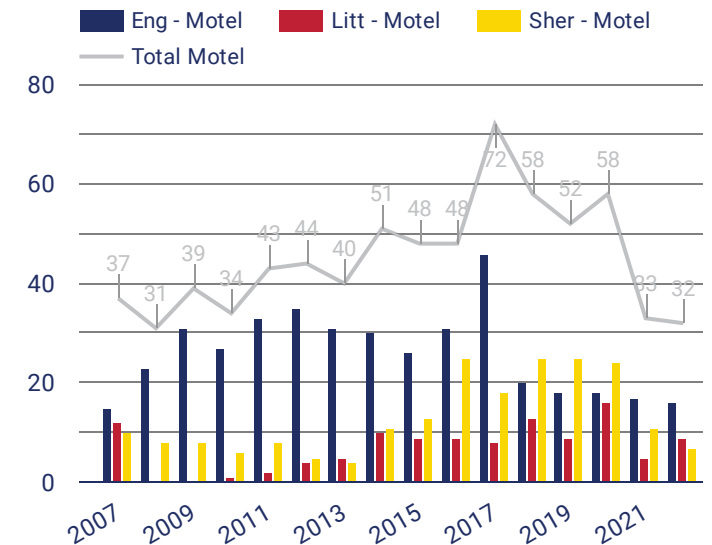
Sheltered Students



Doubled-Up Students (w/ Family or Friends)



Students Staying in Hotels/Motels



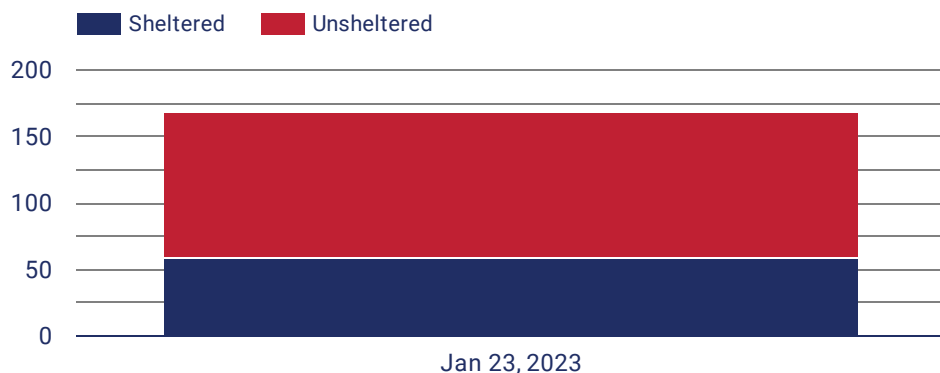
Commentary

The McKinney-Vento data is collected each year by public school districts and submitted to the Department of Education. Because it is managed by the Department of Education, it uses a more expansive definition of homelessness than the one used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in its inclusion of students who are "doubled-up" with friends or families. Three limitations to consider with regards to this data set include 1) these numbers include only students enrolled in public schools and may leave out students who attend private school or homeschool environments, 2) this data does not include families with children under school age, and 3) it is reasonable to assume that 2020 and 2021 saw an undercount of student homelessness as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent school closures.

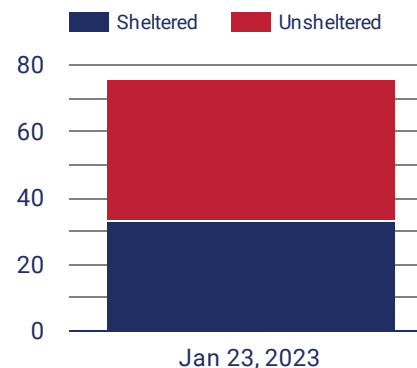
Homelessness Trends: Point-in-Time Count

The annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count provides a snapshot of homelessness totals on a single day and night.

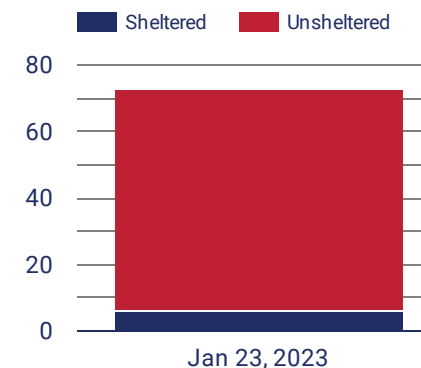
PIT Totals



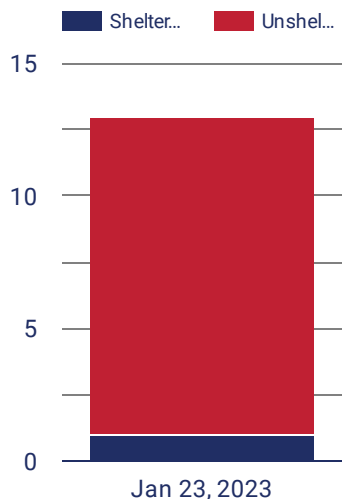
Newly Homeless



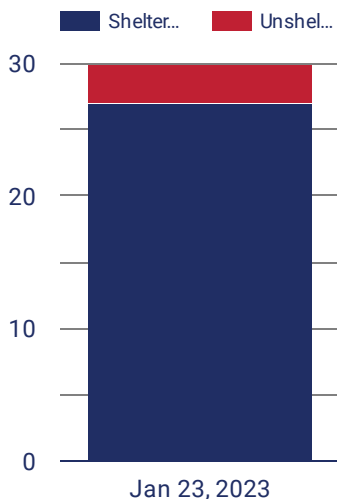
Chronic Homelessness



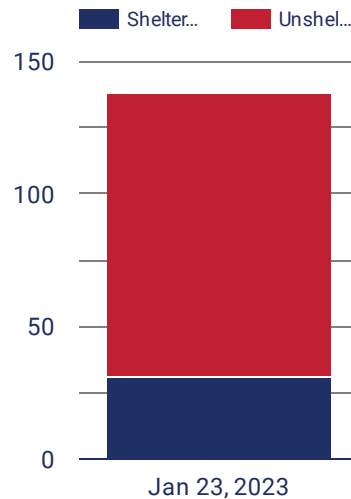
Veteran Homelessness



Family Homelessness



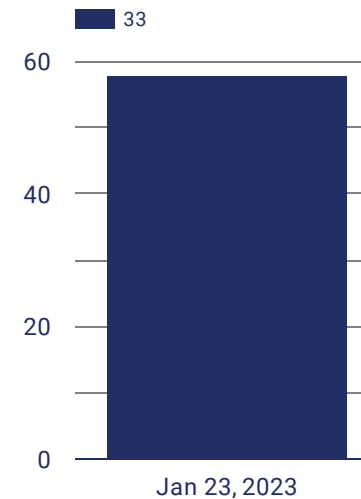
Individual Homelessness



Youth Homelessness



Emergency Shelter



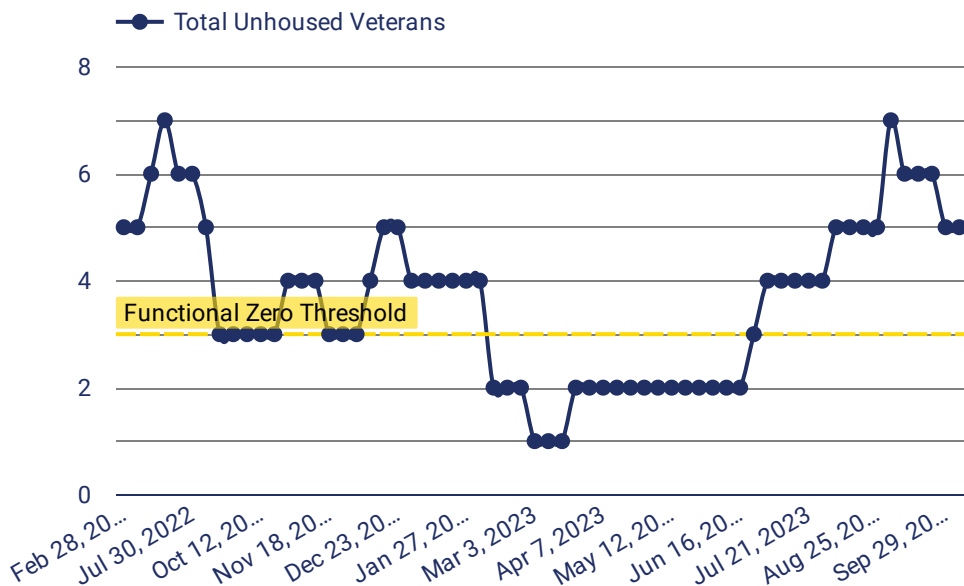
Commentary

The Point-in-Time Count is conducted nationwide on an annual basis. It plays a determinative role in measuring homelessness rates at a macro-scale. At the local level, PIT numbers can serve as a helpful reference point to understand homelessness numbers on a given day. However, trending PIT numbers year-over-year carries several significant limitations, including weather variances, count participation, volunteer engagement, etc. For these reasons, PIT trends should be viewed with deference to other, more real-time, data-sets, such as the Homeless Management Information System.

Impact: Built-for-Zero

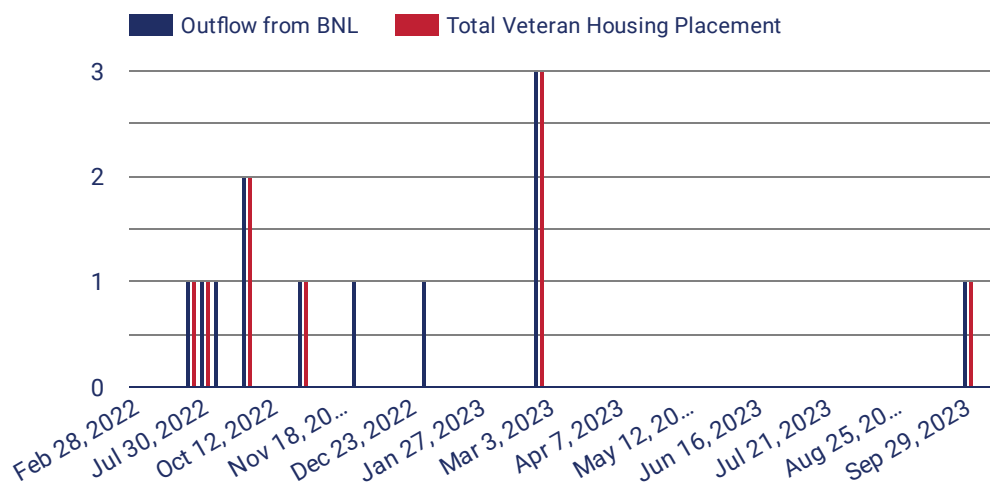
The Built-for-Zero Initiative utilizes a data-driven approach to address homelessness demographic-by-demographic. In the Denver Metro Area, we are focusing the BFZ efforts first on ending veteran homelessness.

Veteran Homelessness Trends



Space left for expansion to new demographics, including all single adults, families, etc.

Veteran Exits from Homelessness



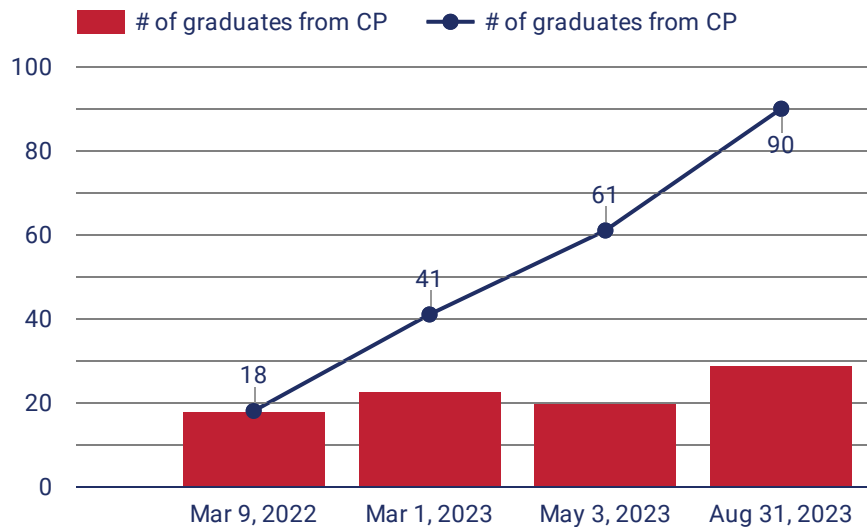
Commentary

Veteran Homelessness Trends exhibits the total number of unhoused veterans on the Tri-Cities by-name-list (BNL) on a weekly basis. Veteran Exits from Homelessness exhibits total exits from the BNL, including housing placements and other exits.

Impact: Workforce Development

Workforce Development services in the Tri-Cities are managed in partnership with CrossPurpose and Ready to Work. Between these two agencies, individuals who are experiencing homelessness, who are housing insecure, or who transitioning out of homelessness have the necessary support to re-gain sustainability through workforce re-entry and gainful employment.

Graduates from CrossPurpose Career School



Wealth Built by CrossPurpose Graduates

\$3,541,179

Ready to Work is set to launch early 2024



The Ready to Work program is actively working to renovate their facility in Englewood, which will house their workforce program, providing transitional housing, employment training, and long-term housing placements to up to 50 individuals per year.

Renovation is expected to last for the remainder of 2023, with the program launching in early 2024.

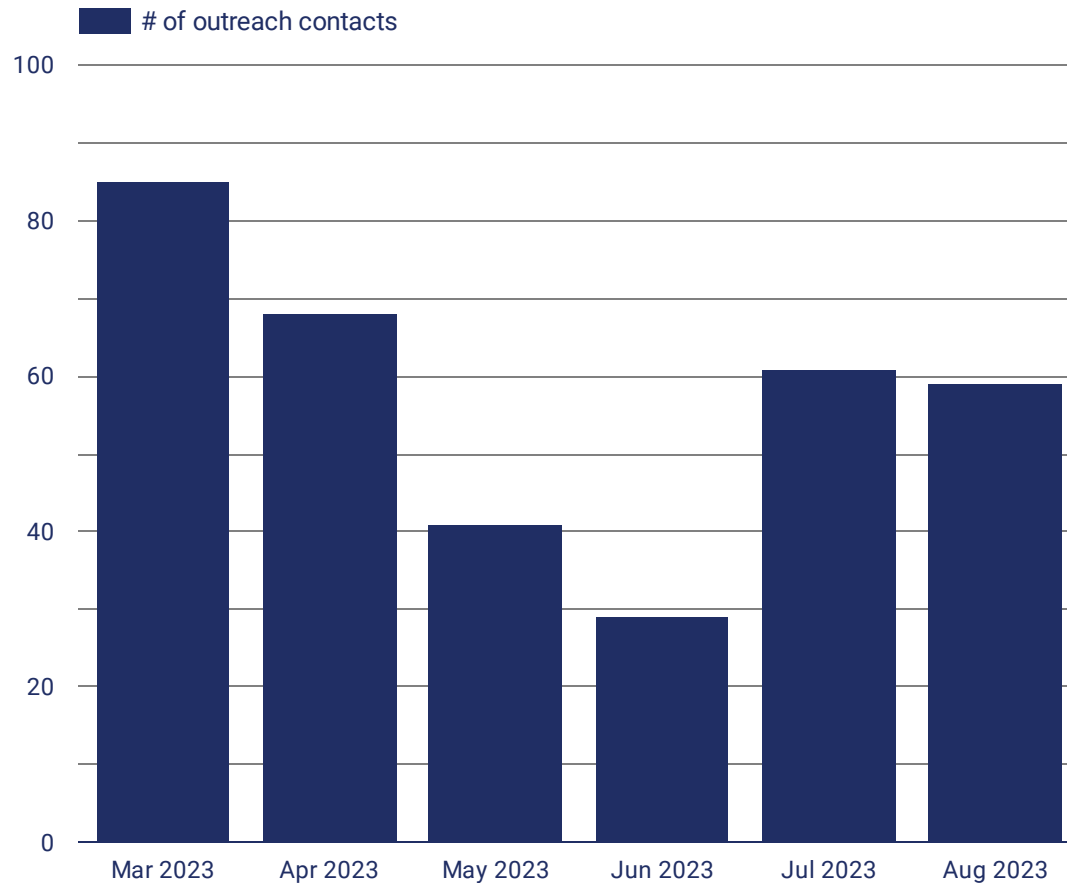
Commentary

This dashboard showcases the total number of graduates from the CrossPurpose Career School, many of whom are vulnerable to becoming homeless or in the process of exiting homelessness. It also showcases the cumulative wealth built by CrossPurpose graduates. Upon the launch of the Ready to Work program, similar impact metrics will be included.

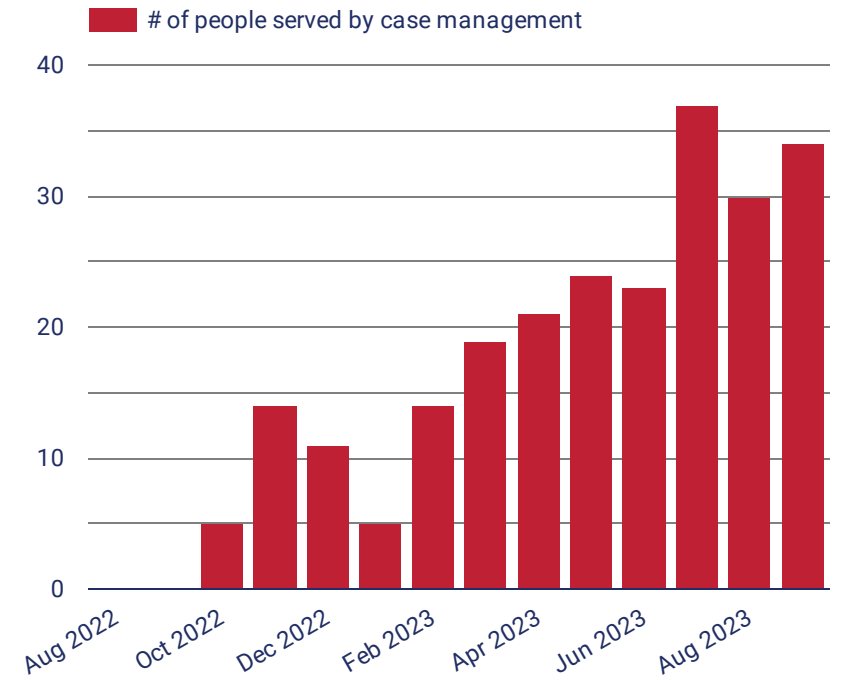
Impact: Outreach

The Tri-Cities homeless outreach efforts are managed in partnership with the AllHealth Network's PATH Program. The PATH Team makes contacts with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, refers them to services, and provides street-level mental health care.

Total Number of Outreach Contacts



People Served by PATH Case Management



Unduplicated Individuals Receiving Case Management



Commentary

The PATH Outreach team provides case management to specific individual per month. The monthly breakdown above shows the number of individuals receiving case management in a given month. The number underneath shows the total number of unduplicated individuals who have received case management through the PATH program.



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Impact: Navigation Center

The Tri-Cities Navigation Center provides a one-stop-shop for access to services, case management, and navigation of the necessary services to move clients beyond homelessness.

The Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group has moved into an intent-to-award position with BridgeHouse to serve as the region's Navigation Center. This program is projected to launch in 2023. Upon launch, the following impact metrics will be tracked and showcased:

- Number of unduplicated individuals who access base services in an agreed-upon timeframe (monthly, quarterly, annually, etc.)
- Number of unduplicated clients being served by case management in an agreed-upon timeframe
- Number of service referrals provided by case management in an agreed-upon timeframe
- Total number of housing placements
- Percent of housing retention after 12 months amongst housing placements