# Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative Dashboards

July, 2023

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# Summary

July, 2023 saw continued steps taken towards implementation of the Tri-Cities Homeless Action Plan, as well as continued capacity-building for this regional effort.  Highlights from the work include:
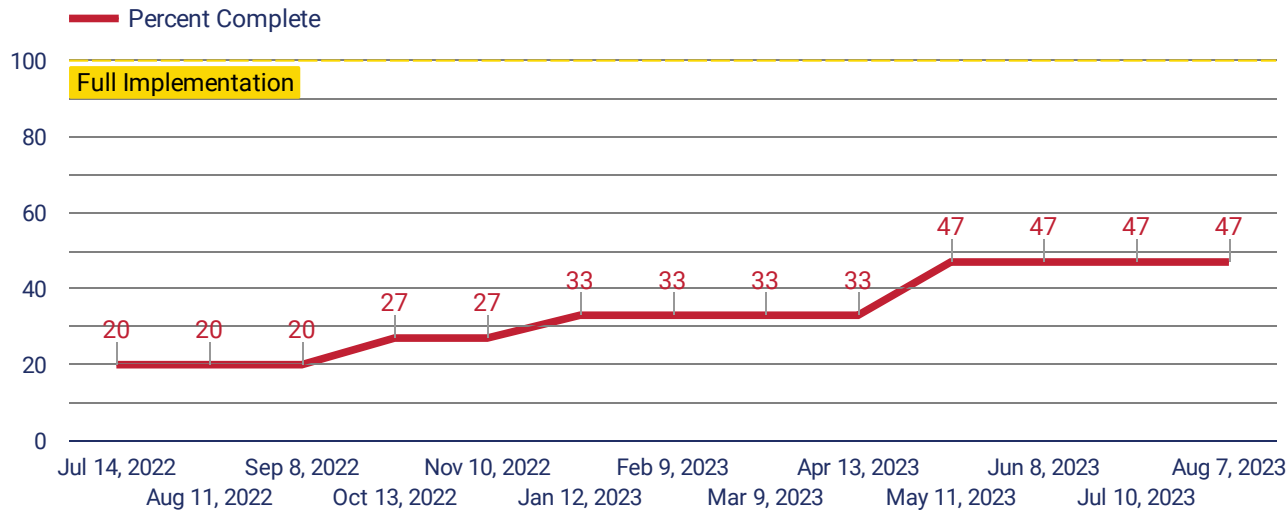
- The publication of the **2023 Point-in-Time Count** numbers, which, for the first time, include Tri-Cities specific numbers.  With this publication, a Point-in-Time Dashboard has been added to this report.  This new data-set helps corroborate the HMIS dashboard, as the total number of individuals counted by the PIT (168) generally matches the monthly total of people requesting homeless services in HMIS (168 on average in 2023).  The number of unhoused veterans counted by the PIT poses some challenge to the data-quality level of the Built-for-Zero By-Name-List.

- Through the **Navigation Center** Request-for-Proposals process, Tri-Cities has identified BridgeHouse as the service provider best suited to serve in the capacity of a Navigation Center.  BridgeHouse plans to dedicate space in their Englewood location to launch a 20-bed Navigation Center that will provide intensive case management.  This program projects up to 60 housing placements per year.  In service of this project, Tri-Cities and BridgeHouse submitted an application for funding to the State of Colorado's Denver Metro Regional Navigation Campus(es) Grant Program.

- Continued work towards launching a **Safe Parking Program** in Tri-Cities.  Colorado Safe Parking Initiative presented to Englewood City Council during July.  Conceptual budgets have been developed and potential funding sources identified.  Partner organizations to host safe parking sites are still needed.  If you or your organization has interest, please contact Mike Sandgren, Tri-Cities Homelessness Services Coordinator, at msandgren@arapahoegov.com.

To learn more about these steps, as well as the Homeless Action Plan in its entirety, visit **tricitieshomeless.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.
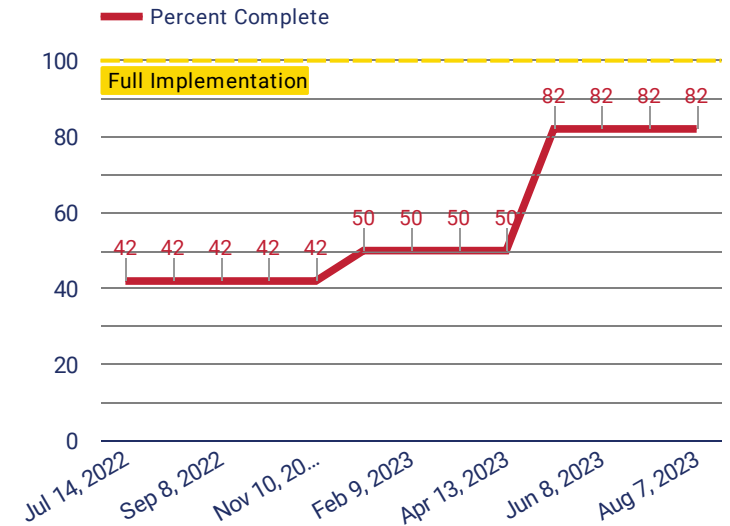
# Homelessness Action Plan Implementation Status

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.
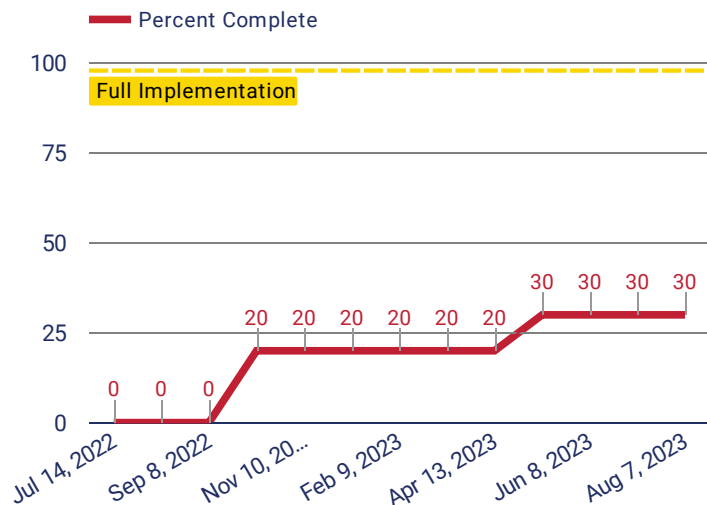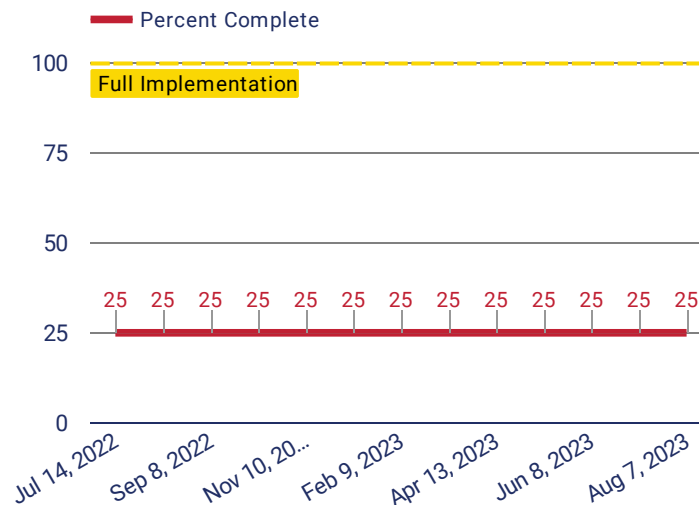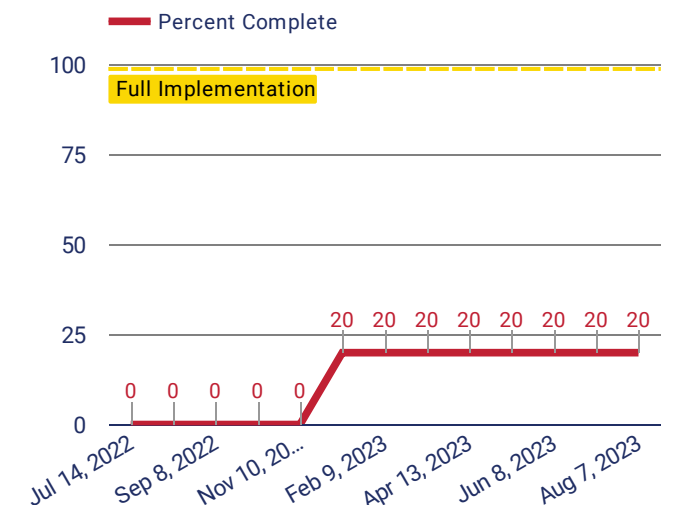
## Total Action Plan

— Percent Complete



Full Implementation

100 — 80 — 60 — 40 — 20 — 0

20, 20, 20, 27, 27, 33, 33, 33, 33, 47, 47, 47, 47

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## Building a Strong Foundation

— Percent Complete



Full Implementation

100 — 80 — 60 — 40 — 20 — 0

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## Single Adult System

— Percent Complete



Full Implementation

100 — 75 — 50 — 25 — 0

0, 0, 0, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 30, 30, 30, 30

Jul 14, 2022 · Sep 8, 2022 · Nov 10, 20... · Feb 9, 2023 · Apr 13, 2023 · Jun 8, 2023 · Aug 7, 2023

## Workforce Development

— Percent Complete



Full Implementation

100 — 75 — 50 — 25 — 0

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Jul 14, 2022 · Sep 8, 2022 · Nov 10, 20... · Feb 9, 2023 · Apr 13, 2023 · Jun 8, 2023 · Aug 7, 2023

## Family System

— Percent Complete



Full Implementation

100 — 75 — 50 — 25 — 0

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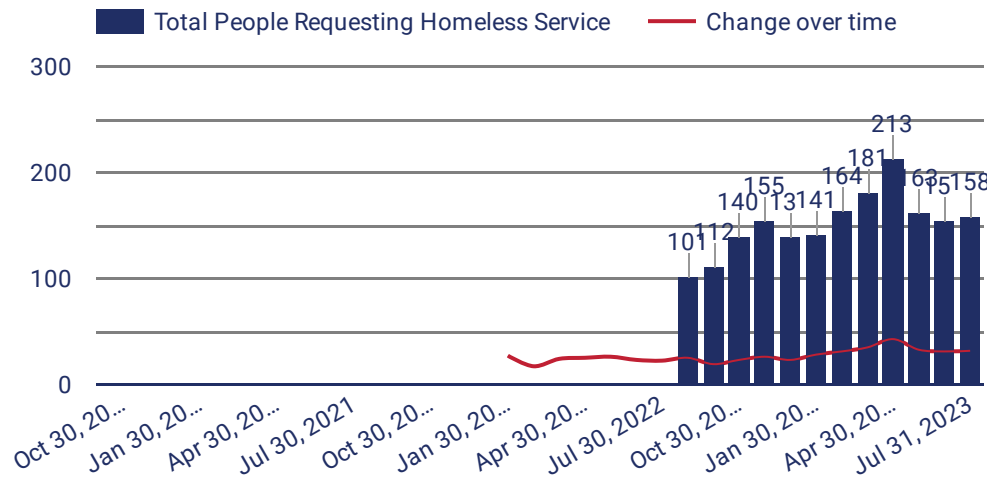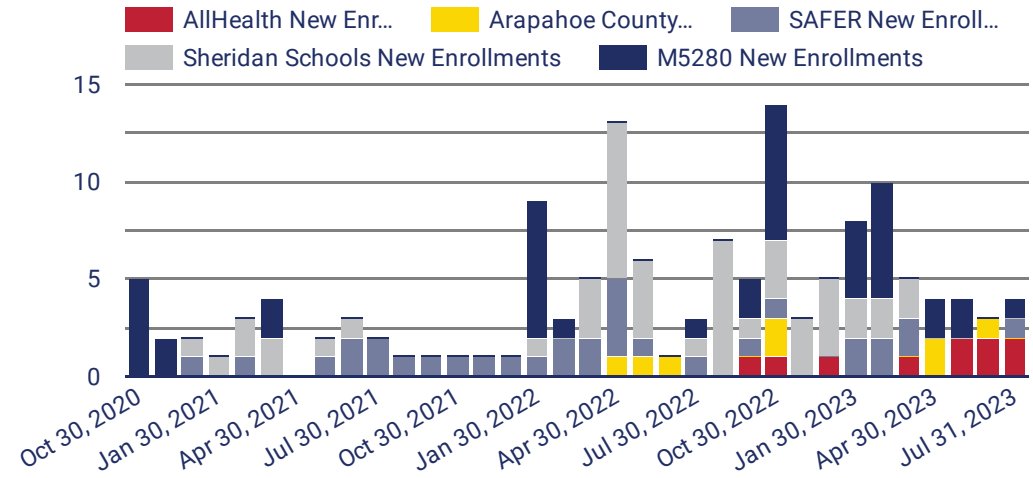
# Homelessness Trends: HMIS

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.
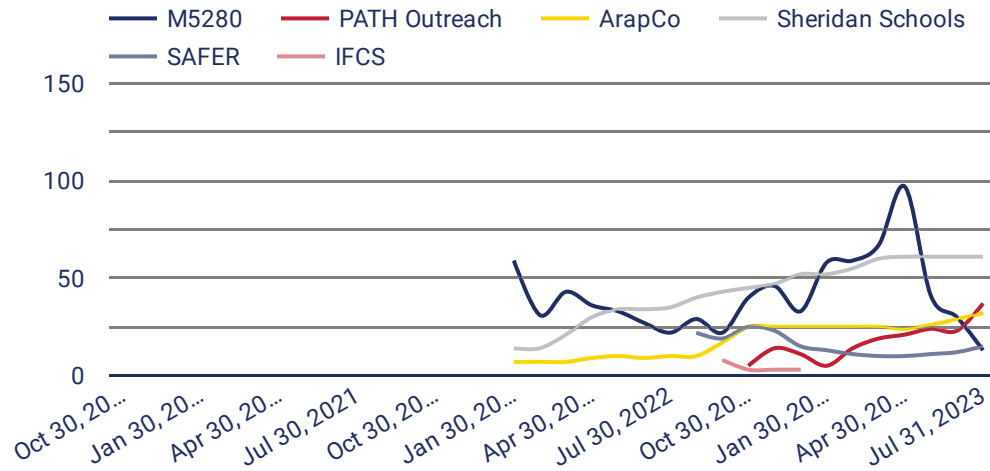
## HMIS Sampling

Legend:
- **Total People Requesting Homeless Service** (dark blue bars)
- **Change over time** (red line)

Data labels visible: 101, 112, 140, 155, 131, 141, 164, 181, 213, 163, 155, 158

X-axis: Oct 30, 20…, Jan 30, 20…, Apr 30, 20…, Jul 30, 2021, Oct 30, 20…, Jan 30, 20…, Apr 30, 20…, Jul 30, 2022, Oct 30, 20…, Jan 30, 20…, Apr 30, 20…, Jul 31, 2023

Y-axis: 0, 100, 200, 300

## New HMIS Enrollments

Legend:
- **AllHealth New Enr…** (red)
- **Arapahoe County…** (yellow)
- **SAFER New Enroll…** (light blue/purple)
- **Sheridan Schools New Enrollments** (gray)
- **M5280 New Enrollments** (dark blue)

X-axis: Oct 30, 2020, Jan 30, 2021, Apr 30, 2021, Jul 30, 2021, Oct 30, 2021, Jan 30, 2022, Apr 30, 2022, Jul 30, 2022, Oct 30, 2022, Jan 30, 2023, Apr 30, 2023, Jul 31, 2023

Y-axis: 0, 5, 10, 15

## HMIS Trends by Agency

Legend:
- **M5280** (dark blue)
- **PATH Outreach** (red)
- **ArapCo** (yellow)
- **Sheridan Schools** (gray)
- **SAFER** (light blue/purple)
- **IFCS** (pink)

X-axis: Oct 30, 20…, Jan 30, 20…, Apr 30, 20…, Jul 30, 2021, Oct 30, 20…, Jan 30, 20…, Apr 30, 20…, Jul 30, 2022, Oct 30, 20…, Jan 30, 20…, Apr 30, 20…, Jul 31, 2023

Y-axis: 0, 50, 100, 150

## 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.

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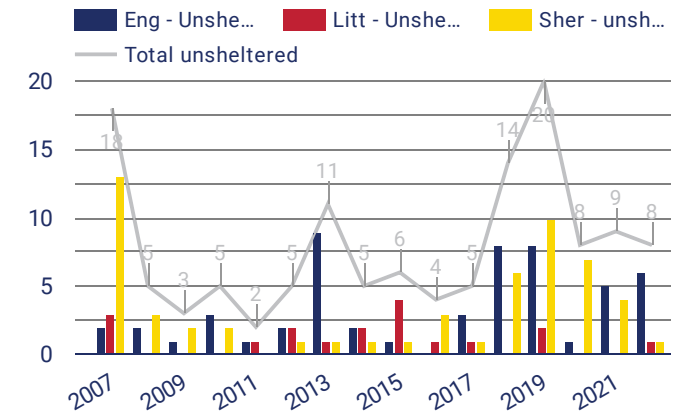### Englewood • Littleton • Sheridan

# Homelessness Trends: McKinney-Vento

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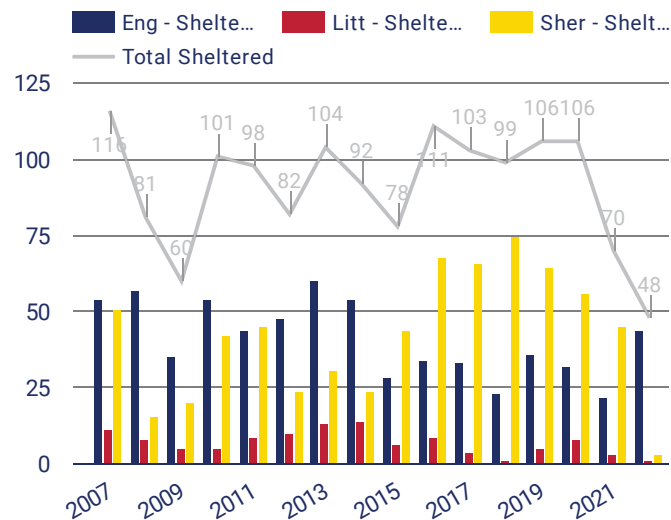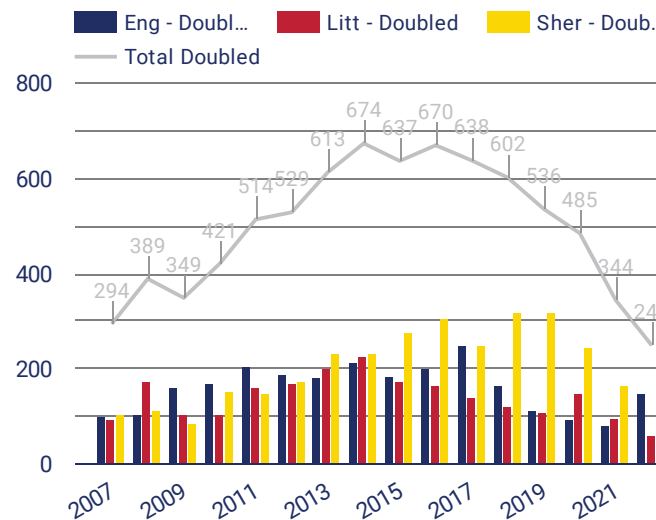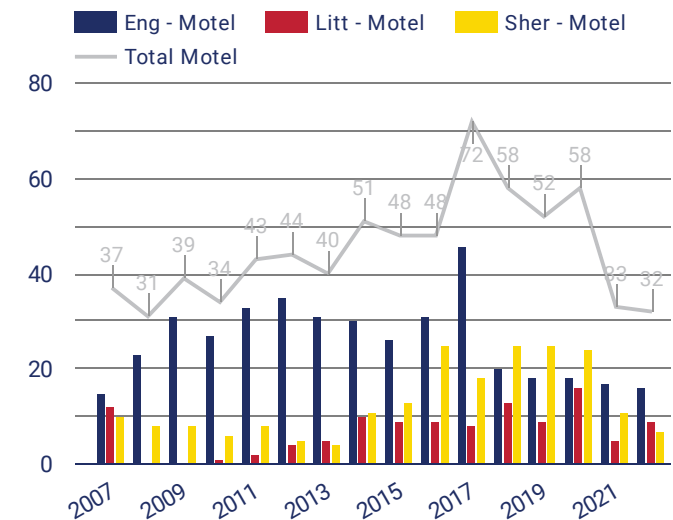
## Student Homelessness Totals
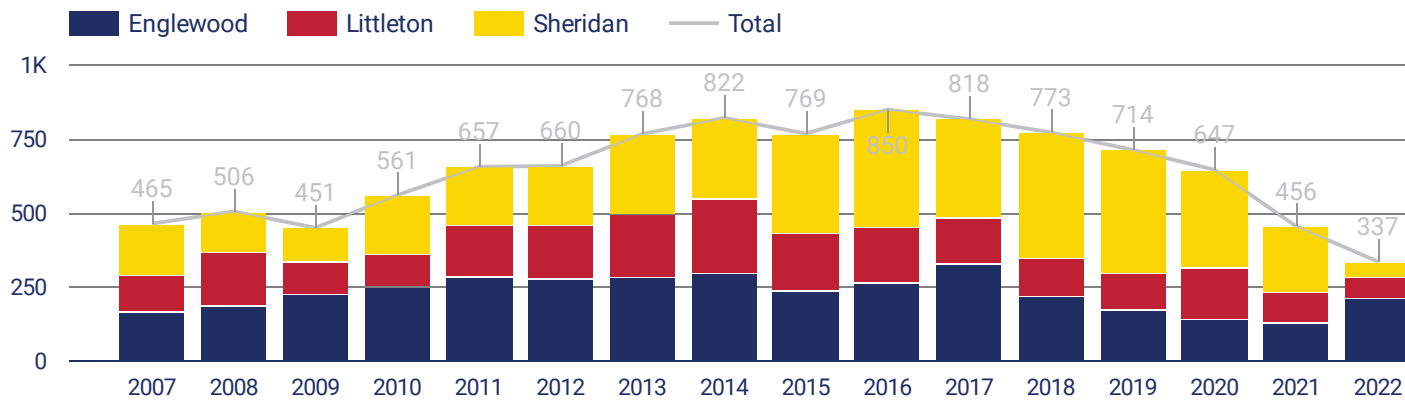


## Unsheltered Students



## Sheltered Students



## Doubled-Up Students (w/ Family or Friends)
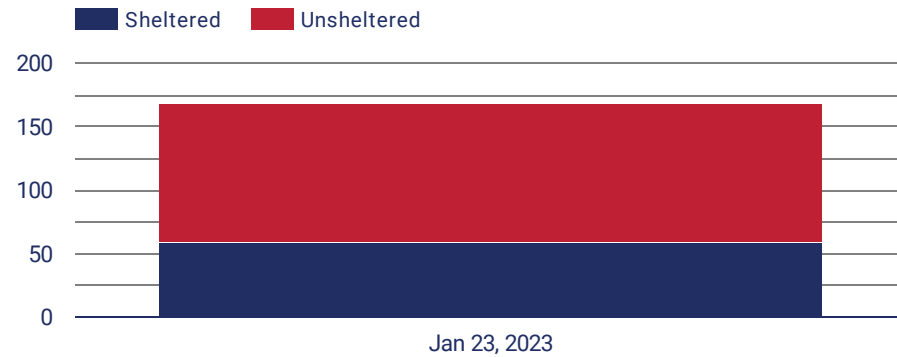


## Students Staying in Hotels/Motels



## 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 it's inclusion of students who are "doubled-up" with friends or families.  Three limitation 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.

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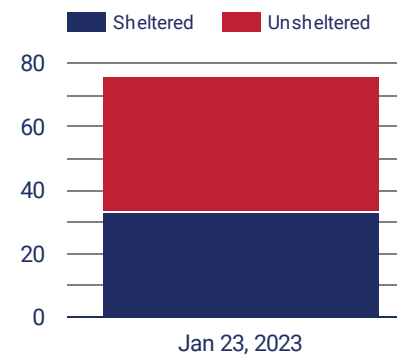### Englewood • Littleton • Sheridan

# 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.
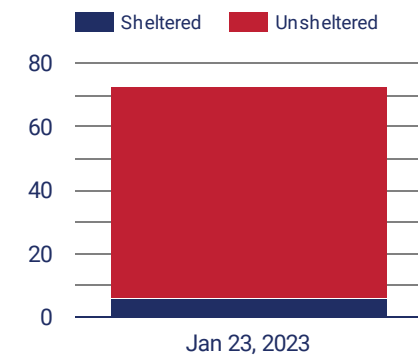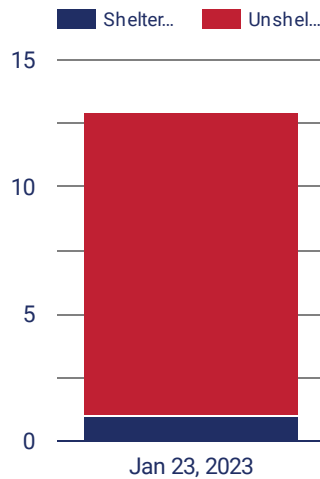
## PIT Totals

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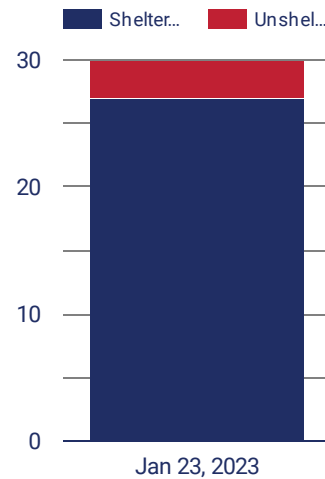


Jan 23, 2023

## Newly Homeless

Sheltered  Unsheltered



Jan 23, 2023

## Chronic Homelessness

Sheltered  Unsheltered



Jan 23, 2023

## Veteran Homelessness

Shelter...  Unshel...



Jan 23, 2023

## Family Homelessness

Shelter...  Unshel...



Jan 23, 2023

## Individual Homelessness

Shelter...  Unshel...



Jan 23, 2023

## Youth Homelessness

Sh...  Un...



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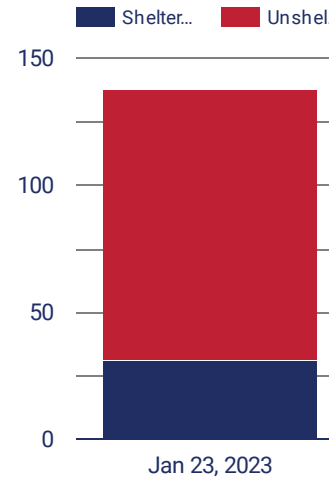
## Emergency Shelter

33



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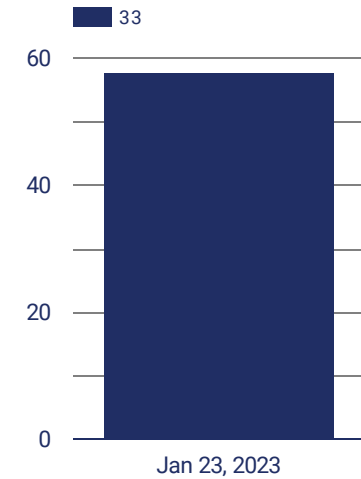
## Commentary

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
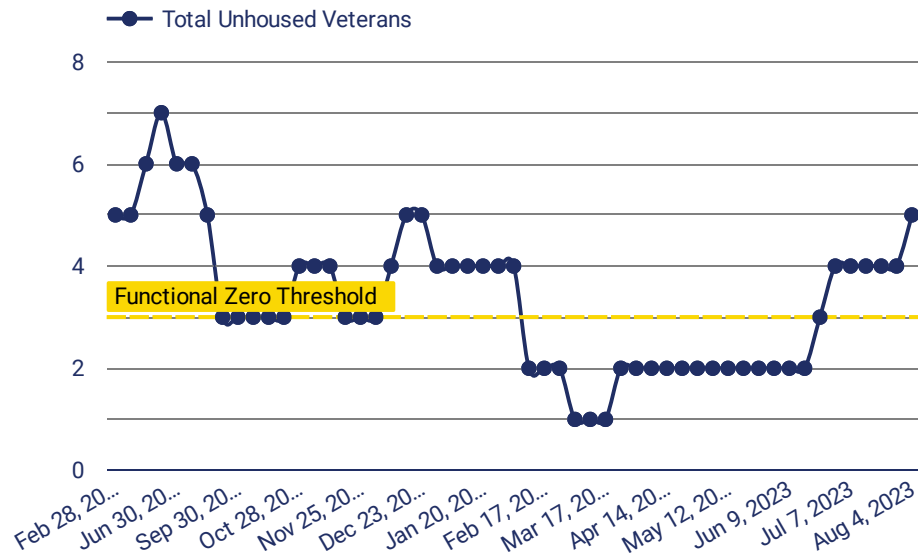


Space left for expansion to new demographics, including all single adults, families, etc.

## Veteran Exits from Homelessness
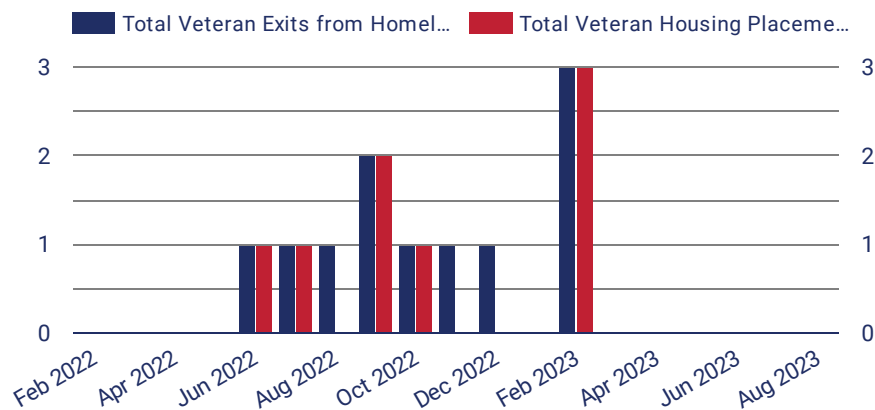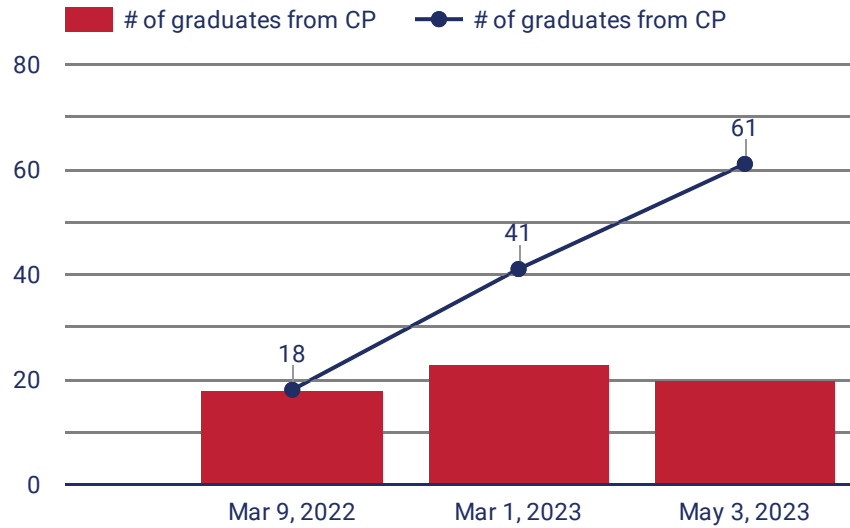


**Commentary**
Veteran Homelessness Trends exhibits the total number of unhoused veterans on the Tri-Cities by-name-list (BNL) on a weekly basis.
Veteran Exits from Homelessness exhibits total exits from the BNL, including housing placements and other exits.

# 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

Legend: # of graduates from CP (bar) — # of graduates from CP (line)

| Date | Value |
|------|-------|
| Mar 9, 2022 | 18 |
| Mar 1, 2023 | 41 |
| May 3, 2023 | 61 |

## Ready to Work is set to launch early 2024



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READY TO WORK

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.

## Wealth Built by CrossPurpose Graduates

# $515,174

## 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.

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# 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

■ # of outreach contacts
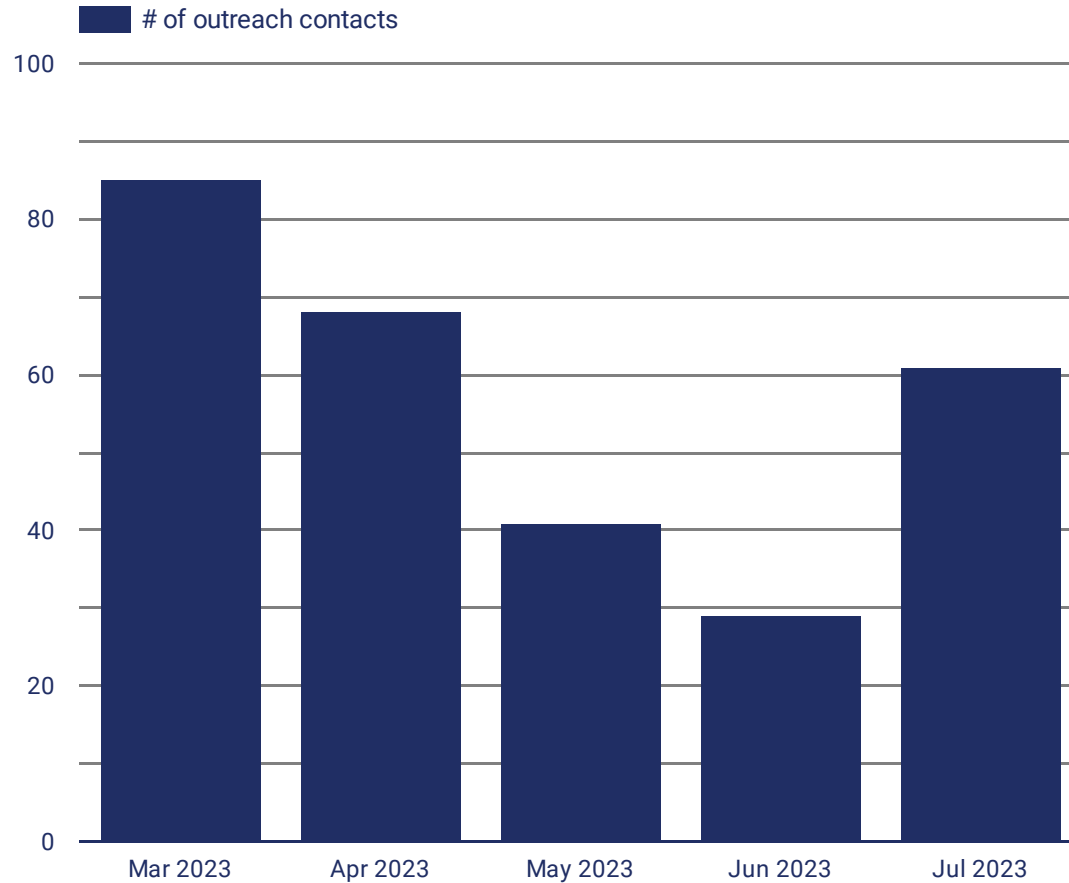


## People Served by PATH Case Management

■ # of people served by case management



## Unduplicated Individuals Receiving Case Management

72

**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.

# 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