



BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Baltimore County Health Coalition 2025 Quarterly Meeting

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of Baltimore County Homeless Services – Heather Sheridan
- Hospital Population Health Reports
- Subcommittee Reports
- Announcements



Overview of Homeless Services in Baltimore County

Heather Sheridan, Chief of
Homeless Services, DHCD

Sade Campbell, Homeless
Outreach Response
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Focus of DHCD – Housing for All: A Continuum



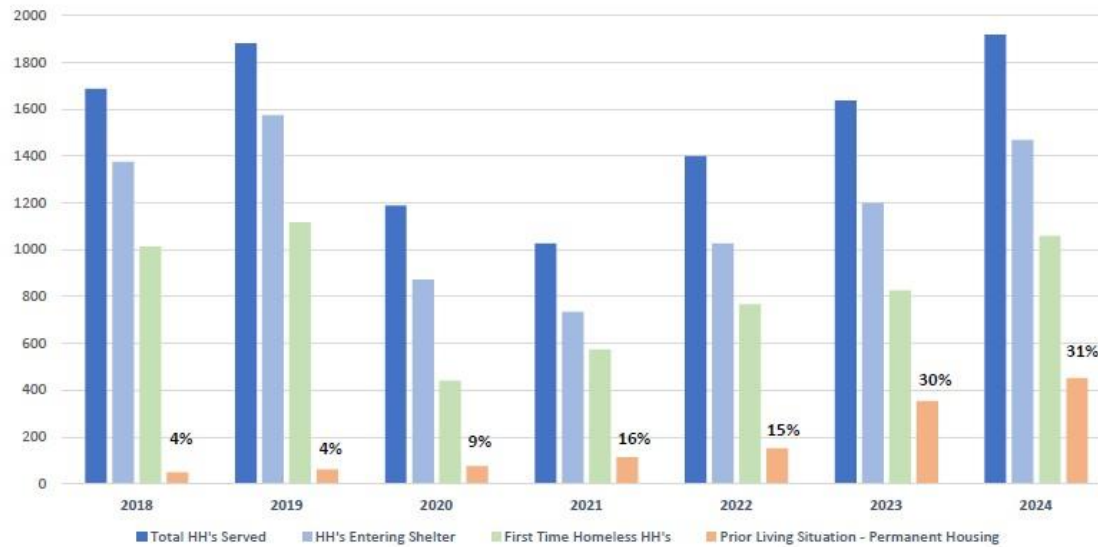


Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts 2019-2025





First Time Homeless – Increase in those losing Permanent Housing and becoming homeless





Services Available to Homeless People or those at Risk of Becoming Homeless





Who Seeks Homeless Services in Baltimore County?

- We served approximately 3,039 individuals in FY24.
 - 1,483 served in shelter and street outreach
 - 295 served in Permanent Housing (includes PSH and Rapid ReHousing)

Demographics:

- 29% under age 18, 70% ages 18-64 and 7% 65+
- 27% White, 68% Black, less than 5% identified as Hispanic/Latino
- 63 (2%) are veterans
- 5% come from hospital or nursing home

Self-Reported Barriers to Housing at Project Entry:

- 33% report a mental health disorder
- 23% report a physical or developmental disability
- 17% report a history of DV or are actively fleeing a DV situation
- 20% report a chronic health condition



Temporary and Permanent Housing Totals (Housing Inventory Count, 2025)

Emergency Shelter	# of Dedicated Beds
Family Shelter (includes 72 for single women)	365
Single Male Shelter	140
Domestic Violence Beds	31
Total Year Round Beds	536
Winter Beds	66
Total Shelter Beds	602

Permanent Housing, the county has the following:

- **257** Units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) – rent and services for the highest needs
 - 98% occupied
 - **120 Chronically homeless on wait list**
- 318 Allocated VASH Vouchers for Veterans only, open to all vets outside of the county
 - Must meet all VA criteria to be eligibility



How People End Up Living Unsheltered

Those that accept shelter

- Referred to Shelter through Coordinated Entry hotline - only Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

Those who are suicidal/homicidal

- County crisis response works with EMS and Police to execute an emergency Petition (EP) referral to hospital. People generally are back on the street within 24-48 hours.

Those who are using substance and accept treatment

- Residential treatment Crisis Beds – severely limited (20 beds currently), open to anyone in need across the state. Outpatient treatment services, extremely difficult for unsheltered to maintain appointments.

Those with an active mental health need but are not medically compliant

- Homeless outreach teams can only encourage people to health services and help them connect through tele-health, but they do not provide services directly and cannot require compliance.

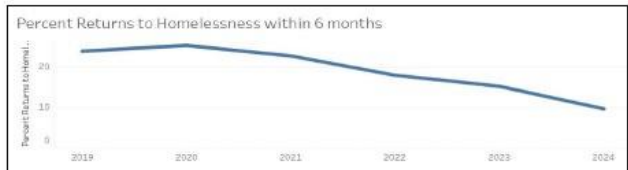
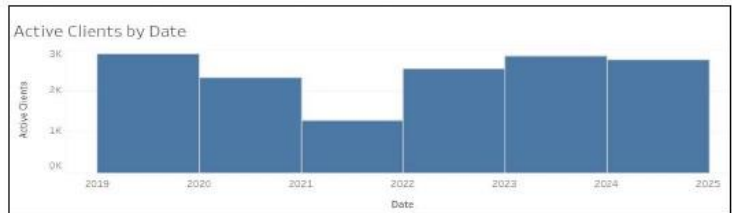
Those who are chronically homeless (those with a documented disability)

- Wait for permanent supportive housing (rent and services help). Only 289 units across the county, stays fully occupied – 189 people on waitlist, 94% have been homeless since 2019 or earlier.



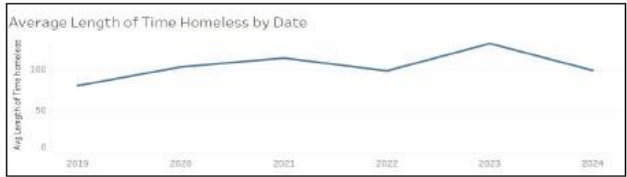
Are things Getting Better or Worse?

Baltimore Co. is serving close to the same number of individuals, pre-pandemic across all homeless programs.



Baltimore County's percentage of returns to homelessness, within 6 months of housing placement, has declined by more than 50% since 2019.

The average length of time homeless across all programs is 99 days, almost back to pre-pandemic levels (80 days). These averages are nearly double for clients being served by street outreach teams.





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Phone Numbers to Call

Coordinated Entry for Emergency Shelter Resources

(410) 887-8463 (TIME)

Domestic Violence Shelter Hotline (24 hrs) – (410) 828-6390

Street Outreach Teams:

Central and East side of County - Prologue – (410) 816-4159

West side of County – CAN Homeless Outreach – (443) 794 1849

Veterans Help – Sheppard Pratt SSVF (410) 938-4357

St. Vincent de Paul SSVF – (410) 462-5770



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THANK YOU

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Hospital Reports Population Health

- Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- Lifebridge Northwest
- MedStar Franklin Square
- St. Joseph's Medical Center
- Sheppard Pratt



Subcommittee Reports

- Chronic Disease
- Food Security
- Homelessness
- Low Birth Weight
- Opioid Intervention
- Tobacco



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50 HARRY S TRUMAN PKWY. ANNAPOLIS

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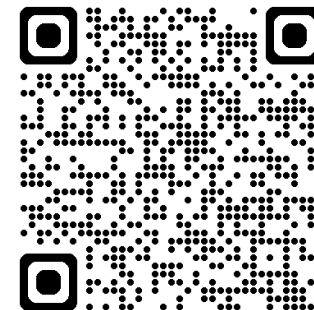
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