

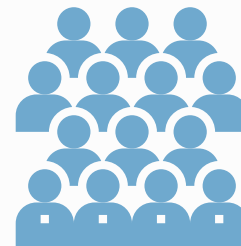


## What is A Continuum of Care?

A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services to meet the specific needs of people experiencing homelessness as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency.

### CoC Membership 75+

The Trenton/Mercer CoC is composed of 75+ members and 30 organizations including representation from local government, homeless services providers, people with lived experience, and the broader community of businesses, advocates, and faith-based groups.



### CoC Functions

#### Operations:

This includes board and committee management, project and system performance review, and the coordination of access to resources.

#### Planning:

Local planning efforts are coordinated, including the annual Point in Time Count, to assess and understand our community's needs and direct resources accordingly.

#### HMIS:

The CoC designates a Lead Agency for the ongoing operation of HMIS, the community-wide database that collects information on people experiencing homelessness and programs who serve this population.

#### Funding:

Applications for funds are prepared to secure ongoing funding for HUD and State-funded housing and services programs.



### CoC Program Award

The CoC received **\$6,167,381** in FY24 to fund **21 projects** serving over **464 households** experiencing homelessness. \* 12 of the 21 projects are Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal projects.

## Who We Served in 2025



**354**

Single Adults

**89**

Families

**262**

Chronically Homeless

**137**

Children

**48**

Veterans

**99**

Unaccompanied Youth



## Results

### Permanent Housing

- 271 chronically homeless individuals and 10 families received **Permanent Supportive Housing** (long-term subsidy).
- 133 households received **Rapid Rehousing** (short-term subsidy).

### Housing Stability

- 96% of program participants retained or successfully exited from permanent housing.
- 52% of households exiting programs increased total income.

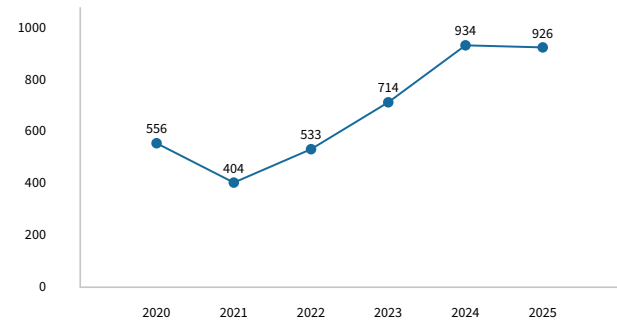
# Challenges Moving Forward



On January 28, 2025, 926 people in 649 households experienced homelessness in Mercer County.

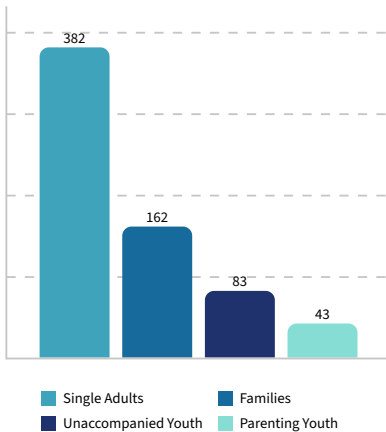
106 people counted were chronically homeless; 202 people were unsheltered.

## Point in Time Count (PIT)



While the CoC attempts to capture information on all unhoused households through the annual **Point in Time Count** each January, we know that the communities we serve are often in flux and their needs shift throughout the year. To that end, additional advocacy and funding are helpful to ensure that the CoC membership organizations can meet the demand.

## Coordinated Entry & Assessment System (CEASe)



The CoC Coordinated Entry and Assessment System screens, assesses, and prioritizes households experiencing homelessness for housing. In 2025, 670 households entered the system while 440 (57%) exited to permanent housing.

## What we need:



### Long-term, sustainable affordable housing solutions

Our current universe is barely scratching the surface of the demand needed to adequately house our community.

### Consumer-centered and data-informed care coordination

Wrap-around services are needed for the most vulnerable to ensure that they can get on and maintain a path to stable housing.



None of this is possible without the **continuation and expansion of funding** to meet the pressing demands on the community.