
2023 Point in Time & Housing Inventory Report



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Introduction

Since the early 1980s, Virginia Beach has been committed to ending homelessness through a tapestry of faith, city, and nonprofit organizations working together. BEACH Community Partnership is the thread that connects these entities. BEACH, which stands for Bringing an End to All City Homelessness, is a voluntary association of all individuals and organizations who want to be a part of the community effort to end homelessness and is the heart of our unified coalition. Since its creation in 2009, the partnership has grown to include representation from more than 30 faith, local government, and nonprofit organizations, and various subcommittees that plan and implement projects in key focus areas. Data and analysis for BEACH are provided in coordination with The Planning Council, the designated Lead Agency for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). BEACH also serves as Virginia Beach’s Continuum of Care (CoC) organization and is responsible for coordination and management of federal and state funding for homeless services.

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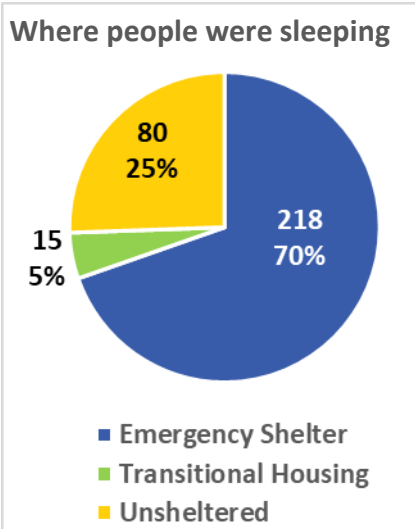
The Scope of Homelessness in Virginia Beach

Each year, homeless coalitions across the country conduct a **Point in Time Count (PIT)** during a single 24-hour period in January to estimate the number of persons experiencing homelessness living in their respective regions. The PIT count includes those living in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, and those living unsheltered on the street. However, the PIT count does not include the many homeless families and youth who are doubled up with family or friends, or those at imminent risk of becoming homelessness, so the numbers are more of a “snapshot” on a single day than a definitive count. Despite these limitations, the count helps communities plan for programs and services, identifies gaps in the homeless system, and provides some demographic information about populations who experience homelessness.

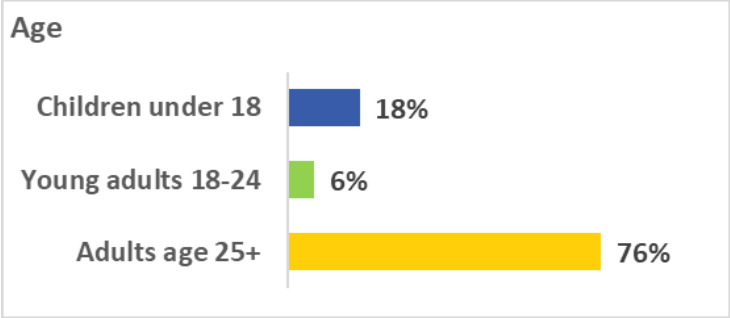
Overall, 313 persons were counted in the 2023 Count, which is an 11% decrease from the 2022 count of 352. The graphs below illustrate that of the persons counted in 2023, there were more males than females, and more single adults than persons in families. The majority of persons were in Emergency Shelter.

BEACH 2023 Point in Time Count Highlights

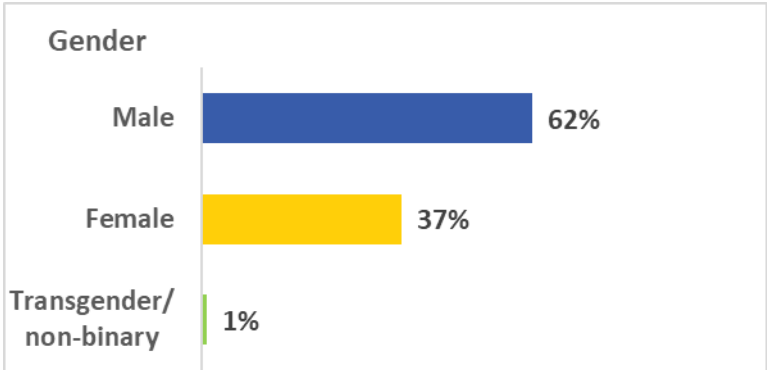
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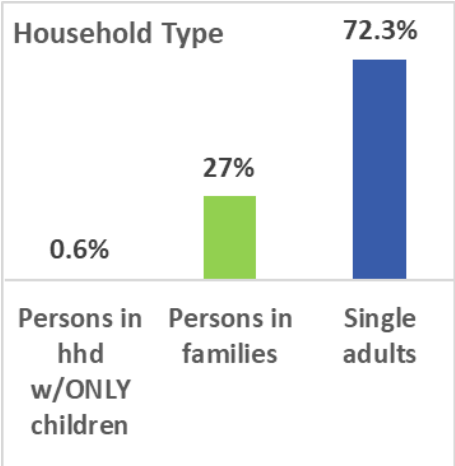
Graph 2
















Graph 3



Graph 4














2023 POINT IN TIME COUNT DETAIL

Point in Time Count	2022 Results BEACH	2023 Results BEACH	Change: BEACH 22-23
Total Number of Persons	352	313	
Number Sheltered	295	233	
Number Unsheltered	57	80	
Number of Adults Age 18 +	260	258	
Number of Children	92	55	
Number of Families*	41	25	
Number of Persons in Families*	134	86	
Number of Unsheltered Families	0	0	
Number of Unsheltered Children	0	0	
Number of Adult Only Households	196	218	
Number of Persons in Adult Only Households	209	225	
Number of Unsheltered Persons in Adult Only Households	57	80	
Total Number of Persons in Households with only Children	9	2	

** Number of families and persons in families includes households with at least one adult and one child.*

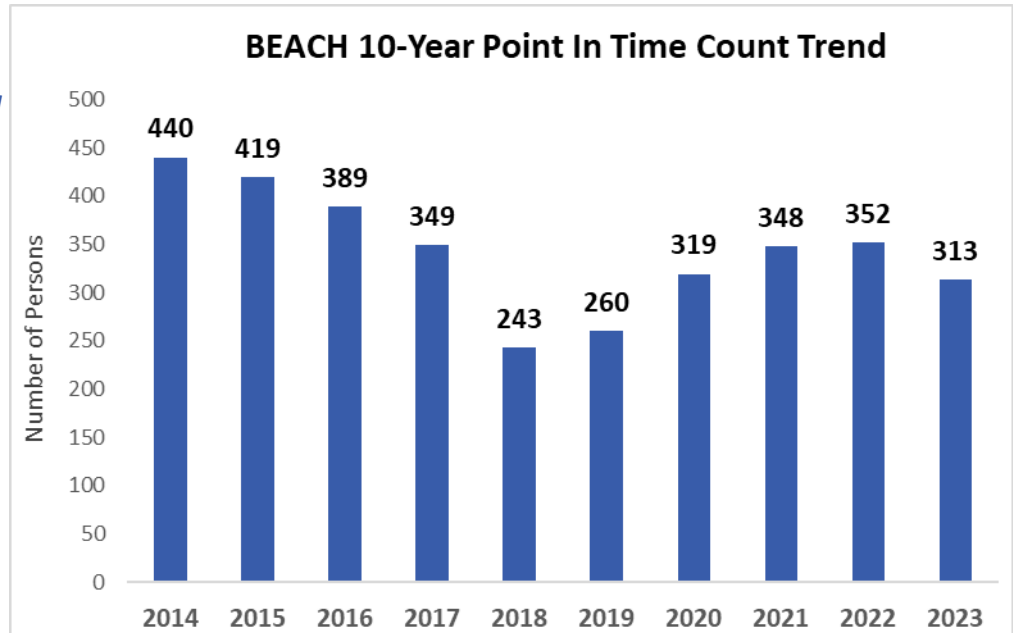
2023 POINT IN TIME COUNT DETAIL

2023 Point in Time Count Detail	2022 Results BEACH	2023 Results BEACH	Change: BEACH 22-23
Total Number of Chronically Homeless Individuals	51	55	
Total Number of Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	
Total Number of Persons in Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	
Total Number of Veterans	39	35	
Total Number of Female Veterans	7	8	
Total Number of Parenting Youth	3	2	
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth	25	16	
Total Number of Adults Fleeing Domestic Violence	32	30	
Total Number of Adults with a Substance Abuse Problem	29	26	
Total Number of Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	69	78	
Total Number of Adults Living with HIV/AIDS	3	2	

BEACH 2023 Point in Time Count Trends

Overall, the percentage of persons counted in Virginia Beach since 2014 has decreased by 29%, from 440 in 2014 to 313 persons in 2023. The 2022 State of Homelessness reports notes that in Virginia, the overall decrease was just 7% from 2014 to 2022, which is the most recent data available for the state.

Graph 5



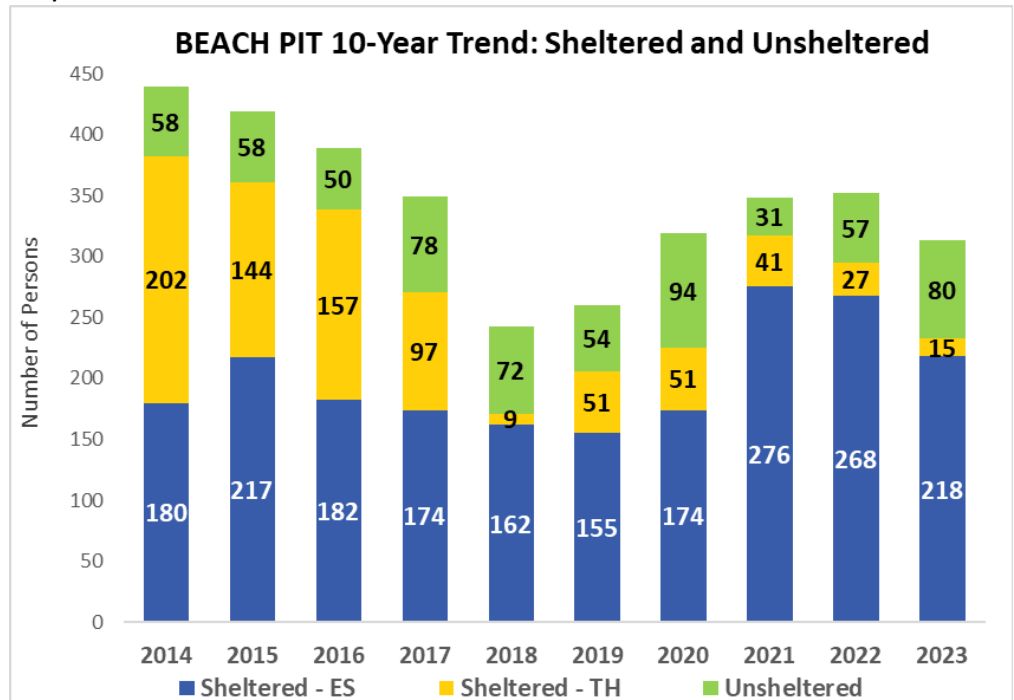
Graph 6 below shows the change in sheltered and unsheltered persons counted over the past 10 years. Since 2014, the total count of persons *sheltered in both Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing has decreased by 39%*, from 382 persons in 2014 to 233 persons in 2023. This is represented in the blue and yellow shaded portions of the graph columns.

According to the 2022 State of Homelessness, in Virginia, the sheltered count decreased by 8% from 2014 to 2022, which is the most current data available for the state.

The decrease of Transitional Housing beds over time is reflected in the light steadily smaller yellow sections of the graph columns.

However, the Virginia Beach *unsheltered count shown in green has increased by 38%, from 58 persons in 2014 to 80 persons in 2023. From 2014 to 2022, the unsheltered count in Virginia decreased by 0.7%.*

Graph 6

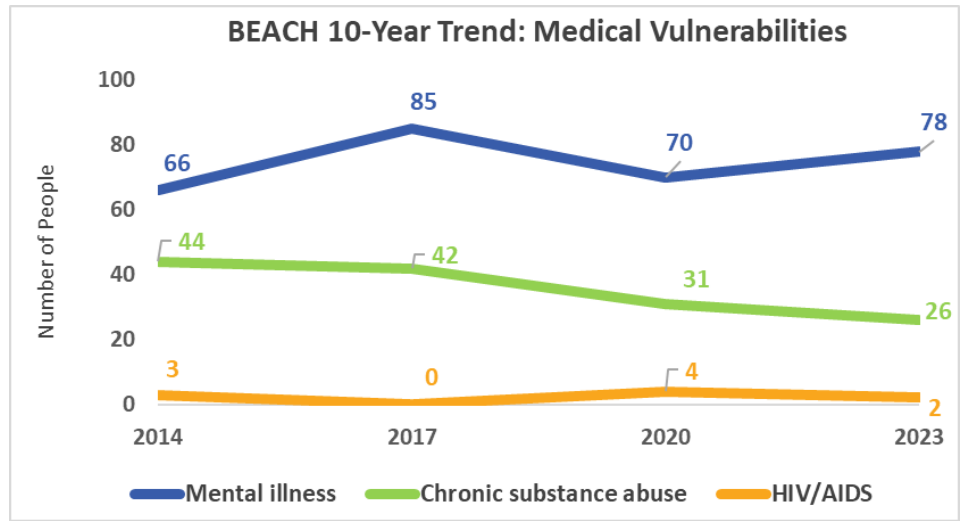


BEACH 2023 Point in Time Count Subpopulation Trends

In the past 10 years, the percentage of persons counted who reported a mental illness has increased by 18%, from 66 in 2014 to 78 in 2023.

However, the percentage of persons reporting chronic substance abuse decreased by 41%, from 44 in 2014 to 26 in 2023. Those reporting HIV/AIDS decreased by 33%, from 3 in 2014 to 2 in 2023.

Graph 7

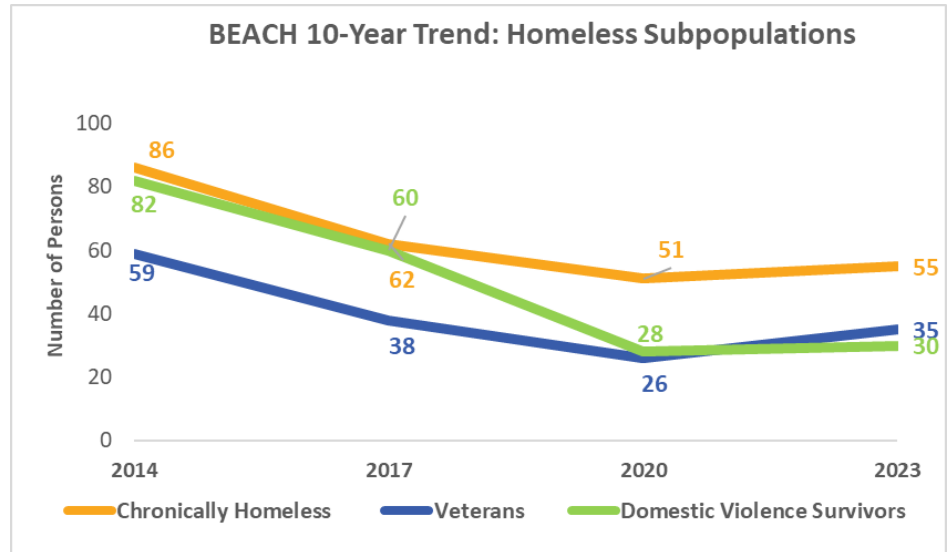


The percentage of chronically homeless adults decreased by 36%, from 86 in 2014 to 55 in 2023.

The population of homeless veterans counted decreased by 41%, from 59 in 2014 to 35 in 2023.

Those experiencing domestic violence decreased by 63%, from 82 persons counted in 2014 to 30 counted in 2023.

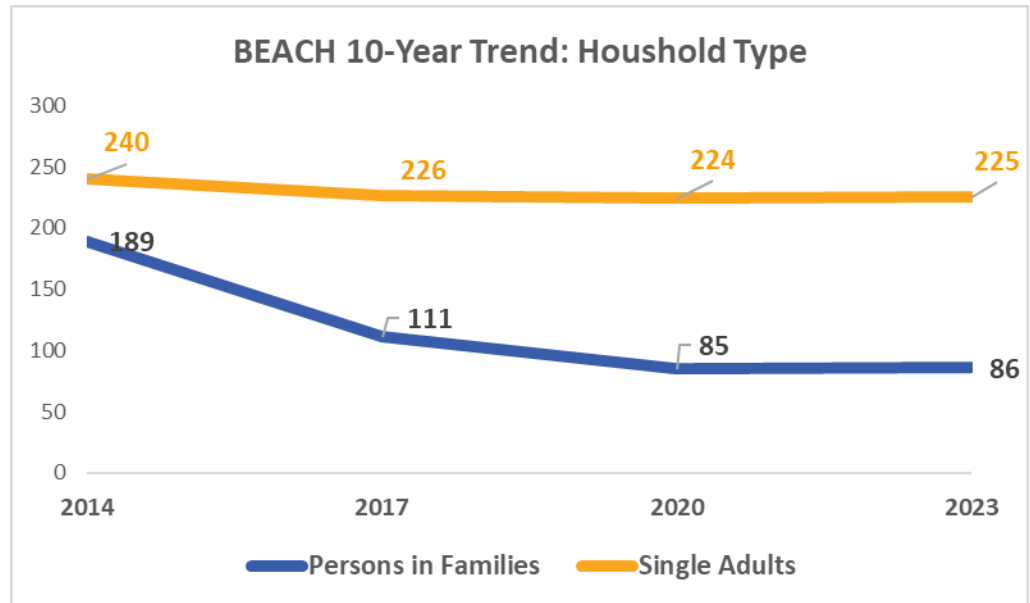
Graph 8



BEACH 2023 Point in Time Count Subpopulation Trends

The population of single adults counted decreased by 6%, from 240 persons in 2014 to 225 persons in 2023. The percentage of persons in families with children under age 18 decreased by 54% over the past 10 years, from 189 persons in 2014 to 86 persons in 2023.

Graph 9

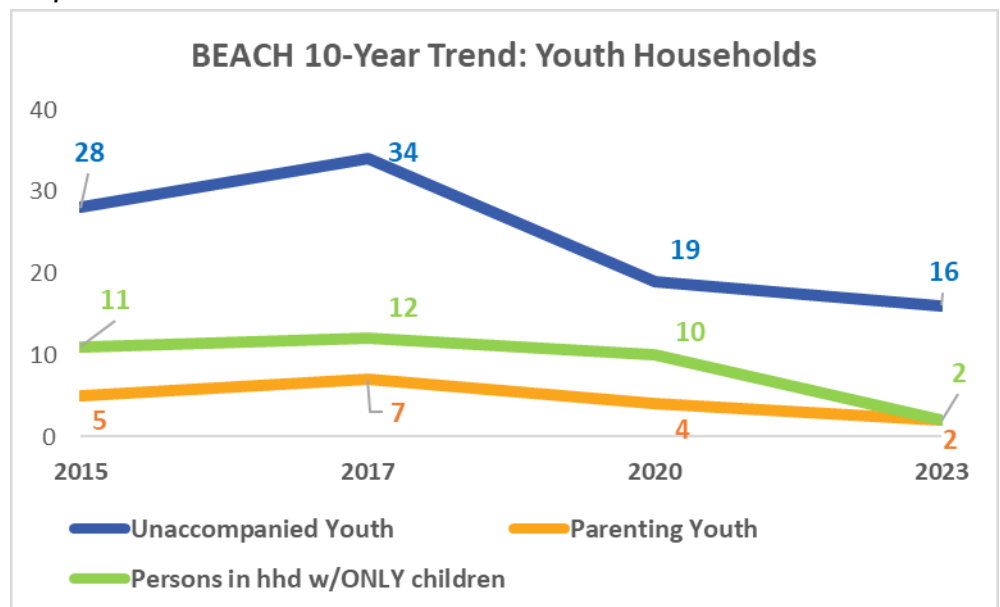


Complete data on youth households is available starting in 2015. Over the past 9 years, the percentage of Unaccompanied Youth has decreased by 43%, from 28 youth in 2015 to 16 youth in 2023.

The percentage of children only households (Persons in Households with ONLY children) also decreased by 82%, from 11 in 2015 to 2 in 2023.

The percentage of Parenting Youth has decreased by 60% over the past 9 years, from 5 in 2015 to 2 in 2023.

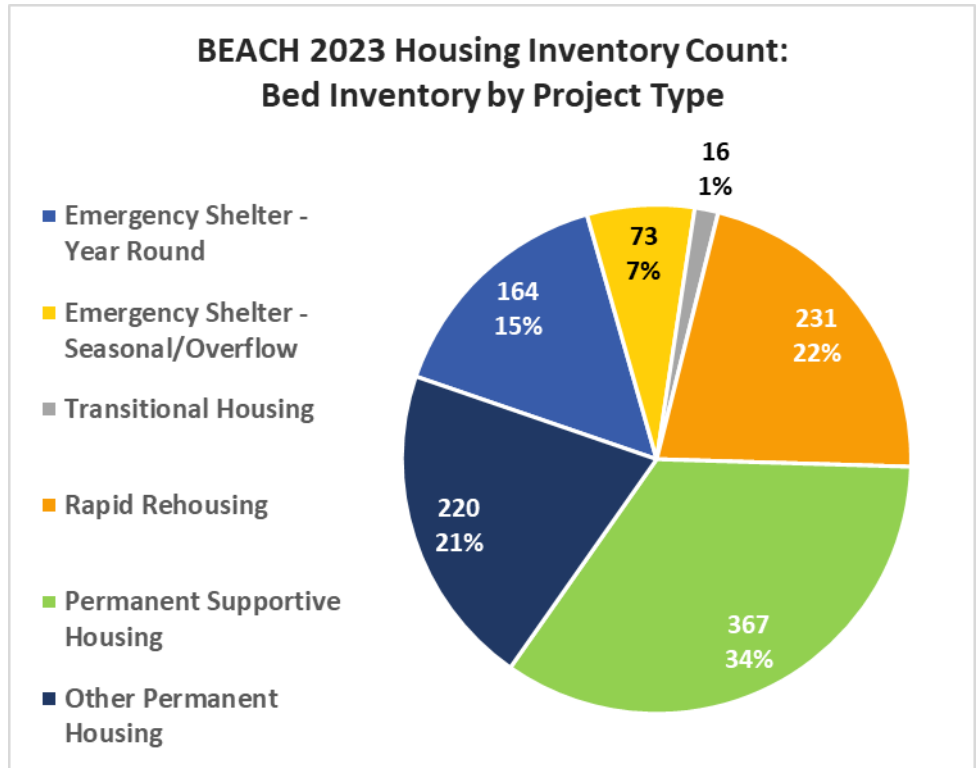
Graph 10



2023 BEACH Housing Inventory Count

According to the most recent Housing Inventory Count, a total of 1,071 beds were available for persons experiencing homelessness in Virginia Beach. These beds include 164 year-round Emergency Shelter beds, 73 Seasonal/Overflow beds, 16 Transitional Housing beds, 231 Rapid Rehousing beds, 367 Permanent Supportive Housing beds and 220 Other Permanent Housing beds.

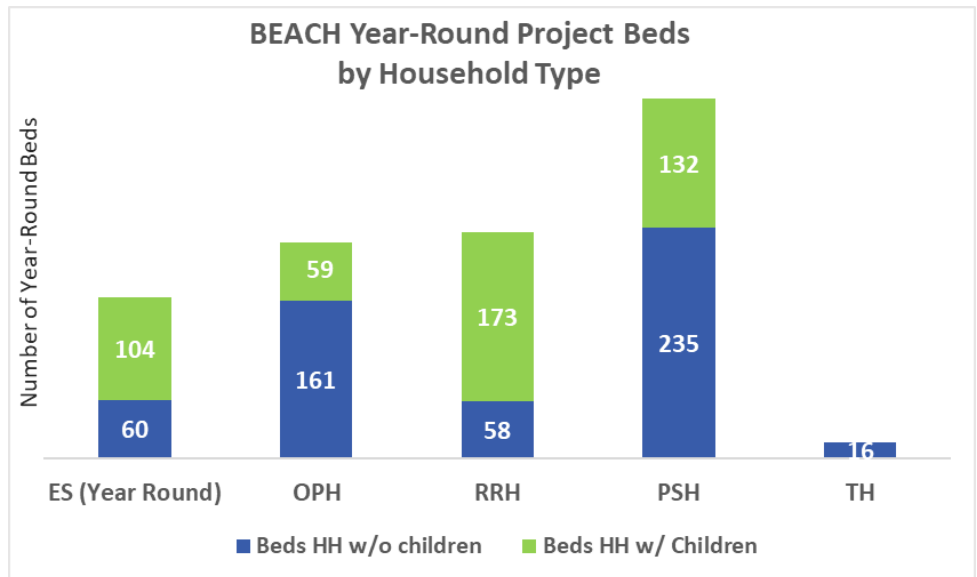
Graph 11



The Housing Inventory Count can also be broken down by the number of beds for persons in families and those for single individuals. There were 998 year-round beds in 2023.

The green portions of the columns at right show a total of 468 year-round beds for persons in households with children, including households with only children. Of these beds, 104 are in Emergency Shelter (ES), 59 are in Other Permanent Housing (OPH), 173 are in Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and 132 are in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). There are no beds for households with children in Transitional Housing (TH)

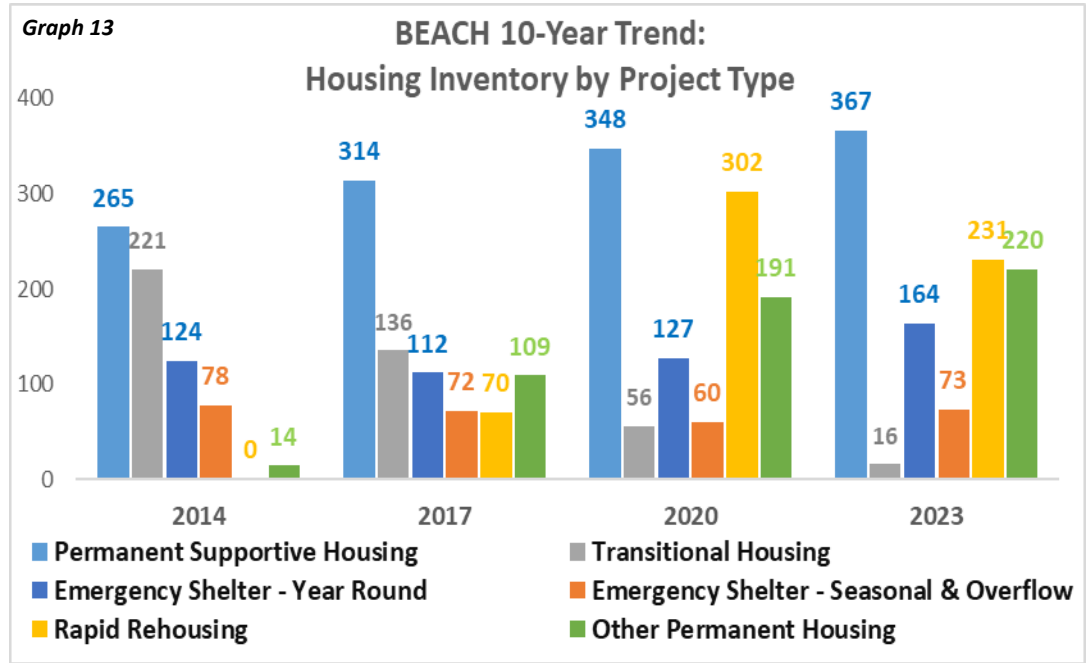
Graph 12



The blue areas of the graph show 530 year-round beds for single adults. Of these beds, 60 are in Emergency Shelter (ES), 161 are in Other Permanent Housing (OPH), 58 are in Rapid Rehousing (RRH), 235 are in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and 16 are in Transitional Housing (TH).

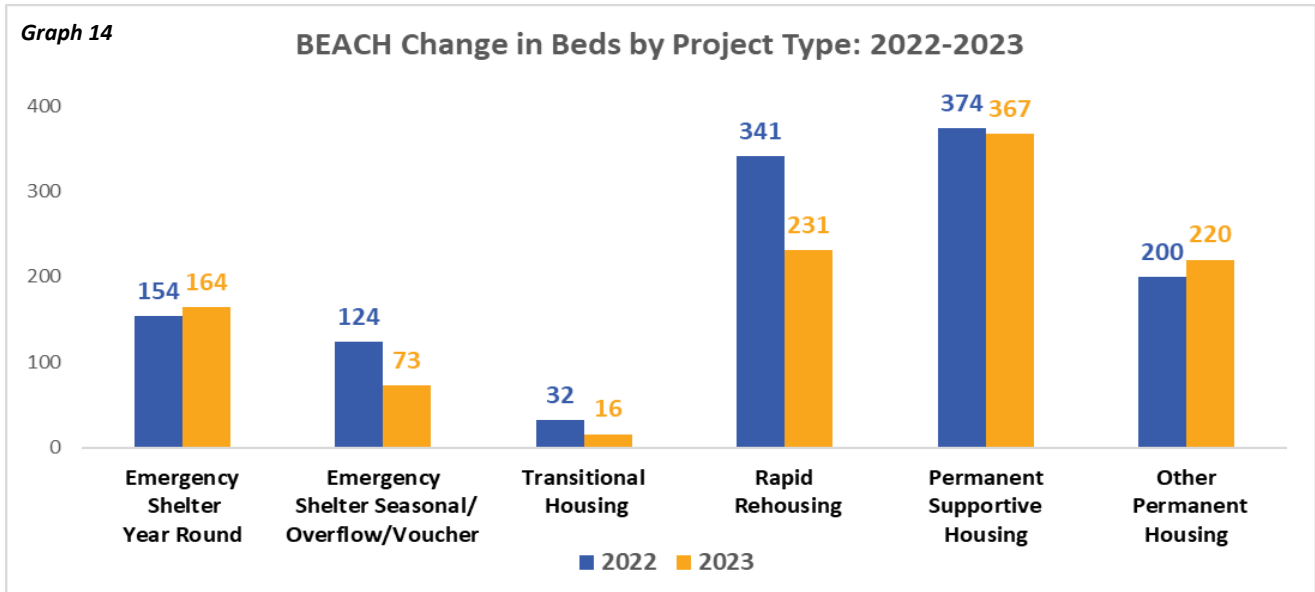
Housing Inventory Count Trends

The graph at right shows the change in BEACH’s housing inventory over the past 10 years. The graph shows the steady increase in Permanent Supportive Housing and Other Permanent Housing beds as well as the decrease in Transitional Housing beds. Permanent Housing beds as well as the decrease in Transitional Housing beds. Rapid Rehousing beds show an overall increase similar to year-round Emergency Shelter beds which increased by 40 beds. Seasonal/Overflow/Voucher ES beds remained on par with prior years.



Graph 14 below shows the change in beds between 2022 and 2023. There was an overall decrease of 154 beds as follows: an increase of 10 Emergency Shelter beds and 20 Other Permanent Housing beds, a decrease of 51 Emergency Shelter/Seasonal/Overflow/Voucher beds, 16 Transitional Housing beds, 110 Rapid Rehousing beds, and 7 Permanent Supportive Housing beds.

Change in Project Bed Types: 2022-2023							
YEAR	Emergency Shelter Year-Round	Emergency Shelter Seasonal/Overflow/Voucher	Transitional Housing	Rapid Rehousing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Other Permanent Housing	Total
2022	154	124	32	341	374	200	1225
2023	164	73	16	231	367	220	1071
Change	10	-51	-16	-110	-7	20	-154



Housing Inventory Count: Utilization Rate

Utilization Rates during the night of the 2023 Point in Time Count are shown in Graph 15 for each project type.

The utilization rates are as follows:

- **Emergency Shelter: 92%**
- **Transitional Housing: 94%**
- **Rapid Rehousing: 100%**
- **Permanent Supportive Housing: 97%**
- **Other Permanent Housing: 89%**

Graph 15

