

## North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

Steering Committee Meeting

June 6, 2023

10:30 AM



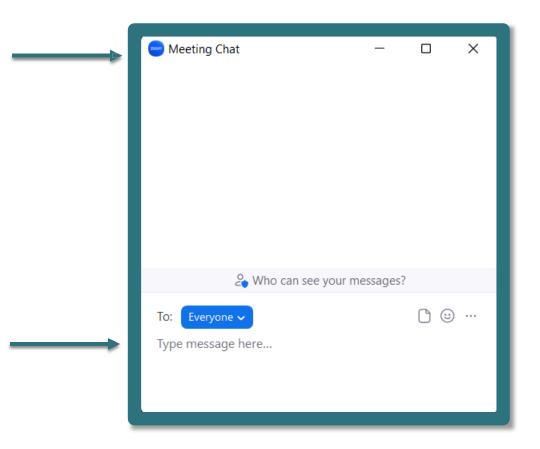
#### Welcome

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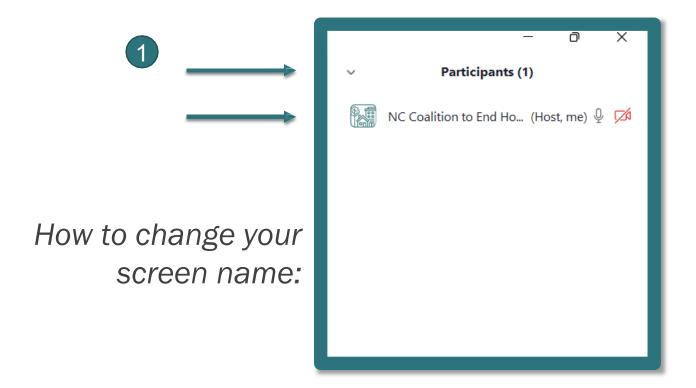
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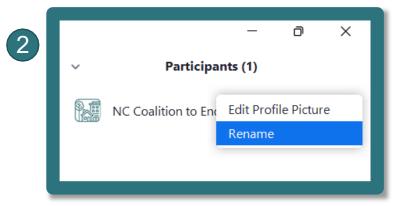


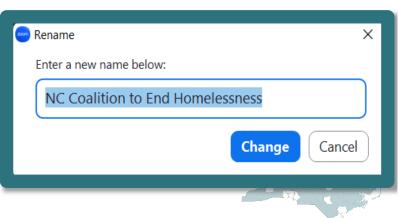


#### Roll Call

- We will conduct Roll Call for Regional Leads and atlarge members to confirm quorum for voting.
- All participants should enter their full names, so we can document their participation in the minutes.









### Agenda

- Consent Agenda
- FY2023 HUD CoC Program Competition updates
- CY2024 Emergency Solutions Grant Program Competition updates
- Unsheltered Access Coordinator update
- Emergency Shelter Technical Assistance update
- 2023 PIT/HIC Overview
- Upcoming meetings and reminders



#### Review & approve consent agenda

Consent agenda:

https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/

- The consent agenda was sent to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting as a part of the Board Packet.
- The consent agenda will be voted on as a whole at the beginning of each meeting.
- Steering Committee members may request to remove an item from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Changes or discussion?





# FY2023 CoC Program Competition: Project Application Information

New Project Applicant Webinar recording and slides posted.

https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/

New Project: Intent to Apply Form

Mandatory for new projects

Accepted on a rolling basis, non-binding

Deadline is 2 weeks after the release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)



# FY2023 CoC Program Competition: Project Application Information

Renewal Projects: Pre-Competition Scoring and Standard Review is underway

Projects that met all standards have been informed and will be certified for 3
years (until the FY2026 Competition unless changes in Policies and Procedures
are made).

Projects that did not meet all standards were informed.

 These projects have an opportunity to re-submit documentation addressing unmet standards by 6 PM on June 8<sup>th</sup> to achieve 3-year certification starting in FY2024 or they can submit all the information again in the FY2024 Pre-Competition Scoring and Standards Review.



#### **FY2023 CoC Program Competition**

#### **Upcoming Phases of the Competition**

Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) – imminent release Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – early to mid-summer?





#### The ESG Competition is Underway!

The RFA is being released today, June 06!

NCCEH staff hosted a webinar for Regional Committee members on June 01 to cover process and timeline.

A webinar for all Project Applicants will be on June 22.

• Event details and registration at: https://www.ncceh.org/events/1616/

Recorded webinars and competition materials are available at <a href="https://www.ncceh.org/bos/esg">www.ncceh.org/bos/esg</a>

Project Applications are due to NCCEH by 5 PM on 7/12/23.



## Total amount available: \$ 2,525,734

NC BoS CoC Region	NC ESG Fair Share	Emergency Services (60% max)	Housing Stability (40% Min)
BoS Region 01	\$126,766	\$76,059	\$50,707
BoS Region 02	\$118,532	\$71,119	\$47,413
BoS Region 03	\$192,152	\$115,291	\$76,861
BoS Region 04	\$169,683	\$101,810	\$67,873
BoS Region 05	\$304,427	\$182,656	\$121,771
BoS Region 06	\$199,659	\$119,795	\$79,864
BoS Region 07	\$366,671	\$220,002	\$146,669
BoS Region 08	\$169,481	\$101,689	\$67,792
BoS Region 09	\$231,348	\$138,809	\$92,539
BoS Region 10	\$236,136	\$141,682	\$94,454
BoS Region 11	\$109,380	\$65,628	\$43,752
BoS Region 12	\$152,211	\$91,327	\$60,884
BoS Region 13	\$149,288	\$89,573	\$59,715



## **ESG Competition Timeline**

Activity	Due Date	
NC BoS CoC Instructions Released	Thursday, June 01	
RFA released	Tuesday, June 06	
NC Balance of State Webinar for all applicants	Thursday, June 22	
NC ESG Office RFA webinar	June 13, 15, and 20	
Project Apps due to NCCEH	Wednesday, July 12	
Project Apps Review	July 13 - 28	
Project Review Committee Selection Meeting	Thursday, August 03	
Steering Committee Project Application Recommendation Approval	Tuesday, August 08	
Appeals Due	Friday, August 11	
Steering Committee appeals meeting (tentative)	Tuesday, August 15	
Project and Regional Applications Due to NC DHHS	Monday, August 21	

#### **Project Applicant Webinar**

All interested agencies should attend. The webinar will be recorded and available on the NCCEH website.

Webinar is Thursday, June 22 from 2 – 3:30 PMm.

Website event page: https://www.ncceh.org/events/1616/Login information:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85311572136?pwd=eEtBbG1ySXA4VWVWTEtvR0hxRHJSQT09

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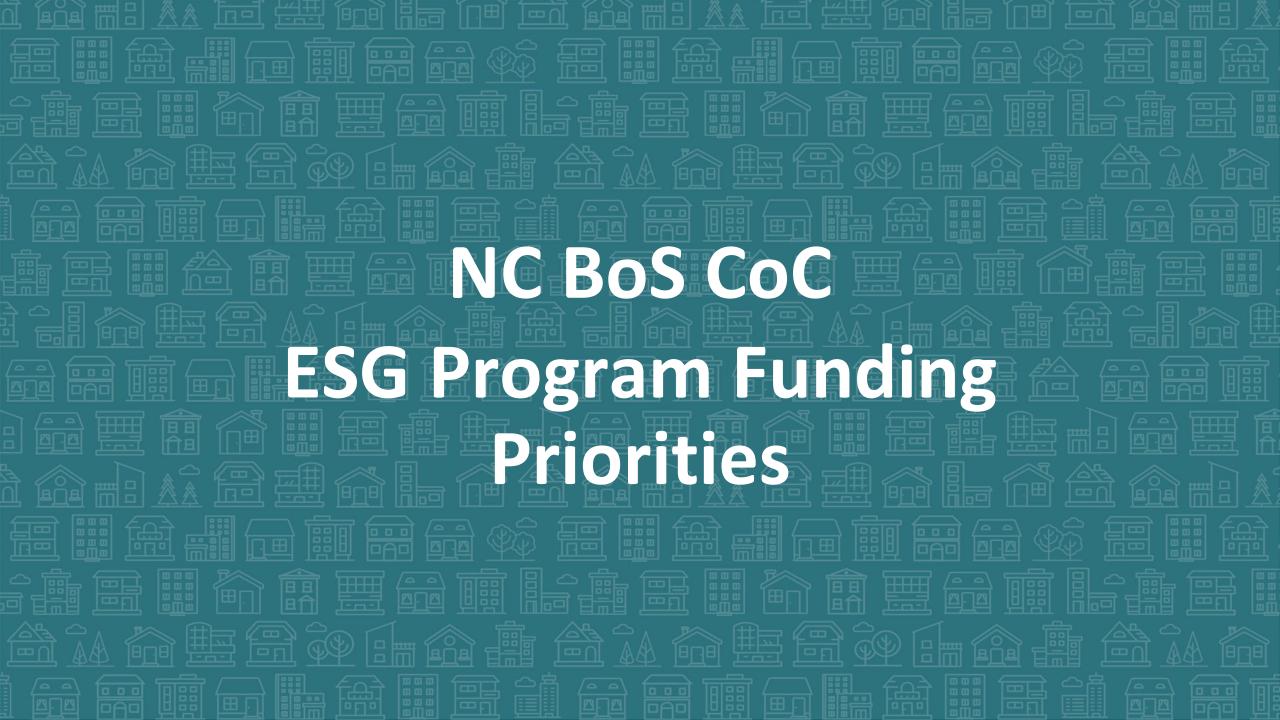
#### Application deadline is July 12, 2023!

All project applications will need to be submitted through Smartsheet. The link will be provided in the project applicant instructions.

Any applications received after 5 PM on July 12 are not guaranteed review.

Regional Leads <u>must</u> share this deadline with your networks!!





### **Overview of ESG Program Funding Priorities**

The ESG Program Funding Priorities document has a clearly stated purpose & sets the following goals:

- Help the CoC target ESG Program funding to specific local needs: these priorities provide guidance to help make decisions about how to use ESG to improve the homeless & housing system, rather than simply continuing ESG funding for previous grantees.
- Coordinate goals & ESG Program funding across the whole CoC: these funding priorities aim to coordinate ESG funding to move the whole CoC toward common goals.
- Improve ESG-funded programs: these priorities aim to ensure publicly-funded agencies implement best practices by lowering barriers to entry, incorporating Housing First approaches, & following the CoC's Written Standards. These priorities help grantees & communities take steps toward expanding access to emergency shelter & permanent housing.
- Improve racial equity & decrease disparities in outcomes throughout the CoC.
- Establish precedent to make funding decisions consistently & fairly across the CoC.



### **Overview of Funding Priorities**

Ensure people experiencing homelessness in the CoC have access to low barrier, housing-focused shelter, rehousing assistance, & supportive services.

Only applicants with the financial capacity to administer public dollars should be funded.

Coordination at the regional level ensures the best results for people experiencing homelessness.

Measuring and improving performance at the agency, regional, & CoC levels is a priority for the CoC. Timely, accurate data collection is imperative to this priority.

The NC BoS CoC is committed to impacting outcome disparities seen across marginalized communities.

The NC BoS CoC is committed to consistency & transparency in decisions regarding funding for the ESG Program.



### **Overview of CY2024 ESG Funding Priorities**

Appendix A includes tables that chart the number of ESG-funded providers in each region, by project type, & the number of counties within the region covered by that project type.

Identifies regions with coverage needs & prioritizes applicants who can fill them.

#### Example:

Emergency Shelter and DV Shelter Projects Receiving ESG Funding					
Region	# of ES providers	# of Counties covered by ES	# of Counties without access to ES		
01	4	7	1 (Madison)		

# The Funding & Performance Subcommittee recommends CY2024 ESG Funding Priorities.



Each year, the Funding & Performance Subcommittee reviews the Funding Priorities document & recommends an updated document for Steering Committee consideration.



The Funding & Performance Subcommittee did not make significant changes this year. It recommends a draft CY2024 ESG Program Funding Priorities document with 2 additions & minor language changes for clarity.



#### **Changes for CY2024: Persons with lived experience**

Previous document included a new Equity Section prioritizing agencies that were:

In compliance with the NC BoS CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy

Committed to advancing racial equity



The Lived Expertise Advisory Council (LEAC) has drafted new questions for the ESG Scorecard focusing on inclusion of persons with lived experience of homelessness (PLE)



Proposed addition to equity section will prioritize agencies that hire & seek feedback from PLE.



#### **Changes for CY2024: Attendance benchmark**

Previous document emphasized "full participation" in the CE system & "regular" attendance at case conferencing meetings.

The FY2023 CoC Program Funding Priorities established an attendance benchmark of 85% at case conferencing meetings annually.

The ESG Program Funding Priorities document was updated to include the same 85% attendance benchmark.



### **Approval of CY2024 ESG Funding Priorities**





Questions?

Motion?





## Unsheltered Access Coordination is essential in all geographic areas of the CoC.

- Reminder: The region's goal is to ensure <u>all</u> people living unsheltered connect to services!
  - Build trusting relationships
  - Collect contact information for follow-up
  - Refer to emergency shelter, when possible
  - Assess & refer to coordinated entry
  - Connect to services & permanent housing
- UAC Elected term is May April
  - Missing UACs from Regions 6 & 8
  - Please submit Regional UAC information through <u>Smartsheet</u>

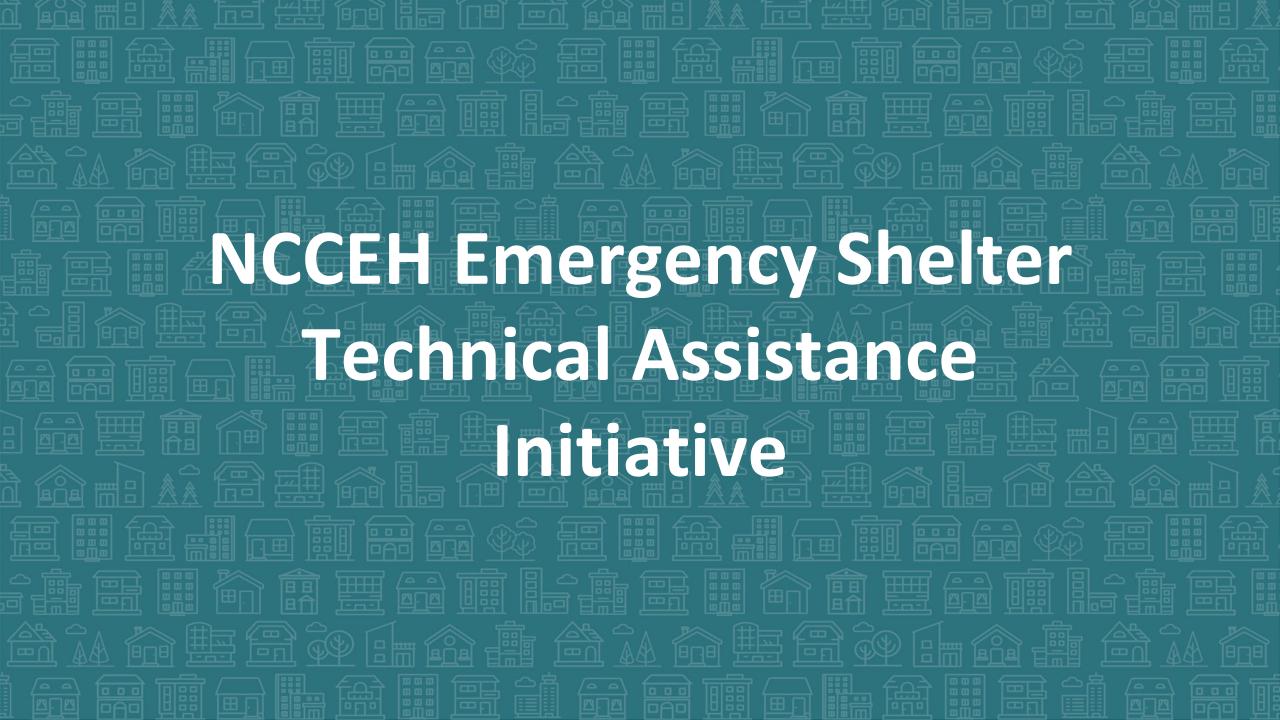


## To support regions, the CoC will hold an Unsheltered Access Coordination planning workshop June 15<sup>th!</sup>

Please join the NC BoS CoC for an in-person workshop training on June 15, 2023, for regional leadership!

- Although the focus of the workshop will be on year-round unsheltered access, we need all regional leadership present to ensure a robust discussion & positive outcome.
- The agenda on June 15 will include:
  - An overview of roles & responsibilities
  - Regional information from 2023 Point-In-Time, Housing Inventory Count, & current By Name List data for persons living unsheltered
  - Breakout groups to create system mapping for each region
  - Breakout groups to deep-dive into county-by-county support for connecting persons living unsheltered to services, shelter, coordinated entry, & permanent housing
  - Report-outs from each region (to learn from our peers!)





# NCCEH staff have been providing in-depth TA to emergency shelters in the NC BoS.

In 2018, NCCEH began working to address an identified gap in support for emergency NCCFH launched the shelters to operate in a coordinated system **Emergency Shelter Technical** with Housing First principles. Assistance Initiative. 2018 2020 2021-2023 In 2020, NCCEH contracted with the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) to host an Emergency Shelter Learning Collaborative.



#### ES TA curriculum is informed & relevant.

ES TA curriculum combines national best practices & local priorities.

- Shelters work in cohorts to assess their policies, shelter practices, data entry, & program evaluation practices.
- Shelters focus on lowering barriers to shelter entry & establishing housing-focused practices, in line with the NC BoS CoC Written Standards.















#### Impact on services

All shelters completing an ES TA cohort reduced or eliminated at least one barrier to shelter, implemented a more housing-focused practice, & set goals to improve CAPER data!

- 25 emergency & DV shelter programs completed TA between 2020-2023.
- Examples of barriers that were eliminated include:
  - Requiring drug testing for shelter entry
  - Collecting money from shelter clients for continued stay
  - Mandating participation in services (treatment, workshops, etc.)



#### Three-part listening session held in 2023.

Goal: "To better understand the challenges agencies are experiencing on the ground & refine a curriculum that meets needs to improve housing outcomes for shelter residents."

- Avg of 6 programs attended each session
- Feedback on 4 questions:
  - In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges your shelter residents are currently facing?
  - What are the main challenges your client-facing staff are experiencing?
  - What do you need to improve your housing outcomes?
  - How can NCCEH support you?



#### **Listening Session Themes**

- Lack of affordable housing
- Navigating the existing system
- Staff turnover, training
- Mental health resources
- NIMBYism, lack of support from local leaders
- Principles of good case management
- Aftercare supportive services are essential
- Intentional space for ongoing feedback to NCCEH & collaboration with providers



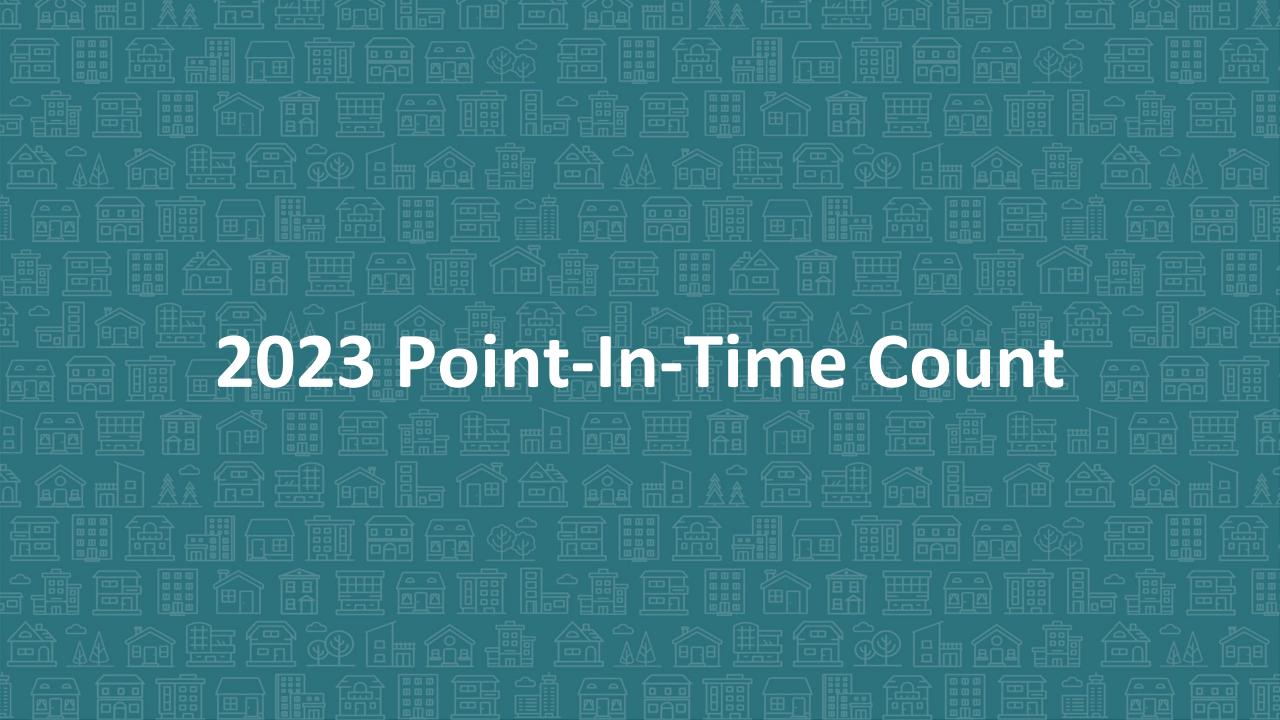
#### **Introducing: Quarterly ES TA Forums**

Beginning in Q3, 2023 NCCEH will offer quarterly forums for shelters in the NC BoS CoC with a mix of presentations & interactive discussions. Forums will include:

- A specific theme (ex. Navigating shared housing)
- A presentation
- Time for discussion & peer sharing

\*More information to come this Summer!





#### What data do we have today?

Total People Counted Experiencing Homelessness on January 25th, 2023

Data submitted to HUD for entire NC Balance of State CoC

**Total Count** 

Regional Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

**Regional Veterans** 

Methodology

Point-in-Time (by region and county) will be posted at:

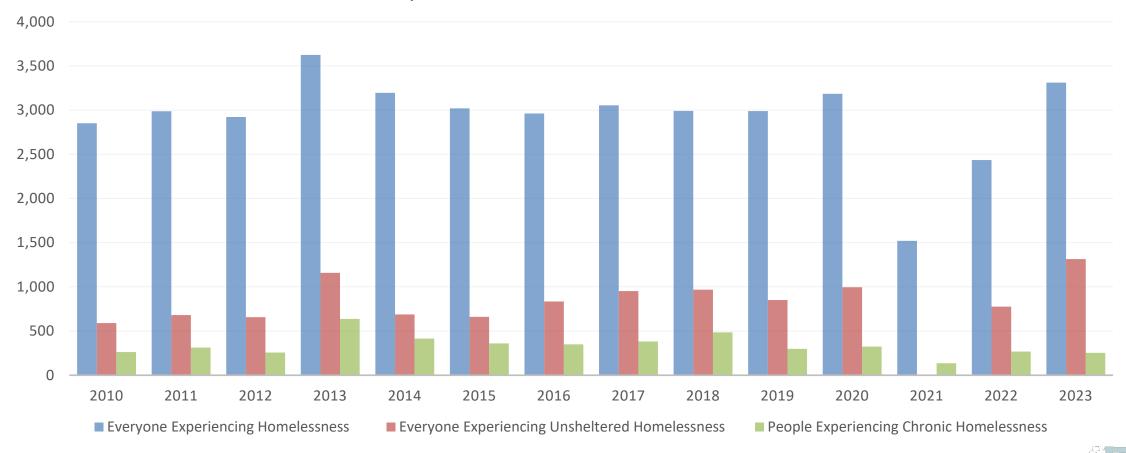
ncceh.org/datacenter/pitdata

Specific requests for data go to the Data Center (<a href="mailto:hmis@ncceh.org">hmis@ncceh.org</a>)



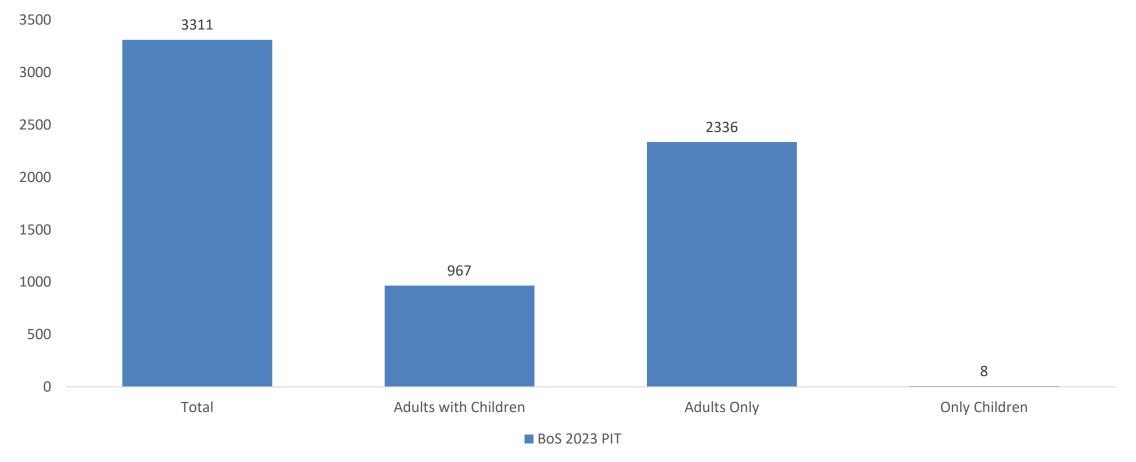
## What does one day tell us?





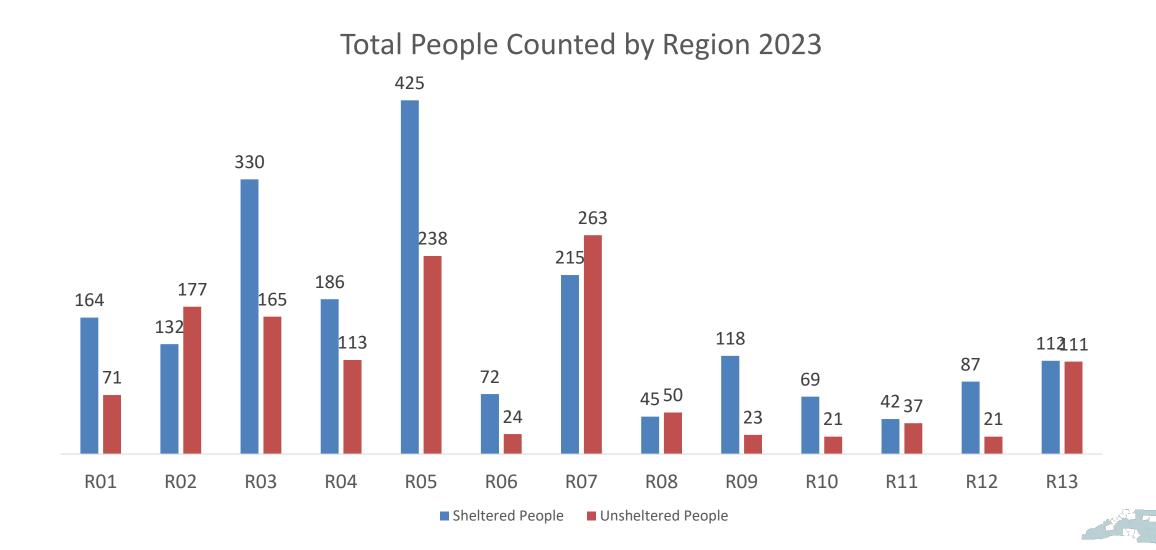
<sup>\*</sup>Unsheltered data was not collected in 2021 due to the pandemic

#### **2023 Point-in-Time Count**



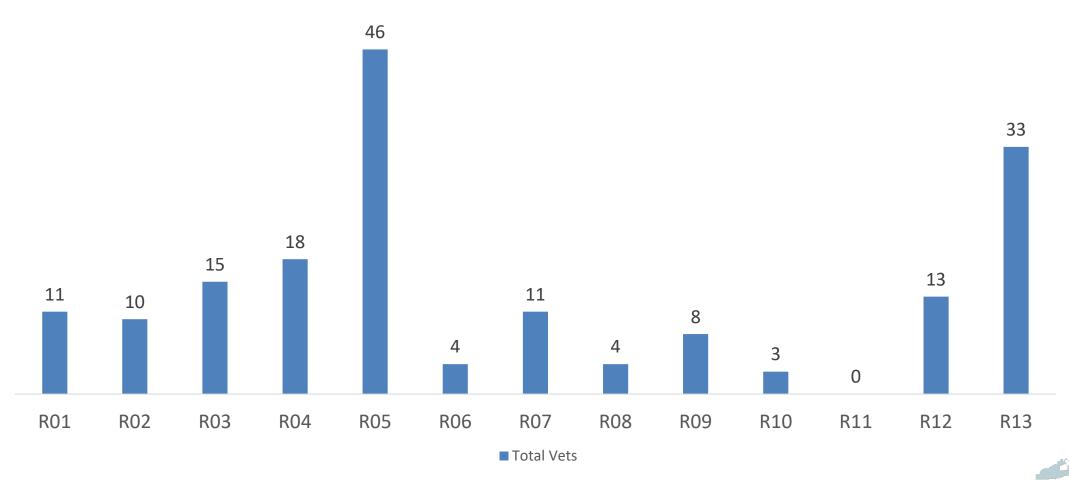


#### PIT Across the NC Balance of State CoC



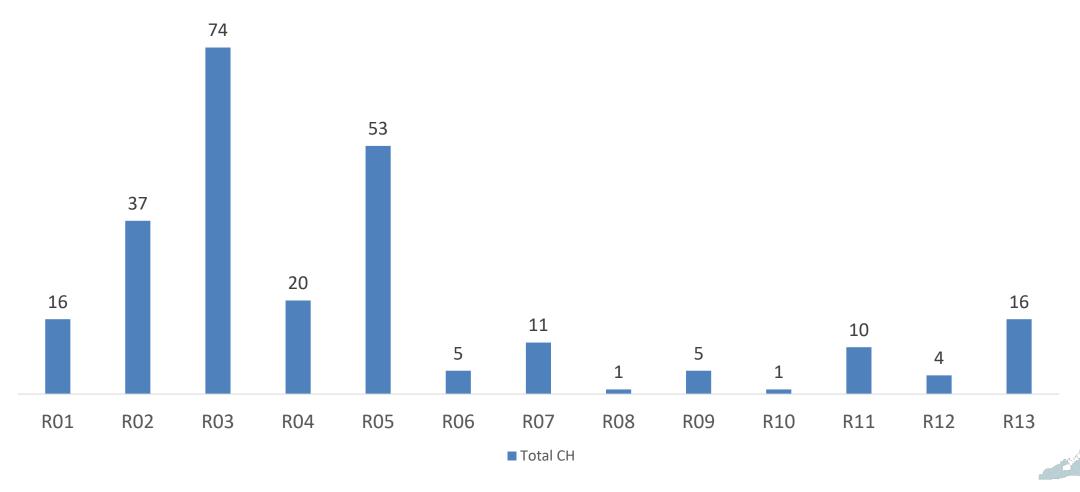
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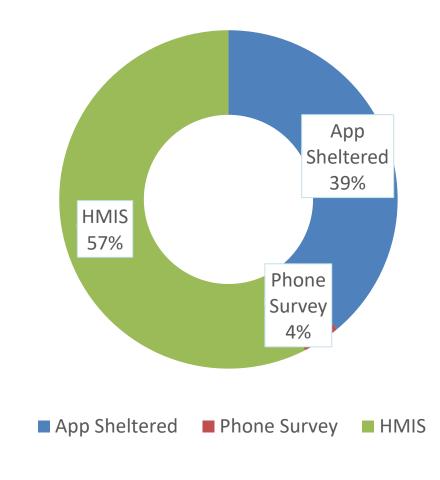
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Total Experiencing Chronic Homelessness by Region 2021

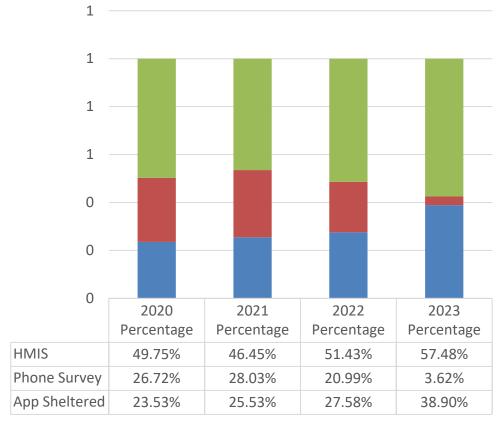


### How were people counted?

People Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness



# Methodology

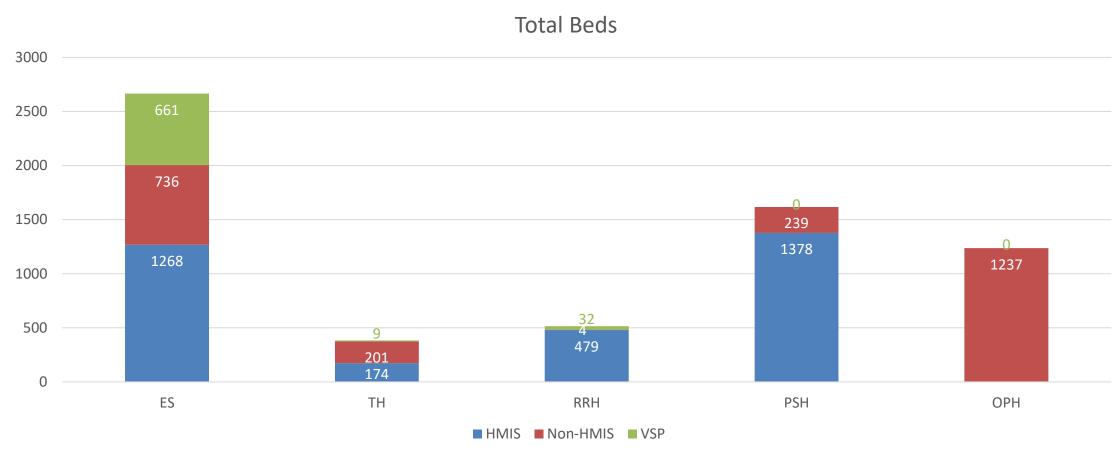






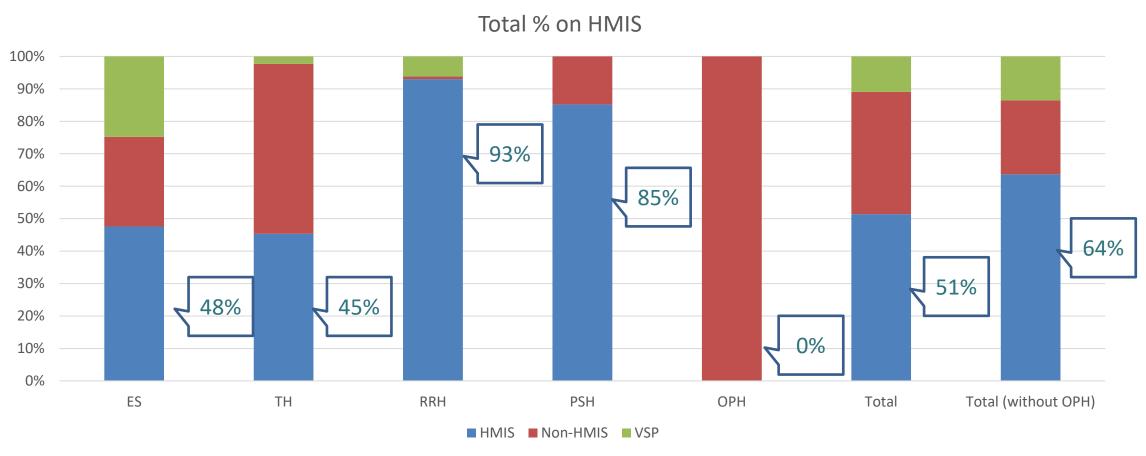


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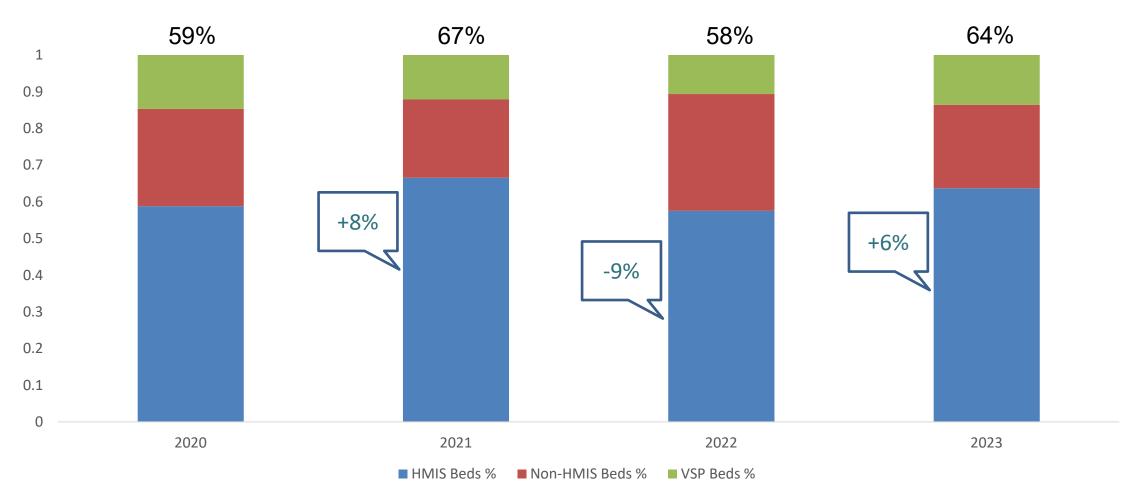


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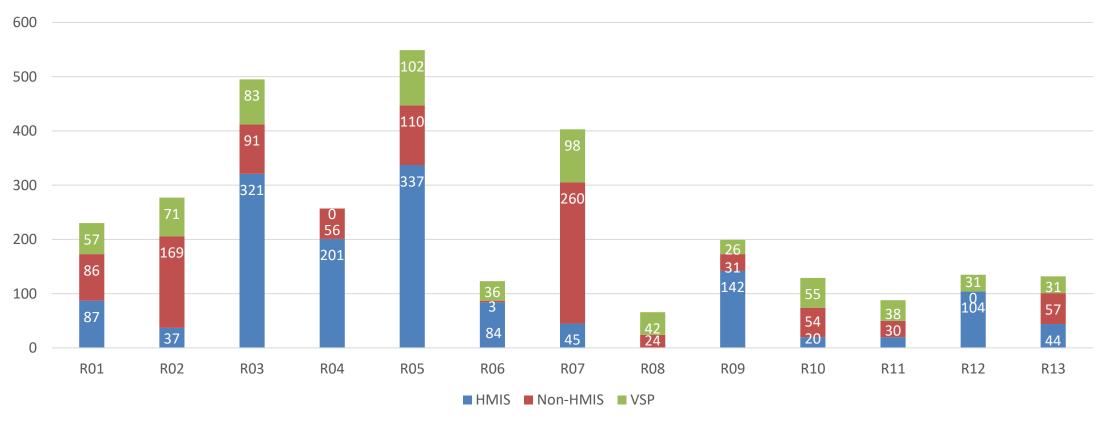
## HMIS Bed Coverage – changes since 2020





## 2023 HIC HMIS Participation by Region







#### Upcoming meetings & reminders

(Log-in and recording information can be found on agenda)

- Veteran Subcommittee Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2:00 4:00 P.M.
- Lived Expertise Advisory Council Meeting: Friday, June 9, 12:00 1:00 P.M.
- **HMIS System Updates:** *Tuesday, June* 13, 10:30 11:30 A.M.
- NC BoS CoC Unsheltered Access Coordination: Thursday, June 15, 10:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M.
- HMIS Training: Data Quality Plan Office Hours, Wednesday, June 21, 10:00 11:00 A.M.
- Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting, Wednesday, June 21, 11:30 A.M. 12:30 P.M.
- Local Leadership Response Sharing Call, Wednesday, May 17, 1:00 2:00 P.M.
- Funding and Performance Subcommittee, Thursday, June 22, 11:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.
- ESG Competition Webinar: All Project Applicants, Thursday, June 22, 2:00 3:30 P.M.
- Coordinated Entry Council Meeting, Monday, June 26, 10:00 11:30 A.M.

#### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.

\*moved back 1 week due to July 4th holiday

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