

Homelessness in Omaha

City of Omaha Mayor's Office



Homeless Services Coordinator

December 2022 to today

- over 50 community organizations
- All city departments
- Several state and county agencies/groups
- Many advocacy groups
- National partners

Homeless Services Coordinator

- Developed priority focus
- Homeless Task force goal planning
- Leading and developing city process for responding to encampments and unhoused community members
- Strengthening collaboration between city of Omaha and collaborative street outreach
- Training and education opportunities for groups and businesses
- Focus on ending veteran homelessness
- Creating a plan for community response to disaster/condemnation that leaves community members without a home

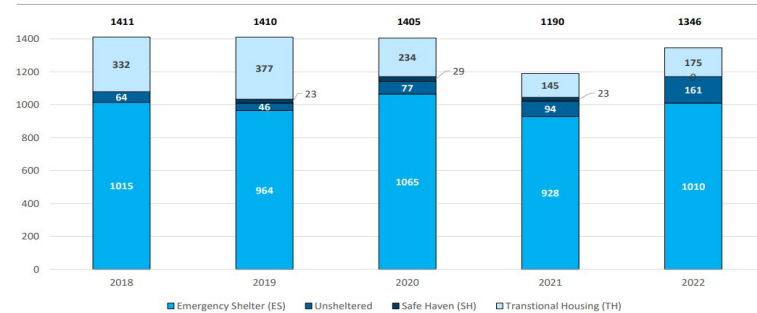
2022 Point in Time data

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2022 -

- 1346 total
- Up from previous year
- 175 in Transitional housing
- 161 unsheltered
- 1010 in emergency shelter
- 0 in safe haven

CoC Point-in-Time Totals

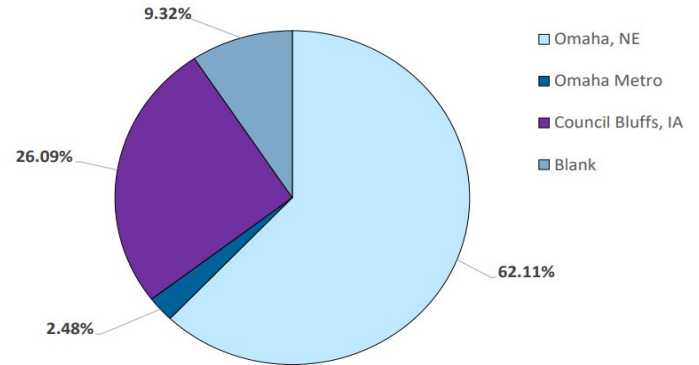


2022 Point in Time data

Last permanent zip code -

- 62% had Omaha zip code
- 26% had a Council Bluffs zip code
- 2.5% had a zip code from the metro area other than omaha or CB
- 9.3% question was unanswered

Unsheltered Zip Codes



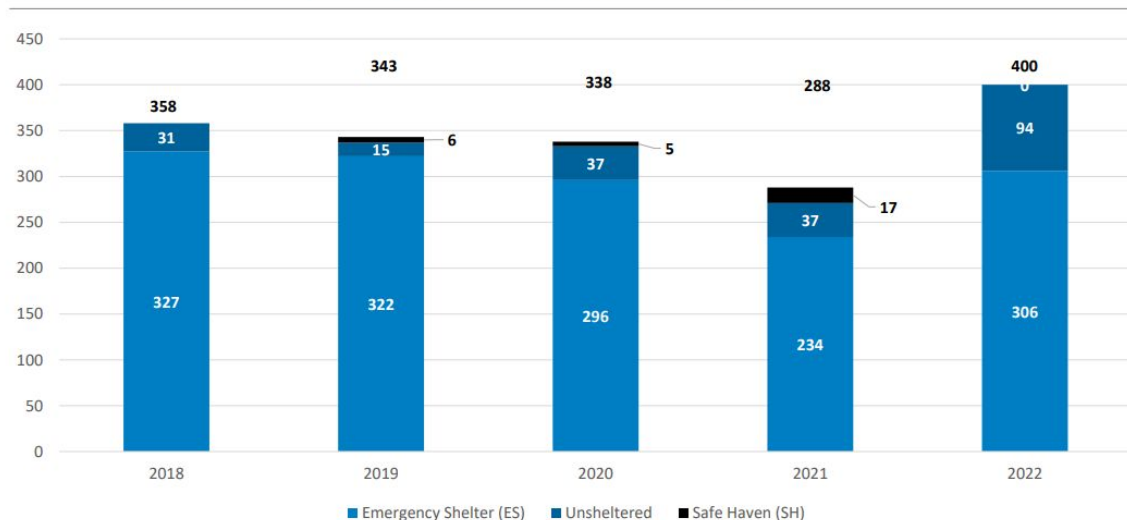
These amounts are Unshel

2022 Point in Time data

Chronic homelessness -

- Total 400
- 0 in safe haven
- 94 unsheltered
- 306 in emergency shelter

Chronic Population PIT Totals

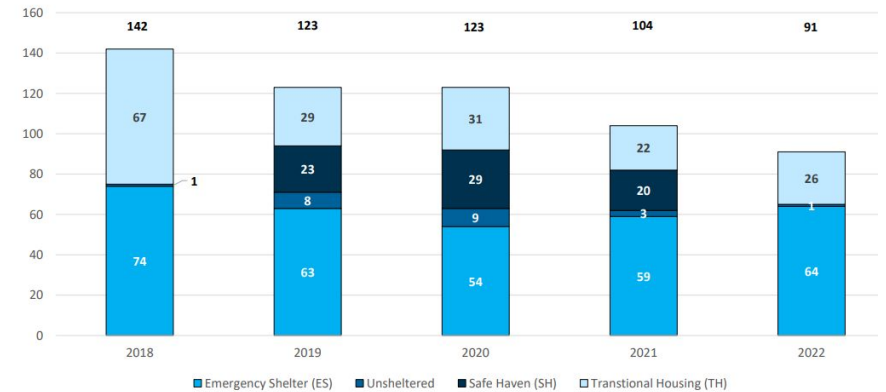


2022 Point in Time data

Veterans -

- 91 total
- 26 in transitional housing
- 64 in emergency shelter
- 1 unsheltered
- 0 in safe haven

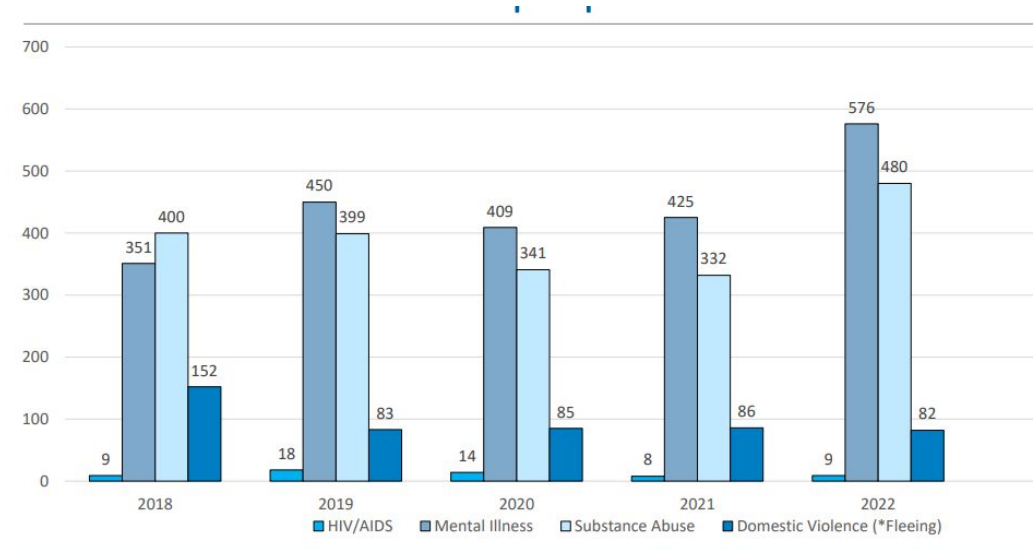
Veteran Population PIT Totals



2022 Point in Time data

Sub populations -

- May be duplicated
- 82 Fleeing Domestic Violence
- 9 HIV/AIDS
- 576 have mental health diagnosis (not including substance use disorder)
- 480 suffer with substance use disorder either currently or in the past



2022 Point in Time data

Additional PIT/HIC data

- 12.3 % under age 18
- 4.8% Native American
- Shelter bed decrease
- Permanent housing bed decrease (RRH, PSH,OPH)
- Utilization of shelter beds is down
- Young adult 18-24 population also decreasing

Remember this is a system and requires review of system data, not individual agency or program.

How to help: MACCH

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www.EndHomelessnessToday.org



OMAHA METRO COORDINATED ENTRY ACCESS POINTS

Serving Douglas & Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa



ARE YOU EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

Coordinated Entry (CE) connects people experiencing homelessness or those at risk of becoming homeless with available resources. CE includes various Access Points in the community. Access Point staff help assess a person's needs and connect them to the appropriate resources. The purpose of CE is to ensure people are receiving needed resources within a consistent and streamlined approach.

For Street Outreach services call 402-957-1747

For rental assistance or other resources call 2-1-1

Behavioral Health & Wellness Unit

Omaha Police Department

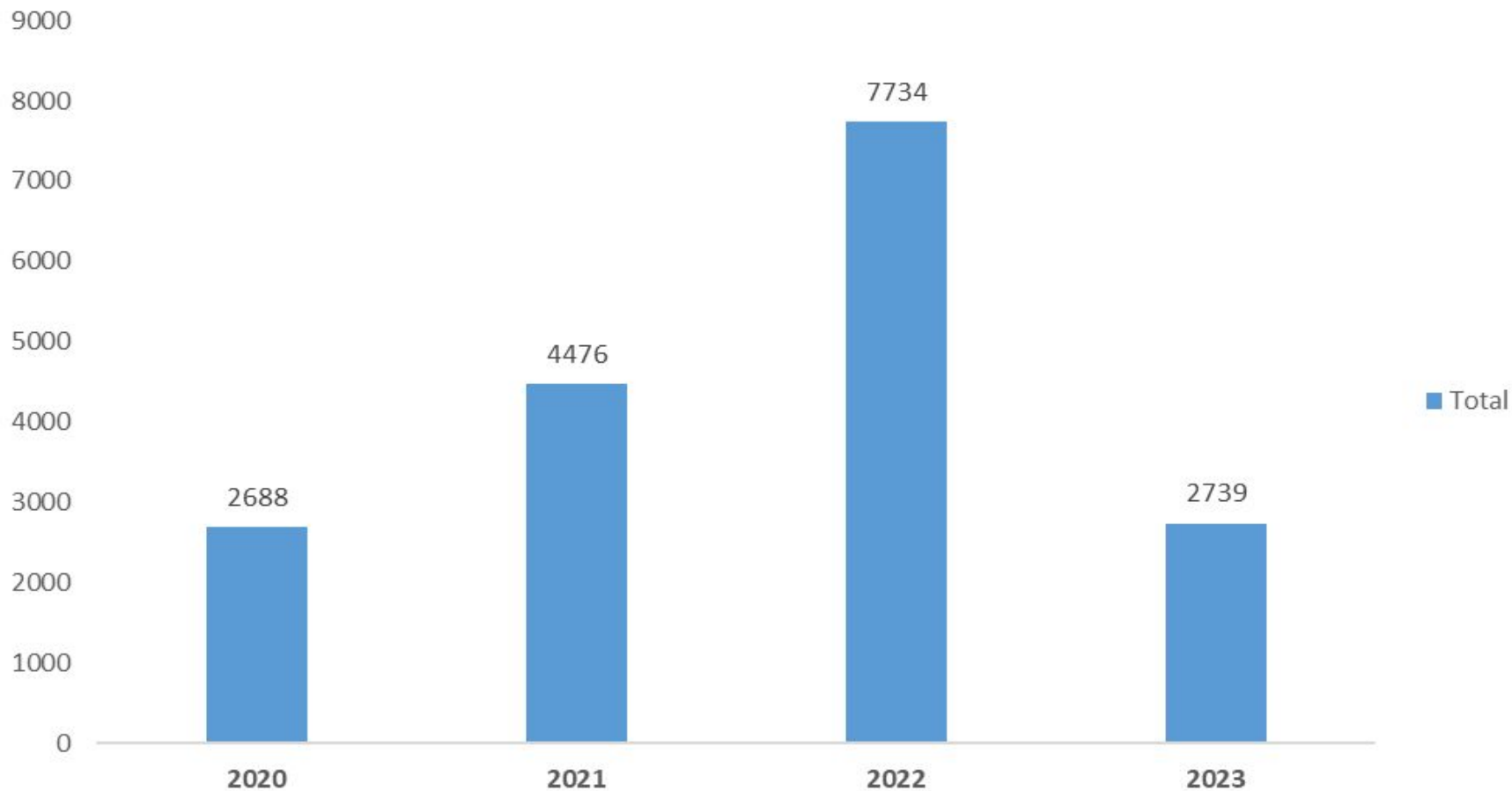


Purpose

The Behavioral Health and Wellness Unit (BHWU) is a specially trained unit within OPD that engages in a multidisciplinary community team approach for training, planning, implementing and responding to behavioral health related crisis situations. The BHWU addresses the need for early intervention for, and treatment of, those with mental health concerns as a critical step in diverting these individuals from the criminal justice system, unnecessary hospitalization and any potential lasting impact of trauma.



CAD MH Dispositions October 2020-Present



BHWU



Co-Responder Squad

The Co-Responder's primary responsibility is to respond on scene with a law enforcement officer on calls when behavioral health is identified as a possible contributing factor.

Co-Responders conduct outreach and follow-up calls to individuals who had police contact as a result of a behavioral health crisis, with the intention of getting the individual the help they need to avoid future police contact.

CORE Squad

CORE (Collaborative Outreach, Response, and Engagement)

Sworn officers who wear a "soft uniform" and assist on active 911 calls with a mental health component, and proactive outreach to individuals who have mental health struggles or recent crisis alongside Co-Responders.



Behavioral Health & Wellness Unit



2023 MH calls by precinct



Behavioral Health Needs

Provider shortages across the state

Waitlists

Capacity

Barriers (transportation, funding, supports)

Stigma (unhoused, mental illness, violent-not one and the same)

Isolation and loneliness ([Surgeon General's report: Public Health Crisis](#))

[Stepping UP Initiative](#): Familiar Faces Project addressing those with SMI who experience overincarceration.



How To Support Those In Need

Emergencies: Call 911

- Criminal activity
- Unsafe situations–immediate safety risks

Mental Health Crisis: Call 988

- Suicidal crisis
- Instability



Non-Emergency:

- For general police-related questions, please call **(402) 444-5600**.
- For additional reporting options, visit the links below.
- [Minor Crimes](#) - Non-Emergency Telephone Response Squad (TRS) **(402) 444-4877**
 - Online reporting system
- [Crime Stoppers](#)
- [OPD Threat Incident Prevention System \(TIPS\)](#)
- [Domestic Violence](#)
- [Child Abuse / Neglect](#) - Project Harmony
- [Gang Activity](#)
- [Graffiti](#)
- [Traffic Accident](#)
- [Mayor's Hotline](#)
- [Civilian Complaint](#)
- [Commend an Officer](#)

Resources



United States Interagency
Council on Homelessness



<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/naeh1302>

<https://icalliances.org/omahacouncil-bluffs-reports>

[Profile - mattschnars | Tableau Public](#)

<https://housingnarrativelab.org/>

<https://endhomelessness.org/>

<https://www.usich.gov/>

<https://homelesslaw.org/>

<https://nationalhomeless.org/>



HOUSING
NARRATIVE
LAB 



RESOURCES

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Any Problem. Any Time

Resources for parents and families

24/7. **888-866-8660**



Lifeline Chat & Text



Peer Run Crisis Diversion.

Warm line: **402-715-4226**

415 South 25th Ave.

Annex Building

Omaha, NE 68131