

HIC Total Summary for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

Total Year-Round Beds - Household without Children

1. Current Year-Round Beds for Households without Children	290
1A. Current Year Round ES Beds for Households without Children	98
1B. Current Year Round TH Beds for Households without Children	47
1C. Current Year Round Safe Haven Beds for Households without Children	0
1D. Current Year Round RRH Beds for Households without Children	29
1E. Current Year Round PSH Beds for Households without Children	90
2. Total Year-Round Beds for Households without Children	290
2A. Number of DV Year-Round Beds for Households without Children	12
2B. Subtotal, non-DV Year-Round Beds for Households without Children	278
3. Total Year Round HMIS Beds for Households without Children	222
3A. Total Year Round ES HMIS Beds for Households without Children	86
3B. Total Year Round TH HMIS Beds for Households without Children	47
3C. Total Year Round Safe Haven HMIS Beds for Households without Children	0
3D. Total Year Round RRH HMIS Beds for Households without Children	28
3E. Total Year Round PSH HMIS Beds for Households without Children	35
4. Total Year Round HMIS Beds for Households without Children	222
5. HMIS Bed Coverage: Beds for Households without Children	79.86%

Total Year-Round Beds - Households with Children

1. Current Year Round Beds for Households with Children	225
1A. Current Year Round ES Beds for Households with Children	22
1B. Current Year Round TH Beds for Households with Children	92
1C. Current Year Round Safe Haven Beds for Households with Children	0

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1D. Current Year Round RRH Beds for Households with Children	23
1E. Current Year Round PSH Beds for Households with Children	56
2. Total Year Round Beds for Households with Children	225
2A. Number of DV Year-Round Beds for Households with Children	12
2B. Subtotal, non-DV Year-Round Beds for Households with Children	213
3. Total Year Round HMIS Beds for Households with Children	213
3A. Total Year Round ES HMIS Beds for Households with Children	10
3B. Total Year Round TH HMIS Beds for Households with Children	92
3C. Total Year Round Safe Haven HMIS Beds for Households with Children	0
3D. Total Year Round RRH HMIS Beds for Households with Children	23
3E. Total Year Round PSH HMIS Beds for Households with Children	56
4. Total Year Round HMIS Beds for Households with Children	213
5. HMIS Bed Coverage: Beds for Households with Children	100.00%

Total Year-Round Beds - Households with only Children

1. Current Year Round Beds for Households with only Children	0
1A. Current Year Round ES Beds for Households with only Children	0
1B. Current Year Round TH Beds for Households with only Children	0
1C. Current Year Round Safe Haven Beds for Households with only Children	0
1D. Current Year Round RRH Beds for Households with only Children	0
1E. Current Year Round PSH Beds for Households with only Children	0
2. Total Year Round Beds for Households with only Children	0
2A. Number of DV Year-Round Beds for Households with only Children	0
2B. Subtotal, non-DV Year-Round Beds for Households with only Children	0
3. Total Year Round HMIS Beds for Households with only Children	0
3A. Total Year Round ES HMIS Beds for Households with only Children	0

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3B. Total Year Round TH HMIS Beds for Households with only Children	0
3C. Total Year Round Safe Haven HMIS Beds for Households with only Children	0
3D. Total Year Round RRH HMIS Beds for Households with only Children	0
3E. Total Year Round PSH HMIS Beds for Households with only Children	0
4. Total Year Round HMIS Beds for Households with only Children	0
5. HMIS Bed Coverage: Beds for Households with only Children	n/a

2023 Point-in-Time Count IL-513 Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Number of Households	3	23	0	26
Total Number of persons (Adults & Children)	13	72	0	26
Number of Persons (under age 18)	10	49	0	59
Number of Persons (18 - 24)	0	4	0	4
Number of Persons (25 - 34)	3	10	0	13
Number of Persons (35 - 44)	0	6	0	6
Number of Persons (45 - 54)	0	2	0	2
Number of Persons (55 - 64)	0	1	0	1
Number of Persons (over age 64)	0	0	0	0

Gender (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	6	45	0	51
Male	7	27	0	34
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0

2023 Point-in-Time Count IL-513 Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

Ethnicity (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	13	60	0	73
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	12	0	12

Race (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	13	36	0	49
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	27	0	27
Multiple Races	0	9	0	9

Chronically Homeless (adults and children)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	0		0	0
Total number of persons	0		0	0

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households with only Children

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of children (under age 18)	0	0	0	0	0

Gender (only children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (only children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0	0

Race (only children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless (only children)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total number of persons	0		0	0	0

2023 Point-in-Time Count IL-513 Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households without Children

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	152	49	0	19	220
Total Number of persons (Adults)	152	49	0	20	221
Number of Persons (18 - 24)	13	6	0	3	22
Number of Persons (25 - 34)	30	5	0	5	40
Number of Persons (35 - 44)	29	5	0	5	39
Number of Persons (45 - 54)	33	13	0	2	48
Number of Persons (55 - 64)	32	15	0	5	52
Number of Persons (over age 24)	15	5	0	0	20

Gender (adults)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	52	17	0	5	74
Male	99	32	0	15	146
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0
Transgender	1	0	0	0	1

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Ethnicity (adults)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	145	48	0	20	213
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	7	1	0	0	8

Race (adults)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	3	1	0	0	4
Asian or Asian American	1	0	0	0	1
Black, African American, or African	64	20	0	6	90
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0	0	0	1
White	74	27	0	12	113
Multiple Races	9	1	0	2	12

Chronically Homeless (adults)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total number of persons	25		0	8	33

Date of PIT Count: 1/30/2023

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Total Households and Persons

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	155	72	0	19	246
Total Number of Persons	165	121	0	20	306
Number of Children (under age 18)	10	49	0	0	59
Number of Persons (18 to 24)	13	10	0	3	26
Number of Persons (25 to 34)	33	15	0	5	53
Number of Persons (35 to 44)	29	11	0	5	45
Number of Persons (45 to 54)	33	15	0	2	50
Number of Persons (55 to 64)	32	16	0	5	53
Number of Persons (over age 64)	15	5	0	0	20

Gender

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	58	62	0	5	125
Male	106	59	0	15	180
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0
Transgender	1	0	0	0	1

Ethnicity

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	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin (a)(o)(x)	158	108	0	20	286
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	7	13	0	0	20

Race

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	3	1	0	0	4
Asian or Asian American	1	0	0	0	1
Black, African American, or African	77	56	0	6	139
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0	0	0	1
White	74	54	0	12	140
Multiple Races	9	10	0	2	21

Chronically Homeless

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total number of persons	25		0	8	33

Point-in-Time Count Veterans IL-513 Springfield/Sangamon County CoC (2023)

Inventory Count Date: 1/30/2023

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Number of Households	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Persons	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Veterans	0	0	0	0

Gender (veterans only)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (veterans only)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0

Point-in-Time Count Veterans IL-513 Springfield/Sangamon County CoC (2023)

Race (veterans only)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless (veterans only)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	0		0	0
Total number of persons	0		0	0

Inventory Count Date: 1/30/2023

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Persons in Households without Children

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	9	13	0	0	22
Total Number of Persons	9	13	0	0	22
Total Number of Veterans	9	13	0	0	22

Gender (veterans only)

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	0	1	0	0	1
Male	9	12	0	0	21
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (veterans only)

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	9	13	0	0	22
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0	0

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Race (veterans only)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	5	6	0	0	11
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
White	4	7	0	0	11
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless (veterans only)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total number of persons	3		0	0	3

Point-in-Time Summary Veterans for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

Date of PIT Count: 1/30/2023

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Total Households and Persons

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	9	13	0	0	22
Total Number of Persons	9	13	0	0	22
Total Number of Veterans	9	13	0	0	22

Gender

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	0	1	0	0	1
Male	9	12	0	0	21
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin (a)(o)(x)	9	13	0	0	22
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0	0

Race

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		

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American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	5	6	0	0	11
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
White	4	7	0	0	11
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total number of persons	3		0	0	3

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Unaccompanied Youth Households

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of unaccompanied youth households	13	6	0	3	22
Total number of unaccompanied youth	13	6	0	3	22
Number of unaccompanied children (under age 18)	0	0	0	0	0
Number of unaccompanied young adults (age 18 to 24)	13	6	0	3	22

Gender (unaccompanied youth)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	5	4	0	1	10
Male	8	2	0	2	12
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0	0

Ethnicity (unaccompanied youth)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	13	6	0	3	22
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0	0

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Race (unaccompanied youth)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	8	5	0	3	16
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
White	2	1	0	0	3
Multiple Races	3	0	0	0	3

Chronically Homeless (unaccompanied youth)	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total number of persons	0		0	0	0

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Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Parenting Youth Households

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of parenting youth households	0	4	0	4
Total number of persons in parenting youth households	0	11	0	11
Total Parenting Youth (youth parents only)	0	4	0	4
Total Children in Parenting Youth Households	0	7	0	7
Number of parenting youth (under age 18)	0	0	0	0
Children in households with parenting youth under age 18 (children under age 18 with parent under 18)	0	0	0	0
Number of parenting youth (age 18 to 24)	0	4	0	4
Children in households with parenting youth age 18 to 24 (children under age 18 with parents under age 25)	0	7	0	7

Gender (parenting youth)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	0	4	0	4
Male	0	0	0	0
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	0	0	0	0
Questioning	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0

Point-in-Time Count IL-513 Springfield/Sangamon County CoC (2023)

Ethnicity (parenting youth)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a) (o)(x)	0	4	0	4
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0	0	0	0

Race (parenting youth)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African	0	2	0	2
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	2	0	2
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0

Chronically Homeless (parenting youth)	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total number of households	0		0	0
Total number of persons	0		0	0

Additional Homeless Populations Summary for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

Date of PIT Count: 1/30/2023

Population: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

Other Homeless Subpopulations

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	52	32	0	3	87
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	28	23	0	7	58
Adults with HIV/AIDS	1	3	0	0	4
Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence	24	17	0	0	41

Methodology for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

Sheltered Population Total

1. What data source(s) was used to produce the total number of people included in the sheltered population (staying in an emergency shelter, Safe Haven, or transitional housing) on the night of the count? Please indicate the percentage of the PIT count derived from each of the sources. (If a source was not used, please enter zero).

HMIS Data	100%
Provider-level surveys	0%
Client-level surveys	0%
Observation	0%
Other	0%
Total	100%

3. What information or method(s) was used to de-duplicate the count of the total number of people included in the sheltered population?

- Comparison of personally identifying information (PII), such as name, date of birth, and Social Security Number
- Comparison of unique client identifiers (not PII)

Sheltered Subpopulation

4. Looking at the change in your sheltered count from last year's count, please choose the three reasons you believe best explains these changes from the drop-down list below

- Change in emergency shelter capacity
- Change in capacity due to COVID-19
- Other: 3 selections were required and we only needed 2

Please provide a brief description of these specific factors (500 word limit):

The City of Springfield funded the operation of a low barrier overflow emergency shelter throughout 2022 and the winter of 2023 that accommodated both men and women. The consistency of this operation throughout the year and the reduction of barriers resulted from both changes in capacity and policy that created opportunities for people who might otherwise be unsheltered to utilize the program which led to an increase in the number of people in Emergency Shelter and a reduction in the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Most transitional housing programs in our community have returned to operating at capacity levels similar to pre-pandemic levels. Due to inadequate levels of resources for both Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing, the Heartland Continuum of Care's system to address homeless continues to experience long wait times on Coordinated Entry which results in more individuals and families utilizing Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing programs while working toward permanent housing.

Unsheltered Population

5. What approach(es) was used to count the total number of people included in the unsheltered population during the PIT count? (select all that apply)

- "Night of the count" - known locations only

5b. How did the CoC select the areas that were included for canvassing?

- An effort was made to use local knowledge (such as outreach workers and other local expertise) to target known locations (e.g., areas with known concentrations of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness)
- Data from prior PIT counts

6. Were certain areas within the CoC geography specifically excluded because the CoC had reason to believe there were no unsheltered people in those areas based on prior knowledge/experience?

- Yes

7. Did the CoC adjust the information in some way (e.g., statistical adjustment or extrapolation) to account for areas within the CoC geography that were not canvassed but where unsheltered people might have been on the night of the PIT count?

- No

8. Were certain areas within the CoC geography specifically excluded because of concerns related to public health and safety?

- No

9. What information or method(s) was used to de-duplicate the total count of people in the unsheltered population? (Check all that apply)

- Comparison of personally identifying information (PII), such as name, date of birth, and Social Security Number

- Comparison of unique client identifiers (not PII)

- Blitz count of unsheltered people (i.e., canvassing of different areas occurred at same time to avoid double counting)

- Interview/survey question(s) with screening questions (e.g., have you already completed a count survey)

Unsheltered Subpopulations

10. Looking at the change in your unsheltered count from last year's count, please choose up to three reasons that best explain these changes from the drop down list below. Please also provide a brief description of these specific factors (500 word limit).

- Change in capacity (e.g., increase or decrease in beds/units available, more or less funding available for project type, more staff in prevention programs, fewer beds available due to COVID-19 social distancing protocols)

Please provide a brief description of these specific factors and how these changes affected PIT count implementation

The City of Springfield funded the operation of a low barrier overflow emergency shelter throughout 2022 and the winter of 2023 that accommodated both men and women. Historically in Springfield/Sangamon County, an overflow shelter has been operated November through March to provide safe beds during cold weather. The funding that allowed the shelter to be open throughout 2022 broke the cycle of displacing people each spring as temperatures begin to rise. The consistency of this operation throughout the year contributed to additional capacity to provide services to people who have historically experienced unsheltered homelessness. A case manager was hired to provide services and connectivity to other programs and services during day time hours. Additionally, outreach through the Springfield Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team and Community Care Coordinator in partnership with the Heartland Continuum of Care's Housing Navigator created new pathways to permanent housing for people who are unsheltered through improved access to housing programs and housing problem solving approaches. The Community Care Coordinator was a new position created in 2022 to work with the Springfield Police Department to co-respond with officers and provide support for people experiencing homelessness with a focus on connectivity to services instead of criminalization. The Community Care Coordinator developed relationships through outreach and provided referrals to individuals to shelters and other services. The Community Care Coordinator in cooperation with the Housing Navigator employed a Housing Problem Solving approach to help people with income quickly end their homelessness while also providing pathways to housing for people waiting for scarce supportive housing resources.

- Change due to policy implementation (e.g., implemented new coordinated entry system, increased oversight of Housing First practices, established partnerships with multiple new landlords)

Please provide a brief description of these specific factors and how these changes affected PIT count implementation

In addition to the changes to the availability of shelter beds, operational practices shifted to become increasingly low barrier in the overflow shelter and in other emergency shelters as well. Low barrier policies helped to ensure people could access beds and worked to minimize people being excluded from service for various reasons. Through efforts of the Heartland Continuum of Care's Emergency Shelter task group, Emergency Shelters, community members, and other service providers work together to communicate and seek solutions for complex challenges as they arise. The Heartland Continuum of Care worked to strengthen Coordinated Entry efforts by providing ongoing trainings for staff of multiple organizations in efforts to reduce barriers to getting on the Coordinated Entry list. The development of Springfield & Sangamon County's 2022-2028 Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness provides a local framework for addressing homelessness more effectively and providing increase housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. While efforts to expand resources are still underway, service providers and community partners have already begun new efforts to provide more intentional outreach and collaboration to people who are unsheltered. The strengthened practices and policies have helped to reduce unsheltered homelessness and prevent additional community members from experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Please provide a brief description of these specific factors (500 word limit):

The City of Springfield funded the operation of a low barrier overflow emergency shelter throughout 2022 and the winter of 2023 that accommodated both men and women. The consistency of this operation throughout the year and the reduction of barriers resulted from both changes in capacity and policy that created opportunities for people who might otherwise be unsheltered to utilize the program. Additionally, outreach through the Springfield Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team and Community Care Coordinator in partnership with the Heartland Continuum of Care's Housing Navigator created new pathways to permanent housing for people who are unsheltered through improved access to housing programs and housing problem solving approaches.