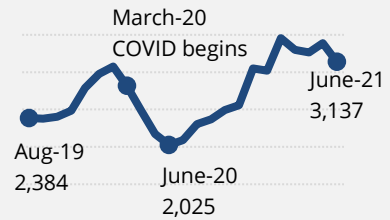


# Key Findings: Homelessness

## The number of people experiencing homelessness increased between June 2020 and June 2021.

As of June 2021, there were 3,137 people in Mecklenburg County actively experiencing homelessness, up 55% (from 2,025 people) from June 2020. The increase is partially due to increases in emergency shelter capacity during COVID-19, which allows for more individuals to access and be counted in shelters. Households currently experiencing homelessness are primarily adults ages 25 to 54 (46%) and Black or African American (77%). The One Number includes sheltered and unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness.

### The One Number

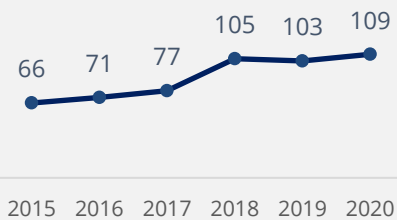


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## The average length of emergency shelter stays is increasing.

The average length of time that people spent in emergency shelter before exiting to permanent housing increased by 6 days from FY19 to FY20. Average time in emergency shelter has increased 65% (43 days) over the past six years; from 66 days in FY15 to 109 days in FY20. The increased time in shelter is due to numerous factors, including a lack and loss of affordable and available housing.

### Average Days in Emergency Shelter

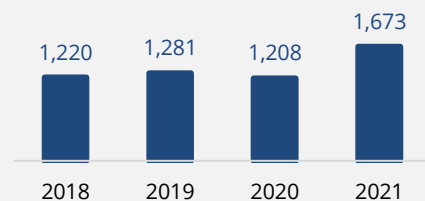


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## More emergency shelter beds were available in 2021 due to COVID-19-related relief funding.

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) are conducted each January to determine the capacity and utilization of temporary and permanent housing beds. Between the 2020 and 2021 counts, emergency shelter capacity increased 38% (465 beds). The increase is due to the availability of new COVID-19-related relief funding, which funded 820 beds through eight new emergency shelter projects, including hotel and motel-based projects. It is unknown whether COVID-19 funded projects will continue after the pandemic.

### Emergency Shelter Capacity (Beds)



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