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21% increase in capacity in housing programs for individual homeless persons

44% Growth in Individual Permanent Supportive Housing

This BrainGain@PEC shows Pennsylvania-based data from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Homeless Assistance Program Housing Inventory Count (HIC)ⁱ Reports. This report is useful to help understand the capacity of the system.

Overall, there are more beds available for homeless individuals. There are more permanent supportive, transitional housing, and Safe Haven beds and fewer emergency and rapid rehousing beds.

Key Findings:

Adult Individual Beds	% Change 2009-2012	# Change 2009-2012	% Change 2011-2012	# Change 2011-2012
Rapid Rehousing Beds	n/a	-	- 55.4 percent	- 460
Permanent Housing Beds	44.4 percent	1,656	10.8 percent	523
Transitional Housing Beds	8.7 percent	209	1.2 percent	30
Emergency Housing Beds	- 2.1 percent	- 89	- 6.4 percent	- 285
Safe Haven Beds	32.3 percent	51	20.8 percent	36
Total # All Beds	20.8 percent	2,197	- 1.2 percent	- 156

This report is intended solely to show basic data that reveals one aspect of Pennsylvania's homeless system: the number of available beds for homeless persons. Neither PEC nor HUD's reports provide commentary on why the numbers of housing units increased or decreased over time. To understand the trends, discussions with local leaders would be necessary, something that is beyond the scope of this report. However, it can be assumed that the numbers fluctuate due to a variety of reasons, such as funding cuts that closed programs, new programs, conversion of transitional housing to permanent housing, and flexibility within a program that can shift resources between families and singles.

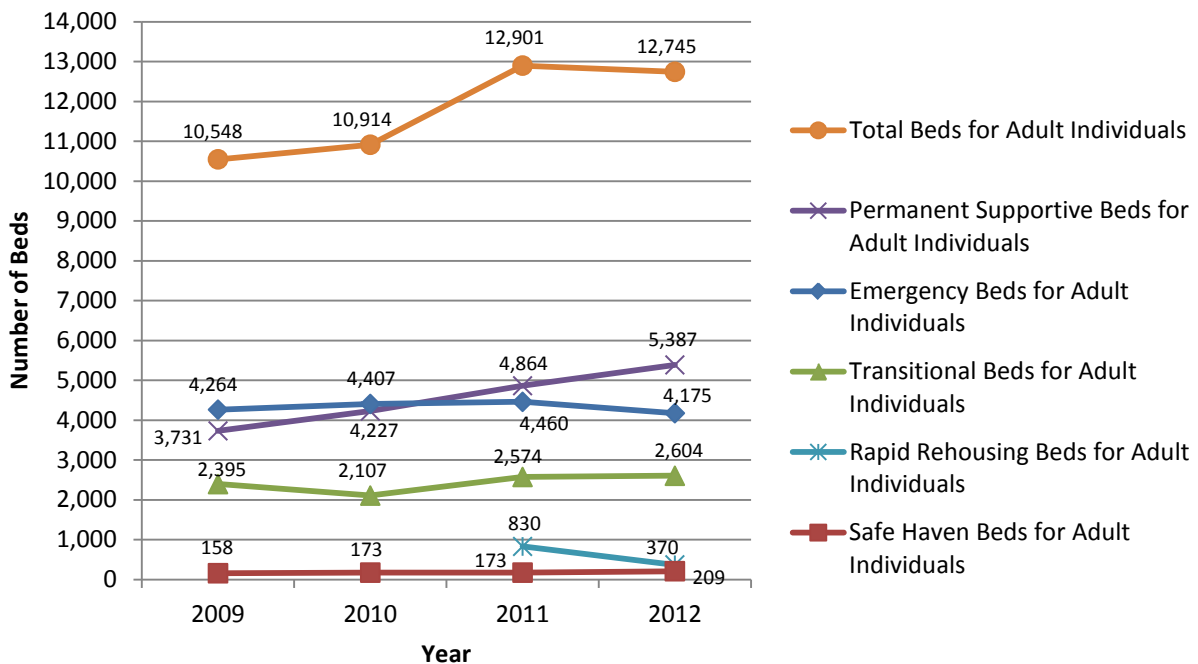
This report focuses on:

1. A statewide summary
2. A portion of the HIC data with emphasis on Continuums of Care (CoC) characteristic of more populated areas of Pennsylvania, including Allegheny County, Altoona/Central PA, Erie County, Harrisburg/Dauphin County, Philadelphia, and Scranton/Lackawanna County. In addition, this report looks specifically at trends in the number beds for adult individuals between 2009 and 2012.

HIC 2012 data for all Pennsylvania CoC's can be found at [OneCPD Resource Exchange](#).

This report continues a series of reports showing trends of various datasets on homelessness in Pennsylvania. Previous reports summarized HIC reports for families and for total number of people served in the emergency housing system. These reports can be found at PEC's web site at http://www.pec-cares.org/index.php?page=be_informed

Total Beds for Adult Individuals in Pennsylvania in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012



Note: Not all housing programs serving the homeless are captured in this data. Those programs that do not receive public support, do not participate in the HUD-sponsored data collection system, and therefore, are not represented here.

Summaries of the five most populated areas of Pennsylvania

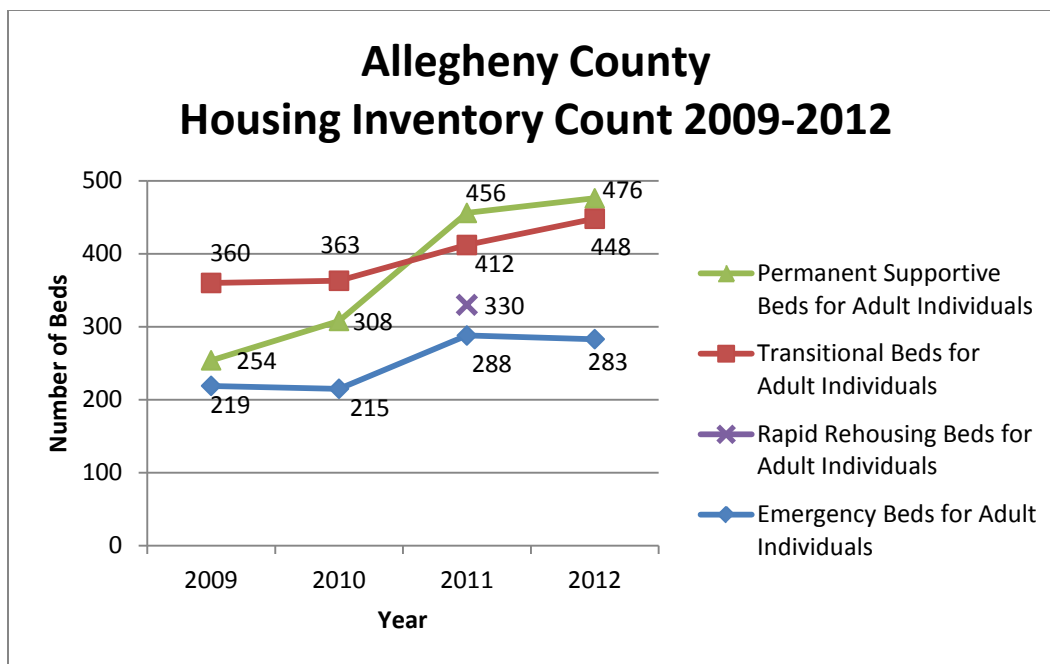
Comparing geographic differences can be useful to help understand how jurisdictions respond to local needs, available resources, and federal and state policies. This summary is **not** meant to be a comparison.

Allegheny County

- Allegheny County’s total number of emergency housing beds available to adult individuals experiencing homelessness has increased by 29.2 percent in the last four years. That percent increase is representative of the 73 bed growth between 2010 and 2011. In the year prior to and after that growth, emergency beds decreased slightly.
- In the last four years, transitional housing beds for adult individuals increased by 24.4 percent. In the last year, they increased by 8.7 percent, or 36 beds.

- The number of permanent supportive housing beds for adult individuals increased by 87.4 percent in Allegheny County between 2009 and 2012. Although increases occurred each year, there was a surge of 148 beds between 2010 and 2011.

Allegheny County	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change from '09-'12 (#)	Change from '09-'12 (%)	Change from '11-'12(#)	Change from '11-'12(%)
Emergency Beds for Adult Individuals	219	215	288	283	64	29.2%	-5	-1.7%
Transitional Beds for Adult Individuals	360	363	412	448	88	24.4%	36	8.7%
Permanent Supportive Beds for Adult Individuals	254	308	456	476	222	87.4%	20	4.4%
Rapid Rehousing Beds for Adult Individuals	n/a	48	330	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

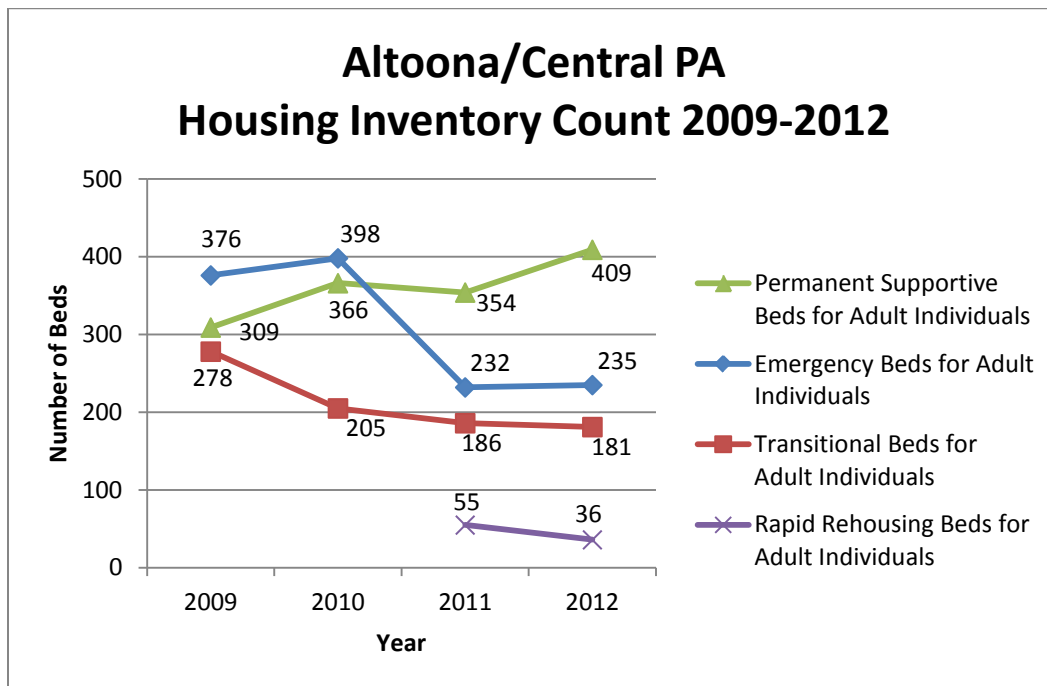


Altoona/Central PA

- Altoona/Central PA emergency housing beds declined by 141 beds for adult individuals in the last four years, a 37.5 percent decrease. A sharp drop occurred between 2010 and 2011. The number of beds remained about the same between 2011 and 2012, increasing by only 3 beds, or 1.3 percent.

- Although the total number of transitional housing beds for adult individuals decreased by only 2.7 percent (5 beds) in the last year, Altoona/Central PA's total number of beds has experienced a 34.9 percent decrease (or 97 bed drop) in the last four years.
- Permanent supportive housing beds, on the other hand, increased by 32.4 percent (or 100 beds) in Altoona/Central PA between 2009 and 2012. In the last year alone, 55 beds were added.

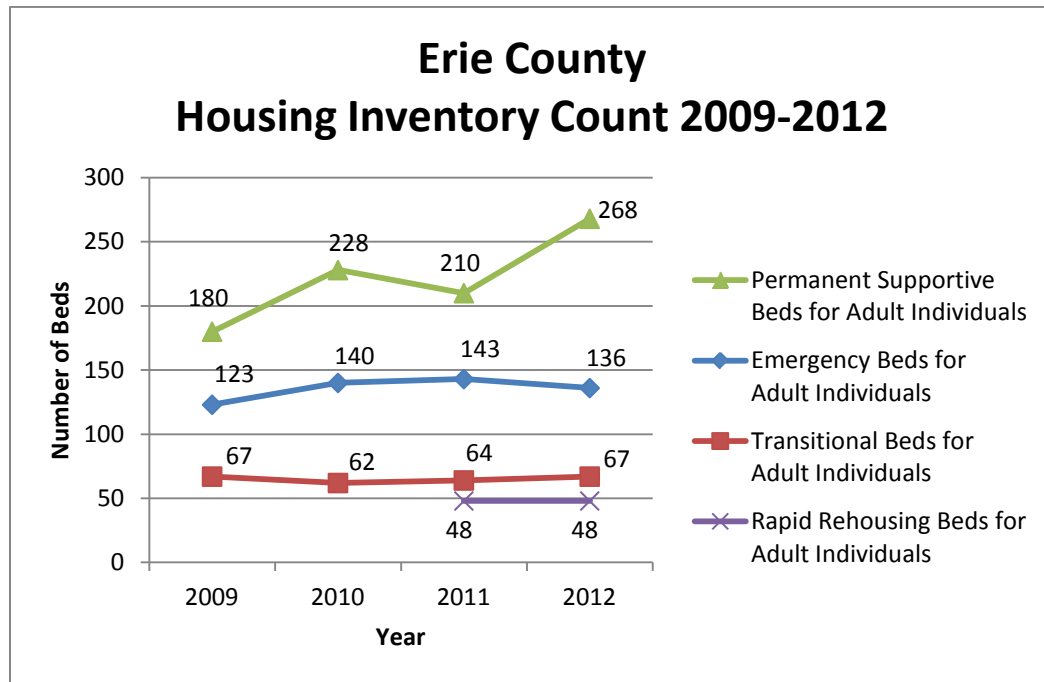
Altoona/Central PA	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change from '09-'12 (#)	Change from '09-'12 (%)	Change from '11-'12(#)	Change from '11-'12(%)
Emergency Beds for Adult Individuals	376	398	232	235	-141	-37.5%	3	1.3%
Transitional Beds for Adult Individuals	278	205	186	181	-97	-34.9%	-5	-2.7%
Permanent Supportive Beds for Adult Individuals	309	366	354	409	100	32.4%	55	15.5%
Rapid Rehousing Beds for Adult Individuals	n/a	12	55	36	n/a	n/a	-19	-34.5%



Erie County

- The number of emergency housing beds available to adult individuals experiencing homelessness in Erie County has increased by 10.6 percent in the last four years, but dropped in the last year by 4.9 percent (seven beds).
- Although the number fluctuated a bit, there was the same number of transitional housing beds for adult individuals in 2012 as there were in 2009.
- The total number of permanent supportive housing beds for adult individuals increased by 48.9 percent in the last four years. Erie County experienced two surges in the number of permanent supportive housing beds- between 2009 and 2010 and 2011 and 2012.

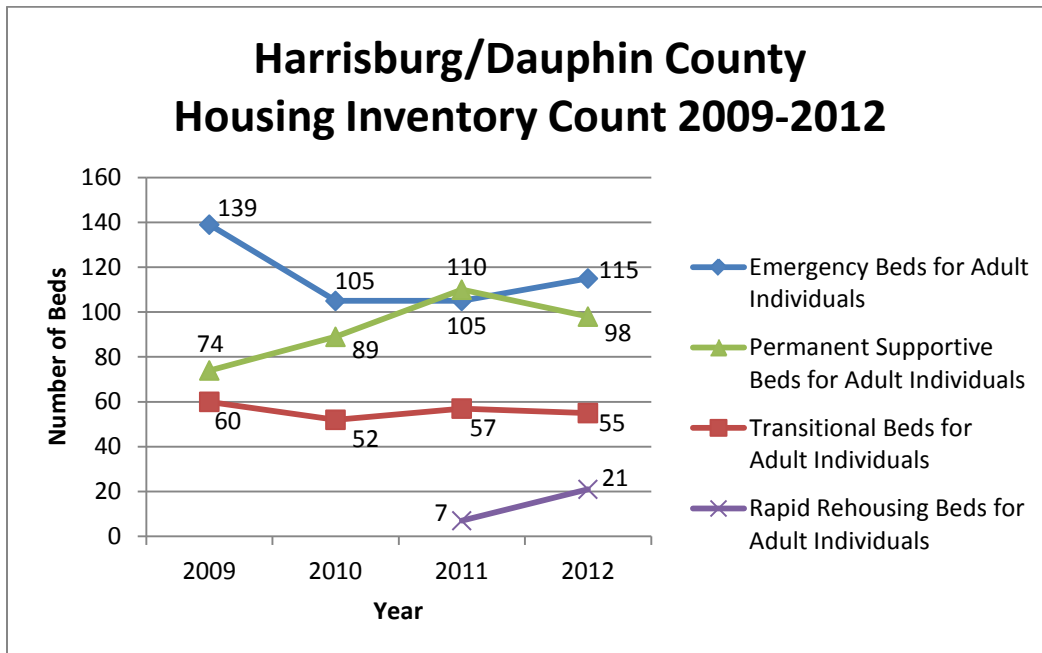
Erie County	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change from '09-'12 (#)	Change from '09-'12 (%)	Change from '11-'12(#)	Change from '11-'12(%)
Emergency Beds for Adult Individuals	123	140	143	136	13	10.6%	-7	-4.9%
Transitional Beds for Adult Individuals	67	62	64	67	0	0.0%	3	4.7%
Permanent Supportive Beds for Adult Individuals	180	228	210	268	88	48.9%	58	27.6%
Rapid Rehousing Beds for Adult Individuals	n/a	6	48	48	n/a	n/a	0	0.0%



Harrisburg/Dauphin County

- Between 2009 and 2010, Harrisburg/Dauphin County experienced a sharp decline in the number of emergency housing beds for adult individuals from 139 in 2009 to 105 in 2010. The number of beds remained at 105 through 2010 until increasing by 10 units (9.5 percent) between 2011 and 2012.
- The number of transitional housing beds for adult individuals experiencing homelessness in Harrisburg/Dauphin County has fluctuated over the last four years. Overall, an 8.3 percent decrease occurred between 2009 and 2012, loss of five beds.
- In the last four years, permanent supportive housing beds for adult individuals increased by 32.4 percent in Harrisburg/Dauphin County. In the last year, however, the number decreased by 10.9 percent.

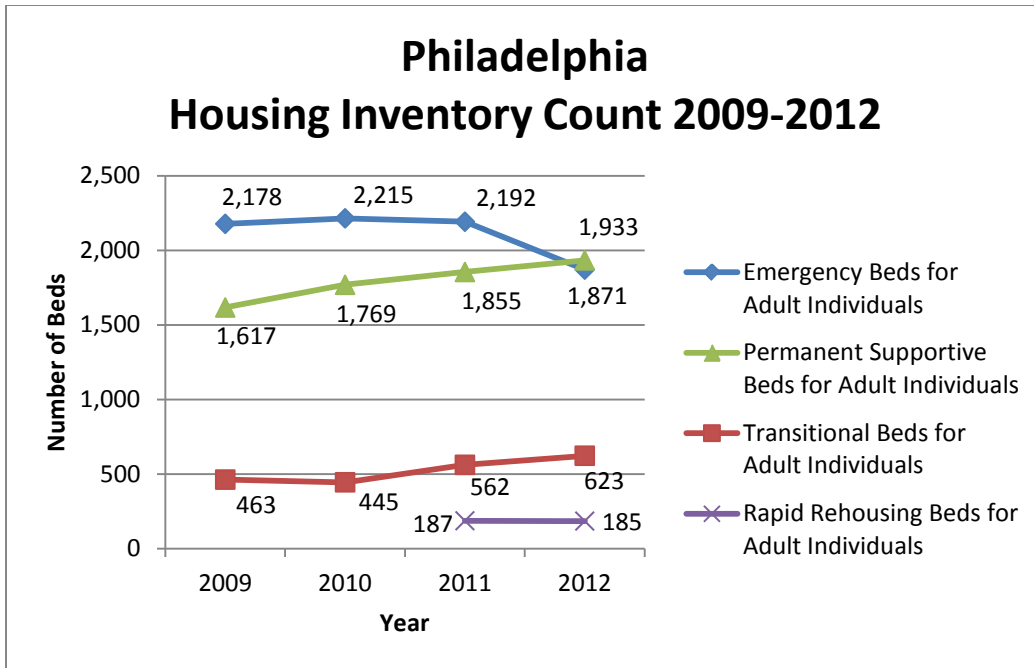
Harrisburg/Dauphin County	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change from '09-'12 (#)	Change from '09-'12 (%)	Change from '11-'12(#)	Change from '11-'12(%)
Emergency Beds for Adult Individuals	139	105	105	115	-24	-17.3%	10	9.5%
Transitional Beds for Adult Individuals	60	52	57	55	-5	-8.3%	-2	-3.5%
Permanent Supportive Beds for Adult Individuals	74	89	110	98	24	32.4%	-12	-10.9%
Rapid Rehousing Beds for Adult Individuals	n/a	1	7	21	n/a	n/a	14	200.0%



Philadelphia

- Between 2011 and 2012, Philadelphia experienced a sudden and extreme drop of 14.6 percent in the total number of emergency housing beds available to adult individuals experiencing homelessness. That figure represents a loss of 321 beds.
- Transitional housing beds for adult individuals in Philadelphia increased by 34.6 percent between 2009 and 2012, and by 10.9 percent between 2011 and 2012.
- Permanent supportive housing beds have increased by 19.5 percent over the last four years in Philadelphia. Although the total number of permanent supportive housing beds has increased each year between 2009 and 2012, the greatest rise occurred between 2009 and 2010 when 152 additional beds were added to permanent supportive housing units. Between 2010 and 2012, 164 beds were added.

Philadelphia	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change from '09-'12 (#)	Change from '09-'12 (%)	Change from '11-'12(#)	Change from '11-'12(%)
Emergency Beds for Adult Individuals	2,178	2,215	2,192	1,871	-307	-14.1%	-321	-14.6%
Transitional Beds for Adult Individuals	463	445	562	623	160	34.6%	61	10.9%
Permanent Supportive Beds for Adult Individuals	1,617	1,769	1,855	1,933	316	19.5%	78	4.2%
Rapid Rehousing Beds for Adult Individuals	n/a	20	187	185	n/a	n/a	-2	-1.1%
Safe Haven	70	70	70	70				
Total Yr-Round Beds	4,328	4,519	4,866	4,682	354	8.2%	-184	-3.8%

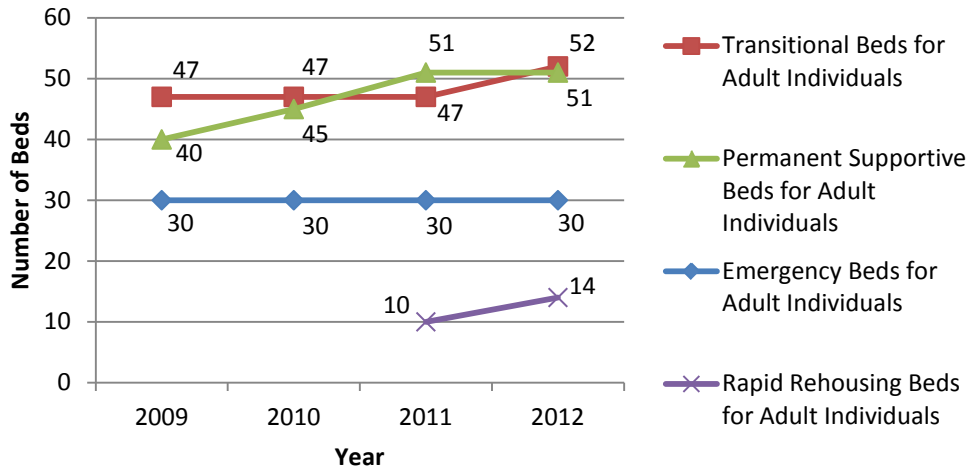


Scranton/Lackawanna County

- The number of emergency housing beds for adult individuals experiencing homelessness in Scranton/Lackawanna County has not changed in the last four years.
- The number of transitional housing beds for adult individuals remained unchanged until increasing by five beds (or 10.6 percent) in the last year.
- Scranton/Lackawanna County’s total number of permanent supportive housing beds for adult individuals increased by 27.5 percent between 2009 and 2012. The number remained the same between 2011 and 2012.

Scranton/Lackawanna County	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change from '09-'12 (#)	Change from '09-'12 (%)	Change from '11-'12(#)	Change from '11-'12(%)
Emergency Beds for Adult Individuals	30	30	30	30	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transitional Beds for Adult Individuals	47	47	47	52	5	10.6%	5	10.6%
Permanent Supportive Beds for Adult Individuals	40	45	51	51	11	27.5%	0	0.0%
Rapid Rehousing Beds for Adult Individuals	n/a	n/a	10	14	n/a	n/a	4	40.0%

Scranton/Lackawanna County Housing Inventory Count 2009-2012



The **People’s Emergency Center’s** mission is to nurture families, strengthen neighborhoods and drive change in West Philadelphia. Through a community of more than 200 housing units and four educational centers offering job training, parenting and early childhood education, lifeskills training, and technology coursework, PEC seeks to change the life trajectory for the women and children who seek its services and inspire them to aspire to new heights. This report was written by Caroline Morgan and Joe Willard. All inquiries can be sent to policy@pec-cares.org.

ⁱ The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of beds and units at a provider program within a Continuum of Care. This data is gathered by HUD through their Continuum of Care Applications each year. The information provided in applications is not independently verified by HUD and in cases where a community does not provide sufficient information for HUD to understand the number of beds/units available and the target population served, those programs are not included in the report.