

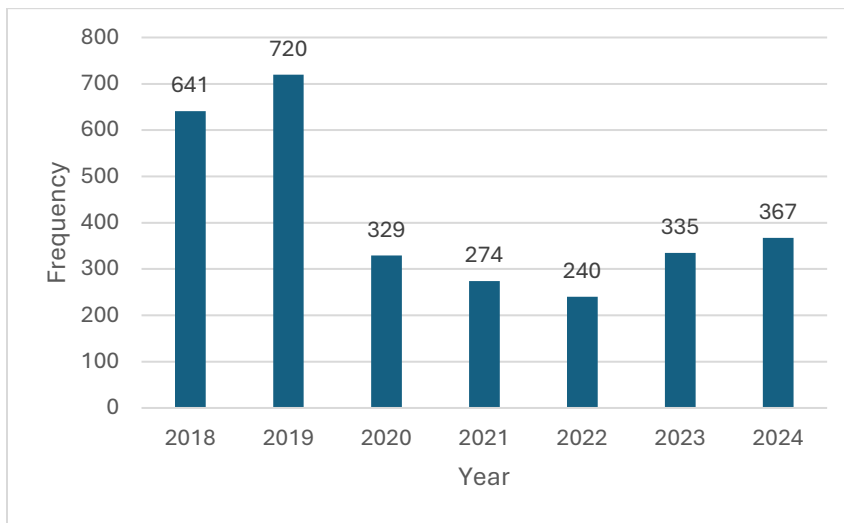
Trends in Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals in Nassau County, 2018-2024

This report describes health care visits for patients reported as homeless in Nassau County from January 2018 to December 2024. Unique claim transaction IDs were utilized and values less than 11 were suppressed to meet data suppression criteria.

Background

Homelessness impacts a large portion of Americans and continues to increase across the United States.¹ This population is considered medically vulnerable as individuals that experience homelessness often face higher rates of hospitalization than those not experiencing homelessness.² Additionally, the population faces higher readmission rates, particularly for mental illness and diseases of the digestive and circulatory systems, due to financial and structural barriers that impact access to quality healthcare.³

Figure 1 – Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Year of Admission



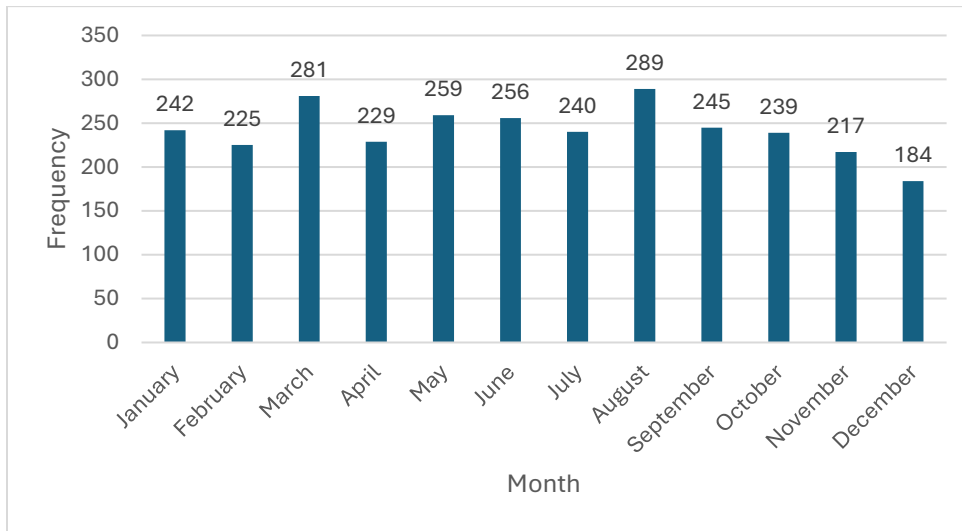
Nassau County had 2,988 health-care visits for homeless individuals from 2018 to 2024. 82 visits did not report date of admission but had a discharge date from 2018 to 2024.

¹ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. “Fact Sheet: 2023 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report.” 2023.

² CDC. “QuickStats: Rate of Emergency Department Visits, by Homeless Status – National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, United States, 2010-2021,” 2023.

³ Khatana, Sameed Ahmed, et. al. “Association of Homelessness with Hospital Readmissions—an Analysis of Three Large States.” 2020.

Figure 2 – Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Month of Admission – January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2024



August (289 visits) and March (281 visits) had the greatest number of cumulative visits for homeless individuals in this time period. 82 visits did not report date of admission but had a discharge date from 2018 to 2024.

Figure 3 – Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Age

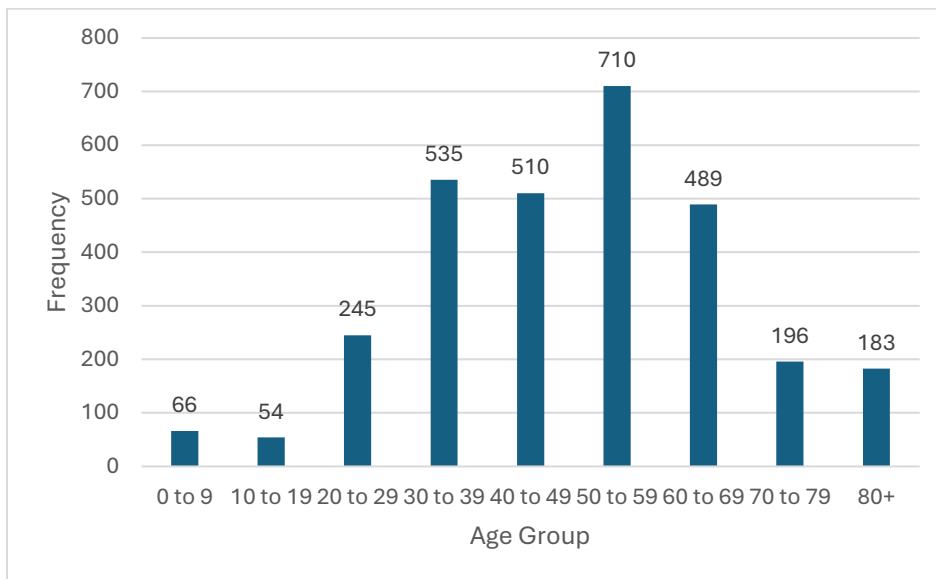
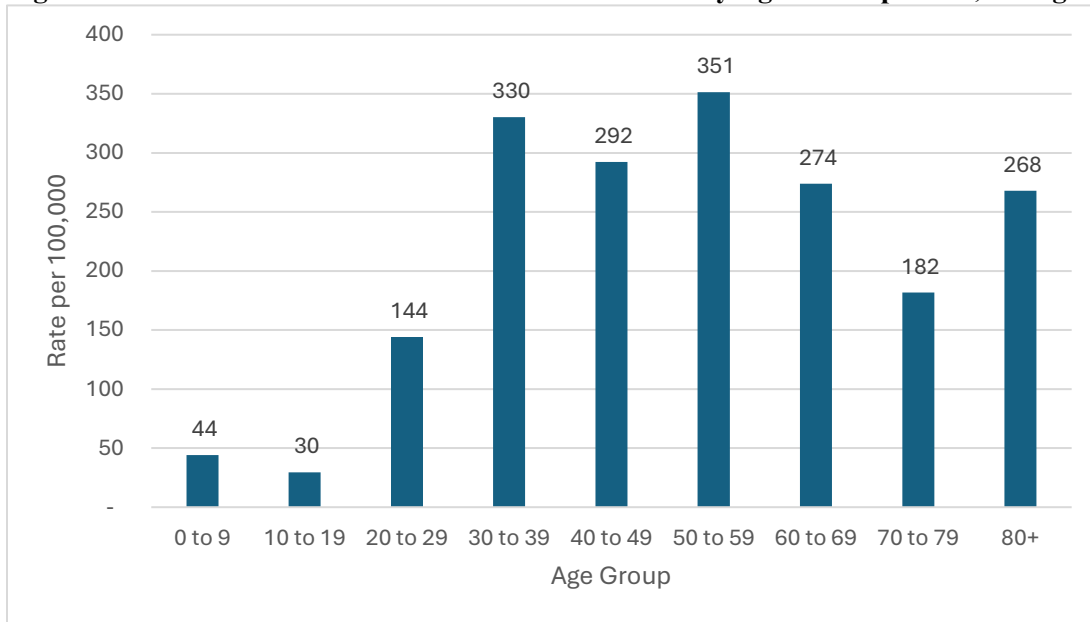


Figure 4 – Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Age – Rate per 100,000 Age Group



The 50-59-year-old age group had the highest frequency and rate of health-care visits for homeless individuals.

Figure 5 – Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Sex

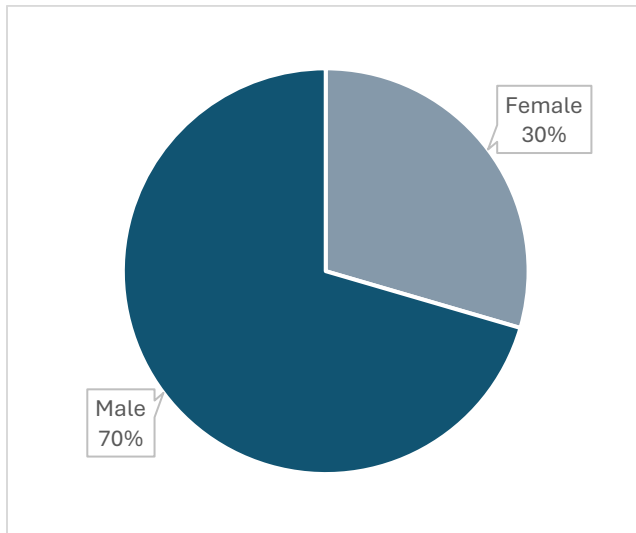


Figure 6 – Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Sex and Age – Rate per 100,000

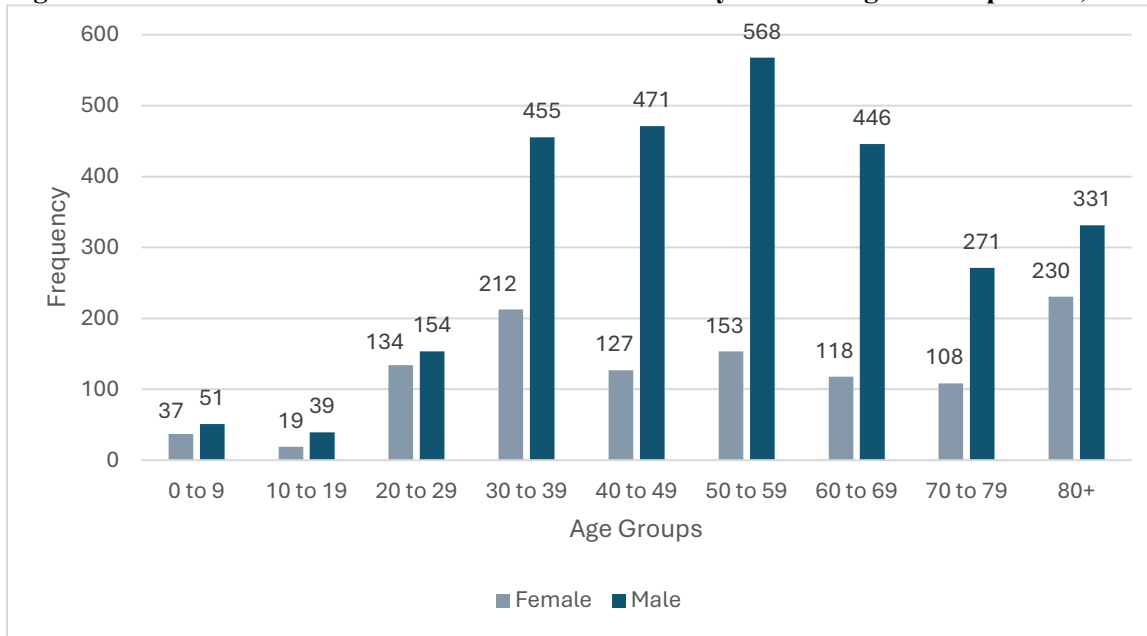


Figure 7 – Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Race and Ethnicity

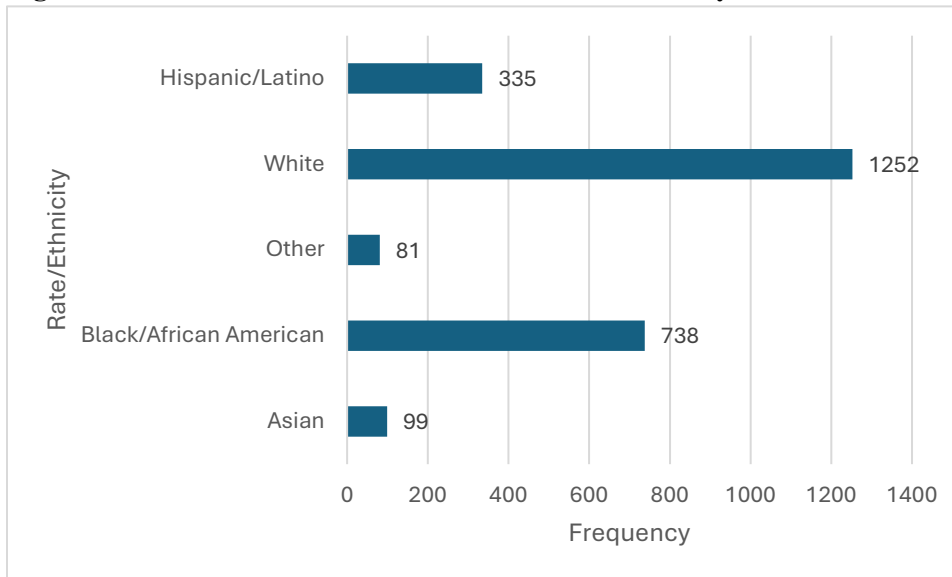


Figure 8 – Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Race and Ethnicity– Rate per 100,000 Population

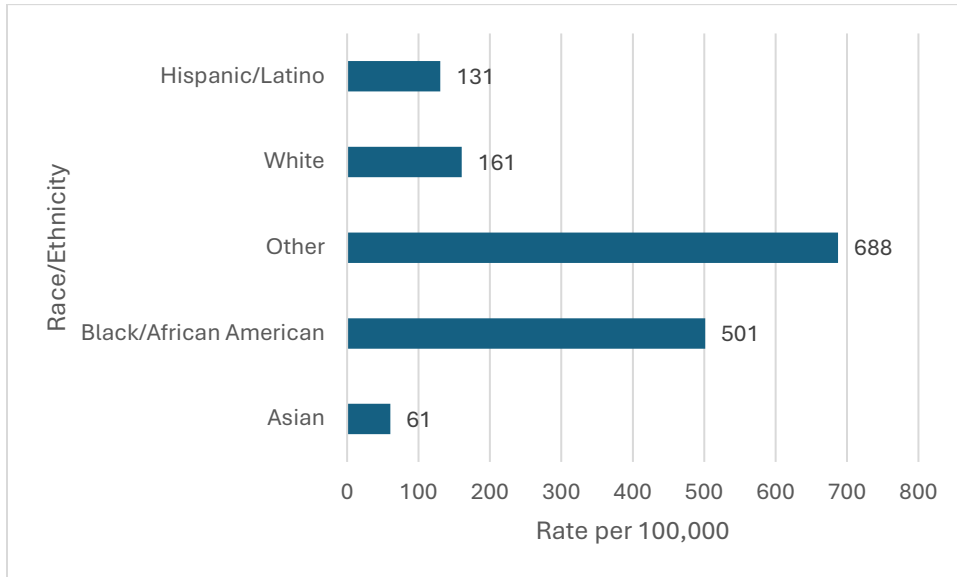


Figure 9 – Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Facility

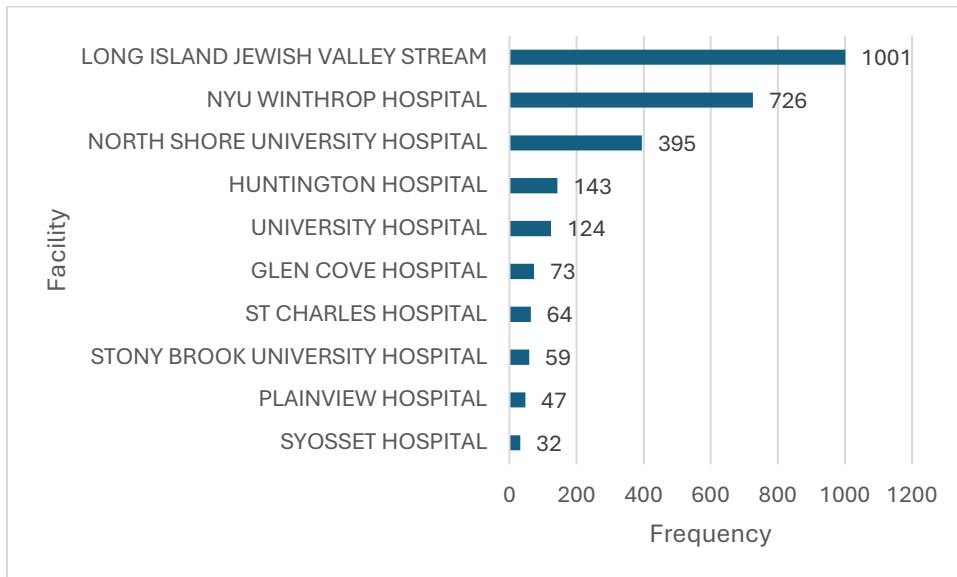
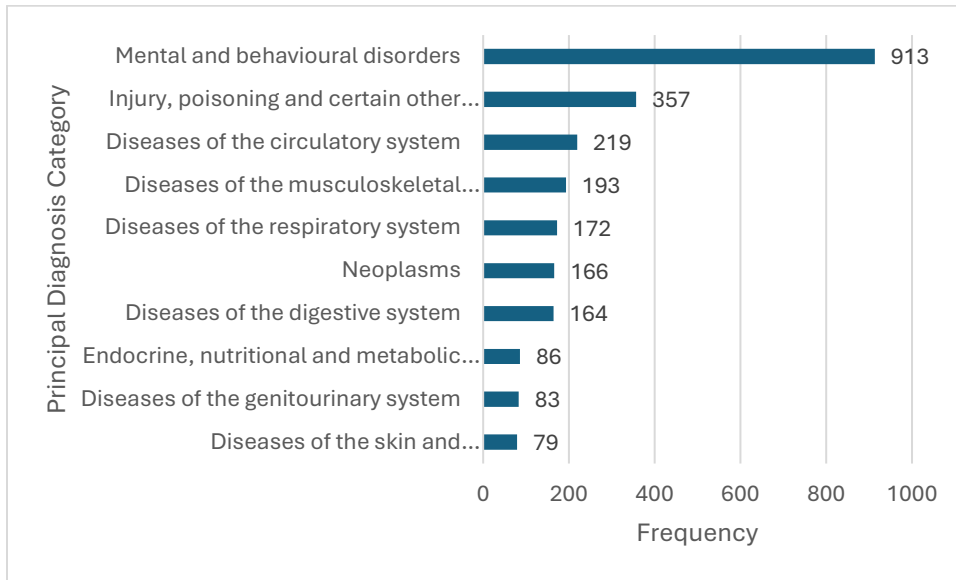


Figure 10- Health-Care Visits for Homeless Individuals by Principal Diagnoses



Mental and behavioral disorders were common principal diagnoses among visits for homeless individuals. Seventy-three percent of mental and behavioral disorders were alcohol-related disorders

Source: NYS SPARCS Data

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