

HART Weekly Update

Homeless Assistance Response Team

September 21, 2023

46

Total Active Sites

133

Total Occupants

115

Total Tents

85

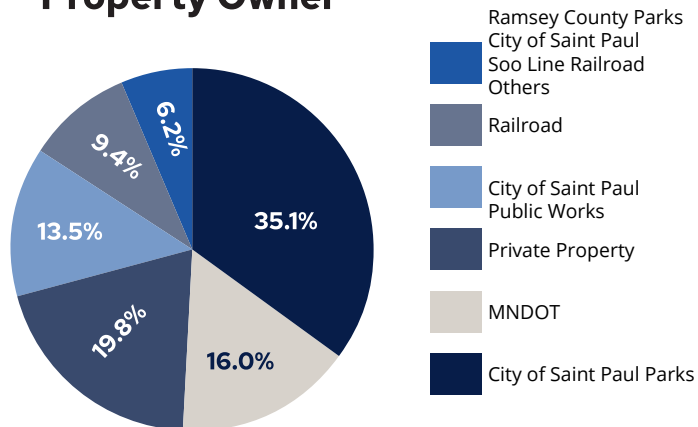
Total Male

46

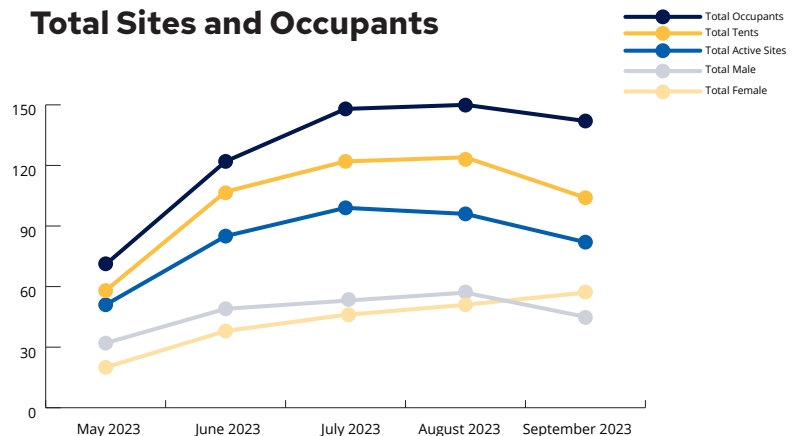
Total Female

City Data Summary

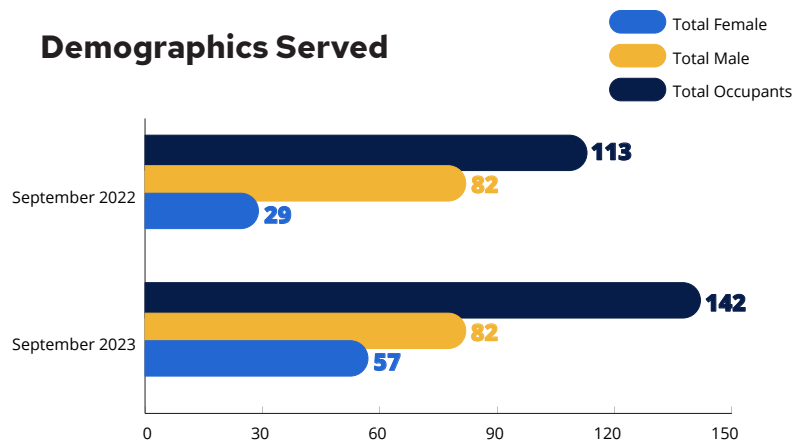
Property Owner



Total Sites and Occupants



Demographics Served



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“It was once said that the moral test of Government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped.”
— Hubert H. Humphrey

Saint Paul’s Homeless Assistance Response Team is the culmination of so many things:

1. City leadership that were bold enough to come to the most disenfranchised citizens where they are – in the cold or the heat; in their mental illness, addiction, deep poverty; in their tents, beside them on benches and sidewalks; in their despair, their simple celebrations, their pure humanity.
2. City leadership that was curious enough to show up without any solutions – because there are no solutions without first understanding. Without solutions, they could identify the questions:
 - Who do they call?
 - What if they don’t speak English?
 - What is considered a crisis?
 - Isn’t this enough to warrant a response from someone?
 - What happens to them if I just leave?
 - How did they get here?
 - What fell apart?
 - Is this the best we as a city have to offer?
 - How does anyone get out of this quicksand alone?

Out of that comes an opportunity for leadership to make

HART was nominated for an award in the Public Safety Category at the Leaders in Local Government Awards. Director Angie Wiese and Deputy Director David Hoban joined the team at the event helping host a table filled with information about the City of Saint Paul’s Homeless Assistance Response Team.



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choices — does this crisis matter enough to warrant a response, or does this crisis matter so much that to keep things unchanged would be the same as saying “if you are unsheltered, you are not only without a home — but also without value in our community.”

HART came out of this city leadership — Our team’s foundation is built on the understanding that there is a balance to be found between compassion and regulation when working with all citizens of Saint Paul, regardless of socio-economic status. Our team’s philosophy is that relentless engagement increases our chances of being in the right place at the right time with the right person-centered options.

When we believe in the work we do — the possibilities are endless. When we believe in the value of the people we serve, we keep trying to do things better. We are not afraid to say there is a better way and we will either find it or build it ourselves.



HART Outreach Kahari and Coordinator Andrea attended the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless Conference in Duluth, MN. Side-by-side with our colleagues from Ramsey County, Radian Health, Catholic Charities and Minnesota Community Care, we were reminded of the need to collaborate, communicate and support each other’s specialties in the field of homeless services.



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HART outreach Sam and Kahari and Coordinator Andrea volunteered at The Listening House of Saint Paul's annual golf fundraiser. The team had the unique opportunity to speak with area business leaders about the collaboration that's necessary when working with our unsheltered neighbors and the important services The Listening House offers that ultimately assist our team in the work we do. The Listening House generously offered our hard-working DSI inspectors a team slot — for a great day of fundraising and team building!



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