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**The Bowery Mission has seen a 40 percent rise in homelessness in the past month alone.**

**NEW YORK, January 25, 2024** - In the past month alone, The Bowery Mission has seen a 40% increase of people seeking shelter and food at its front door sites. This is also the highest increase since the height of the COVID pandemic.

“The need we’re seeing at the moment is the greatest we have experienced in a very long time. We’re unfortunately having to turn people away because we’re constantly at 100 percent capacity,” said James Winans, President and CEO of The Bowery Mission.

This recent increase is in line with the latest report by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, showing a 42% increase in homelessness in New York City in 2023.

According to the [report](#), New York City had the largest number of any city, of people experiencing homelessness in the country, accounting for 13 percent of the national total.

“We’ve have had to stretch our resources, under inflationary pressure, to be able to sufficiently meet the needs of the moment,” said Mr. Winans. “And with the bitter New York City winter, the need is even more dire.”

The Bowery Mission has never closed its doors for more than 150 years, serving those in need across the city. “Our neighbors can depend on us to be right here when they need us,” said Mr. Winans.

**About The Bowery Mission**

Since the 1870s, The Bowery Mission has promoted the flourishing of New Yorkers overcoming homelessness and marginalization. Last year, The Bowery Mission provided more than 320,000 hot meals, 66,000 nights of shelter, 32,000 articles of clothing, and 45,000 emergency showers. Every meal and service is an invitation to a community of care that helps clients make progress toward a transformed life of faith, sobriety, sustainable income and independent living. To empower children to thrive and succeed, The Bowery Mission also offers year-round opportunities for enrichment through Mont Lawn City Camp, culminating in summer camp for hundreds of children in the Poconos Region of Pennsylvania. To learn more, visit [www.bowery.org](http://www.bowery.org).