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Jamie Schechter and
Christy Saxton, H3

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Alex Michel and Michele
Byrnes, Homebase

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Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Board of Supervisors

Jaime Jenett, H3

10. New Business: Learning Corner: AB 109 Programs Update

Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative and Jamie Schechter, H3

11. Update: 2025 Point-In-Time Count

[25-2790](#)

Attachments: [2025 PIT Infographic](#)

Yessenia Aguilar and Janel Fletcher, H3

The next meeting is currently scheduled for 8/7/25

Adjourn

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-2791

Agenda Date: 7/10/2025

Agenda #:

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Agenda and Slides for 7.10.25 COH Meeting

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025, 1 PM – 3 PM
1025 ESCOBAR STREET, MARTINEZ, CA

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MEETING PURPOSE:

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, provides advice & input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public also may attend this meeting remotely via Zoom or call-in. Log-in information and call-in information is provided below.

HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM:

Link to register: <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclf-uspzovGdR7op72t5-X4nsGdqdpvL-X>
 How to Join the Meeting Via Call-In: 1-669-444-9171 / Meeting ID: 838 8249 1530

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
1:00	1. Call to Order - Chair starts the meeting	Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>
1:00 15 min	2. Introductions a. Hybrid Meeting Norms (1 min) b. Roll call of Councilmembers and introduction of guests (11 min) c. Poll – Who’s in the room? (3 min)	Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>
1:15 5 min	3. Public Comment - Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda.	Members of the public
1:20 5 min	4. Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM) – Items on the consent calendar are generally non-controversial and may not require discussion. Approving the Consent Calendar means approving the items below in one vote. Council members and the public can remove an item from the consent calendar for discussion by informing the Chair. a. APPROVE minutes from the June 5, 2025 Council meeting b. APPROVE staff report for the July 10, 2025 Council meeting	Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>
1:25 10 min	5. Committee Report Outs - Report outs from each of the committees below. a. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update (10 min)	a. Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i> and Leon Saelee, <i>YAB Lead</i>
1:35 45min	6. Old Business a. Sector Report Outs from Council Members (10 min) b. Update: Housing Support Program (5 min)	a. Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Funding Updates (15 min) d. Update: CoC Monitoring (15 min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Shelby Ferguson, <i>H3</i> c. Jamie Schecter and Christy Saxton, <i>H3</i> d. Alex Michel and Michele Byrnes, <i>Homebase</i>
2:20 <i>20 min</i>	7. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. (ACTION ITEM) DISCUSS and APPROVE 2025 Quarter 2 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Board of Supervisors (10 min) b. Learning Corner: AB 109 Programs Update (10 min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jaime Jenett, <i>H3</i> b. Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i> and Jamie Schecter, <i>H3</i>
2:40 15 mins	8. Update: 2025 Point-In-Time Count (15 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yessenia Aguilar and Janel Fletcher, <i>H3</i>
2:55 <i>5 min</i>	9. Announcements – Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council.	All
3:00	10. Pin It	Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DOC	Department Operations Center
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

EQUITY DEFINITIONS

(adapted from C4 Innovations and approved by Council on Homelessness on 8/3/23)

Term	Definition
Individual Racism	A person's beliefs and actions that serve to perpetuate racial oppression. This can be conscious and unconscious. This may be externalized or internalized
Institutional Racism	Policies and practices at the organization (or "sector") level that perpetuate oppression. It involves unjust policies, practices, procedures, and outcomes that work better for white people than people of color, whether intentional or not.
Interpersonal Racism	The interactions between people - both within and across racial groups.
Microaggressions	Brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership.
Race	A social construct created in the 17th century by white Europeans to justify the enslavement of Africans and the spread of colonialism. Understanding of race as a concept has changed over time, but the outcomes of discrimination based on race remain entrenched in our systems.
Race Equity Lens	A way of viewing the world in an integrated and holistic manner, taking into account past and present racial injustices and seeking to address them through more equitable practices and structures.
Racial Bias	Implicit and/or explicit bias that reinforces discriminatory attitudes and behaviors when interacting with people or situations.
Racial Equity	The condition where one's racial identity does not predict their social, health, or economic outcomes. Racial equity is a process of eliminating racial disparities and improving outcomes for everyone. It is the intentional and continual practice of changing practices, systems, and structures by prioritizing the measurable change in the lives of people of color.
Racism	A system of institutional, systemic oppression, and practices of individuals and society that shape cultural beliefs and values that support racist policies and practices.
Structural Racism	How these effects interact and accumulate across institutions and across history. Structural racism highlights how racism operates as a system of power with multiple interconnected, reinforcing, and self-perpetuating components which result in racial inequities across all indicators for success.
Systemic Racism	infrastructure of rulings, ordinances or statutes adopted by a sovereign government or authoritative entity, whereas such ordinances and statutes entitles one racial group in a society certain rights and privileges, while denying other groups in that society these same rights and privileges because of long-established cultural prejudices, religious prejudices, fears, myths, and Xenophobia's held by the entitled group.
White Fragility	White fragility refers to feelings of discomfort a white person experiences when they witness or engage in discussions around racial inequality and injustice. Their engagement in conversations about racism may trigger a range of defensive actions, feelings, and behaviors, such as anger, fear, and silence. These reactive behaviors reinforce continued white dominant culture.



COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

July 10, 2025 from 1:00-3:00

WELCOME

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

Purpose of the Meeting: *These are monthly meetings for the Council on Homelessness (COH) to conduct the business of the Council. The Council is the planning body that coordinates the community's policies, strategies, and activities toward preventing and ending homelessness in Contra Costa County.*

WEBINAR VS. MEETING FORMAT

- Due to Zoom Bombing, the virtual component of COH meetings have moved from Meeting to Webinar format.

What's Different?

- Participants will join WITHOUT the ability to unmute or be seen on camera
- Host can give participants ability to unmute or be seen on camera as needed

What's the Same?

- Participants can raise hand
- Participants can share in the chat

IN-PERSON / HYBRID MEETING

- As of March 1, 2023, all Council on Homelessness Meetings and CoH Committee meetings are required to convene in person or in a hybrid format
- All CoH members must attend in person unless using a “just cause” exemption

Just Cause

- A need to care for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
- A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person;
- A need related to a physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for; or
- Travel while on official business of the body or another state or local agency.

Emergency Circumstances

- A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services
Representative*

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

1. Raise your hand (actual or virtual) before speaking
2. Say your name before speaking and try to speak as clearly as you can
3. 2-minute timer for public comments
4. Make and take space – consider your privilege and the other voices who are in and not in the room
5. Minimize distractions like side conversations and cell phone use
6. Maintain a safe and respectful environment, even when disagreeing
7. If in-person meeting is interrupted for an emergency, the meeting will be suspended or cancelled, case-by-case basis.

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

An individual may be asked to leave should they behave in a manner that threatens the safety of the group or does not honor these meeting norms.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services
Representative*

INTRODUCTIONS

Council Members: Please unmute and share your name, pronouns, seat, and agency (if applicable)

Community Members: Please introduce yourself in the chat.

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POLL – WHO'S IN THE ROOM?

- 1) How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?
- 2) Do you have lived experience of homelessness?
- 3) What best describes your racial identity?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services
Representative*

CONSENT CALENDAR

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services
Representative*

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Items on the consent calendar are **generally non-controversial and do not require much, if any, discussion**
- Enables grouping such items together and **deciding on them at one time**
- Council members and the public can **remove an item** from the consent calendar if they **desire to discuss the item by informing the Chair**

Source: <https://www.ca-ilg.org/resource/concept-consent-calendar>

ACTION ITEM

Approve the **consent calendar** items as listed:

- Approve minutes from the June 5, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the July 10, 2025 Council Meeting



COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Youth Advisory Board – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*; Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead and Member*; Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB Facilitator and Member*

**YOUTH
ADVISORY
BOARD
(YAB)**

*Juno Hedrick, Lived Experience Advisor and Vice
Chair*

Leon Saelee, YAB Lead & Member

YAB JUNE MEETINGS

YAB Subcommittees Meetings:
Communications and Outreach & Retention

Oversight Committee Meeting

CES Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) Committee

Bimonthly hybrid YAB Meetings at H3 Offices in Concord and RYSE Center in Richmond

Youth & Young Adult (YYA) Community Strategic Planning: Core and Workgroup Meetings

YYA STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKGROUPS



Resources (Action 1.2): Get a handle on the resources we have and provide a toolkit that helps different stakeholders access resources

- **Facilitator:** Matthew Aronson, Matthew Aronson Consulting
- **YAB Member:** Ramon



Outreach (Action 1.5): Create and implement an outreach plan

- **Facilitator:** Jamie Schecter, H3
- **YAB Member:** Leon



Safety & Liberation (Action 4.3): Understand how well current partners are welcoming and supporting LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC YYA

- **Facilitators:** Juno Hedrick, YAB & Caroline Miller, H3
- **YAB Member:** Anastasia L.

YAB JUNE ACTIVITIES

YAB-only spaces

YAB Pride Proclamation
for Board of Supervisors
(BOS) June 10th meeting

Presented key findings
from the YYA Needs
Assessment to support
Measure X/ARPA funding
recommendations in the
June BOS meetings

YAB AT BOS PRIDE PROCLAMATION

Shared key findings from YYA Needs Assessment:

1. In our county, 11% of YYA in HMIS identify as LGBTQIA+.
2. This is likely an undercount, not all providers collect this data, and YYA may not feel safe disclosing their identity at intake.
3. National research shows that 20-40% of all YYA experiencing homelessness identify as LGBTQIA+.
4. LGBTQIA+ YYA often leave home for different reasons than their cisgender, straight peers, including family rejection.
5. Research also shows that they are more likely to experience severe homelessness, including higher rates of sexual exploitation, violence, and suicidality.



NEXT STEPS

Prepare and present key findings from the YYA Needs Assessment to support Measure X/ARPA funding recommendations at upcoming BoS meeting.

Prepare to participate in Contra Costa Health Youth and Young Adult Transitional Housing RFP.

Increase YAB Coordinator's capacity to provide peer support to YAB members.

Participate in YYA Homelessness & Adulthood Train-the-Trainer sessions with the MAC team.

Prepare for HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program FY 2024 NOFO to be re-released soon!

CONNECT WITH YAB!



Are you—or do you know—a young person with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability who wants to create change?

Join a meeting as a guest to learn more!

For more information, email: ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org

OLD BUSINESS

Sector Report Outs – Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

Update: Housing Support Program – Shelby Ferguson, *H3*

Funding Updates - Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

Update: CoC Monitoring – Alex Michel and Michele Byrnes, *Homebase*

**SECTOR
REPORT OUTS
FROM COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
Representative*

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CREATIVE
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12TH
11-1:00PM**

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11-2:00PM**

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**YOUTH
12-18**



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**UPDATE:
HOUSING
SUPPORT
PROGRAM**

Shelby Ferguson, *H3*

BACKGROUND ON HSP

The Housing Support Program (HousingWORKS!) is an eviction prevention and rapid rehousing program for families receiving CalWORKS

Partnership between H3, Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) and Hope Solutions

Referrals made through the Coordinated Entry System

HSP DATA – FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

190 families served

- **31** in eviction prevention
- **159** in rapid rehousing

Average days to housing: **98 days**

HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM (HSP) UPDATE

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) notified counties about available Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 HSP Funding in June

Contra Costa has an available HSP allocation of up to **\$2,835,605** for FY 2025-2026

The Contra Costa Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) submitted a request to CDSS for the full HSP allocation (**\$2,835,605**) in July

If CDSS awards the full allocation to Contra Costa, it will allow HSP to continue providing direct financial assistance to CalWORKs HSP families

FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

FUNDING UPDATES – COC BUILDS



- In May 2025, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) re-released the CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Each CoC is able to submit up to one (1) project for capital development of permanent supportive housing
- The CoC selected **Hope Solutions' Village of Hope** project for this application **Application submitted June 25th, 2025**
- HUD seeks to obligate funds by September 30, 2025

FUNDING UPDATES – TRANSITIONAL HOUSING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)



- Transitional Housing for Transition Aged Youth (TAY) RFP – posted on July 1, 2025
- Seeking service provider to operate transitional housing for TAY and additional housing services as funding allows
- Applications due July 25, 2025
- [Full RFP available online](#)

FUNDING UPDATES – HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM



- Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 6 application due at the end of August 2025
- Stakeholder feedback session scheduled after July 10, 2025 Council on Homelessness meeting
- HHAP Round 7 funded at \$500 million in State budget – **50% decrease in funding**

FUNDING UPDATES – MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES



- State Budget
 - \$500 million in HHAP round 7 funding
 - \$100 million in Encampment Resolution Funding
- Federal Budget
 - TBD – impacts of Medicaid and HUD funding

UPDATE: COC MONITORING

Alex Michel and Michele Byrnes, *Homebase*

PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE MONITORING

- Improve **system performance** by identifying barriers to effective program performance;
- Increase **knowledge** among CoC-funded agencies regarding CoC compliance and financial management;
- Help agencies **prepare for audits or monitoring** from HUD; and
- Identify opportunities and gaps for **additional technical assistance, trainings, or one-on-one meetings** regarding areas of compliance impacting multiple agencies

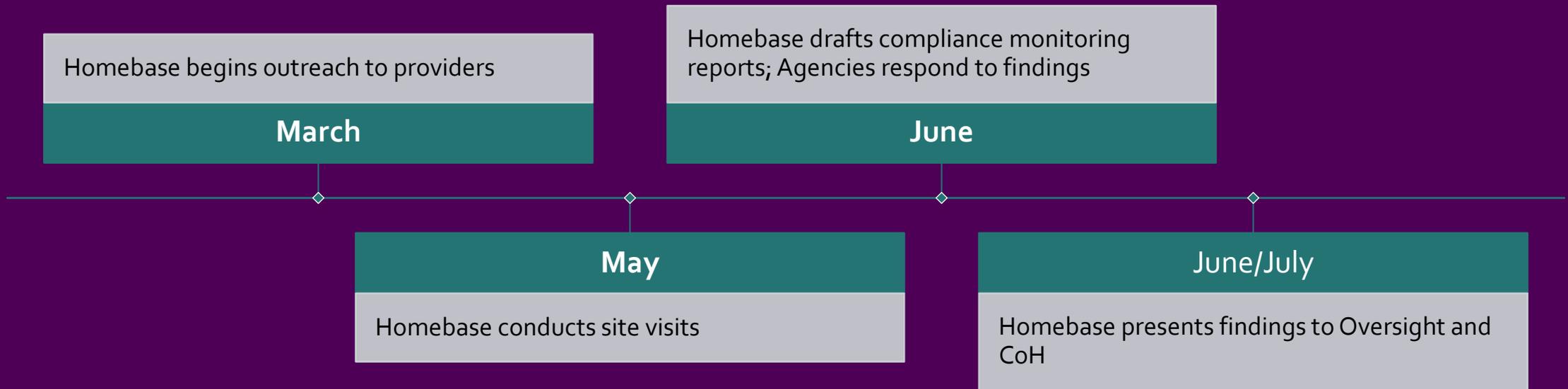
GENERAL APPROACH TO MONITORING

- Homebase conducts annual compliance monitoring process on behalf of H₃ (the CoC Lead Agency)
- Monitoring focus alternates each year between:
 - agency/project-level documentation (e.g., P&Ps, financials, etc.)
 - client file review (e.g., eligibility, services, etc.)
- New in 2025: Monitoring now includes follow-up on prior identified corrective actions, as relevant to the year's focus area

2025 MONITORED AGENCIES

- Project Scope: 20 projects within 8 agencies
 - CCHS
 - Contra Costa County Crisis Center – 211
 - GRIP
 - Hope Solutions
 - Housing Authority of Contra Costa County (HACCC)
 - SAHA
 - SHELTER, Inc.
 - Trinity Center

2025 COMPLIANCE MONITORING TIMELINE



2025 FOCUSED MONITORING APPROACH

Grant Spenddown

- Ensure projects are on track to fully spend funds within the grant term.
- Drawdowns are timely, occurring at least quarterly

2023 Systemic Findings

- Timekeeping
- Fair housing policy

Equity

- People with lived experience engagement
- Advancement of racial equity

2023 Project-Specific Corrective Actions

- Follow-up to 2023 project-specific corrective actions

CATEGORIES OF FINDINGS

- 1. Agency- and Program-Specific Findings** – Areas of noncompliance with HUD or CoC requirements that require corrective action. Agencies must submit a written response to each finding.
- 2. Agency Opportunities for Improvement** – Areas where current practices could be strengthened, even though they do not currently constitute a formal finding. These suggestions are offered for agency consideration.
- 3. Systemic Findings** – Areas of noncompliance with HUD or CoC requirements that affected the majority of monitored agencies.
- 4. Systemwide Opportunities for Improvement** – Systemwide areas where current practices could be strengthened but do not constitute a formal findings

TRENDS & OBSERVATIONS

- The majority of monitored **agencies had corrected the findings identified during the 2023 monitoring process**
- Timekeeping was a systemic finding in 2023 and **was not a finding for any agency in 2025**
- Most agencies are in compliance with local CoC equity standards
- Generally, there **were minimal findings across agencies**

SYSTEMIC FINDINGS & SYSTEMWIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Systemic Findings: Areas of noncompliance with HUD or CoC requirements that affected the majority of monitored agencies

- Grant spenddown

Systemwide Opportunities for Improvement: Systemwide areas where current practices could be strengthened but do not constitute a formal findings

- Fair Housing Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Spenddown

- Provide technical assistance to CoC-funded agencies on grant spenddown

Fair Housing

- Ensure fair housing policies have been updated during the next monitoring cycle



QUESTIONS?

NEW BUSINESS

**(ACTION ITEM) Discuss and Approve 2025
Quarter 2 Council on Homelessness
Recommendations for Report to County
Board of Supervisors – Jaime Jenett, H3**

**Learning Corner: AB 109 Programs Update
– Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
Representative* and Jamie Schechter, H3**

**DISCUSS AND
APPROVE 2025
QUARTER 2 COUNCIL
ON HOMELESSNESS
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR REPORT TO
COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to advocate for ongoing support for people who lose eligibility for services and other resources due to federal and state policy decisions
- Share Annual Report and Point-In-Time Count reports and open seats on the Council on Homelessness with your constituents

ACTION ITEM

Approve the recommendations for the Q2 COH report to the FHS Committee of the BOS



**LEARNING
CORNER: AB 109
PROGRAMS
UPDATE**

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
Representative*

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

AB109 – WHAT IS IT?

SCOTUS ruled that constitutionally inadequate medical and mental health services in prisons violated the 8th amendment. Overcrowding was determined to be the cause.

In 2011, CA AB 109 and AB 117 created CA's Public Safety Realignment Act. Realignment shifted responsibility for "non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenses" from state to local jurisdictions.

The Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) was created to set standards and monitor compliance.

The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) was created. County CCPs oversee local corrections programs and submit reports to BSCC.

There are few legal guidelines for spending.

“Funds allocated to probation pursuant to this act shall be used to provide supervision and rehabilitative services for adult felony offenders subject to local supervision, and shall be spent on evidence-based community corrections practices and programs...”

Suggested spending categories include risk assessments, implementing sanctions like electronic monitoring, intensive local supervision, expanding evidence-based rehabilitative programs, and evaluation.

The "rehabilitative programs" could include drug and alcohol treatment, mental health treatment, anger management, cognitive behavior programs, and job training and employment services.

The Chief Probation Officer has discretion over spending decisions and “shall maintain a complete and accurate accounting of all funds received.”

ABOUT CONTRA COSTA'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Public Safety Realignment was established by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Executive Committee in 2012.

It was created to provide input on community needs; assess implementation of the realignment plan; review data on realignment outcomes; advise the CCP on community engagement strategies; offer recommendations for ongoing realignment planning; advise County agencies regarding programs for implementation in the County; and encourage outcomes that are consistent with the County's Reentry Strategic Plan.

The CAB is a 15 member body of community stakeholders that is formally responsible for advising the AB 109 Community Corrections Partnership.



CCP is the body primarily responsible for making AB 109 policy and budget recommendations to the Public Protection Committee (PPC).

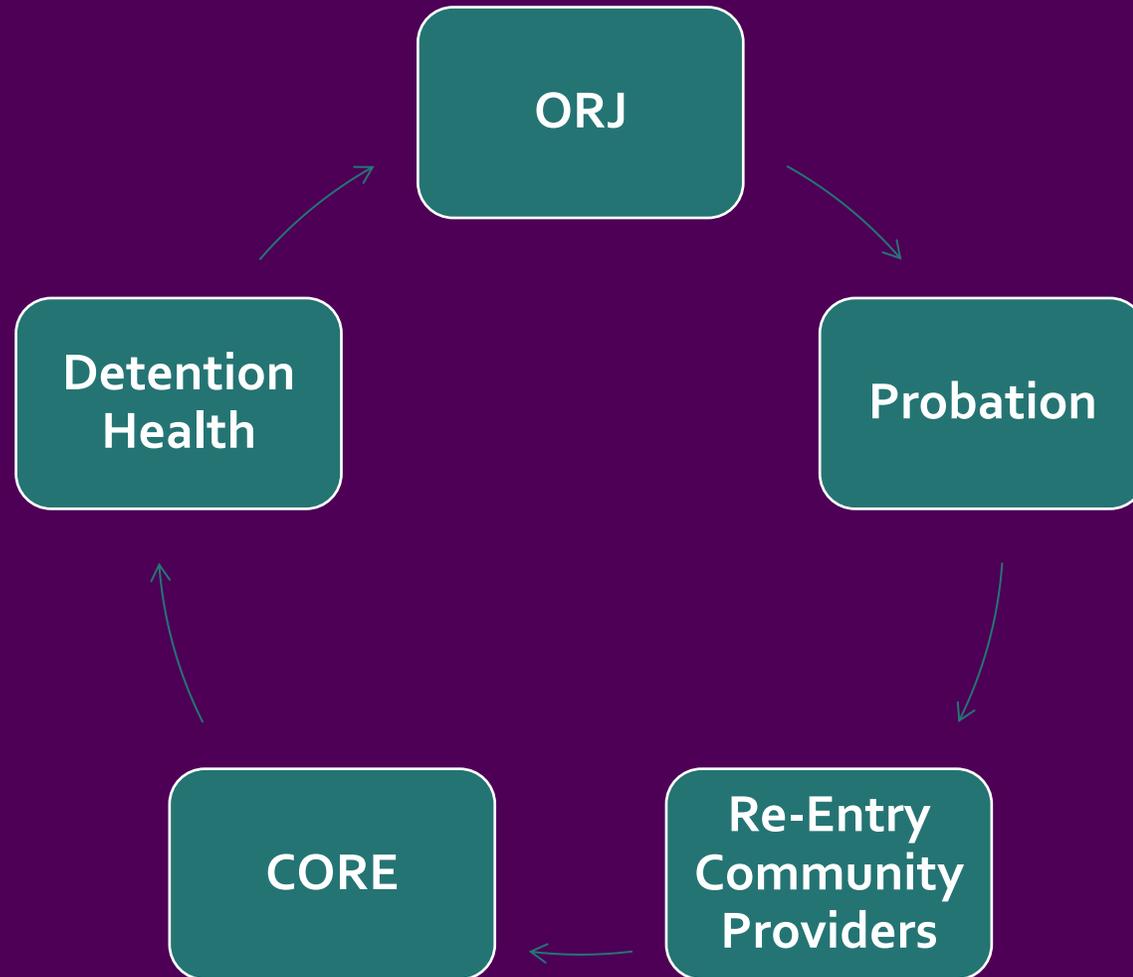


The PPC brings recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors.

CONTRA COSTA CAB ONE TIME AB 109 ALLOCATIONS TO H3

Program Name	Provider	Amount	Progress to date
CORE Street Outreach	Contra Costa Health	\$ 900,000	Team launched in 2024
Homeless Prevention & Diversion	Hope Solutions	\$ 1,000,000	Funding awarded through 2024 RFP process and services to begin July 2025
Rapid Rehousing	Hope Solutions	\$ 1,000,000	Funding awarded utilizing 2023 RFP process. Contracting complete for HS, LFCD scheduled for 6/10 Board of Supervisors.
	Lao Family Community Development	\$500,000	
Interim Bridge Housing	Contra Costa Health	\$ 4,000,000	Built into FY25-26 contracts with existing providers or County operated services.
CORE Team Assessment, Service Coordination, Placement	Contra Costa Health	\$450,000	Team launched in 2024

IT TAKES A VILLAGE



Next Steps

Implement all
services in FY25-
26

Ongoing
coordination with
re-entry partners

Data sharing
exploration

Ongoing updates
to CAB

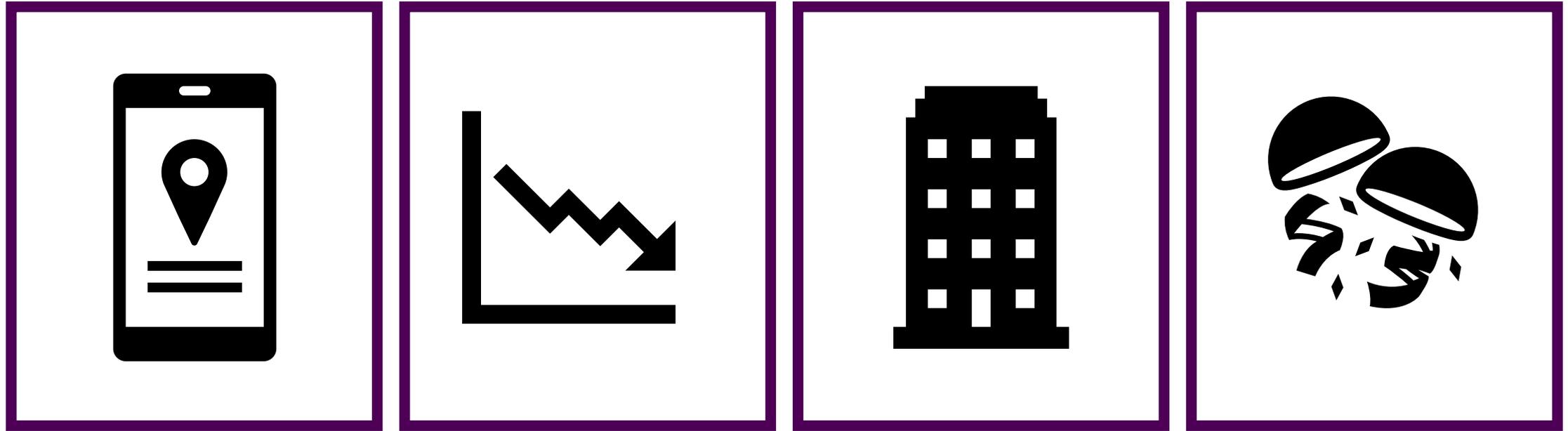
UPDATE: 2025 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Yessenia Aguilar and Janel Fletcher, *H3*

WHAT IS THE POINT IN TIME COUNT?

- The Point in Time Count is a biennial count required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is used to estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness in the country on a given night during the last 10 days of January.
- The count includes those experiencing sheltered homelessness in Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing programs; and households experiencing unsheltered homelessness in places such as cars, tents, RVs, and other areas not meant for habitation.

The Contra
Costa County Point in
Time Count occurred
on January 29th ,
2025.



THERE IS A 26% DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON A GIVEN NIGHT IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY(2025)

725 fewer individuals are experiencing homelessness on a given night since 2024.

2025 POINT IN TIME COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

- 41% decrease in observations in West and East Contra Costa County from 2024.
- 33% decrease in observations in Central Contra Costa County from 2024.



2025 POINT IN TIME COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

- 34% increase in the number of transitional and permanent housing inventory since 2023.
- Increased proportion of people experiencing sheltered homelessness to 40% (31% in 2024).
- *Project Highlights*
 - Opportunity Village
 - El Portal
 - Encampment Resolutions Fund projects
 - Premier Inn
 - Warming Centers

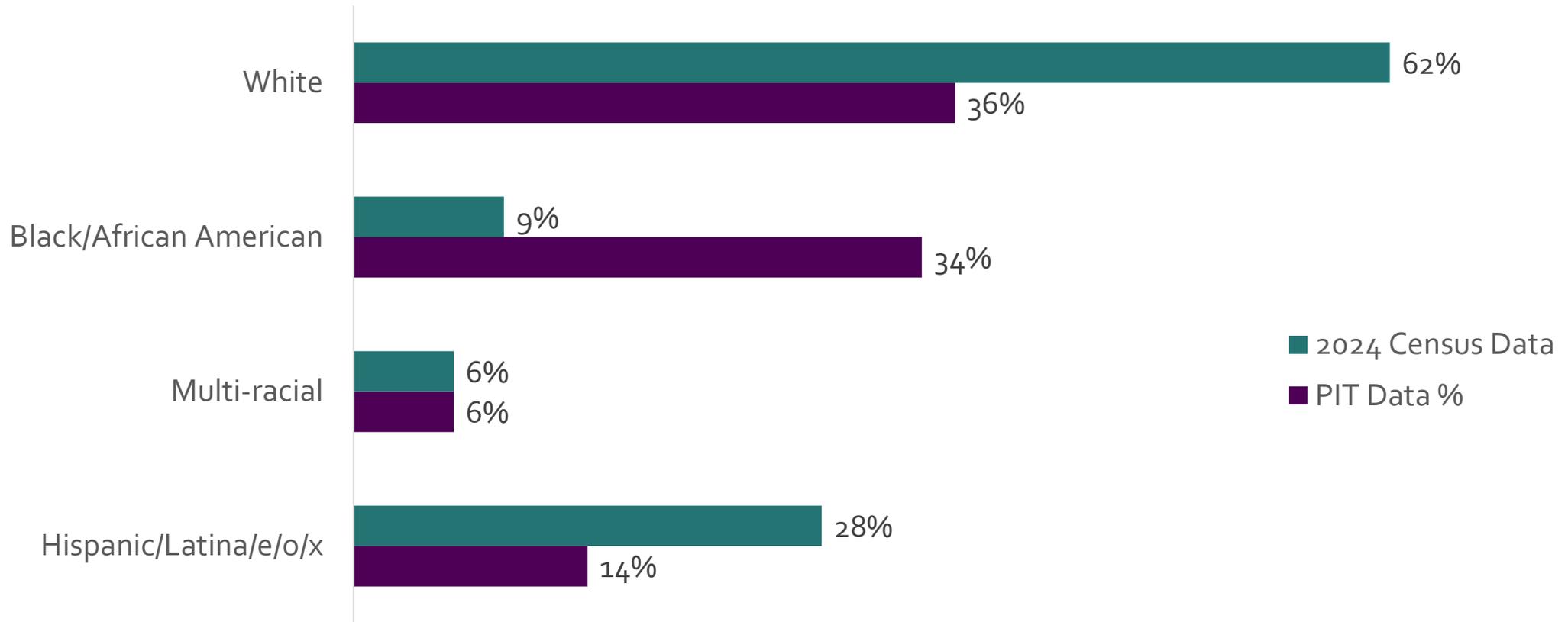


2025 PIT METHODOLOGIES

- The sheltered count is conducted through HMIS or via survey for non-HMIS participating programs. The unsheltered count is an observational count conducted by volunteers from the community, partner agencies, and CORE.
- In adherence to HUD's "night of" PIT count methods, we conduct a full observational count including Known Locations and Random Sample Areas defined by census tract grids. The 2025 PIT Methodology was approved by the Council on Homelessness on December 5th, 2024. [COH Agenda Packet 12/4/24](#)
- This year we improved our trainings by presenting in person only to allow hands on support with the app along with examples of how to count/identify individuals and sleep settings.
- Follow-up surveys were completed by region and targeted subpopulations to obtain a representative sample of demographic information based on total observations collected the night of the PIT.

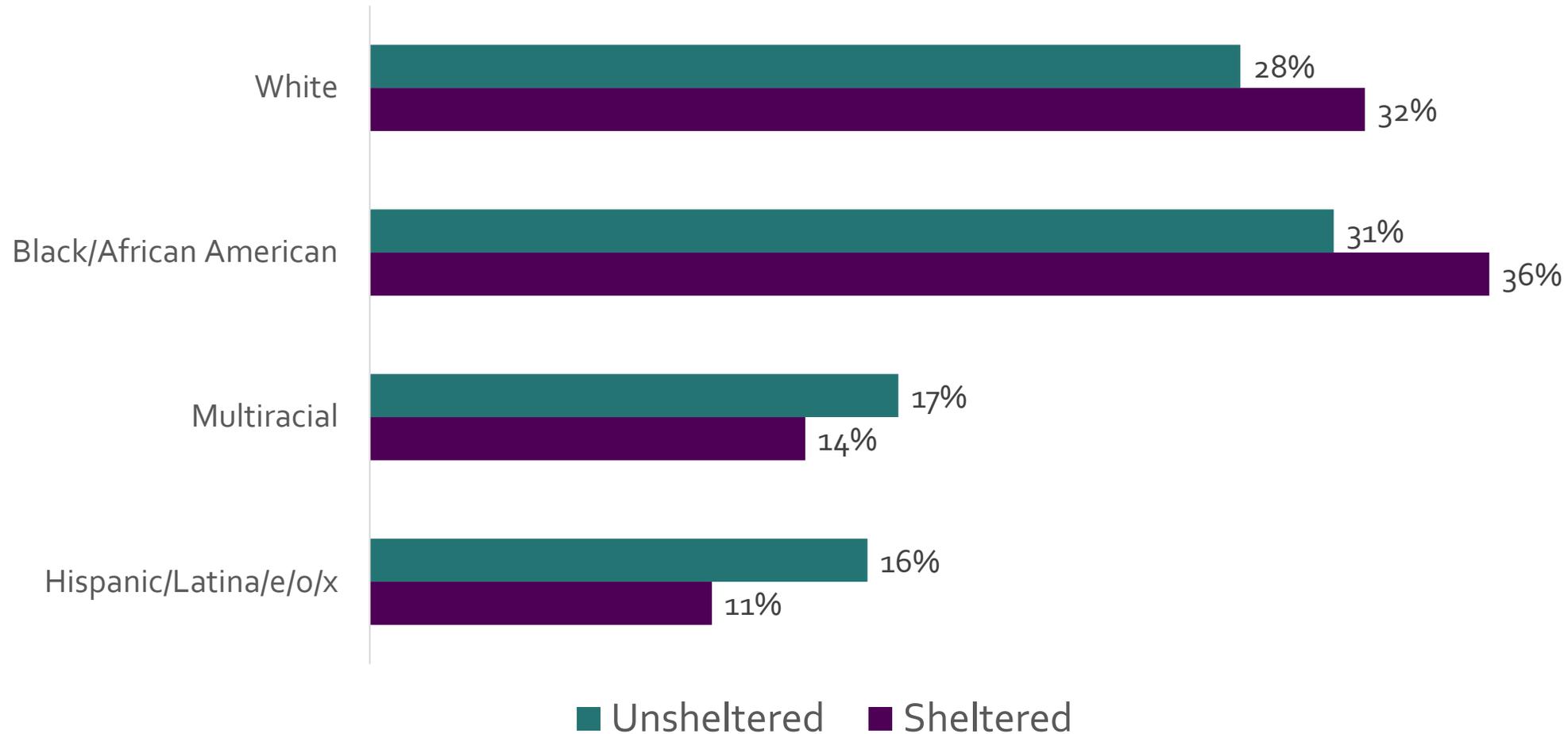
[2025 HIC and PIT Count: Data Submission Guidance](#)

RACE – 2025 PIT AND 2024 CENSUS



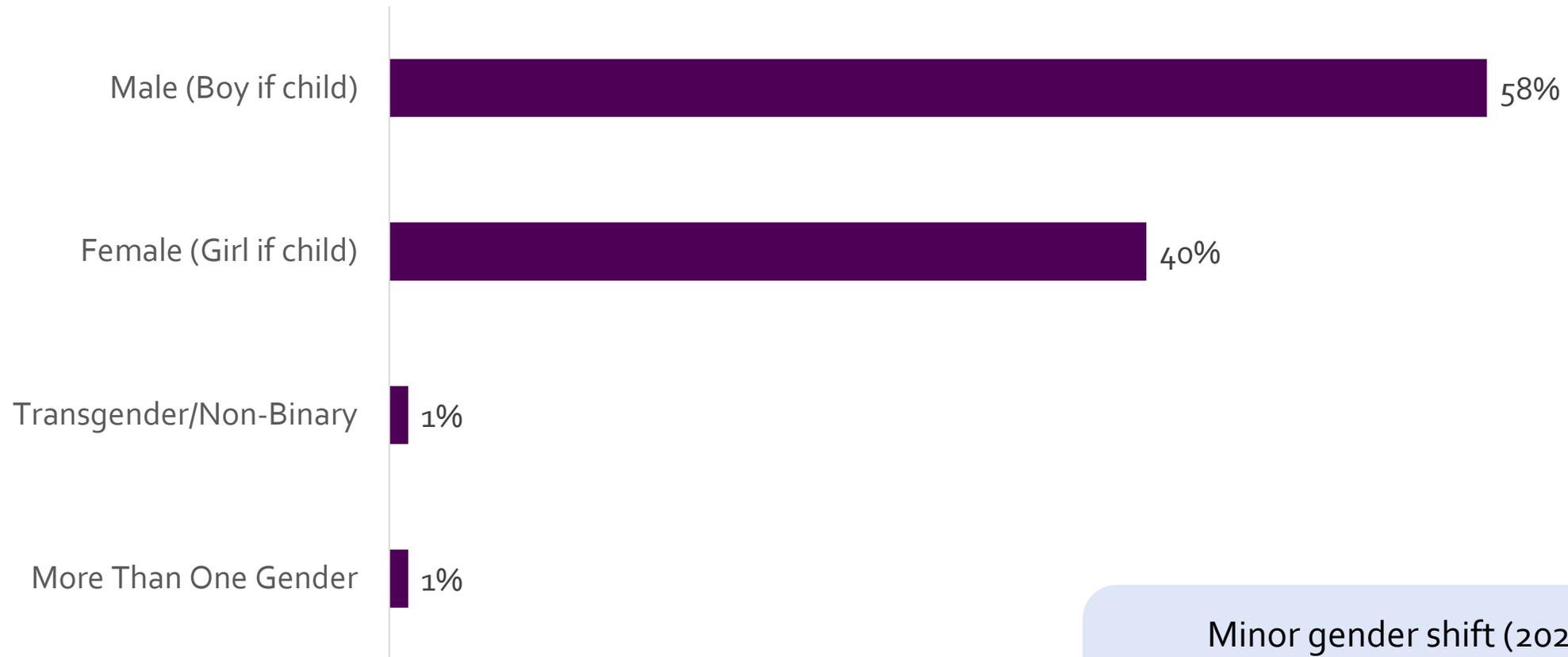
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RACE – 2025 SHELTERED VS UNSHELTERED PIT



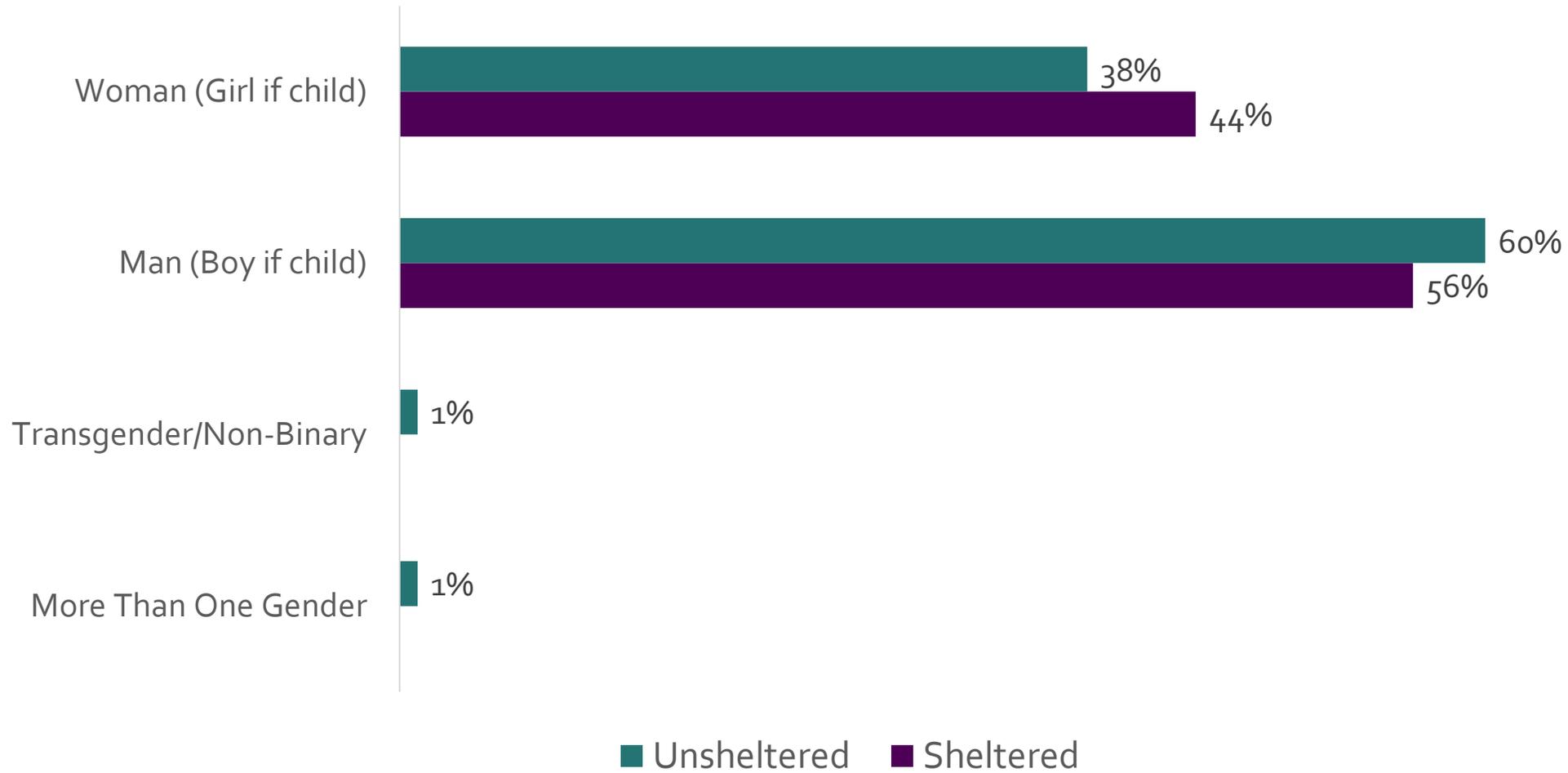
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GENDER – 2025 PIT

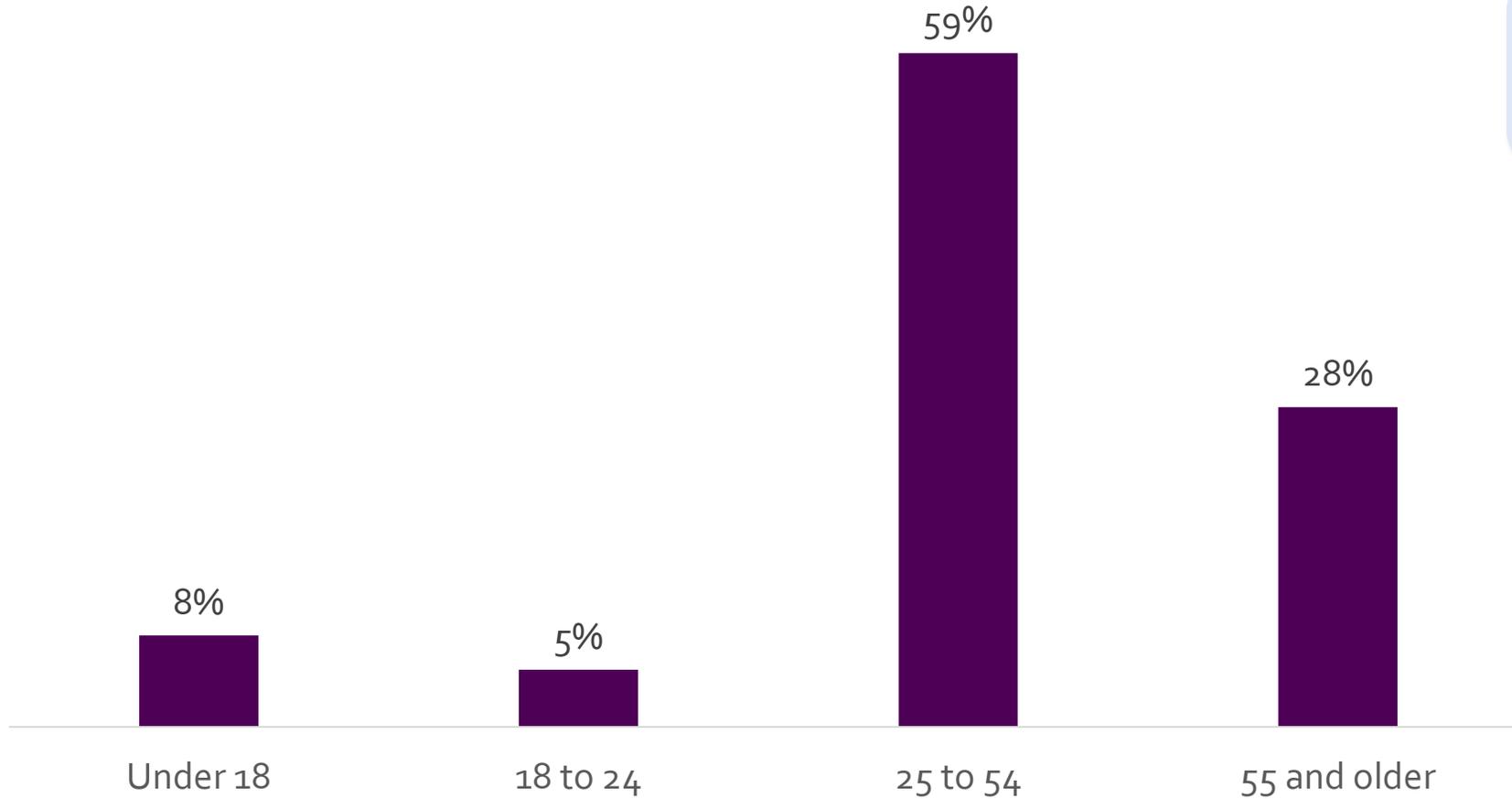


Minor gender shift (2023–25 PIT):
Slight increase in females, & slight decrease in
males over the past three years

GENDER – 2025 SHELTERED VS UNSHELTERED PIT



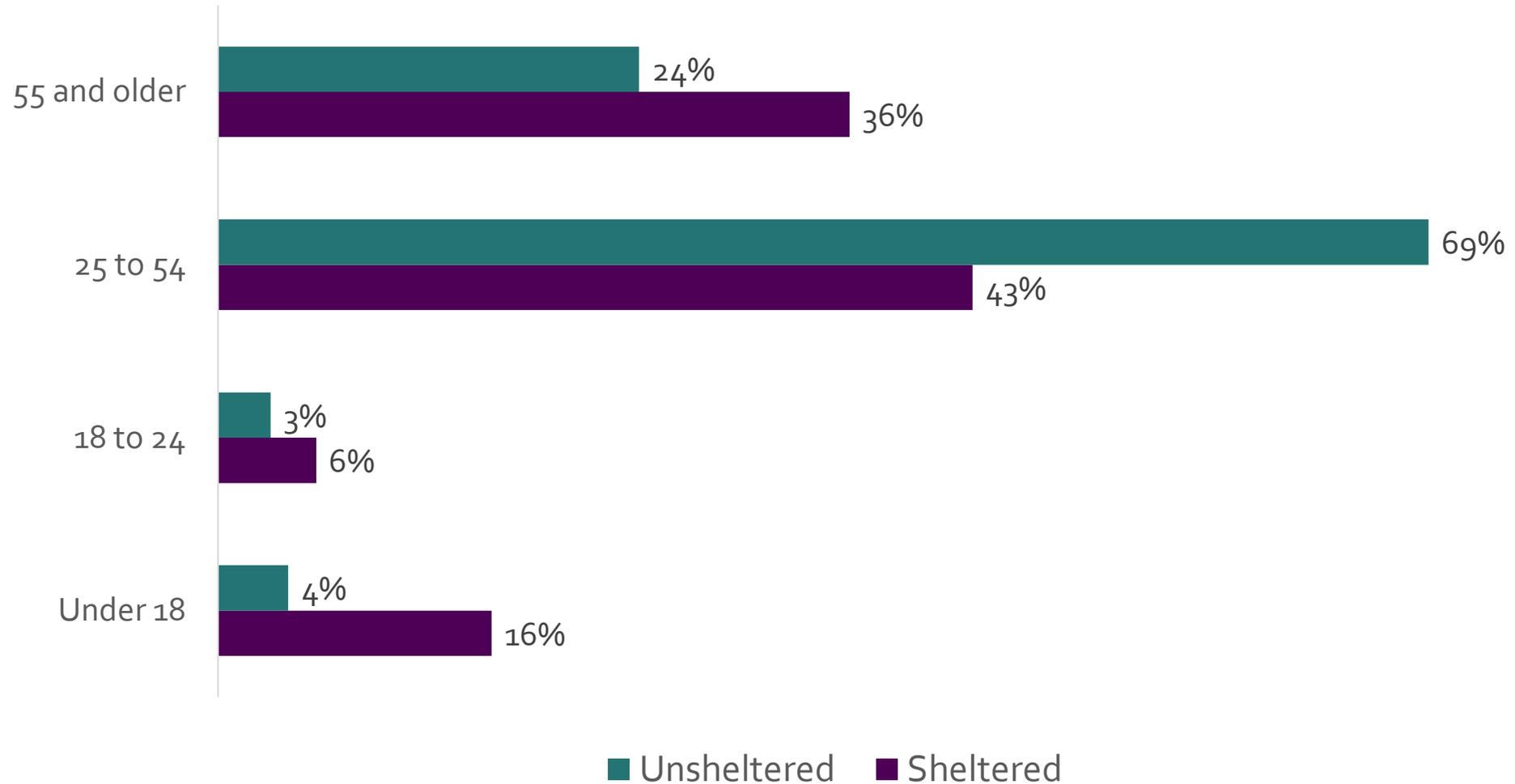
AGE – 2025 PIT



Overall, age distribution remained stable compared to 2024 PIT Count

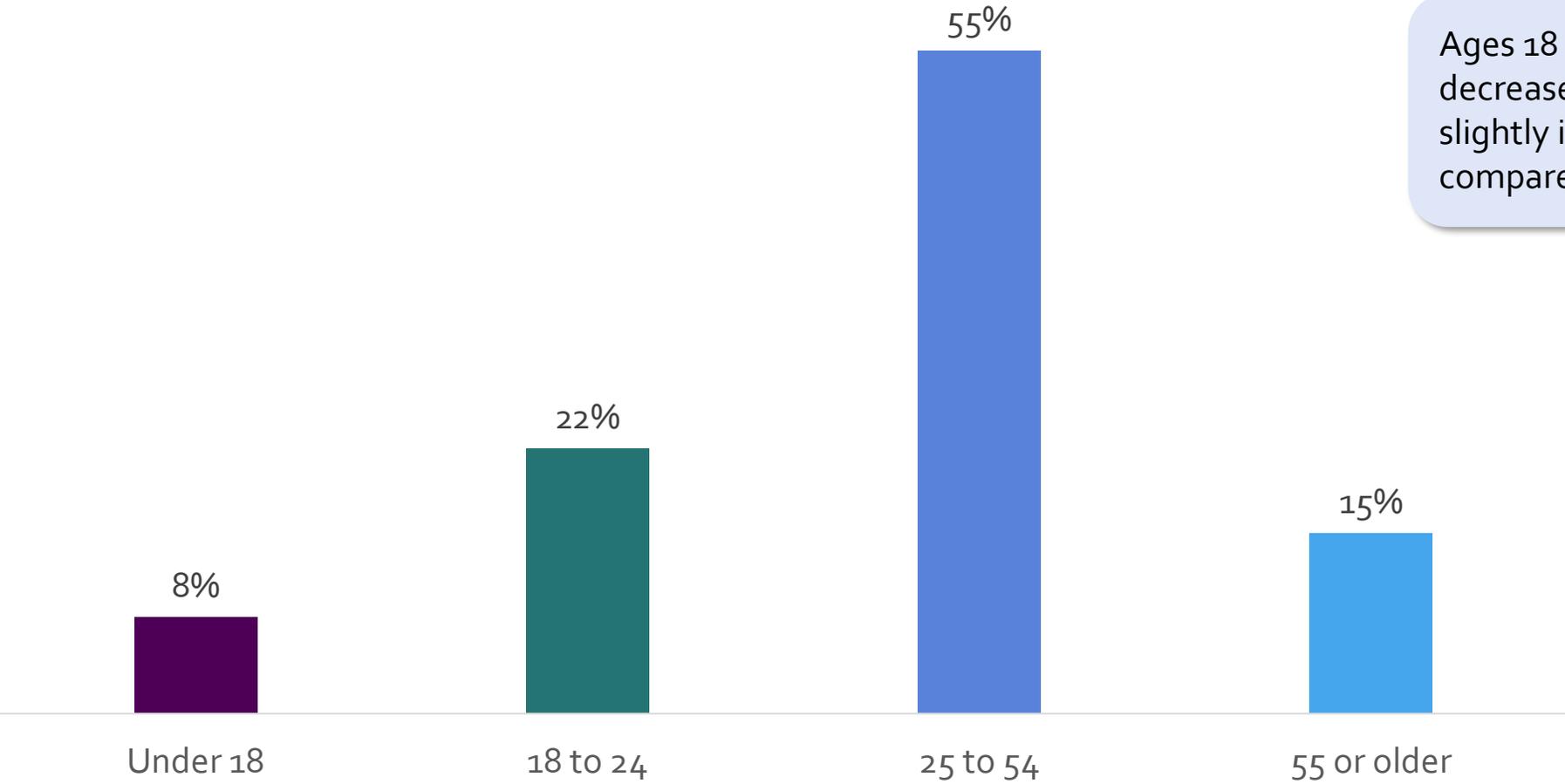
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AGE – SHELTERED VS UNSHELTERED PIT



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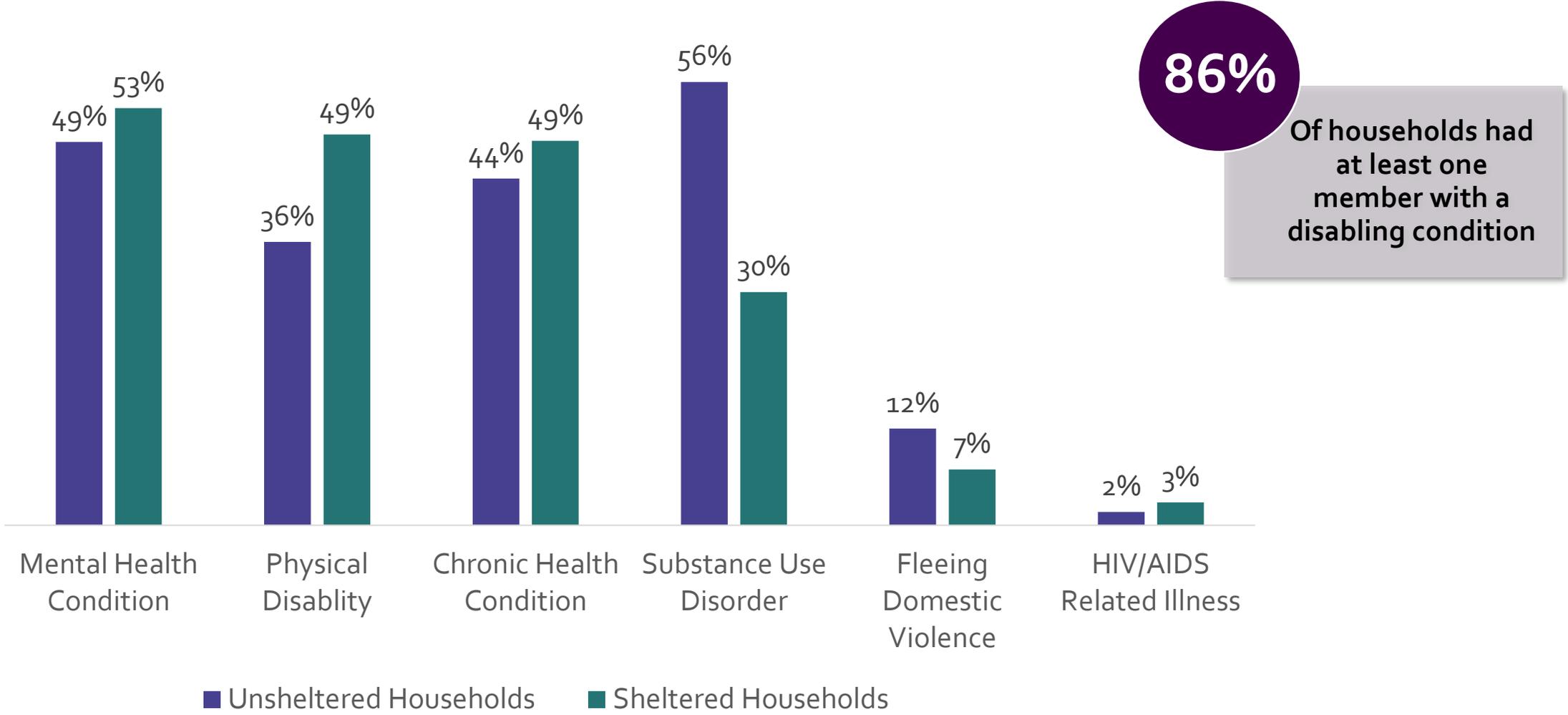
AGE – FIRST EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS 2025 PIT SURVEY



Ages 18 & under slightly decreased; ages 50 & older slightly increased, compared to 2024 PIT

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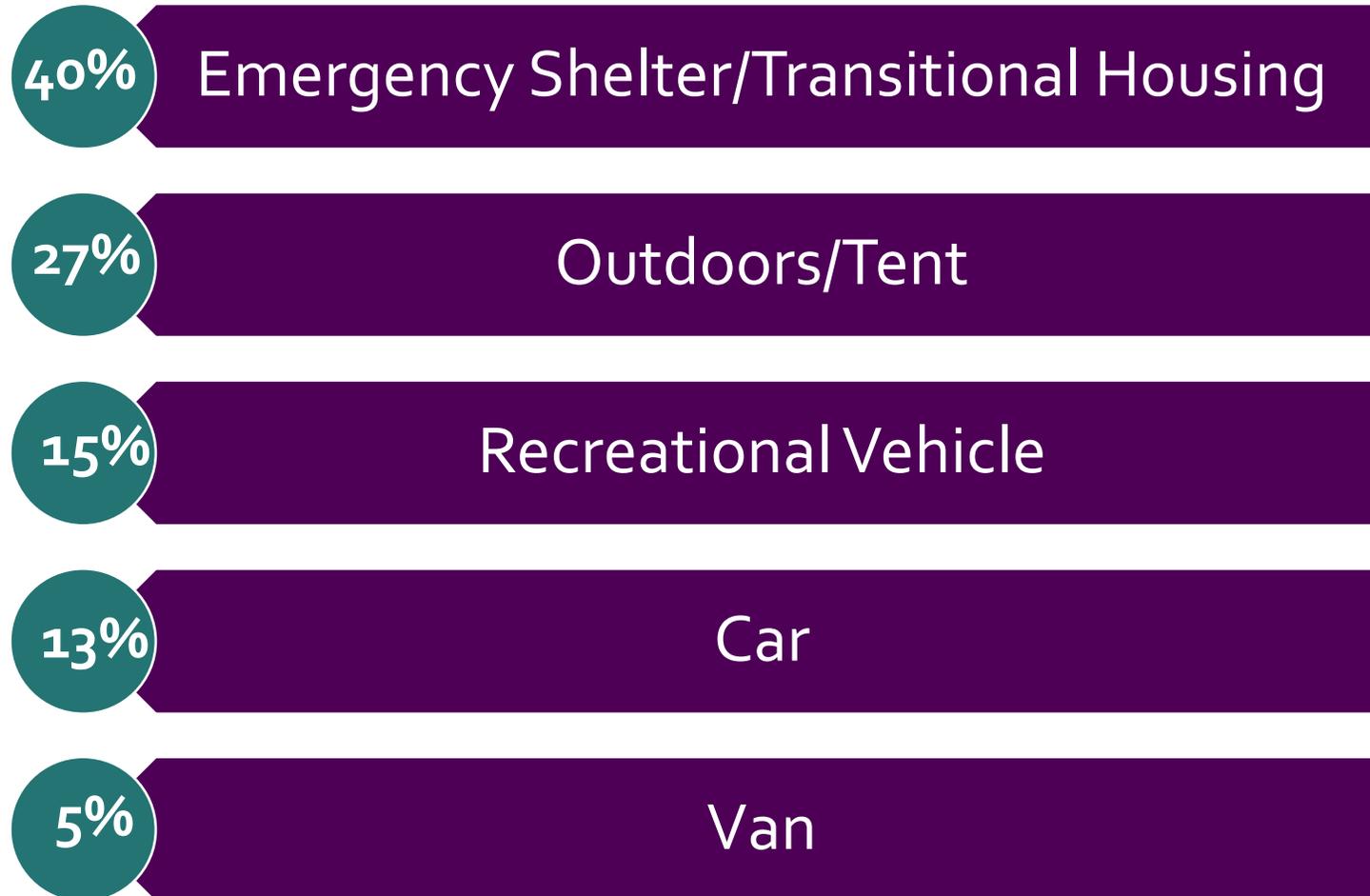
HEALTH CONDITIONS – SHELTERED VS UNSHELTERED 2025 PIT



YEARS OF RESIDENCY IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY – 2025 PIT



SLEEP SETTINGS – 2025 PIT



9% increase since 2024 in sheltered settings

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS – 2025 PIT

Overall, responses are consistent with those from 2024.

95%

Adult-only households

62%

Chronically homeless

4%

Veterans

14%

Adults had been in foster care

45%

Households with jail, prison, probation or parole history

DISPLACEMENT EXPERIENCE – 2025 PIT

63%
Yes

In the past year, did police or city workers make you move from where you were staying?

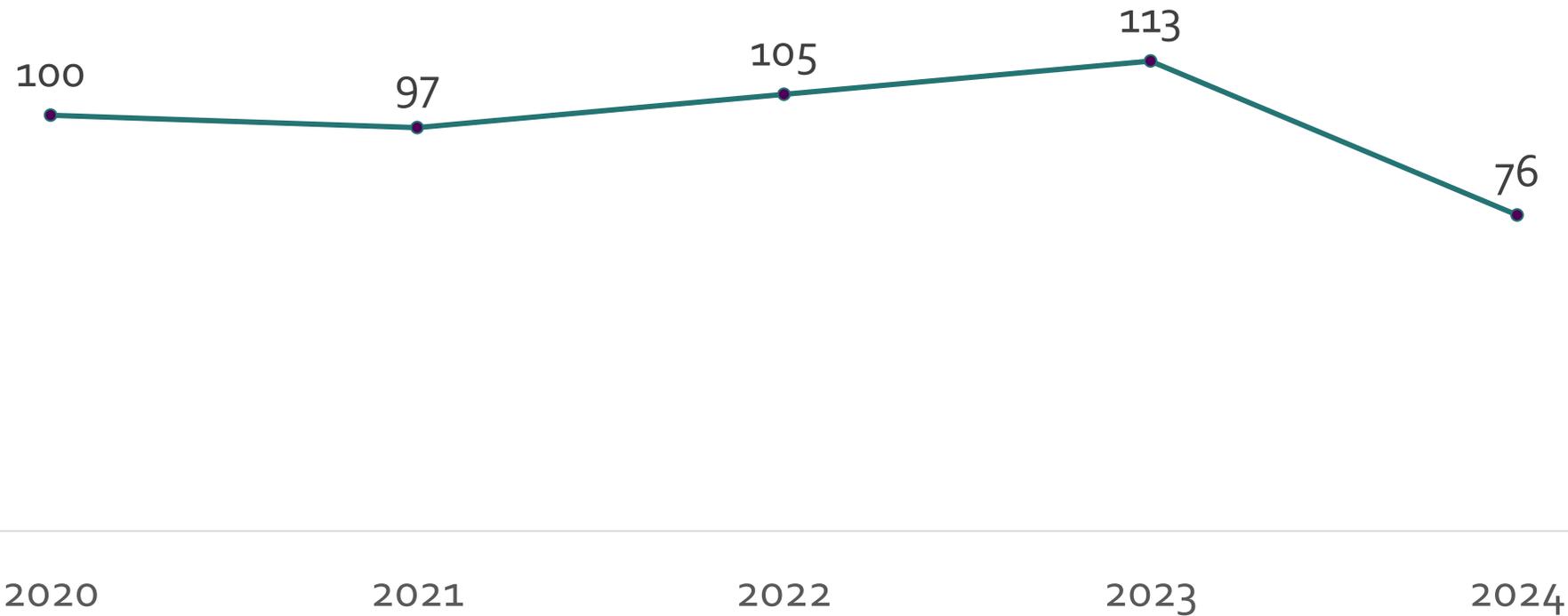
75%
Yes

When you had to move, did you lose any belongings or did officials take them?

54%
Yes

Were you offered services when you were required to move?

TOTAL DEATHS RECORDED BY CORONER



24% decrease in total deaths recorded over the last five years!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council on Homelessness

PIN IT

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services
Representative*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, July 10, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **HHAP Community Input Session:** Thursday, July 10, 3:30-4:30pm (Hybrid)
- **CoC Training (Equal Access):** Monday, July 14, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **PATH Committee Work Group:** Thursday, July 17, 9:30 – 11 AM (Zoom)
- **Homelessness Awareness Month Committee Work Group:** Wednesday, July 23, 2 – 4 PM (Zoom)
- **Nominating Committee:** Monday, August 4, 10 – Noon (Zoom)
- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, August 7, 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)



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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-2789

Agenda Date: 7/10/2025

Agenda #: 3.

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Consent Calendar: APPROVE 7.10.25 Staff Report and 6.5.25 Minutes

Presenter: Nicole Green, Chair

Contact: Council on Homelessness: contracostacoc@cchealth.org <<mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org>>

Information: Every Council on Homelessness meeting has a staff report generated for it and the Council as asked to approve minutes from the previous meeting.

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

APPROVE 7.10.25 Staff Report and 6.5.25 Minutes



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COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MINUTES

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025, 1 pm – 3 pm

Recording link: Available by email request to CChomelesscouncil@cchealth.org

Council Member Attendance:

- In-Person (16): Alejandra Chamberlain; Carolyn Foudy; Courtney Pal; Gabriel Lemus; Heather Worobey; Hope Dixon; LeAnn Matthews; Leslie Gleason; Mia Fairbanks; Nicole Green; Shawn Ray; Sherina Criswell; Tony Ucciferri; Verneda Clapp; Wayne Earl; Yahel Moreno
- Remote (1): Juno Hedrick
- Absent (1): Dani Jimenez
- Vacant (1): City Government Representative

Staff Attendance: Jaime Jenett, H3; Jamie Schecter, H3; Mark Mora, Homebase; Tania Morales, Homebase

Community Member Attendance:

- In-person: Jaclyn Tummings, DCD; Melanie Erickson, DCD
- Remote: Ms. Evon Ufland, Agape's Restore & Renew Home; Bullard Clearnise, BACS; RHamilton, BACS; Christine Wetzels, Caminar; La Tanya Johnson, Caminar; Ishani Rasanayagam, City of Pittsburg; Ajani Cox, Community Member; Heaven, Community Member; Elizabeth Keller, Contra Costa County; Peter Myers, Contra Costa County District 3; Janna Evans, CCCOE; Gina Bills, CCCOE; Denise Clarke, Contra Costa County Office of Education; Elizabeth Winstead, DOR; Khougen, EHSD; Stephanie Booth, EHSD; Brianna R, FLY Program; Allison Mabbs, Focus Strategies; Kat Jacobs-Crotta, Focus Strategies; Brendi Velasquez, Focus Strategies Lived Experience Consultant; Brittany Ferguson, H3; Caroline Miller, H3; Cheryl Leonor, H3; Christy Saxton, H3; Jacqueline, H3; Maria D. Dominguez, H3; Michelle Richardson, H3; Natalie Siva, H3; Rochelle Barbosa, H3; Shelby Ferguson, H3; Steve McNutt, H3; Todd Peterson, H3; Yessenia Aguilar, H3; Deanne Pearn, Hope Solutions; Elizabeth Verdin, Hope Solutions; Emily Bero, Hope Solutions; Khayla DiGiorgio, Hope Solutions; LLee, ILS Health; Carmen Cano, Lao Family Community Development; ; Julie, LSS NorthCal; Jill Ray, Office of Supervisor Candace Andersen; Jared Murti, Partnership for the Bay's Future; June, RCD Housing; Rena Moore, Safe Return Project; Alicia Alferez, SHELTER Inc.; Christi Rossi, SHELTER Inc.; Cynthia-Bella Chavez, SHELTER Inc.; Rebecca Gomez-Pellecer, SHELTER Inc.; Jai De Lotto, VA CES; Leon Saelee, YAB; Jeff O'Hearn, White Pony Express.



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AGENDA ITEM

1) Call to Order

A. Chair starts the meeting:

Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green called the meeting to order.

2) Introductions

A. Meeting Norms:

Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green went over the hybrid meeting norms and guidelines to help ensure that meetings are conducted in a safe and respectful environment that encourages participation and inclusivity. Due to a Zoom bombing incident at the April meeting, the virtual meeting format has been changed from “meeting” to “webinar” format and the difference of features was explained.

B. Roll call of Council members and introduction of guests:

Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green conducted a roll call of Council members and invited guests to introduce themselves in the chat.

C. Poll – Who’s in the room?

Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green conducted the poll activity called “Who is in the room?” with the purpose of getting a sense of who is attending the meeting. The poll was conducted via Zoom poll. All answers are anonymous, and the results are provided below:

- **Question 1: How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?**

This is my first meeting:	3 (13%)
I’ve attended some meetings:	8 (35%)
I’ve attended a lot of meetings:	12 (52%)
I prefer not to answer:	0 (0%)

- **Question 2: Do you have lived experience of homelessness?**

Yes, currently	1 (4%)
Yes, within the past 7 years	2 (8%)
Yes, more than 7 years ago	2 (8%)



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No 21 (81%)
 I prefer not to answer 0 (0%)

- **Question 3: What best describes your racial identify?**
 - African American/Black 4 (12%)
 - American Indian/Alaskan Native 3 (9%)
 - Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian 0 (0%)
 - Hispanic/Latinx 7 (21%)
 - White 15 (45%)
 - Multi-racial 3 (9%)
 - I describe myself in another way 0 (0%)
 - I prefer not to answer 1 (3%)

3) Public Comments

A. Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda

Members of the public:

- None.

4) Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

- A. APPROVE minutes from the May 1, 2025 Council meeting**
- B. APPROVE staff report for the June 5, 2025 Council meeting**
- C. APPROVE members for the 2025 Nominating Committee: Carolyn Foudy, Hope Dixon, Nicole Green, Tony Ucciferri**
- D. APPROVE members for the 2025 Homelessness Awareness Month Committee: Nicole Green, Rina Criswell, Wayne Earl**

Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

For item A, the following changes to the May 1 meeting minutes were requested and amended for section 7.b:

- a) Alejandra Chamberlain, COH member, shared that she is part of a cross-agency workgroup that is meeting to support the implementation of AB 2083. The group includes representatives from Probation, Child Welfare, Behavioral Health, the County Office of Education, and the Regional Center, and is focused on improving coordination of services for children and youth with complex needs.
- b) Courtney Pal was the COH member referenced and who made the comment in section 7.b.

Members made a motion to approve the items per the changes listed above as a whole group:



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Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve the consent calendar items as listed above.
- Discussion:
 - None.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Sherina Criswell
 - Seconded by: Tony Ucciferri
 - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain; Carolyn Foudy; Courtney Pal; Gabriel Lemus; Heather Worobey; Hope Dixon; Juno Hedrick; LeAnn Matthews; Leslie Gleason; Mia Fairbanks; Nicole Green; Shawn Ray; Sherina Criswell; Tony Ucciferri; Verneda Clapp; Wayne Earl; Yahel Moreno
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINS: None
 - ABSENT: Dani Jimenez

5) Committee Report Outs

A. Nominating Committee

Presenter: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*

The Nominating Panel, conformed by Dani Jimenez, Juno Hedrick, and Leanne Matthews, reviewed and scored applications for the City Government Representative seat. A total of four applications were received. The names and city they represent was shown on a slide. The nominating panel recommended Bessie Marie Scott for the City Government Representative seat. The next step will be to get the approval from the Board of Supervisors, likely at their June 24th meeting.

Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve Bessie Marie Scott as the candidate for the City Government Representative as recommended by the Nominating Panel to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for official approval for Council on Homelessness membership.
- Discussion:
 - None.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Wayne Earl
 - Seconded by: Sherina Criswell
 - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain; Carolyn Foudy; Courtney Pal; Gabriel Lemus; Heather Worobey; Hope Dixon; Juno Hedrick; LeAnn Matthews; Leslie Gleason;



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- Mia Fairbanks; Nicole Green; Shawn Ray; Sherina Criswell; Tony Ucciferri; Verneda Clapp; Wayne Earl; Yahel Moreno
- NOES: None
 - ABSTAINS: None
 - ABSENT: Dani Jimenez

B. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update

Presenter: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*

Juno Hedrick provided an update on the Youth Action Board's activities in May. The YAB continues to meet regularly, with communications and outreach being particularly active in planning social media and event participation. In addition, YAB members are participating in the Youth and Young Adult (YYA) Community Strategic Planning, including action step workgroups. They are also involved in the Contra Costa Health Youth and Young Adult Transitional Housing RFP process. Juno shared upcoming priorities, including presenting key findings from the YYA Needs Assessment to support Measure X funding recommendations, continuing participation in various committees, and preparing for the release of the HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program NOFO.

6) Old Business

A. Sector Report Outs from Council Members

Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

The following COH members gave the following updates:

- Wayne Earl shared that The Multi-faith Action Coalition, the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, and Hope Solutions hosted a workshop on reimagining sacred land for affordable housing on May 20th at the Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill. The workshop featured case studies of Hope Village in Walnut Creek, which is located on land owned by Grace Presbyterian Church, and the Village of Hope in Pittsburg, showcasing how faith organizations can use underutilized land for affordable housing with prefabricated cottages and supportive services. Some of the challenges discussed included denominational concerns, fundraising capital campaigns for smaller parcels, and utility setup such as PG&E. Wayne emphasized the importance on collaboration and community engagement. Some of the participants included the Mayor of Walnut Creek, Pastor Mark Burnham, Pastor Christy Dick, and the Vice Mayor from Pittsburgh, Dionne Adams. A white paper on the topic was shared for faith leaders to consider. More information about this project may be found at the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition's [website](#). Wayne shared a link about the grand opening of Hope Village, which can be found at the Hope Solutions's [website](#). The Faith-Owned Land for Housing Solutions document may be found at The Bays's Future [website](#).



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- Tony Ucciferri stated that the project-based voucher program is opening up 16 different waitlists on June 30th, with seven being designated to seniors and nine to families. The waitlist will close on July 24th, 2025. One of the new construction properties will be available for immediate housing in November 2025. Some of the preferences to be considered for applicants will be to live in or work in Contra Costa County, having been involuntarily displaced, or be a veteran. Senior programs are targeted to the elderly ages 62 years of age or older to qualify and family housing being open to anyone under 62. The Housing Authority's Sign-Up Waitlist notification form may be found at its [website](#).
- Alejandra Chamberlain made a follow-up update regarding the interagency collaboration of AB 2083 that brings together agencies from Probation, Child Welfare, Behavioral Health, the County Office of Education, and the Regional Centers. The workgroup is in the process of updating the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and has been discussing intervention and preventative strategies for children in the foster care system and experiencing trauma, with housing being a key focus. Alejandra highlighted the importance on how we are looking at vulnerable populations and thinking about our children and youth who are experiencing homelessness with the intent of them not going into systems of child welfare, probation, and so forth. An email invitation from the workgroup to H3 will follow to discuss future collaboration efforts.
- Sherina Criswell shared the devastating news of the closure of Job Corps, an agency that prepares youth for job readiness, and will likely result in an increase of unhoused youth and young adults needing assistance.

B. Funding Updates

Presenter: Jamie Schechter, H3

Jamie Schechter provided an update on the re-released of HUD COC Built Notice of Funding Opportunity. In Fall 2024, the CoC submitted the Hope Solutions' Village of Hope project but was later taken down to comply with the new executive orders. H3 will put out a Letter-of-Interest announcement to seek applicants who would like to submit a project in addition to re-submitting Village of Hope project under the new NOFO requirements. The application process is fast paced with projects due by June 26th. It was also announced that the Transitional Housing for Transition Aged Youth Request for Proposal will be coming out soon. H3 has revised some of the language per federal requirements changes. The team also discussed the HUD COC collaborative application debrief, highlighting that while they didn't achieve the highest score, they still performed well with a score 3 points higher than the median score. The highest scores that were received came from the system performance measures section, particularly the Point-In-Time count. HUD did not provide a full debrief report, but Homebase has provided a document with great information, which will be shared at the Oversight Committee.



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7) New Business

A. Stakeholder Feedback: Contra Costa County Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness

Presenter: Allison Mabbs, *Focus Strategies*

Allison Mabbs, from Focus Strategies, presented on the County Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness, explaining the project's focus on improving cross-departmental collaboration to address homelessness. The plan includes the input and contribution of Brendi Velasquez, who brings the voice of lived expertise as a consultant. Brendi introduced herself and shared her vast experience and the work she does in the community. The presentation included the project purpose and background, objective, the Home Regional Action Plan, timeline, and purpose of input sessions and interviews. A variety of engagement opportunities for feedback have taken place, from input sessions, key informant interviews, to written comments. Anyone with questions may contact Allison Mabbs directly at allison@focusstrategies.net.

B. Stakeholder Feedback: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6 and Behavioral Health Services

Presenter: Jamie Schechter, *H3*

Jamie Schechter presented an overview of the HHAP 6 Action Plan, emphasizing the need for public input sessions and coordination between various county departments and behavioral health services. The Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant is funded from the State of California's Housing Community Development Department, and its main so focus is to sustain investments towards long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services as well as to prioritize permanent housing solutions. The application due date is August 29, 2025. The application components are regional partners roles and responsibilities, system performance measures improvement plan, funding plans to sustain interim housing and permanent housing, and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the CoC. A new section on the HHAP-6 application is to address policies for addressing encampments.

Adam Down, Program Manager for Behavioral Health Housing Service Housing and Support Services Administration, gave a brief account on the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) and its implementation in Contra Costa County as part of a larger behavioral health transformation initiative. The act will allocate significant funding for housing interventions and behavioral health services, which will take effect in July 2026. Its goals include improving access to care, increasing accountability and, allocating significant funding for



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housing interventions and behavioral health services. The funding allocation for BHSA is described with 90% going to counties and 10% to the state. The county's portion is divided into housing interventions (30%), full-service partnership programs (35%), and behavioral health services and supports (35%). Adam explained the need to gather feedback from stakeholders and incorporate new regulations into their integrated plan. The group discussion focused on challenges in accessing housing for individuals with behavioral health needs and the importance of improving cross-departmental collaboration to address homelessness. Challenges include access to housing for individuals with severe mental health and substance use, particularly for high-need populations like homeless individuals, transition-age youth, and women with children. They recognized the existing gaps in services, including the lack of residential drug treatment programs and the need for better integration of housing and mental health services. It was emphasized the importance of preventative work with children. In terms of helping unsheltered people affected from encampment sweeps, H3 has a new housing site called Rick Doug Commons to house people from coordinated entry referrals. To learn more about how to connect to behavioral health services in Contra Costa, please visit the Contra Costa Health's [website](#). To read about previous funding awarded to Contra Costa County, please visit the Contra Costa Health/Newsroom section [here](#).

8) General Announcements

A. General Announcements:

Presenter: All members and members of the public.

- None

9) Pin It

Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

- The next COH meeting will be on July 10th, from 1:00 – 3:00pm at 1025 Escobar Street in Martinez.
- A list of upcoming meetings was shared and will also be sent via email. Calendar meeting invites to all committee meetings will be sent out to COH Council members based on the committees for which they signed up.



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Commonly Used Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
BIPOC	Black and Indigenous People of Color
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DCD	(Contra Costa County) Department of Conservation and Development
DOC	Department Operations Center
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA/NOFO	Notice of Funding Availability/ Notice of Funding Opportunity
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
PWLE	People With Lived Experience of Homelessness
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income



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SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 18-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

Report for the July 10, 2025 Council on Homelessness Meeting

INTRODUCTION

The Council on Homelessness staff report is to inform the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness of the status of projects happening within the Continuum of Care. The report was created to create space on Council on Homelessness meeting agendas for discussion on important issues, to share more information in a digestible format, to make it easier for Council on Homelessness members to review and track ongoing content, and to increase transparency about the work happening within the Continuum of Care. The Council on Homelessness guides the content included in the staff report.

PROJECTS

Project: Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS) and Homeless Collaborative

There are no updates at this time.

Technical Assistance (TA) Updates:

There are no updates at this time.

COMMITTEES

Equity Committee

- The Equity Committee Work Group met on Wednesday, June 10, 2025. They received demographic data from the Client Satisfaction survey, learned about Eviction, further revised the Equity Dashboard and provided input on Committee Training needs. The Committee will next meet on August 12th.



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Funding Committee

- The purpose of the Funding Committee is to direct the community input process for several time-sensitive federal and state funding streams, including updating materials and preparing for the bi-annual Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO) competition.
- The committee may convene later in 2025.

Governance Committee

- The purpose of the Governance Committee is to review and revise the [Governance Charter and Bylaws](#) to increase efficiency and impact in the Council on Homelessness. The Governance Committee Work Group met in March to discuss recommended revisions to the council bylaws.
- The committee met on March 25 to finalize proposed revisions to the Council Governance Charter and Bylaws. County Counsel will then review the proposed revisions before it goes to the Council on Homelessness for consideration and approval at a future meeting.

Homelessness Awareness Month Committee

- The purpose of the Homelessness Awareness Month Committee is to plan the activities and events in November (and December)
- The Committee Work Group met on July 25th and reviewed past activities and materials and began to prioritize possible items for 2025. At the next meeting, the group will begin to finalize recommendations to come to the Council for events/activities.
- The group decided to meet the 4th Wednesday of the month from 2 pm – 4pm. The next meeting will be August 27th.

Nominating Committee

- The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to review and revise the process to recruit and select new Council members.
- The Committee will meet on Monday August 4th and Monday August 18th.

Oversight Committee



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- The purpose of the Oversight Committee is to review and assess the development, implementation, and improvement of: CoC, Coordinated Entry System, HMIS database, and System Outcomes.
- The next meeting will be on August 21st, 11:30am - 1pm. It will be virtual only. Use this link to register: <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/9201111111>

Plan to Accelerate Transformative Housing Innovations Committee

In June 2025, the PATH Innovations Committee held a working group meeting. The group received an update on the new prevention screening tool, which will be piloted for use in the Coordinated Entry system. The group also received a presentation on services available to households experiencing or at risk of homelessness through the Housing Deposit portion of CalAim Community Supports. The group also discussed adjusting the frequency and structure of PATH Committee meetings in the future to better align with the schedules of other COH subcommittees.

OTHER

Quarterly Report

The Q2 report will be presented to the Family and Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors at their August 11th meeting.

COH Member Report Backs

Nicole Green reports out about:

- **Music Therapy Creative Workshop:** For youth ages 12-18 on July 12 from 11am-1pm at Black Diamond High in Pittsburg, CA.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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Staff Report

File #: 25-2790

Agenda Date: 7/10/2025

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Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Update: 2025 Point-In-Time Count

Presenter: Yessenia Aguilar and Janel Fletcher, H3

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Contra Costa County

2025 HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

The 2025 PIT Count methodology followed the Housing and Urban Development's guidelines for a "night of" observational count followed by a random sample survey to gather demographic data and homeless experience.



2,118

people experiencing homelessness on a given night in Contra Costa County

The 2025 PIT Count identified

725

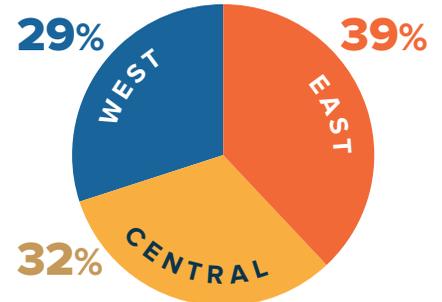
fewer people experiencing homelessness

on a given night compared to 2024.

26%

decrease from 2024

2025 UNSHELTERED OBSERVATIONS



WEST COUNTY	2024	2025
Crockett	21	3
El Cerrito	11	21
North Richmond	5	16
Pinole	7	12
Richmond	388	208
Rodeo	29	17
San Pablo	35	13
Total	• 502	• 297

41% decrease from 2024

CENTRAL COUNTY	2024	2025
Concord	173	131
Martinez	158	63
Pacheco	28	10
Pleasant Hill	42	32
San Ramon	10	8
Walnut Creek	64	50
Total	• 485	• 321

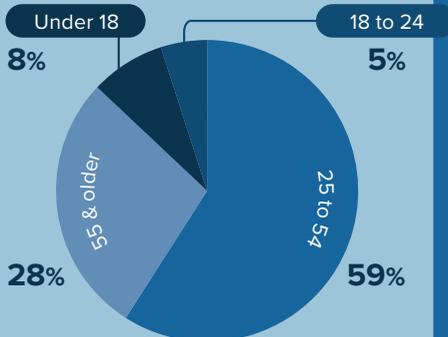
33% decrease from 2024

EAST COUNTY	2024	2025
Antioch	413	246
Bay Point	51	31
Brentwood	30	5
Oakley	35	25
Pittsburg	110	73
Total	• 646	• 388

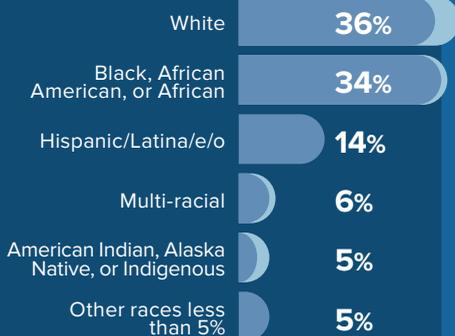
41% decrease from 2024

• Totals include cities where fewer than five unsheltered individuals were observed. Figures represent raw city-level counts.

AGE



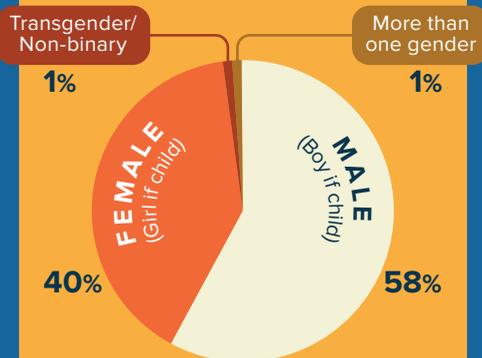
RACE



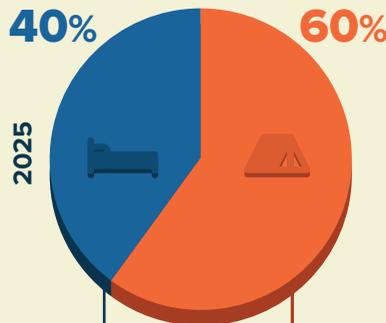
Race %

% Also reported Hispanic/Latina/e/o/x

GENDER



IN SHELTER BEDS & UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS



In shelter beds

Unsheltered

2025

840

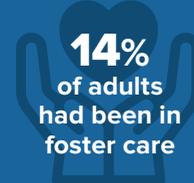
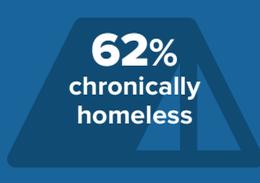
1,278

2024

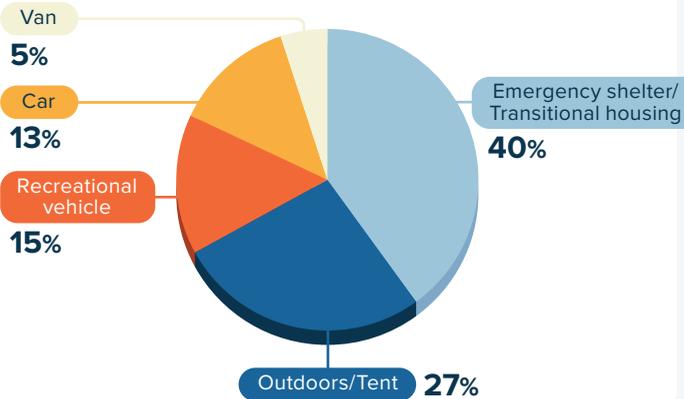
884

1,959

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



SLEEP SETTINGS ON THE NIGHT OF THE COUNT



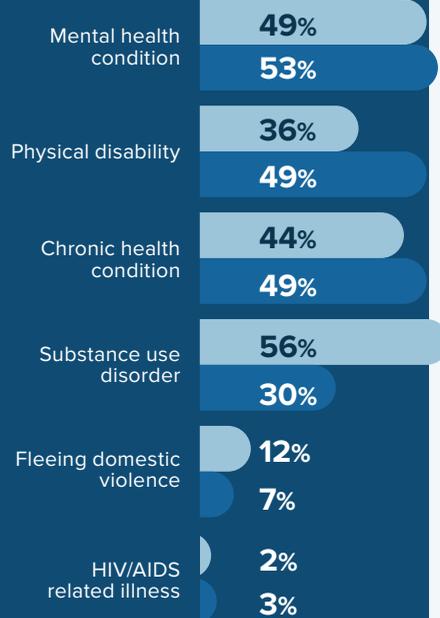
TEMPORARY & PERMANENT HOUSING BEDS

34% Increase in temporary and permanent housing beds over two years

	2023	2025
Emergency shelter	665	817
Transitional housing	275	291
Rapid rehousing	294	572
Permanent supportive housing	1,325	1,629
Other permanent housing	274	478

SELF REPORTED HEALTH CONDITIONS FROM SURVEY DATA

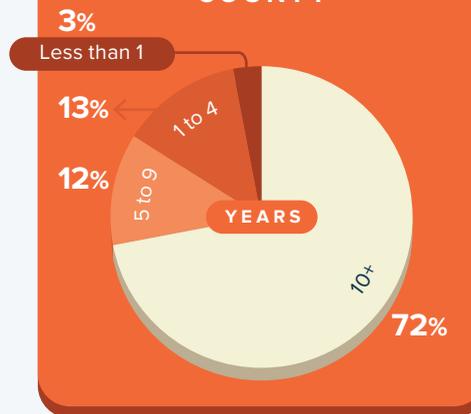
86% of households had at least one member with a disabling condition



Unsheltered households Sheltered households (HMIS participating only)

Multiple response question, results do not add up to 100%

YEARS OF RESIDENCY IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY



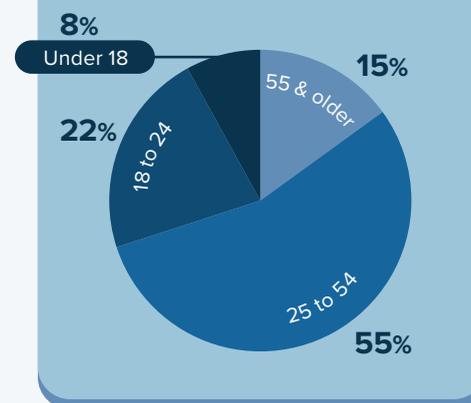
DISPLACEMENT EXPERIENCE

In the past year, did police or city workers make you move from where you were staying? **63% YES**

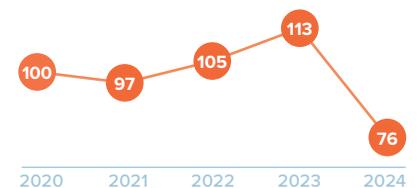
When you had to move, did you lose any belongings or did officials take them? **75% YES**

Were you offered services when you were required to move? **54% YES**

AGE FIRST EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS



TOTAL DEATHS RECORDED BY CORONER FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



Note: Death totals reflect data from the full calendar year.

Along with a decrease in homelessness, there were also fewer deaths among people experiencing homelessness.