



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

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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

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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

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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 Schechter, 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*

**STU212 MUSIC THERAPY, COPING & CREATIVITY
&
FIRST PAGE NEW CHAPTER TUTORING**

MUSIC THERAPY

CREATIVE
WORKSHOP



**JULY
12TH
11-1:00PM**

**AUG
2ND
11-2:00PM**

FREE!

RSVP



SCAN HERE



@STU212MUSIC

**YOUTH
12-18**



JEREMY PHILLIPS

**BLACK
DIAMOND HIGH**

**1131 STONEMAN
PITTSBURG, CA**

Youth will have the opportunity to develop self-expression skills in a supportive, judgment-free environment through the use of music.

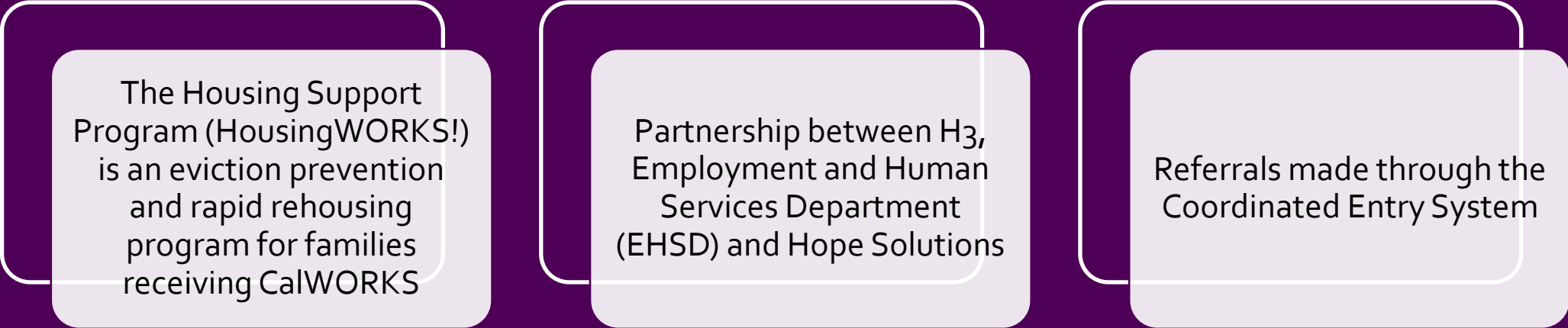
**POETRY | FUN
ACTIVITIES | RECORD**

RSVP ON WWW.FIRSTPAGECHAPTER.NET

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

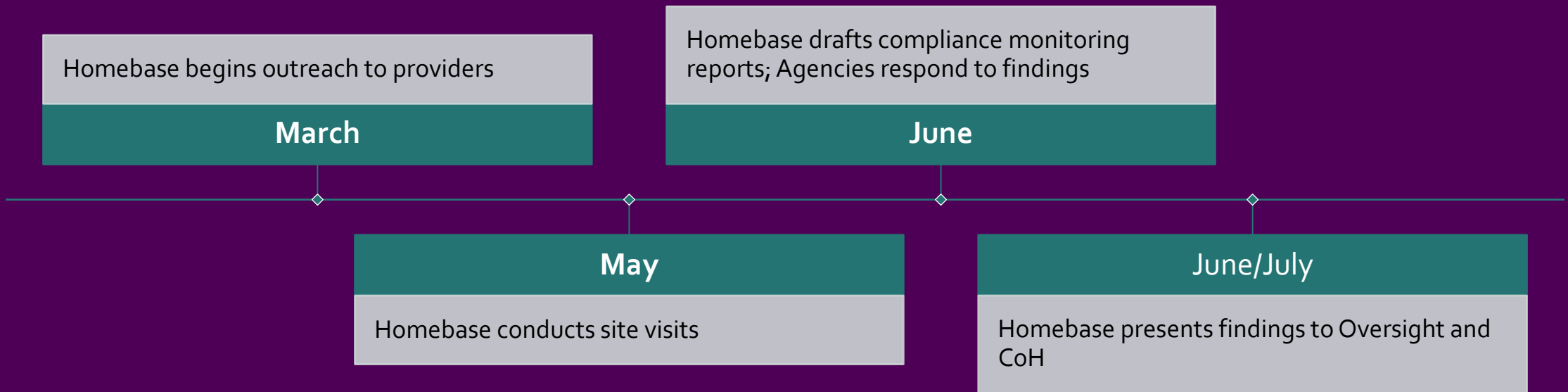
GENERAL APPROACH TO MONITORING

- 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 Schecter, *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).

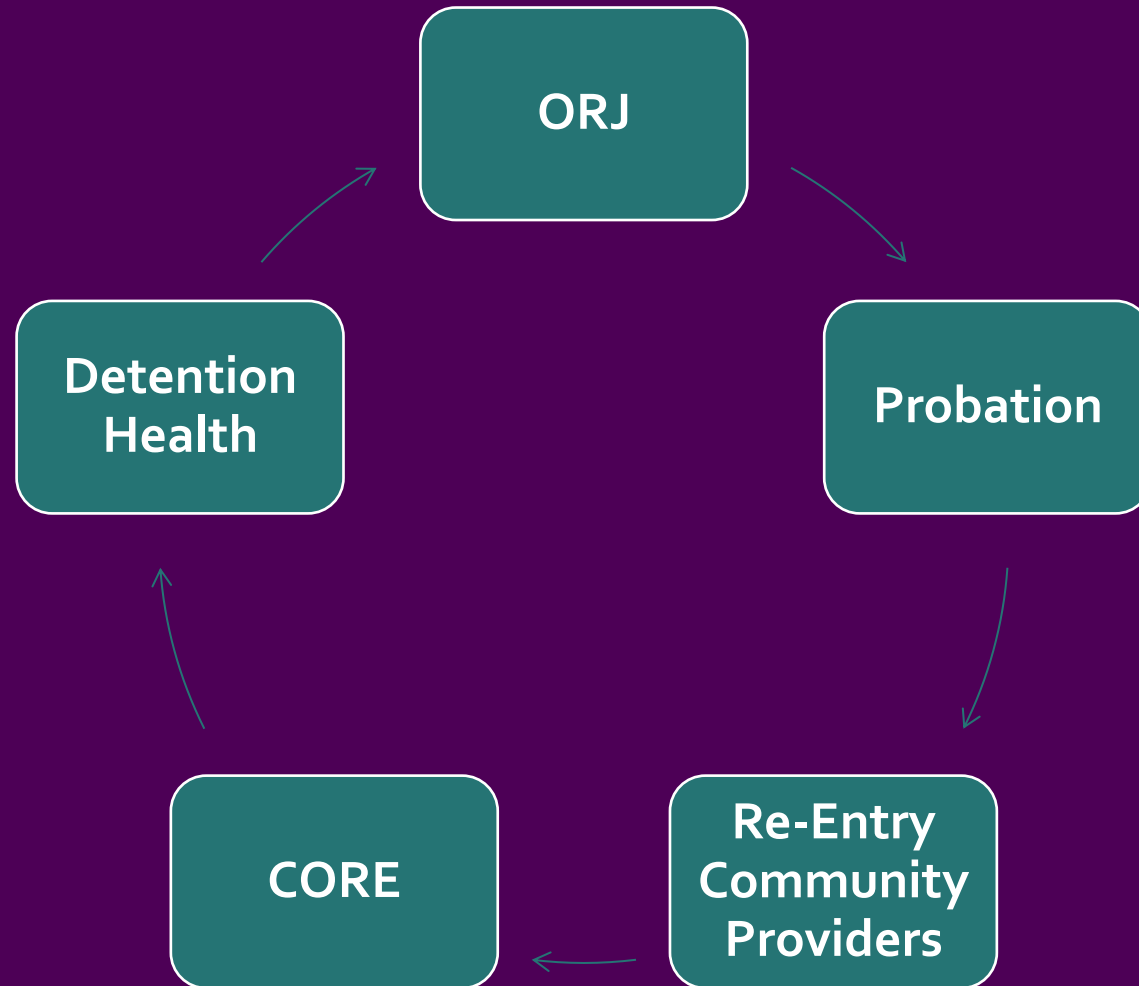


The PPC brings recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors.

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**

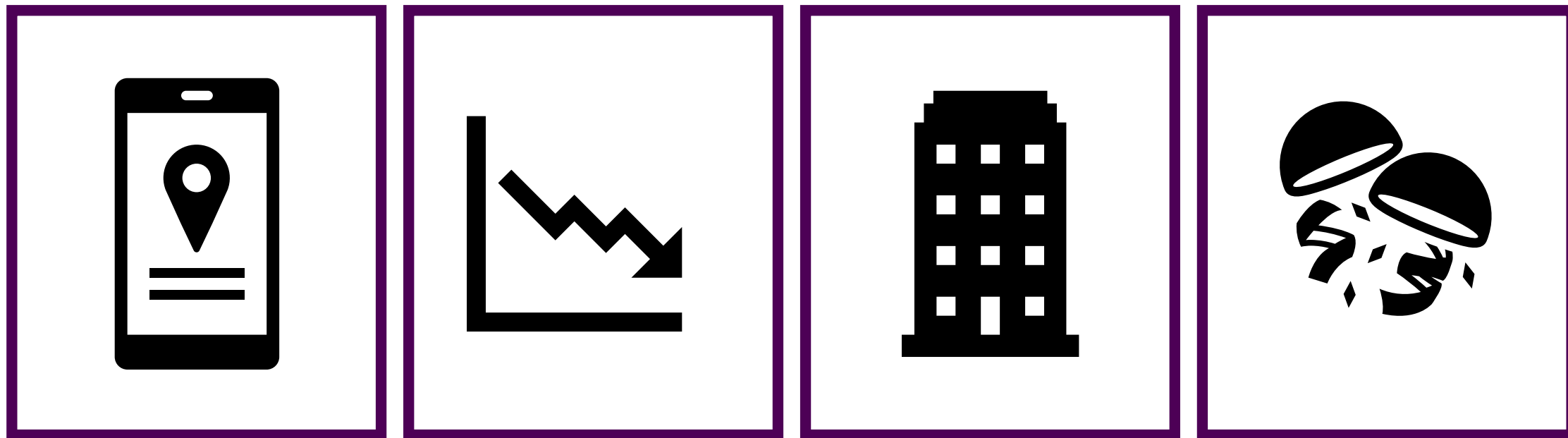
UPDATE: 2025 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

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.

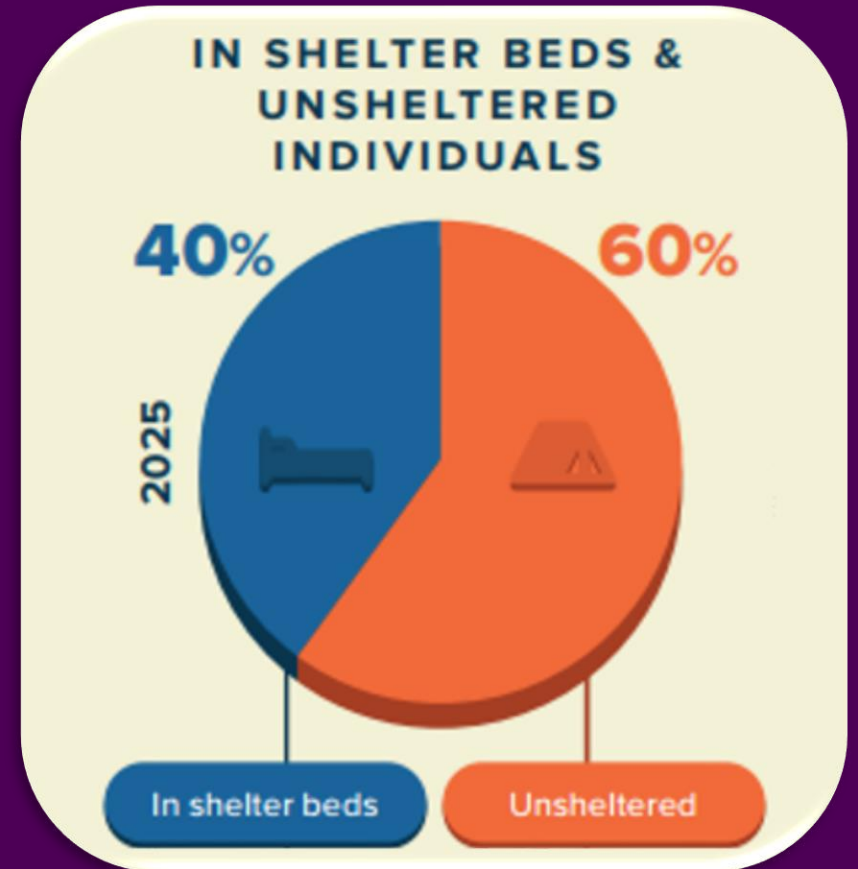


THERE IS A 26% DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON A GIVEN NIGHT IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY(2025)

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

TEMPORARY & PERMANENT HOUSING BEDS



Increase in temporary and permanent housing beds over two years

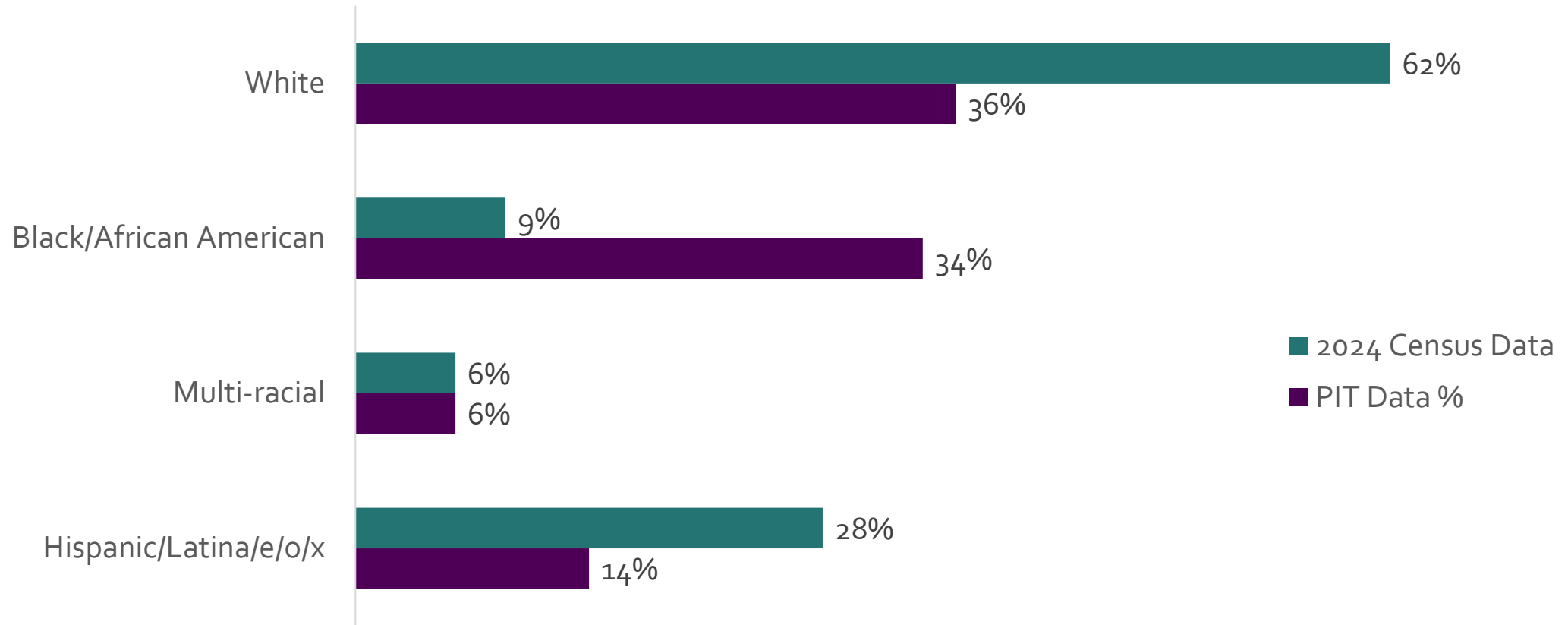
	2023	2025
Emergency shelter	665	817
Transitional housing	275	291
Rapid rehousing	294	572
Permanent supportive housing	1,325	1,629
Other permanent housing	274	478

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.

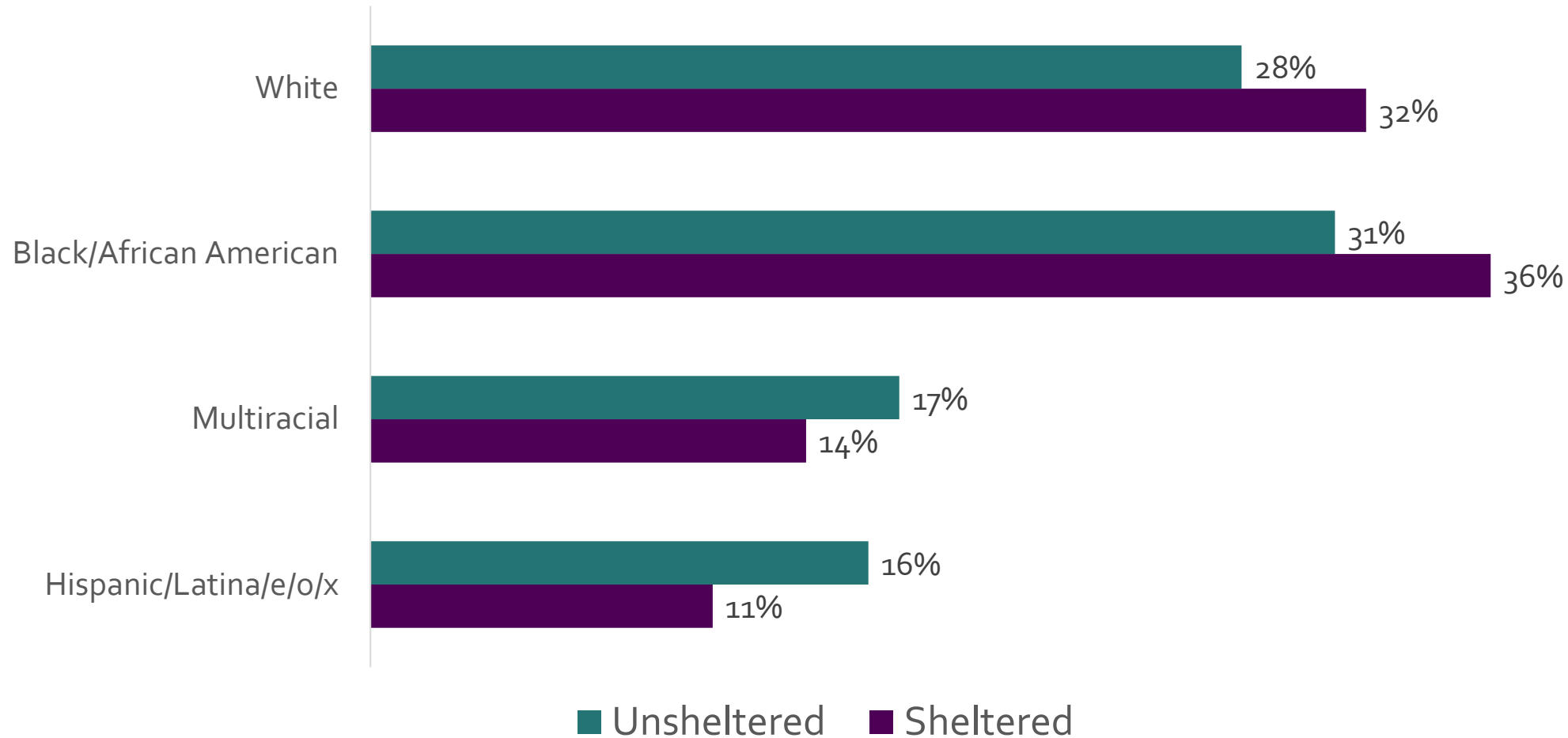
[2025 HIC and PIT Count: Data Submission Guidance](#)

RACE – 2025 PIT AND 2024 CENSUS



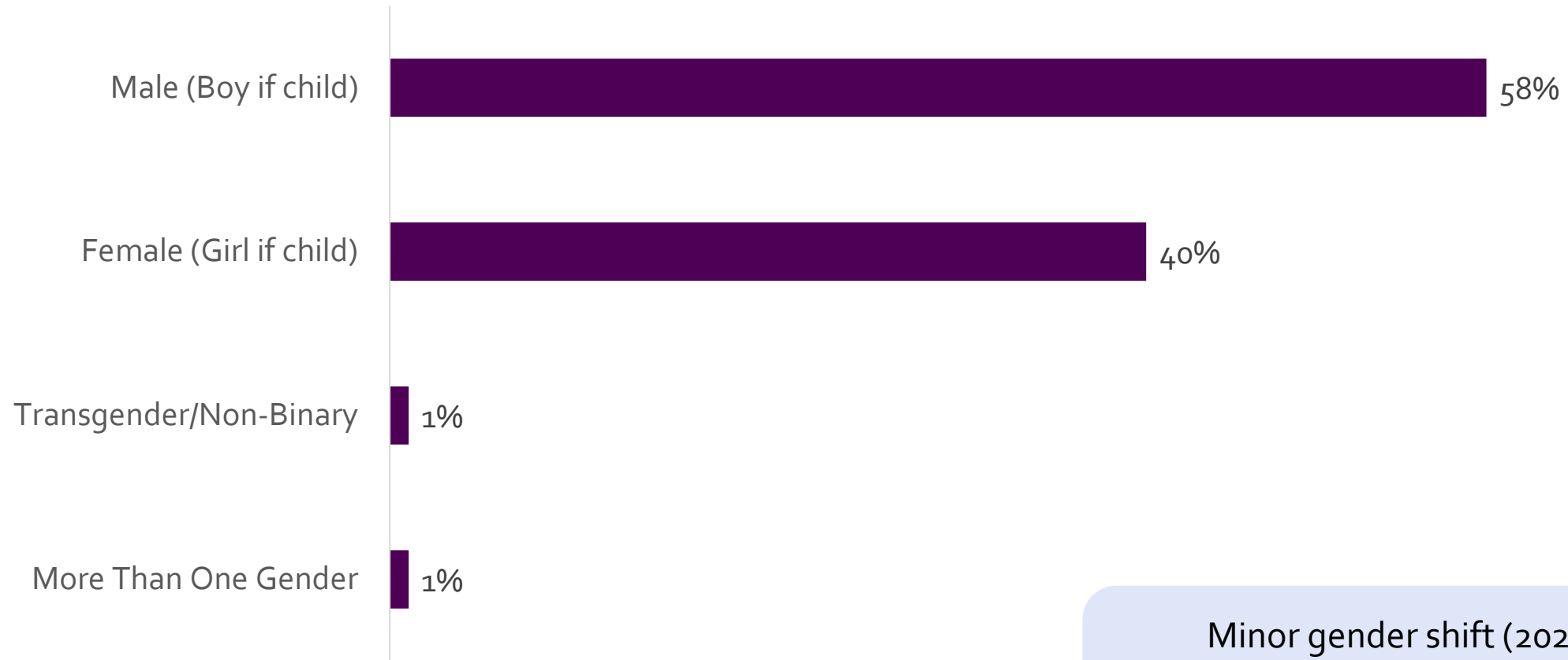
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RACE – 2025 SHELTERED VS UNSHELTERED PIT



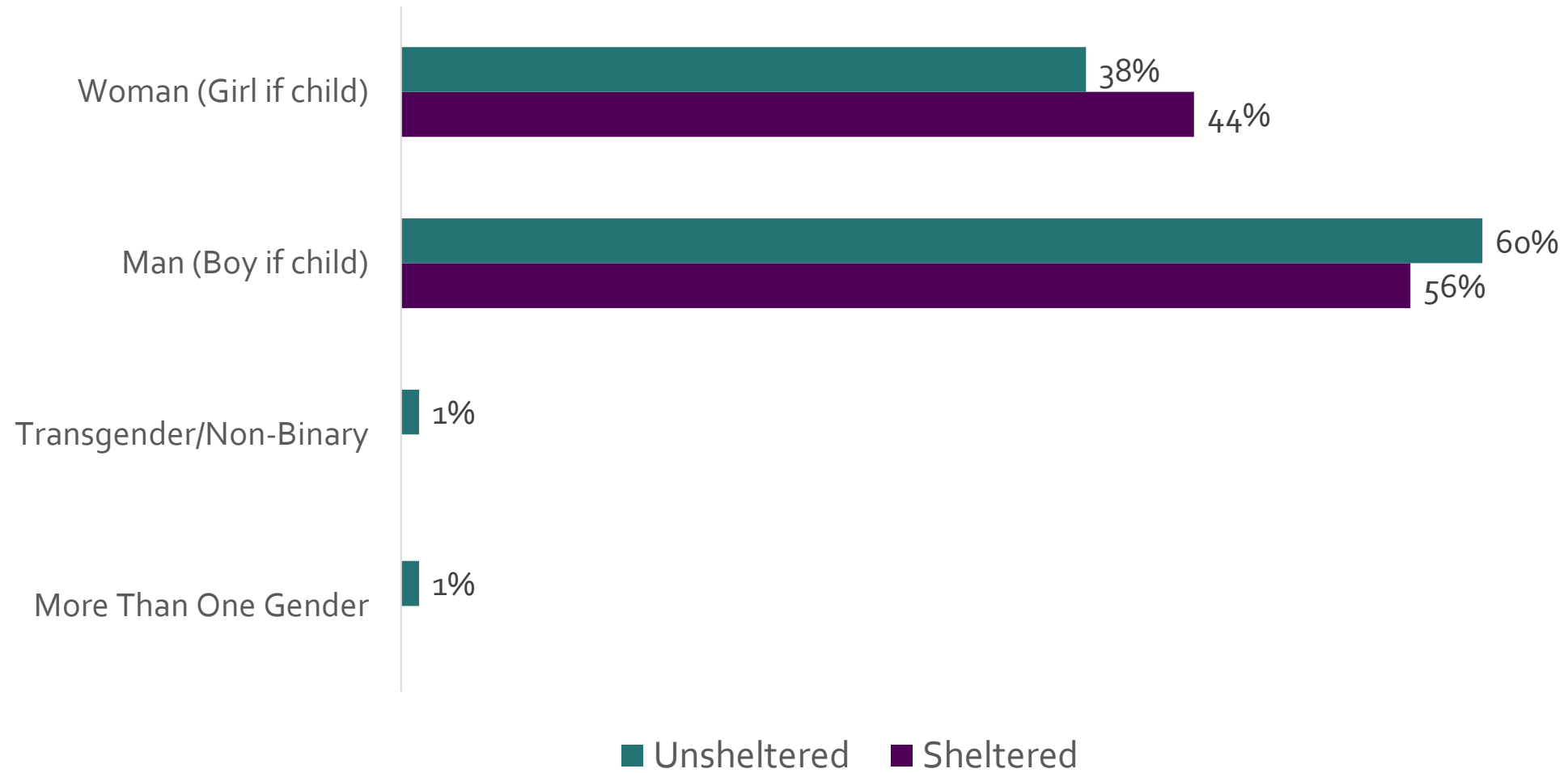
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GENDER – 2025 PIT

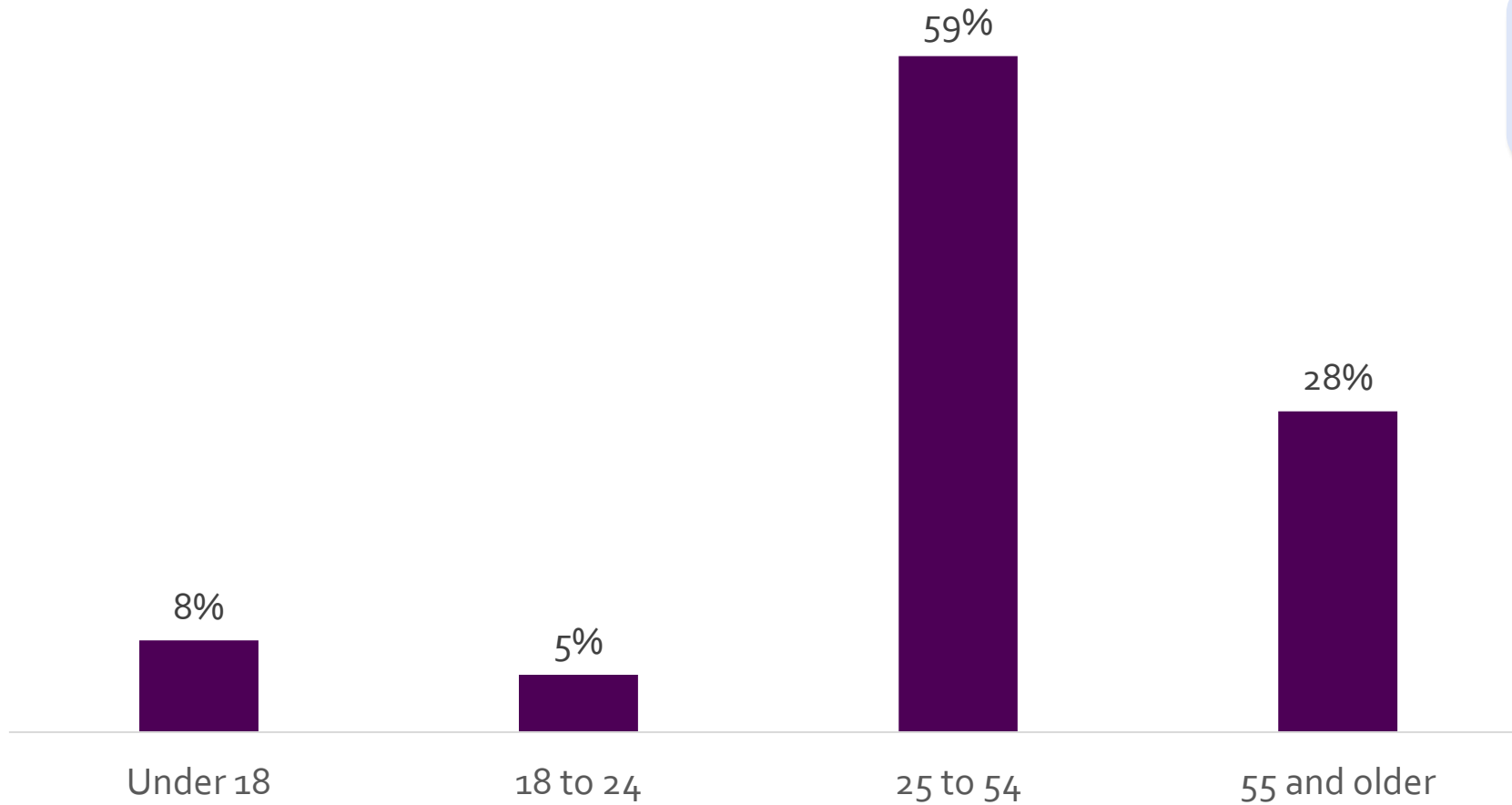


Minor gender shift (2023–25 PIT):
Slight increase in females, & slight decrease in
males over the past three years

GENDER – 2025 SHELTERED VS UNSHELTERED PIT



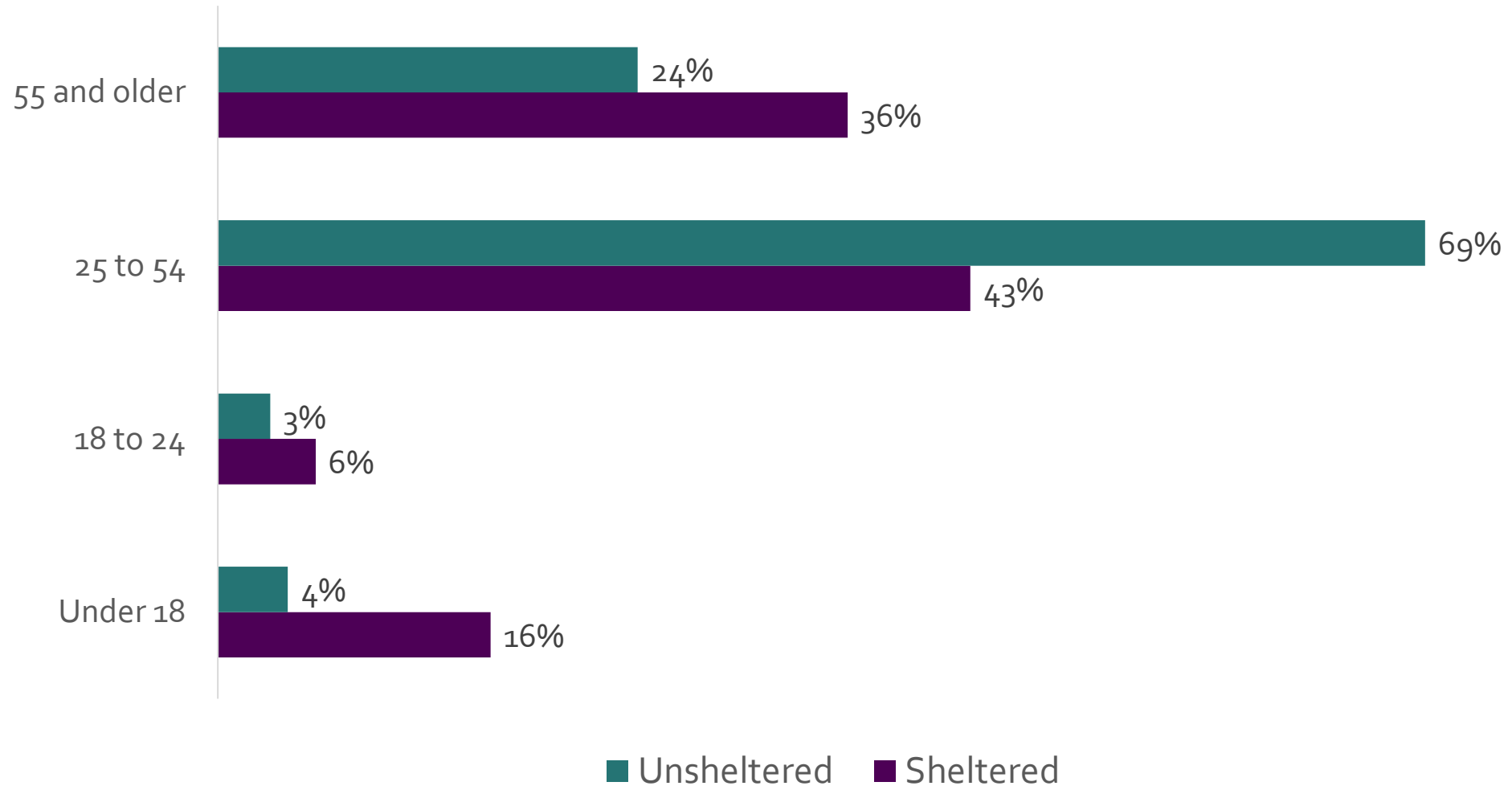
AGE – 2025 PIT



Overall, age distribution remained stable compared to 2024 PIT Count

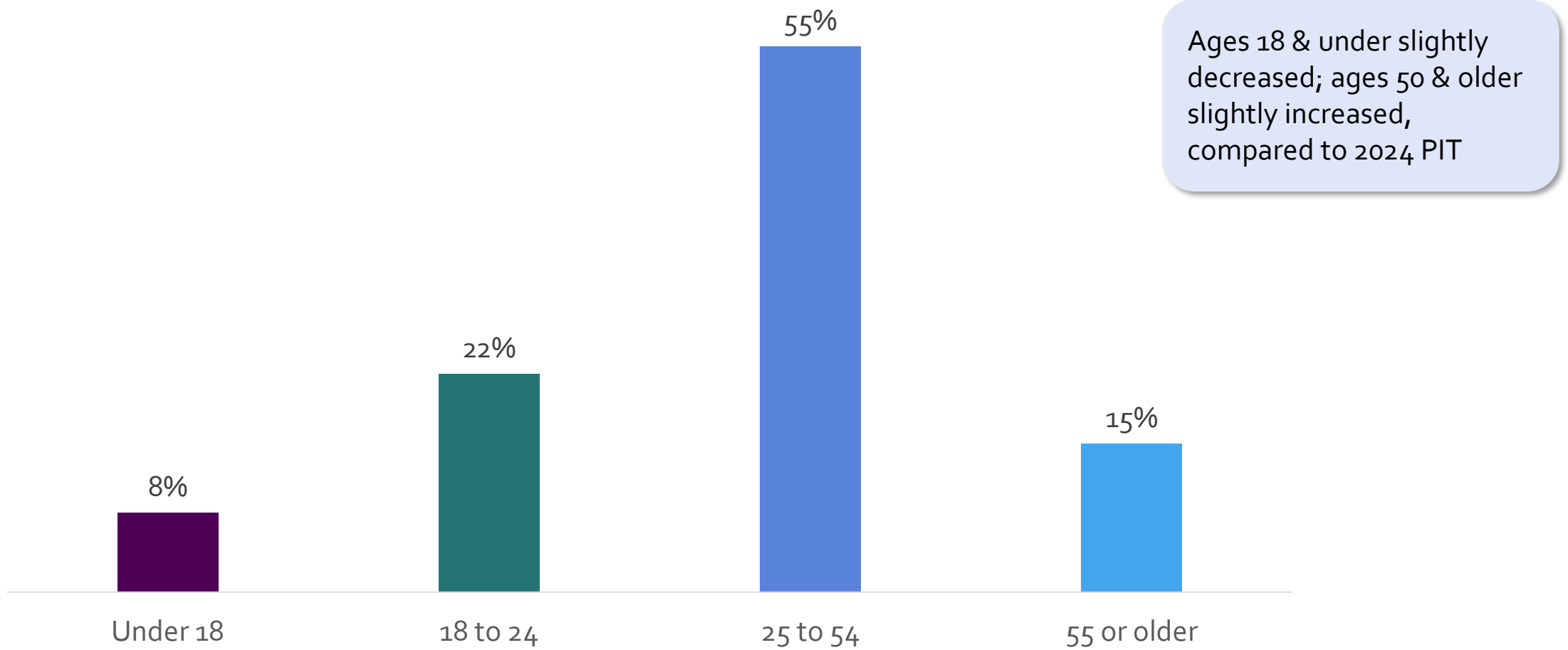
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AGE – SHELTERED VS UNSHELTERED PIT



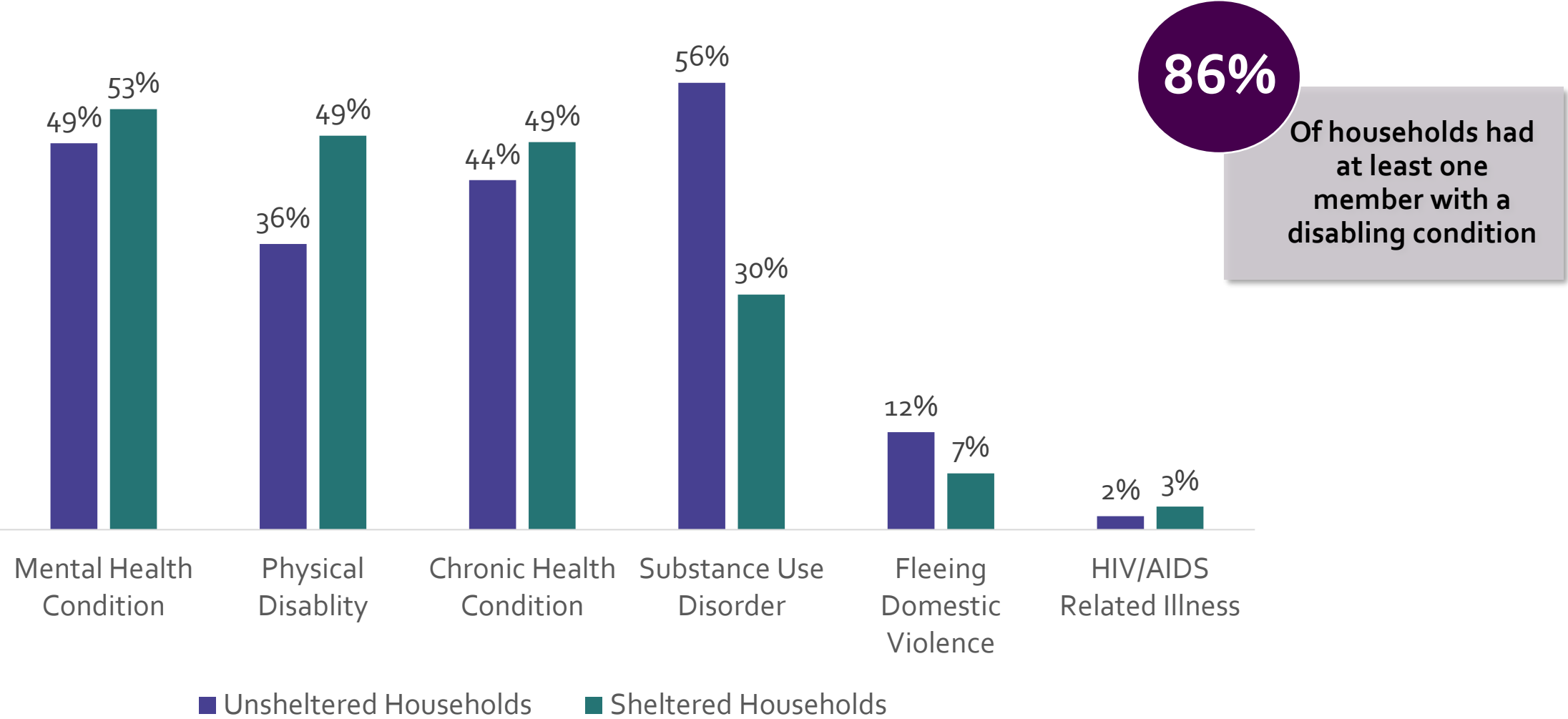
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AGE – FIRST EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS 2025 PIT SURVEY



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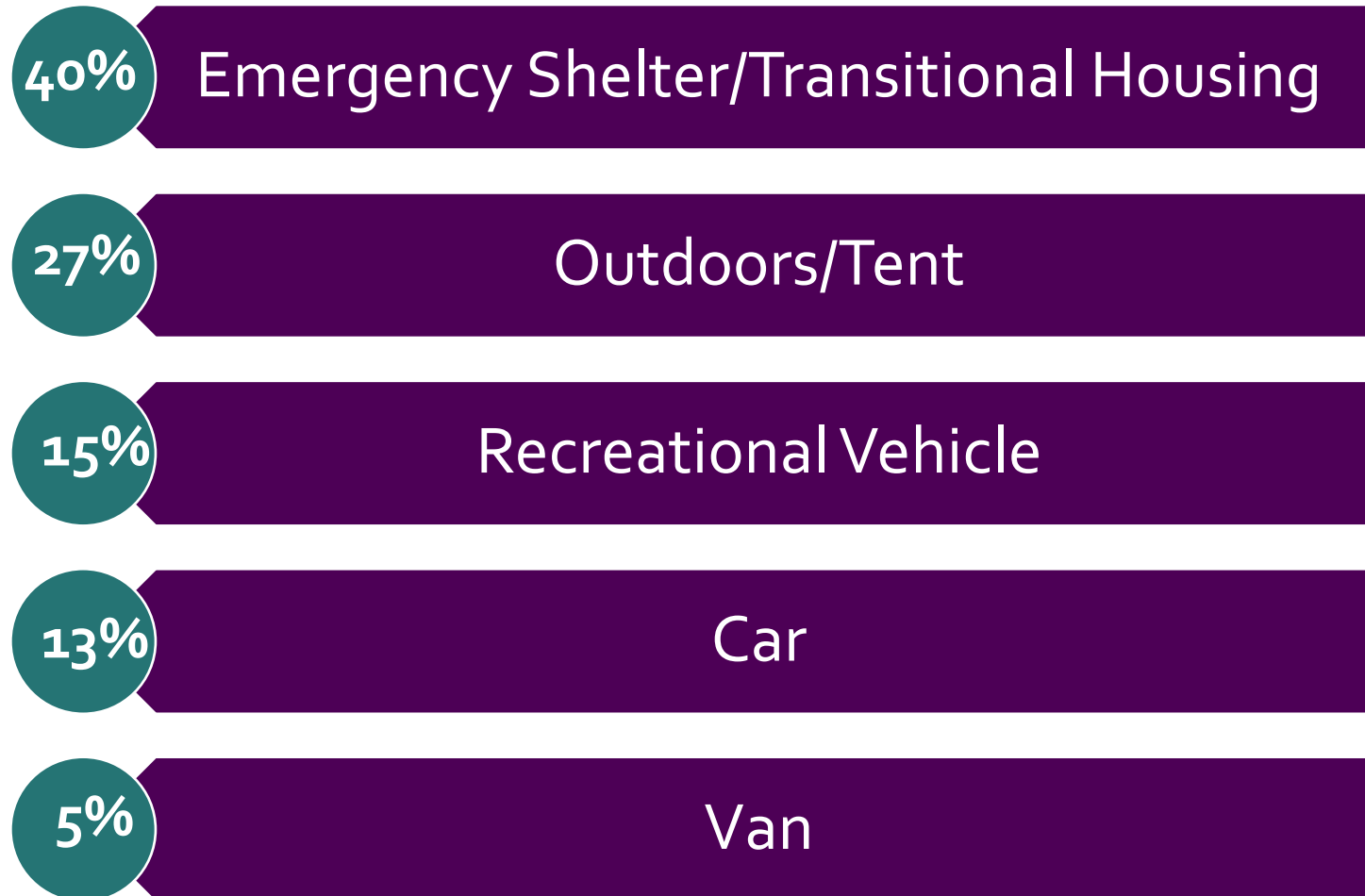
HEALTH CONDITIONS – SHELTERED VS UNSHELTERED 2025 PIT



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?

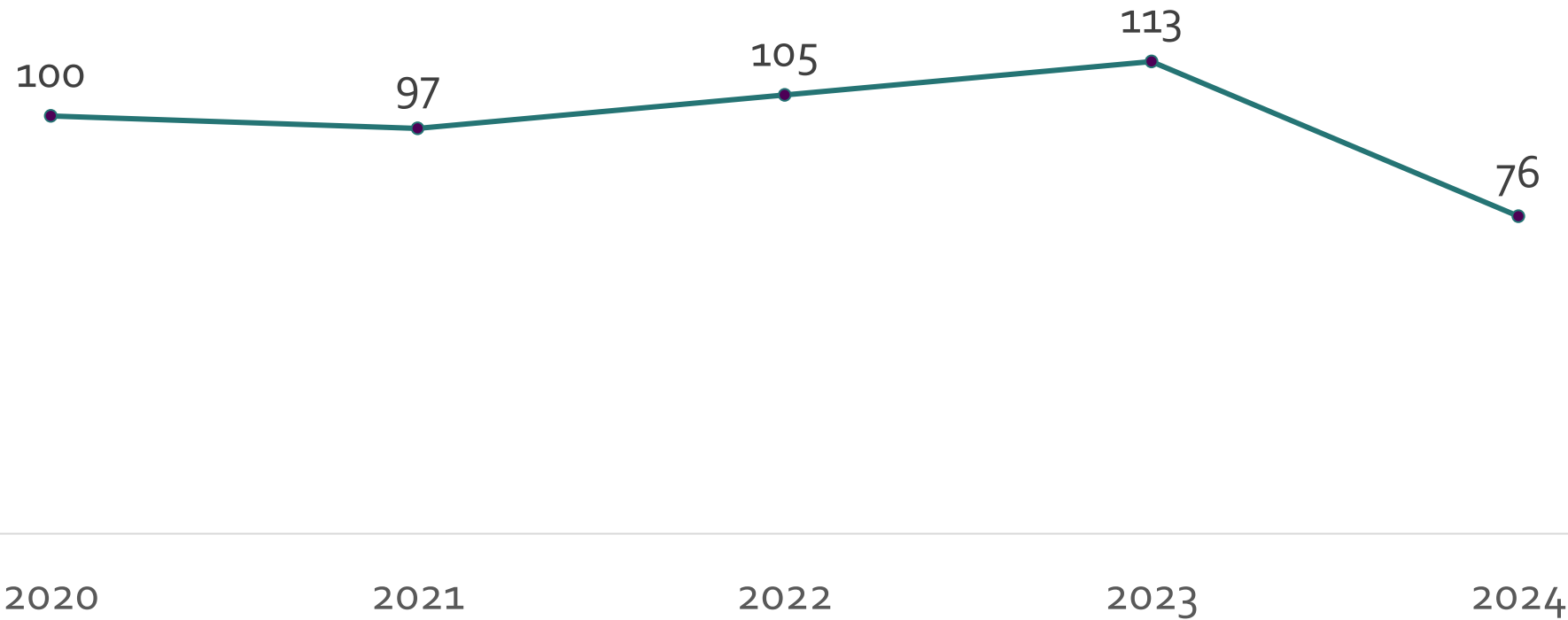
75%
Yes

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)