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## **2016 Annual Snapshot of the State of Homelessness in Harford County**

# Overview

- Point-In-Time Data (PIT)
- Freezing Weather Activation
- Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR)



\*all data has been compiled using Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), real-time participant surveys and shelter surveys and reports

# What Is a Point-In-Time (PIT) Count?

An enumeration of unsheltered and sheltered persons experiencing homelessness on one night during the last 10 days of the calendar month of January in our geographical area

It is important to note that the PIT count only identifies a subset of individuals and families that meet HUD's definition of homeless. As such, the PIT count does not capture everybody who is eligible for homeless assistance through HUD or other homeless assistance funding sources.

# Who Is Counted?

Individuals and families who are:

- Living on the street, in tents, cars, abandoned buildings
  - Emergency shelters
  - Transitional housing
  - Fleeing domestic violence/DV shelter
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- HUD also requires enumeration/estimation of certain key subpopulations: seriously mentally ill, chronic substance abusers, veterans, persons with HIV/AIDS, unaccompanied youth



# Why conduct a count?

- Required by the US Dept. of Housing and Community Development (HUD) for all jurisdictions receiving federal funding
- Directs CoC planning to end homelessness
- Demonstrates a need for resources in our Continuum of Care application
- Raises public awareness
- Accurately measures and identifies the needs of the population
- Measures performance in eliminating homelessness

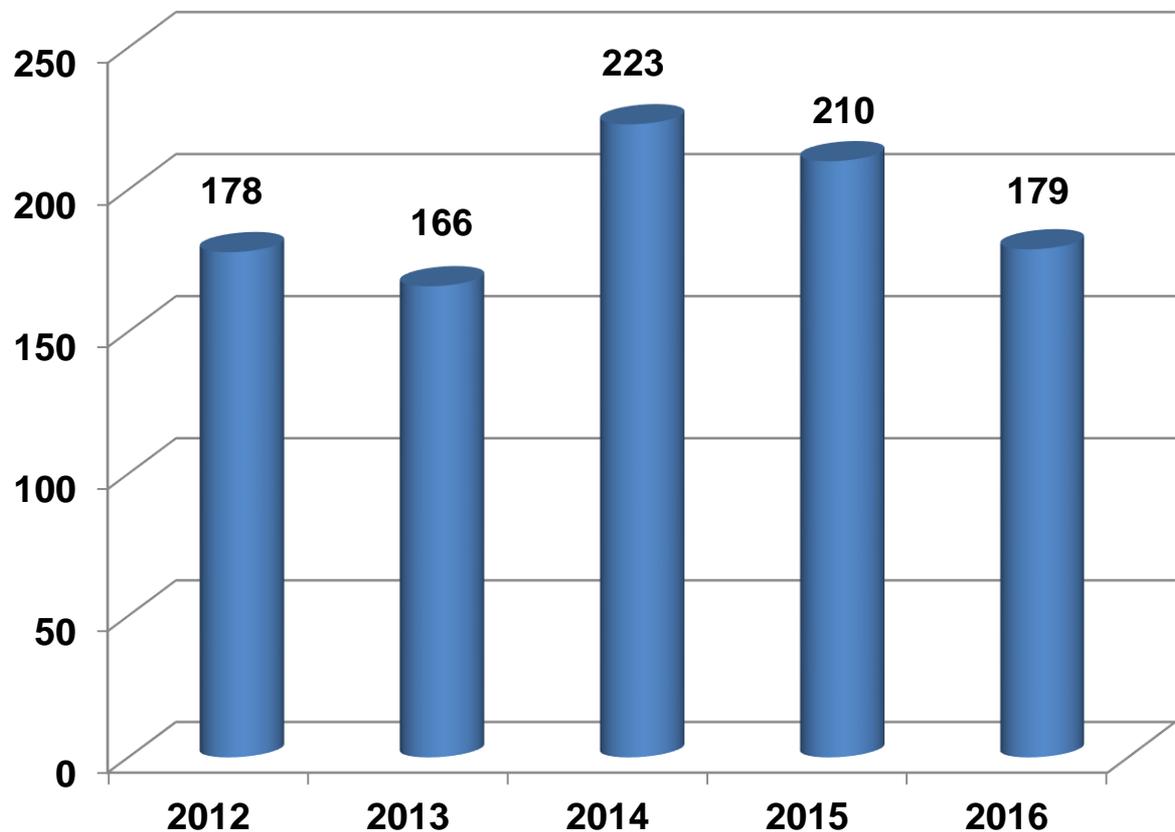
# RESULTS



## Possible reasons for decline

1. Success of Coordinated Access
2. Reduction in motel placements
3. Not all beds were full on the night of the count
4. CoC is utilizing eviction prevention resources

## Total Count of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness by Year



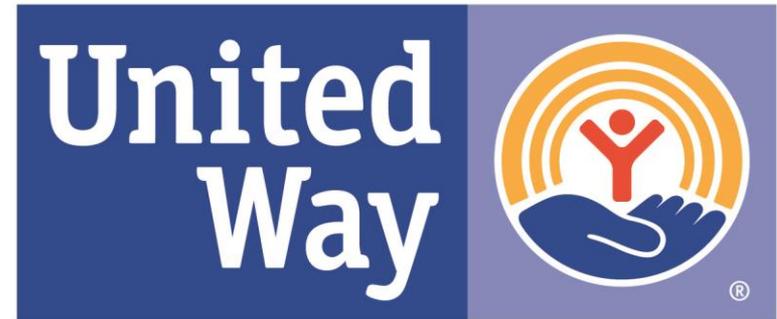
# Breakdown By Program

<b>Program</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Total</b>
Welcome One Emergency Shelter	28	0	28
HCAA Winter Motel Vouchers	5	3	8
Answered Prayers Winter Shelter	30	0	30
Harford Family House Emergency Shelter	5	10	15
SARC Emergency Shelter	11	4	15
FCCAU Transitional Housing	4	0	4
Harford Family House Transitional	14	29	43
Harmony House	4	0	0
Homecoming Project	6	0	6
Anna's House Transitional	8	8	16
Project Homeless Connect	4	0	4
Street Outreach	6	0	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	125	54	179

# Project Homeless Connect

- 440 individuals served
  - 90 haircuts
  - 99 photo ID's
  - 137 birth certificates
  - 100 cell phones
  - 57 pairs of glasses
- Over 200 volunteers
- 5 Shuttle locations

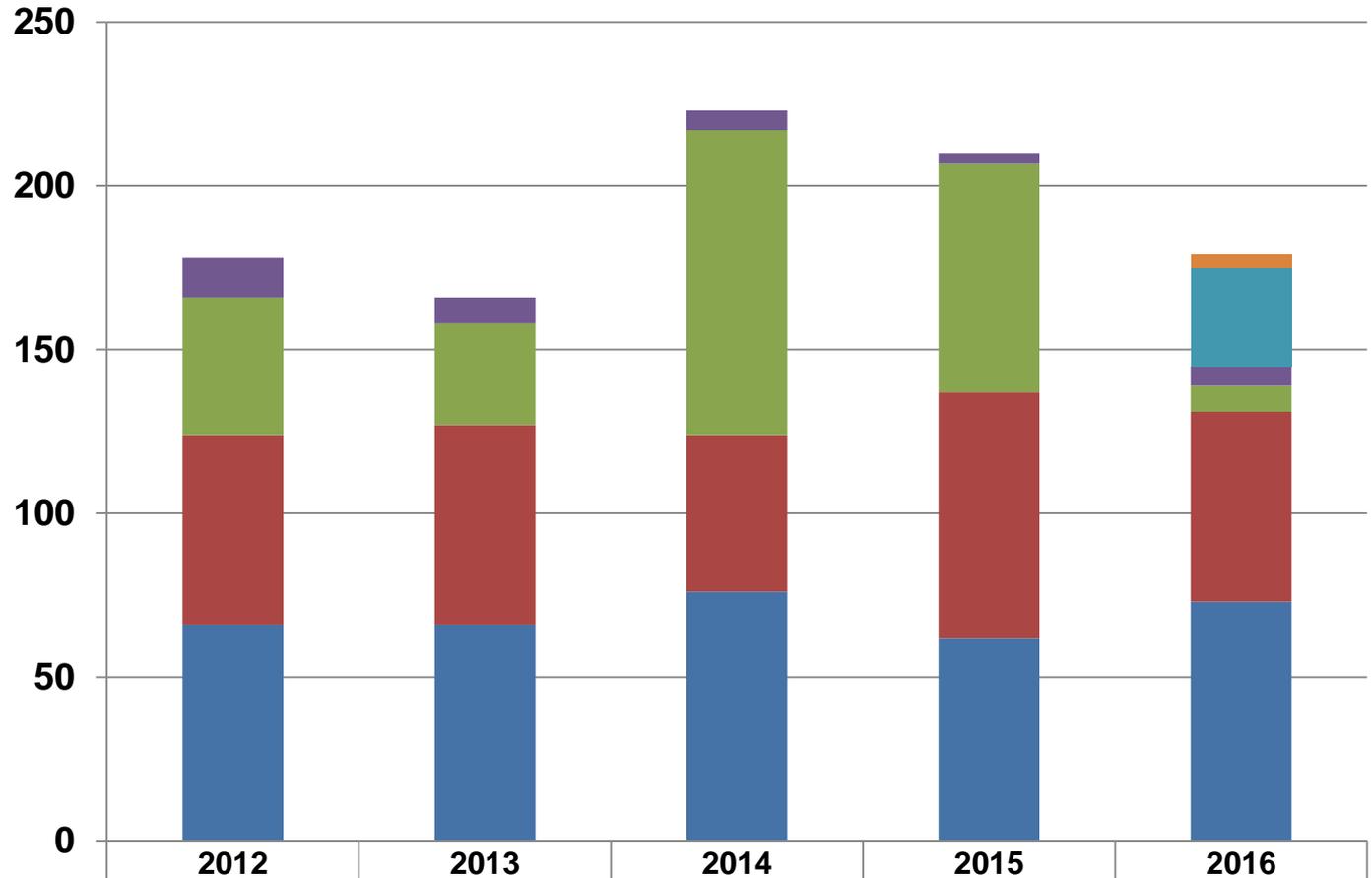
**LIVE UNITED**



**United Way  
of Central Maryland**

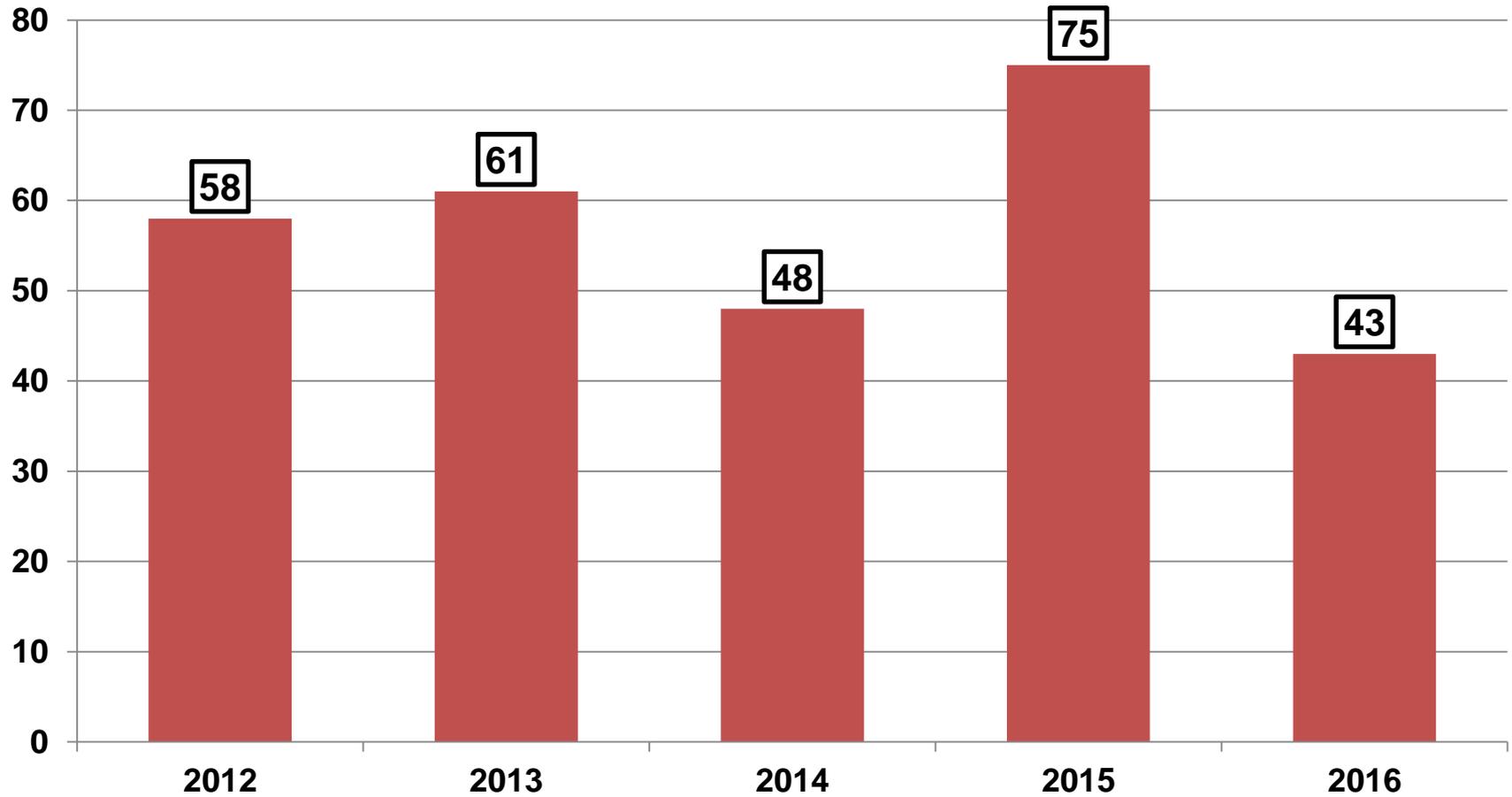
- **Additional 4 individuals were found to be living on the streets that would have been missed if not for this event**

## Location at Time of PIT Count

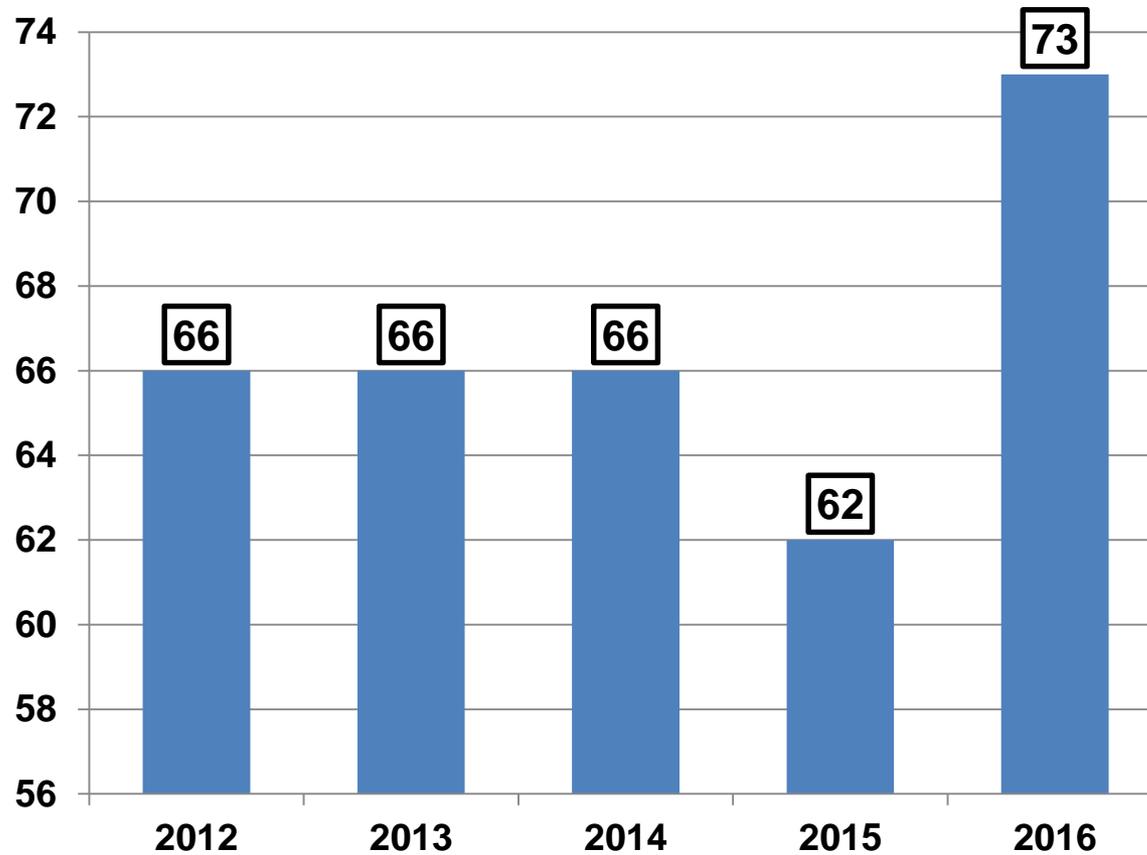


<b>Project Homeless Connect</b>					<b>4</b>
<b>Answered Prayers Shelter</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Street</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Motels</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Transitional Housing</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>73</b>

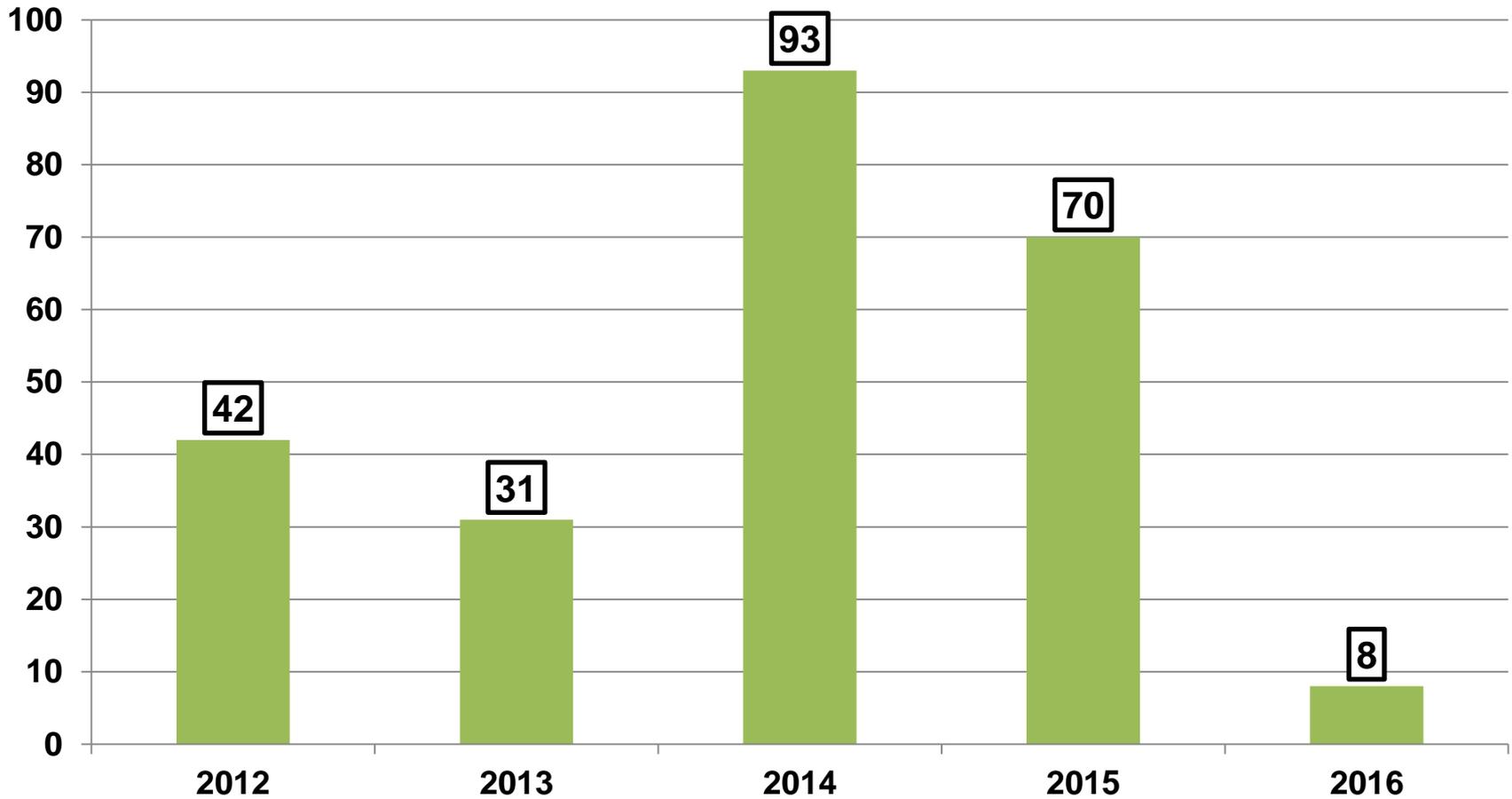
## # of Individuals in Emergency Shelter by Year



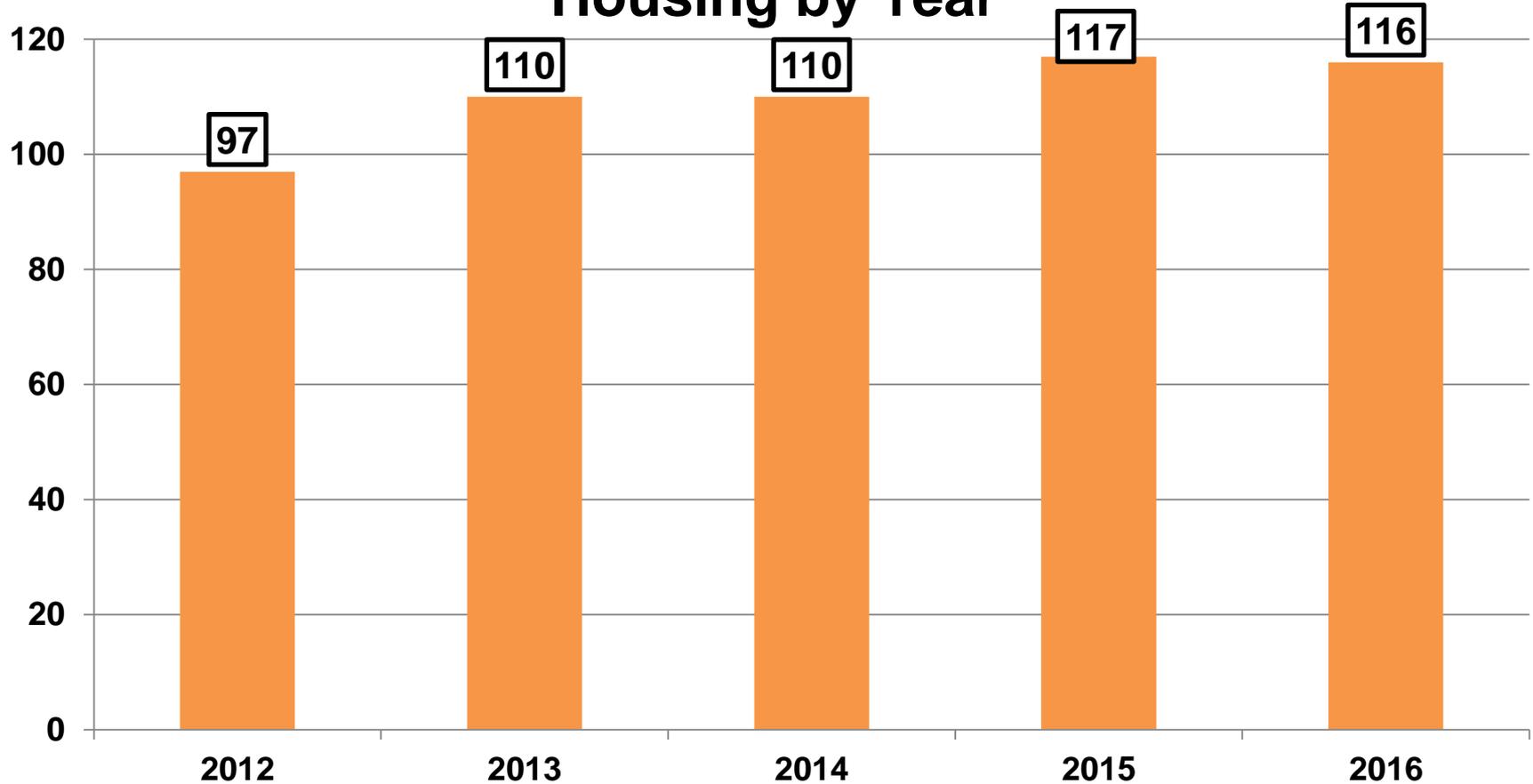
## # of Individuals in Transitional Housing by Year



## # of Individuals in Motels by Year



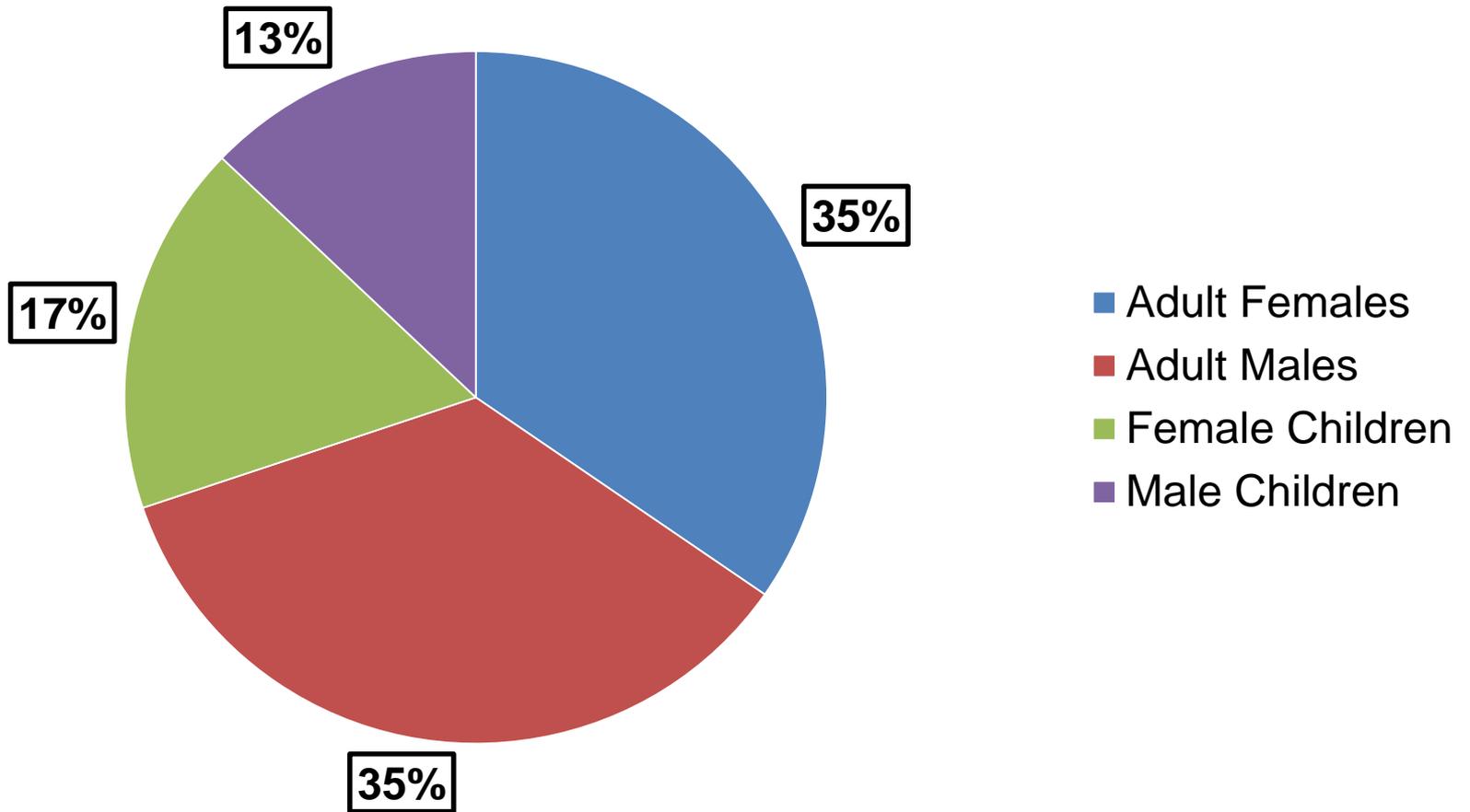
## # of persons in Permanent Supportive Housing by Year



Permanent Supportive Housing Numbers are not a part of the official PIT Count

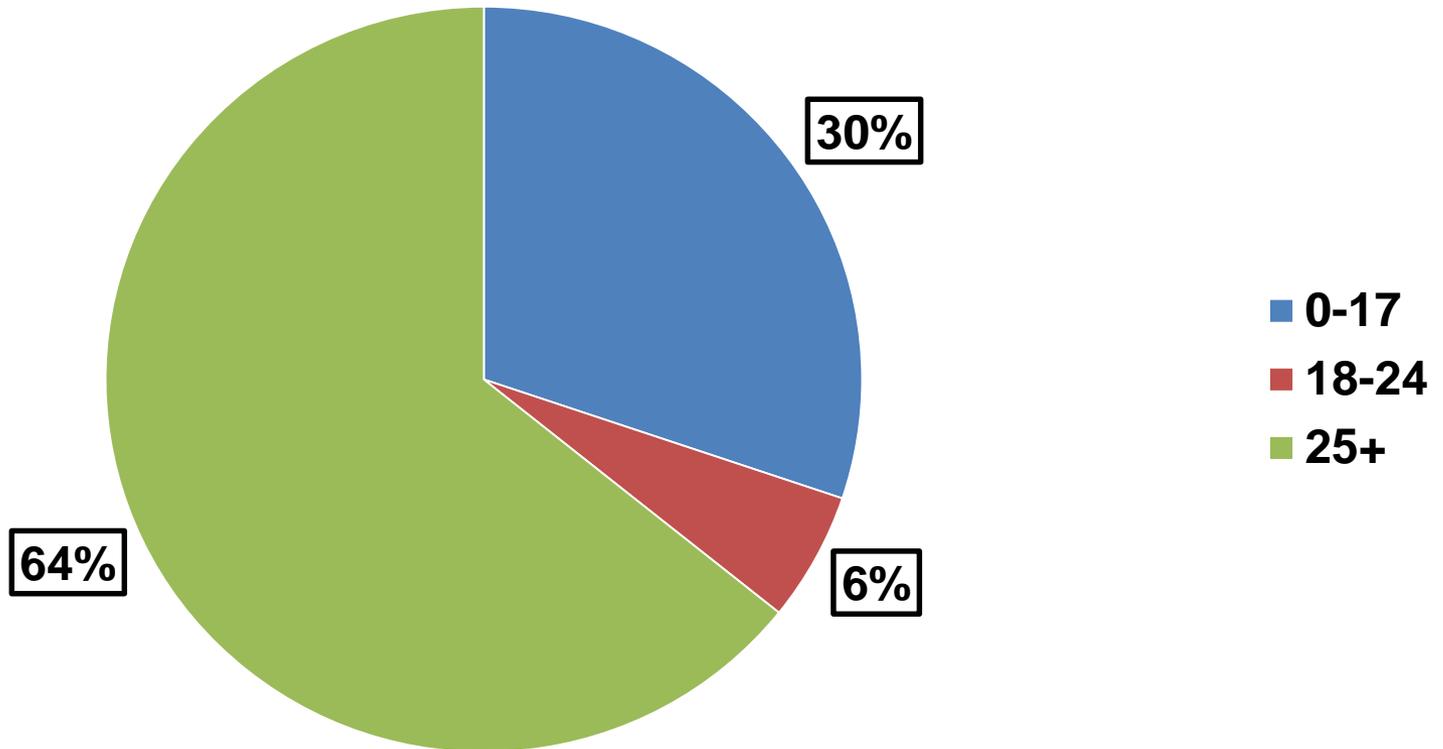
# Demographics

## Gender



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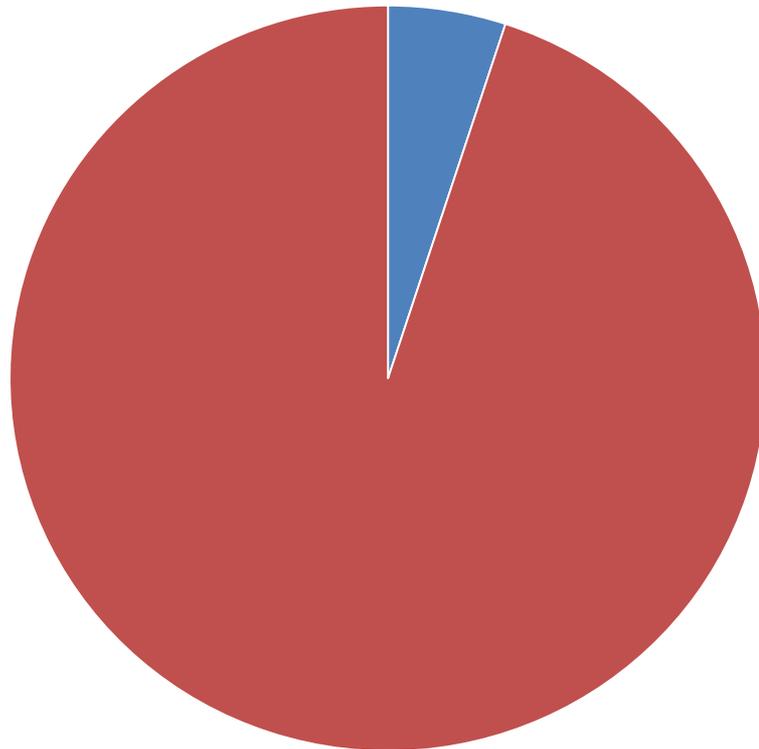
## Age



# Demographics

## Ethnicity

5%



95%

- Hispanic
- Non-Hispanic

# Sub- Populations

Domestic Violence: 18%

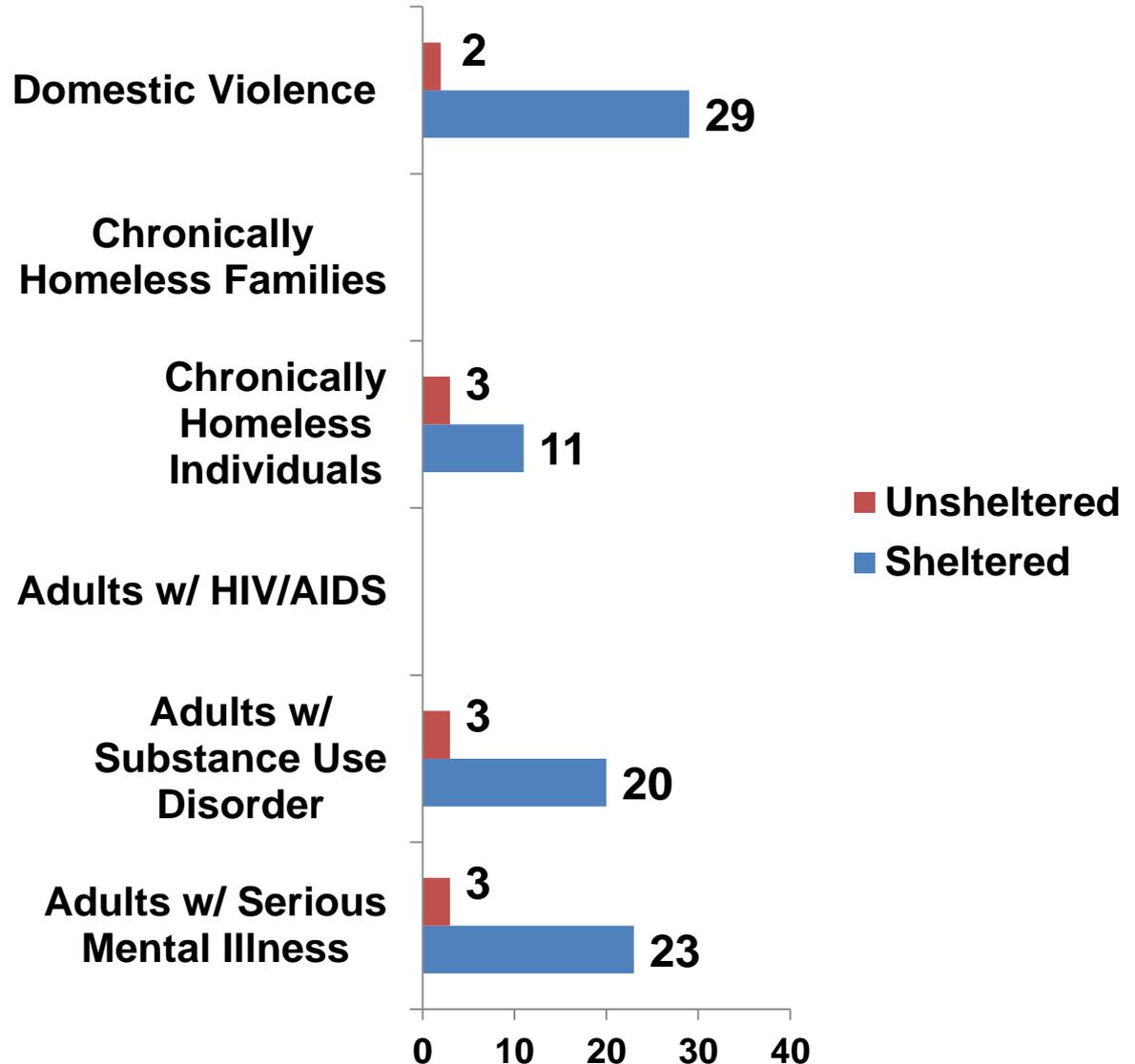
Chronically Homeless Families: 0%

Chronically Homeless Individuals: 11%

Adults w/ HIV/AIDS: 0%

Adults w/ Substance Use Disorder: 18%

Adults w/ Serious Mental Illness: 15%



# Overall Household Composition

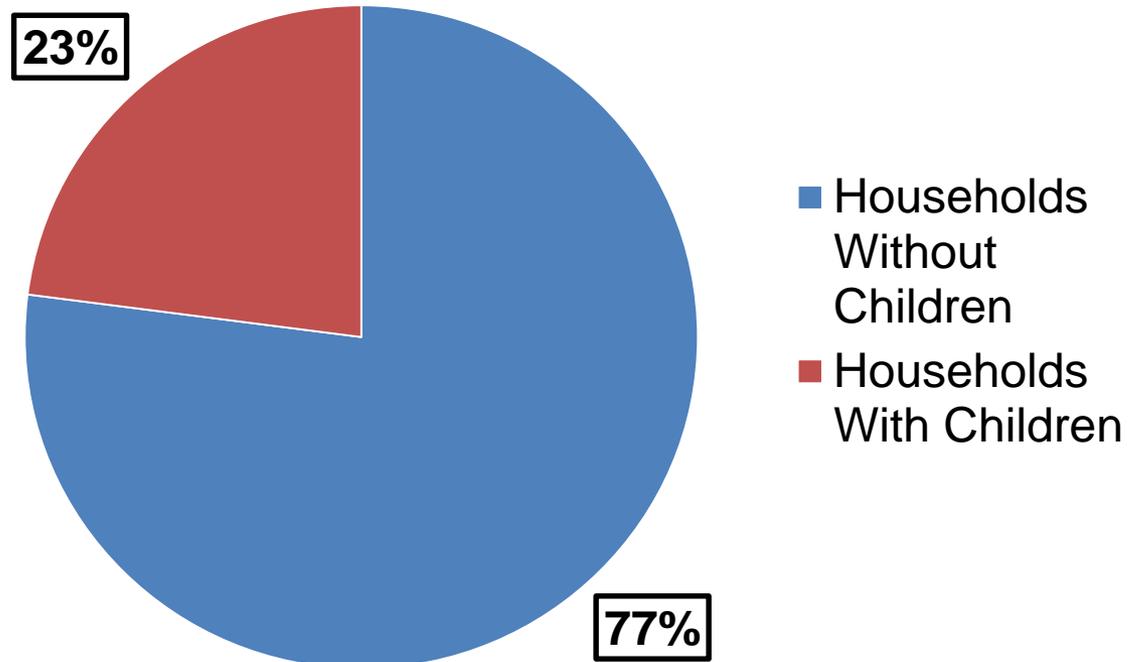
Total Households=122

28 Households with children=84 persons

94 Households without Children=95 persons

47% of those experiencing homelessness were in households with children

## Household Composition-2016 PIT



# Veteran Households

There were no unsheltered veterans or veteran households with children.

7% of adult population were veterans

	Sheltered
Total # persons	9
<b>GENDER</b>	
Male	8
Female	1
<b>ETHNICITY</b>	
Non-Hispanic	9
Hispanic	0
<b>RACE</b>	
Black	3
White	6

# Unaccompanied Youth Households (ages 18-24)

There were no unsheltered unaccompanied youth households

7% of single adult households were unaccompanied youth

	Sheltered
Total # persons	7
<b>GENDER</b>	
Male	3
Female	4
<b>ETHNICITY</b>	
Non-Hispanic	7
Hispanic	0
<b>RACE</b>	
Black	3
White	4

# Parenting Youth Households

All three (3) households were in Transitional Housing

11% of households with children were parenting youth

	Sheltered
Total # households	3
Total # of children	8
Total # persons in households	11
<b>GENDER (youth parents only)</b>	
Male	0
Female	3
<b>ETHNICITY (youth parents only)</b>	
Non-Hispanic	3
Hispanic	0
<b>RACE (youth parents only)</b>	
Black	2
White	1

# Continuum of Care Snapshot

- On January 27, 2016, there were **285** men, women and children being served in on of the various housing programs for people experiencing homelessness.
- There are a total of **283 beds available** for men, women and children on any given night of the year.
- There are an additional **30-50 beds** during freezing weather activation, depending on need.
- There are **28 safe-house beds** in addition to the 283 beds.

# 2015-2016 Freezing Weather Data

- 14 families were housed in a motel for some portion of the activation (45 persons)
  - Several families have been placed in transitional housing, subsidized housing or have found temporary shelter with friends and family and one had utilities turned back on.
- 15 individuals were placed
  - 7 medically fragile individuals placed in motels
  - 8 individuals placed in motels for 1-5 nights until could be placed in Answered Prayers Shelter

# 2015-2016 Freezing Weather Data

- Answered Prayers sheltered 45 individuals over the course of the plan activation
  - 6 were placed in transitional housing
- Most others remain on the waitlist for shelter but have barriers such as active substance use and criminal background (sex offense, violent offenses)



# **Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR)**

**10/1/14-9/30/15**

# What is the AHAR?

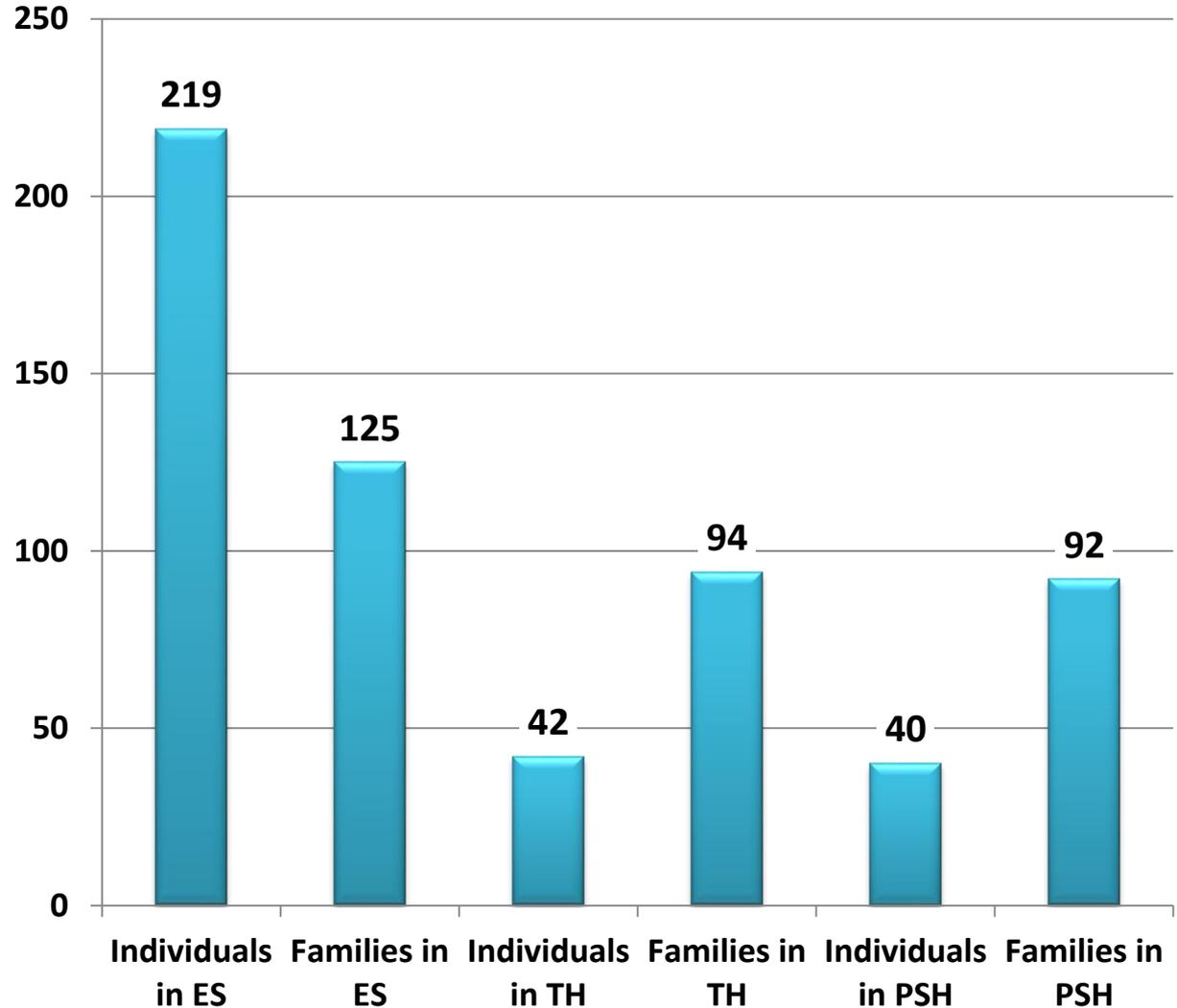
- An annual report to the U.S. Congress on the extent of homelessness in the nation
- Prepared by the CoC and submitted to HUD
- Compiled using HMIS data (Does not include DV data)
- Provides nationwide estimates of homelessness:
  - Demographic characteristics
  - Service use patterns
  - Unit/bed utilization and capacity

# AHAR 10/1/14-9/30/15

**571**  
unduplicated  
men, women  
and children  
were served in  
all housing  
programs

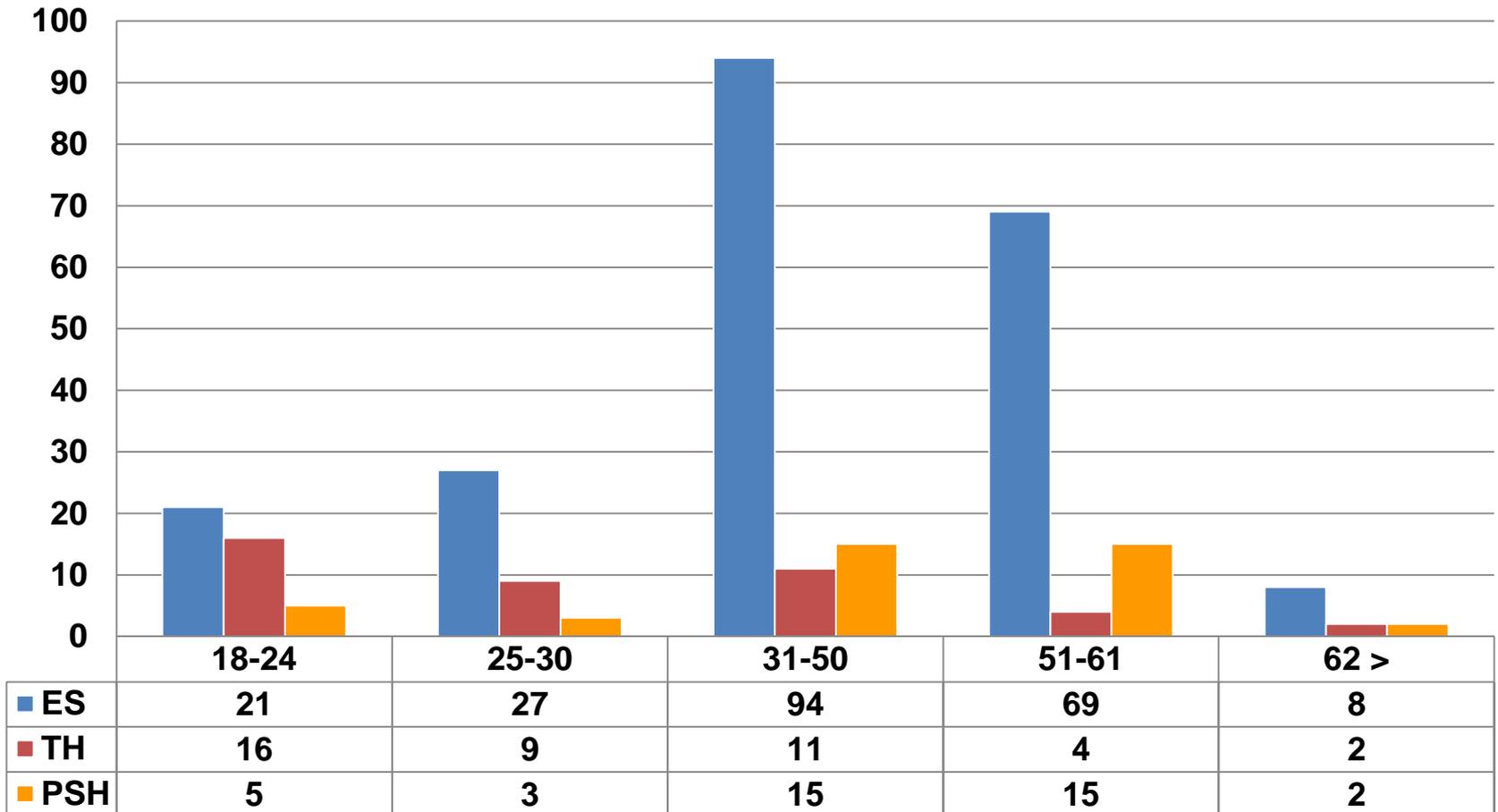
**There is some  
overlap  
between  
programs**  
(individuals  
served in 2 or  
more programs  
in the year)

## Total Number of Persons Served in the Year by Shelter Type



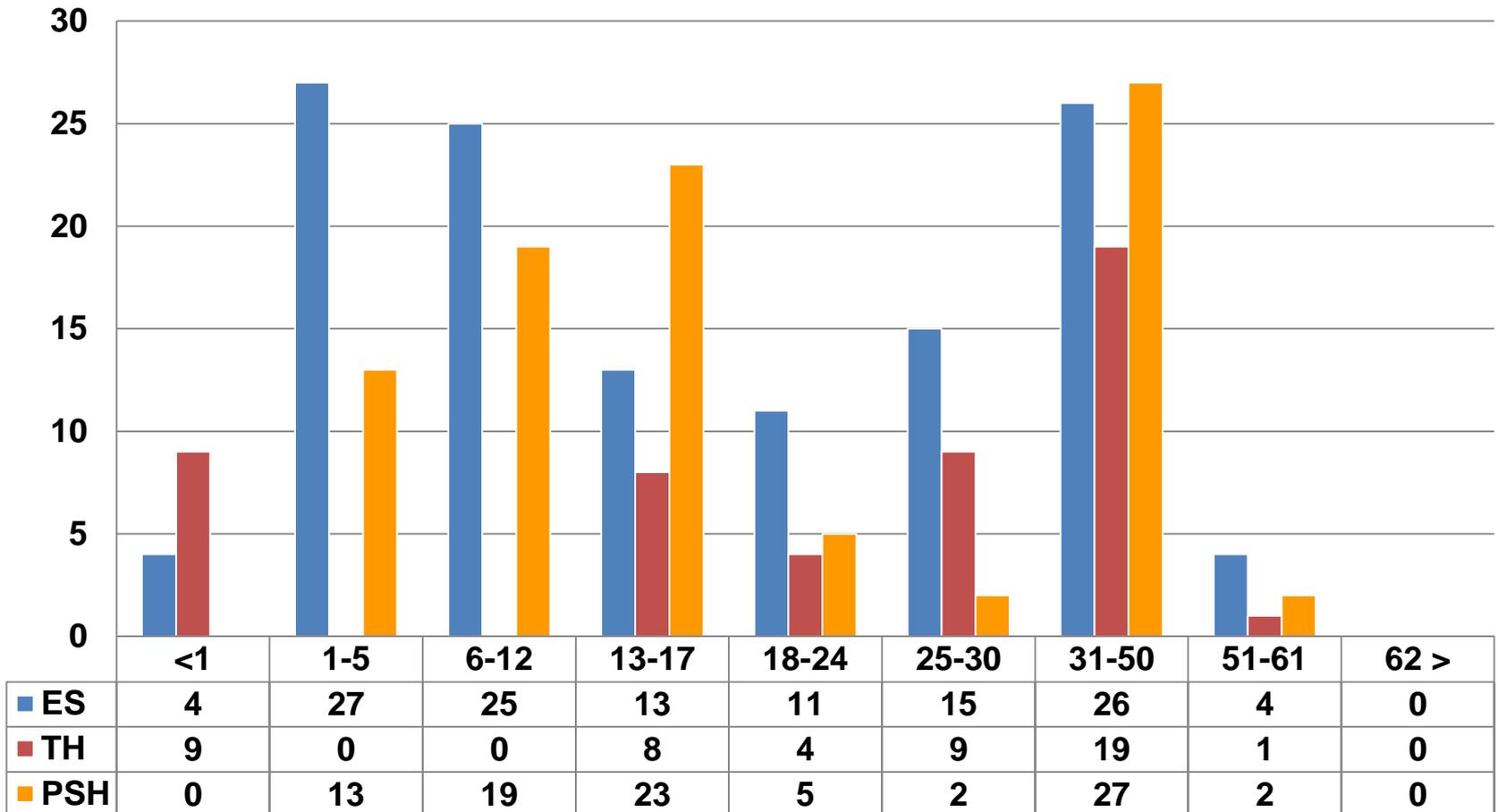
# Age By Shelter Type

## Households without Children



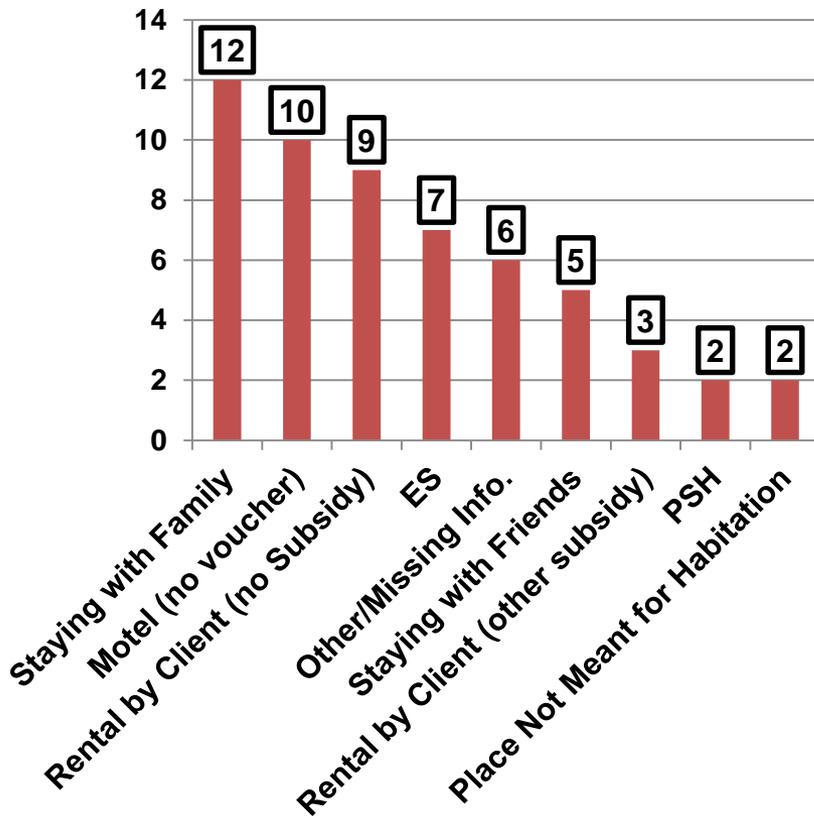
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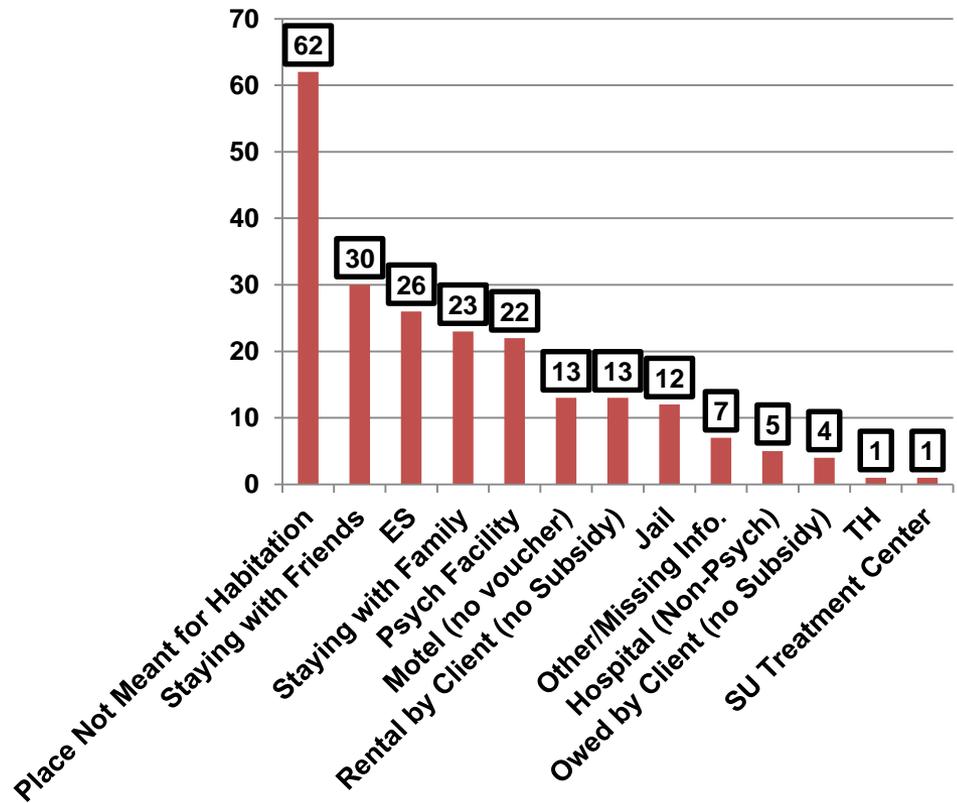


# Living Arrangement Prior to Entry

## Families in Emergency Shelters

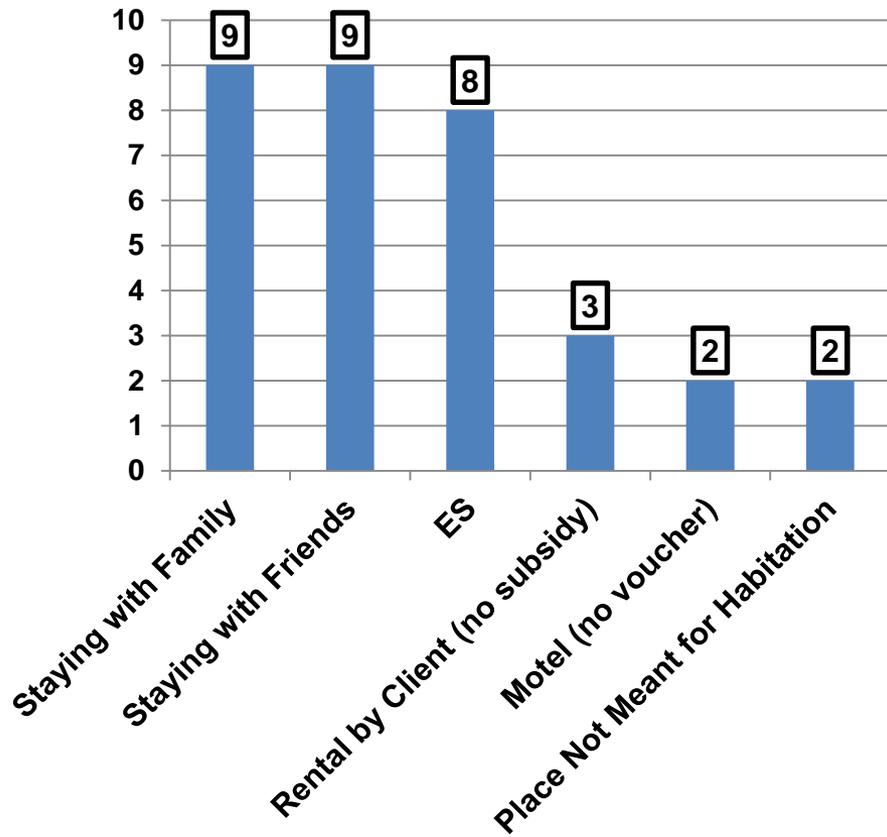


## Individuals in Emergency Shelters

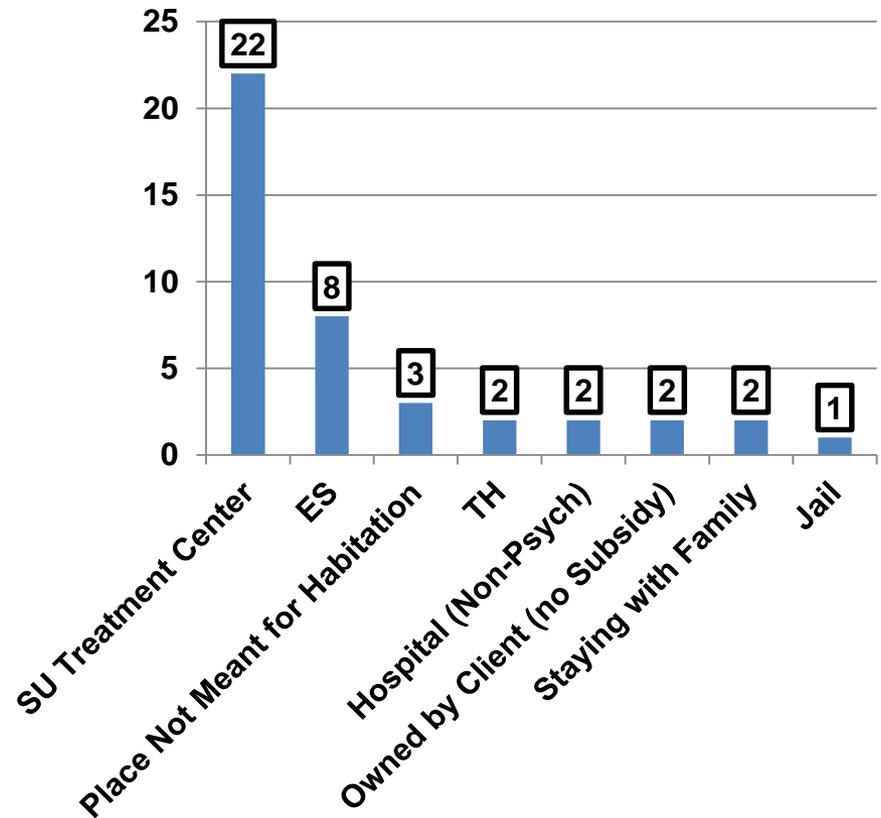


# Living Arrangement Prior to Entry

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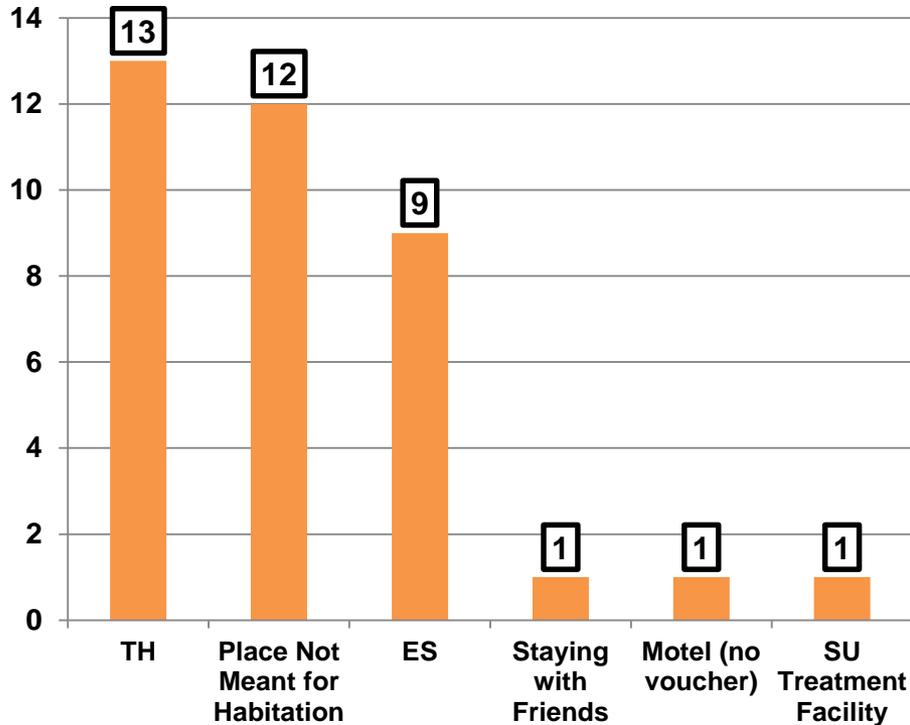


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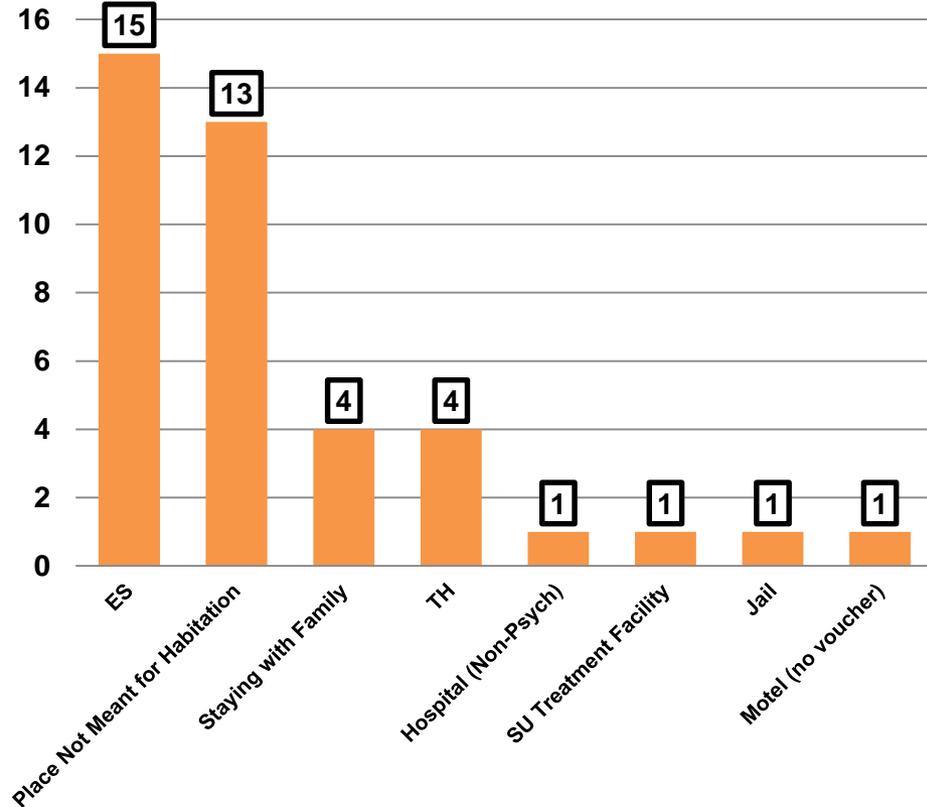


# Living Arrangement Prior to Entry

## Families in Permanent Supportive Housing



## Living Arrangement Prior to Program Entry for Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing



# Conclusions

- Individuals are primarily coming into shelters and transitional housing from places not meant for habitation and/or an institutional setting (jail, hospital, rehab.)
- Families coming into shelters and transitional housing have been primarily living with friends and family or have experienced recent eviction.
- 52% of individuals (single adults) in ES and TH have some type of a disability
- 4% of individuals in families in ES and TH have some type of disability

# Next Steps

- What does this data tell us about our current services?
- Where are the gaps?
- What types of housing interventions should we be considering as a county? (65% of households on waitlist are couch surfing/doubled up)
- Do we have populations not being served or need to be more completely served?



# Questions and Comments