



HARFORD

COUNTY

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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2017 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

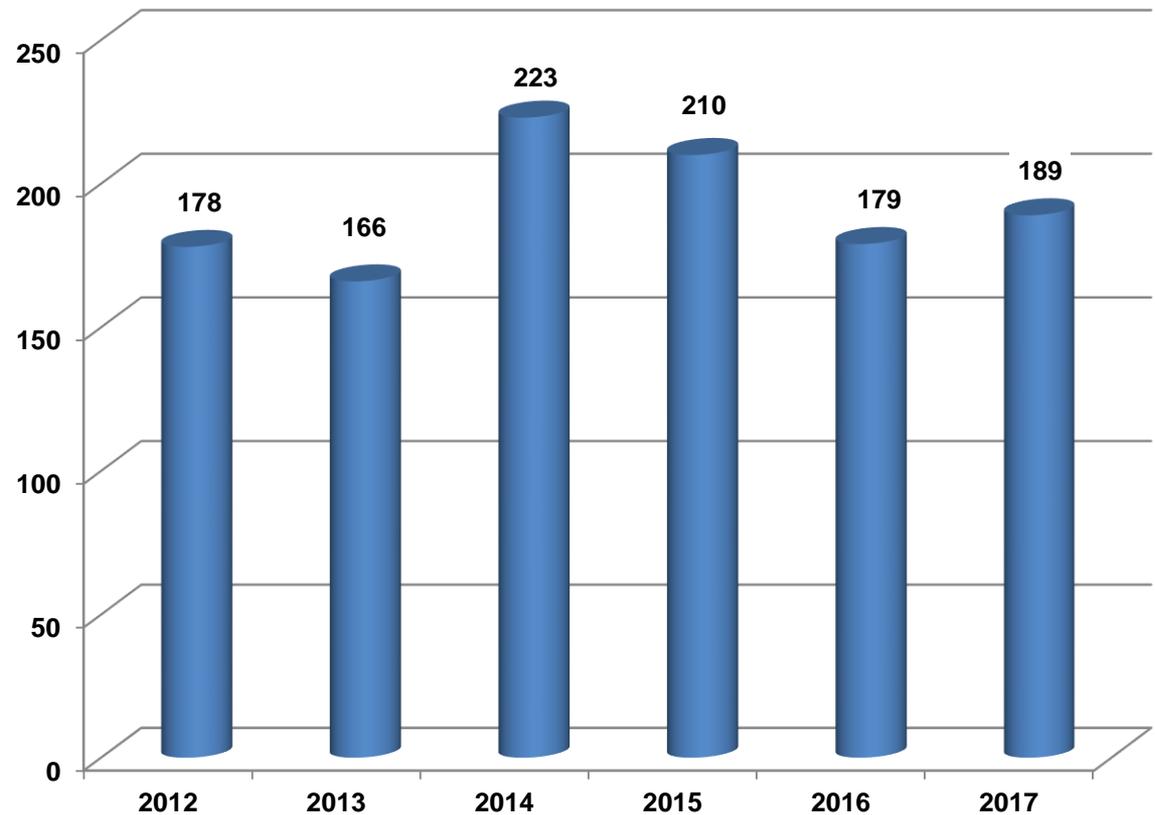
RESULTS



Possible reasons for increase

1. Coordinated Access
 - Higher bed utilization
 - More consistent outreach
2. Project Homeless Connect
 - increased participation generated higher street count

Total Count of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness by Year



Breakdown By Program

Program	Adults	Children	Total
Welcome One Emergency Shelter	31	0	31
HCAA Winter Motel Vouchers	1	0	1
Answered Prayers/Rotating Winter Shelter	22	0	22
Harford Family House Emergency Shelter	7	6	13
SARC Emergency Shelter	9	13	22
Harford Family House Transitional	14	25	39
Harmony House	4	0	4
Anna's House Transitional	4	5	9
Anna's House Emergency Shelter	3	8	11
Project Homeless Connect	25	0	25
Street Outreach	12	0	12
TOTAL	132	57	189

Project Homeless Connect

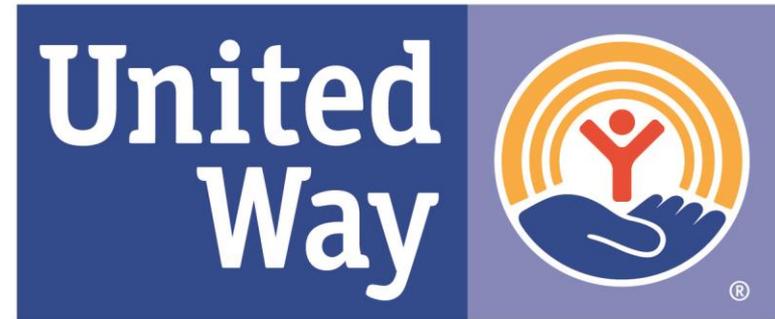
- 428 adult participants (vs 300 LY)
- 31 children
- 97 IDs
- 52 MVA photo IDs
- 64 dental patients (double LY)
- 111 vision patients
- 81 pairs of prescription glasses
- 50 haircuts
- 200 birth certificates

- Over 200 volunteers

- 5 Shuttle locations

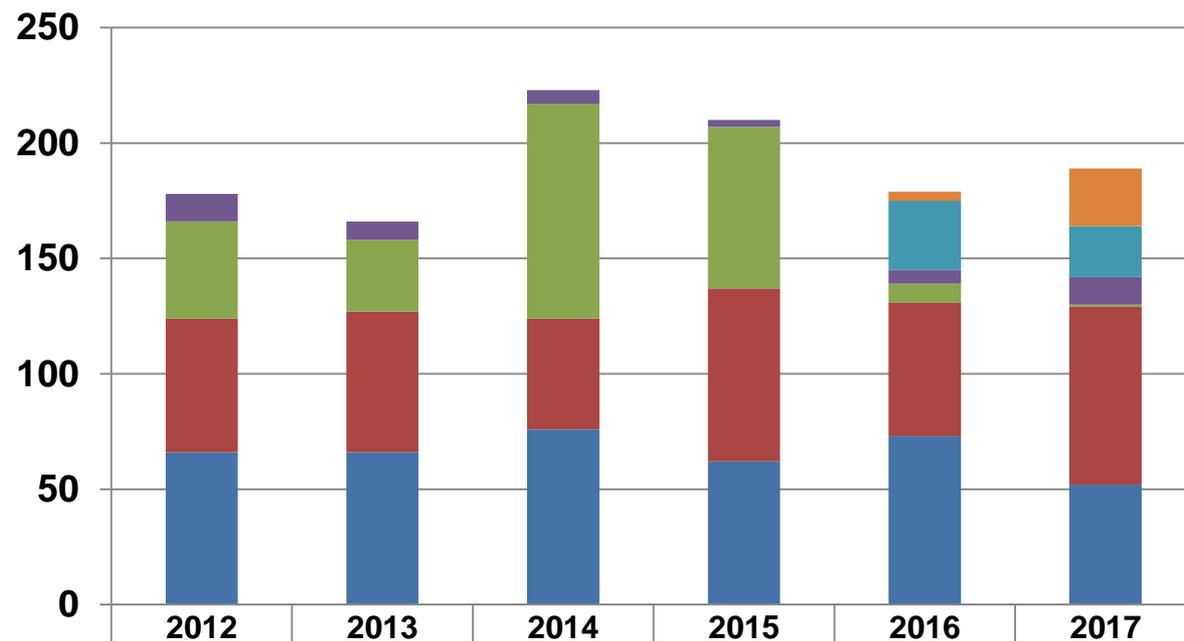
- **An additional 25 individuals were found to be living on the streets that would have been missed if not for this event.**

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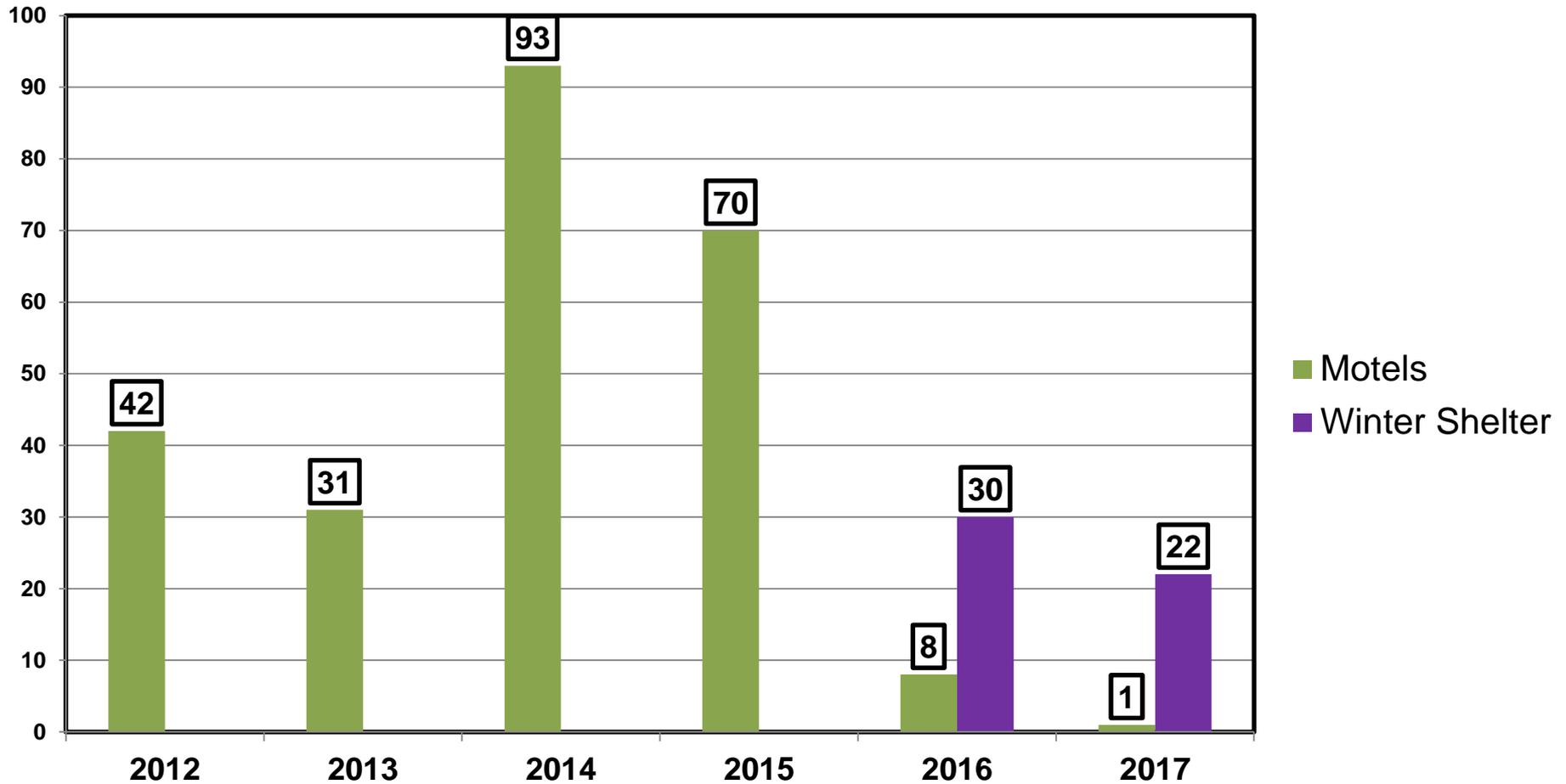
**United Way
of Central Maryland**

Location at Time of PIT Count

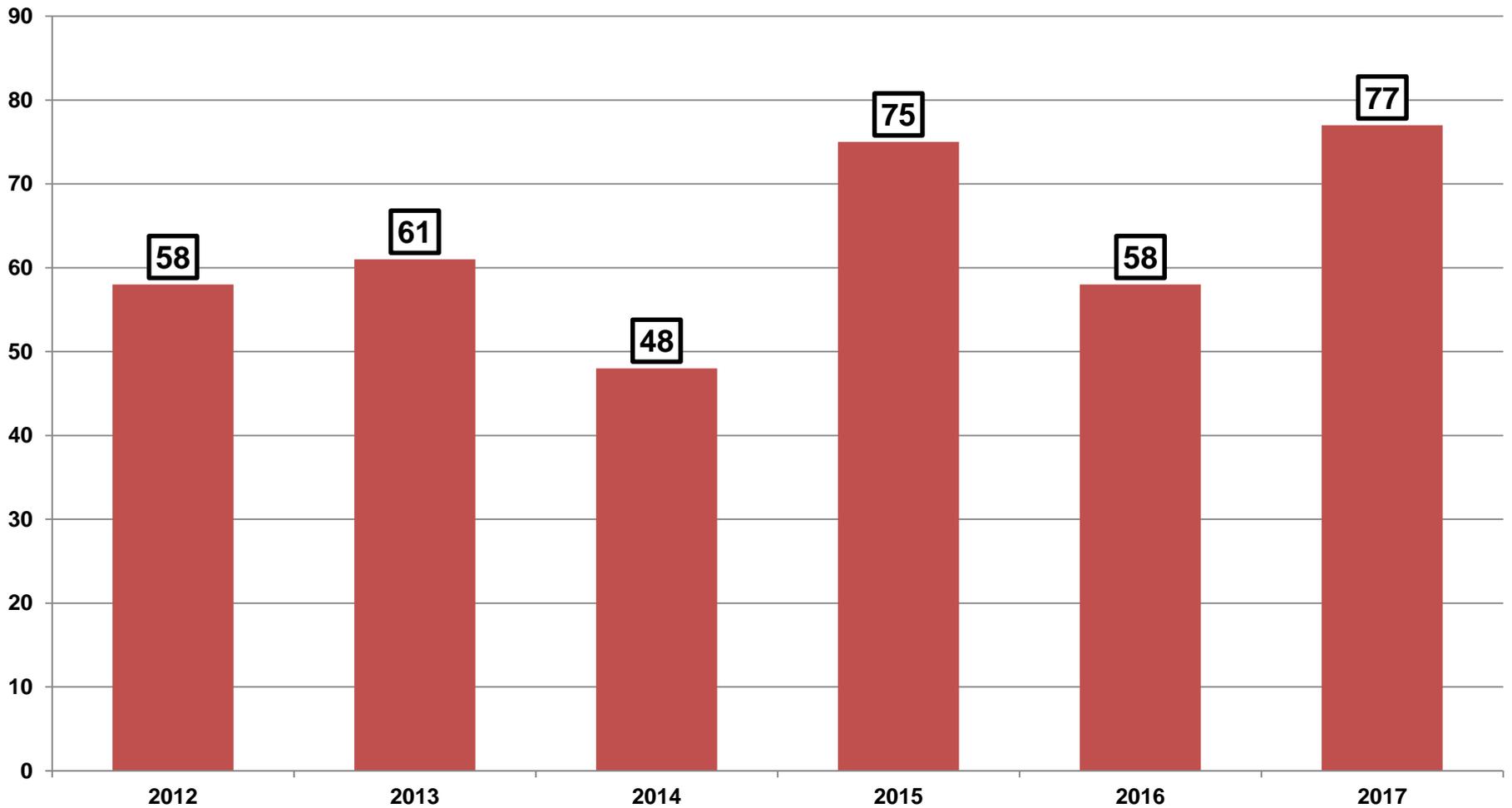


Project Homeless Connect					4	25
Answered Prayers/Rotating Shelter	0	0	0	0	30	22
Street	12	8	6	3	6	12
Motels	42	31	93	70	8	1
Emergency Shelter	58	61	48	75	58	77
Transitional Housing	66	66	76	62	73	52

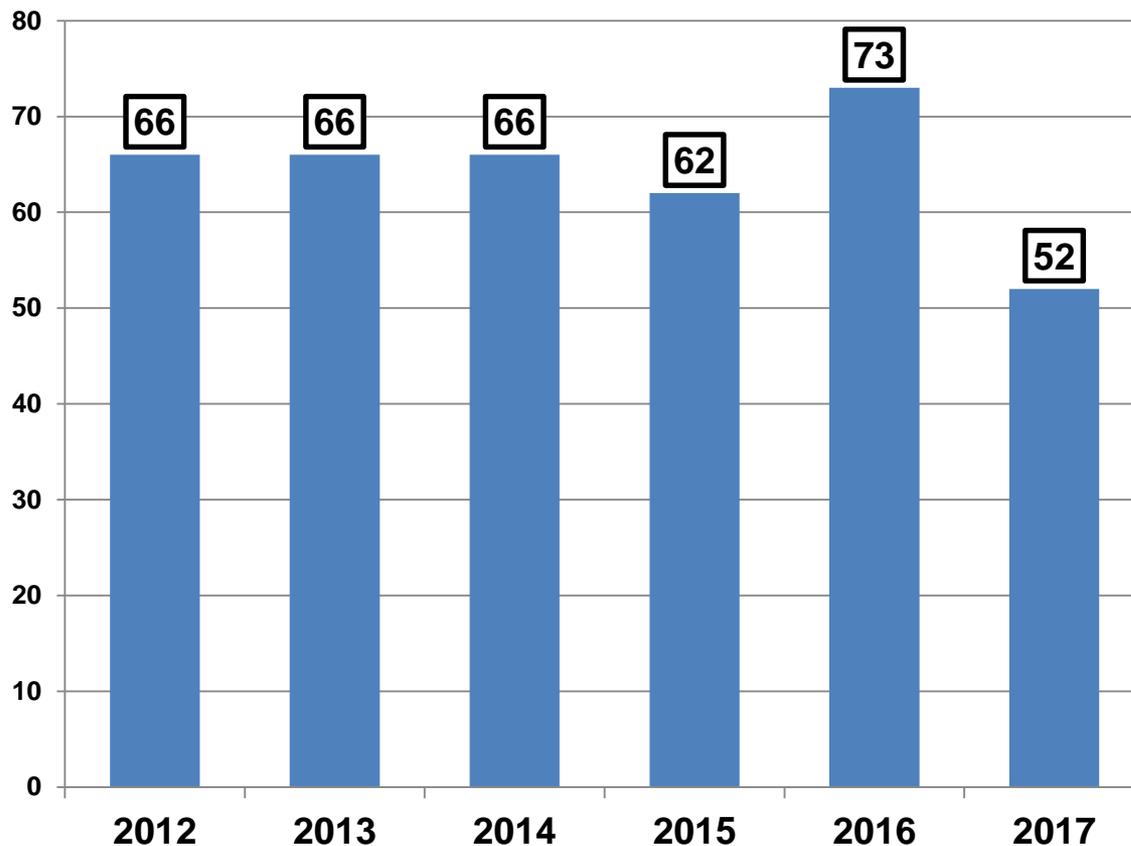
of Individuals in Motels and Winter Shelter by Year on the night of the PIT Count



of Individuals in Emergency Shelter by Year

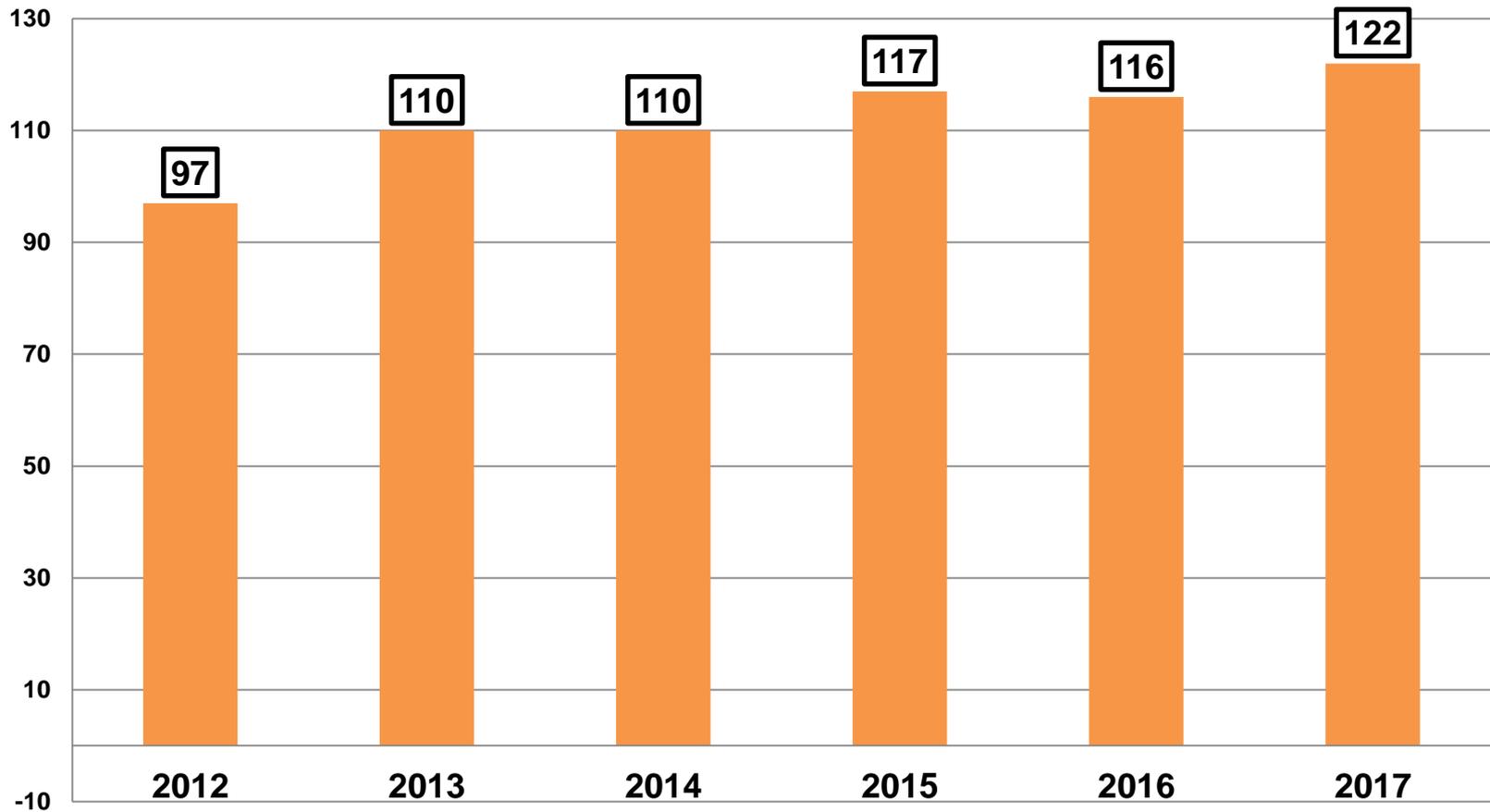


of Individuals in Transitional Housing by Year



Homecoming Project and FCCAU Transitional Housing were not included in this year's PIT because of HUD's guidance that beds and units must be dedicated to serving homeless persons-primary intent of the project is to serve homeless persons and primary criteria for admission is homelessness.

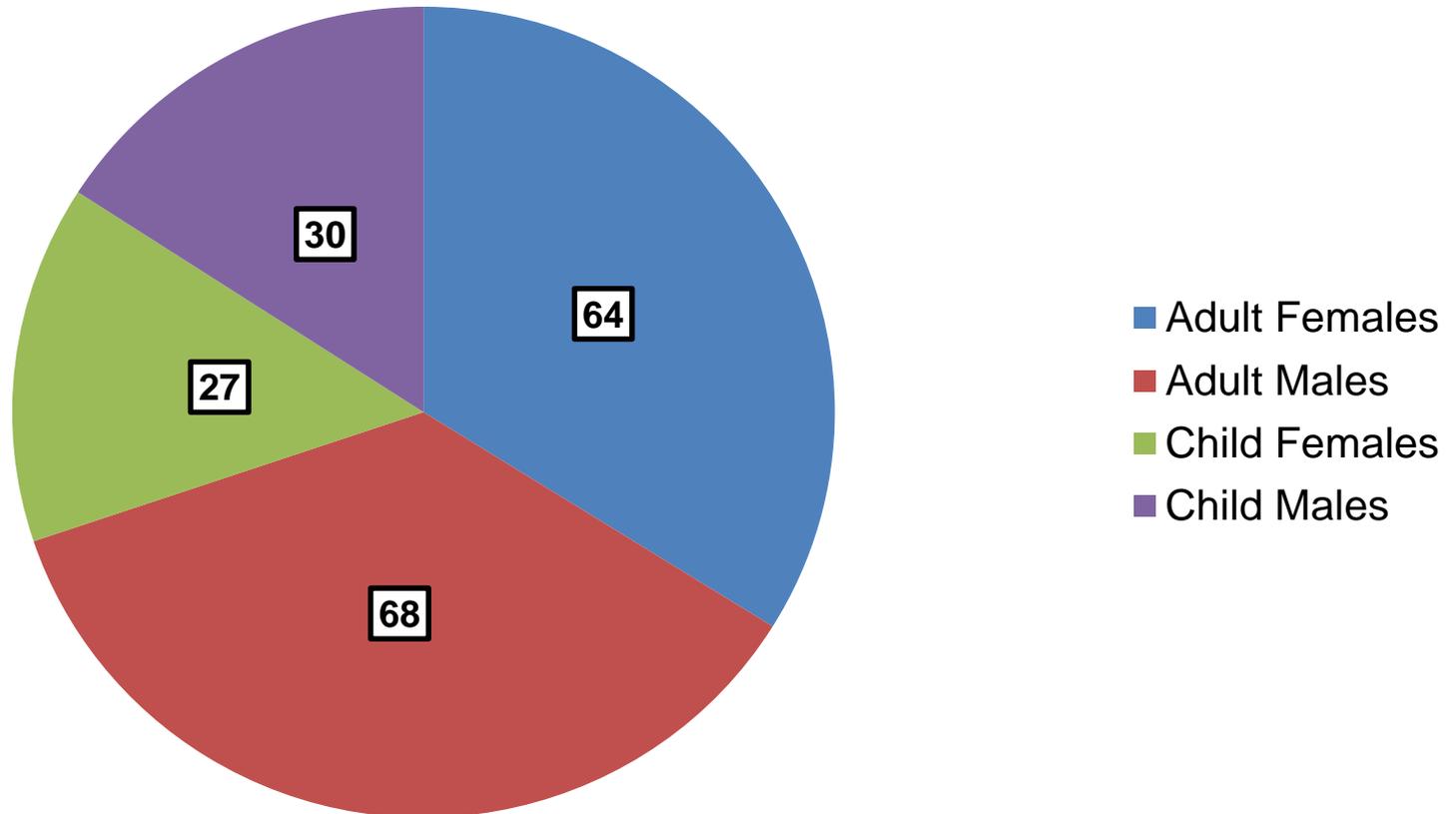
of persons in Permanent Supportive Housing by Year



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

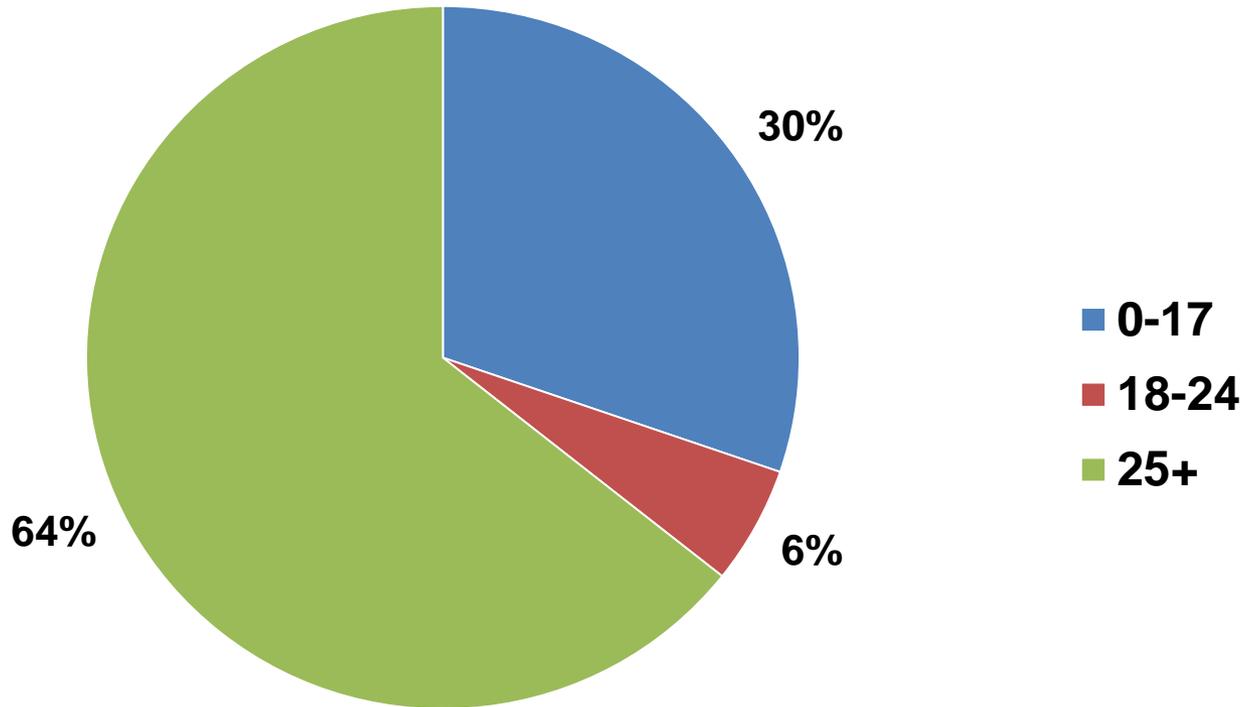
Demographics

**Gender of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness on
Jan. 23, 2017**



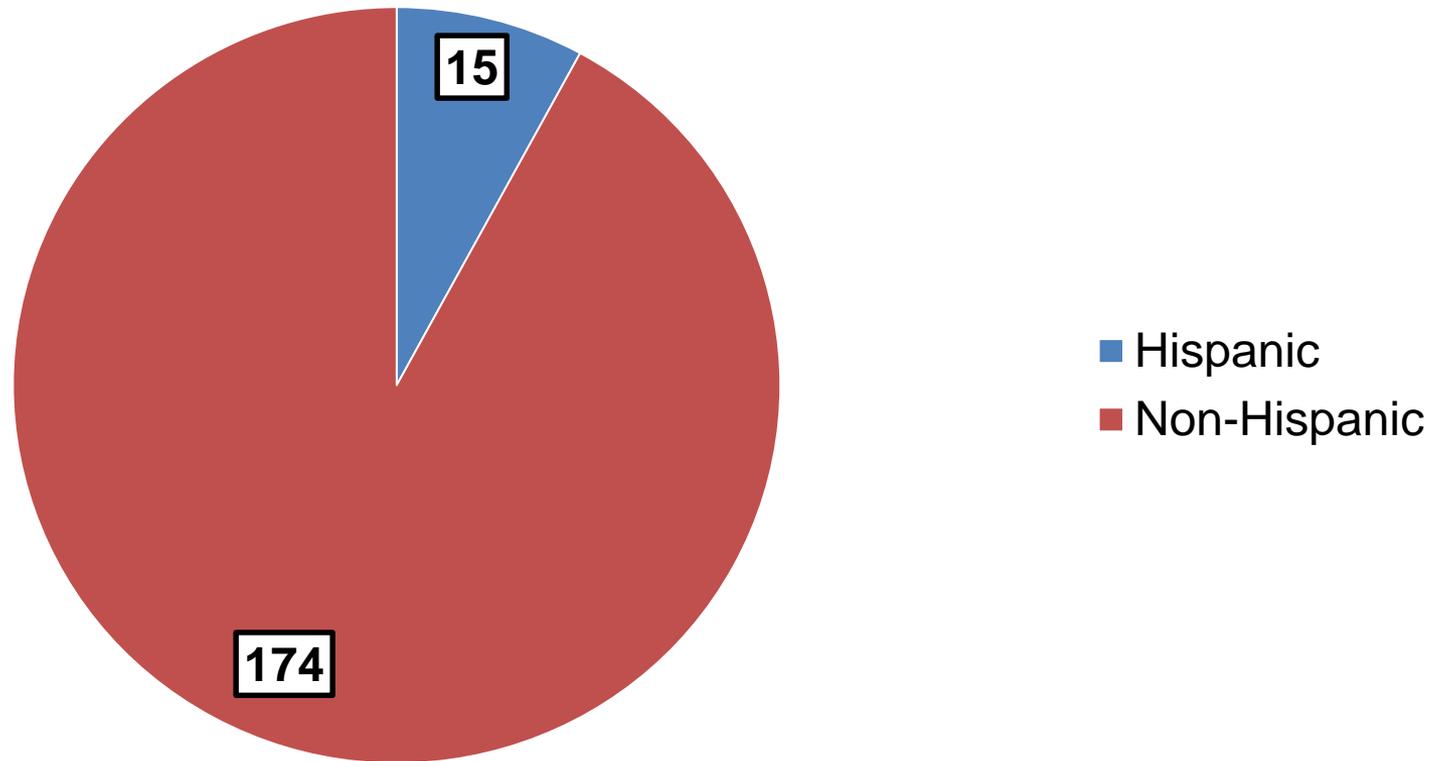
Demographics

Age of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness on
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Demographics

Ethnicity



Sub- Populations

Domestic Violence: 40%

Chronically Homeless
Families: 4%

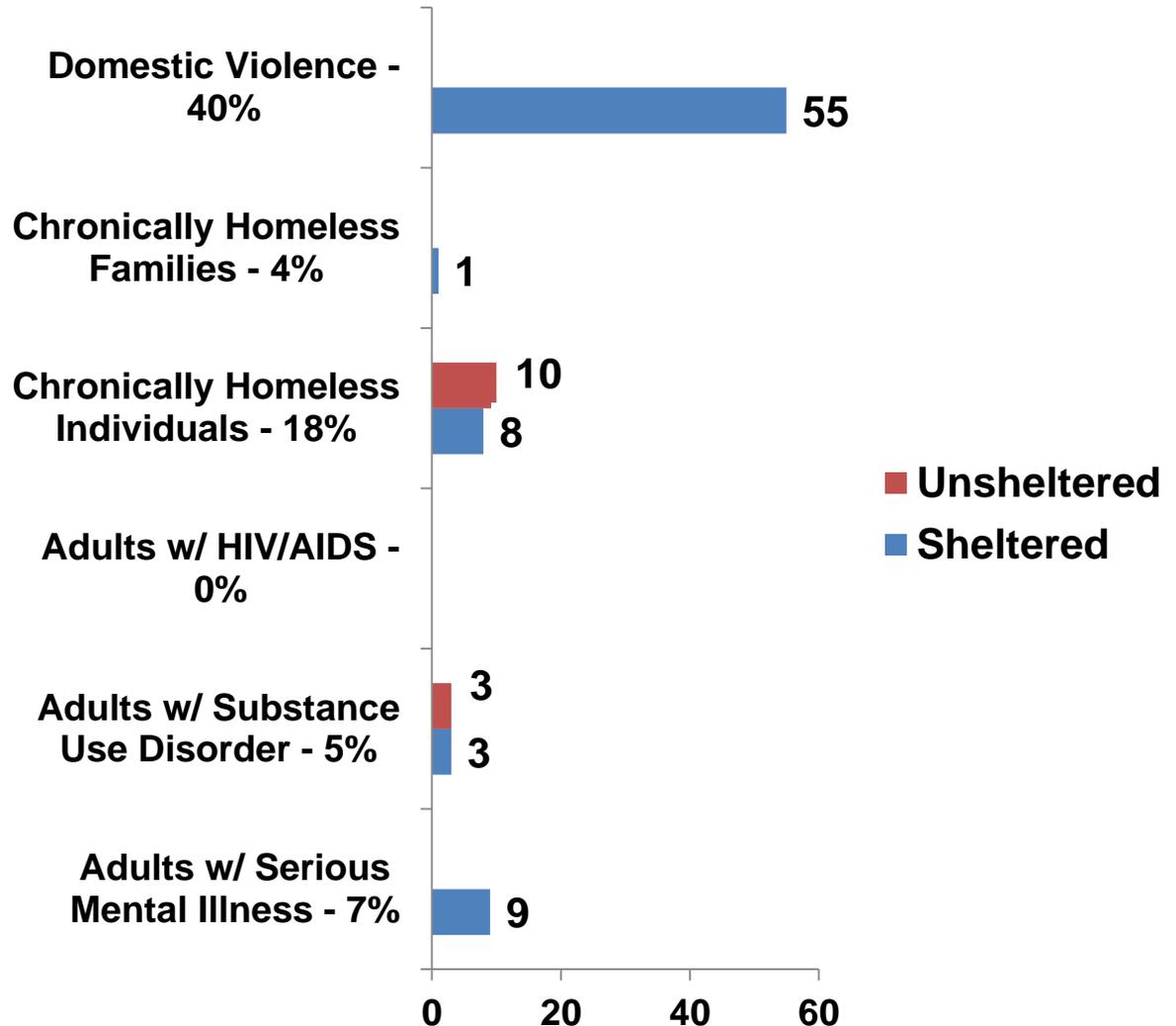
Chronically Homeless
Individuals: 18%

Adults w/ HIV/AIDS: 0%

Adults w/ Substance
Use Disorder: 5%

Adults w/ Serious Mental
Illness: 7%

Homeless Sub-populations (adults only)



Overall Household Composition

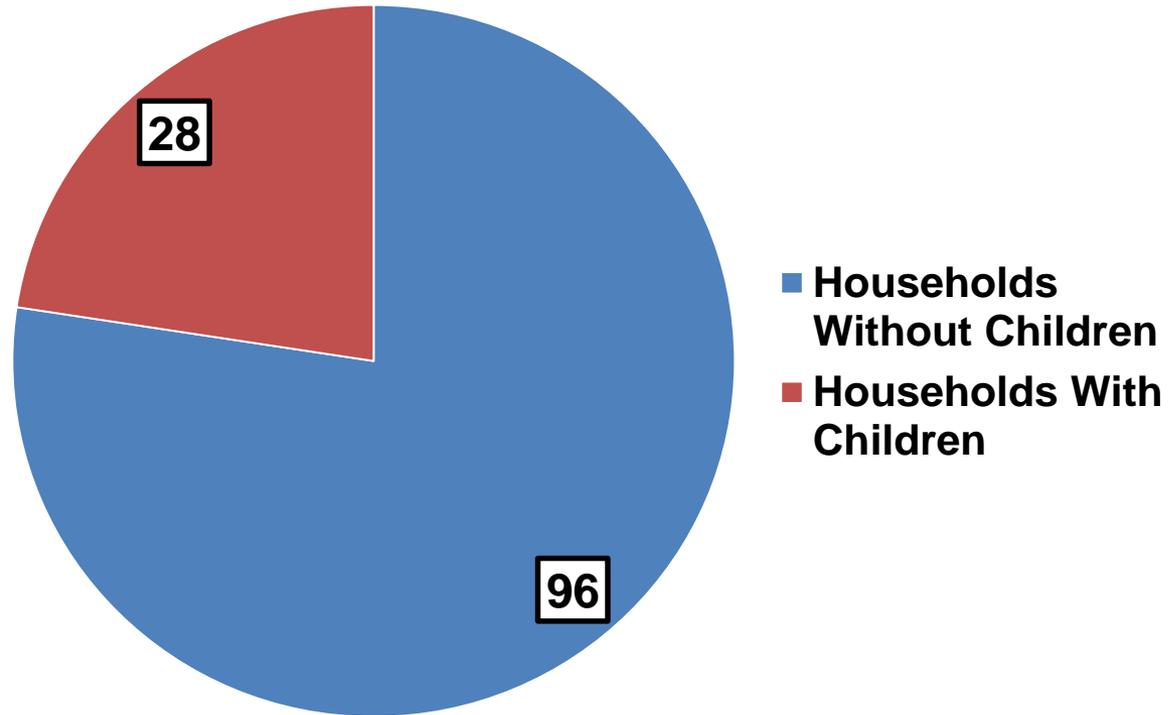
Total Households=124

28 Households with children=84 persons

94 Households without Children=96 persons

46% of those experiencing homelessness were in households with children

Household Composition-2017 PIT



Veteran Households

There were no unsheltered veteran households with children.

6% of adult population were veterans

	Sheltered	Unsheltered
Total # persons	7	1
GENDER		
Male	5	1
Female	2	0
ETHNICITY		
Non-Hispanic	7	1
Hispanic	0	0
RACE		
Black	4	0
White	3	1

Unaccompanied Youth Households (ages 18-24)

25% of single adult households were unaccompanied youth

	Sheltered	Unsheltered
Total # persons	4	3
GENDER		
Male	3	1
Female	1	2
ETHNICITY		
Non-Hispanic	4	3
Hispanic	0	0
RACE		
Black	1	3
White	2	0

Parenting Youth Households

There were no unsheltered parenting youth households

5% of households with children were parenting youth

	Sheltered
Total # households	5
Total # of children	12
Total # persons in households	17
GENDER (youth parents only)	
Male	0
Female	5
ETHNICITY (youth parents only)	
Non-Hispanic	4
Hispanic	1
RACE (youth parents only)	
Black	4
White	1

Continuum of Care Snapshot

- On January 23, 2017, there were **311** men, women and children being served in the various housing programs for people experiencing homelessness.
- There are a total of **288 year-round beds available** for men, women and children on any given night of the year.
- There are up to **55 voucher beds**, depending on need and/or weather.
- There are **28 safe-house beds** in addition to the 288 beds.

2016-2017 Freezing Weather Data

- Creation of the Emergency Rotating Shelter, operated by the faith community
 - Served 88 unduplicated persons
 - Operated for 13 weeks from 12/19/16-3/19/2017
 - 14 different churches served as Host Sites
 - 3 churches served as a day shelter for Saturdays
 - 6 churches/organizations assisted with transportation to and from the ERS
 - 14 individuals were able to find jobs
 - Approximately 35-40% were able to obtain alternate shelter (ES, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, staying with friends or family, rehab, relocation to other areas)
 - Epicenter provided facilities for showers 2X week

2016-2017 Freezing Weather Data

- Motel Vouchers
 - 68 persons served
 - 7 families
 - 293 bed-nights



- Plan was activated 3 times
 - 12/14/16-12/19/16
 - 1/5/17-1/10/17
 - 3/13/17-3/17/17

Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR)

10/1/15-9/30/16

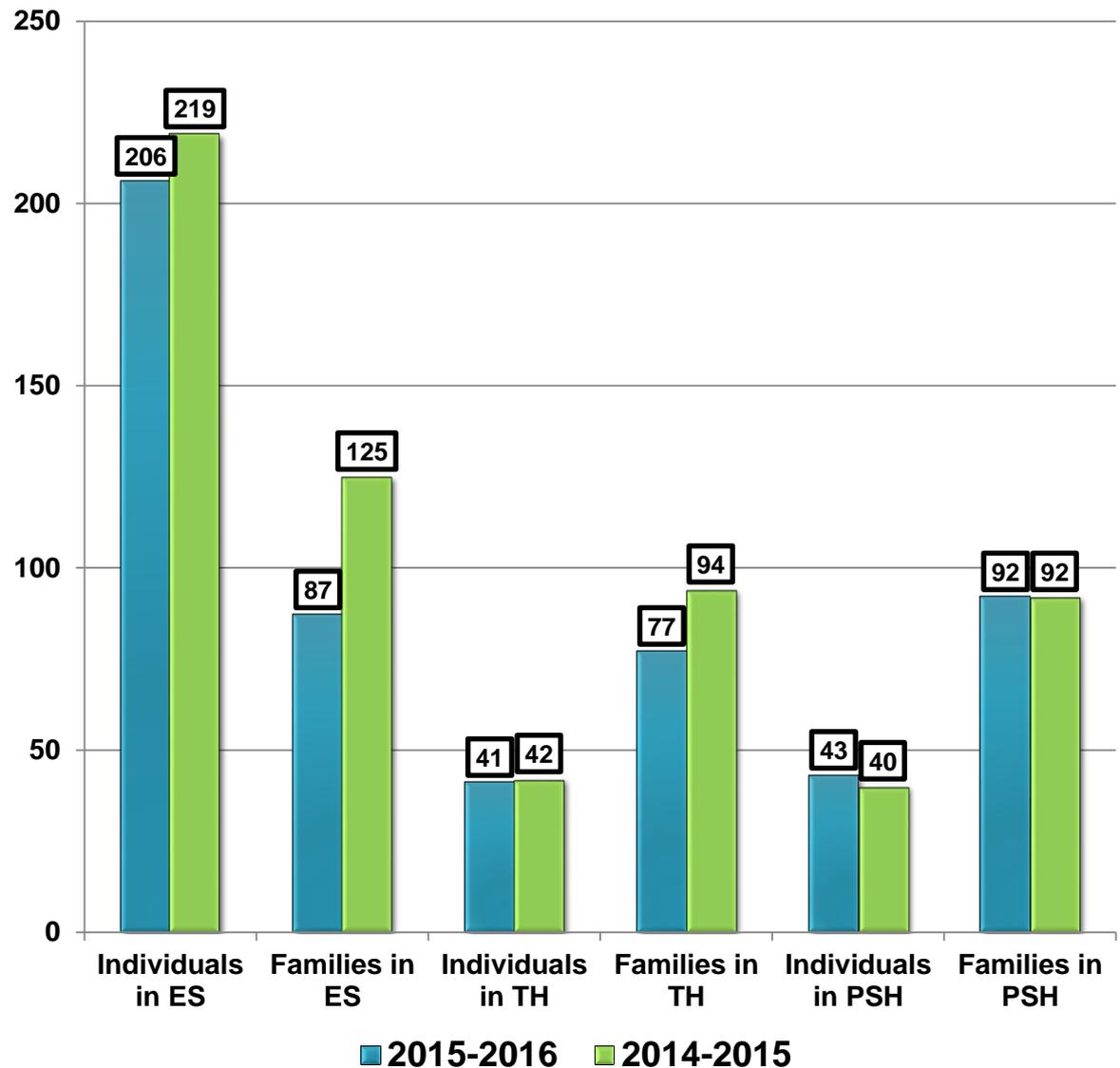
What is the AHAR?

- 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 10/1/15-9/30/16

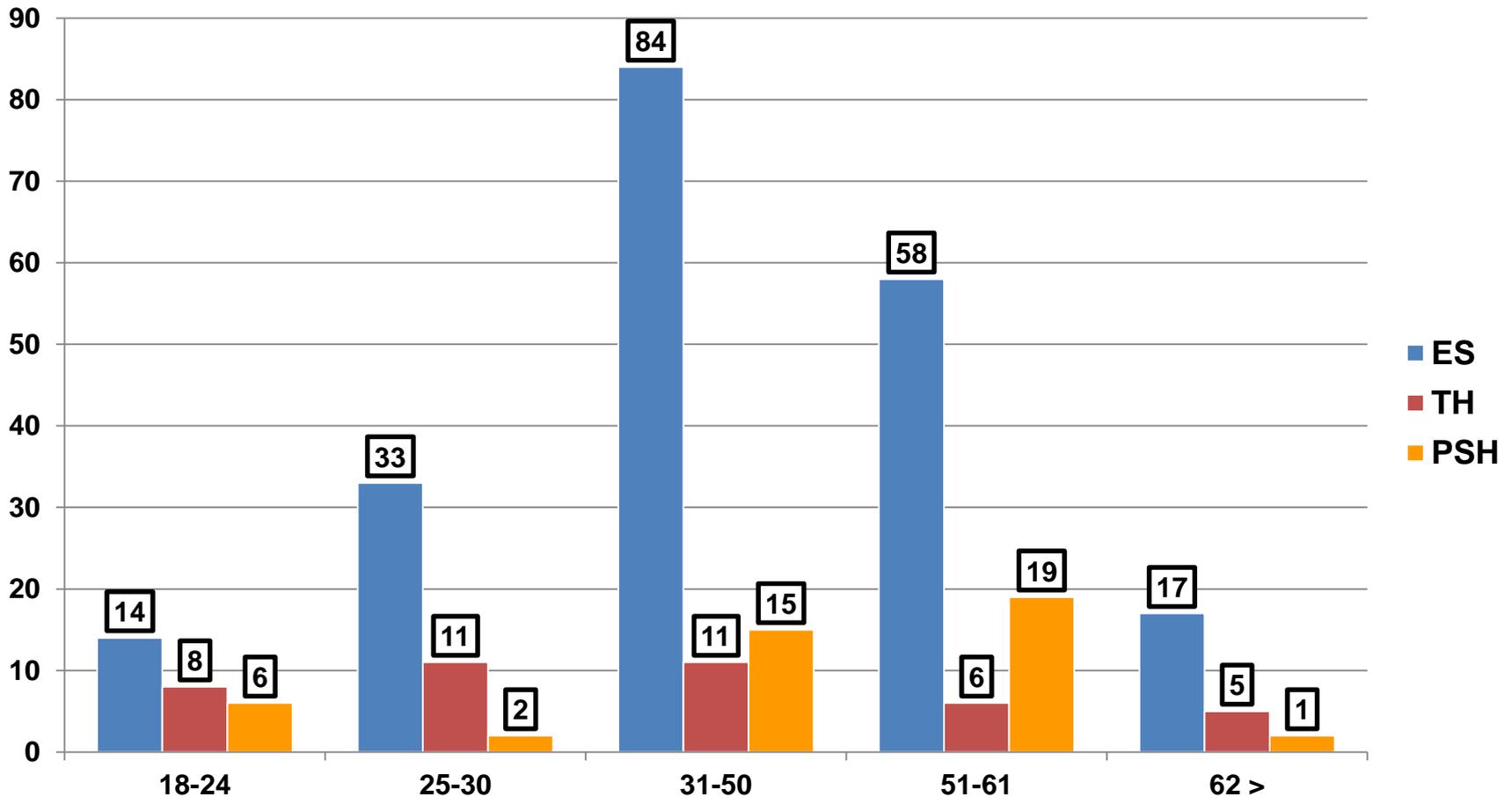
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unduplicated
men, women
and children
were served
in all housing
programs

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



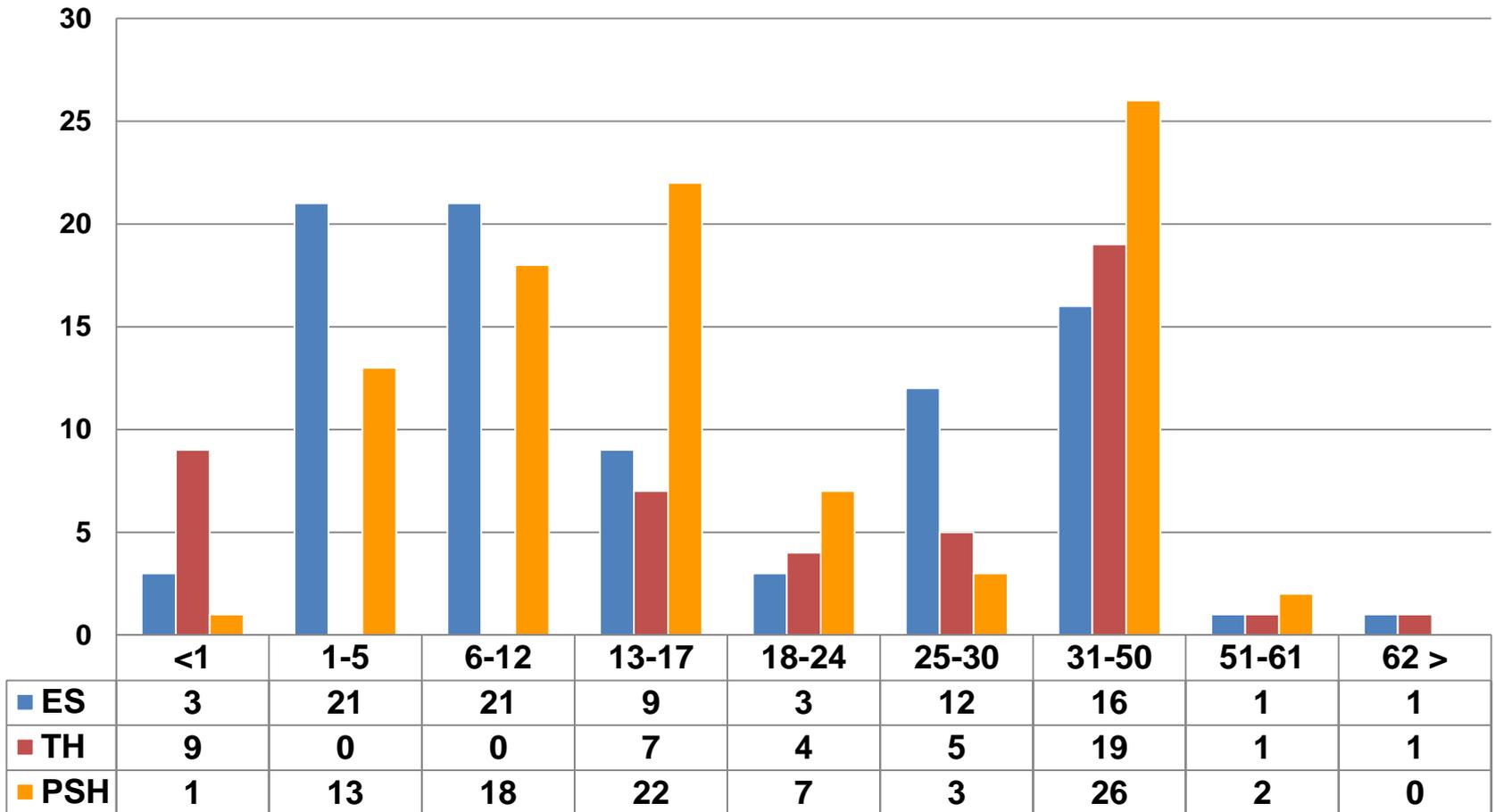
Age By Shelter Type

Age of Individuals By Shelter Type



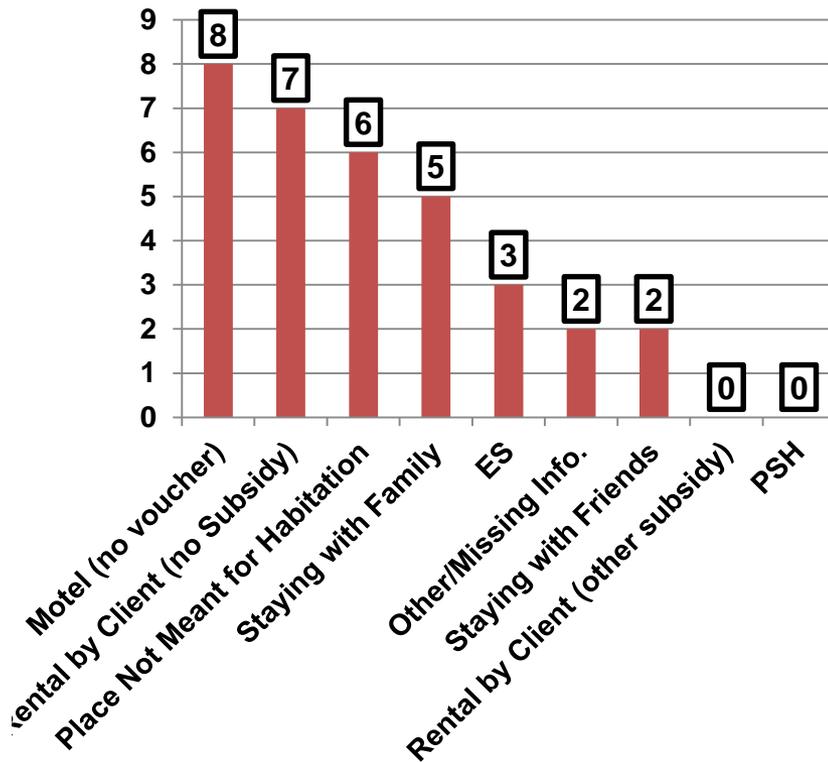
Age By Shelter Type

Households with Children-Age by Shelter Type

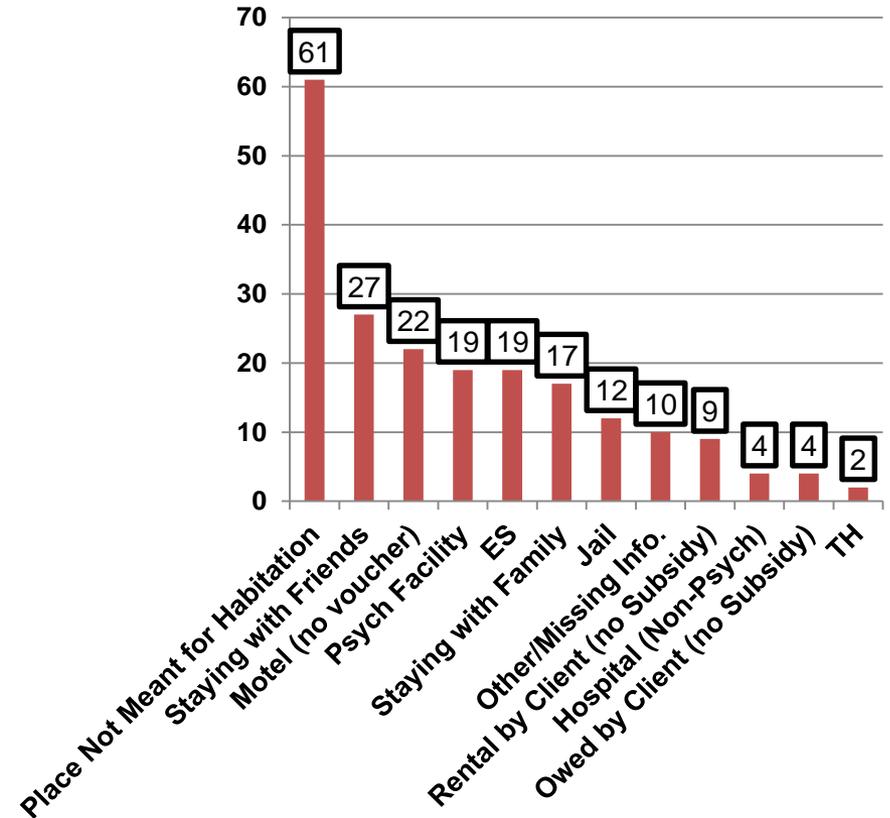


Living Arrangement Prior to Entry

Living Arrangement Prior to Program Entry for Families in Emergency Shelters

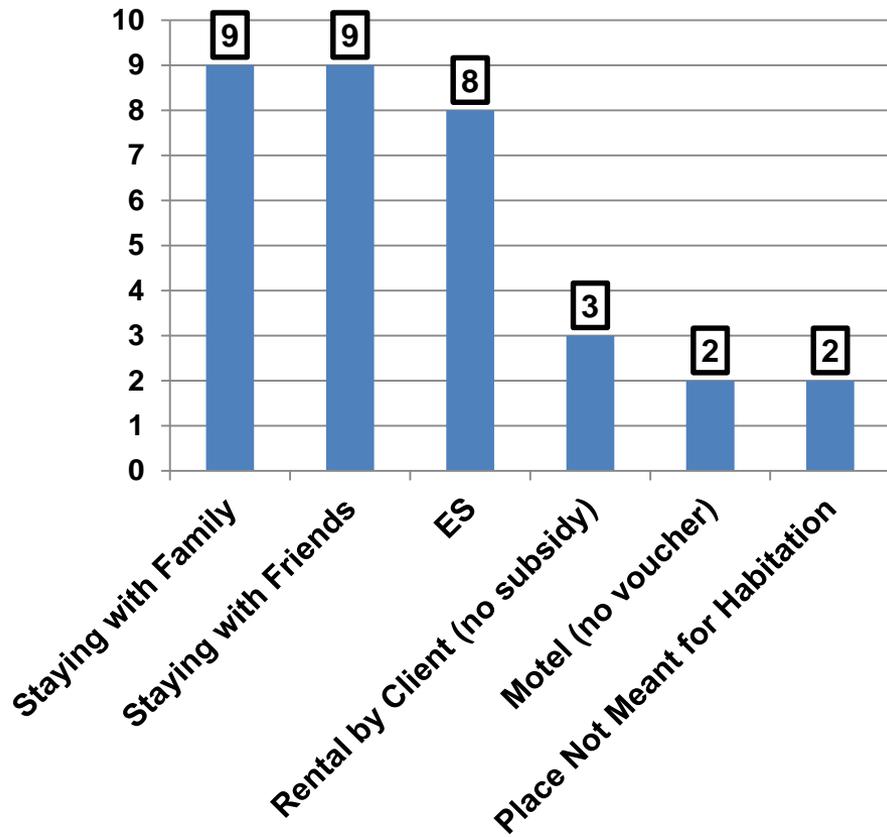


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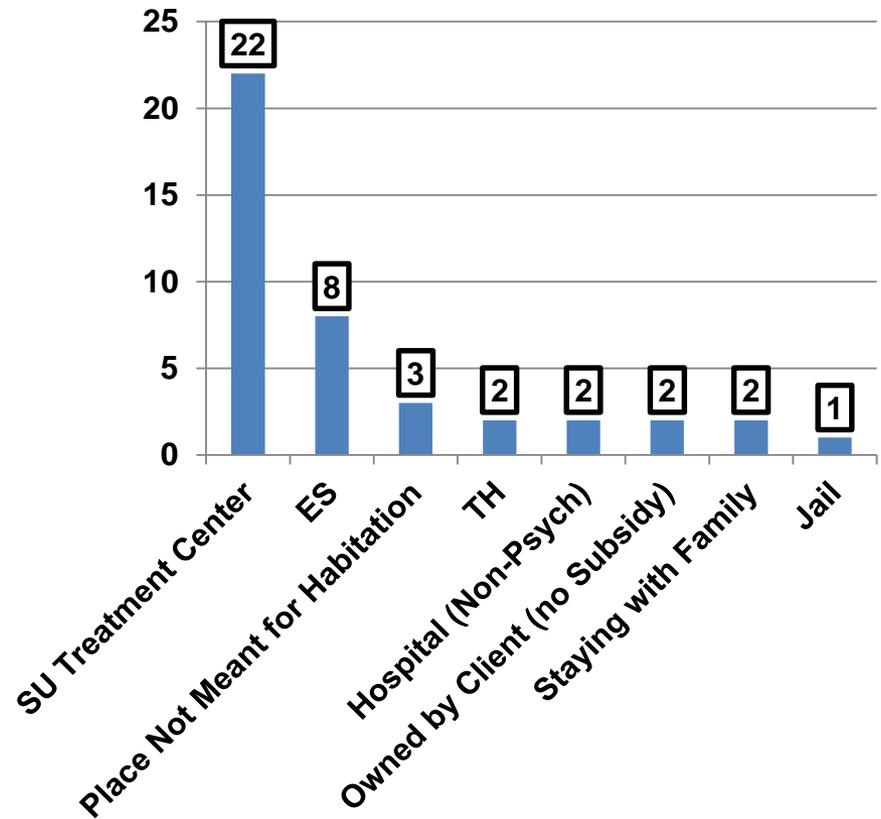


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Families in Transitional Housing

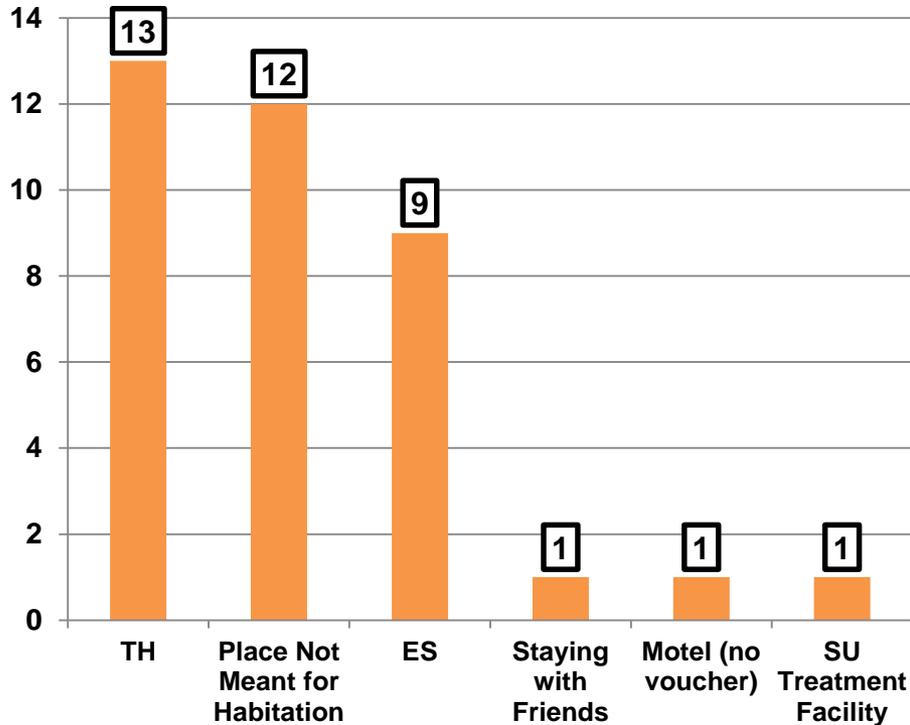


Individuals in Transitional Housing

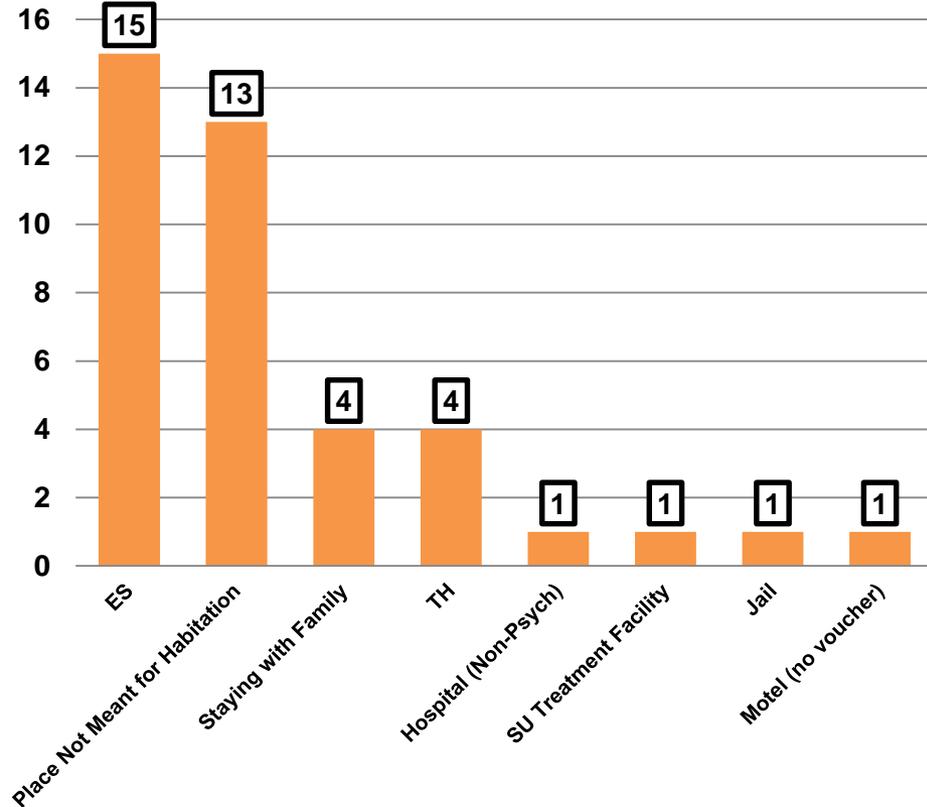


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Families in Permanent Supportive Housing

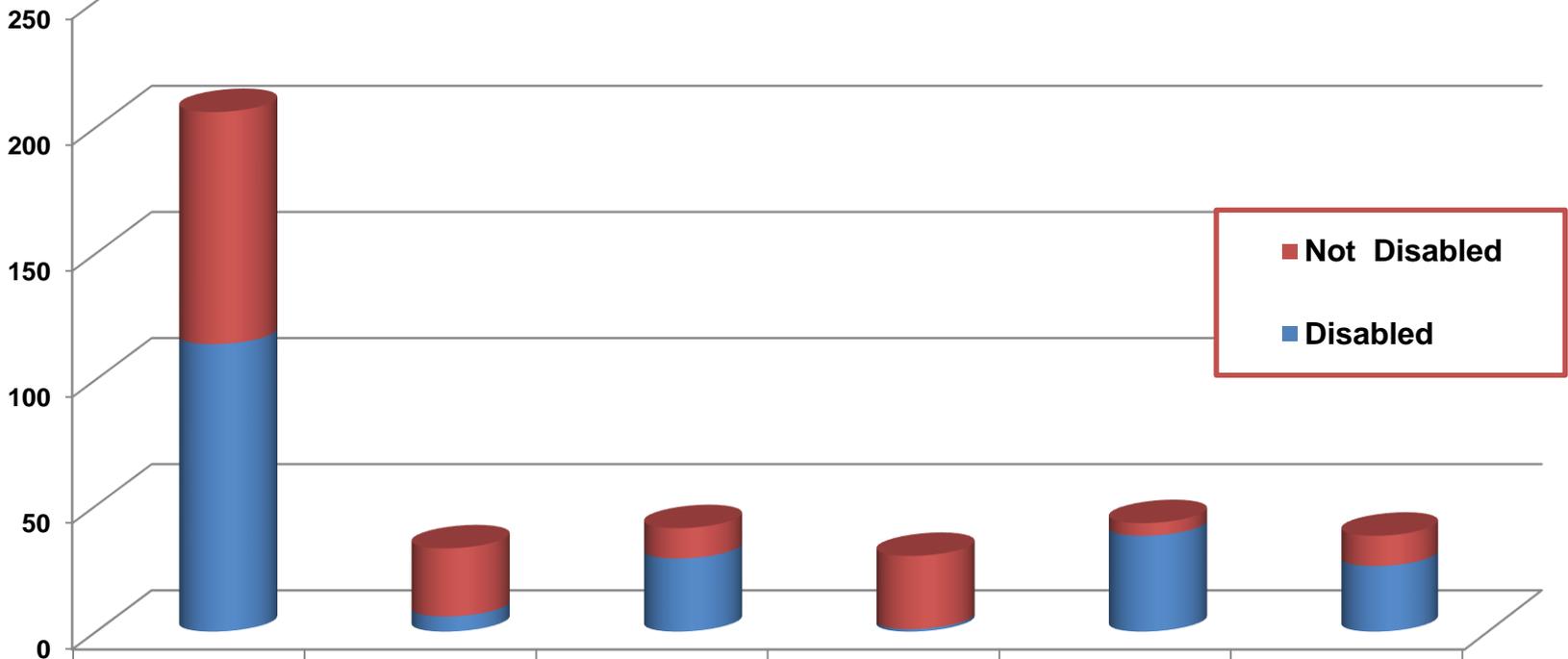


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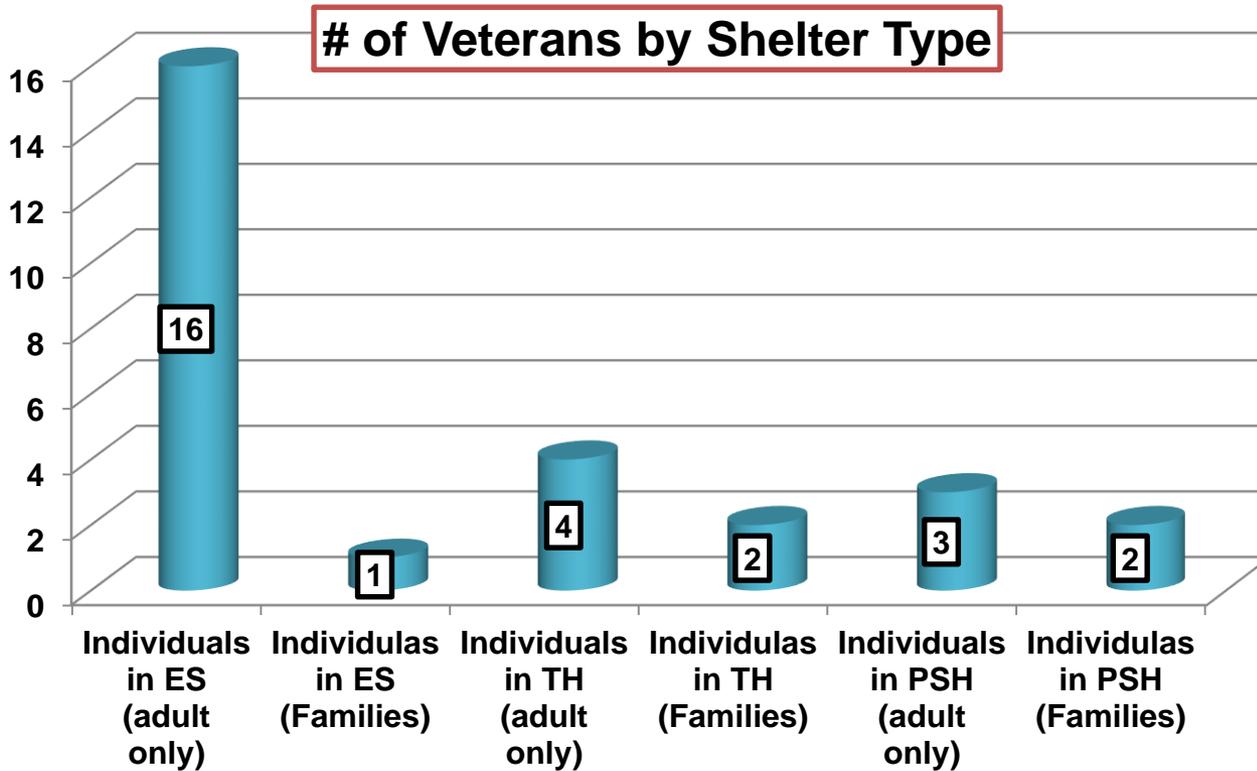
Disability Status

Disability Status by Shelter Type



	Individuals in ES (adult only)	Individuals in ES (Families)	Individuals in TH (adult only)	Individuals in TH (Families)	Individuals in PSH (adult only)	Individuals in PSH (Families)
Not Disabled	92	27	12	29	5	12
Disabled	114	6	29	1	38	26

of Veterans Served



Conclusions

- 50% of singles are coming into shelters and transitional housing from places not meant for habitation and/or an institutional setting (jail, hospital, rehab.)
- 63% of families coming into shelters and transitional housing have been primarily living with friends and family or have experienced recent eviction.
- 58% of individuals (single adults) in ES and TH have some type of a disability
- 11% of individuals in families in ES and TH have some type of disability

Conclusions

- 71% of families coming into ES and TH have been experiencing homelessness for 3 months or less
- 66% of individuals not in families coming into ES and TH have been experiencing homelessness for 3 months or less
- 65% of households on waitlist are couch surfing/doubled up
- 28% of households on waitlist are living in motels with no/sporadic assistance

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?
- Do we have populations not being served or need to be more completely served?



Questions and Comments