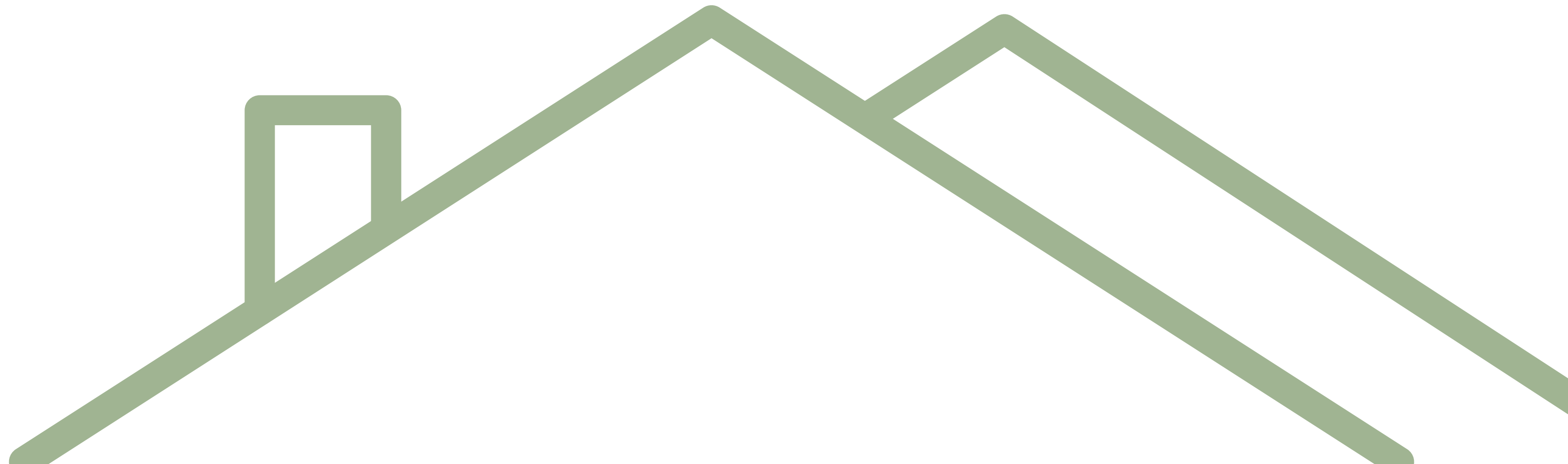


# Homelessness in Central New York Meeting the Rising Challenge

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# Who is the Housing & Homeless Coalition?



# MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

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ACR Health  
Auburn Housing Authority  
Altamont Program  
Catholic Charities of Onondaga County  
Cayuga Community Health Network  
Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency  
Cayuga County Department of Social Services  
Center for Community Alternatives  
Center for Justice Innovation  
Chadwick Residence  
Chapel House  
Christopher Community  
City of Auburn  
City of Syracuse Neighborhood & Business Development  
Client Advisory Board  
CNY Fair Housing  
Farnham Family Services  
Greater Syracuse Tenants Network  
Helio Health

Hiscock Legal Aid Society  
Housing Visions  
InterFaith Works  
La Liga  
Liberty Resources, Inc  
Onondaga County Department of Children and Family Services  
Onondaga County Department of Social Services  
Oswego County Opportunities  
Oswego Department of Social Services  
Rescue Mission Alliance of Syracuse  
Soldier On  
The Salvation Army  
Victory Transformation Center  
Vera House  
Veterans Affairs  
Volunteer Lawyers Project  
Youth Action Board  
YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County  
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## OUR MISSION& VISION

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Our mission is to assess community needs and develop a comprehensive community strategy and coordinated network of services to reduce, prevent, and ultimately end homelessness and housing vulnerability in Central New York.

Our vision is to create a community in Central New York where every person has a safe, permanent place to call home.

## OUR VALUES

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- Housing is a Human Right
- Homelessness can be Ended
- Housing First Works
- Ending Homelessness Fosters Equity & Justice
- Solutions to Homelessness Should be Data Driven
- Lived Experience Matters



# DEFINING HOMELESSNESS

## Homeless

Someone who has is sleeping in an emergency shelter, hotel/motel paid for by a nonprofit, governmental organization, or warming center.

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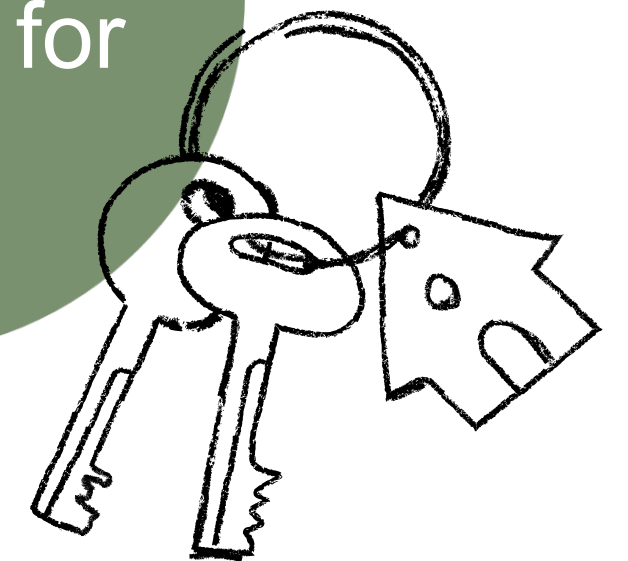
Someone who is sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, including tents, cars, and other unsheltered locations.

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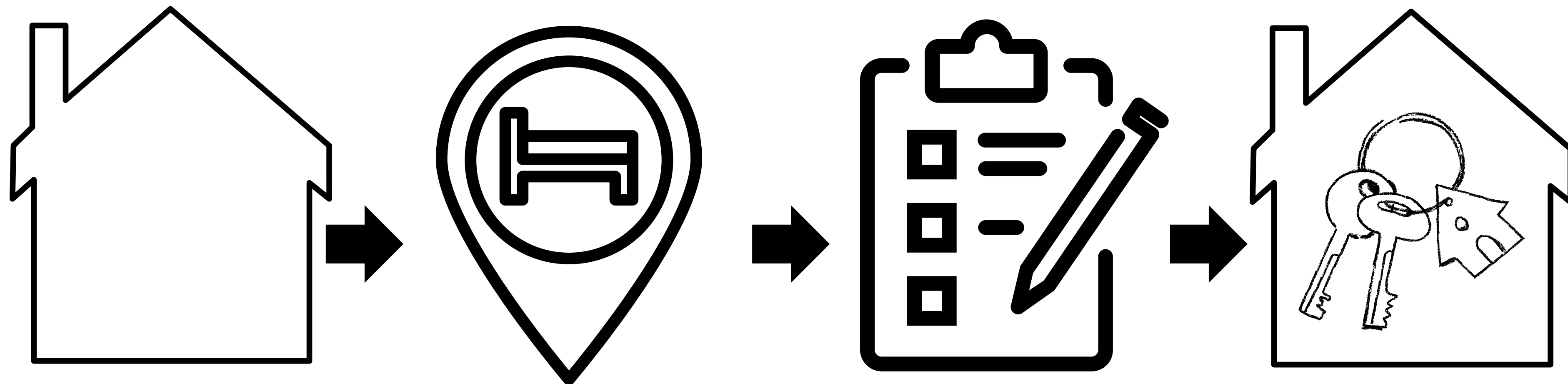
Someone who is actively fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

## Housing Vulnerable

Someone who is at risk of homelessness due to eviction, couch surfing, unfit or unsafe housing, or who lacks the financial resources to adequately pay for housing .



# WHAT IS THE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM?



# PROJECT TYPES IN THE RESPONSE SYSTEM

STREET OUTREACH

EMERGENCY SHELTER

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

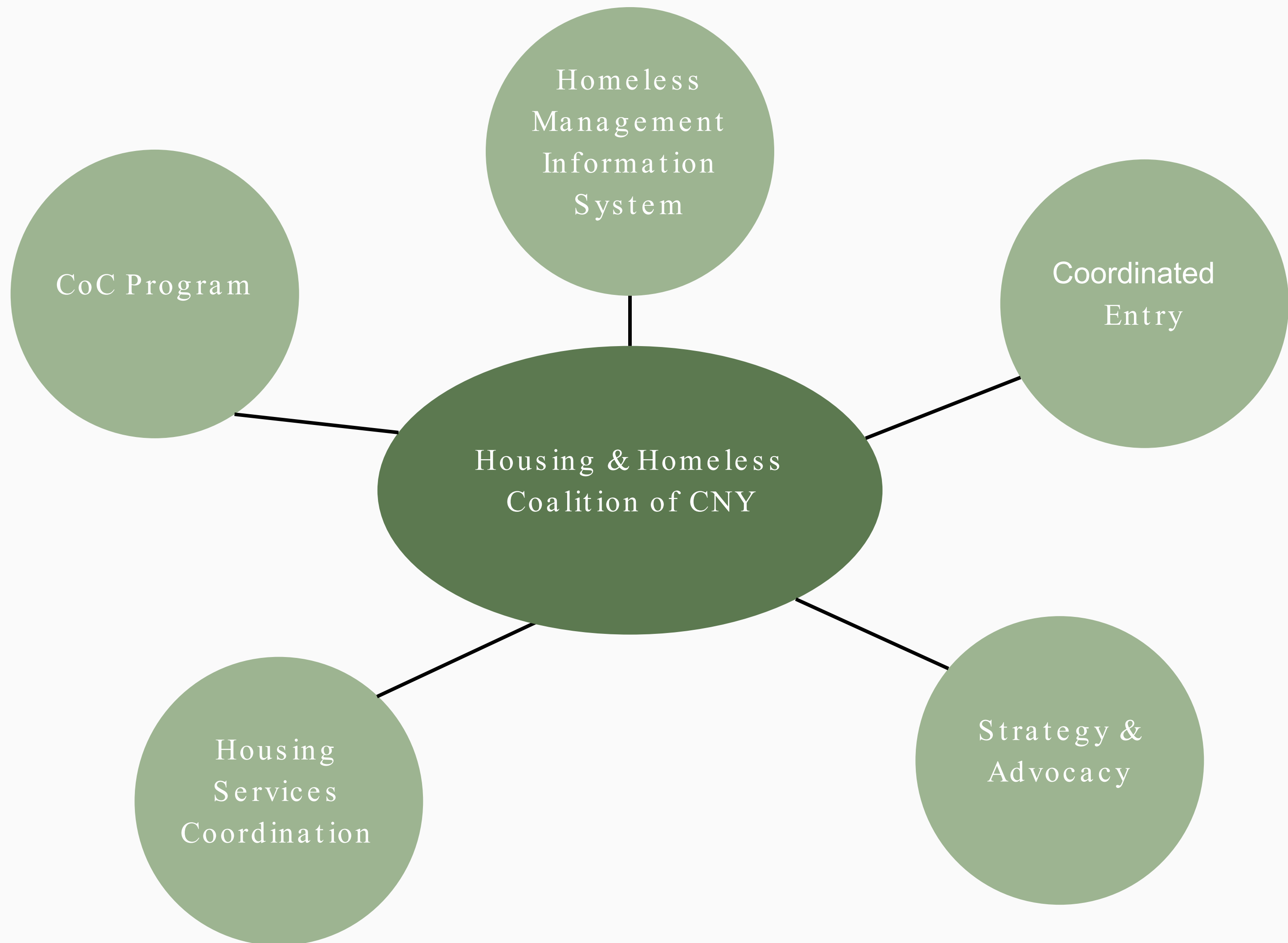
TRANSITIONAL TO RAPID REHOUSING

RAPID REHOUSING

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

OTHER PERMANENT HOUSING





# 10 YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

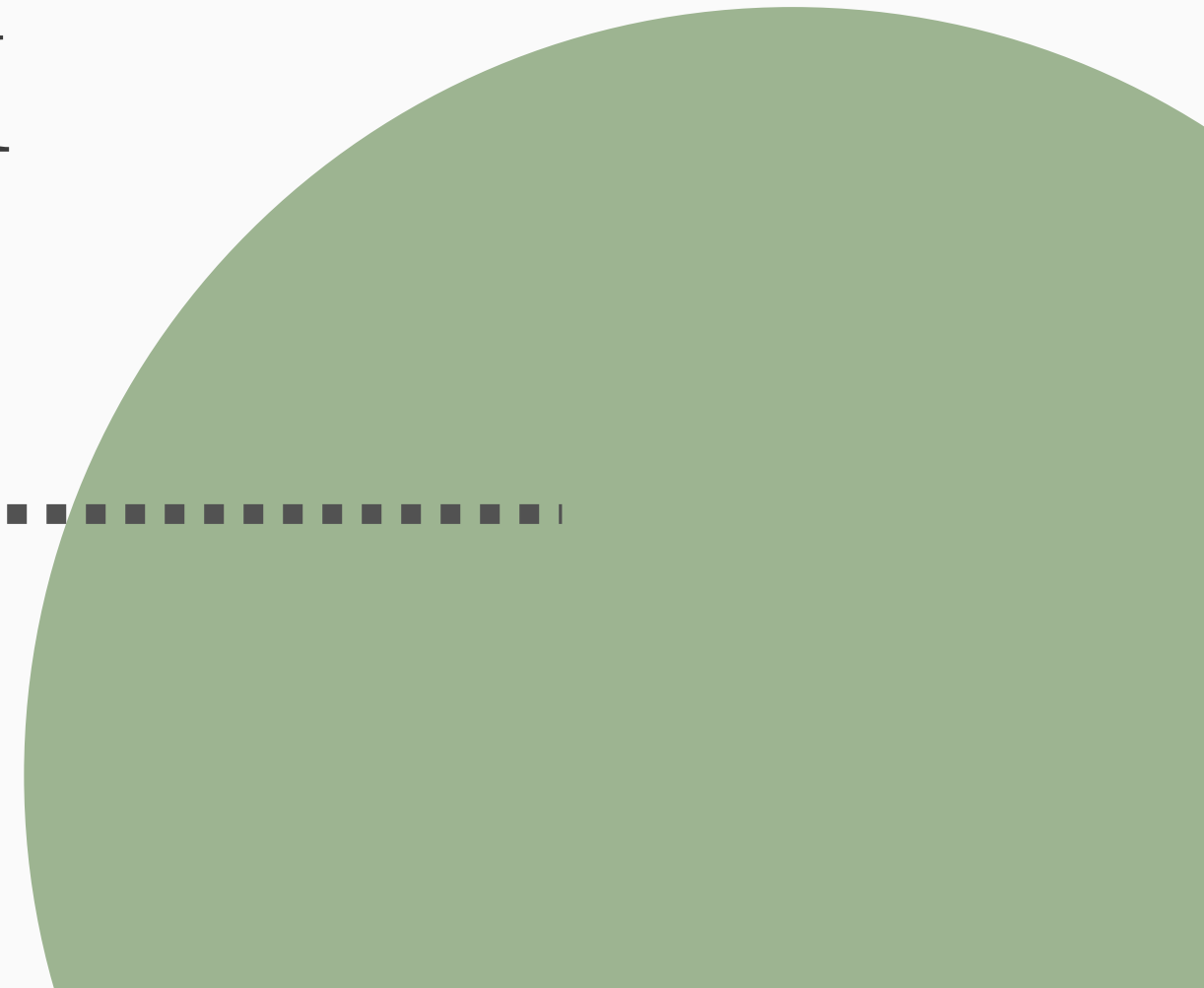
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- The Community's Coordinated Entry System provides an appropriate housing service within 30 days of entering homelessness
- End homelessness for specific populations: Chronic, Youth, Families, & Veterans
  - Increase the amount or availability of safe, affordable housing stock
- Eliminate racial disparities in the homelessness system
- Effectively end homelessness for all populations

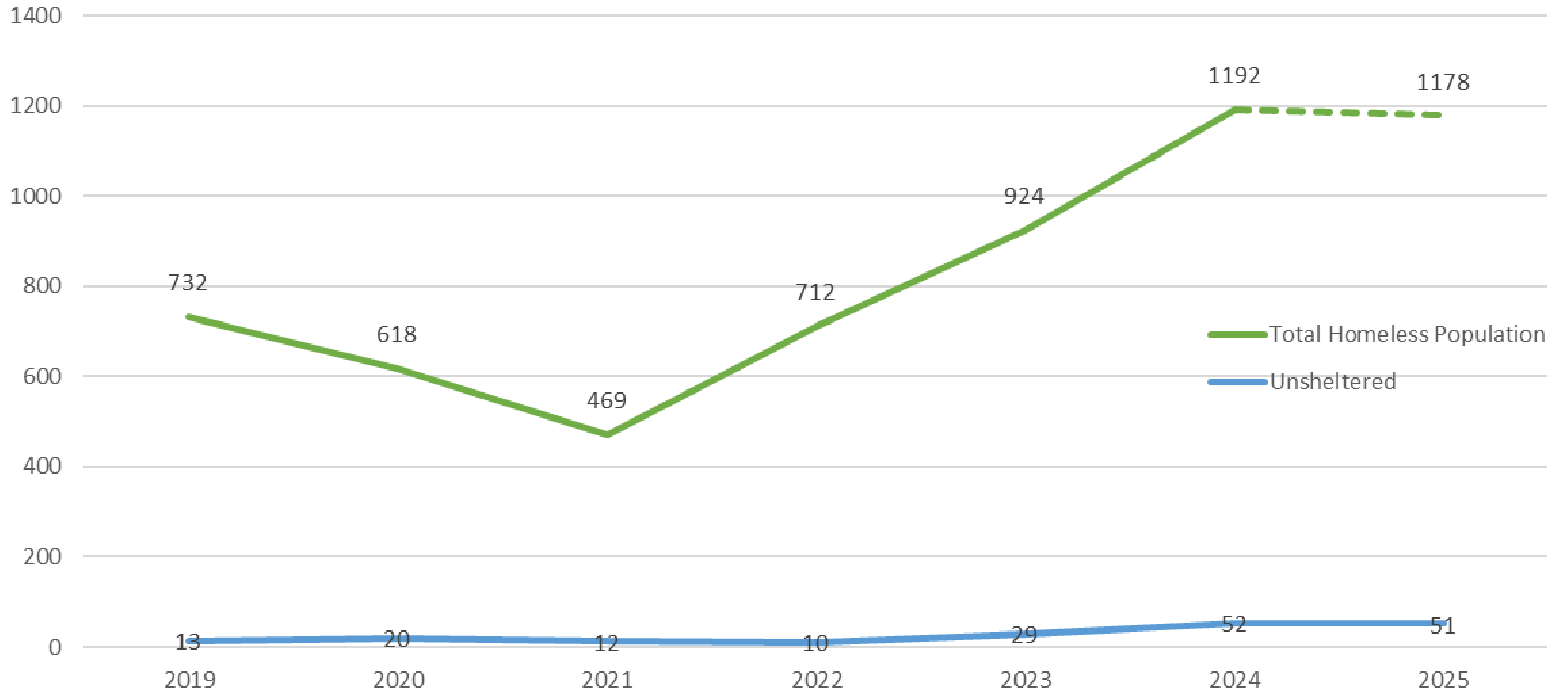
## Metrics

- Homelessness is decreased by at least 5% every year
- The average length of time homeless is no longer than 30 days
- The CoC has met benchmarks for ending youth, veteran, and family homelessness
- There is no evidence of racial disparities in entry or exit points in the homelessness system
- Availability of affordable housing units is expanded in Central New York
- People exit homelessness to permanent housing more than 75% of the time
- No more than 5% of people return to homelessness within two years

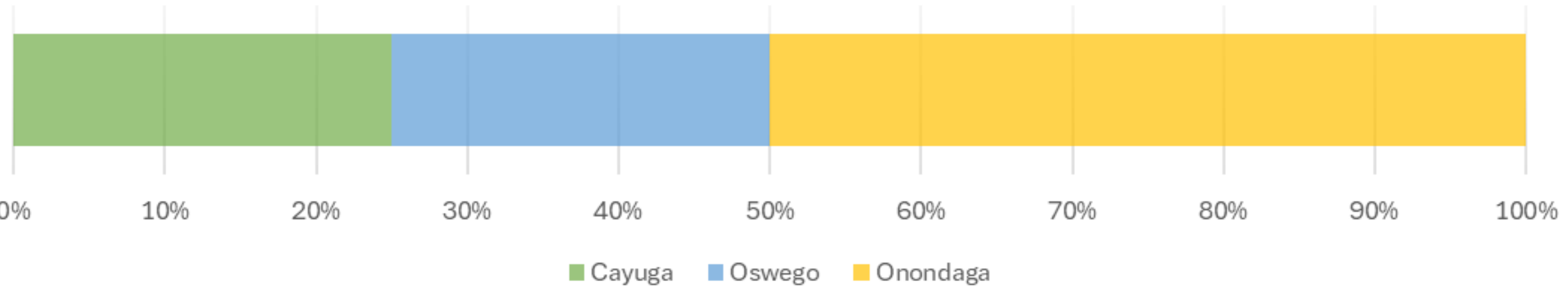
# Current State of Homelessness in Central New York



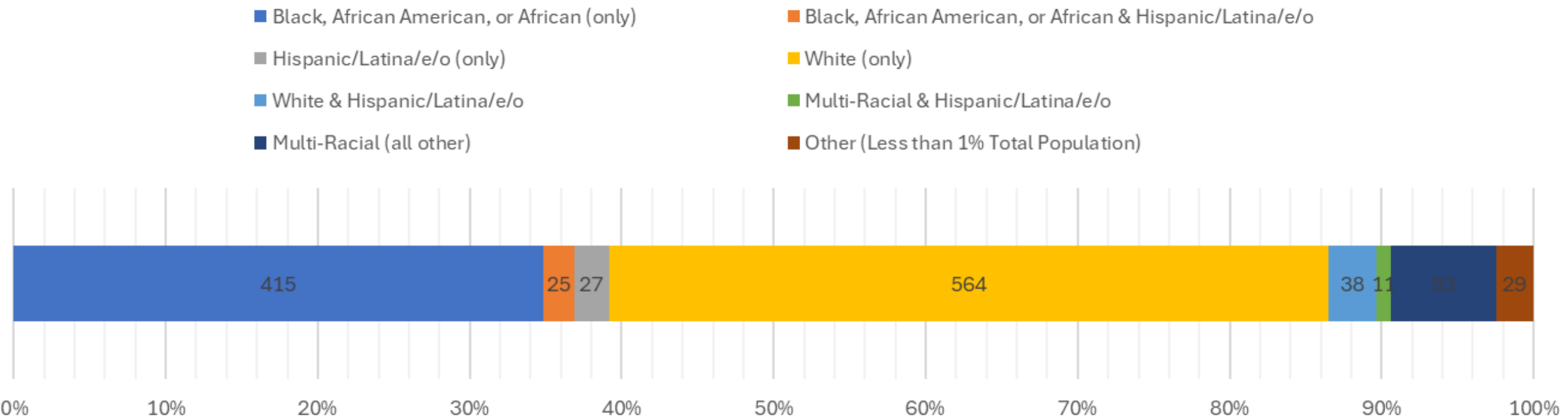
# Total Homeless Population 2019 to 2025 On a Given Night



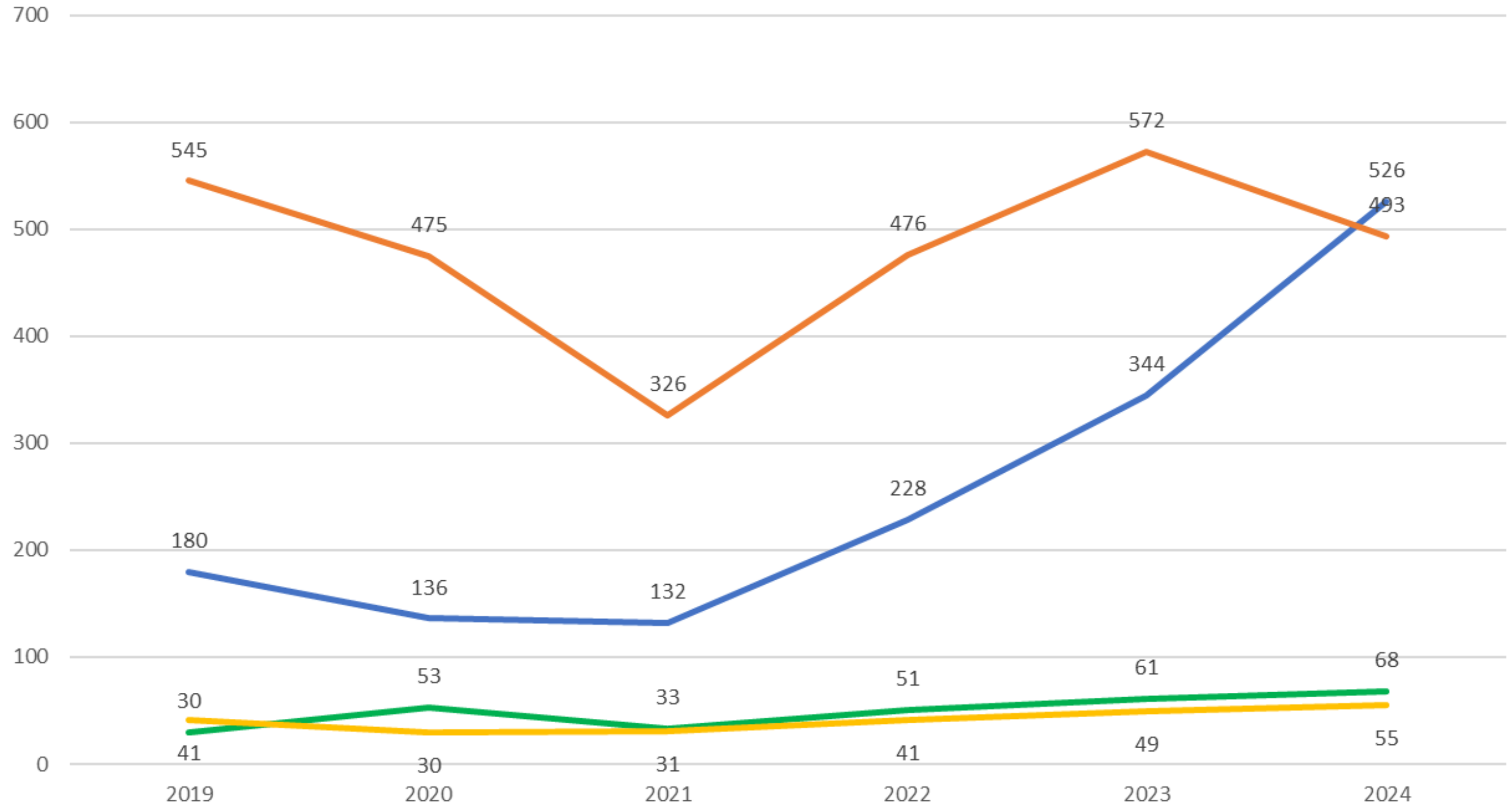
## PERCENT OF TOTAL HOMELESS POPULATION BY COUNTY



## Homeless Population by Race/Ethnicity

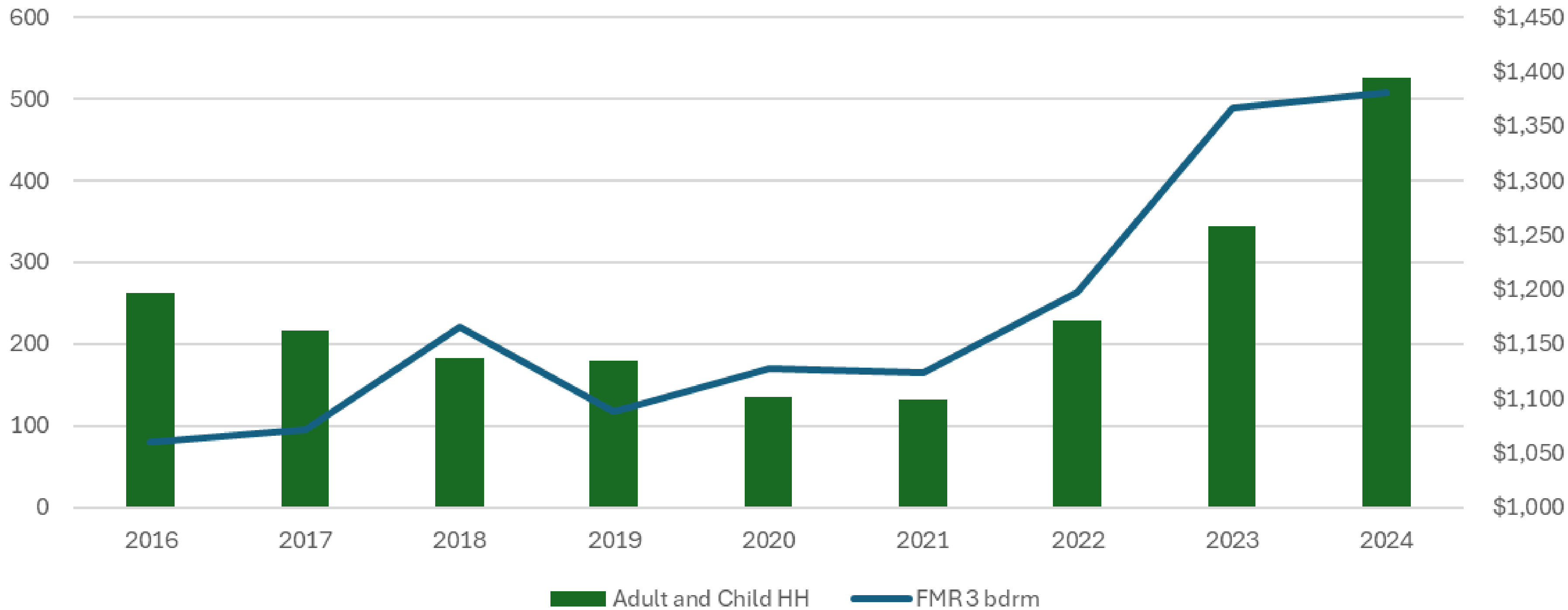


### Subpopulations - PIT 2016-2024

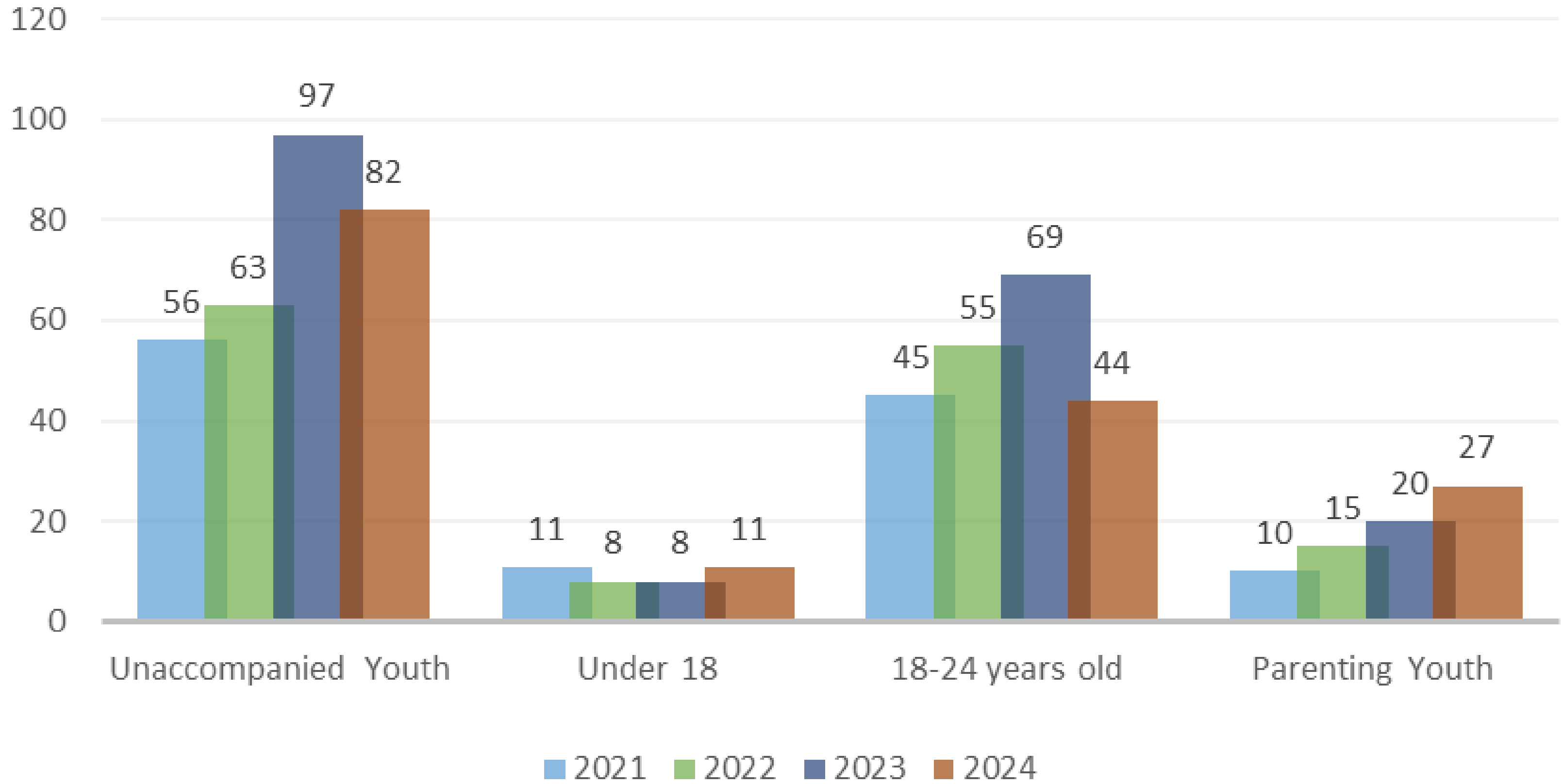


— Adult and Child HH — Adult Only HH — Chronic — Veterans

## Family Homelessness vs Three Bedroom Fair Market Rent

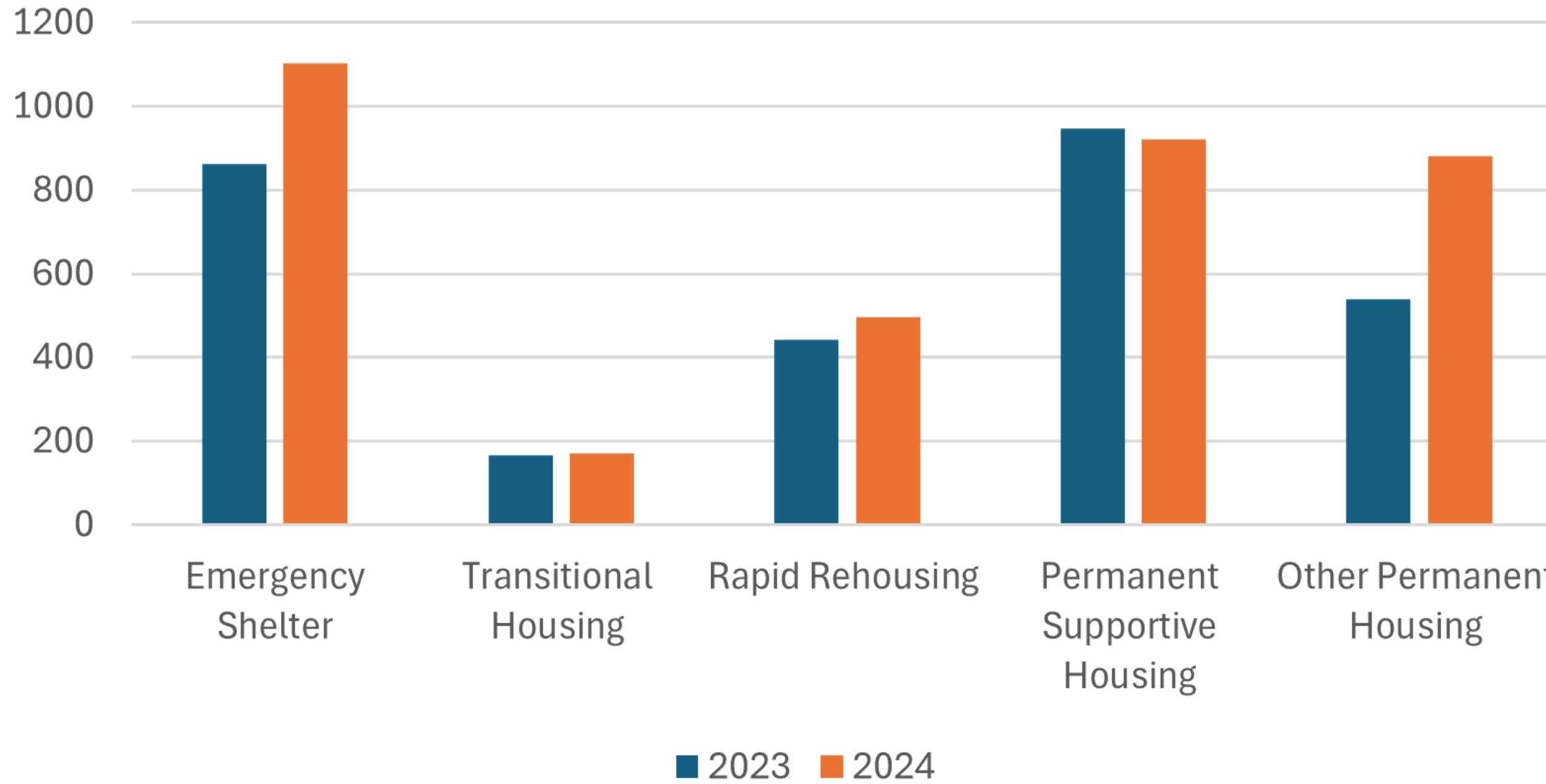


# Youth Homelessness





# Housing Inventory Count



## DEFINITIONS

**Emergency Shelter\*\*:** Short term emergency stays in congregate or noncongregate shelters

**Transitional Housing:** Medium term residential stays, up to two years

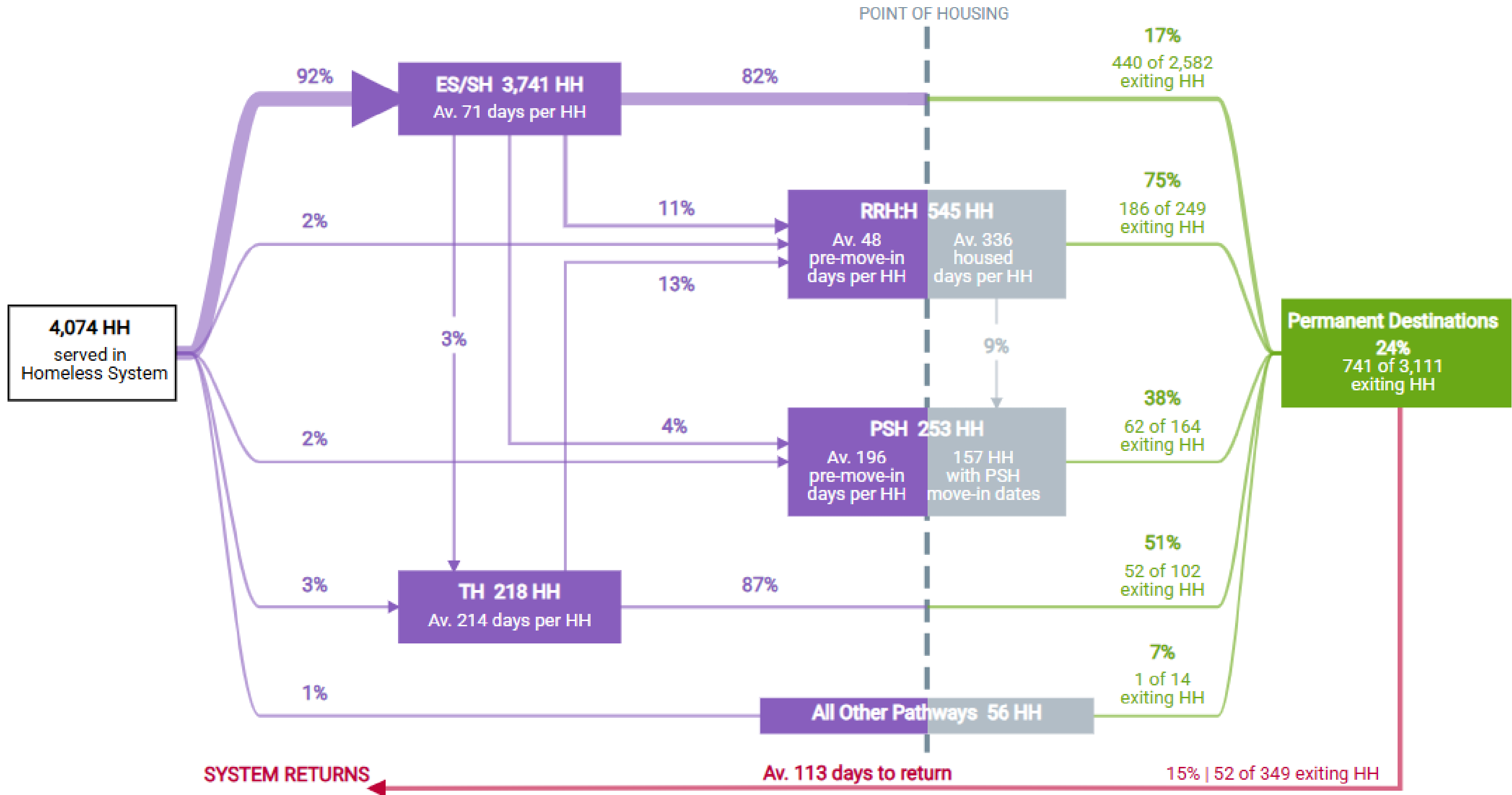
**Rapid Rehousing:** Medium term permanent housing subsidy, up to two years

**Permanent Supportive Housing:** Long term subsidy for people with disabilities

**Other Permanent Housing:** Long term subsidy without disability requirement

■ Days Homeless    
 ■ Rapid Re-Housing: Housing with or without services (RRH:H), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)    
 ■ Exits to Permanent Destinations    
 ■ Returns

### 99 Days Homeless



## Main Takeaways

- OVERALL HOMELESSNESS HAS INCREASED 63% SINCE 2019, AND OVER 150% SINCE HISTORIC LOWS IN 2021
- FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT HISTORY, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FAMILIES IN SHELTER IS HIGHER THAN SINGLE INDIVIDUALS, WITH FAMILY HOMELESSNESS INCREASING BY 192% SINCE 2019
- ONLY 4.5% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON THE NIGHT OF THE COUNT WERE UNSHELTERED
- ONONDAGA COUNTY CONTINUES TO HAVE THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF THE CONTINUUM OF CARE'S POPULATION, INCREASES IN HOMELESSNESS OCCURRED IN ALL THREE COUNTIES
- BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN SHELTER (40% IN SHELTER: 8.5% OF THREE COUNTY CENSUS)
- DESPITE INCREASES IN PERMANENT HOUSING BEDS AVAILABLE, THE GROWTH IS NOT MEETING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

# Policy Recommendations

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Right -size congregate and non -congregate shelter options for people experiencing homelessness

Encourage affordable housing development that is responsive to community needs

Centralize and expand property owner engagement and partnership

Invest in homelessness prevention and upstream causes of homelessness, particularly targeted to marginalized groups most likely to end up in emergency shelter

Maintain federal Homeless Assistance Grants to fund critical permanent housing and supportive programming

Pass universal voucher programming at the state and federal level