



Commission on  
Homelessness and Housing  
for Volusia and Flagler Counties

# 2024 Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count Report

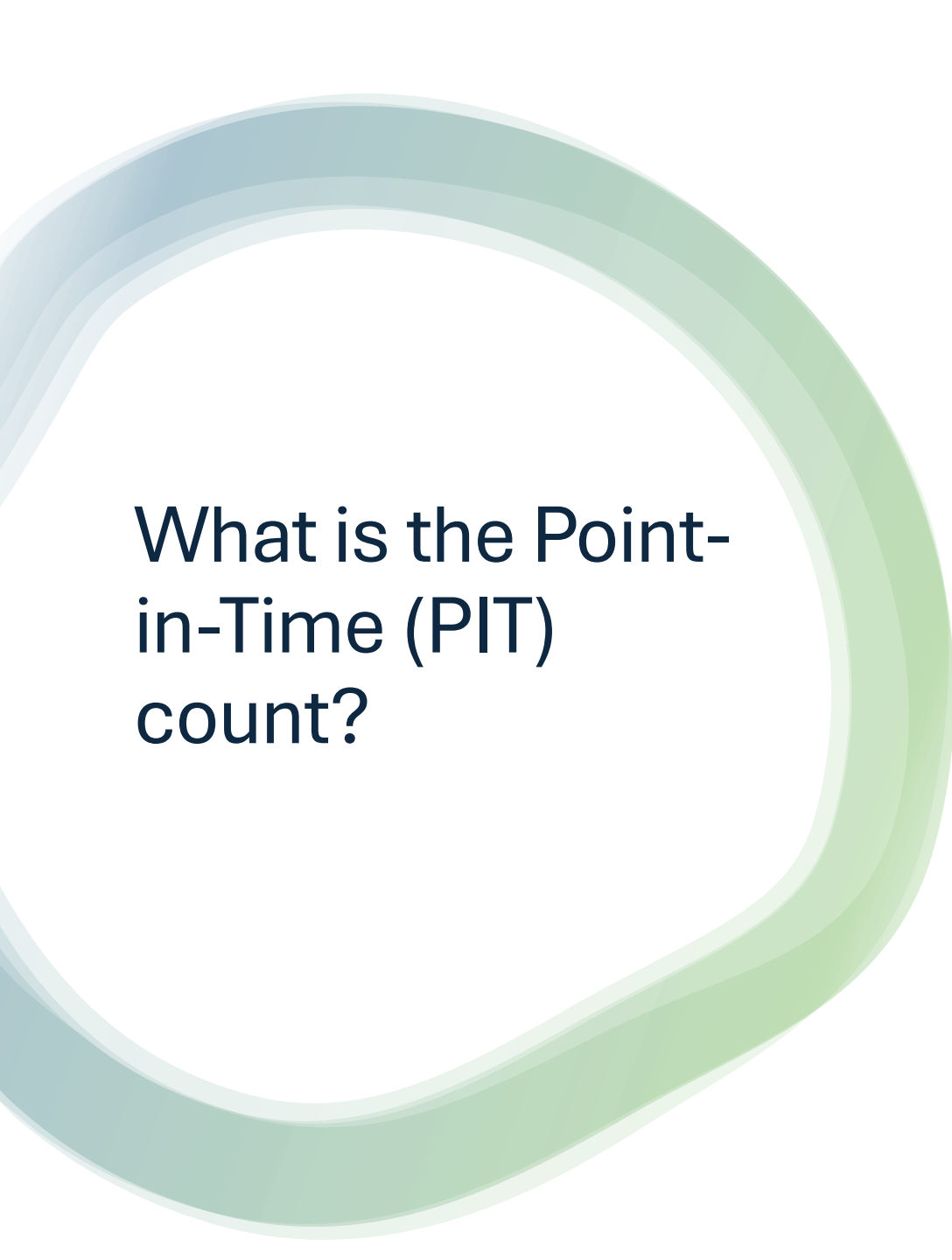
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# Our Mission and Vision

- **Mission:** The Commission on Homelessness and Housing's (COHH) mission is to develop and promote strategies to address the problem of homelessness and work collaboratively with all levels of government, nonprofit providers, and the community at large.
- **Vision:** A housing crisis response system in Volusia and Flagler counties to make homelessness rare, brief, and one time.



## What is the Point-in-Time (PIT) count?

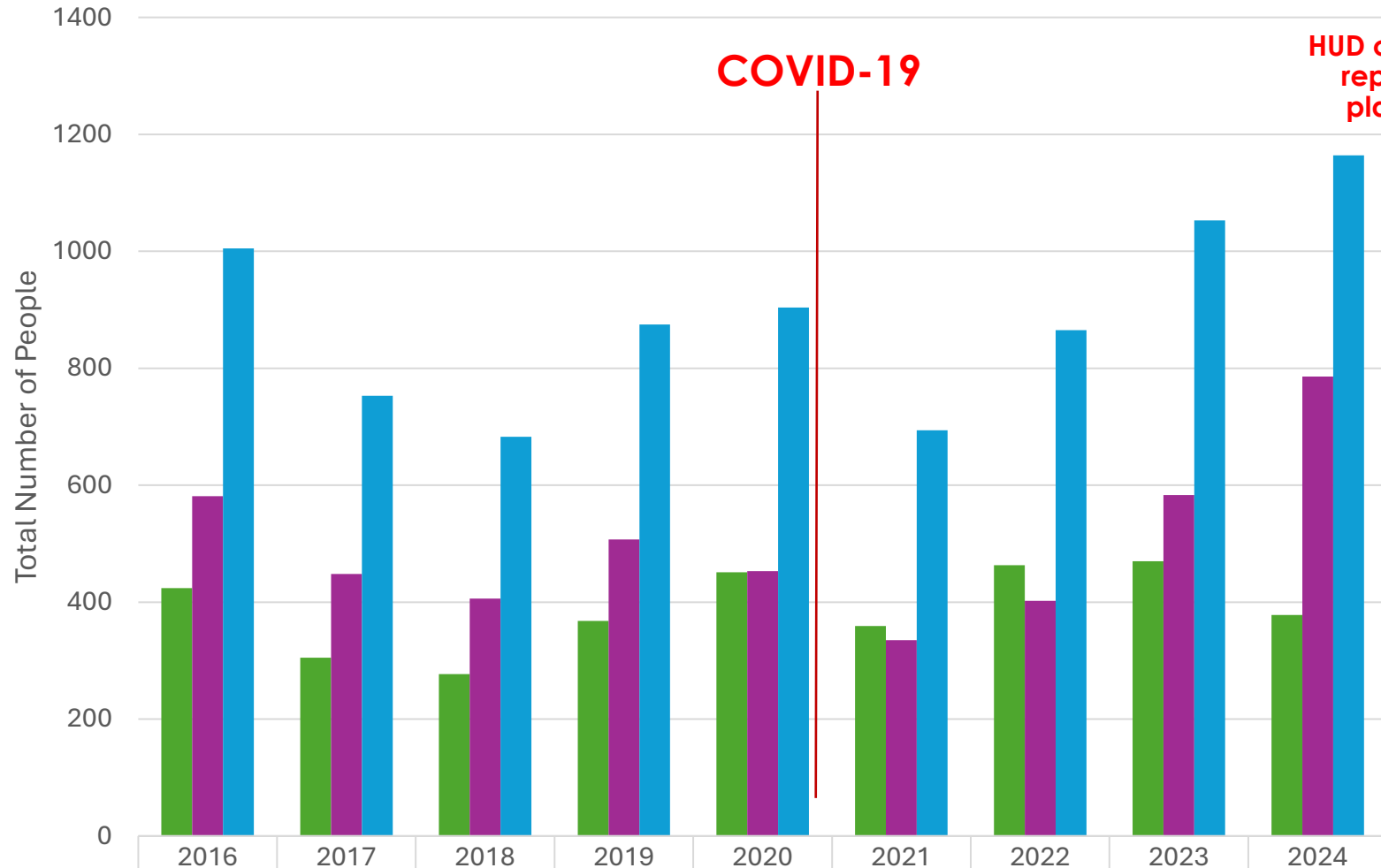
- A literal count of all the people experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night (i.e., at a point in time)
- Conducted by every community nationwide in the last 10 days of January at least every other year
- A “snapshot” of homelessness on this one night in our community
- Two categories
  - **Unsheltered** - Persons who reside in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings , on the street.
  - **Sheltered** - Temporary housing settings such as, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and safe havens.

# Why do we conduct a PIT Count?

- To measure and monitor trends and changes in homelessness on local and national levels
- To help our community understand what resources we need and strategize the best ways to use them to end homelessness
- To comply with federal regulations and requirements



# Total Count



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sheltered	424	305	277	368	451	359	463	470	378
Unsheltered	581	448	406	507	453	335	402	583	786
Total	1005	753	683	875	904	694	865	1053	1164

**2024**

Total Count

**1164**

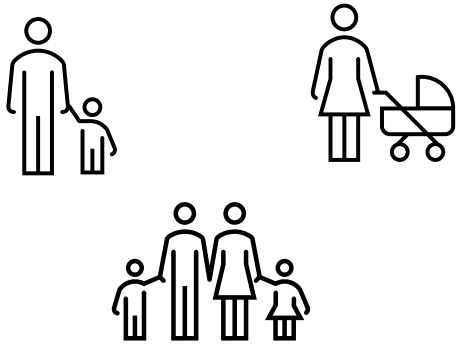
**10.5%  
Increase**

**2023**

Total Count

**1053**

# Families



**93** homeless families were identified during the 2024 PIT.

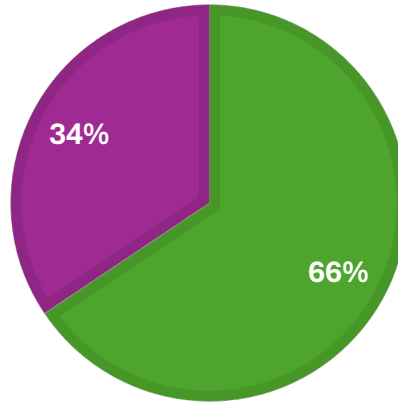
**148** adults & **211** minors

**5** chronically homeless families

Unsheltered families increased by **45% or 10 families** from 2023 to 2024.

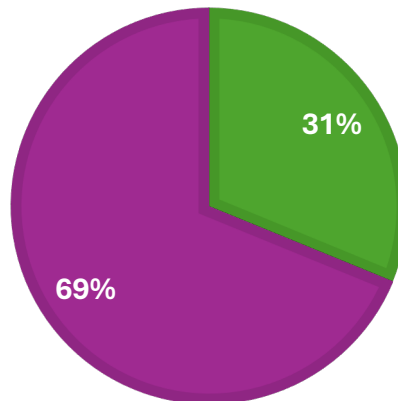
## TOTAL FAMILIES

■ Sheltered ■ Unsheltered

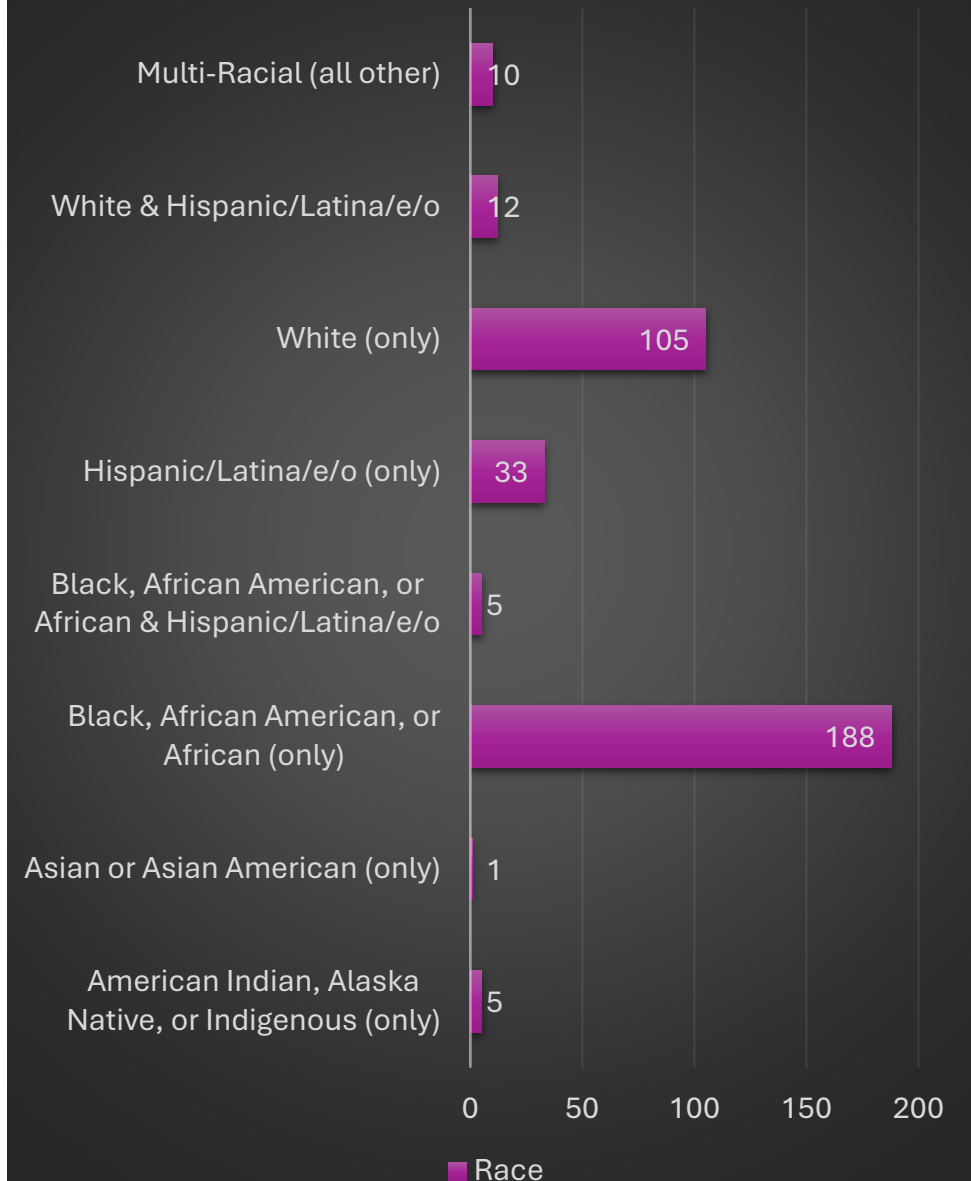


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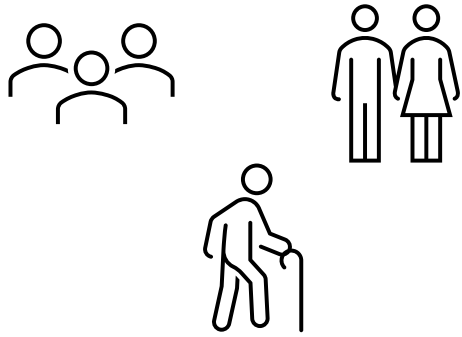
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## Race



# Adult Only



**742** homeless adult only households were identified during the 2024 PIT.

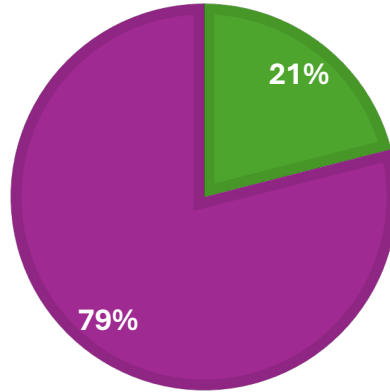
**804** adults

**169** chronically homeless adults

Unsheltered adult only population increased by **24% or 126 people** from 2023 to 2024.

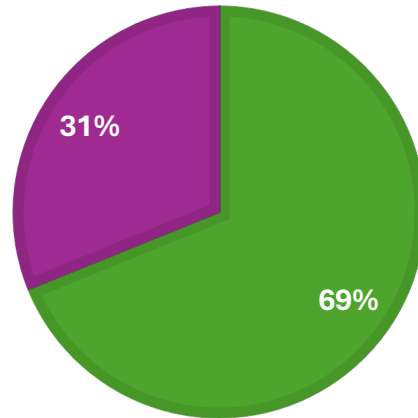
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■ Sheltered ■ Unsheltered



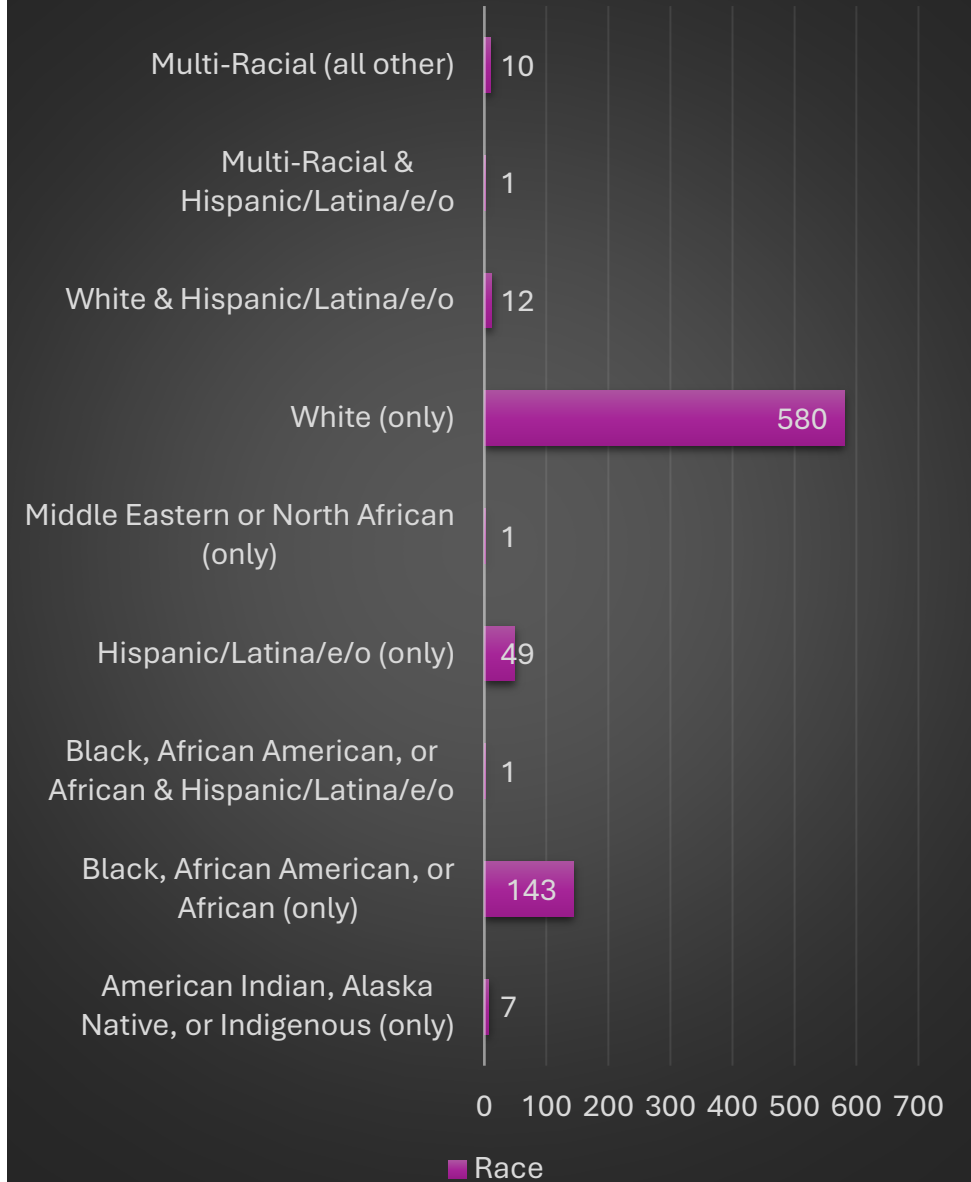
## GENDER\*

■ Men/Boys ■ Women/Girls

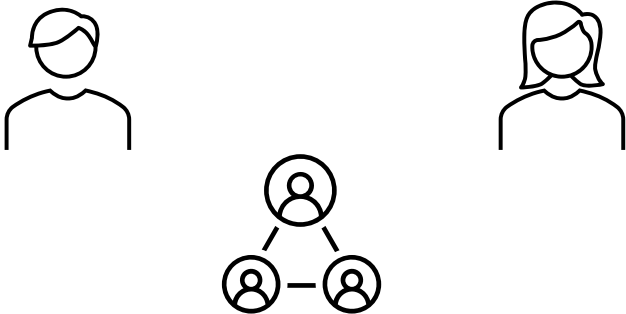


\*One person identified as more than one gender

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# Unaccompanied Youth



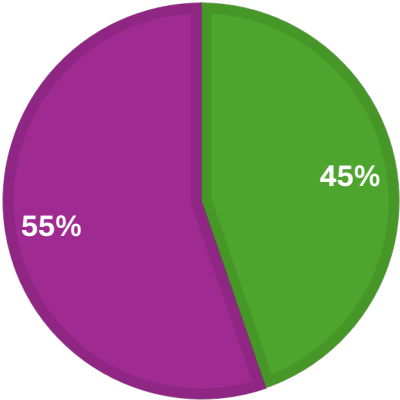
**38** unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY) were identified during the 2024 PIT.

**4** chronically UHY

Unsheltered UHY increased by **75% or 12 people** from 2023 to 2024.

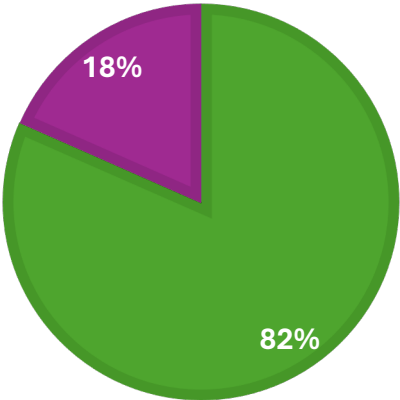
## TOTAL YOUTH

Sheltered Unsheltered

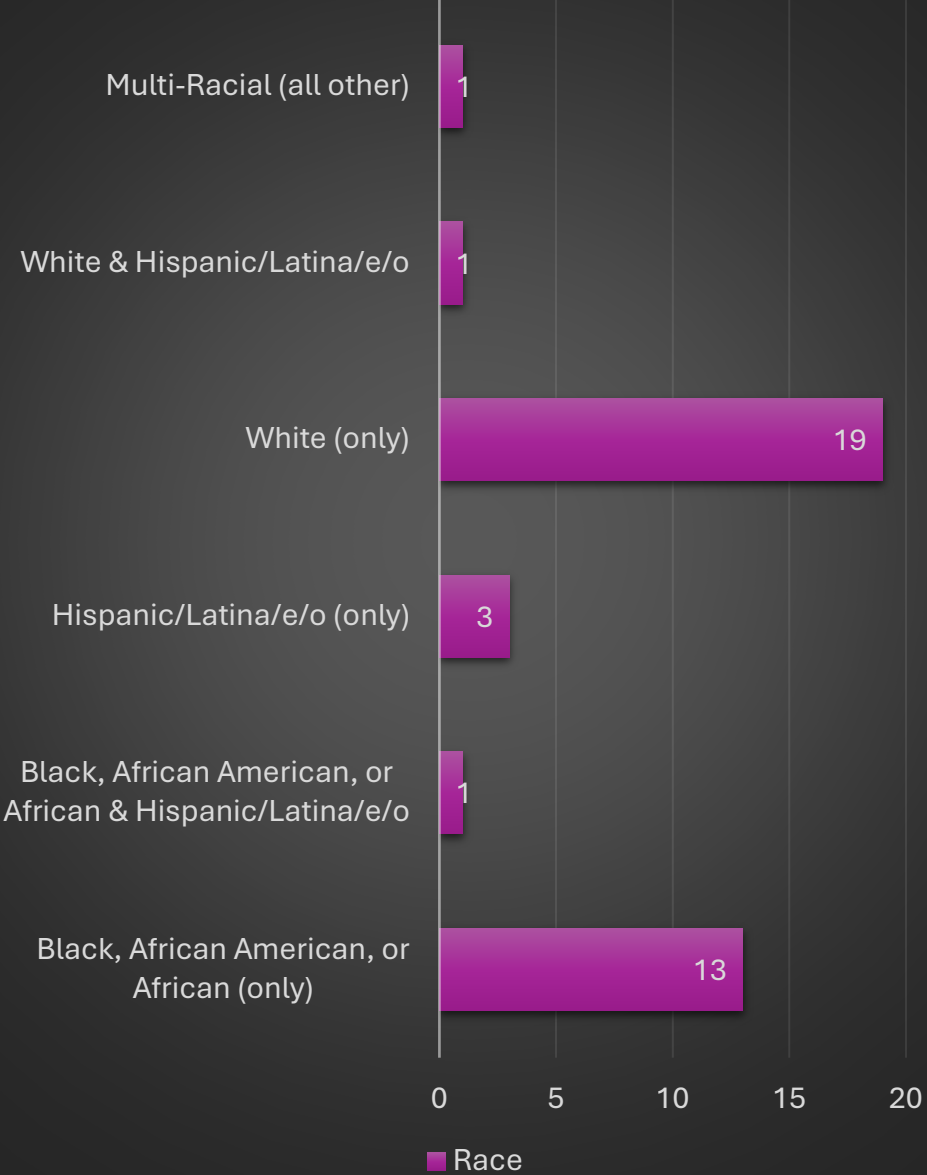


## GENDER

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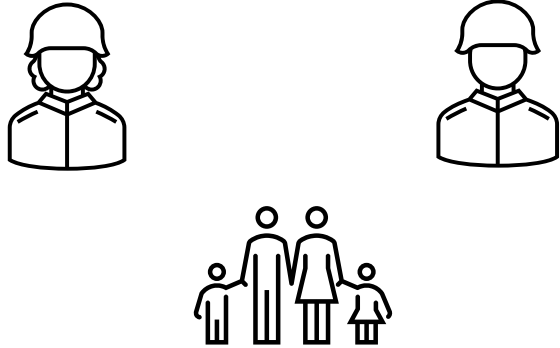


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# Veterans



**75** homeless Veterans were identified during the 2024 PIT.

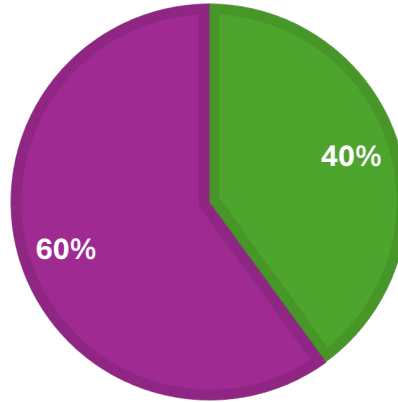
**2** families

**26** chronically homeless Veterans

The overall number of homeless veterans decreased by **6% or 5 people** from 2023 to 2024.

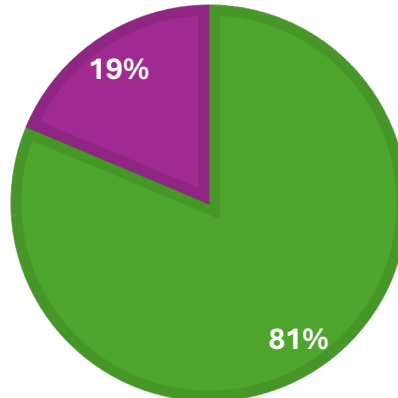
## TOTAL VETERANS

■ Sheltered ■ Unsheltered

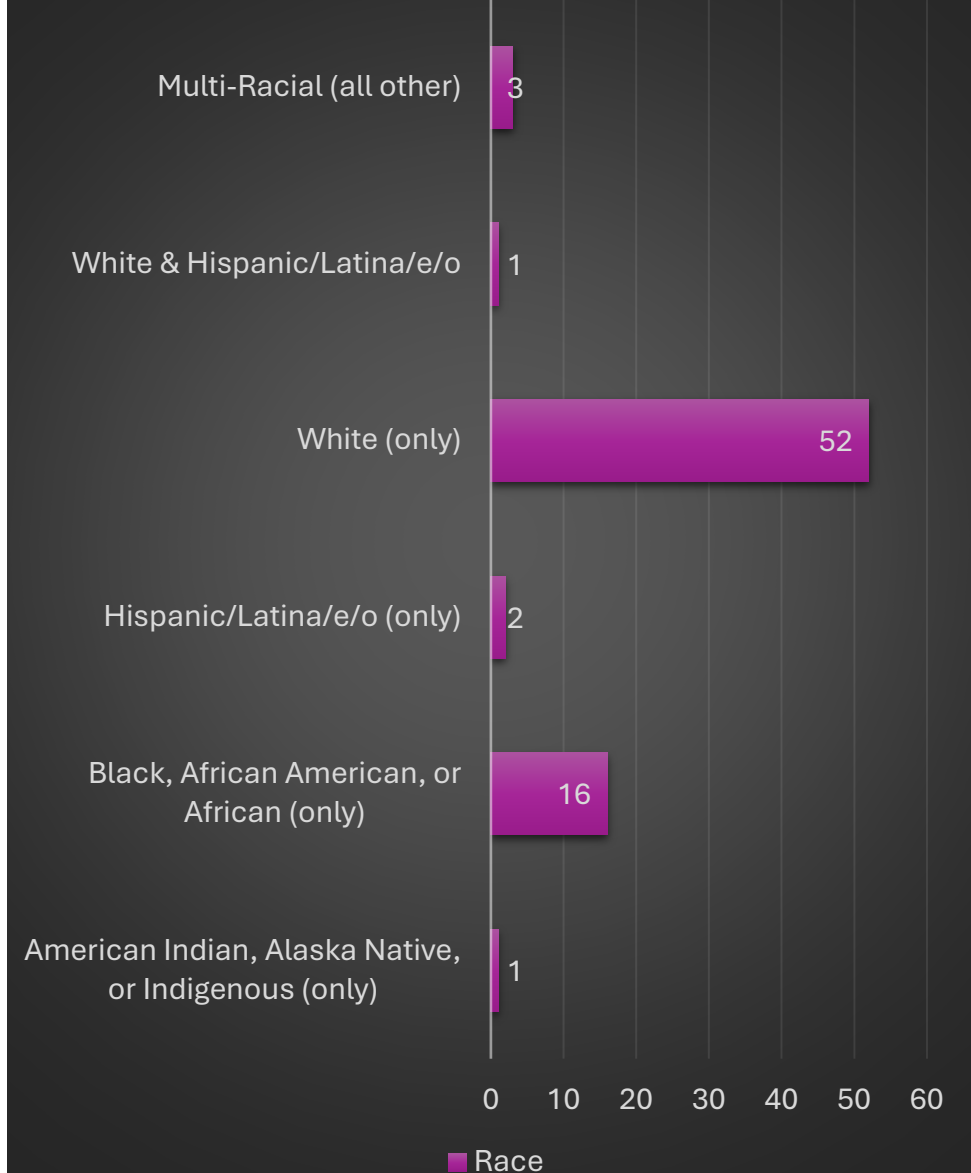


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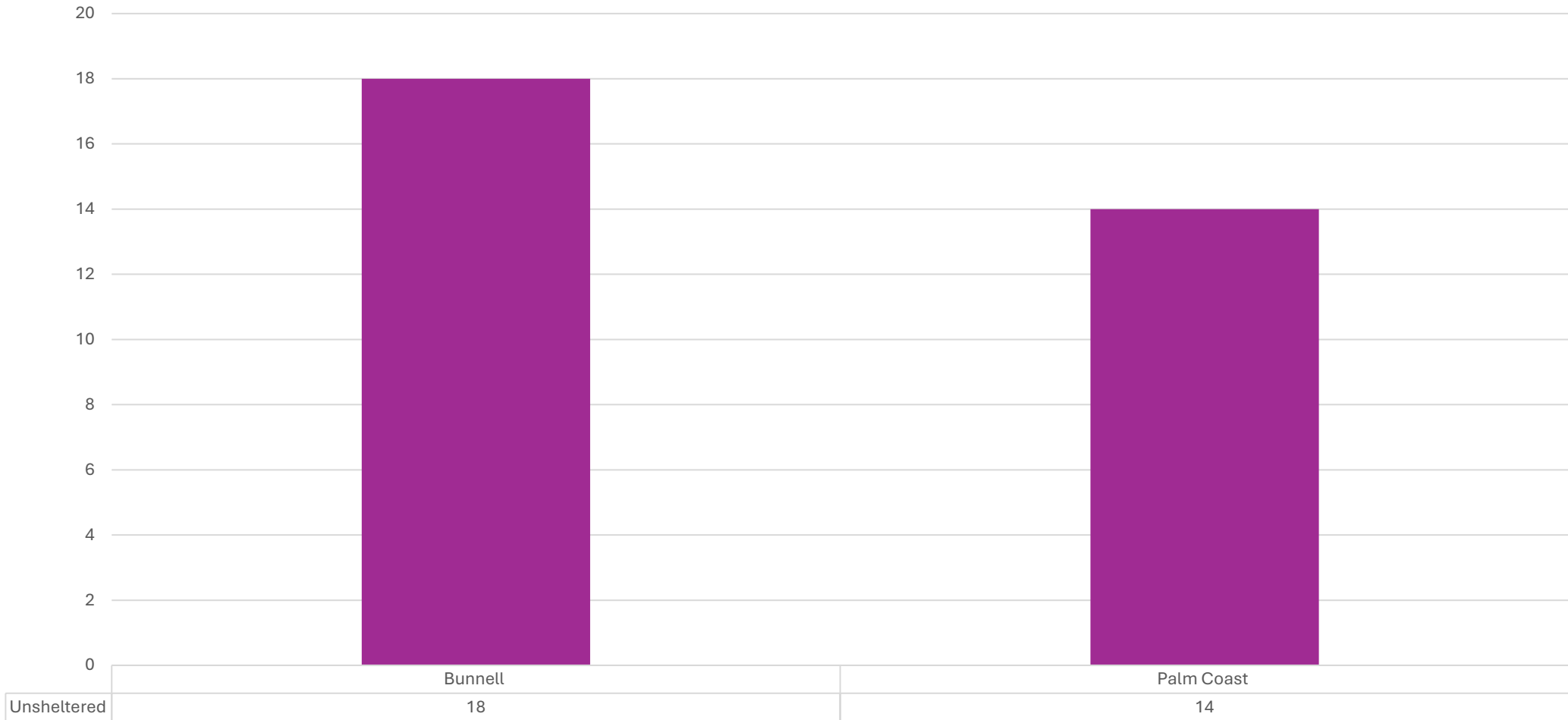
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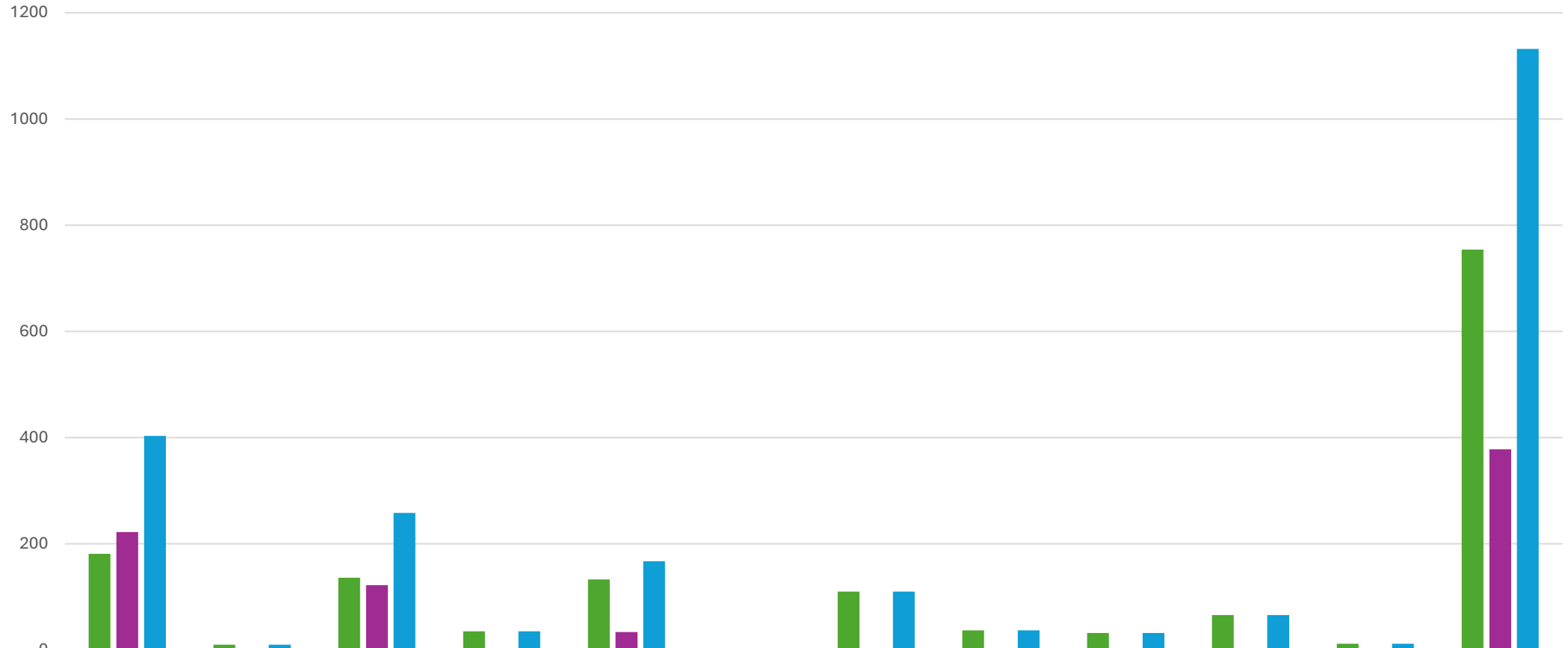


# Flagler County by City Breakdown



*\*Domestic violence shelter numbers not included.*

# Volusia County by City Breakdown



	Daytona Beach	DeBary	DeLand	Deltona	Holly Hill	Lake Helen	New Smyrna Beach	Orange City	Ormond Beach	Port Orange	South Daytona	Total
■ unsheltered	181	10	136	35	133	2	110	37	32	66	12	754
■ Sheltered	222	0	122	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	378
■ Total	403	10	258	35	167	2	110	37	32	66	12	1132

■ unsheltered ■ Sheltered ■ Total

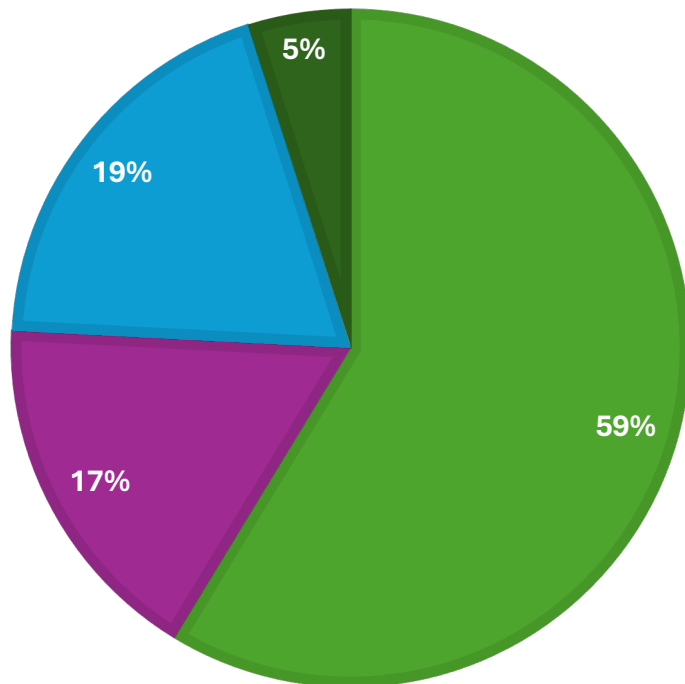
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# Other Information from Survey Participants

(\*386 surveys submitted – unsheltered ONLY)

## WHERE DID YOU LIVE WHEN YOU BECAME HOMELESS?

- This county
- Elsewhere in Florida
- Out of state
- Not specified



## Disabling condition

**59.2% or 218** of survey participants indicated they have a disabling condition

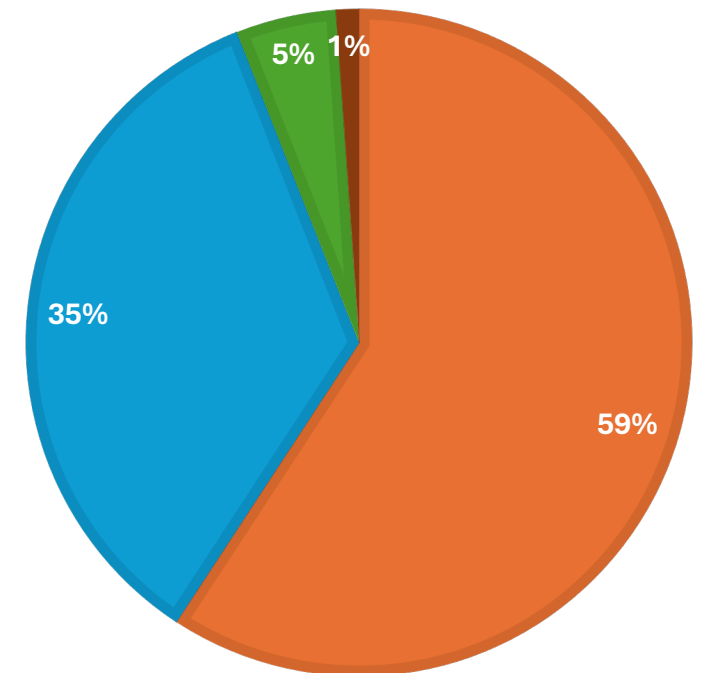
**135 people** indicated they have one disabling condition

**77 people** indicated they have two or more disabling conditions

**6 people** did not specify

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HOMELESS?

- 1 year or longer
- 1 - 12 months
- 1 month or less
- Not specified



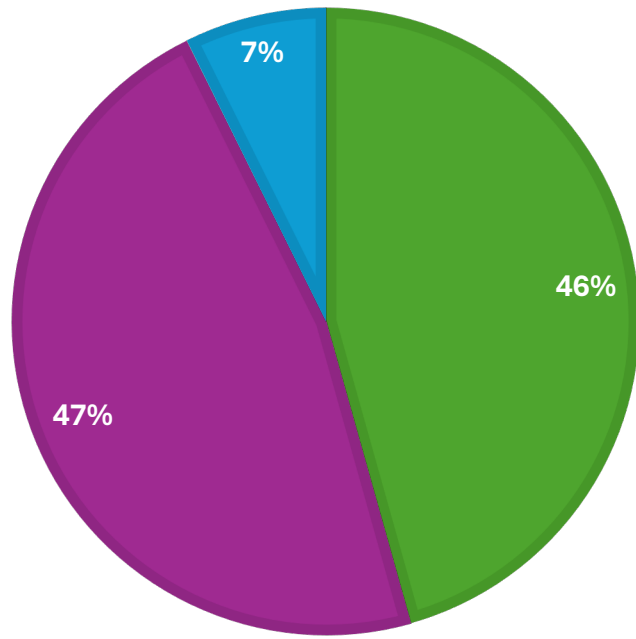
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# Other Information from Survey Participants Cont.

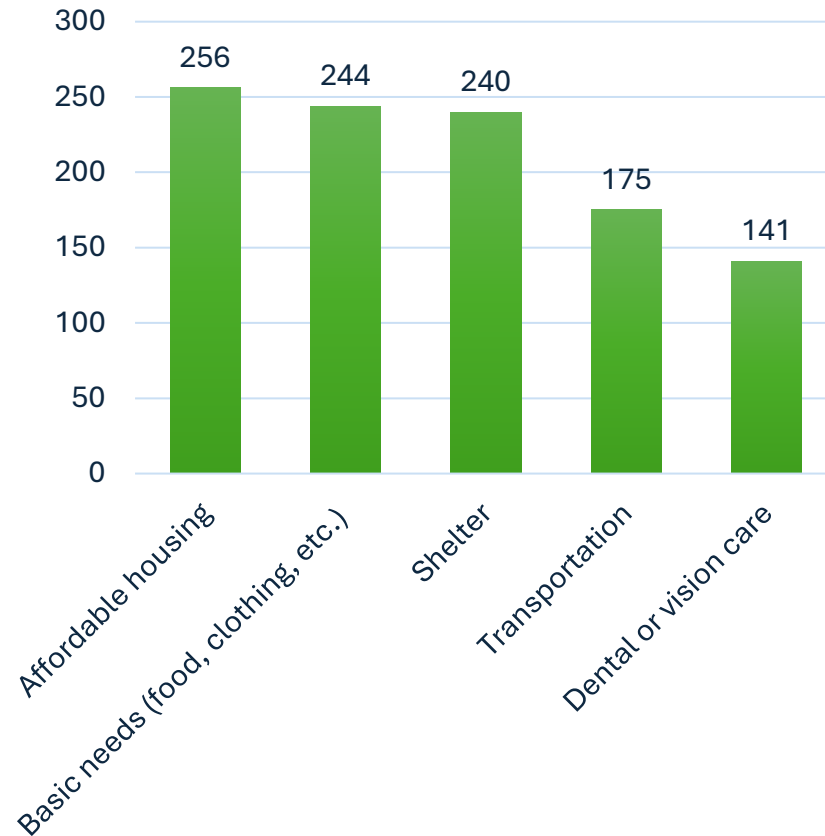
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## DO YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVE INCOME?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Not specified



## Top 5 services/ resources needed



Only **29%** or **112** of survey participants are registered to vote.



**48.9%** of survey participants indicated they need assistance with obtaining identifying documents.

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## What is the Housing Inventory Count?

- The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of provider programs within a CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness (and, for permanent housing projects, where homeless at entry, per the **HUD homeless definition**), categorized by five Program Types:
  - Emergency Shelter;
  - Transitional Housing;
  - Rapid Re-housing;
  - Safe Haven; and
  - Permanent Supportive Housing.



# HIC Utilization

Just as the PIT is required by HUD, so is the HIC.


For 2024, HUD made significant changes to how the HIC gets reported. Unfortunately, there were kinks in the system which could not be manually corrected. Therefore, VFCCH can not fully attest to the accuracy of the 2024 HIC. Projects that are not in the Homeless System Information Database (HMIS) such as Domestic Violence Shelters, were not captured in the 2024 HIC.

Also, Housing Projects that entered clients into beds on the date clients entered them but did not specify a secondary housing move-in date had their utilization skewed.

Lessons were learned and a return to more accurate data in the 2025 HIC is expected.



# Key Takeaways

- Increase in the total number of people who are currently experiencing homelessness. **1053 → 1164**
  - Increase in the number of unsheltered families who are currently experiencing homelessness. **22 → 32**
  - Increase in the number of people in the 55+ community who are currently experiencing homelessness. **288 → 324**
  - Site Coordinators
  - Stronger canvassing
  - Boost in social media presence.
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# Definitions

- Basic needs – any good, service, or activity necessary to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the civilian population of the United States
- Chronically Homeless – A homeless individual with a disability as defined in section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9)), who:
  - Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and
  - Has been homeless and living as described for at least 12 months\* or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described.
- Disabling condition – Physical, developmental, mental or emotional impairment, including impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, brain injury or a chronic physical illness.
- Emergency Shelter – any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless.
- Households - All the people who occupy a housing unit. A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit.
- Identifying documents – ID, birth certificate, social security card, DD214.
- Permanent Supportive Housing – permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability.
- Rapid Re-housing – rapidly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services.
- Safe Haven – A form of supportive housing that serves hard-to-reach homeless persons with severe mental illness who are on the street and have been unable or unwilling to participate in supportive services.
- Transitional Housing – provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing.



*Thank you to the  
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