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HOMELESSNESS

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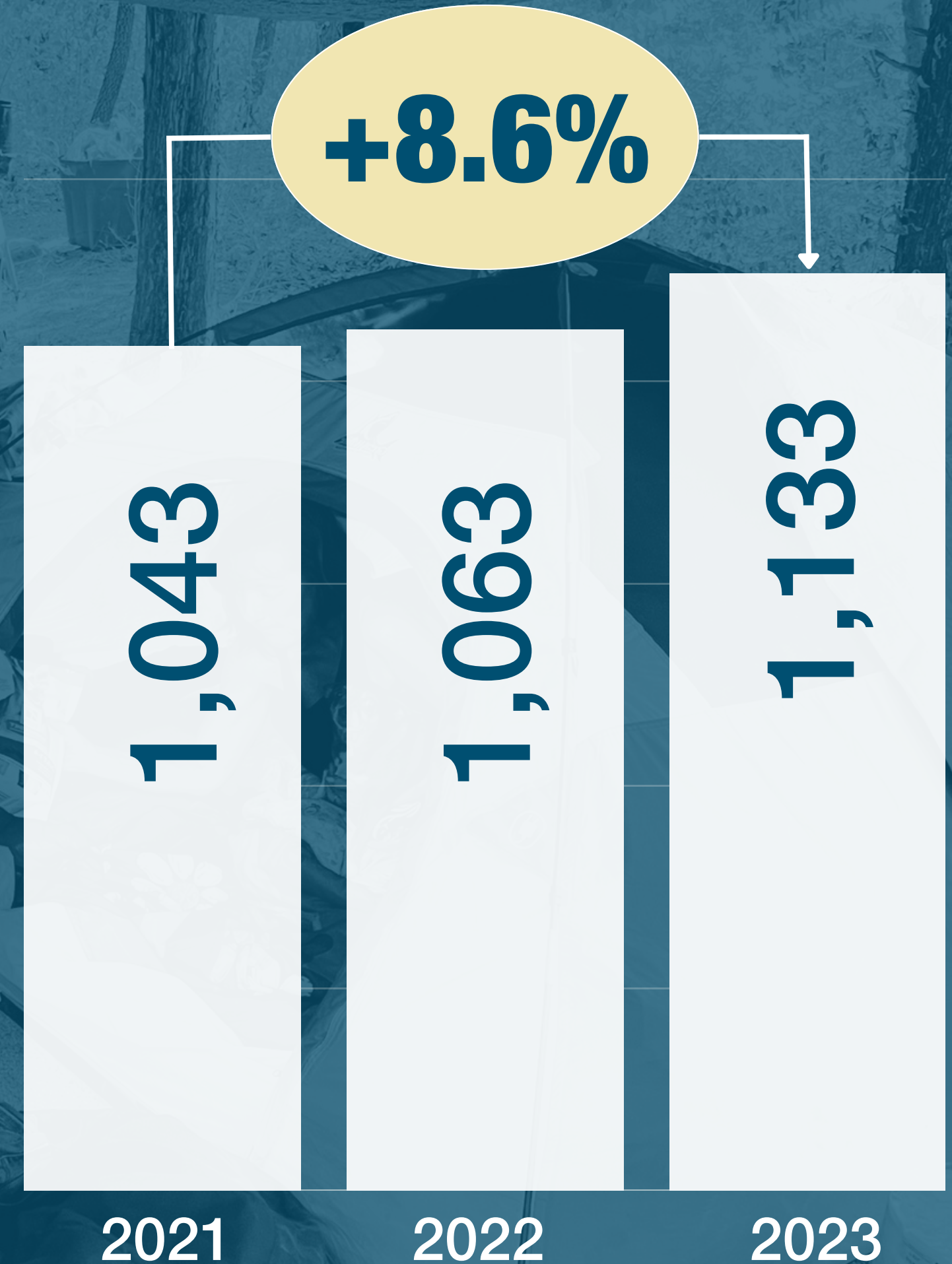
Why We Count

Behind these numbers are our NEIGHBORS.

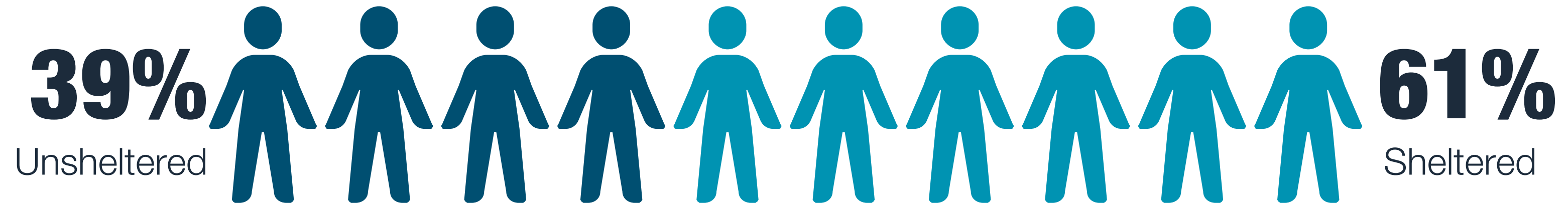
We use this information locally to inform policies and strategies to end homelessness. Our data contributes to the national understanding of homelessness.



This year we surveyed
1,133 people experiencing
homelessness on the night
of the Point-in-Time Count,
a 8.6% increase from 2021.



The majority of people experiencing homelessness in Tulsa are sheltered.



Race / Ethnicity

*top responses

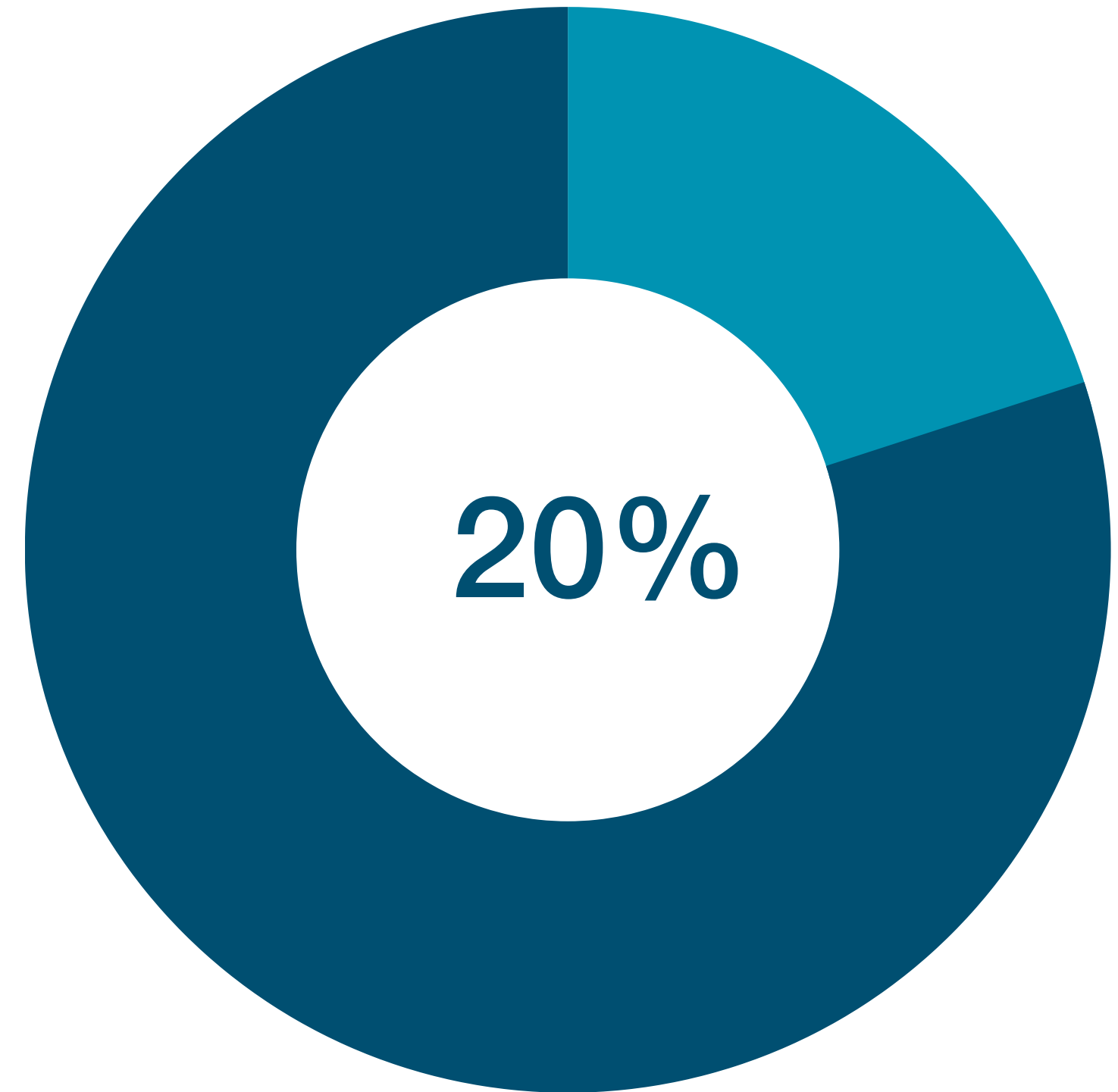
52%
White

24%
Black

14%
Native

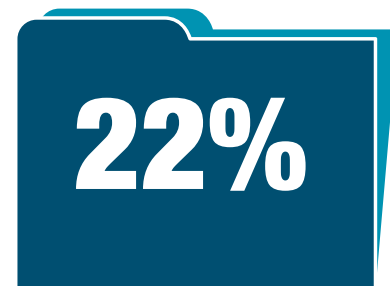
10%
Latinx

**20% of people surveyed
were Tribal Citizens.**



Key Statistics

Foster Care

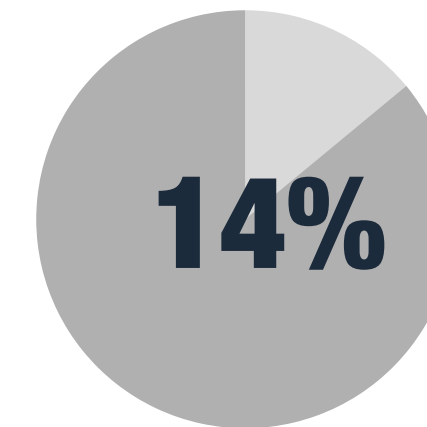


of respondents have been in the foster care system.

Disabling Conditions



61% of respondents have a disabling condition.



Employment

were employed at the time of the survey.

Justice Involvement



56% of respondents mentioned a personal history of incarceration.

Domestic Violence



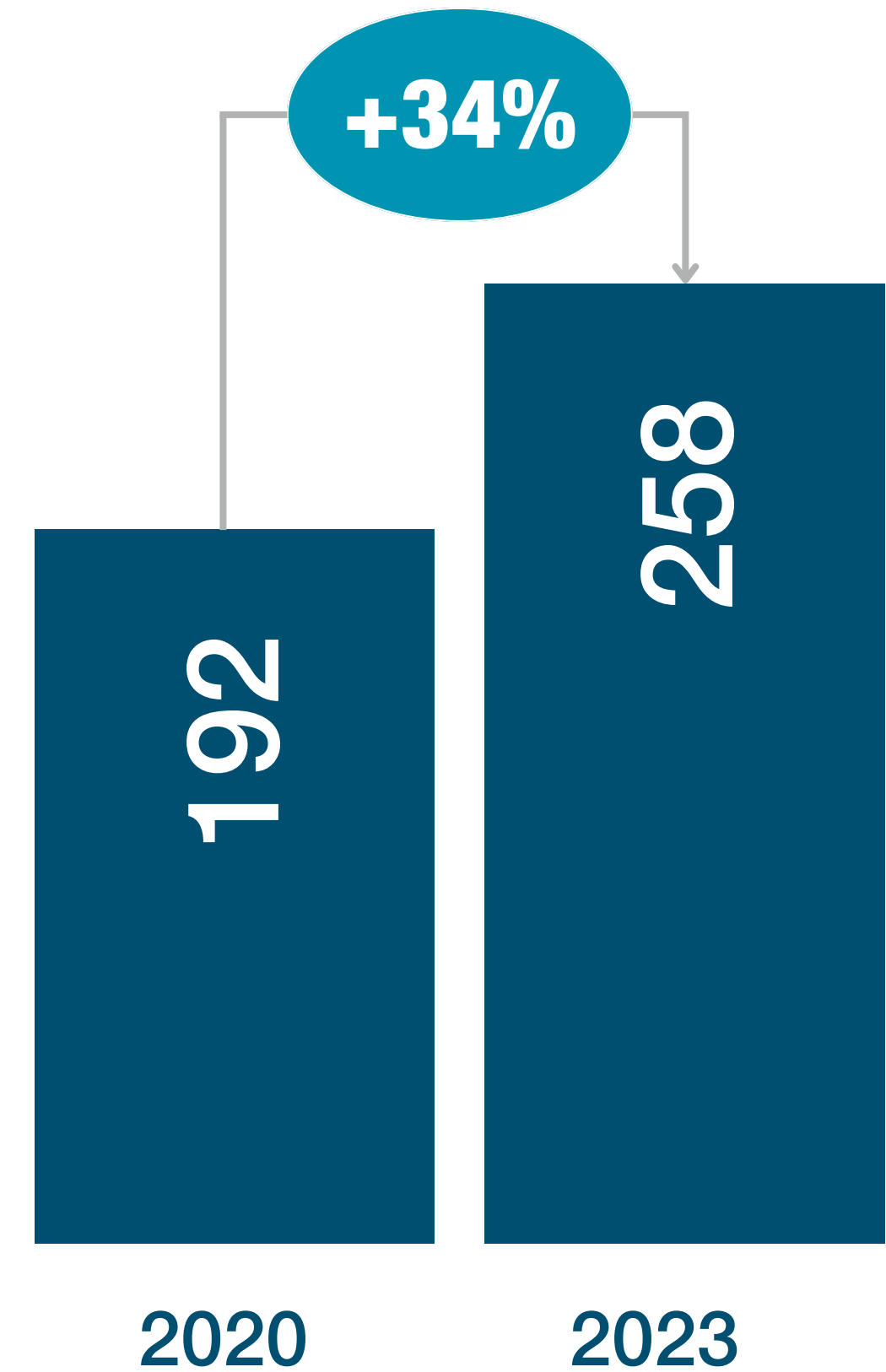
54% of respondents have a history of domestic violence.

Veterans

10% of respondents were veterans.



Family homelessness
has increased by over
34% since 2020.



Only 16% of the
people surveyed first
became homeless
outside of Oklahoma.

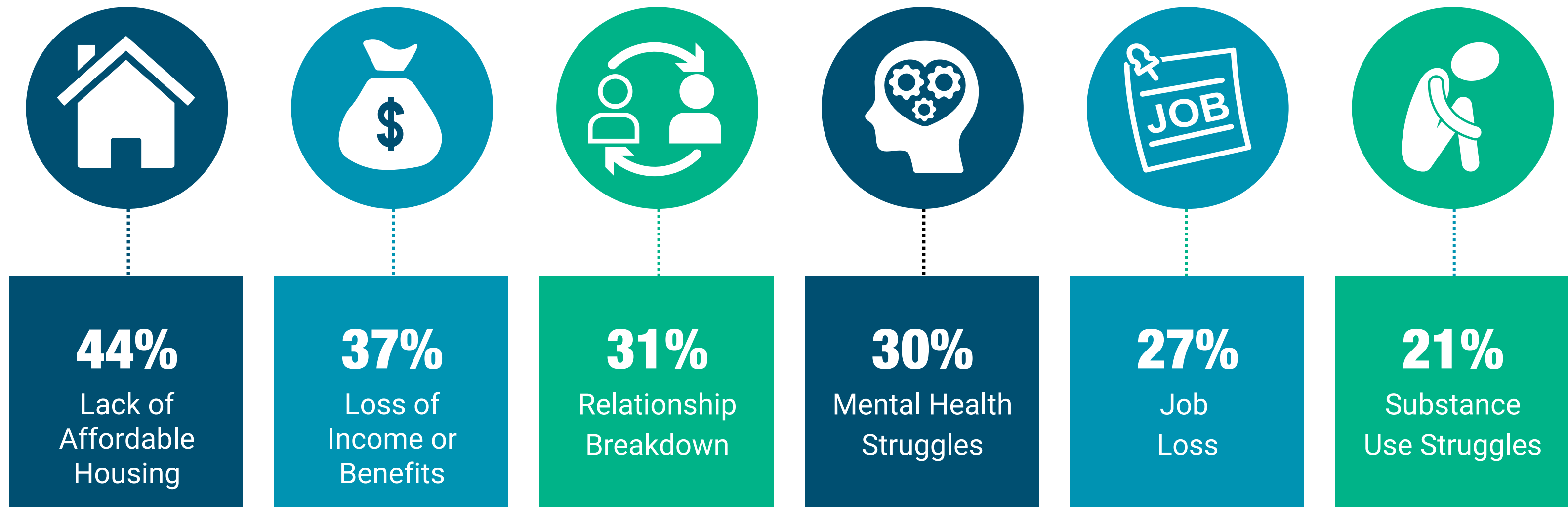
84%

Residence
Prior to
Homelessness

Source: PiT Count, Jan. 2023

Causes of Homelessness

These are the top reasons respondents said contributed to their homelessness.



Help with housing placement was the top need of everyone surveyed during this year's count.

HOUSING PLACEMENT

TRANSPORTATION

CASE MANAGEMENT

FOOD SERVICES

DENTAL CARE

In the past three years, our continuum has made
2,931 permanent housing placements.



A Way Home for Tulsa partners are working to prevent and end homelessness by:

- Stopping homelessness before it begins by reducing unnecessary evictions and improving discharge policies
- Using data to understand the need and allocate resources
- Increasing access to affordable housing
- Transforming the system to be more effective and equitable
- Increasing community support and funding





A Way Home for Tulsa Organizations

- BeHeard Movement
- City Lights Foundation
- City of Tulsa
- Community Service Council
- Counseling & Recovery Services
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- DVIS
- Family & Children's Services
- Family Promise of Tulsa County
- Housing Solutions
- INCOG*
- Iron Gate
- Isaiah 58: In his Service
- Legal Aid Services of OK
- Lindsey House
- MHAOK
- Morton
- NRCYS
- OKDHS
- ODMHSAS
- QuikTrip
- Restore Hope Ministries
- Salvation Army Tulsa
- Surayya Ann Foundation
- Tulsa Area United Way
- Tulsa CARES
- Tulsa County Social Services
- Tulsa County Commissioner
- Tulsa Day Center
- Tulsa Housing Authority
- Tulsa Police Department
- Volunteers of America
- Youth Services of Tulsa
- Youth Villages
- The Spring
- The Merchant
- Zarrow Family Foundations
- Gateway Foundation
- Downtown Tulsa Partnership
- The Bail Project
- JusticeLink
- Terence Crutcher Foundation
- Tulsa County Public Defenders
- Hunger Free OK
- Just the Beginning, Inc.



ADVOCATE

- Support policies to create more housing
- Say "Yes," to affordable housing in your neighborhood
- Supporting Tulsa's Affordable Housing Strategy



VOLUNTEER

- Connect with a local homeless service provider and learn about what their organization their needs
- Volunteer in the annual Point-in-Time Count (January 2024)

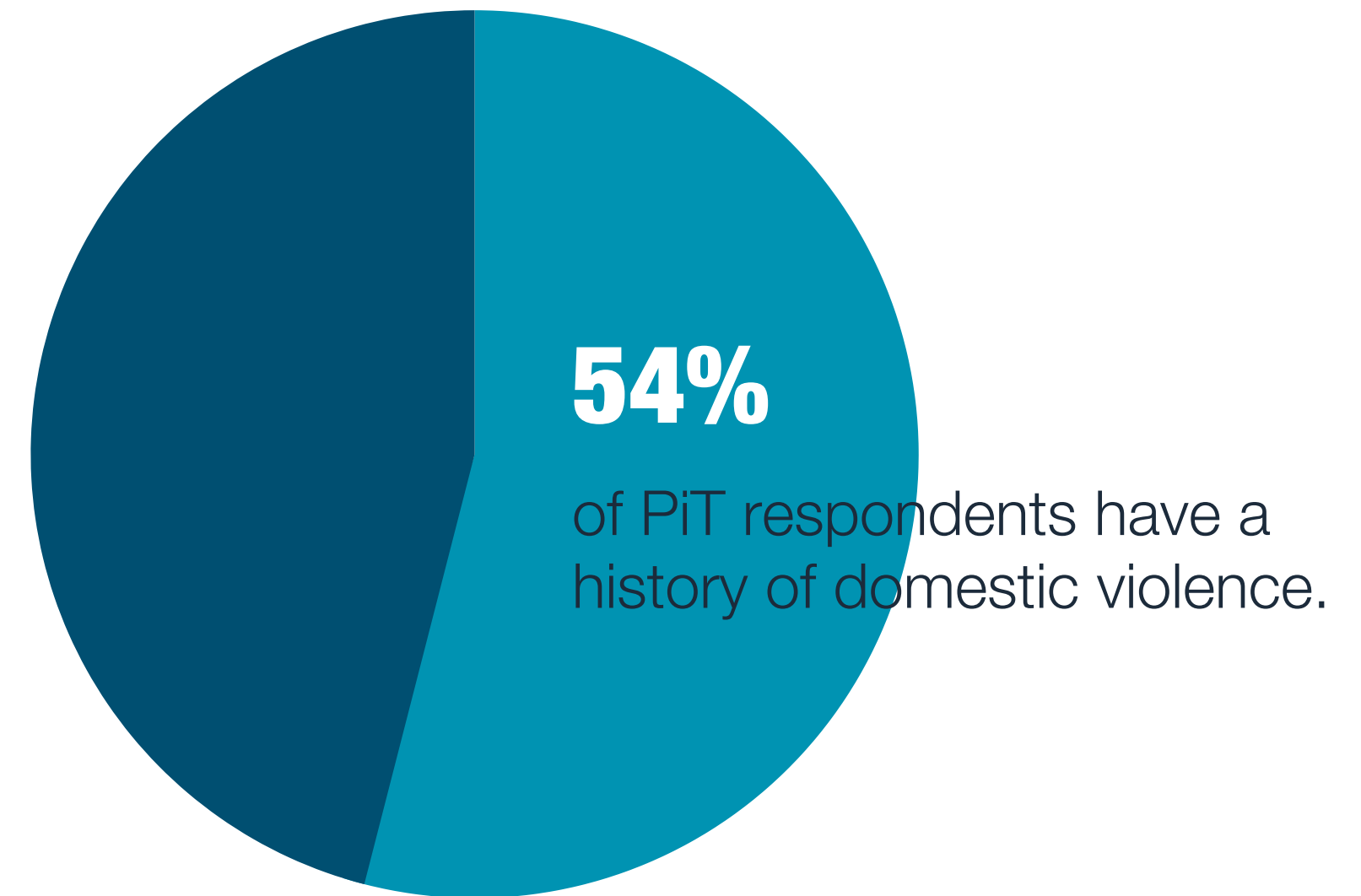


RENT YOUR UNIT

- Landlords and property owners: contact Tulsa Housing Authority to accept vouchers for your units
- Consider developing affordable housing units

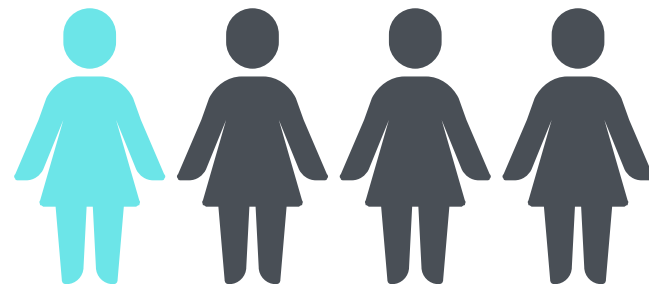


A domestic violence experience is common among youth, single adults, and families who become homeless. For many, it is the immediate cause of their homelessness.

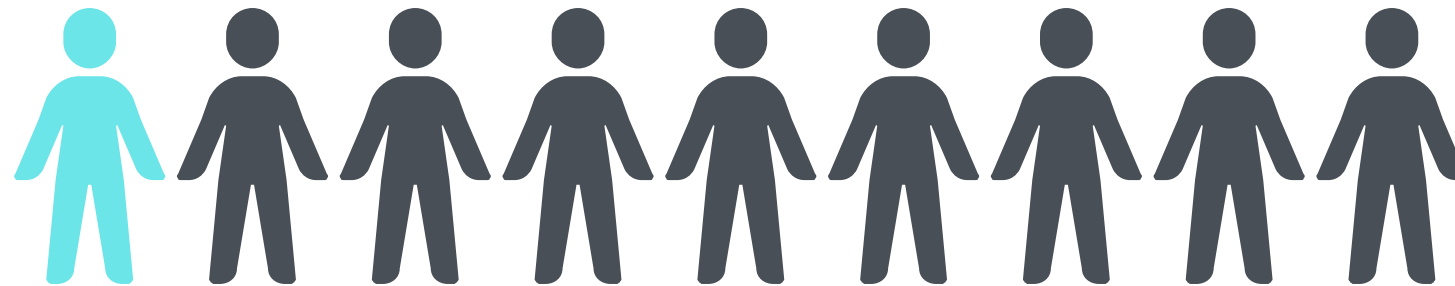


Intimate partner violence is widespread.

**1 in 4
women**



**1 in 9
men**

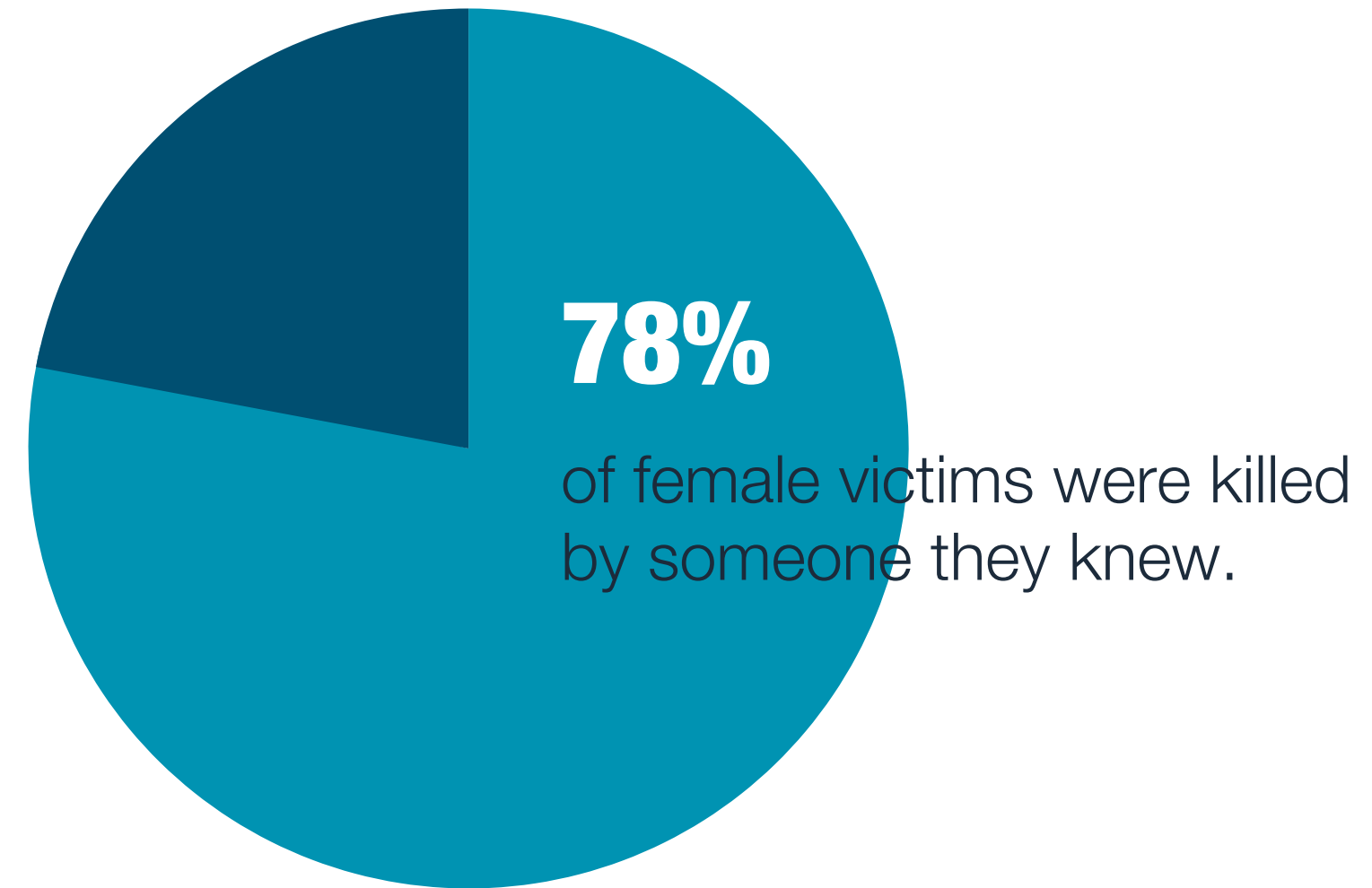


were victims of contact sexual violence physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner with a negative impact such as injury, fear, concern for safety, needing services.





Oklahoma was the
#2 state in the rate
of women killed by
men in 2020.

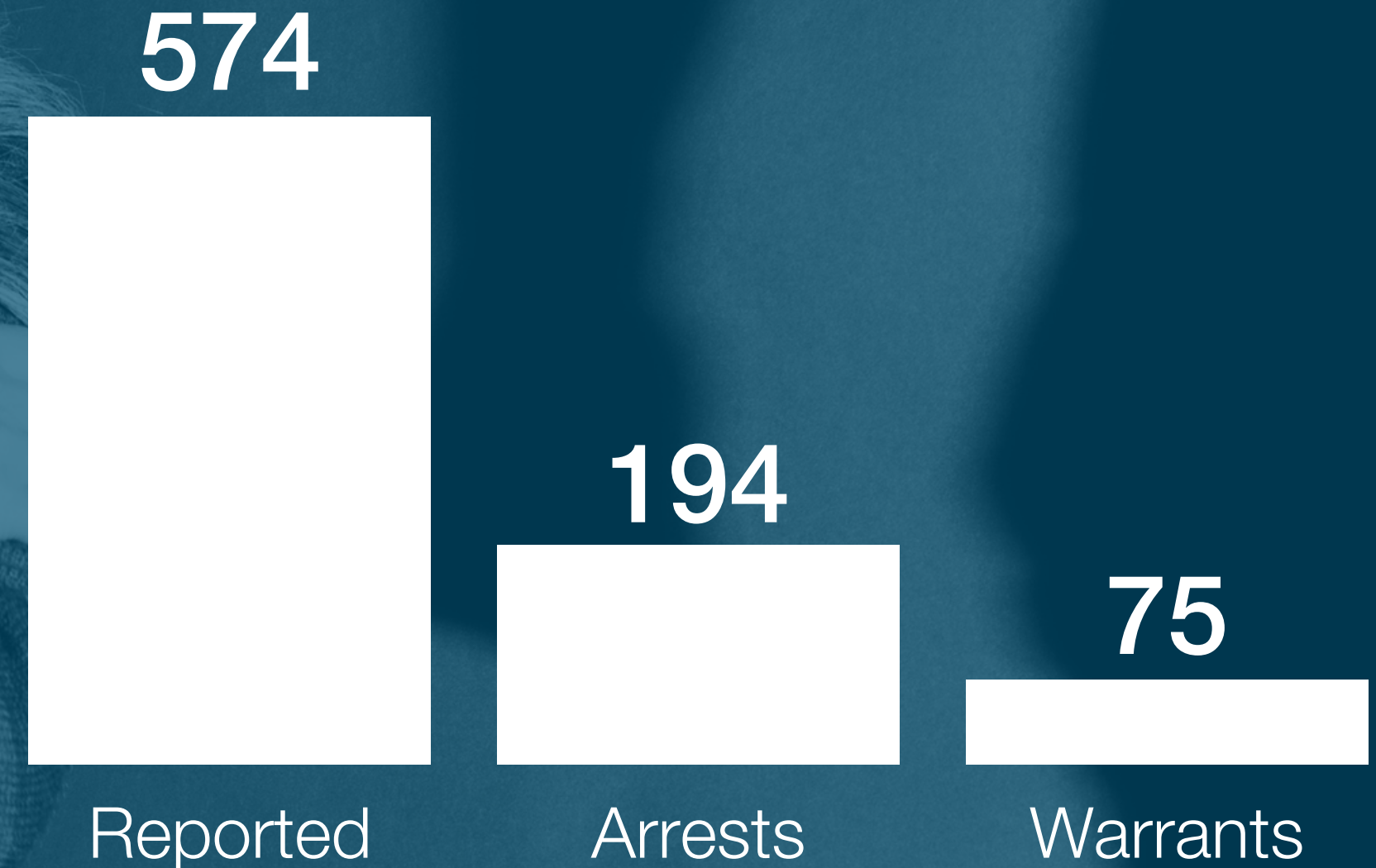




Last year in Tulsa, there were 18,121 domestic violence related calls to 9-1-1.

A total of 1,195 domestic violence arrests were made, 524 domestic violence warrants were issued.

There were 1,941 domestic violence exams done.
649 were domestic violence exams with strangulation.





Outpatient Counseling Services

- Domestic and sexual violence counseling
- Adult victims of sex trafficking
- Children's counseling
- Individual, parent and group counseling
- Walk-ins welcome, M-F 8:30 a.m.– 5 p.m.
- Safety planning (physical and emotional)
- Telehealth and in-person treatment available



Emergency Shelter

- Safety from life threatening domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking
- Able to shelter all genders, those with varying physical capabilities, and LGBTQ+ survivors
- Advocacy
- Individual and group counseling
- Children's services
- Childcare
- Dog and cat kennel



DVIS Legal at The Family Safety Center

- Attorneys
- Emergency protective order advocates
- Case management services
- Forensic nurse
- Chaplain
- Child care while on site



Affordable Housing & Homelessness

2023 Point-in-Time Count:

- #1 cause of homelessness reported – Lack of Affordable Housing
- #1 need reported – Housing Placement



Tulsa Citywide Housing Assessment:

- Tulsa will need to invest \$245 million a year for the next ten years to meet the city's need for housing (across the income spectrum)
- More than half of the housing demand is from households at or below Tulsa's AMI



Tulsa needs 6,250 additional housing units to meet the need for low-income individuals and families.

2,160

Extremely low-income
(**<30% AMI, <\$20k**)

1,790

Very low-income
(**30 – 50% AMI,**
\$20k - \$30k)

2,300

Low-income
(**50 – 80% AMI,**
\$33k - \$54k)



Workforce Housing - Tulsa needs over 4,000 units that are affordable for households making between \$33K-81K.

- Average rent for a 2-bedroom unit of safe and decent quality in Tulsa - \$987/month
- 30% of households in Tulsa MSA cannot afford that rent amount
- Nearly half of all renters are cost burdened, paying over 30% of their income toward housing



Oklahoma Gross Minimum Wage Full-Time Income (\$7.25/hour x 40 hours)	\$15,800
Average TPS Teacher Salary	\$44,443
TPS Starting Teacher Salary	\$32,900
Police Academy Base Pay	\$54,178
Average Police First Year Salary	\$70,401
Fire Dept. Cadet Salary	\$43,442
Fire Dept. Probationary Salary	\$48,269

THA Housing Options

Public Housing

- 5 PH Communities

Project Based Vouchers

- Nine PBV communities
- Placement of PBVs in non-THA developments an option

Project Based Rental Assistance

- One PBRA community

Housing Choice Voucher / Section 8

- Approximately 6,000 Vouchers

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing

- Combines HCV rent assistance with case management

Current waitlist across all THA programs: 31,344

THA Communities: 25,334

Housing Choice Voucher: 6,010





THA Taking Action & Investing in Tulsa

Preservation Development Improvement

- **Sandy Park (Preservation)**

- Low-Income | Multifamily
- Financial Investment: \$25M
- 160 Units

- **Apache Manor (Preservation)**

- Low-Income | Multifamily
- Financial Investment: \$23M
- 158 Units

**TOTAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT =
\$259 MILLION**

EQUITY \$76M | DEBT \$143M
GRANTS \$40M

- **Choice Neighborhoods – River West Phases I – V (New Construction)**

- Workforce | Multifamily
- Financial Investment: \$145M
- 375 Units

- **Murdock Villa (Preservation)**

- Homelessness Prevention | Senior & Disabled
- Financial Investment: \$6M
- 140 Units

- **Country Club Gardens (Preservation)**

- Workforce | Multifamily
- Financial Investment: \$60M
- 363 Units

Total Units: 1,196 | Preserved: 821 | New Construction: 375

Community Problems Require Community Based Solutions



Rent Costs On The Rise In Tulsa

Thursday, July 1st 2021, 6:31 pm
By: Meredith McCowen

TULSA, Oklahoma - Paying rent is getting more expensive in Tulsa.

The higher prices come as the market recovers since many properties didn't raise the rent during the pandemic.

Statistics from Apartment List shows Tulsa rent prices have gone up more than eight percent in just a year, and up 1.2 percent over the past month.

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With a shortage of affordable housing, Tulsa is looking for more landlords to take Section 8 subsidies

Michael Overall | Jul 24, 2022 | Updated Aug 19, 2022

Tulsa has nearly 1,600 property managers actively enrolled in the Section 8 program, which provides federal funds to pay part of a tenant's rent. But that's not enough to keep up with growing demand as high inflation puts more and more families under financial stress, Hensley said.

"The need is already great and continues to grow," she said. "A lot of folks who never



Editorial: Housing crisis is holding Tulsa back

Mar 15, 2022 | Updated Apr 21, 2022

Rising costs of living have hit all sectors, and none more so than housing.

In Tulsa, **rental rates rose 12% last year**. That trails the national average of 19.3%, but rates in south Tulsa have nearly matched the nationwide trend.

What's more, there does not seem to be any relief coming soon. Tulsa, like many cities, is suffering from a lack of inventory, especially in affordable housing. Vacancy rates sunk to 5% or lower at certain points last year — a key indicator of why rental rates have risen so steeply.

Other factors driving housing costs higher are related to overall inflation. Landlords have seen prices for things like appliances, fixtures and other supplies rise alongside other consumer goods.

"The overall pressure on tenants is not just limited to those on the economic margins. Forty-six percent of Tulsa renters are spending 30% or more of their income on housing. That represents 35,000 families being 'cost burdened' by the price of housing."

Inside those numbers are renters who are firmly within the middle-class income scale, not to mention those who are just starting their careers."

If people's finances are unduly tied to high rent costs, that means fewer dollars flowing into other parts of the Tulsa economy."



Rising rent causing trouble for housing assistance recipients

By: Brady Hattis

Posted at 6:36 PM, Mar 02, 2022 and last updated 9:02 AM, Mar 06, 2022

TULSA, Okla. — Finding affordable housing is difficult for a lot of people right now but it's really impacting lower-income families.

As rent sky-rockets across the country, finding a place to live is even more challenging for those with section 8 vouchers. The Tulsa Housing Authority says it comes down to two major factors. First, finding affordable housing, and second finding a landlord willing to accept vouchers.

"Even before the recent increases, 46% of renter households in Tulsa — or roughly 35,000 families — were 'cost burdened,' meaning they are spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs, Maun said."

"It's an issue that doesn't just affect our low-income families," she said. "It affects people across a wide range of income brackets. It just more severely impacts our low-income households."



Rents are skyrocketing across Tulsa as the city faces a shortage of affordable housing

Michael Overall | Mar 7, 2022 | Updated Apr 15, 2022

With a housing shortage driving up costs nationwide, rental rates jumped more than 19% in south Tulsa last year and seem likely to continue climbing in 2022, according to recent data from the city.

The rest of Tulsa saw higher rents, too, with monthly rates climbing about 12% citywide, officials said, but south Tulsa was the part of the city that kept pace with a national trend. Rents soared 19.3% between December 2020 and December 2021 in the 50 largest U.S. metropolitan areas, which include Tulsa, according to recent surveys.



Criminal Justice & Homelessness

As of January 26, 2023,
David L. Moss had 188*
individuals in custody that
had “homeless” listed as
their address on booking.

**completed PiT Survey with 75*



93%

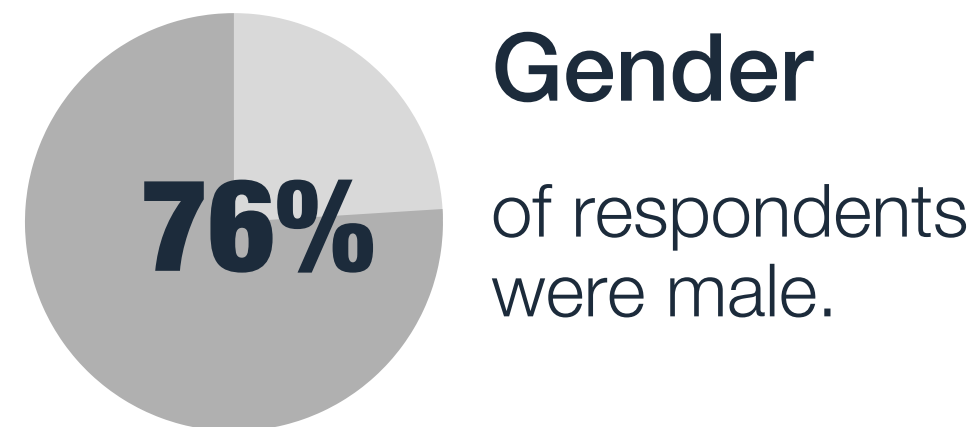
**First
became
homeless in OK**

Key Statistics

Youth



Gender



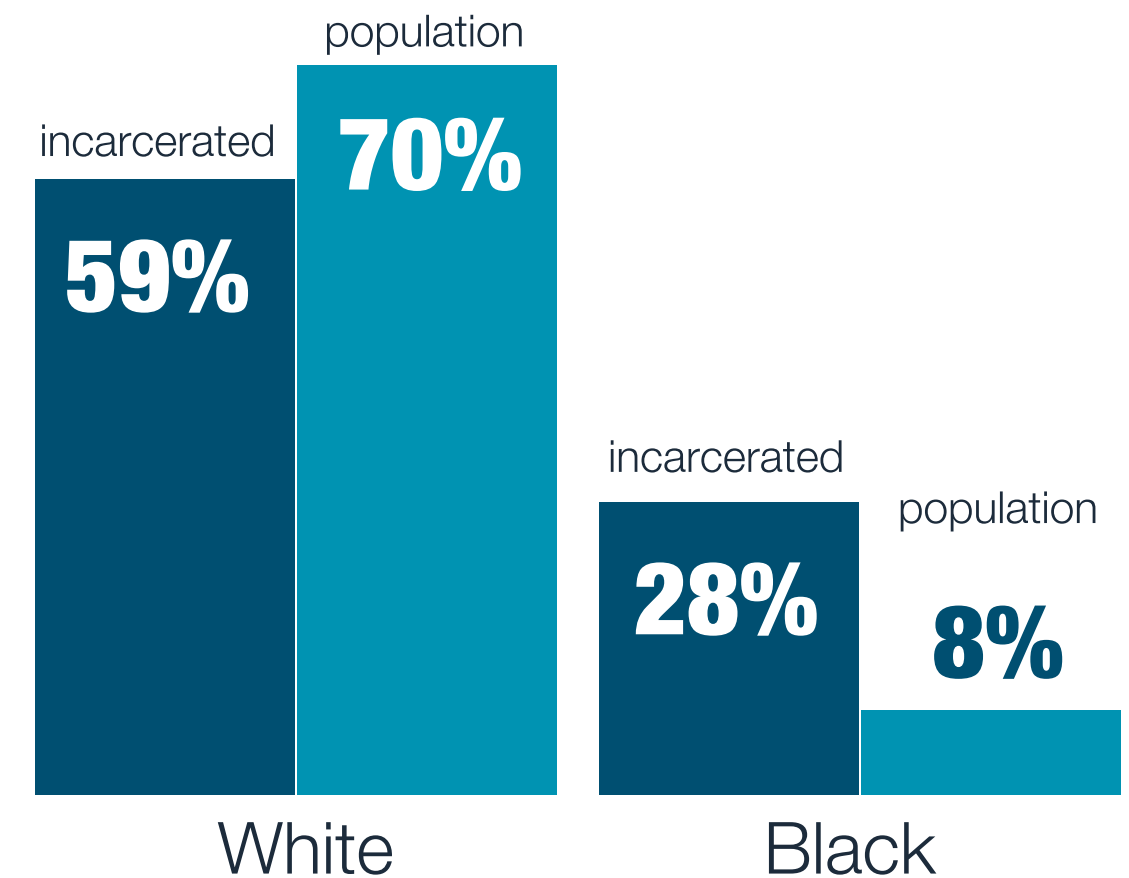
Chronicity



Veterans



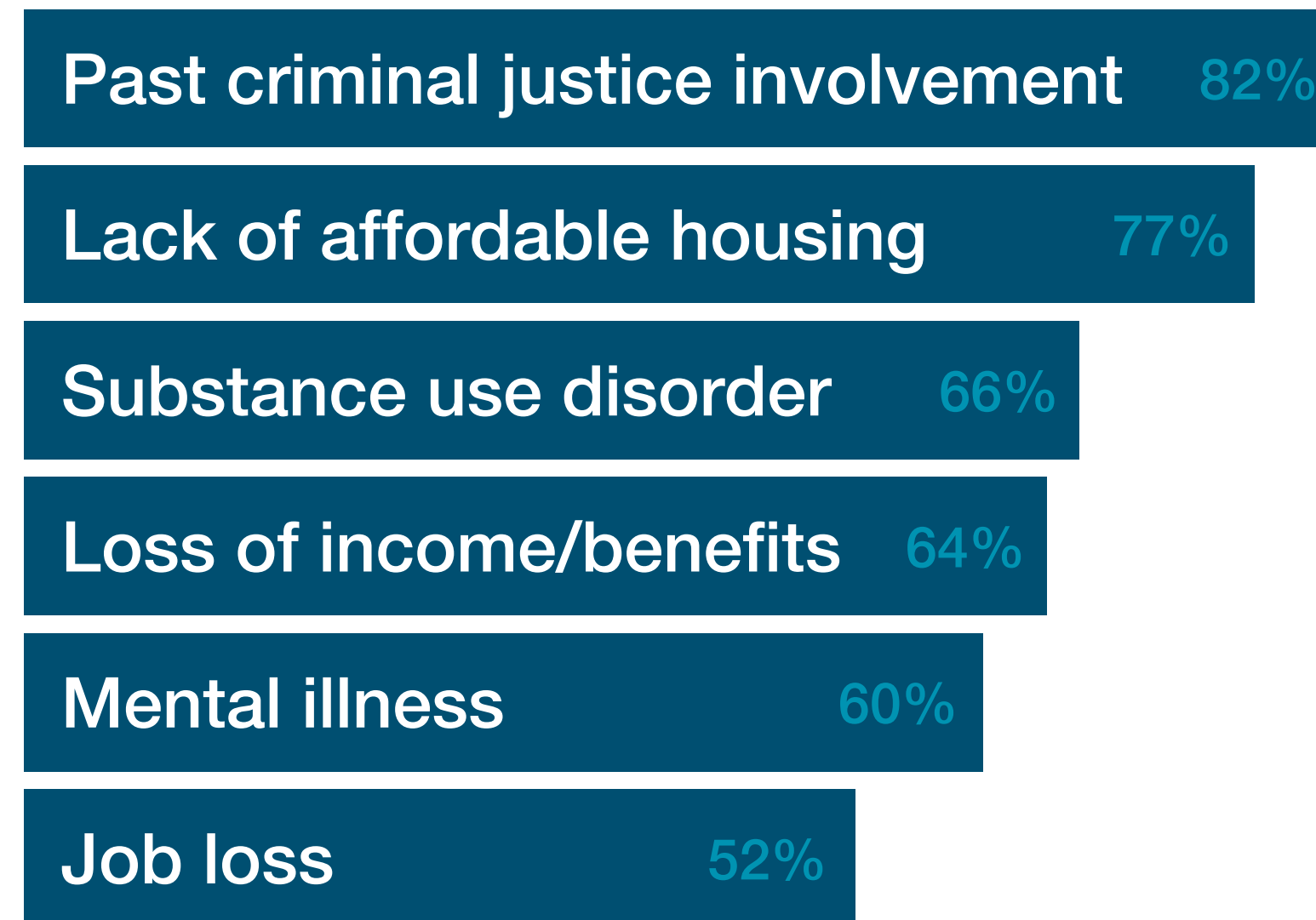
Race / Ethnicity



Homeless to Jail Pipeline

- People experiencing unsheltered homelessness are 10 times more likely to encounter law enforcement
- People who have a history of justice-involvement are 7 to 13 times more likely to experience homelessness

Top causes of homelessness:



People experiencing homelessness are far more likely to...

- Need to engage in activities to survive that have been classified as low-level offenses (e.g., trespassing, setting up an abode, etc.)
- Encounter law enforcement as a result of these activities
- Pick up fines, fees, and jail stays as a result of these encounters
- Become further removed from housing, healthcare, employment, and other critical services due to their justice-involvement

MYTH: People who experience homelessness are violent, dangerous, and/or more likely to commit crimes.

FACT: People experiencing homelessness are far more likely to be the victims of violent crimes than the perpetrators of violent crimes.

FACT: Outside of engaging in criminalized survival activities associated with having to live outside, people experiencing homelessness are no more likely to be a criminal than a housed person.

The top causes of homelessness among Tulsa County Jail inmates are also in alignment with the public health needs of the homeless population that often leads them into contact with the criminal justice system

HOUSING PLACEMENT/SHELTER

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT

TRANSPORTATION

CASE MANAGEMENT

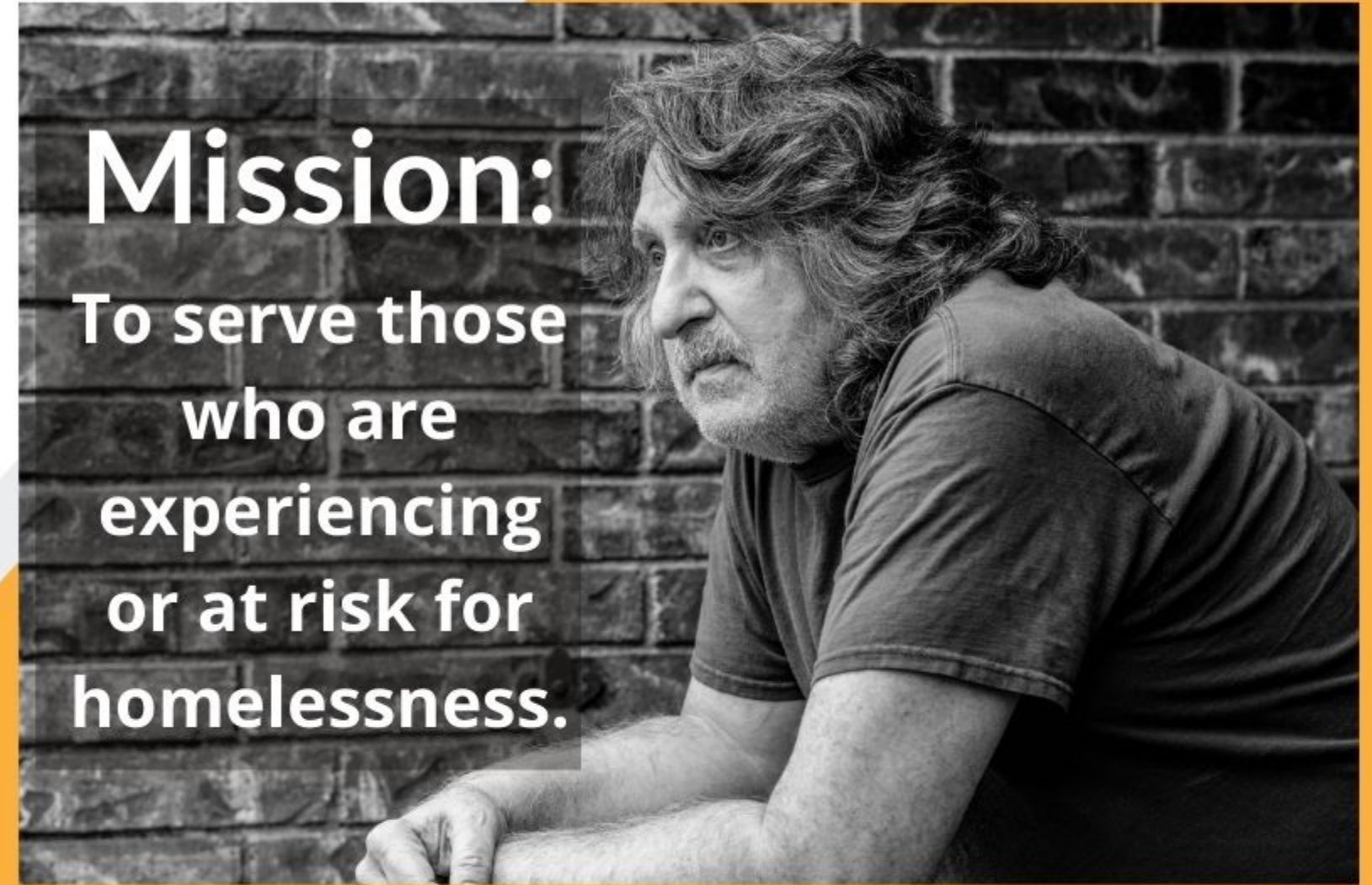


Vision:

We envision a future where every
Tulsan has a home.



Mission:
To serve those
who are
experiencing
or at risk for
homelessness.



Services We Provide:

- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Medical Clinic
- Clothing, Food and Housewarming Baskets
- Hudson Villas Apartments

2022



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Medical Clinic
7,000 visits



Rapid Rehousing
400 housed
(92% retention rate)



Volunteers Hours
12,240



Case Management
18,240 served



Homeless Prevention
1258



2022



tulsa day center

Housing:

Individuals - 400

Households - 66

Individuals in Households - 206

Single Individuals - 190

Number of Units - 256

Children (<18) - 121

Cost:

Approx. Amount: \$253,326

Avg. spent on each unit - \$990
(total divided by 256)

Avg. spent on individual - \$633
(total divided by 400)



RARE, BRIEF, NON-RECURRING

We are working to improve the quality of life for all people living in Tulsa by creating a community where homelessness — if it occurs — is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

learn more at www.housingsolutionstulsa.org