A WAY HOME for Tulsa
COORDINATED BY HOUSING SOLUTIONS

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

May 13th, 2025 | 1:30-3:00 PM | Boston Ave. Church

Agenda

- **Meeting Introduction**
  - Welcome & Call to Order, Beth Edwards-Svetlic
  - Roll Call, Amy Olsen

- **Discussion/Approval of:**
  - April Minutes
  - ESG Standards of Operation
  - NOFO/Funding Task Group
  - Partner Agency Application

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Meeting Minutes

🔍 Review **April** meeting minutes

❓ Discuss questions, comments, revisions

✓ Vote to approve

ODOC ESG Standards of Operation

Drafted to meet **Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) standards** for participating CoCs, should anyone apply for the available funds.

These Standards of Operation:

- Are based on structure of the AWH4T HUD CoC Program Funding Competition Standards of Operation
- Include process for considering applications and returning results to ODOC
- Need to be approved in order to consider/accept applications via ODOC

Task Group Updates

NOFO

Proposed changes:

- Make standing task group, rather than tied to CoC Program Funding Competition

- Change name to "Funding Task Group"

- Scope to include all funding opportunities regarding homelessness system of care initiatives (ESG, YHSI, etc.)

Sponsor: Claudia Brierre

Champions: Len Dittmeier, Amy Olsen

Partner Agency Applications

Parent Child Center of Tulsa

Mission
To prevent child abuse and neglect through education, treatment, and advocacy.

Reason for Joining AWH4T
As a Family Resource Center, we work closely with clients and the community to ensure needs are met in order to prevent child abuse and neglect. We help clients and the community navigate to needed resources and through becoming a partner with A Way Home for Tulsa, we will have additional access to services and partners to assist clients and community members who present with housing needs and instability.

Lead Agency Updates

- **Data & Analytics Report,** Olivia Denton Koopman

- **Legislative/Policy Report,** Mark Smith

Housing Solutions

Data Dashboards & Reports

Presented by:

Olivia Denton Koopman, odentonkoopman@housingsolutionstulsa.org

System Performance Measures (SPMs)

The McKinney-Vento Act emphasizes treating homeless services as a coordinated system, not as isolated programs or funding streams.

Communities must now measure how well their entire homeless response system performs, not just individual programs.

HUD uses specific criteria to evaluate and fund CoCs based on their system-level performance.
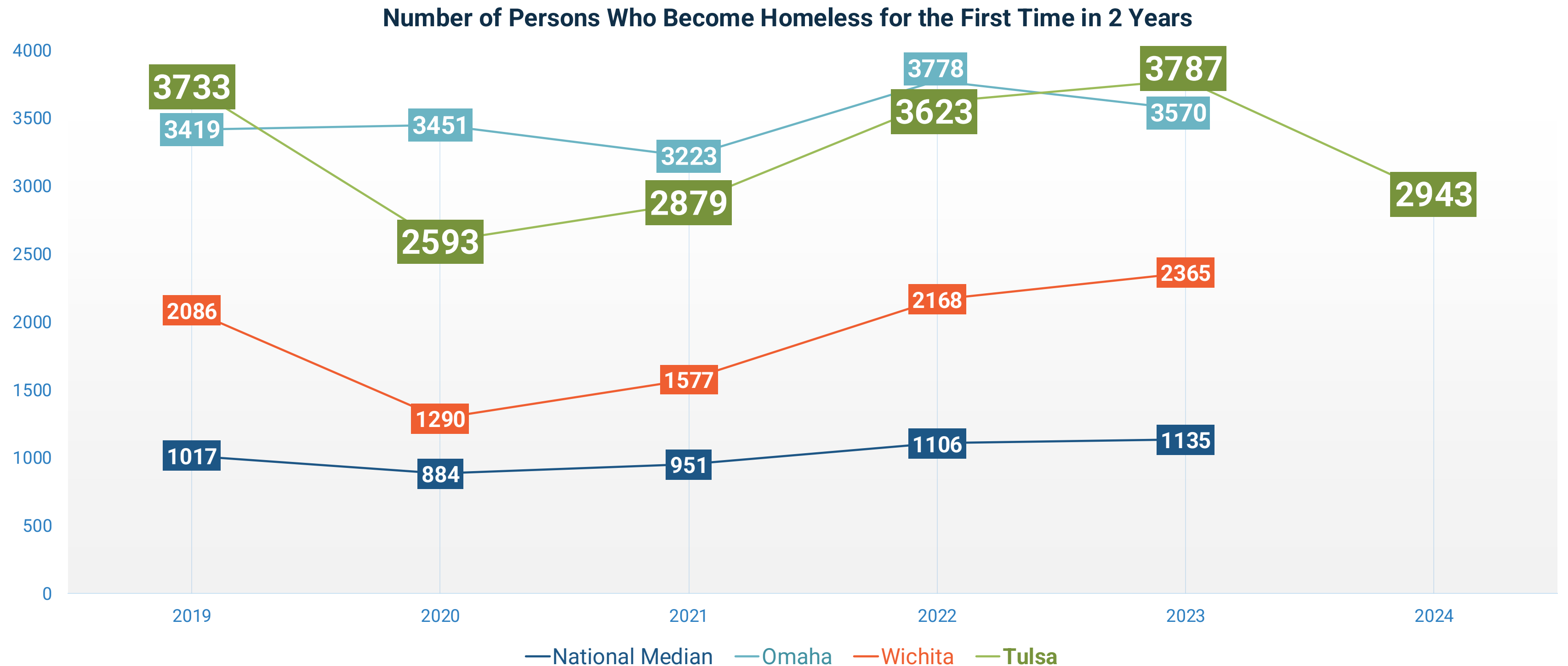
CoCs must work with local stakeholders to track progress and report results to HUD regularly.
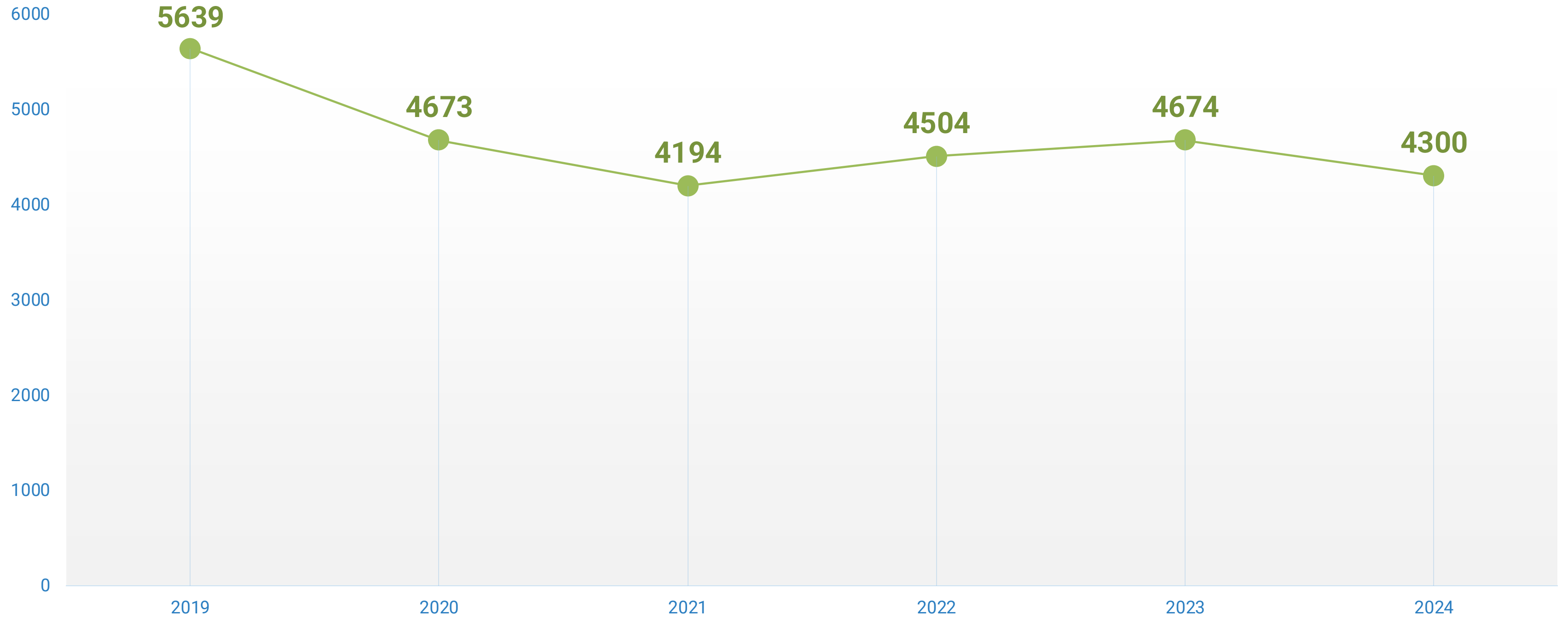
CoCs also support local governments in completing required homeless planning documents (Consolidated Plans), and HUD uses this data in funding decisions and national assessments.
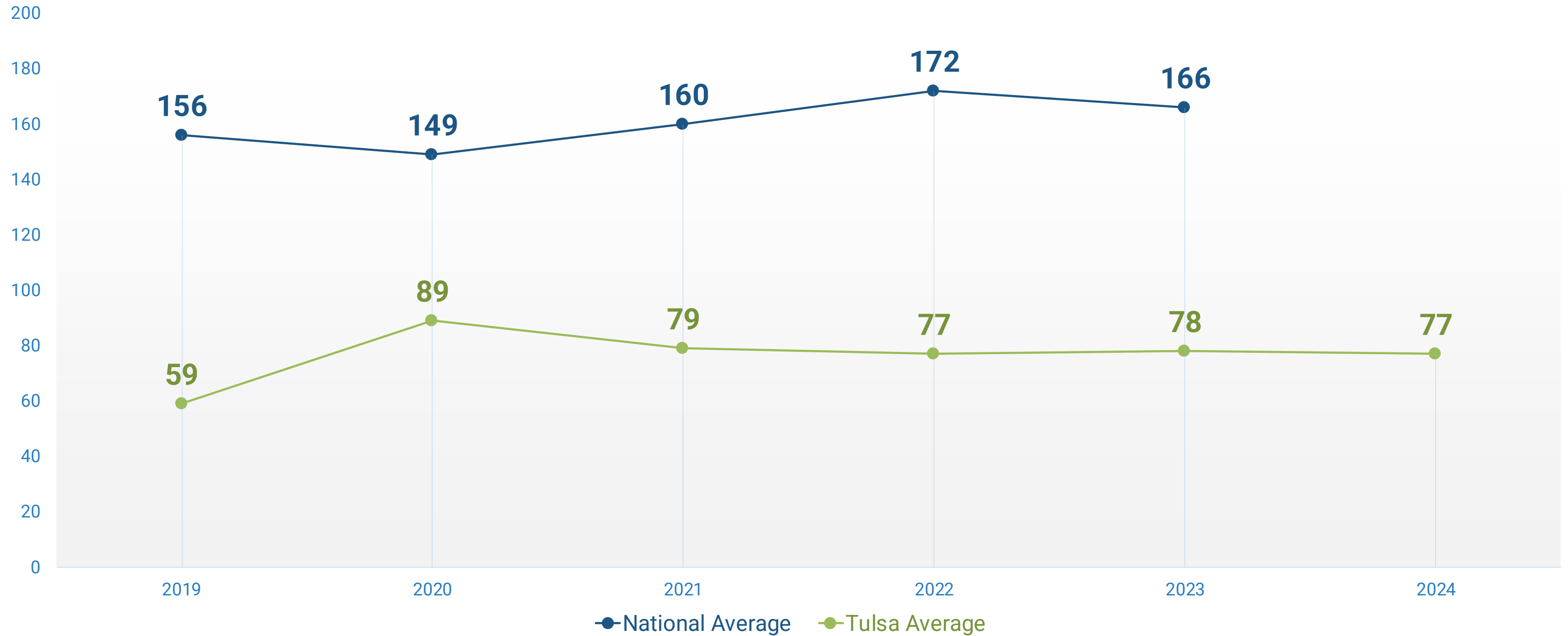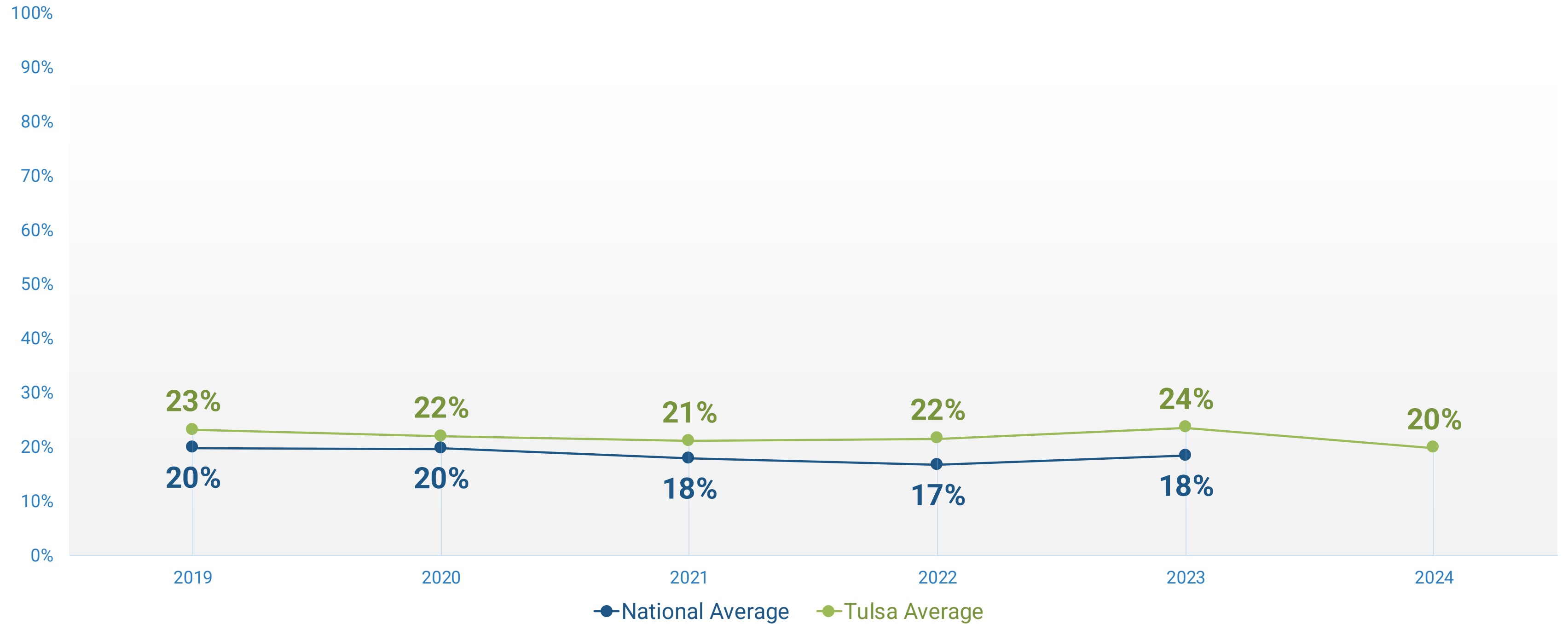
First Experience in 2 Year Period

Number of Persons Who Become Homeless for the First Time in 2 Years

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
National Median	1017	884	951	1106	1135	
Omaha	3419	3451	3223	3778	3570	
Wichita	2086	1290	1577	2168	2365	
Tulsa	3733	2593	2879	3623	3787	2943

— National Median — Omaha — Wichita — **Tulsa**

Number of Homeless Persons

Length of Time People Remain Homeless

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
National Average	156	149	160	172	166	
Tulsa Average	59	89	79	77	78	77

National Average ● Tulsa Average

Returns to Homelessness

Returns to Homelessness chart comparing National Average and Tulsa Average from 2019 to 2024.

Year	Tulsa Average	National Average
2019	23%	20%
2020	22%	20%
2021	21%	18%
2022	22%	17%
2023	24%	18%
2024	20%	

National Average ● **Tulsa Average** ●

Employment & Income Growth

Stayers who Increased Total Income

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Tulsa Average	49%	44%	43%	32%	39%	35%
National Average	38%	38%	37%	37%	39%	

National Average   Tulsa Average
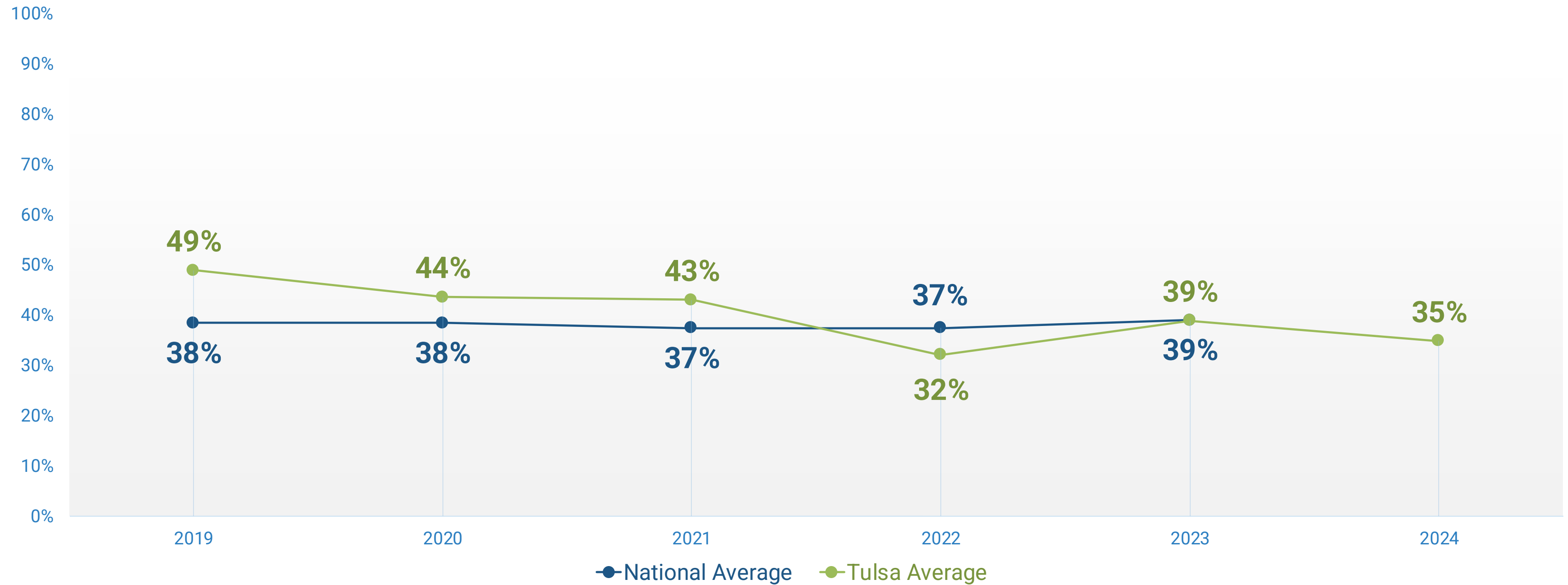
Employment & Income Growth

Leavers who Increased Total Income

Chart showing National Average and Tulsa Average percentages from 2019 to 2024:

- **2019**: National Average 35%, Tulsa Average 38%
- **2020**: National Average 34%, Tulsa Average 24%
- **2021**: National Average 33%, Tulsa Average 17%
- **2022**: National Average 32%, Tulsa Average 24%
- **2023**: National Average 32%, Tulsa Average 20%
- **2024**: Tulsa Average 21%

Legend: ● National Average ● Tulsa Average
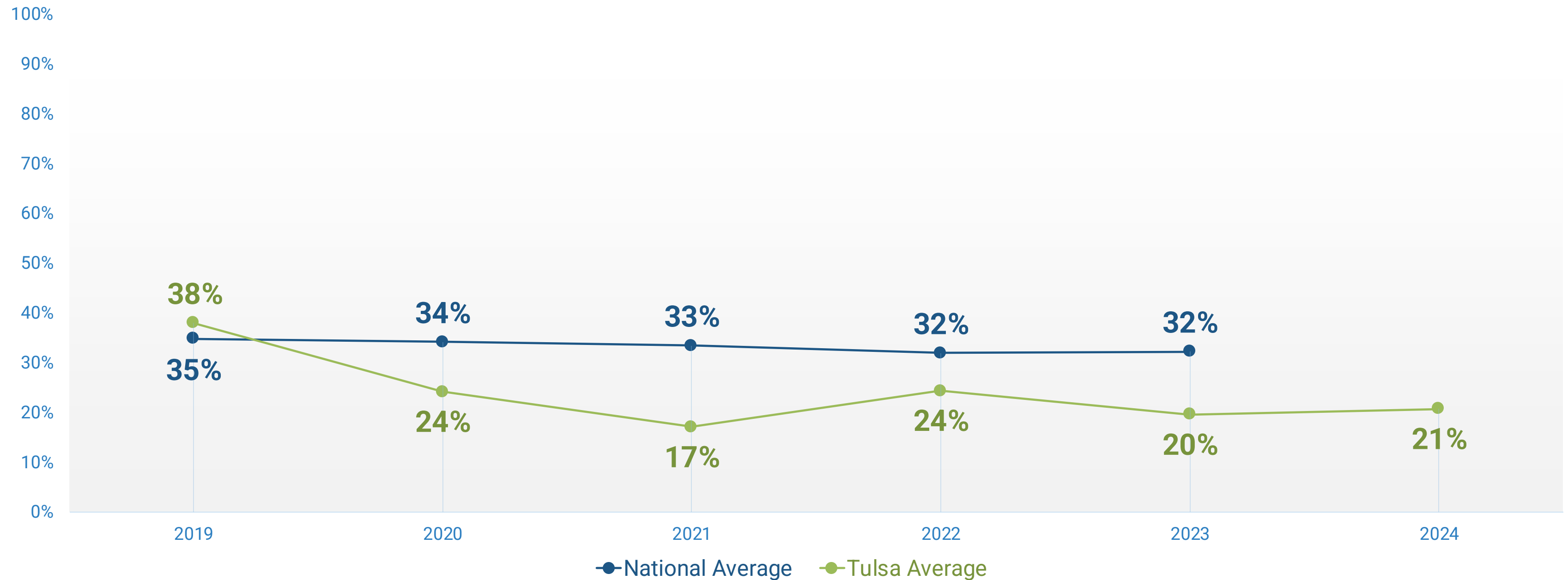
Housing Placement & Retention

National Average: 2019: 96%, 2020: 96%, 2021: 96%, 2022: 96%, 2023: 96%

Tulsa Average: 2019: 95%, 2020: 94%, 2021: 93%, 2022: 95%, 2023: 94%, 2024: 93%
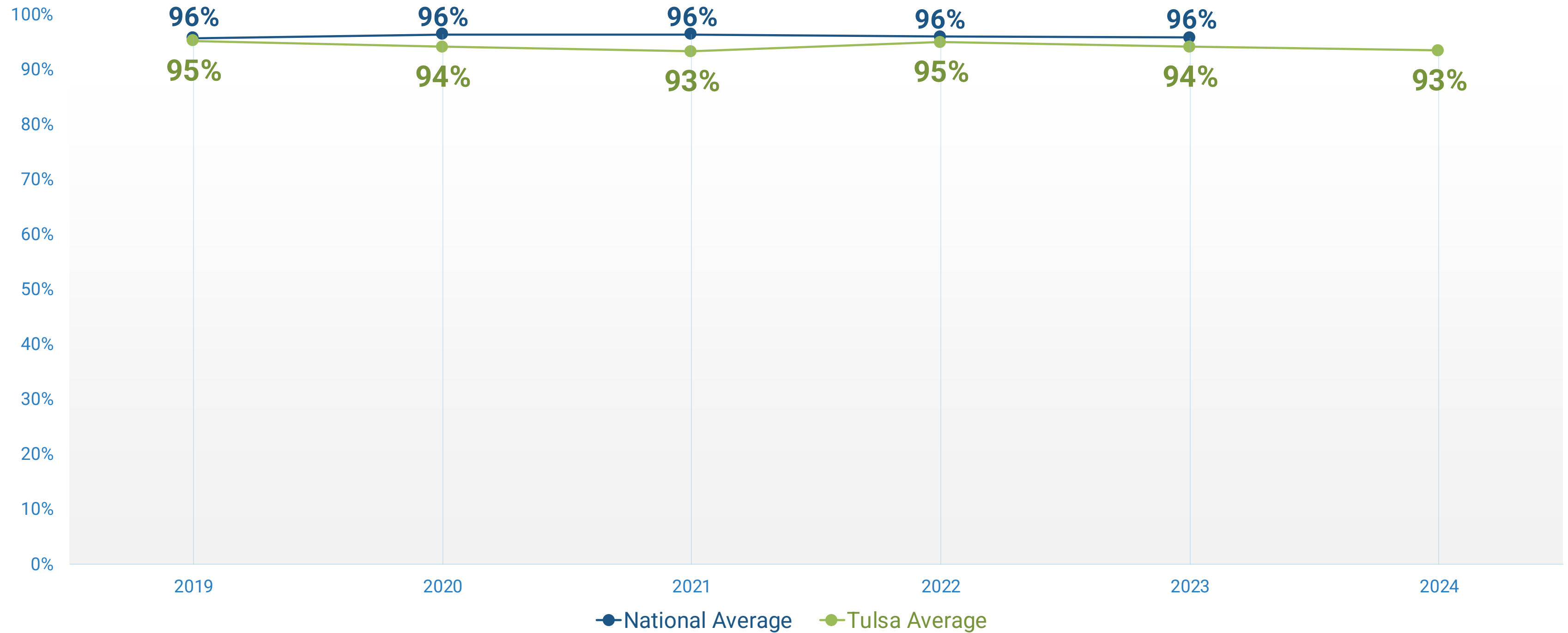
Policy Report

- **State bills/policies**

- **Federal bills/policies**

Contacting Your Lawmakers

- Find your district/representatives here: OK Voter Portal

- Contact information:
  - State Senators / State Reps
  - US Senators: Mullin + Lankford
  - US Representatives

- Keep it brief, relevant, and note how it will affect *you* and *the people you serve*

- Calling is always better, but email is fine too! (Check out 5 Calls)

Update from the City of Tulsa

Presented by:

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Agency Mission

The Oklahoma Access to Justice Foundation serves as a convener, collaborator, and advocate to *increase meaningful participation in a civil justice system that is fair and accessible to all.*

In pursuit of our mission, ATJ focuses our work on the areas of research, advocacy, community engagement, and *public legal information education.*

The Problem

Our eviction system is built to be fast and easy for landlords, and legal resources are only available in complicated "legalese" English, so it's easy for people to feel overwhelmed and disempowered.

The Project

Make It Plain: Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Education

Educate

Five-part video series that covers essential topics about tenant rights and responsibilities.

Empower

Translating the content into five additional languages, ensuring that more Tulsans can access this vital information.

Enhance

Distribute the videos through multiple channels and partner organizations, ensuring the widest possible reach.

Project Goals

Outcomes

- Improved housing stability.
- Reduced legal risks.
- Increased tenant self-advocacy.

Deliverables

- 5-part video series translated into 5 additional languages.

Process

- Subject matter experts.
- Plain language.
- Accessibility.
- Equity in delivery.

Partner Input

Please complete this survey to ensure ATJ is including impactful and relevant Tenant Rights and Responsibilities topics in our upcoming plain language legal information video series.

Thank You

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Meeting Wrap-Up

- Public Comments

- Adjourn

Public Comment

Comments:

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Adjourn

Next Meeting

- All-Member Meeting: Point in Time Count Release
- Tuesday, June 10th, 1-4pm
- OSU Tulsa Conference Center

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