



**A WAY HOME  
for Tulsa**

COORDINATED BY HOUSING SOLUTIONS

# **ALL-MEMBER MEETING**

## **2025 Point-in-Time Count Release**

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**June 10th, 2025 | 1:00-4:00 PM | OSU-Tulsa**

# Welcome

**Beth Edwards-Svetlic**, Leadership Council Chair, AWH4T



# Agenda

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- **Opening Session**
  - Welcome
  - Point-in-Time Count Overview
  - Methodology & Data
- **Breakout Sessions**
  - Debunking Myths of Homelessness
  - Causes & Barriers of Homelessness
  - Sheltered vs. Unsheltered Homelessness
  - Equity & Overrepresentation
- **Closing Session:** Where do we go from here?

# Overview

**Mark Smith**, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Solutions



# Understanding the PIT Count

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**The Point-in-Time Count is the most reliable estimate of people experiencing homelessness in the United States.**

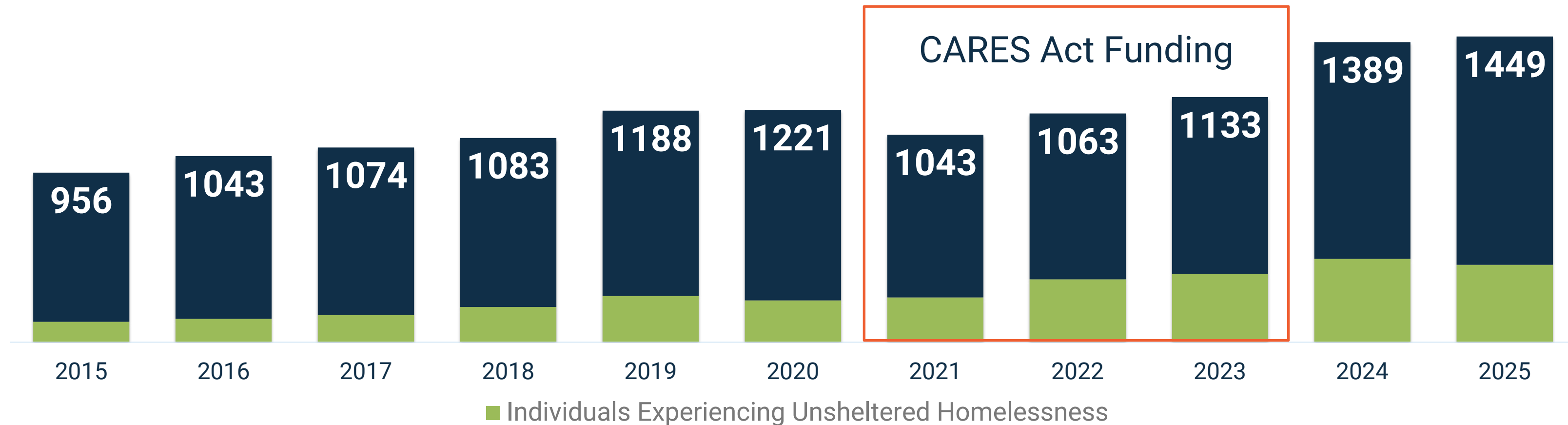
- Census of people experiencing homelessness in sheltered and unsheltered locations
- Single night in January
- Survey needs of the community
- Increase policymaker and public awareness
- Track progress toward goal of ending homelessness



# Homelessness in Tulsa

**1,449**

Individuals experiencing homelessness in Tulsa  
on January 23rd, 2025



# Methodology & Data

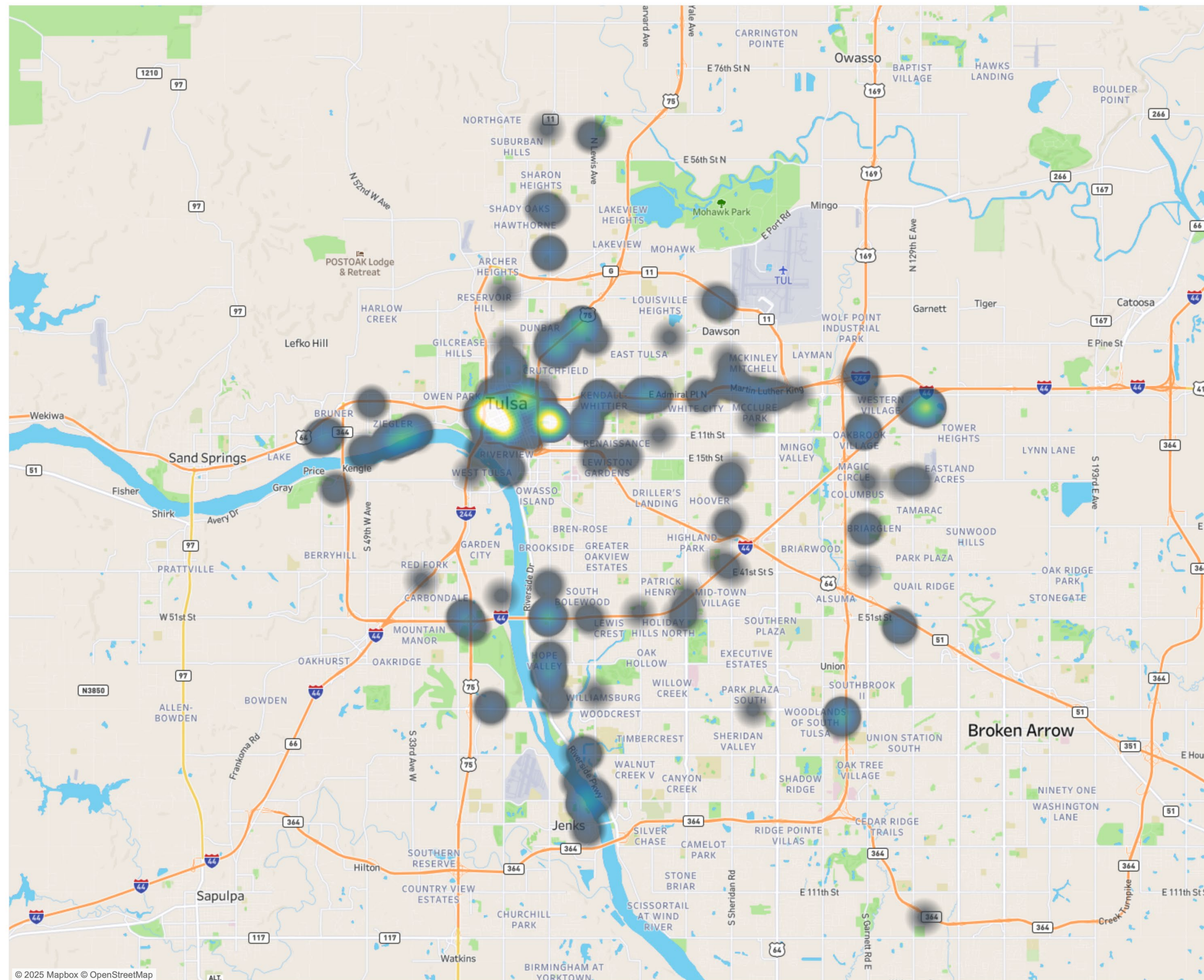
**Olivia Denton Koopman**, Chief Data & Policy Officer, Housing Solutions





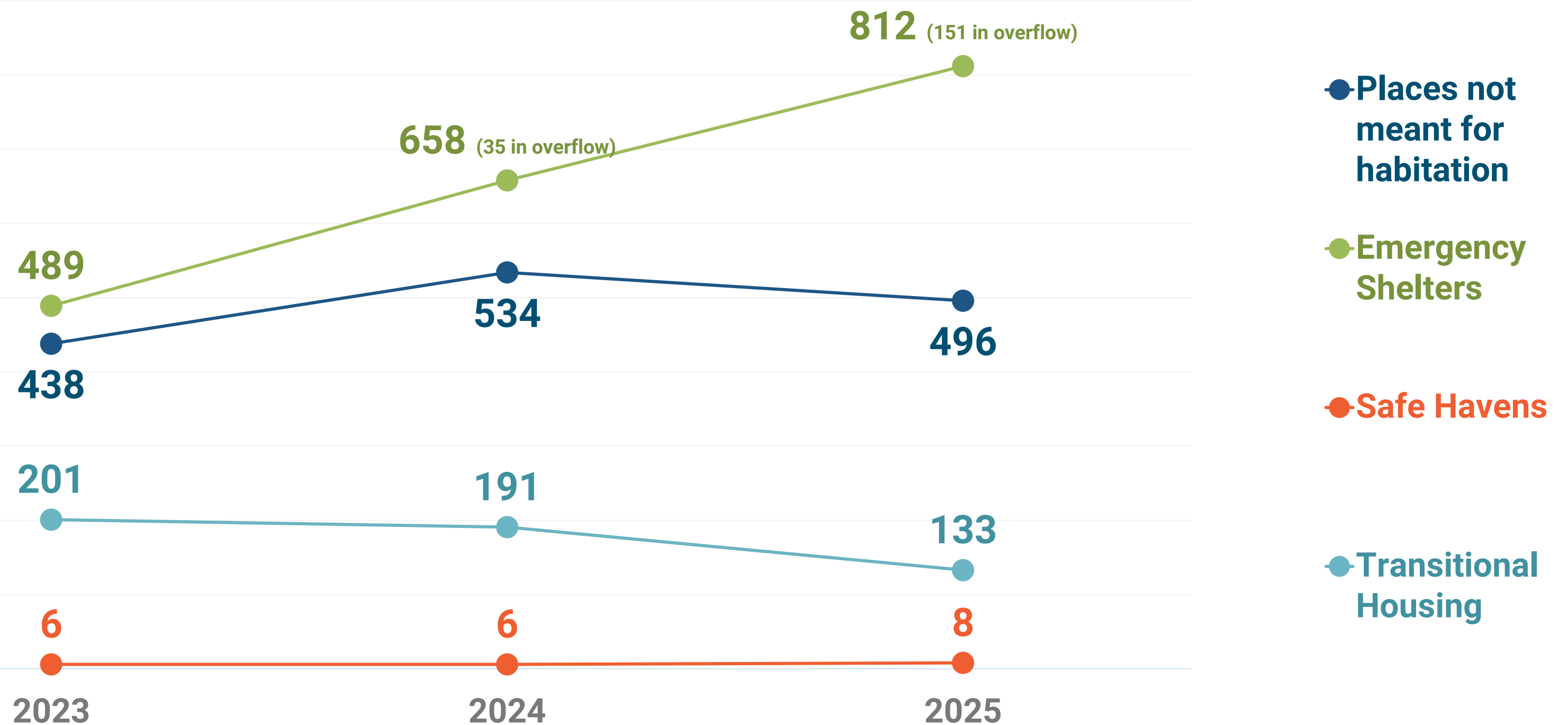
# Geography

### Map of Unsheltered Homelessness in 2025





# Locations of Homelessness



# Changes from 2024



Population	National	Tulsa
Overall	+18%	+4%
Sheltered	+25%	+11%
Unsheltered	+7%	-7%
Chronic	+7%	+19%
Veterans	-8%	+6%
Youth	+10%	+18%

# Sub-Populations



EXPERIENCES & BARRIERS TO HOUSING



**55%**  
HAVE A DISABLING  
CONDITION



**17%**  
ARE CURRENTLY  
EMPLOYED



**7%**  
ARE VETERANS



**32%**  
HAVE EXPERIENCED  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**75%**

BEGAN THEIR EXPERIENCE  
OF HOMELESSNESS IN TULSA

**82%**

BECAME HOMELESS  
IN OKLAHOMA

**33%** HAVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT



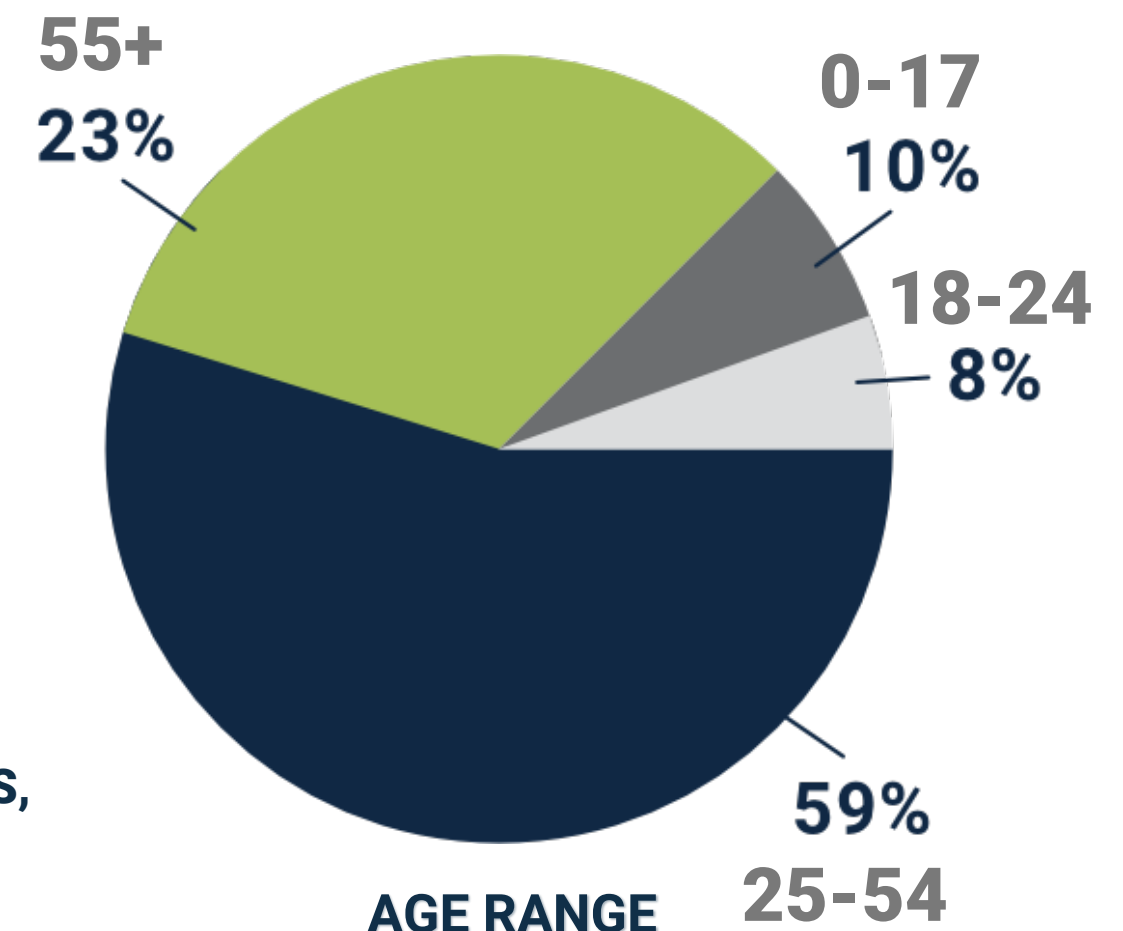
## DEMOGRAPHICS



**12%**  
IN FAMILIES WITH  
CHILDREN



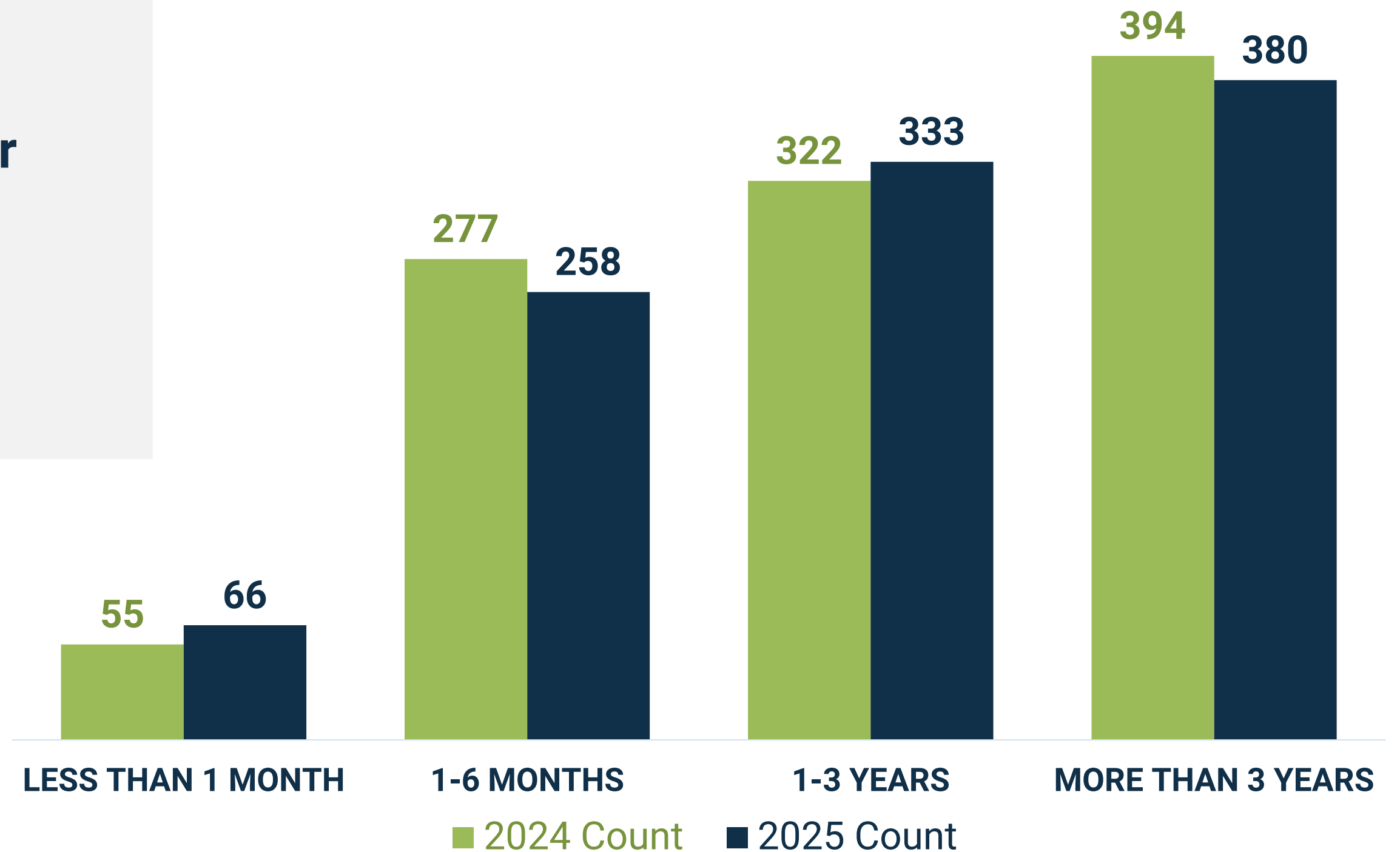
**53%**  
ARE BLACK, INDIGENOUS,  
AND PEOPLE OF COLOR



# Housing Need

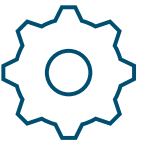


There is only 1  
Permanent Supportive  
Housing unit vacancy for  
every 49 individuals  
experiencing chronic  
homelessness





# Causes of Homelessness



## 2024 Top Reported Causes

1

Lack of Affordable Housing (36%)

2

Loss of Income (28%)

3

Mental Health (19%)

4

Job Loss (18%)

## 2025 Top Reported Causes

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Lack of Affordable Housing (36%)

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Job Loss (27%)

# Needs of the Community

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**Housing  
Placement**

62%

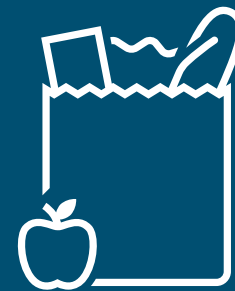
2



**Case  
Management**

46%

3



**Food  
Services**

36%

4



**Clothing**

35%

5



**Benefits  
Enrollment**

31%

# Final Takeaways



Reports of mental health challenges are **becoming more common** across the population

**Mental Health**



Increased shelter space contributes to **fewer individuals experiencing homelessness without shelter**

**Shelter Capacity**



The **#1 need** of people experiencing homelessness is still housing

**Need for Housing**



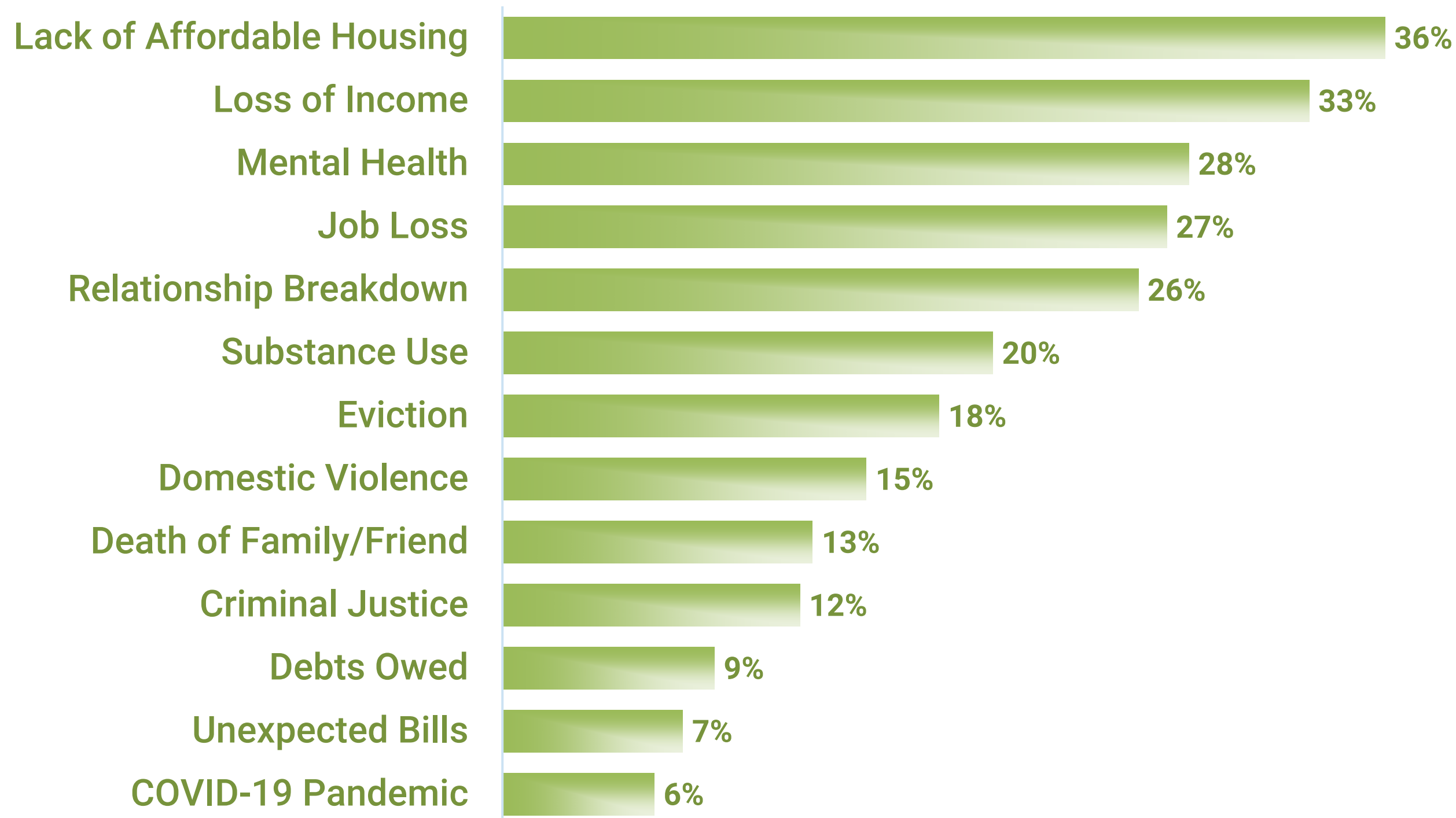
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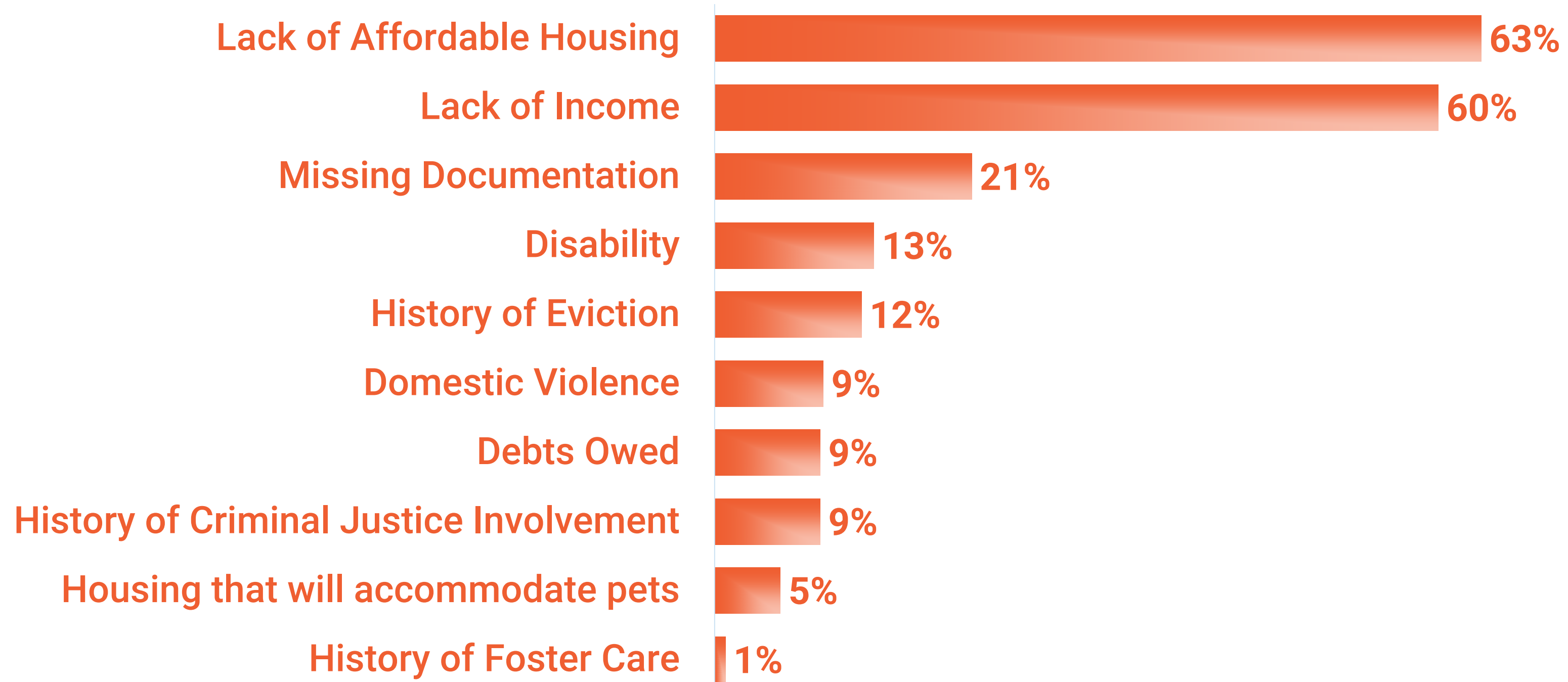
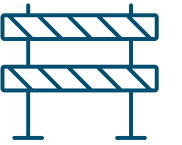
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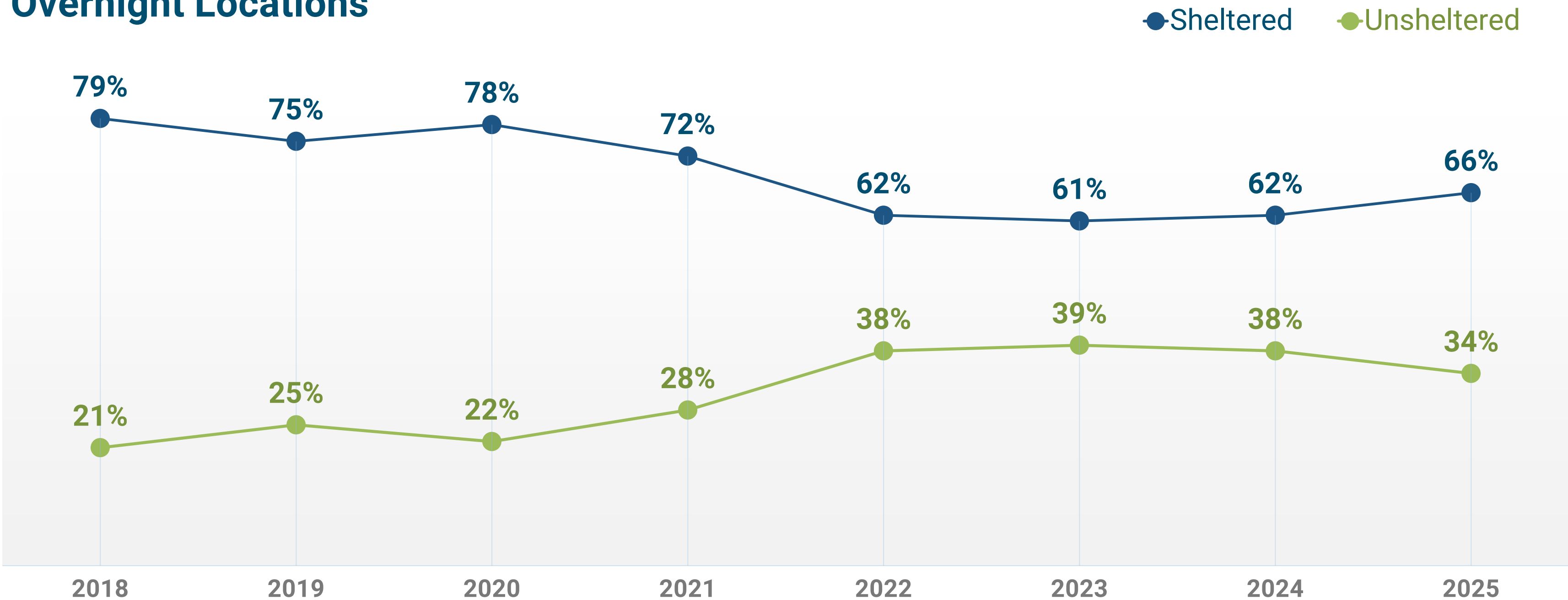
# Barriers to Re-Housing



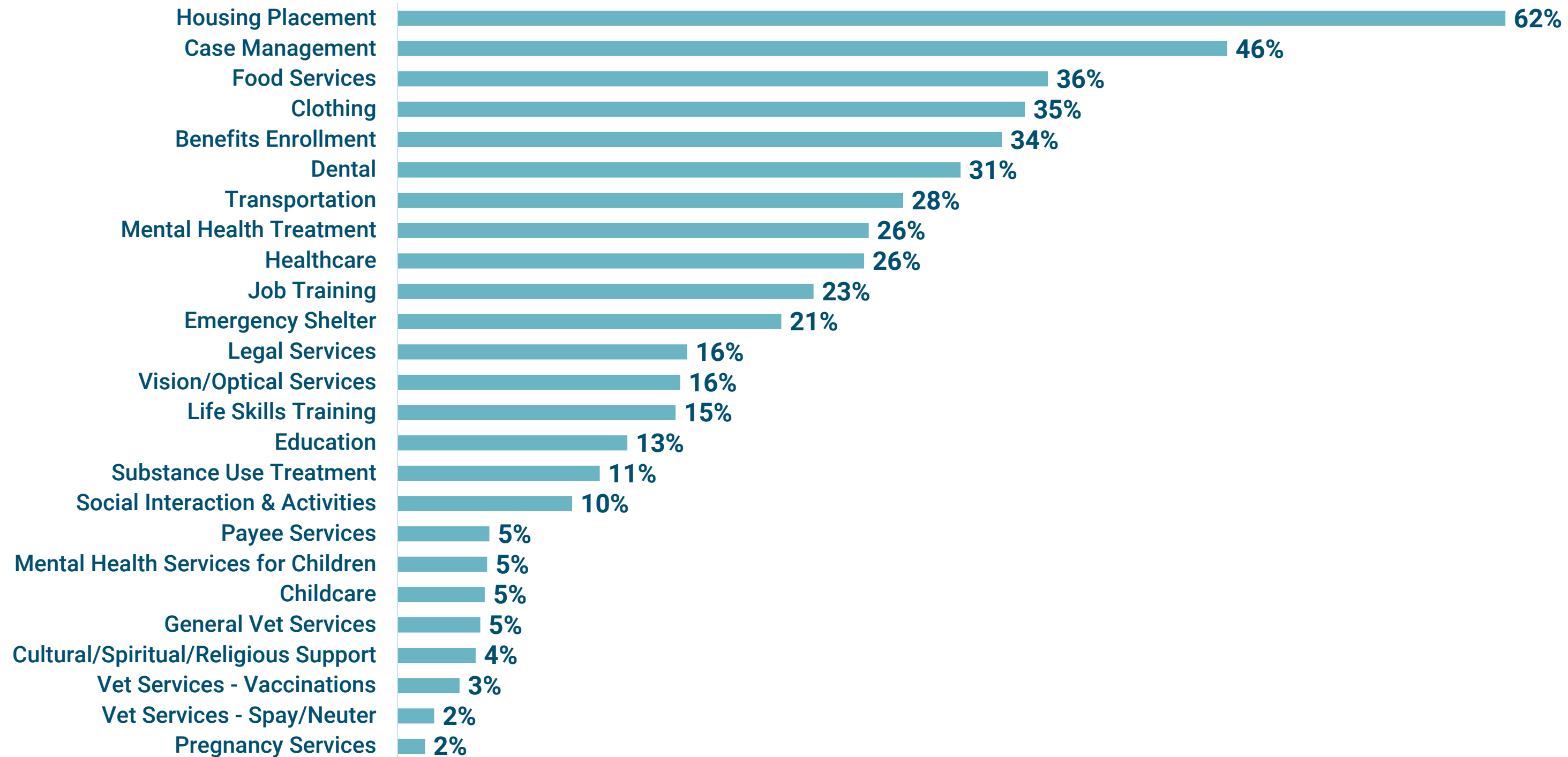
# Sheltered vs. Unsheltered



## Overnight Locations

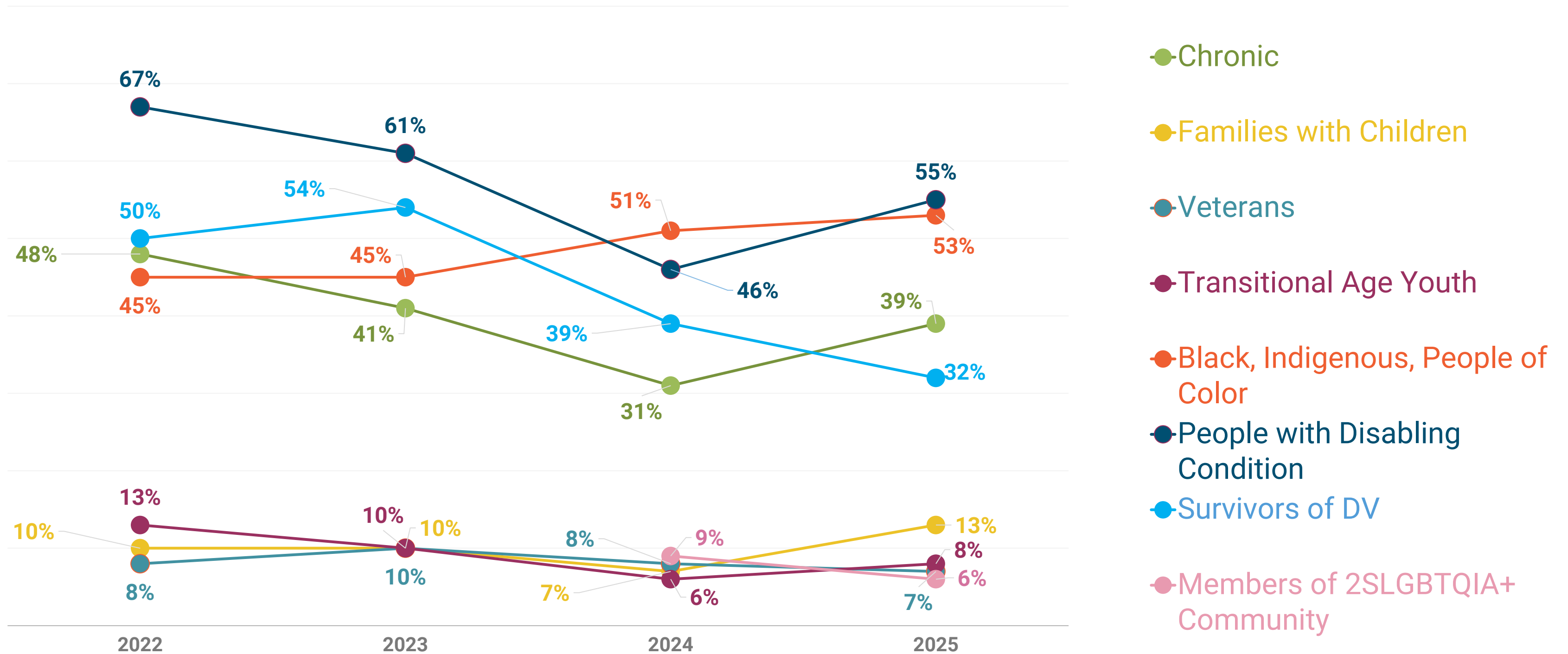
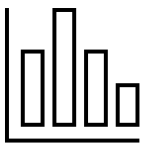


# Needs of the Community





# Equity & Overrepresentation

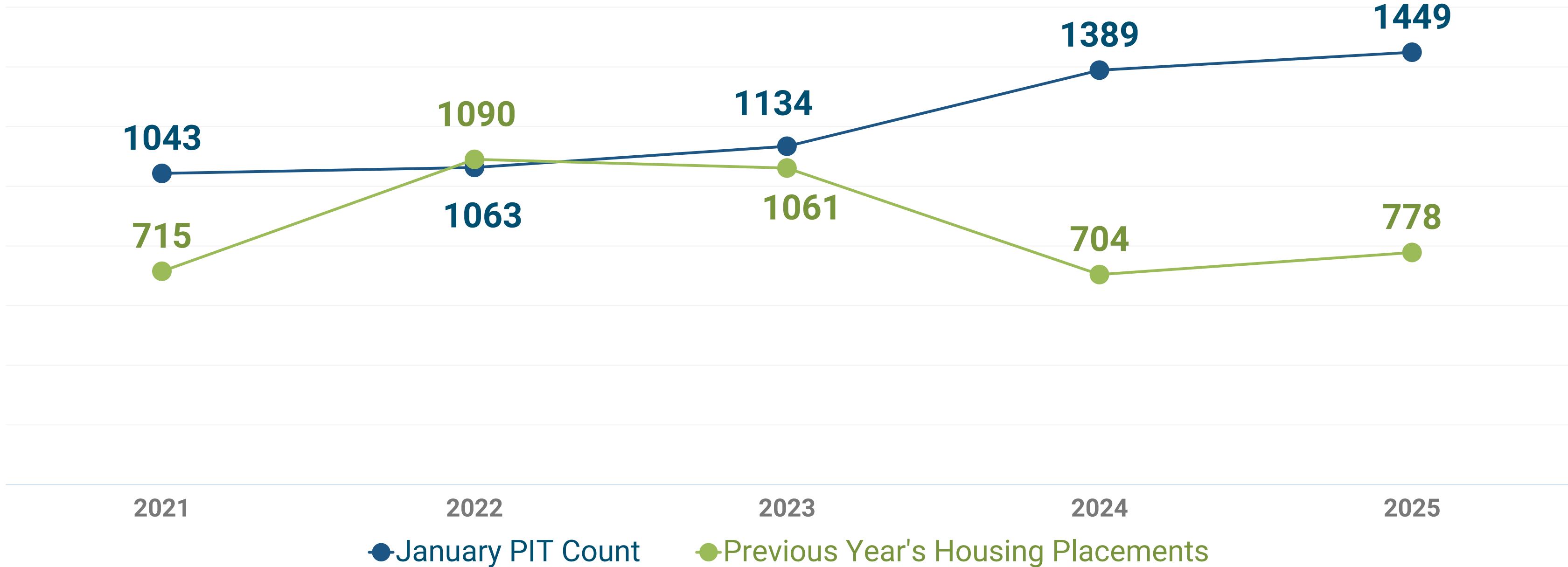


# Where Do We Go from Here?



# Collaborative Efforts with City of Tulsa

## Rising Homelessness vs. Declining Housing Support



# System Capacity Building

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**Ann Denton, M.Ed.**, is an expert on effective systems and interventions for persons with disabilities, including mental illness, substance use disorders, and co-occurring disorders.

She has knowledge and experience with systems change, integrated systems of care, evidence-based practices, outcome and performance measures, and homelessness and housing issues for people with mental illness and other disabilities.



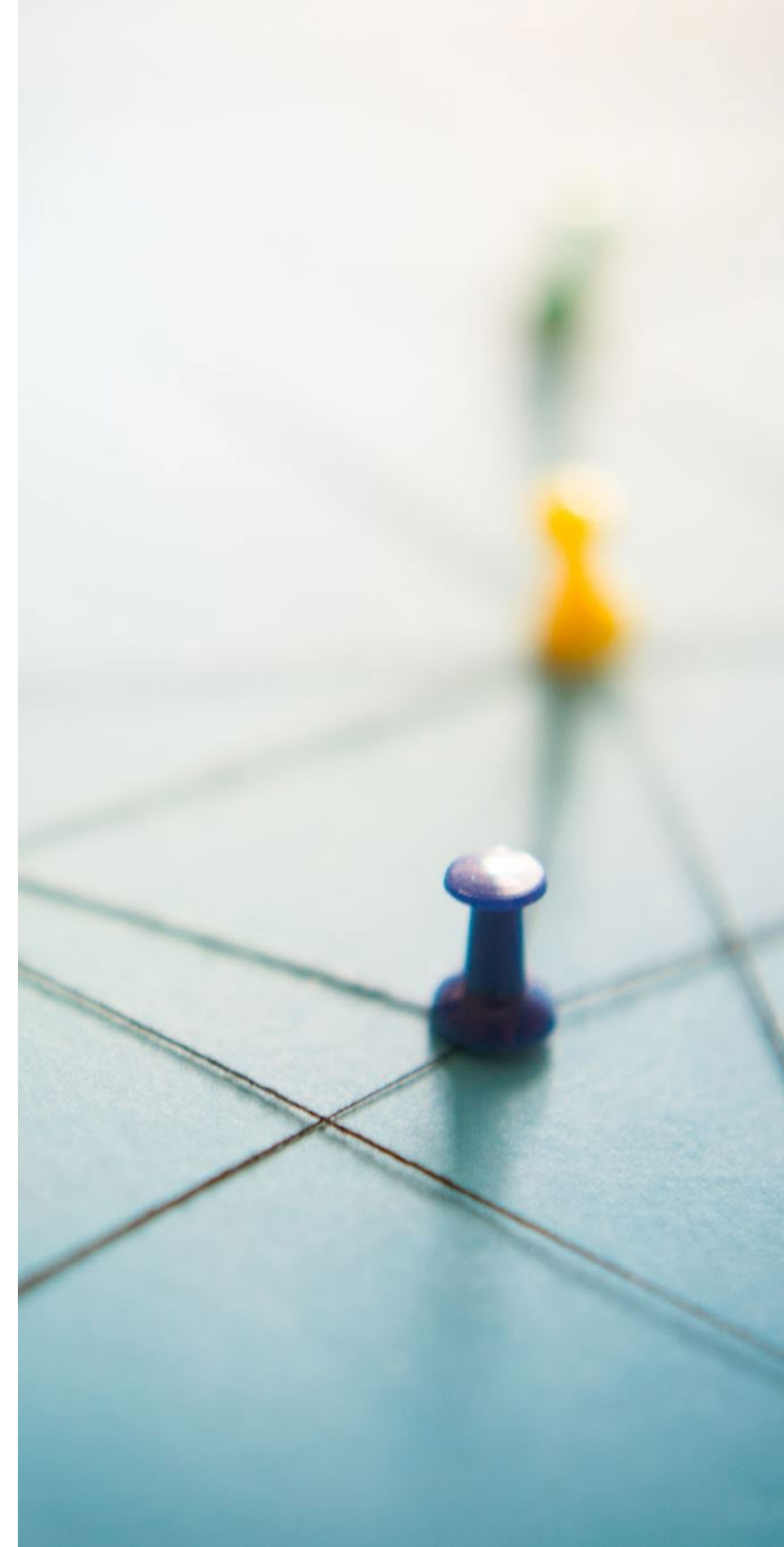
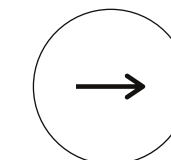
- Working with projects since March
- Focusing on enhancing AWH4T's Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) capacity
- Developing deeper partnerships between housing providers and Certified Community Mental Health (CCBHC) agencies



# AWH4T Strategic Plan

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- 1** Stop Homelessness Before it Begins
- 2** Transform the System of Care to be More Effective, Equitable, and Person-Centered
- 3** Increase Access to Housing
- 4** Partner Across Tulsa to Build Solutions & Access Resources



# Share Your Thoughts!

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**SCAN HERE TO COMPLETE  
THE SURVEY**

**We want to hear about your:**

- Experience here today
- Thoughts about the results
- Ideas to improve our community