



SPOKANE REGIONAL
Continuum of Care

Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point In Time (PIT) Count

Reporting Years: 2019 - 2026

Thank you to all the partners!

2026 Spokane PIT & HIC: Introduction

The **Point-in-Time (PIT) Count** captures the number of individuals experiencing homelessness—both sheltered and unsheltered—on a single night in January.

- **Sheltered count:** Emergency Shelters (ES), Transitional Housing (TH), and Safe Havens (SH)

- **Unsheltered count:** Locations not meant for human habitation (i.e., car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, etc.)

The 2026 PIT Count was conducted on January 27th, 2026.

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) provides a one-night inventory of programs within the CoC that offer dedicated beds and housing units for people experiencing homelessness, it occurs on the same night as the PIT Count.

- The HIC is conducted on our community's Emergency Shelter (ES), Transitional Housing (TH), Safe Haven (SH), Rapid Re-housing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), and Other Permanent Housing (OPH) projects. *Definitions for these project types are included in the next slide.*

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development outlines the methodology by which both the PIT and HIC must be conducted.

Important Notes:

The Spokane Continuum of Care (CoC) does not have any Safe Haven (SH) projects.

No Unsheltered count was conducted in 2021 due to COVID-19.

2026 Spokane PIT & HIC: Project Type Definitions

Emergency Shelter (ES) - Crisis intervention offering beds to individuals who require immediate shelter due to homelessness.

- **Year-Round Beds**- Available on a year-round basis.

- **Inclement Weather Beds** - Available only under specific conditions defined by SMC.

- **Surge Beds** - Available on temporary basis in response to increased demand or specific conditions.

- **Scattered Site Beds** - Emergency shelter beds included as part of the City of Spokane's new Navigation Center and Scattered Site model

- **Emergency Declaration Beds** - Emergency shelter beds funded by the City of Spokane under the Mayor's emergency declaration in late October, 2025

Transitional Housing (TH) - One-to-Two-year program offering intensive case management. Helps stabilize households and prepare them for independent living. Units are pre-identified.

Rapid Re-housing (RRH) - Short to medium term rental assistance paired with case management. Households compete for housing in the open market as any other potential tenant.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) – Disability Required (PSH)-Permanent subsidy paired with case management. Most PSH Units offer a Housing Choice Voucher after one-year of successful tenancy. Units are pre-identified. Disability is required for entry.

- **HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)** - Housing that combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with VA-provided case management and clinical services for homeless veterans; HUD-VASH is classified as PSH by HIC guidelines.

Other Permanent Housing (OPH)

- **Permanent Housing (PH)** – Permanent housing units without services.

- **Permanent Housing with Services (PHS)** – Permanent housing units paired with case management. Disability not required for entry.

2026 Spokane PIT: Population Type Definitions

Adult and Child- A household composed of adults and those under the age of 18 in their care.

Adult Only – All household members are over the age of 18.

Child Only – All household members are under the age of 18.

Parenting Youth- A household consisting of an adult 18-24 who has someone under the age of 18 in their care, and households composed of someone under the age of 18 who also has some in their care under the age of 18.

Unaccompanied Youth – Household composed of only young adults aged 18 to 24 or youth under the age of 18 where there are no other members in the household.

Veteran: Adult and Child - A household composed of a veterans, additional adults, and at least on household members under the age of 18.

Veteran: Adult Only- All household members are over the age of 18, and at least one of them is a veteran.

Chronic Homelessness- defined by HUD as a homeless individual or family, including those with a disability, who has lived in a shelter, safe haven, or place not meant for human habitation continuously for at least 12 months or on four occasions over three years totaling 12 months—with no break exceeding 7 nights—and includes those temporarily in institutional care for fewer than 90 days if they met these criteria before entry.

2026 PIT: By The Numbers

Total Individuals

1738

2026 Point in Time Count Date

January 27th, 2026

Total Households

1500

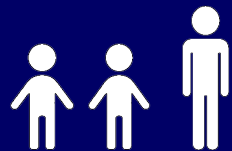
Households with Adults and Children

302

Individuals

in 92

Households



Households with Only Children

17

Individuals

in 17

Households



Households with Only Adults

1419

Individuals

in 1391

Households

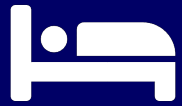


2026 PIT: Client Sleeping Locations

PIT Count Date: January 27th, 2026

1095

Sheltered



Emergency Shelter



Transitional Housing

855

Individuals

240

Individuals

183

Unoccupied Beds

56

Unoccupied Beds

643

Unsheltered



33
Under Bridge / Overpass



367
Street or Sidewalk



17
Park



121
Vehicle / Boat / RV



6
Abandoned Building



70
Outdoor Encampment



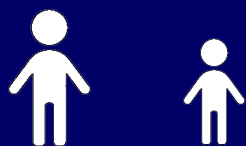
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Bus, Train Station, Airport

28

Unclear

2026 PIT: Population Totals

18
Clients in Households with Parenting Youth



9

9

Parenting Youth with Children

136
Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults



17

119

Ages 17 & Under

Ages 18 - 24



640

Adults with Serious Mental Illness



404

Adults with Substance Use Disorder



139

Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence

590

Chronically Homeless Individuals



292

Emergency Shelter

298

Unsheltered

84

Veterans

Households with
Adults and Children

3

Clients
and

1

Veteran



Households with
Adults Only

84

Clients
and

83

Veterans

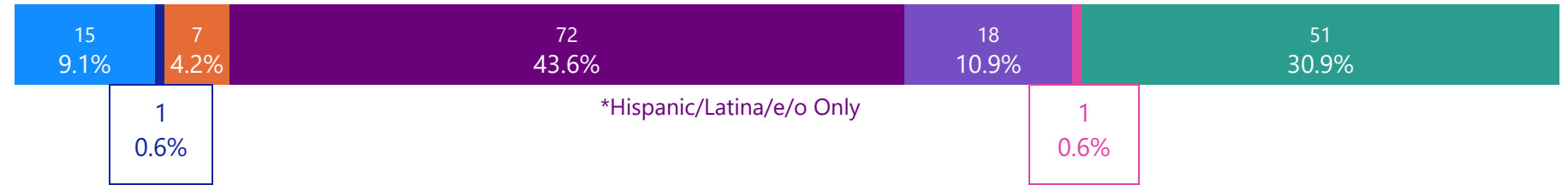
2026 PIT: Demographics

Race

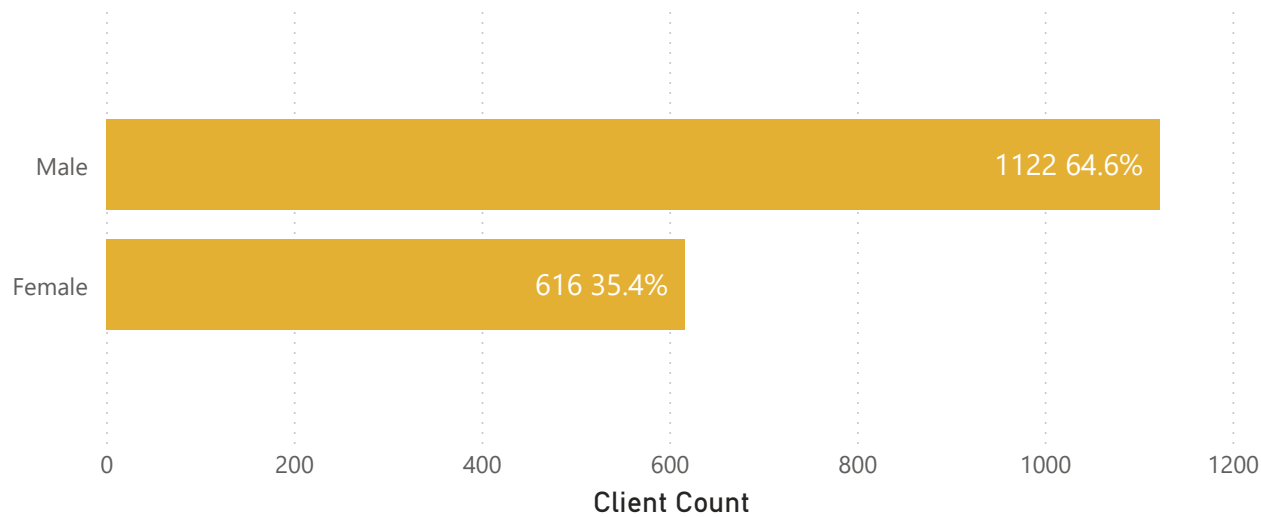
- American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous
- Asian or Asian American
- Black, African American, or African
- Hispanic/Latina/e/o*
- Multi-Racial
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White



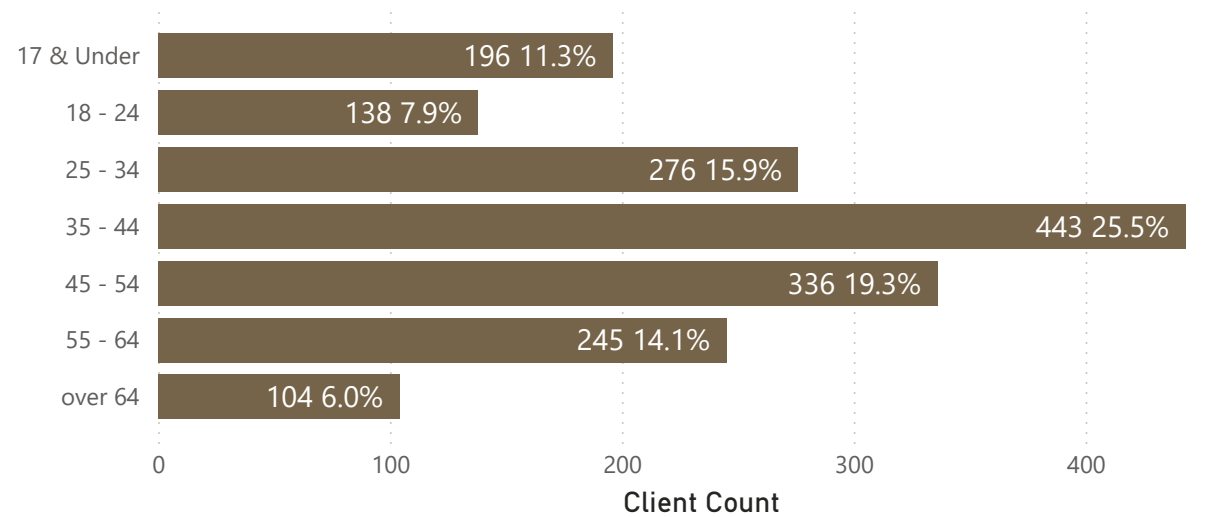
Clients who Identified as Hispanic/Latina/e/o and/or an additional race



Sex

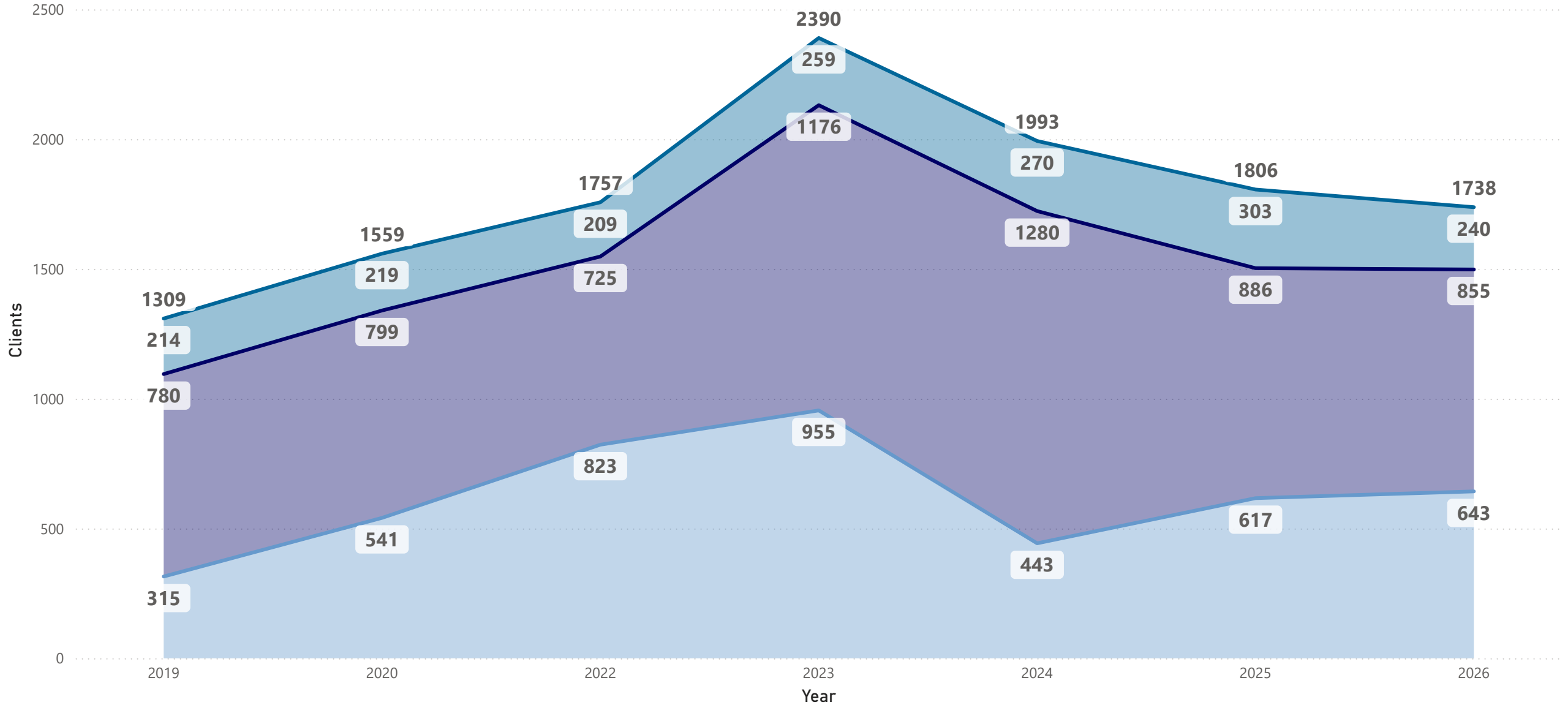


Age Range

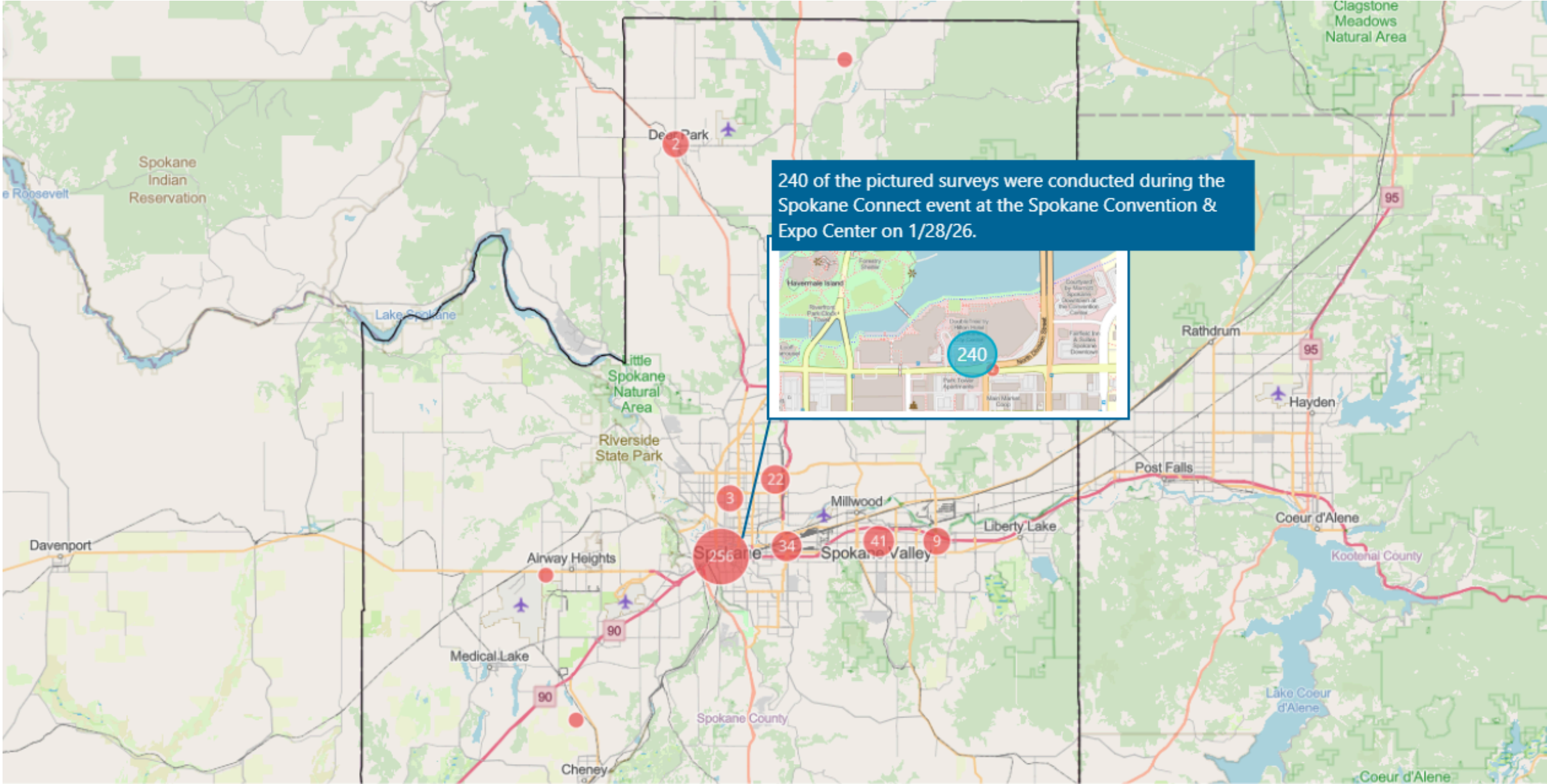


PIT: Historical Trends

● Total Unsheltered ● Total Emergency Shelter ● Total Transitional Housing

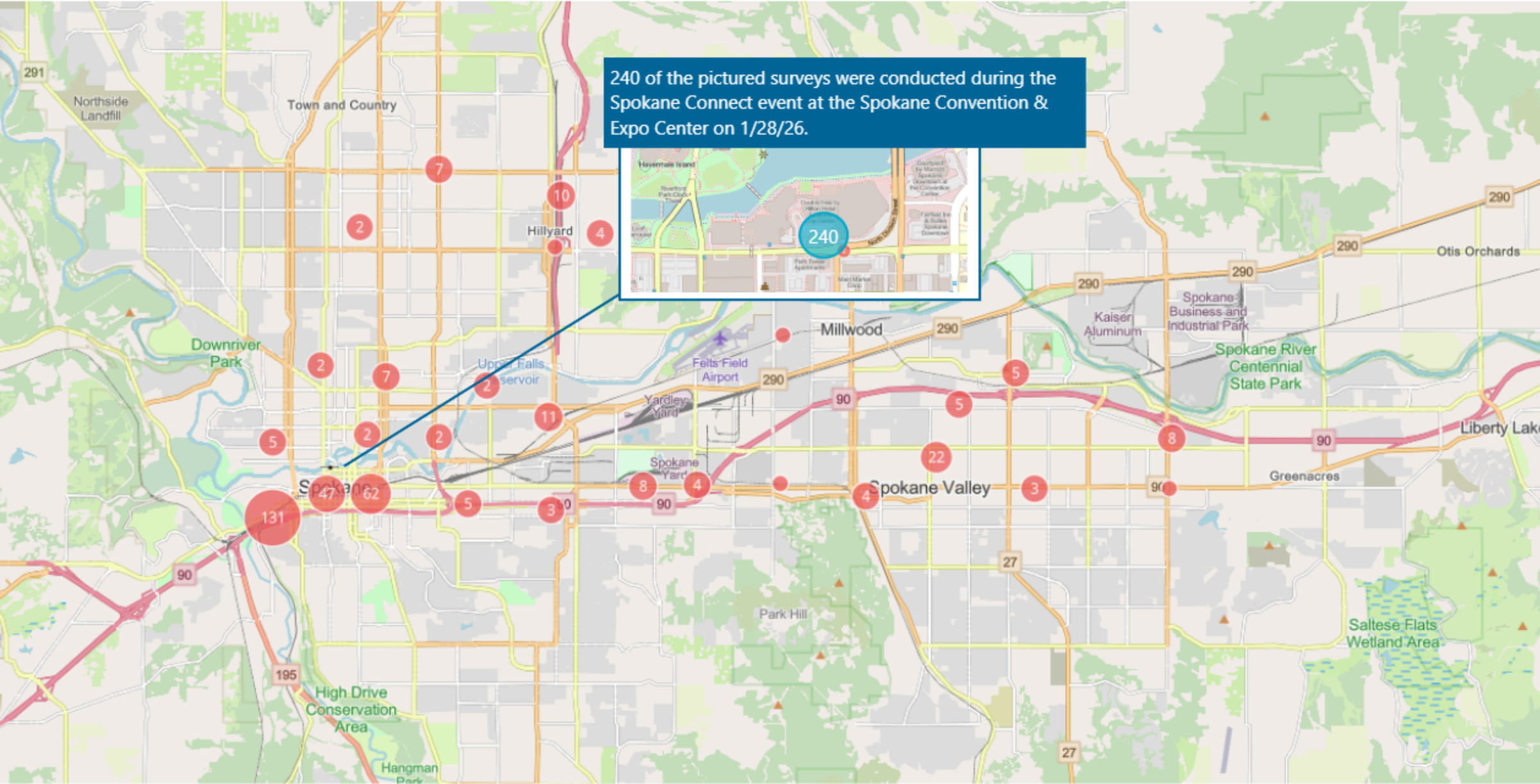


2026 PIT Count Unsheltered Survey Locations



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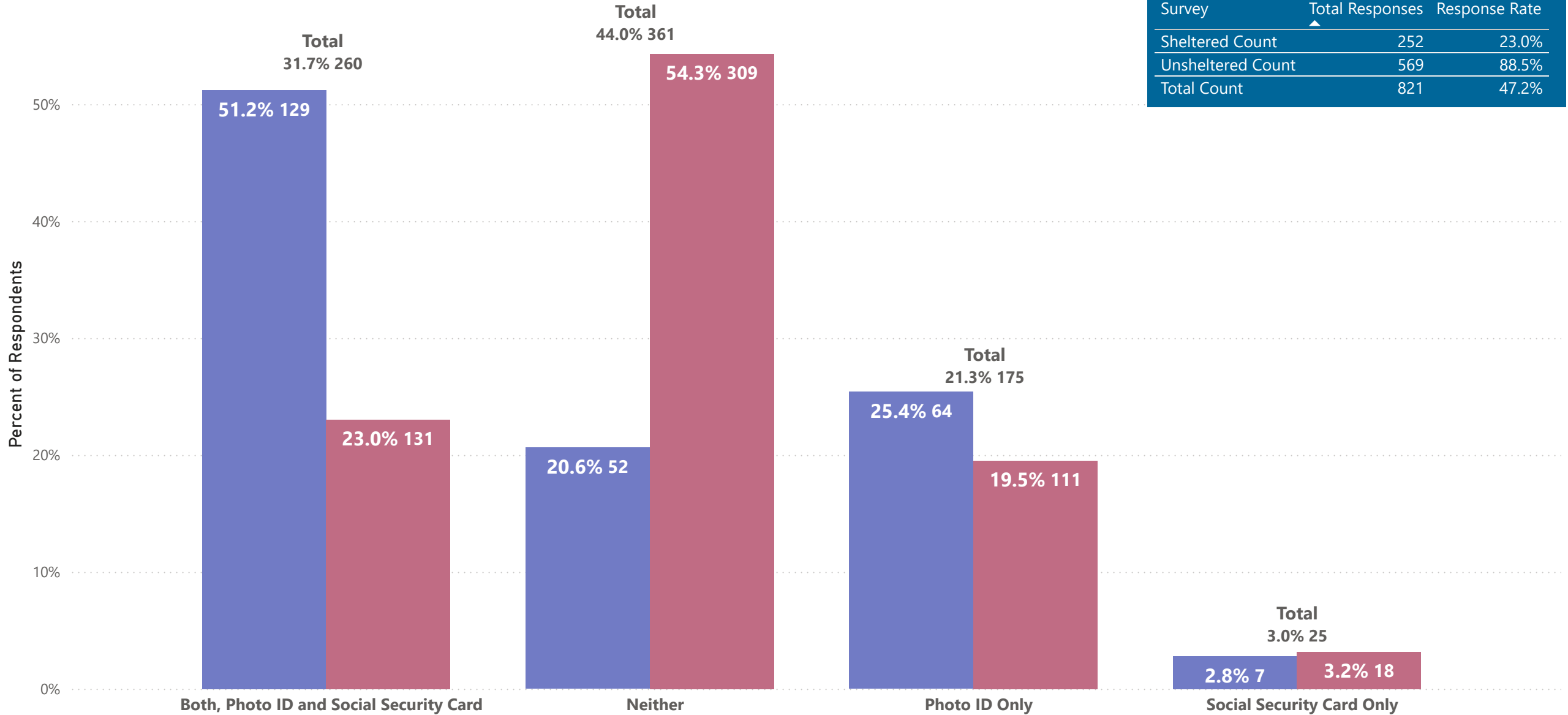
240 of the pictured surveys were conducted during the Spokane Connect event at the Spokane Convention & Expo Center on 1/28/26.



2026 PIT: Do you have a photo ID and/or Social Security Card?

● Sheltered Count ● Unsheltered Count

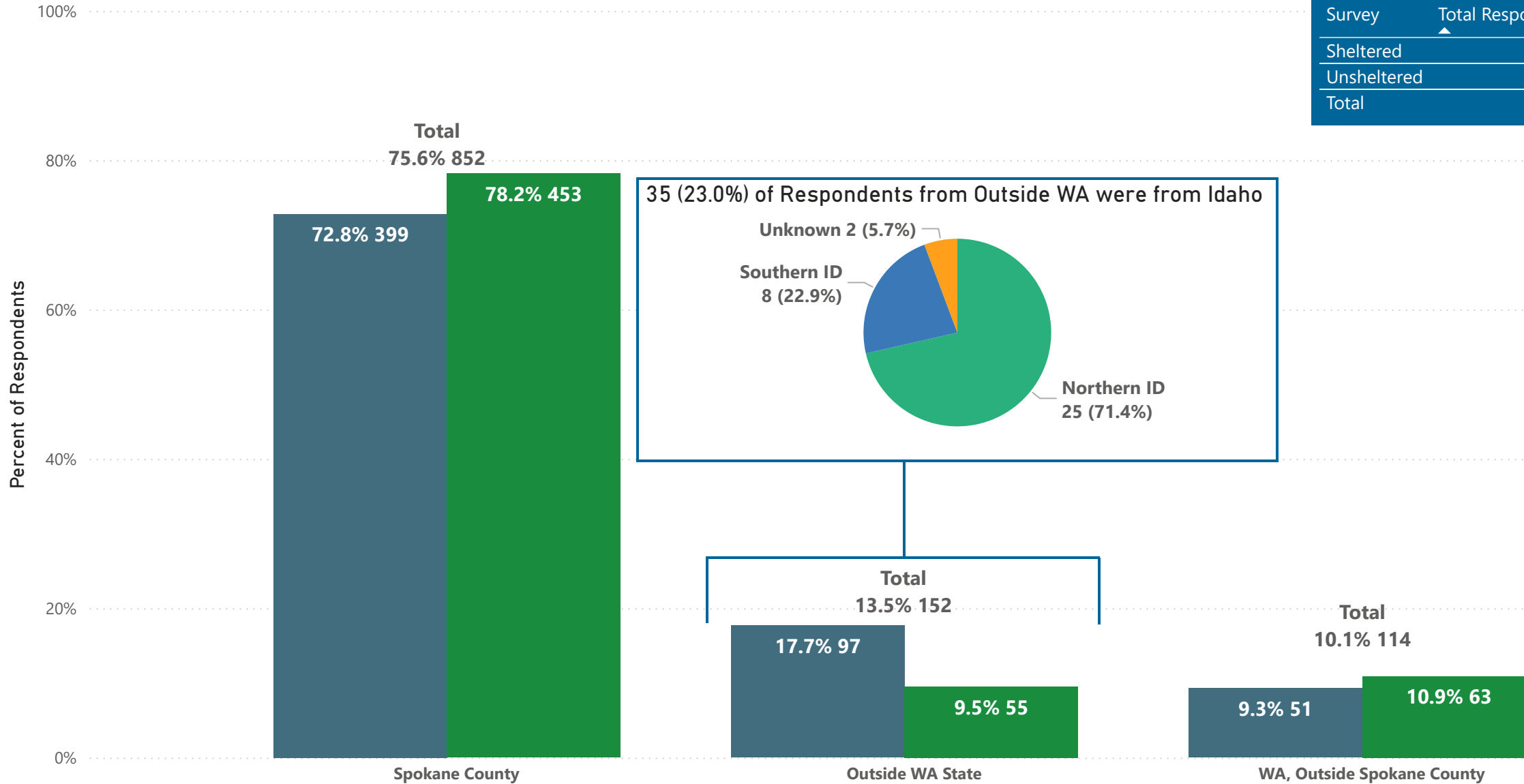
Response Rates		
Survey	Total Responses	Response Rate
Sheltered Count	252	23.0%
Unsheltered Count	569	88.5%
Total Count	821	47.2%



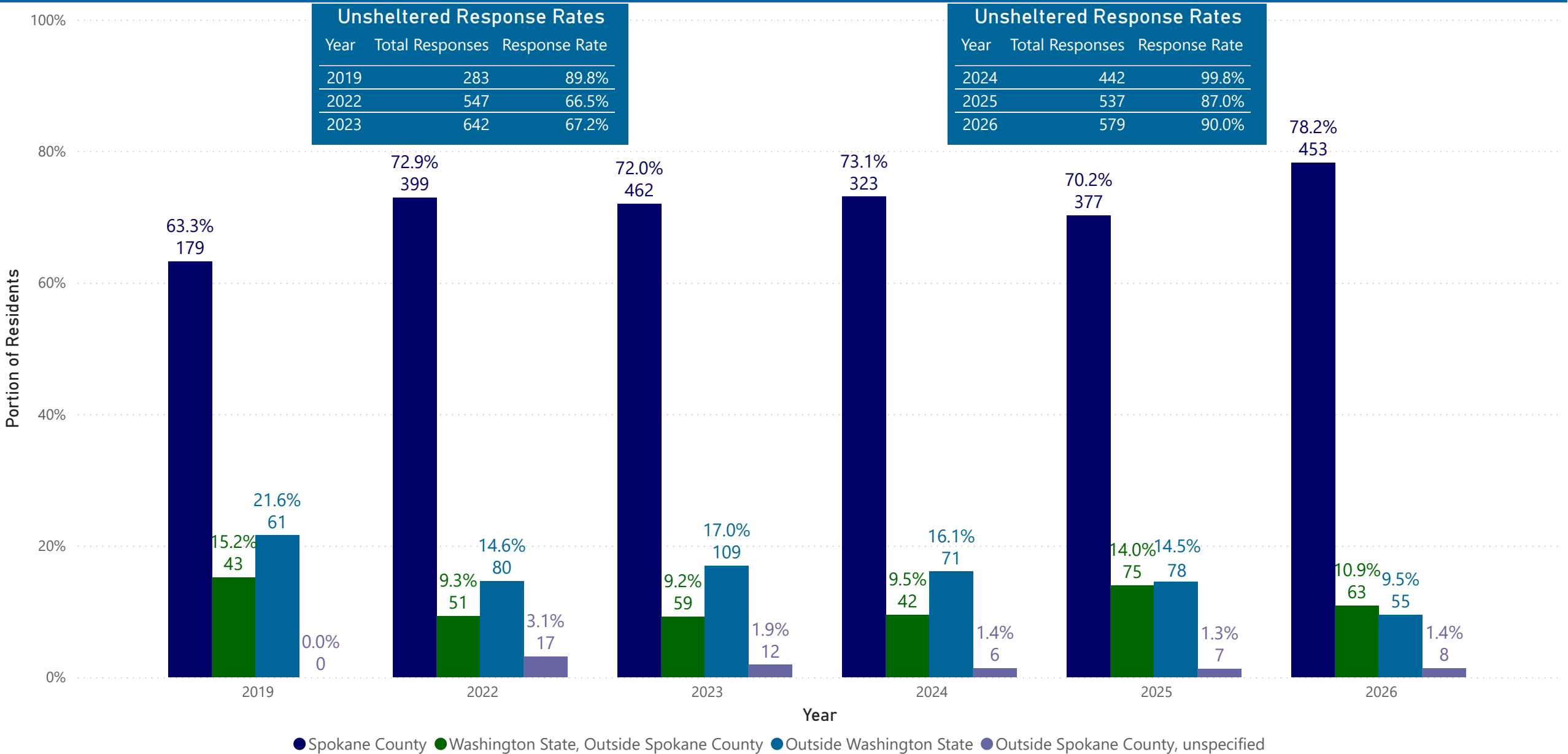
Sheltered & Unsheltered 2026 PIT: Did you live in Spokane County before you became homeless this episode?

● Sheltered Survey ● Unsheltered Survey

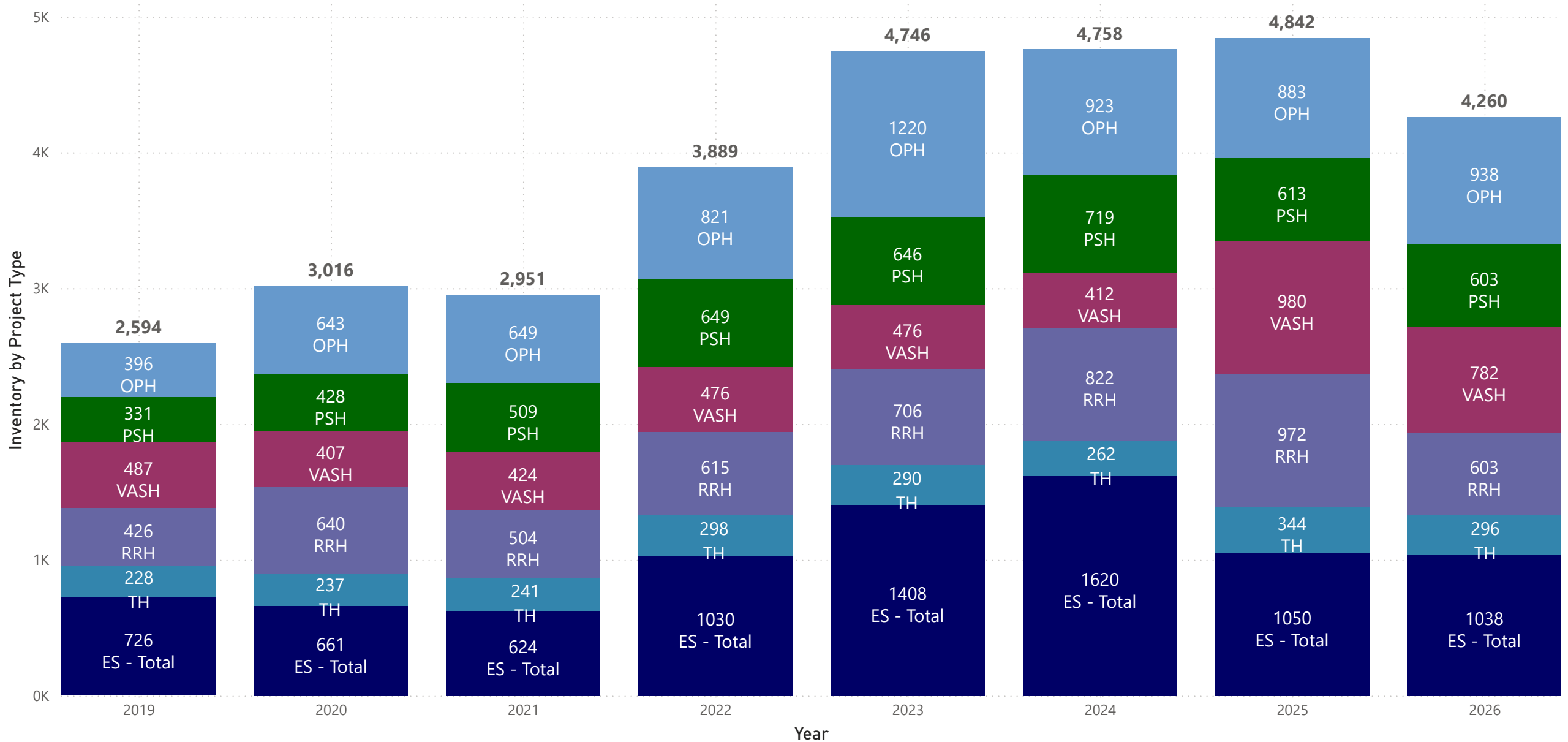
Survey	Response Rates	
	Total Responses	Response Rate
Sheltered	548	50.0%
Unsheltered	579	90.0%
Total	1127	64.8%



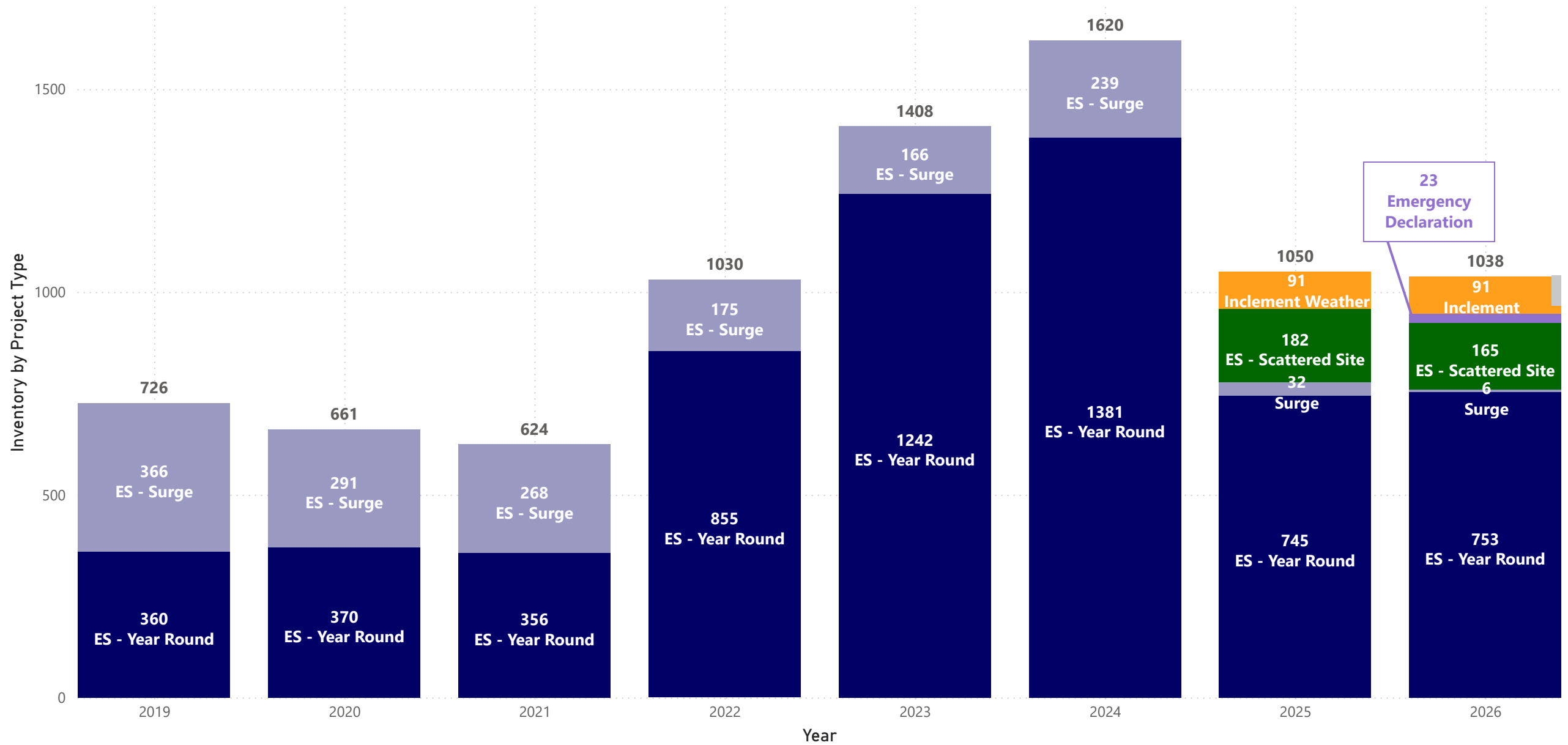
Unsheltered PIT Trend: Did you live in Spokane County before you became homeless this episode?



HIC: Total Housing Bed Inventory Trend



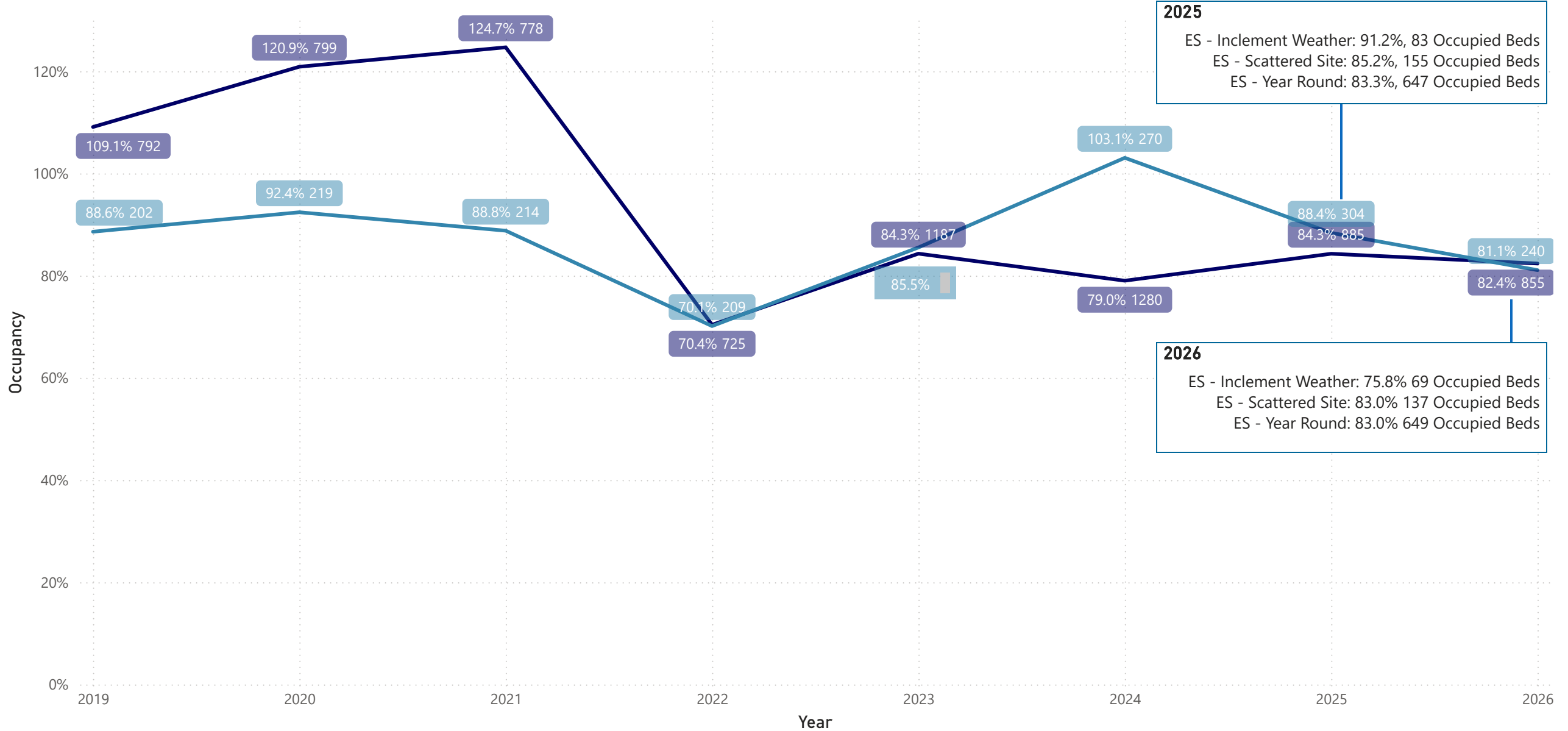
HIC: Emergency Shelter Bed Inventory Trend



HIC

Number of Beds Occupied by Project Type: Emergency Shelters & Transitional Housing

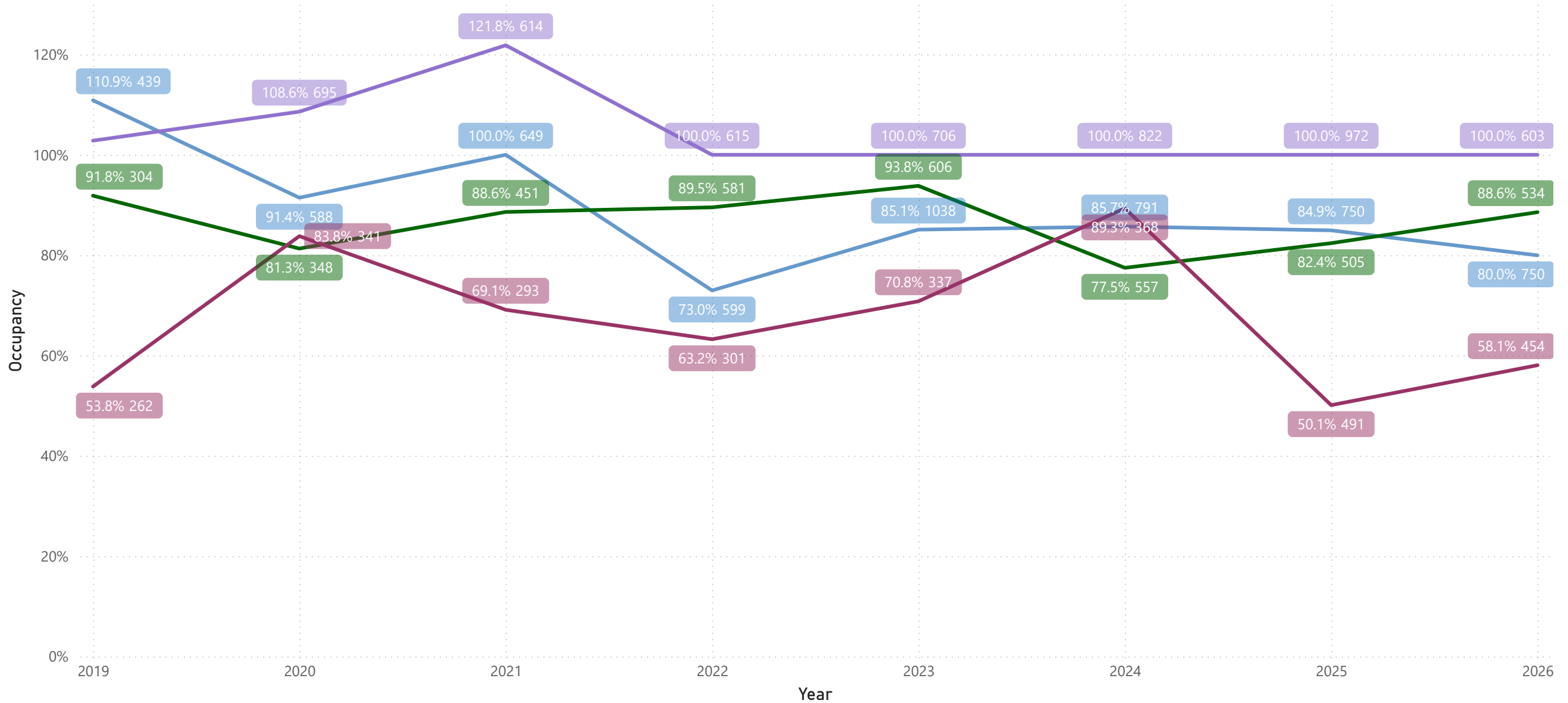
● ES - Total ● TH



HIC

Number of Beds Occupied by Project Type: OPH, PSH, RRH and HUD-VASH

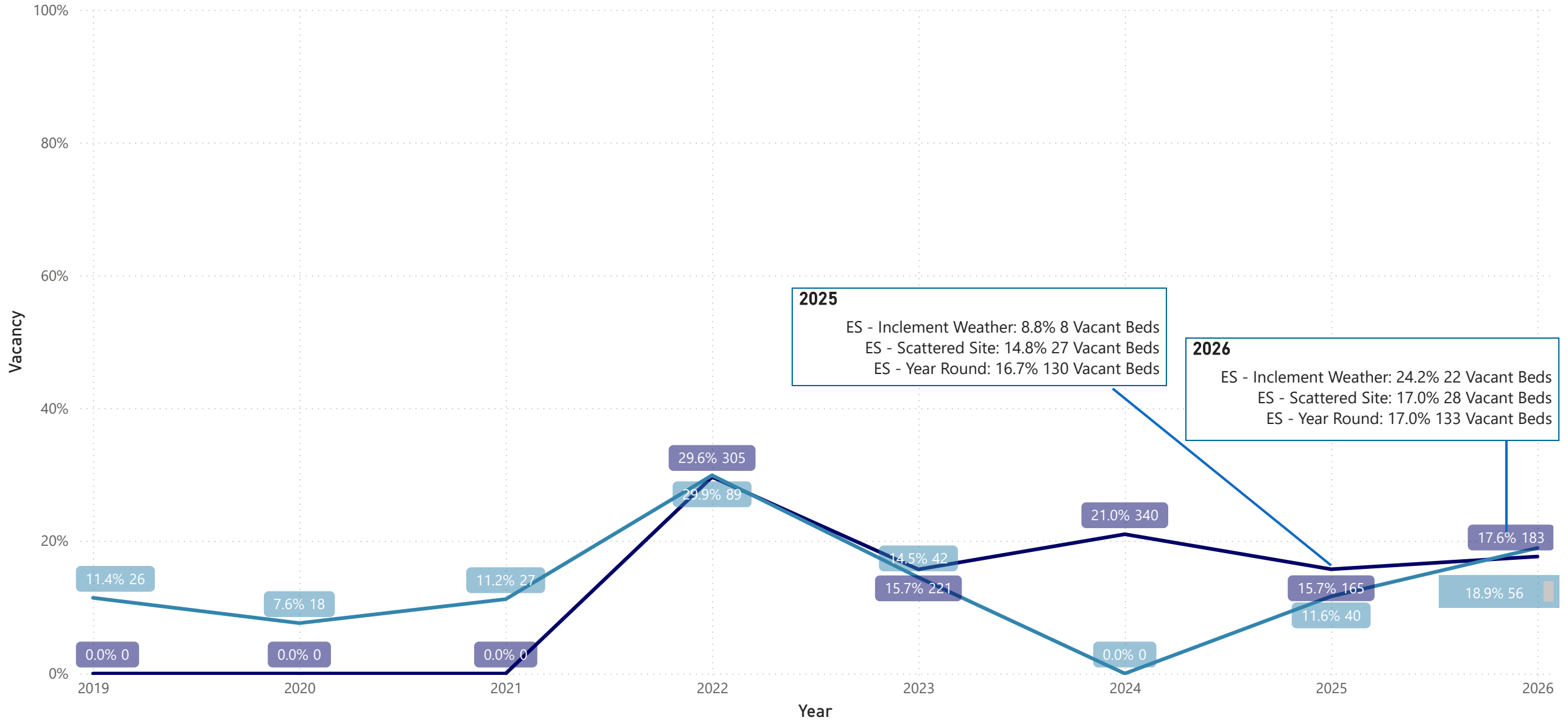
● OPH ● PSH ● RRH ● VASH



HIC

Number of Vacant Beds by Project Type: Emergency Shelters & Transitional Housing

● ES - Total ● TH

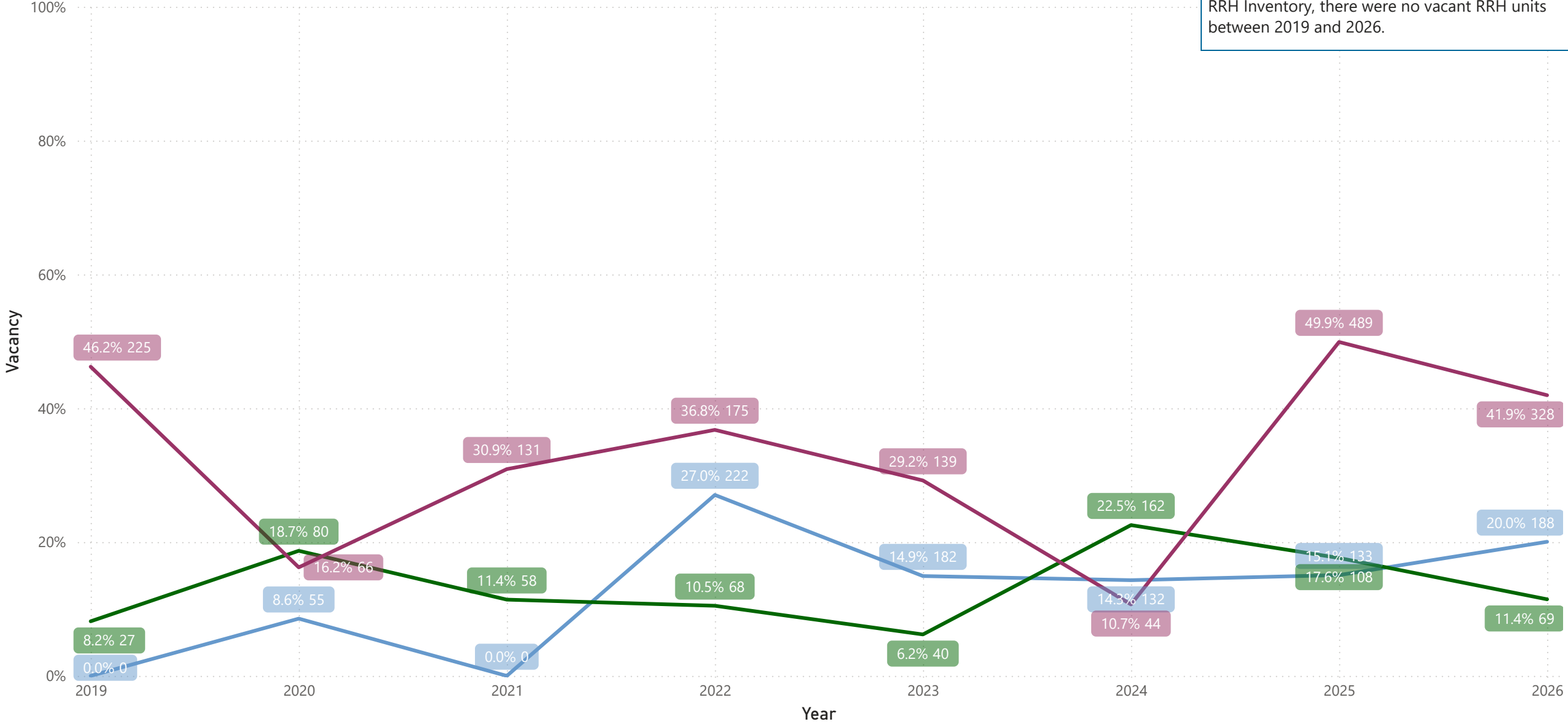


HIC

Number of Vacant Beds by Project Type: OPH, PSH, and HUD-VASH

● OPH ● PSH ● VASH

Based on HUD's guidelines around counting RRH Inventory, there were no vacant RRH units between 2019 and 2026.



2026 PIT Takeaways

The 2026 PIT reflects a snapshot of those experiencing literal and sheltered homelessness six months ago.

BIPOC individuals continue to be disproportionately represented in the PIT data, highlighting ongoing equity concerns.

Strengthening document-readiness support for people experiencing literal homelessness is a key opportunity for improvement.

Increasing utilization of available emergency shelter beds and expanding upstream housing solutions will be critical to improving system flow. Nearly 200 ES beds were unused during this period.

While trends across the PIT, LSA, and other measures show positive progress, continued monitoring and targeted improvements will help us to sustain and further improve this progress.