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The **2019 Everybody Counts Point-in-Time Count** effort is one way that the City of Spokane strives to utilize data and knowledge for action, in order to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens throughout the region.



# HELLO!

This presentation is designed to share data collected during the **2019 Everybody Counts** campaign's Point-in-Time Count. This data provides a snapshot that captures the circumstances and situations of people experiencing homelessness in our region.



**DATA**



**KNOWLEDGE**



**ACTION**

- The Methodology
- The Data
- The Knowledge
- The Action



- The count date was January 24<sup>th</sup>
- This date aligns with the rest of the state
- The count of unsheltered homeless lasted for seven days from January 24<sup>th</sup>, however the surveys reflected where people stayed on the night of the count
- The count is focused on two main categories for persons experiencing homelessness:
  - **Sheltered** during the night of the count (emergency shelter, transitional housing)
  - **Unsheltered**, or out-of-doors during the night of the count



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# THE METHODOLOGY

(What Stayed The Same)



Volunteer Support

Community  
Involvement

Last year, we trained nearly 100 volunteers and had participation from three-quarters of them on campaign activities, including the count and donation drive efforts. This year, we held nine trainings for 142 people. More than two-thirds of those trained helped with counting events, while others became engaged in other ways.

Mobile Data Collection

Technology

For the second year, we utilized an app developed by Simtech Solutions. The app was updated and improved based on feedback provided from last year. Data collected is combined with HMIS data to give us a fuller landscape.

Expanded Outreach

Service  
Connections

We coordinated with 79 service agencies and all outreach teams, worked with County rural outreach centers, and expanded our known location list. This year, we counted in 211 locations (38 more places than 2018).

Youth-Focused Count

Targeted  
Efforts

This year, we held four youth-focused events to meet youth and young adults in places they already go and incentivize their participation. These events were designed and led by youth service providers and young people.

Donation Drive

Engaged  
Citizens

From mid-November to January, the City held a donation drive for winter clothing and essential needs items to distribute to people experiencing homelessness during the Count. In total, 4,021 items were donated by community members and 1,956 items were purchased by the City to create "Care Bags".



# THE METHODOLOGY

## (What Changed)



### Questions Revised

Improved  
Connection

Questions were added this year to learn more about reasons for homelessness and to better align with questions being asked in the HMIS work flow.

### Additional Locations

More  
Opportunity

We added additional counting locations for critical services serving people experiencing homelessness, such as The Needle Exchange, meal sites, and clothing banks.

### Veteran-Focused Event

Targeted  
Outreach

For the first time, we held a Magnet Event to ensure effective counting veterans. This event partnered with veteran service agencies, offering targeted resources and services, as well as provided a hot meal to incentivize participation.

### Homeless Connect

Increased  
Access

While we overlapped with the Homeless Connect last year, this year we finished the Count with the Connect (rather than starting with it). This allowed us to better count people living in certain unsheltered locations, such as vehicles, etc.



# THE DATA

Understanding the landscape  
of homelessness throughout  
Spokane County.



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1,309 people

which make up

1,070 households



# GENERAL INFORMATION



# ALL PEOPLE



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# WHO WAS COUNTED

(All People)



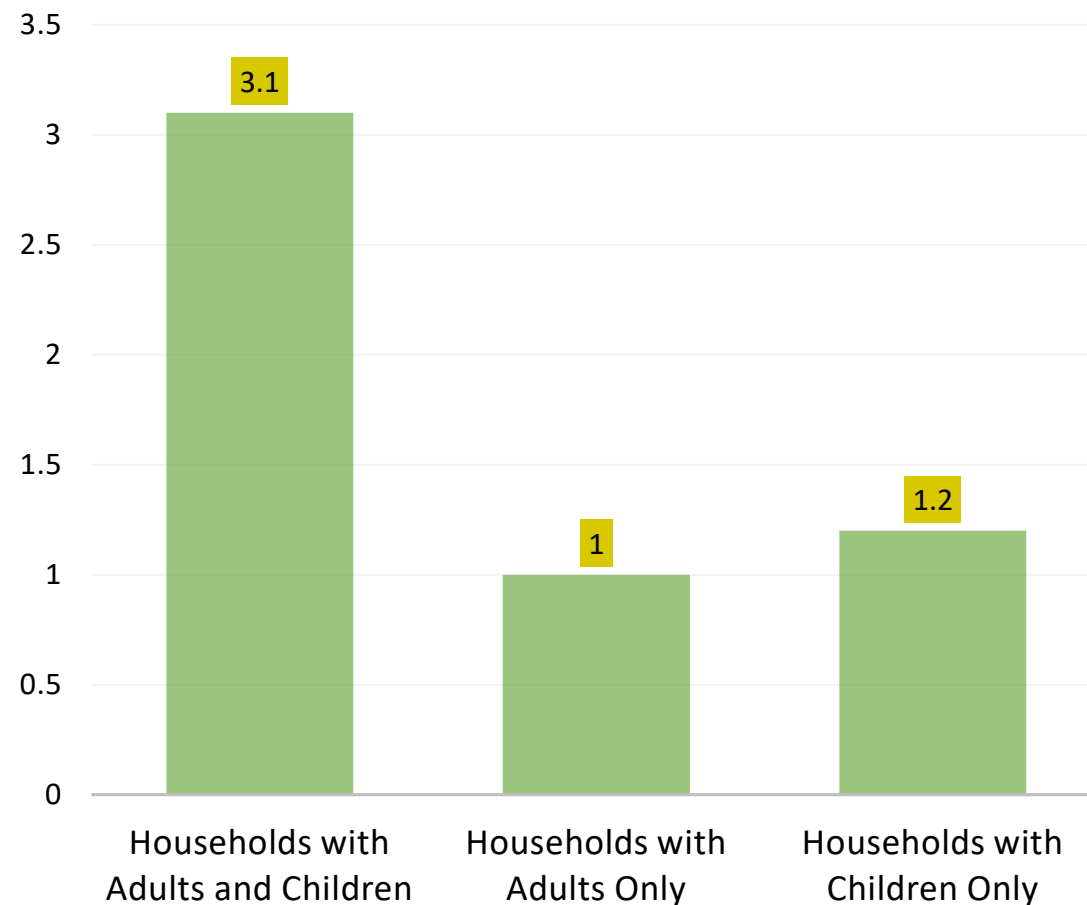
Children Only,  
22, 2%

Adults and Children  
(Families), 302, 23%

1,309 PEOPLE

Adults Only,  
985, 75%

## Average Household Size





# SHELTER TYPE

(All People)



Unsheltered, 19, 6%

Emergency  
Shelter, 154,  
51%

People in Households with  
Adults and Children (Families)

Transitional Housing,  
129, 43%

Unsheltered,  
295, 30%

Emergency  
Shelter, 613,  
62%

People in Households with  
Adults Only

Transitional Housing,  
77, 8%

Transitional  
Housing, 8, 36%

Unsheltered, 1, 5%

People in Households with  
Children Only

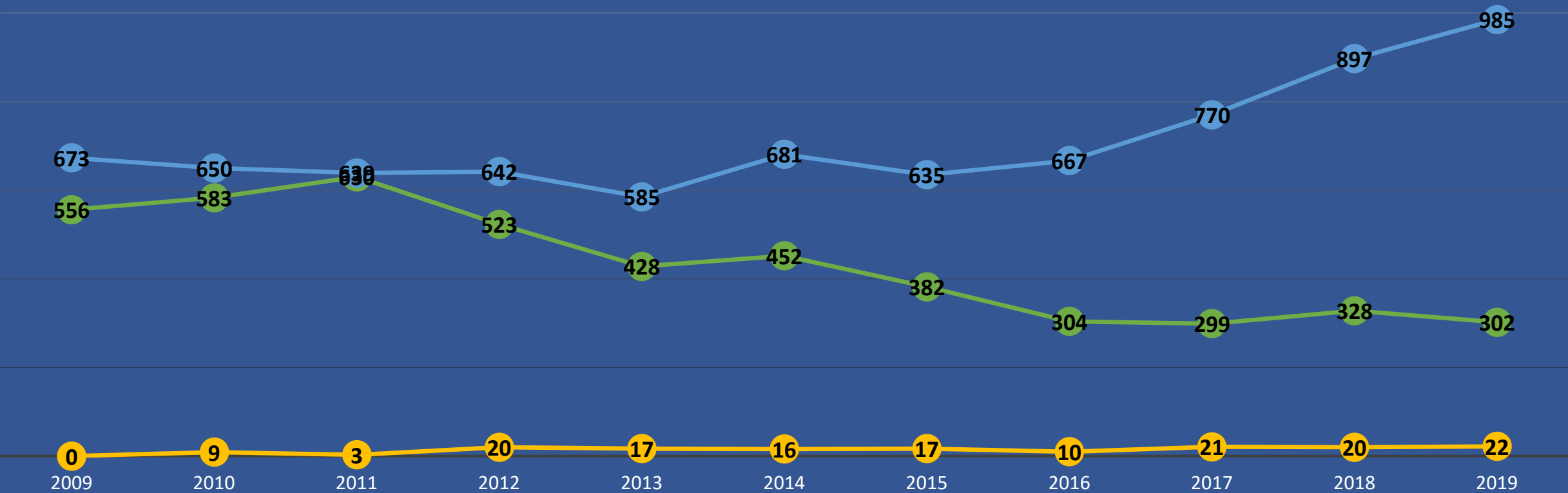
Emergency Shelter,  
13, 59%



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# TRENDS

(All People)



● Total People in HH with Adults and Children    ● Total People in HH with Adults Only    ● Total People in HH with Children Only



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# DEMOGRAPHICS

(All People)



Transgender, 6, 1%

Gender Non-Conforming, 3, 0%

Female, 511,  
39%

**GENDER**

Male, 789, 60%

Under 18, 192,  
15%

18 to 24,  
106, 8%

**AGE**

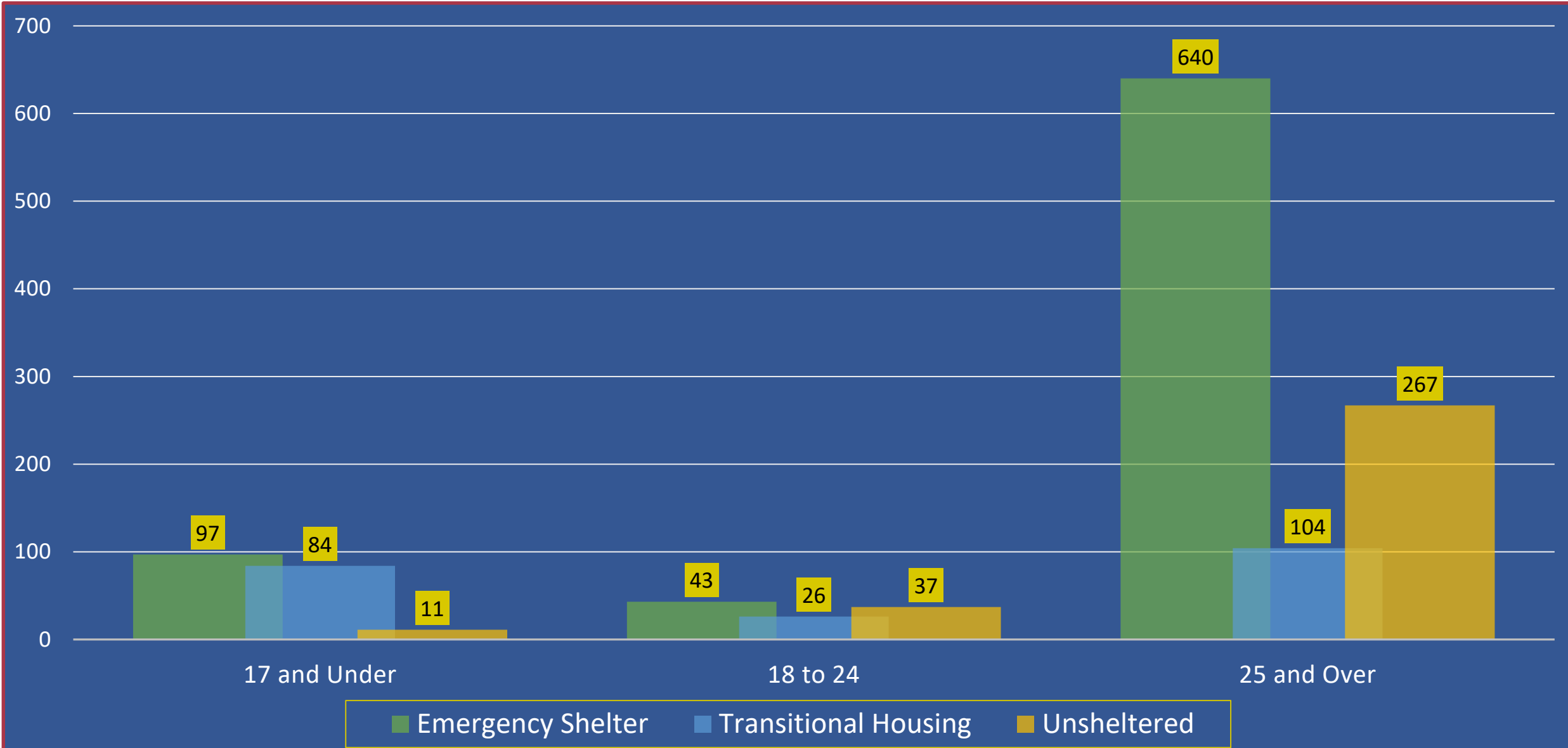
25 and Over,  
1011, 77%



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# SHELTER TYPE BY AGE

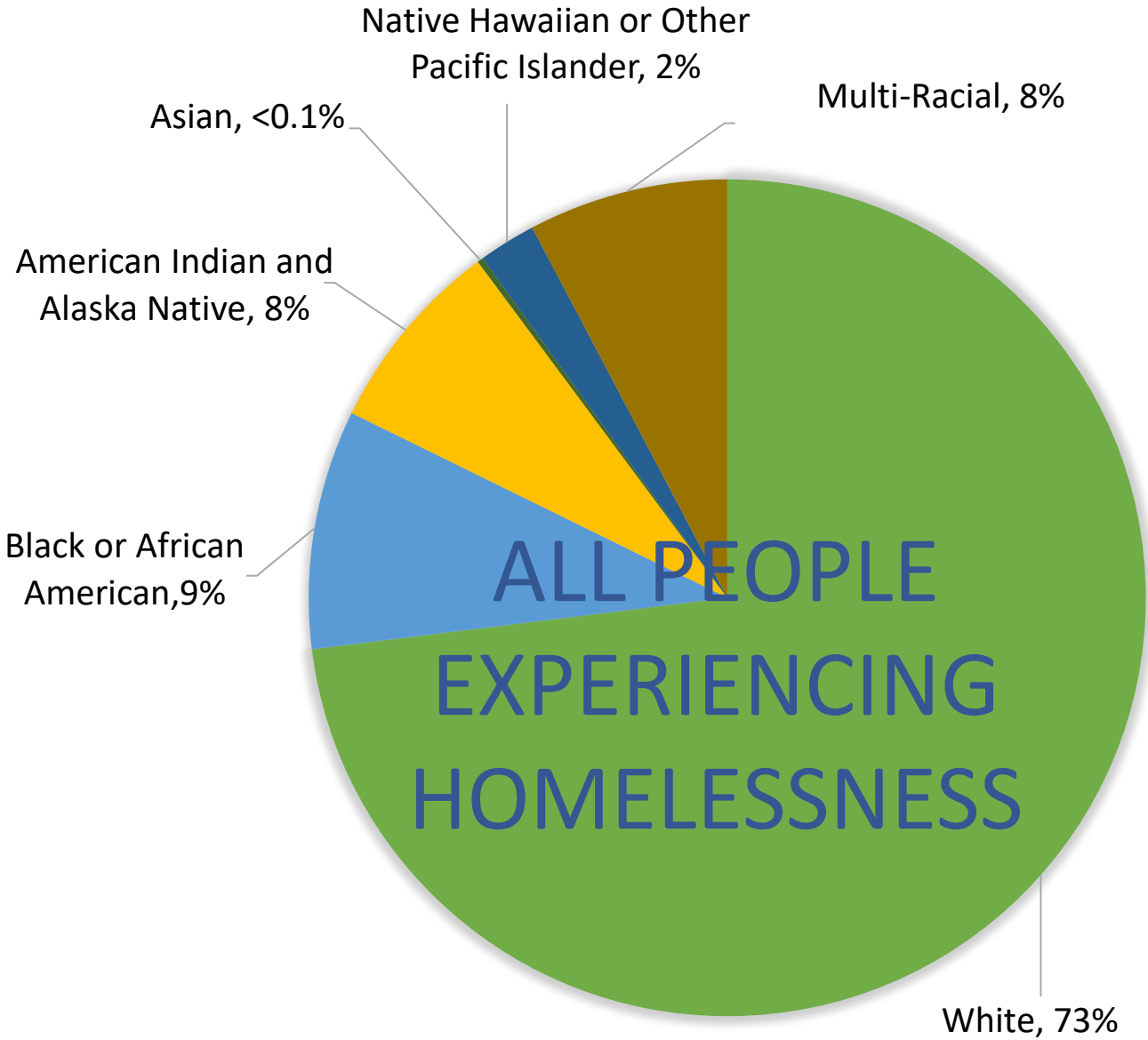
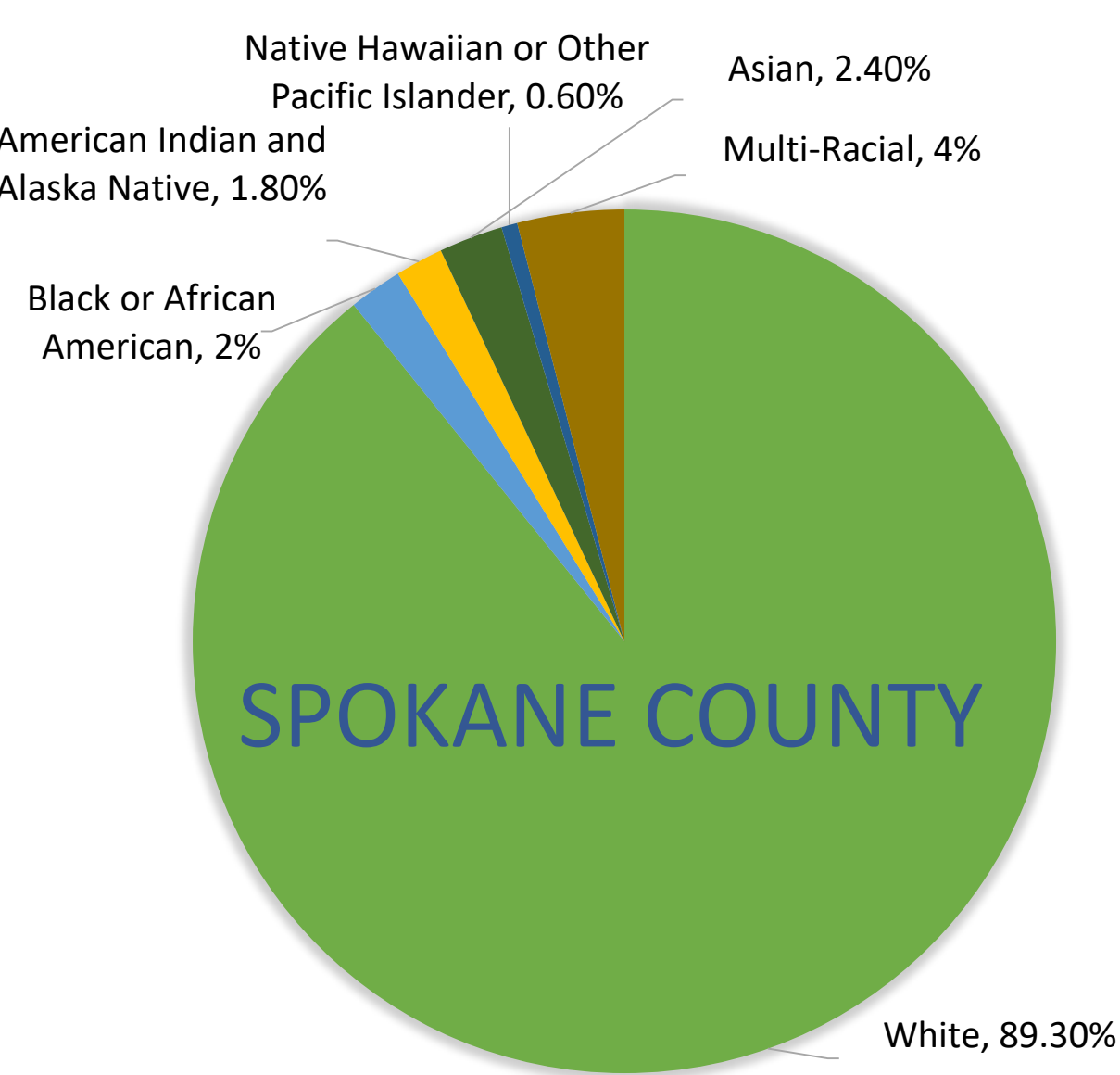
(All People)





# RACE

(All People)

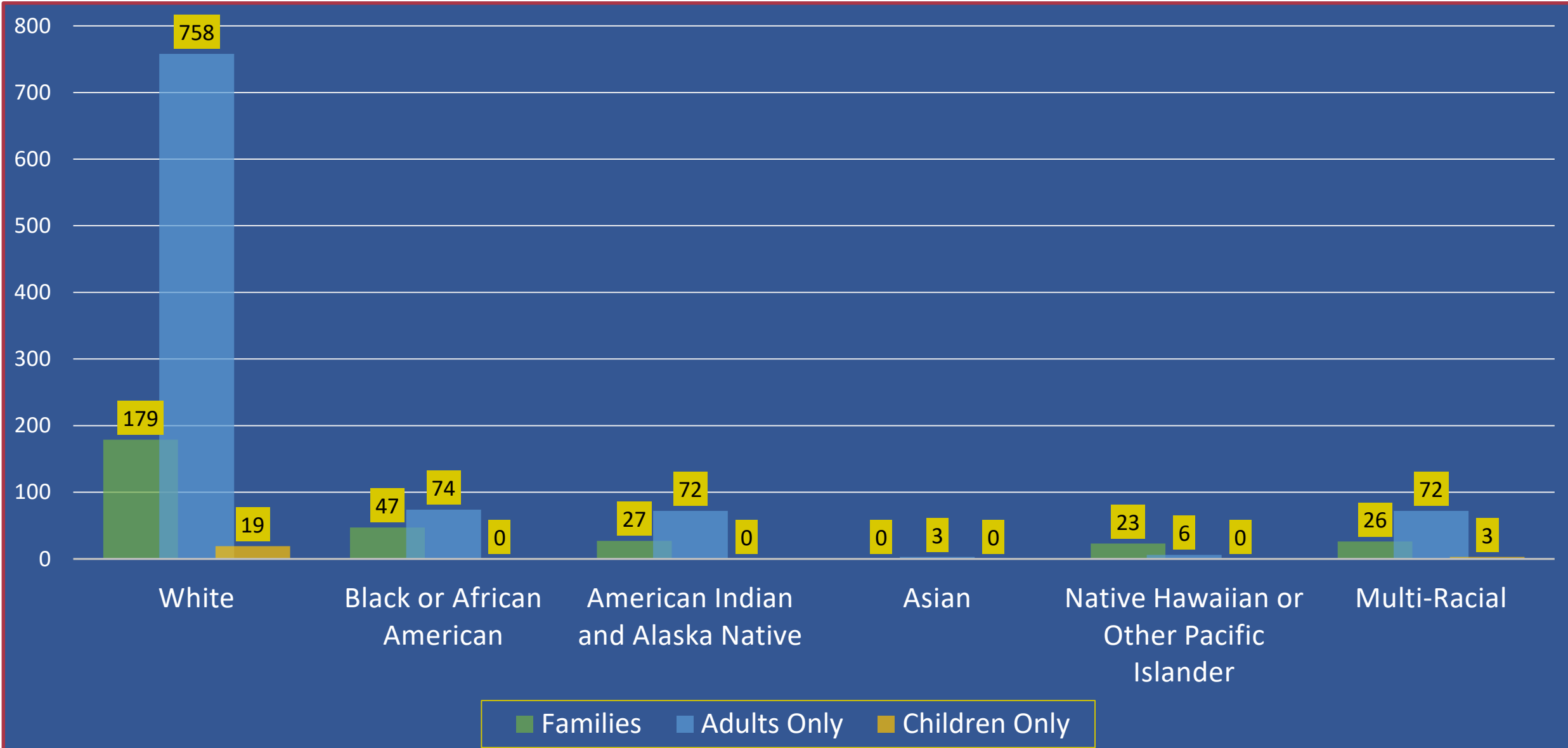




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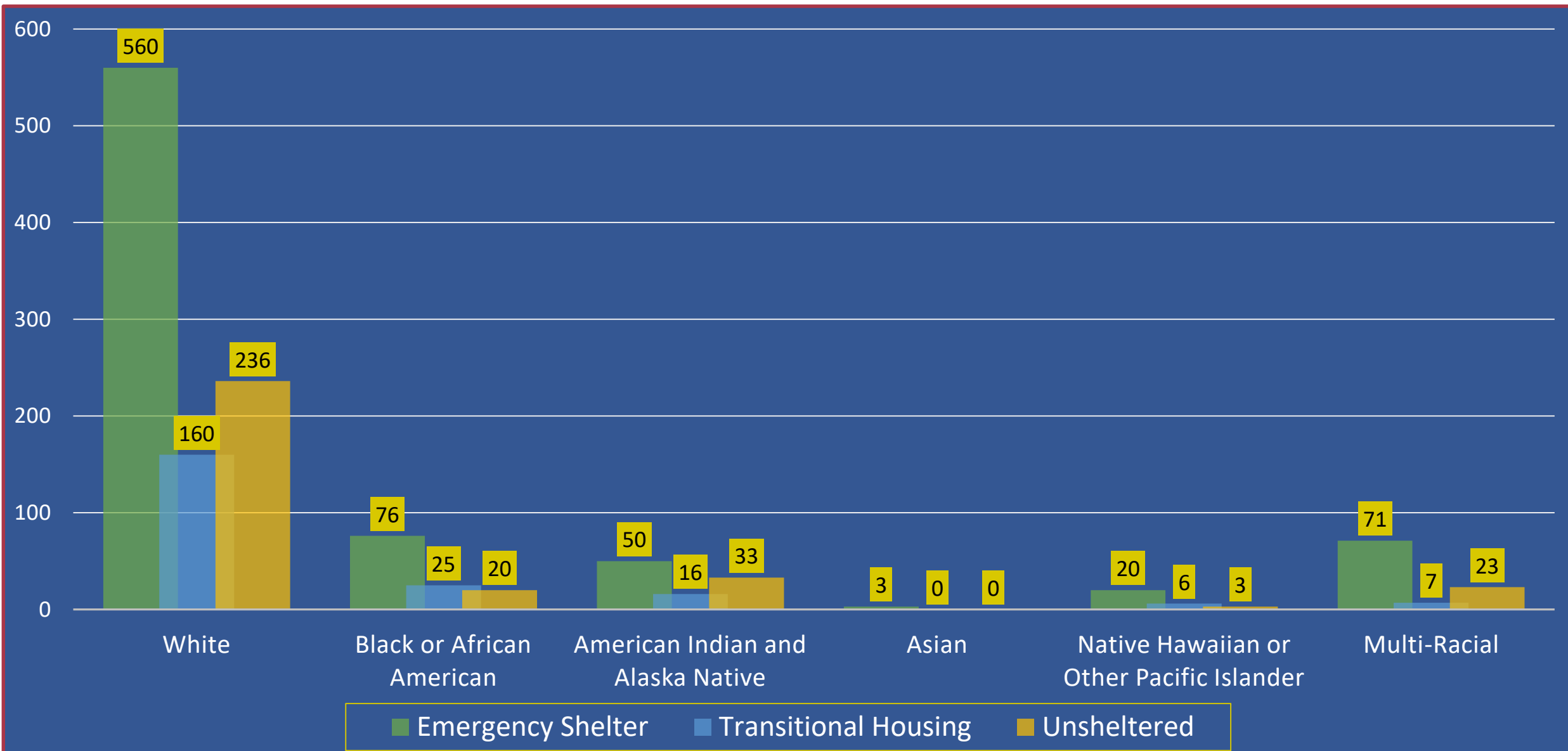




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# SHELTER TYPE BY RACE

(All People)



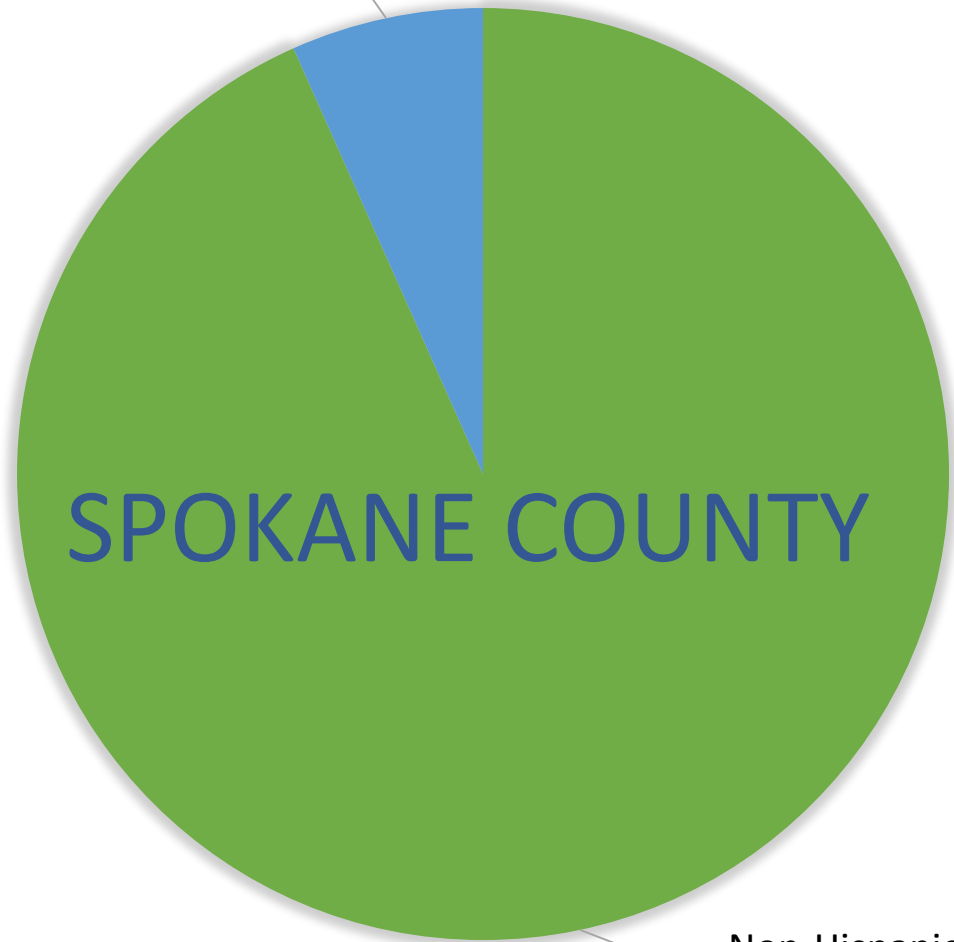


# ETHNICITY

(All People)



Hispanic/Latino, 6%



Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino, 84%

Hispanic/Latino, 8%



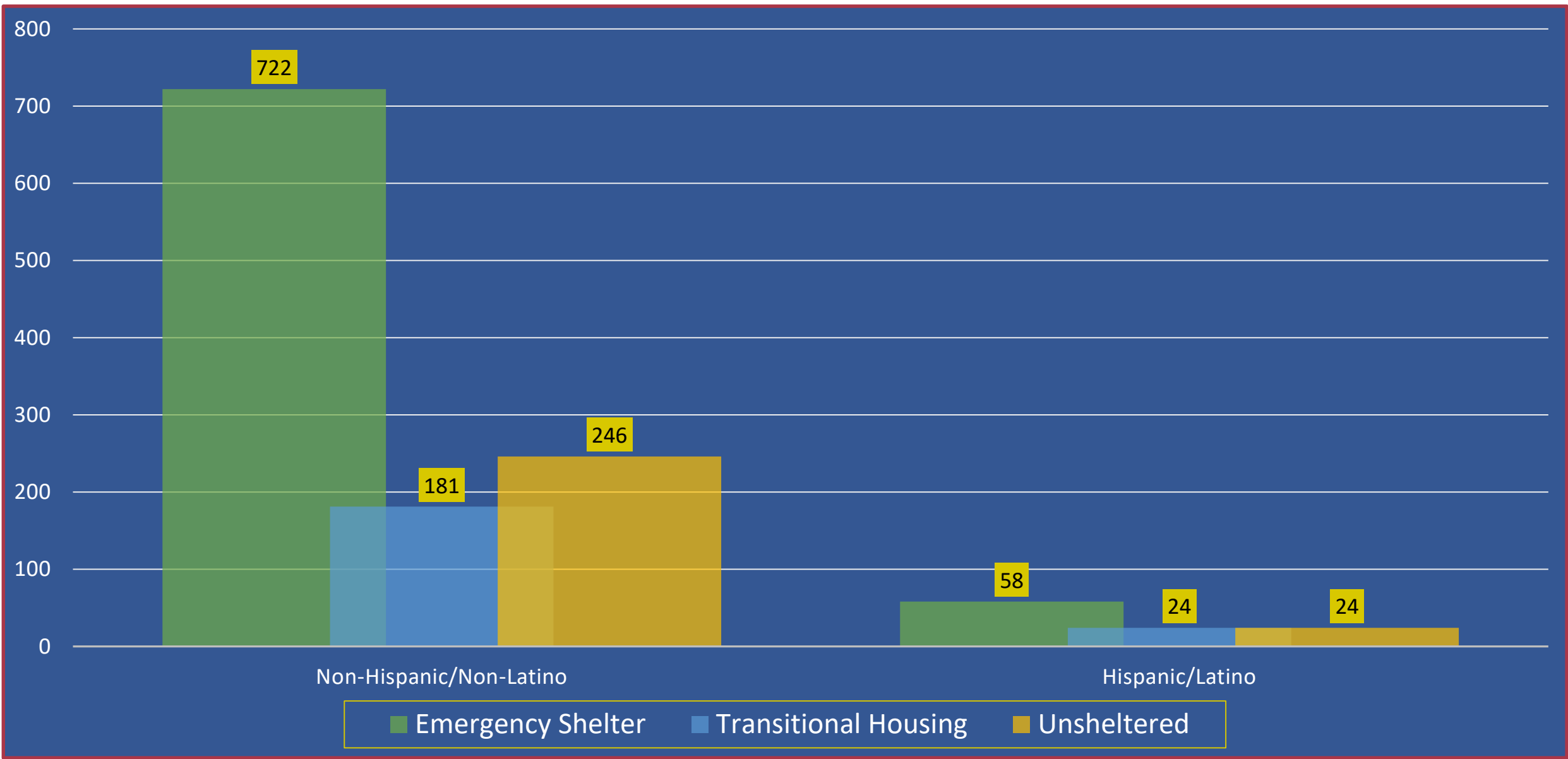
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino, 92%



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# SHELTER TYPE BY ETHNICITY

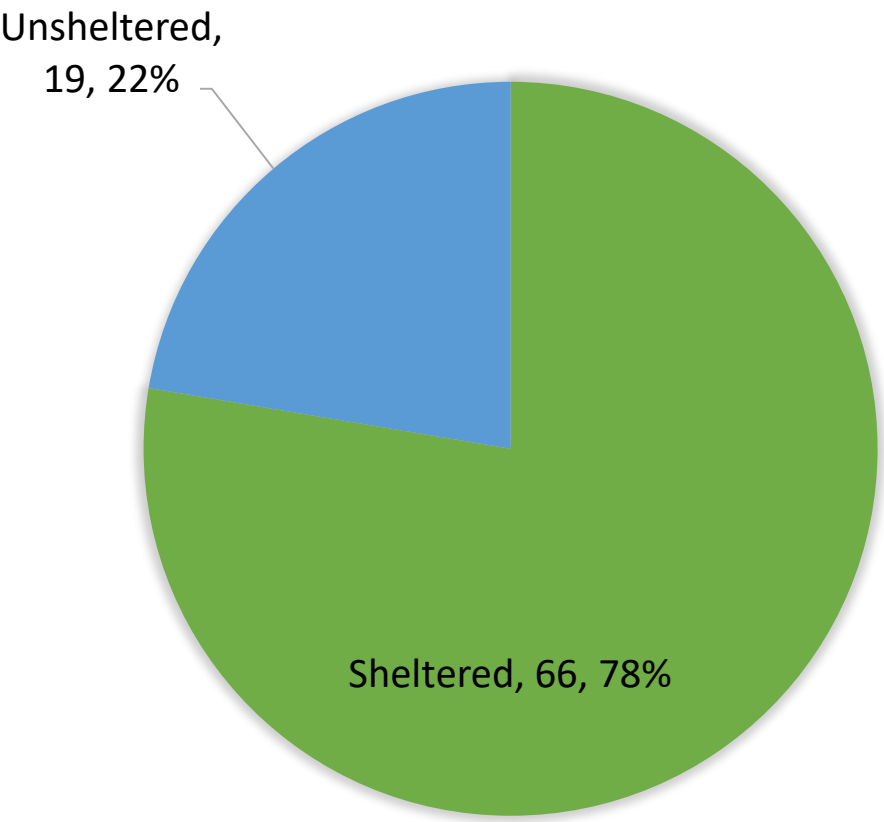
(All People)



# VETERANS



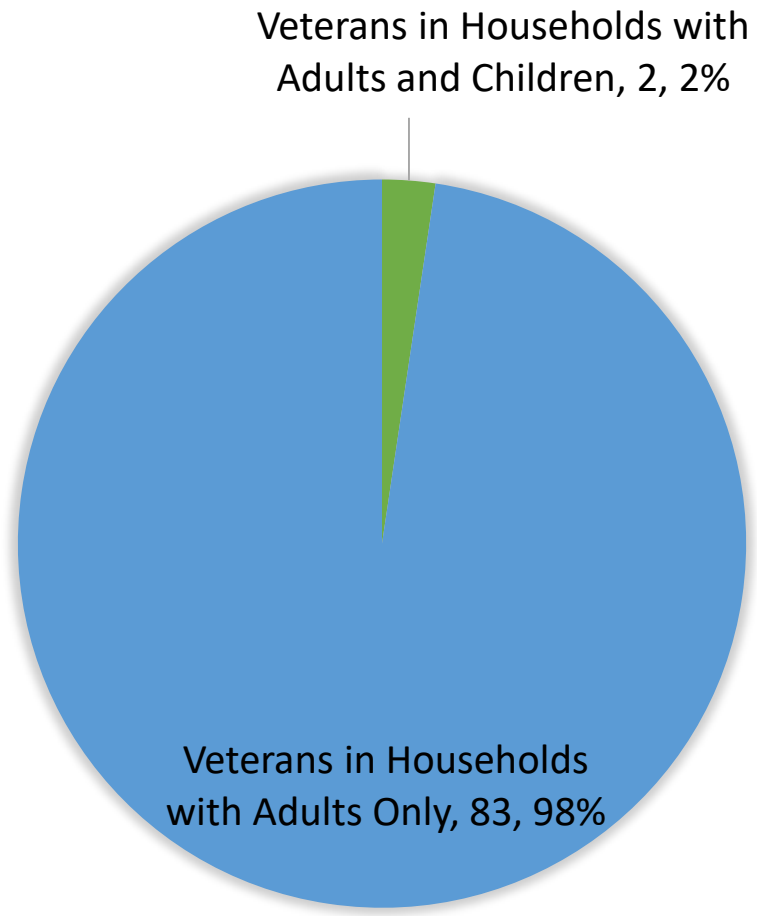
85 Veterans were counted, representing a 11.5% decrease from 2018



8%



92%



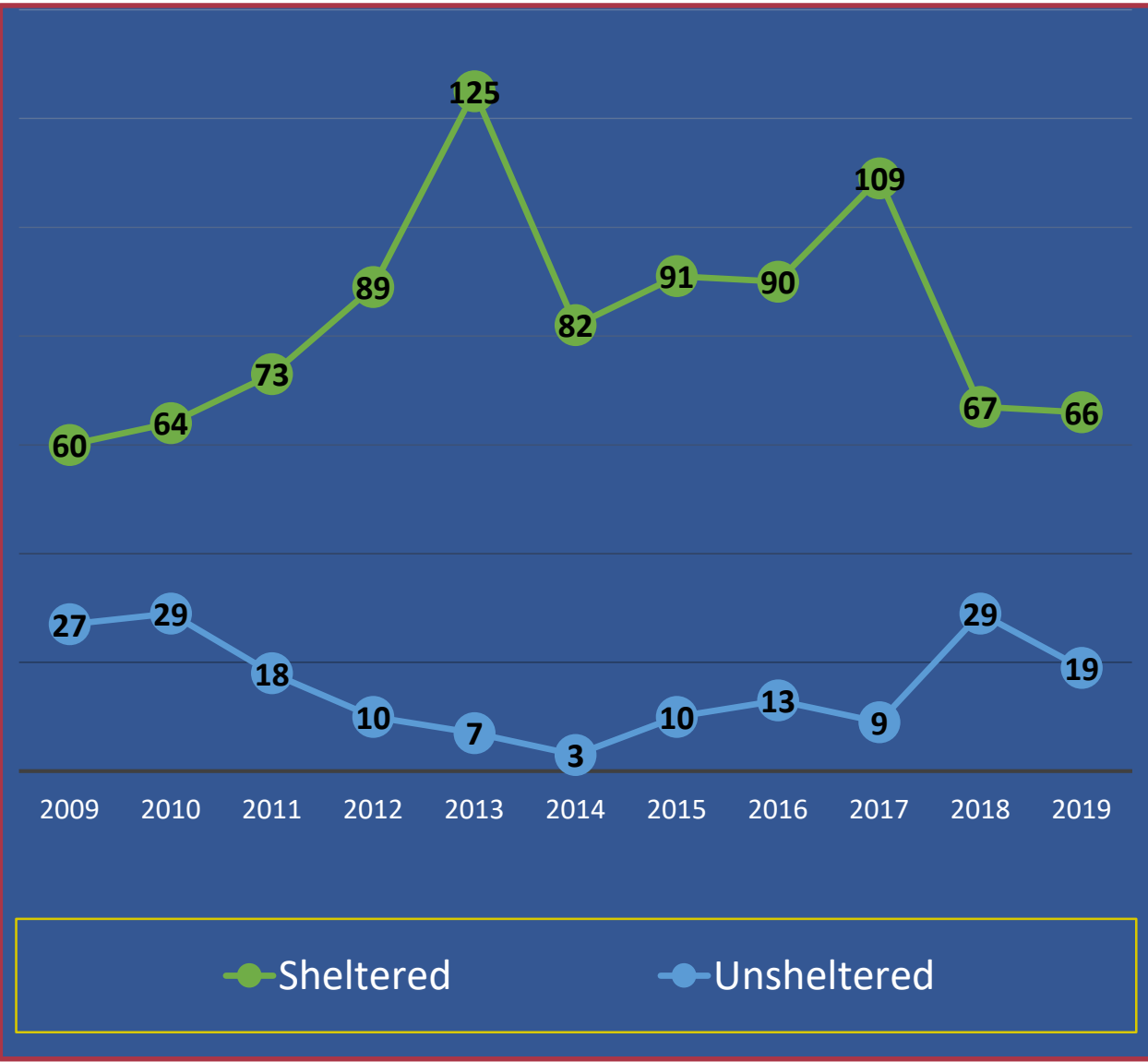
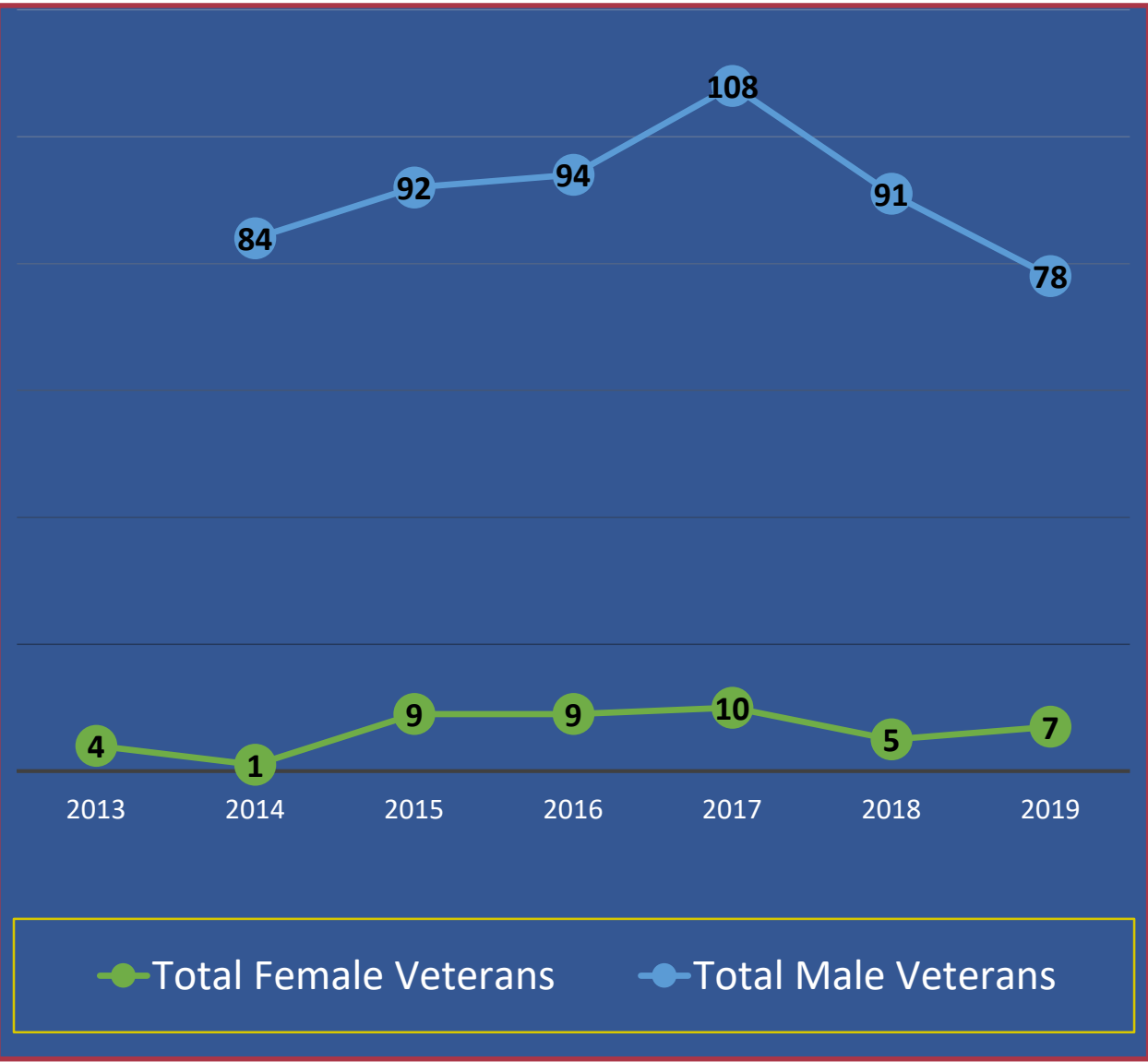
Veterans in Households with Adults Only, 83, 98%



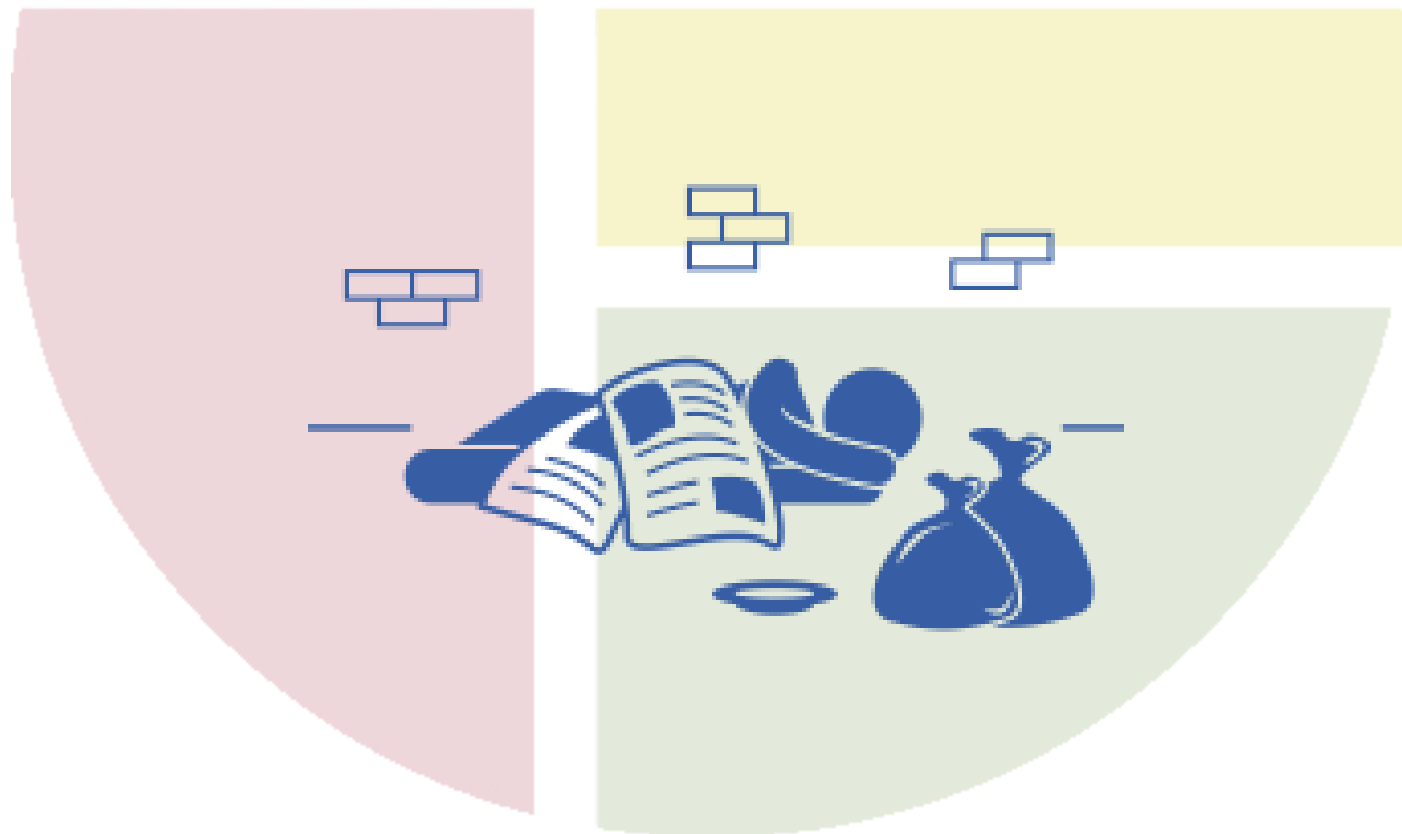
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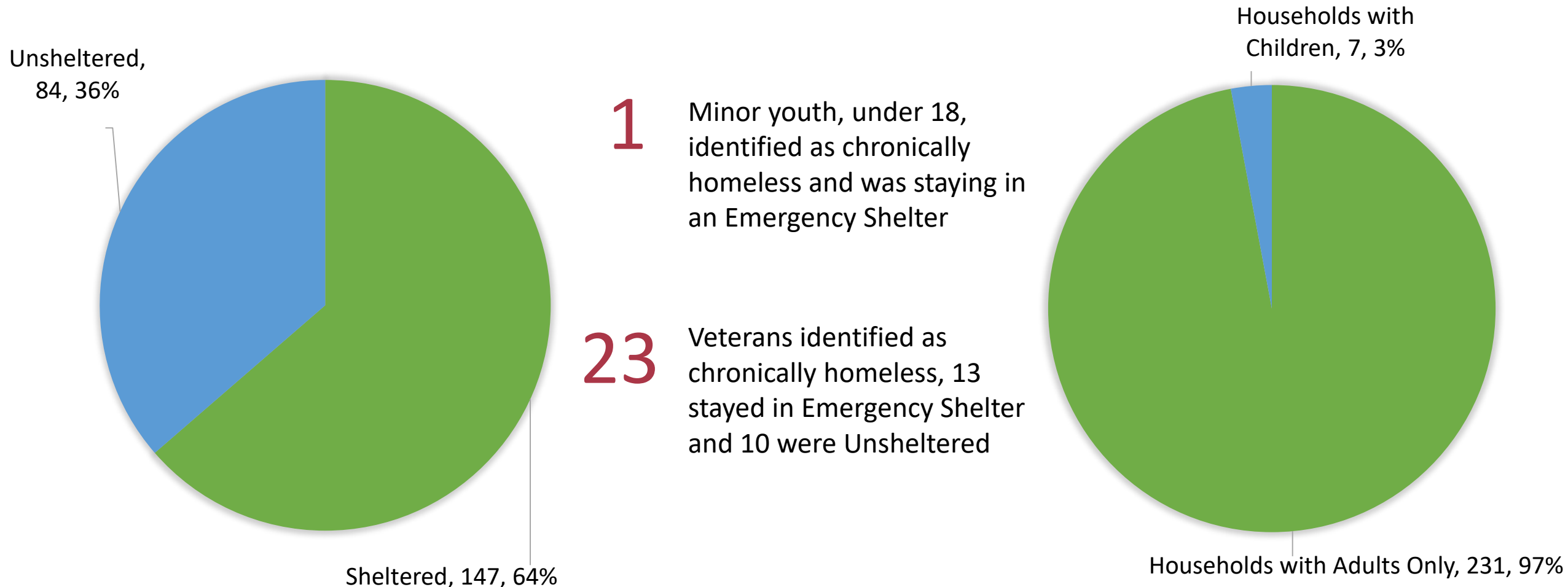
(Veterans)



# CHRONICALLY HOMELESS



**231** chronically homeless were counted, representing a **6.5%** decrease from 2018



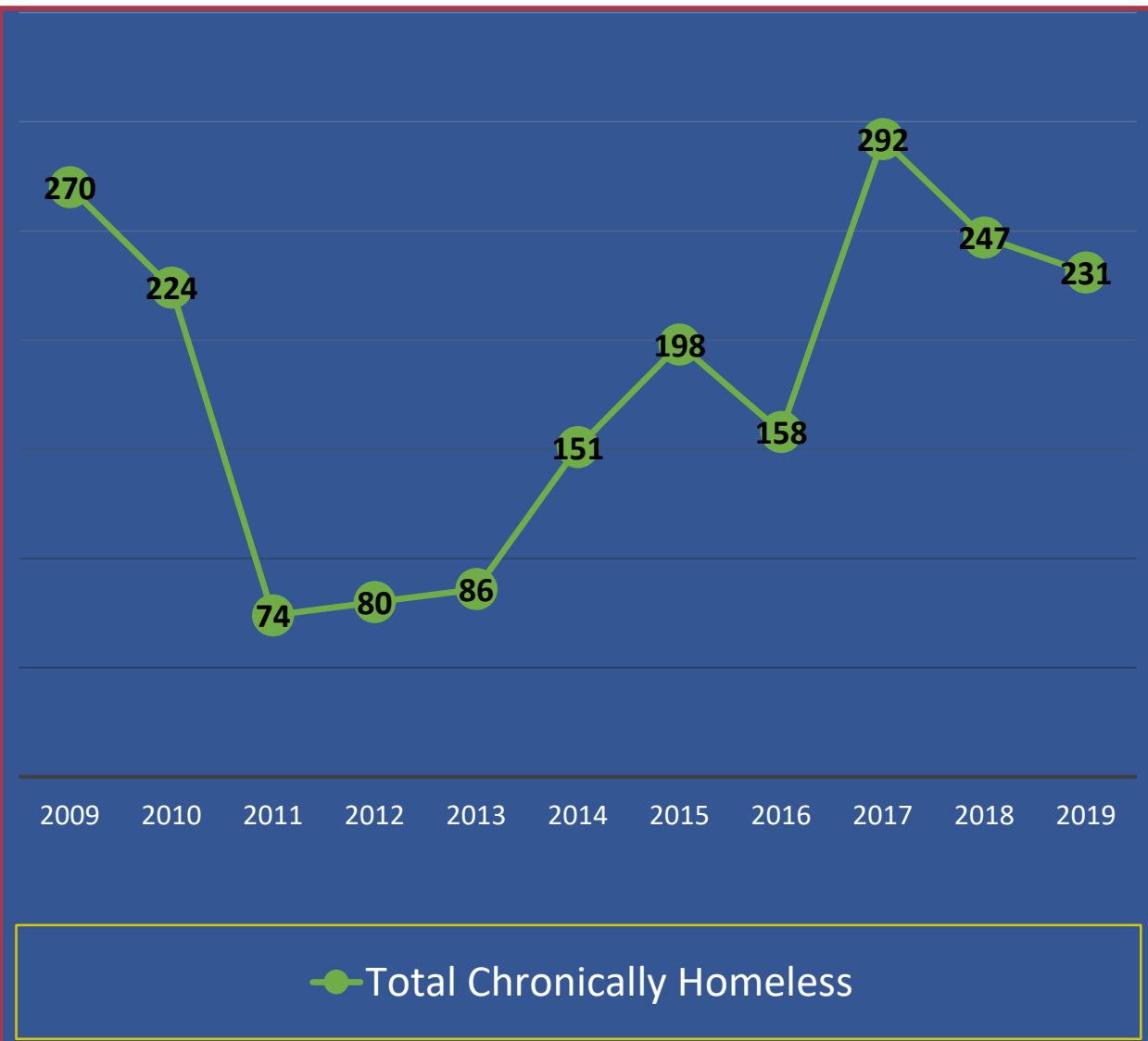




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## (Chronically Homeless)

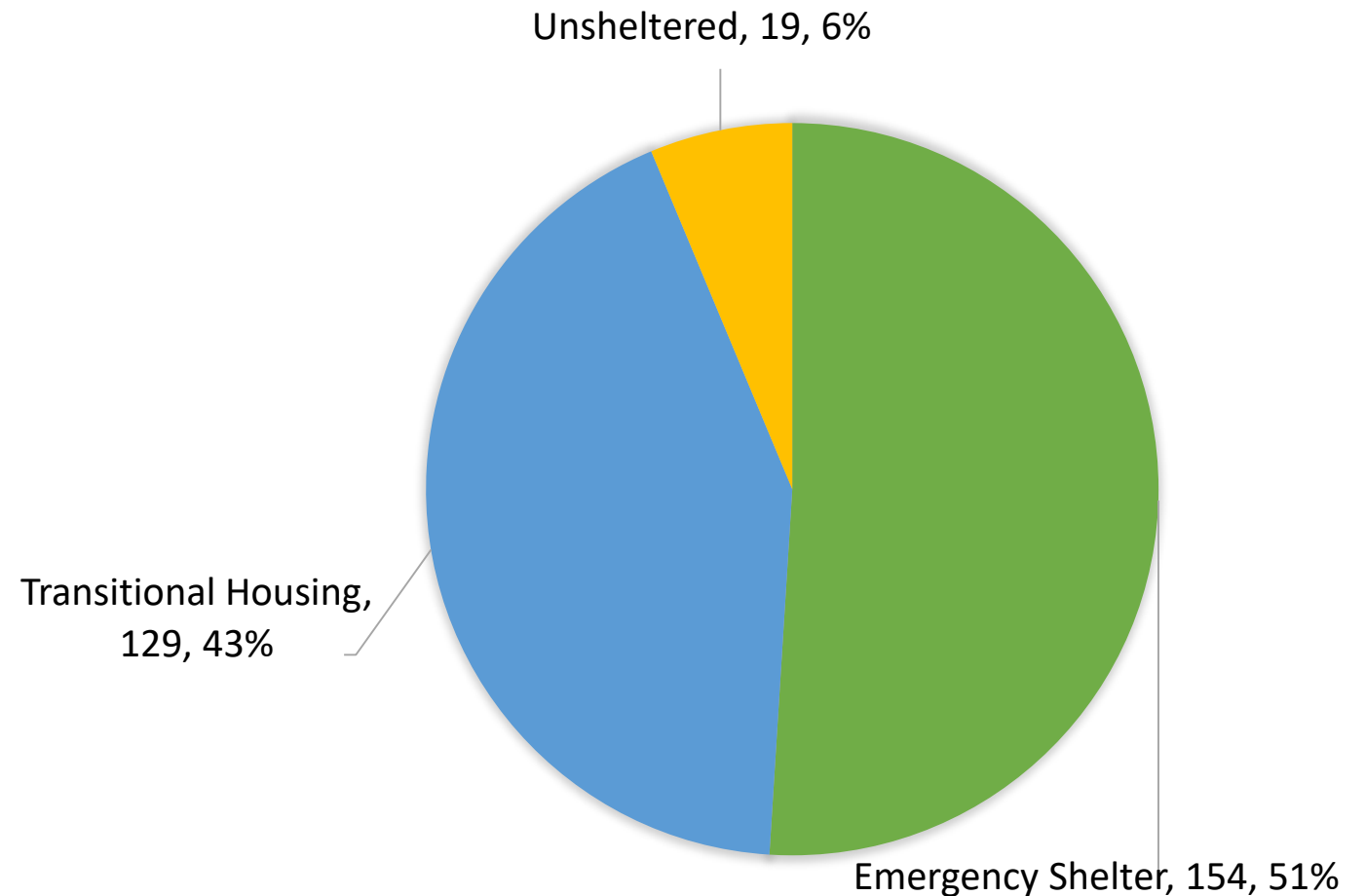


# FAMILIES



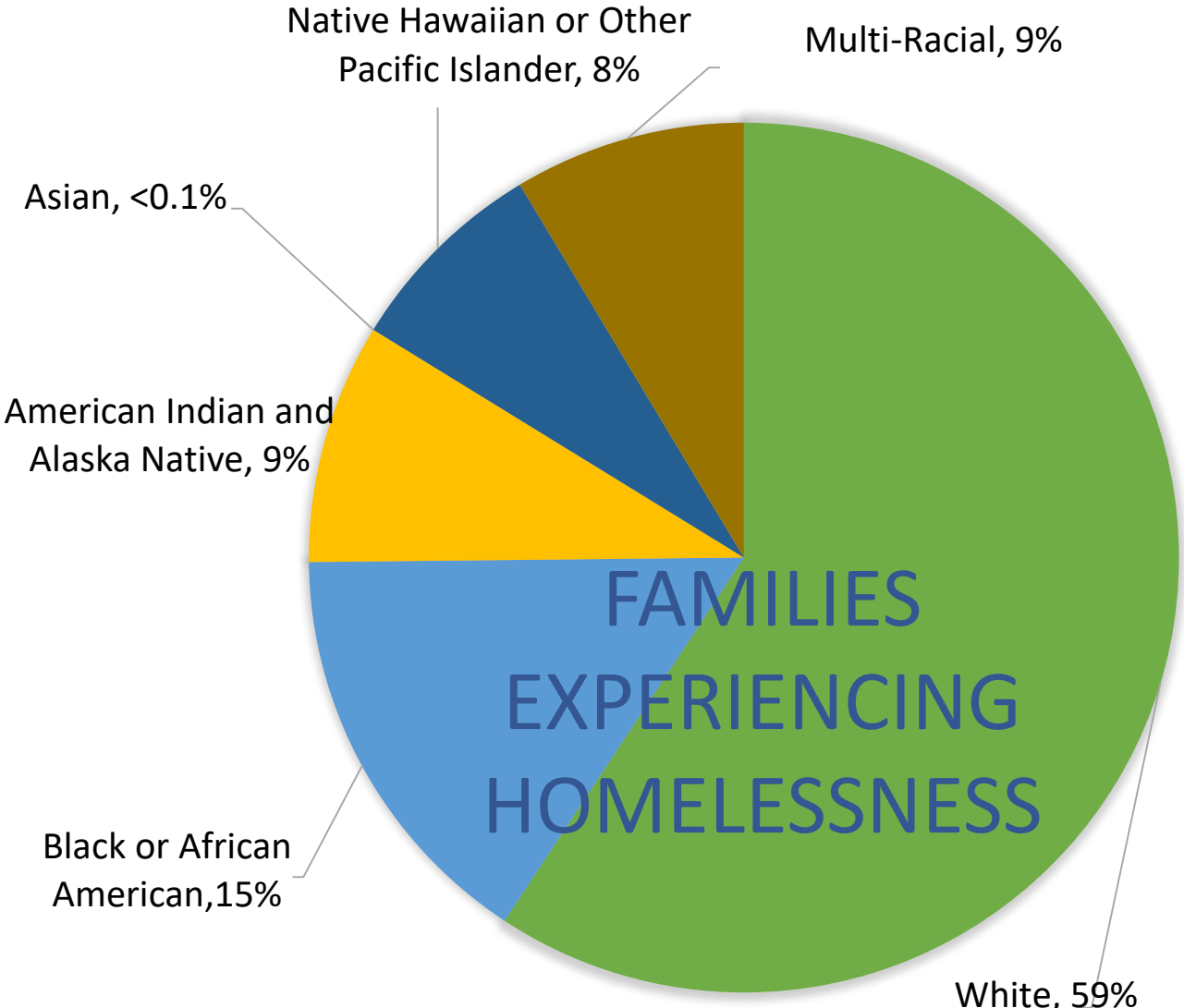
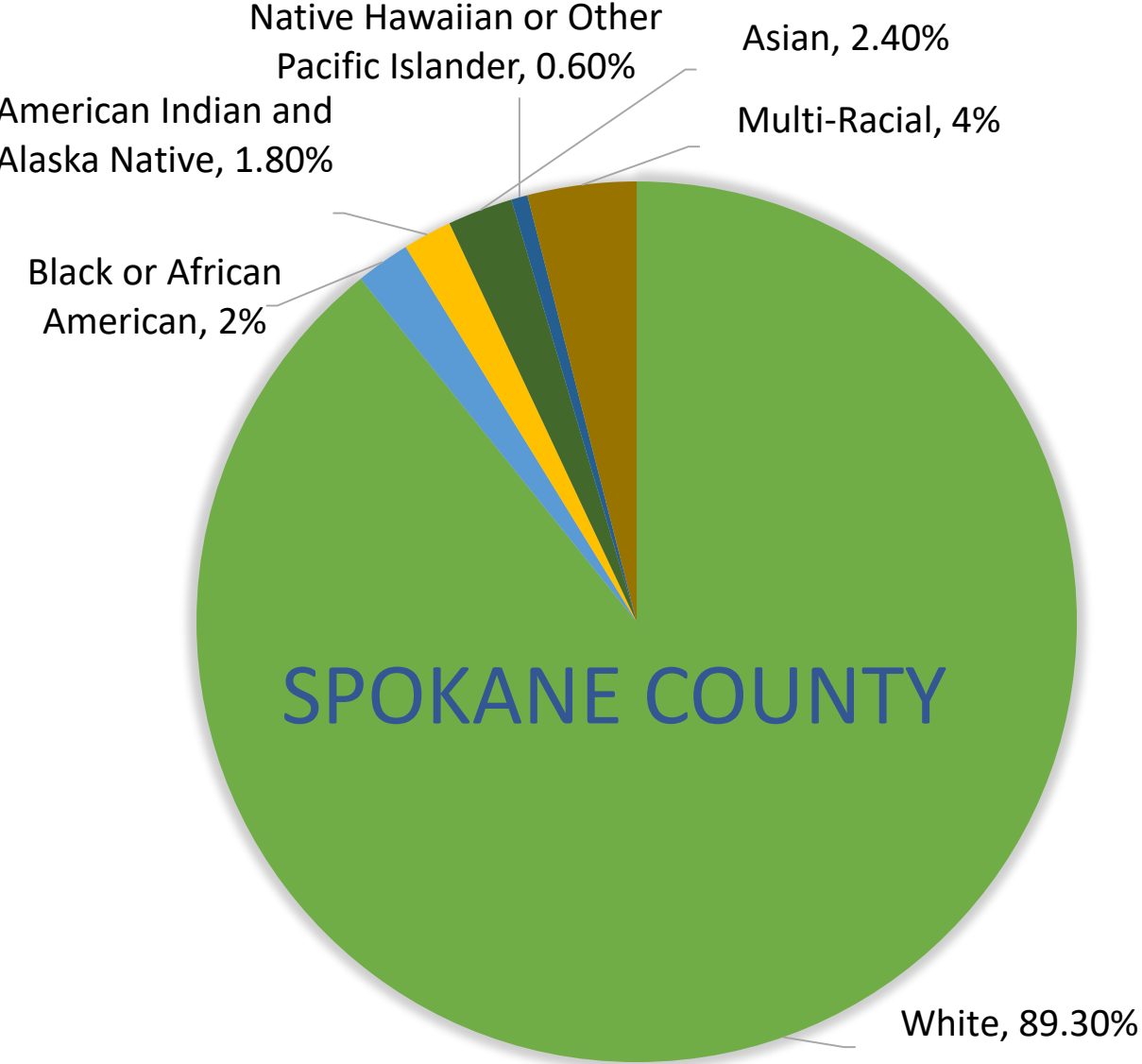
**302** people in families with minor children were counting, representing an **8%** decrease from 2018

**7** Minor youth, under 18, identified as chronically homeless and was staying in an Emergency Shelter





**RACE**  
(Families)

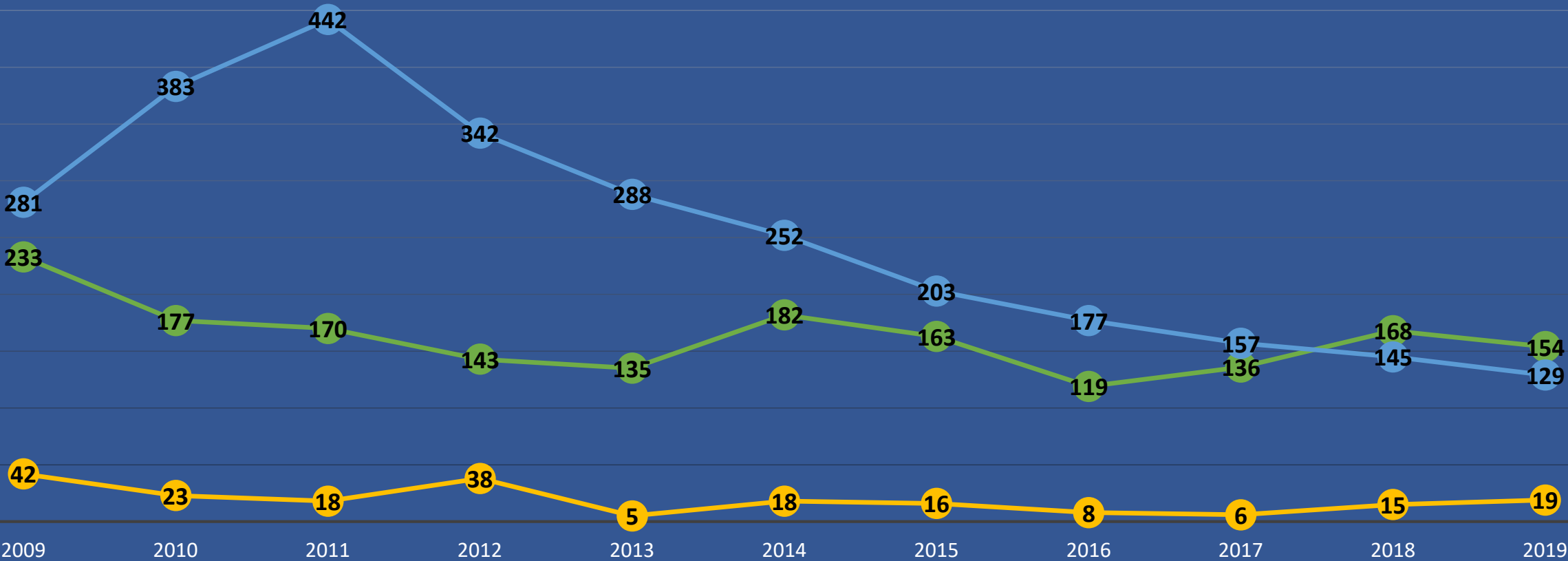




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# TRENDS

## (Families)

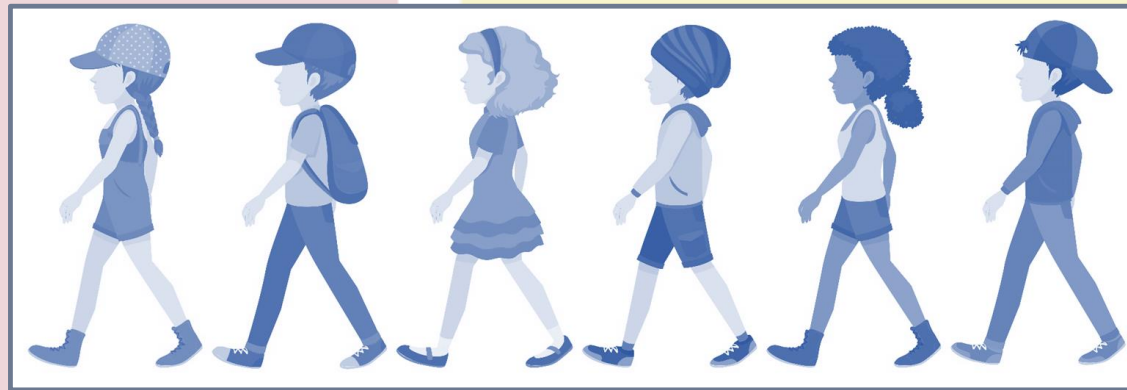


● Emergency Shelter

● Transitional Housing

● Unsheltered

# MINOR YOUTH

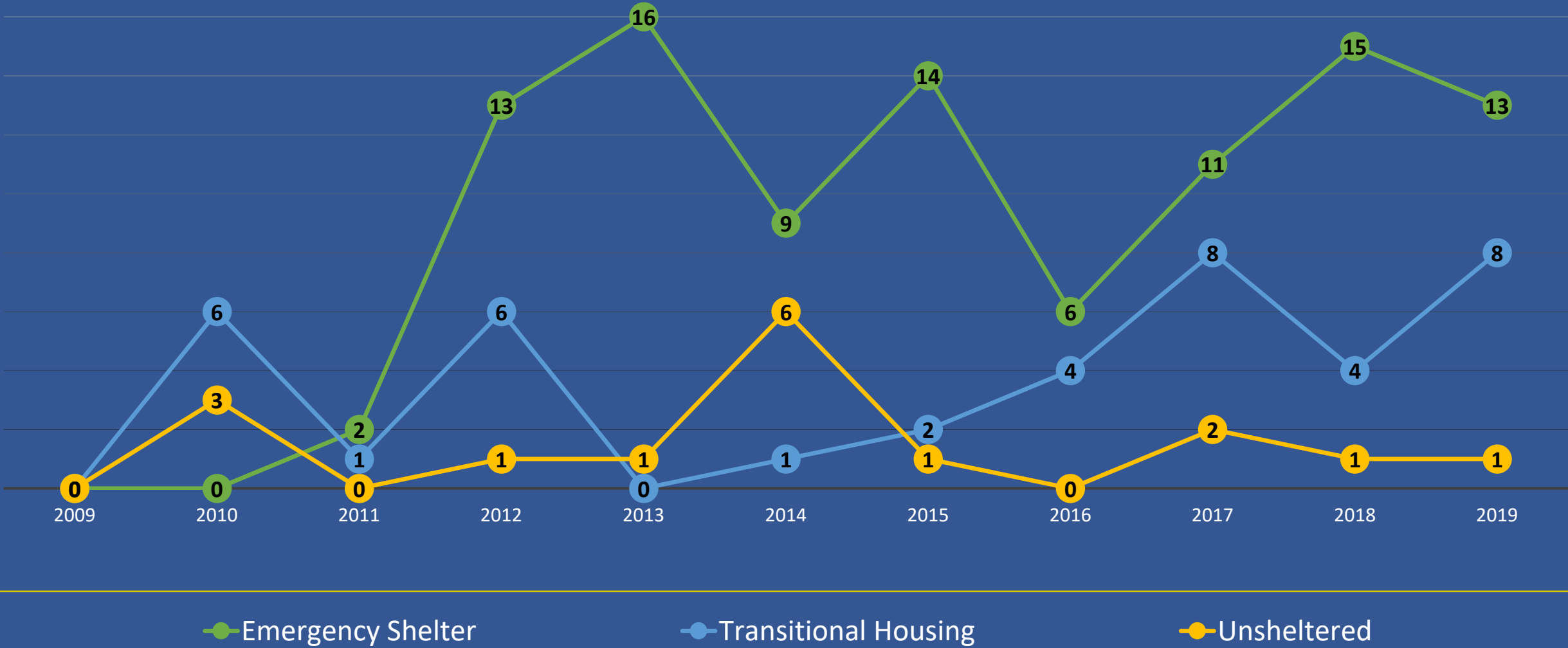




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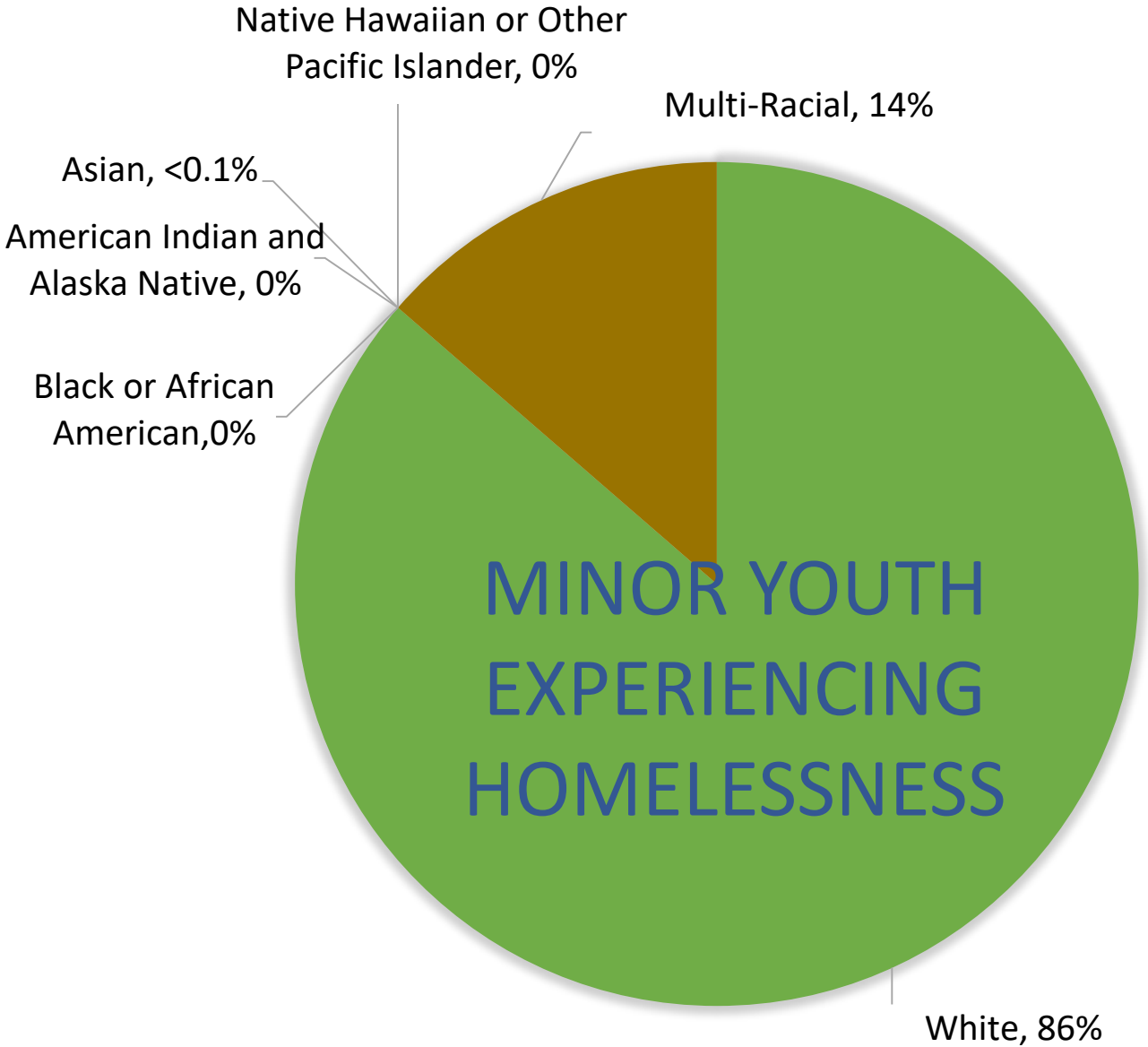
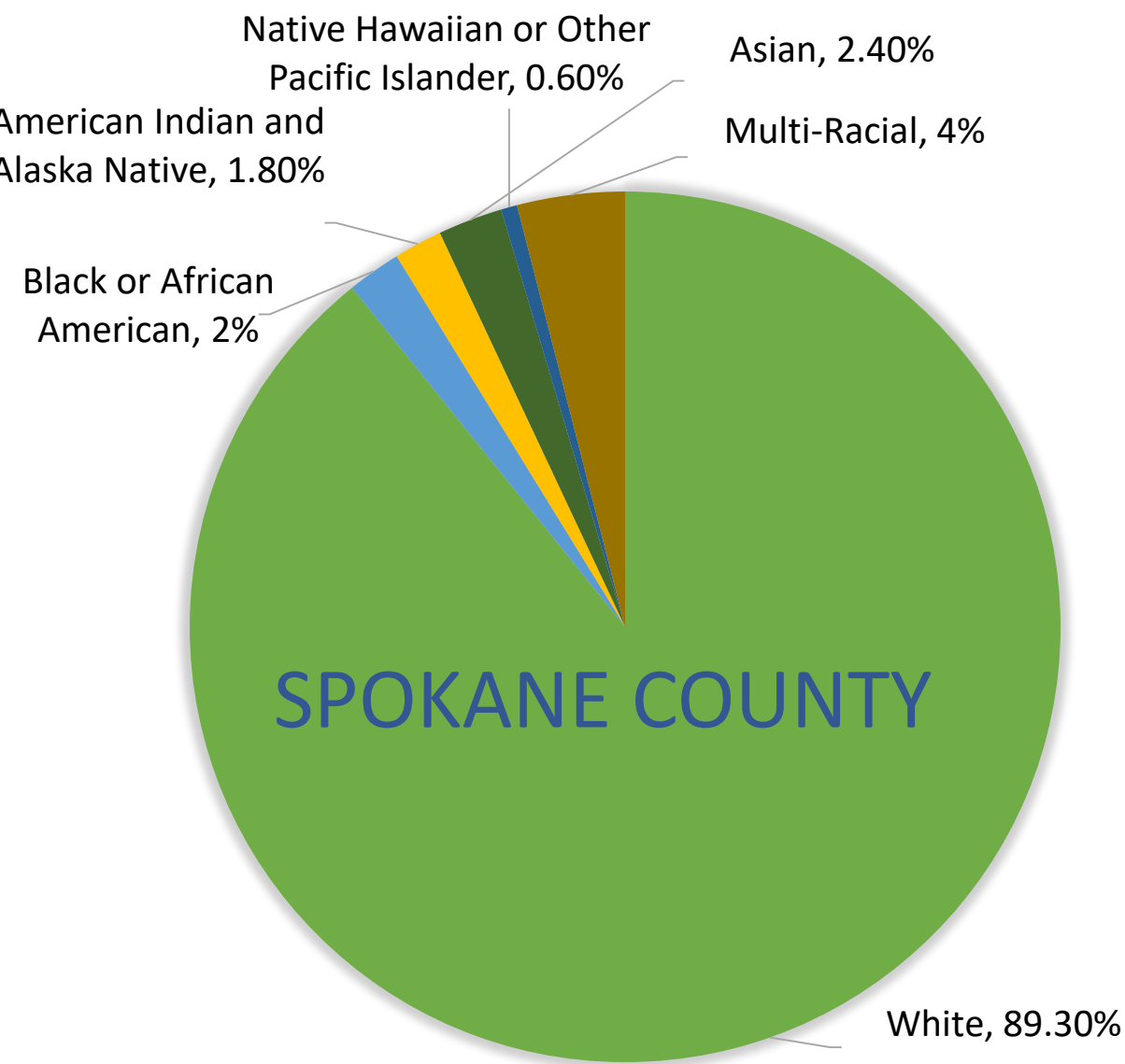
# TRENDS

(Minor Youth)



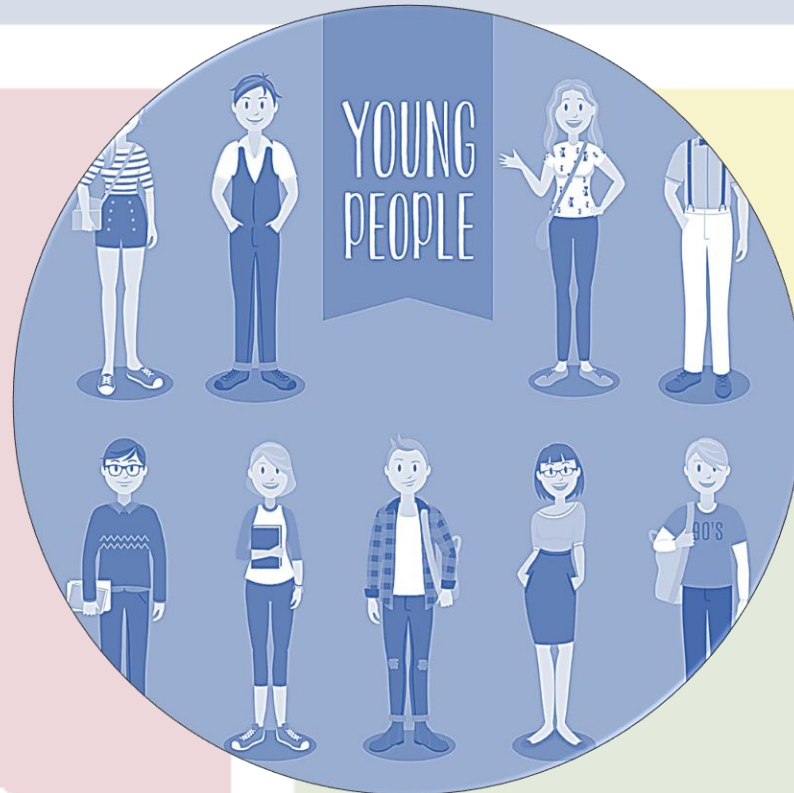


# RACE (Families)





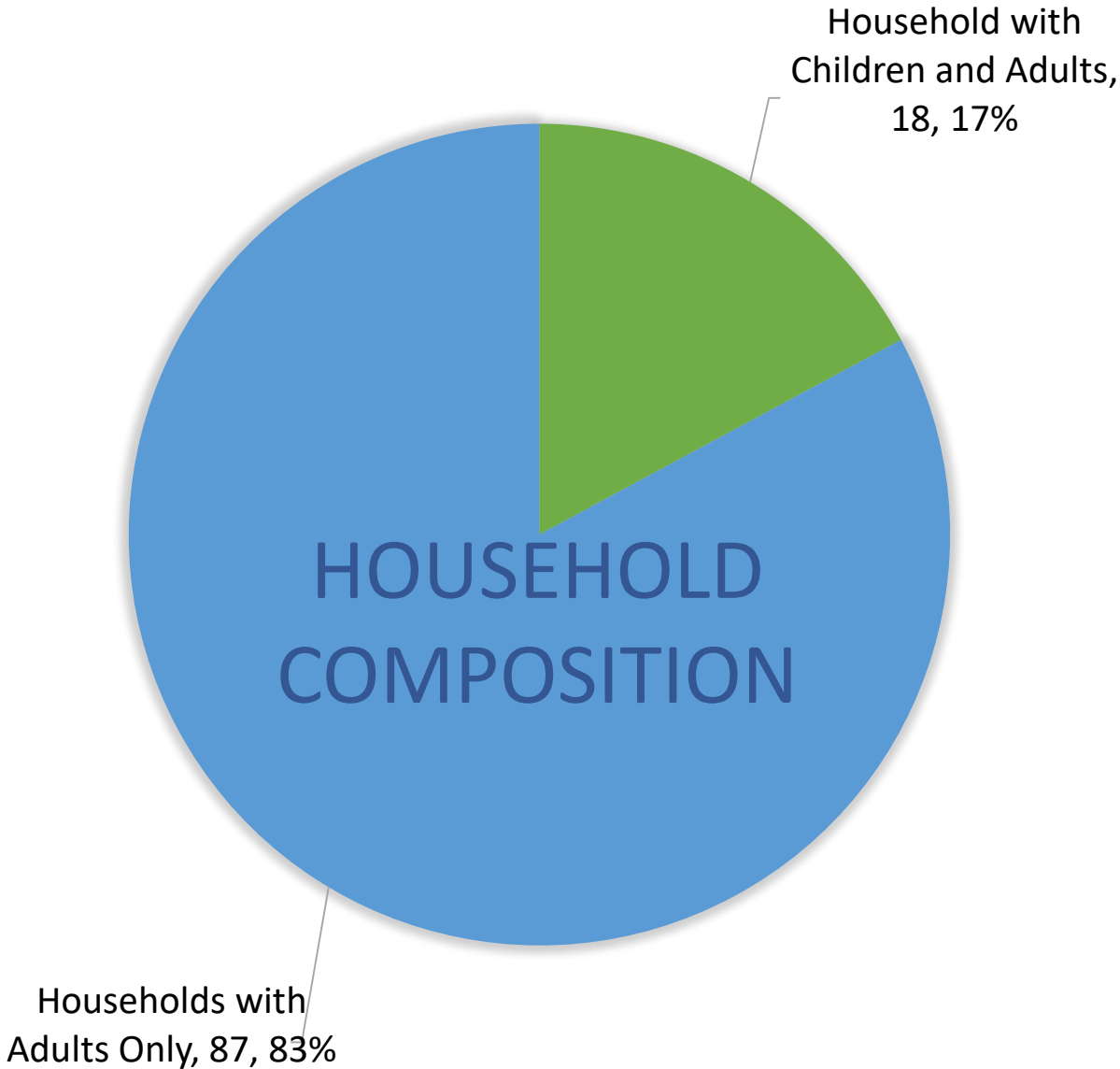
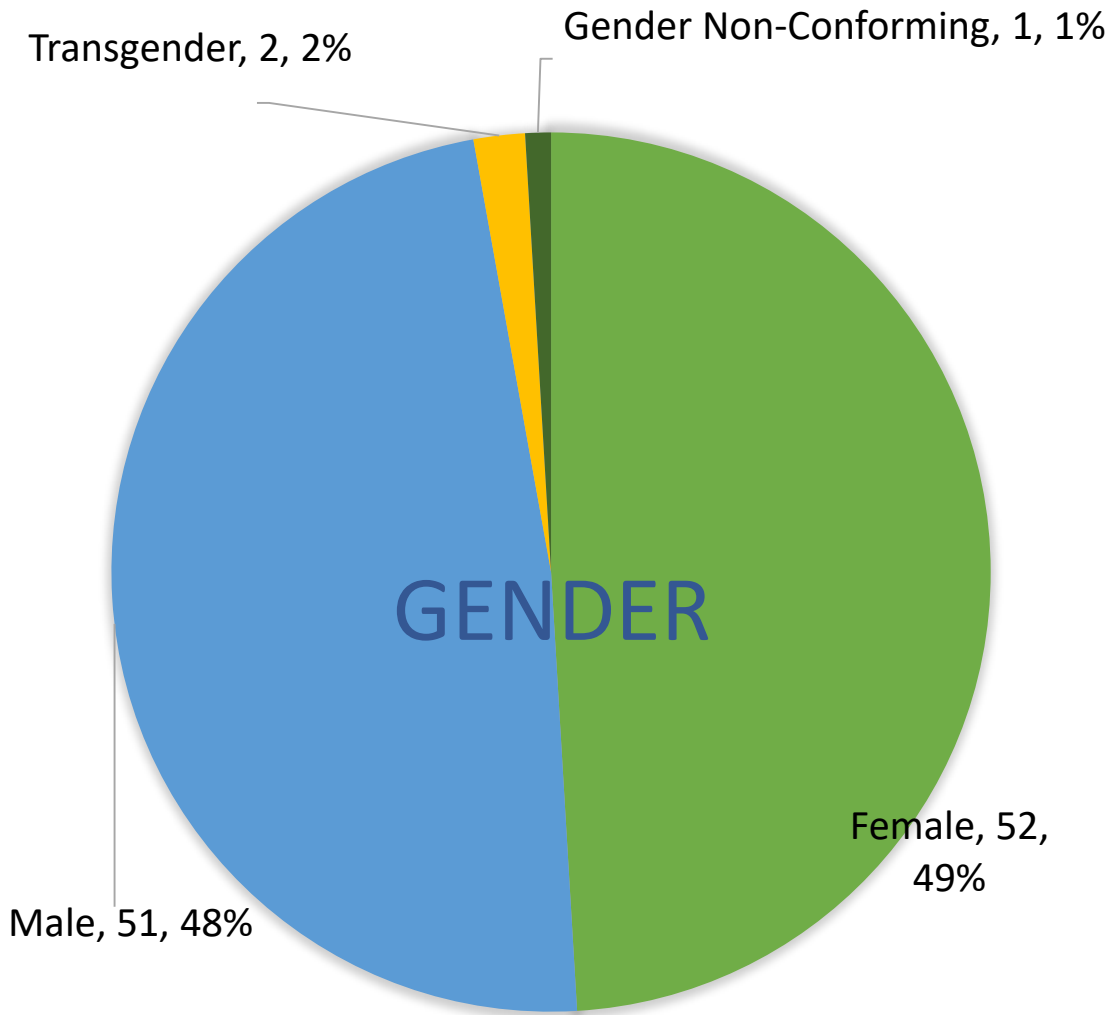
# YOUNG ADULTS





# DEMOGRAPHICS

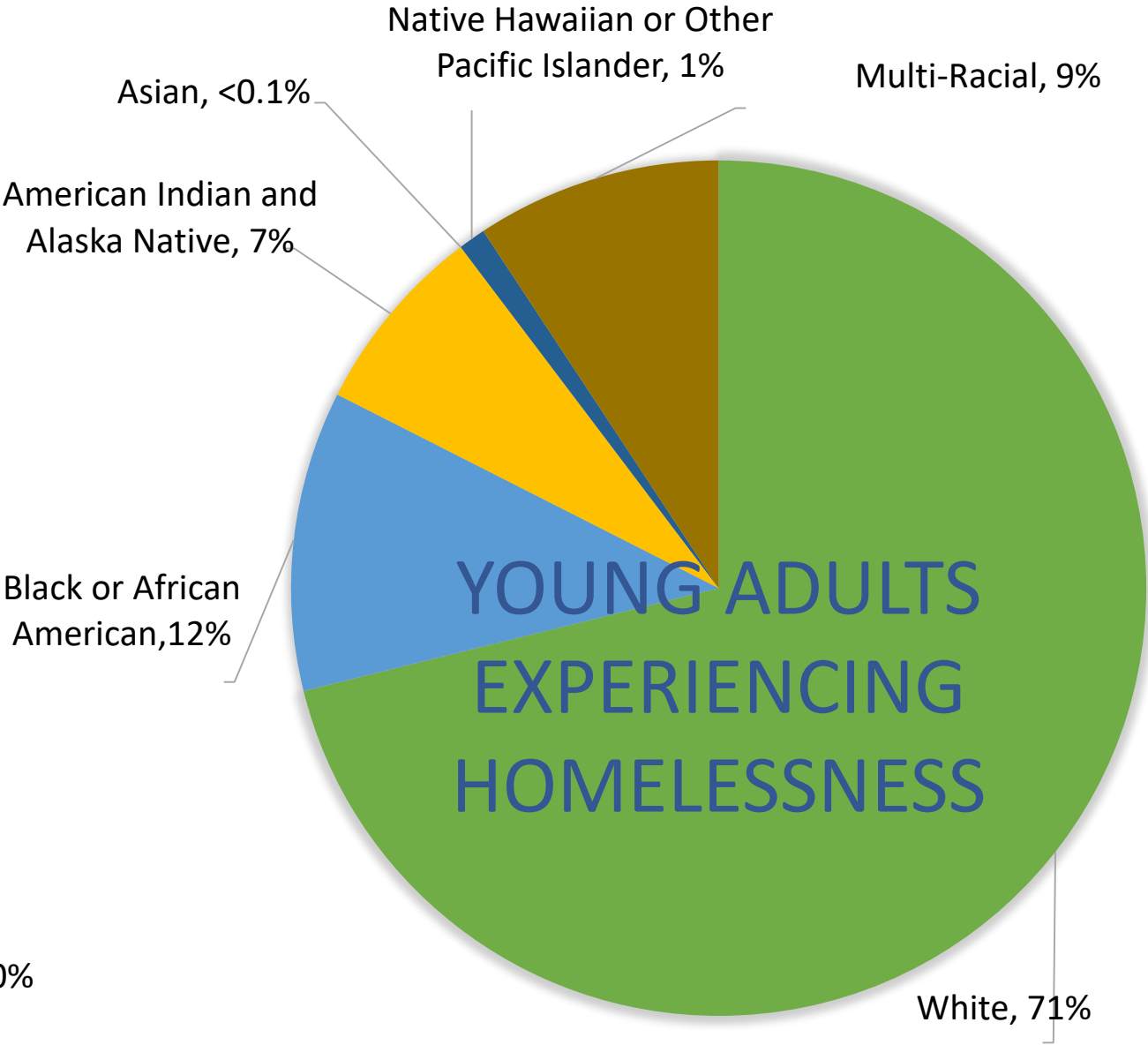
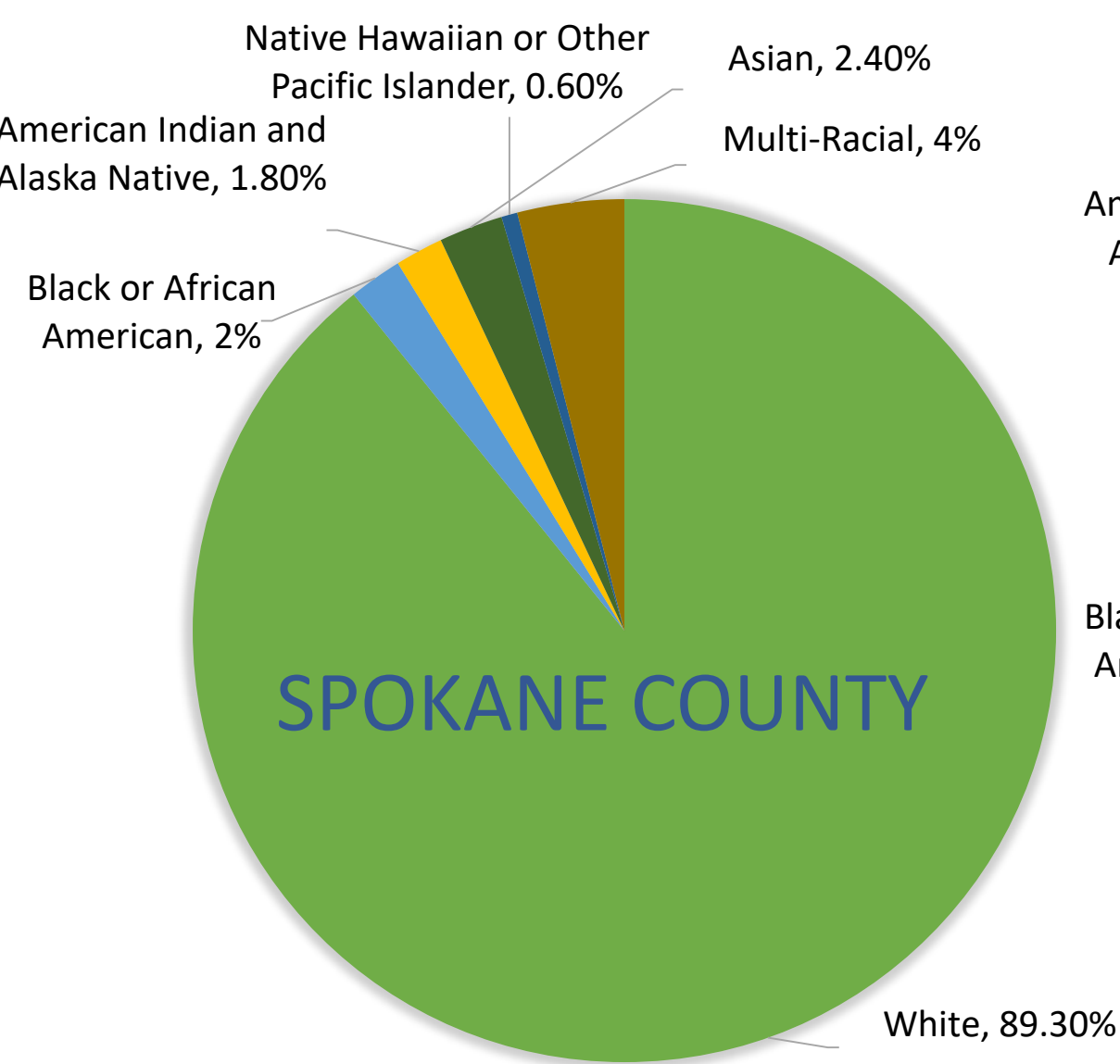
## (Young Adults)





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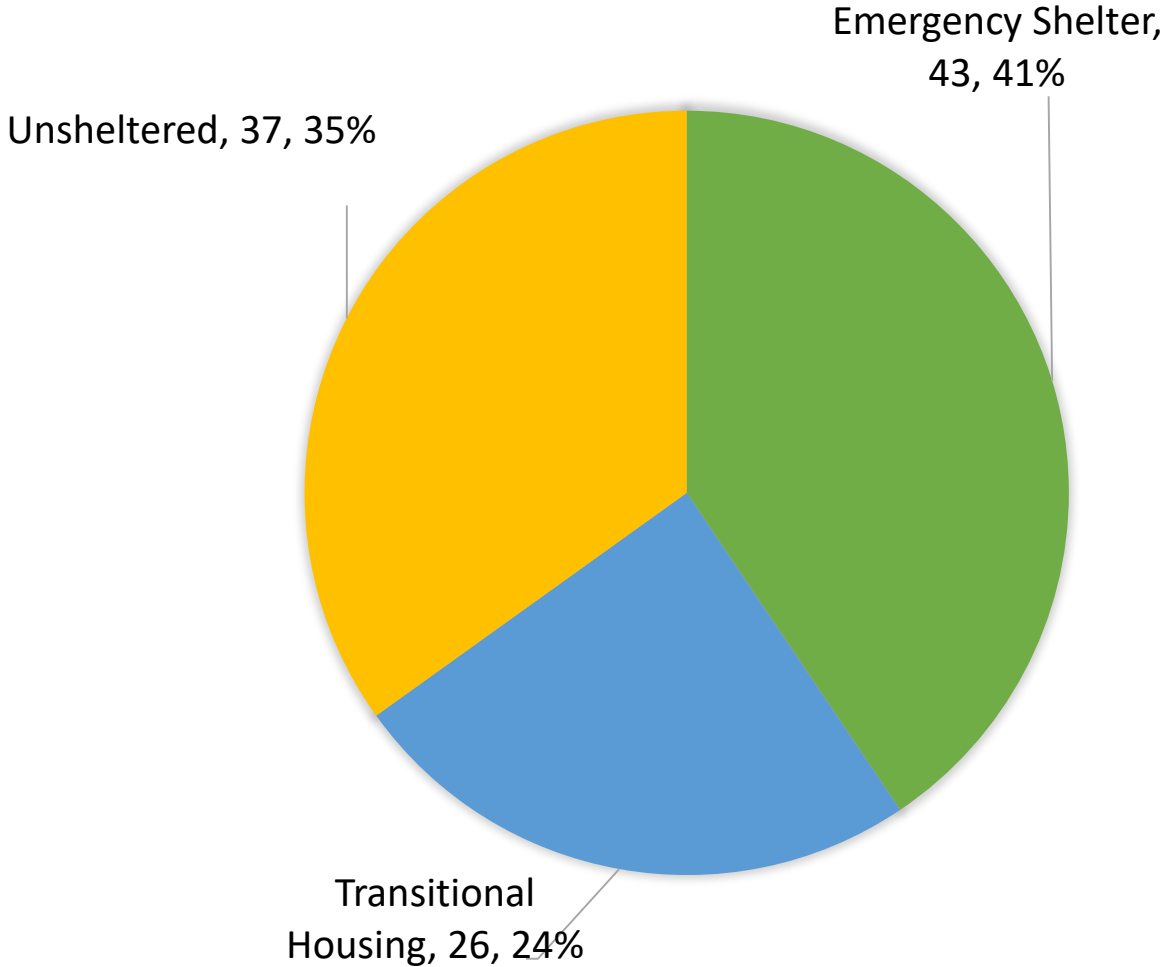
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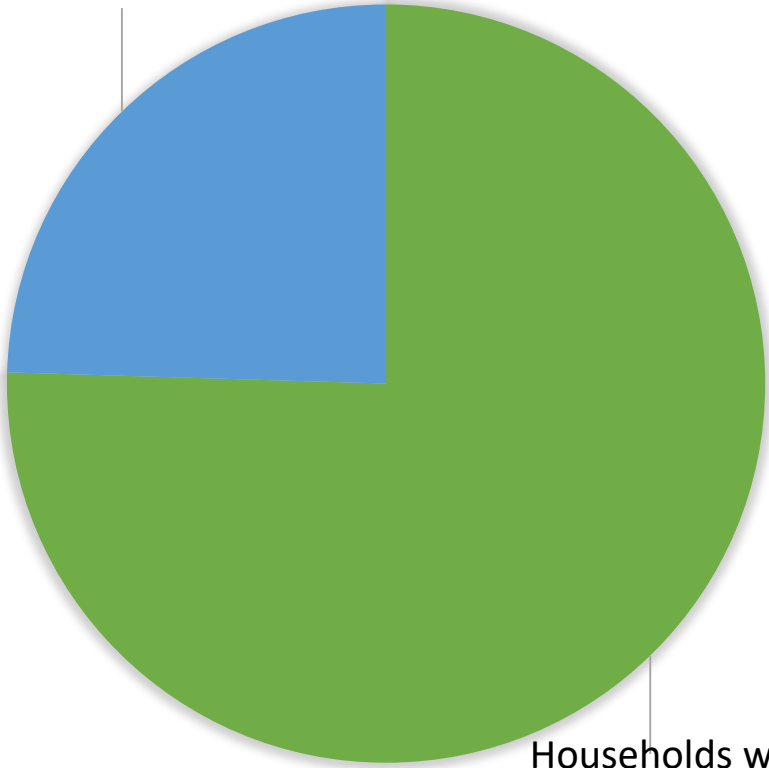


# SHELTER TYPE

(Young Adults)



Households with  
Children, 26, 25%



Households with Adults  
Only, 80, 75%

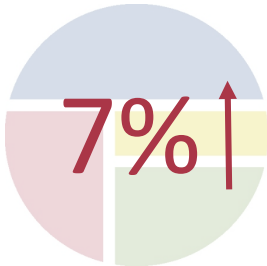


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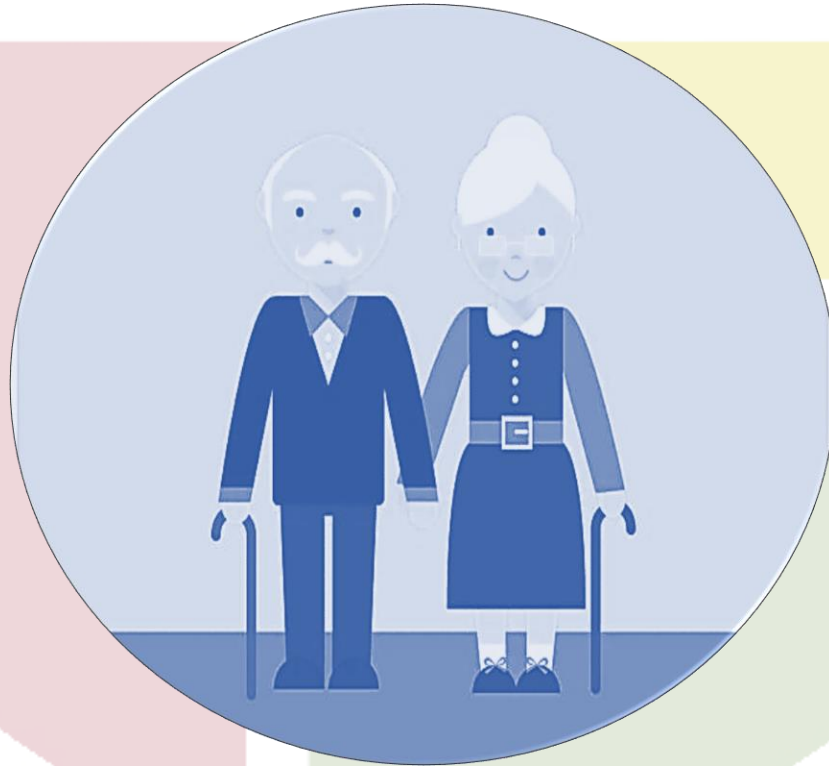
(Young Adults)



	Minor Youth (17 and under)	Young Adults (18 to 24)
2018	20	99
2019	22	106



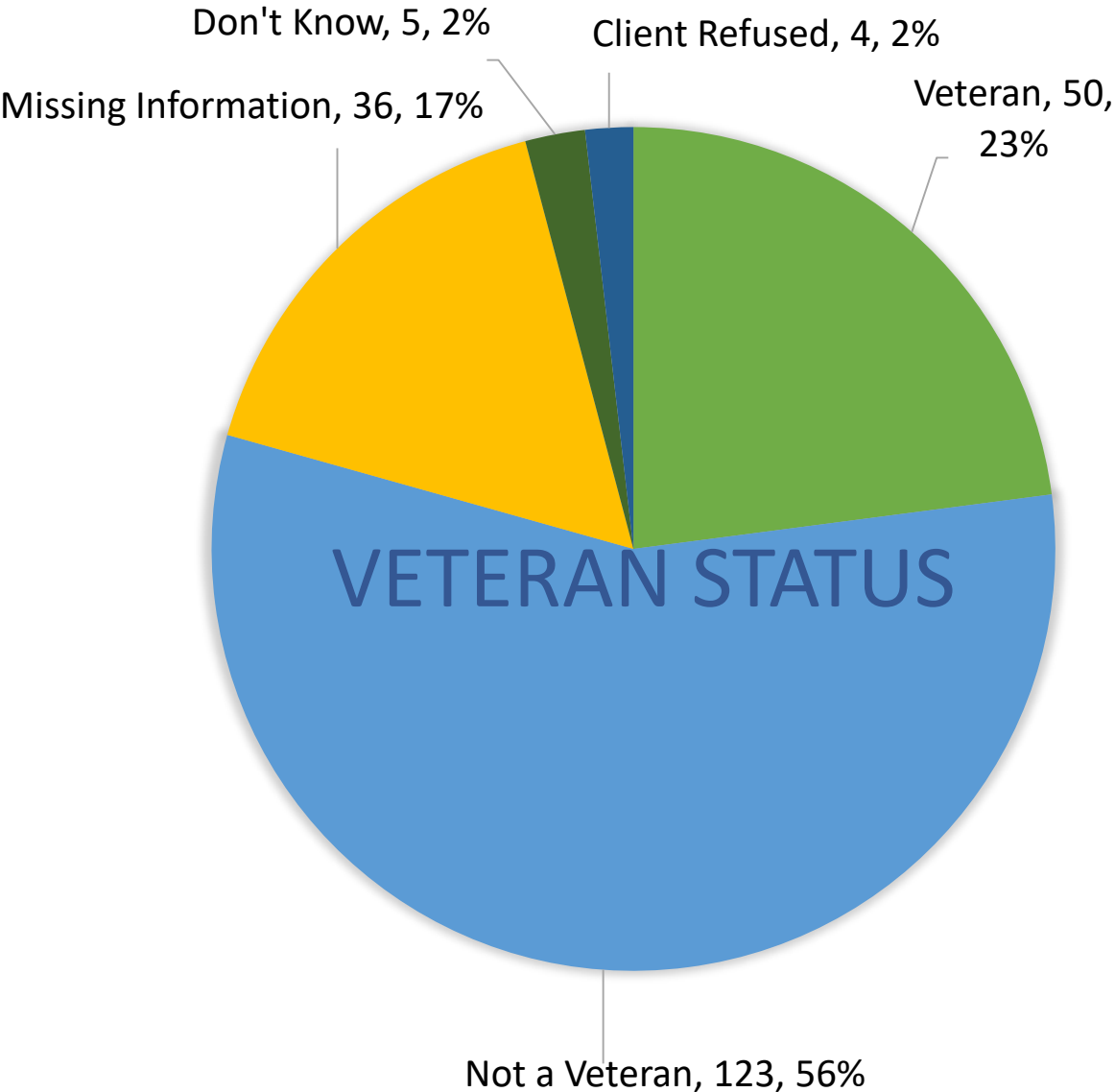
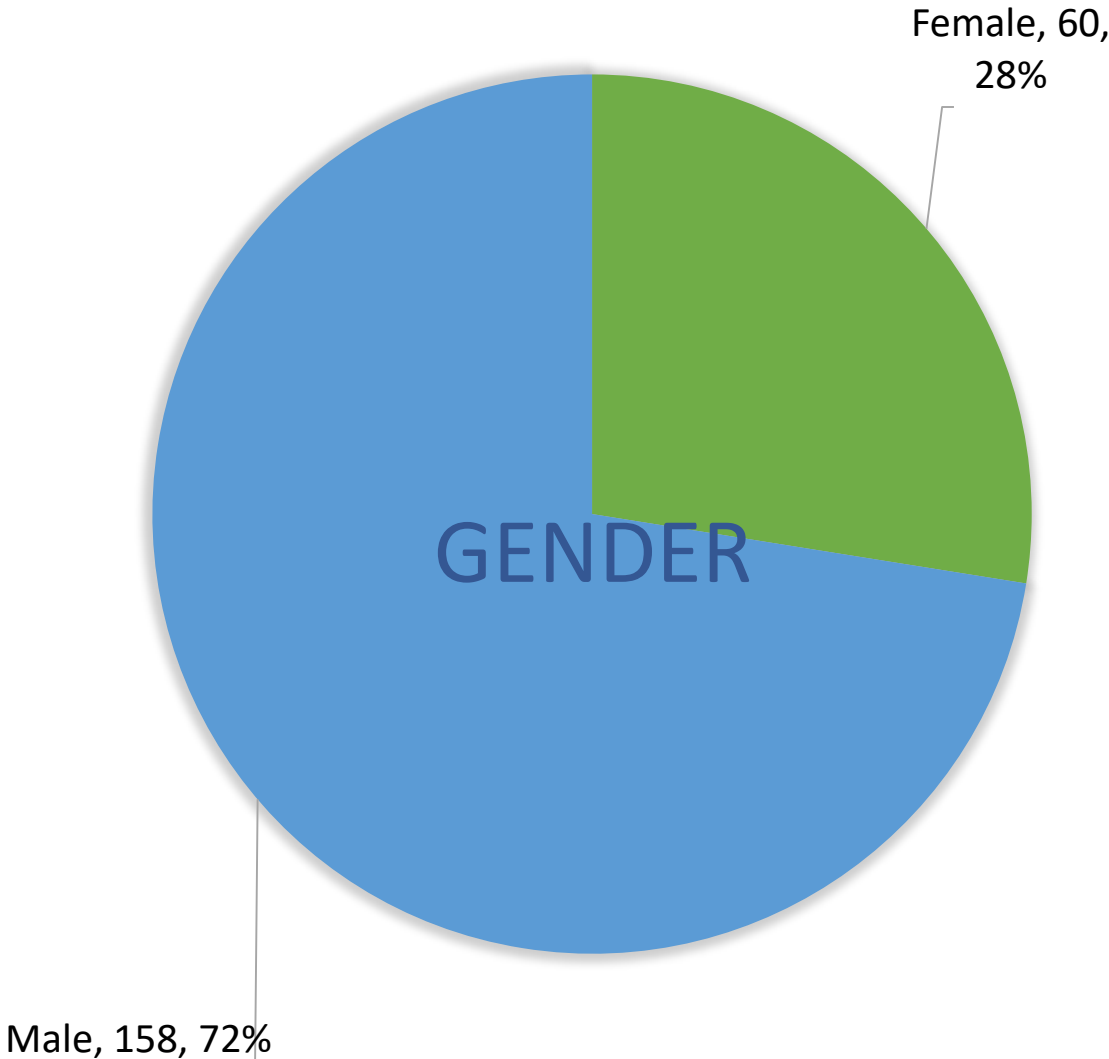
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# DEMOGRAPHICS

(55+)

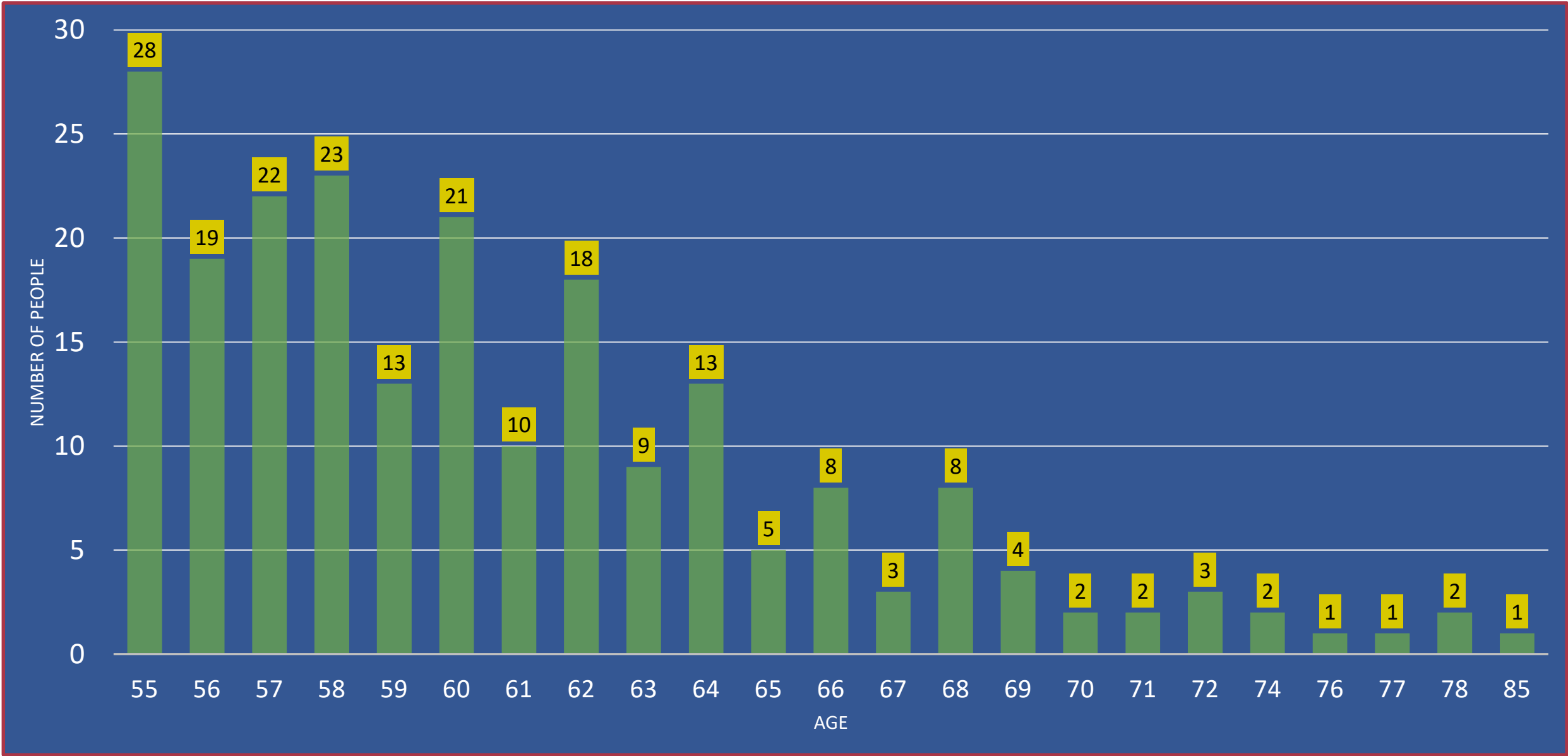




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# AGE

(55+)

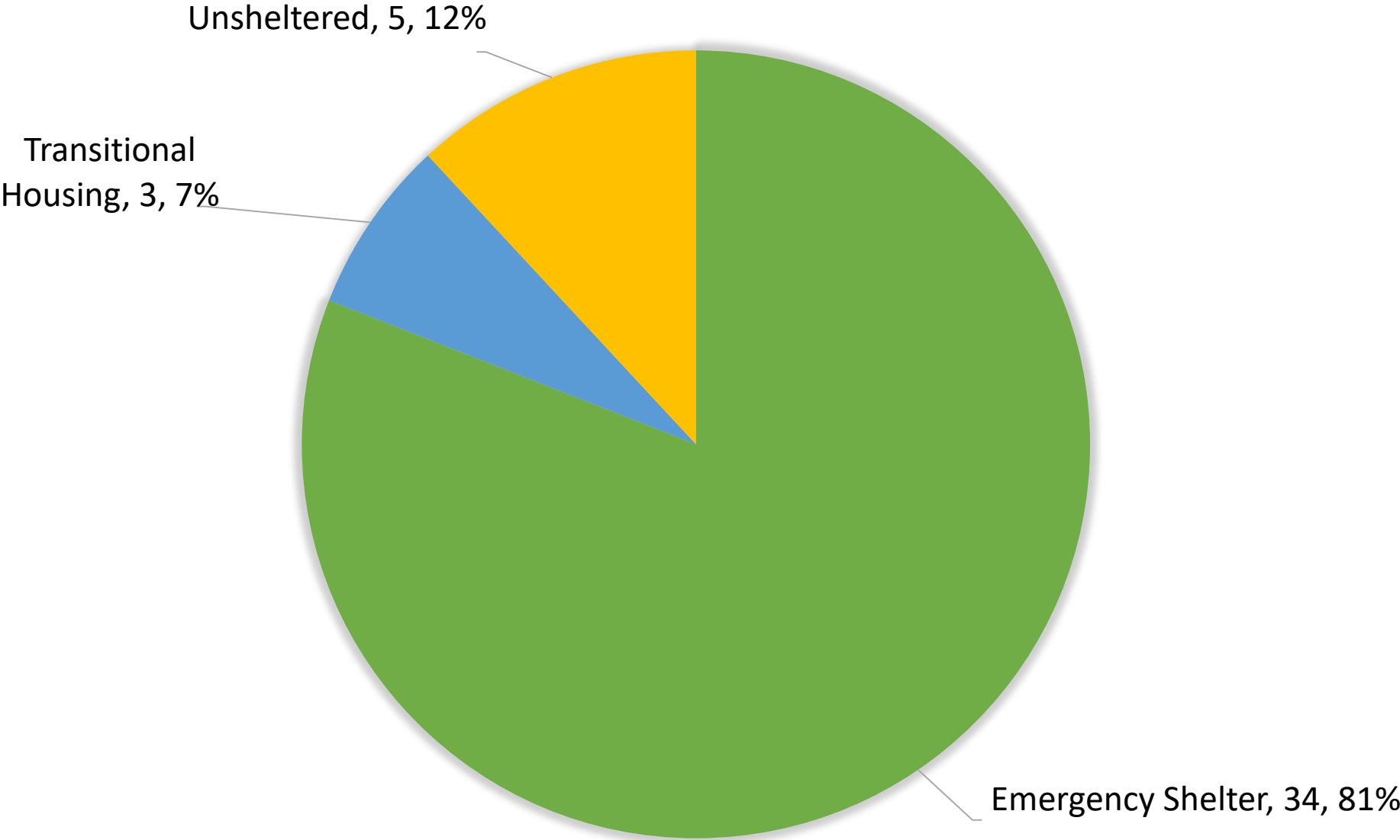






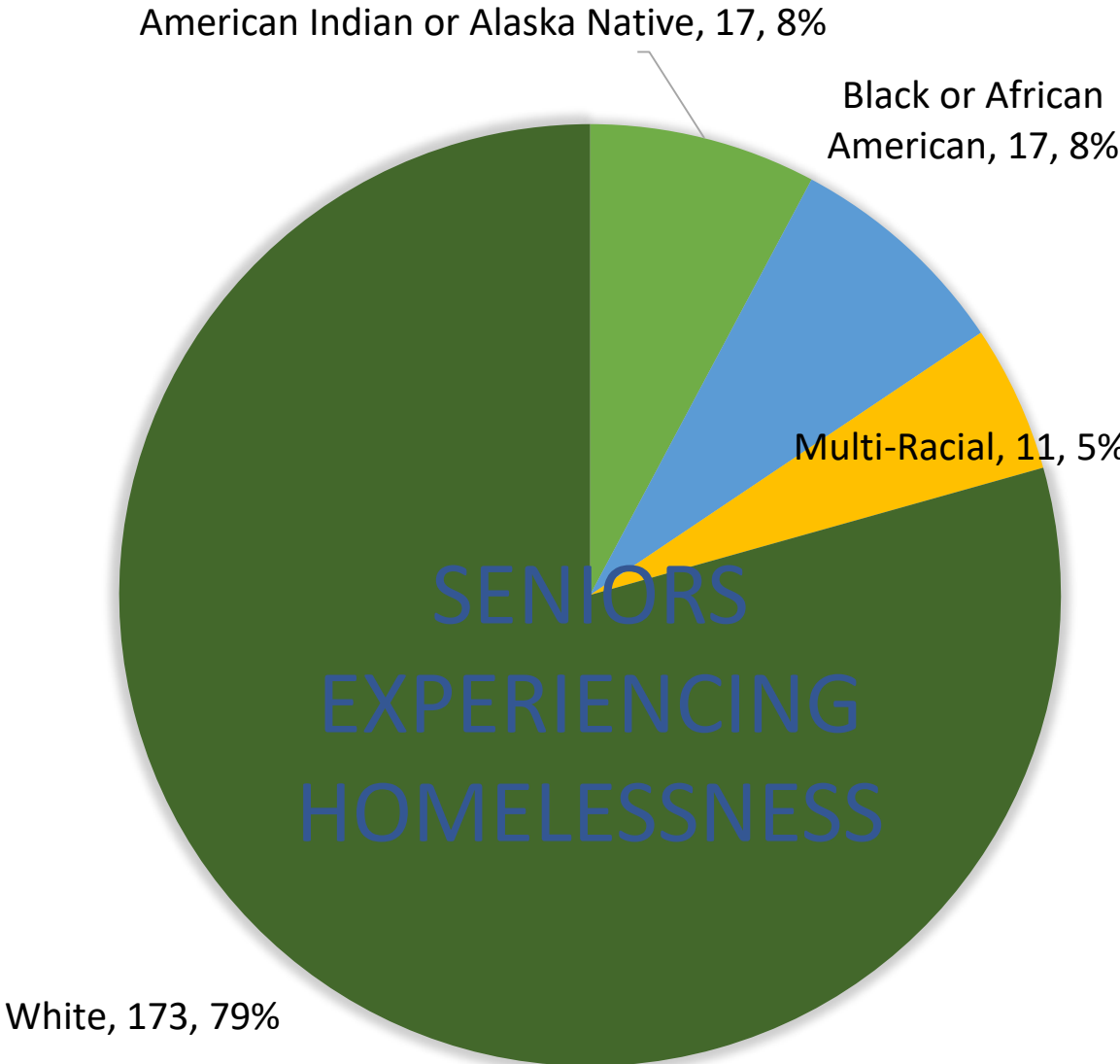
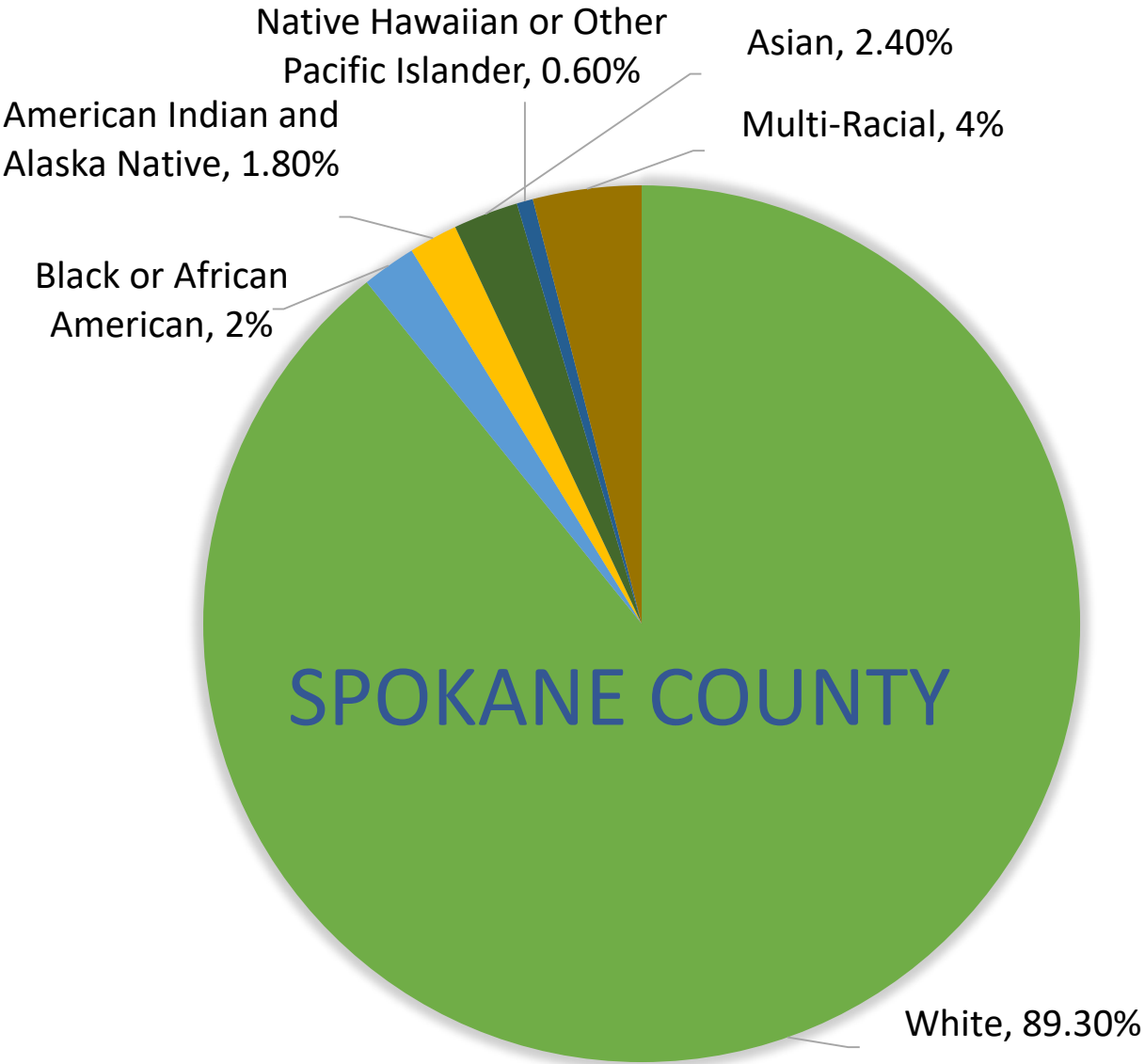
# SHELTER TYPE

(55+)





**RACE**  
(55+)



# OTHER POPULATIONS



- 318 Adults counted reported experiencing serious mental illness
- 159 Adults counted reported having a substance abuse condition
- 8 People counted reported living with HIV/AIDS or related illness
- 125 People counted reported being survivors of domestic violence

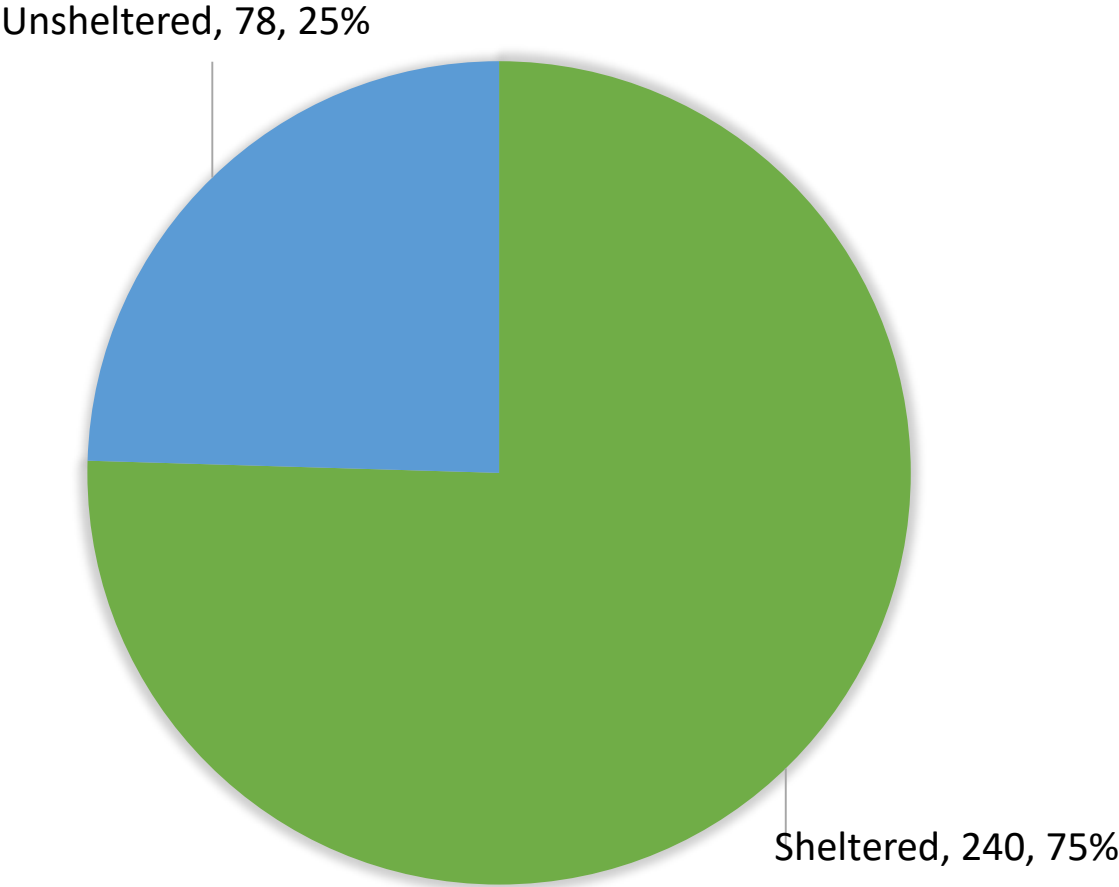


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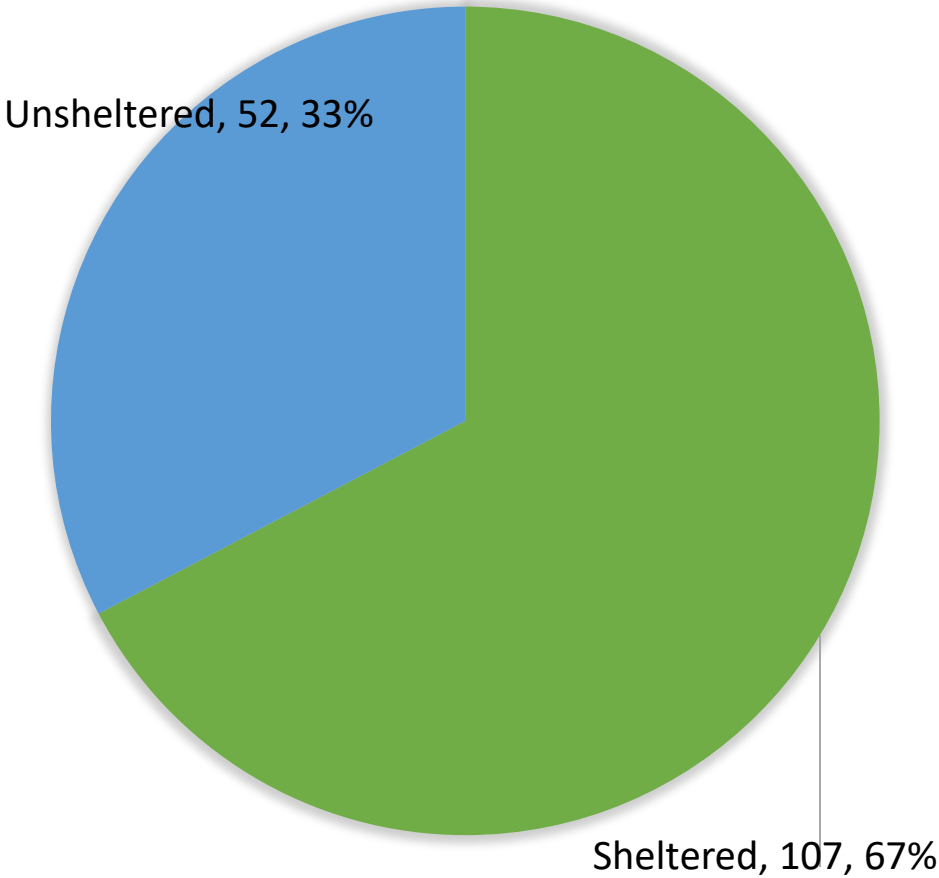
(Other Populations)



## ADULTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS



## ADULTS WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER



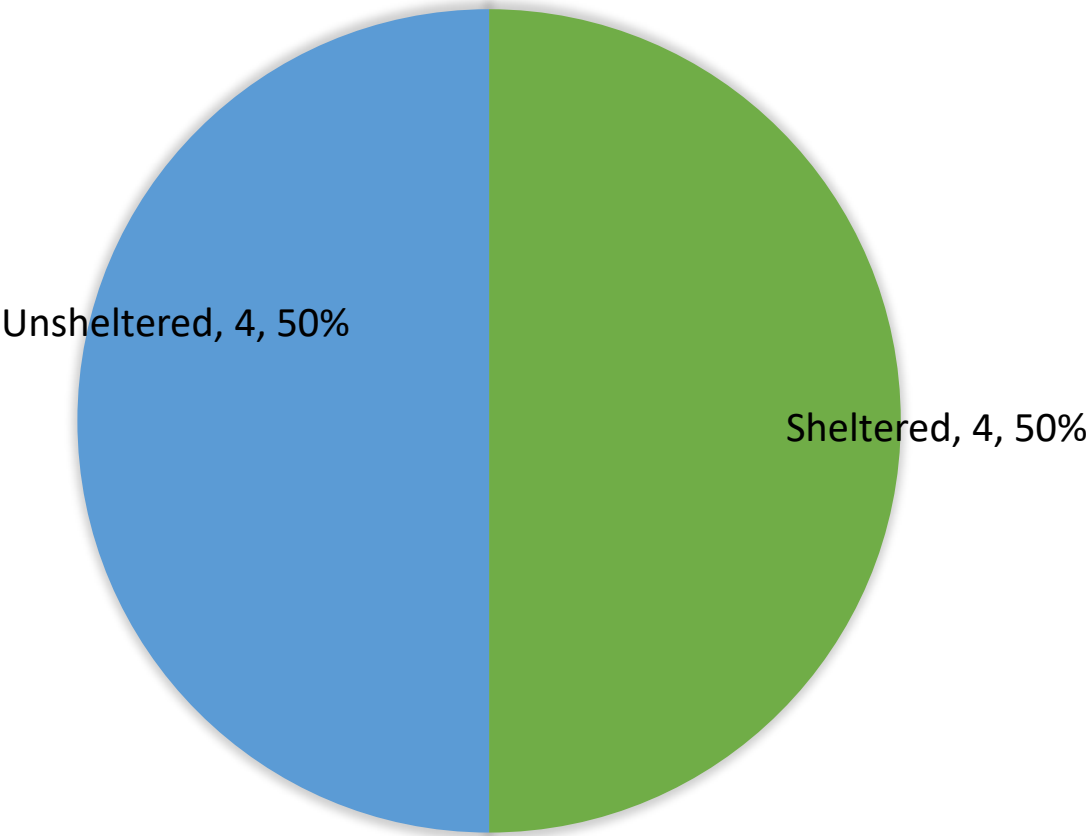


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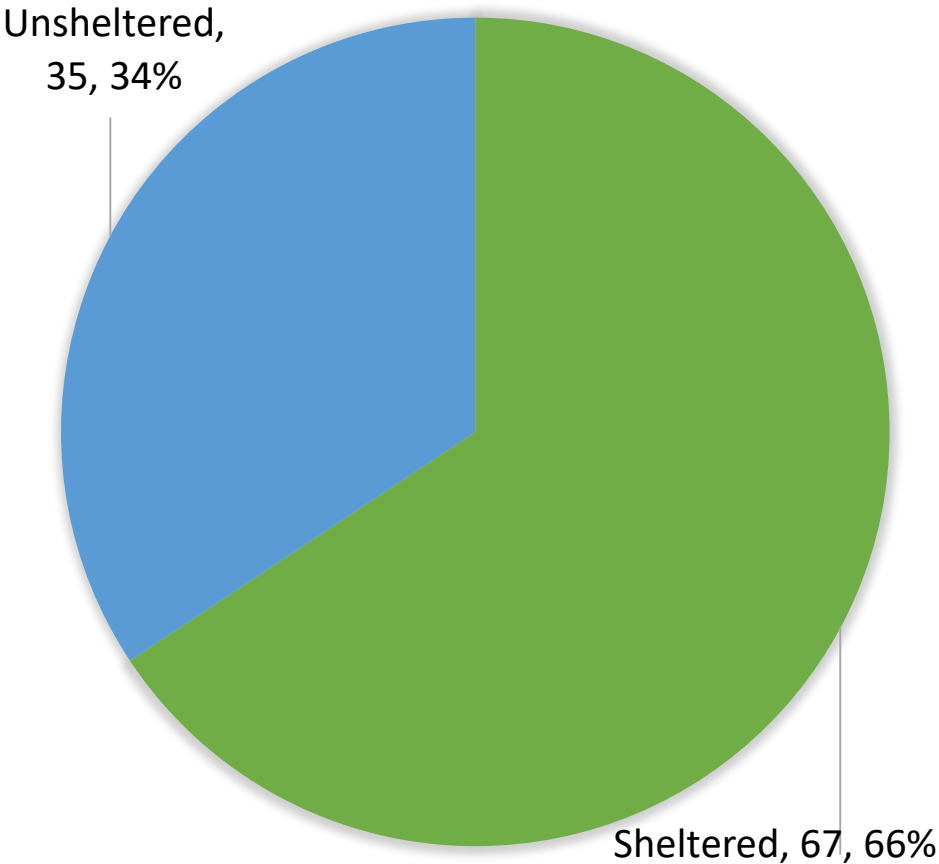
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## ADULTS WITH HIV/AIDS



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

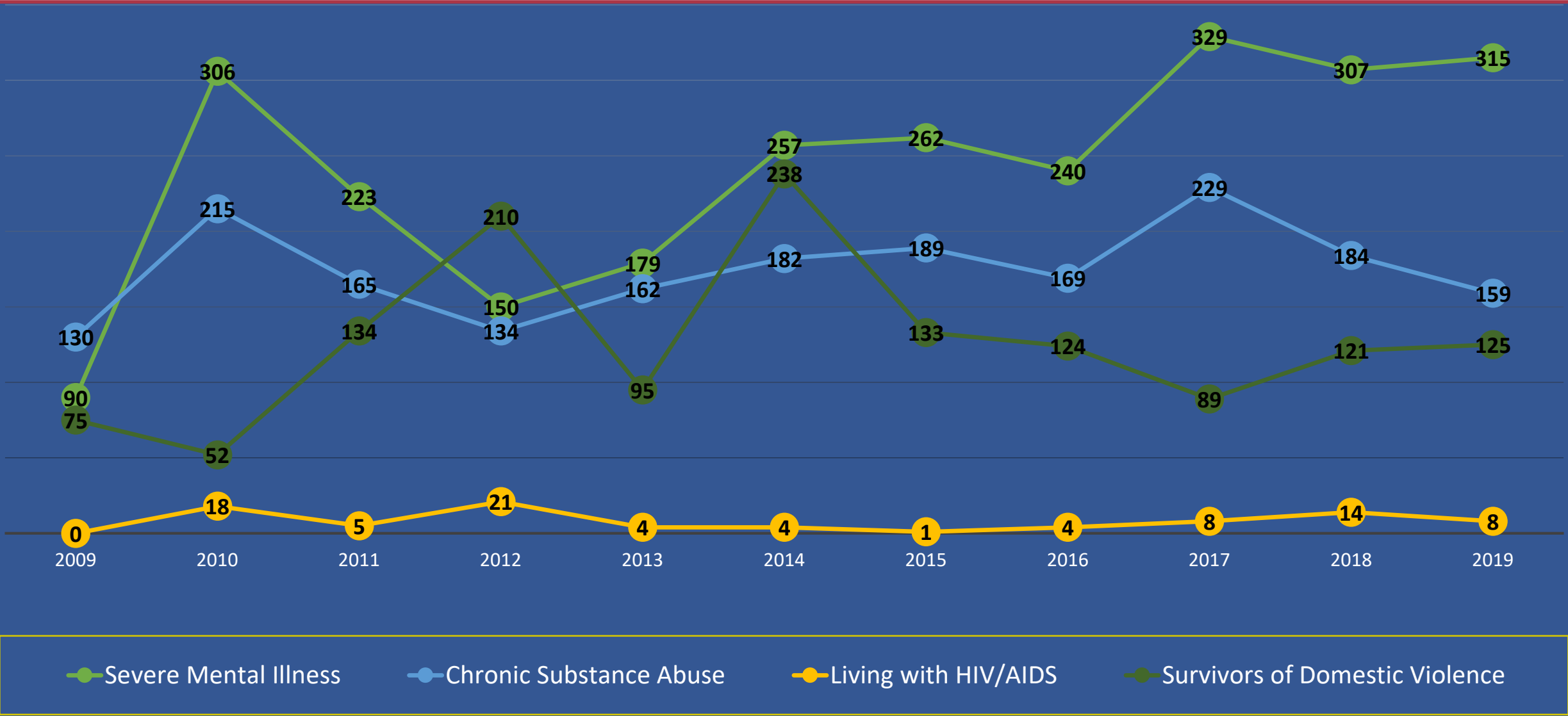




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# TRENDS

## (Other Populations)



# SHELTERED HOMELESS



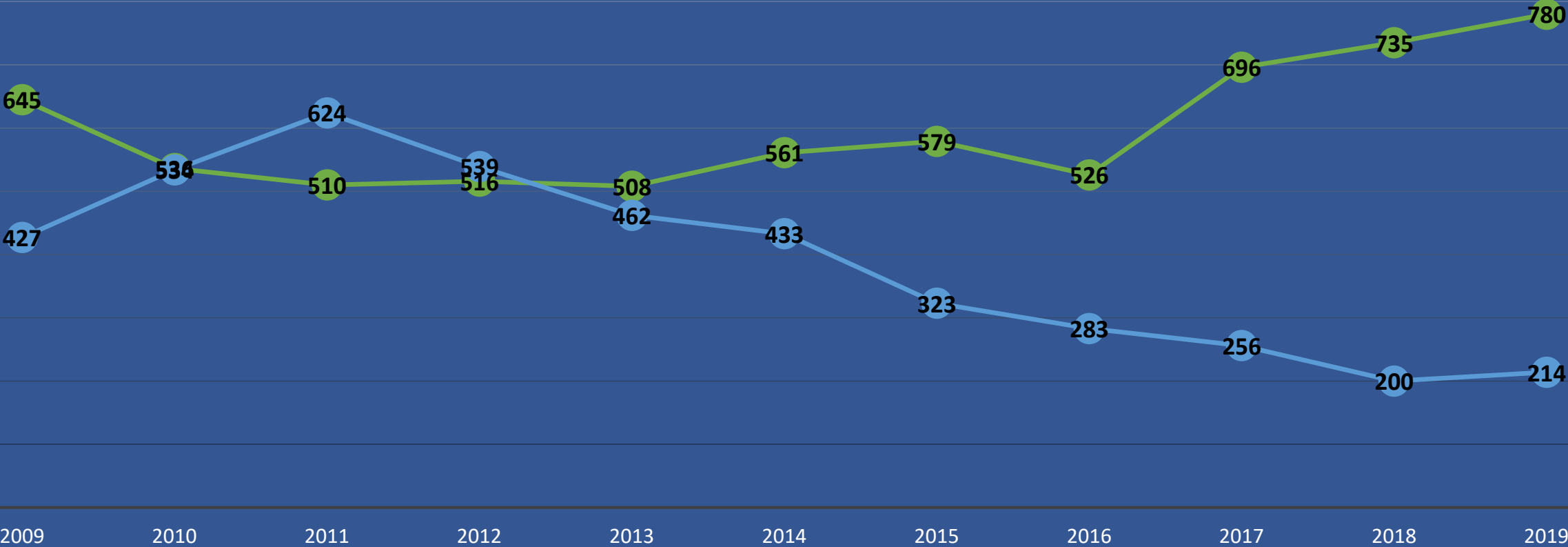




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# TRENDS

(Sheltered Homeless)



—●— Emergency Shelter

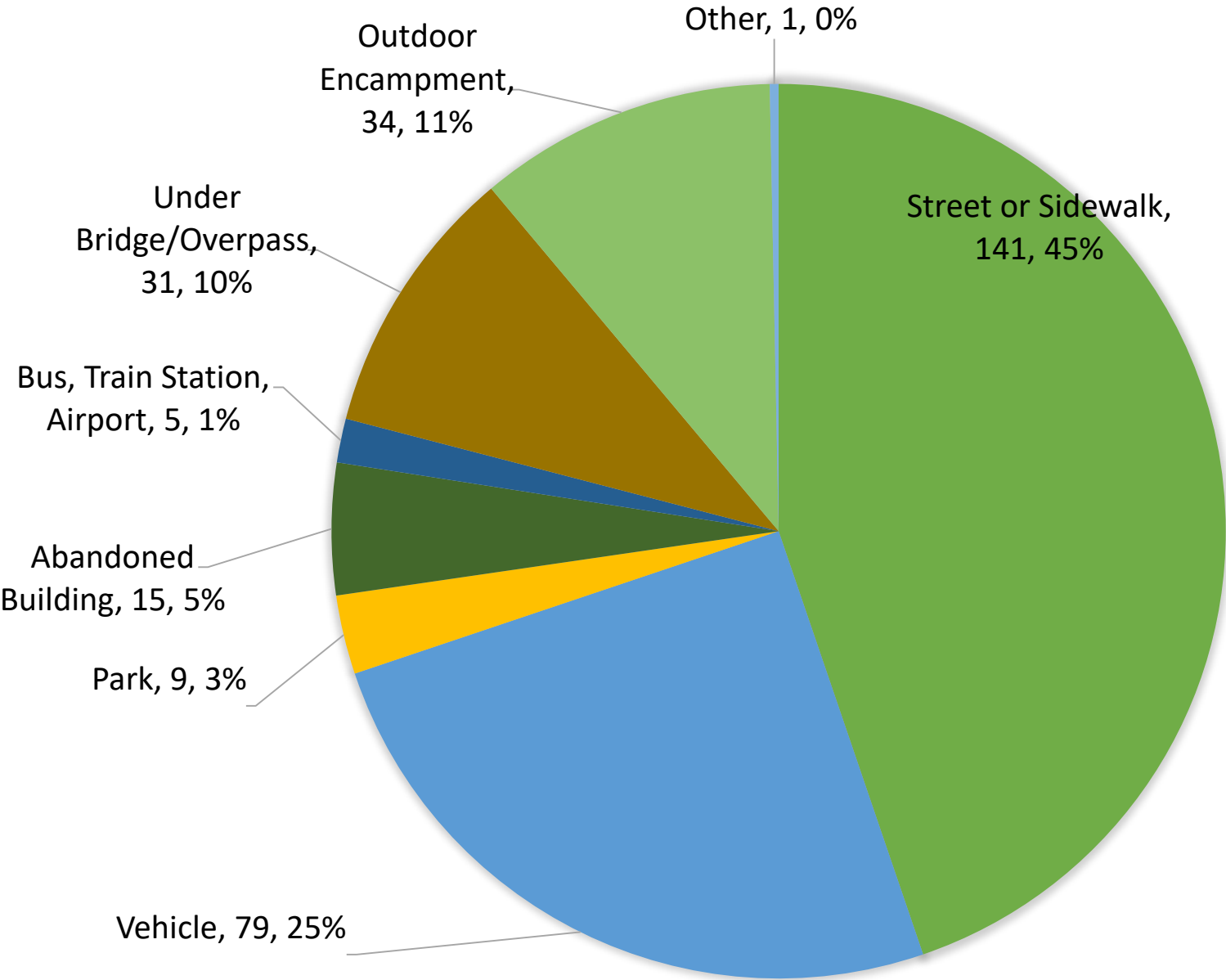
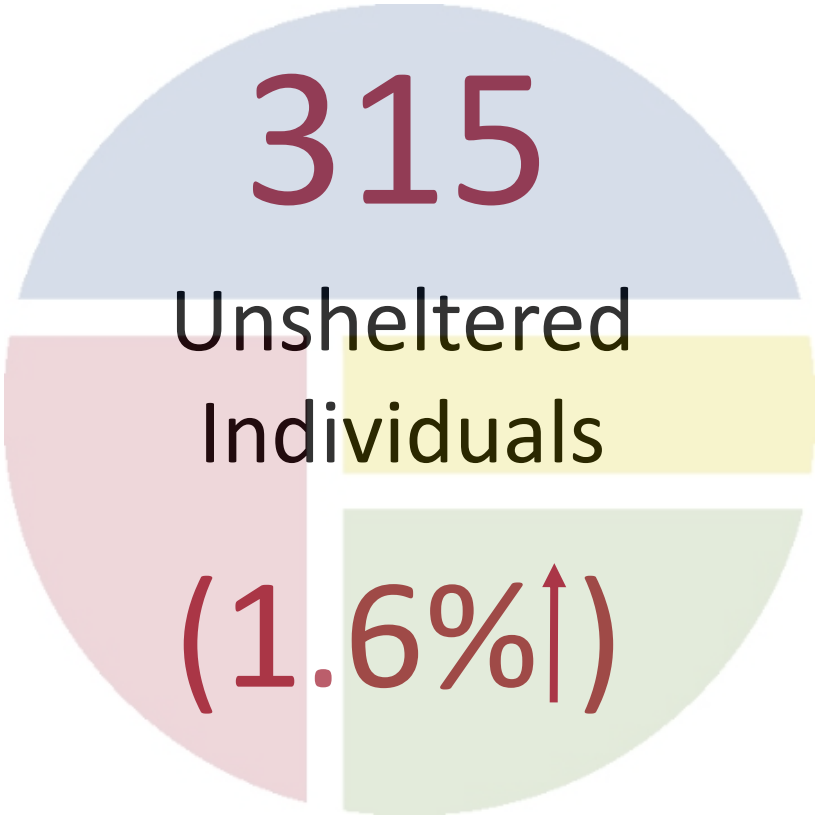
—●— Transitional Housing

# UNSHELTERED HOMELESS





# UNSHELTERED LOCATIONS

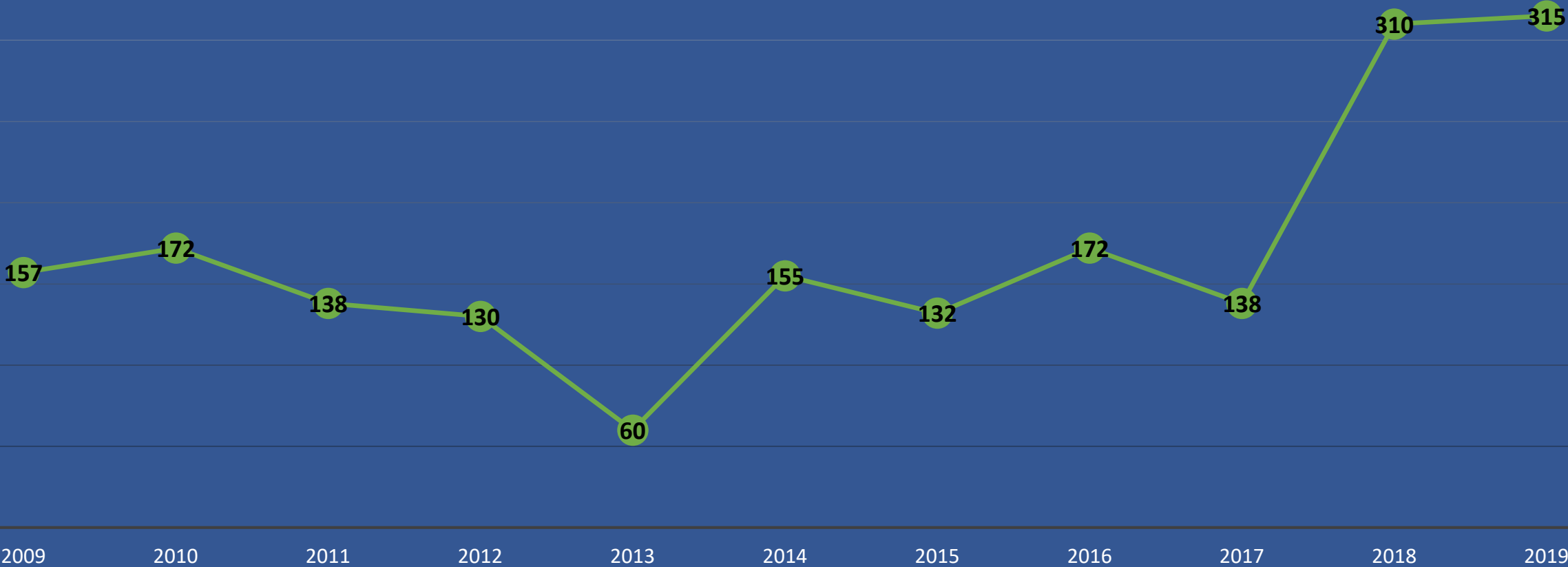




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# TRENDS

## (Unsheltered Homeless)



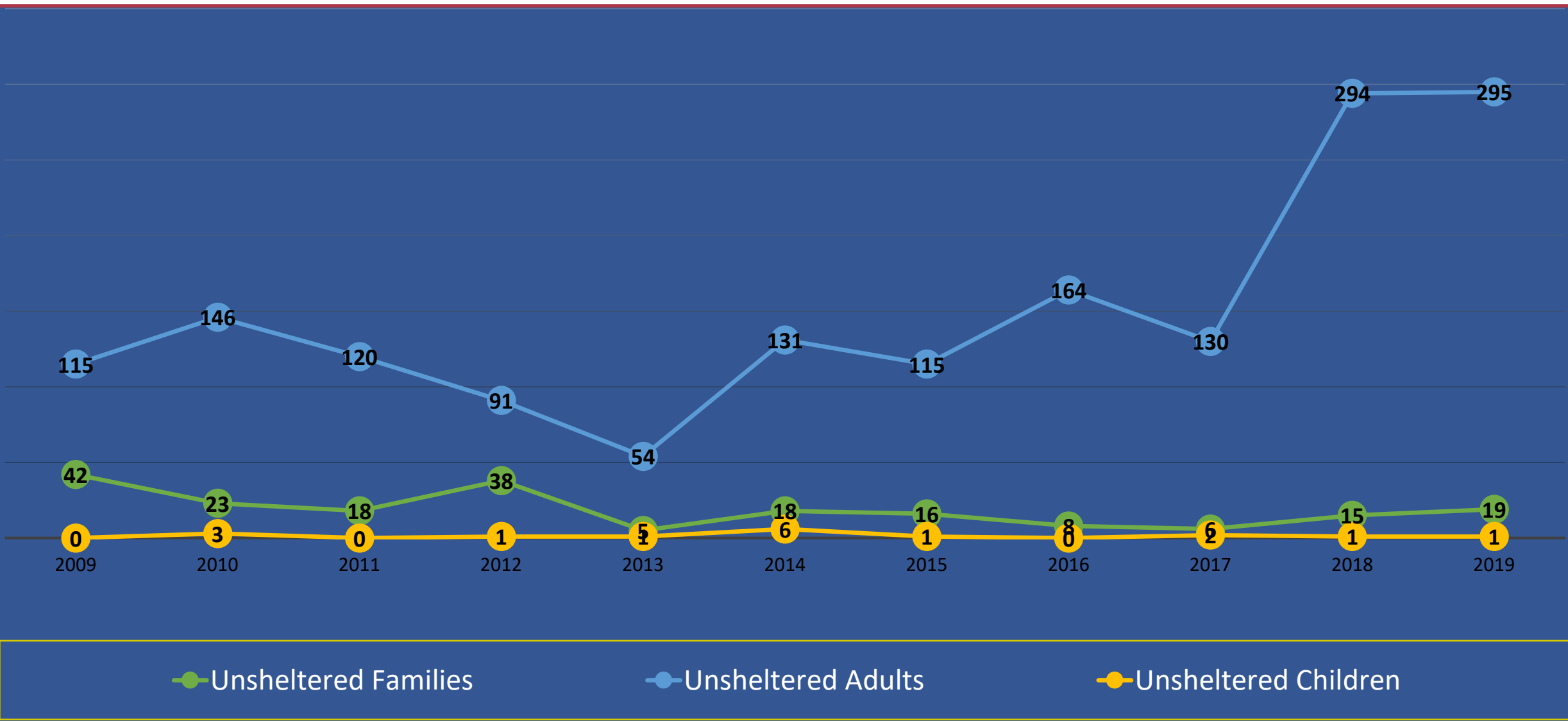
● All People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness



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# TRENDS

## (Unsheltered Homeless)

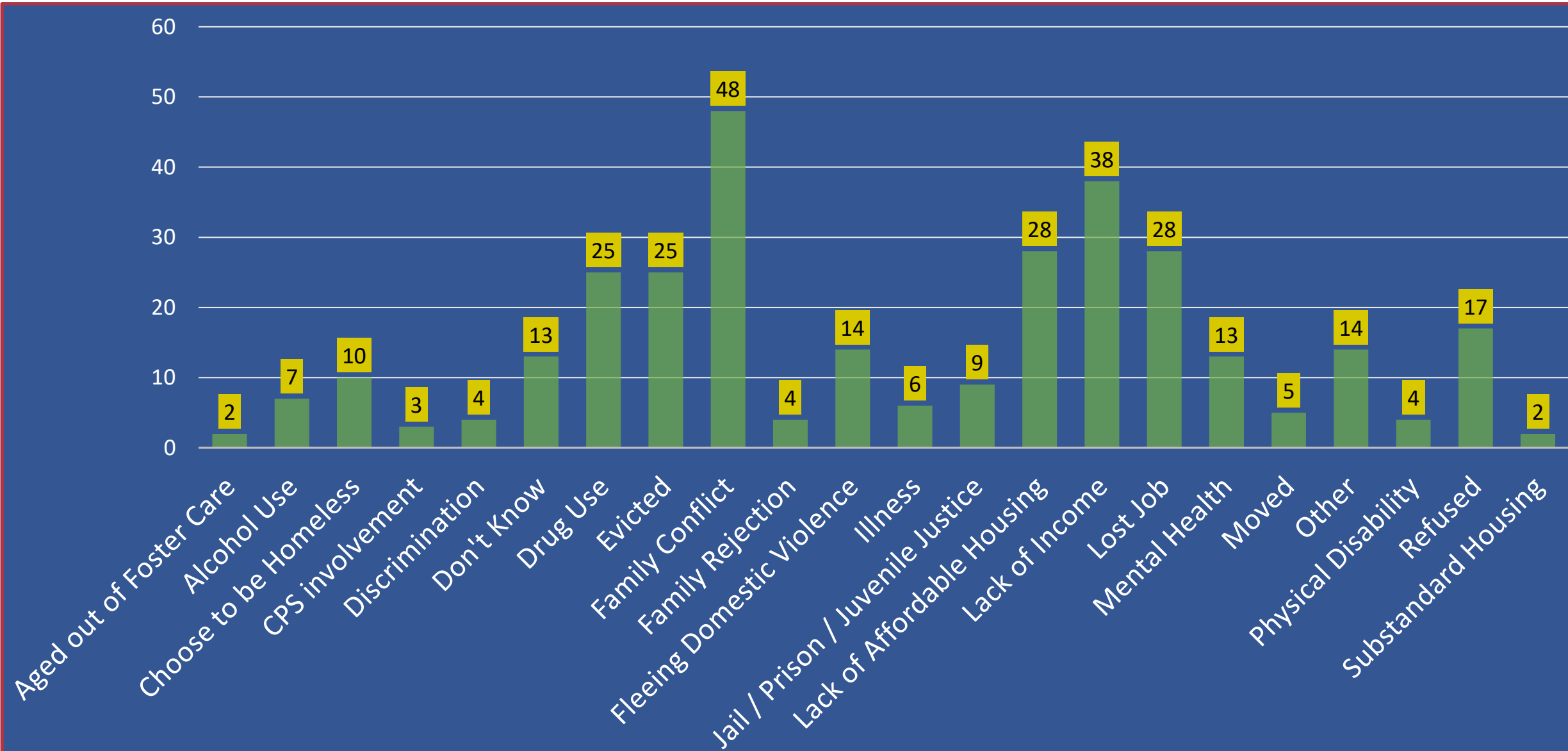




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# PRIMARY REASON FOR HOMELESSNESS

## (Unsheltered Homeless)

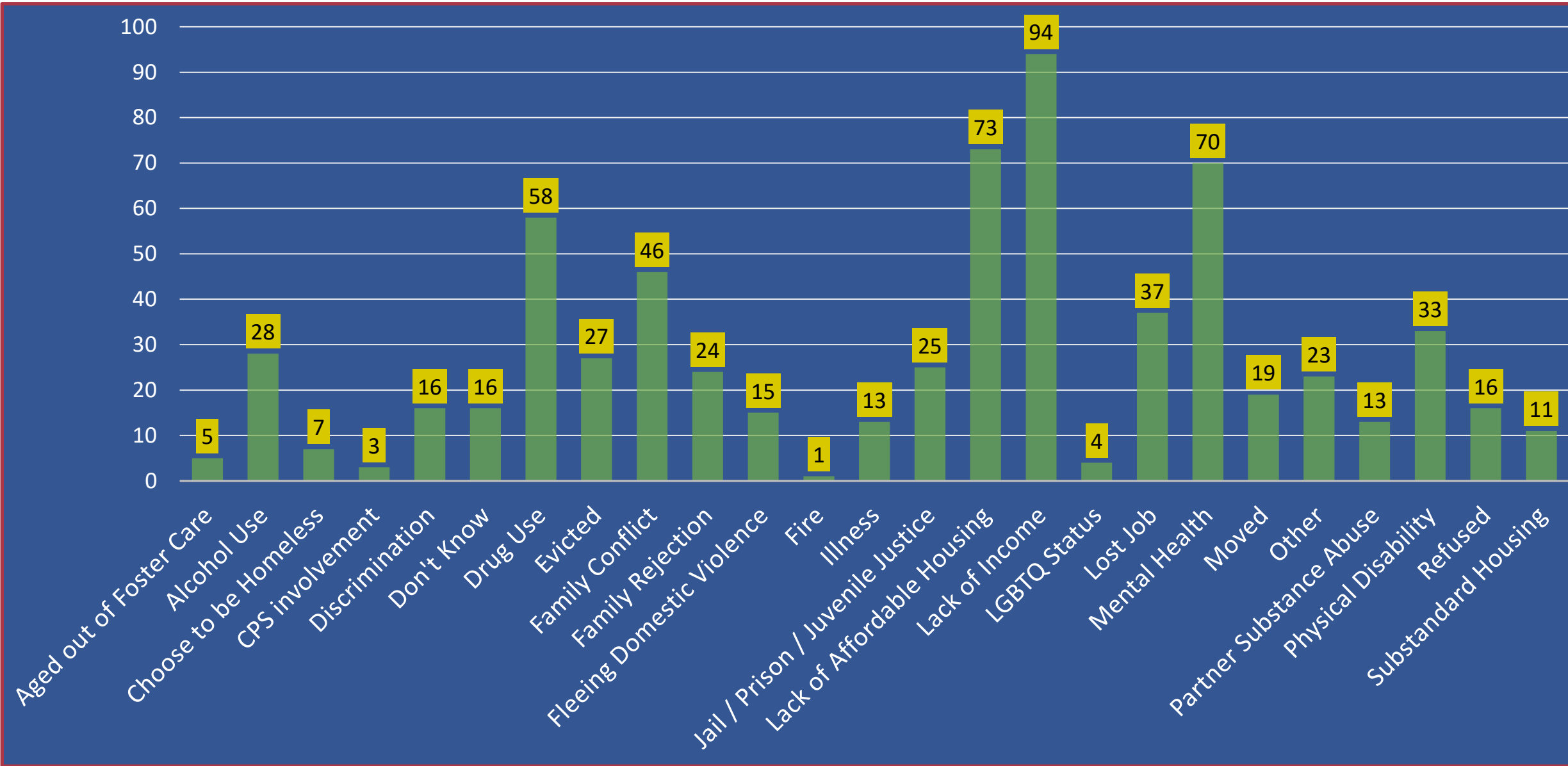




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# OTHER REASON FOR HOMELESSNESS

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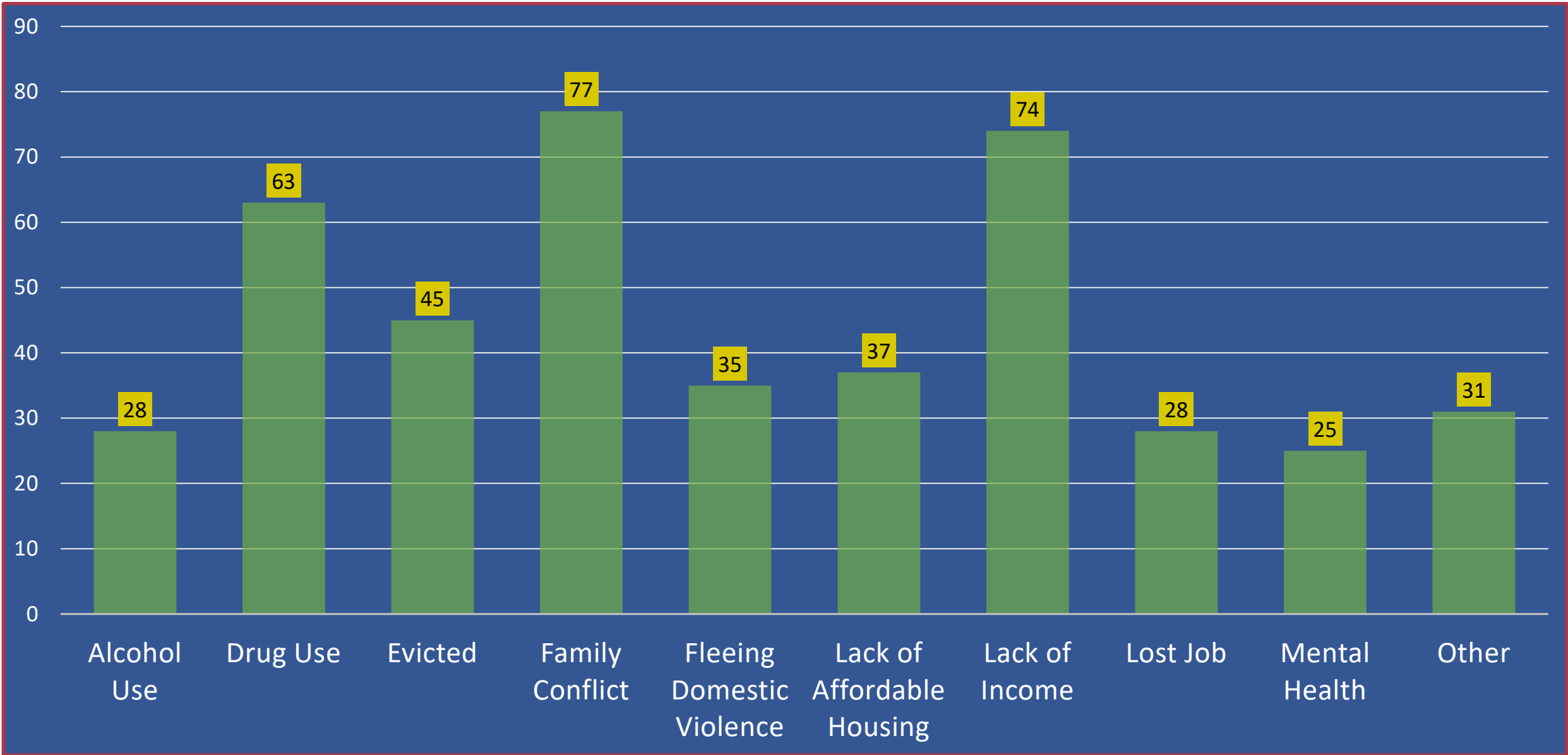




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# TOP 10 REASONS FOR HOMELESSNESS

(Homeless System)





# WHERE PEOPLE ARE FROM

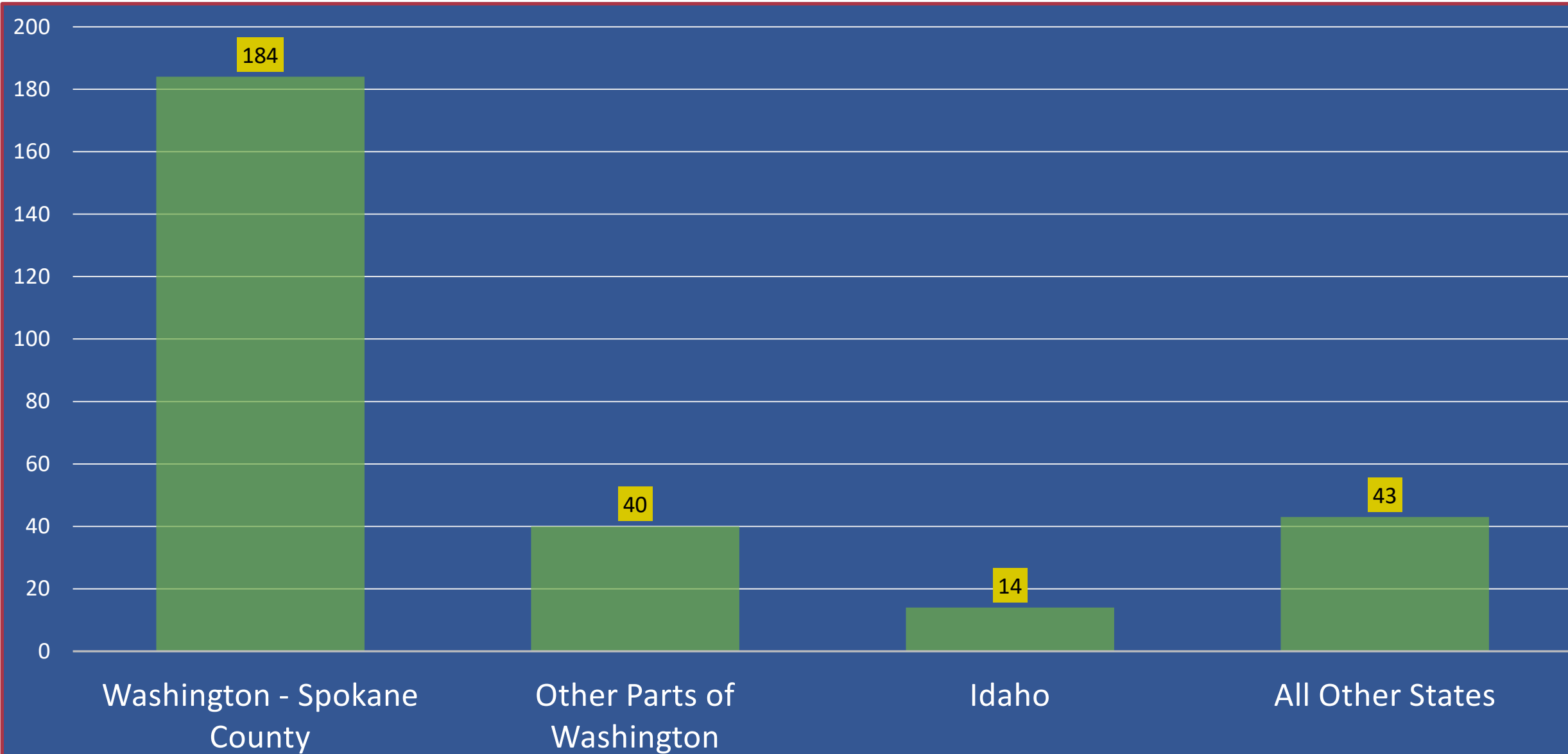




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# LAST PERMANENTLY HOUSED BY STATE

(Unsheltered Homeless)

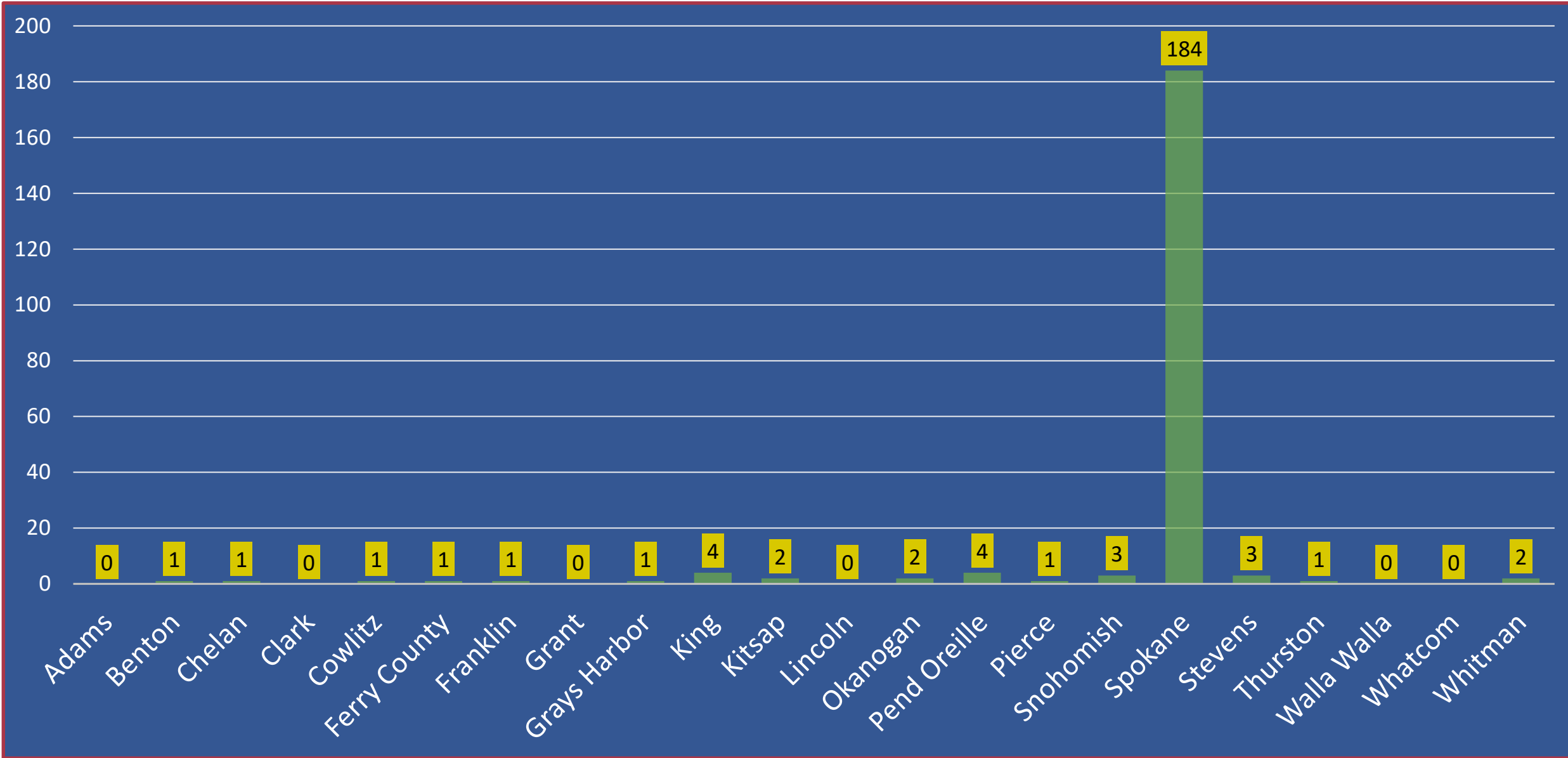




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(Unsheltered Homeless)

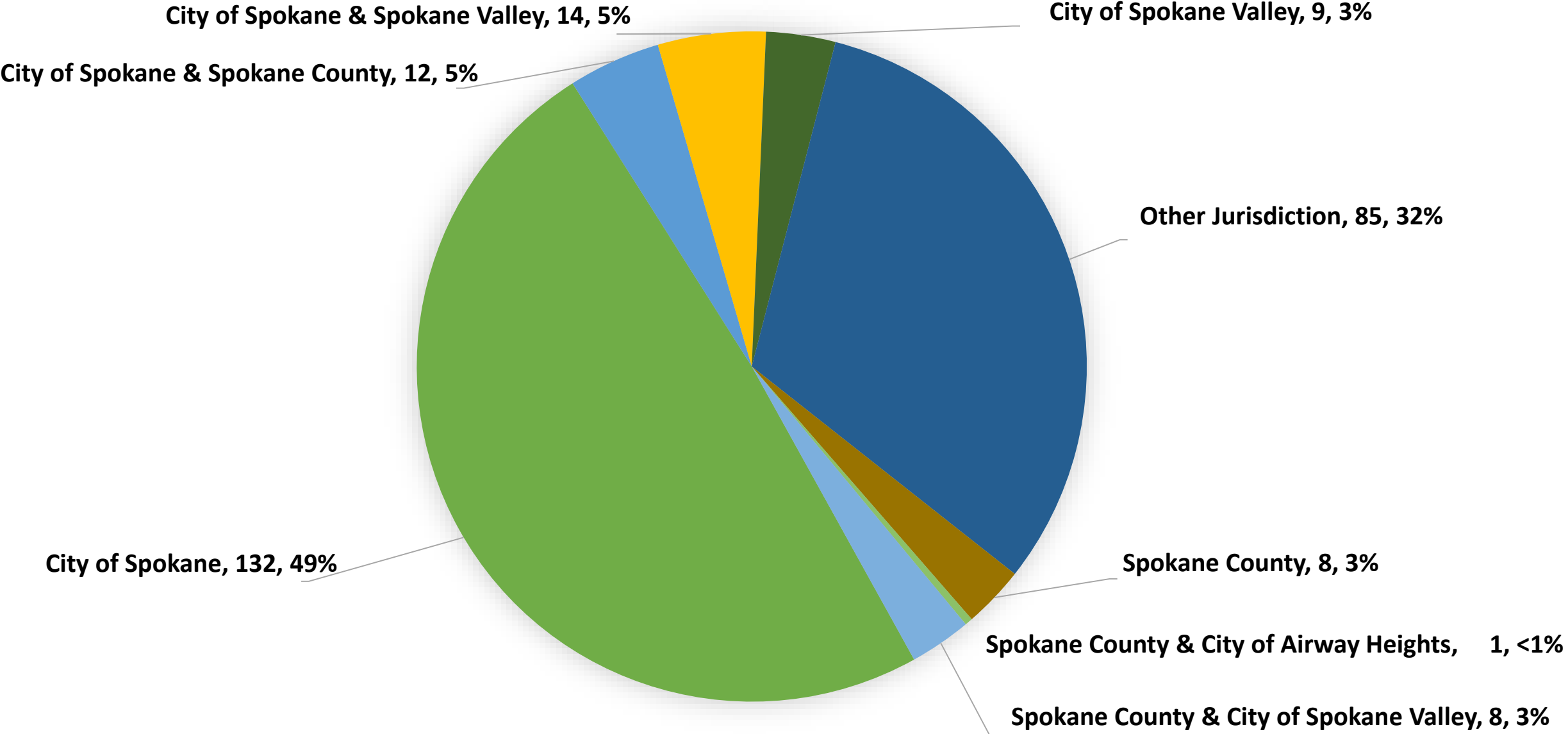




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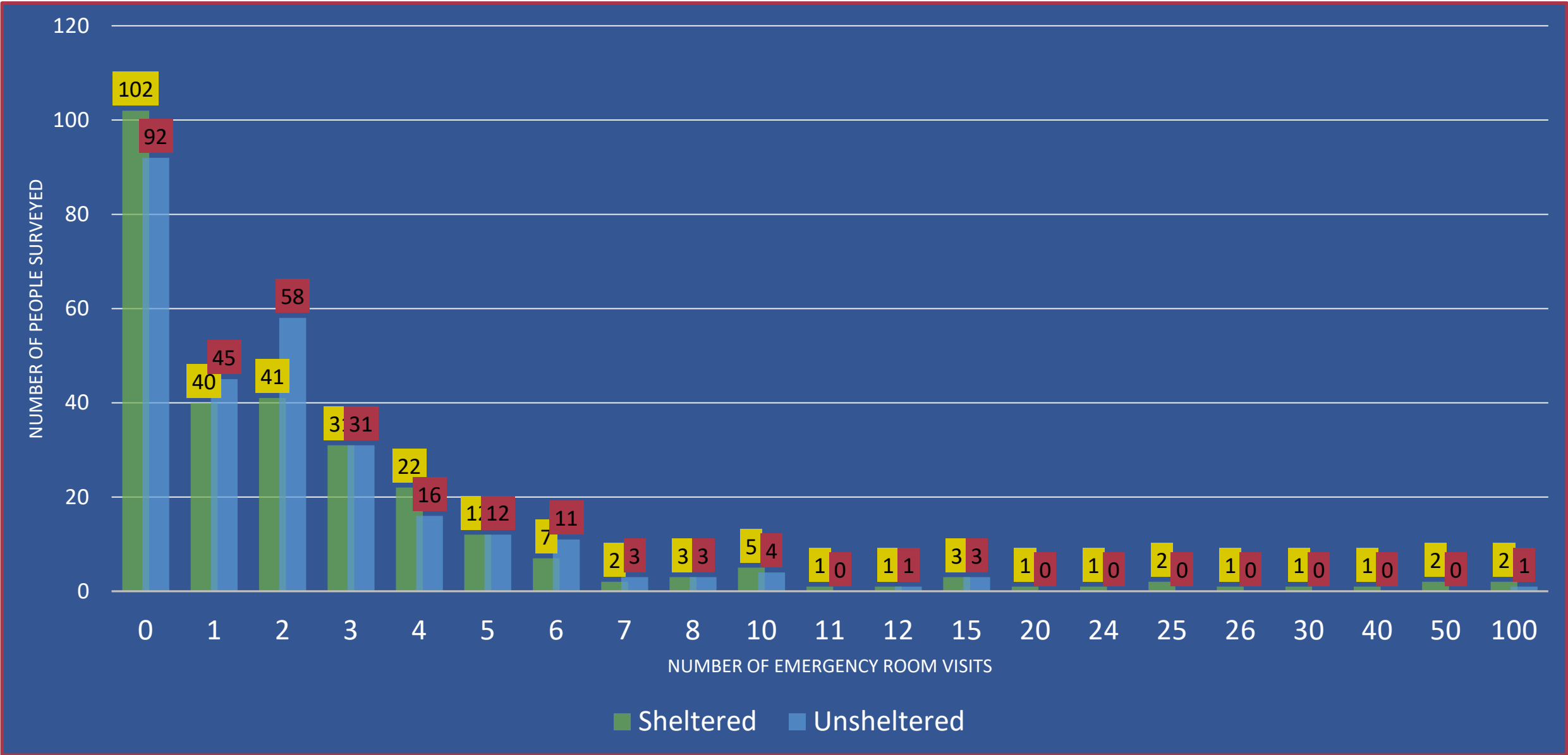
# LAST PERMANENTLY BY JURISDICTION

(Unsheltered Homeless)





# EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS





# THE KNOWLEDGE

Point-in-Time Count data provides snapshot estimates used to inform collaborative solutions. The following slides include early impressions of successes and challenges.

For the second year in a row, Spokane County has seen a **reduction in chronically homeless** (21% decrease from 2017 to 2019). Of those, fewer people are unsheltered and more are coming inside and utilizing the shelter system.

8% **fewer families are experiencing homelessness** than in 2018.

Despite a slight increase in youth homelessness in 2019, **100% more young people are in transitional housing** than in the previous year. Transitional housing, while not a permanent housing solution, is a safe and stable place for young people to stay for up to 2 years.

Spokane County continues to see a **decrease in Veteran homelessness** (28% since 2017), as we employ new best practice methodologies to end Veteran homelessness.

Over the last decade, Spokane County has seen a **46% increase in homelessness among single adults. Nearly one-third of single adults experience unsheltered homelessness**, compared to only 6% of families and 5% of youth.

30% of those surveyed were experiencing homelessness for the **first time**.

**Racial minorities (specifically Black or African American, American Indian and Alaskan Natives, and Multi-Racial) make up a disproportionate share of the homeless population when compared to U.S. Census Data for the County.**

While Veteran homelessness has decreased in Spokane County, **homelessness among female Veterans has increased**. This mimics a national trend.

**21 young adults reported being survivors of domestic violence.** That equates to 17% of all those surveyed.





# THE ACTION

What is next given what we  
have learned this year.

Improved access and coordination:

- Revisiting and redesigning the **Coordinated Entry System**
- Moving to a **Diversion-First** Model
- **Spokane Resource Center**: A HUD EnVision Center
- Outreach as a tool to **prevent homelessness**

Training and support for the entire Continuum of Care on **racial equity, bias, and sensitivity**

Engaging **people with lived homeless experience** to enhance the system and ensure it meets needs and is accessible to those who utilize it

Offering more **targeted services** to meet individualized needs

The Homeless Crisis Response System is exiting more people into permanent housing each year over the last three years. The challenge is new people entering homelessness for the first time. Focused attention on poverty reduction and homelessness prevention is critical.



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