



State of Homelessness

In the United States



The U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban Development
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The 2023 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress



PART 1: POINT-IN-TIME ESTIMATES OF HOMELESSNESS
DECEMBER 2023

- AHAR report provides nationwide estimates of homelessness
- Provides a Point-in-Time (PIT) estimate - a snapshot of homelessness on a single night in January 2023
- Defines homelessness as lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence
- Shows an alarming rise in homelessness

653,104 people experiencing homelessness, a 12% increase

EXHIBIT 1.1: PIT Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness
By Sheltered Status, 2007-2023

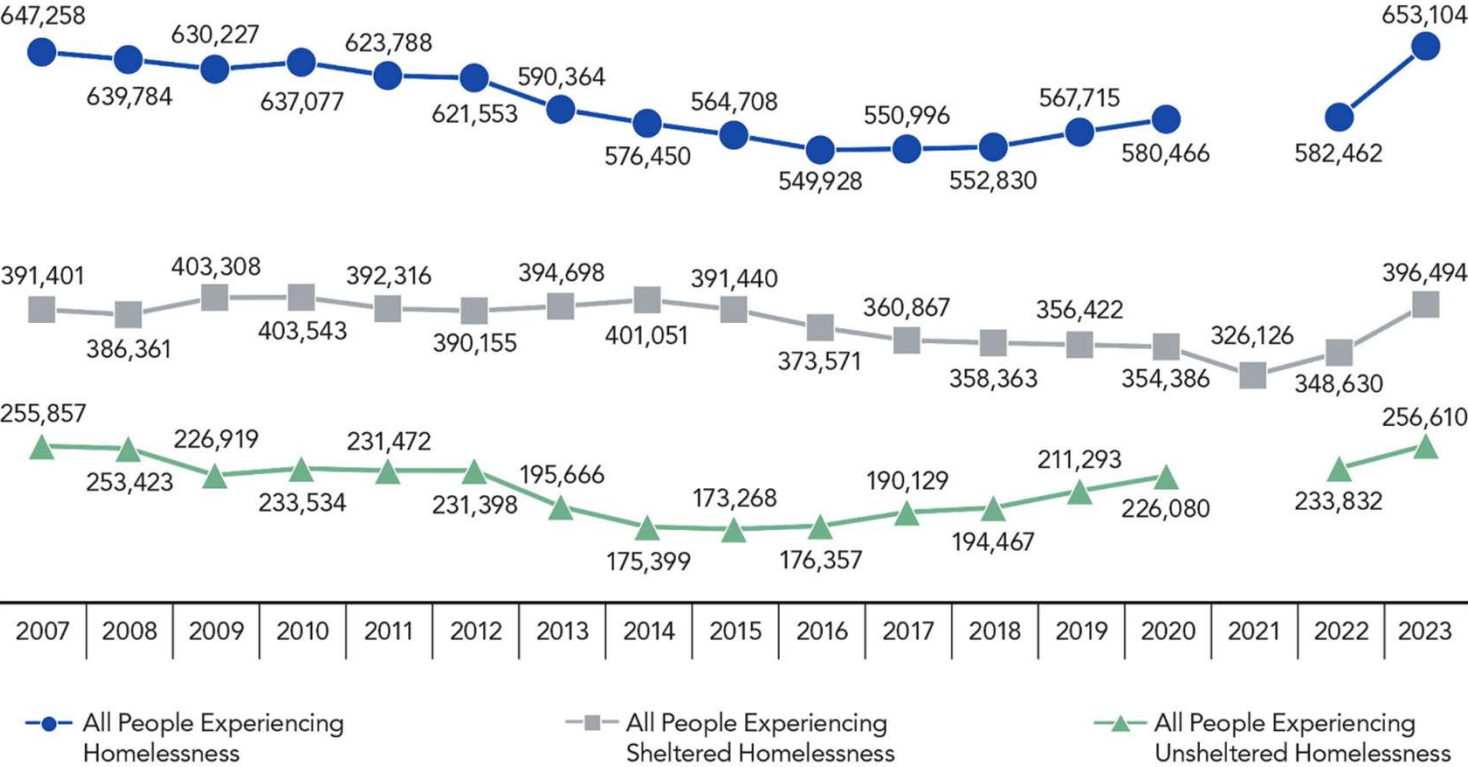
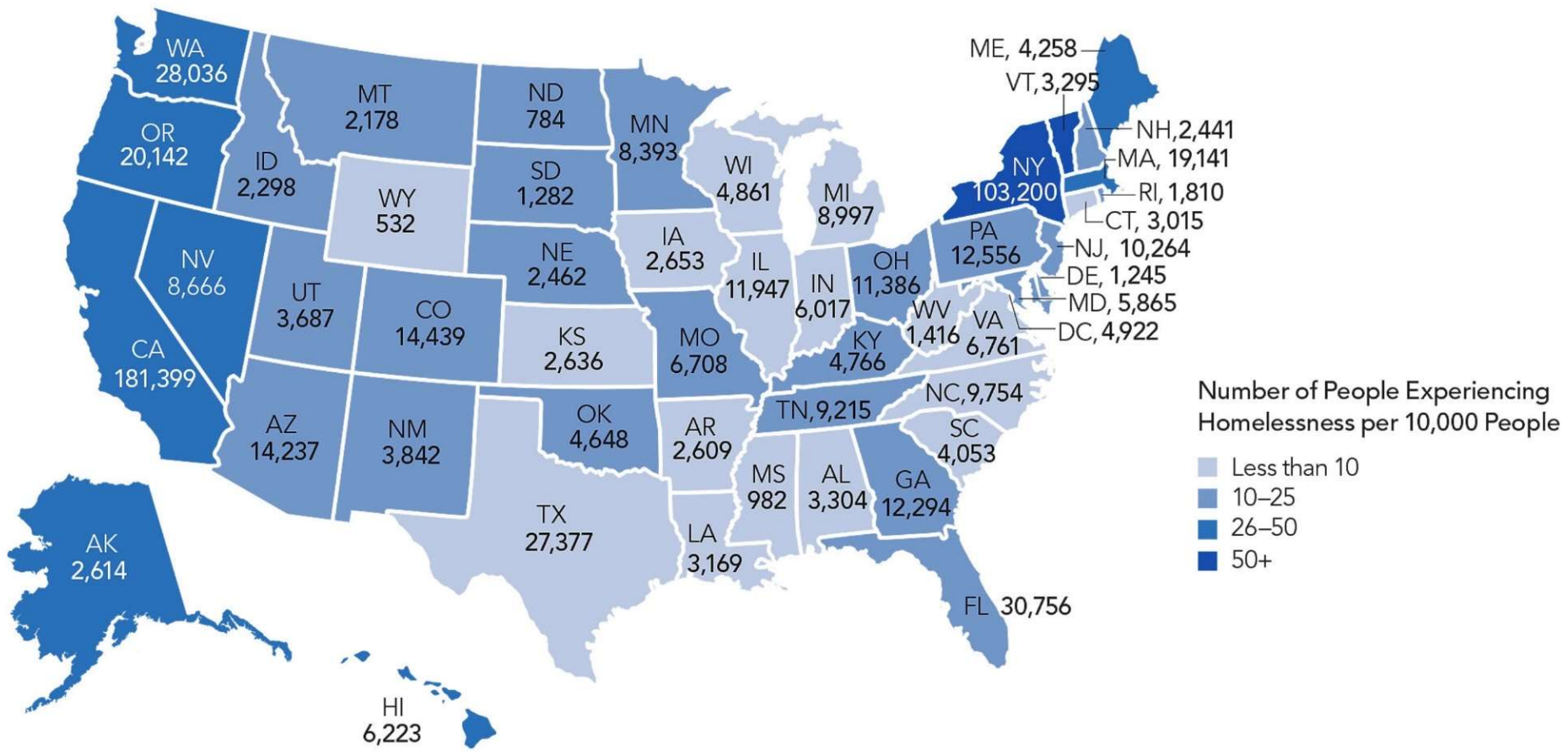


EXHIBIT 1.6: Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness By State, 2023



4 in 10 individuals experiencing homelessness were unsheltered

EXHIBIT 1.2: Experiences of Homelessness
Homelessness
By Household Type and Sheltered Status, 2023

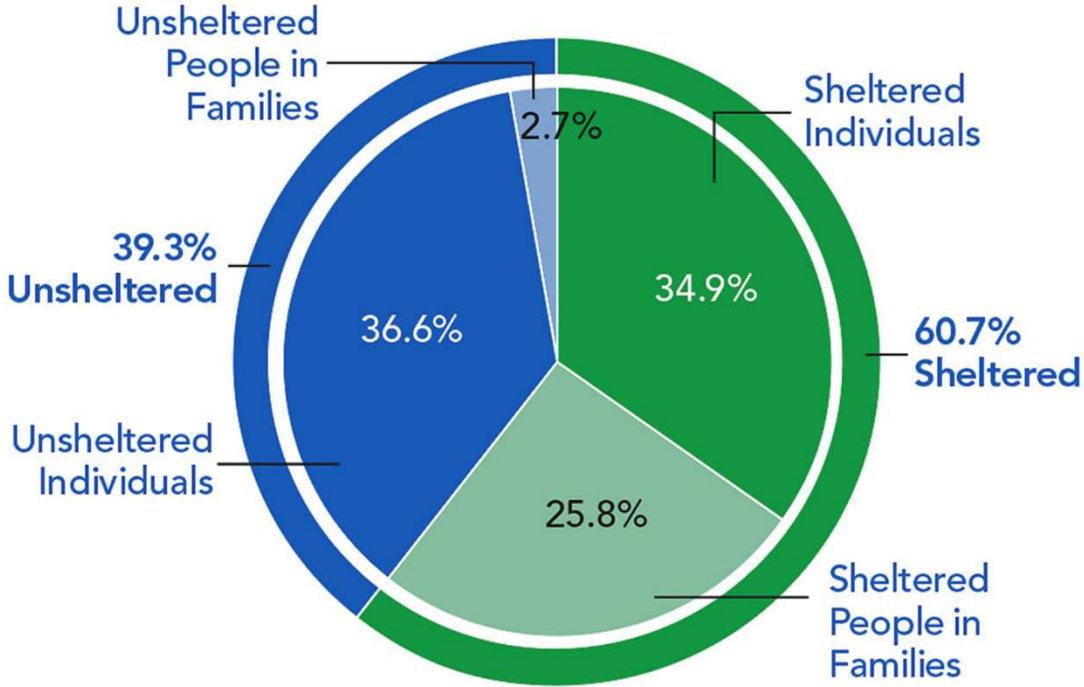


EXHIBIT 1.7: States with the Highest and Lowest Percentages of People Experiencing Homelessness Who Are Unsheltered 2023

Highest Rates

CALIFORNIA



OREGON



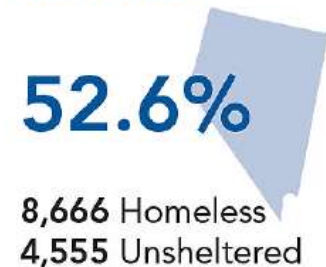
HAWAII



ARIZONA

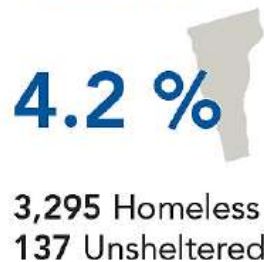


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Lowest Rates

VERMONT



NEW YORK



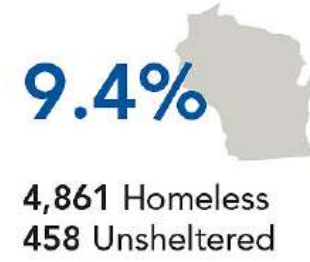
MAINE



MASSACHUSETTS



WISCONSIN



Note: Excludes Puerto Rico and U.S. territories.

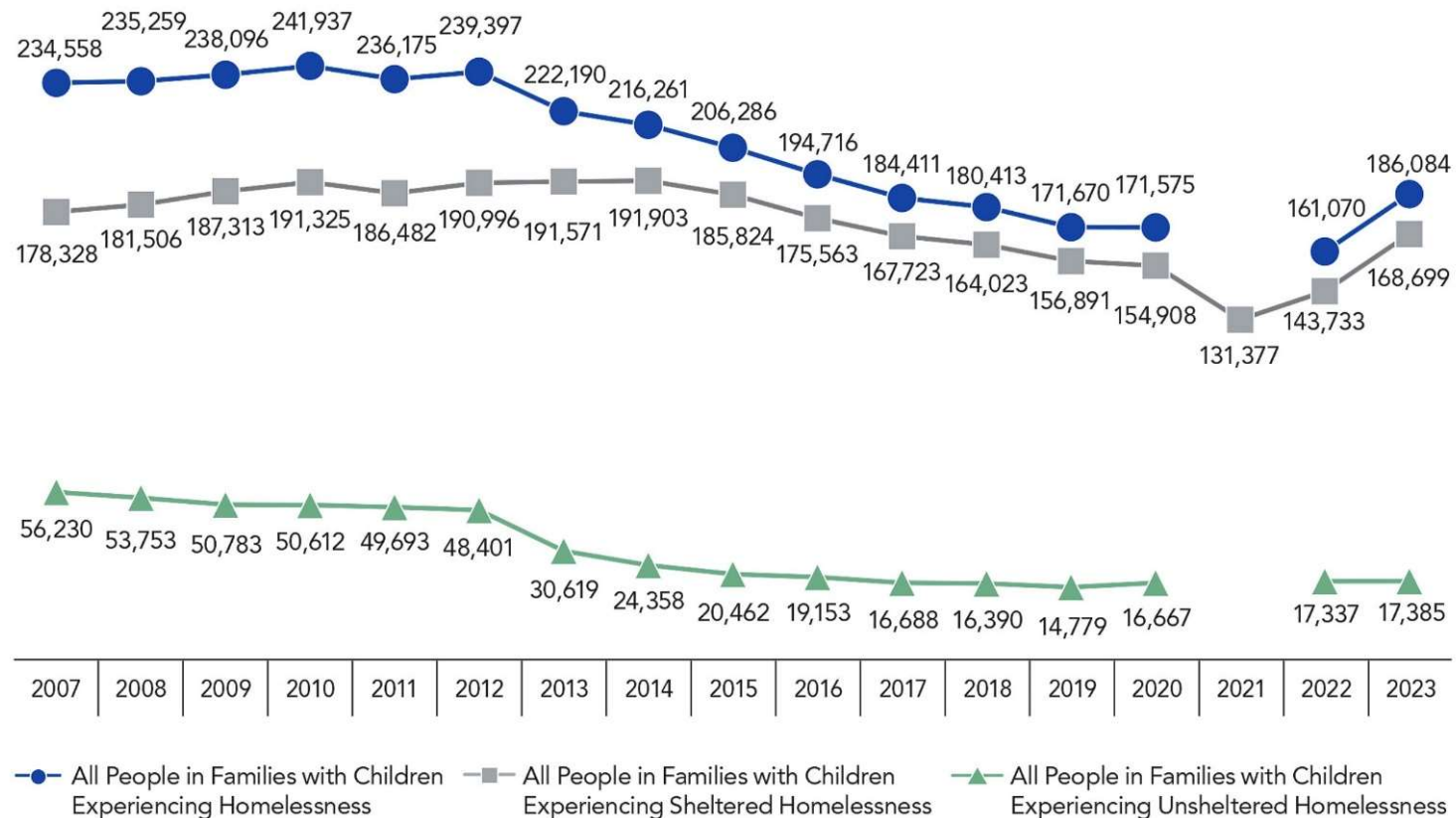
Racial disparities in homelessness persist

EXHIBIT 1-5: Demographic Characteristics of People Experiencing Homelessness
2023

	All People		Sheltered People		Unsheltered People	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
All People	653,104	100%	396,494	100%	256,610	100%
Ethnicity						
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	473,768	72.5%	284,056	71.6%	189,712	73.9%
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	179,336	27.5%	112,438	28.4%	66,898	26.1%
Race						
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	23,116	3.5%	10,474	2.6%	12,642	4.9%
Asian or Asian American	11,574	1.8%	4,448	1.1%	7,126	2.8%
Black, African American, or African	243,624	37.3%	176,325	44.5%	67,299	26.2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	10,712	1.6%	4,514	1.1%	6,198	2.4%
White	324,854	49.7%	178,782	45.1%	146,072	56.9%
Multiple Races	39,224	6.0%	21,951	5.5%	17,273	6.7%

People in families with children made up 3 out of 10 homeless individuals

EXHIBIT 3.1: PIT Estimates of People in Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness
By Sheltered Status, 2007-2023



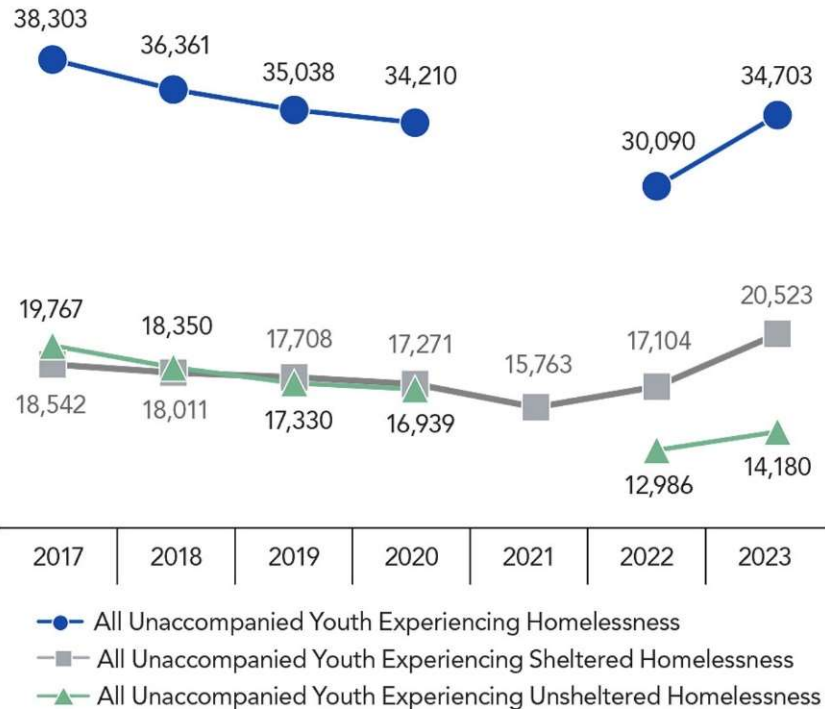
6 in 10 people experiencing homelessness did so in an urban area

EXHIBIT 1.9: Share of All People Experiencing Homelessness by CoC Category
By Sheltered Status , 2023

	All People Experiencing Homelessness	Sheltered	Unsheltered
Major Cities	52.7%	51.9%	54.1%
Other Largely Urban CoCs	6.4%	6.8%	5.8%
Largely Suburban CoCs	22.8%	24.3%	20.4%
Largely Rural CoCs	18.1%	17.0%	19.7%

Unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness increased by 15%

EXHIBIT 4.1: PIT Estimates of Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness
 By Sheltered Status, 2017-2023



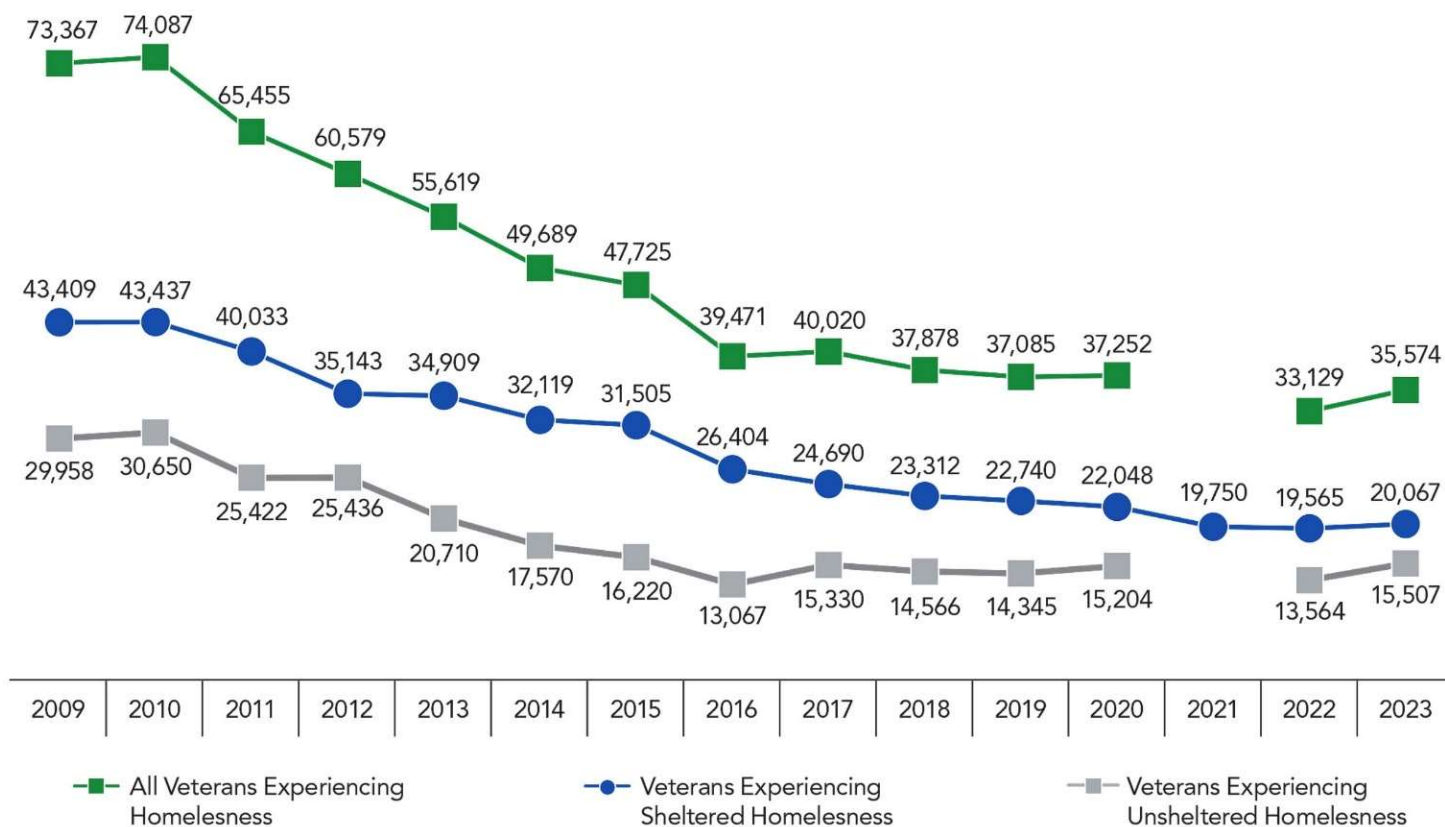
More than 1 in 5 individuals, 1 in 4 adults, experiencing homelessness are 55+

EXHIBIT 1-5: Demographic Characteristics of People Experiencing Homelessness 2023

	All People		Sheltered People		Unsheltered People	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
All People	653,104	100%	396,494	100%	256,610	100%
Age						
Under 18	111,620	17.1%	101,072	25.5%	10,548	4.1%
18 to 24	47,436	7.3%	32,662	8.2%	14,774	5.8%
25 to 34	118,882	18.2%	70,135	17.7%	48,747	19.0%
35 to 44	130,387	20.0%	66,535	16.8%	63,852	24.9%
45 to 54	106,690	16.3%	51,625	13.0%	55,065	21.5%
55 to 64	98,393	15.1%	52,053	13.1%	46,340	18.1%
Over 64	39,696	6.1%	22,412	5.7%	17,284	6.7%

The number of veterans experiencing homelessness decreased by 52% between 2009 and 2023

EXHIBIT 5.1: PIT Estimates of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
By Sheltered Status, 2009-2023



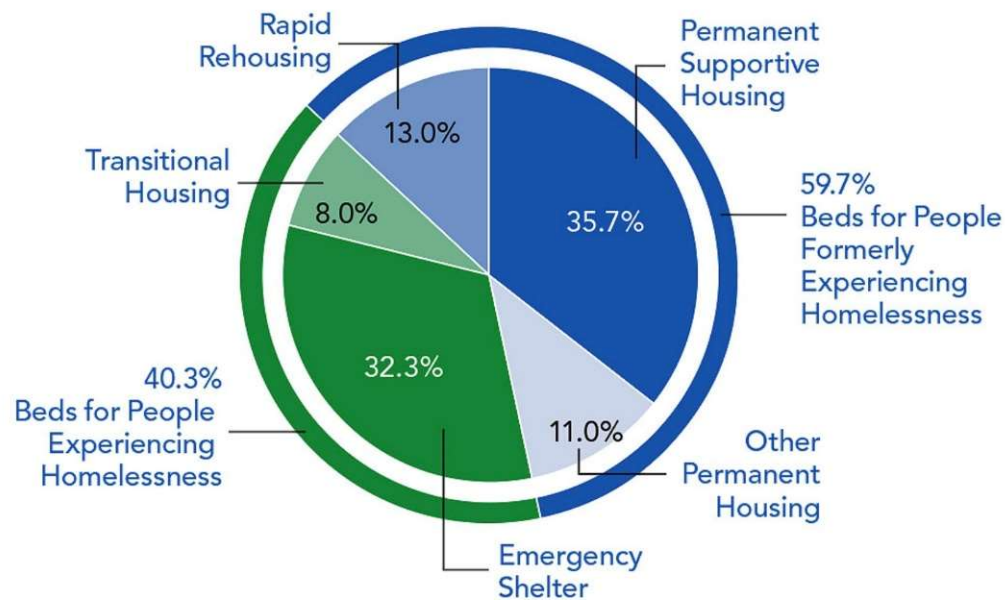
31% of all individuals experiencing homelessness have experienced chronic patterns of homelessness

EXHIBIT 6.1: PIT Estimates of Individuals Experiencing Chronic Patterns of Homelessness
By Sheltered Status, 2007-2023



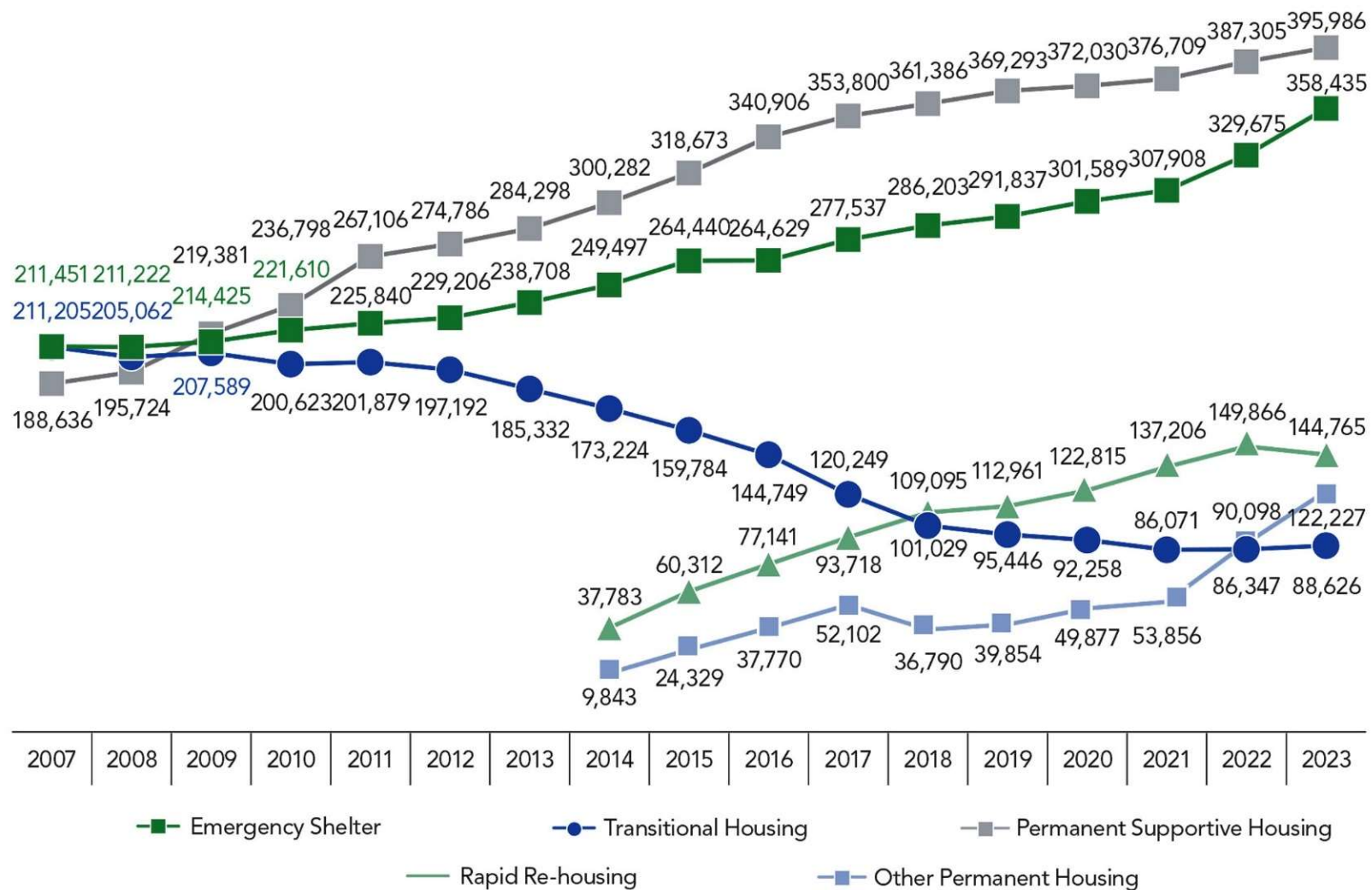
1,112,545 beds dedicated to serve people currently experiencing or transitioning out of homelessness

EXHIBIT 7.2: Distribution of the National Bed Inventory
By Program Type, 2023



Note: A small percentage of safe haven beds (0.2%) are in the national inventory but are not included in the exhibit.

EXHIBIT 7.3: Inventory of Beds in Shelters and Permanent Housing
2007-2022



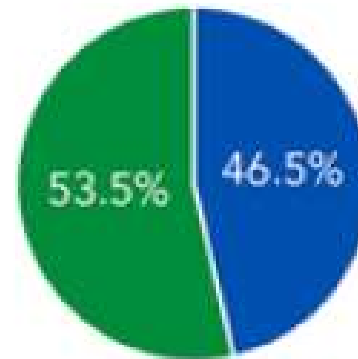
14,237 People Were Homeless in Arizona

ARIZONA



Total Homeless, 2023
14,237

19 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
sheltered homelessness



■ Sheltered (6,622)
■ Unsheltered (7,615)

Estimates of Homelessness

11,551 individuals

2,686 people in families
with children

782 unaccompanied
homeless youth

932 veterans

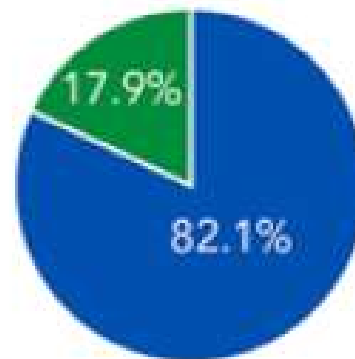
3,183 chronically homeless
individuals

2,614 People Were Homeless in Alaska

ALASKA



36 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
sheltered homelessness



■ Sheltered (2,146)
■ Unsheltered (468)

Estimates of Homelessness

2,055 individuals

559 people in families
with children

221 unaccompanied
homeless youth

119 veterans

778 chronically homeless
individuals

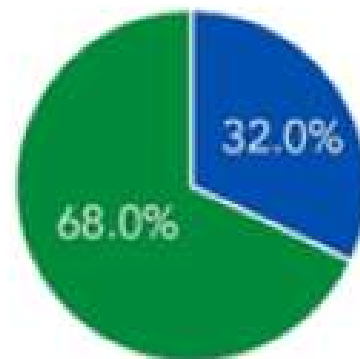
181,399 People Were Homeless in California

CALIFORNIA



Total Homeless, 2023
181,399

46 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
sheltered homelessness



■ Sheltered (57,976)
■ Unsheltered (123,423)

Estimates of Homelessness

155,916 individuals

25,483 people in families
with children

10,173 unaccompanied
homeless youth

10,589 veterans

71,150 chronically homeless
individuals

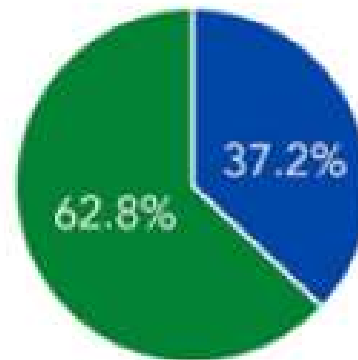
6,223 People Were Homeless in Hawaii

HAWAII



Total Homeless, 2023
6,223

43 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
sheltered homelessness



■ Sheltered (2,316)
■ Unsheltered (3,907)

Estimates of Homelessness

4,658 individuals

1,565 people in families
with children

176 unaccompanied
homeless youth

317 veterans

1,641 chronically homeless
individuals

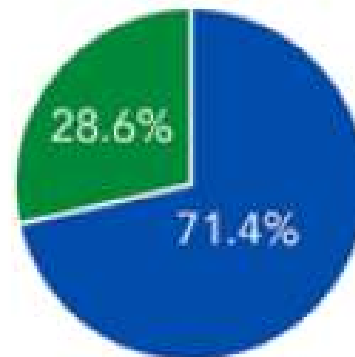
2,636 People Were Homeless in Kansas

KANSAS



Total Homeless, 2023
2,636

9 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
sheltered homelessness



■ Sheltered (1,881)
■ Unsheltered (755)

Estimates of Homelessness

1,931 individuals

705 people in families
with children

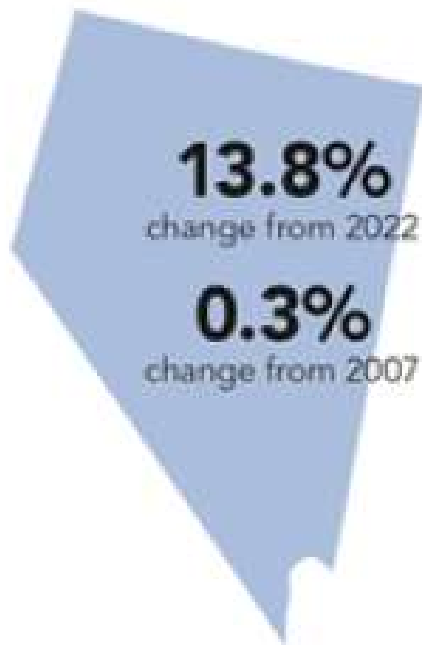
130 unaccompanied
homeless youth

199 veterans

479 chronically homeless
individuals

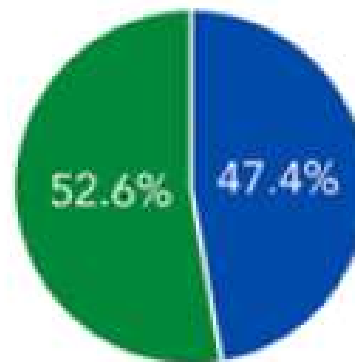
8,666 People Were Homeless in Nevada

NEVADA



Total Homeless, 2023
8,666

27 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
sheltered homelessness



■ Sheltered (4,111)
■ Unsheltered (4,555)

Estimates of Homelessness

7,638 individuals

1,028 people in families
with children

429 unaccompanied
homeless youth

1,094 veterans

2,433 chronically homeless
individuals

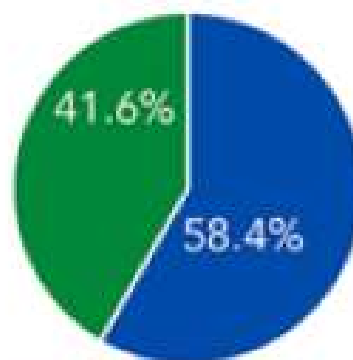
3,842 People Were Homeless in New Mexico

NEW MEXICO



Total Homeless, 2023
3,842

18 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
sheltered homelessness



■ Sheltered (2,242)
■ Unsheltered (1,600)

Estimates of Homelessness

2,811 individuals

1,031 people in families
with children

240 unaccompanied
homeless youth

256 veterans

1,694 chronically homeless
individuals

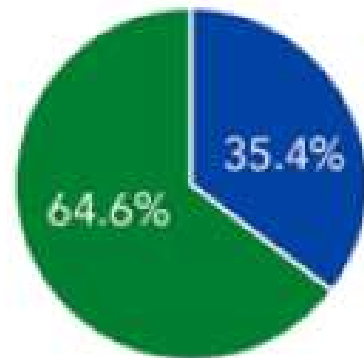
20,142 People Were Homeless in Oregon

OREGON



Total Homeless, 2023
20,142

48 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
sheltered homelessness



■ Sheltered (7,138)
■ Unsheltered (13,004)

Estimates of Homelessness

16,242 individuals

3,900 people in families
with children

1,424 unaccompanied
homeless youth

1,575 veterans

6,748 chronically homeless
individuals

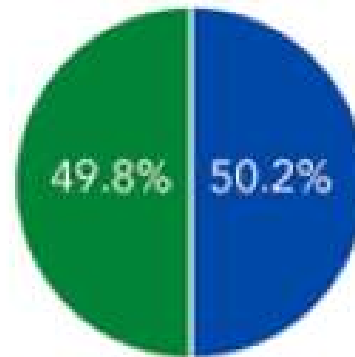
28,036 People Were Homeless in Washington

WASHINGTON



Total Homeless, 2023
28,036

36 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
sheltered homelessness



■ Sheltered (14,083)
■ Unsheltered (13,953)

Estimates of Homelessness

20,900 individuals

7,136 people in families
with children

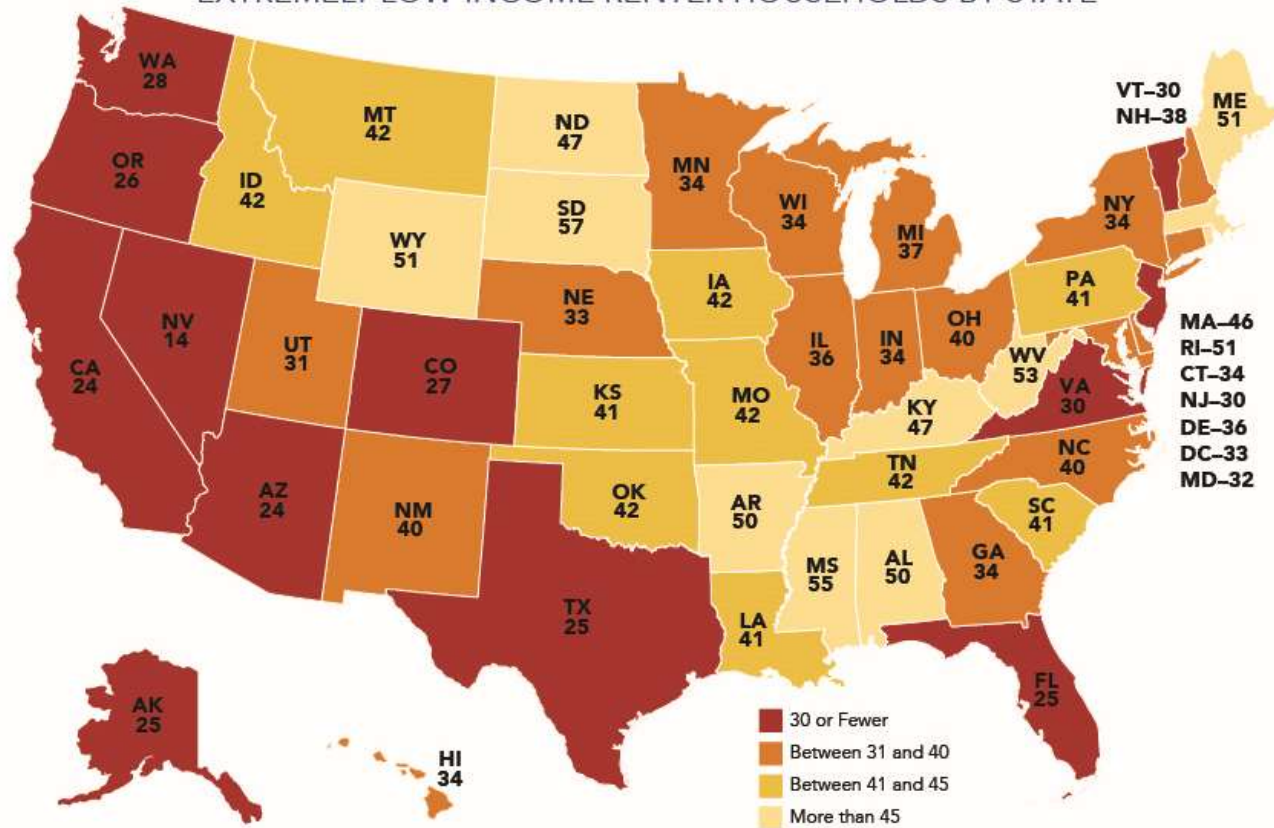
2,026 unaccompanied
homeless youth

1,684 veterans

8,737 chronically homeless
individuals

There's a shortage of affordable housing.

RENTAL HOMES AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE PER 100
EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BY STATE



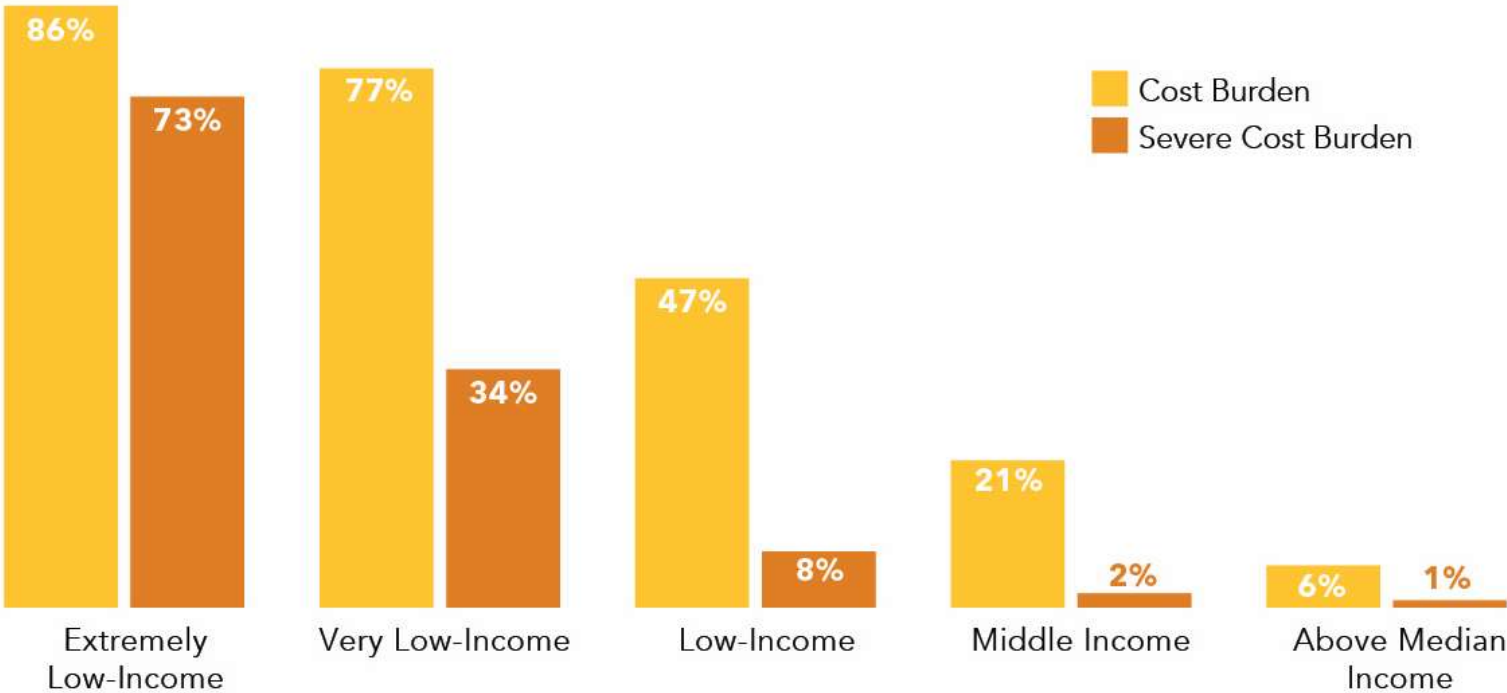
Note: Extremely low-income (ELI) renter households have incomes at or below the poverty level or 30% of the area median income. SOURCE: NLIHC TABULATIONS OF 2022 1-YEAR ACS PUMS DATA.



Too many households can't afford housing

EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS DISPROPORTIONATELY EXPERIENCE SEVERE HOUSING COST BURDENS

RENTER HOUSEHOLDS WITH HOUSING COST BURDENS BY INCOME GROUP, 2021



Source: 2021 ACS PUMS

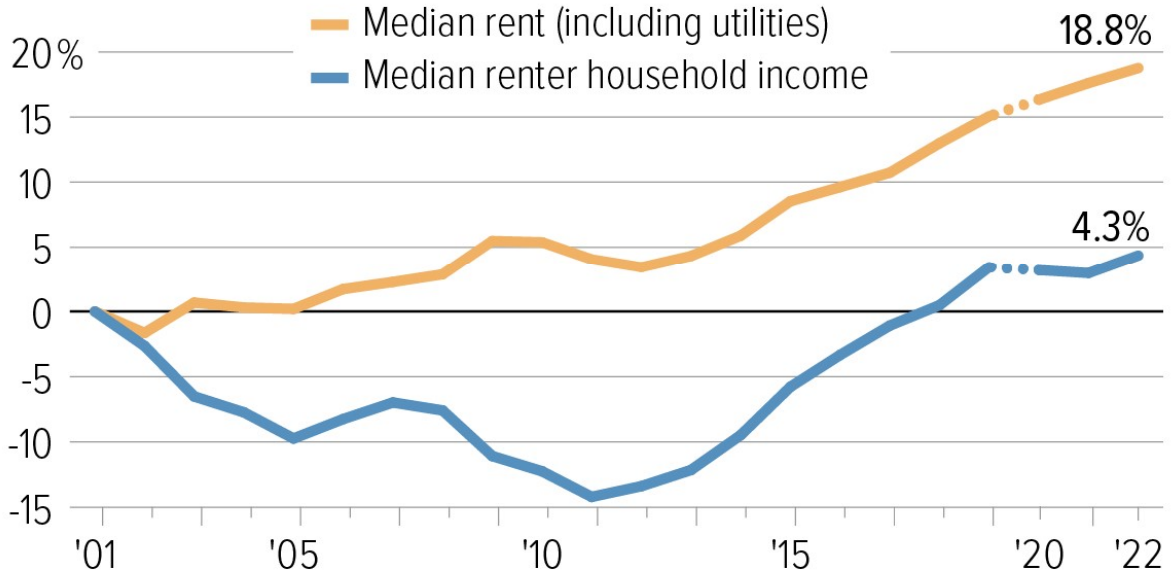
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The gap between housing costs & incomes is too wide

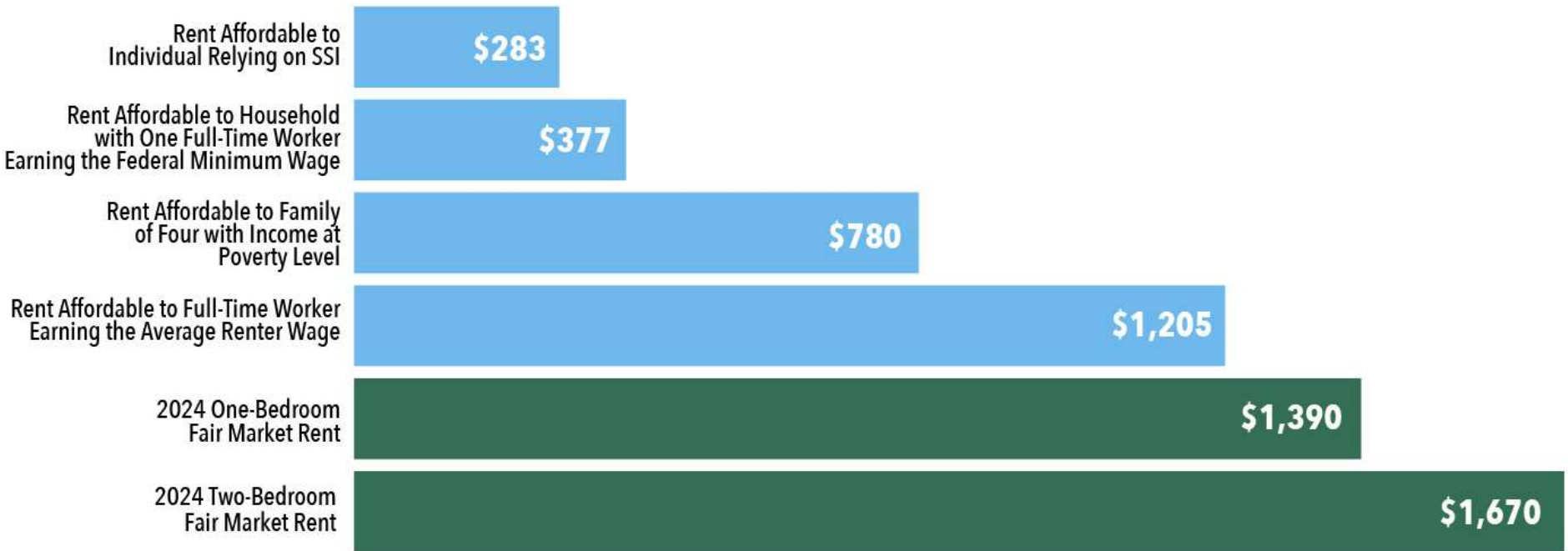
Renters' Incomes Haven't Caught Up to Rising Housing Costs

Percent change since 2001, adjusted for inflation



Source: CBPP tabulations of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey
Note: Dashed line indicates missing 2020 1-year ACS data due to pandemic-related data collection issues.

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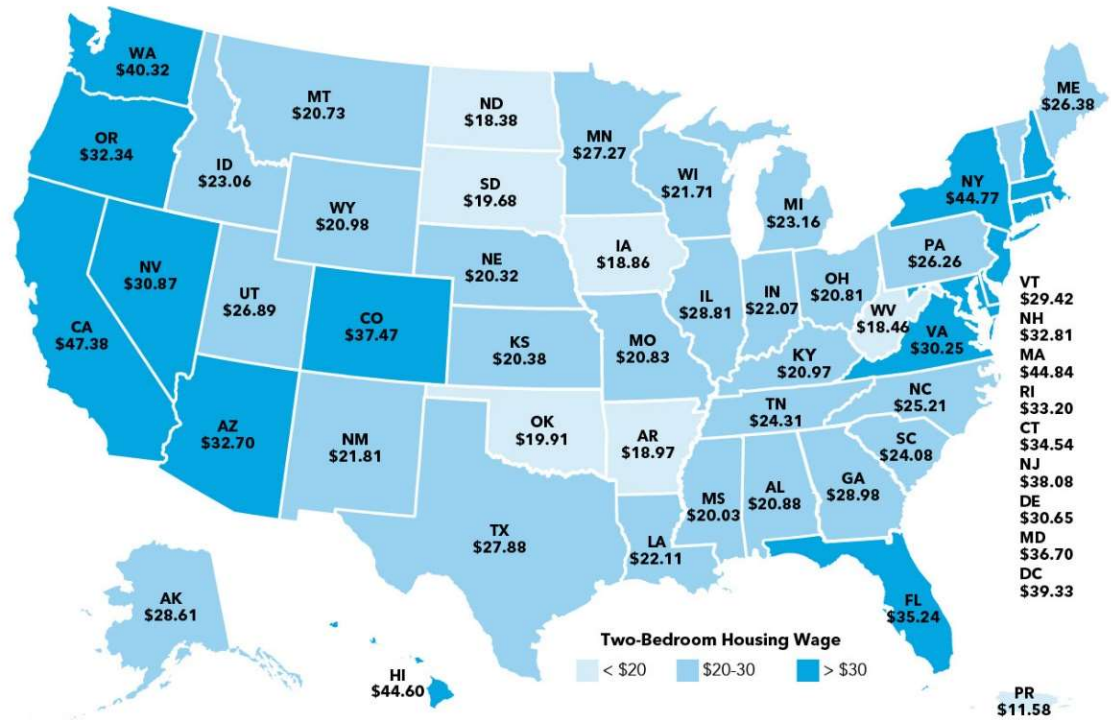


Source: NLIHC calculation of weighted-average HUD Fair Market Rent. Affordable rents based on income data from BLS QCEW, 2022 adjusted to 2024 dollars; and Social Security Administration, 2024 maximum federal SSI benefit for individual.



The gap between housing costs & incomes is too wide

2024 TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOUSING WAGES



Source: NLIHC calculation of weighted-average HUD Fair Market Rent. Affordable rents based on income data from BLS OCEW, 2022 adjusted to 2024 dollars; and Social Security Administration, 2024 maximum federal SSI benefit for individual.



All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness



- Aims to reduce homelessness 25% by 2025
- Three foundations:
 - Lead With Equity
 - Use Data and Evidence to Make Decisions
 - Collaborate at All Levels
- Three solutions:
 - Scale Housing and Supports That Meet Demand
 - Improve Effectiveness of Homelessness Response System
 - Prevent Homelessness
- Embraces a *housing first* approach

Advocacy

Housing policy should...

- **Increase the supply** of quality housing by encouraging and funding production
- **Preserve the affordable housing** that does exist, including public housing
- **Expand rental assistance** so it is available to all households in need
- **Encourage equal housing opportunities for all**, including by opposing unjust housing discrimination and addressing racial disparities in homeownership

Robust funding for Federal housing programs:

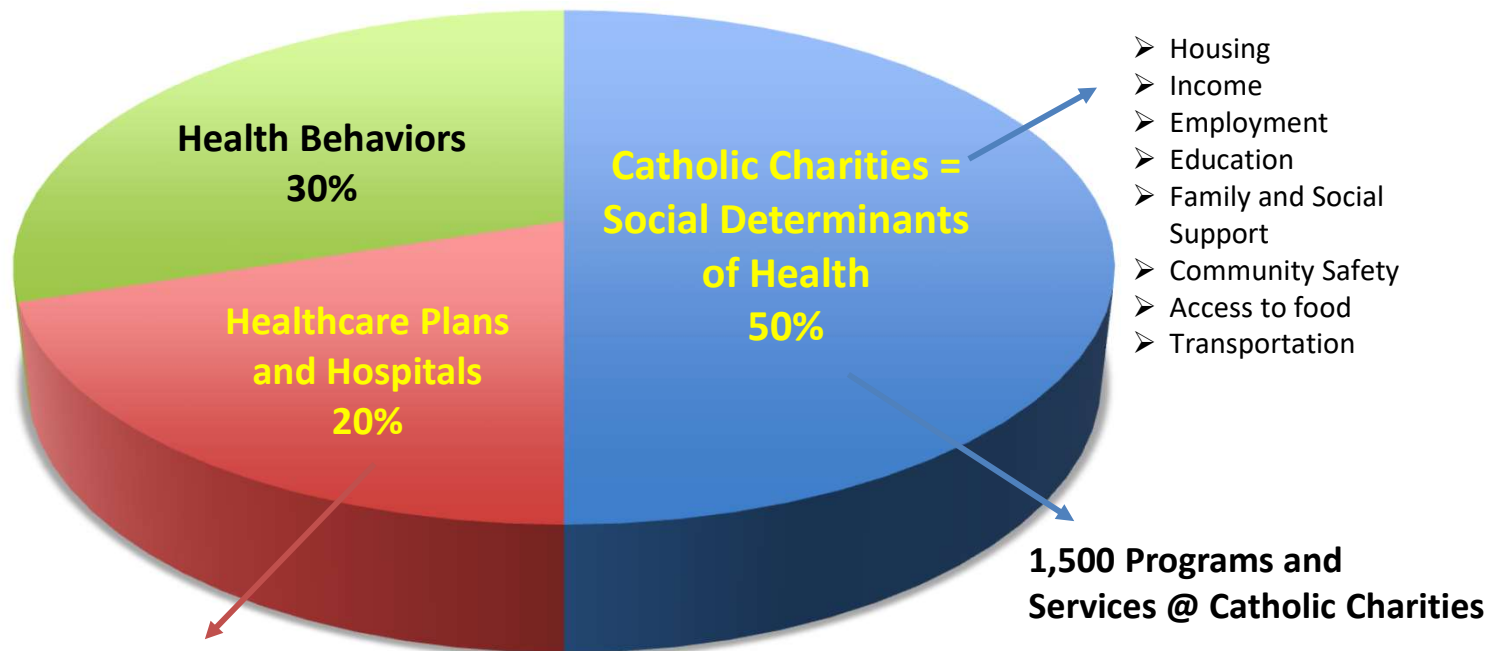
- National Housing Trust Fund
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
- Project-Based Section 8 Rental Assistance
- Public Housing Capital Fund and Operating Fund
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants
- Section 202: Supportive Housing for the Elderly
- Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Section 811: Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities
- HOME Investment Partnership Program
- Housing Counseling Assistance
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development Block Grant

Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)



Working to Reduce Poverty in America

Catholic Charities has impact on the social determinants of health and health behaviors.



\$4.5 Trillion dollars spent on Healthcare in 2022 (CMS, 2022) \$13,493 per person

“Vital conditions for wellbeing”