



2021 PIT COUNT

PARTNERS FOR

HOME



THE 2021 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

The annual Point-in-Time Count serves as a useful tool for understanding homelessness and its trends within a community. Conducted during the last 10 days of January, data collected provides an estimate of the number of sheltered and unsheltered people who are experiencing homelessness on one particular night. PIT Counts are required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with information collected used by local, state and national stakeholders to inform work and decision-making within the space of homelessness, and to help advance initiatives that make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring.

Partners for HOME serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the Atlanta Continuum of Care (CoC) and works with over 100 member organizations to provide solutions for individuals impacted by homelessness within the City of Atlanta. Through our partnerships, we have helped the City realize a downward trend of homelessness since 2015.

METHODOLOGY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD approved our application to waive requirements for unsheltered populations in the 2021 PIT Count. The following report presents 2021 data as it relates to sheltered populations and analyzes trends between 2015 and 2021. Populations include families, veterans, chronically homeless, adults and youth, with youth and veteran data as sub-sets of the total populations throughout the 2021 PIT Count.

The 2021 PIT Count includes information collected from people who were homeless and sleeping in emergency shelters and transitional housing programs on the night of January 27, 2021. This information is primarily collected from ClientTrack, a secure Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). No client level data was included from non-participating providers. Additionally, provider interviews were not conducted for all agencies and submissions were not provided by all agencies.

GEOGRAPHY

The Atlanta Continuum of Care covers the entire geography within City of Atlanta limits. This includes 242 neighborhoods, which are located in both Fulton and DeKalb counties, covering over 130 square miles.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the City's ability to conduct a comprehensive PIT Count of populations experiencing homelessness. In addition to HUD approving a waiver for unsheltered counts, pandemic-related reductions in beds played a role in data presented throughout this report.

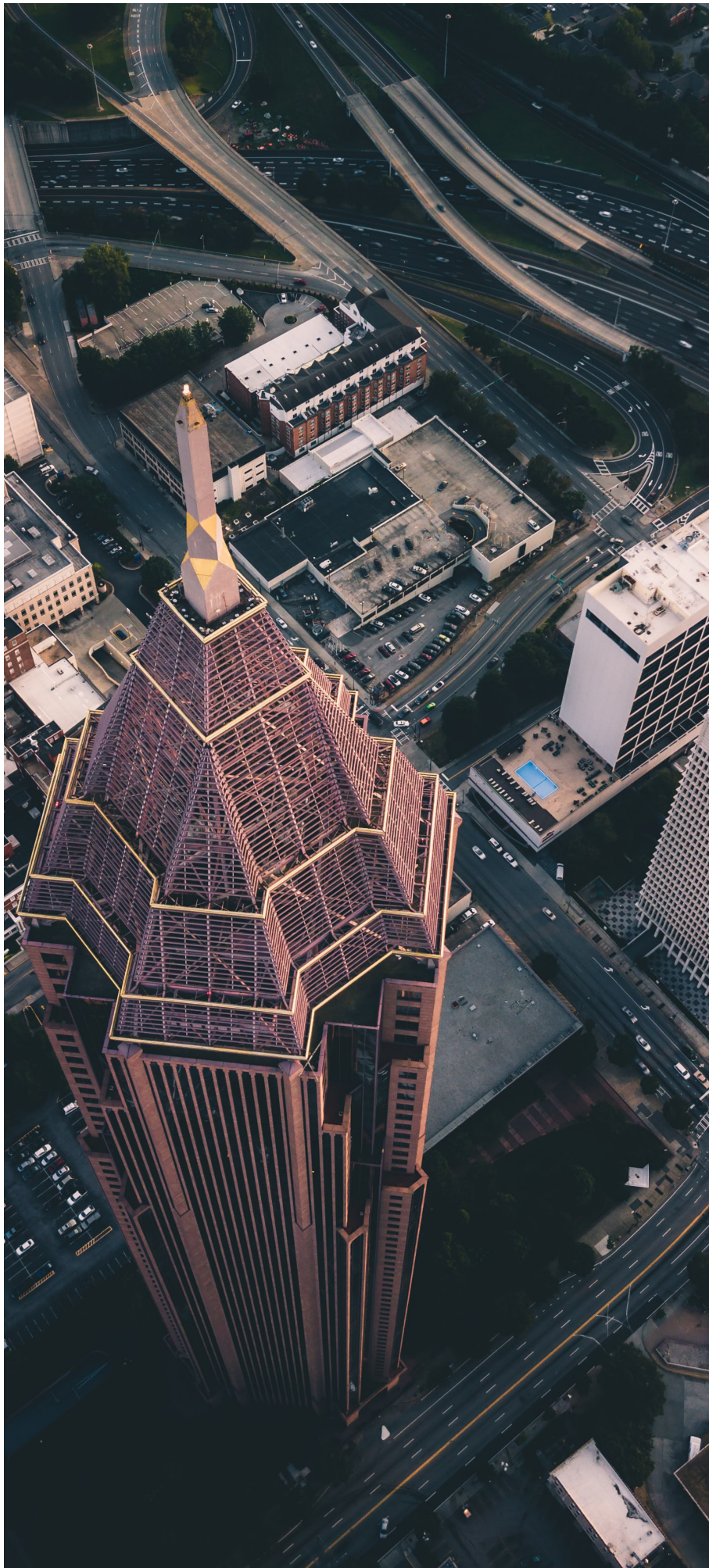
Leading up to the count, the Atlanta CoC led significant work to connect unhoused individuals to shelter. The report data includes individuals on the night of January 27, 2021 who were temporarily residing in our isolation hotel for individuals testing positive for COVID-19; individuals residing in our non-congregate hotel for individuals testing negative for COVID-19; individuals utilizing the City of Atlanta Warming Center during winter; and emergency rental assistance clients who were counted under emergency shelter.

Thanks to the incredible support from public and private partners, the Atlanta CoC initiated a successful permanent housing surge which led to a system-wide increase in the numbers of total people housed. Shelter decreases can also be attributed to the significant increase in housing placements leading up to the PIT Count. And while there is much more work to be done, we know that homelessness is a housing problem. We need to continue to invest and scale in permanent housing solutions to realize continued reductions in homelessness in our community.



Cathryn Marchman

Chief Executive Officer, Partners for HOME



TERMINOLOGY

The below are terms used in data presented throughout this report and a definition to describe their use in the 2021 PIT Count.

Child

A person under the age of 18 years.

Chronically Homeless

A person with a disability who lives either in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, an emergency shelter, or an institutional care facility continuously for at least 12 months, or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the combined occasions total a length of time of at least 12 months.

Family

A household consisting of a parent(s) with at least one minor child.

Gender Non-Conforming

Not exclusively male or female.

Parenting Youth

Youth experiencing homelessness who are the parent/legal guardian of a child(ren) they are living with, and where there is no person over age 24 years in the household.

Unaccompanied Youth

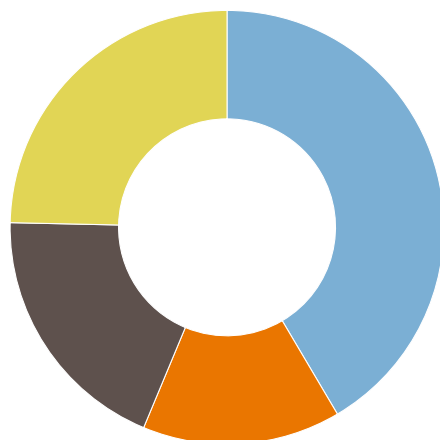
Youth experiencing homelessness who are not in the physical custody of a parent/legal guardian.

Youth

A person between the ages of 18 and 24 years.

SUBPOPULATION TOTALS

Total Subpopulation

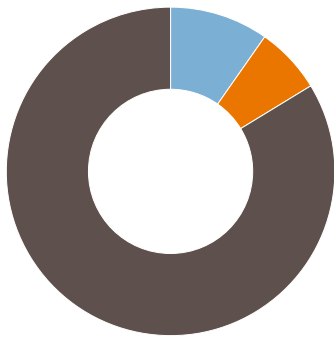


■ **Chronic** ■ **Youth** ■ **Family** ■ **Veteran**

	Unit	Emergency	Transitional	Total	Percentage
TOTAL	INDIVIDUAL	1392	604	1996	
Sub-populations					
Chronic	Individual	390		390	19.5%
Youth (Unaccompanied+Parenting)	Individual	84	40	124	6.2%
Family	Household	73	32	105	5.3%
Veteran	Individual	108	83	191	9.6%
Age					
Under 18	Individual	148	46	194	2.3%
18-24	Individual	91	40	131	2.0%
Over 24	Individual	1153	518	1671	26.0%
Gender					
Female	Individual	402	116	518	5.8%
Male	Individual	967	487	1454	24.4%
Transgender	Individual	18	0	18	0.0%
Gender Non-Conforming	Individual	5	1	6	0.1%
Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic	Individual	1317	585	1902	29.3%
Hispanic	Individual	75	19	94	1.0%
Race					
White	Individual	131	76	207	10.4%
African American	Individual	996	441	1437	72.0%
Asian	Individual	5	1	6	0.3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	Individual	4	1	5	0.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Individual	6	1	7	0.4%
Multiple Races	Individual	19	6	25	1.3%

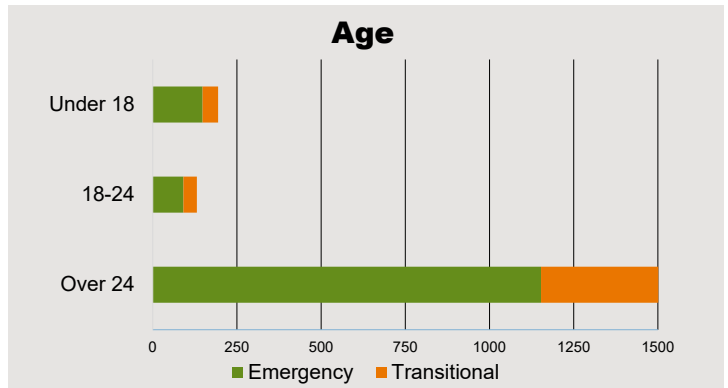
SUBPOPULATION TOTALS

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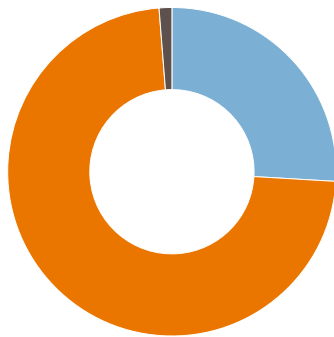


- Under 18
- 18-24
- Over 24

Age

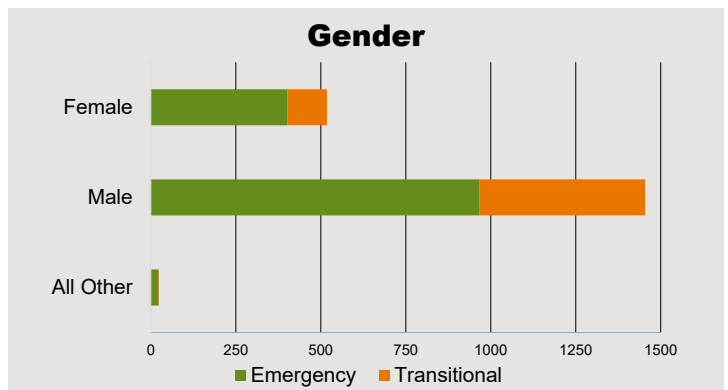


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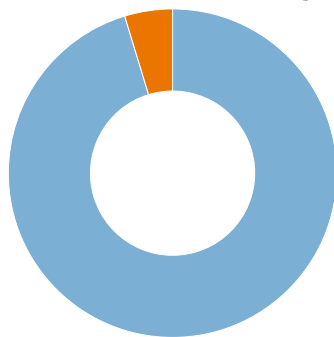


- Female
- Male
- All Other

Gender

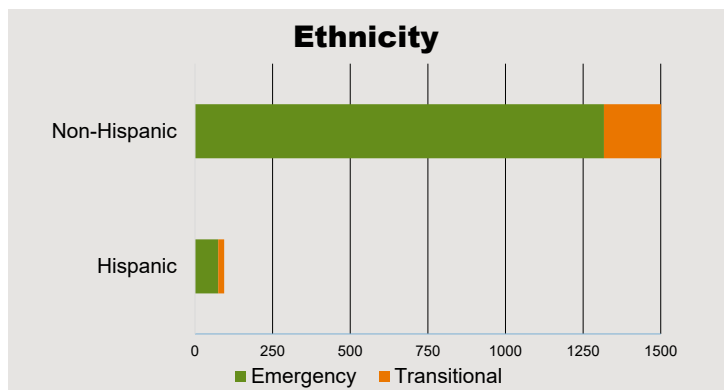


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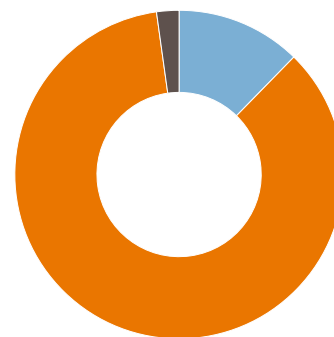


- Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic

Ethnicity

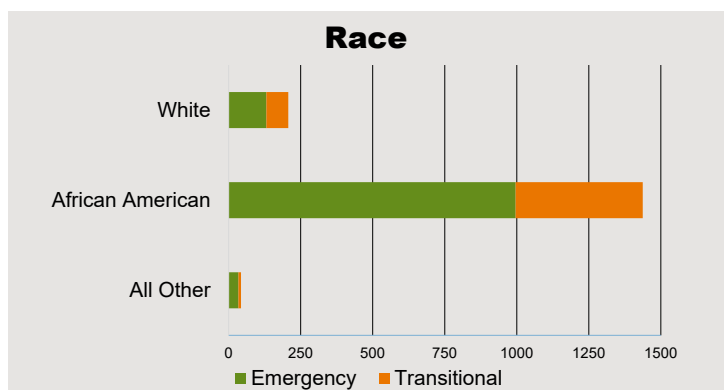


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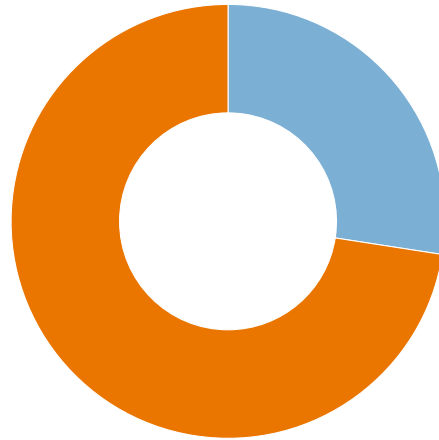
- White
- African American
- All Other

Race



YOUTH

Shelter



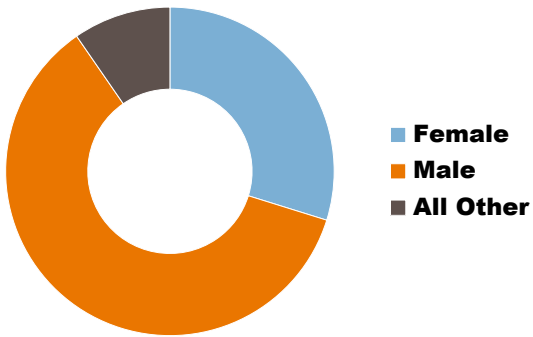
■ Emergency ■ Transitional

	Unit	Emergency	Transitional	Total	Percentage
TOTAL*	INDIVIDUAL	73	31	104	
Sub-populations					
Age					
Under 18	Individual	0	0		0.0%
18-24	Individual	73	31	104	100.0%
Parenting Youth	Individual	11	9	20	
Children in Parenting Youth Household	Individual	16	12	28	
Gender					
Female	Individual	20	11	31	29.8%
Male	Individual	44	19	63	60.6%
Transgender	Individual	6	0	6	5.7%
Gender Non-Conforming	Individual	3	1	4	3.8%
Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic	Individual	71	30	101	97.1%
Hispanic	Individual	2	2	4	3.8%
Race					
White	Individual	8	4	12	11.5%
African American	Individual	62	26	88	84.6%
Asian	Individual	0	0	0	0.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	Individual	1	0	1	1.0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Individual	0	0	0	0.0%
Multiple Races	Individual	2	1	3	2.9%

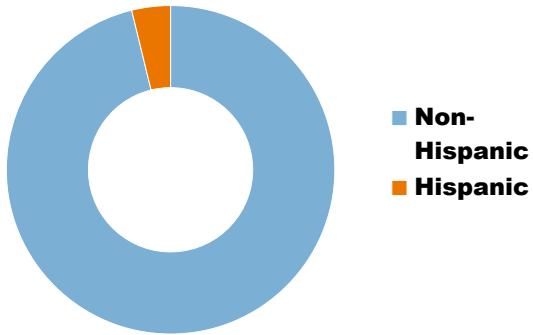
*Parenting Youth not included in total

YOUTH

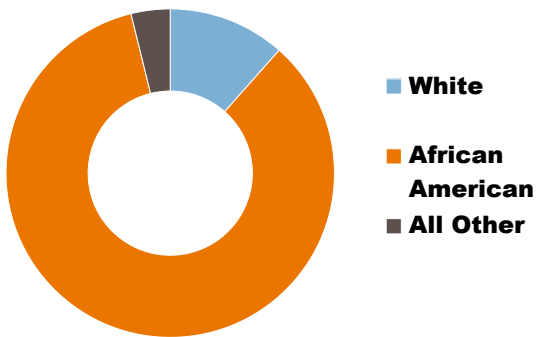
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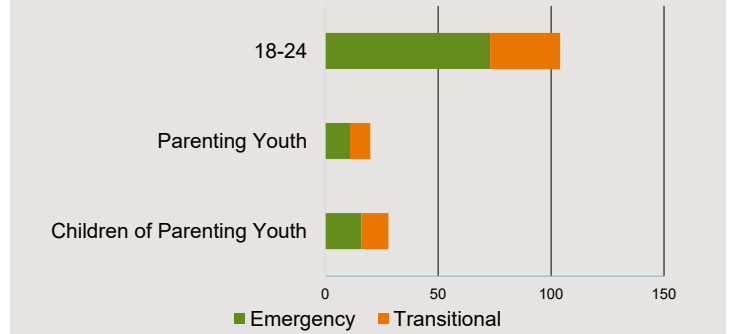
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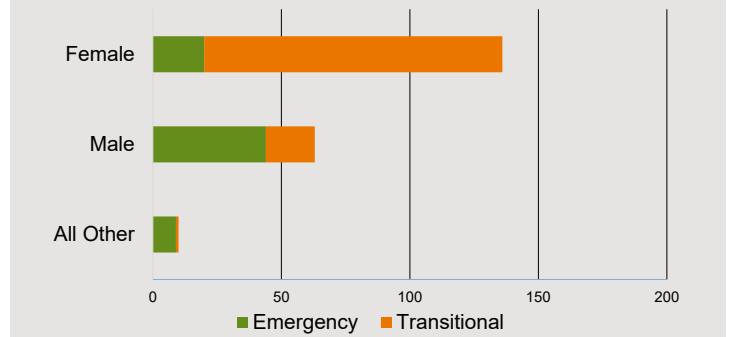
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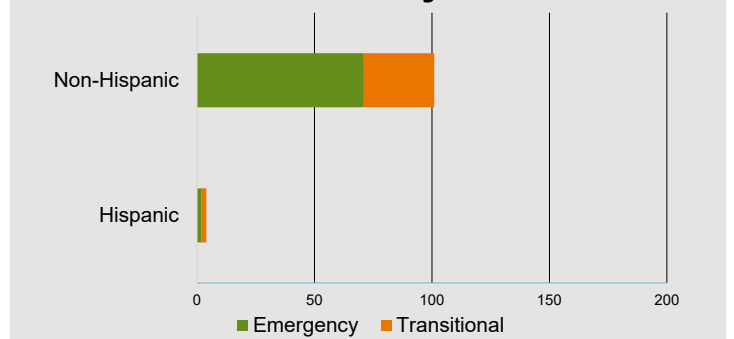
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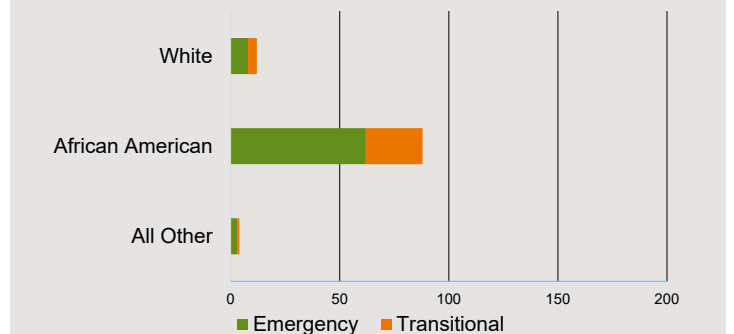
Gender



Ethnicity

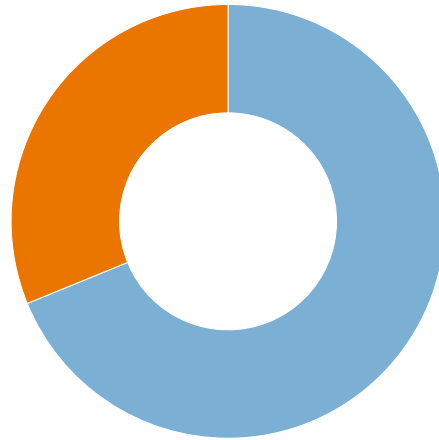


Race



ADULTS

Shelter

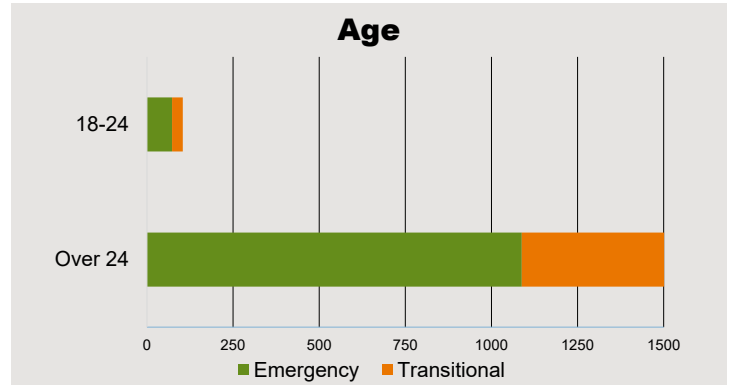
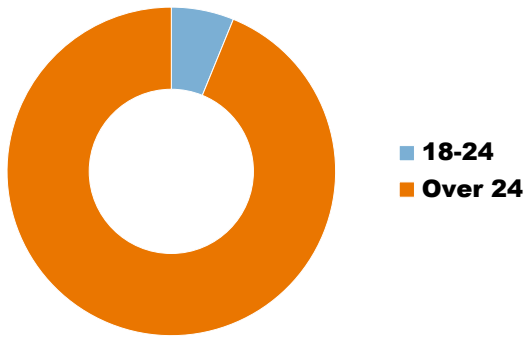


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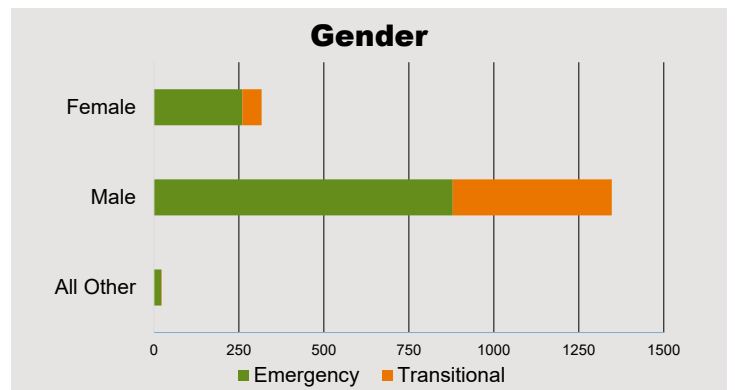
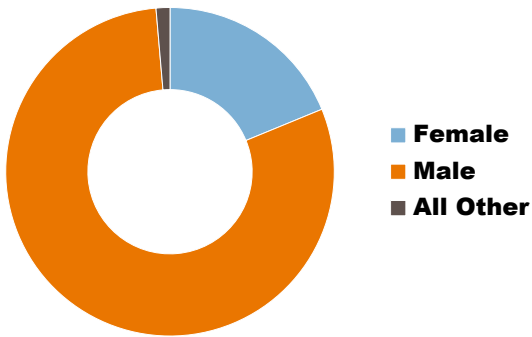
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TOTAL	INDIVIDUAL	1161	526	1687	
Sub-populations					
Age					
18-24	Individual	73	31	104	6.2%
Over 24	Individual	1088	495	1583	93.8%
Gender					
Female	Individual	260	57	317	18.8%
Male	Individual	879	468	1347	79.8%
Transgender	Individual	17	0	17	1.0%
Gender Non-Conforming	Individual	5	1	6	0.4%
Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic	Individual	1091	511	1602	95.0%
Hispanic	Individual	70	15	85	5.0%
Race					
White	Individual	131	76	207	12.3%
African American	Individual	996	441	1437	85.2%
Asian	Individual	5	1	6	0.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	Individual	4	1	5	0.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Individual	6	1	7	0.4%
Multiple Races	Individual	19	6	25	1.5%

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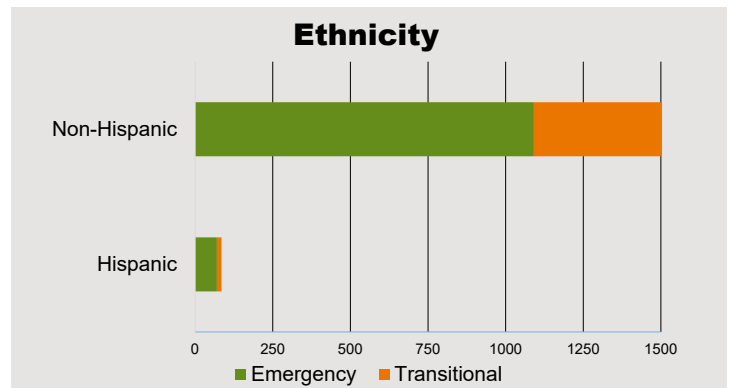
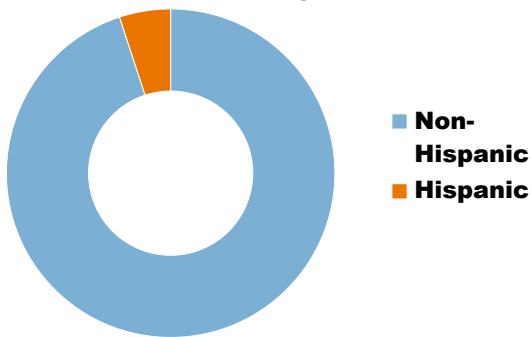
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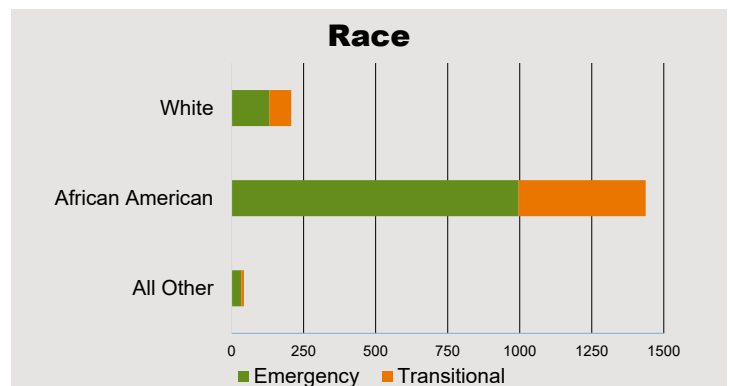
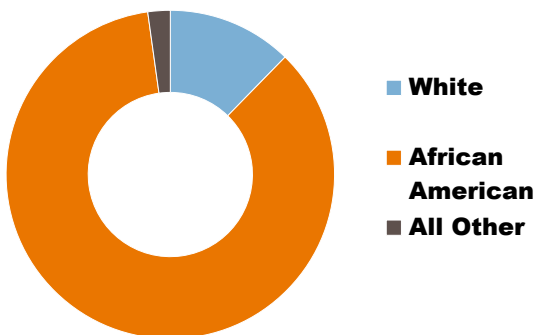
Gender



Ethnicity

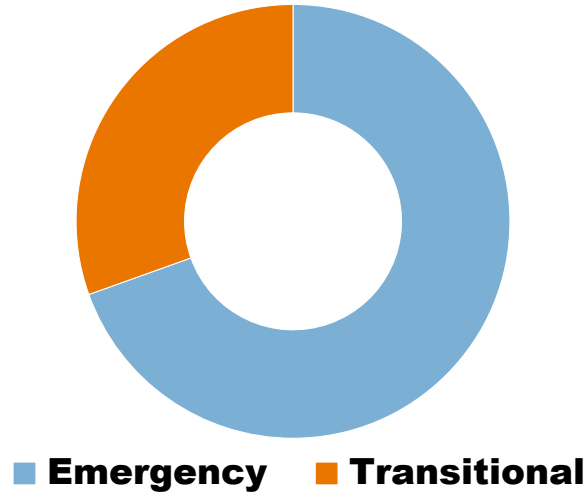


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FAMILIES

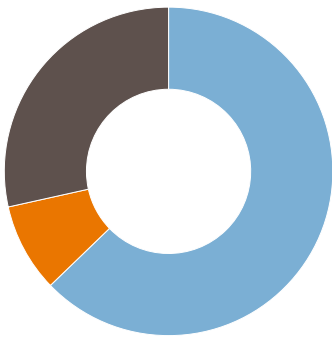
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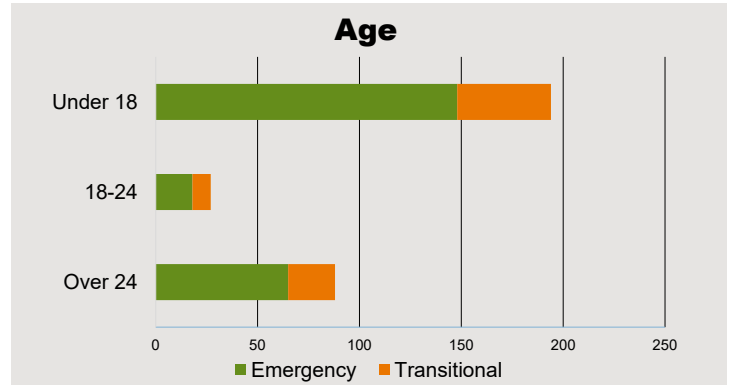
	Unit	Emergency	Transitional	Total	Percentage
Total Population	Household	73	32	105	
Total Population	Individual	231	78	309	
Sub-populations					
Age					
Under 18	Individual	148	46	194	62.8%
18-24	Individual	18	9	27	8.7%
Over 24	Individual	65	23	88	28.5%
Gender					
Female	Individual	142	59	201	65.0%
Male	Individual	88	19	107	34.6%
Transgender	Individual	1	0	1	0.3%
Gender Non-Conforming	Individual	0	0	0	0.0%
Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic	Individual	226	74	300	97.1%
Hispanic	Individual	5	4	9	2.9%
Race					
White	Individual	6	2	8	2.6%
African American	Individual	222	76	298	96.4%
Asian	Individual	0	0	0	0.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	Individual	0	0	0	0.0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Individual	0	0	0	0.0%
Multiple Races	Individual	3	0	3	1.0%

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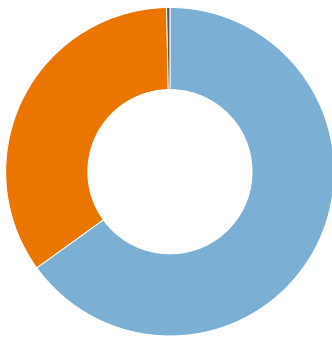
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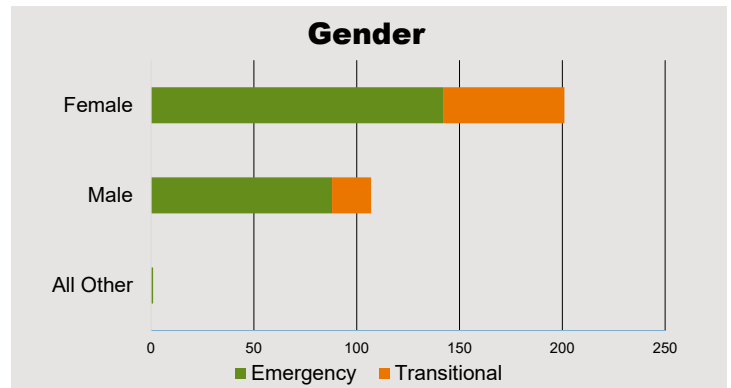
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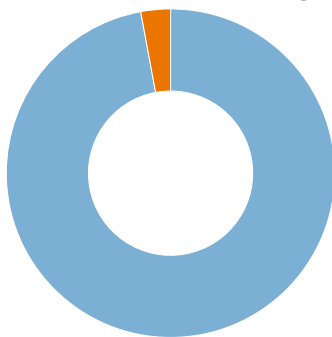
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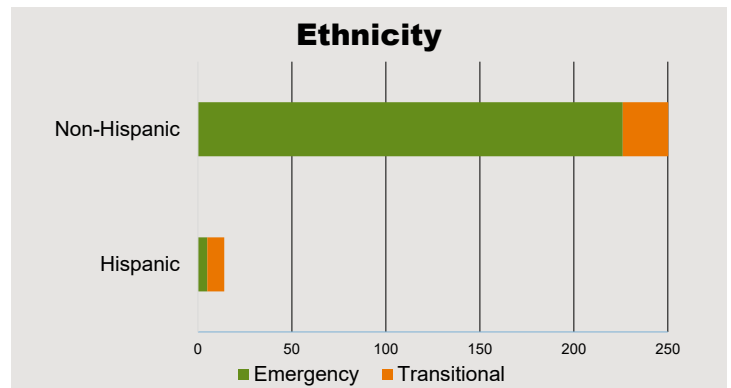
- Female
- Male
- All Other



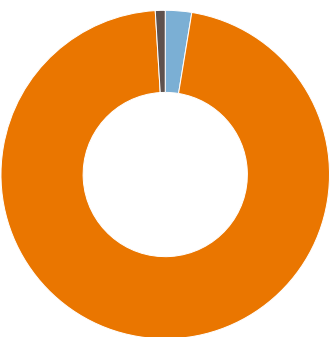
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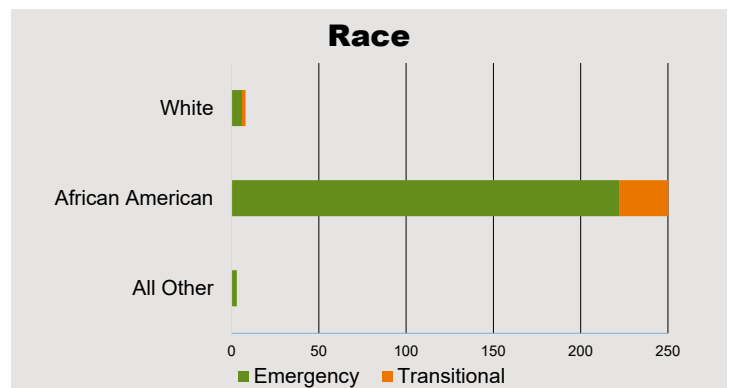
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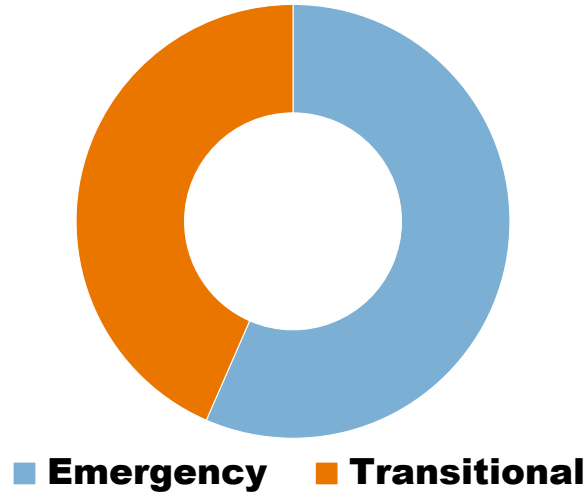


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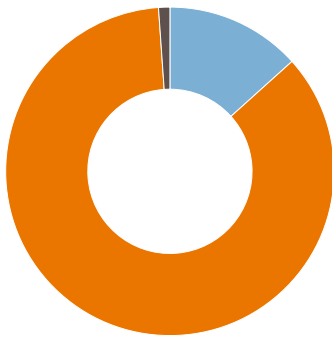
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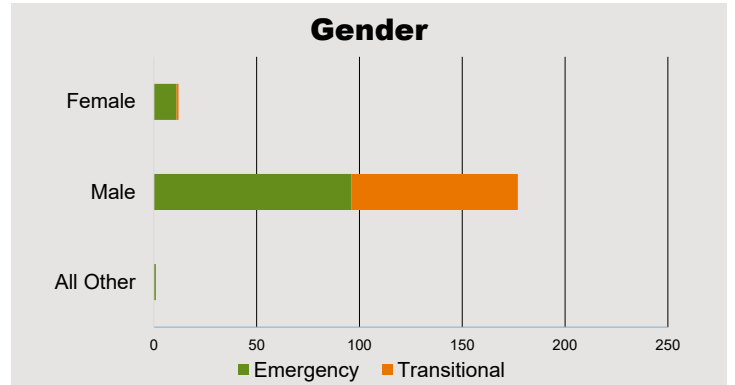
	Unit	Emergency	Transitional	Total	Percentage
TOTAL	INDIVIDUAL	108	83	191	
Sub-populations					
Gender					
Female	Individual	11	1	12	6.3%
Male	Individual	96	81	177	92.7%
Transgender	Individual	1	0	1	0.5%
Gender Non-Conforming	Individual	0	0	0	0.0%
Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic	Individual	102	83	185	96.9%
Hispanic	Individual	6	0	6	3.1%
Race					
White	Individual	17	9	26	13.6%
African American	Individual	84	73	157	82.2%
Asian	Individual	0	0	0	0.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	Individual	3	0	3	1.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Individual	2	0	2	1.0%
Multiple Races	Individual	2	0	2	1.0%

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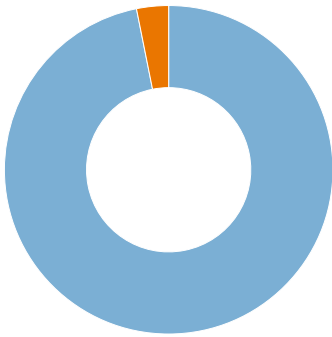
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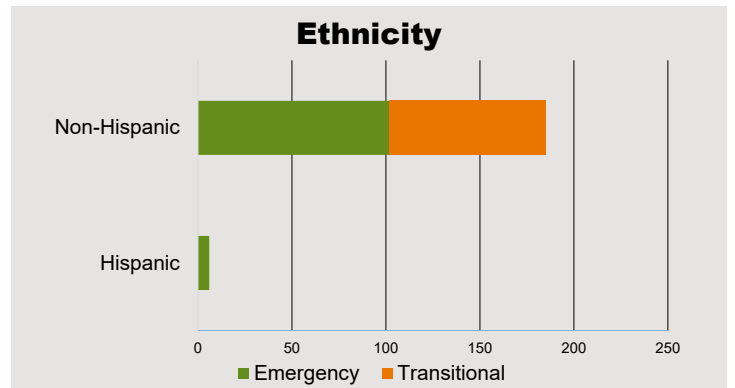
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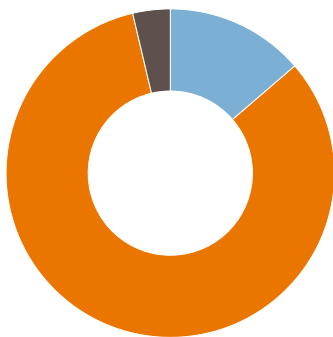
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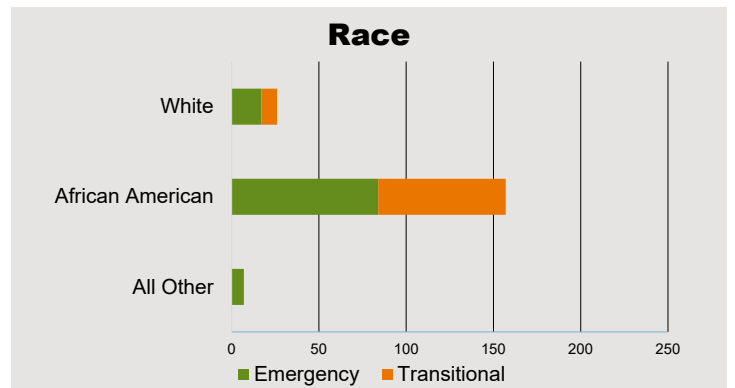
- Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic



Race



- White
- African American
- All Other





OVERALL TRENDS

Traditionally, the annual PIT Count identifies people who are experiencing homelessness on one night in January. In response to HUD’s waiver of unsheltered counts, our 2021 PIT Count utilized data collected from HMIS/ClientTrack to provide a snapshot of what the sheltered homeless population looks like in the City of Atlanta. Sheltered data below is compared to what the sheltered population looked like in previous years. There was a decrease in sheltered populations since 2015 and since 2020.

Total Number of Homeless from 2015 -2021

YEAR	SHELTERED	UNSHELTERED	TOTAL
2015	3280	1037	4317
2016	3225	838	4063
2017	2891	681	3572
2018	2336	740	3076
2019	2498	719	3217
2020	2301	939	3240
2021	1996	N/A*	N/A*



39%

Decrease in sheltered homelessness since 2015

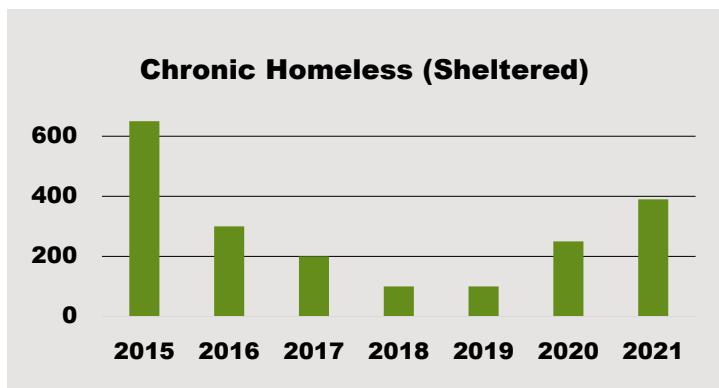


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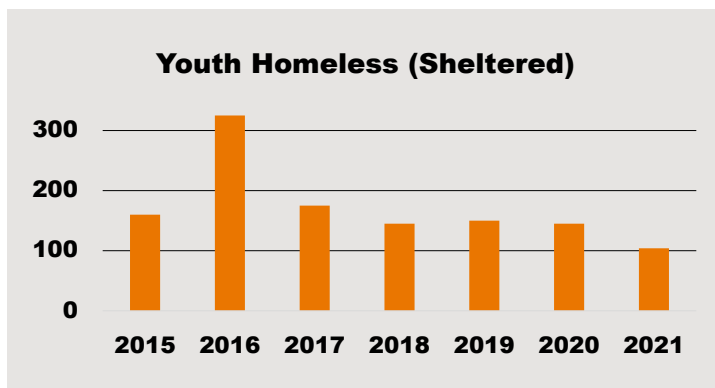
Decrease in sheltered homelessness since 2020

*HUD waived the unsheltered count requirement in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

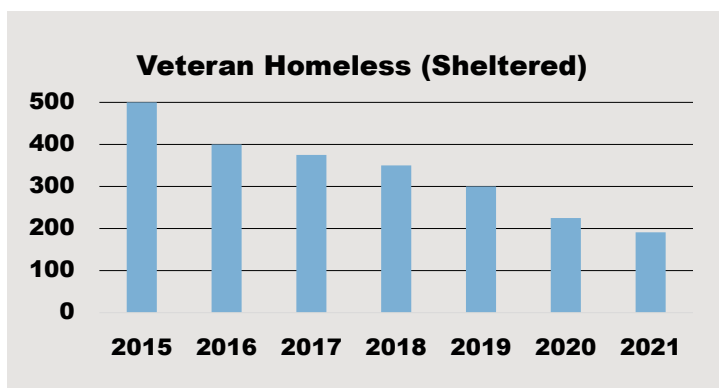
SUB-POPULATION TRENDS



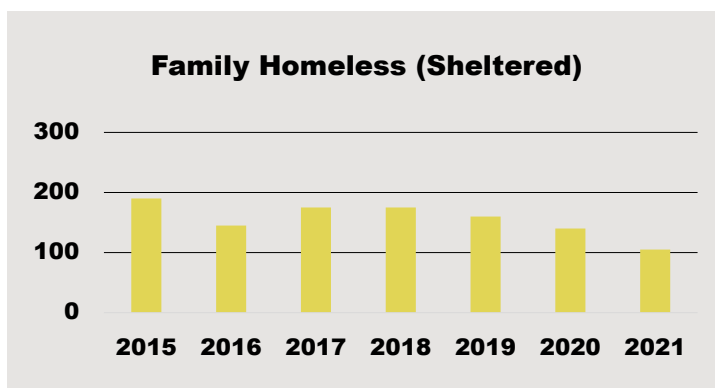
Sheltered Chronic homelessness has slightly increased since 2020 (use of non-congregate hotel may affect these numbers).



Sheltered Youth homelessness has slightly declined since 2020.



Sheltered Veteran homelessness has slightly declined since 2020.



Sheltered Family homelessness has slightly declined since 2020.

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Due to HUD waiving the unsheltered count, data presented below reflects the 2021 “other characteristics” for populations residing in emergency shelter or transitional housing on the night of January 27, 2021. A comparison to previous years was removed due to the lack of unsheltered data to accurately capture changes.

Other Characteristics 2021 (Sheltered Only)			
CHARACTERISTIC	EMERGENCY	TRANSITIONAL	TOTAL
Serious Mental Illness	632	223	855
Substance Use Disorder	457	261	718
HIV/AIDS	156	54	210
Domestic Violence Survivors	41	6	47