



The Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition's 2024 Point in Time Count

ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER AND CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 22-23,
2024



Definitions

- Without place
- Without a roof
- HUD's definition
- Department of Education definition



National Counts

- ~ 1980 – about 100,000 (Burt 1992)
- ~ 1984 – 250,000,-350,000 = “most reasonable range” (HUD)
- 1987 – 500,000-600,000 (Burt & Cohen 1989)
- 1996 – 400,000-800,000 (Burt, Aron, & Lee 2001)
- 2007 to present – 540,000 – 653,100 (AHARs)
- 2023 broke the national record that had stood since 2007



How We “Know” How Many

- Point-in-Time (PIT) counts
 - Blitz
 - Service-based enumeration
- Probability-based surveys
- Homeless Management Information Systems that report shelter/transitional housing users



Who We Miss

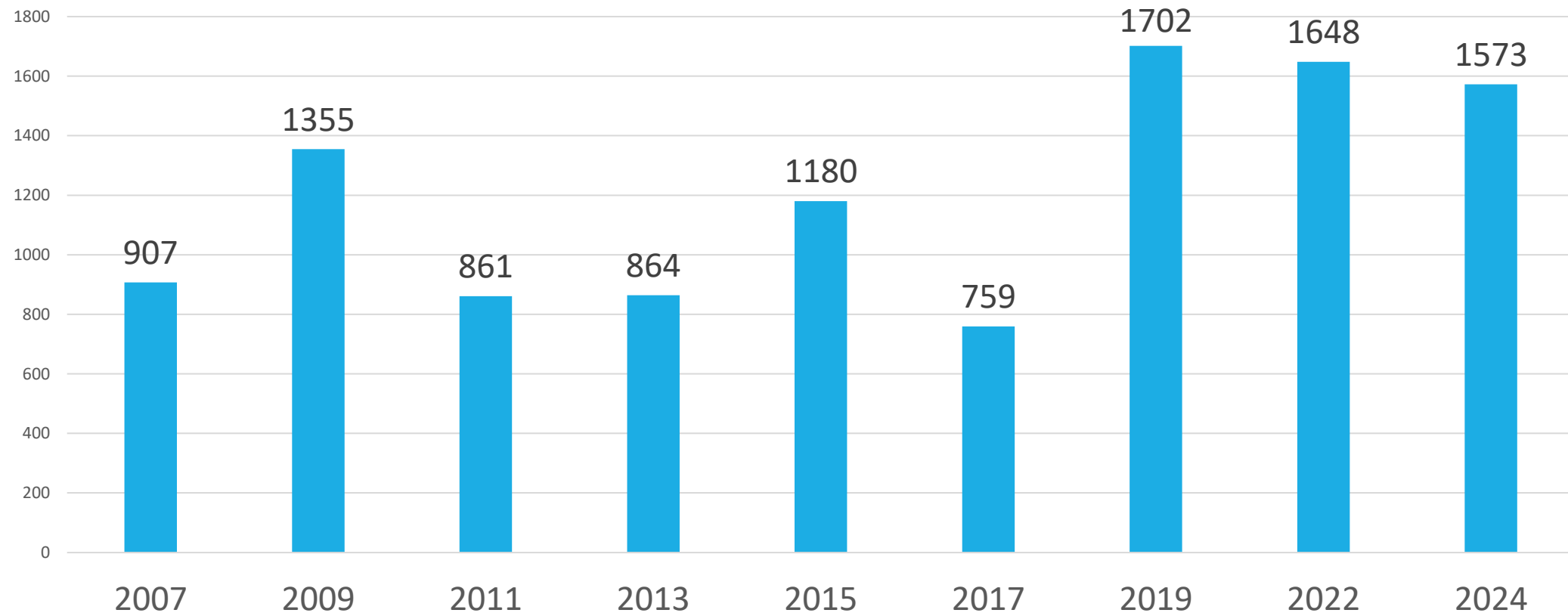
- “Literally” homeless within the week (or month) but not night of count
- Couch-surfers and unstably doubled-up people
- Carefully hidden people
- People in places that counters have been told not to go

Total



We estimated that 1573 people were experiencing homelessness on the night of January 22, 2024, a decrease of 4.4% since 2022 and 7.6% from 2019.

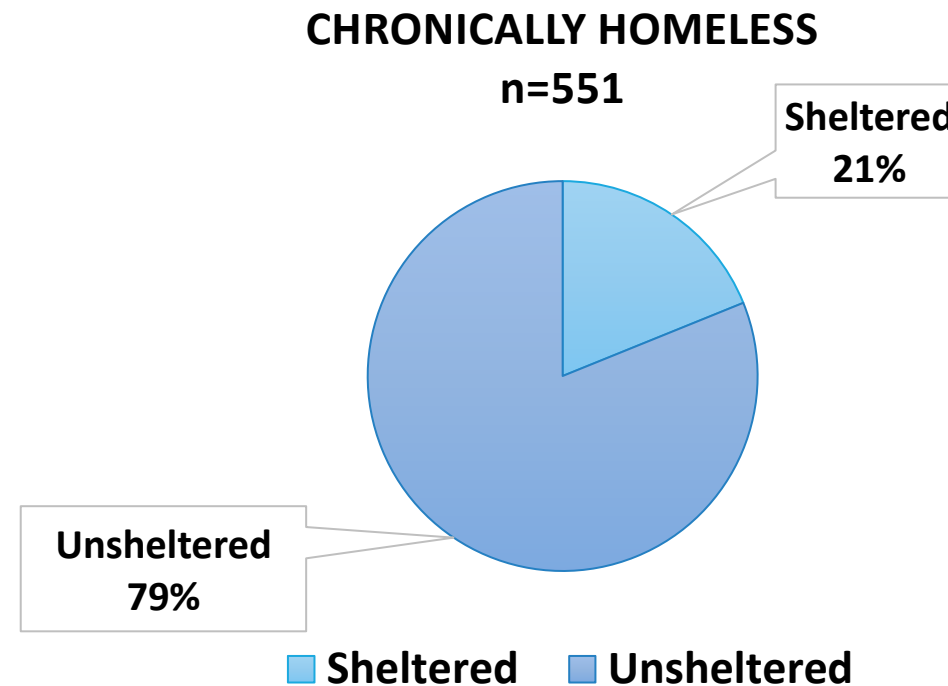
Totals





Chronic homelessness

- 551 people were estimated to be experiencing chronic homelessness on a single night, down from 746 in 2022 (26% decrease)
- 447 of these were unsheltered (81%) while 104 were residing in an emergency shelter, including hotels and motels paid for with emergency shelter vouchers

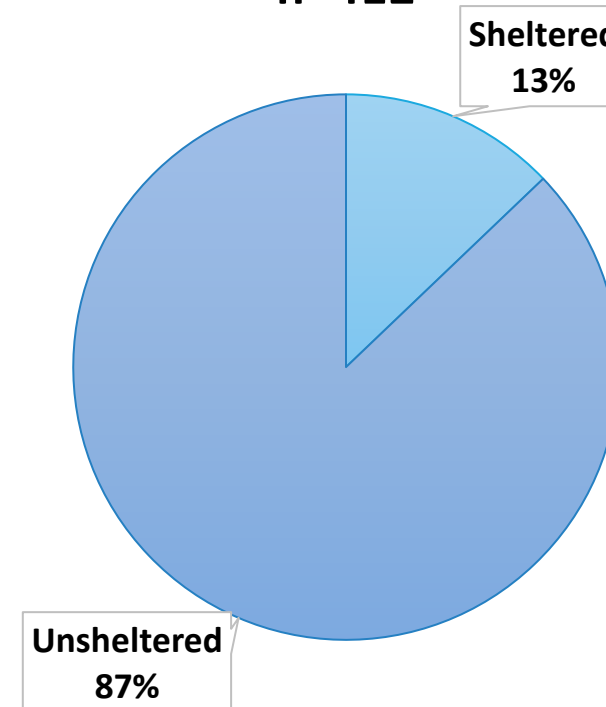


Mental Illness



- Adults who agreed to be surveyed were asked if they have a disability that impairs their ability to hold a job or live independently
- If they said yes, they were asked if this was due to a mental illness and/or substance use disorder
- We estimate 412 adults experiencing homelessness had a severe mental illness. 87% were unsheltered.

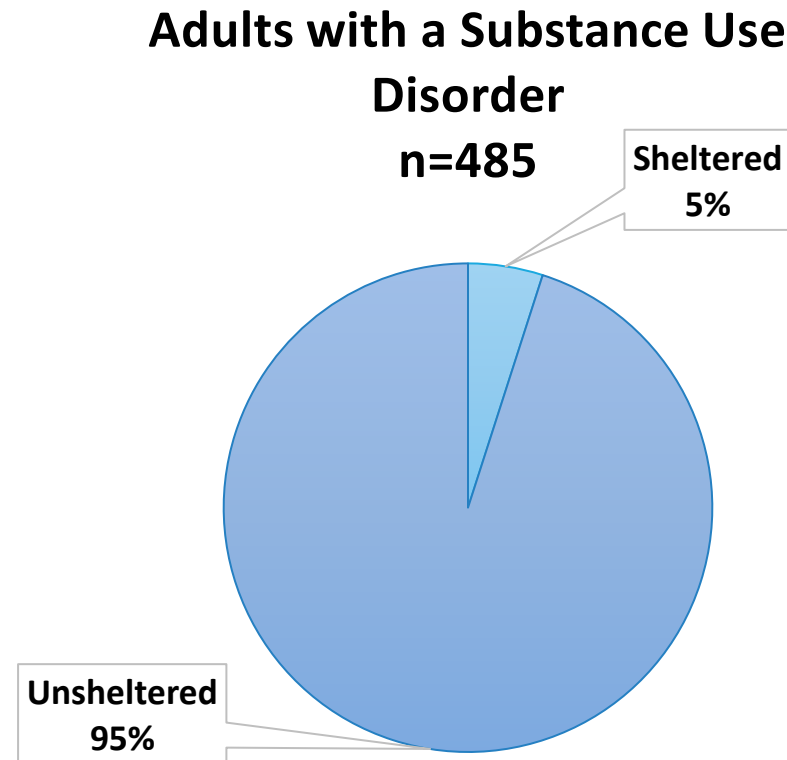
**Adults with a Severe Mental Illness
n=412**





Substance Use Disorder

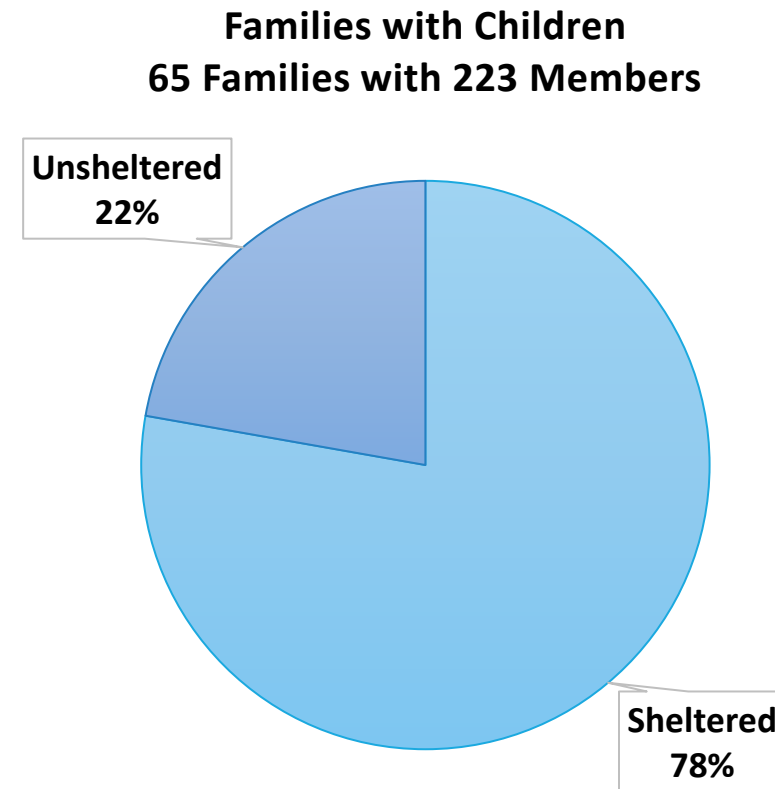
- We estimate 485 adults experiencing homelessness had a severe mental illness. 95% were unsheltered.





Families with Children

- An estimated 65 families comprised of 223 members were experiencing homelessness (14% of the total), up from 81 in 2022 (175% increase)
- 137 of these were children, up from 42 (226% increase)
- 86 were adults, up from 39 (120% increase)
- 66 people in families were unsheltered (30% of all families).
- 5 families consisting of 14 members were chronically homeless
- The increase was driven in part by the inclusion of the CalWORKs Temporary Homeless Assistance motel voucher program (36 people), the HDVS shelter program (21 people), and the new Hoopa Tribal Shelter (19 people).



Adults in Households with No Children



- An estimated 1263 households comprised of 1345 members were experiencing homelessness
- 1128 of these were unsheltered (83%), down from 1291 in 2022 and 1385 in 2019
- 537 of these were chronically homeless (33%), with 17% of these chronically homeless adults being sheltered and 83% being unsheltered, down from 714 in 2022 but still higher than 2019 (454)

Households with Only Children

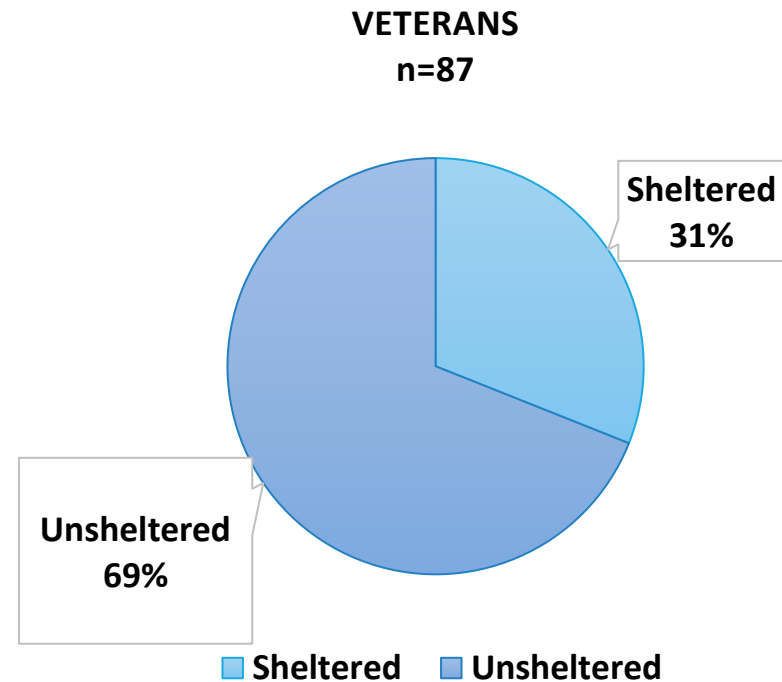


- An estimated 4 households comprised of 5 members were experiencing homelessness (0.3%), the same as 2022.
- All of these were sheltered. None were chronically homeless.

Veterans



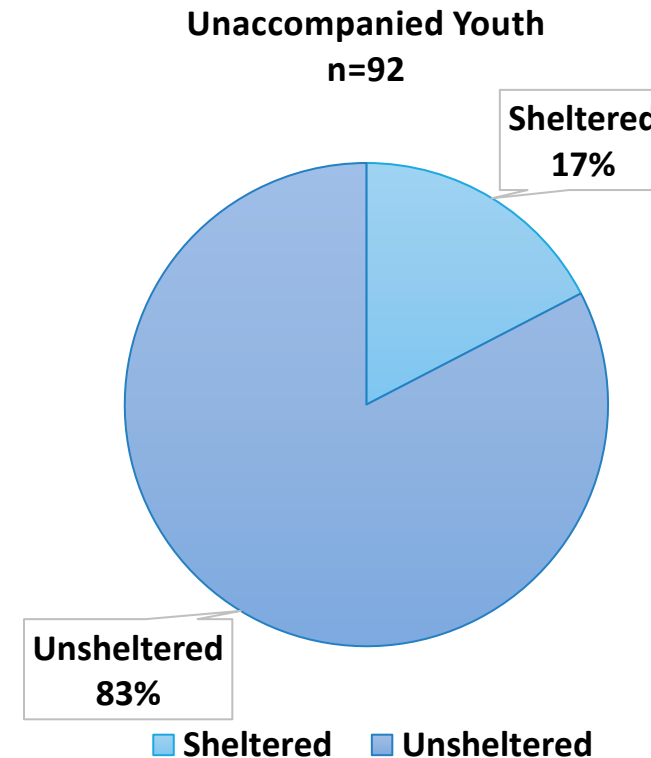
- An estimated 87 Veterans were experiencing homelessness. 2 of these veterans were part of households with children.
- This is a large decrease from 2022 (202). The number of sheltered Veterans decreased from 70 to 27, while unsheltered Veterans decreased from 132 to 60.
- 27 of these Veterans were chronically homeless (31%)



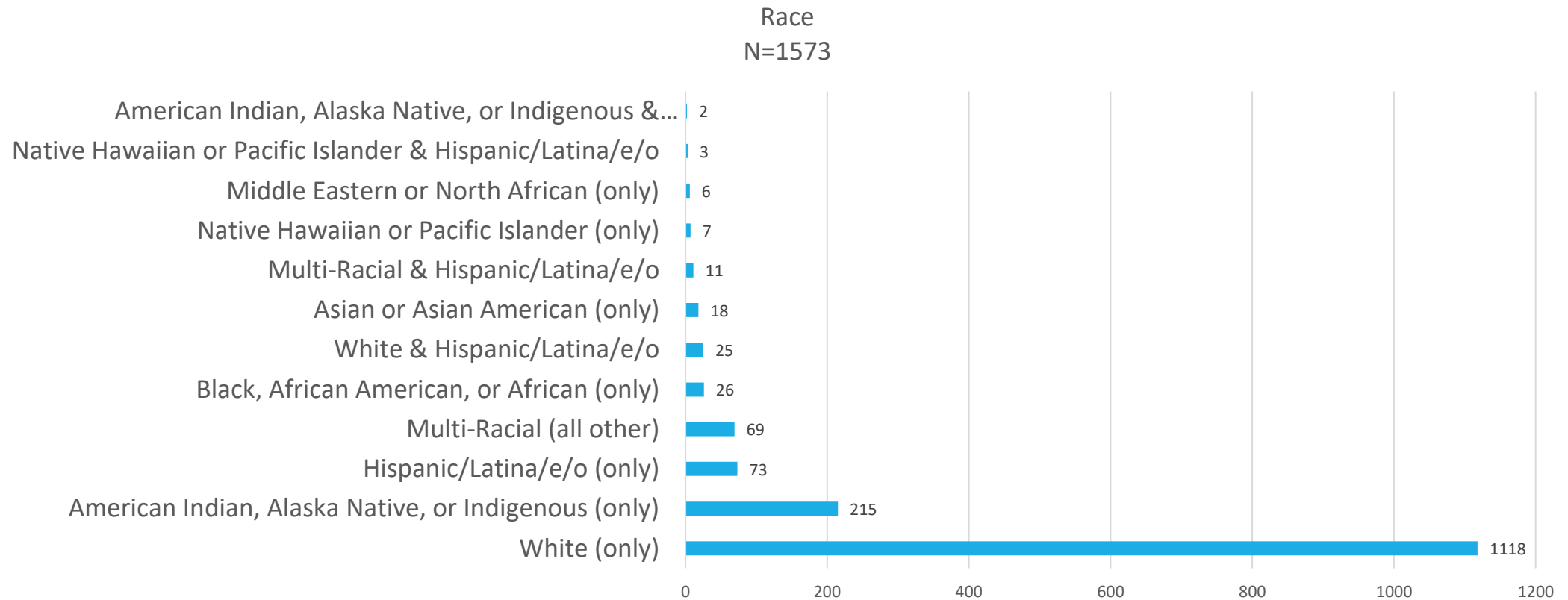


Unaccompanied Youth

- An estimated 83 households comprised of 92 youth unaccompanied by someone over the age of 24 were experiencing homelessness (5%)- up from 55 in 2022.
- 76 of these were unsheltered.
- 5 of these were chronically homeless, with 20% of these being sheltered and 80% being unsheltered
- None of these youths were parenting



Race in the PIT Data



Estimates of Race in the PIT Count



Race	Percentage
White (only)	71.07%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (only)	13.67%
Hispanic/Latina/e/o (only)	4.64%
Multi-Racial (all other)	4.39%
Black, African American, or African (only)	1.65%
White & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	1.59%
Asian or Asian American (only)	1.14%
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0.70%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (only)	0.45%
Middle Eastern or North African (only)	0.38%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0.19%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0.13%



Race in the General Population

Race and Hispanic Origin	
<i>i</i> White alone, percent	⚠ 82.3%
<i>i</i> Black or African American alone, percent (a)	⚠ 1.5%
<i>i</i> American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	⚠ 6.4%
<i>i</i> Asian alone, percent (a)	⚠ 3.1%
<i>i</i> Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	⚠ 0.4%
<i>i</i> Two or More Races, percent	⚠ 6.3%
<i>i</i> Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	⚠ 14.4%
<i>i</i> White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	⚠ 71.0%

[U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Humboldt County, California; United States](#)



Estimates of Gender in the PIT

Woman (Girl if child)	508
Man (Boy if child)	1043
Culturally Specific Identity	0
Transgender	2
Non-Binary	2
Questioning	0
Different Identity	0
Multiple Genders	18

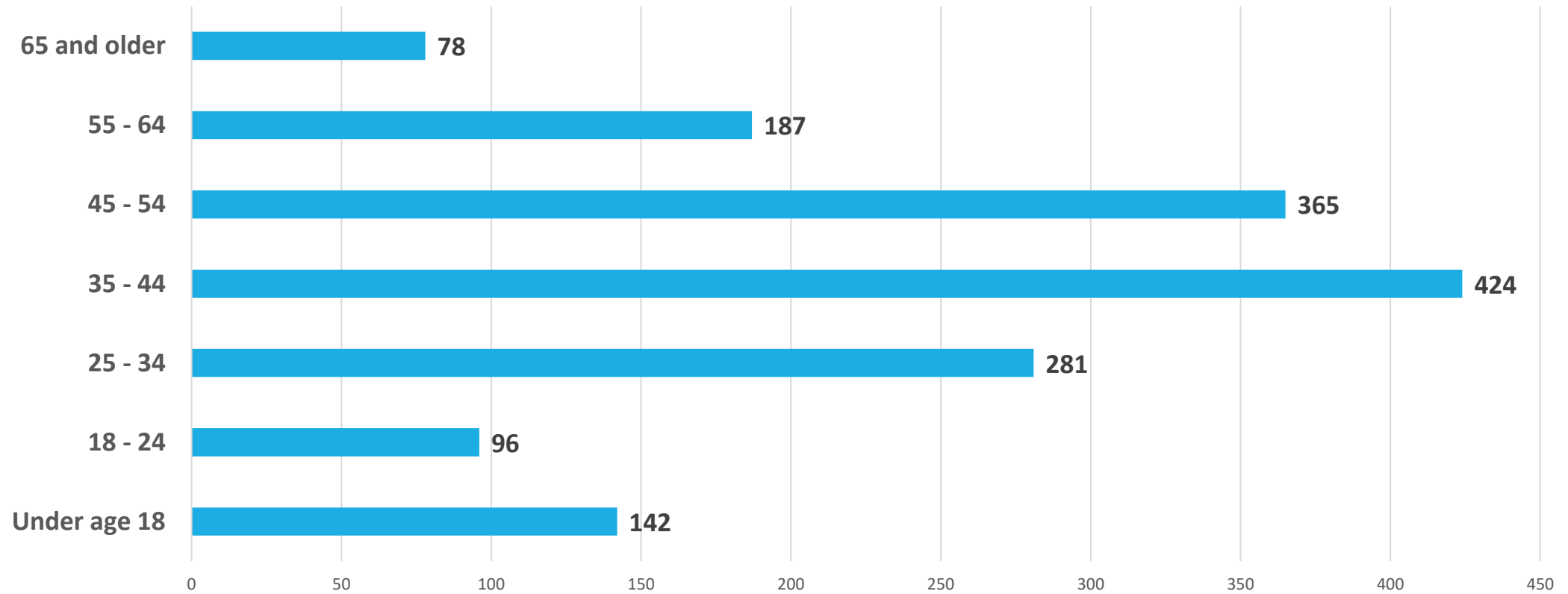


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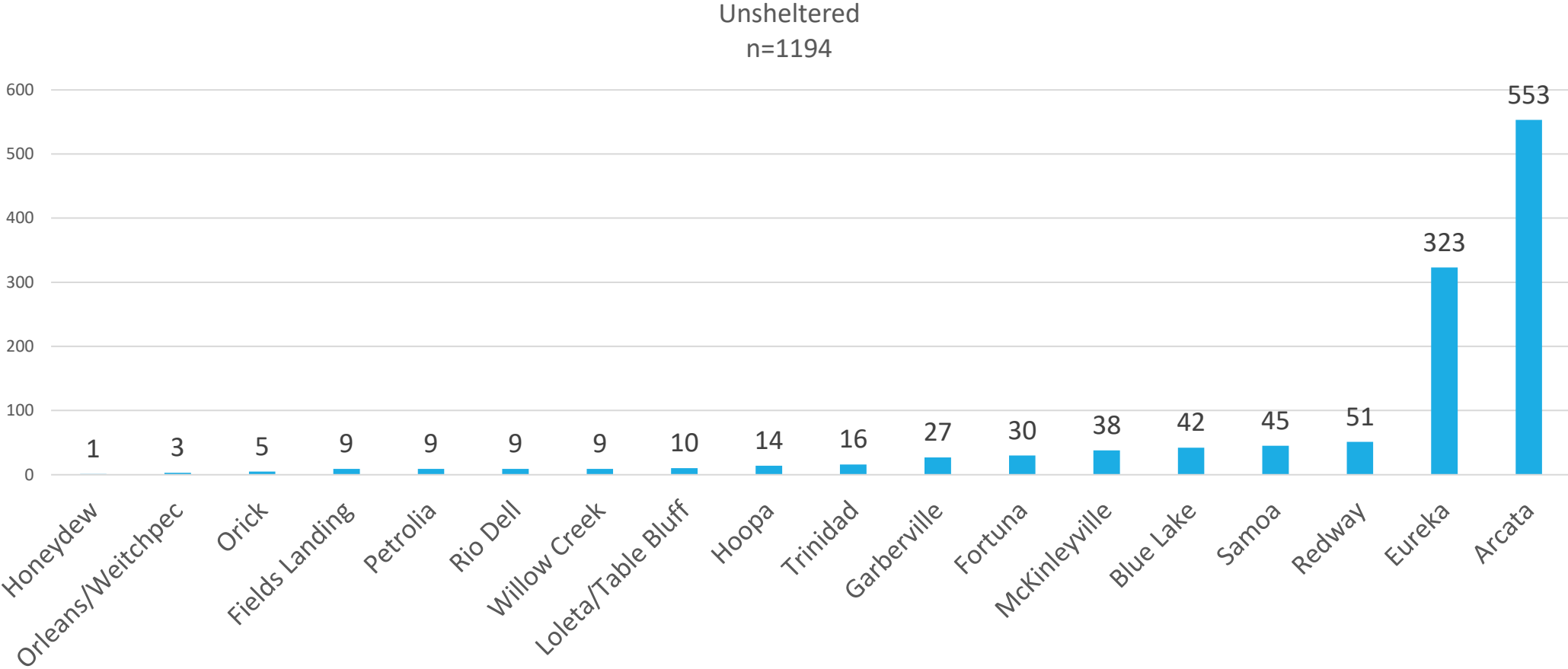
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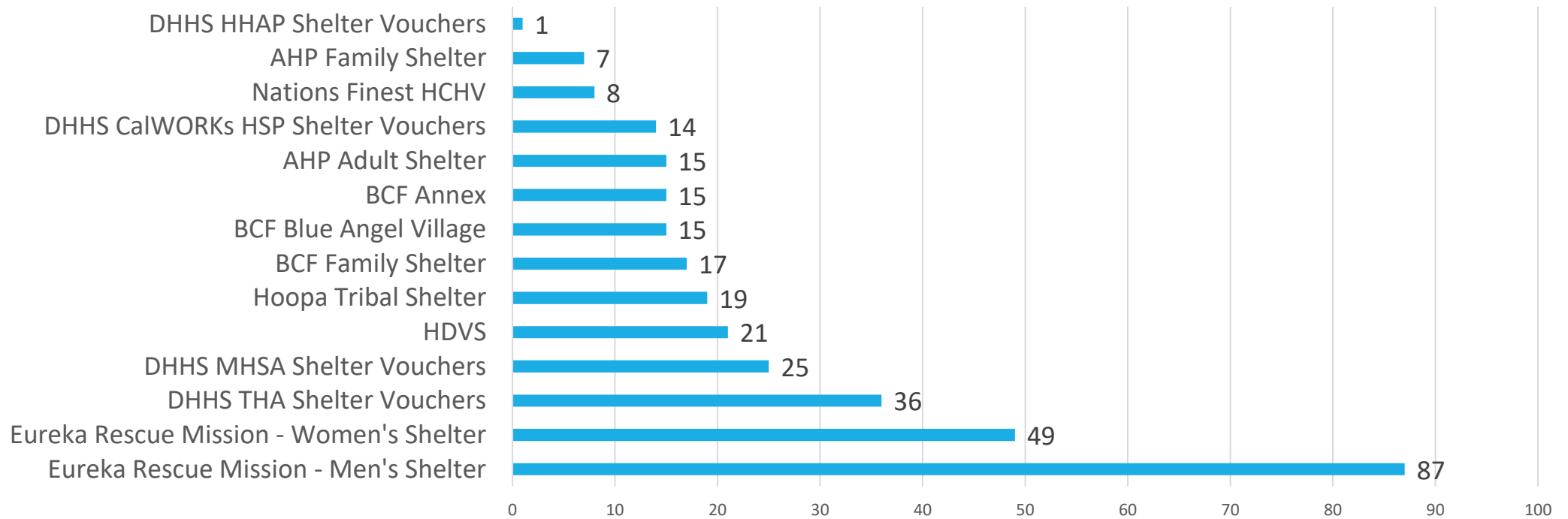
Unsheltered Geographic Distribution



Emergency Shelters



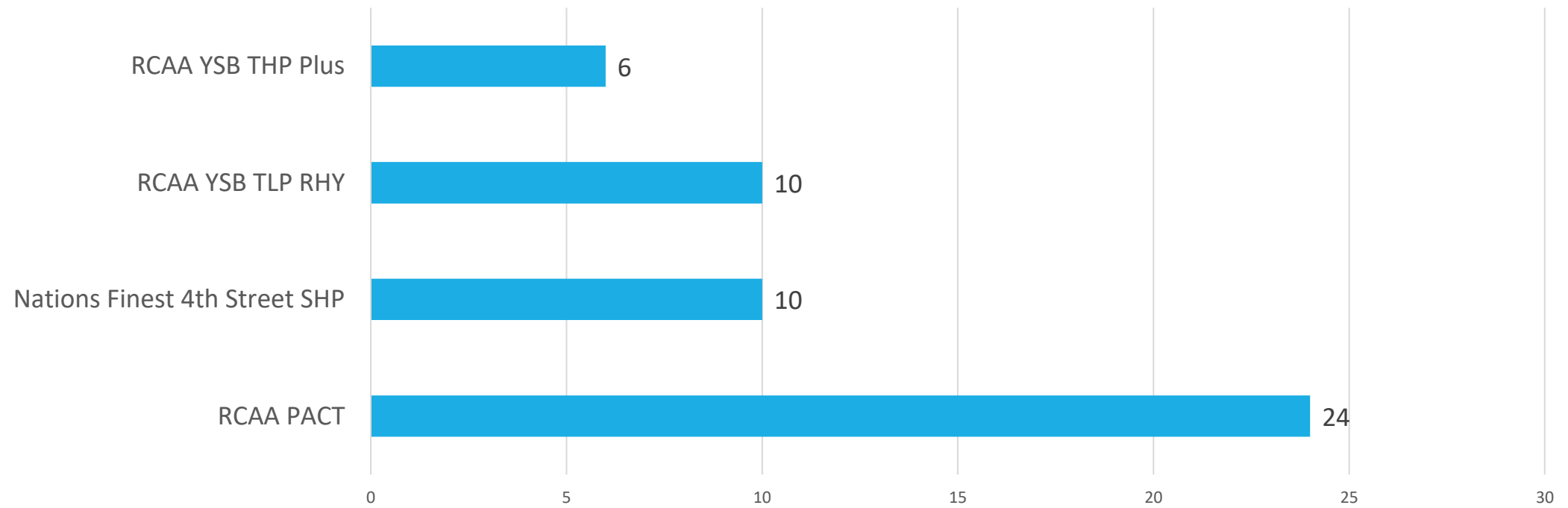
Emergency Shelter Participants
N=329



Transitional Housing



Transitional Housing Participants
N=50



Questions?



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