2022 Homelessness Data Review

June 23, 2022

Thank you for making time to be here

- Presentation & discussion interspersed
  - Live and Virtual
  - Use the chat
  - Unmute and speak your mind
- Recorded meeting
- Email rwaltz@orangecountync.gov for slides
- We're talking numbers
  - Check 'em out: www.ocpehnc.com/data

Please tell us more about you

- Name

- Pronouns

- Communities you represent

- In what new and continued ways have you seen COVID affect homelessness in Orange County?

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How many people are experiencing homelessness?

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We will be looking at two sets of data

- Point-in-Time Count
  - One night
  - Snapshot

- System Performance Measures
  - 12 month period
  - Outcomes
  - Reflects data in Homeless Database

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Point-in-Time count: annual "census" of people experiencing homelessness
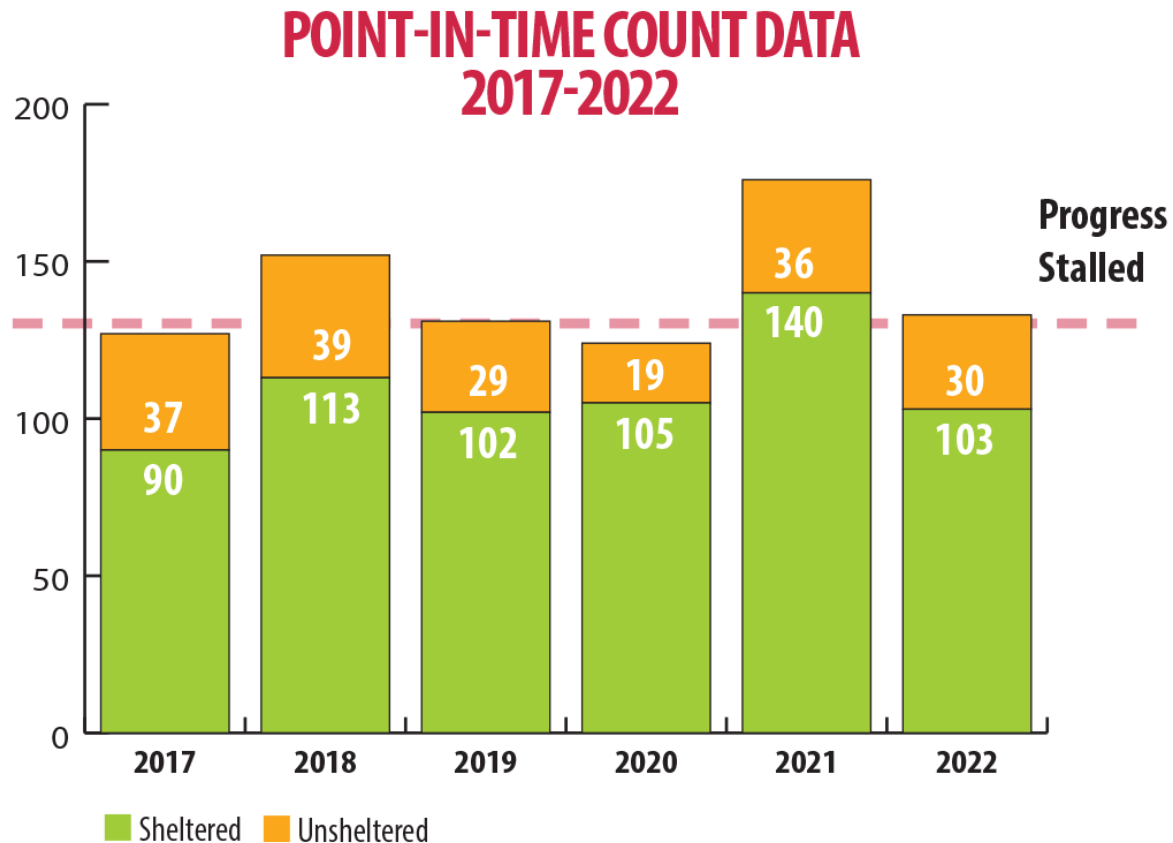
PROs

- Longstanding
- Nationwide
- Accurate <u>for one night</u>

CONs

- Does NOT count everyone in housing crisis
- Affected by weather
- One of several important outcomes

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Orange County Point-in-Time (PIT) count: No overall decrease over time

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA
2017-2022

Progress Stalled

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Unsheltered	37	39	29	19	36	30
Sheltered	90	113	102	105	140	103

■ Sheltered ■ Unsheltered
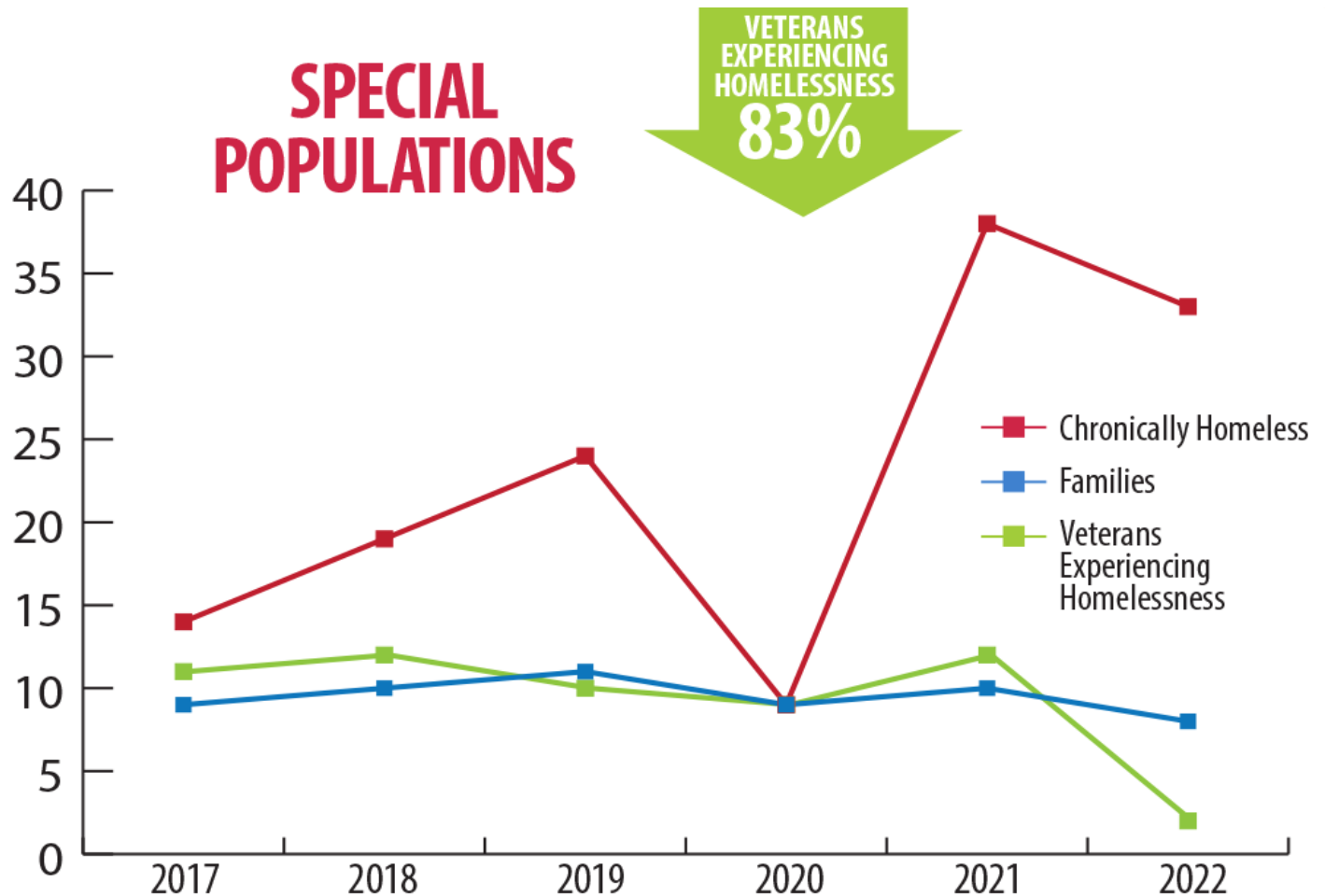
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COVID impacts continue to be felt

- Includes two hoteling programs – Cold Weather expansion and COVID isolation

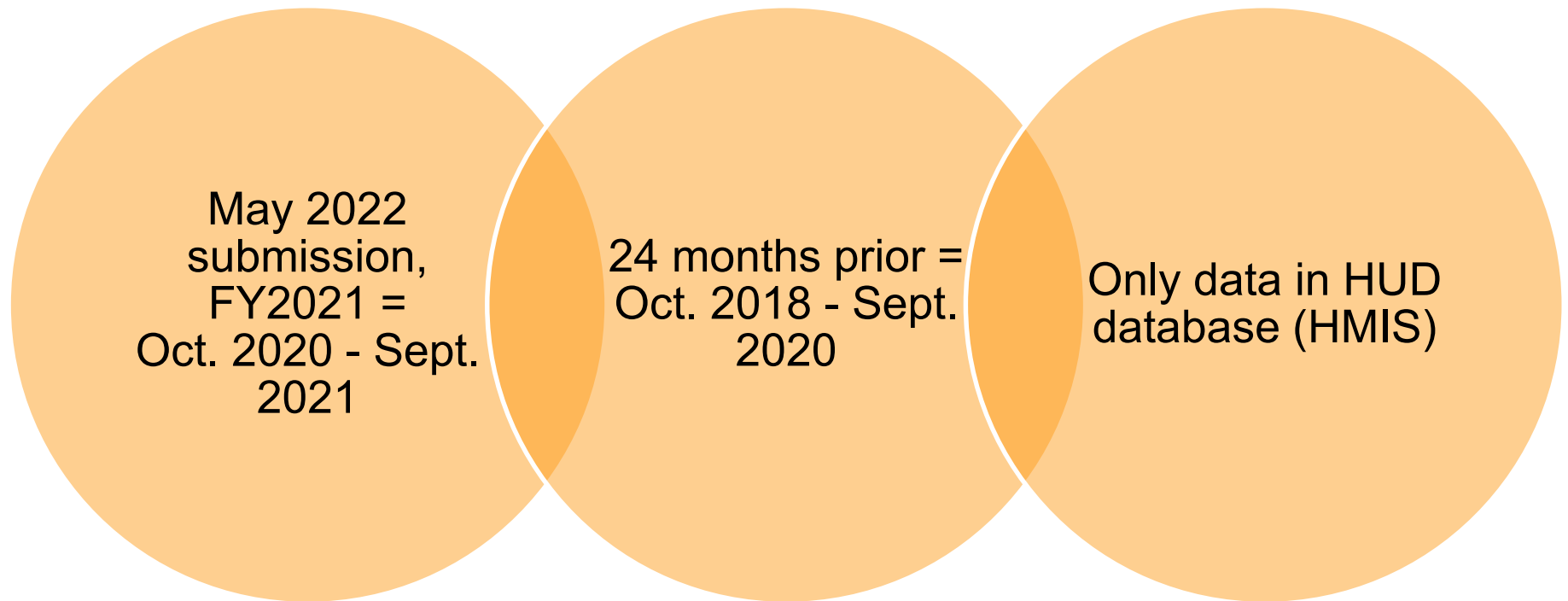- IFC Shelter in Outbreak Status and unable to conduct new intakes

Progress Stalled

36
140
19
105
30
103

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Subpopulations are seeing different outcomes

- Significant reduction in Veteran homelessness
- Change in Family measure

VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS 83%

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Legend:
- Chronically Homeless
- Families
- Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

System Performance Measures look at data across CoC going all the way back to 2018

May 2022 submission, FY2021 =
Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2021

24 months prior =
Oct. 2018 - Sept. 2020

Only data in HUD database (HMIS)

PIT counted 133 people on one night, how many in 12 months?

RARE

325 People entering shelter and housing programs

244 Of those, people experiencing homelessness for the first time

■ People served in one year ■ People experiencing homelessness for the first time

- % total that experienced homelessness for the first time

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
85%	72%	63%	75%	79%	75%

- Shelter, Transitional Housing, & Permanent Housing
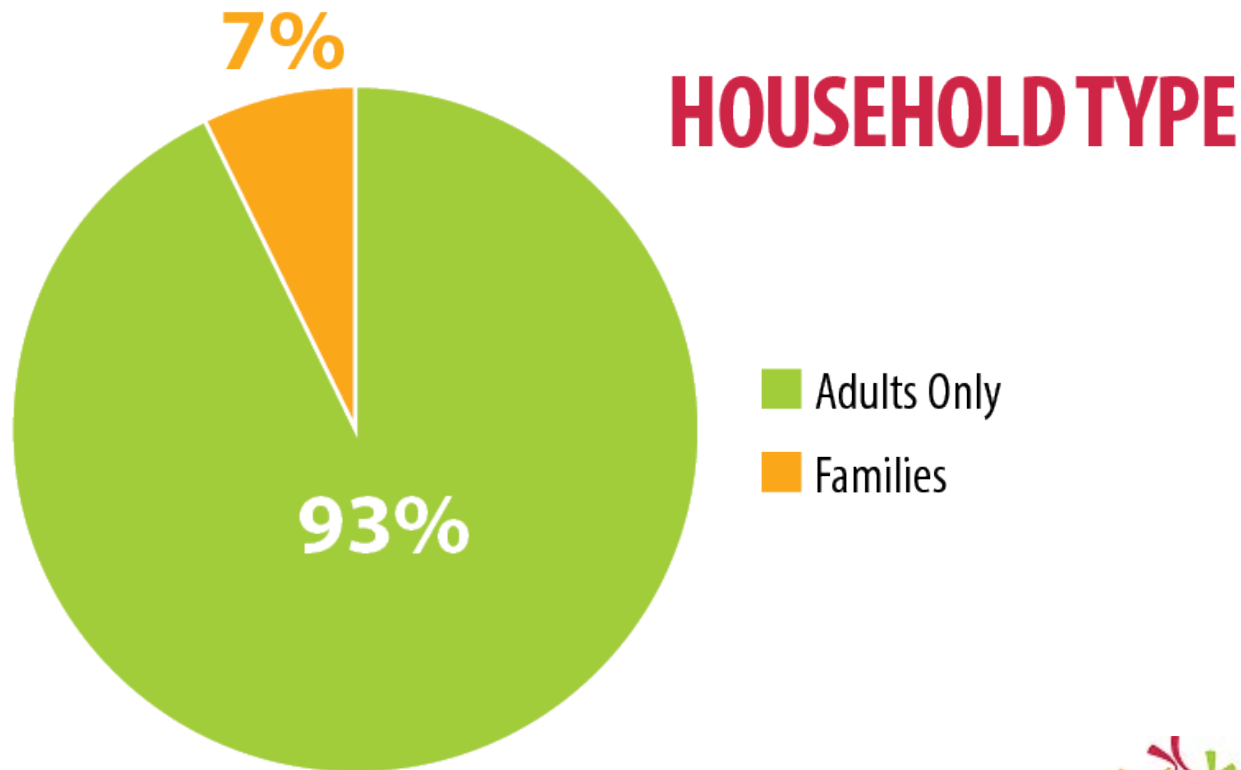- Homeless for first time = no entries for 24 months prior
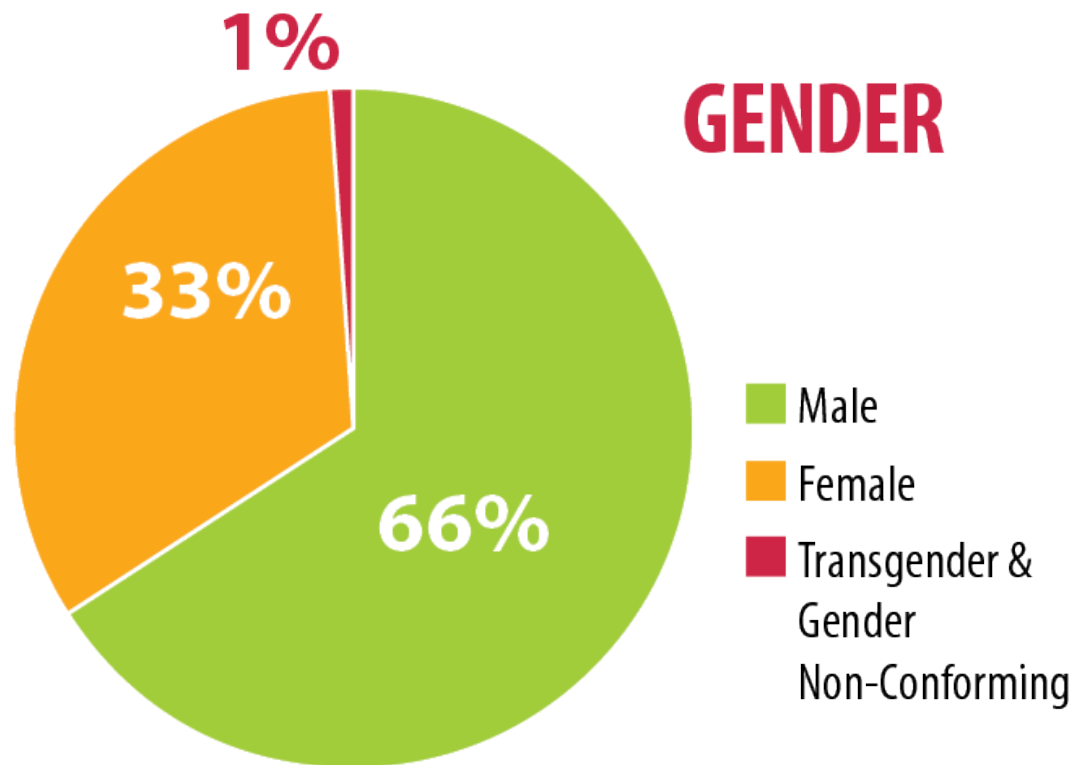
Why are we seeing?

- Increase in people experiencing 1st time homelessness

- No significant reductions in people experiencing chronic homelessness

- Progress housing families flatline

What do we know about people experiencing homelessness?

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Most people experiencing homelessness in Orange County in adults only households

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

7%

93%

Adults Only

Families

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Most people experiencing homelessness in Orange County identify as male

1%

33%

66%

GENDER

- Male
- Female
- Transgender & Gender Non-Conforming

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Most people experiencing homelessness in Orange County are 25 and older

AGE

2%

10%

88%

- 25 and Older
- 17 and Younger
- 18-24

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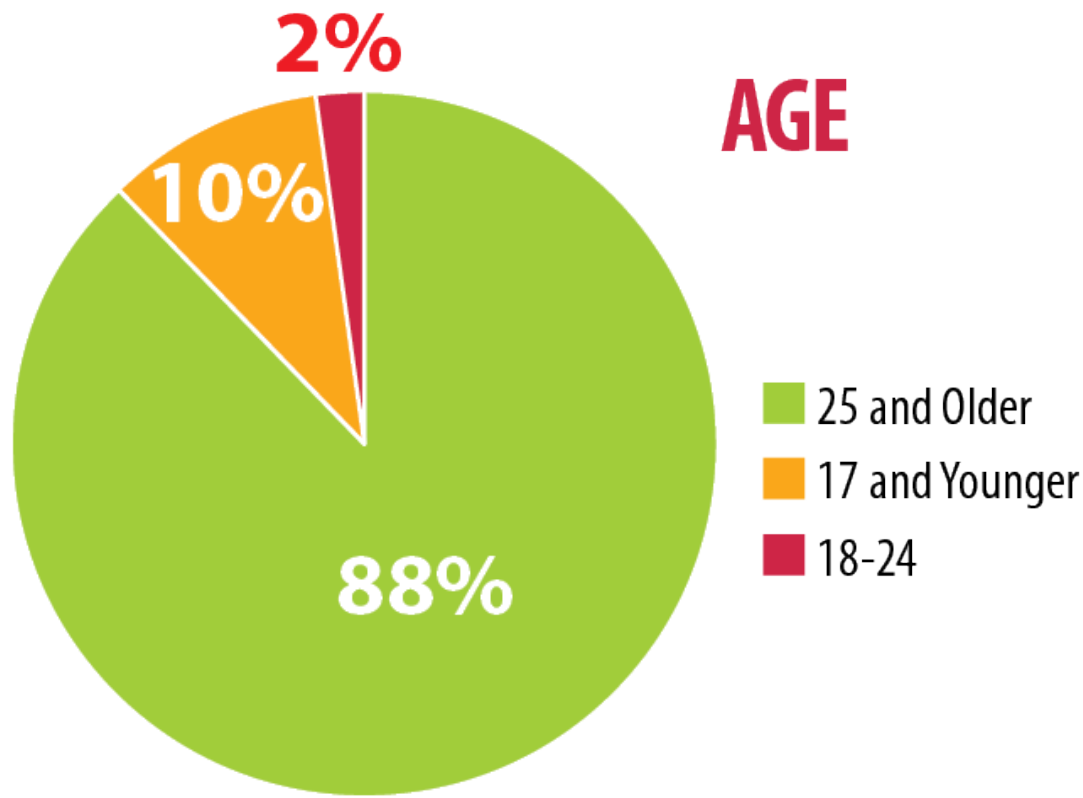
Racial disparity continues

RACE

Year	White	Black or African-American	Multiple Races	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native
2017	33%	59%			
2018	45%	46%			
2019	38%	51%			
2020	42%	49%			
2021	27%	67%			
2022	40%	55%			

% of People in Orange County Overall

12% | 77% | 2.6% | .6% | 8% | .1%
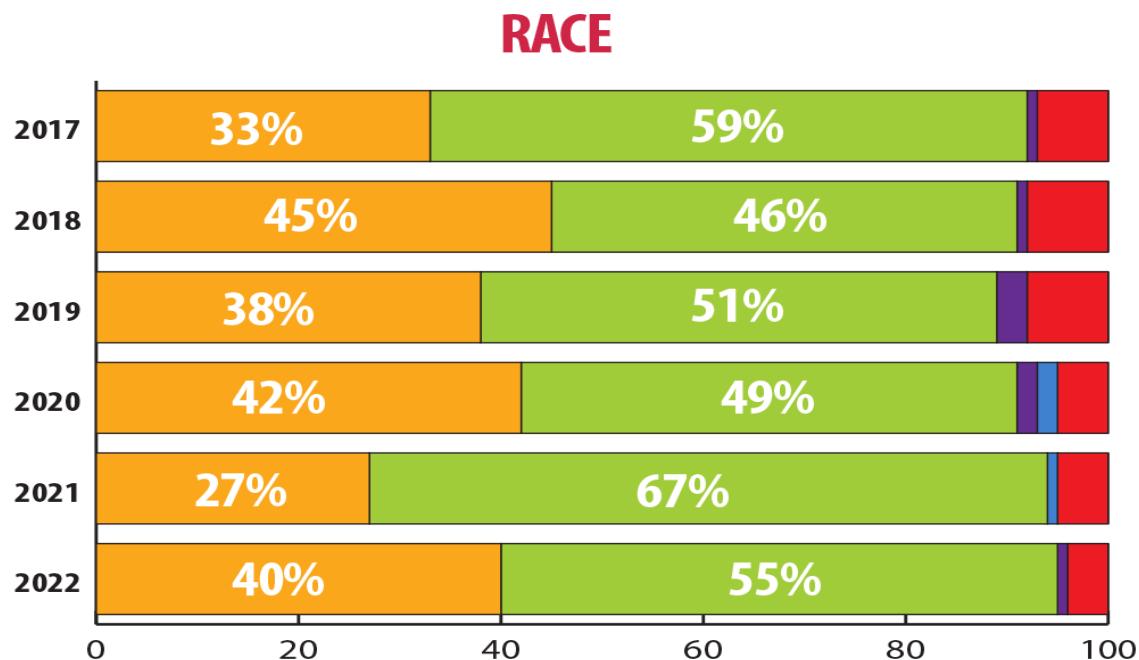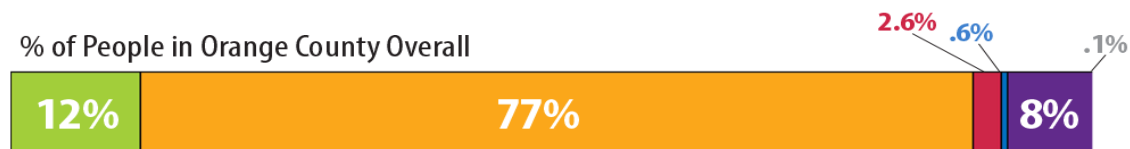
Legend:
- Black or African-American
- White
- Multiple Races
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

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2% of people exp. Homelessness are Latinx compared with 9% in overall population

ETHNICITY

% of People Experiencing Homelessness in Orange County

| 98% | 2% |

■ Non-Latinx ■ Latinx ■ Not Answered

% of People in Orange County Overall

| 70% | 21% | 9% |

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How do racial disparities affect the work to end homelessness?

- Why is the overrepresentation of Black/African American people experiencing homelessness increasing?

- Why are Latinx households steadily not reflected in homeless services?

- What accounts for the increased proportion in women showing up in the system?

How are people exiting homelessness?

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Goal: Transition folks to permanent housing as quickly as possible
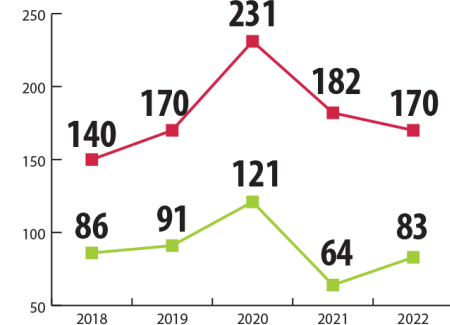
BRIEF

785 Average days (Highest Ever)

384 Median days

Length of time homeless (days)

Average: 272, 382, 567, 753, 785
Median: 138, 162, 272, 354, 384

(2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
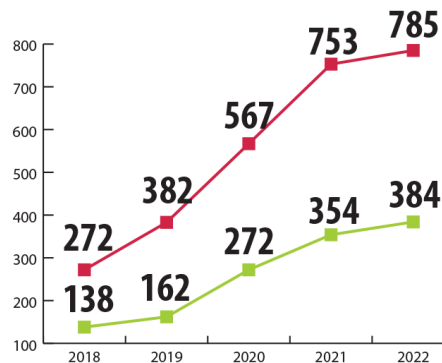
Length of time in shelter or transitional housing (days)

Average: 140, 170, 231, 182, 170
Median: 86, 91, 121, 64, 83

(2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

■ Average ■ Median

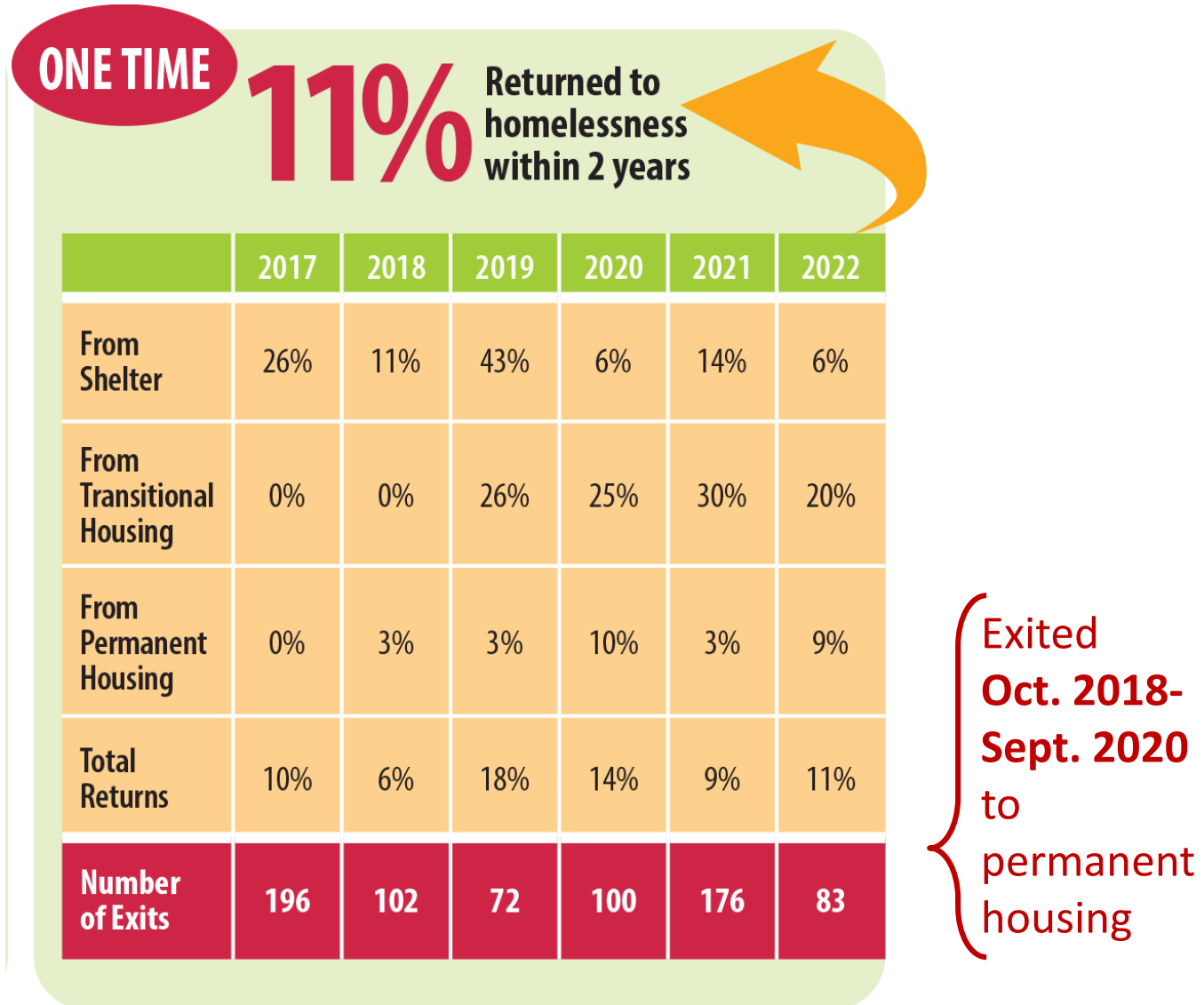- Shelter, Transitional Housing, & Permanent Housing
- Includes approximate date of homelessness

- Shelter & Transitional Housing only
- Program entry to exit

Goal: People exit to permanent housing

ONE TIME

36% Exited to permanent housing

2017
29%
67 Exits

2018
35%
81 Exits

2019
33%
77 Exits

2020
36%
70 Exits

2021
22%
48 Exits

2022
36%
106 Exits
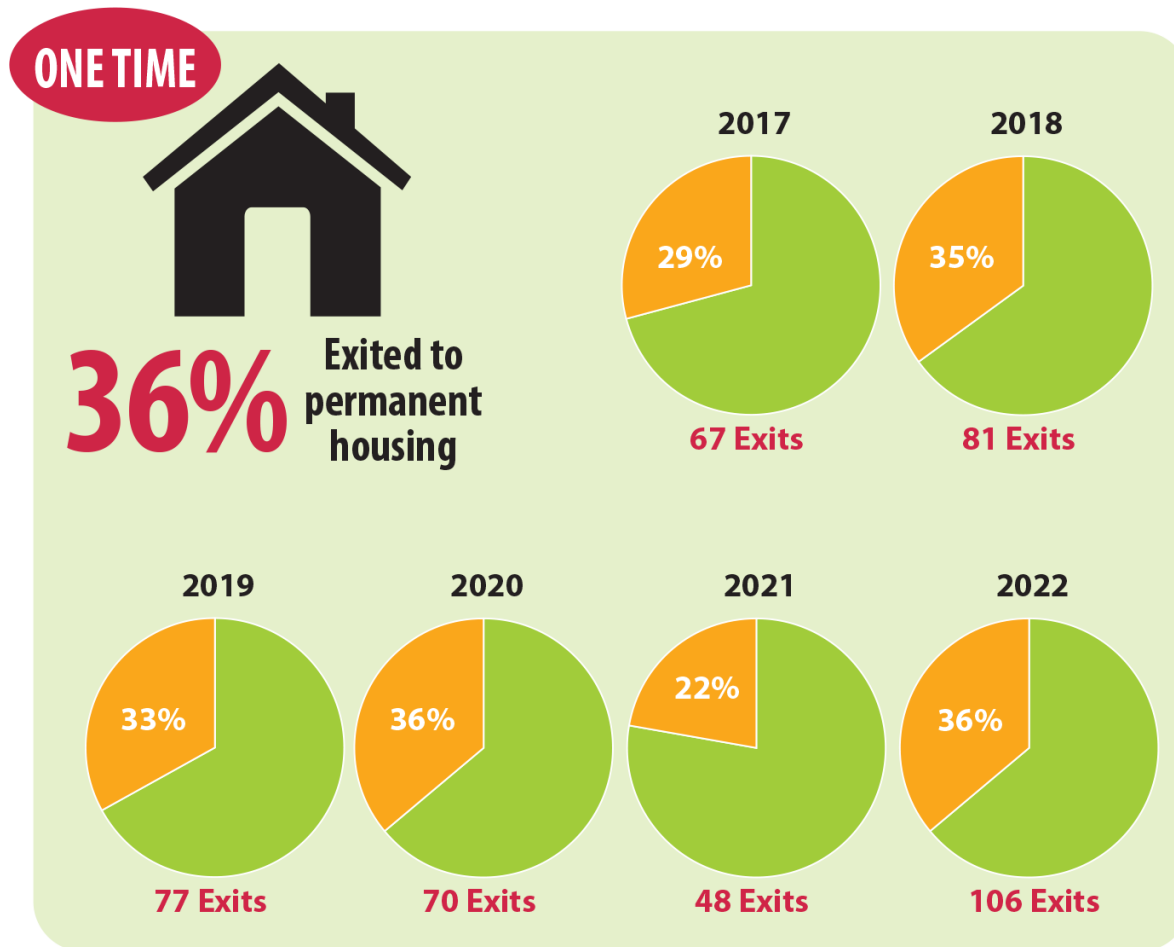
Goal: people do not return to homelessness

ONE TIME

11% Returned to homelessness within 2 years

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
From Shelter	26%	11%	43%	6%	14%	6%
From Transitional Housing	0%	0%	26%	25%	30%	20%
From Permanent Housing	0%	3%	3%	10%	3%	9%
Total Returns	10%	6%	18%	14%	9%	11%
Number of Exits	196	102	72	100	176	83

Exited **Oct. 2018-Sept. 2020** to permanent housing

Thoughts on how people are leaving our system?

- Length of time homeless large and increasing
- Total number and percentage of exits to permanent housing had a big increase
- Returns continue to be low

Next up: filling homeless system gaps

Pandemic impacts continue with some bright spots!

- Rise in positive exits to Permanent Housing

- Decreases in Veterans experiencing homelessness

- Expansions to Prevention and Rapid Re-housing

- Continued collaboration across the System

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Pandemic requires constant shifting

- Orange County has the highest vaccination rates across Peers yet…

- Congregate living has its challenges

- Gaps exacerbate bottlenecks in program flow

- Rents continue to rise

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Orange County has significant gaps in the homeless service system

- 15 current gaps
  - Income based rental units, Rapid Re-housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Household goods, Youth housing, Landlord Incentives, Housing Locator
  - Services: Crisis/Diversion facility, Integrated service center, Accessible housing-focused shelter, Housing Help staffing, Memorial service funding, 24-hour bathroom access, medical respite, bridge housing

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What connections do you see between system gaps and increasing homelessness?

- How can we best serve people experiencing homelessness?

- How can we transition people from homelessness to permanent housing quickly and effectively?

Wrap Up

Where can folks find help?

- Housing Helpline
  - (919) 245-2655
  - housinghelp@orangecountync.gov
- OC Connect resource database
  - www.occonnect.info

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Please let me know if I can present to your group, or provide further info

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