

# HOMELESSNESS IN THE BLUE RIDGE CONTINUUM OF CARE

## 2018 Point-in-Time Results



### WHO IS HOMELESS ?

**PHYSICAL health**

22% reported receiving health care at an emergency room 3 or more times in the last six months

45% reported having no health insurance

**ELEVEN PERCENT CHRONICALLY HOMELESS**

Chronically homeless is defined as an individual with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness totaling twelve months or more in the past three years.



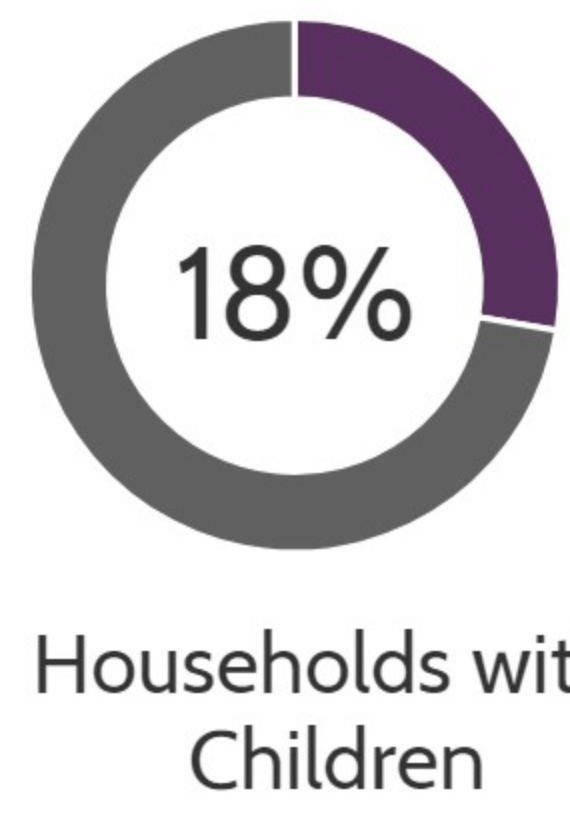
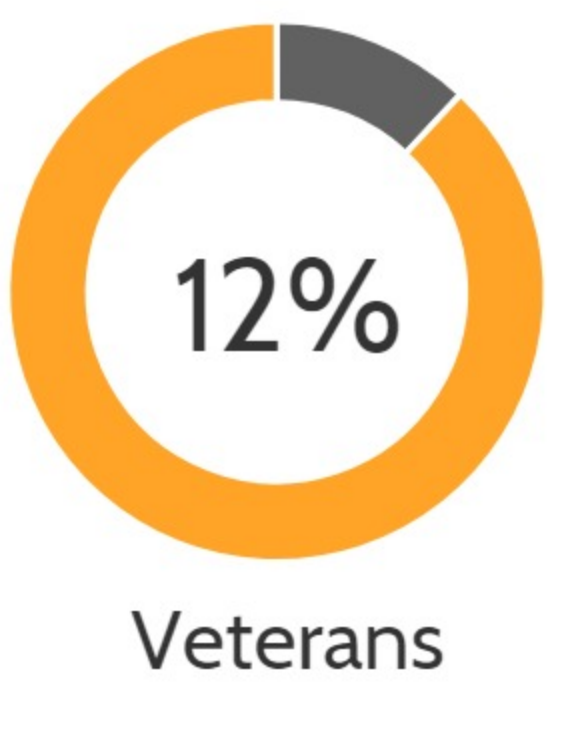
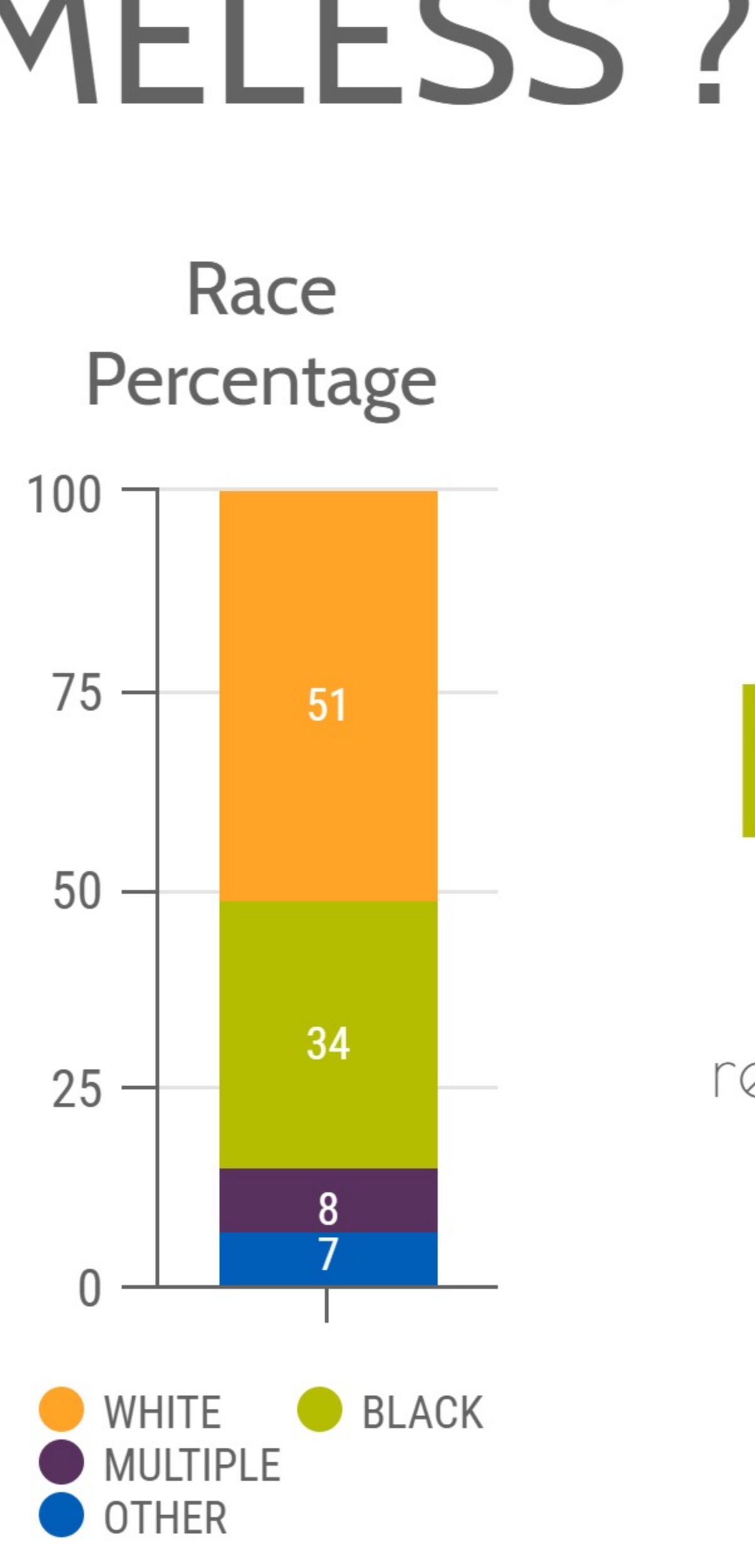
**RACIAL disparity**

Homelessness disproportionately impacts people of color. In the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care area, African Americans are over **3X** more likely to experience homelessness

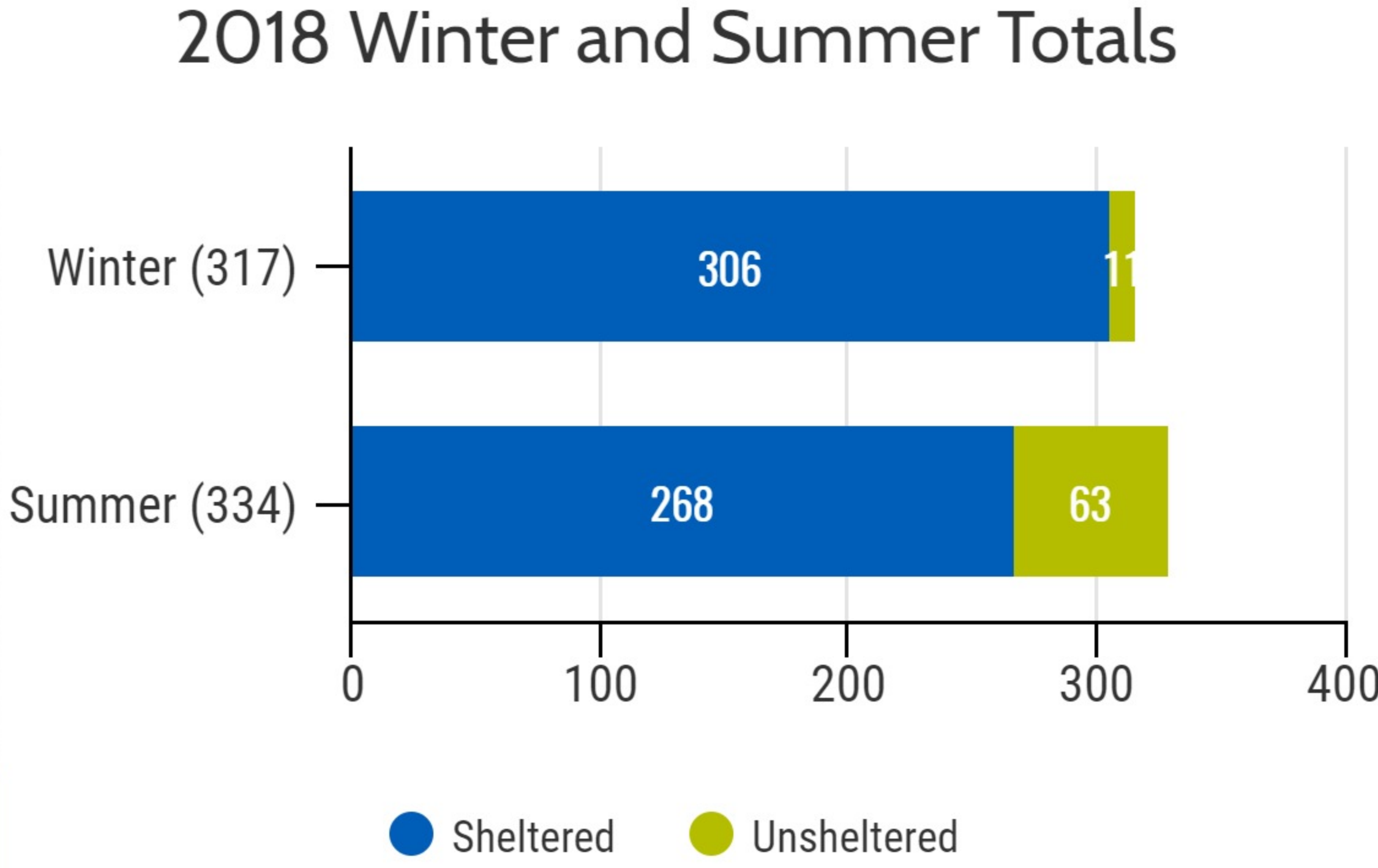
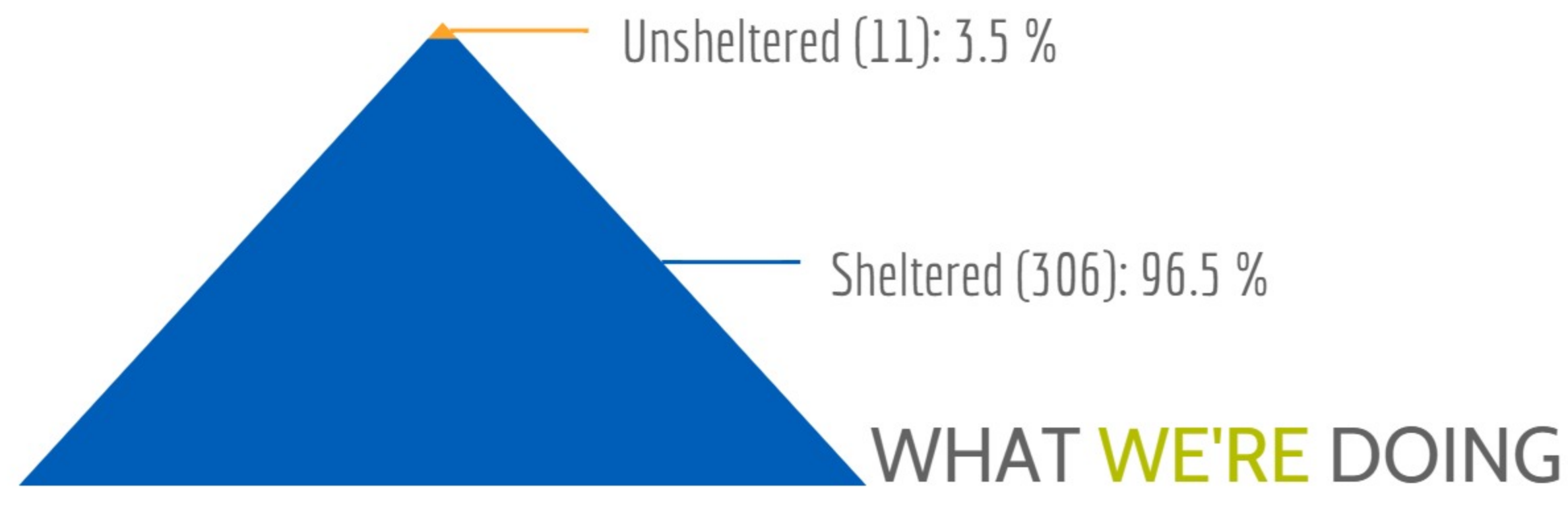
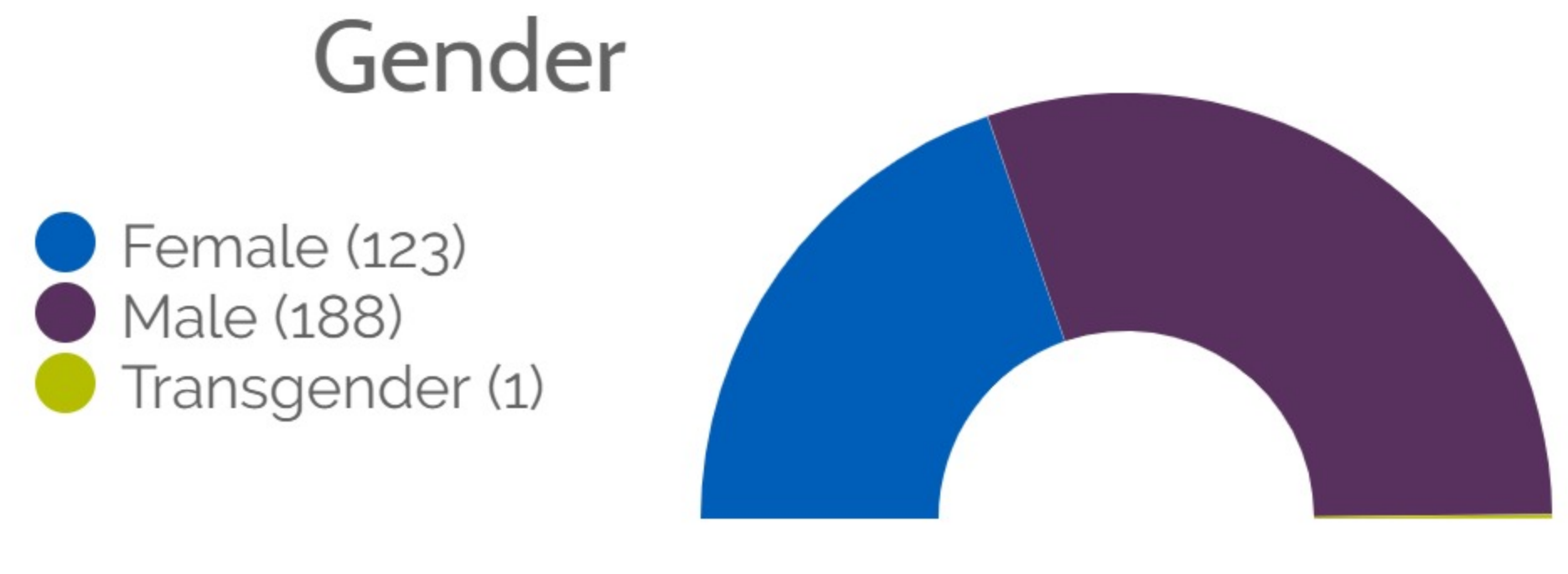
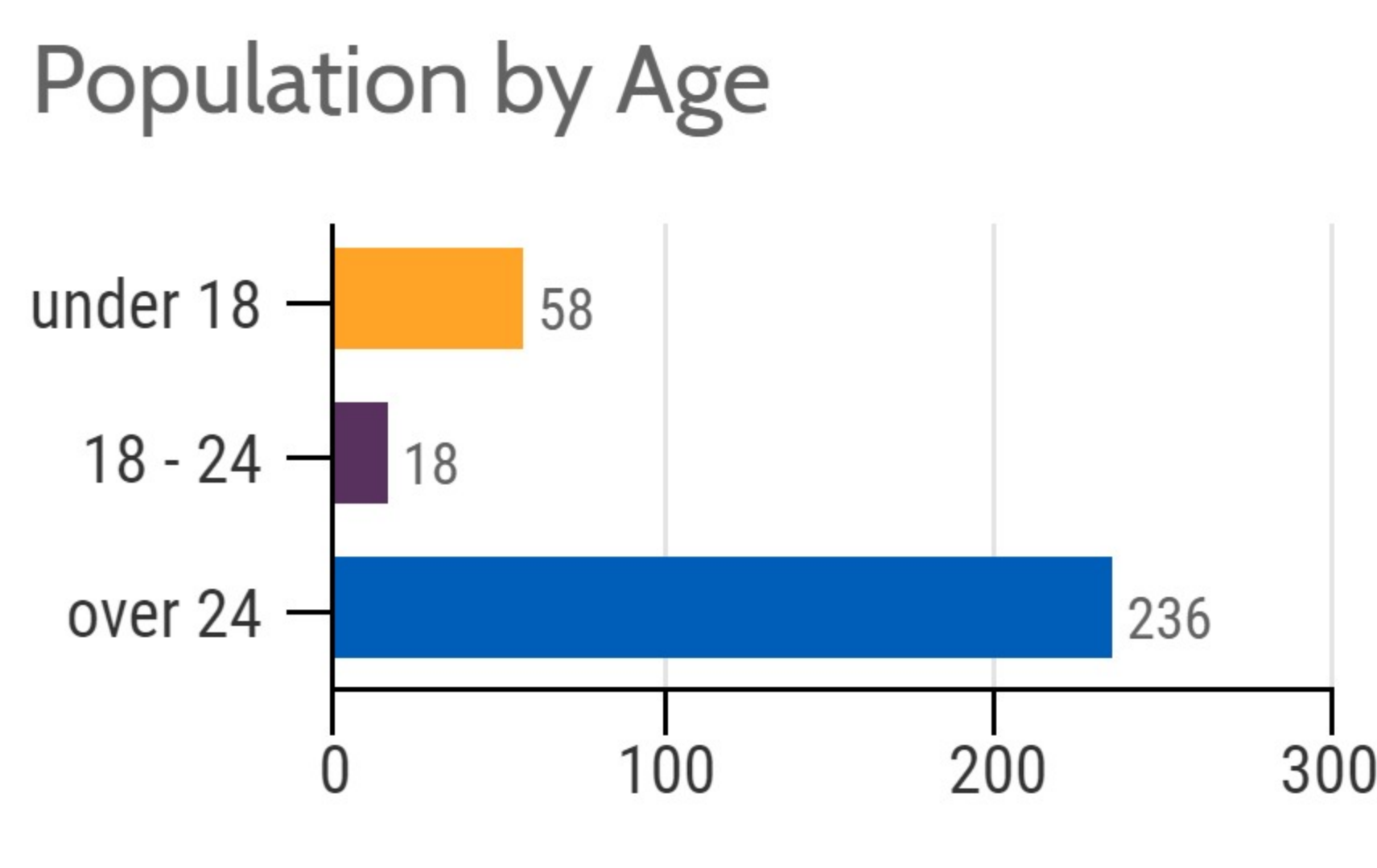
**Involvement with Institutions**

100% (3 of 3) of unsheltered individuals participating in the survey reported a history of jail incarcerations

105 of 144 (73%) of the total number of individuals surveyed reported a history of jail incarcerations

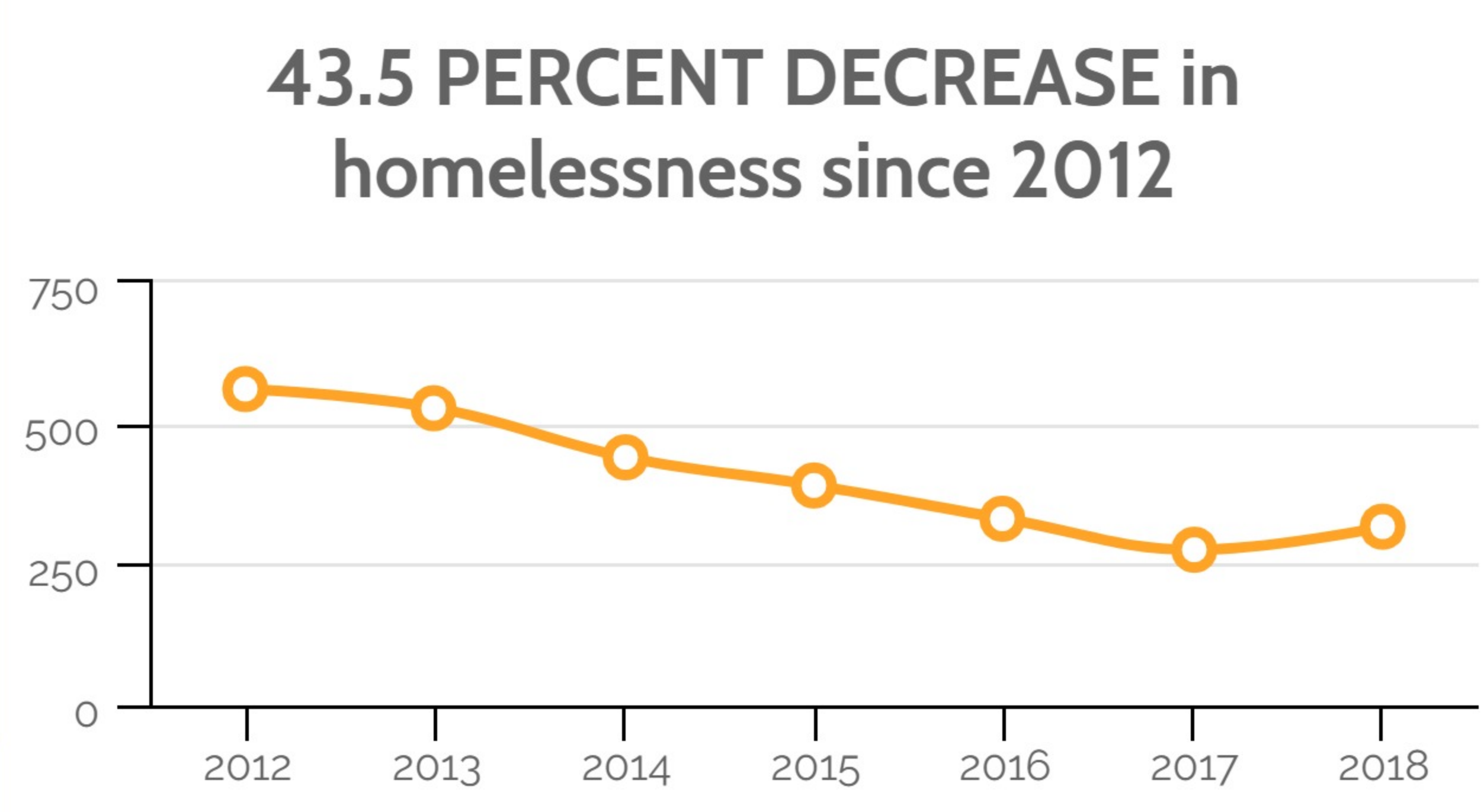


**NINETEEN PERCENT** reported a permanent disability affecting mobility



**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Creating new temporary and long-term housing options
- Expanding on what works, using data



- SPEAK UP!** Talk to your friends, family, and coworkers about homelessness and get others involved!
- RENT OR HIRE** Homeless people often face rental & employment barriers. If you're an employer or landlord, you can help by modifying your screening criteria.
- SAY HELLO** Support people in need with compassion to make human-to-human connections with homeless neighbors.
- SHARE YOUR TIME** Visit our friends at HandsOn Blue Ridge to learn about volunteer opportunities in the area.

**VETERAN HOMELESSNESS DOWN 48.6%** since 2012





# PROGRAMS IN THE BLUE RIDGE CONTINUUM OF CARE

## ARCH Services

540-344-8060

[www.archservices.org](http://www.archservices.org)

ARCH provides the initial stabilization needed for clients to exit the cycle of homelessness. Therapeutic case management and referrals to additional appropriate resources in the community are provided. A low barrier, housing first model of shelter and permanent supportive housing services is utilized to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.



## Community Housing Resource Center

540-266-7551

[www.councilofcommunityservices.org](http://www.councilofcommunityservices.org)

Through collaboration with its community partners, the Council of Community Services' Community Housing Resource Center (CHRC) provides coordinated and targeted rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention services to ensure homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring. The Council also manages the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and provides planning services for the Continuum of Care. The HMIS is a shared electronic system that collects and tracks important performance data and characteristics on individuals experiencing homelessness to ensure services in the community are efficiently and effectively meeting the needs of individuals in crisis.



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## Family Promise of Greater Roanoke

540-444-7374

[www.familypromiseroanoke.org](http://www.familypromiseroanoke.org)

This is a multi-denominational network of religious congregations who have joined together to provide shelter for homeless families. This program will accept families who are referred by other shelter programs, Social Services, congregations, or human service agencies. Families are carefully screened to insure the safety of other homeless families and congregation volunteers.



## Homeless Assistance Team (HAT)

540-853-1715

[www.roanokeva.gov/348/Homeless-Assistance-Team](http://www.roanokeva.gov/348/Homeless-Assistance-Team)

The Homeless Assistance Team (HAT) program works to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are provided access to permanent housing directly from the streets and are provided with appropriate levels of services upon referral. A variety of supportive services including transportation, prescription assistance, housing lists, food and security deposit assistance along with other services are provided. This program serves youth ages 18-24, victims of domestic violence, families with children, chronic homeless individuals and families and veterans. Upon request, outreach is conducted in Roanoke County, Salem, Botetourt, Covington, Alleghany and Clifton Forge areas.



## Rescue Mission

540-343-7227

[www.rescuemission.net](http://www.rescuemission.net)

The Rescue Mission is the largest provider of homeless services in the Roanoke Valley. Its components include a residential recovery program for men and women, Women and Children's Center serving families and single women, and a Men's Shelter (night stays only). Supportive services include meals, showers, clothing and furniture, health care (medical, dental and mental health), intensive case management and legal services.



## Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM)

540-345-8850

[www.raminc.org](http://www.raminc.org)

RAM House is a day shelter for homeless individuals and families offering hot lunches, part time employment program, laundry facilities, and mail services. It is open 365 days a year from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. RAM offers a variety of services including emergency financial assistance.



## Safehome Systems, Inc.

540-965-3237

[www.safehomesystems.org](http://www.safehomesystems.org)

SafeHome Systems is a not for profit organization that shelters women and children that are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. This Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault agency accommodates the needs of men, women and children, serving the counties of Alleghany, Bath, Highland and the city of Covington, Virginia. As a small staff we try to use creative ways to educate our community on the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault. We have a 24 hour crisis hotline at the number listed above.



## Salvation Army

540-343-5335

[www.virginiasalvationarmy.org/roanokeva/](http://www.virginiasalvationarmy.org/roanokeva/)

The New Day Center is a drop-in center for youth ages 18-24 aging out of foster care or at-risk of homelessness. It provides a safe place for youth to relax, receive wrap around community services, attend educational classes, take a shower, do laundry and get a bite to eat.

The Turning Point is the area's only secure center for survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual exploitation & human trafficking in the Roanoke Valley. Its location is undisclosed and is a national award winning program that practices trauma informed care for clients and their children. Due to the nature of this program there is a separate volunteer training around the issues of domestic violence.



## Samaritan Inn

540-344-1447

The Samaritan Inn provides lunch and noon-day worship service daily. Volunteers and local religious congregations sponsor the facility.

For more information about ways YOU can help our neighbors experiencing homelessness, contact the partner agencies listed above.

GET HELP:  
Central Intake 540-853-1163  
or call 2-1-1

