



TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION

# INVESTING IN CHANGE

MARCH 27, 2024



## OUR COUNT

What homelessness  
looked like on count night  
and how it compares

## OUR RESPONSE

How we respond to housing  
crises and changing  
community dynamics

## OUR FUTURE

Where do we go from here  
and the continued focus on  
housing

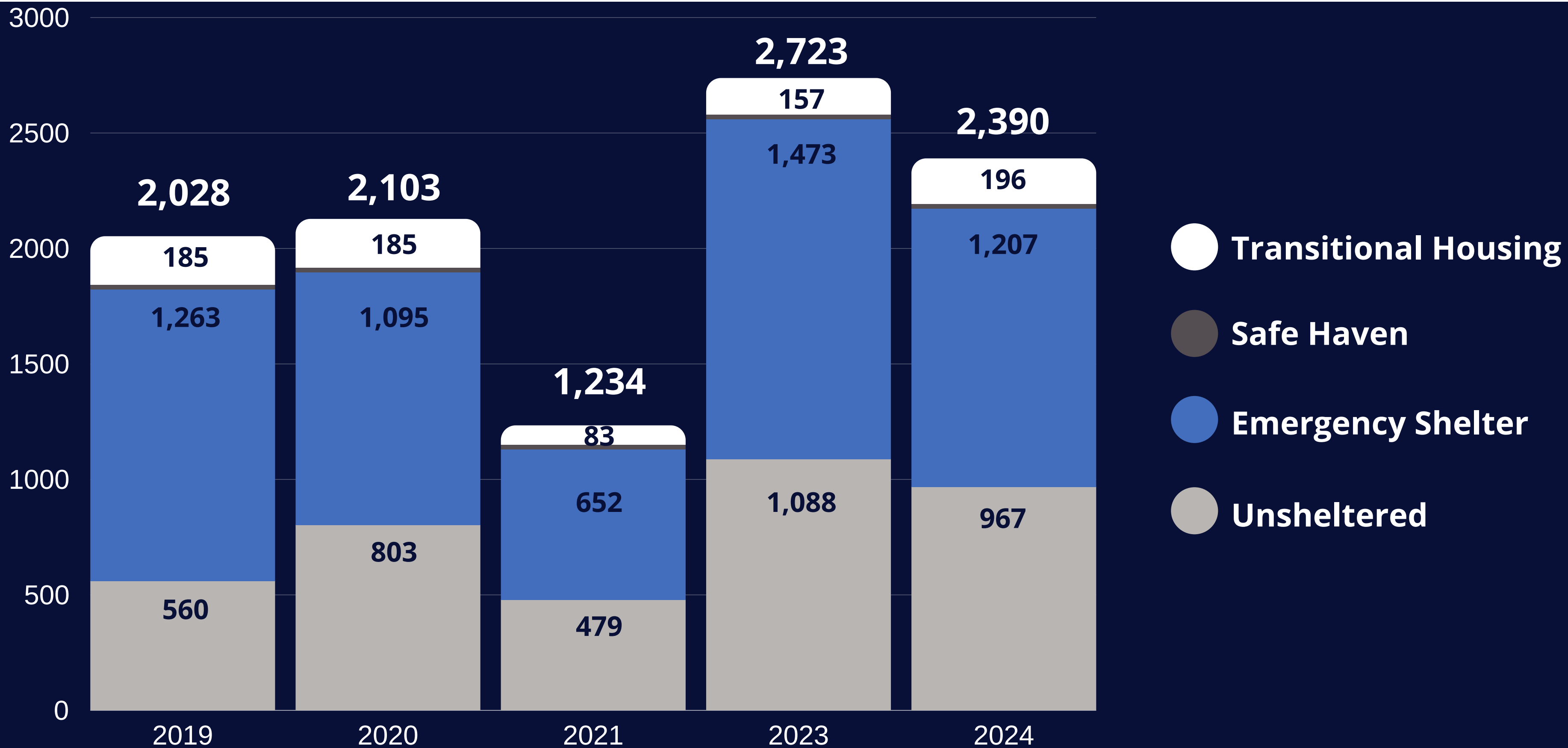
# POINT IN TIME COUNT

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A SNAPSHOT OF HOMELESSNESS ON JANUARY 25, 2024

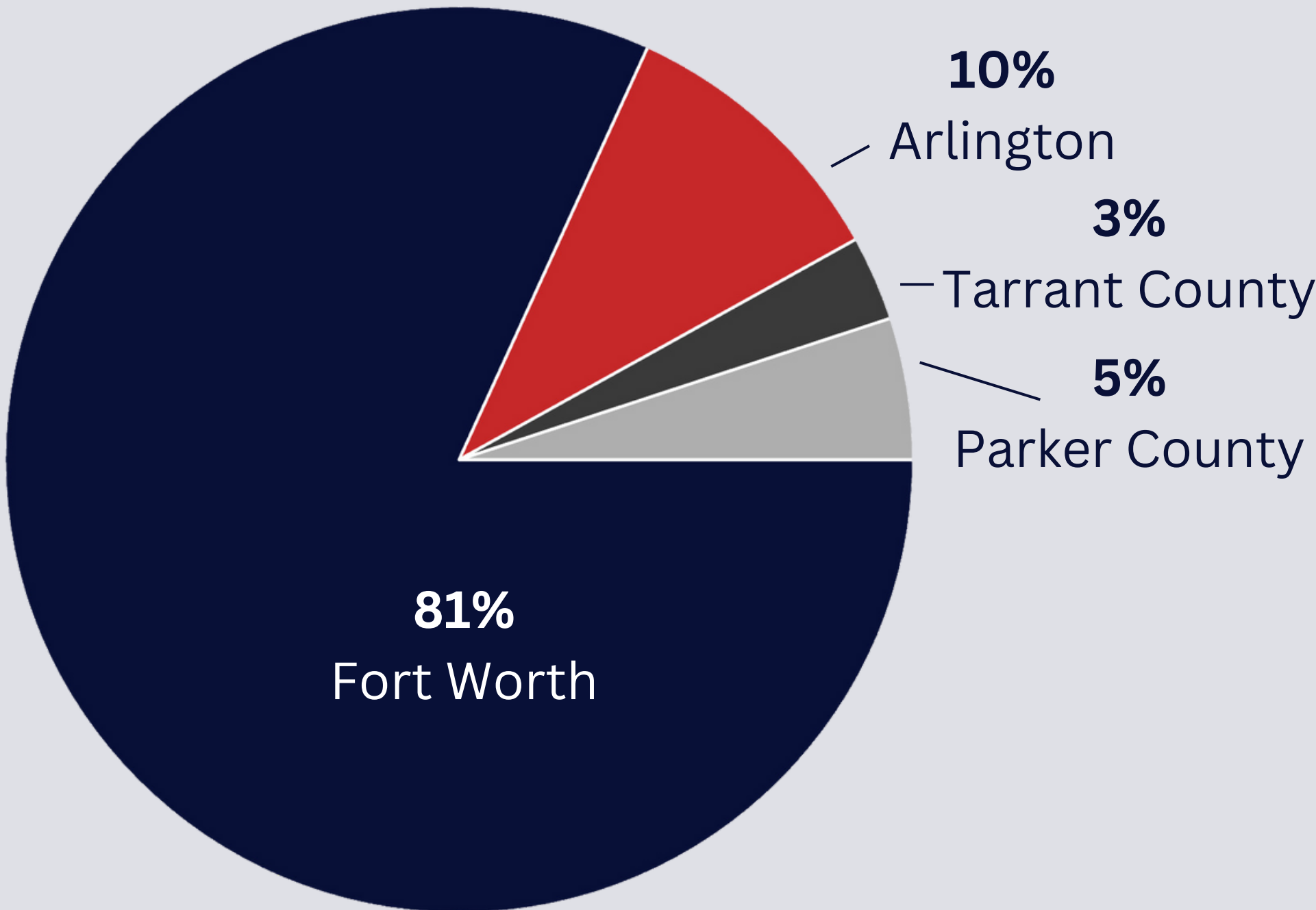
# Point in Time Count

YEAR TO YEAR



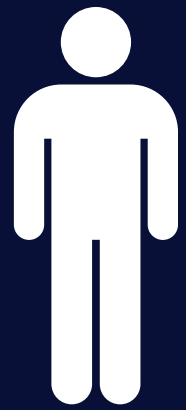
# Where were people located

NIGHT OF POINT IN TIME COUNT



# Who experienced homelessness

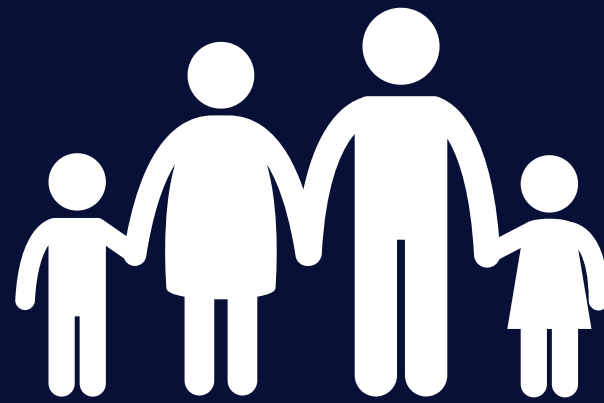
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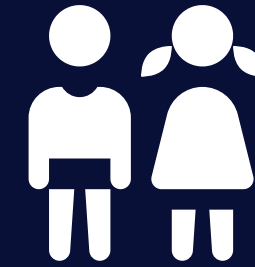
62% male



38% female



11% families



10% children



5% Veterans



60% sheltered



40% unsheltered

# VETERANS: WHO ARE THEY?



- Represent all branches of the military
- 61% are homeless for the first time
- 52 years old
- Typically male
- Majority have income
- Experience homelessness for 4.5 months
- 58% seek shelter
- 42% stay outside

# FAMILIES: WHO ARE THEY?

- Typically a single parent, likely a mom
- 51% are homeless for the first time
- Average of two children with them
- Average age for kids: 6 years
- 69% work or are seeking work
- Experience homelessness for 2.5 months





# YOUNG ADULTS: WHO ARE THEY?



- 36% are homeless for the first time
- Most likely to be young women
- 36% have income
- 40% have aged out of foster care
- 76% seek shelter
- 24% sleep outside

# How do we compare?

2023 POINT IN TIME COUNT | LARGE CITIES



**12%**  
Decrease in  
homelessness



**11%**  
Decrease in  
unsheltered homelessness



**14%**  
Decrease in  
veteran homelessness



**33%**  
Decrease in  
family homelessness



# Notable Trends\*

Point-In-Time Count

\*Compared to 2023 data



**HIGH PERFORMING  
RESPONSE SYSTEM**

**INVESTMENT IN  
RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

**RENT INCREASES  
LEVELING OUT**

**INFLATION REMAINING  
STABLE**

**INCREASING  
AFFORDABLE UNITS**



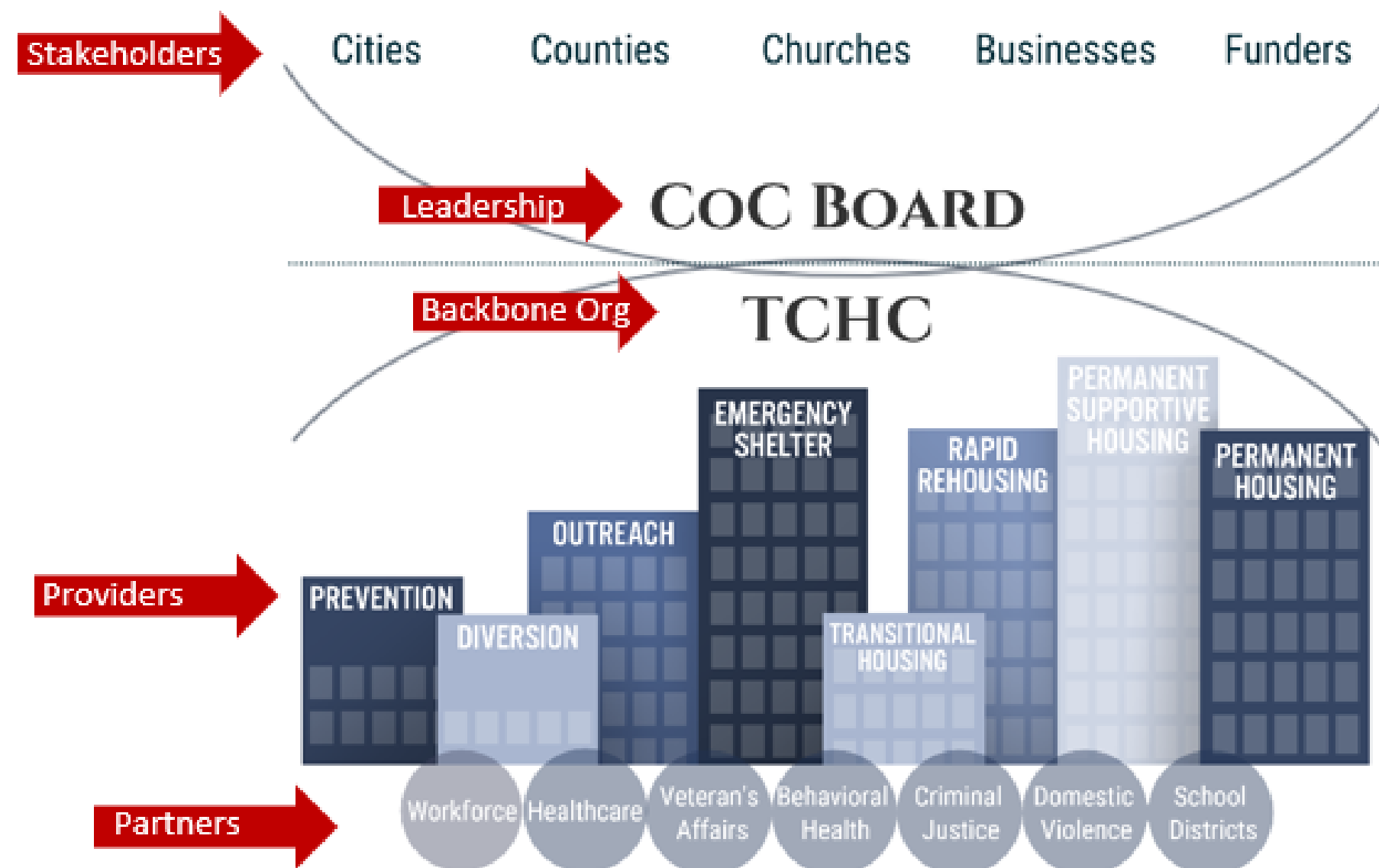
**THE WHY**



# COMMUNITY RESPONSE

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HOW WE CHANGED



## COMMUNITY VISION

A vibrant community where every individual has a place to call home and the resources to live their best life.

# People Served

HOMELESS AND HOUSED



# Accomplishments: Building on Success

## A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Assisted **2,504 households** find a place to call home - this is the more than ever before!

## NATIONAL LEADER

Our CoC has received national recognition for implementation of new and innovative programming to address homelessness.

## HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

\$50M is in the pipeline to build housing for people exiting homelessness. In Partnership with Fort Worth and Tarrant County, this will create over 300 new units over the next two years.

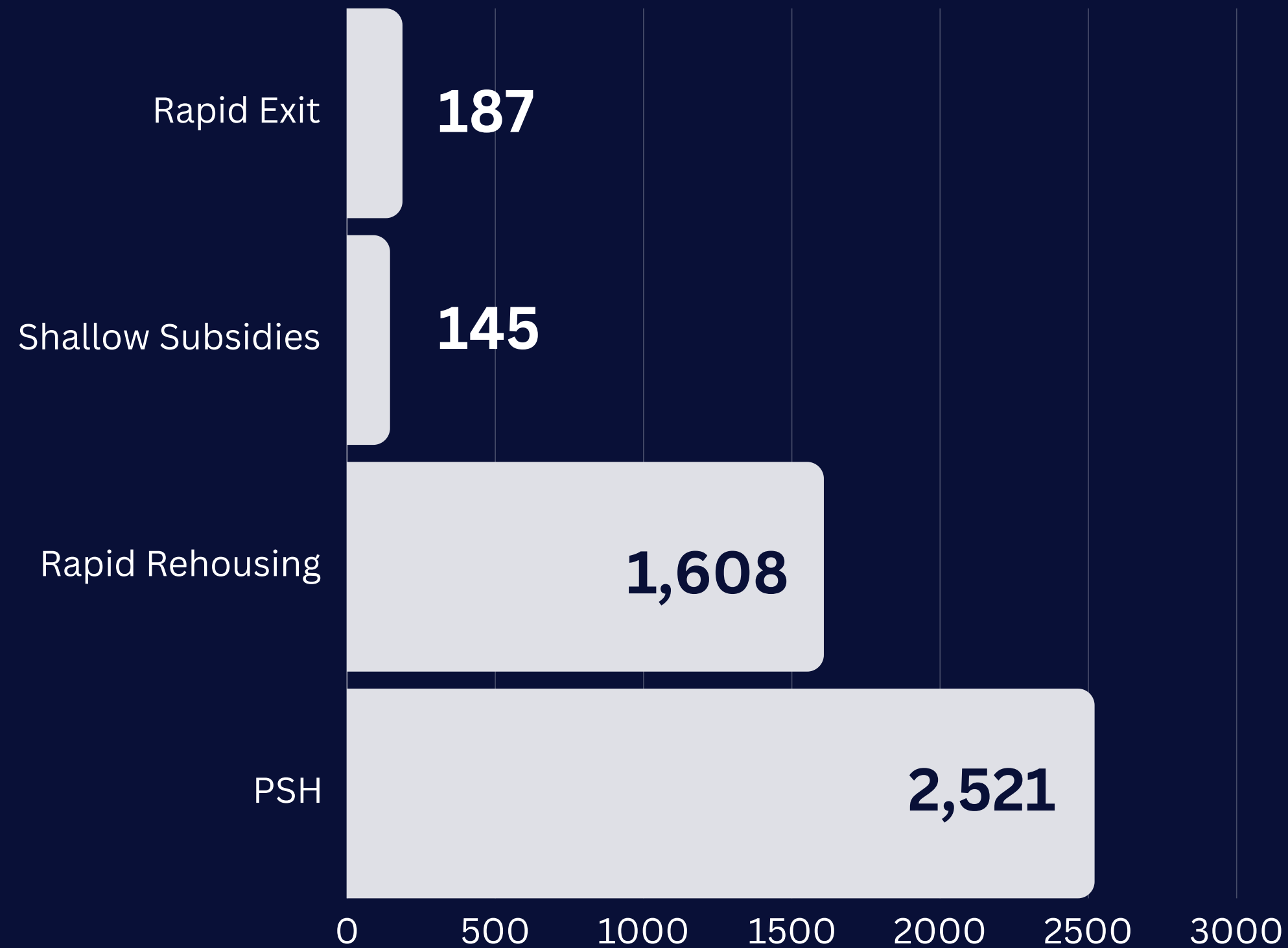
## HIGH PERFORMING SYSTEM

Our community has been rewarded for having a high performing system. Secured:

- 368 additional state rental vouchers
- \$2.5M from Day 1 Families Fund
- \$20M in HUD CoC funding



# 2023 Housing Results

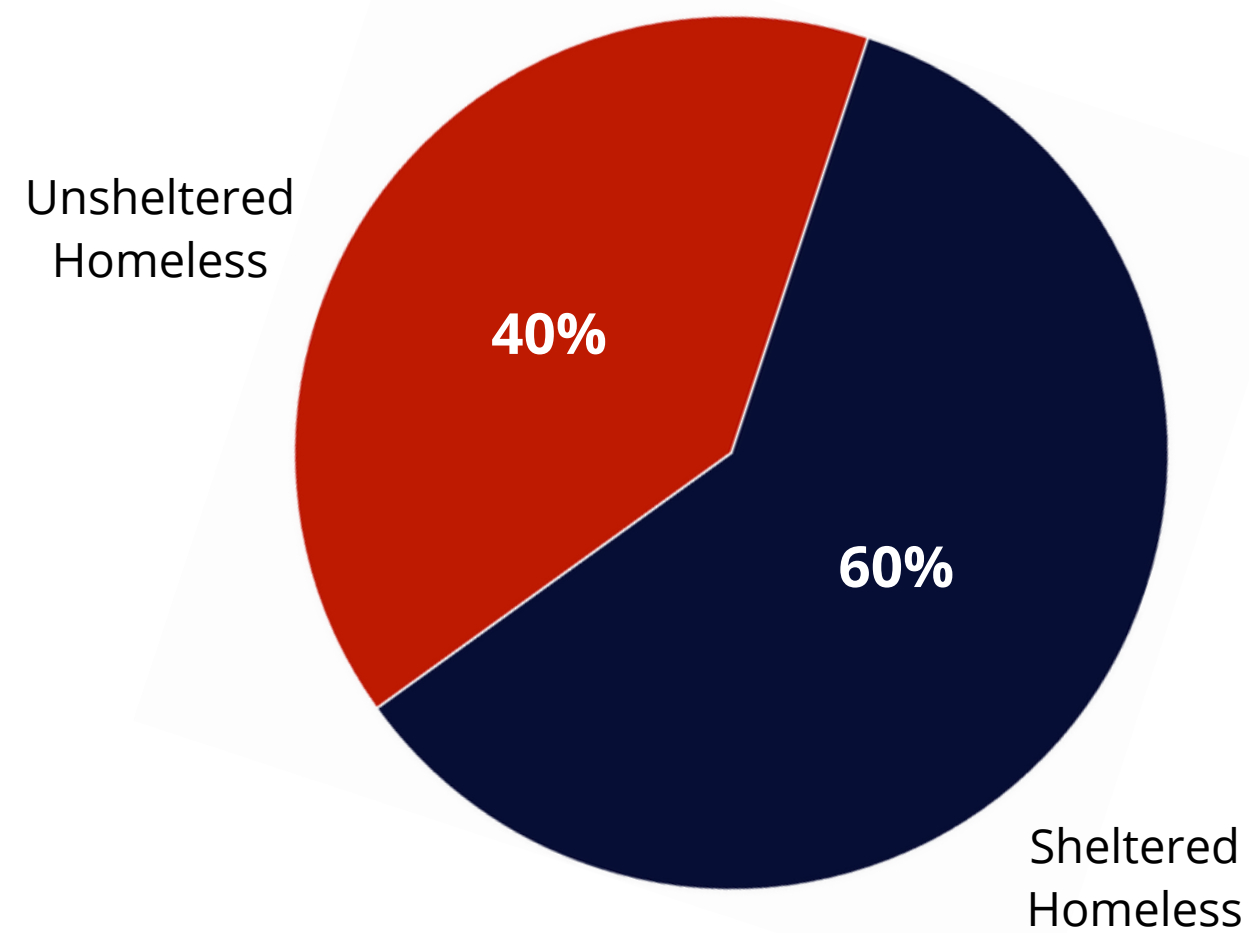


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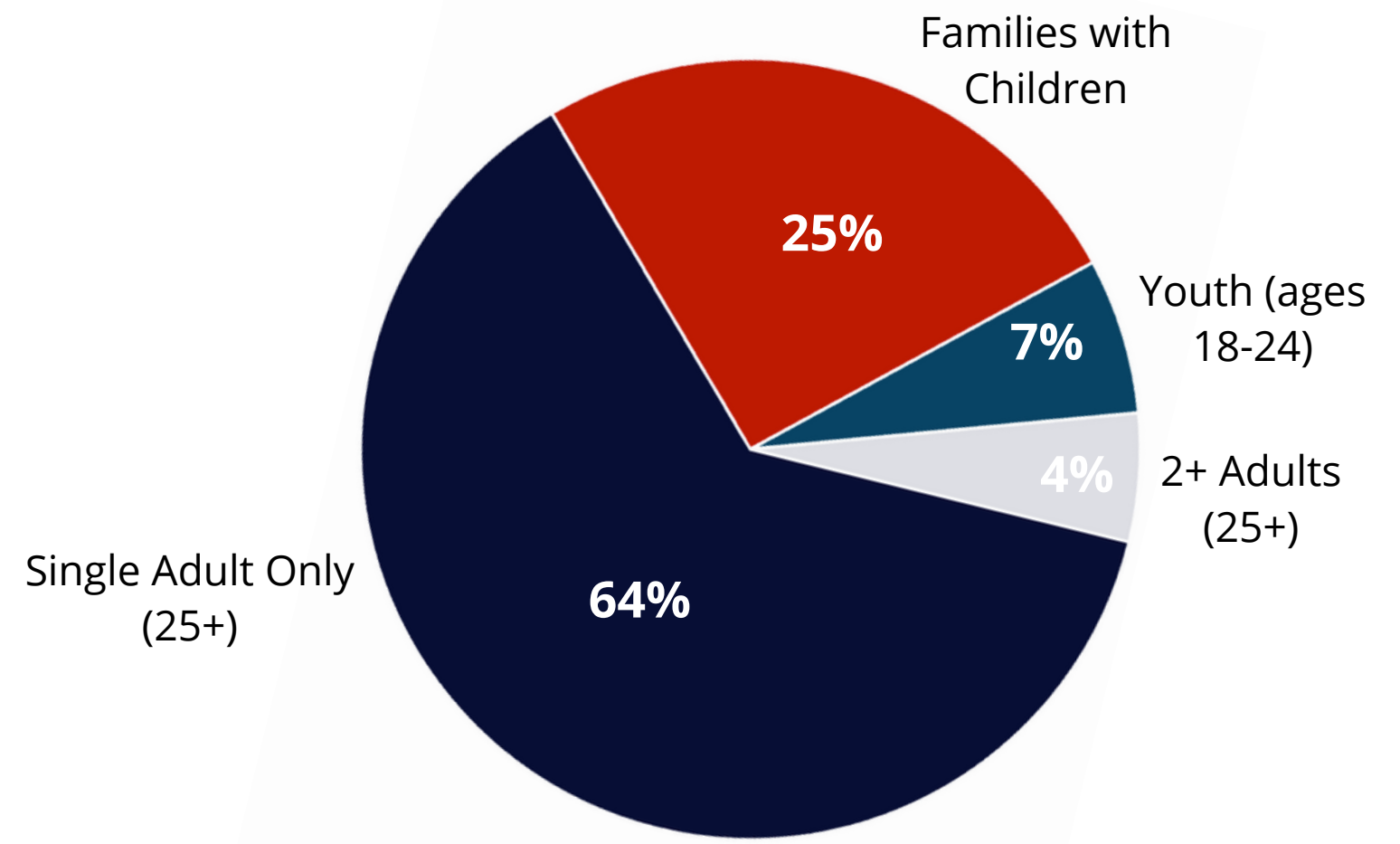
- High performing system with innovative solutions
  - Willing to work together to quickly problem solve
- Creating access to housing through Landlord Engagement
  - Partnered with 175 landlords
  - Have access to 15,600 units
- Benefits Team increases income
  - Secured \$543,000 in income
- Commitment to best practices
  - Trained 1,332 professionals
- Launched six new programs to serve young adults

# Housing Assessment Tool

## Unsheltered vs. Sheltered

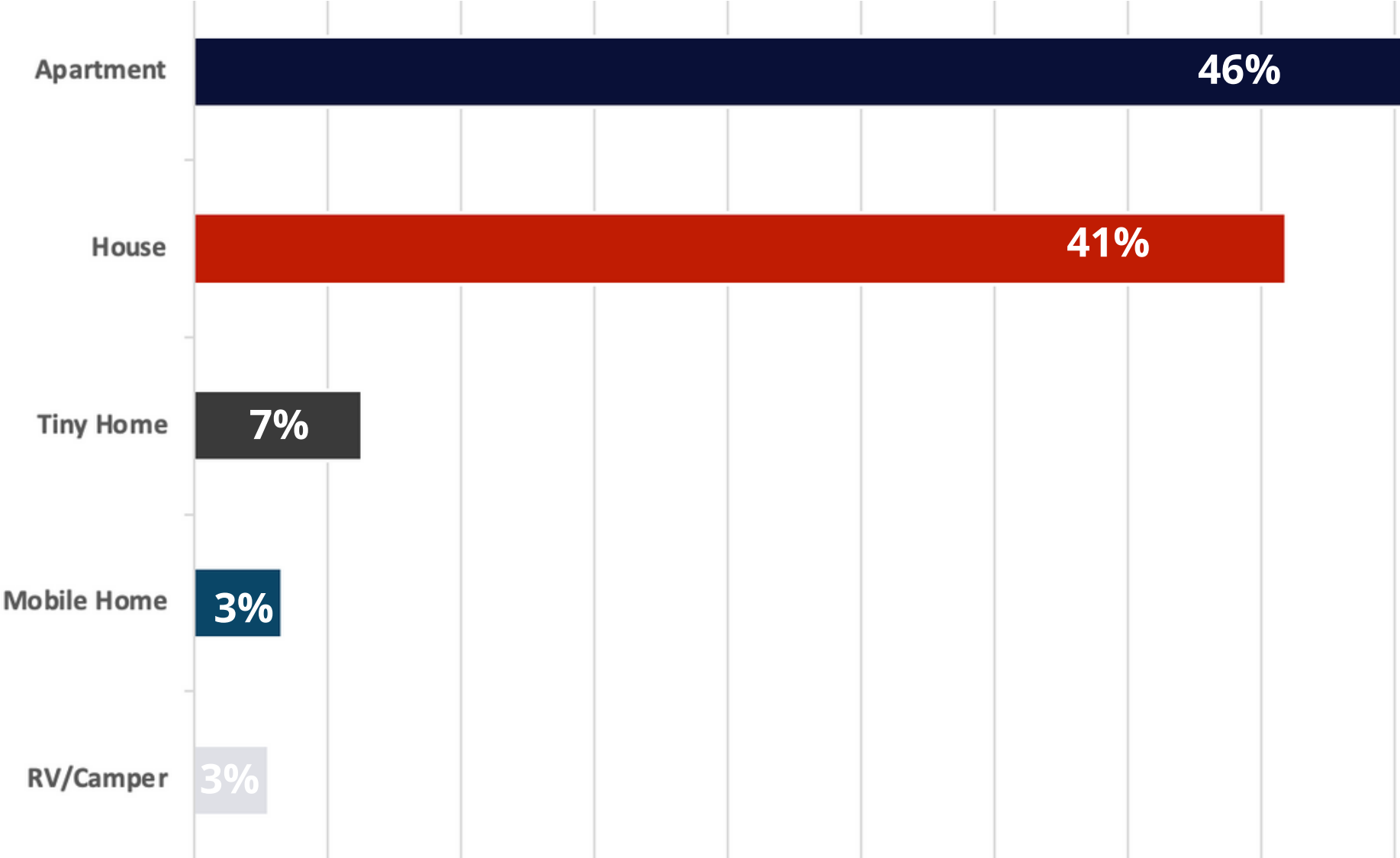


## Household Type

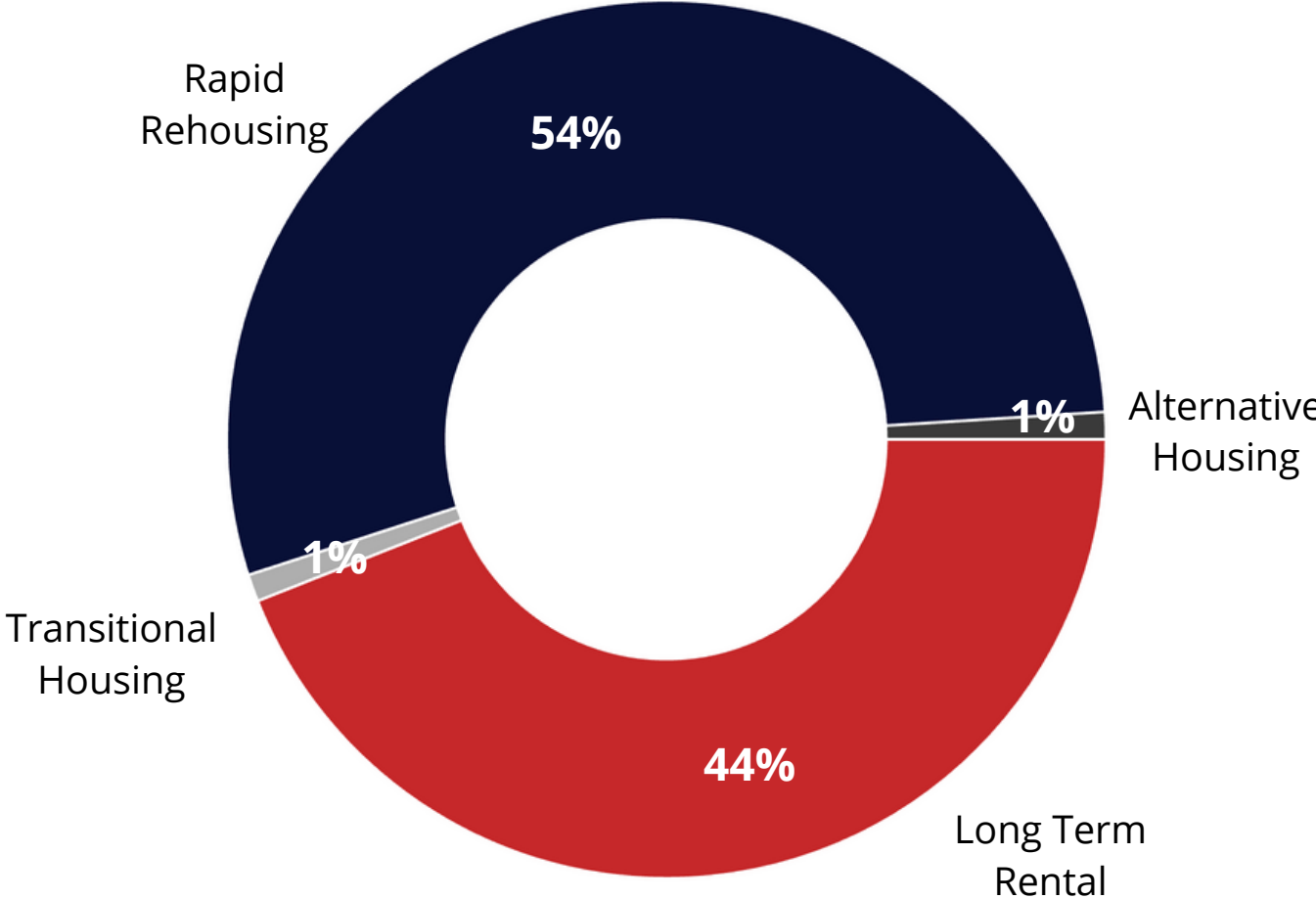


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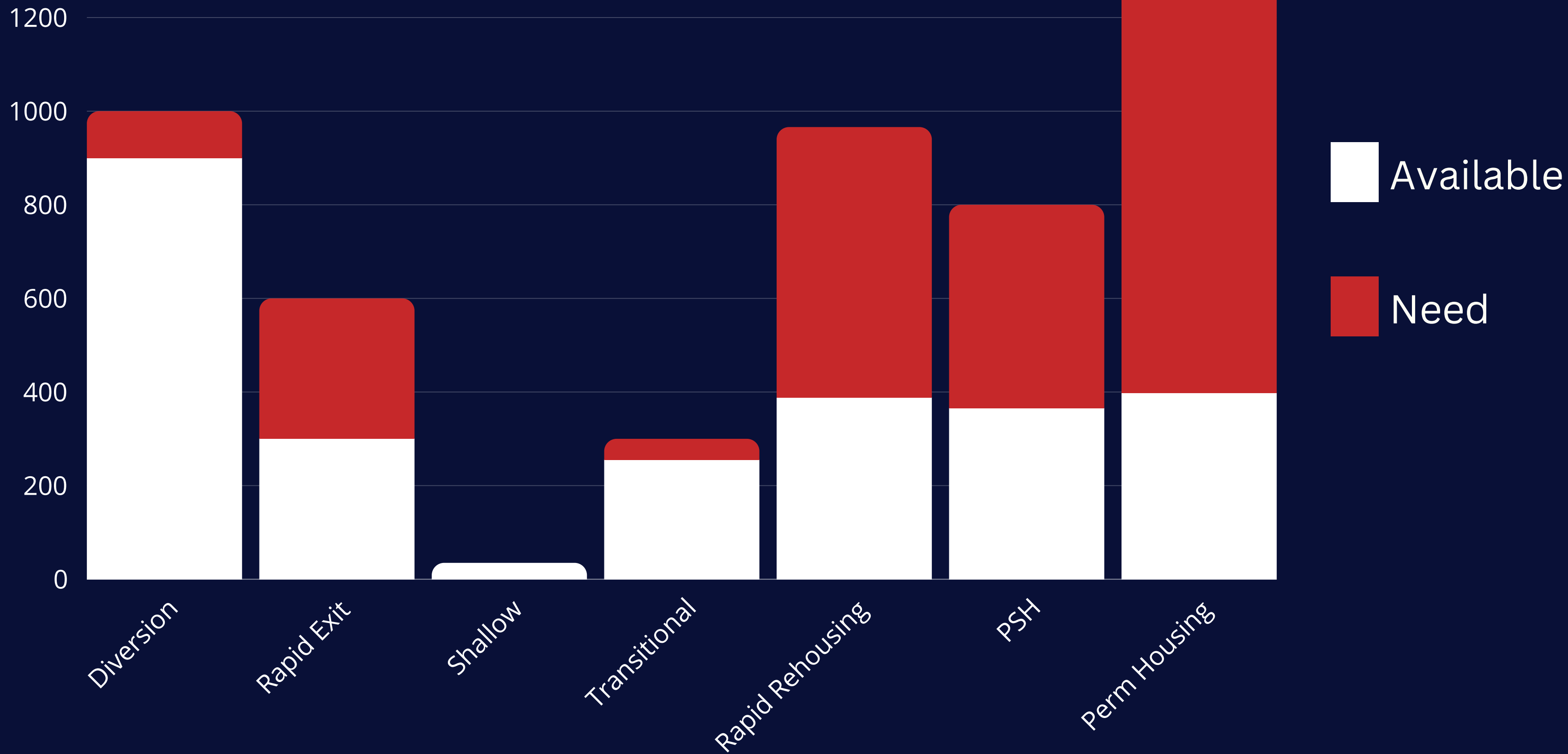
Preferred Housing Choice



Recommended Housing Interventions



# System Investment



# LOOKING FORWARD

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE SYSTEM AND OUR COMMUNITY

# What's Next?

## **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Continued commitment to securing funding to build or acquire more housing

## **BEST FIT HOUSING**

Use data to ensure people have housing that best meets needs

## **STANDARD OF CARE**

Anyone experiencing homelessness receives a high standard of care

## **HOMELESS PREVENTION**

Better understanding predictors of homelessness in our community

## **QUALITATIVE DATA**

Focus on data driven decisions by integrating qualitative data into analysis



# Get Involved

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## HOUSING

Be part of the solution by supporting housing development

## SHARE THE STORY

Know the facts  
Engage others  
Tune in

## SERVE PARTNERS

Volunteer your time  
Give needed items  
Contribute financially



# Key Takeaways

## **STRONG SYSTEM**

There is a large system of providers working to end homelessness

## **WHO IS HOMELESS**

The people experiencing homelessness in our community have changed

## **THE WHY**

Lack of available and affordable units + supportive services needed to thrive

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Lots of innovations and great things happening in our community

## **HOUSING WORKS**

Investments in housing decrease homelessness

# AUDIENCE QUESTIONS