

ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING



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The Alliance for Housing of Oakland County, formerly the Oakland County Taskforce on Homelessness and Affordable Housing (OCTHAH), is the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Oakland County. We are a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization that is a diverse, collaborative group of partners and individuals all working toward a common goal to end homelessness and increase affordable housing opportunities in Oakland County.

The Alliance is made up of a number of organizations from the private and public sectors, and includes entities such as emergency shelters, warming centers, providers of health services including mental health services, providers of services to people with developmental disabilities, for-profit and nonprofit developers of affordable housing, administrators of supportive housing programs, municipalities, governmental agencies, faith-based service providers and more.



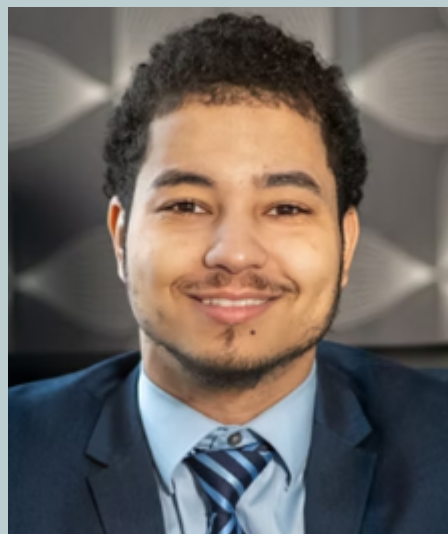
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ENDING HOMELESSNESS

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Currently the Oakland County's Continuum of Care (CoC) consists of partners across a wide range of groups/entities, many of whom participate in the CoC's workgroups and committees.

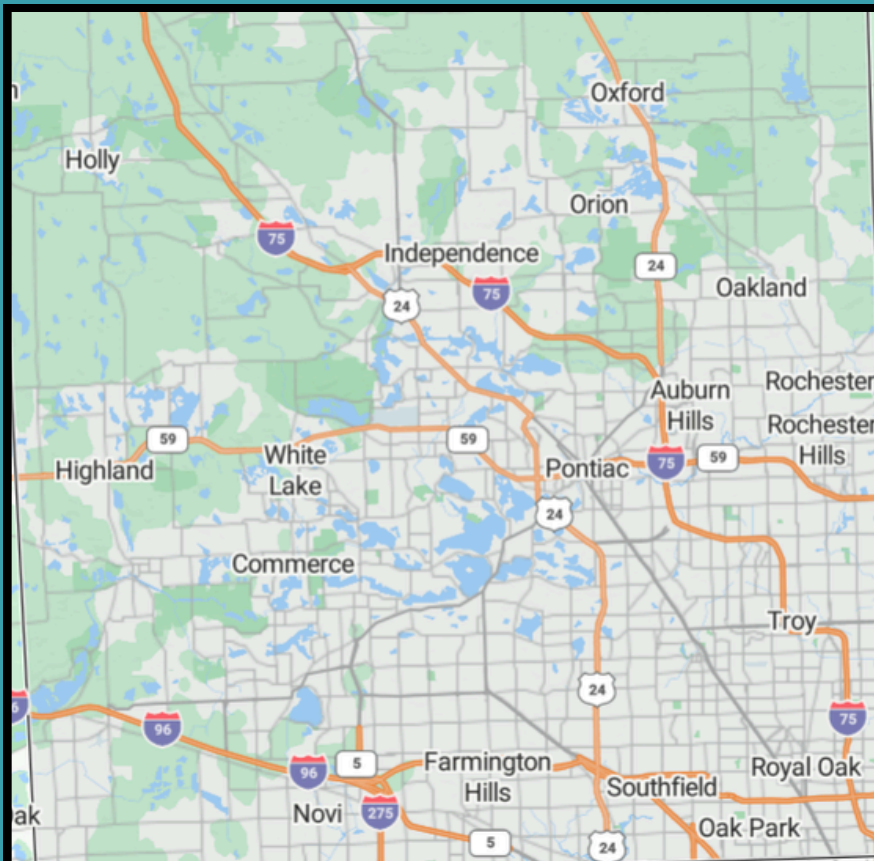
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- Easterseals MORC, Inc.
- E-Community Outreach Services
- Farmington Hills Neighborhood House Inc
- Gesher Human Services
- HAVEN Inc.
- Honor Community Health
- HOPE Shelters
- Jewish Family Service of Metro Detroit
- Kids Empowered on the Move
- Lakeshore Legal Aid
- Lighthouse
- Mary's Mantle
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
- Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN)
- Oakland County Michigan Works!
- Oakland Family Services
- Oakland Mediation Center
- OC Health & Human Services
- OC Sheriff's Office
- OC Veteran Services
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- Safe Housing Outreach Ministry
- Safe & Sound Ministries
- South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless -Welcome Inn
- Street Democracy
- Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
- The House of Kadence
- The SOURCE
- VA Detroit Healthcare System
- Volunteers of America MI
- WHEAT INC

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

YEAR 2020

Oakland County is a part of the metropolitan Detroit area, located northwest of the city. As of the 2022 ACS by the Census Bureau, its population was 1,269,431, still making it the second-most populous county in Michigan behind neighboring Wayne County. Oakland County is composed of 62 cities, townships, and villages across 907 square miles.

- ▶ Oakland County is home to nearly 30% of the 6-county Metro Detroit region's population
- ▶ Since 2010, Oakland County's population has grown by 6% - the 2nd fastest rate of growth in Metro Detroit
- ▶ Oakland County has nearly 525,000 households, the 33rd most among all counties, and an average household size of 2.4 residents
- ▶ 72% of Oakland County's households are owner-occupied
- ▶ 27% of all Oakland County households have children younger than 18 living at home
- ▶ There are nearly 200,000 school-aged children (children aged 5-17) living in Oakland County, 28% of the region's total school-aged population
- ▶ 17% of Oakland County's residents are age 65 or over
- ▶ 50% of Oakland County residents have at least a bachelor's degree, the second highest percentage in Michigan



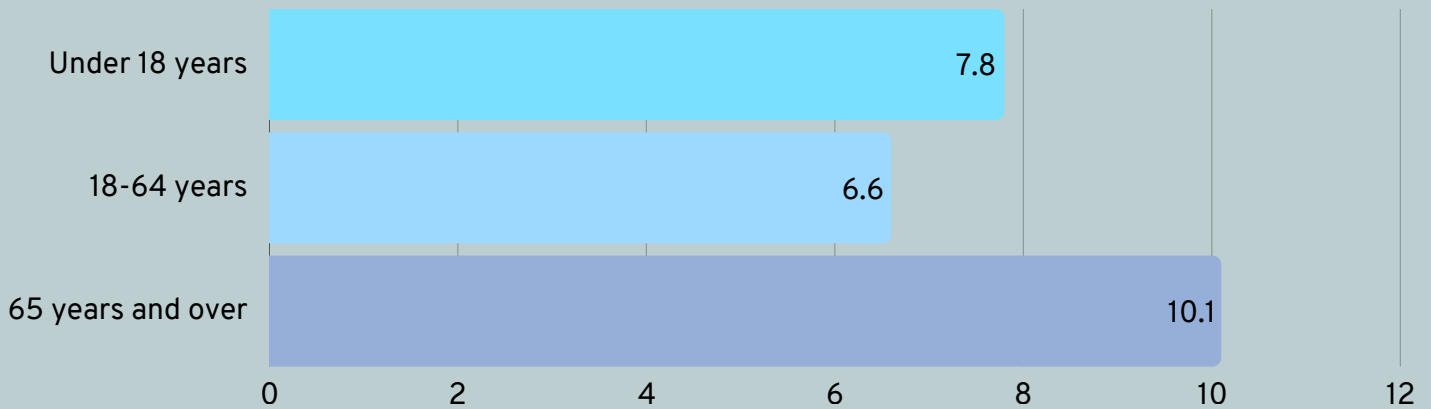
OAKLAND COUNTY CENSUS DATA

YEAR 2020

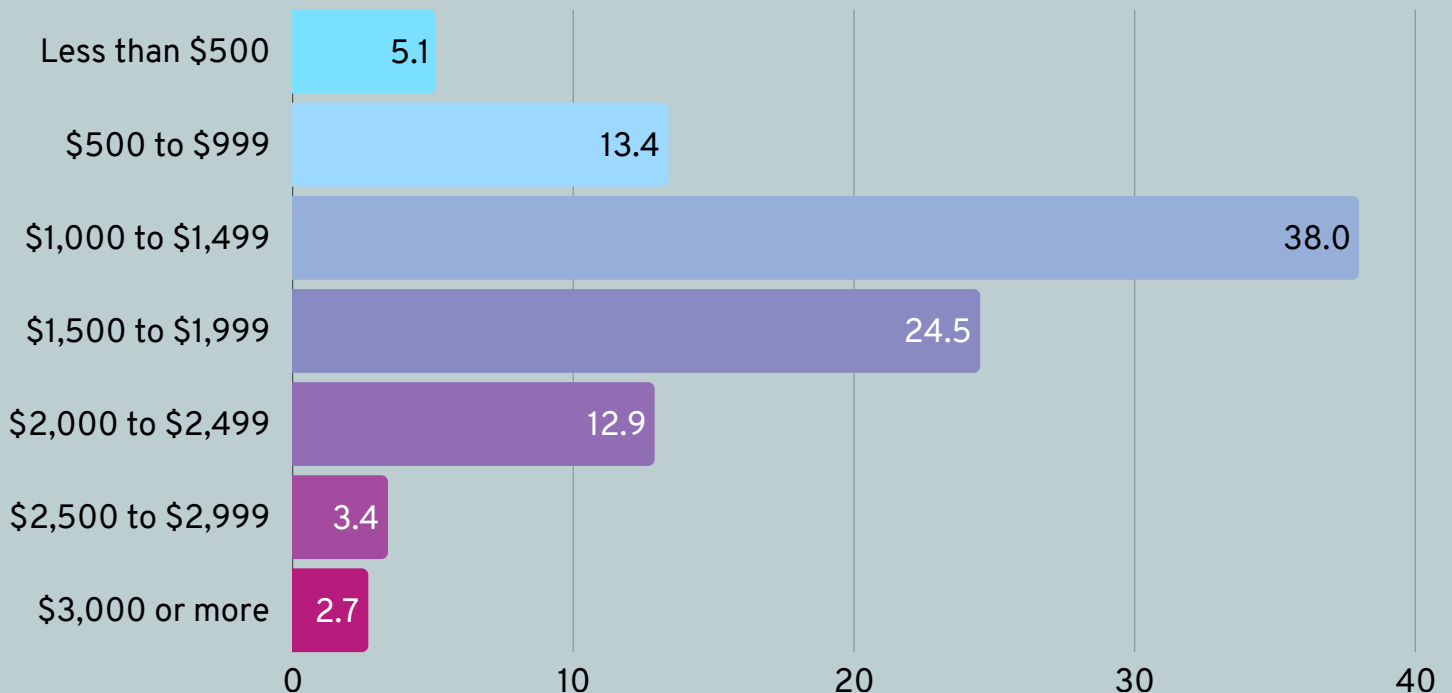
Poverty

7.5% $\pm$ 0.7% Poverty, All people in Oakland County, Michigan

13.4% $\pm$ 0.3% Poverty, All people in Michigan



Occupied Units Paying Rent



OAKLAND SCHOOLS MCKINNEY VENTO

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 166,750 STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED IN OAKLAND COUNTY. BASED ON THE NATIONAL AVERAGE THAT 2.8% OF A LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY'S (LEA'S) STUDENT POPULATION MAY BE CONSIDERED TO BE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AN ESTIMATED 4,669 STUDENTS IN OAKLAND COUNTY FALL INTO EITHER CATEGORY 1 OR CATEGORY 2.

OF THOSE ESTIMATED 4,669 STUDENTS, APPROXIMATELY 2,200 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ELIGIBLE FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO SERVICES. OAKLAND SCHOOLS' HOMELESS LIAISONS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE IDENTIFICATION EFFORTS THROUGH OUTREACH, STAFF AND COMMUNITY TRAINING, ADVOCACY, AND DISSEMINATION OF MATERIALS TO HELP FAMILIES BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS AND ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT.

CONSISTENTLY FROM YEAR TO YEAR,
OVER 70% OF STUDENTS
CONSIDERED TO BE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS FALL UNDER
CATEGORY 2 (DOUBLED UP).





Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a web-based database used to collect data on homeless populations served in the United States. The database records and stores client-level information on the characteristics and service needs of homeless persons. Homeless assistance providers use HMIS to coordinate care, manage their operations, and better serve their clients.

HMIS implementations can encompass geographic areas ranging from a single county to an entire state. The Oakland County Continuum of Care (CoC) is guided by the Michigan State HMIS Implementation (MSHMIS) which is housed at the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH).

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other policy makers at the federal, state and local levels use aggregate HMIS data to obtain better information about the extent and nature of homelessness over time. Specifically, an HMIS can be used to produce an unduplicated count of homeless persons, understand patterns of service use, and measure the effectiveness of homeless programs.



HMIS data is used to:

- Coordinate entry and data sharing
- Assist with project screening and prioritize services
- Produce an unduplicated count of clients receiving services
- Compliance with regulations
- Report to Congress and funders
- Provide referrals to services throughout the County
- Track outcomes
- Assist in writing grants
- Update the Oakland County Blueprint to end homelessness
- Inform the community
- Supports informed-decision making
- Identifies gaps and supports best practices



HMIS Limitations:

- HMIS is a live database where data can be updated, corrected, added, and /or removed, and is therefore subject to change over time.
- Available reports in Community Services are regularly updated, and different versions can yield different results.
- Not all agencies providing services enter into HMIS, and some only enter a small amount.
- Data elements are captured for the head of household and may not always include elements for other household members. Demographic information related to children only represents those children whose information was entered into HMIS.
- Data entry errors can reduce or increase fluctuation in numbers.
- Existing projects end and new projects come on board, grant terms start at various times during the year depending on the project.
- Variables such as homeless status, disability and chronicity can be self-reported. Verification may be required at the time of project entry and not necessarily at the initial screening stage. Report totals can vary if self-reports are included.
- Data reporting is not an exact science, but even at that, totals would not be expected to be exactly the same every year, due to a number of factors – the economy, available housing stock, a pandemic, and so on.



HMIS DATA

The data included in this section summarizes the basic demographic information for persons identified as literally homeless in Oakland County.

As defined by HUD, persons who are experiencing literal homelessness lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes persons staying in an emergency shelter, a hotel/motel paid for by a 3rd party, and places not meant for habitation (e.g. a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport, or anywhere outside).

All data comes from MSHMIS, using the Data Warehouse reporting tool, unless otherwise specified.

Literally Homeless

January 1- December 31

2025: 1,287 Unique Clients	943 Households
2024: 1,289 Unique Clients	878 Households

LITERALLY HOMELESS ADULTS CHILDREN

Literally Homeless Adults January 1- December 31	2025	2024
All	942 (Average Age 43)	845 (Average Age 42)
Female	339 (Average Age 41)	391 (Average Age 40)
Male	474 (Average Age 44)	437 (Average Age 45)

Literally Homeless Children January 1- December 31	2025	2024
All	346 (Average Age 7)	443 (Average Age 8)
Female	144 (Average Age 7)	240 (Average Age 8)
Male	156 (Average Age 7)	201 (Average Age 8)

LITERALLY HOMELESS

Literally Homeless Age Breakdown January 1- December 31	2025	2024
Newborn to 4	118 or 9.17%	125 or 9.70%
5 to 10	128 or 9.95%	151 or 11.71%
11 to 14	56 or 4.35%	100 or 7.76%
15 to 17	43 or 3.34%	67 or 5.20%
18 to 24	112 or 8.70%	100 or 7.76%
25 to 34	212 or 16.47%	199 or 15.44%
35 to 44	228 or 17.72%	190 or 14.74%
45 to 54	173 or 13.44%	156 or 12.10%
55 to 64	150 or 11.66%	138 or 10.71%
65+	67 or 5.21%	62 or 4.81%
Unknown	0 or 0.00%	1 or .08%

LITERALLY HOMELESS

Literally Homeless Race Breakdown January 1- December 31	2025	2024
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	8 or .63%	5 or .39%
Asian or Asian American	10 or .78%	7 or .54%
Black, American American, or African	756 or 58.74%	775 or 60.12%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3 or .23%	4 or .31%
White	401 or 31.16%	373 or 28.94%
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	22 or 1.71%	33 or 2.56%
Middle Eastern or North African	9 or .70%	3 or .23%
Multi-racial	63 or 4.9%	68 or 5.28%
Prefers Not to Answer	11 or .85%	12 or .93%
Data not Collected	1 or .08%	9 or .70%

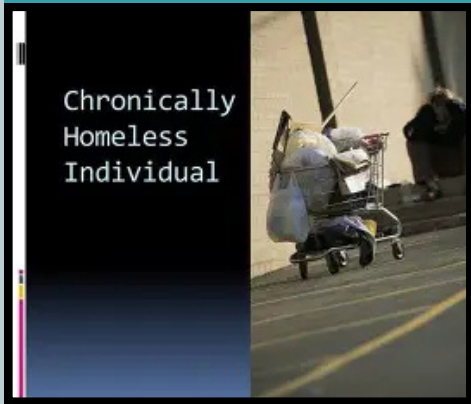
LITERALLY HOMELESS

Literally Homeless Disability Breakdown January 1- December 31	2025	2024
Physical Disability	149 or 11.58%	137 or 10.63%
Developmental Disability	162 or 12.59%	162 or 12.57%
Chronic Health Condition	102 or 7.93%	91 or 7.06%
Mental Health Disorder	246 or 19.11%	239 or 18.54%
Substance Use Disorder	54 or 4.2%	62 or 4.81%
At Least One Disability	436 or 33.88%	410 or 31.81%
No Disability	851 or 66.12%	879 or 68.19%

LITERALLY HOMELESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Literally Homeless DV Victim/Survivor January 1- December 31	2025	2024
No	773 or 60.72%	750 or 58.18%
Yes	307 or 24.12%	330 or 25.60%
Data Not Collected	1 or .08%	2 or .16%
Client Doesn't Know	1 or .08%	1 or .008%





CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

As defined by HUD, An individual or family is considered chronically homeless if all the following are true:

- Living Situation: currently resides in a place not meant for habitation, a safe haven, an emergency shelter, or a hotel/motel paid for by a third party.
- Homeless History:
 - Has experienced homelessness for 12 consecutive months, or
 - Had had at least four separate episodes of homelessness in the past three years totaling 12 months or more.
- Disabling condition: Has documented disability, which may include a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, developmental disability, chronic or physical disability.

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

January 1- December 31

2025: 274 Unique Clients	255 Households
2024: 230 Unique Clients	213 Households

Examining this data is essential to understanding the most persistent challenges in our community- it illustrates the need for long-term or intensive support, beyond temporary shelter.

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

Numbers of Times Homeless January 1- December 31	2025	2024
One Time	103 or 37.59%	72 or 31.30%
Two Times	30 or 10.95%	26 or 11.30%
Three Times	17 or 6.20%	21 or 9.13%
Four or More Times	124 or 45.26%	110 or 47.83%

Chronically Homeless Adults January 1- December 31	2025	2024
All	256 (Average Age 45)	211 (Average Age 48)
Female	78 (Average age 45)	83 (Average Age 47)
Male	137 (Average Age 45)	123 (Average Age 48)

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

Literally Homeless Disability Breakdown January 1- December 31	2025	2024
Physical Disability	54 or 19.71%	61 or 26.52%
Developmental Disability	50 or 18.25%	42 or 18.26%
Chronic Health Condition	36 or 13.14%	40 or 17.39%
Mental Health Disorder	102 or 37.23%	103 or 44.78%
Substance Use Disorder	28 or 10.22%	38 or 16.52%



Definition of Homelessness

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or
- Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
- Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

HOMELESS STATISTICS

Numbers of Times Homeless January 1- December 31	2025	2024
One Time	514 or 39.94%	582 or 45.15%
Two Times	263 or 20.44%	270or 20.95%
Three Times	149 or 11.58%	123 or 9.54%
Four or More Times	236 or 18.34%	195 or 15.13%
Client Doesn't Know	3 or .23%	2 or .16%
Data Not Collected	0 or 0.00%	1 or .008%

HOMELESS STATISTICS

Length of Time Homeless in Months January 1 - December 31	2025	2024
Client Doesn't Know	2 or .16%	3 or .23%
Data Not Collected	0 or 0.00%	1 or .008%
1	222 or 17.25%	257 or 19.94%
2	107 or 8.31%	137 or 10.63%
3	65 or 5.05%	85 or 6.59%
4	68 or 5.28%	80 or 6.21%
5	41 or 3.19%	43 or 3.34%
6	81 or 6.29%	65 or 5.04%
7	40 or 3.11%	24 or 1.86%
8	51 or 3.96%	42 or 3.26%
9	19 or 1.48%	32 or 2.48%
10	28 or 2.18%	33 or 2.56%
11	19 or 1.48%	19 or 1.47%
12	45 or 3.50%	53 or 4.11%
More Than 12 Months	377 or 29.29%	298 or 23.12%



EMERGENCY SHELTER

Emergency Shelter (ES) is any facility, where the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary or transitional shelter in general for persons experiencing homelessness or for specific populations of persons experiencing homelessness.

Shelters in Oakland County:

- **Lighthouse Sanctuary** - Safe, 24-hour emergency shelter for runaway, human trafficked, or at-risk youth between the ages of 10 -17 for up to 3 weeks. Youth receive round the clock supervision, intensive individual and family case management/counseling, group counseling, life skills, and access to peer support. The focus of support services at the shelter is aimed toward Family Reunification.
- **Lighthouse Shelter** - Has 18 units (1-bedroom, 2- bedroom and some units that can be turned into a 3-bedroom if available) for individuals with child(ren) or families with child(ren) for up to 90 days. The program provides case management to work towards stable housing, referrals, budgeting, and increase of income.
- **HAVEN** - Residential program is Oakland County's only 24-hour emergency shelter exclusively for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors and their children.
- **HOPE Shelters** - The shelter is a 62-bed co-ed facility, offering showers, meals and service navigation.
- **HOPE Recuperative Shelter**-a 15-bed facility offering medical oversight, meals, and service navigation to guests with acute physical and mental health conditions who have been discharged from area hospitals.
- **South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless (SOCH)/Welcome Inn** - The only day warming center in the county. Additionally, there is a low-barrier overnight rotating shelter made up of 6 churches 37 beds for singles for a maximum stay of up to 90 days, which operates from December-March.

EMERGENCY SHELTER DATA

Overview

Enrolled Clients



1,083 clients

were enrolled in the projects during the reporting period.

Clients Entering



902 clients

entered during the reporting period.

Clients Exited



894 clients

exited during the reporting period.

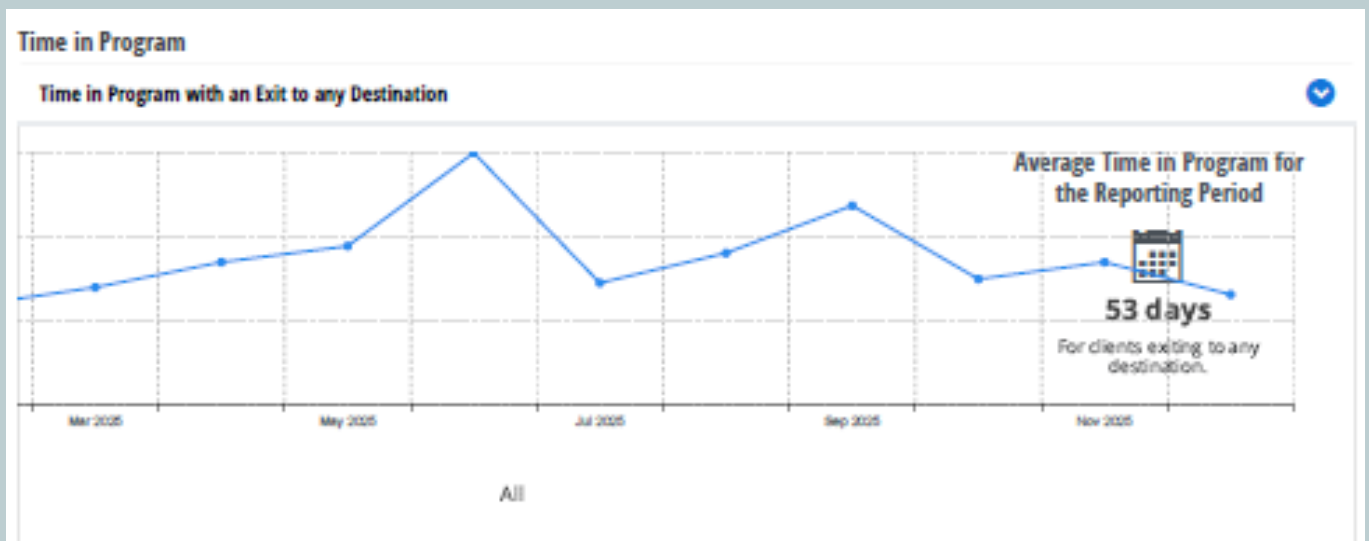
Enrolled clients (new or existing entry falls within the reporting period). In other words, also includes those who could have been enrolled prior to 1/1/2025. Clients entering (entry date falls within the reporting period). In other words, these clients entered the shelter with a date during CY2025 only and would not include clients who were enrolled prior to 1/1/2025. Finally, Clients exited (clients who left the shelter within CY2025).

People	2025	2024
Enrolled Clients	1083	1067
Clients Entering	902	937
Clients Exiting	894	889

EMERGENCY SHELTER DATA

Length of Stay in Shelter

	2025	2024
Average time in Shelter	53 Days	52 Days

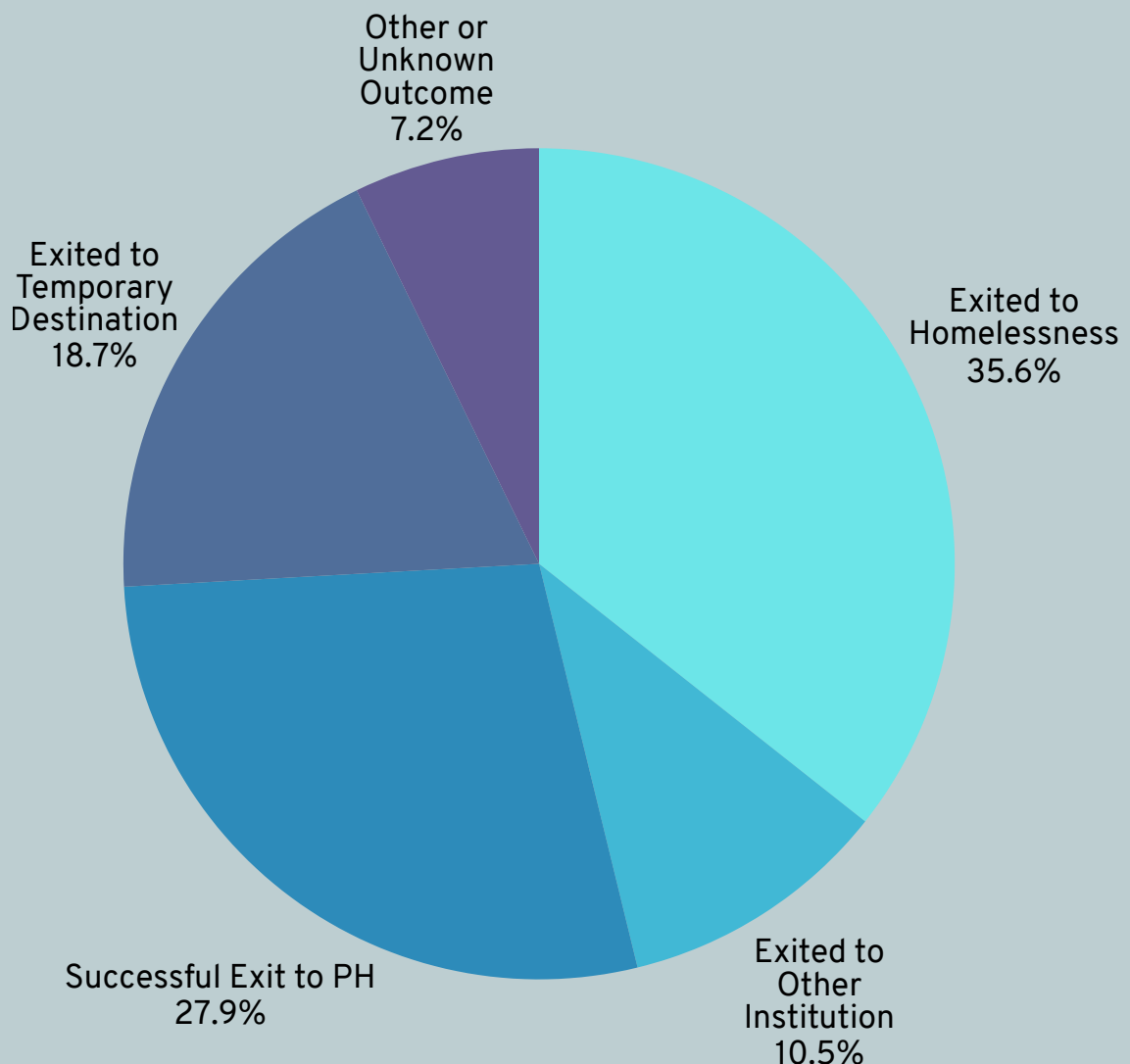


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EMERGENCY SHELTER DATA

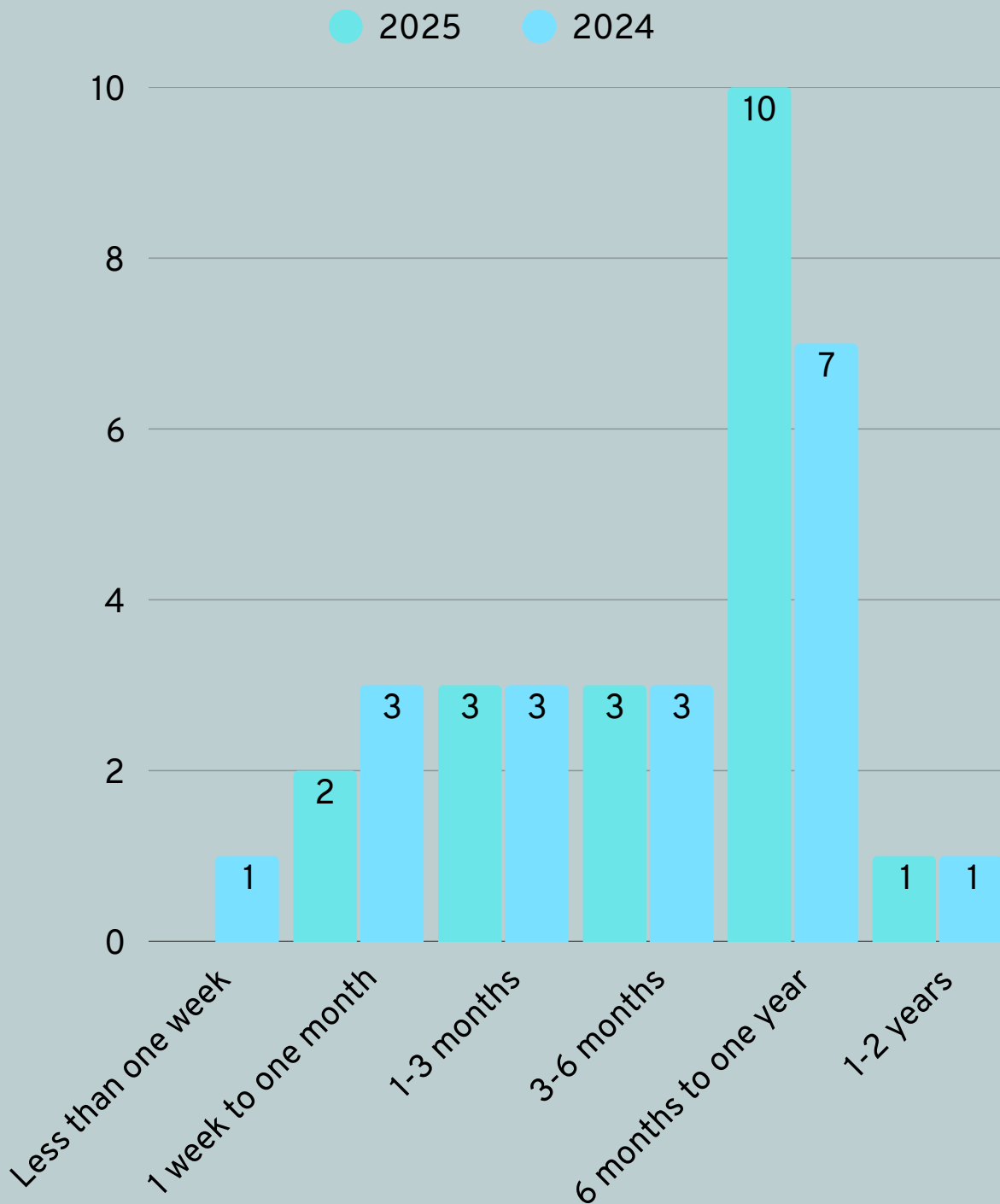
Destination at Exit

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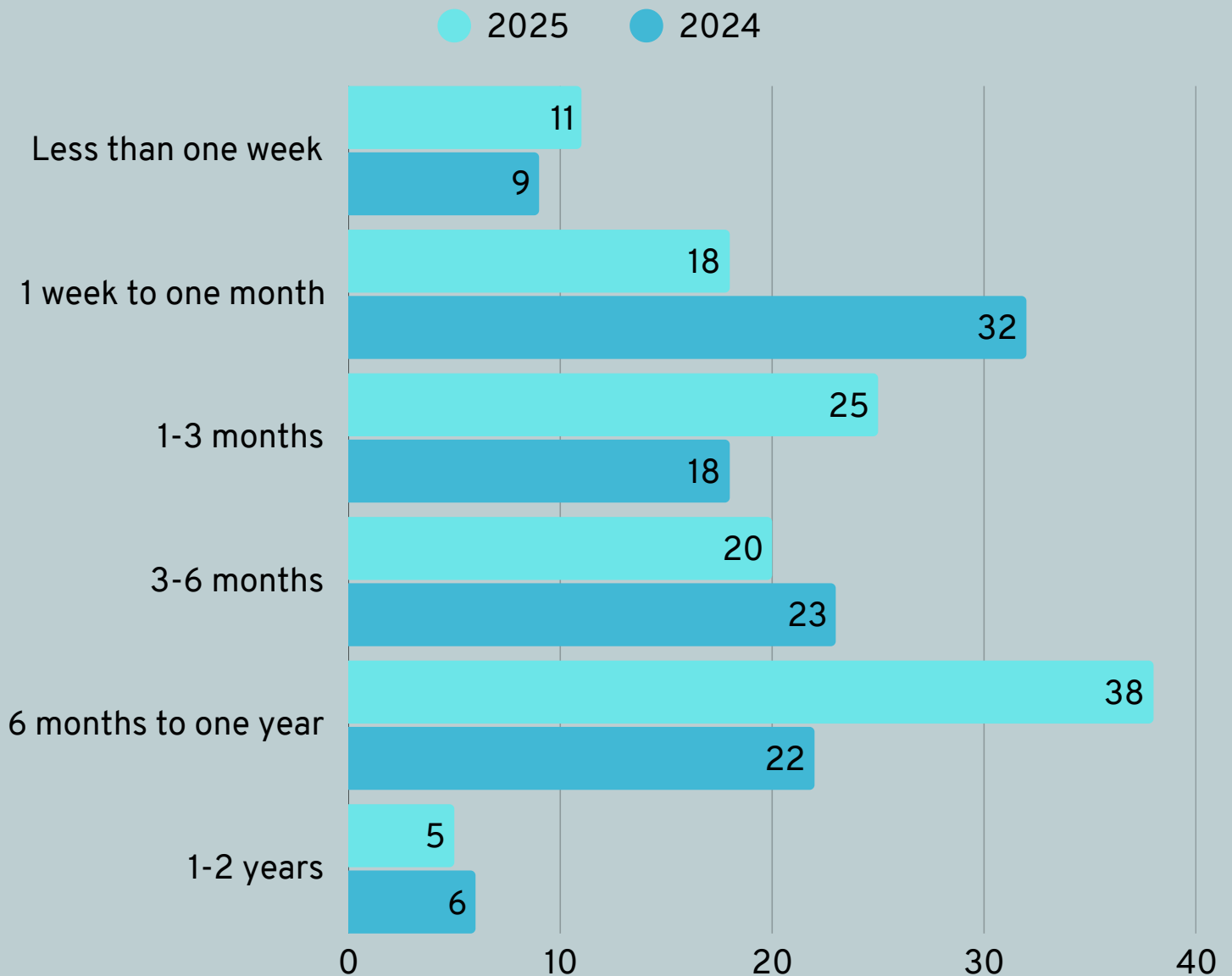
EMERGENCY SHELTER DATA

Returns to Homelessness from PH



EMERGENCY SHELTER DATA

Returns to Homelessness after Exit

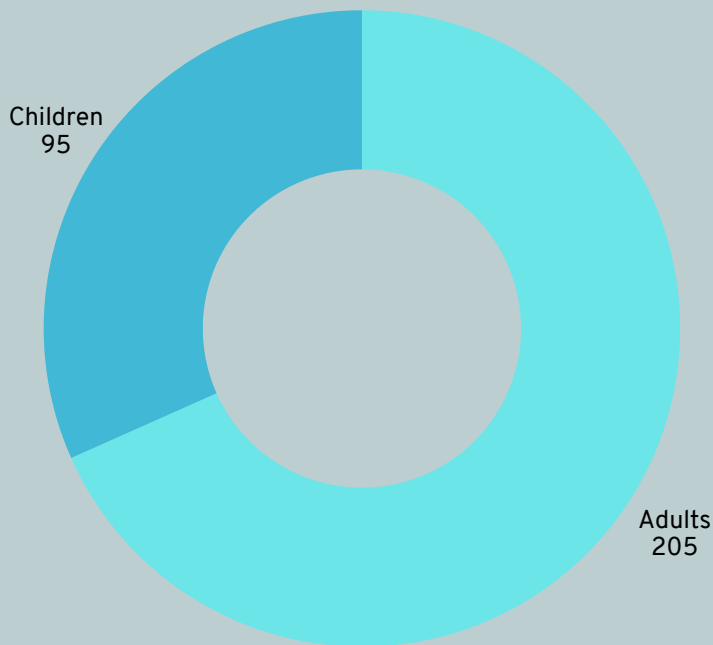


EMERGENCY SEASONAL SHELTER DATA

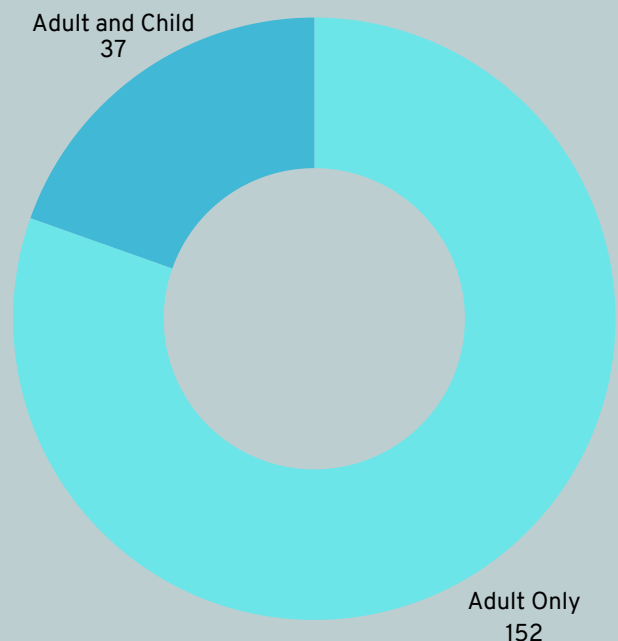
An emergency seasonal shelter is defined as a facility primarily intended to provide temporary shelter for the homeless, particularly during cold weather months. These shelters are designed to alleviate short-term housing crises and are typically mobilized when temperatures are expected to be at or below freezing. They may operate seasonally, providing essential services to individuals and families in need during specific periods of the year.

Program Dates: Dec. 1, 2024-March 31, 2025

Unique Individuals



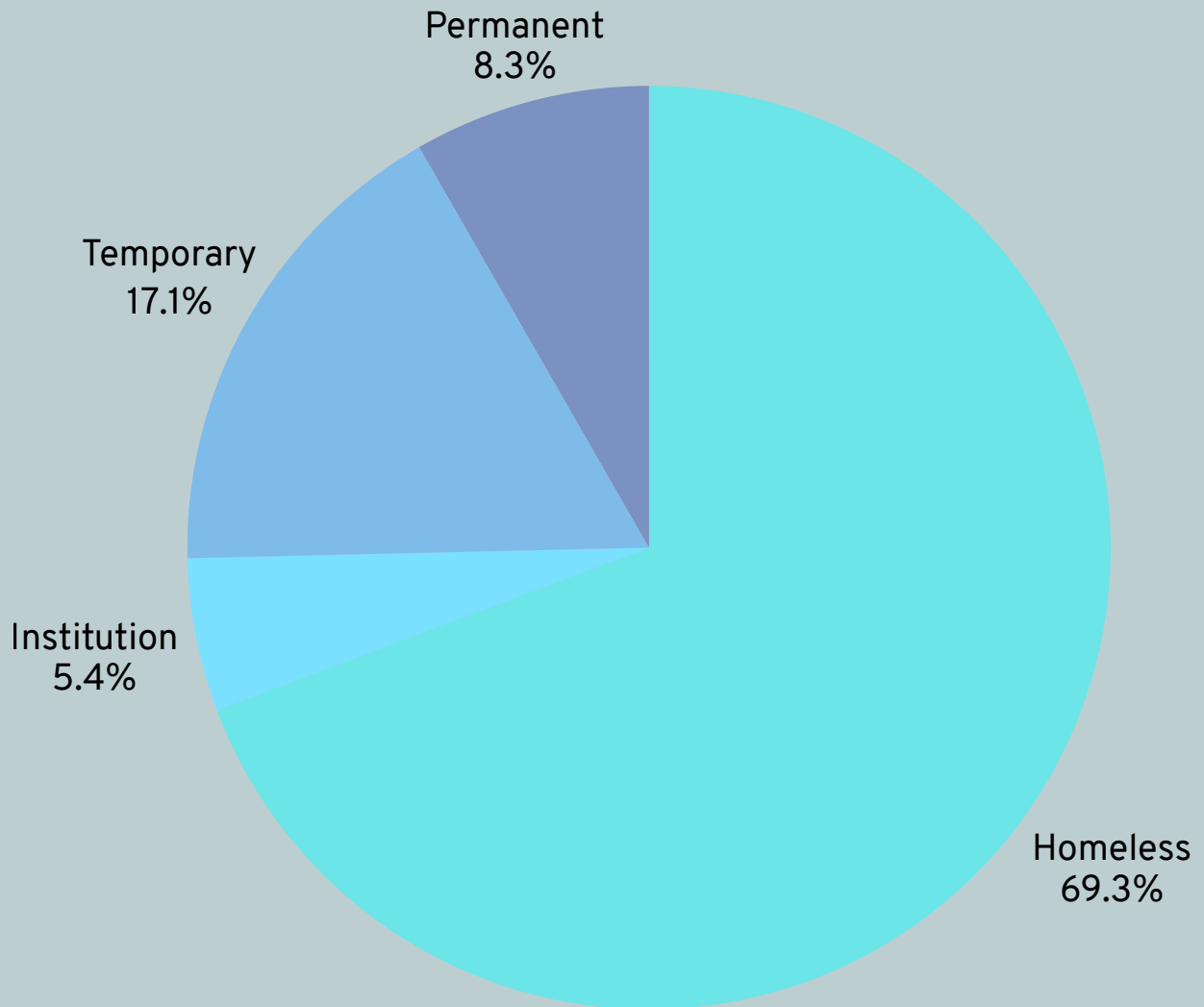
Households



EMERGENCY SEASONAL SHELTER DATA

Prior Living Situation

Program Dates: Dec. 1, 2024-March 2025



Agency Breakdown:

- HOPE Shelter: 30 Individuals/30 Households
- Kids Empowered on the Move: 84 Individuals/25 Households
- SOS/Lighthouse: 71 Individuals/19 Households
- SOCH: 115 Individulas/115 Households

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability. See the CoC Leasing and Rental Assistance Requirements Binder for more information.

People	2025	2024
Enrolled Clients	991	895
Clients in Housing	978	868
Clients Exited Housing	91	141

Enrolled Clients



630 clients

Clients in Search



225 clients

Clients in Housing



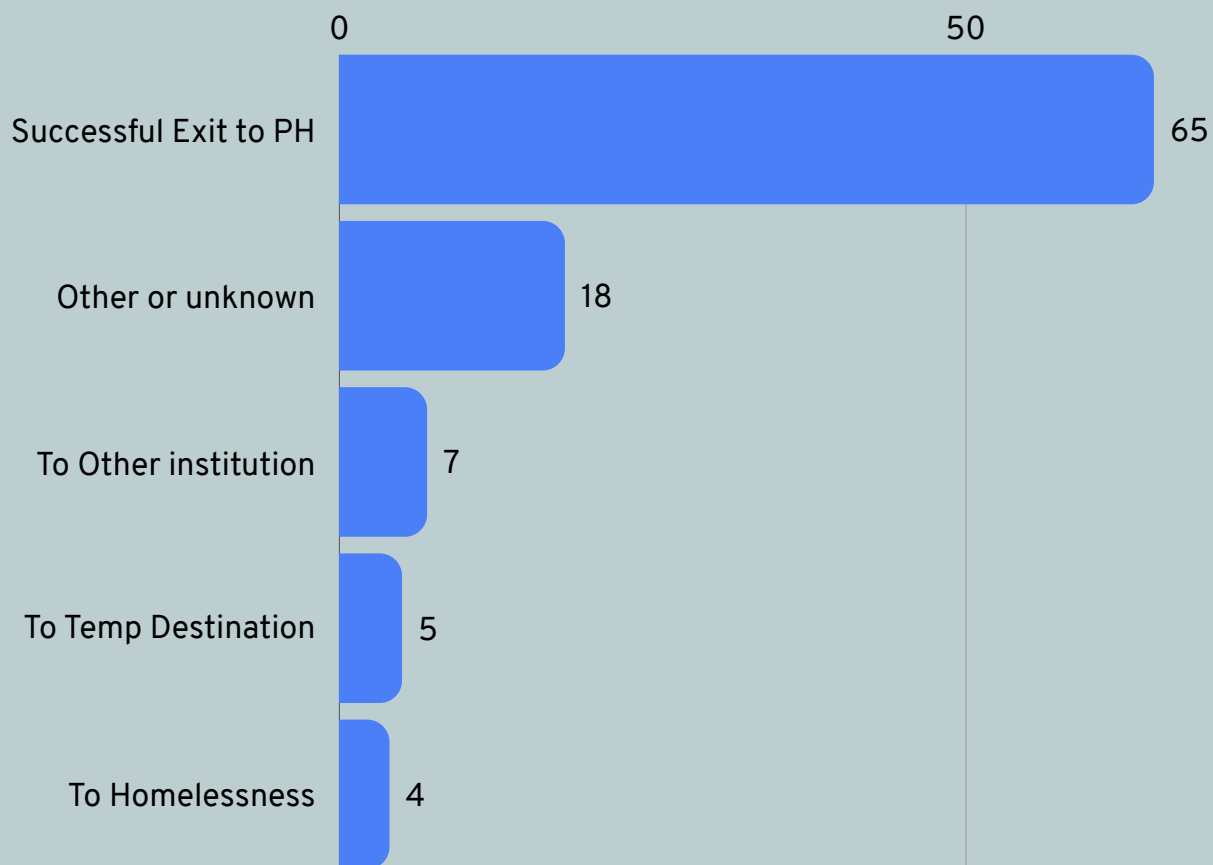
610 clients

Days	2025	2024
Average time in Housing	2247	2319

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

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Destination at Housing Exit

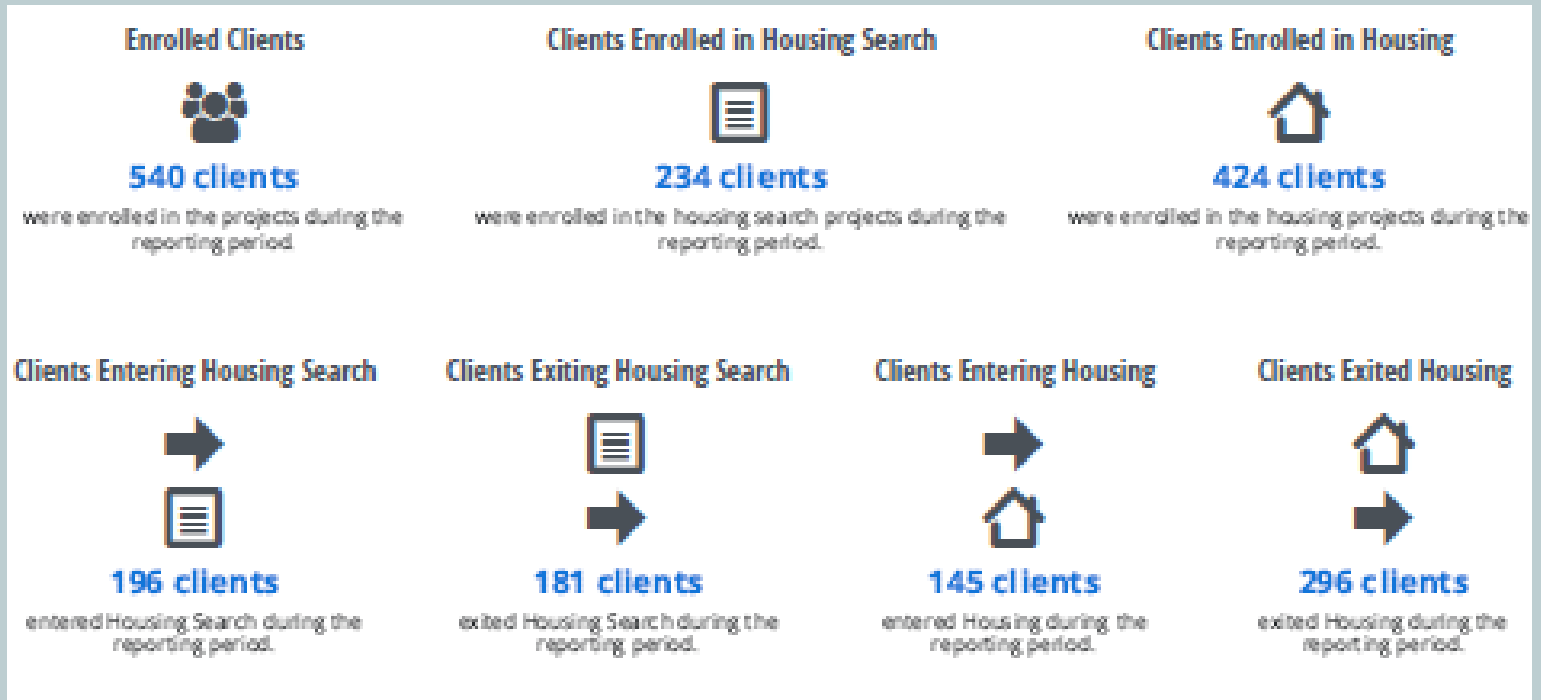
YEAR	2025		2024	
PEOPLE	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Successful exit to PH	65	71%	74	52%
Exited to other institution	4	4%	9	6%
Exited to Temporary Housing	1	1%	50	35%
Other/Unknown	21	24%	8	6%
Total	91		141	

RAPID REHOUSING

Rapid Rehousing (RHH) is a permanent housing project that provides short and/or medium-term rental assistance to help expedite the transition of households into permanent housing. The project can provide up to 6 months to 1 year of assistance with case management, security deposits, and utility payments including help with arrearages. Persons are often assisted quickly and are also eligible for longer term projects, such as permanent supportive housing or housing vouchers.

People	2025	2024
Clients Enrolled in Housing	504	607
Clients Entering Housing	145	355
Clients Exited Housing	296	215

RAPID REHOUSING



- Clients enrolled in housing are those with a Housing Move-in Date or Exit to Permanent Housing before or within the reporting period.
- Clients entering housing are those with a Housing Move-in Date during the reporting period.
- Clients exited housing are those with an exit during the reporting period (where a move-in date was present).

RAPID REHOUSING

Time in Housing Search
with an exit to Housing

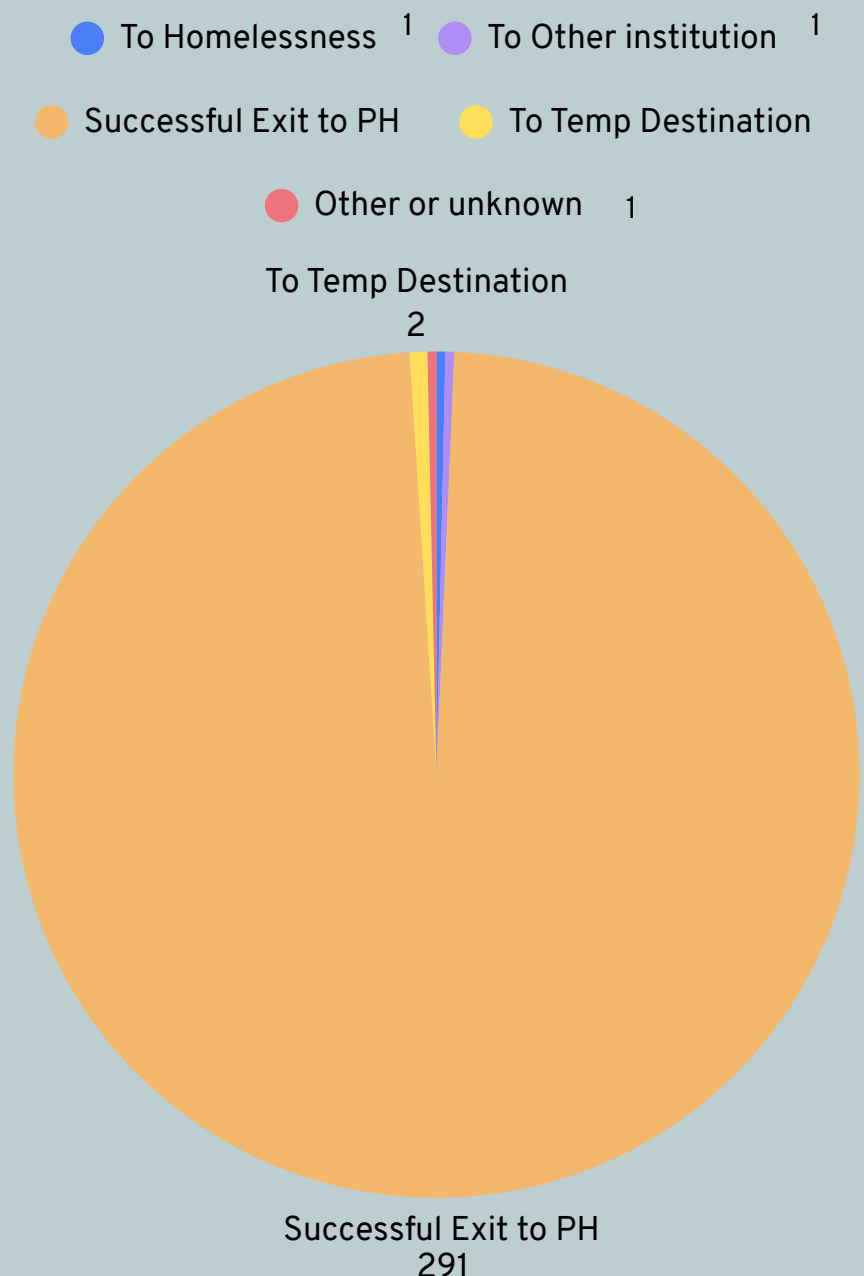
Year	2025	2024
Average Days	92	54

2025	Avg Days	Client Count
January	45.19	21
February	25.9	10
March	94.47	19
April	94.6	10
May	177.83	12
June	98.86	7
July	104	14
August	127.33	6
September	127.33	6
October	67	8
November	162.53	17
December	61.93	28

RAPID REHOUSING

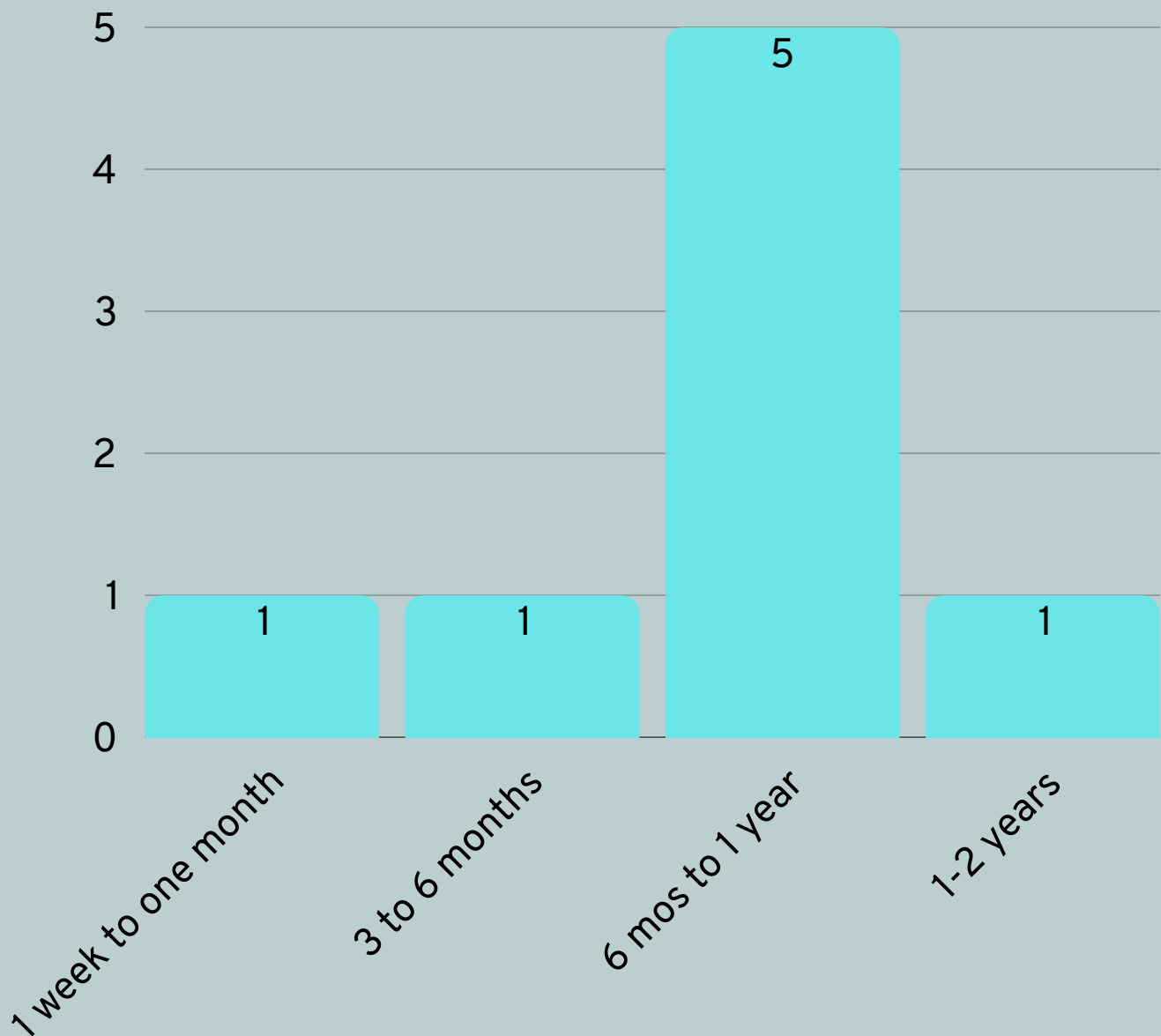
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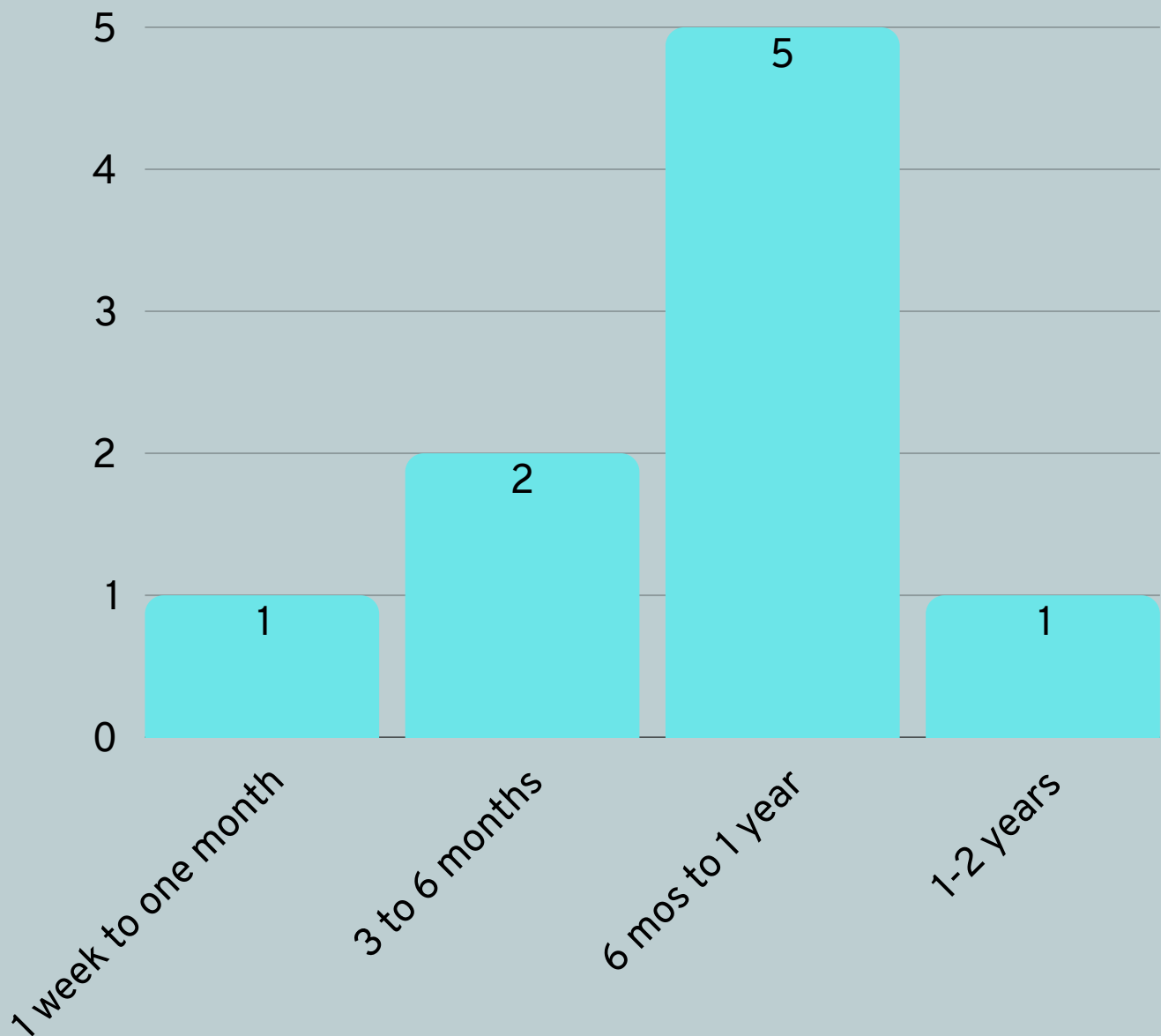
Returns to Homelessness from Permanent Housing



8 clients (2.75%) returned to homelessness after exiting to permanent housing from RRH program

RAPID REHOUSING

Returns to Homelessness after Exit



9 clients (3.04%) returned to homelessness after exiting to any destination from RRH

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transitional Housing (TH) provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. TH projects can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months.

Participants in a TH project must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement with the following requirements:

- An initial term of at least one month
- Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party
- A maximum term of 24 months

Enrolled Clients



125 clients

were enrolled in the projects during the reporting period.

Clients Entering



61 clients

entered during the reporting period.

Clients Exited



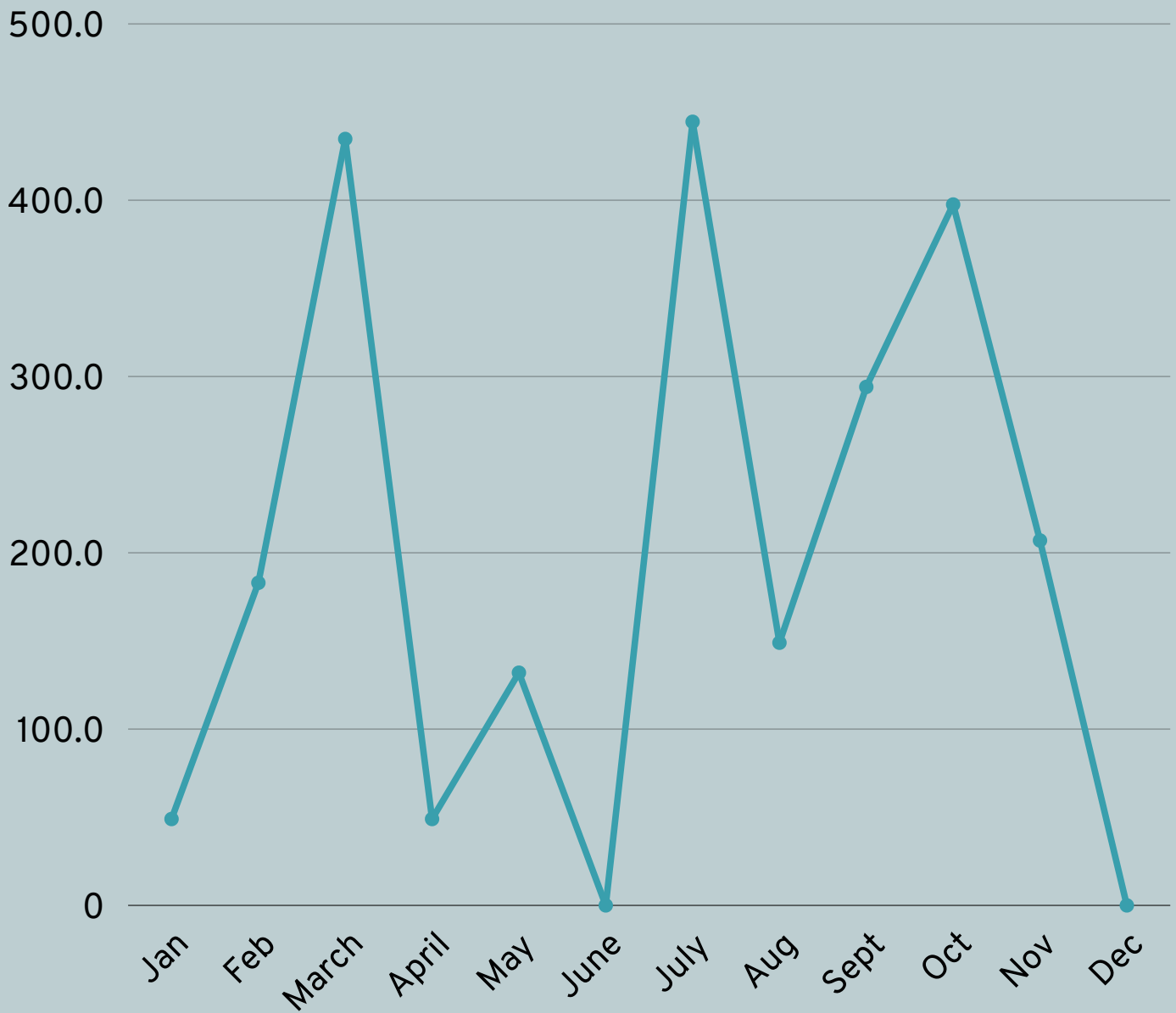
36 clients

exited during the reporting period.

People	2025	2024
Enrolled Clients	125	151
Clients Entering	61	90
Clients Exiting	36	94

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Time in Program with an Exit to any Destination

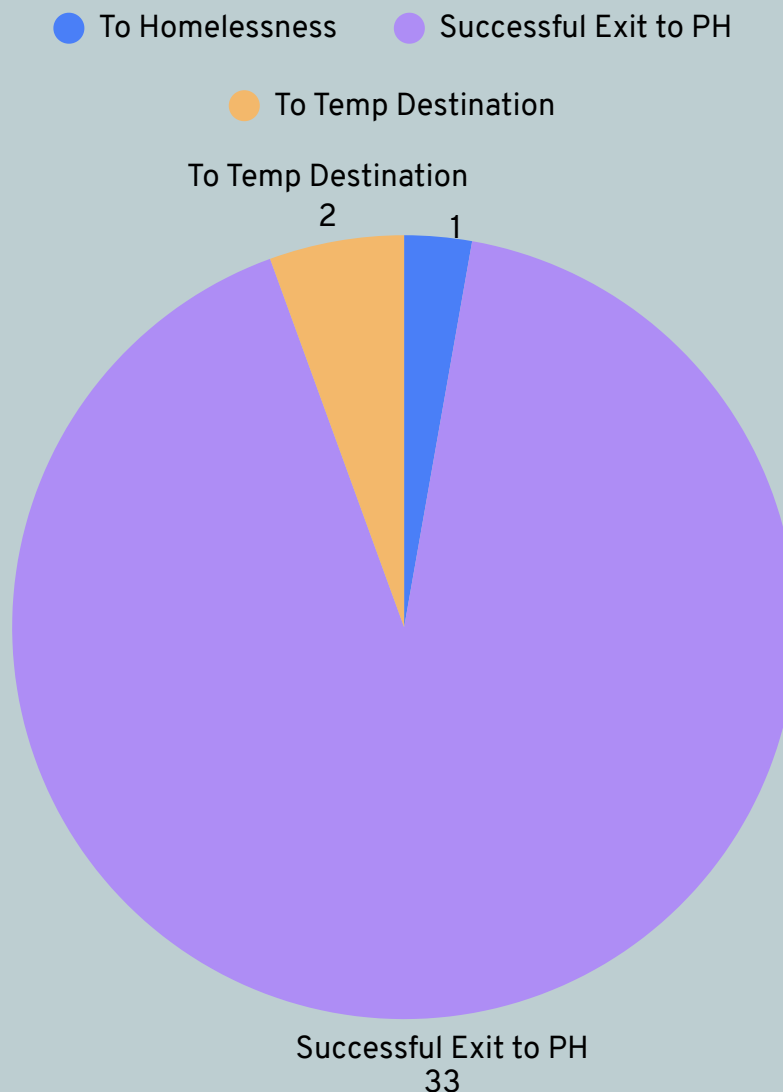


Time In program with an exit to any destination: Average Days 2024: 309
Average Days 2023: 331

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Destination at Housing Exit

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Destination at Exit

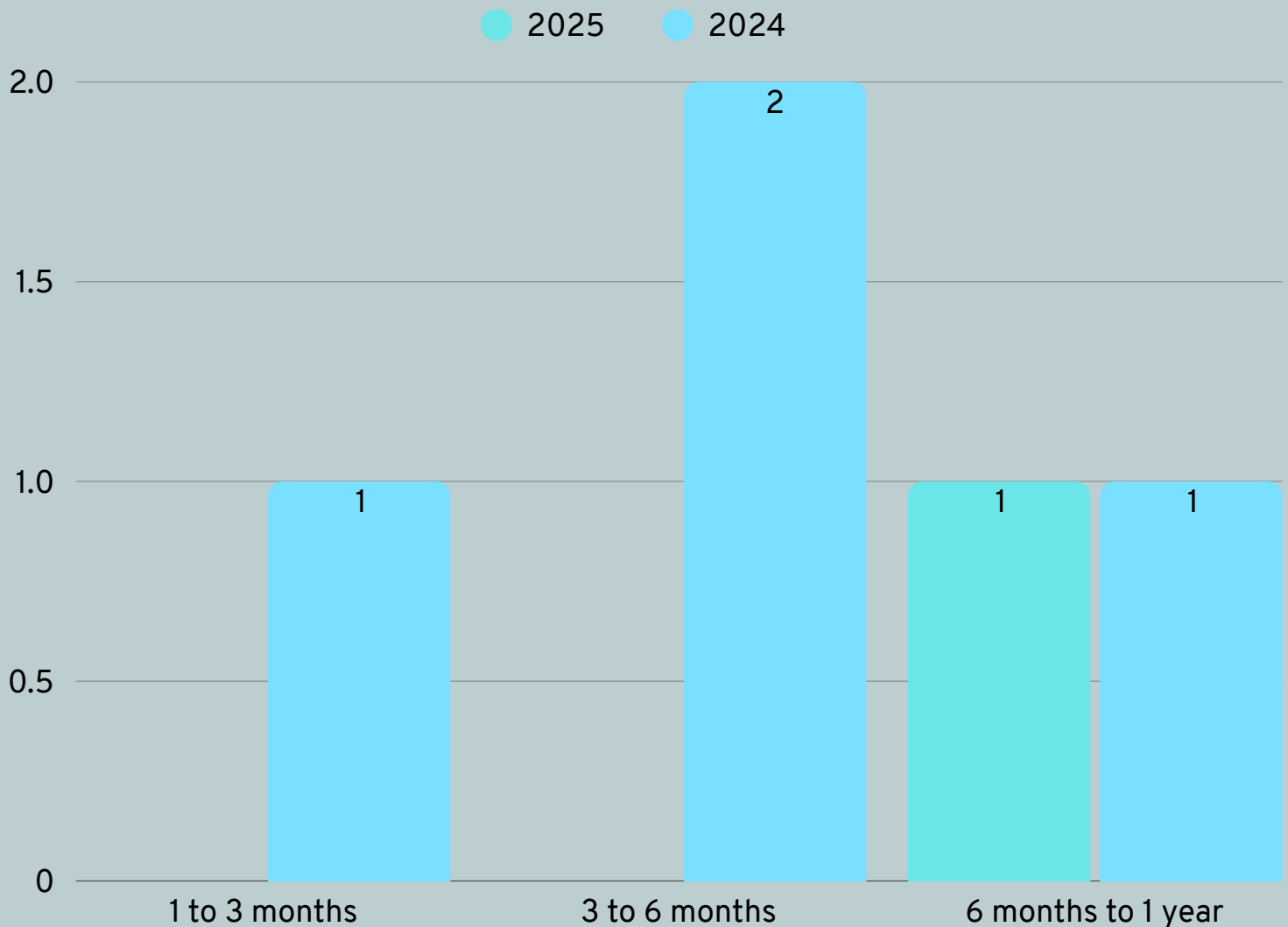
Year	2025		2024	
People	Clients Count	Percentage	Clients Count	Percentage
Successful Exit to PH	33	92%	60	63%
Institution	0	0	3	3%
Temporary Destination	2	6%	6	6%
Other or Unknown	0	0	26	27%

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Returns to Homelessness from Perm Housing

Clients that returned to homelessness some point after successfully exiting to a permanent housing destination.

1 client (3.03%) returned to homelessness of the 33 who exited to perm housing from the TH program.

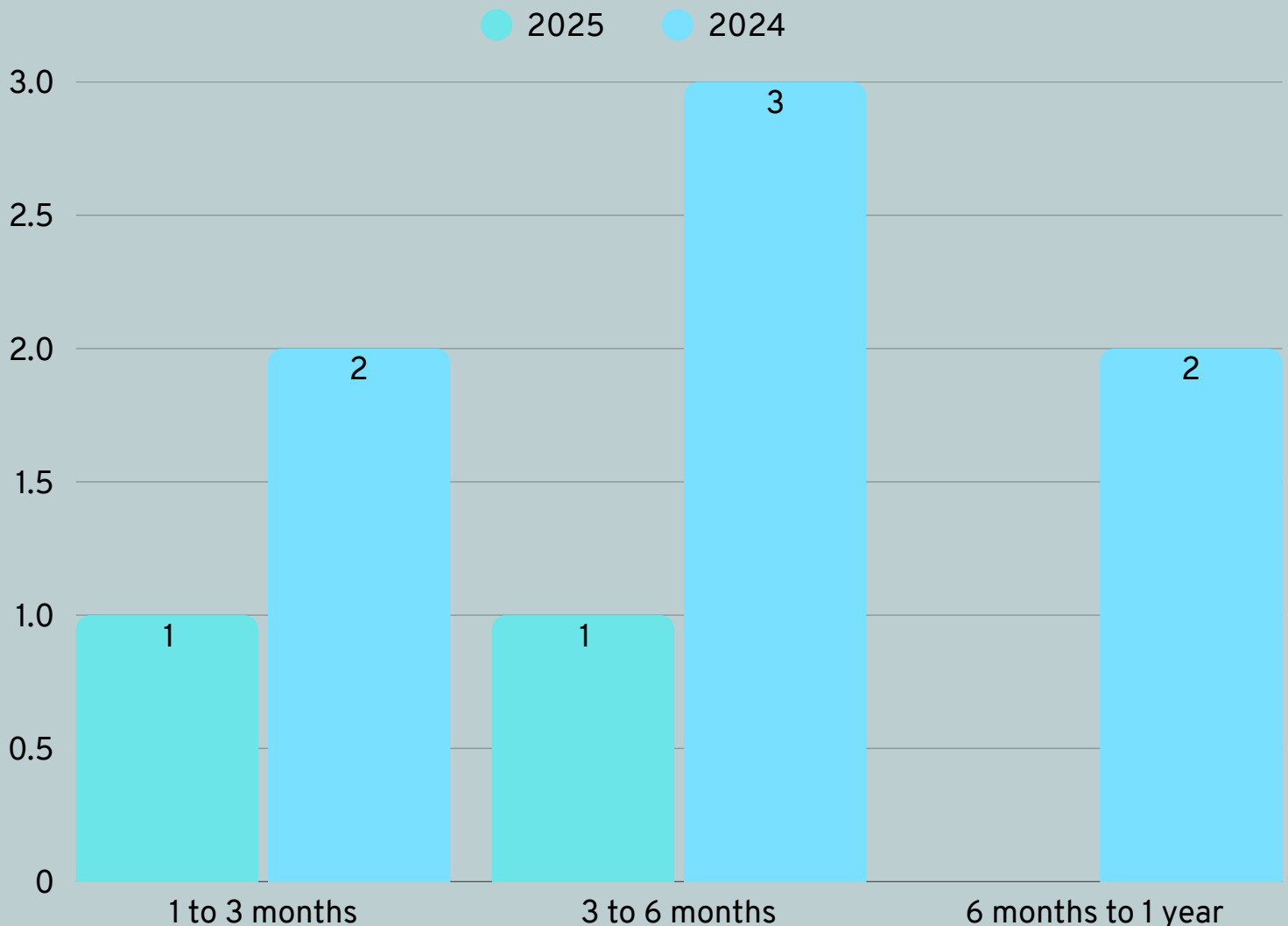


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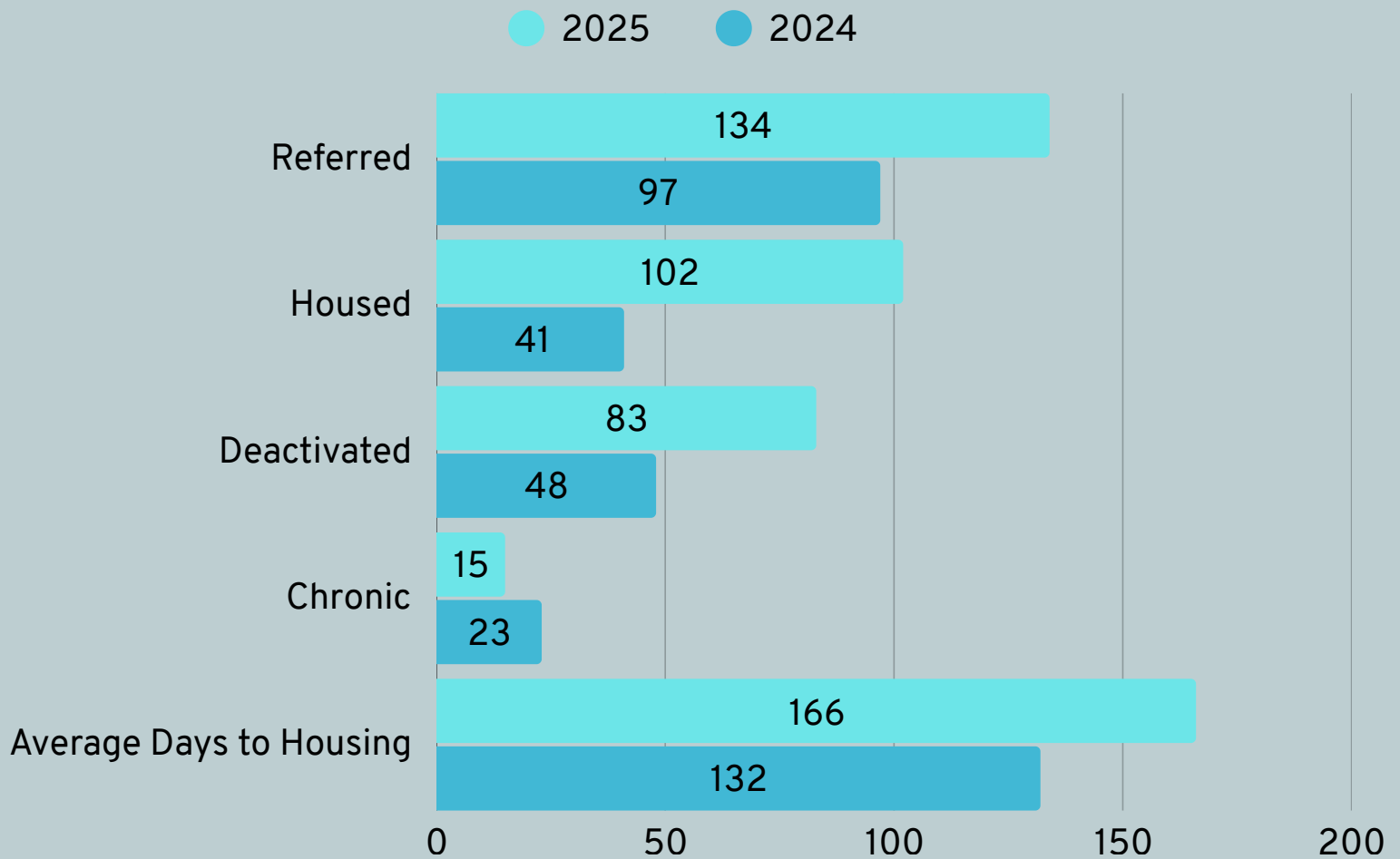
Returns to Homelessness after Exit

Clients that returned to homelessness some point after successfully exiting to any destination

3 Clients (8.33%) returned to homelessness of the 36 who exited (to any destination) from the TH program.



VETERANS/BY NAME LIST

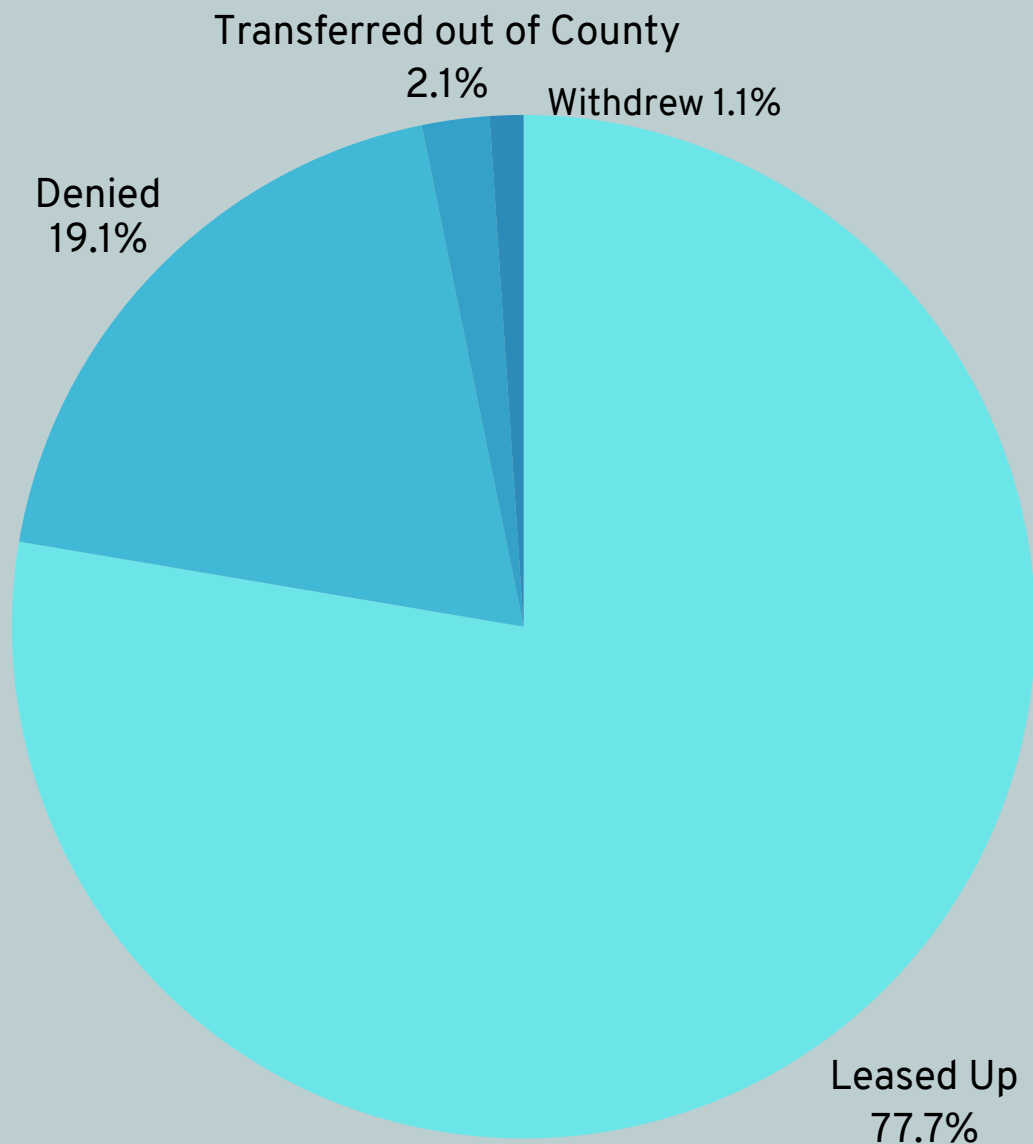


Oakland County

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV)

YEAR 2025

The purpose of the homeless preference for MSHDA's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is to better ensure that critical, long-term housing subsidies are directed to those experiencing homelessness. It is incorporated as part of MSHDA's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program so that each community can add eligible households to the HCV waiting list under this preference, utilizing it as another tool to help end homelessness.



2025

HOMELESS POINT IN TIME COUNT

#EVERYBODY COUNTS

The Point-in-Time Count is a Federally Mandated, Annual Count of all Homeless People Experiencing Homelessness in the U.S.

2025	Total	Adult/Child Households	Adult Only Households	Child Only Households
Emergency Shelter	194 households 329 people	44 households 175 people	148 households 152 people	2 households 2 people
Transitional Housing	35 households 68 people	17 households 50 people	14 households 14 people	4 households 4 people
Unsheltered	39 households 43 people	2 households 6 people	37 households 37 people	0



MOVING FORWARD

WITH

TECHNOLOGY

A TECH REVOLUTION FOR THE HOMELESS



Recognizing that technology is essential to the future of housing and homeless services, the Alliance for Housing has made a deliberate investment in innovative tools that make it easier for people to access assistance. By creating these tools that better connect individuals to shelter and permanent housing resources, the Alliance is building a system that is transparent and client-centered. Shelter Oakland and Padmission are complementary tools that are designed to give individuals greater autonomy in navigating services while also providing partners with clear, real-time information.



Shelter Oakland

The Alliance for Housing, has partnered with ReciproCity, a Pontiac-based technology nonprofit, to strengthen the community's response to homelessness. Together, they launched Shelter Oakland (shelteroakland.com), website offering real-time information on shelter bed availability.

This collaboration directly addresses a longstanding challenge: people in crisis often have to call multiple shelters to find an open bed, while providers must manually track and share availability. Shelter Oakland streamlines this process, helping individuals connect to shelter more quickly and giving providers better tools for coordination.

The project was developed through months of consultation with local service providers to ensure it reflects on-the-ground realities. Already, it is easing barriers for clients, reducing staff burden, and shedding light on system-wide gaps. Shelter Oakland represents the first step in a broader plan to use technology to improve housing and homelessness services—demonstrating the power of partnership between nonprofits and tech innovators.





Shelter Oakland

After the launch of the new Shelter Oakland application, we are seeing strong data to support the continued need to include technology advances into the homeless response system.

Metrics

Alliance for Housing & Homelessness · Oakland County, MI · 2025-09-14 to 2026-09-14 · 4 open shelters

Last 12 months

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14,640
Inquiries
1,537 households

838
People sheltered
458 households

27.3%
Placement rate
420 of 1,537 who applied got a bed

12.1d
Avg time to shelter
median 0d

2,522
Out-of-county inquiries
of 10,414 with county recorded

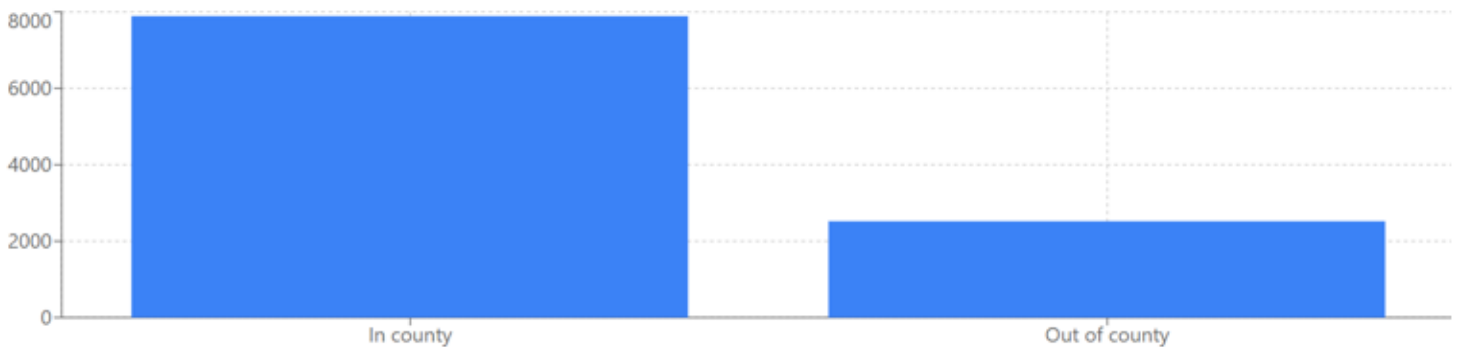
58,308
Bed-nights
51,108 overnight · 7,200 daytime

84.4%
Space utilization
35,186 of 41,710 space-nights

58.1%
Nights at full capacity
613 of 1,055 shelter-nights

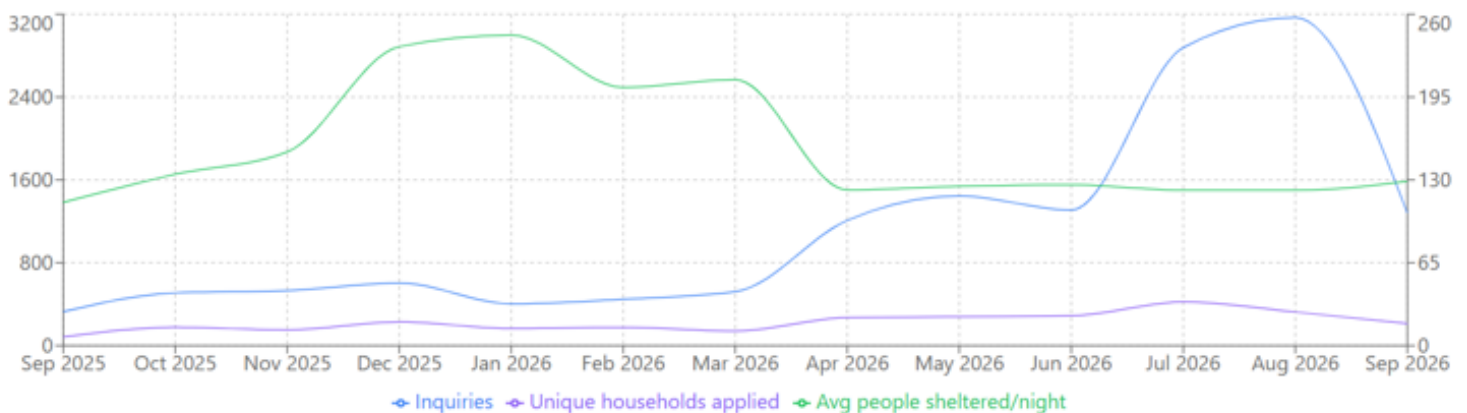
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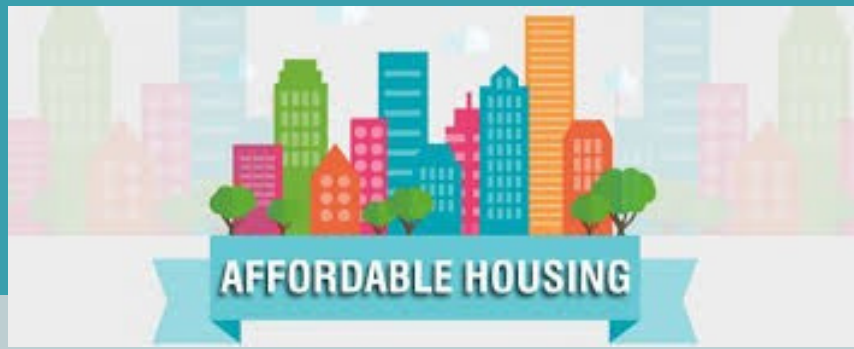
County last lived (where reported)



Monthly trends

Inquiries, unique households applied, and average people sheltered per night





Building on the success of the Shelter Oakland Application, the Alliance for Housing has begun the development of a Housing Oakland Application in partnership with the Reciprocity team.

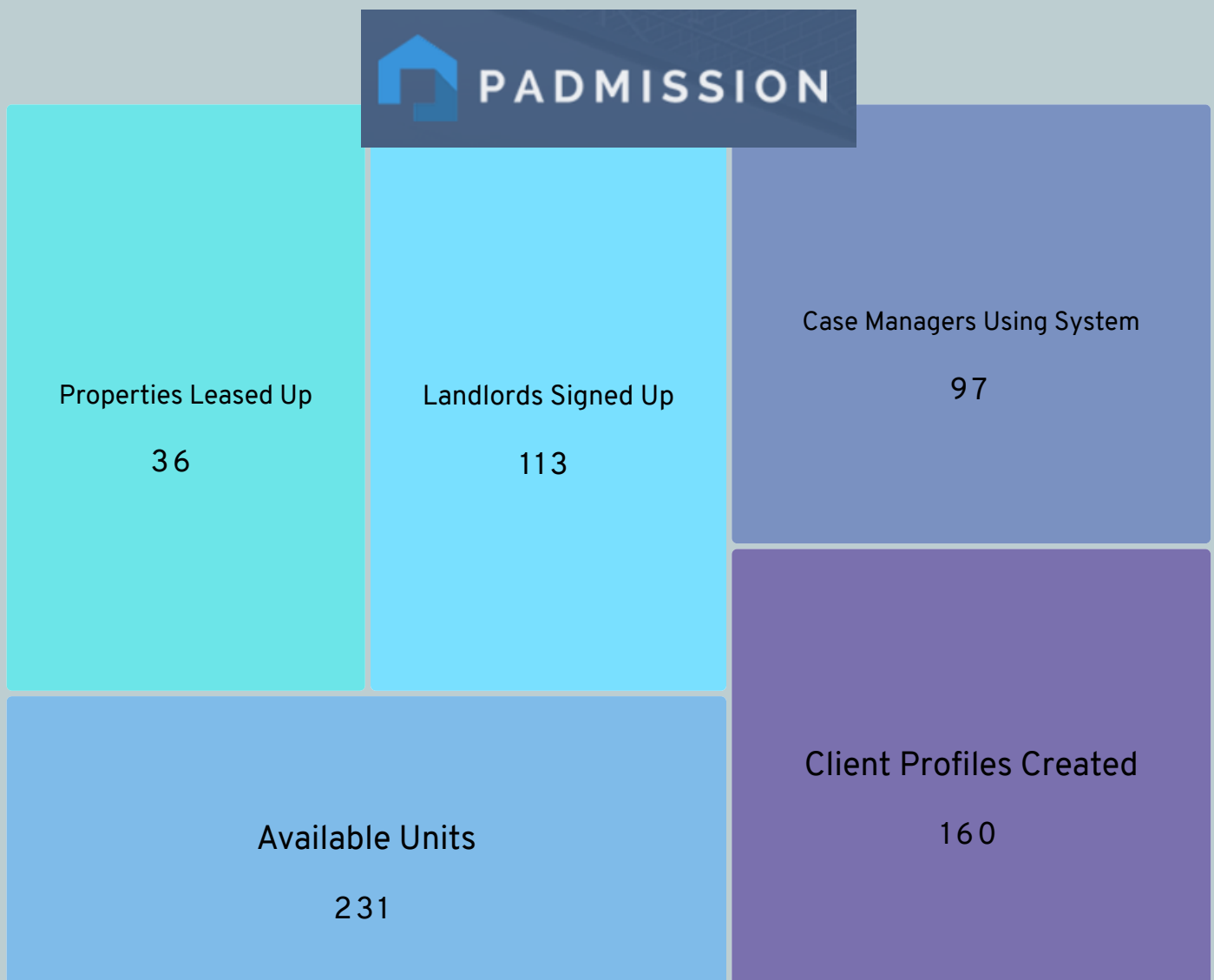
The Housing Oakland App will create a single, accessible entry point for housing assistance in Oakland County, connecting individuals and families experiencing or at risk of housing instability with available homelessness prevention and re-housing resources.

By combining real-time funding availability, online applications, secure document collection, agency review, appointment scheduling, and application status tracking, the Housing Oakland App will streamline the housing assistance process, reduce administrative barriers, and help agencies more efficiently connect available resources with households in need.



There's more!

Padmission is a web-based housing search platform designed for housing program participants, their case managers, and landlords. It enables landlords to list and promote their properties to potential tenants, supporting landlord engagement and housing search assistance. Furthermore, Padmission combines housing program management experience with software solutions to enhance housing availability and streamline operations for non-profit and public homeless housing partners.





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