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2026 Pasadena Point In Time Count Homeless Count

June 22, 2026





How We Track Homelessness

Homelessness affects more people over a year than a single night can show. Pasadena uses two complementary approaches to guide solutions.



POINT IN TIME COUNT

The number of unhoused people on a single night. Required by HUD every two years.



ANNUAL COUNT

The number of people who experienced homelessness over the course of a calendar year.



2026 HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS

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2026 Point In Time Count Results

Homelessness remained essentially flat, but the composition shifted.

577

People were experiencing homelessness on January 21, 2026.

TOTAL

-1%

-4 people

UNSHeltered

-6%

-20 people

Sheltered

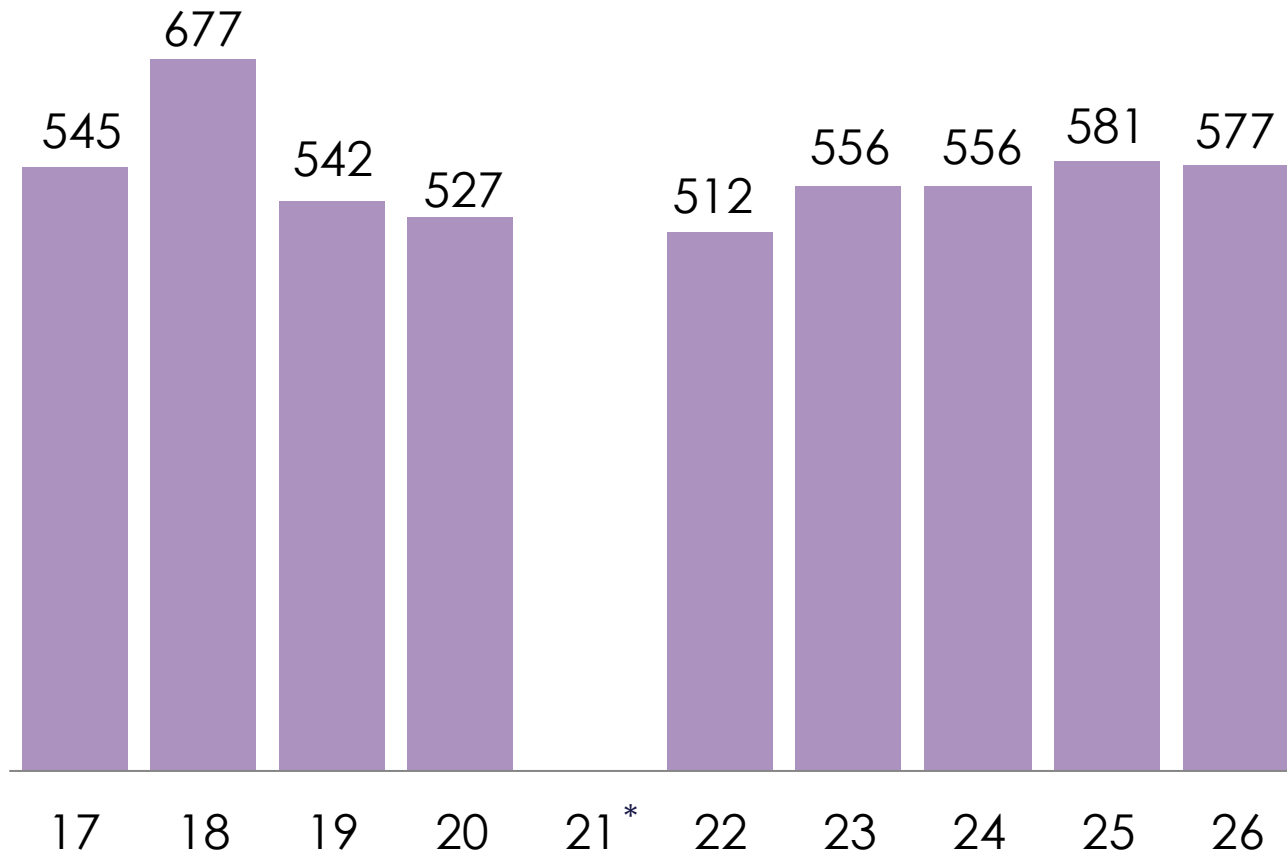
+7%

+16 people



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* The Point In Time Homeless Count was not conducted in 2021 due to the pandemic.



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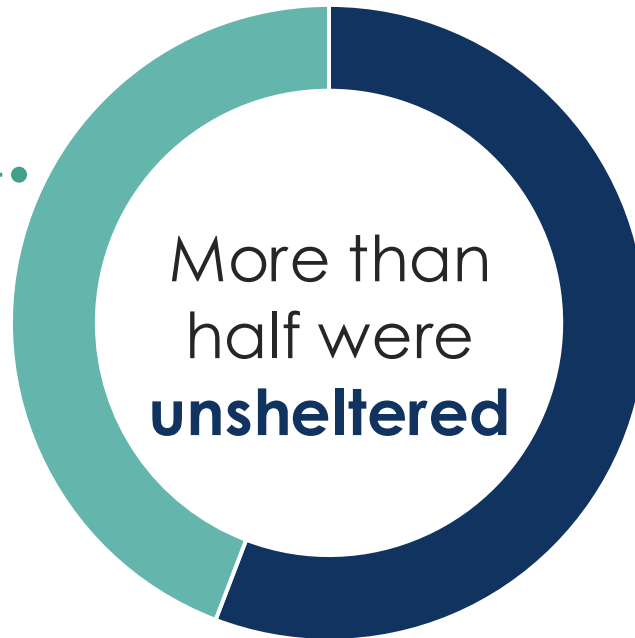
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44%

SHELTERED

Emergency shelter,
transitional housing,
and motel vouchers.



More than
half were
unsheltered



56%

UNSHelterED

Street or sidewalk,
vehicles, transit center
or natural areas.

** **Not included:** people doubled up, couch surfing, or at-risk of homelessness*



2026 UNSHELTERED COUNT

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UNSHELTERED COUNT



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People Living Outside

A Citywide Effort



Nearly 200 volunteers fanned out across the city to count people living outside.



Survey

Volunteers ask a few short questions, and the answers help shape local plans to address homelessness.



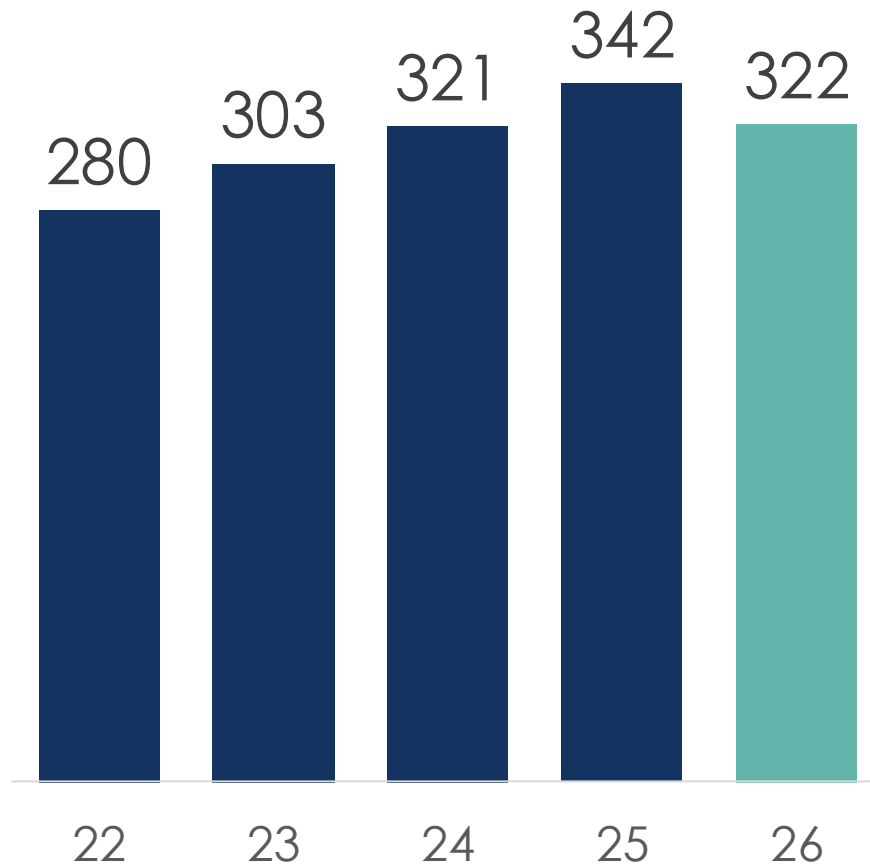
On-Site Vaccinations

For the fourth year, mobile health teams offered free vaccines during the count.



UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

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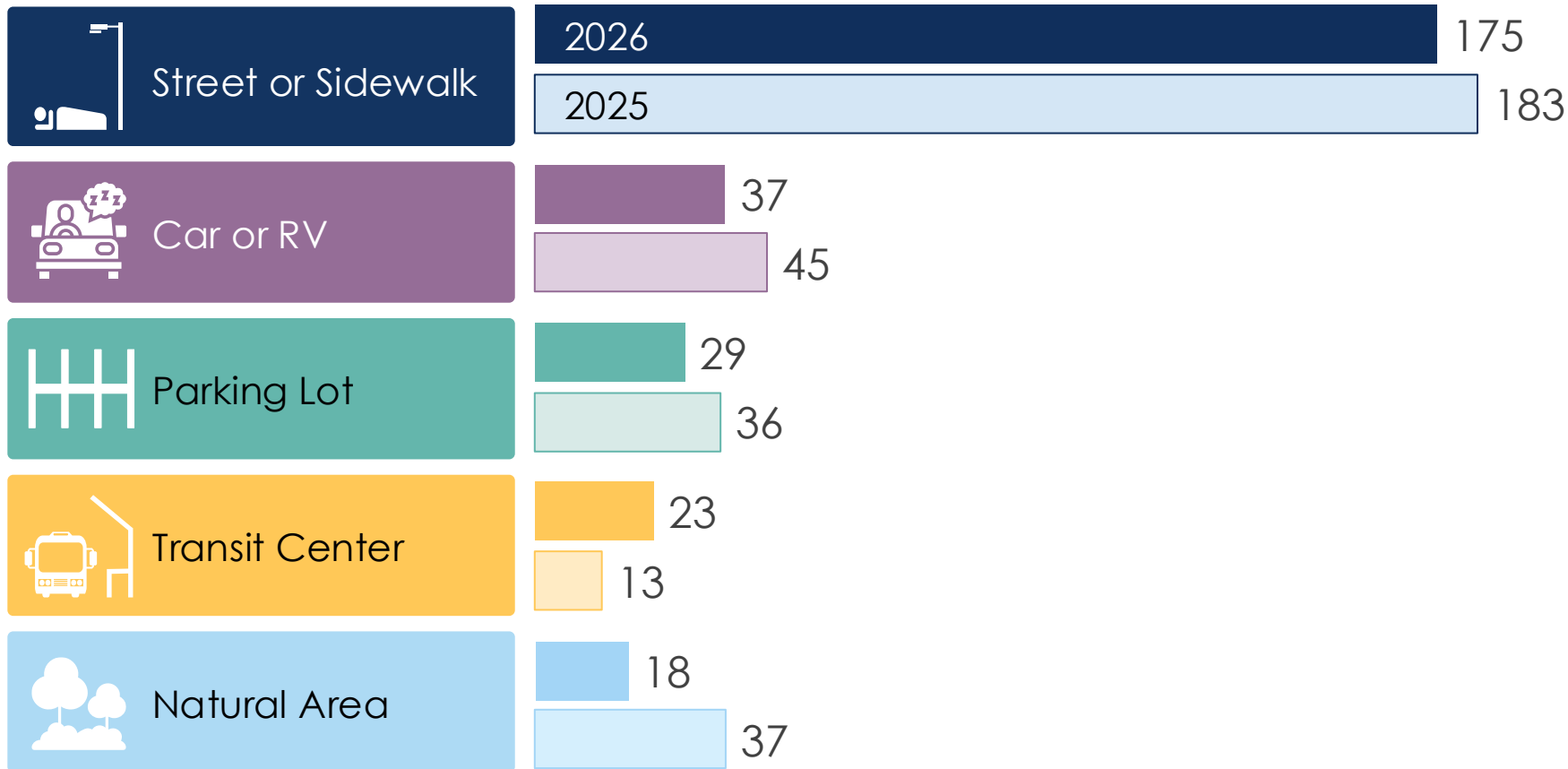
Unsheltered Homelessness

For the first time in five years, the number of people who were unsheltered on night of the count dropped.



TOP UNSHELTERED SLEEPING LOCATIONS

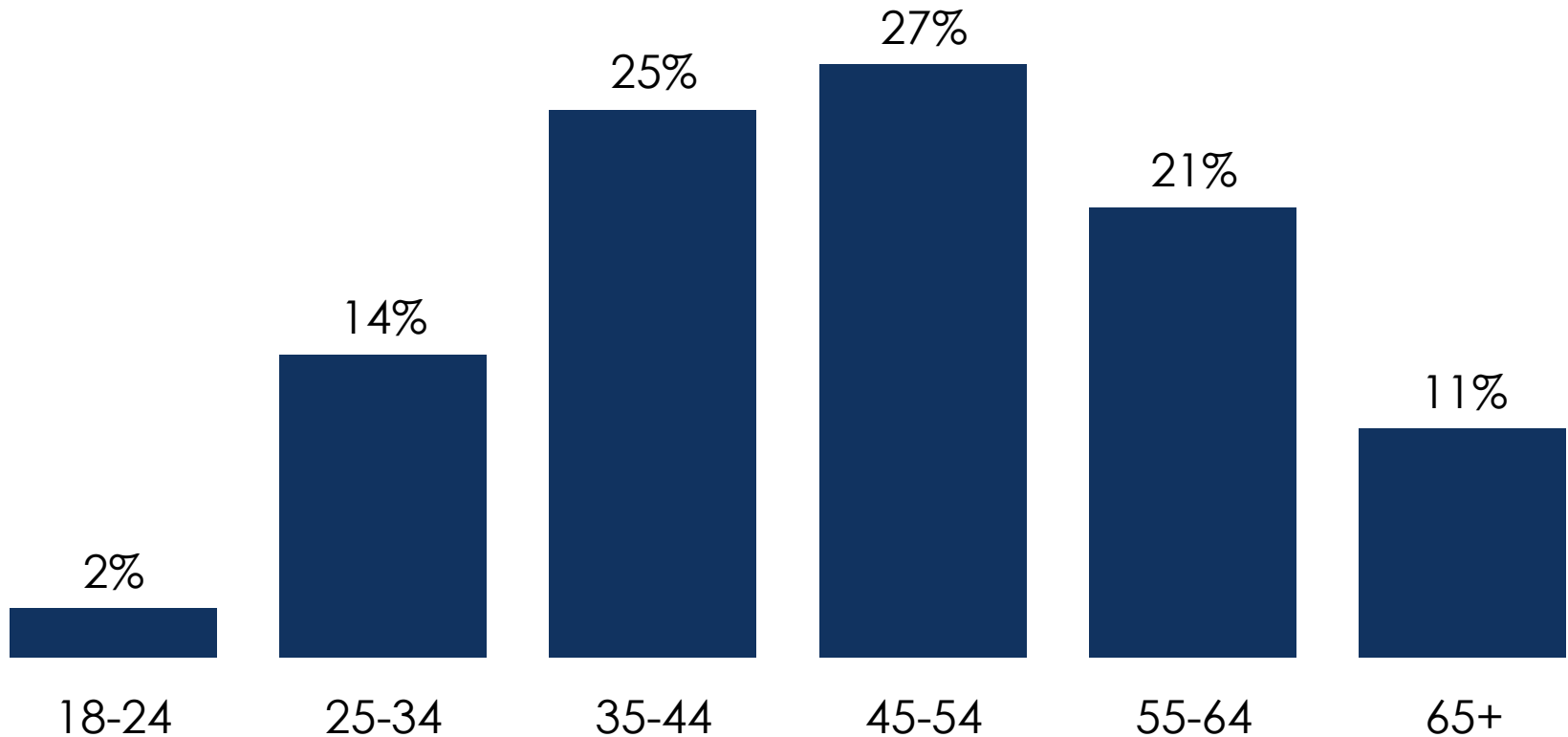
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UNSHELTERED COUNT AGE COMPOSITION

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UNSHELTERED COUNT DEMOGRAPHICS

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The unsheltered population was entirely single adults and had higher levels of chronic homelessness and vulnerability indicators than the sheltered population.

100%

SINGLE ADULTS

compared to
53% of the
sheltered
population

64%

**CHRONICALLY
HOMELESS**

compared to
35% of the sheltered
population

36%

DV SURVIVORS

compared to
25% of the
sheltered
population

12%

VETERANS

compared to
2% of the
sheltered
population



EATON FIRE IMPACTS

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The Eaton Fire affected nearly a third of people surveyed

29%

reported they were affected by the Eaton Fire

9%

reported the Eaton Fire as the reason for their housing loss





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Among those affected by the fire, impacts included:



29%

Lost housing
or belongings



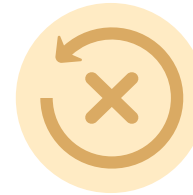
21%

Reported
health or
mental health
impacts



16%

Had to
evacuate or
relocate
temporarily



10%

Could not return
to previous
housing



3%

Lost job or
income



MOST HAVE TIES TO PASADENA

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76%

HAD TIES TO PASADENA



57%

Last housed in Pasadena
(for an avg 21 years)



13%

Had family or friends in
Pasadena



6%

Had prior connections to
Pasadena*

**Such as housing or work*

24%

HAD NO TIES TO PASADENA

Common reasons for coming to
Pasadena were:

10% came for general help or services

9% came to look for work or housing

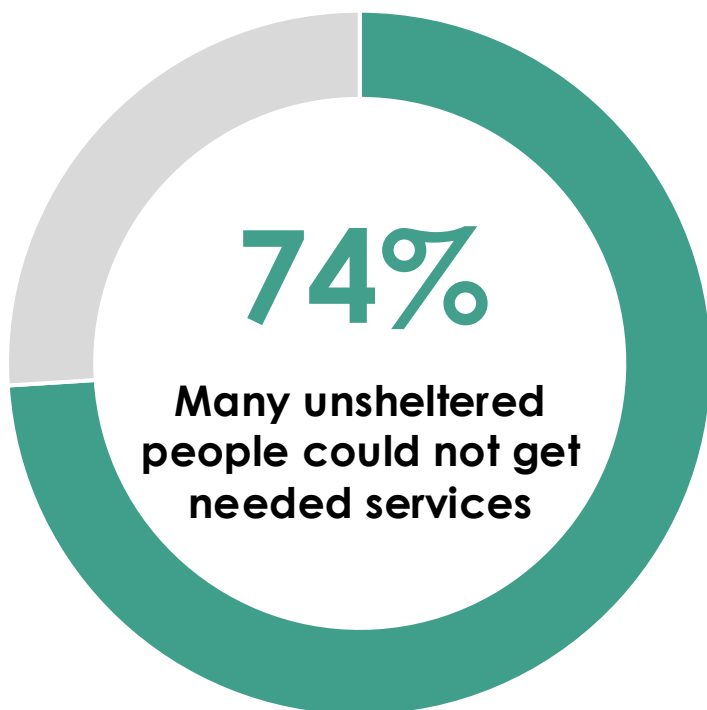
3% felt Pasadena was safer

2% came for Eaton Fire related services



UNMET SERVICE NEEDS

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Unmet needs in the last 30 days:



53%
meals



53%
showers



42%
help with documents or
benefits



39%
physical healthcare



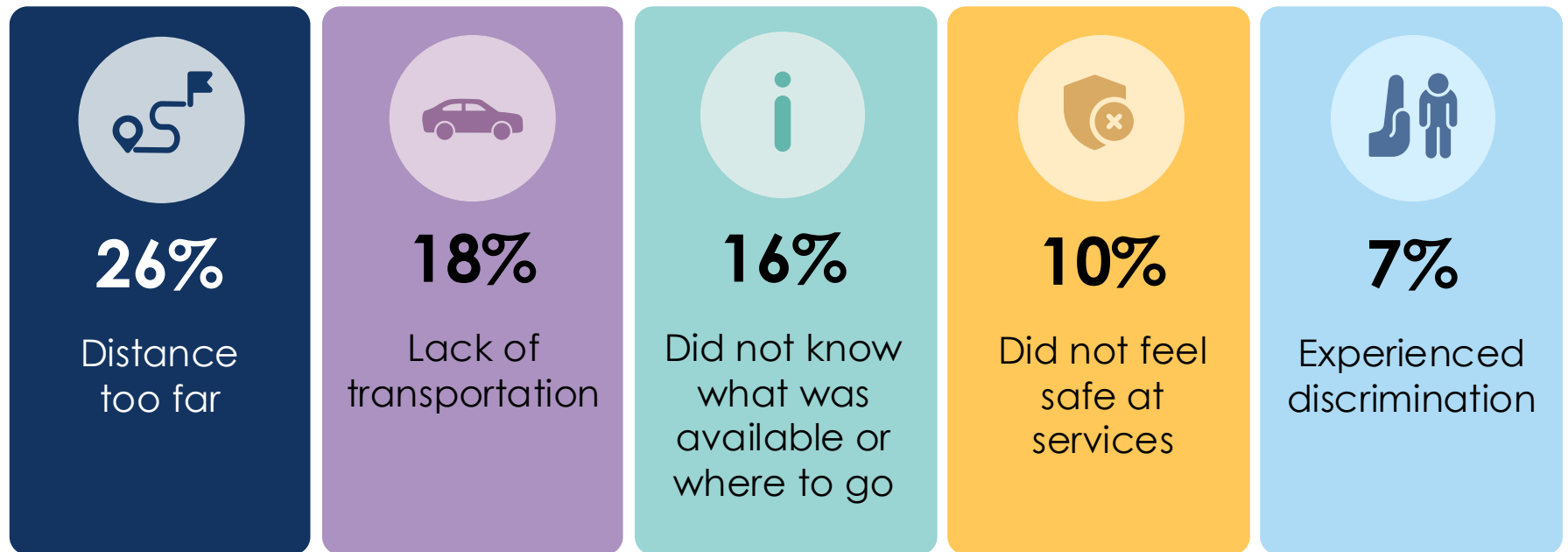
27%
mental healthcare or
substance use services



BARRIERS TO SERVICES

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Distance as well as the lack of transportation and information were the top barriers to accessing services.



Other barriers included: hours of operation, inability to bring belongings/pets/families, cellphone access, service availability, and language or disability access



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Sheltered Homelessness

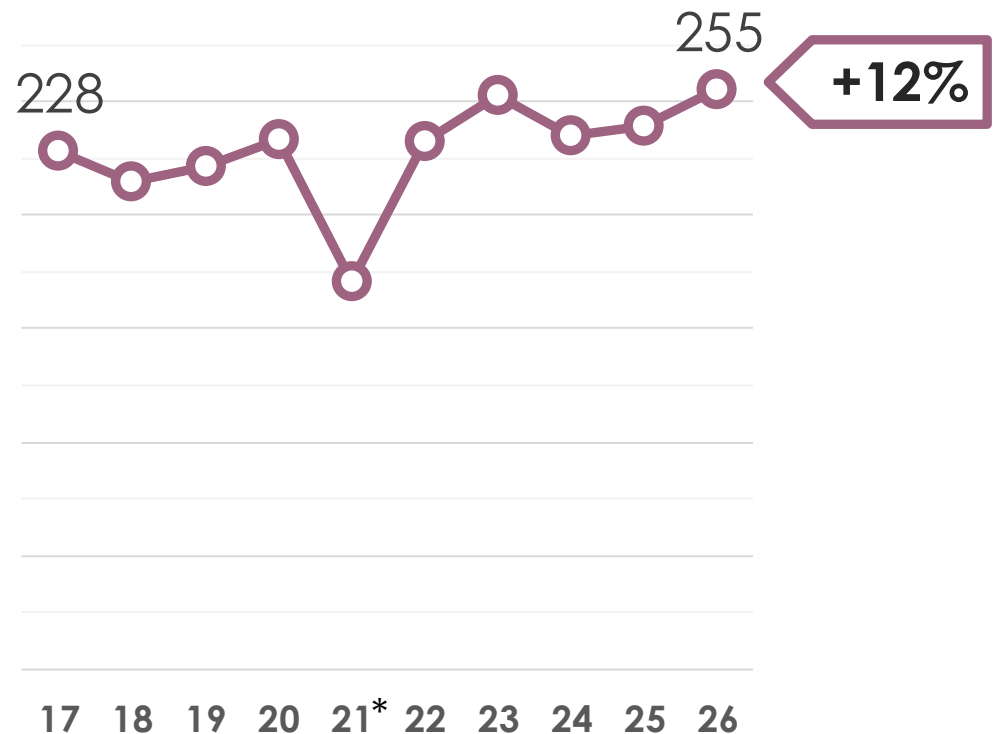


SHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

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Sheltered Homelessness

Sheltered homelessness reached a 10-year high in 2026.



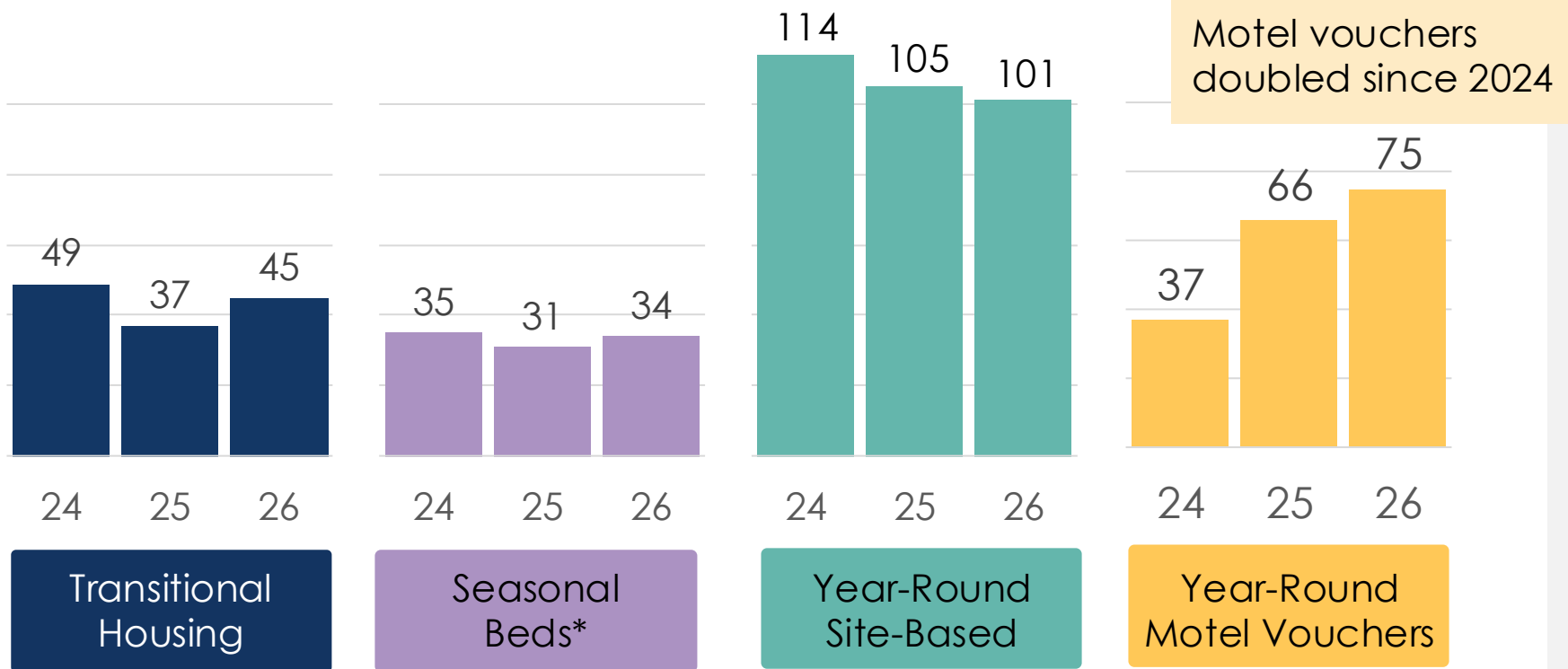
* Congregate shelters operated at reduced capacity during the pandemic.



TYPES OF SHELTER

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Year-round resources make up most of the sheltered count.

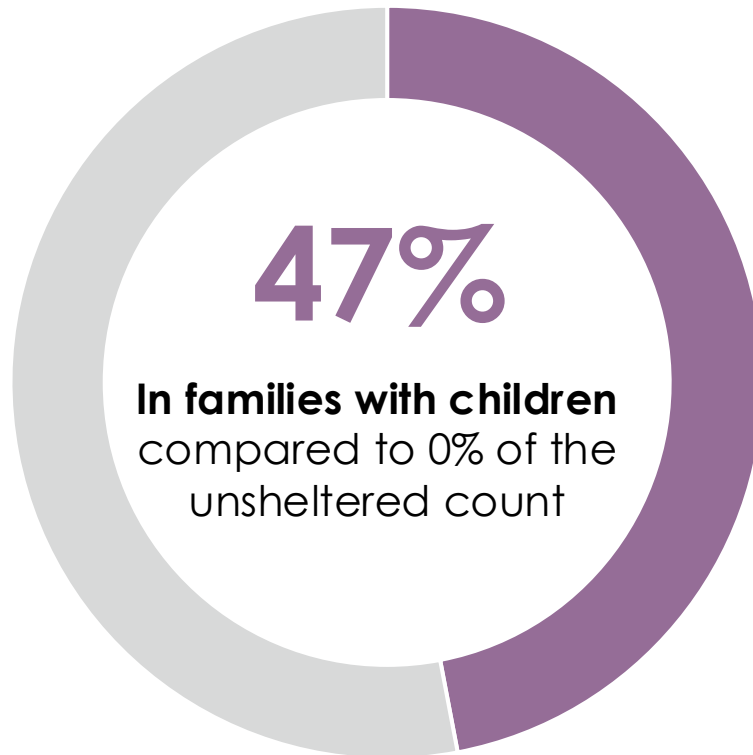


** Including seasonal motel vouchers*



SHELTERED COUNT DEMOGRAPHICS

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23% children under 18
vs. 0% of the unsheltered count

29% newly unhoused*
vs. 11% of the unsheltered count

** Unhoused in the last 12 months for the first time in the last 3 years*



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Insights & Next Steps



KEY TAKEAWAYS

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-6%

Decrease in the
unsheltered
homelessness



+7%

Increase in
sheltered
homelessness



76%

Of unsheltered
people had close
ties to Pasadena



29%

Of unsheltered people
were affected by the
Eaton Fire

Shelter Needs in Pasadena

Nearly half (47%) of the sheltered population was people in families with children while the unsheltered population was entirely single adults, highlighting the need for additional year-round shelter options for single adults.



LOOKING FORWARD

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Year-Round Shelter

Planning for the City's new year-round shelter is beginning and will include:



Site selection



Scope



Budget



Funding strategy

Also on the Horizon

Shifting Funding Landscape

Funding cuts and reductions in County-administered services will significantly affect Pasadena's homelessness response system.

New Transitional Housing

Door of Hope's David & Katherine Lee Home is expected to open in early 2027.

Senior Affordable Housing

The 100-unit Ramona project, including 48 Permanent Supportive Housing units, is expected to break ground in early 2027.



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The Pasadena Continuum of Care (CoC), led by the Department of Housing, thanks the nearly 200 volunteers who contributed to the success of the 2026 Homeless Count.

The participation of community members, professional outreach workers, faith-based organizations, local nonprofits, and City Departments, including Information Technology, Public Health, Police, Fire, and Library, is essential to the collection of meaningful data that furthers the understanding of homelessness in the City and helps secure resources to implement effective solutions.



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To learn more about the 2026 Point In Time Count
and view detailed data tables visit:

www.pasadenahomelesscount.org

