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2023 Homeless Count Results & the State of Homelessness in Pasadena

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2023 HOMELESS COUNT

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Why We Count

The annual homeless count is one of the many tools we use to measure the scope of homelessness in Pasadena to:

-  Track trends and identify disparities
-  Develop strategies to address needs
-  Contribute to regional, state, and national data on homelessness.





WHY WE COUNT

Other Metrics

The Homeless Count is one of many tools used to inform CoC strategies.



Annual Homelessness

CoC Analysis



System Performance

Federal & State Performance Metrics
Longitudinal Systems Analysis



Disparity Analyses

Longitudinal Systems Analysis
CoC Analysis



Permanent Housing Units

Housing Inventory Count



Shelter Beds

Housing Inventory Count



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How We Count



January 24, 2023

Conducted annually beginning at sunset and ending at sunrise.



Point In Time

One-night count of unhoused people in Pasadena.



Live Dashboards

New GIS platform with live data on the night of the count.



HOW WE COUNT

Who is Counted



Sheltered Count

People staying in emergency shelter (including motels) and transitional housing



Unsheltered Count

People staying in places not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodations.

Does not include: people doubled up, couch surfing, or at-risk of homelessness



HOW WE COUNT



Vaccine Strike Teams

Two Vaccine Strike Teams were deployed during this year's unsheltered count.

Members

Pasadena Outreach Response Team
Pasadena Public Health Department
Huntington Hospital nursing staff

Services provided

Flu vaccines
COVID-19 vaccines
Naloxone kits



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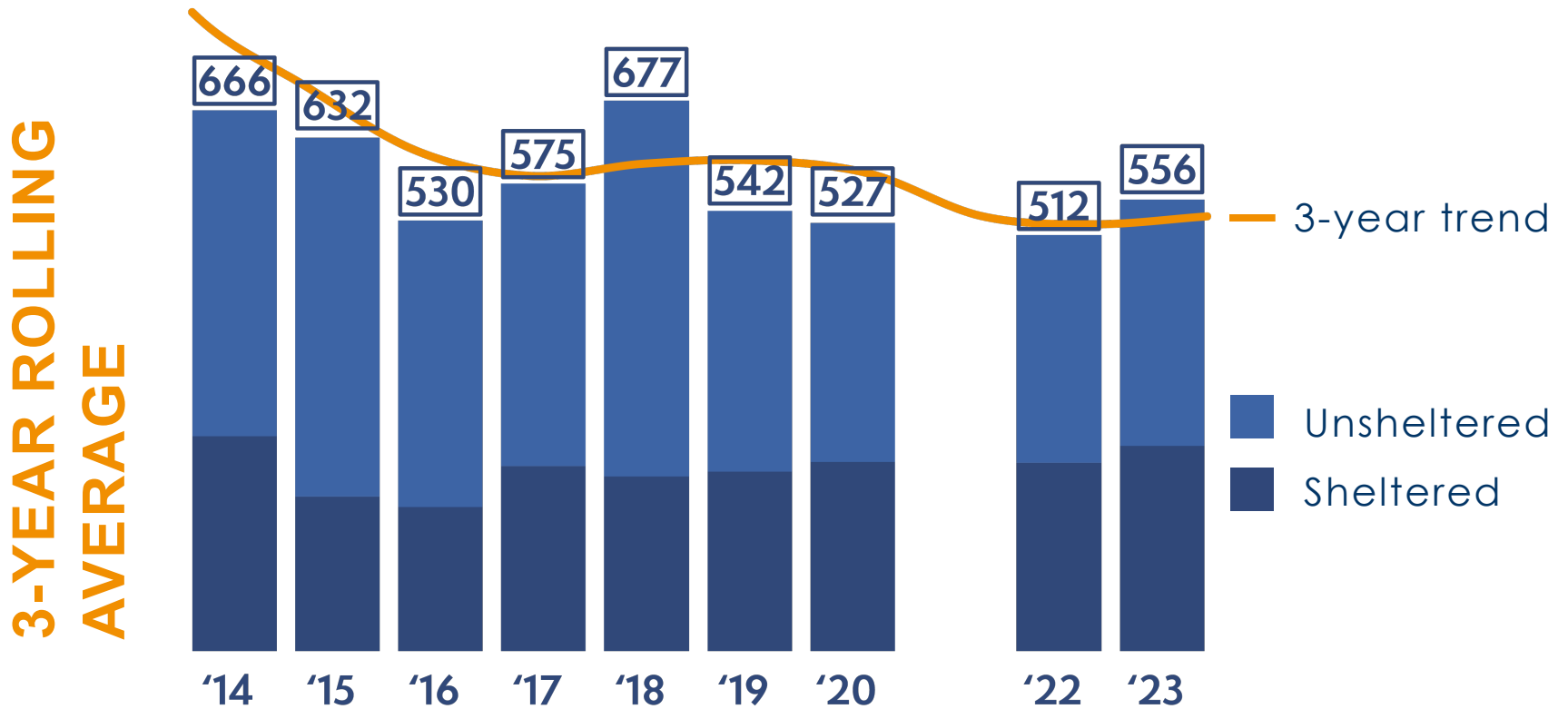
2023 Results

On January 24, 2023, 556 people were experiencing homelessness, which is **a 9% increase over 2022.**

556
people



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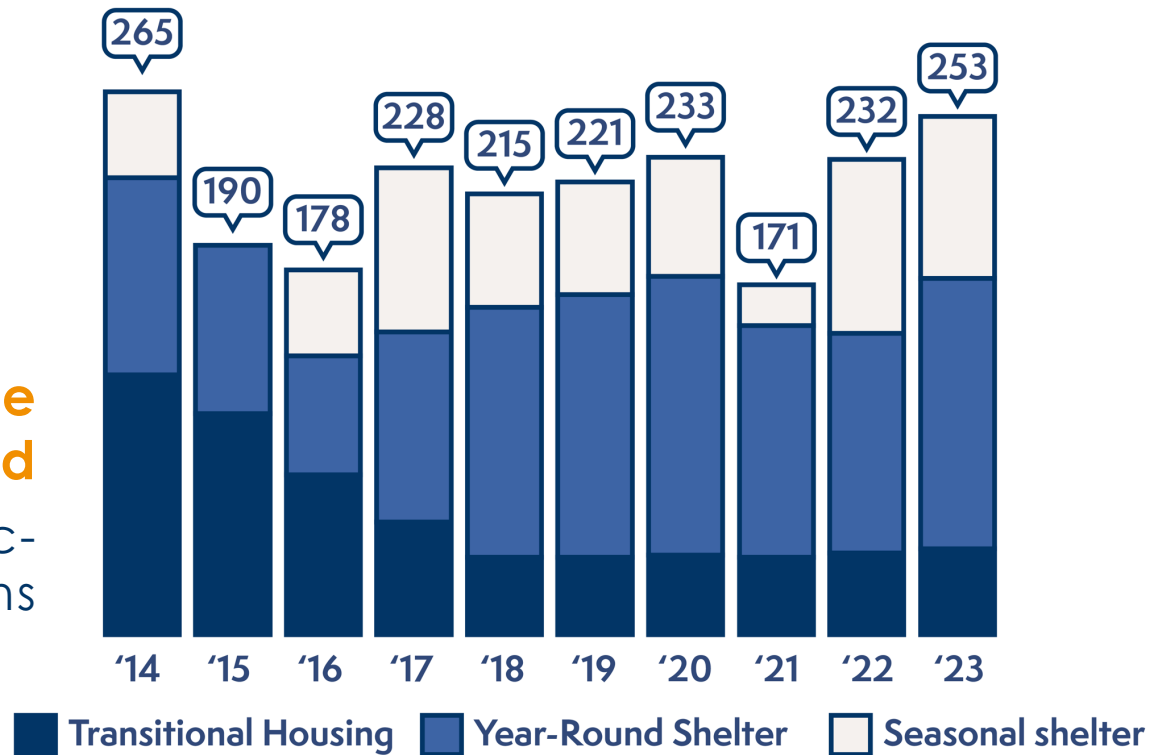


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SHELTERED COUNT

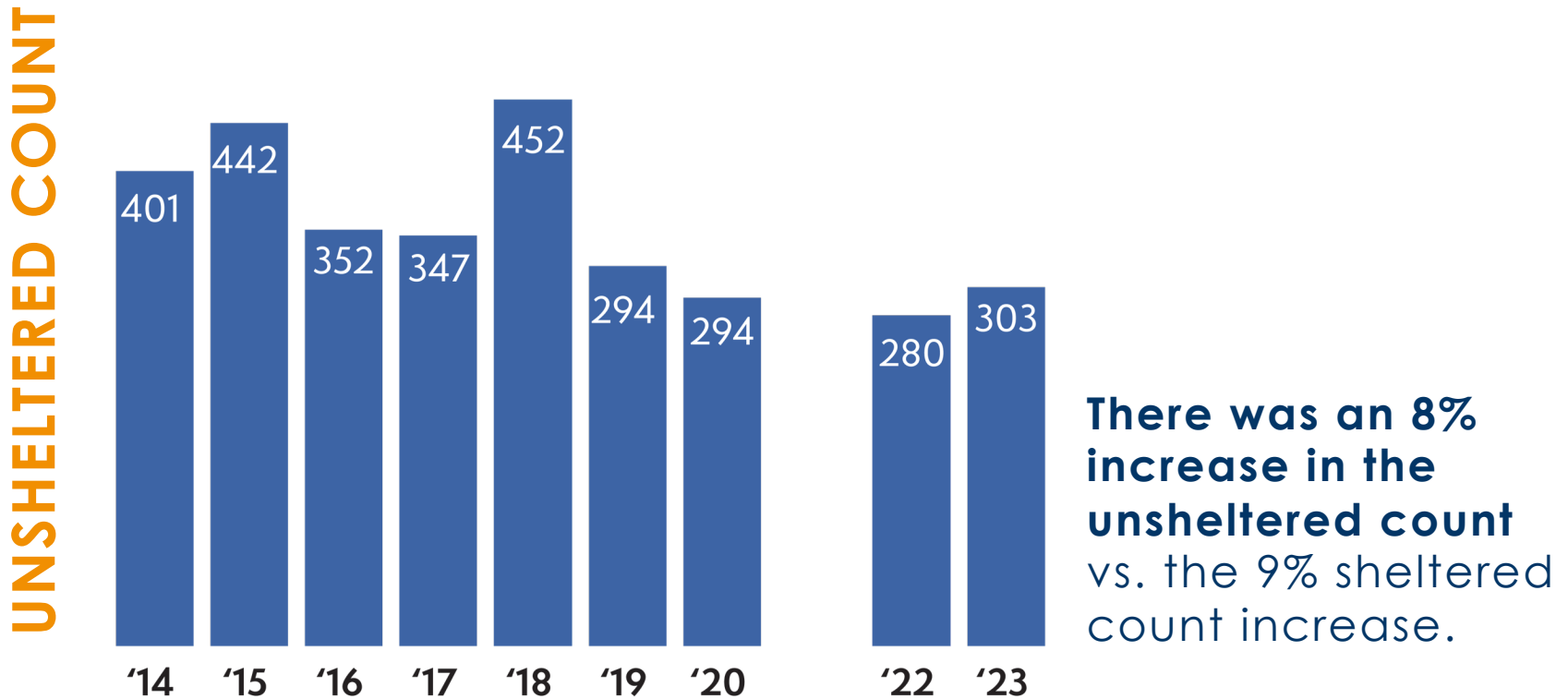
**More people
were sheltered**

despite pandemic-
related reductions





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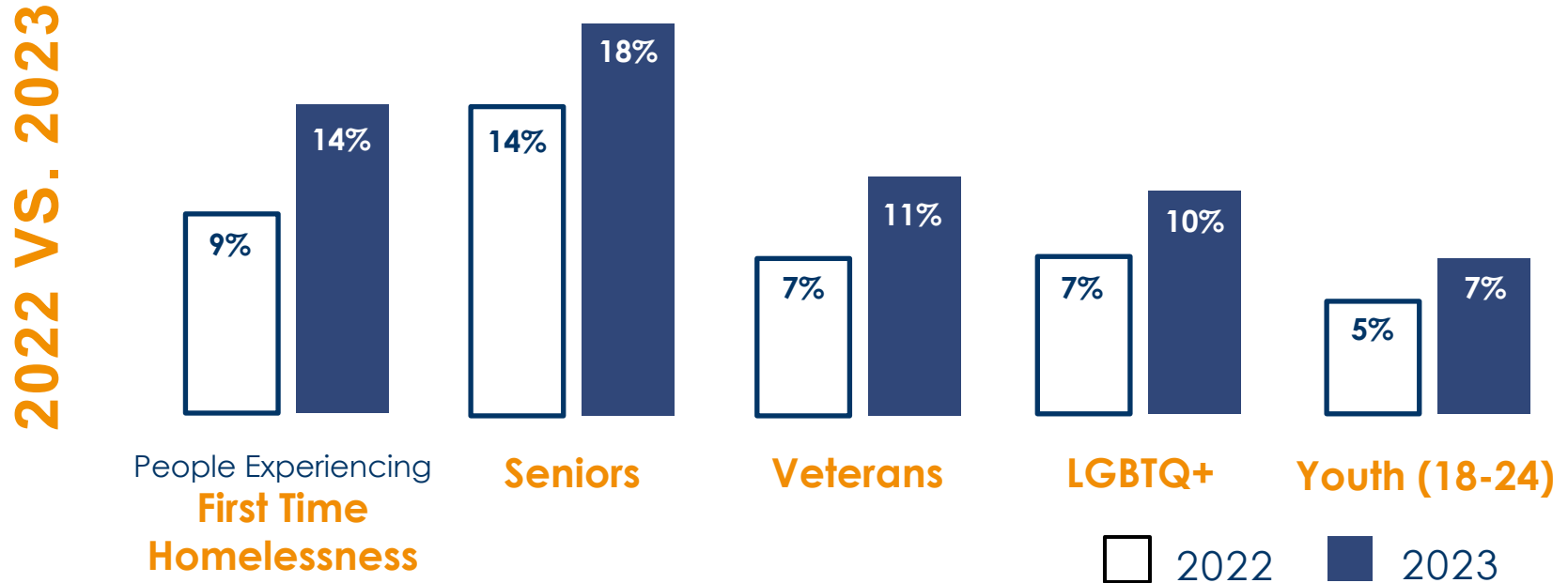




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Subpopulations with Greatest Growth

Share of the total unhoused population in 2022 compared to 2023





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People experiencing homelessness are **long-time Pasadenans**

Over half (56%) of unsheltered people surveyed were last housed in Pasadena and were residents for an average of 21 years before losing housing.

Nine in ten people (89%) were residents of LA County for an average of 18 years before losing housing.





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A changing landscape means homelessness looks worse on the street.

One in four (26%) of all unhoused people were sleeping on the street or sidewalk. This represents an 18% increase from 120 in 2022 to 142 in 2023.



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3 out of 4 people reported 1(+) disabilities

33% chronic health condition

31% mental health condition

30% physical disability

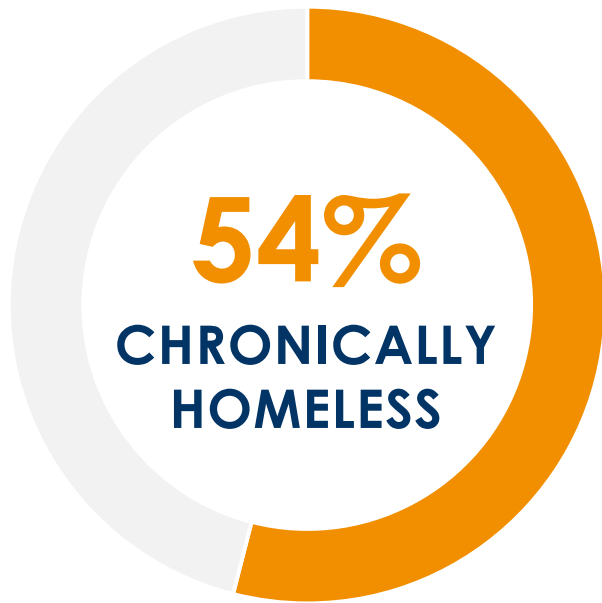
28% substance use disorder

20% developmental disability





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People experiencing chronic homelessness are **more likely to be...**

Individuals

96% vs. 88% of total unhoused

In foster care as a child

21% vs. 15% of total unhoused

Seniors

18% vs. 15% of total unhoused

LGBTQ+

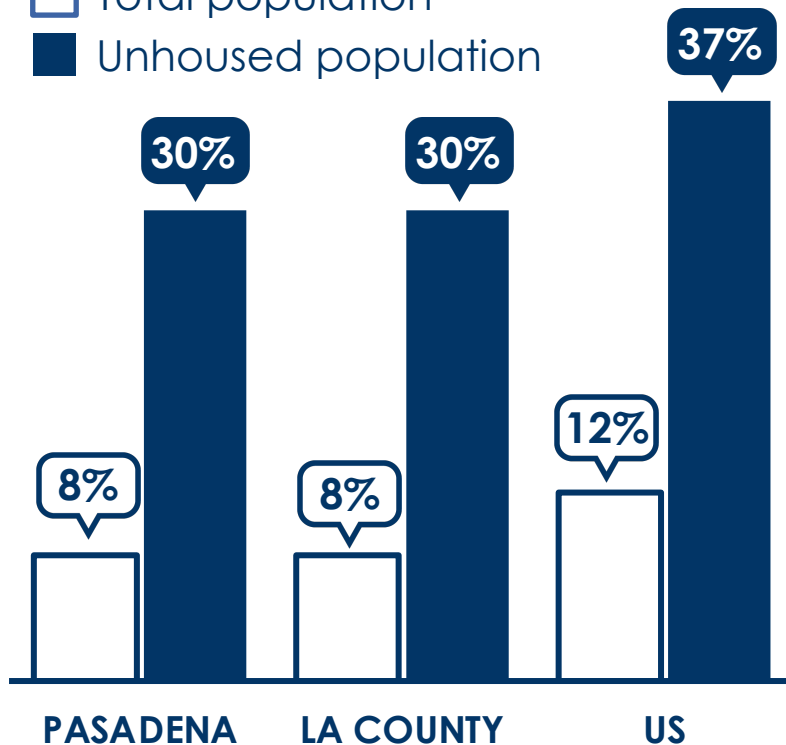
15% vs. 10% of total unhoused



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BLACK SHARE of the

- Total population
- Unhoused population



Disparities Remain For Unhoused Black People

While disparities exist for almost every subpopulation, they are greatest for:

Veterans 41% Black

Youth (18-24) 39% Black

Seniors (62+) 41% Black

*2021 5-Year American Community Survey

**2020 Decennial Census



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Hispanic & Latino People

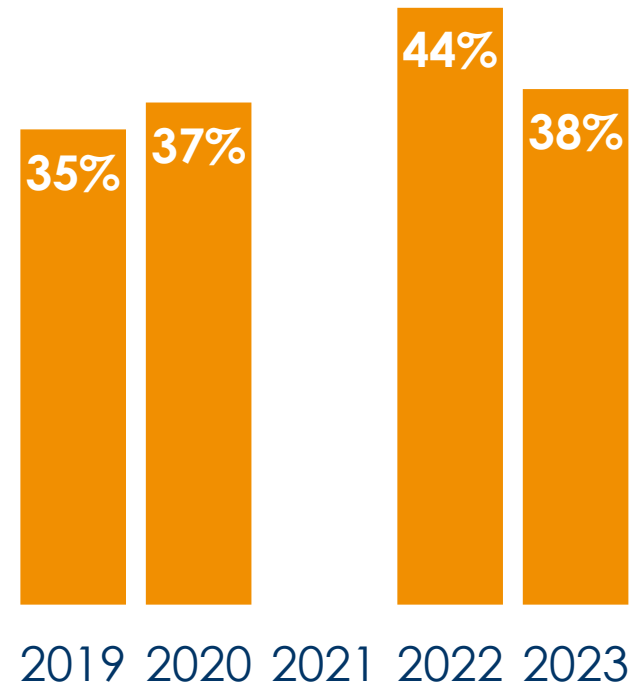
The share of unhoused people who are Hispanic or Latino returned to pre-pandemic rates.*

Disparities are greatest for...

Families 70% Hispanic or Latino

Newly Unhoused 44% Hispanic or Latino

Hispanic and Latino share of the unhoused population



*Hispanic and Latino people account for 36% of the City's population



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First Time Homelessness In 2023

Disproportionately impacts

Hispanic and Latino people (44%)

Domestic violence survivors (36%)

Veterans (11%)

Families (13%)

Contributing factors largely economic

35% job loss

24% financial reasons

24% COVID-19 related factors

24% eviction



The number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time increased from 49 in 2022 to 83 in 2023.



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Seniors are one of the fastest growing groups

31% rise, 75 in 2022, 98 in 2023

Senior (62+) Homelessness

Long term and first-time homelessness

64% chronically homeless (53% in 2022)

18% first time homeless (9% in 2022)

Disproportionate representation

41% Black

11% Veterans

Significant Health Needs

85% have 1+ disability

56% have a chronic health condition

46% have a physical disability



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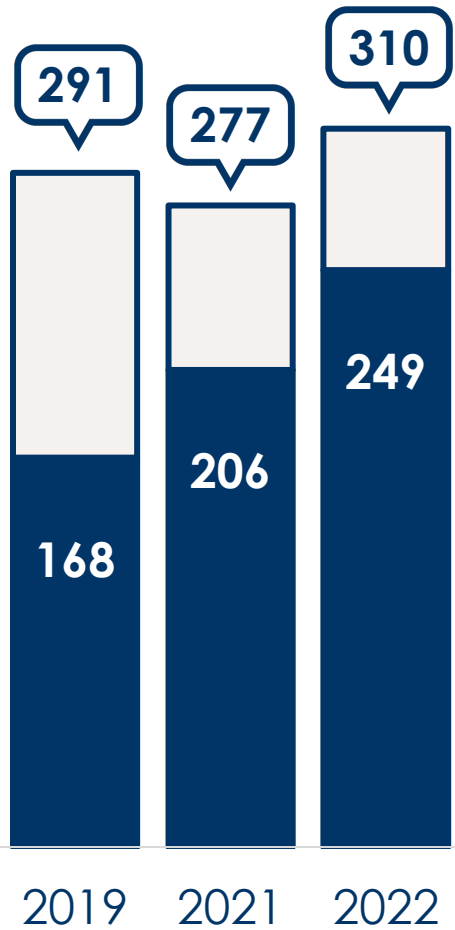
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HOUSING SOLUTIONS



Number Of People Housed By

- System & Regional Partners
- Programs in Pasadena

48% growth in people permanently housed by Pasadena programs since 2019 due to new federally funded vouchers coming online.



Note: 2020 data was not captured due to the cancellation of the 2021 homeless count



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Root Causes of Homelessness



High rent burden

30% of tenants pay over 50% of their income towards rent.¹



Shortage of affordable housing

Only 16 available units exist for every 100 extremely low-income renter households in LA County.²



Discriminatory housing policies

Decades of disinvestment, redlining, and urban renewal projects in Pasadena' have perpetuated economic inequality.



Disinvestment in Social Safety Net

Federal and state cuts to social safety net programs, combined with inaccessible care systems, have worsened the crisis.



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Individual Factors and the Homelessness Crisis



Individual factors are threats to housing stability.

Mental health disorders
Substance misuse
Domestic violence
History of trauma



Individual factors do not cause homelessness.

In our current environment of systemic and structural failures, these threats to housing stability are more likely to lead to housing loss.

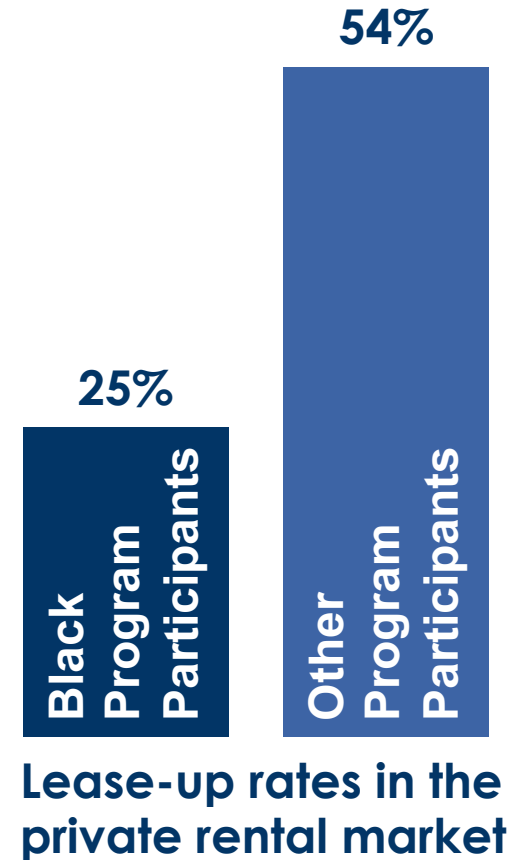


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Impacts of structural racism reflected in the private housing market

Of the 310 people housed in 2022, 38% were black (v. 30% of their overall share). Despite equitable outcomes, disparities in lease-up rates for rapid re-housing participants highlight the ongoing barriers Black people face when looking for housing in Pasadena.

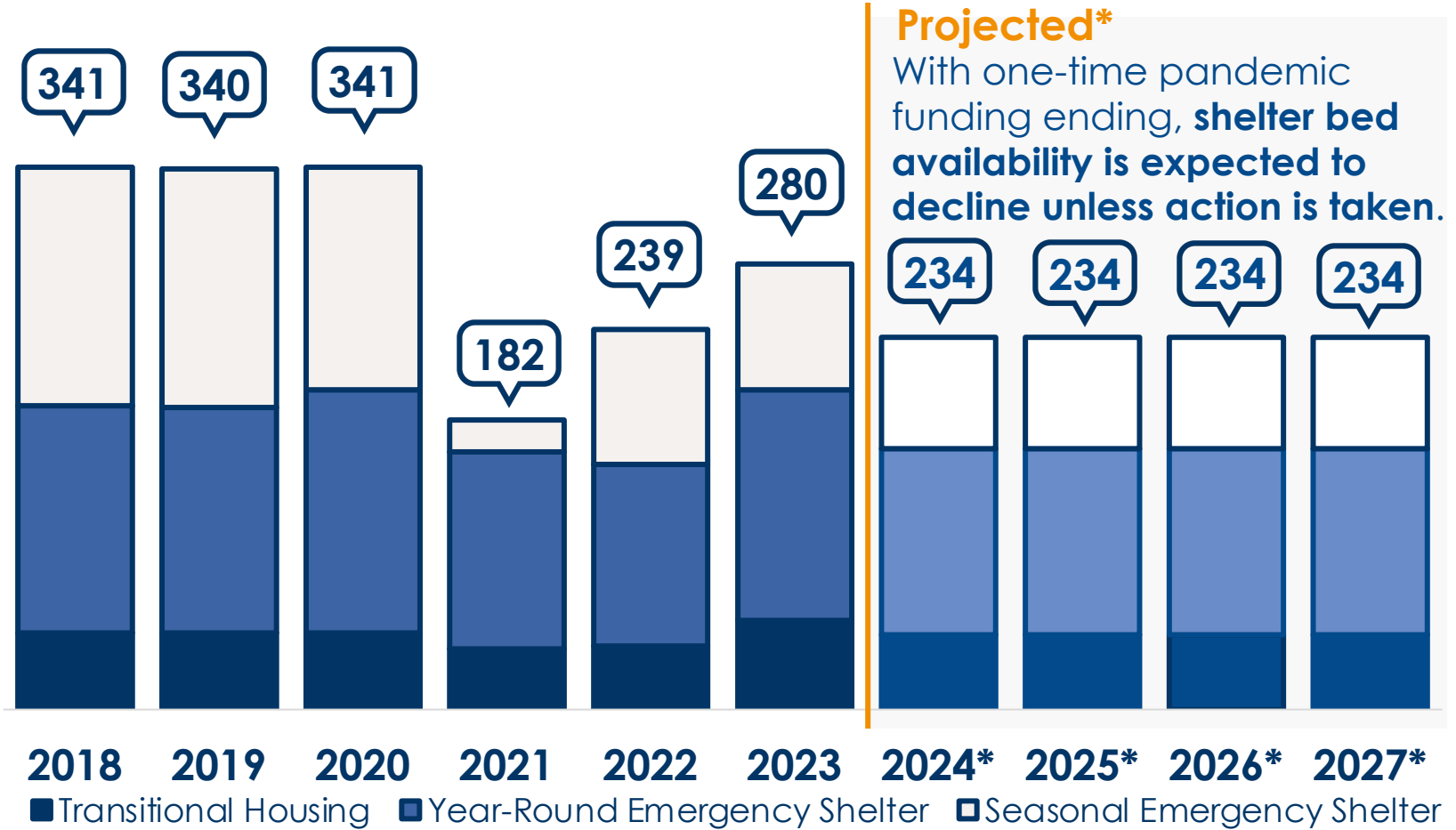




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SHELTER INVENTORY



* Projected, based on current inventory (5/26/23)



Ending homelessness means making it...

Rare

Policies, programs, and system coordination to **prevent** the loss of housing and **divert** people from the homelessness services system.

Brief

Quickly placing people in **permanent housing** using the **Housing First approach** with immediate access to **low-barrier shelter** while housing is secured.

Non-Recurring

Tailoring **support and services** to ensure housing stability.



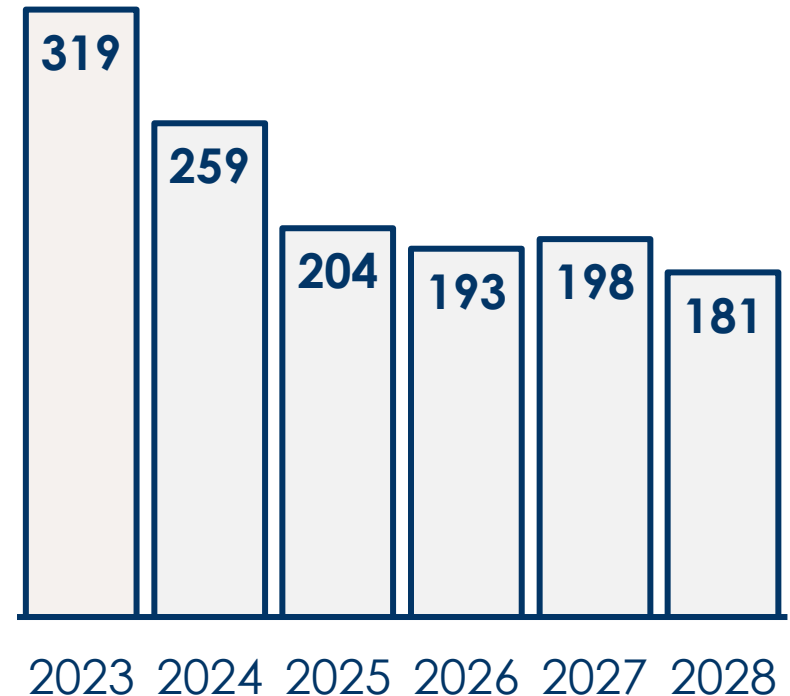
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More housing resources are needed to ensure future reductions in homelessness

While The Salvation Army HOPE Center and Heritage Square South will provide critical permanent housing over the next two years, it is crucial to make ongoing investments in permanent housing programs, coupled with measures to reduce inflows, in order to achieve sustainable, long-term reductions in homelessness.

Projected Number of People Housed, 2023-2028*



**Based on new inventory and average turnover rates for existing programs.*



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Looking forward

While our system is housing more people than ever, increasing inflows mean that new opportunities to grow our emergency shelter and permanent housing inventory are needed to see meaningful reductions in homelessness.





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Pasadena CoC Homelessness Plan Update

The Pasadena CoC Homelessness Plan establishes a comprehensive framework with aggressive targets for significantly reducing homelessness in Pasadena in the next five years.



Inclusive Process

Over 415 stakeholders, including people with lived experience of homelessness, have contributed to the plan's development.



Final Development Stage

The plan is in its final stage and is expected to be finished in late summer 2023.

Acknowledgements

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