



Commission to **ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Office of Care Coordination

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

DISCUSSION – ITEM #1

COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

OC Grand Jury Report

- OC Grant Jury released a report titled, Homelessness: Is Orange County Moving in the Right Direction? on June 27, 2025.
- County of Orange is a required respondent and must submit a reply within 90 days.
- The report includes seven findings, one mentioning the Commission to Address Homelessness, and five recommendations, one mentioning the Commission to Address Homelessness.
 - **Finding 5** – The Commission to Address Homelessness has not provided the Board of Supervisors with sufficient recommendations on homelessness prevention efforts, focusing instead on reactive strategies.
 - **Recommendation 2** – The Board of Supervisors should request that the Commission to Address Homelessness prepare a plan outlining current and future (next two years) prevention strategies. The Commission should submit this plan to the Board of Supervisors by December 31, 2025, and annually thereafter. (F1, F4, F5)

DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE



OC Outreach & Engagement

- Staffing Updates
 - Karen Betances has been promoted to the Director of Programs.
 - Kevin Alexander has been hired as the OC Outreach & Engagement Manager
- Office of Care Coordination is diligently working to recruit for open positions within OC Outreach & Engagement.
- Referrals can be made via phone to (800) 364-2221.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

COUNTY OF ORANGE

SAME — DAY SOLUTIONS FAIR

OC Same-Day Solutions Fair

- Since the success of the first and second OC Same-Day Solutions Fair, the Office of Care Coordination has been working diligently to coordinate future event locations.
 - September 25 – Orange
 - November 20 – Placentia
- The Office of Care Coordination hosted the second Same-Day Solutions Fair in the City of Lake Forest on July 24, 2025.
 - Over 25 different organizations provided resources spanning mental health, substance use, housing, public benefits, basic needs, legal aid, and more.
- To host or participate in an upcoming Same-Day Solutions Fair, please contact the Office of Care Coordination.

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OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE



OC Same-Day Solutions Fair Participating Organizations

- Child Support Services
- Coordinated Entry System
- Department of Rehabilitation
- HCA Behavioral Health Services
- HCA Public Health Services
- Homeless Court, including the OC Public Defender and the District Attorney
- OC Clerk-Recorder
- OC Probation
- Social Services Agency
- CalOptima Health
- Chrysalis
- Families Forward
- Friendship Shelter
- HomeAid OC
- Loving Paws
- Mobility United
- OC Rescue Mission
- OC Workforce Solutions
- Orange County Housing corporations Stepping Up
- Public Law Center
- Revival Hair
- South County Outreach
- United Way
- USVets
- VA Long Beach Healthcare System

DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

OC Same-Day Solutions Outcomes

- 120 unduplicated households participated in the OC Same-Day Solutions Fair, including 20 families (households with minor children).
- 585 service engagements and provisions occurred.
- 288 informational engagements occurred – meaning individuals engaged with the various organizations present to receive general information about available services.
- State Senator Dr. Steven Choi and representatives from cities of Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Irvine, Laguna Woods and Laguna hills attended the OC Same-Day Solutions Fair.



DISCUSSION – ITEM #3

COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT

Commissioner Spotlight

- Susan Parks – President and Chief Executive Officer, Orange County United Way



Orange County
UNITED WAY

Orange County United Way

Vision:

An Orange County **united** to improve lives today and for generations to come.

Mission:

To lift our community by addressing the most challenging human needs through collaboration, advocacy, and strategic programming. We leverage our innovative and action-oriented approach to deliver measurable results.



Our Approach

Our unique approach comes from an understanding that our community's most critical issues are inter-related, and we must tackle them in an interconnected way to provide long-term solutions.

We do this through four bodies of work:



- ✓ Helping students graduate and prepare for meaningful careers



- ✓ Empowering families to build lasting financial security



- ✓ Preventing and ending homelessness through proven strategies



- ✓ Connecting Orange County residents to vital services through 211OC

Our Role with Special Purpose Voucher Holders

 • WelcomeHomeOC

 • WhateverItTakes

 • Advocacy

**Next: Meetings with OC
Congressional Delegation**

Current Status: Special Purpose Vouchers - OC

		Allocated	Status
Emergency Housing Voucher	All PHA's	1000+	Funding will end in 2026
Mainstream	All PHA's	954	No new voucher allocations
Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	OCHA SAHA AHA	1188	Continuing
Foster Youth to Independence	SAHA OCHA	125	Continuing

Community Campaign - November

THE WHY:

“The Person in Front of You”

A Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Campaign

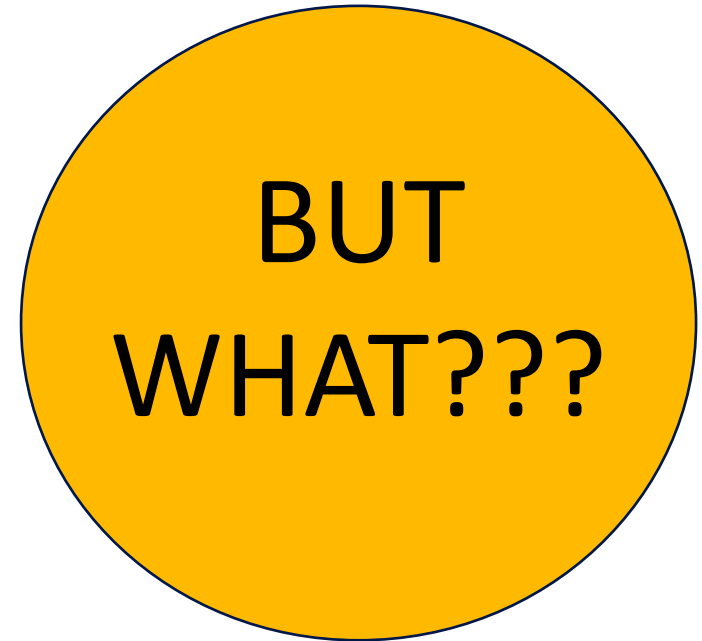
We asked our partners- “In our current environment what do you need?”

- 1) A **simple** yet profound message, an invitation to see one another with dignity, empathy, and shared hope.
- 2) A message that reflects a vision for Orange County where everyone has access to **safe** and affordable **housing** and the opportunity to thrive.

WHAT WAS REQUESTED

Covert and **Overt** messaging that...

- Is a public demonstration of **solidarity**
- Converts passive awareness into active engagement
- Creates a **lasting visual impact**



Community Campaign - November

THE WHAT:

A Two Part Campaign

“The Person in Front of You”

A T-SHIRT CAMPAIGN

(October- November)



AND

LARGE SCALE AERIAL PHOTO GATHERING

(9:30 AM November 15, 2025)



ARE YOU IN?

It's not just a shirt—it's a movement.

1. Join us in advocating for Emergency Housing Vouchers

2. Be a part of the campaign!

Contact: Becks Heyhoe-Khalil
BecksH@UnitedWayOC.org
949-263-6112



PRESENTATION – ITEM #4

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update

An update on federal legislation presented by:

- Cori Takkinen – Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

Presentation Overview



Overview of Executive Order



Legislative Developments



Looking Ahead

Overview of Executive Order 14321

Directs DOJ, HHS, HUD, and DOT to:

- Support civil commitment and institutional treatment for unsheltered individuals with serious mental illness or substance use disorder.
- Prioritize grants for jurisdictions enforcing laws against open drug use, unauthorized camping, and squatting.
- Restrict funding for harm-reduction programs (e.g., safe consumption sites).
- Increase accountability in homelessness programs (e.g., treatment participation, public safety outcomes).
- Allow or require health data collection and sharing with law enforcement (where legally permitted).

Overview of Executive Order 14321

Potential Implications for the County

Potential Federal Funding Opportunities:

- Address mental health treatment bed shortages.
- Crisis intervention funding for FQHCs and CCBHCs.
- Support for drug courts and jail diversion programs.
- Emergency law enforcement funds for encampment removals.

Anticipated Restrictions:

- Federal harm reduction funding (e.g., SAMHSA) no longer supports syringe programs supervised consumption sites.
- Counties may use alternative funding sources (e.g., state, local, opioid settlement dollars).

Overview of Executive Order 14321

Anticipated New Requirements

HUD Homelessness Programs:

- Treatment participation requirements.
- Housing restrictions for certain populations (e.g., sex offenders).
- Potential limits on safe consumption site operations.

Data & Privacy:

- Health data collection and sharing with law enforcement may be required.
- Counties must balance these requirements with privacy laws and operational practices.

Overview of Executive Order 14321

Next Steps for the County

- Monitor guidance and rulemaking from DOJ, HUD, and HHS.
- Assess local enforcement and behavioral health capacity.
- Coordinate across departments and stakeholders.
- Track legal developments, especially around civil commitment and consent decrees.

Overview of Executive Order 14321



Important to Note:

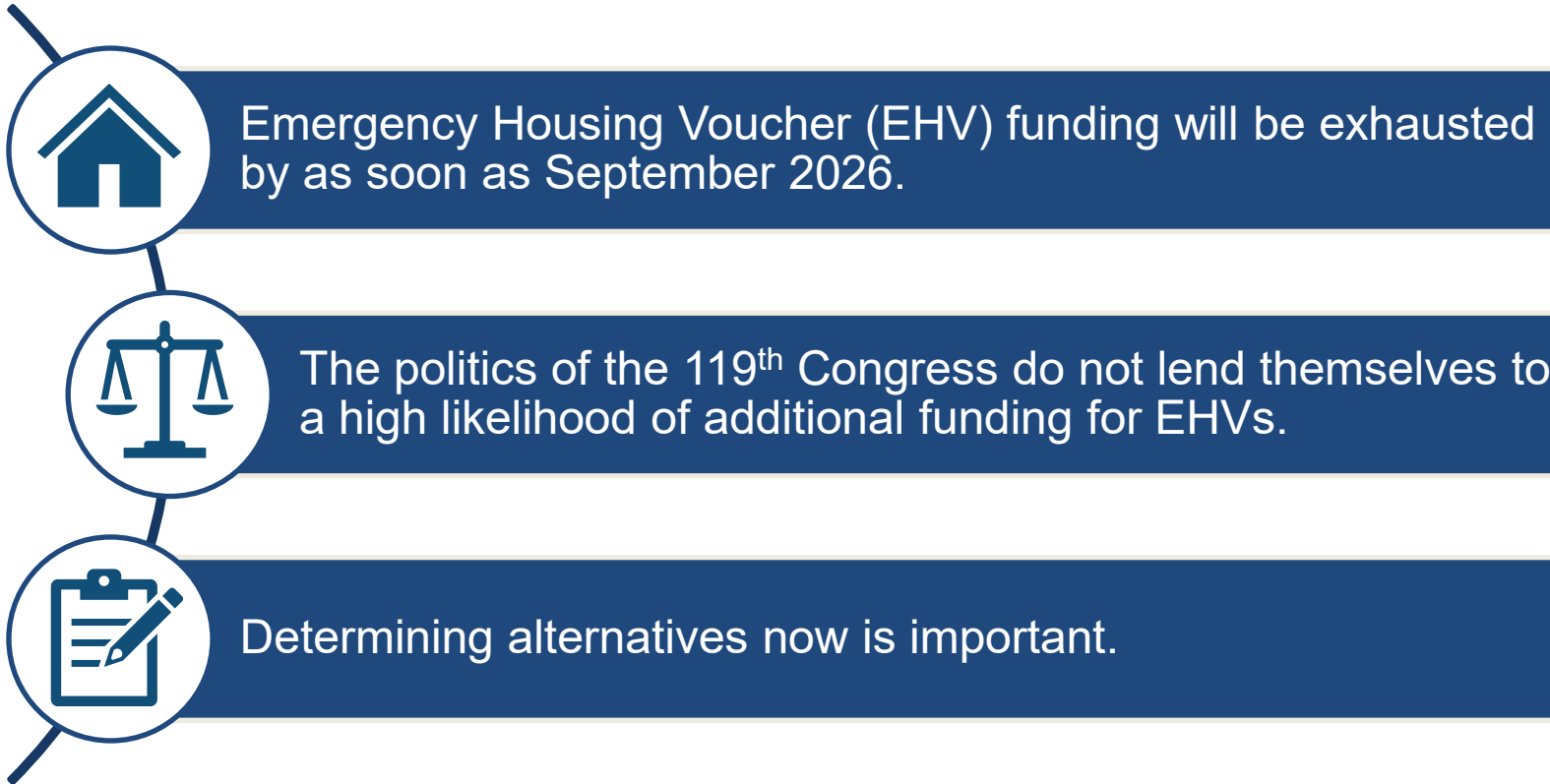
The federal agencies named in the EO will need to issue guidance and/or regulations implementing the EO within the confines of existing law.

Legislative Developments

Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act of 2025

- Reform NEPA, permitting, and other regulatory reforms to streamline the process for building affordable housing units.
- Create CDBG incentives based on “housing growth improvement rates” and penalizes (up to 10%) jurisdictions with low rates.
- Increase Affordable Housing Incentives within Opportunity Zones.
- Amend Capital Investment Grants (CIG) scoring to give a bonus in areas that establish pro-housing policy near public transportation routes
- Increase the Public Welfare Investment Cap, allowing greater private investment into affordable housing.
- Bill requires HUD to be more proactive in zoning regulations and make recommendations to Congress on zoning reforms to increase housing supply.
- Grants to local jurisdictions to cover the cost of home repairs/renovations to improve habitability for low-income landlords and owners of affordable housing stock.

Looking Ahead





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PRESENTATION – ITEM #5

FALLING THROUGH THE SAFETY NET

FALLING THROUGH THE SAFETY NET: Understanding Individuals' Journey and Contributing Factor to Homelessness



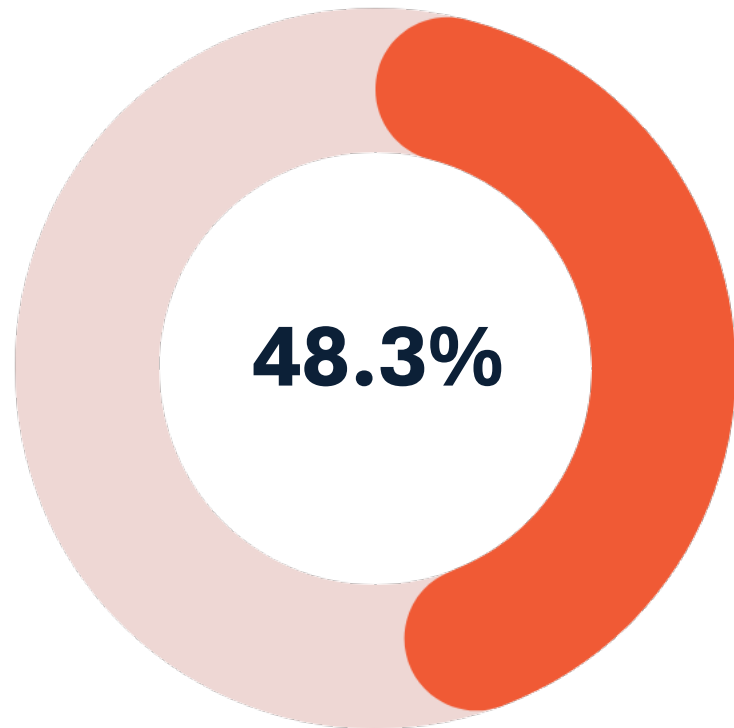
COUNTY OF ORANGE
OFFICE OF CARE
COORDINATION

Falling Through the Safety Net:

**Understanding Individuals'
Journey and Contributing
Factors to Homelessness**



WHY 'JOURNEY & FACTORS'



In **2024**, the **Point In Time Count** found that 48.3% of ***unsheltered*** respondents were experiencing homelessness **for the first time** in the last 12 months.

WHY 'JOURNEY & FACTORS'



PARTNERSHIPS



METHODOLOGY



REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE SIZE

Approximately **20%** of the 2024 Point In Time Unsheltered Count across Orange County.

SURVEY

The survey included **50–70 questions** with conditional logic to prompt follow-up questions.

CITY NET DEPLOYMENT

City Net conducted the survey in **March 2025**, coordinating with other street outreach teams and cities.

The survey took about **18 minutes** to complete.

DATA ANALYSIS

City Net performed data cleanup, produced an initial report by survey question, and conducted further analysis in collaboration with the **Office of Care Coordination**.

SURVEY LIMITATIONS



1



SELF-REPORTING

2





**SURVEYS ONLY
THOSE WHO HAVE
FALLEN THROUGH
THE SAFETY NET**



PARTICIPATION



2025 SURVEY AT A GLANCE

 **1,149** Individuals Approached
 **840** Participated

2023 SURVEY PARTICIPATION

 **77%** Participation



840 TOTAL RESPONDENTS

DEMOGRAPHICS



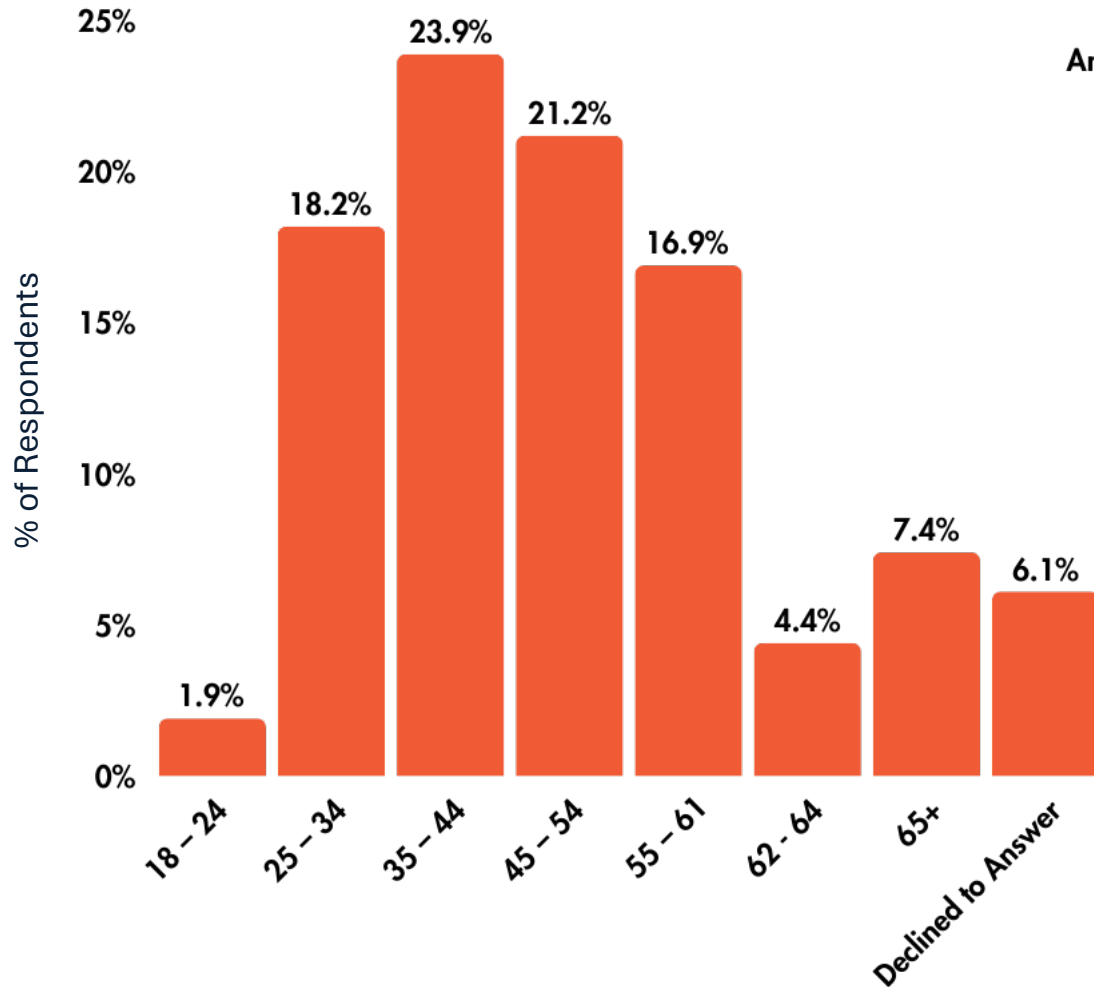
Alignment between the **2024 Unsheltered Point In Time Count** and the **2025 Survey Respondent Demographics** **confirms the dataset's reliability**



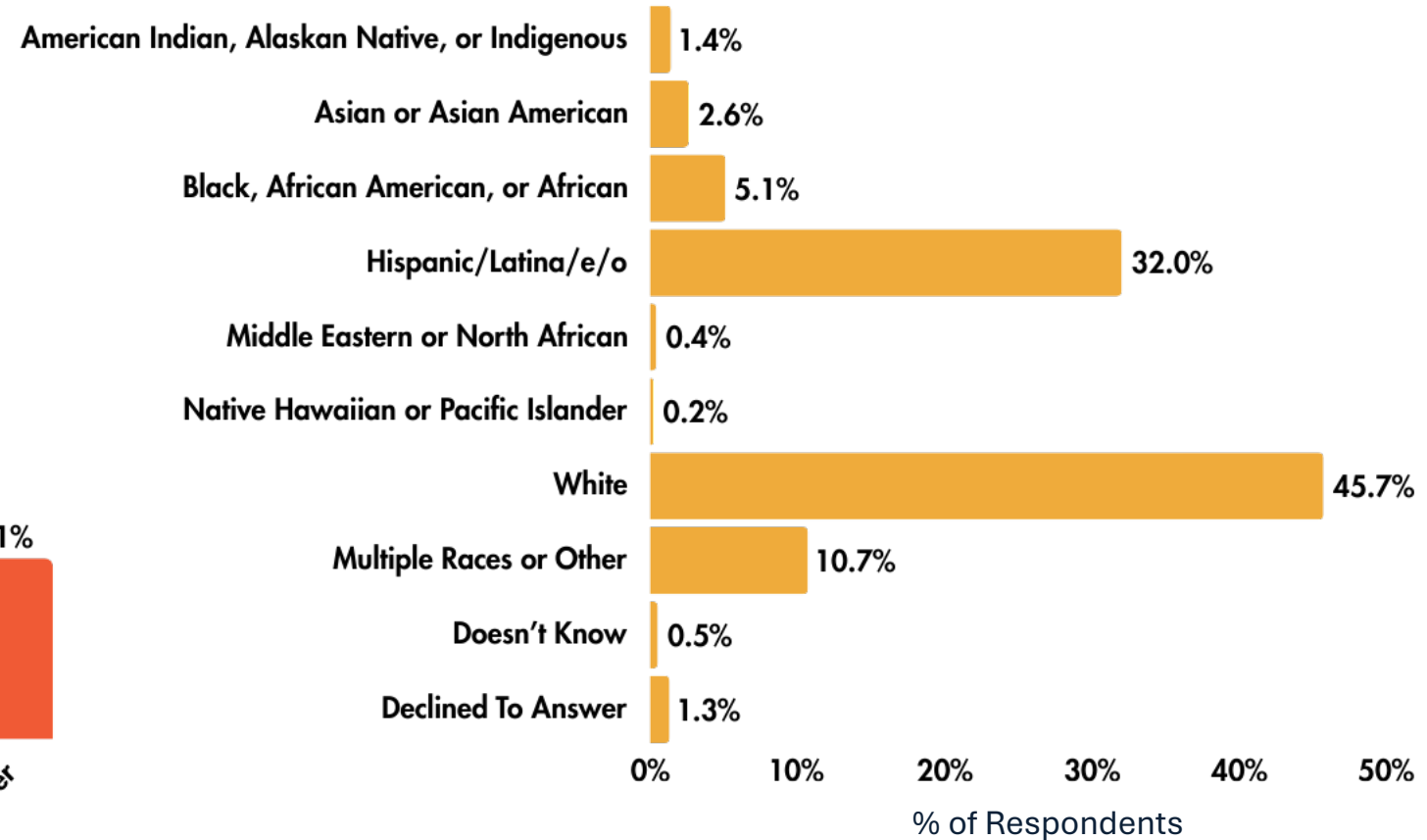
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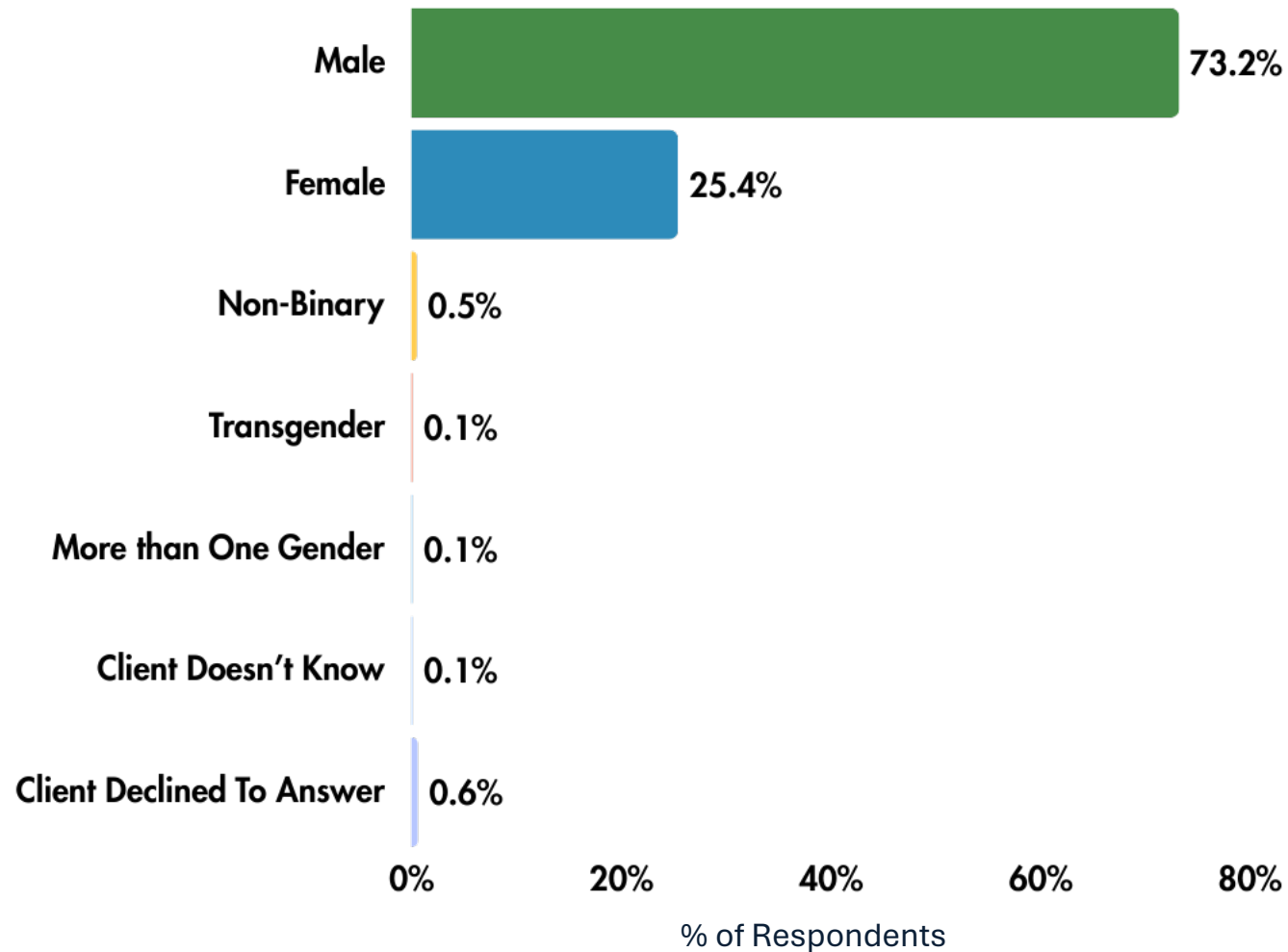
RACE AND/OR ETHNICITY



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GENDER



VETERAN



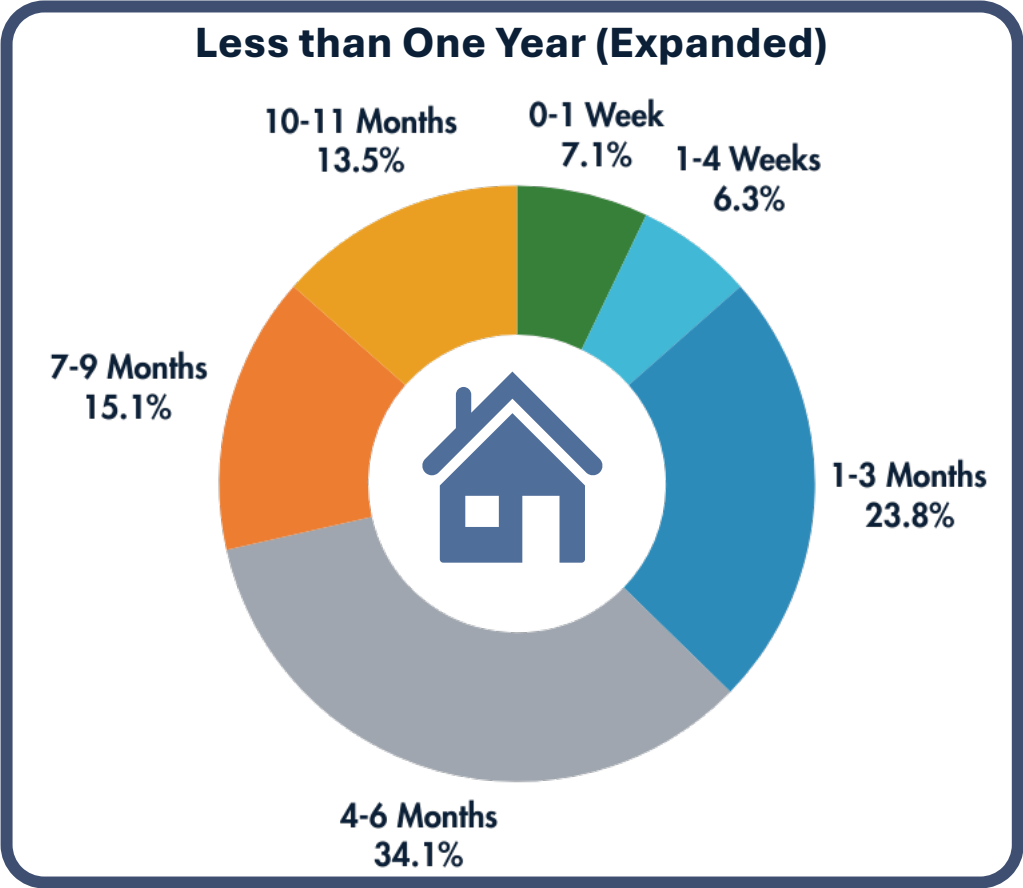
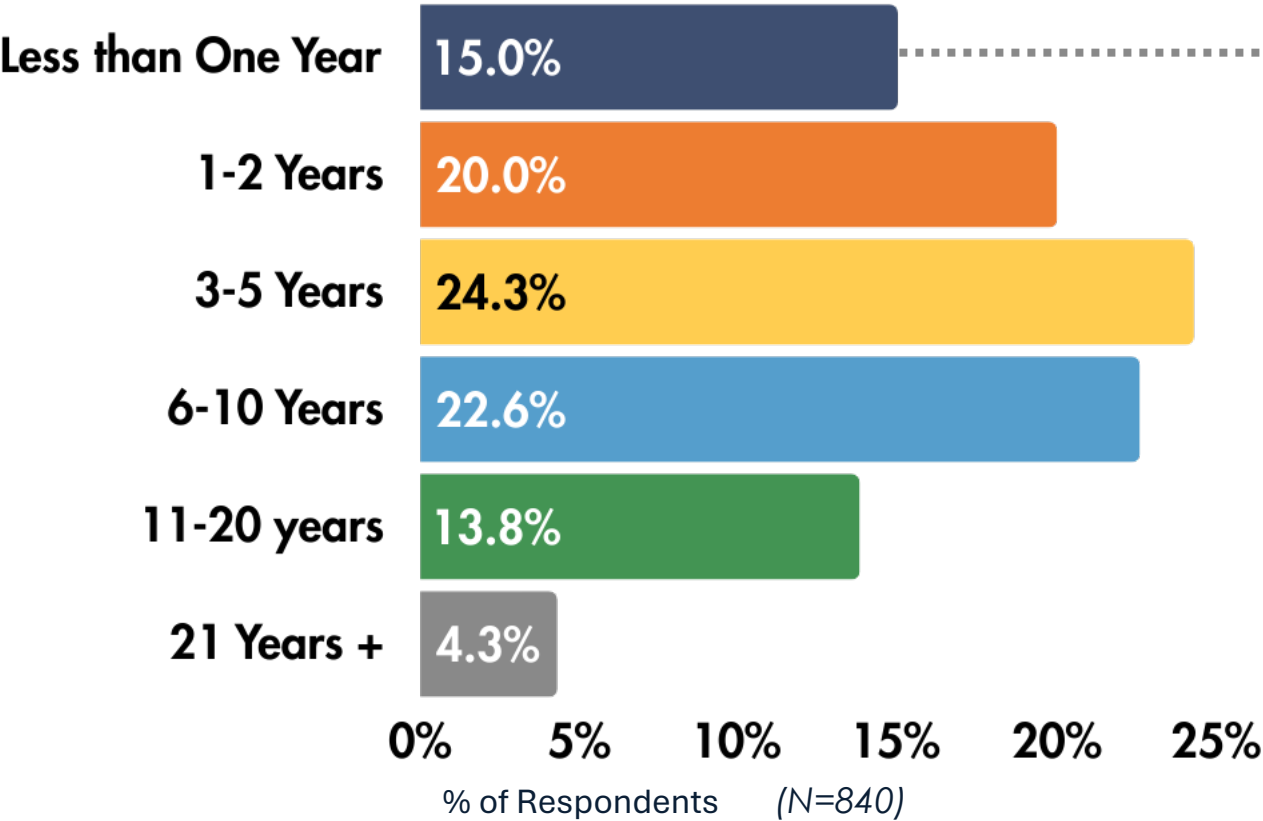
YES: 6.2%



LENGTH OF TIME EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



HOW LONG HAVE THEY BEEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?



LIVING CONDITIONS



2025



OUTDOORS

74.8%



VEHICLE

19.7%



RV*

3.2%

OTHER 2.3%

2023



OUTDOORS

70.7%



VEHICLE

17.6%



RV*

2.2%

OTHER 9.5%

**Recreational Vehicles (RV) were reported to be non-operable*



JOURNEY INTO HOMELESSNESS



**LIFE BEFORE
HOMELESSNESS**

**HOW DID THEY
BECOME HOMELESS?**

**WHAT DID THEY
DO TO AVOID IT?**

**WHAT COULD
HAVE HELPED?**

**WHAT DOES LIFE
LOOK LIKE NOW?**





LIFE BEFORE
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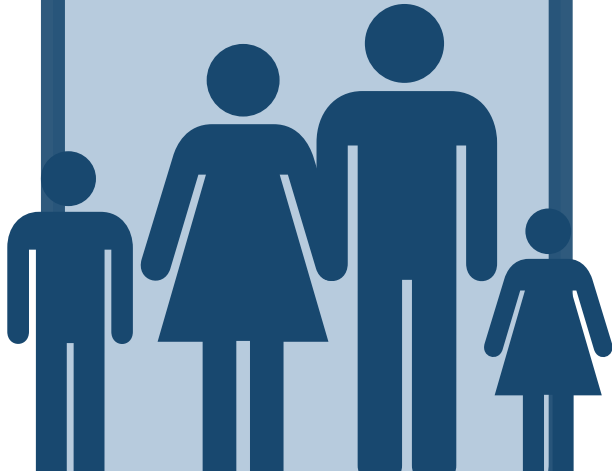
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WHAT DOES LIFE
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WHEN LAST HOUSED, WHAT WAS THEIR HOUSING SITUATION?

44.3%
**FRIENDS OR
FAMILY**



37.3%
RENT



HOMEOWNER: 6.3%



HOSPITAL OR JAIL: 3.2%



HOTEL OR MOTEL: 2.7%

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WAS THEIR NAME ON THE MORTGAGE, LEASE OR RENTAL AGREEMENT?



STAYING W/FRIENDS OR FAMILY

44.3%



RENTING
(APARTMENT, HOUSE, ROOM)

37.3%



HOMEOWNER

6.3%

YES: 36.5%

LEASE OR
RENTAL
AGREEMENT

NO: 61.6%

YES: 75.5%

MORTGAGE

NO: 24.5%





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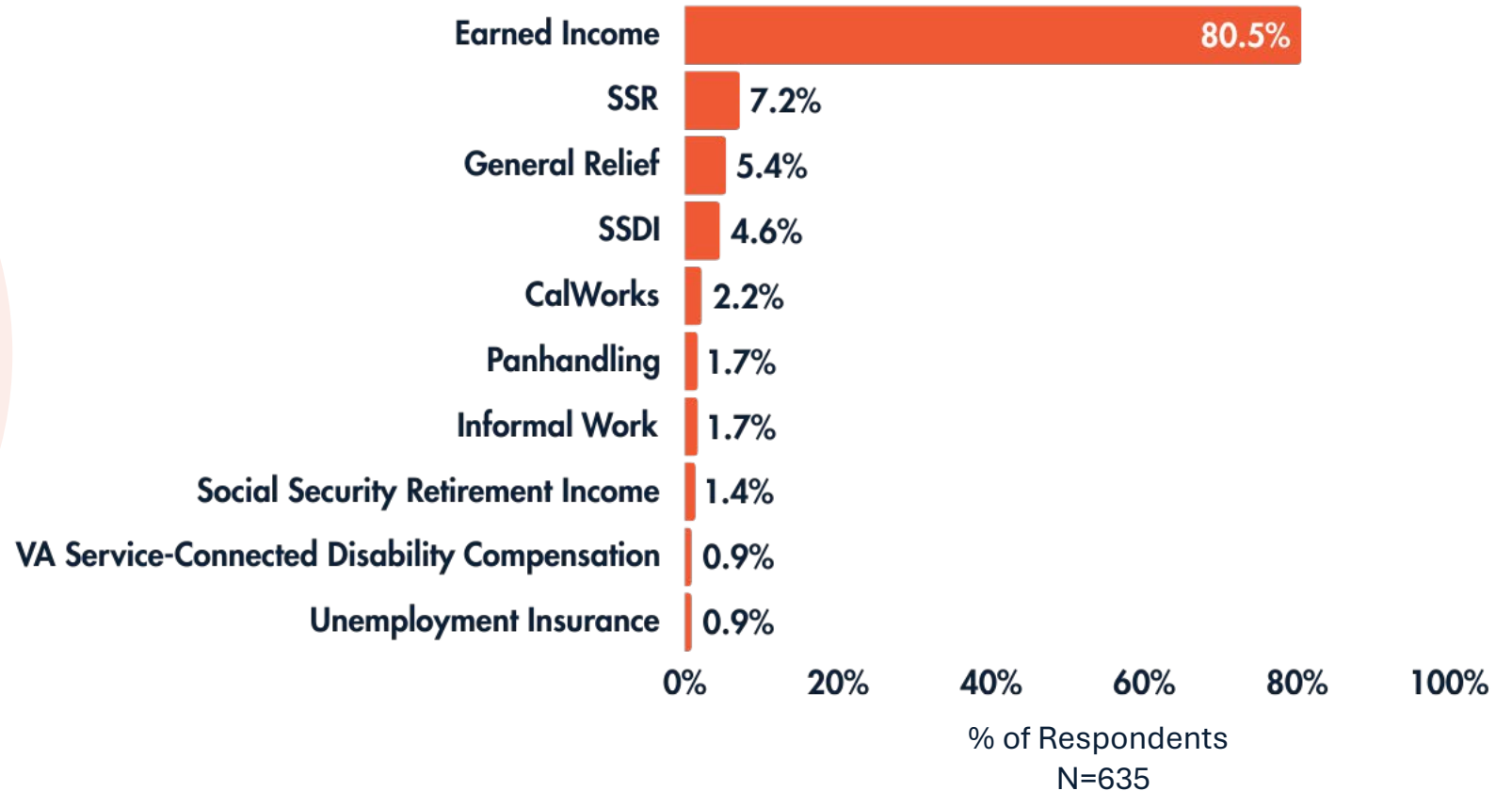
WHAT DOES LIFE
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WHAT WAS THEIR SOURCE OF INCOME?

75.6%

REPORTED AN
INCOME PRIOR
TO BECOMING
HOMELESS

N=840





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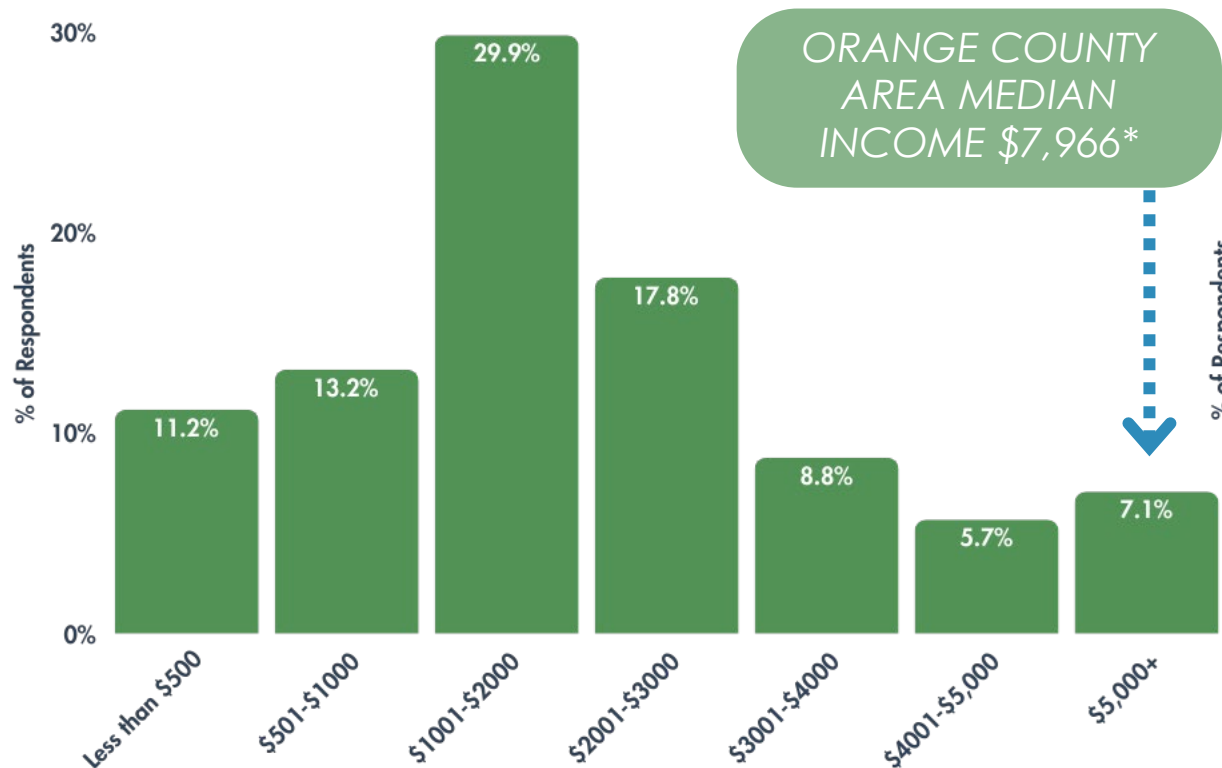
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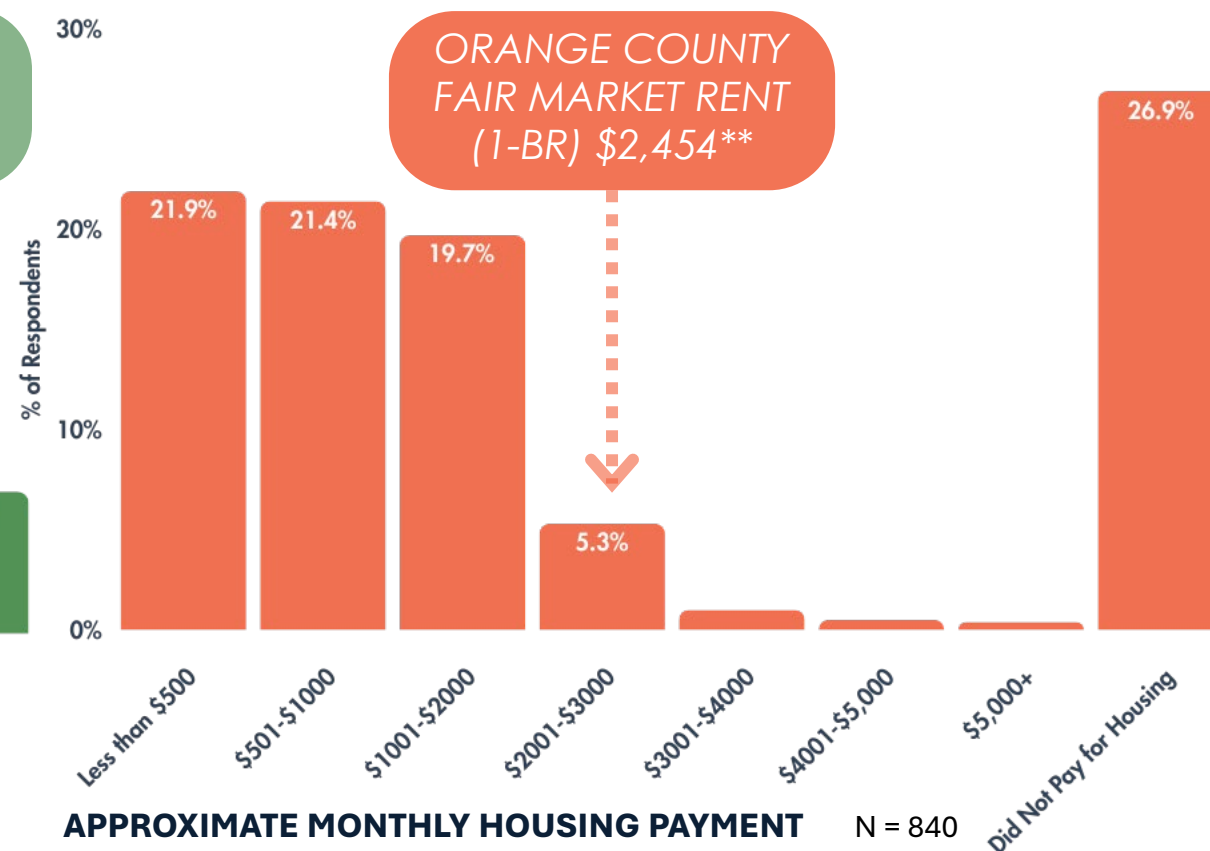
WHAT DOES LIFE
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HOW MUCH DID THEY MAKE?



APPROXIMATE MONTHLY GROSS INCOME N = 635

HOW MUCH DID THEY PAY?



APPROXIMATE MONTHLY HOUSING PAYMENT N = 840

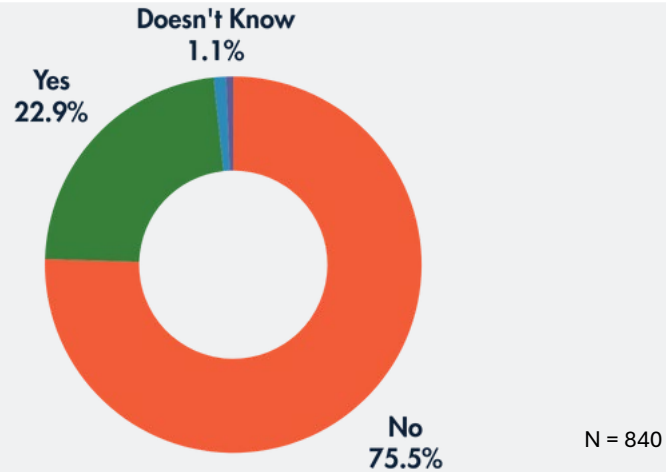
*2025 Area Median Income for a 1-person household is \$95,000

**2025 Fair Market Rent for A 1BR according to HUD





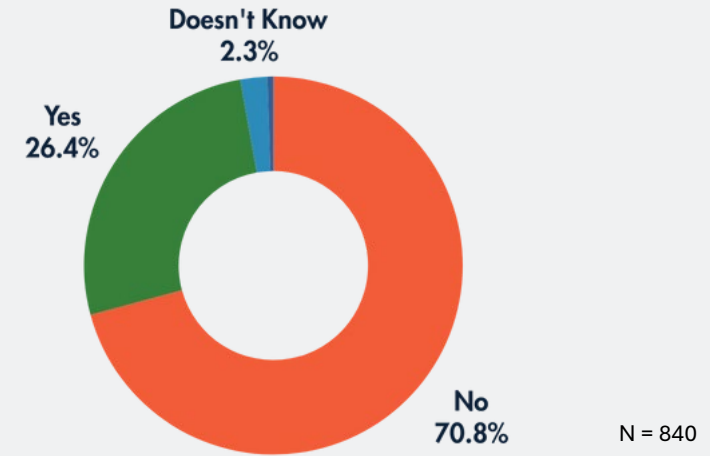
DID THEY HAVE SAVINGS?



SAVINGS IN A TYPICAL MONTH	% OF RESPONDENTS
Less than \$500	35.9%
\$501-\$1000	17.7%
\$1001-\$5000	20.3%
More than \$5,000	20.3%
Doesn't Know	5.2%
Declined to Answer	0.2%

N = 192

DID THEY HAVE DEBT?



TYPE(S) OF REPORTED DEBT*	% OF RESPONDENTS
Credit Card Debt	60.4%
Personal Loans	25.2%
Medical Bills	22.5%
Student Loans	14.0%
Housing-Related Debt	11.3%

*Respondents selected all that apply; N = 222



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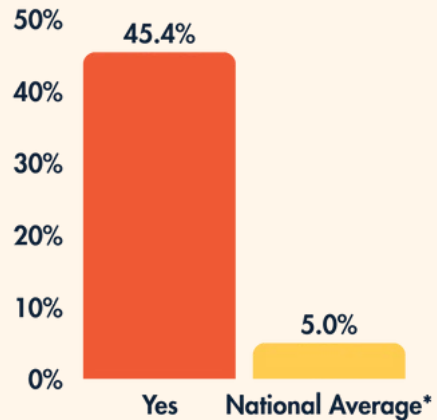
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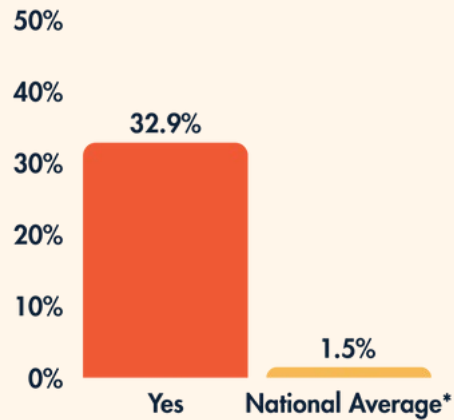
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PRIOR INCARCERATION



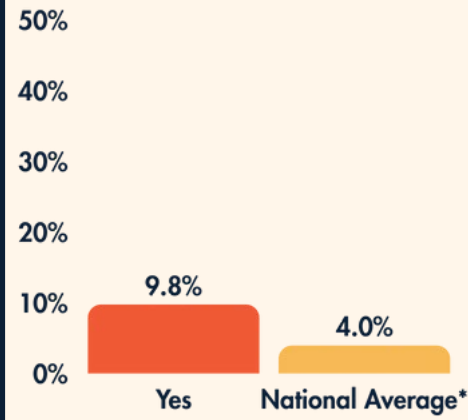
*According to the Bureau of
Justice Statistics

PROBATION OR PAROLE



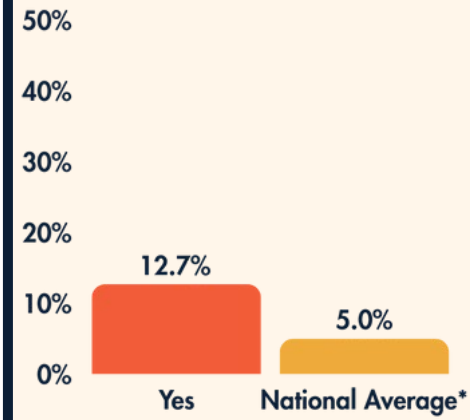
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SUBSIDIZED HOUSING



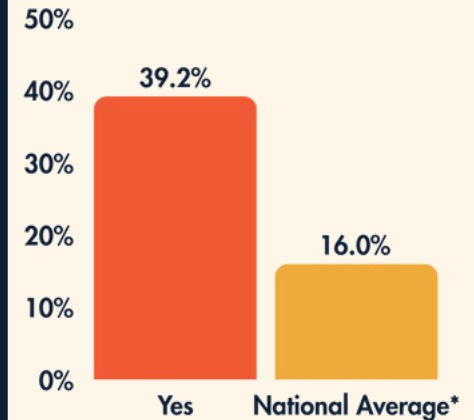
*According to the National
Low Income Housing
Coalition

FOSTER CARE



*According to the Policy Circle

CHILDHOOD POVERTY



*According to the Annie
E. Casey Foundation

N = 840



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WHO ARE THEY? (SELF-REPORTED DISABLING CONDITIONS)



8.0%

REPORTED BEING DIAGNOSED WITH
A **COGNITIVE DISABILITY** PRIOR TO
BECOMING HOMELESS



14.8%

REPORTED BEING DIAGNOSED WITH
AN **EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIORAL
DISABILITY** PRIOR TO BECOMING
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17.4%

REPORTED BEING DIAGNOSED
WITH A **PHYSICAL DISABILITY** PRIOR
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HAD THEY EXPERIENCED ONE OR MORE TRAUMATIC EVENTS THAT IMPACTED THEIR LIFE?

NO

23.6%

YES

72.5%

NEARLY $\frac{3}{4}$ STATED
TRAUMATIC EVENTS PLAYED
A ROLE IN THEIR HOMELESSNESS





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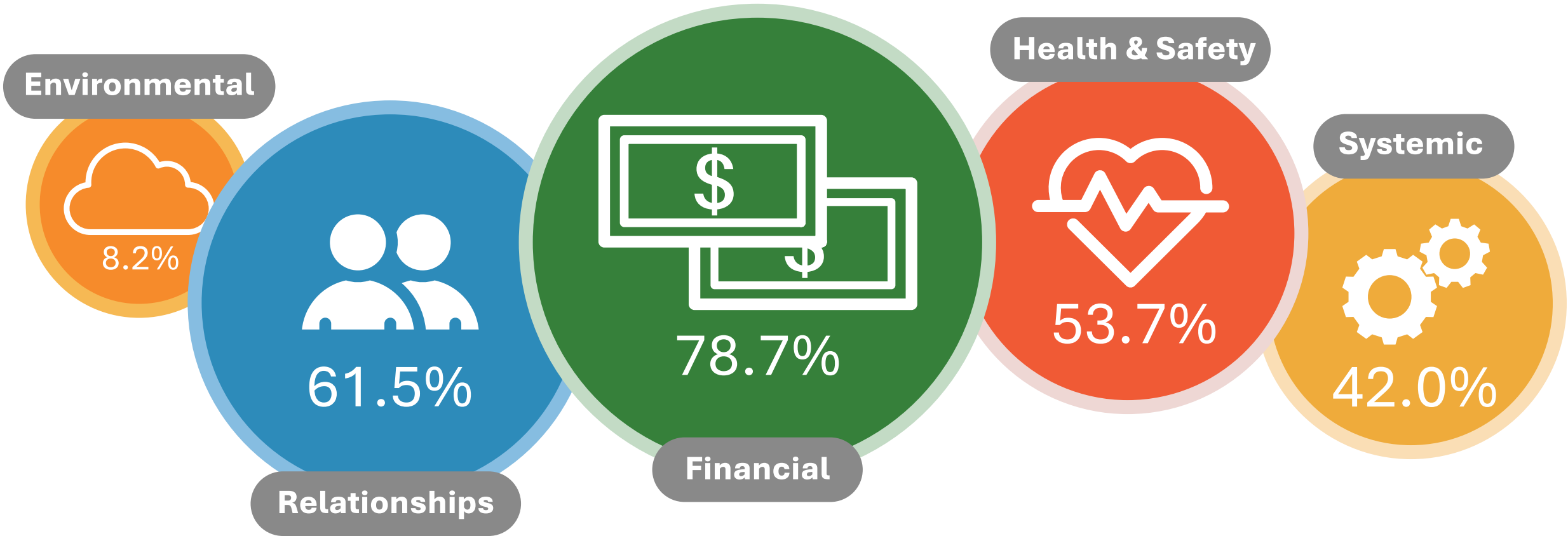
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FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO HOMELESSNESS



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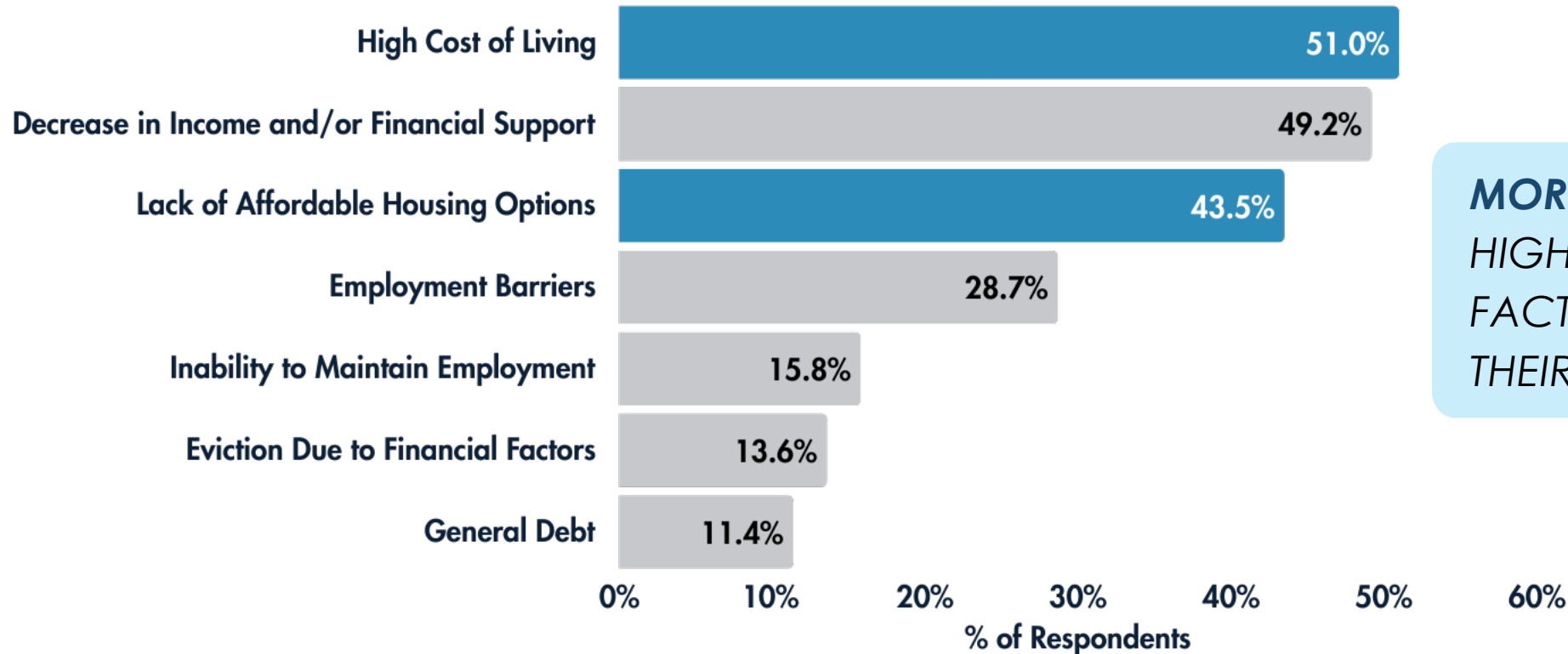
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FINANCIAL FACTORS

MOST CITED FINANCIAL DRIVERS OF HOMELESSNESS



MORE THAN HALF POINTED TO HIGH COST OF LIVING AS A FACTOR THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR HOMELESSNESS.

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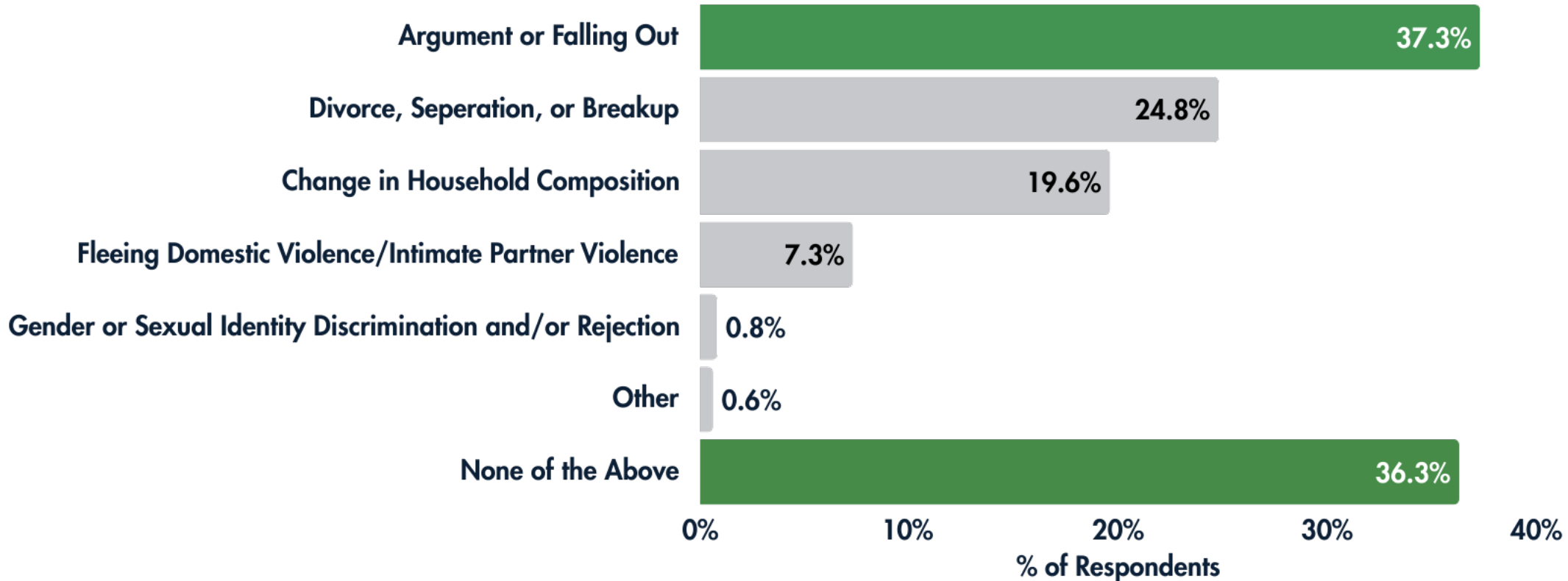
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RELATIONSHIP FACTORS

MOST CITED RELATIONSHIP-RELATED DRIVERS OF HOMELESSNESS



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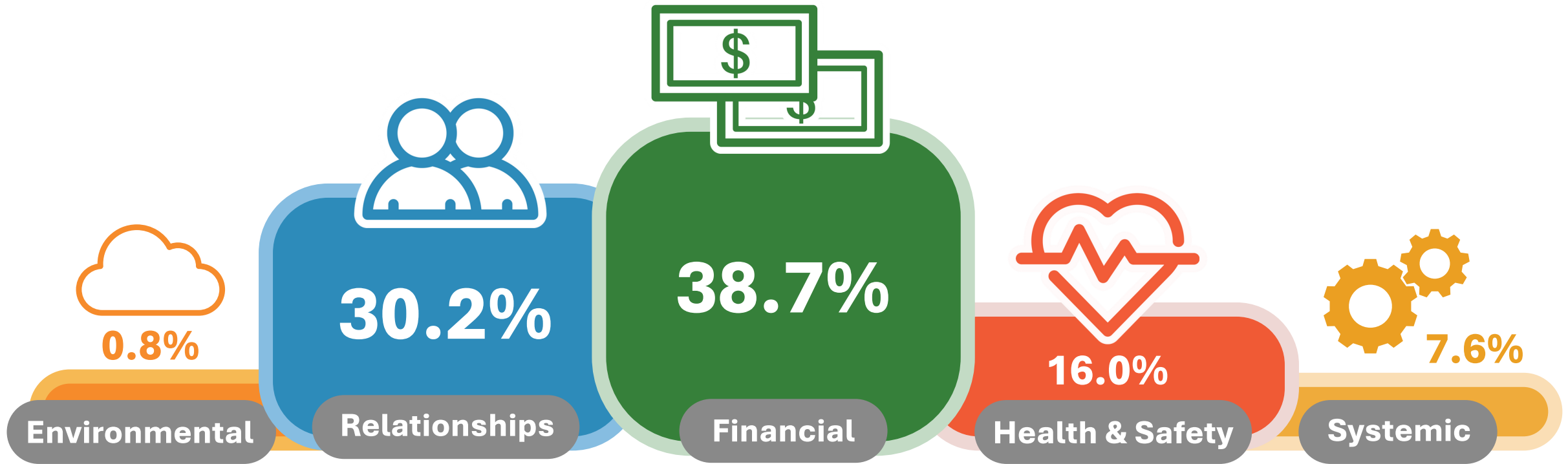
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WHICH FACTOR PLAYED THE BIGGEST ROLE IN THEIR HOMELESSNESS EXPERIENCE?



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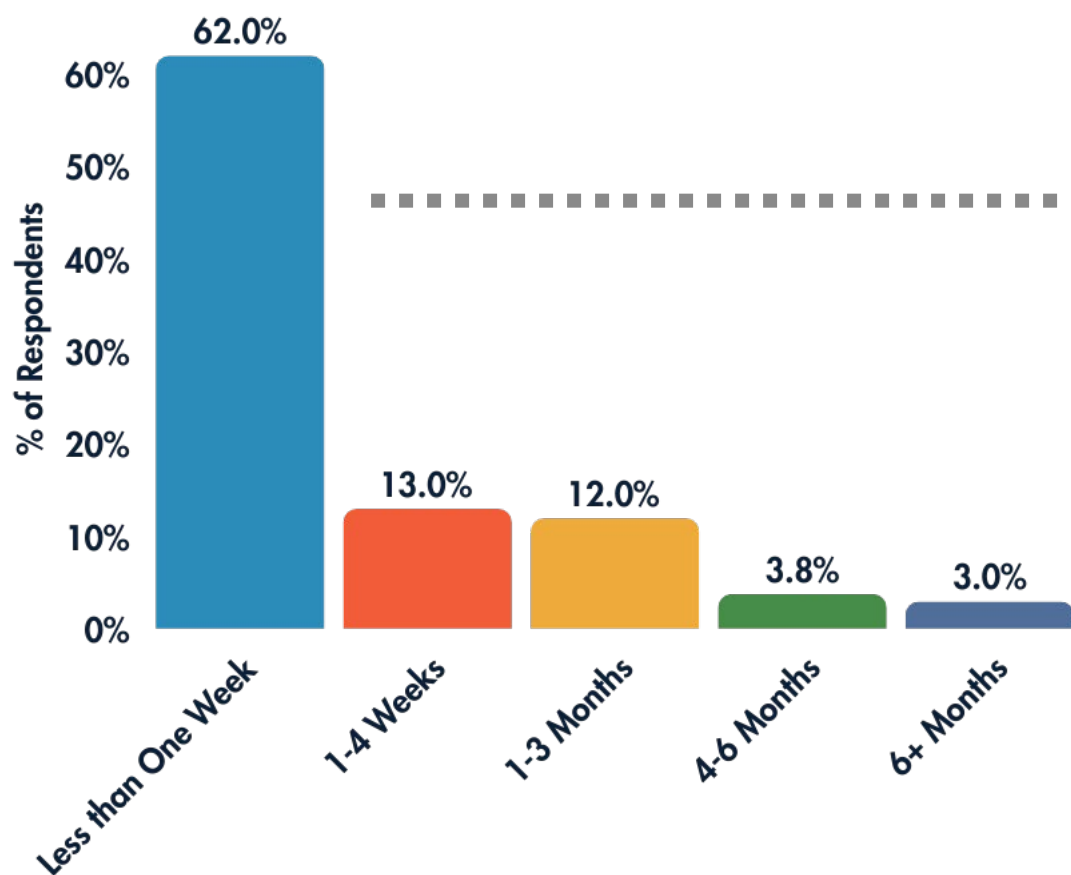
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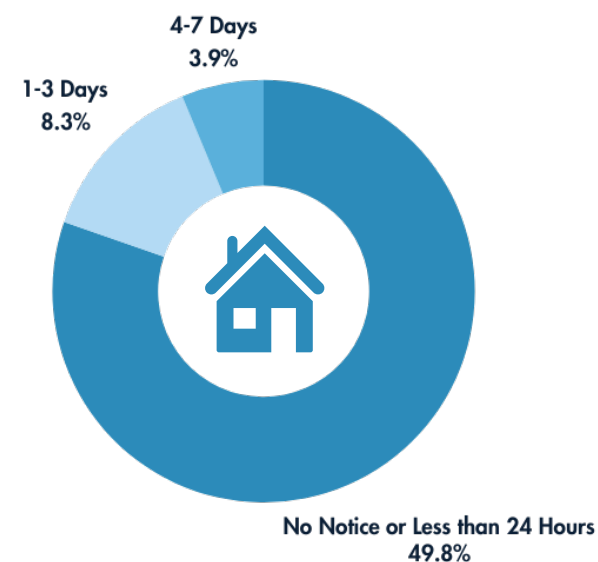
WHAT COULD
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HOW MUCH NOTICE DID THEY RECEIVE?



Less than One Week (Expanded)



NEARLY 50% OF RESPONDENTS WHO REPORTED RECEIVING NOTICE LESS THAN A WEEK PRIOR TO BECOMING HOMELESS WERE STAYING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.





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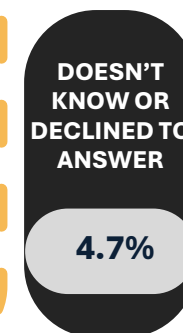
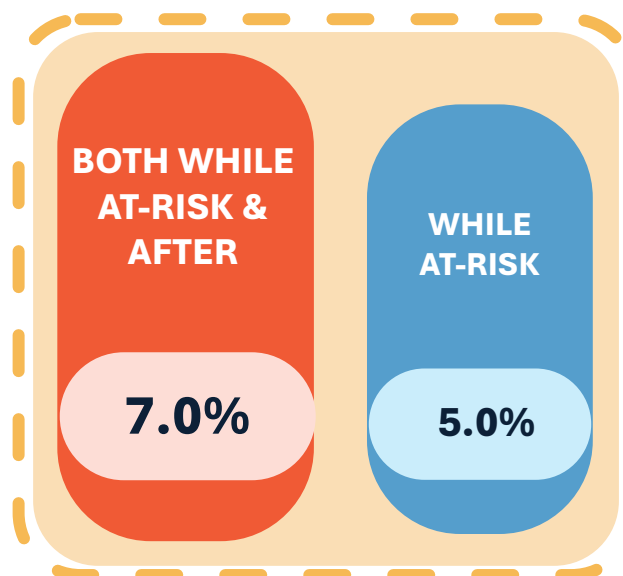
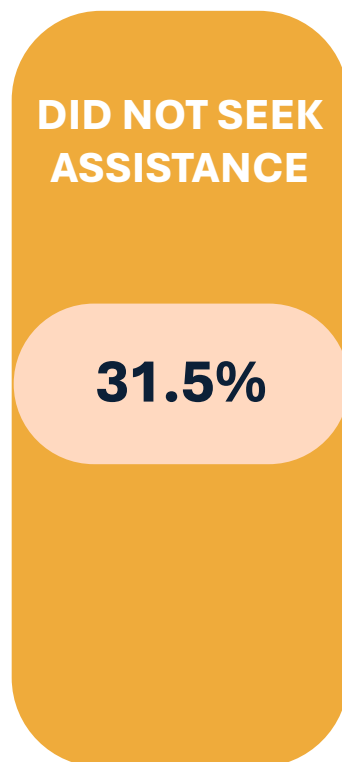
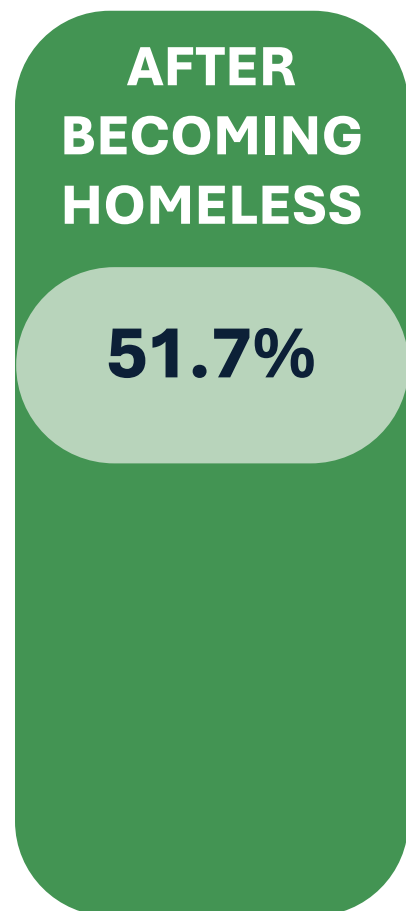
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DID THEY SEEK HELP TO PREVENT IT?



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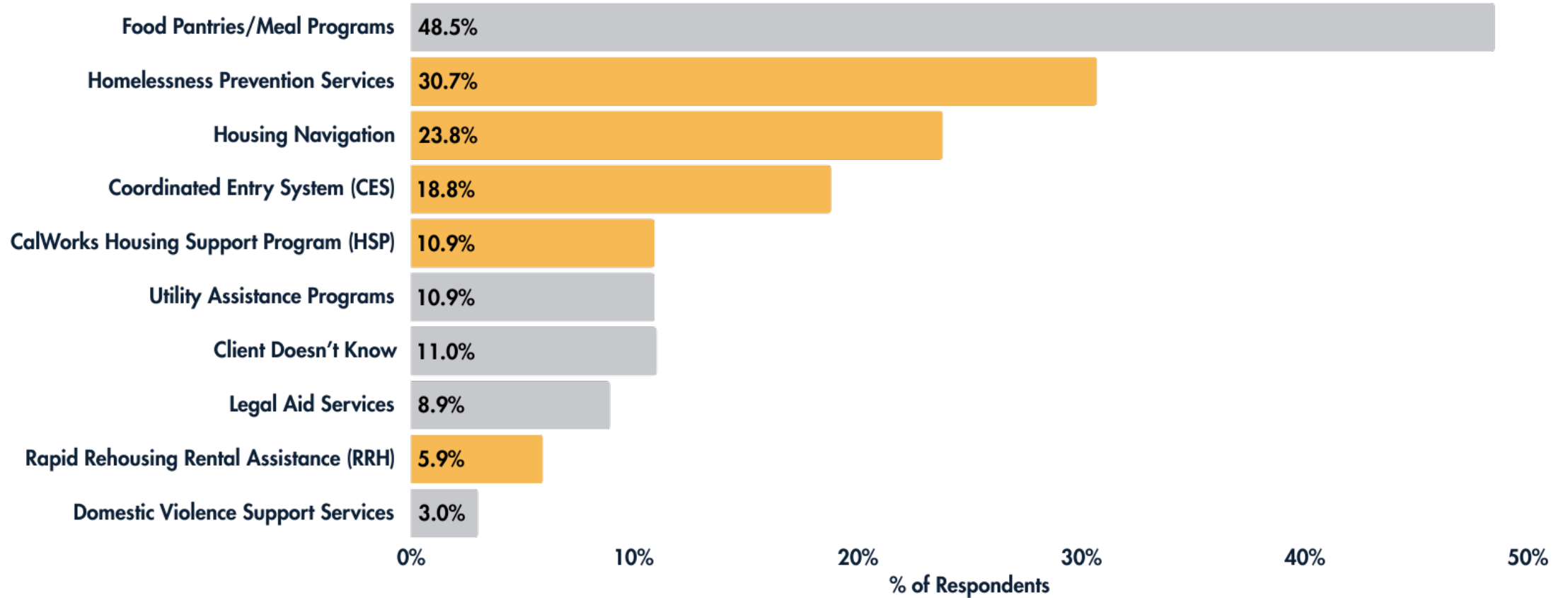
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IF THEY SOUGHT HELP, WHAT DID THEY RECEIVE



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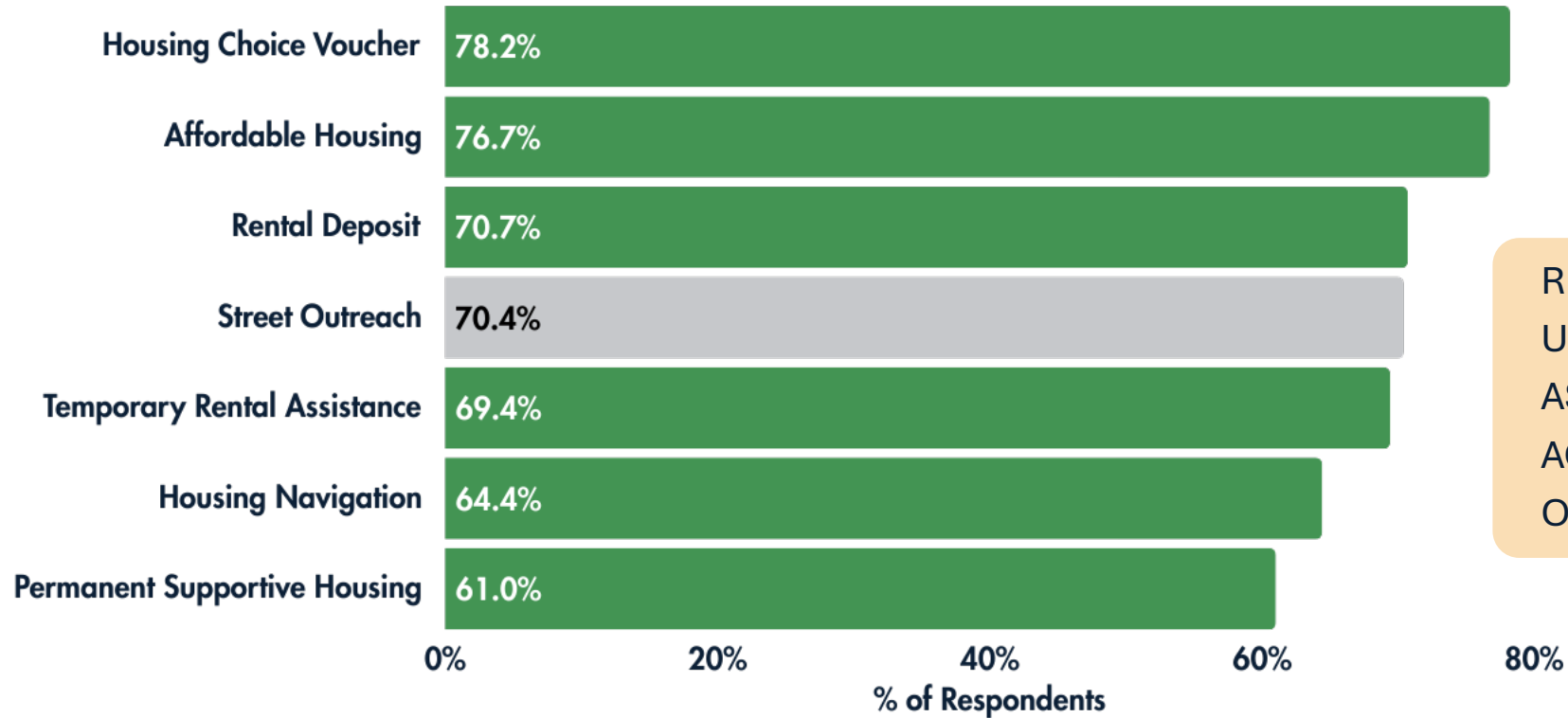
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WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE COULD HAVE HELPED IMPROVE THEIR CHANCES OF REMAINING HOUSED OR TO SECURE HOUSING?



RESPONSES **OVERWHELMINGLY** UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSISTANCE WITH RENT PAYMENTS OR ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS.

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IF “TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE” COULD HAVE HELPED...
**HOW MANY MONTHS OF TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE WOULD
HAVE BEEN NEEDED TO ACHIEVE HOUSING STABILITY?**



12 MONTHS +

- 31.6% OF RESPONDENTS INDICATED 12 MONTHS OR MORE OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE HOUSING STABILITY.

6 MONTHS OR LESS

39.1% OF RESPONDENTS BELIEVED THAT UP TO HALF A YEAR
OF SUPPORT COULD HAVE HELPED.

N=583





LIFE BEFORE
HOMELESSNESS

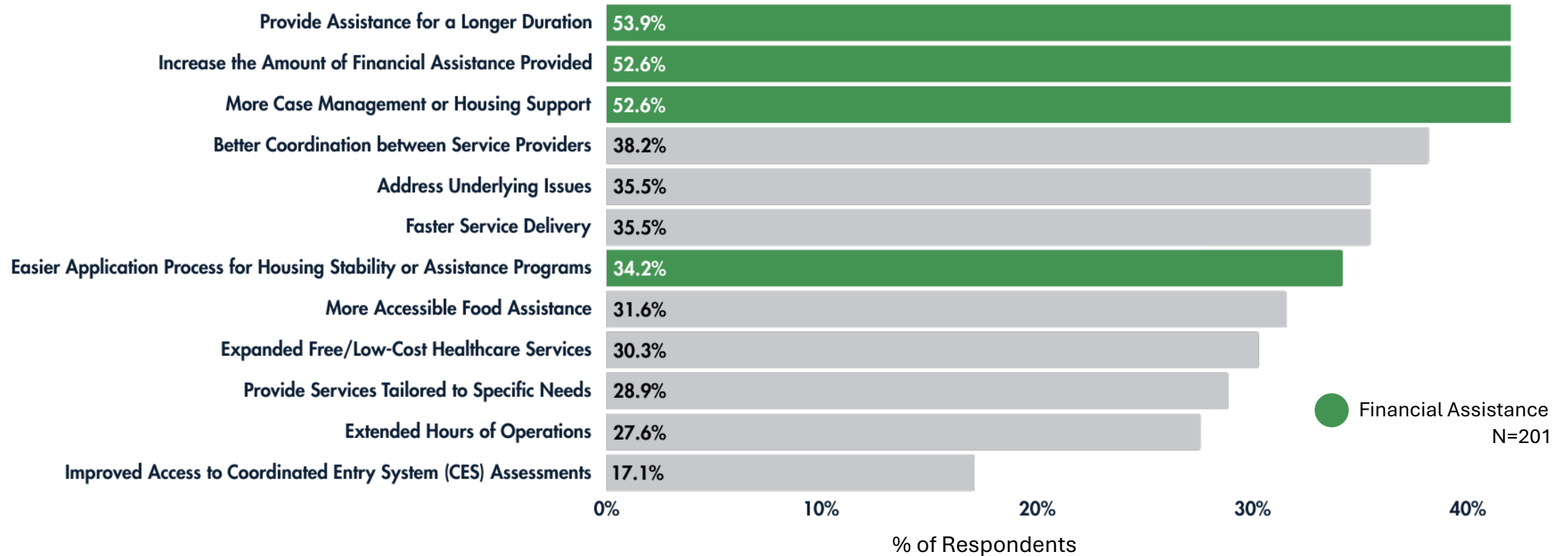
HOW DID THEY
BECOME HOMELESS?

WHAT DID THEY
DO TO AVOID IT?

WHAT COULD
HAVE HELPED?

WHAT DOES LIFE
LOOK LIKE NOW?

WHAT COULD HAVE HELPED THEM STAY HOUSED RATHER THAN JUST DELAY HOMELESSNESS?





LIFE BEFORE
HOMELESSNESS

HOW DID THEY
BECOME HOMELESS?

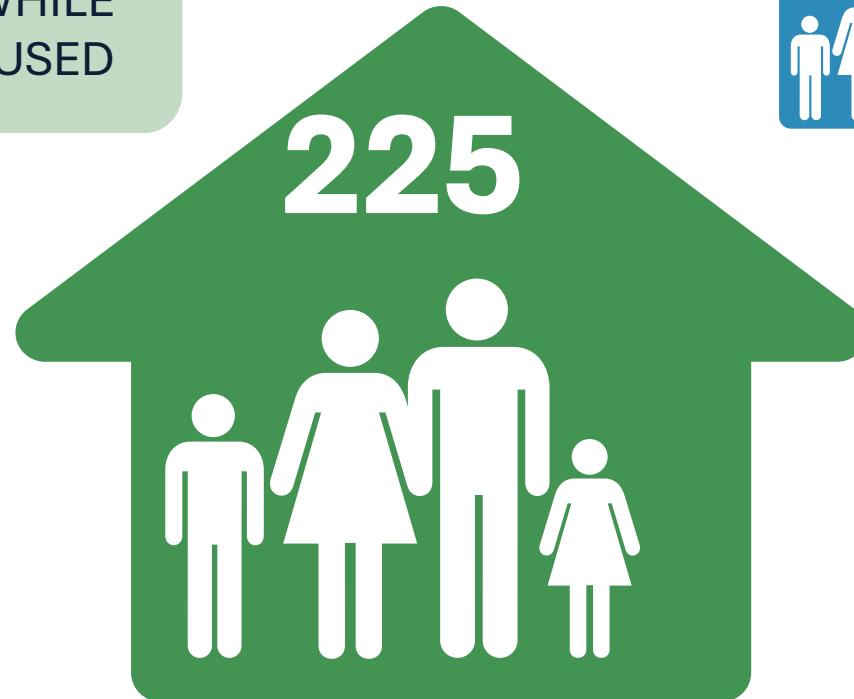
WHAT DID THEY
DO TO AVOID IT?

WHAT COULD
HAVE HELPED?

WHAT DOES LIFE
LOOK LIKE NOW?

HOW HAS HOMELESSNESS CHANGED THEIR LIFE?

225 REPORTED THEIR
HOUSEHOLDS WERE
COMPOSED OF **ADULTS
AND CHILDREN** WHILE
PREVIOUSLY HOUSED



**ONLY 6 HOUSEHOLDS ARE STILL
COMPOSED OF ADULTS AND
CHILDREN.**

212 REPORT THEIR HOUSEHOLD
IS NOW COMPOSED OF ONLY
ADULTS. **7** DECLINED TO STATE.





LIFE BEFORE
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HOW DID THEY
BECOME HOMELESS?

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WHAT DOES LIFE
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PRIOR TO HOMELESSNESS

INCOME

CURRENTLY

60.9%

Earned Income

7.6%

5.4%

SSI

7.5%

4.1%

General Relief

17.4%

1.7%

CalWORKs

1.7%

1.3%

Panhandling

4.5%

1.3%

Informal Work

5.3%

1.1%

Social Security
Retirement

1.9%

0.7%

VA Disability

0.7%

0.7%

Unemployment
Insurance

0.3%

23.2%

No Income

55.5%

43.1%
**CURRENTLY HAVE
AN INCOME**

*RESPONDENTS
SELECTED ALL THAT
APPLY; N=840



LIFE BEFORE
HOMELESSNESS

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BECOME HOMELESS?

WHAT DID THEY
DO TO AVOID IT?

WHAT COULD
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WHAT DOES LIFE
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WHO ARE THEY? (SELF-REPORTED DISABLING CONDITIONS)



8.0%

REPORTED BEING DIAGNOSED WITH
A **COGNITIVE DISABILITY** PRIOR TO
BECOMING HOMELESS

4.5% DIAGNOSED AFTER
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS



14.8%

REPORTED BEING DIAGNOSED WITH
AN **EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIORAL
DISABILITY** PRIOR TO
BECOMING HOMELESS

14.8% DIAGNOSED AFTER
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS



17.4%

REPORTED BEING DIAGNOSED
WITH A **PHYSICAL DISABILITY** PRIOR
TO BECOMING HOMELESS

14.2% DIAGNOSED AFTER
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS

LIFE BEFORE
HOMELESSNESS

HOW DID THEY
BECOME HOMELESS?

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DO TO AVOID IT?

WHAT COULD
HAVE HELPED?

WHAT DOES LIFE
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ARE THERE FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS THEY COULD REACH OUT TO FOR SUPPORT IN SECURING STABLE HOUSING?

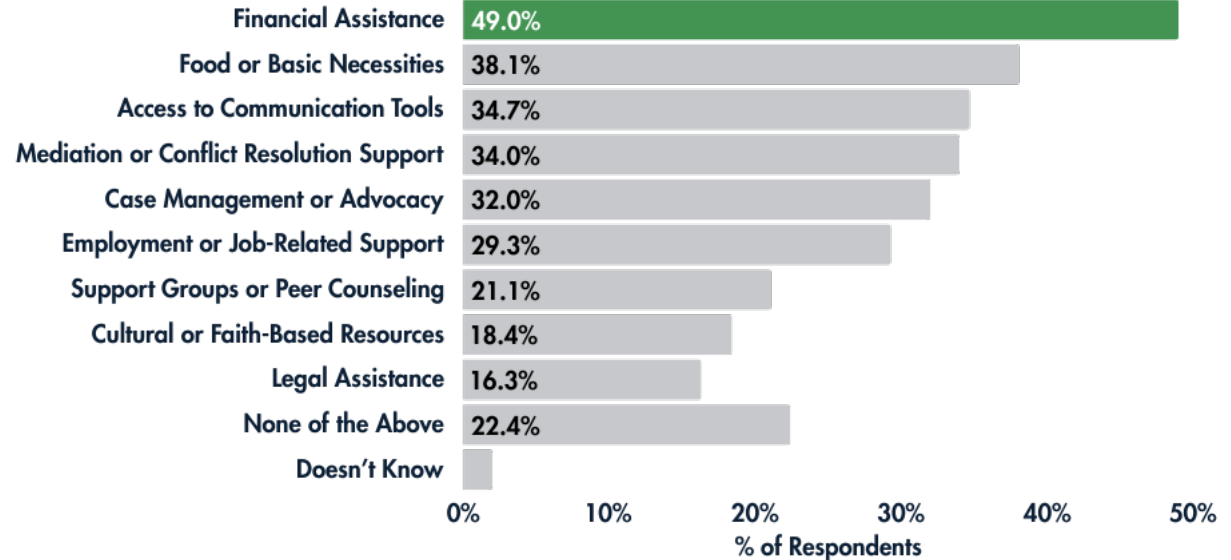
YES

17.5%

NO

79.0%

If 'Yes', what resources and/or services could have helped with reconnecting with family and/or friends who could help them to secure stable housing?



*Respondents selected all that apply;

N=147

Falling through the Safety Net 62



KEY FINDINGS



The factors and journey into homelessness are varied

Prior to homelessness, people had high vulnerabilities and system-involvement

Safety net resources and programs were not accessed prior to homelessness

Financial factors are the most significant in most individual's path to homelessness

The results of this study are consistent with previous statewide and nationwide studies

ACTION – ITEM #6

MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Membership Ad Hoc

- The Ad Hoc met in May to review the existing recruitment process and discuss the expansion of candidate application questions to better align with the mission and purpose of the Commission.
- The Ad Hoc also considered the recruitment of expired and vacant seats. The membership recruitment for the Commission will be conducted in two phases to ensure continuity while preserving the Commission's momentum on key initiatives. This phased approach also allows the Commission to integrate new members in a thoughtful and manageable manner.

Ad Hoc Membership

- Vicente Sarmiento, Chair and Supervisor, Second District
- Todd Spitzer, Orange County District Attorney
- Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative
- Jason Ivins, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Representative
- Robert Morse, Continuum of Care Board Representative

ACTION – ITEM #6

MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Additional Application Questions

- What unique skills, experience, or perspectives do you bring that make you especially well-suited to work on solutions to homelessness in our community?
- As a regional leader, how would you use your role to bring together diverse partnerships to support countywide initiatives to address homelessness?

COUNTY OF ORANGE CALIFORNIA		APPLICATION FOR COUNTY OF ORANGE BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE		(FOR COUNTY USE ONLY)	
Return to: County Executive Office Office of Care Coordination 400 West Civic Center, 3rd Floor Santa Ana, California 92701					
Instructions: Please complete each section below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission or Committee for which you desire consideration. For information or assistance, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisor's Office at (714) 834-2206. Please print in ink or type.					
NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP (SEE LIST AT HTTP://WWW.OCGOV.COM/GOV/COB/BCC/CONTACT): <u>Commission to Address Homelessness</u>					
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: <input type="checkbox"/> First <input type="checkbox"/> Second <input type="checkbox"/> Third <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth <input type="checkbox"/> Fifth					
APPLICANT NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS:					
First Name		Middle Name		Last Name	
Street Address		City		State Zip Code	
Home Phone Number		Cell Phone Number			
Email Address					
CURRENT EMPLOYER: _____					
OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE: _____					
BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____					
BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER: _____					
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: Please attach a current resume to this application that includes your work history and any additional information that would be helpful in evaluating your application. Applications received without a resume attached <u>will not be considered</u> .					
ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
IF NO, NAME OF COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____					
ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
IF YES, NAME COUNTY YOU ARE REGISTERED IN: _____					
LIST ALL CURRENT PROFESSIONAL OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER.					
ORGANIZATION/SOCIETY		FROM (MO./YR.)		TO (MO./YR.)	
_____		_____		_____	
_____		_____		_____	
_____		_____		_____	
WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HAVE YOU BEEN AFFILIATED WITH ANY BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT AGENCY(IES)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
DO YOU OWN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR HAVE FINANCIAL HOLDING WHICH MIGHT PRESENT A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR CRIME SINCE YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY? YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: ARRESTS OR DETENTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN A CONVICTION; CONVICTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN JUDICIALLY DISMISSED, EXPUNGED OR ORDERED SEALED; INFORMATION CONCERNING REFERRAL TO AND PARTICIPATION IN ANY PRETRIAL OR POSTRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM; AND CERTAIN DRUG RELATED CONVICTIONS THAT ARE OLDER THAN TWO YEARS, AS LISTED IN CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 432.8 (INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 11357(B) AND (C), 11360(C) 11364, 11365 AND 11550 – AS THEY RELATE TO MARIJUANA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN AND ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY. _____ _____					
PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY. _____ _____ _____					
DATE: _____		APPLICANTS SIGNATURE: _____			

ACTION – ITEM #6

MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Phase 1 Membership Recruitment

- Business Representative
- Central Service Planning Area Representative
- South Service Planning Area Representative
- Faith-Based Community Representative
- Philanthropic Leader
- Lived Experience Representative

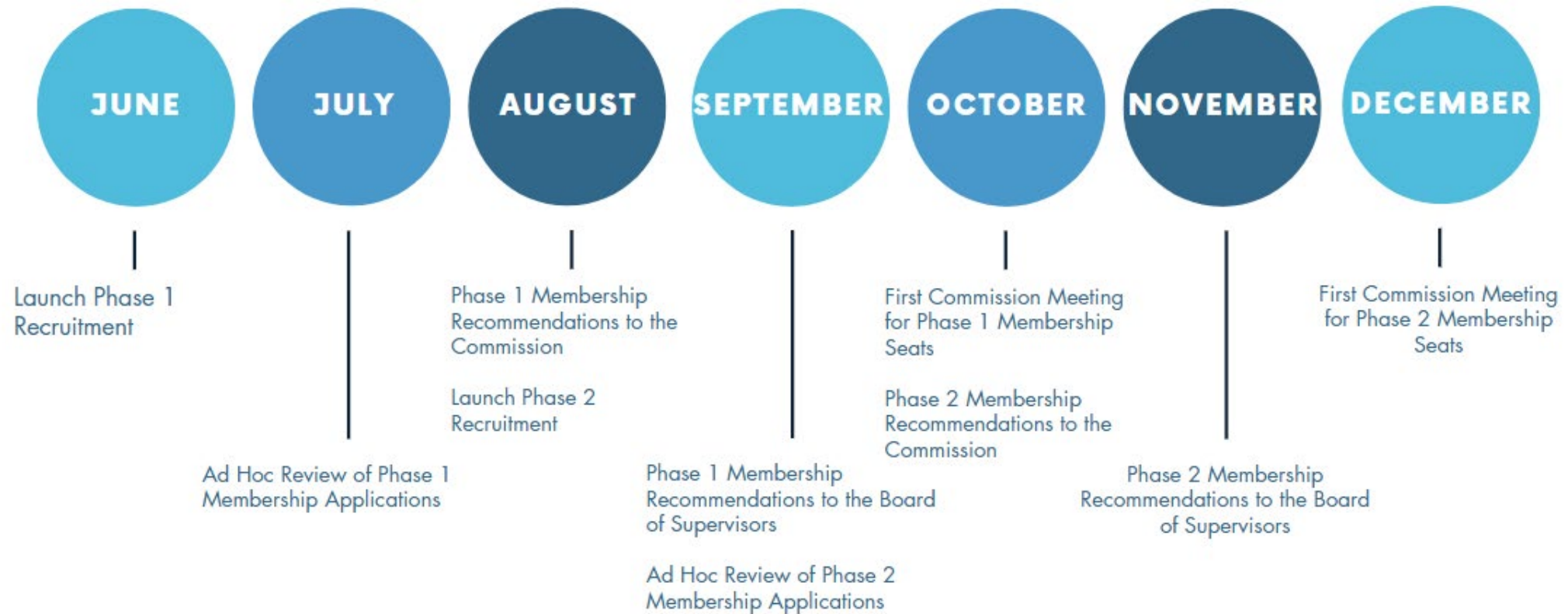
Phase 2 Membership Recruitment

- Hospital Representative
- Behavioral Health Representative
- Two Continuum of Care Board Representatives
- Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department Representative

ACTION – ITEM #6

MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Membership Recruitment Timeline



ACTION – ITEM #6

MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Membership Recommendations

Approve the recommendation for appointment of the following candidates to serve on the Commission to Address Homelessness as detailed below to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

- i. Susan Parks, President and Chief Executive Officer of Orange County United Way as the Business Representative
- ii. Benjamin Vazquez, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Santa Ana as the Central Service Planning Area Representative
- iii. Debra Rose, City Manager for the City of Lake Forest as the South Service Planning Area Representative
- iv. Ivan Pitts, Senior Pastor at the Second Baptist Church as the Faith-Based Community Representative
- v. Benjamin Hurst, Director at The Salvation Army, Orange County as the Philanthropic Leader

ACTION – ITEM #7 MEETING MINUTES

Commission to Address Homelessness Meeting Minutes

- Approve Commission to Address Homelessness minutes from the June 18, 2025, regular meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Commission to Address Homelessness Meeting

- The next regular meeting is October 15, 2025.

October						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	