
HOMELESSNESS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY OLDER ADULTS

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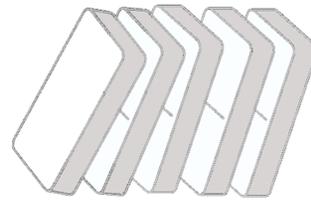
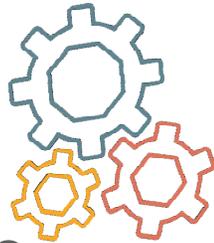
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Snohomish County

OVERVIEW: HOMELESSNESS

Homeless
Prevention
& Response System

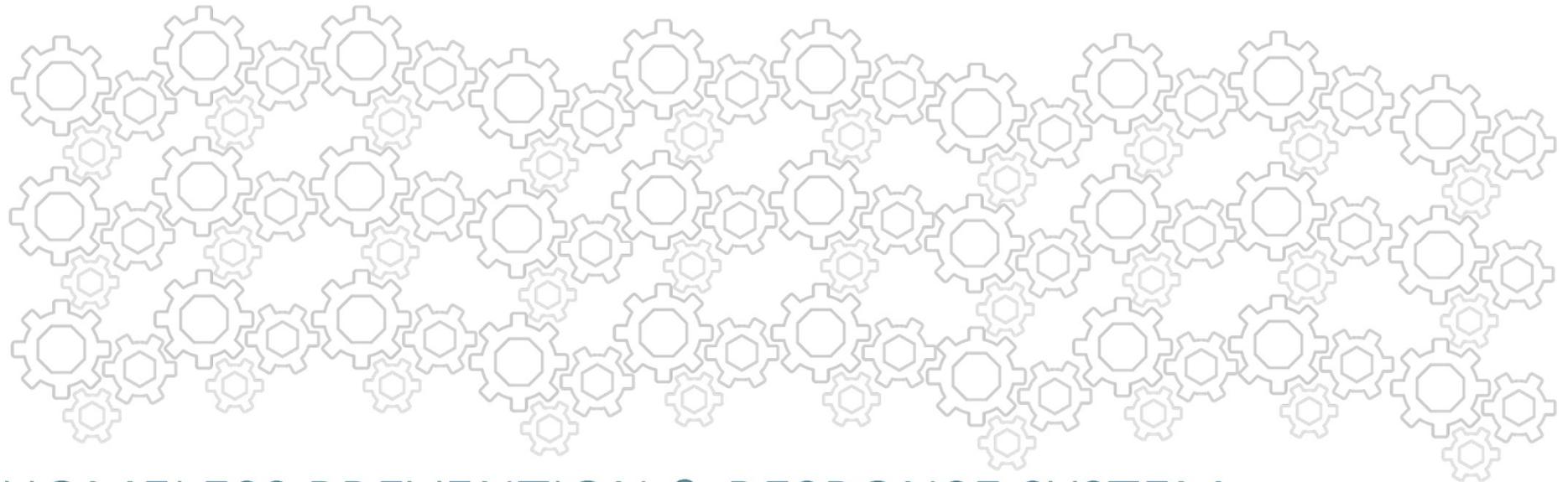


Causes



How to Get
Involved





HOMELESS PREVENTION & RESPONSE SYSTEM

HOW CAN WE ALLEVIATE HOMELESSNESS?



PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS

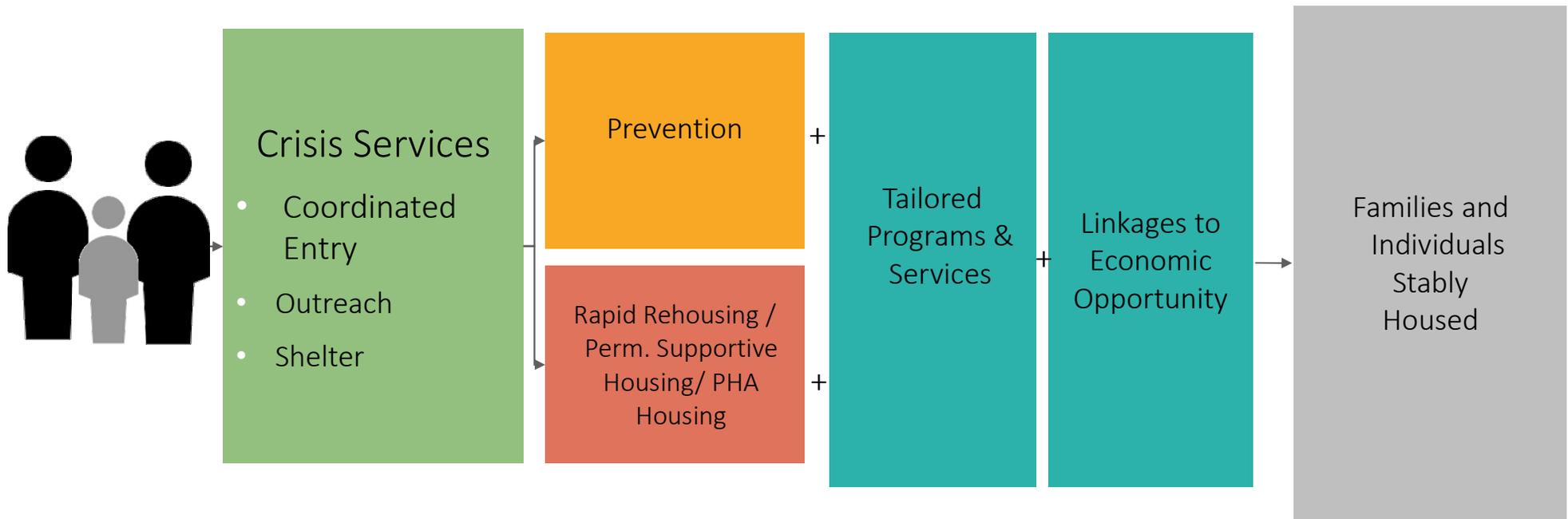
CREATED IN 2013

Every person in Snohomish County lives in **safe, stable,** and **affordable housing** with access to necessary **services** and **economic opportunity.**



Partnership *to End*
Homelessness

HOMELESS PREVENTION & RESPONSE SYSTEM



COMPETITIVE EDGE

Continuum of Care

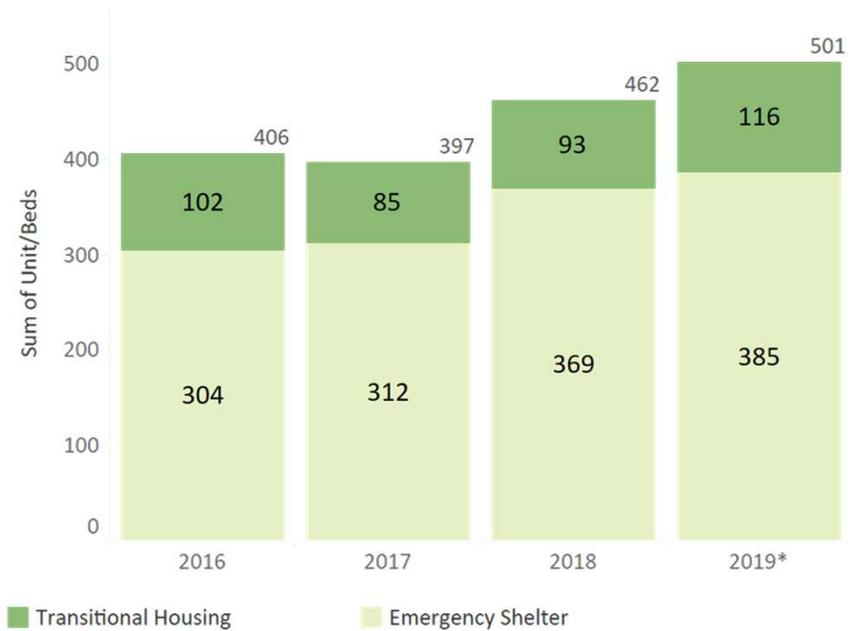


- Strong community partnerships
- Commitment to best practices (such as housing first)
- Robust data analytics

Additional \$2.3 Million
awarded under **Youth
Homelessness
Demonstration Project**

HOMELESS HOUSING INVENTORY

Increase in Shelter and Transitional Housing



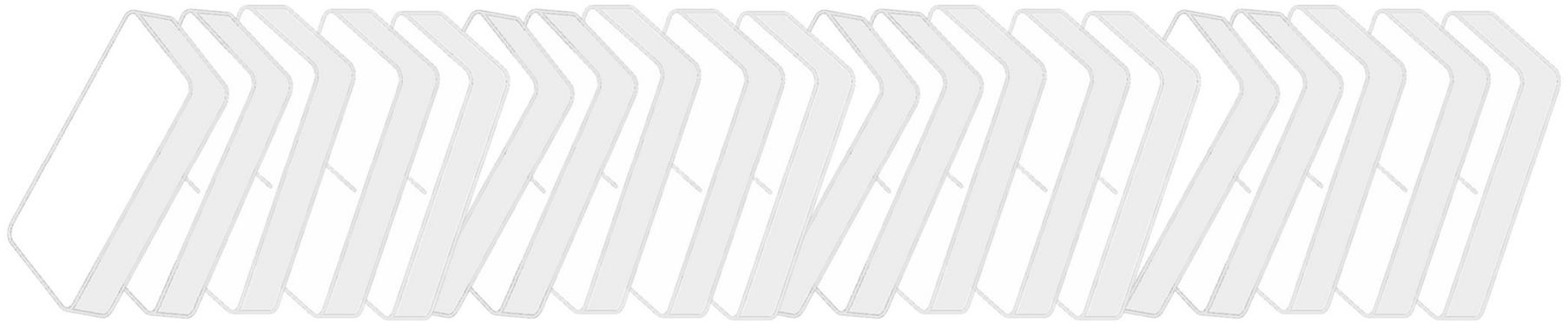
Increase in Permanent Housing Inventory

Includes units under development during the year



*This number is pending

- Rapid Rehousing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Other Permanent Housing



CAUSES

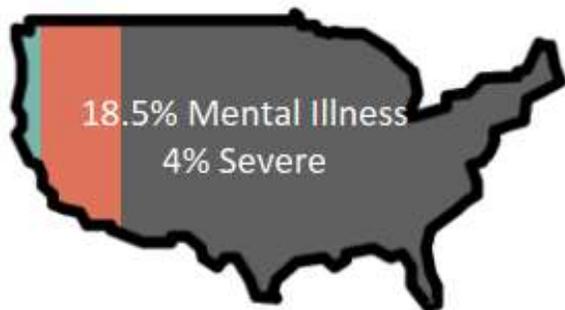
WHY DOES HOMELESSNESS HAPPEN?



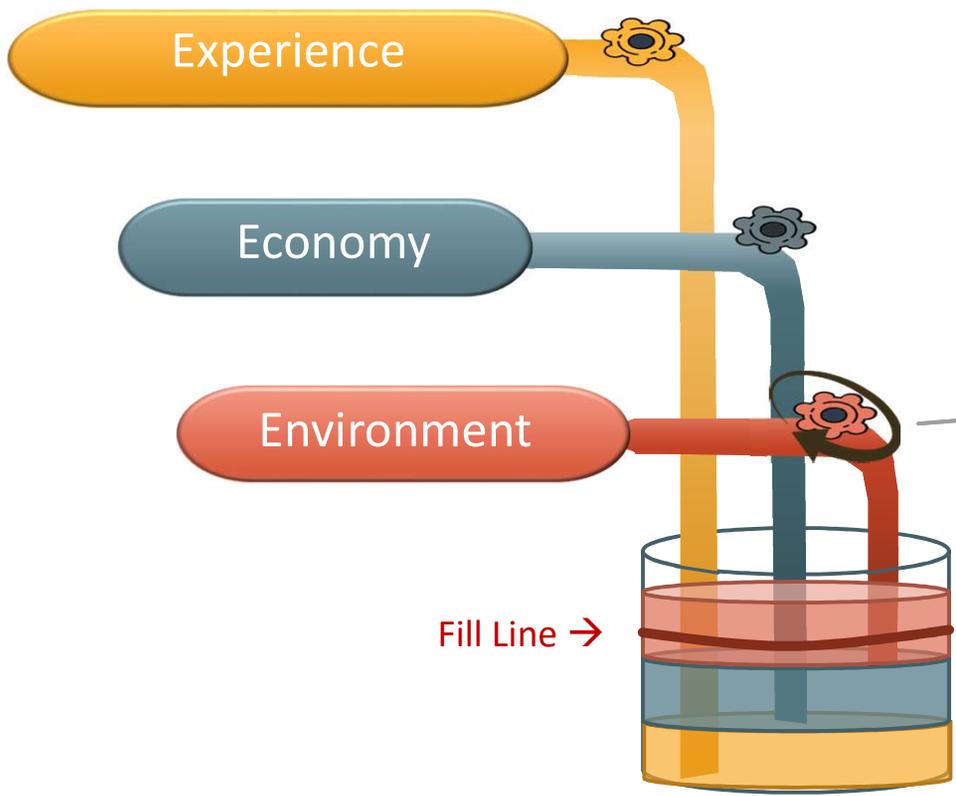
WHAT CAUSES HOMELESSNESS?



Yet only **.17%** of the population experiences homelessness



% of the US Population experiencing these conditions



Strong personal relationships, connectedness, health and personal safety lay a solid foundation.

Low vacancy rates, high housing costs and stagnant wage growth create an environment where not all residents can access housing.

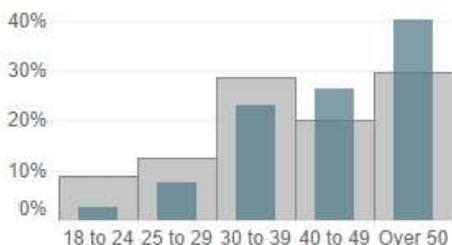
Opportunity for Policy Impact

COORDINATED ENTRY REPORTED CONDITIONS

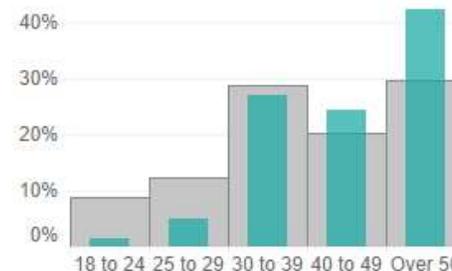
LITERALLY HOMELESS, 5/1/2018 TO 4/30/2019

54.7%	mental health (current problematic)	8.6%	hepatitis C
29.3%	substance use disorder (current problematic)	5.7%	liver disease/cirrhosis/end state liver disease
22.7%	emphysema/asthma	5%	kidney disease/end state renal disease
18.2%	heart disease/arrhythmia/irregular heart beat	4.1%	cancer
17.2%	serious brain injury/head trauma	.4%	tuberculosis
8.8%	diabetes		

Age Group Distribution
All Heads of Household
vs. Serious Brain Injury

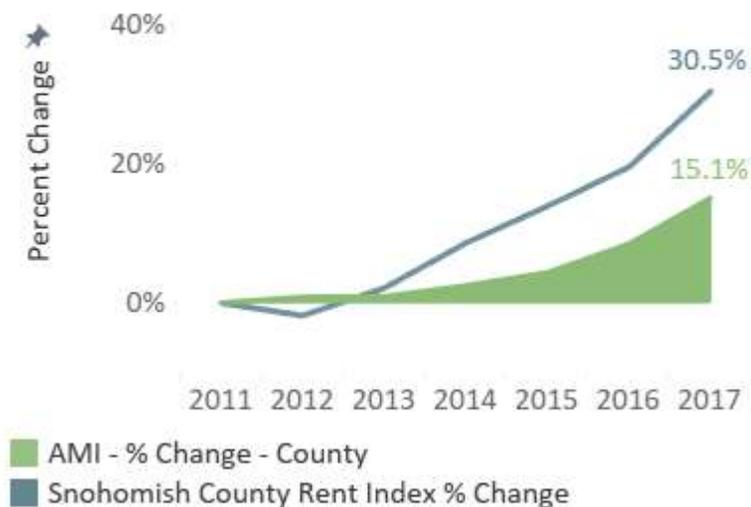


All Heads of Household
vs. Hepatitis C



Head of household only, those entering CE during the period who have completed a housing assessment. Self identified conditions.

Percent Change



Since 2011, rents have increased **30%** across the County.

The highest increase was in Lynnwood (45%). The lowest was Lake Stevens (16.8%).

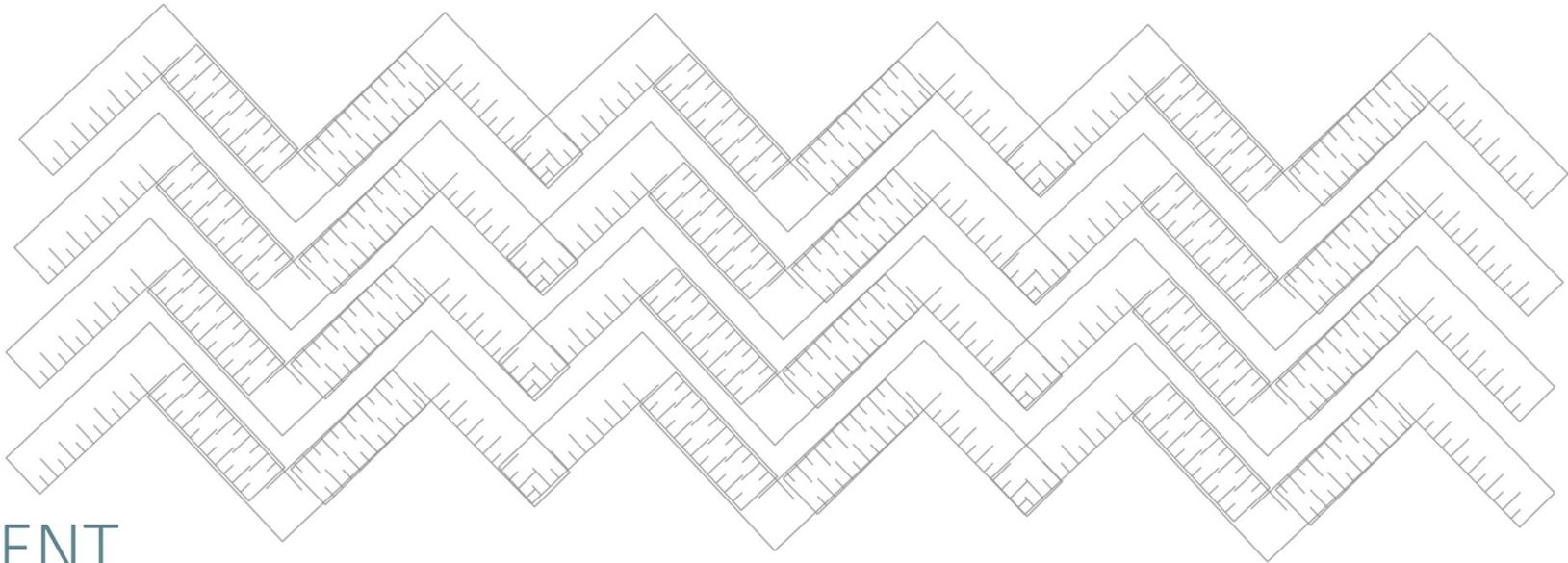
Yet the Area Median Income (AMI) has increased only **15%** during this time.

Snohomish County is one of the fastest growing counties in the country. Population has grown by **76K** since 2011.

That growth is straining the rental market resulting in low vacancy rates and housing development targeted at the highest income levels.

Find your city on the Rent Index Dashboard:
public.tableau.com/profile/SnoCoHMIS

Rent index refers to an algorithm designed to allow for analysis regardless of the unit sizes available at any given time. Full methodology available here:
<https://www.zillow.com/research/zillow-rent-index-methodology-2393/>



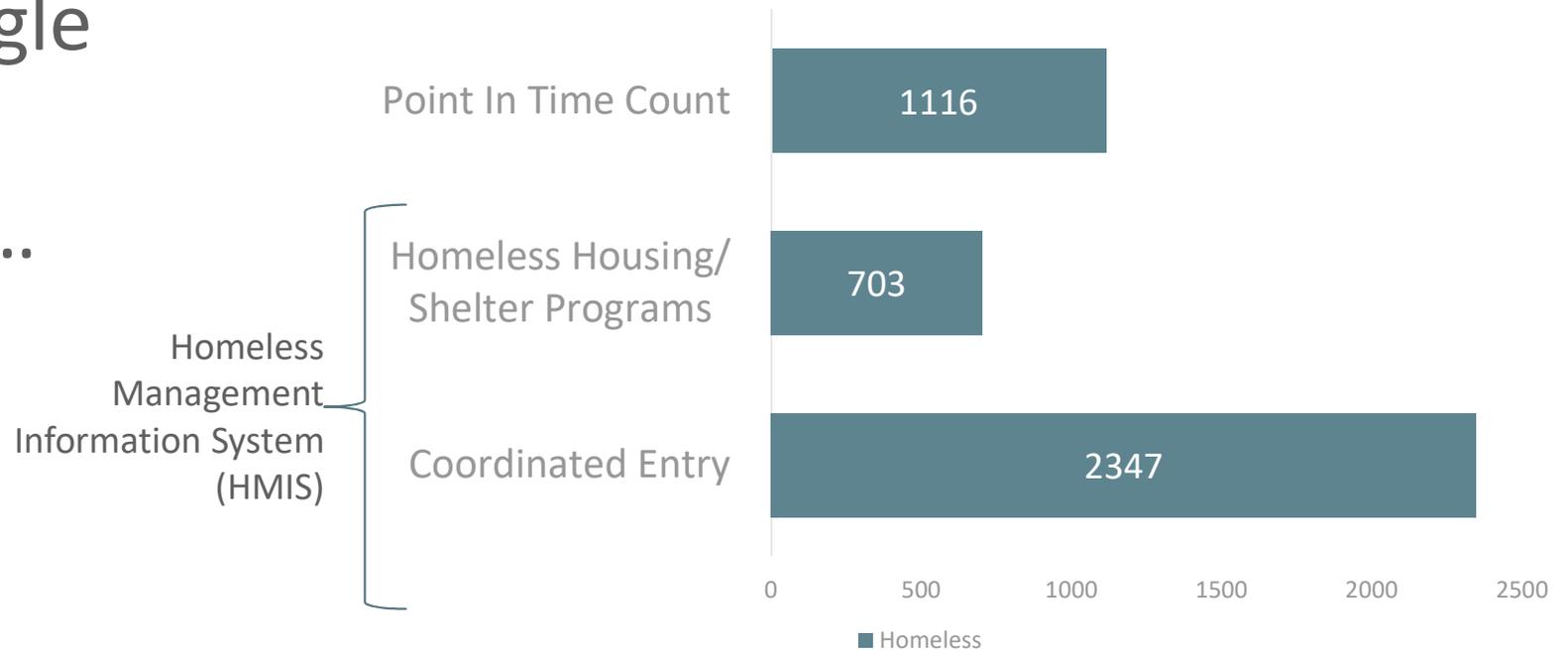
EXTENT

HOW MANY PEOPLE EXPERIENCE A HOUSING CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY?



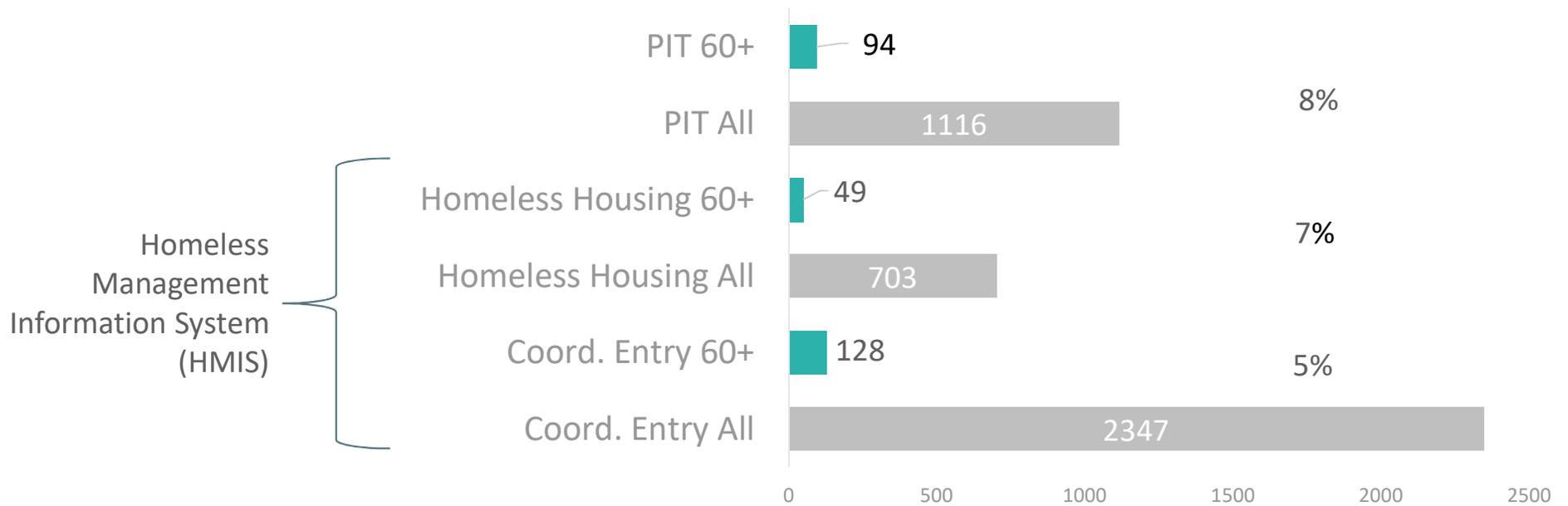
HOW DO WE KNOW THE EXTENT OF HOMELESSNESS?

On a single day in January...

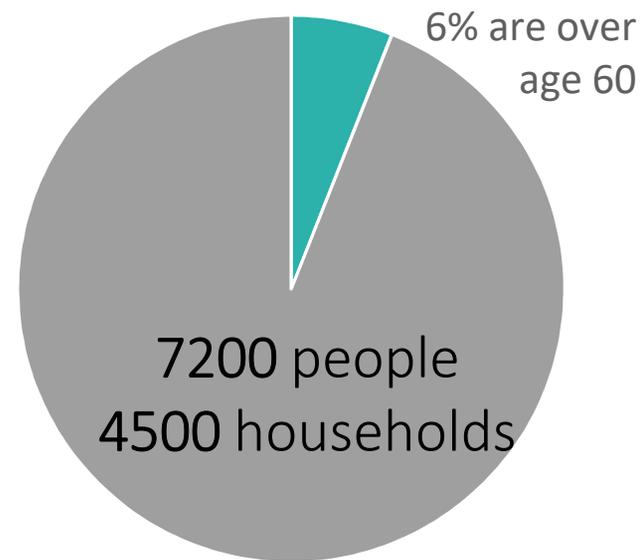


*Other includes persons living in permanent housing or at risk of becoming homeless

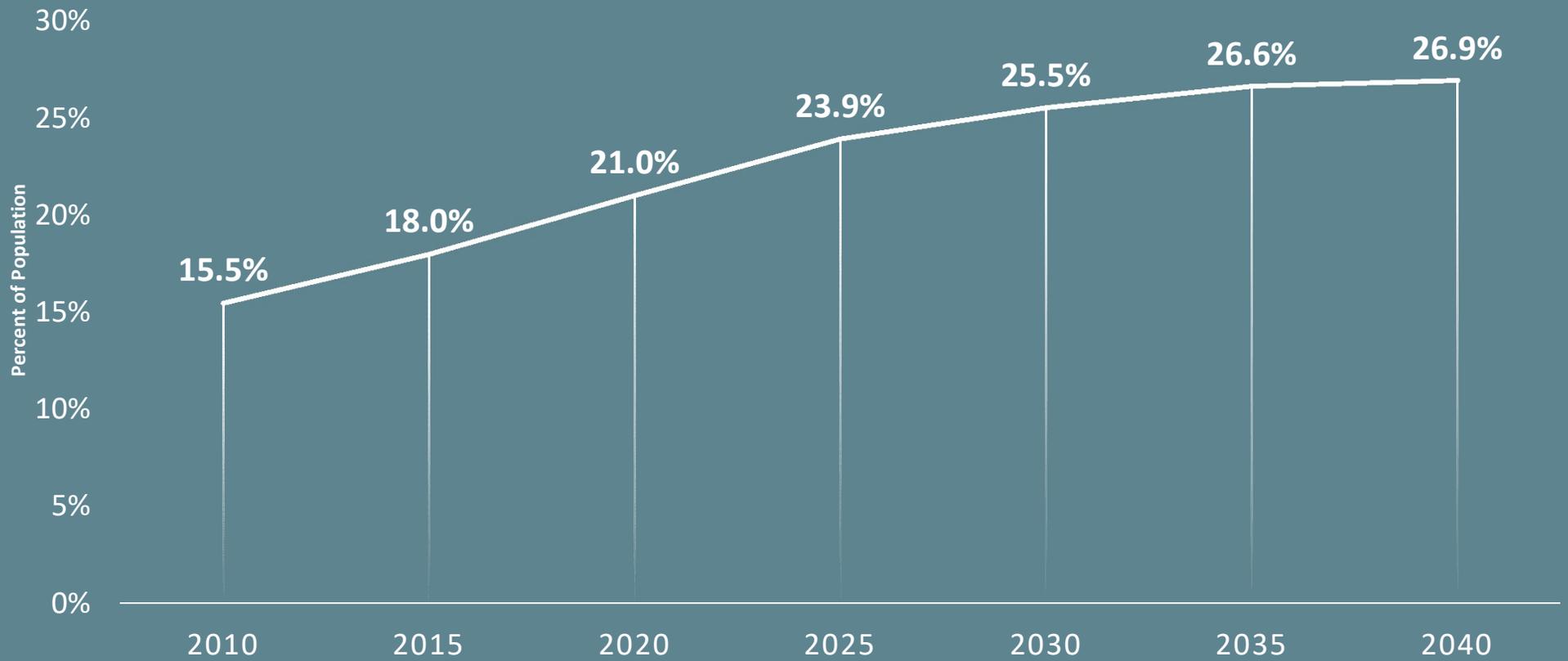
HOW DO WE KNOW THE EXTENT OF HOMELESSNESS? *ADULTS AGE 60+*



How many people
experience
homelessness in a
year?



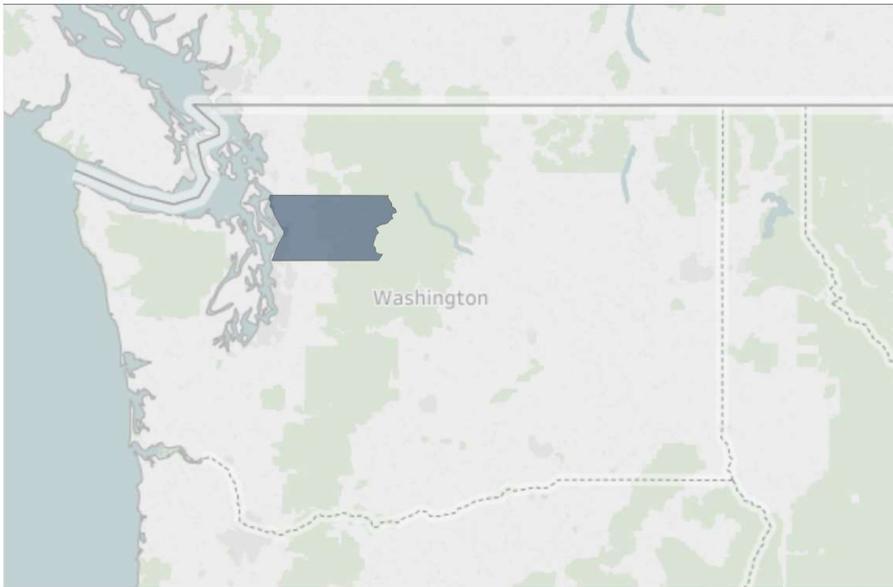
Percent of those aged 60+ in Snohomish County



Households Entering Homeless Coordinated Entry *Over 60*



WHERE ARE PEOPLE COMING FROM?

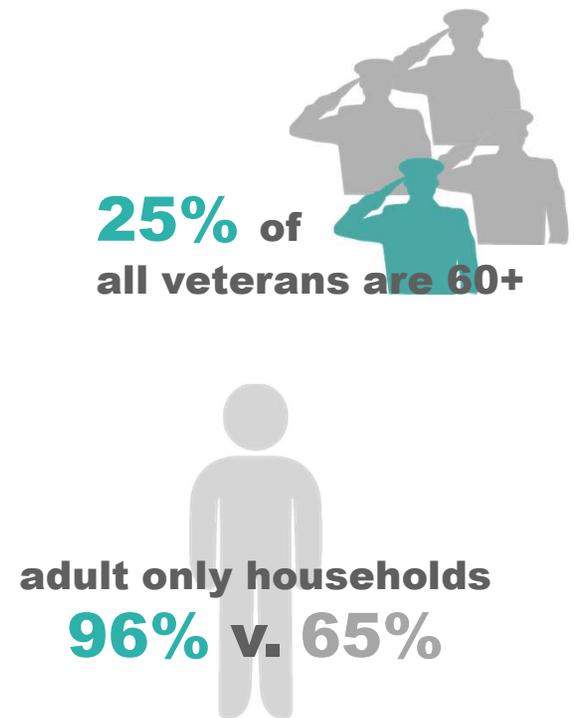
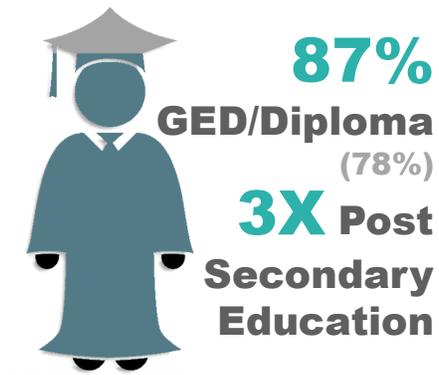
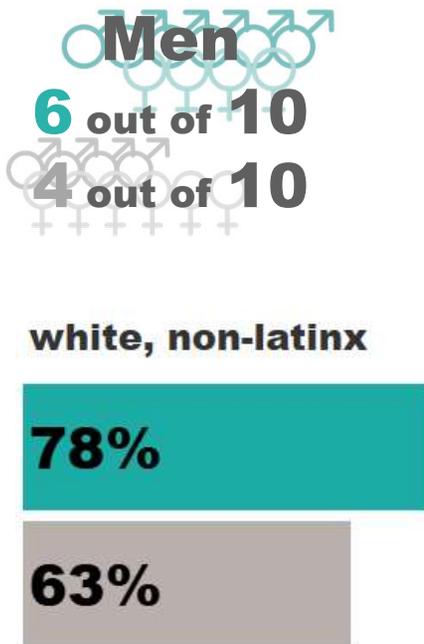


Of *incoming* households...

- Over **85%** reported becoming homeless while residing in Snohomish County.
- For seniors, **90%** reported...

Incoming households refers only to those entering into coordinated entry during the time period

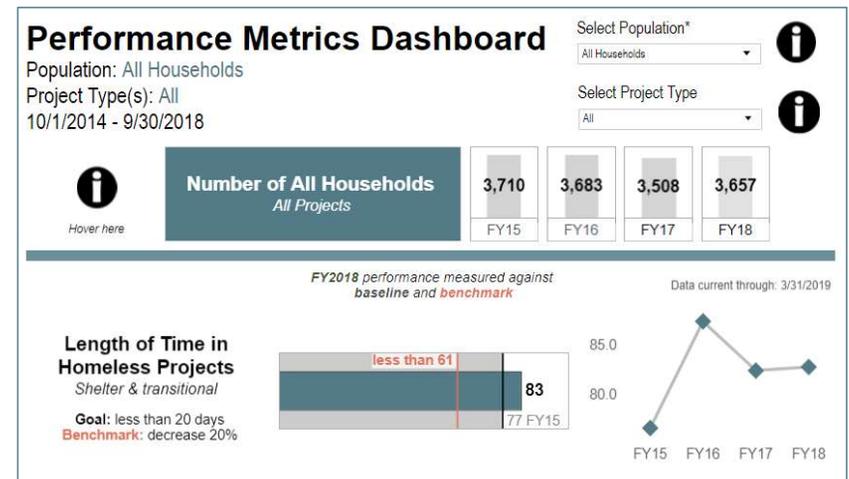
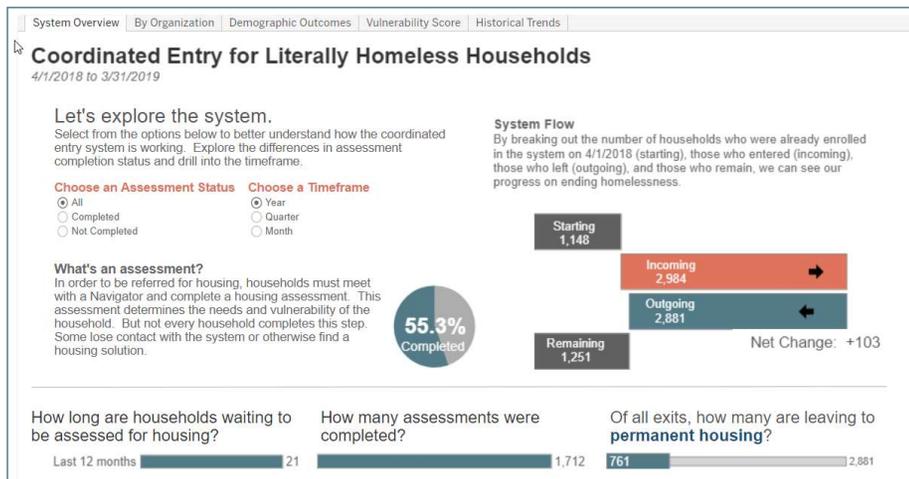
WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OLDER ADULTS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLDS SERVED?



All homeless households in 2018

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Dashboards: public.tableau.com/profile/snocoHMIS



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Partnership to End Homelessness is currently recruiting for a board member to represent the interests of older adults.

Or, volunteer for one of the board's committee's:

- Data & Analysis Committee
- Public Policy Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee

Go to this website:

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2191/PEH-CoC-Board>

OR, reach out to Sam



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Major challenges for older adults

Lack of transportation

impacting their physical health and social connections



- The Transportation Assistance Program
- Volunteer Transportation Program

Other

- In-home Depression Screening
- Nutrition services
- Senior centers
- Partnership with Providence Institute for a Healthier Community to increase Advanced Care Planning

Difficulty maintaining their homes

older adults are more likely to live in substandard homes with higher maintenance costs and lower resale values



Weatherization and Minor Home Repair

Fewer housing options

limited access to apartments, adult family homes, or assisted living facilities



- The Family Caregiver Support Program
- Home Care Contract Management
- Case Management

Thank You

Questions?

Find out more at:

public.tableau.com/profile/snocoHMIS

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