

THURSTON COUNTY HOMELESS HOUSING SUMMARY

2021

This report details who is enrolling into Thurston County's shelter and housing programs and how long they remain in those programs before being placed into permanent housing or exiting the system. The data included in this report represent program enrollments and exits over the past 5 years, stretching from July 2016- June 2021. The reporting period for this year's data ended on June 30th 2021.

The data here represents individuals who enrolled in housing projects with providers who participate in the Homeless Management Information System.

This data does not capture those who engage in street outreach projects, or in non-participating shelters, such as the Union Gospel Mission.

The data reflects the impact of COVID-19 on the Homeless Response System as services have transitioned and adjusted to the pandemic. When reviewing the data, the following factors should be considered.

- No new Permanent Supportive Housing units added in the past year.
- There was an eviction moratorium in place during the reporting period. This resulted in less turn-over of affordable units, making it more difficult to move households into permanent housing units.
- The shelters funded in Thurston County largely transitioned services to 24/7 operations. Additionally, several shelters changed from an emergency over-night shelter which are drop-in based to a continuous stay model in which the guest has an assigned bed.
- Shelter and service providers have largely moved away from volunteers, to professional and permanent part- and full-time staff.
- Some shelter providers are increasing the use of non-congregate shelter beds in hotel and motels, as social distancing limited existing capacity.
- Millions of dollars entered the community in the form of rent and utility assistance through State and federal eviction rental assistance programs.
- Thurston County has increased Shelter-in-Place activities, to provide greater support for individuals living in encampments with increased supplies and outreach support.

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This report details the households and individuals experiencing homelessness that were served by a housing project in Thurston County and reported in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) between State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 and 2021. The SFY runs July 1st- June 30th annually.

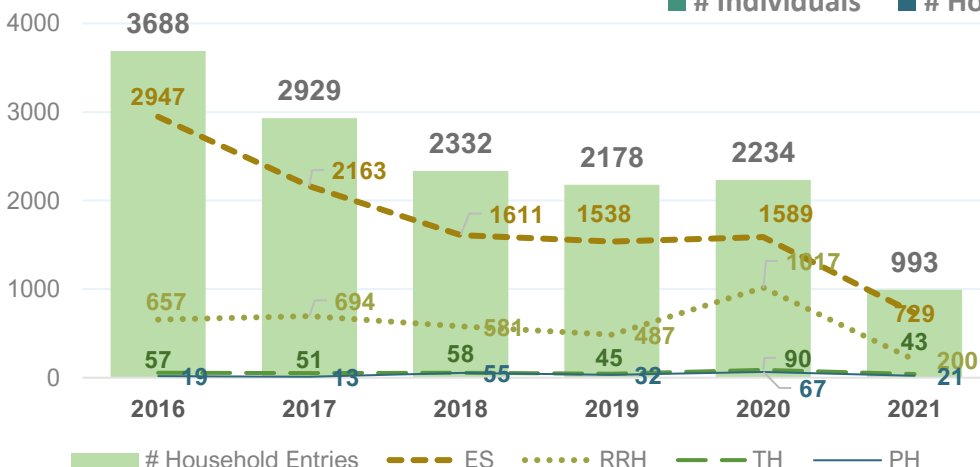
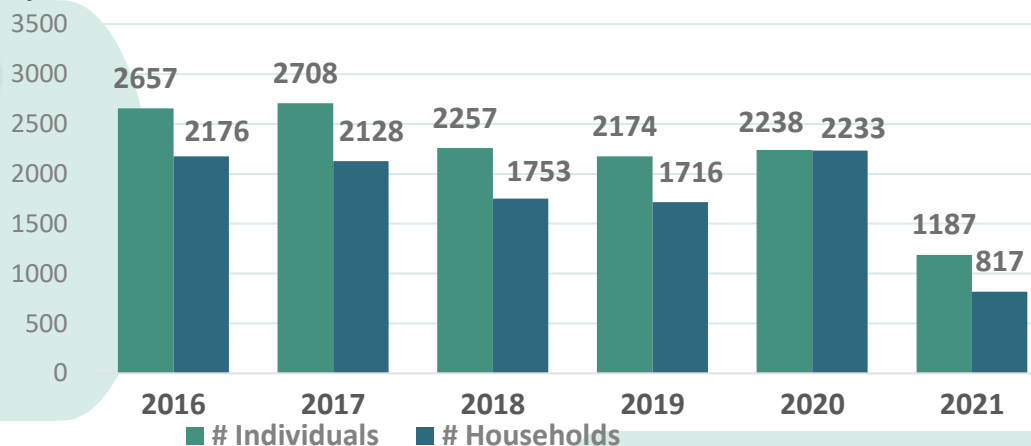
Housing projects included in this report: Emergency Shelter (ES), Rapid Re-housing (RRH), Transitional Housing (TH), Permanent Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing (PH). Coordinated Entry Data is also included in select charts, though does not indicate project enrollment.



Unique clients served

The number of unique (unduplicated) households and individuals that entered a housing project in Thurston County every year.

Note: Differences in HMIS reporting, updates to the system, and agency differences may have affected these counts.



Households entering housing projects

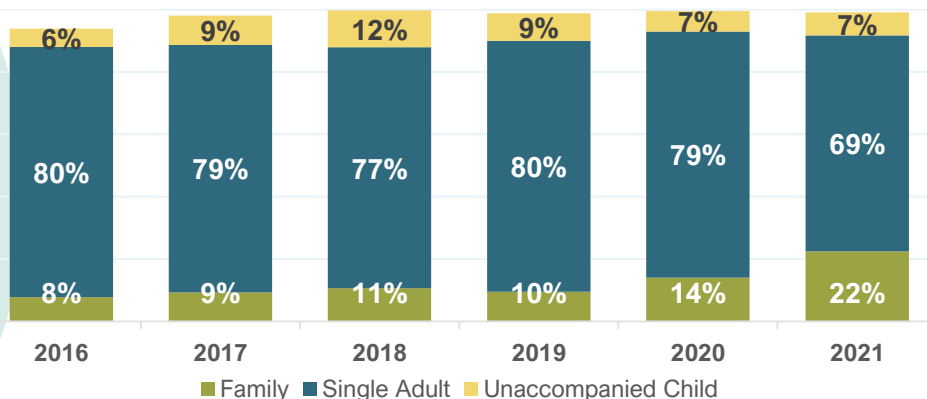
The number of households that entered (enrolled) into any housing project each year. Households can enter multiple housing projects or enter the same project more than once.



Entries by household type

Of all entries into housing projects each year, the percentage of all household entries that were families, single adults, or unaccompanied children (0-17 years old).

Note: Years that are not showing 100% do not include indeterminable household counts.



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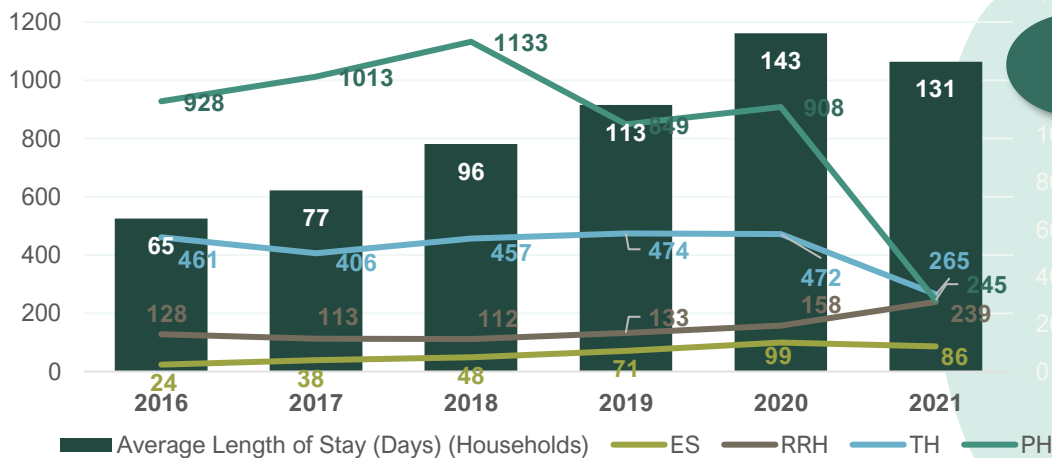
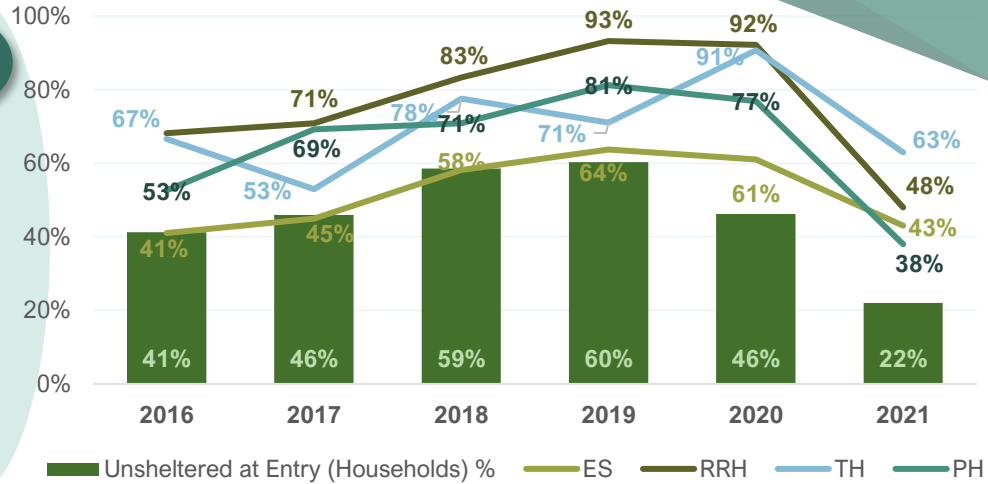


Unsheltered households at entry

Of the households that entered any housing project, the percentage that were unsheltered at entry, including:

- Place not meant for habitation
- Fleeing domestic violence
- Staying in emergency shelter, or hotel/motel paid with voucher

Note: Calculated using WA Dept. of Commerce Reporting Specifications



Average length of stay (days)

Of the households that exited any housing project, the average number of days between project enrollment and exit.

Note: Some of these figures are skewed by small population figures in certain project types – TH & PH.

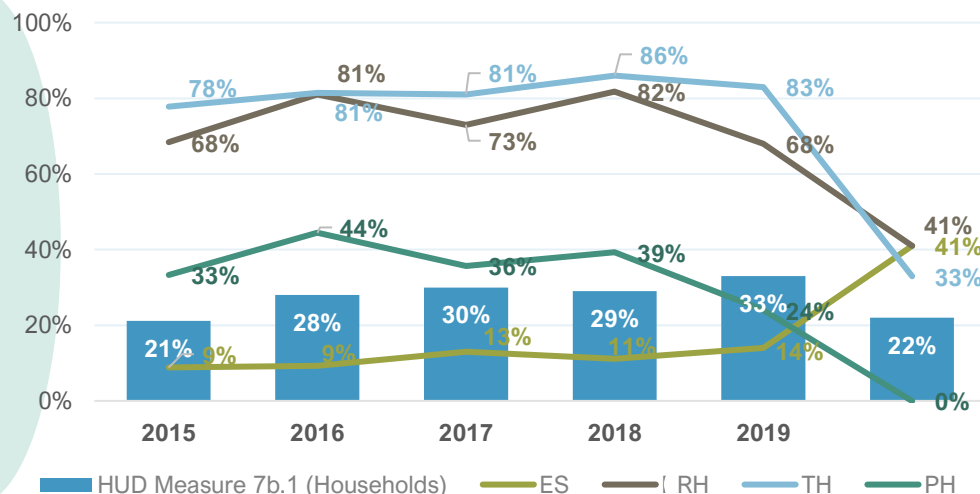


Households exiting to permanent housing

Of the household that exited an ES, RRH, TH, or PH project, the percentage that exited to a permanent housing destination (HUD Data Standard 7b.1), including:

- Rental by client
- Owned by client
- Permanent tenure with friends/family

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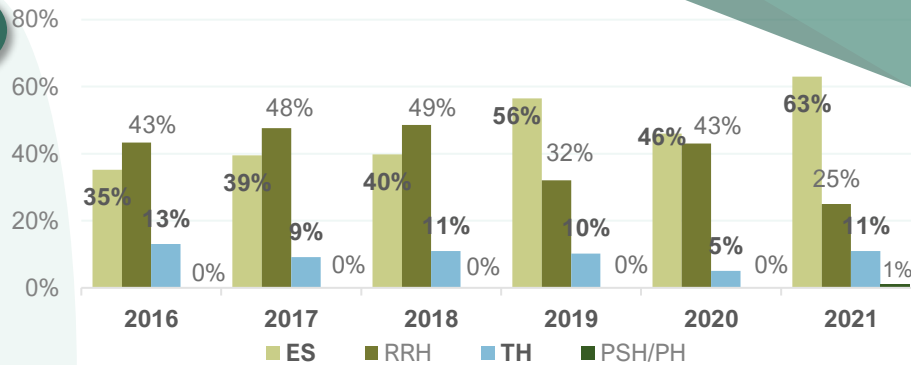
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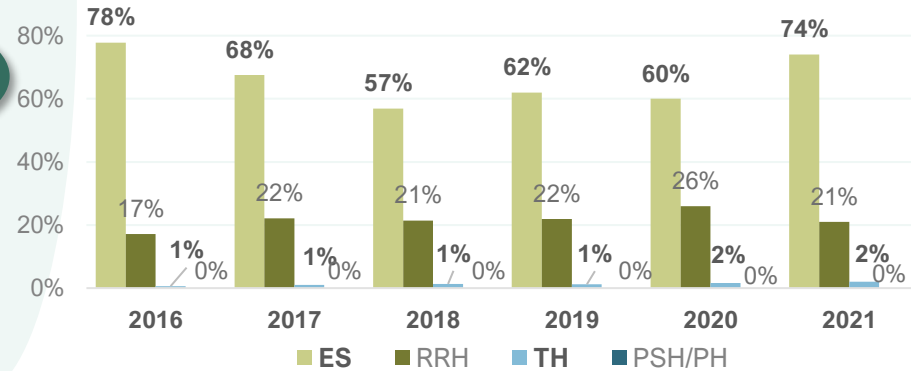
Types of housing projects families enter

Of the family households that entered (enrolled in) any housing project, the percentage of all entries that were emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, or homeless prevention.



Types of housing projects single adults enter

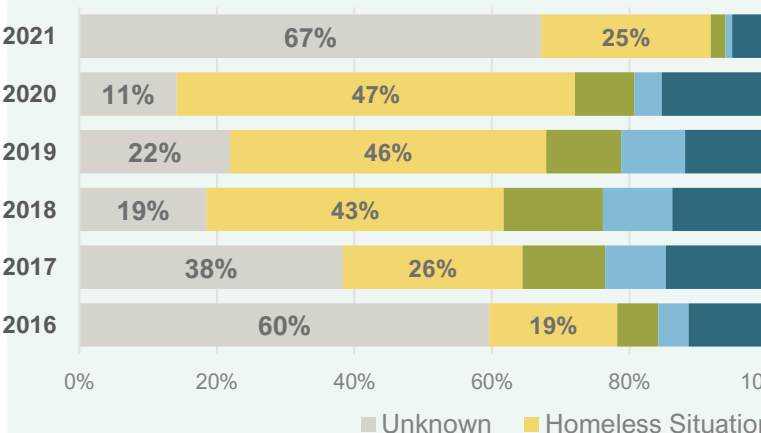
Of the single adult households that entered (enrolled in) any housing project, the percentage of all entries that were emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, permanent housing, or homeless prevention.



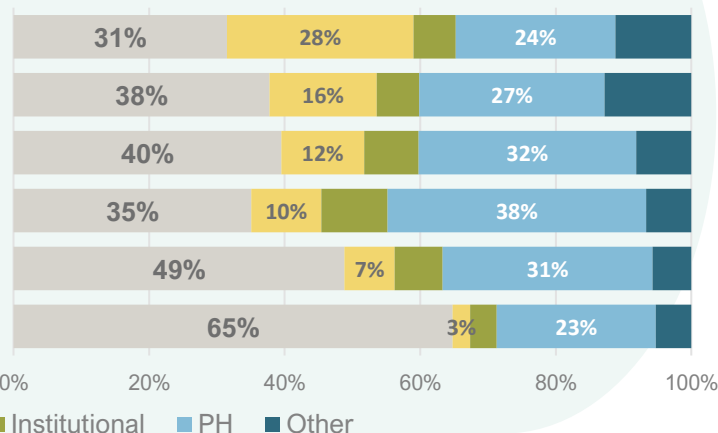
Previous living situations and exit destinations for households entering or exiting housing projects

Of all household entries and exits from housing projects each year, the percentage of previous living situations and exit destinations that were unknown, "literally homeless," institutional setting, permanent housing, or other (HUD standard 3.917).

Previous Living Situations



Exit Destinations



HMIS Data Quality Score 2021: **53%**

The number of known living situation and exit destinations for all entries and exits from HMIS in 2021. Based on head of household only.



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This page displays information for the 1187 unique individuals that enrolled in a housing project in 2021.


15% 
Of individuals are fleeing Domestic Violence

5% 
Of households reported earned income

5% 
Of individuals served are Veterans

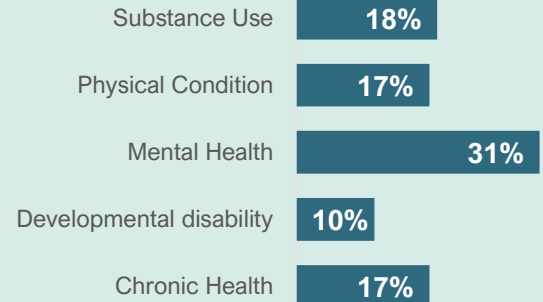
< 7% 
Of households reported SSI, SSDI, or TANF benefits

32% 
Of households reported cash income

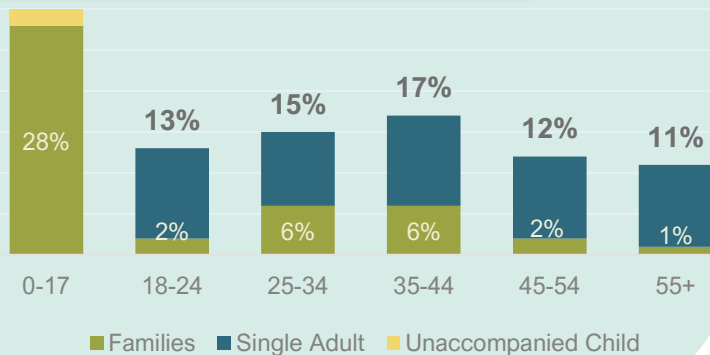
\$734 
Average monthly income for households with reported income

40% 
Of individuals reported a disability

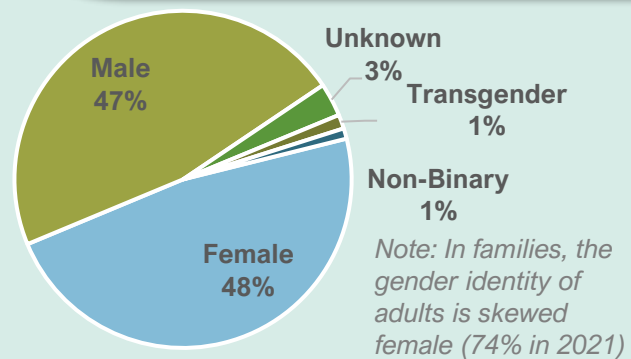
Disabilities



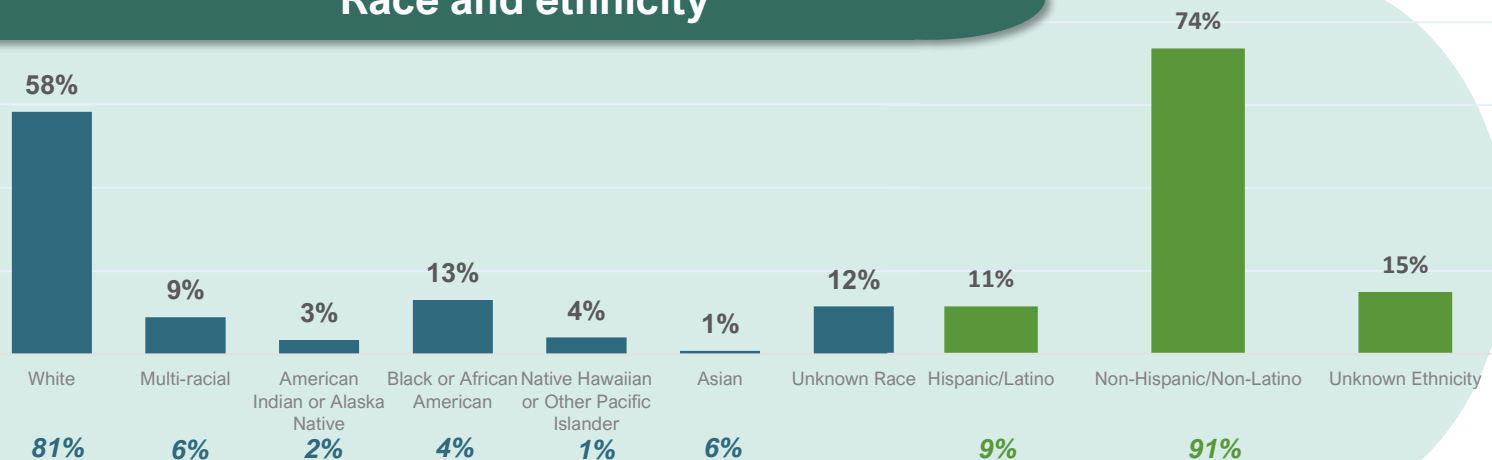
Age Groups



Gender Identity



Race and ethnicity



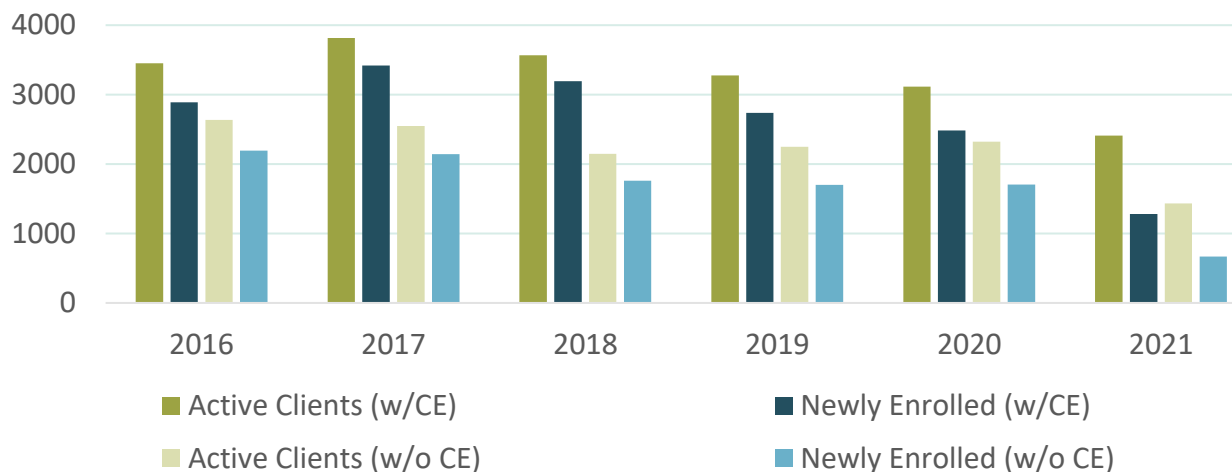
Note: The Thurston County census percentages for race and ethnicity are displayed below the graph for reference.

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Active & Newly Enrolled Clients



Active clients are those who were already enrolled in a program at the start of the fiscal year, vs. new enrollments.

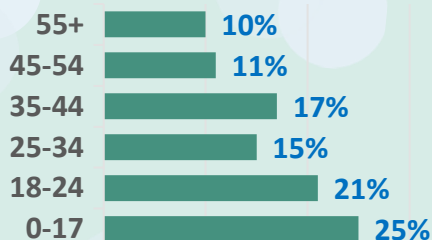
Coordinated Entry

This section reports on household level data.

822 Households

- 80%** Single Adults
- 19%** Families
- 1%** Unaccompanied Children

Age



Race

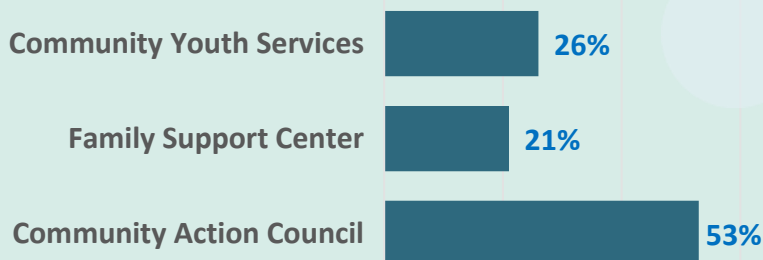
- 65%** White
- 9%** Black
- 3%** Non-Binary
- 9%** Unknown
- 10%** Multi-Racial
- 3%** Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Gender Identity

- 49%** Female
- 47%** Male
- 3%** Non-Binary
- 1%** Unknown

*Coordinated Entry is handled by 3 organizations in Thurston County, based on population: Youth & Young Adults, Single Adults & Families.

Where do they enroll*?



Where have you been sleeping?



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