

THURSTON COUNTY HOMELESS HOUSING SUMMARY

2020

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. In order to identify trends, the data included in this report represent program enrollments and exits over the past 5 years, stretching from July 2016- June 2020. As the reporting period for this year's data ended on June 2020, the impacts of COVID-19 are difficult to clearly identify, but we anticipate seeing its impact in coming years.

This year's data shows that there are more individuals entering programs from unsheltered homelessness than in previous years, which could reflect an intentional effort to prioritize these individuals. 2020 also demonstrates a significant increase in overall enrollments from previous years, which while positive, can create a burden on a system under strain if there are not enough housing placements for all.

For households entering shelter and housing programs, the data presented help tell the story of their experience. For example, 11% of individuals reported actively fleeing Domestic Violence, only 8% of households reported earned income, and 40% of households reported having a disability, the highest percentage reported in 5 years. Age and race also play important factors. The high number of youth experiencing homelessness are captured within families entering projects, which are comprised mainly of children under the age 17. Black and Mixed-Race individuals remain overrepresented in housing programs compared with the overall percentage within the general population.

As the data provide insights into the strengths and gaps in our homeless crisis response system, it is important when looking at these graphs to remember that each number represents a person or a family and their unique experience. This report highlights aggregate stories of perseverance and hope. In reviewing and analyzing this report we encourage users of this data to keep those individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness at the forefront of efforts to make healthy, affordable housing accessible to everyone in the community.

Thurston County Public Health & Social Services,
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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 2020. The SFY runs July 1st- June 30th annually.

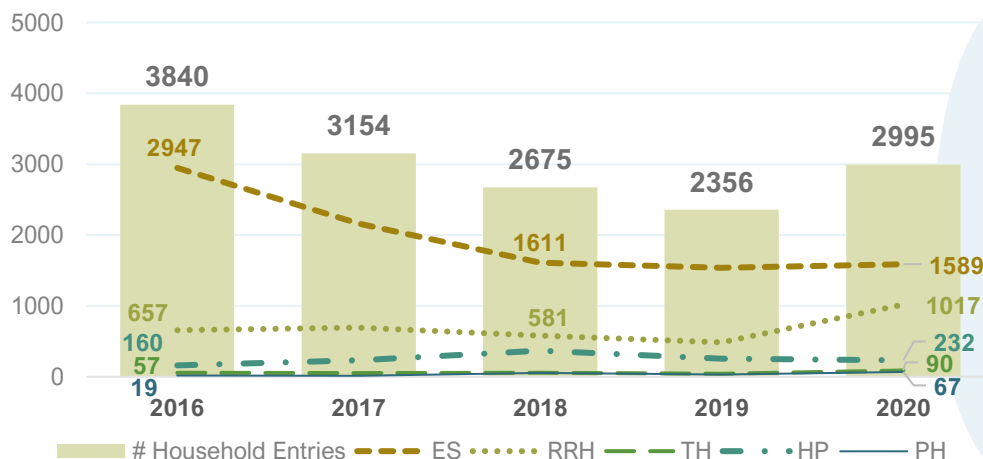
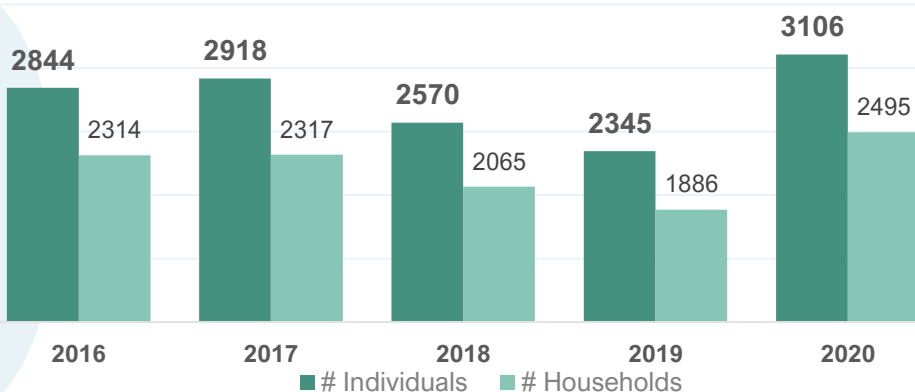
Housing projects included in this report: Emergency Shelter (ES), Rapid Re-housing (RRH), Transitional Housing (TH), Permanent Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing (PH), Homeless Prevention (HP).



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

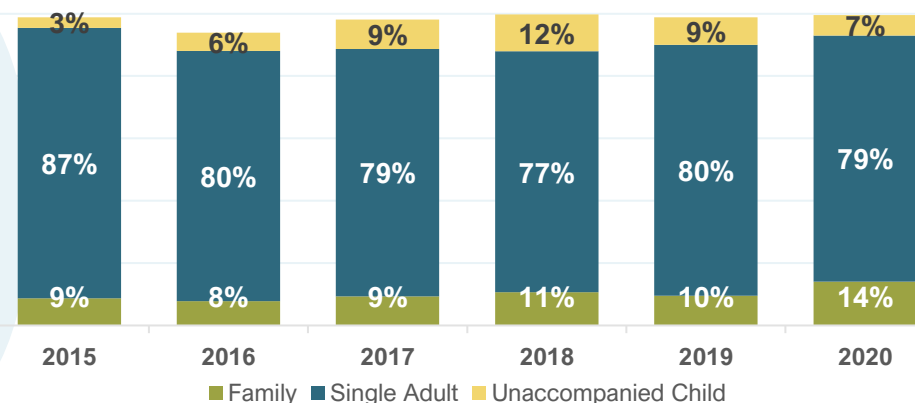
The number of households that entered (enrolled) into any housing project each year. Households can enter multiple housing projects or enter the same project more than once.



Entries by household type

Of all entries into housing projects each year, the percentage of all households 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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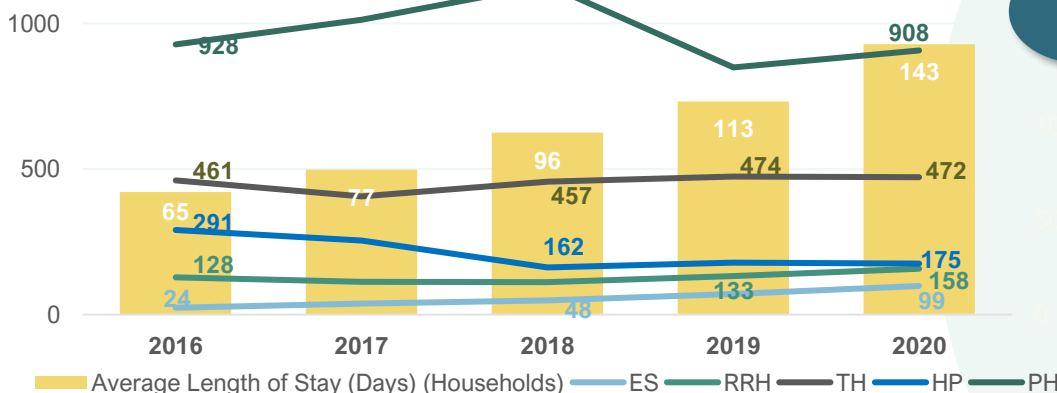
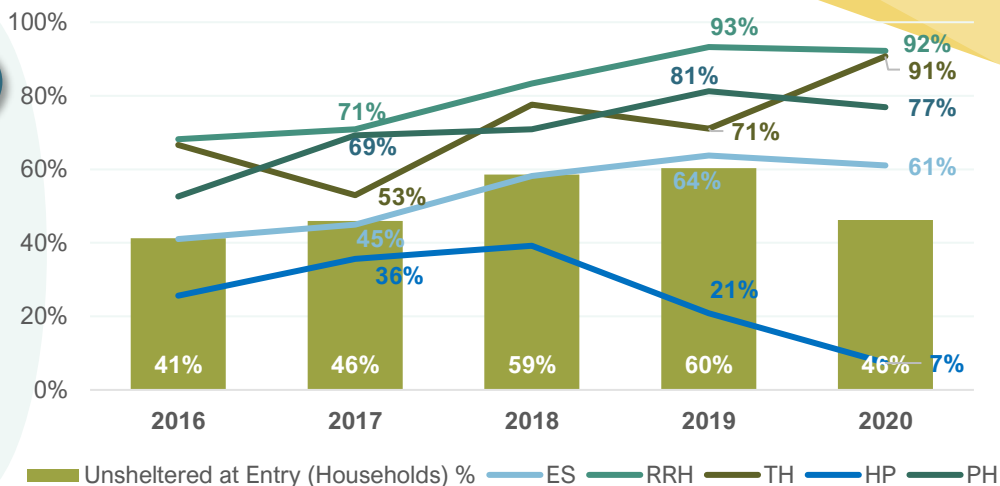


Unsheltered households at entry

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

- Place not meant for habitation
- Fleeing domestic violence
- Previously unsheltered (24 months prior to entry)

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.

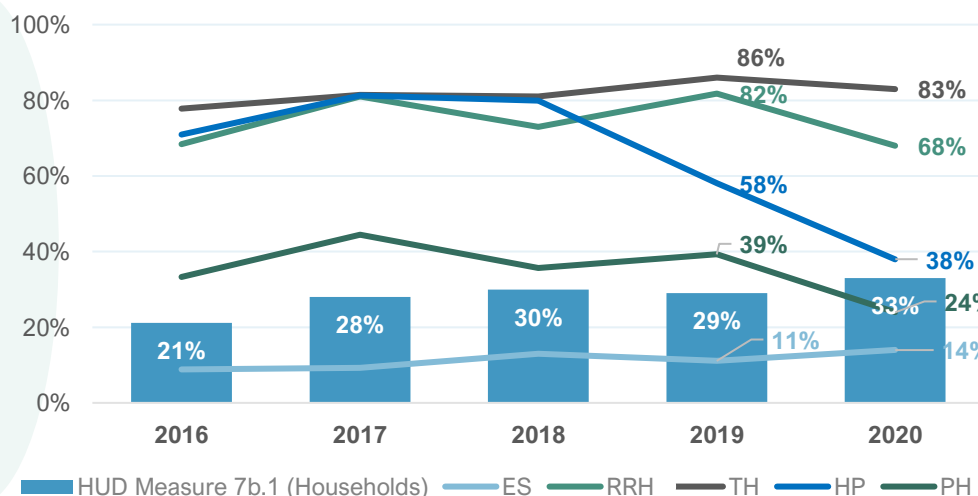
Note: The dual axis on this graph. As enrollments decrease annually, the average length of stay in projects increases annually, suggesting annual differences in HMIS reporting.



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



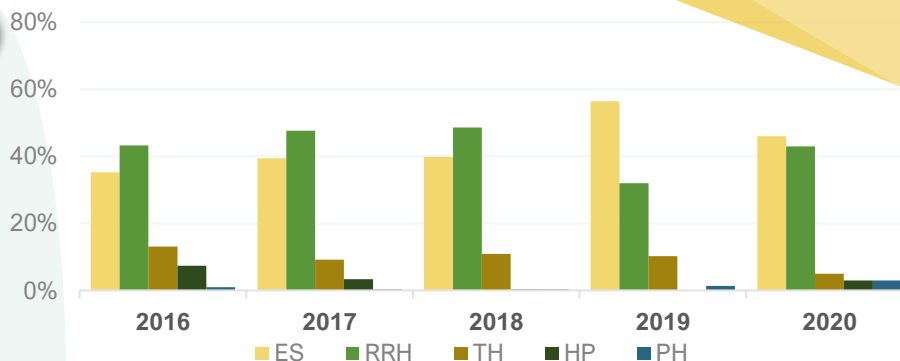
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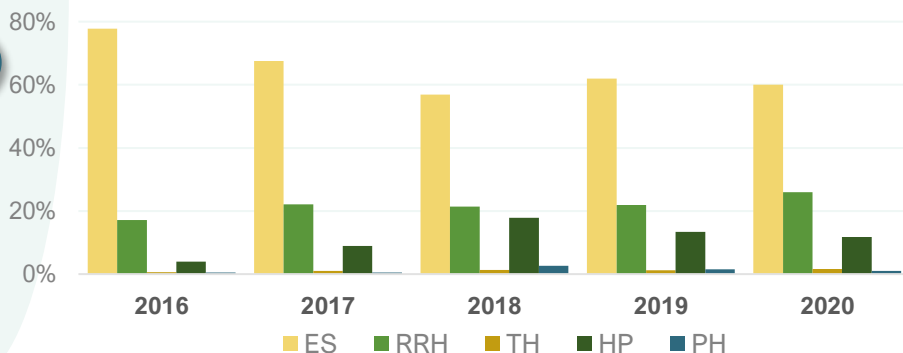
Types of housing projects families enter

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

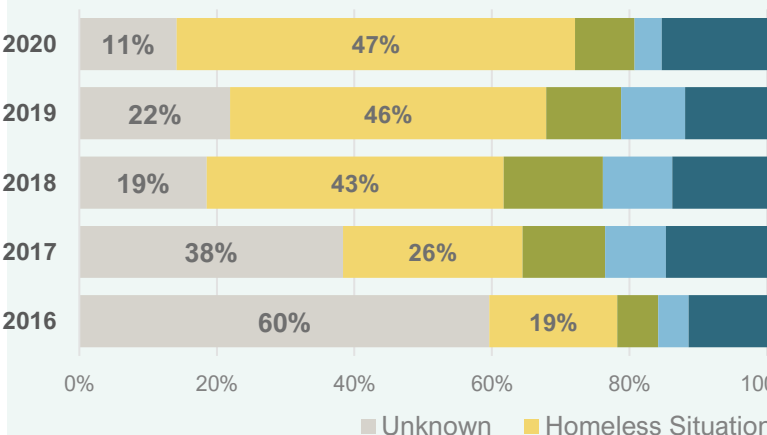
Of the single adult households that entered (enrolled in) any housing project, the percentage of all entries that were emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, permanent housing, or homeless prevention.



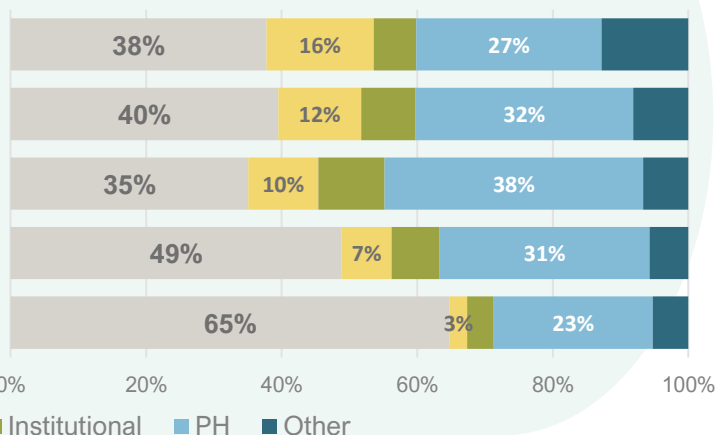
Previous living situations and exit destinations for households entering or exiting housing projects

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 2020: **75%**

The number of known living situation and exit destinations for all entries and exits from HMIS in 2020. Based on head of household only.



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This page displays information for the 3,106 unique individuals that enrolled in a housing project in 2020.

11% 

Of individuals are fleeing Domestic Violence

5% 

Of individuals served are Veterans

33% 

Of households reported cash income

8% 


Of households reported earned income

<8% 

Of households reported SSI, SSDI, or TANF benefits

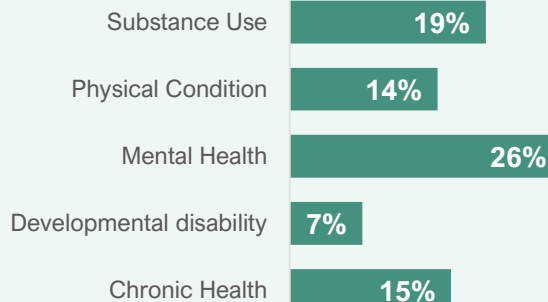
\$871 

Average monthly income for households with reported income

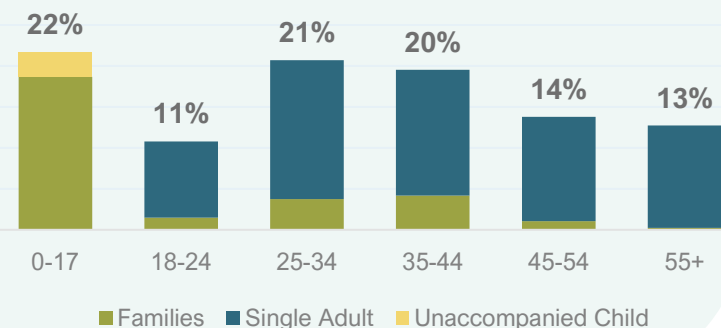
40% 

Of individuals reported a disability

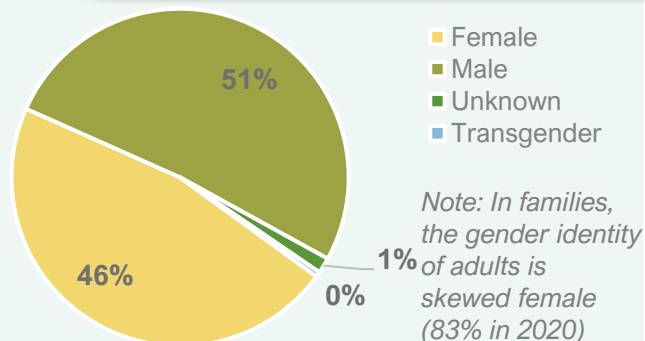
Disabilities



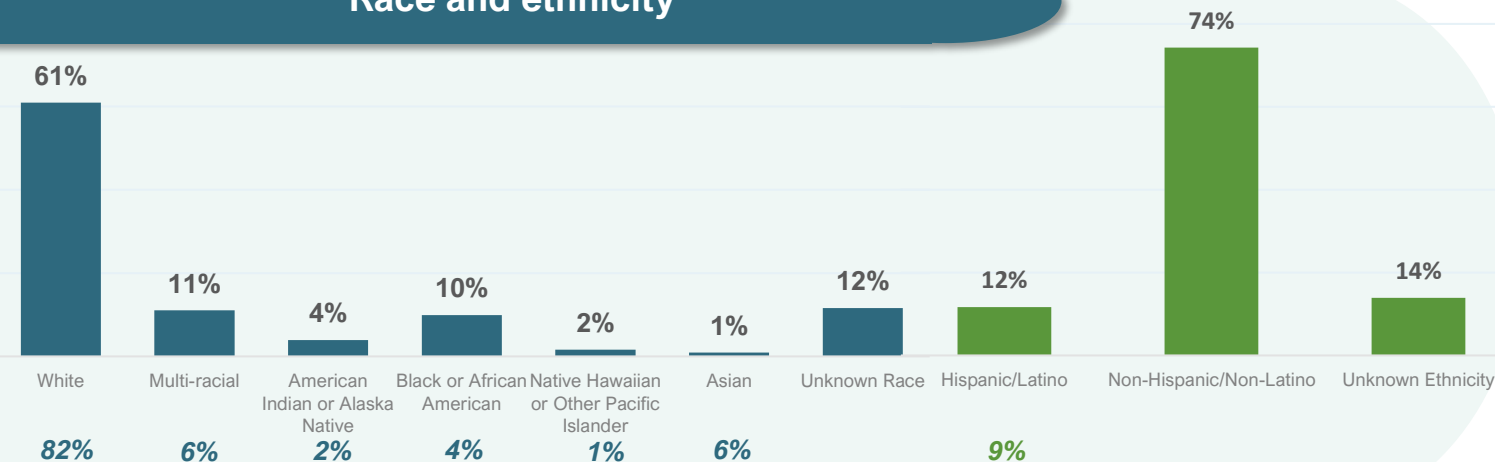
Age Groups



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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