

Community Development Commission

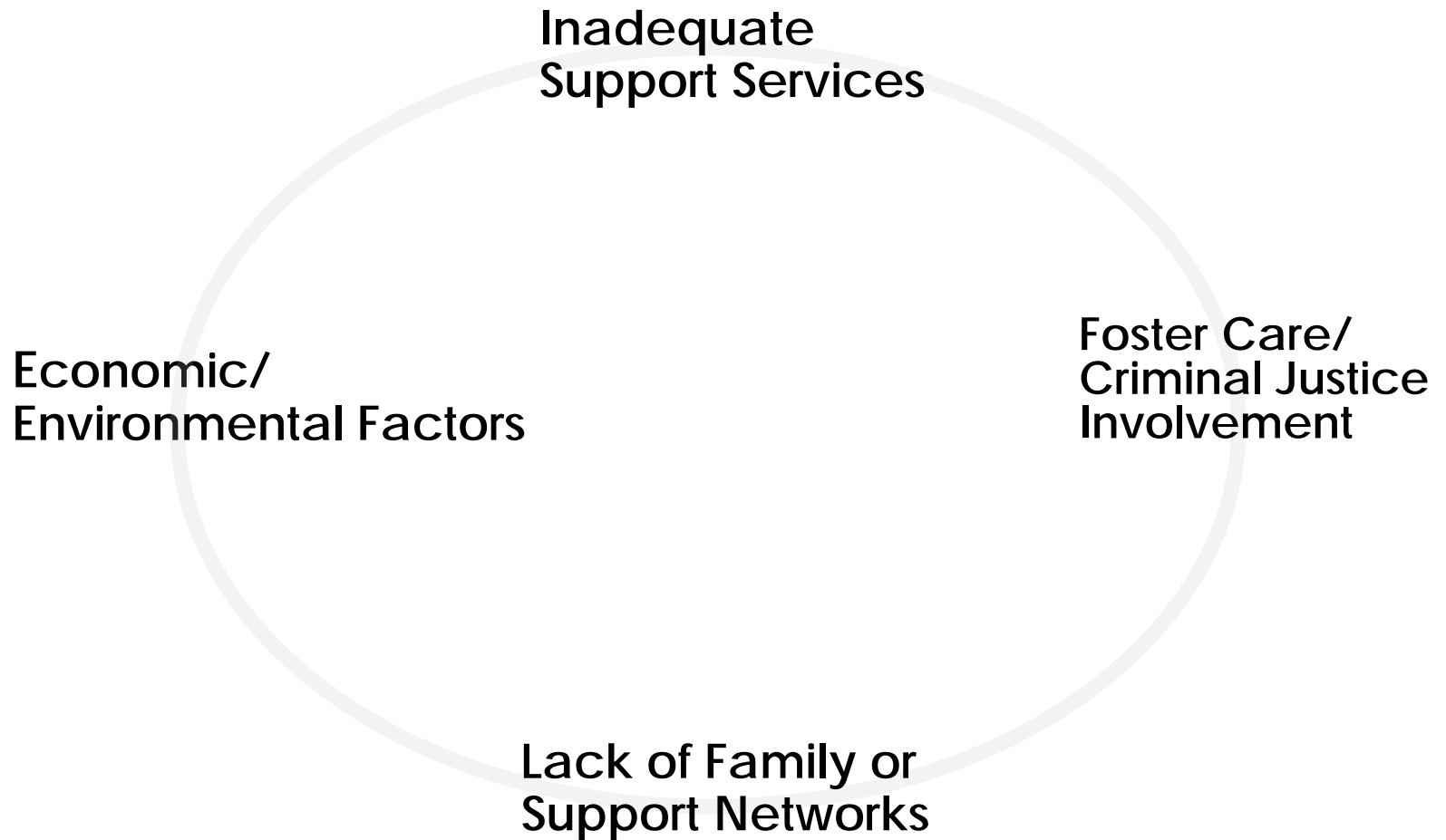
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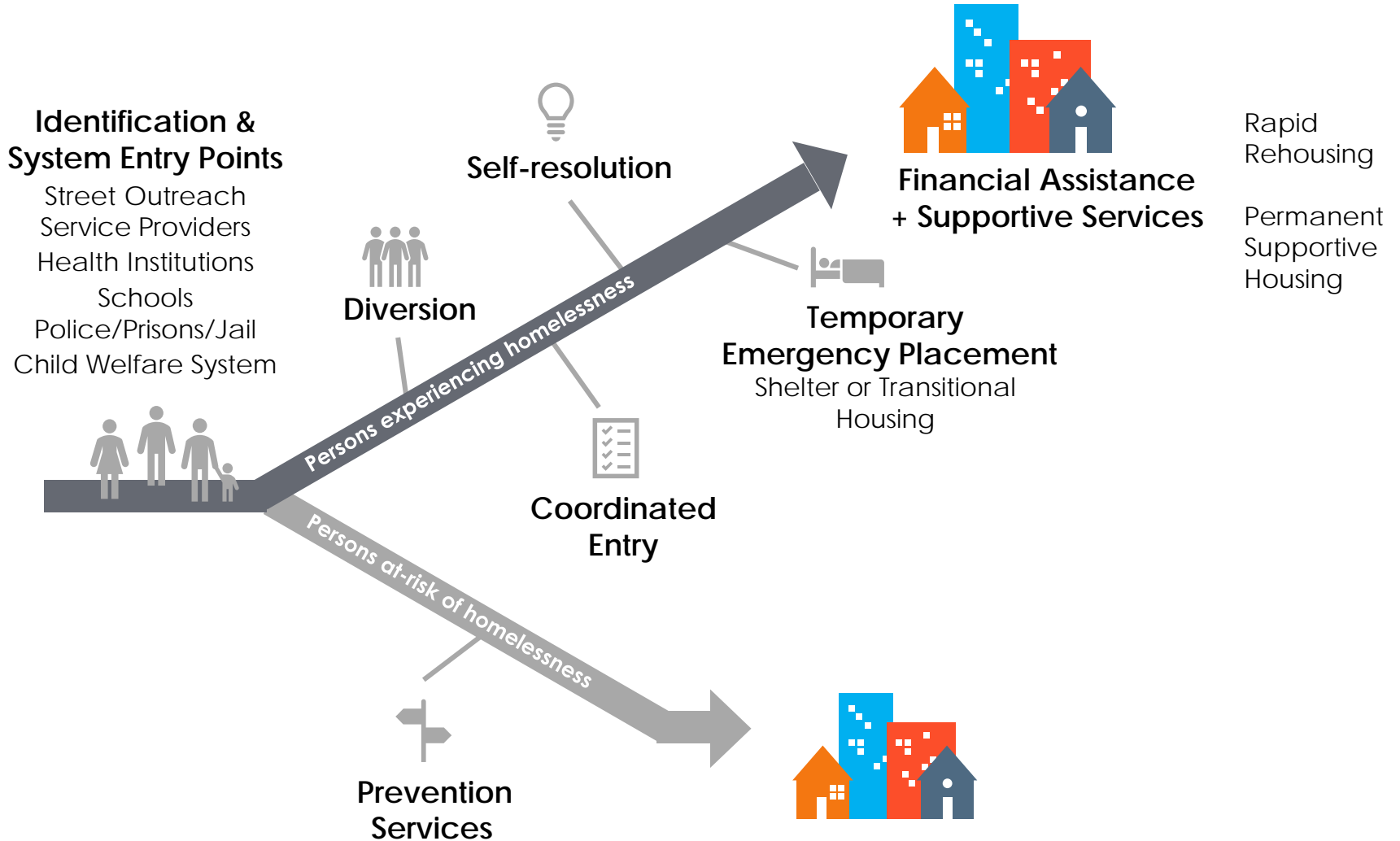
Ending Community Homelessness Coalition
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Factors Contributing to Homelessness



Our System to Prevent and End Homelessness



System Components to End Homelessness



Action Plan to End Homelessness

The Austin City Council endorsed Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness in April 2018. We need your support and the funding to implement it to end homelessness.

Summary of Solutions:



Outreach + Shelter

- ✓ Create new small shelters
- ✓ Use outreach & shelters as bridges to housing
- ✓ Reunify more families



Housing + Services

- ✓ Connect more people to housing
- ✓ Connect more people to jobs, healthcare and benefits



Addressing Disparities

- ✓ Address root causes of homelessness
- ✓ Address disparities among populations experiencing homelessness at greater rates



Effective System

- ✓ Improve system performance & outcomes
- ✓ Engage more stakeholders in system



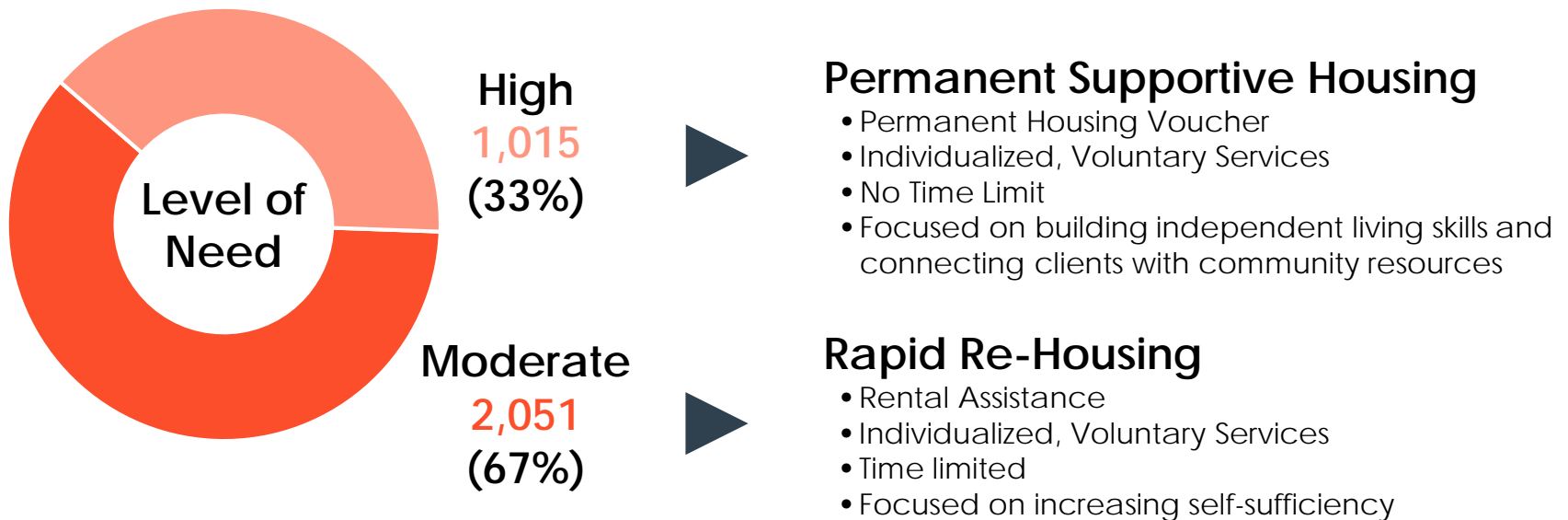
Community Commitment

- ✓ Create sustainable funding
- ✓ Gain community-wide support

Current Situation:

3,066 Households Experiencing Homelessness

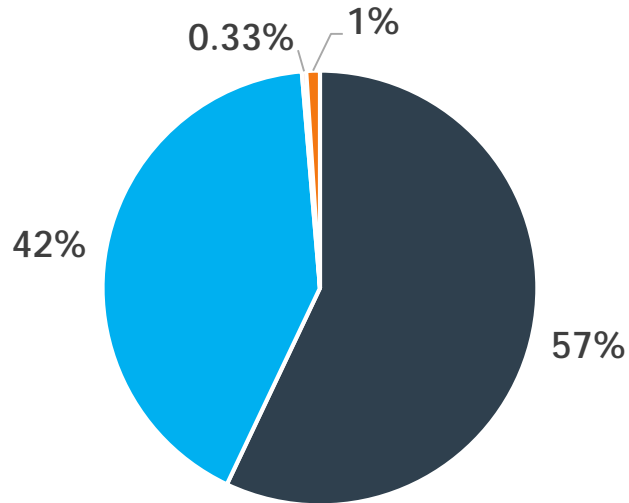
Recommended Interventions based on Vulnerability Assessment Score



Source: By-Name List

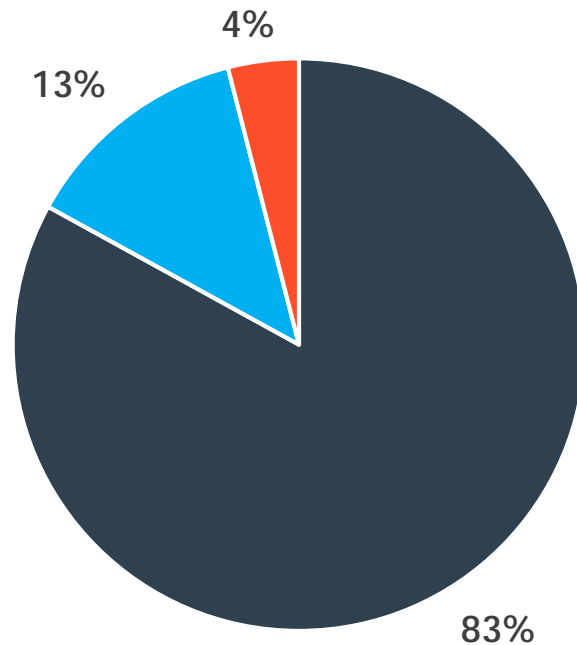
Population Demographics

Gender Identity



- Male
- Female
- Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming
- No Data

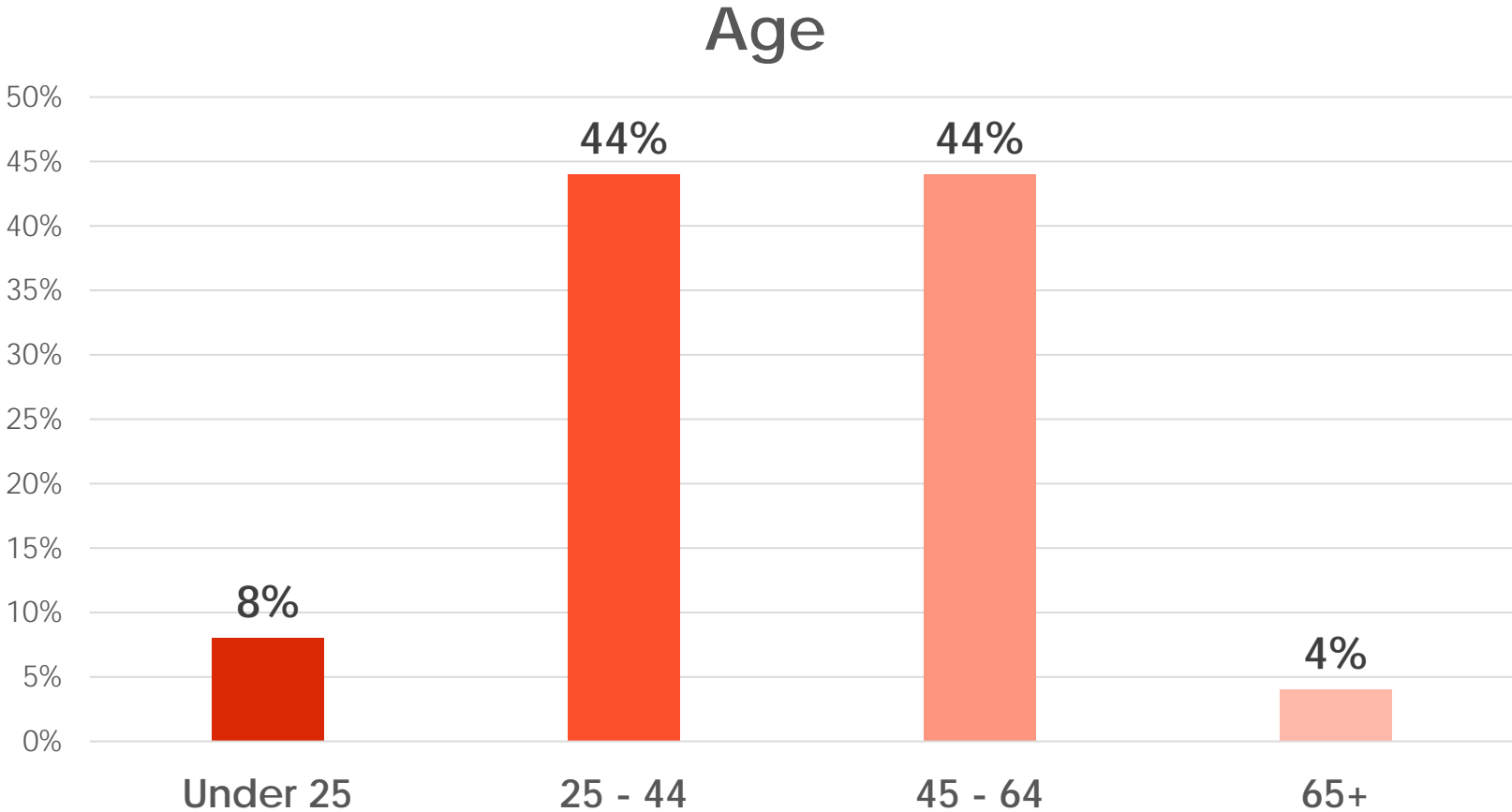
Household Size



- Single
- 2-3
- 4+

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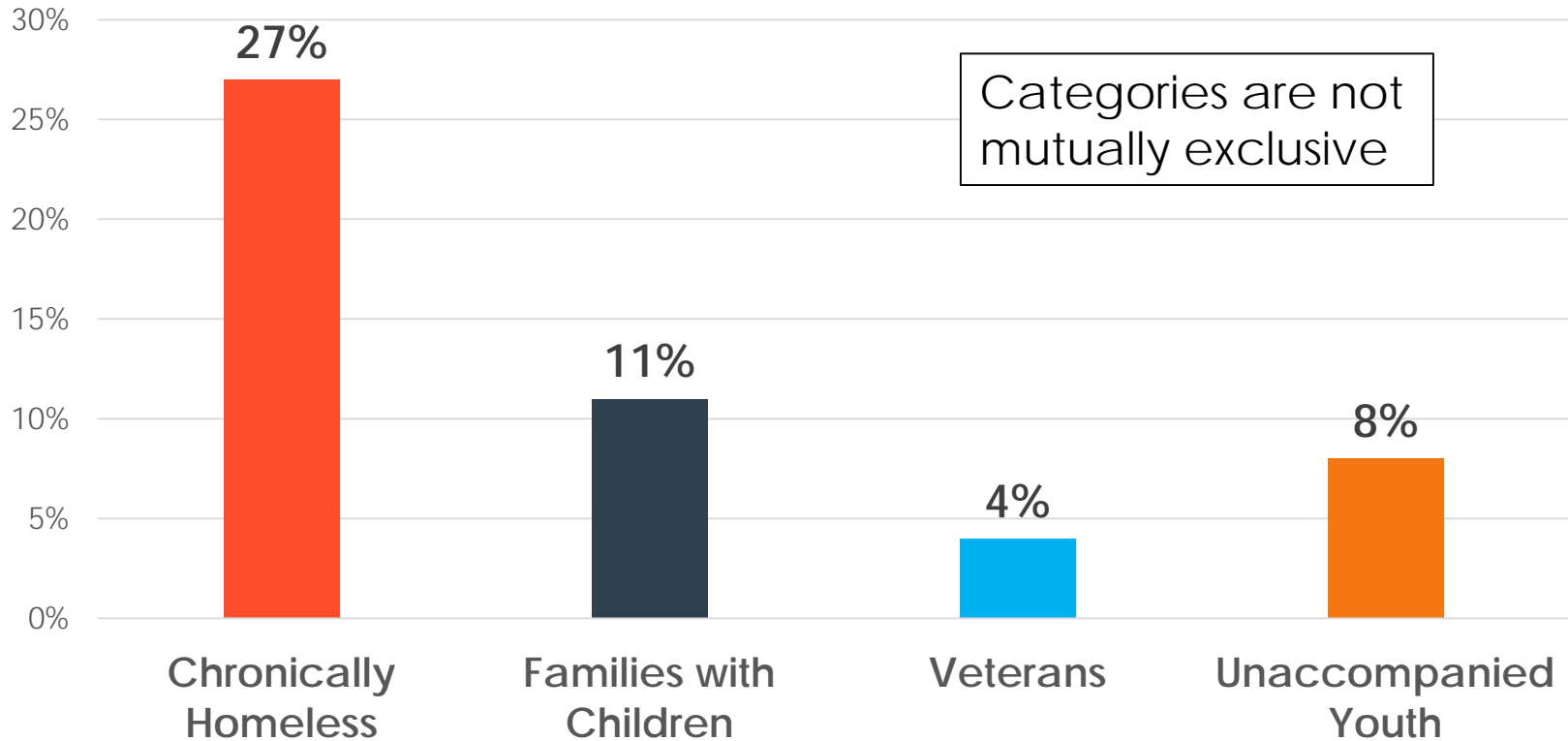
Population Demographics



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Population Demographics

Subpopulations



Sources: By-Name List; Point in Time Count

Population Challenges

Inter-related health, social, and economic challenges often make it difficult for people to end homelessness on their own



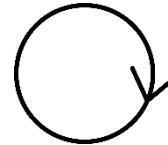
50%

Report being unable to take care of daily needs like food, bathing, and restroom access



38%

Report currently experiencing mental health issues



64%

Report having no planned activities that bring them happiness



62%

Have dual or trimorbid health conditions



46%

Report having legal stuff going on that may result in jail or fines



42%

Report having experienced domestic violence in their lifetime



60%

Report they do not have any income



12%

Report that drug or alcohol use will make it difficult to maintain housing

Source: By-Name List

Are People Traveling to Austin?

Most folks experiencing homelessness in Austin first began experiencing homelessness in Austin. The next largest group identify Texas as their point of origin.

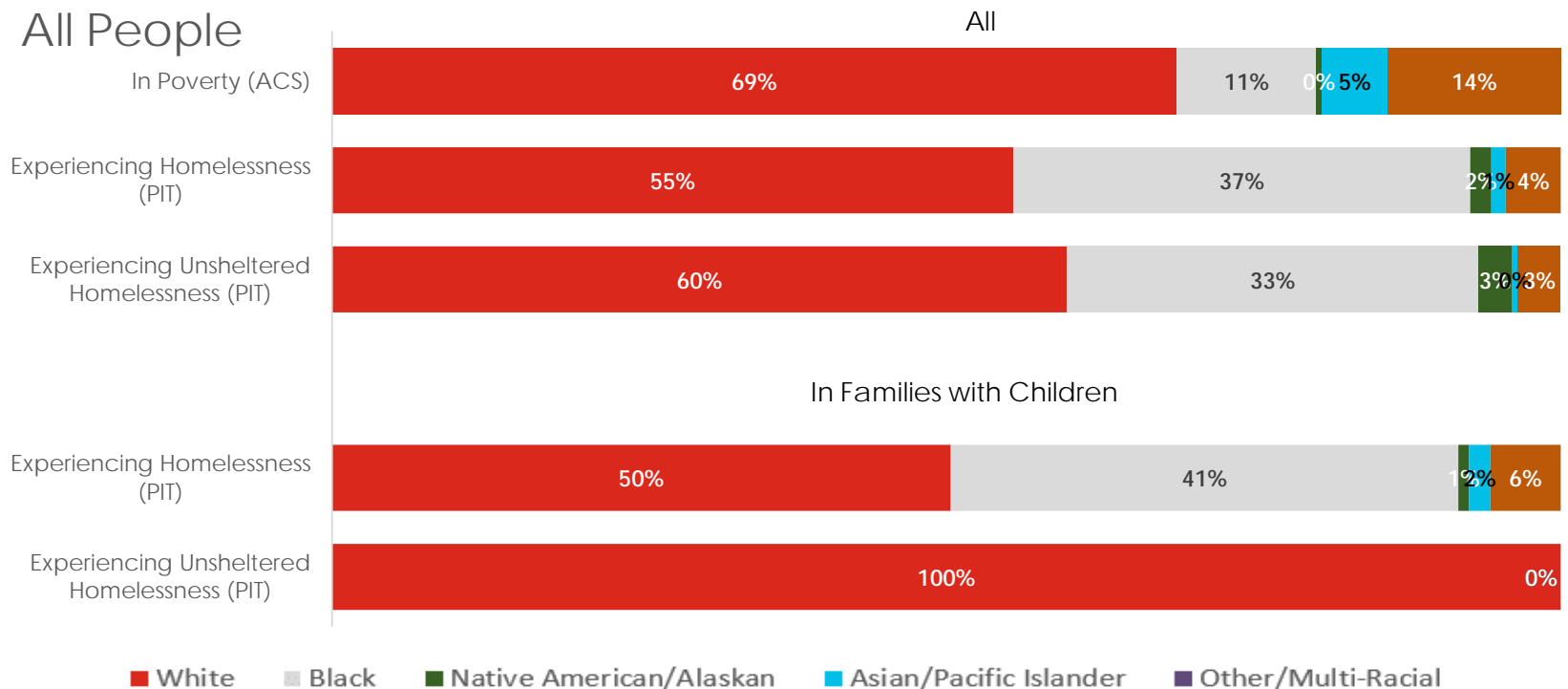
<i>Where did you become homeless?</i>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Austin	68%	55%	61%	54%	61%
Central Texas	4%	6%	8%	5%	0%
Don't Know/Refused	0%	15%	5%	10%	2%
Foreign Country	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Part of Texas	16%	13%	10%	16%	20%
United States	11%	11%	15%	15%	17%

Note: In 2019 Central Texas was not a survey response option.

Source: Point in Time Count

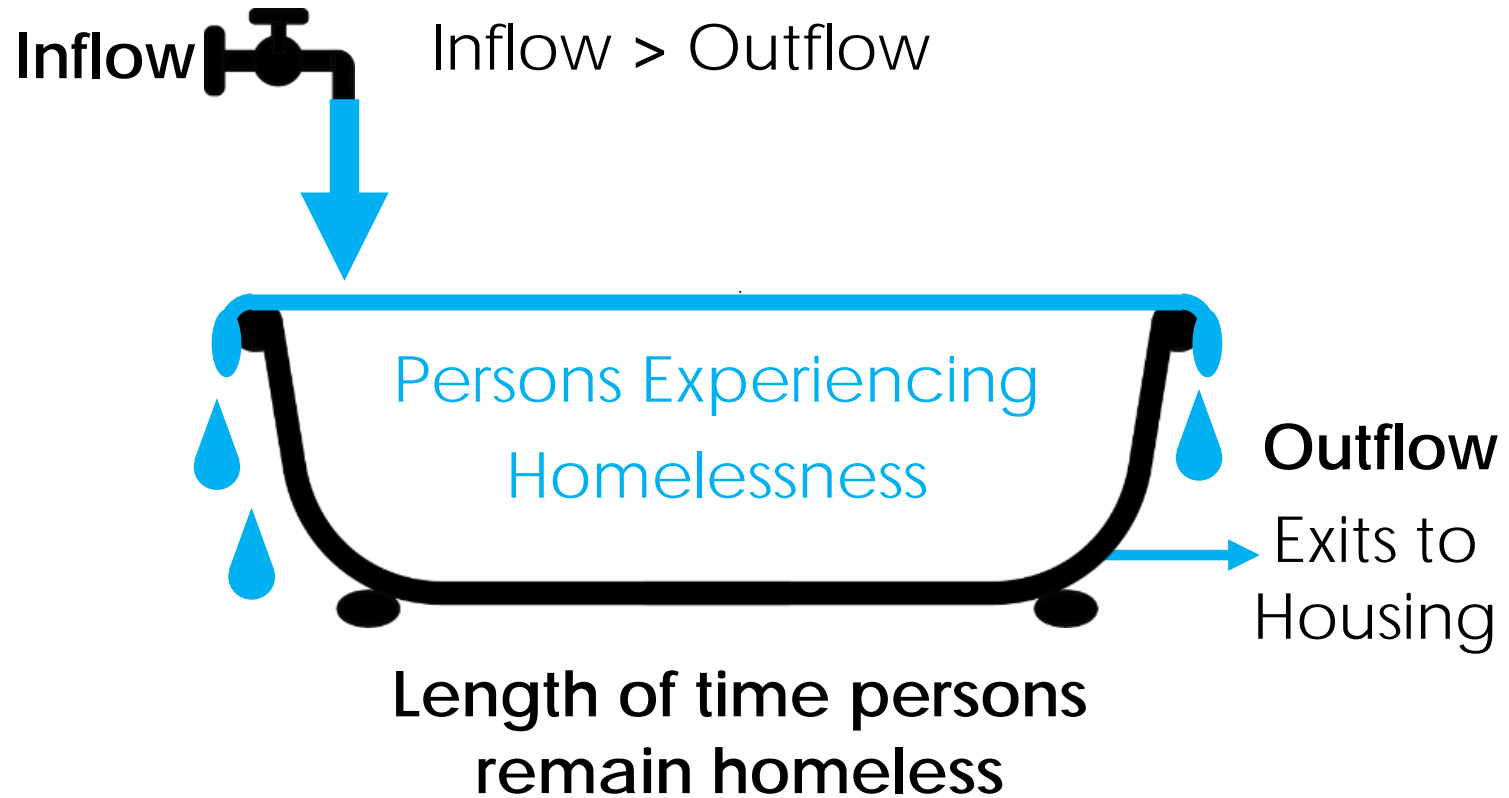
Large Disparities Exist in the Population

The percentage of people experiencing homelessness who identify as Black/African American is much higher than the Black/African American percentage of Austin's population in poverty.

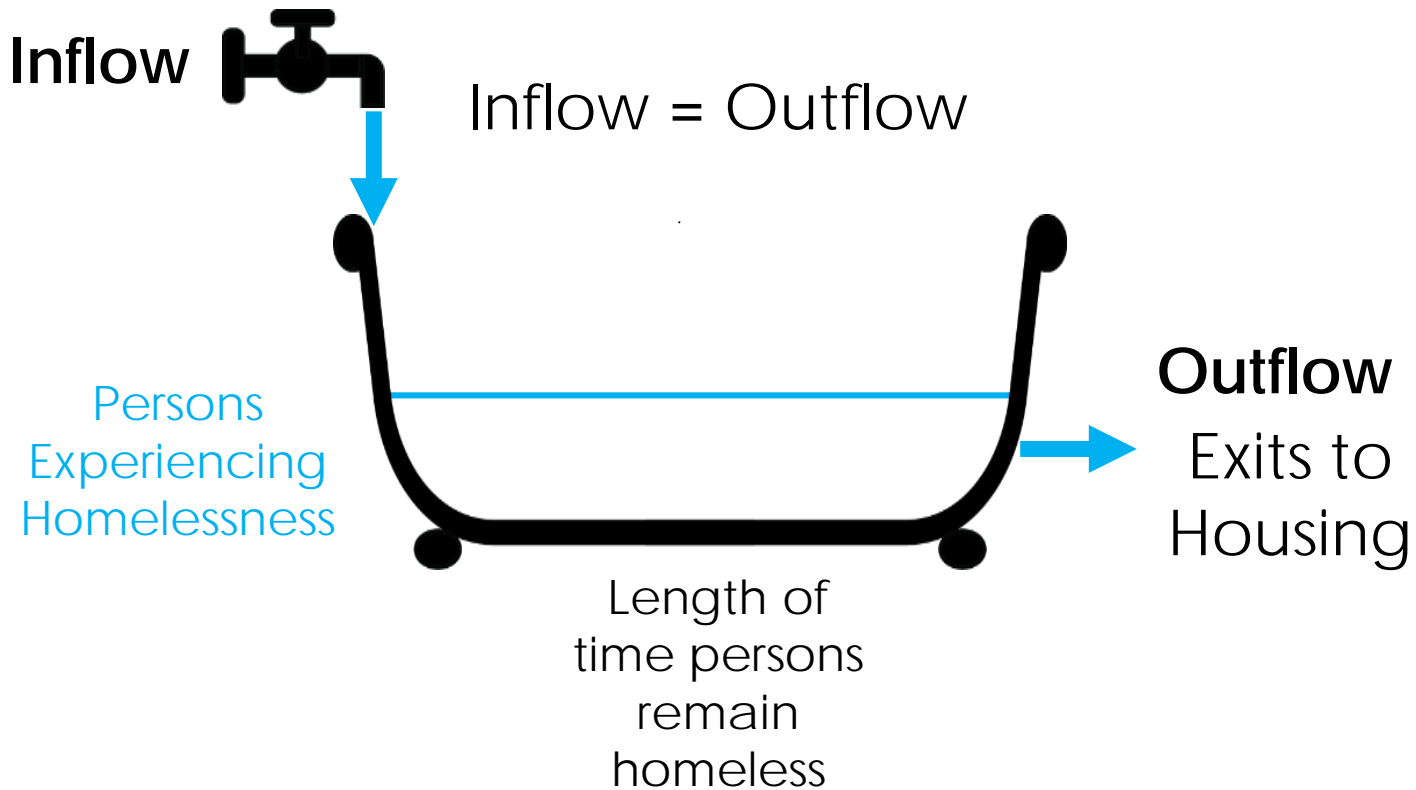


Source: Point in Time Count

System Flow – Current



System Flow - Desired



Pay for Success

Pay for Success is a set of innovative financing strategies that make payments directly dependent on results

Pay for Success strategies share these core principles:



Clearly defined
outcomes



Data-driven
decisions



Uncommon,
cross-sector
partnerships



Strong
governance &
accountability



Private
capital for
impact

Ending Youth Homelessness

- Build and sustain a community system that ensures that youth homelessness is **rare, brief and non-recurring** by 2020.
- This system is similar to the framework that now ensures that no veteran in Austin will be on the street for more than 30 days.
- The system involves deep collaboration with dozens of nonprofit and public organizations – co-led by LifeWorks and ECHO.

