State of Homelessness

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Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness

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This Year...

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Why does homelessness happen?

$1,771.00

Average cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Rhode Island

$70,840 *Income needed to afford this*

Source: HousingWorks Housing factbook 2022

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79 weekly hours

needed to work at minimum wage to 2-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent

$12.25	*Minimum Wage*
$18.43	*Average Renter Wage*
$34.06	*2-Bedroom Housing Wage*

Source: NLIHC Out of Reach report 2022 & Housing Works Fact Book 2022

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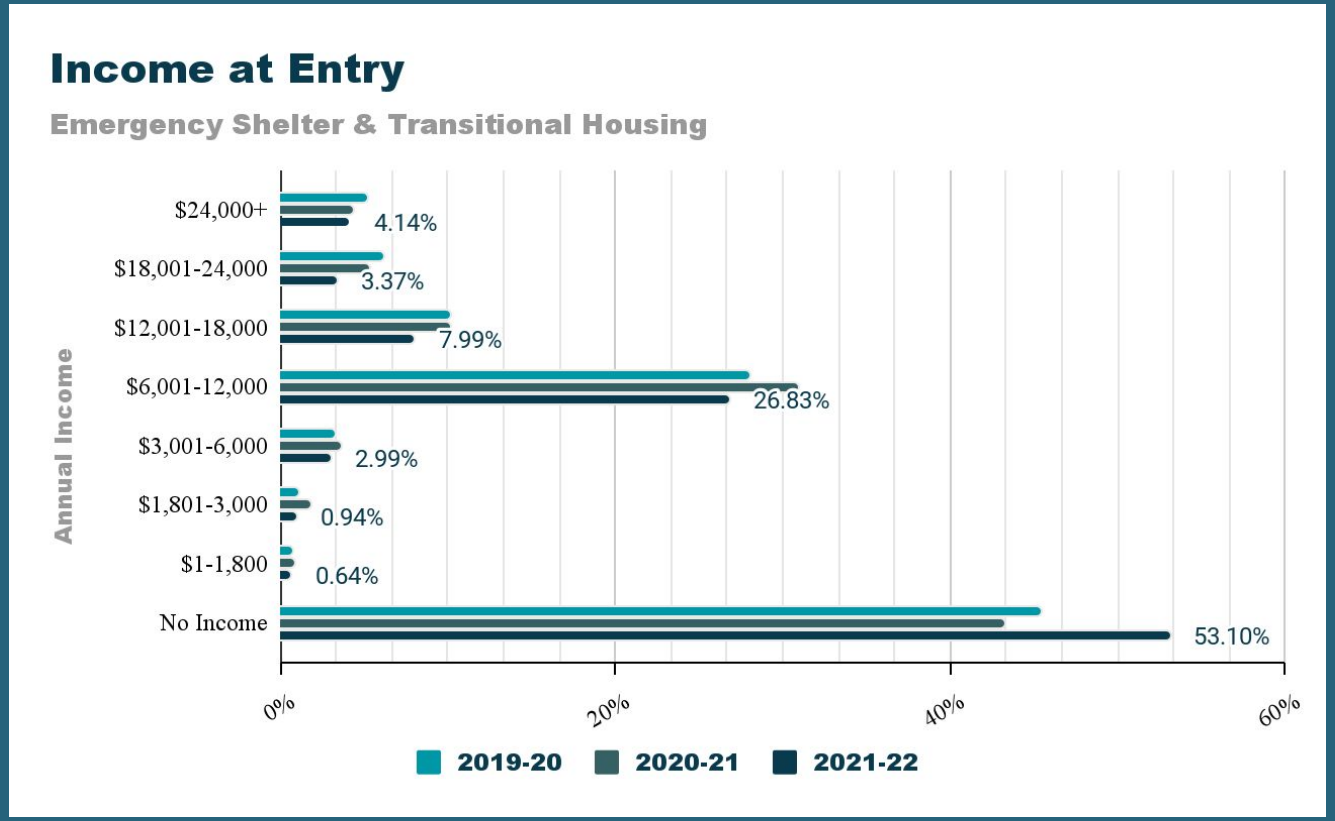
Income at Entry - Shelter/Transitional Housing



Last year,

53.1%

of households earned

$0

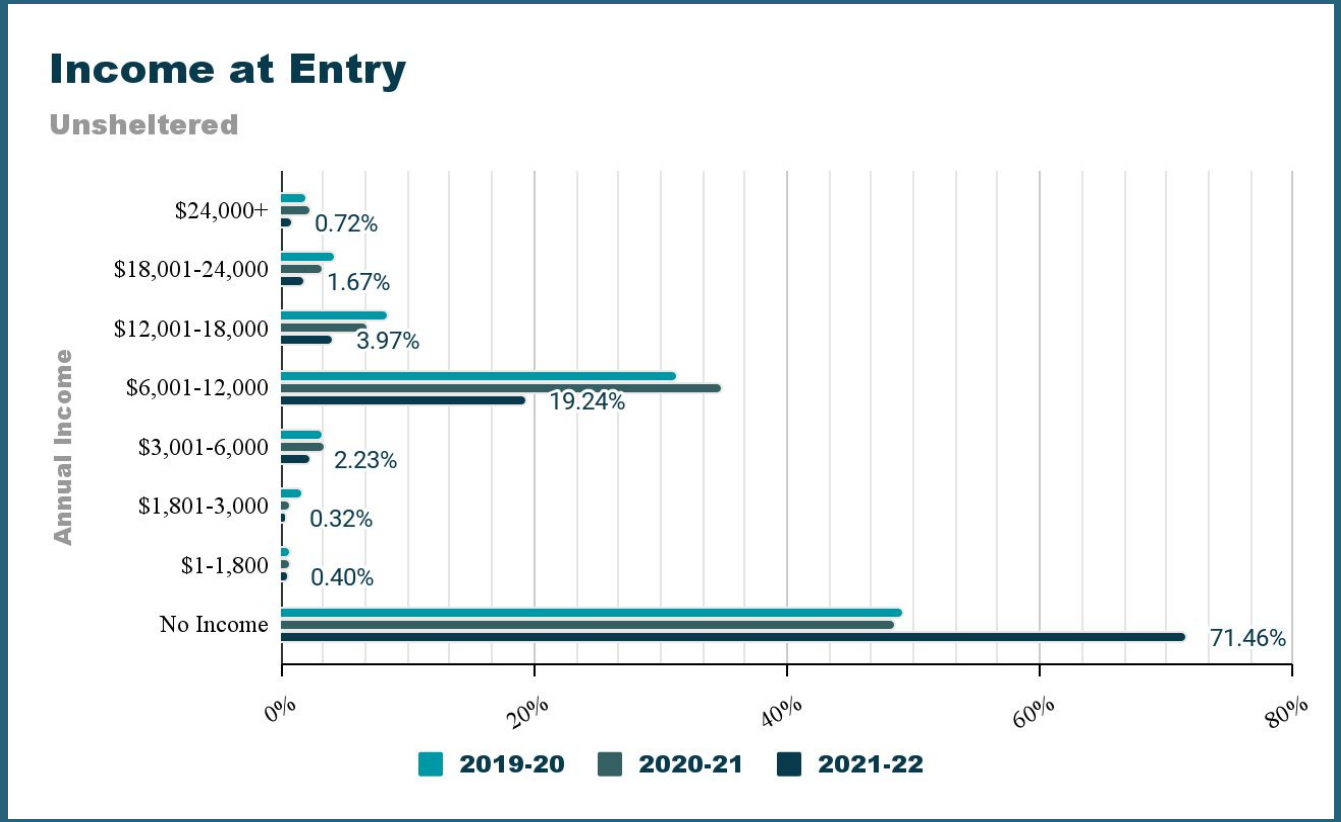
26.83%

earned approximately

$6,001-12,000

Source: Annual Counts in HMIS (CAPER, ES, TH), State Fiscal Years 19/20, 20/21, 21/22

Income at Entry - Unsheltered/Outdoors



Last year,

71.46%

of households earned

$0

19.24%

earned approximately

$6,001-12,000

Source: Annual Counts in HMIS (CAPER, SO), State Fiscal Years 19/20, 20/21, 21/22

$200.00

A typical monthly rent a Rhode Islander experiencing homelessness could afford…

Note: *Assuming annual gross income of $8,000, spending 30% of income on rent*

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Current Trends

January 2022 Point in Time Count

992 persons living in "Emergency Shelter" (+14%)

146 persons living in "Transitional Housing" (-32.7%)

248 persons living "Outdoors or in Cars" (+37%)

Total of ***1,386 persons*** experienced homelessness on January 26th, 2022 (+9%)

Note: *Percent shows change from 2021 Point in Time (PIT) Count.*

Source: Rhode Island/HUD PIT Reports 2021 & 2022, Data includes Domestic Violence Shelters and other non HMIS participating sites.

Homelessness Now

834 Persons served in "Emergency Shelter" or "Transitional Housing"

\+ **504 Persons** Living "Outdoors or in Cars"

1338 Total Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Source: Source: Rhode Island Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) *Count CLS (Current Living Situation)* Report (Pulled 11/7 for last 14 days) and *Count of Rhode Islanders Experiencing Literal Homelessness Right Now* report (pulled 11/7)

Data does NOT include Domestic Violence (DV) Shelters and other non HMIS participating sites. *Any significant variation from PIT numbers is result of lack of DV data in HMIS, due to federal law.*

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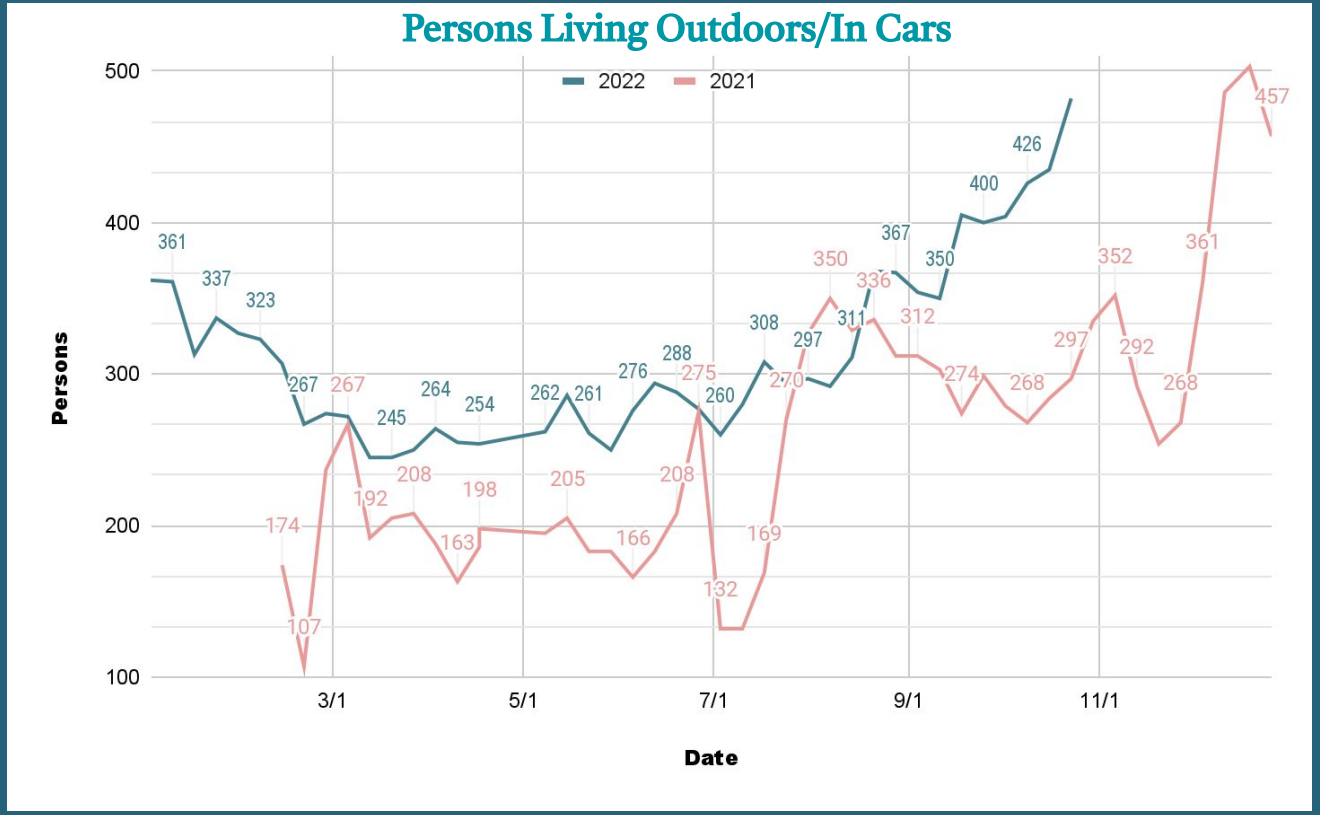
Why Has Unsheltered Homelessness Increased I



We can only account for people who have come in contact with the homeless system. Street Outreach staff report seeing even more people who are outside, but aren't connecting with the system.

Source: CES Data in HMIS, based on Current Living Situation, each number is sum is total for last 14 days

Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Help Center

Answer calls *365 days a year*

Monday – Friday: *9AM – 7PM*

Weekends & Holidays: *2PM – 7PM*

Clients can call *401-277-4316* to be put in touch with available services.

System Front Door

Average Monthly

4,733 calls

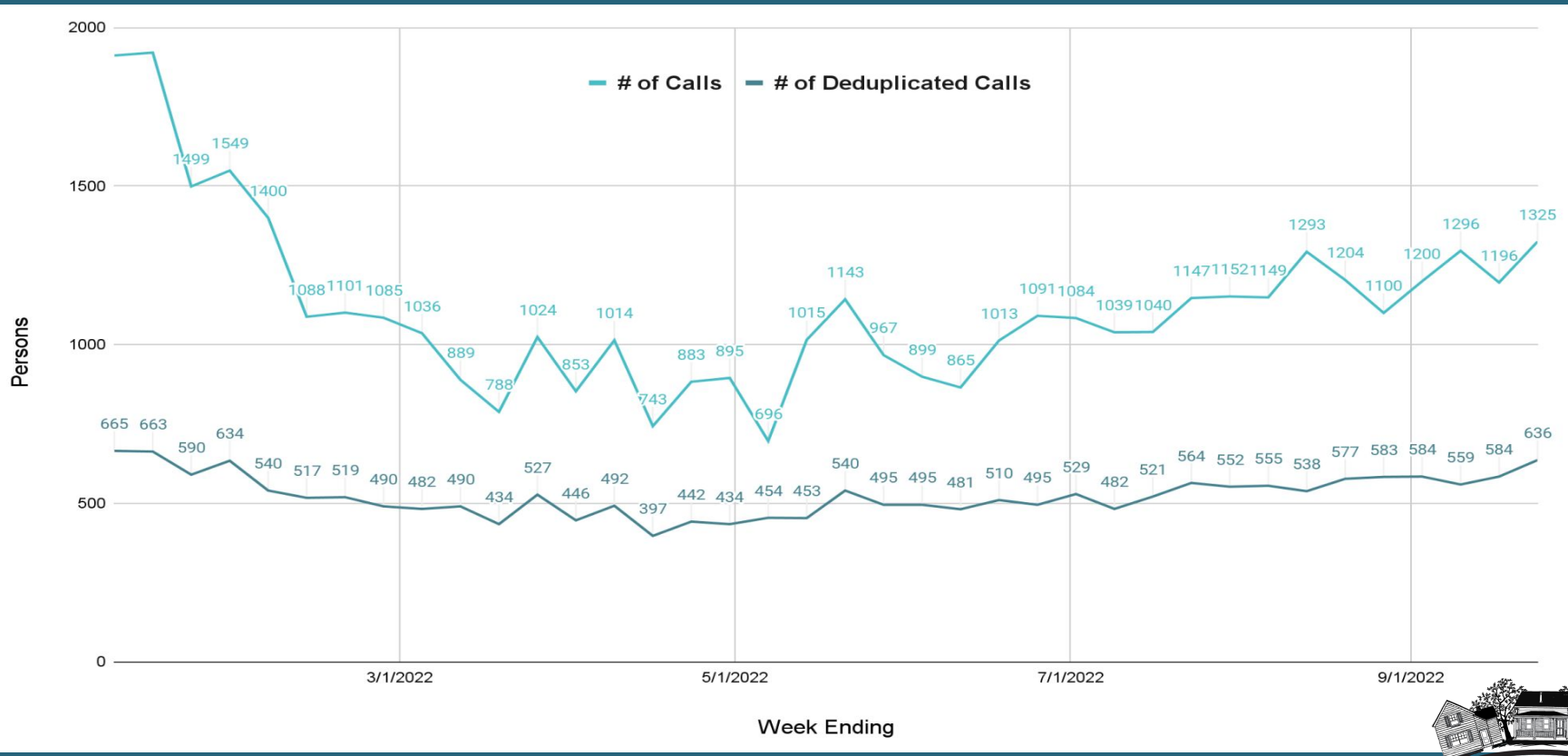
Highest Month

January - 8,281 calls

Lowest Month

April - 3,535 calls

All CES Helpline Calls Seeking Shelter Over Time



Source: *Five9 Call Reports from 1/1/2022 - Present*

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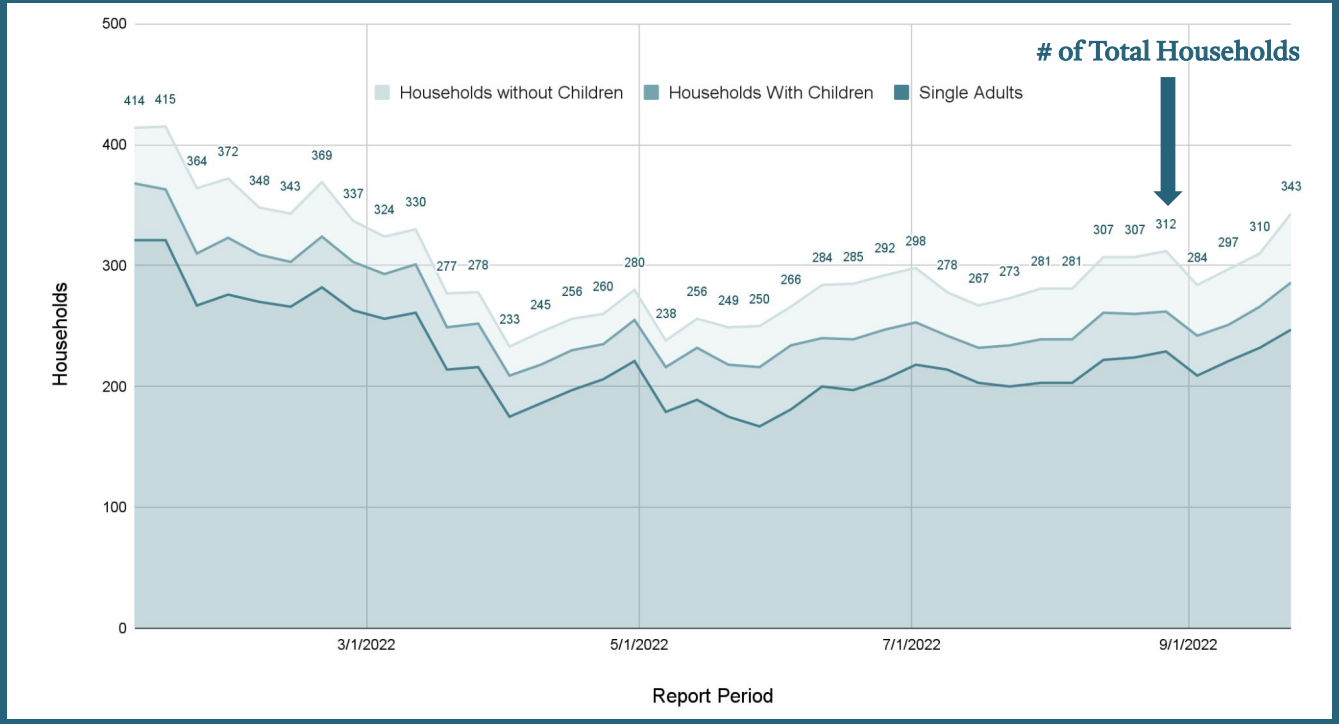
Just Unsheltered Households Waiting for Shelter…



As of *last week*, there were:

- 63 Families w/ Children…
- 57 Adult only Families…
- 272 Single Adults…

All *living outdoors* and waiting for shelter/emergency housing.

Source: *CES Data in HMIS, based on Current Living Situation and Contact Seeking Shelter*

All Persons Waiting for Shelter

449 individuals

(66%)

Single Adults

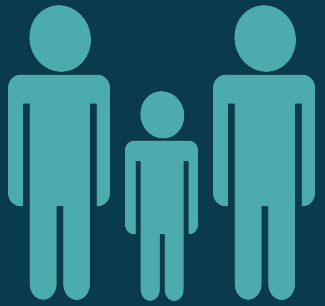
59 Households

(9%)

Households Without Children

173 Households

(25%)



Households With Children

766 Adults **+ 335** Children = **1101** Total Individuals

Source: *CES Data in HMIS, On Shelter Queue (pulled 8/11/22 - point in time)*

Note includes persons who are unsheltered and residing in other settings (e.g. doubled up).

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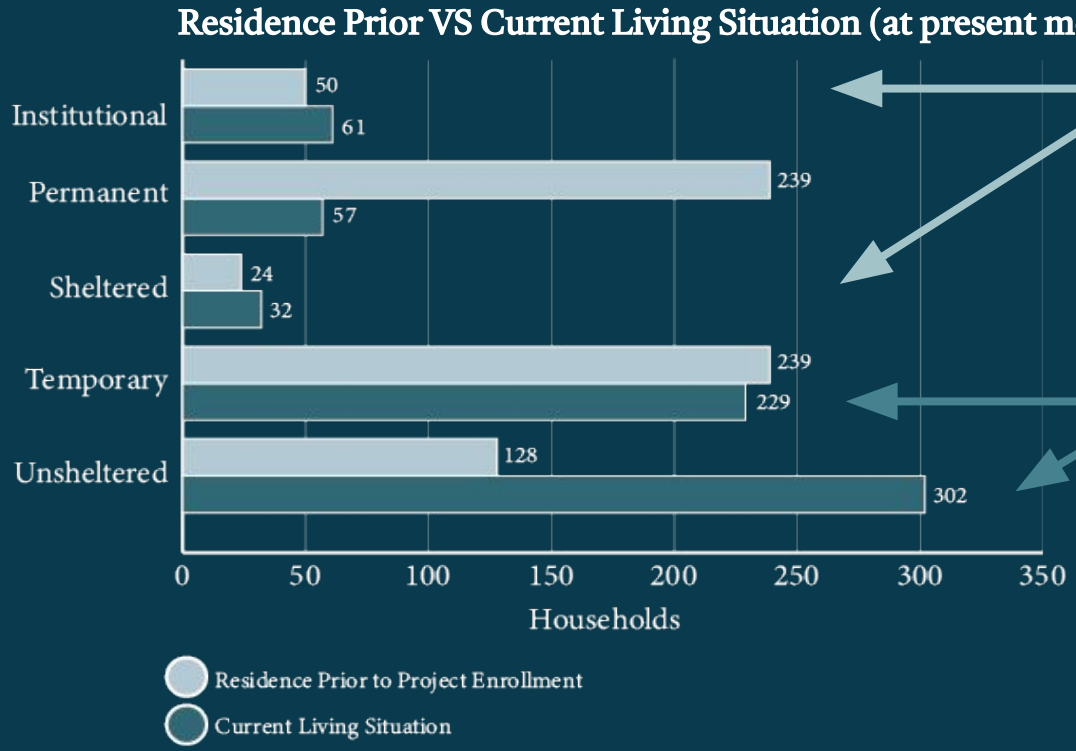
All Households Waiting for Shelter



Previously most households report having a Permanent or Temporary Residence.

Recent trends in recorded Current Living Situations indicate most households are unsheltered or staying in a temporary situation.

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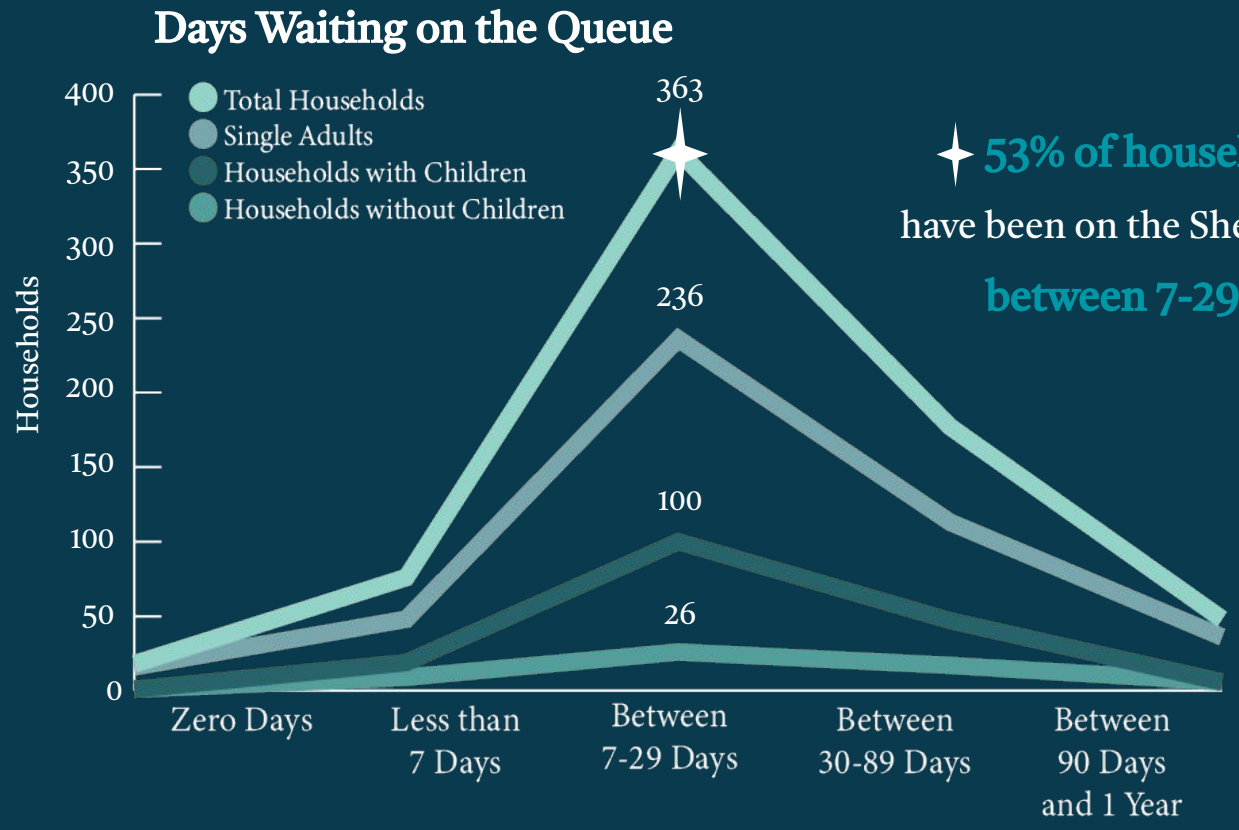


53% of households

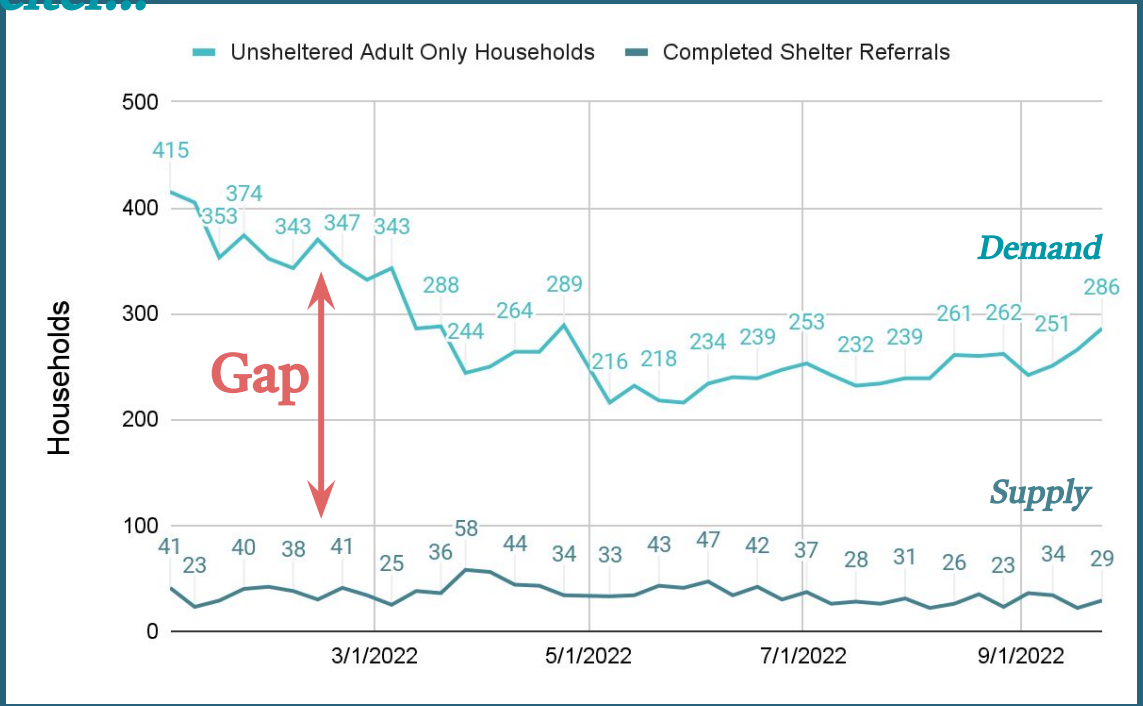
have been on the Shelter Queue

between 7-29 Days

Source: CES Data in HMIS, On Shelter Queue (pulled 8/11/22 - point in time)

Emergency Response Supply Vs. Demand

Single Adults/Couples Seeking Shelter…



Unsheltered Adult Only Households

On average we have a **deficit of 137 of emergency housing units** (shelter, hotel room, etc.) each month to meet demand of just those residing outdoors.

Source: *CES Data in HMIS, based on Unsheltered Current Living Situation on Queue (Unsheltered Households) and Completed Shelter Referrals*

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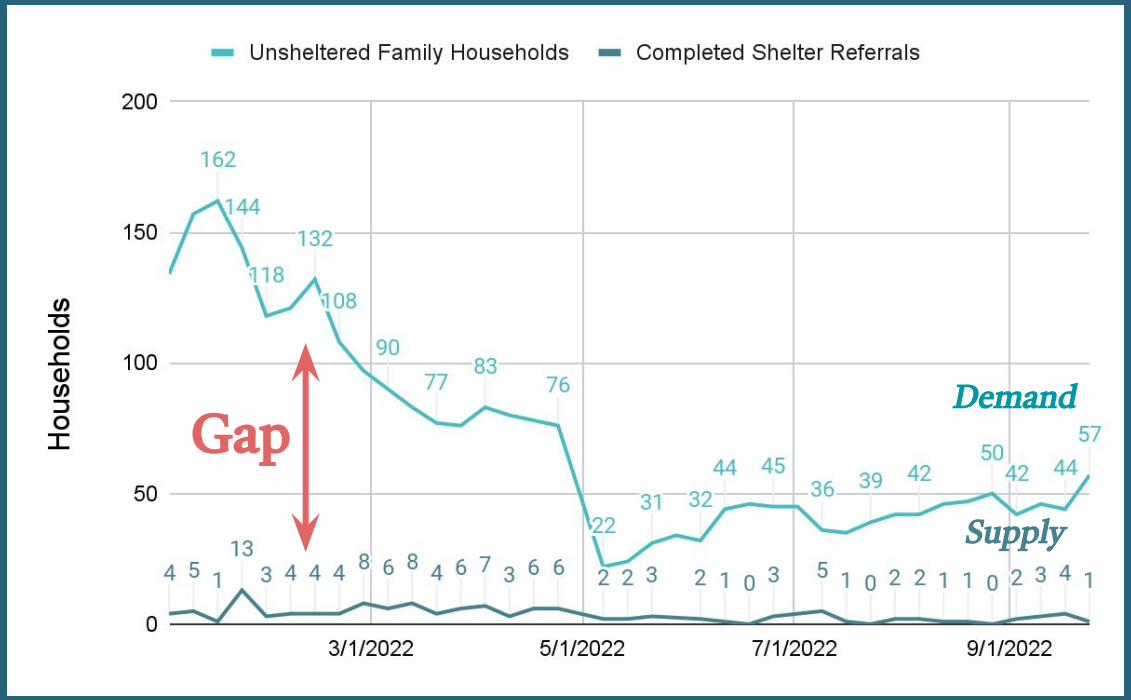
Families Seeking Shelter...



Unsheltered Households With Children

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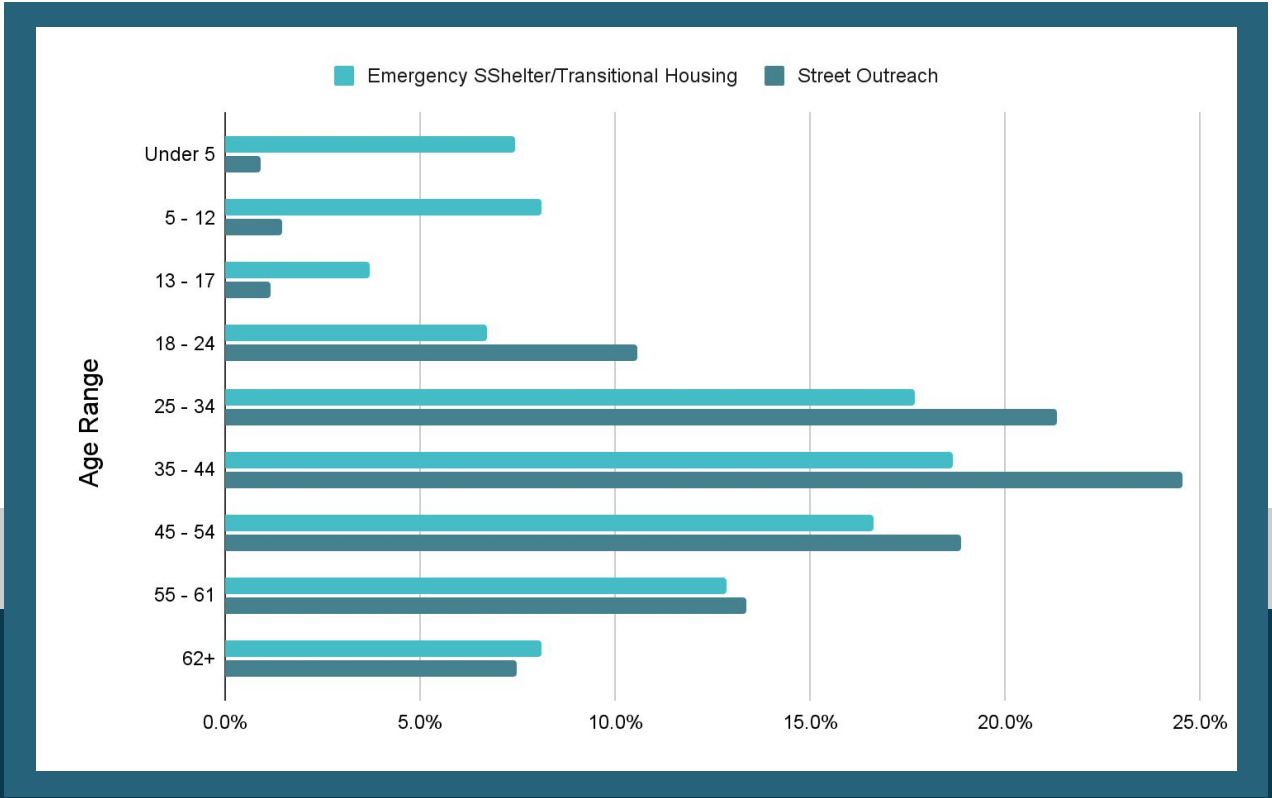
Demographics

Who Experiences Homelessness in Rhode Island

Age...



Few cities or counties consistently report the age of people who died while homeless, but those that have, placed the average age between **45-55 years of age**, while the national average is 79 years of age.

Source: HMIS, HUD CAPER Report for ES, TH, and SO 7/1/21 - 6/30/22 & NHCHC Homeless Mortality Tool kit

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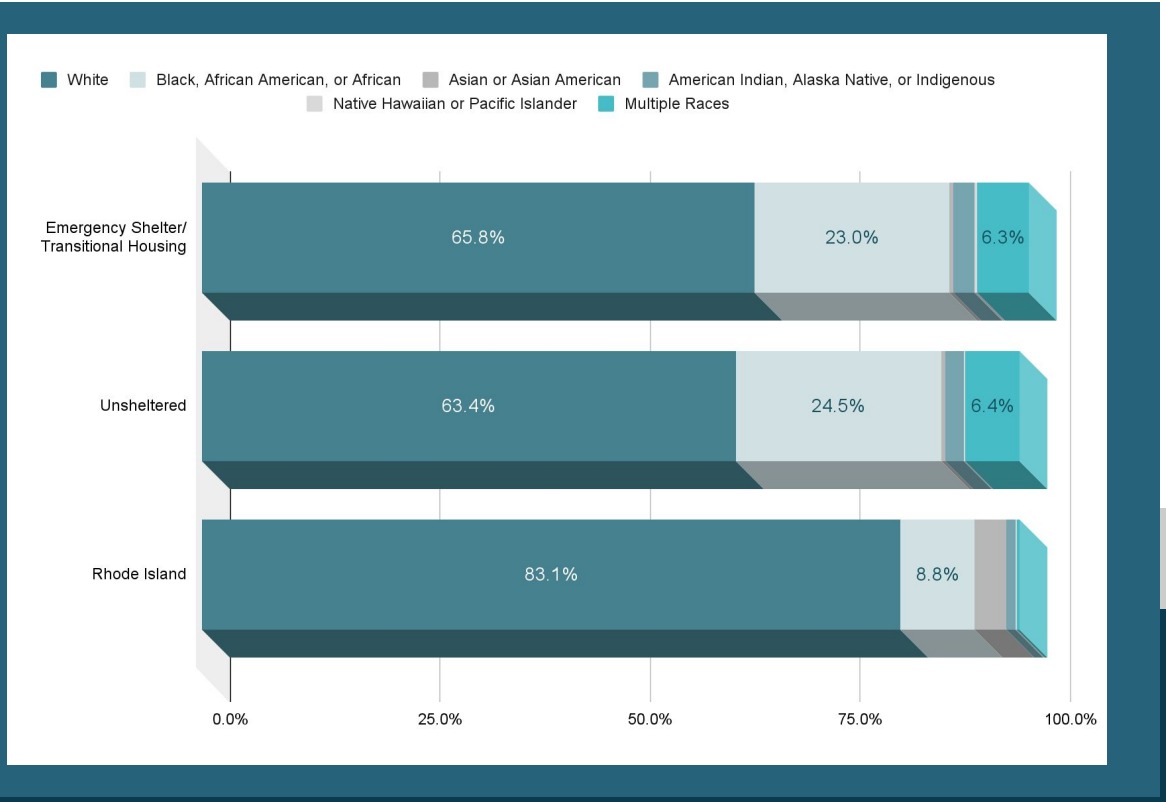
Race Single Adults/Couples by S



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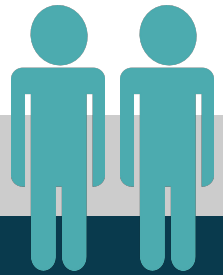

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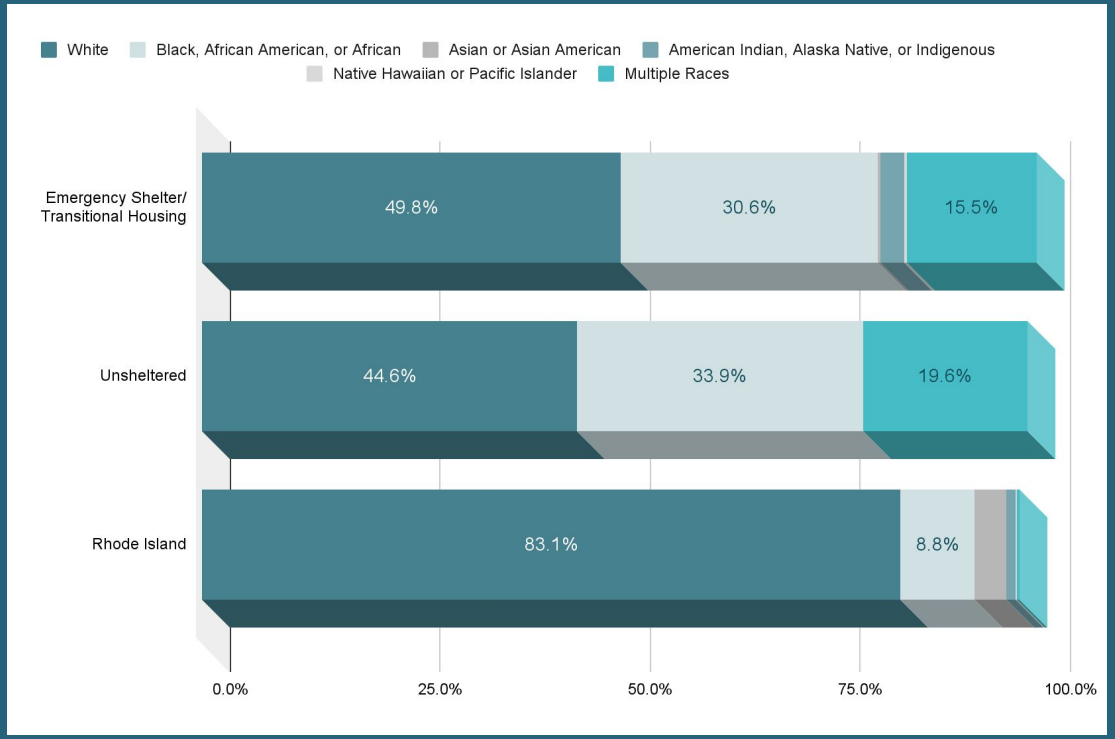
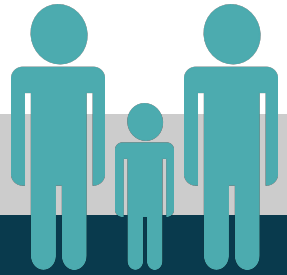
Race Families by Setting...



Although **black persons** make up only **8.8%** of the state, they represent **30.6%** of the Families living in Emergency Shelter/ Transitional Housing.



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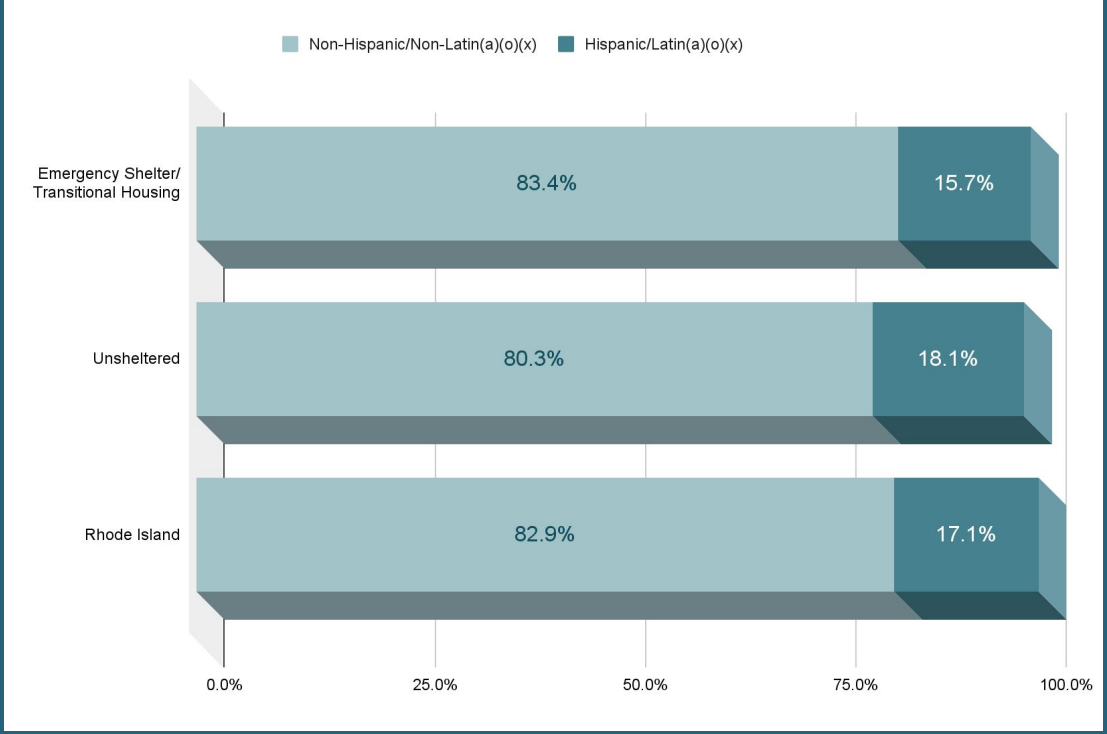
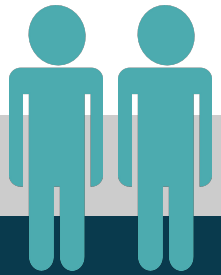
Ethnicity Single Adults/Couples by Setting…



Ethnicity within Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Street Outreach Adults ***are Proportional*** to the breakdown of Rhode Islander's ethnicities



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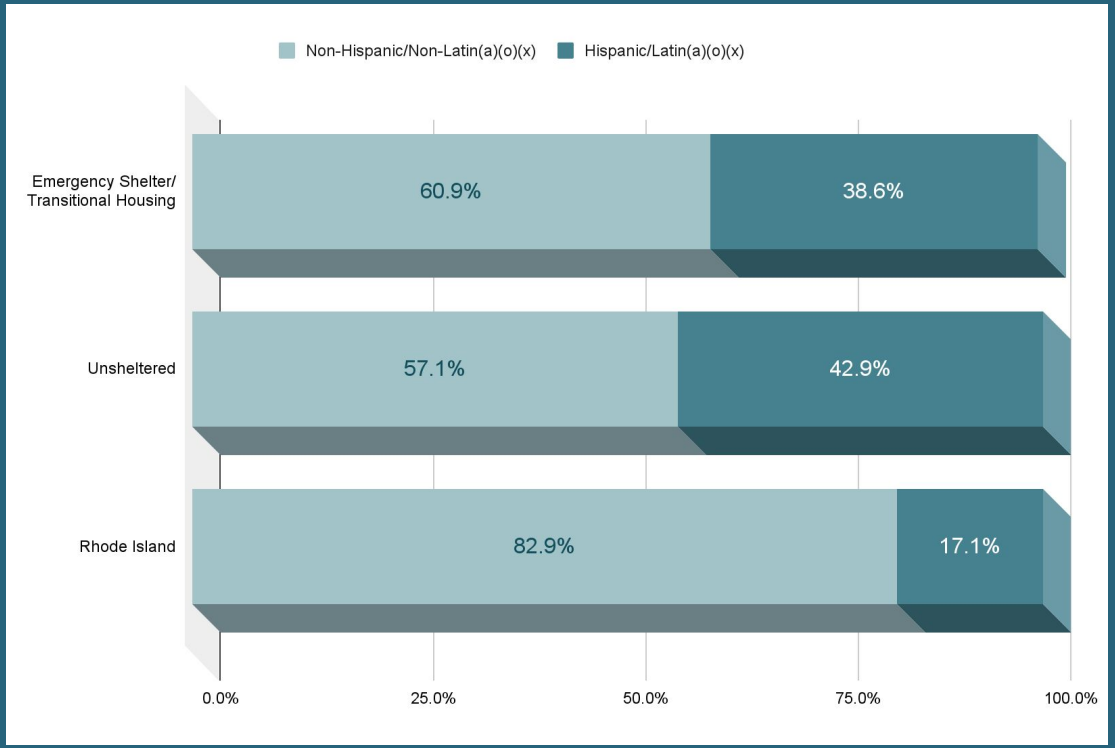
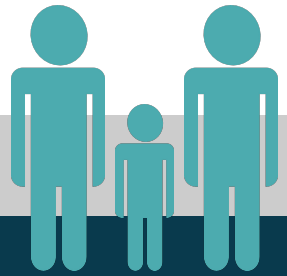


Although **Hispanic or Latinx** make up only **17.1%** of the state, they represent **38.6%** of the families living in Emergency Shelter/ Transitional Housing.



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Some GOOD *news to end with...*

In 2022, our community has…

Major wins!

- ➔ **$221 million** for housing in State's 2023 budget, including **$35 million** for efforts to prevent and end homelessness!
- ➔ Creation of first ever **Department of Housing** within state government!
- ➔ Development of plan to End Youth Homelessness!

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How we address this crisis?

We need the State of Rhode Island to:

- ➔ Develop flexible resources to **prevent and divert homelessness**.
- ➔ Increase the supply of **crisis housing and shelter,** including innovative models.
- ➔ Dramatically increase the supply of **affordable housing for very low income households**, including **permanent supportive housing**.
- ➔ Continue building a **robust Department of Housing** and reconvene the **Interagency Council of Homelessness**.
- ➔ Treat **housing as healthcare** to bridge the gap between health and housing stability.

How we address this crisis?

We need the Federal Government to:

- ➔ Expand **Housing Choice Vouchers** to an entitlement program (so all who are eligible can receive it)
- ➔ Increase HUD funding for Homeless Assistance Grants
- ➔ **Continue and expand regulatory waivers**, making programs more effective and nimble

How we address this crisis?

We need YOU to:

- ➔ Get involved:
  - Serve on your local planning committee
  - Volunteer
  - Host an event to raise funds
  - Treat our neighbors experiencing homelessness with compassion
  - Talk about the need for affordable housing with your friends, neighbors, and children,
  - Vote
- ➔ Lead with compassion and hope. Rhode Islanders don't choose to be homeless, there isn't enough housing that people can afford.
- ➔ Say ***Yes in My Backyard*** instead of ***Not in My Backyard***.

Thank You for your commitment to Ending Homelessness!!