

Santa Barbara County Homelessness Action Plan Stakeholder Input Sessions

Community Meetings

October 28-30 2019



Welcome!

- **Welcome**
- **Introductions**
 - The Homeless Assistance Team
 - The Continuum of Care (CoC)



County of Santa Barbara

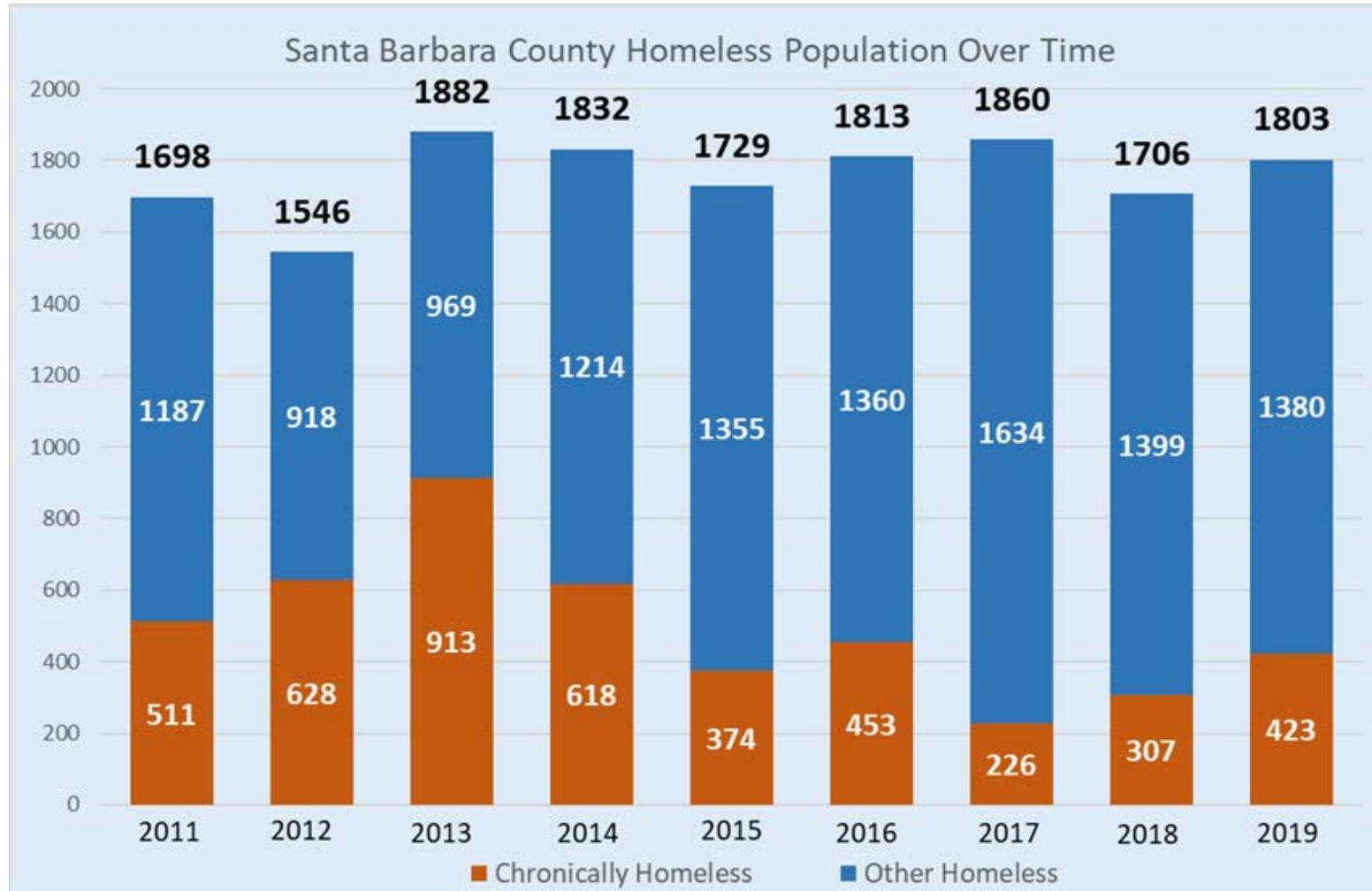
Community Services Department, Housing & Community Development Division

Homelessness in Lompoc



2019 Point in Time Count

Countywide Homeless Population



2019 Point in Time Count Map



Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Building a More Complete Crisis Response
System Together

Total Projected HEAP Outcomes

1364 Persons

289 Permanent Housing Placements

Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Lompoc Area Awards

Good Samaritan Shelter - \$850,000

HEAP All County Awards

Home for Good - \$550,000

United Way Northern Santa Barbara County

Domestic Violence Solutions - \$386,000

PATH - \$380,000



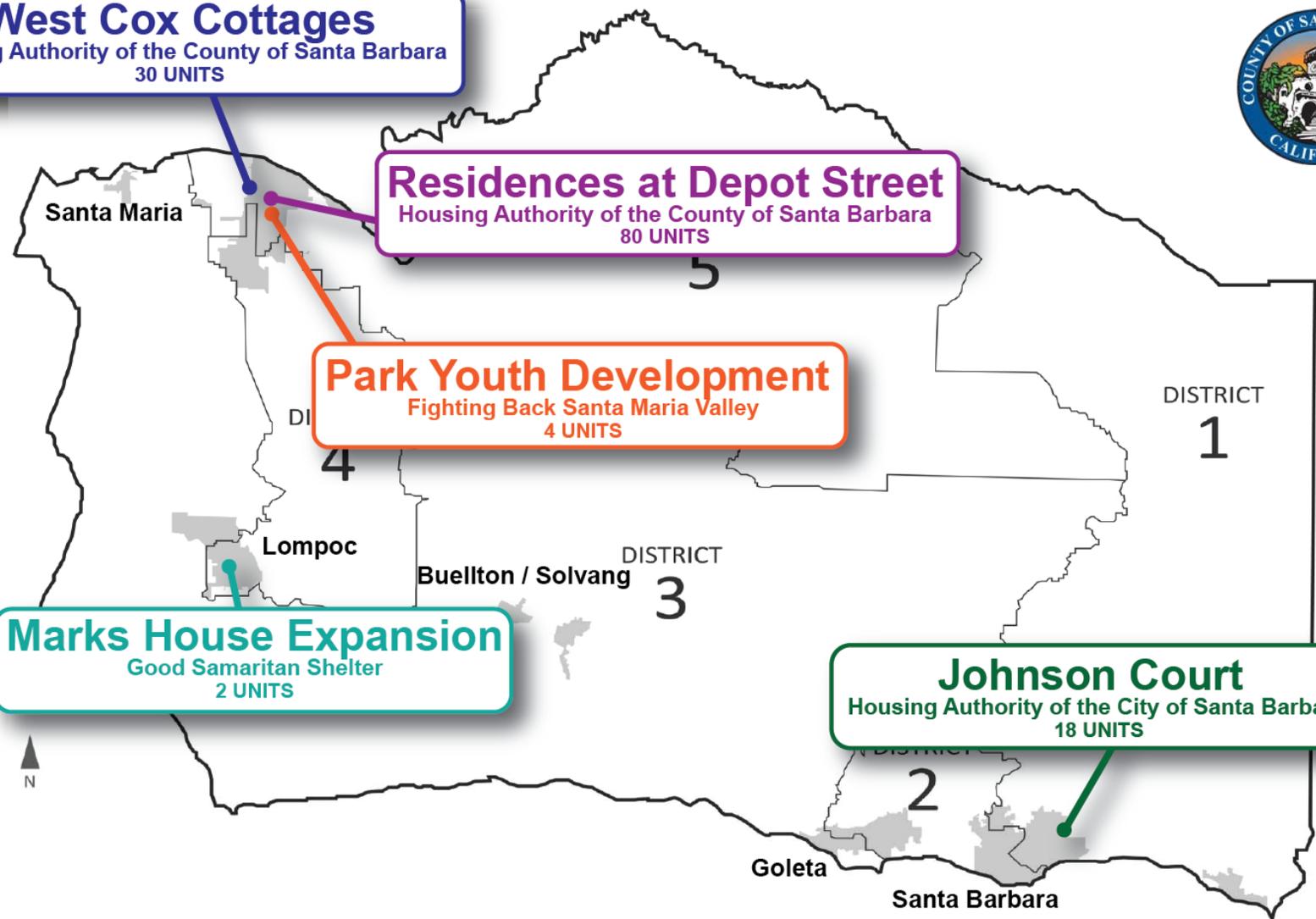
West Cox Cottages
Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara
30 UNITS

Residences at Depot Street
Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara
80 UNITS

Park Youth Development
Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley
4 UNITS

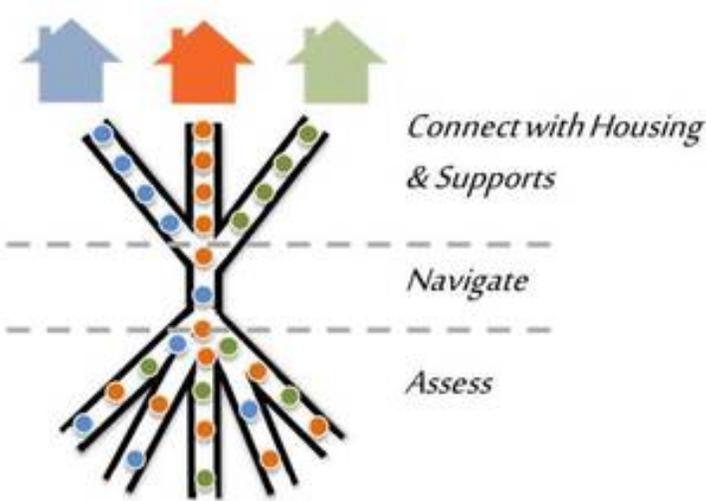
Marks House Expansion
Good Samaritan Shelter
2 UNITS

Johnson Court
Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara
18 UNITS

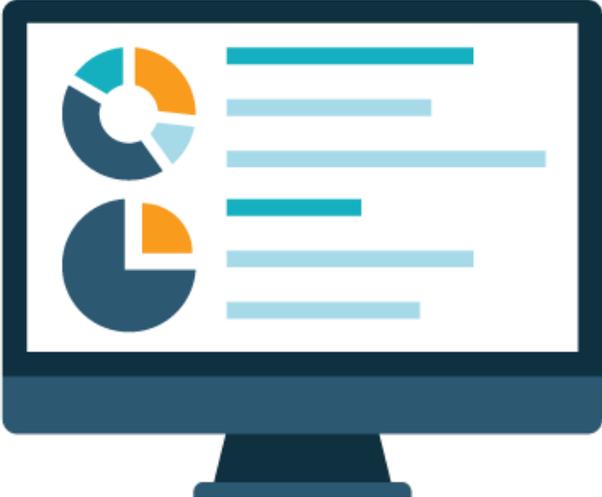


Data Collection Sources

Coordinated Entry System



Homeless Management Information System





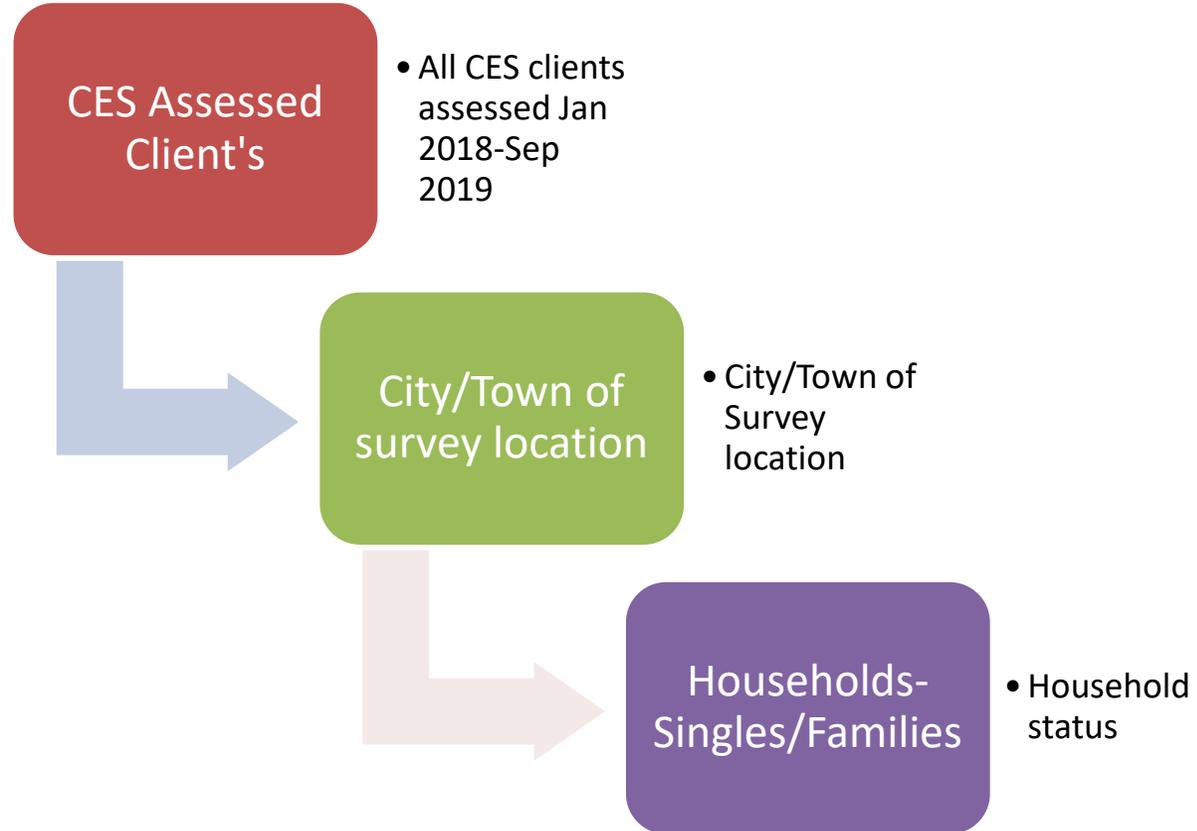
*The Coordinated Entry System is a, no-wrong door, countywide system that **engages and connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness to the optimal resources** for their needs. We believe that everyone deserves a safe place to call home for good.*

The partners listed are the local Coordinated Entry System.

**Agencies in bold complete assessments with persons experiencing homelessness*

*AmeriCorps Partnership
Carp Connect
City Net
City of Santa Barbara
Cottage Hospital
Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley
Freedom Warming Centers
Good Samaritan Shelter
Housing Authority County of Santa Barbara
Housing Authority of City of Santa Barbara
Isla Vista Community Service District
Mental Wellness Center
New Beginnings Counseling Center
PATH –Santa Barbara
PathPoint
Salvation Army Transition & Recovery Center
Sanctuary Psychiatric Centers
Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation
Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness
Santa Barbara County Probation
Santa Barbara County Public Defender
Santa Barbara County Public Health
Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department
Santa Barbara County Social Services
Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People
Showers of Blessing
United Way Home for Good Santa Barbara County
WillBridge of Santa Barbara
Youth and Family Services – Channel Island YMCA*

Overview of Assessed Clients



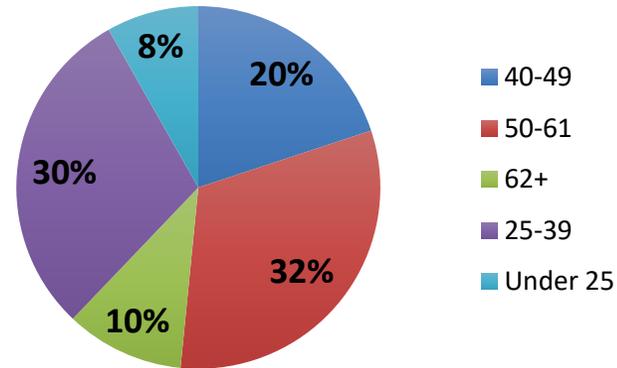
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INDIVIDUALS

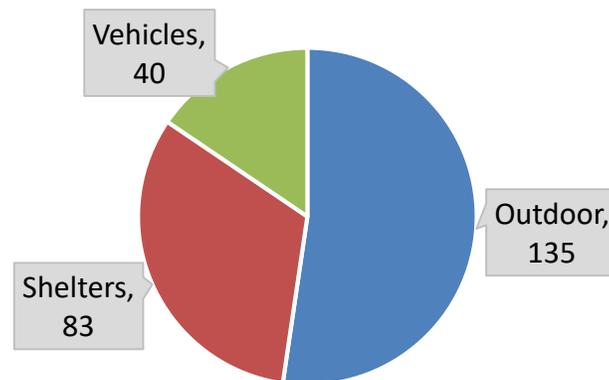


Demographics from CES/HMIS

Age Distribution



Sleeping Location



258 clients assessed by CES

45 years

Average age

36 months

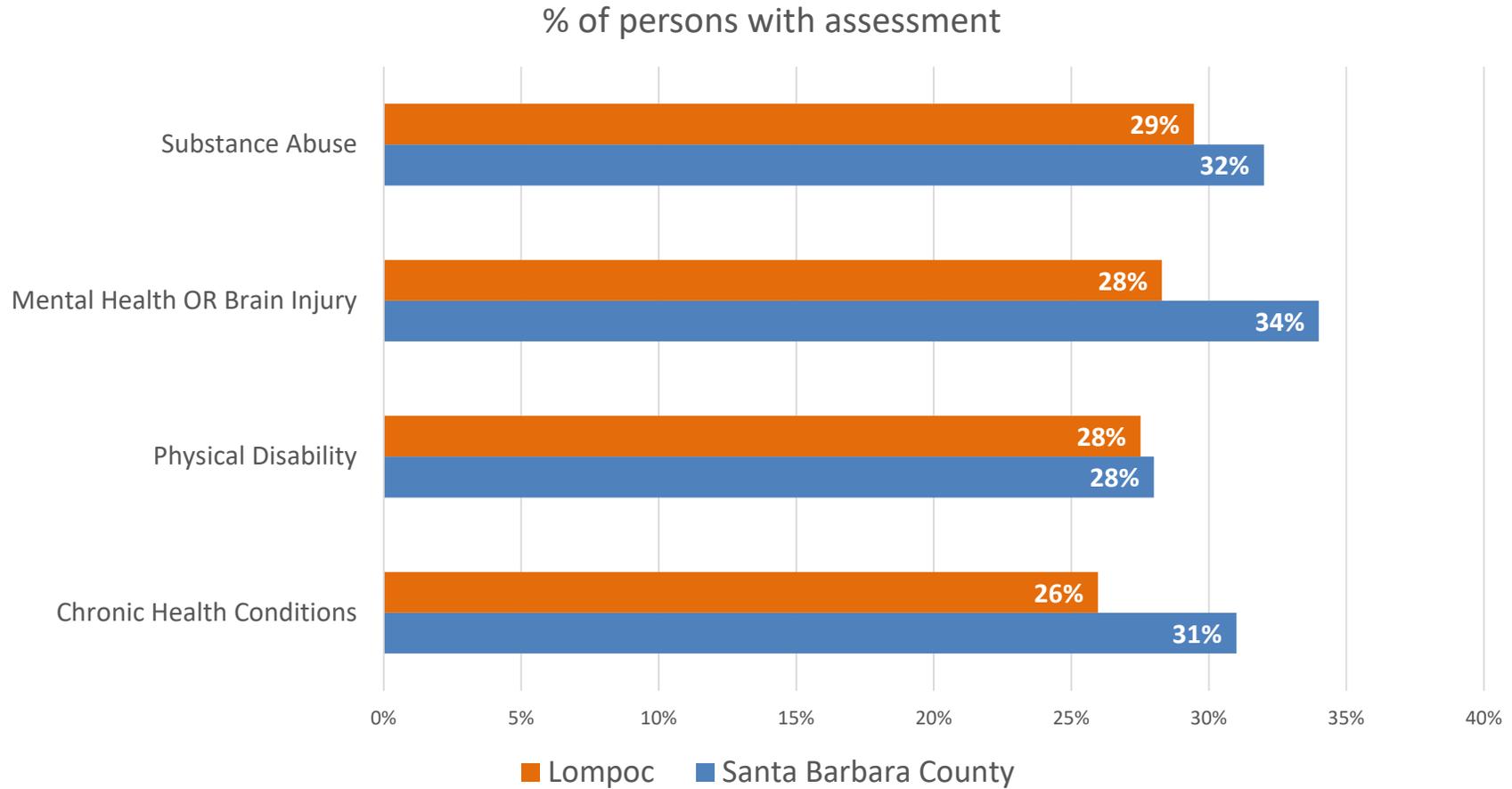
Average Length of Time Homeless

33 Veterans

61% state that emotional, physical or sexual trauma caused their **current** episode of homelessness

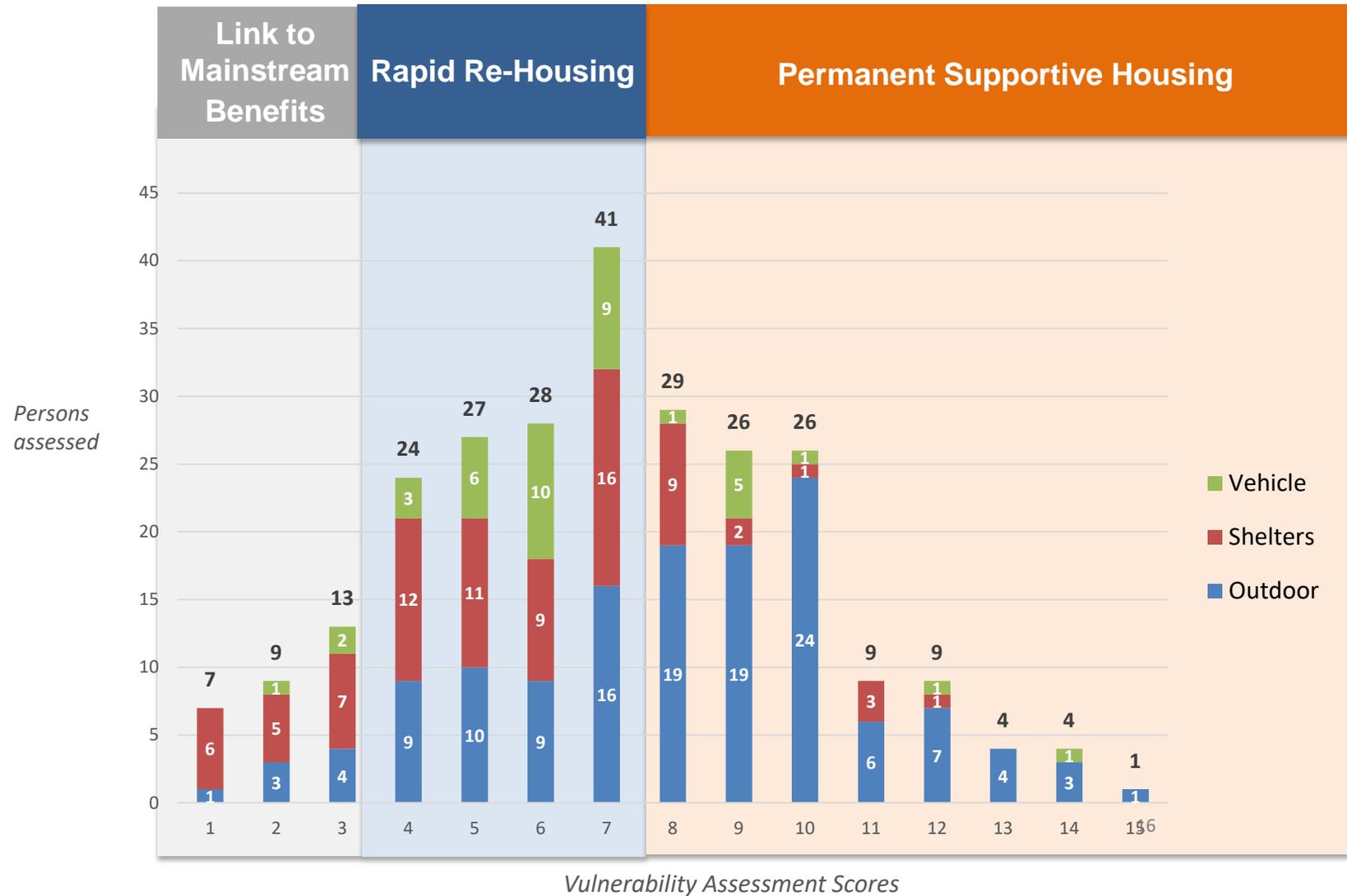
52% experiencing chronic homelessness

Disabling Conditions



Lompoc Individuals

Housing Intervention Needs



Current Status: 48 Individuals have been Housed

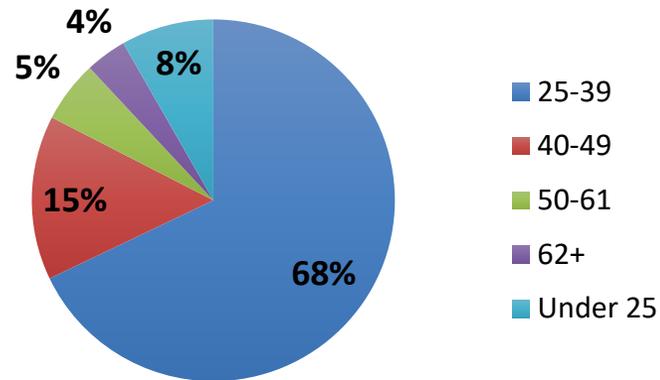
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FAMILIES

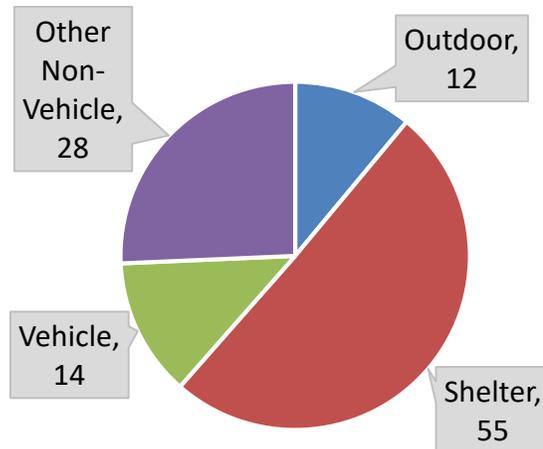


Demographics from CES/HMIS

Age Distribution



Sleeping Location



109 families total assessed by CES

35 years

Average age

18 months

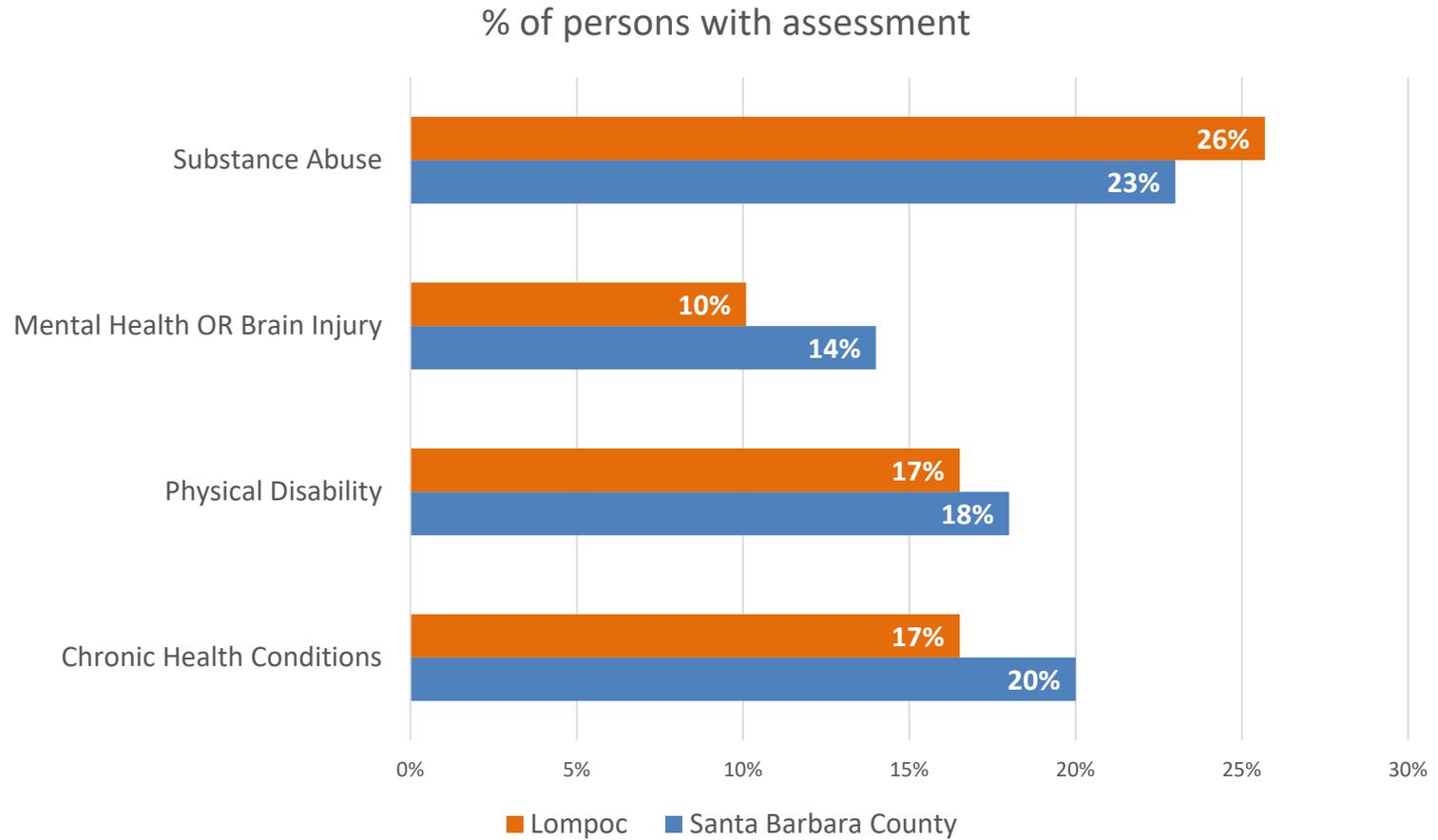
Average Length of Time Homeless

9 Veteran Head of households

68% state that emotional, physical or sexual trauma caused their **current** episode of homelessness

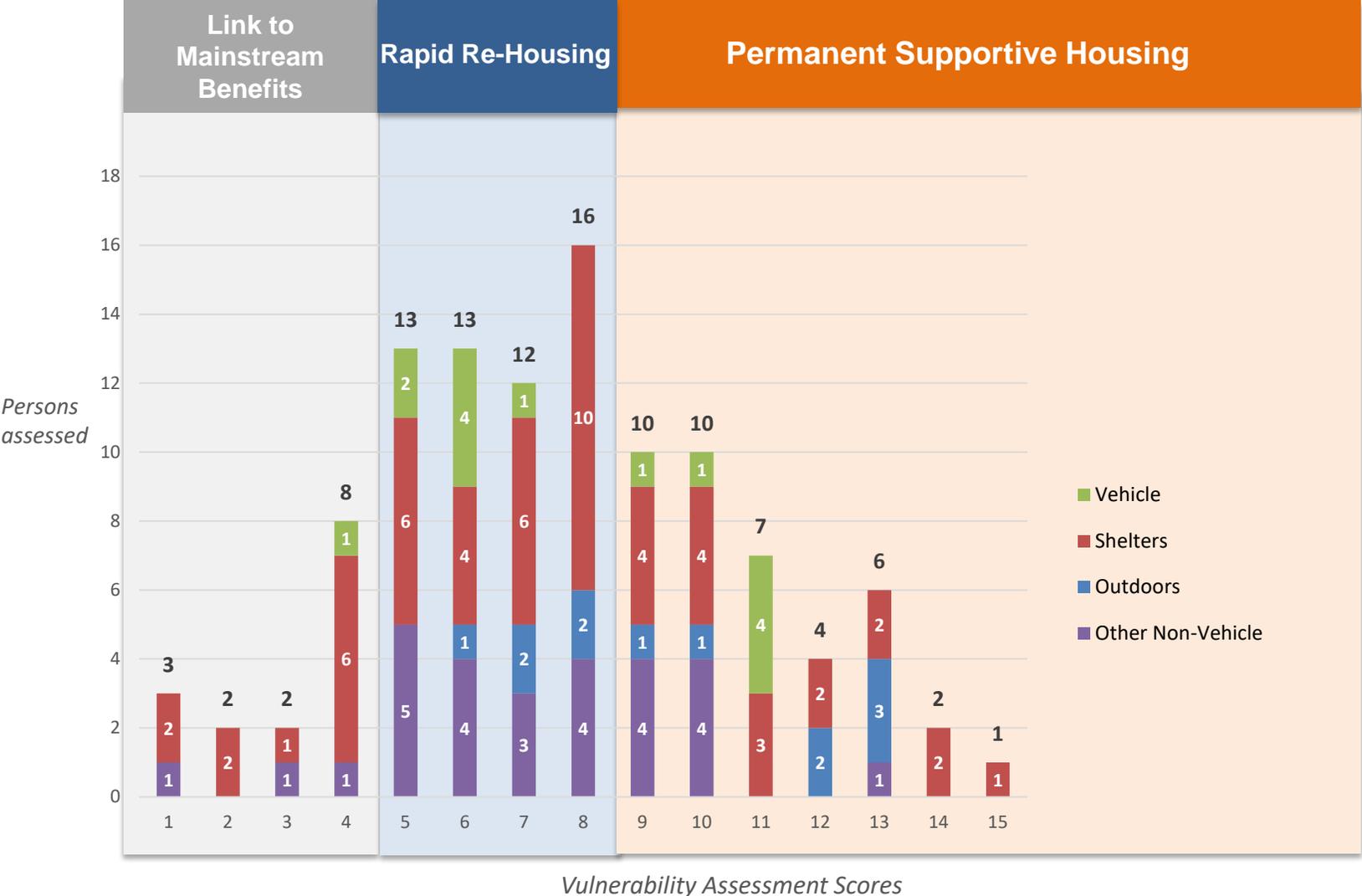
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Lompoc Families

Housing Intervention Needs

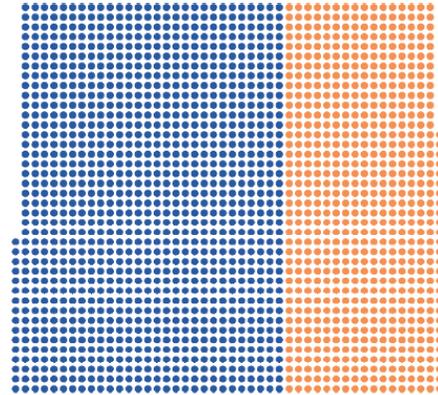


Current Status: 47 families have been Housed



TOTAL COUNT OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

1,803
TOTAL



63% UNSHELTERED (N=1,133) 37% SHELTERED (N=670)



FIRST TIME HOMELESS

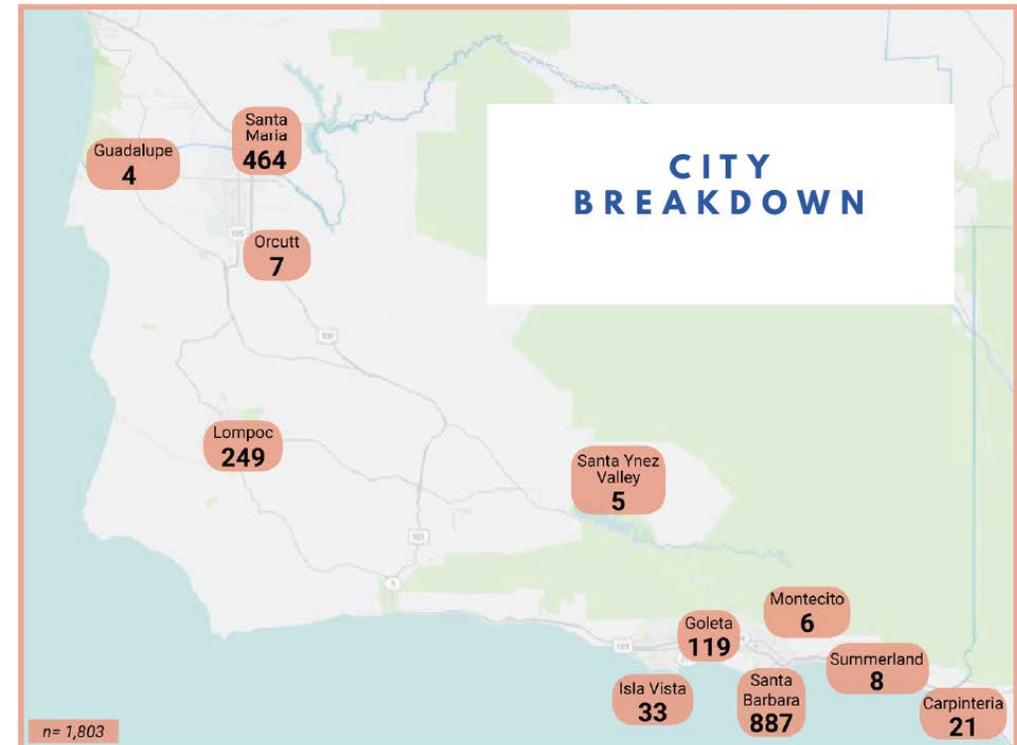
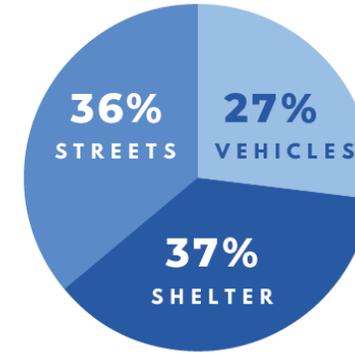
N = 818

49% YES

50% NO

1% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

SLEEPING LOCATION ON NIGHT OF COUNT



Who is Experiencing Homelessness in Our Community?

What is
Happening
Now?

Quick overview of current homeless programs and activities



Phase II Planning

Introductions: LeSar Development Consultants



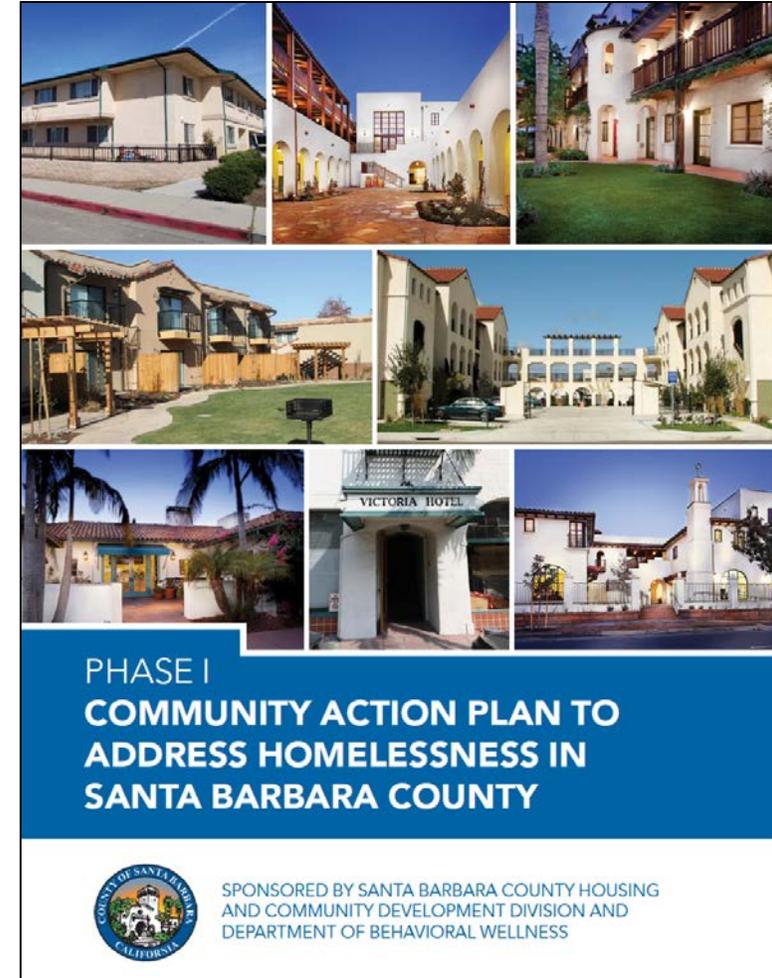
Purpose of Meeting and Importance of Regional Solutions

- Review Phase 1 Plan and update
- Purpose of Phase 2 Plan and process
- Gather feedback and input on Phase 2 priorities, strategies, and goals



Review of Phase 1 Plan

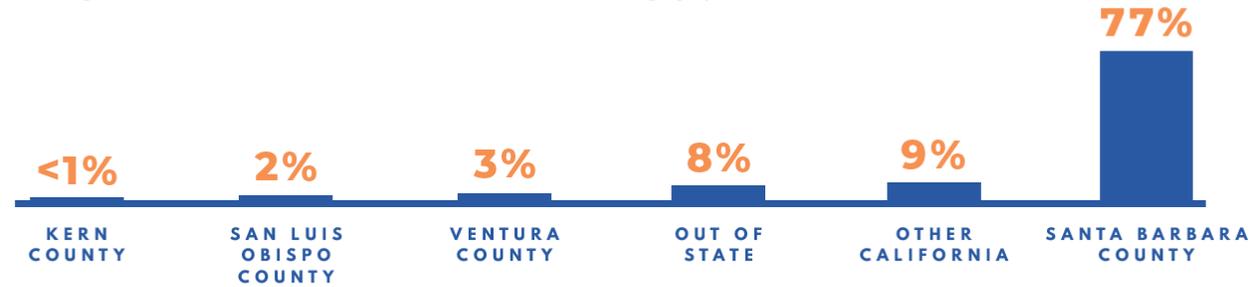
- Data on individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Overview of the current services system
- Description of barriers and challenges
- Strategies and actions to address unmet needs
- Next steps including creation of Phase 2 plan



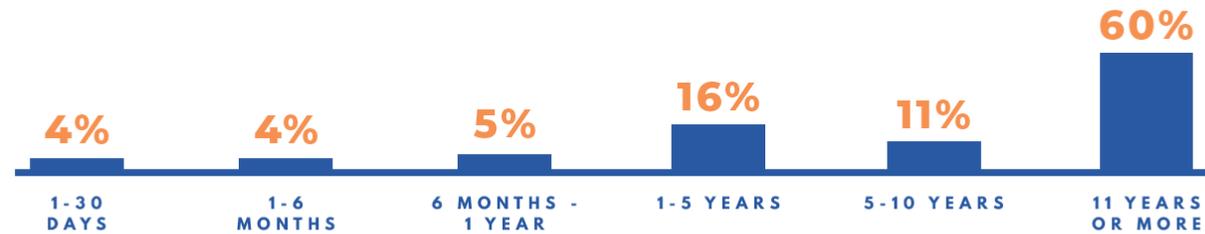


Extent of Homelessness in County

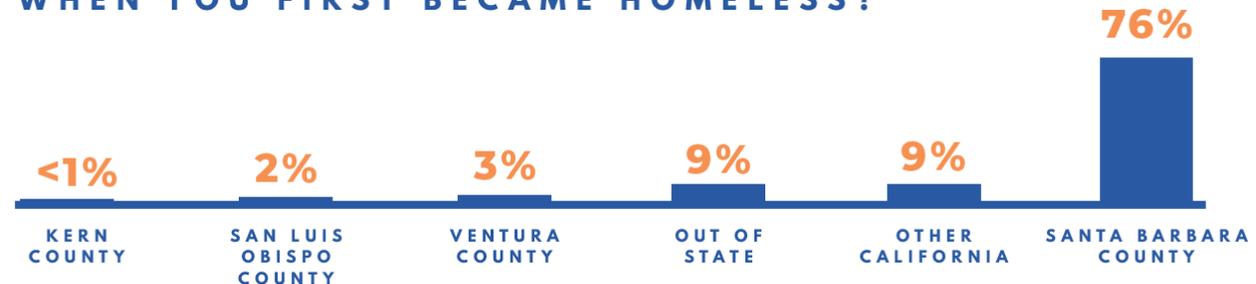
LOCALISM: WHERE WAS YOUR MOST RECENT PERMANENT ADDRESS?



LOCALISM: HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY?



LOCALISM: WHERE WERE YOU LIVING WHEN YOU FIRST BECAME HOMELESS?

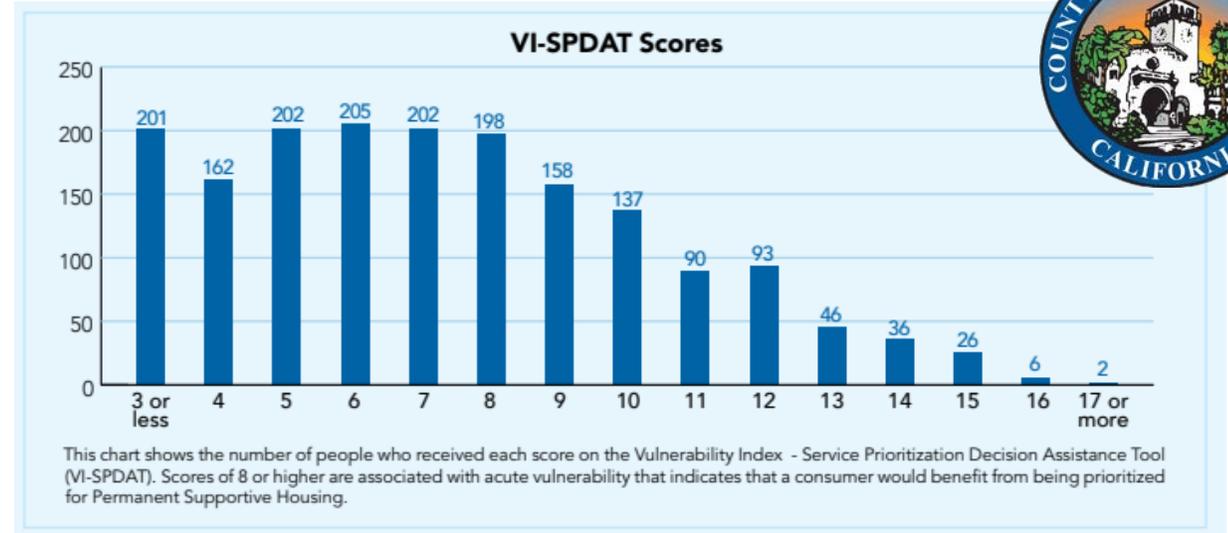




Data, Gaps, and Needs

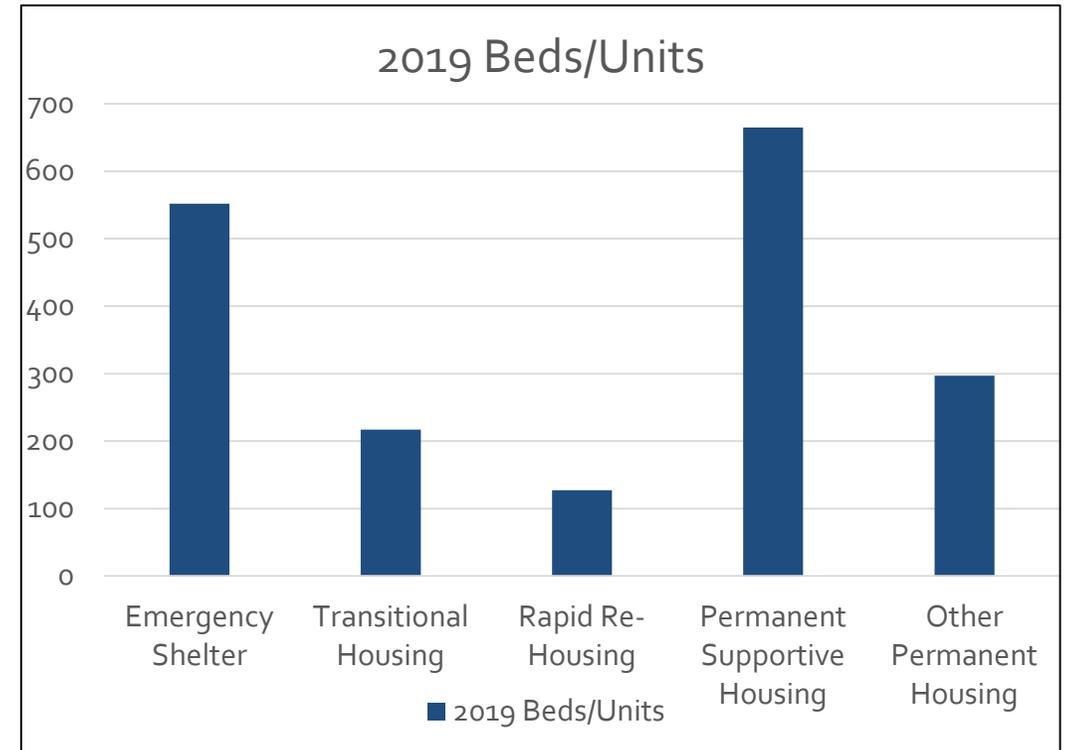
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Assessment data through the Coordinated Entry System highlights how many people currently need assistance by intensity. Data is not reflective of all people experiencing homelessness.



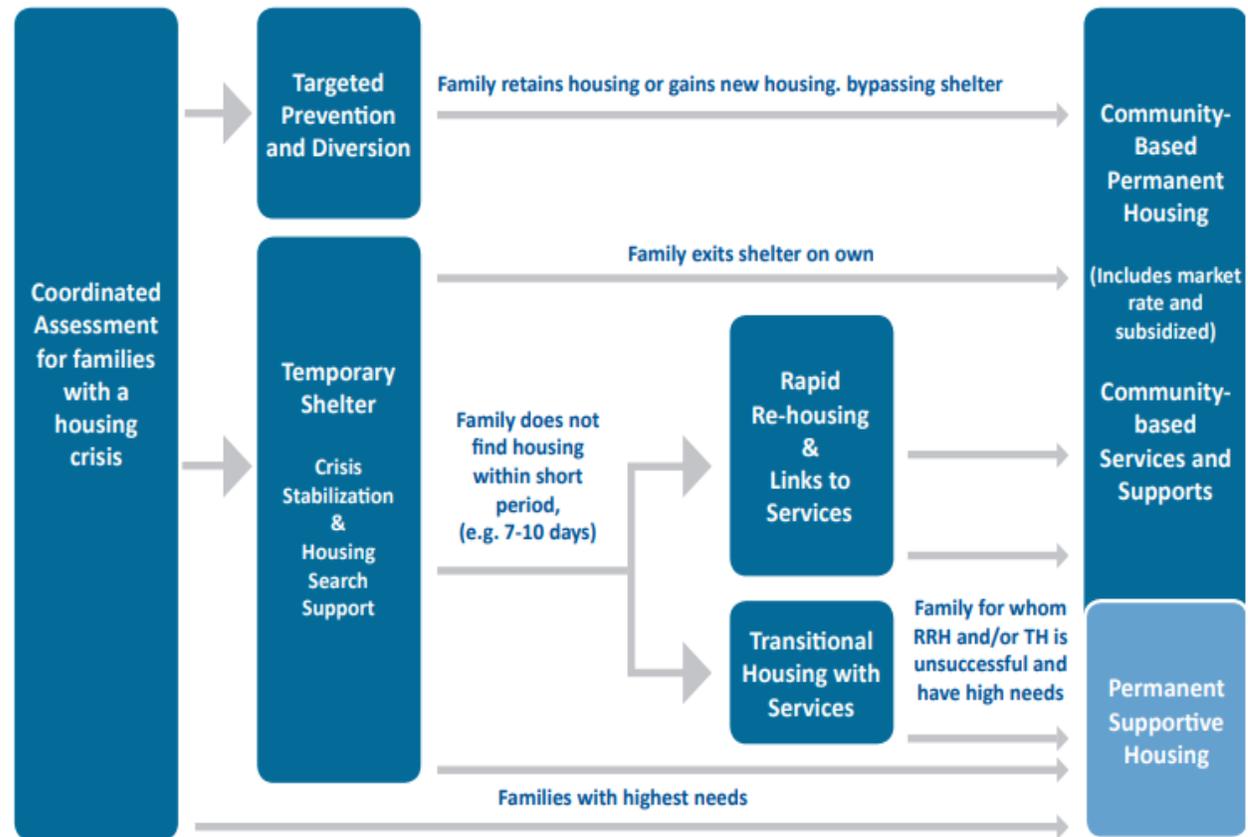
Resources

Important to note that most of the resources are at capacity, interventions such as RRH and PSH voucher need a physical unit in the community, regional differences in resources, and resources may be population specific.





Homeless Systems



- Homelessness is a crisis and we must respond as such
- Need to have a Housing Focused oriented response system
- Goal is to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring

Review of Phase 1 Plan Goals

- 1. Increase Access to Safe, Affordable Housing**
- 2. Use Best Practices to Deliver Tailored Supportive Services to Meet Individual Needs**
- 3. Build a Collective Action Plan; Improve Data Sharing**
- 4. Strengthen Support System Available to Help Residents Obtain and Maintain Housing**
- 5. Build Provider Capacity to Address the Needs to Specific Populations**



Phase 1 detail

- **Increase Access to Safe, Affordable Housing**
- Increase supply of affordable housing; Additional housing subsidies; Increase available funding for housing and services; Expand shelter system and create low-barrier options; Build partnerships with landlords and property managers.
- **Use Best Practices**
- Implement Housing First; Engage in Harm Reduction; Provide Trauma-Informed Care; Expand supportive services; Connect people to 'mainstream' services.
- **Build a Collective Action Plan; Improve Data Sharing**
- Craft a collective response; Improve data collection; Implement open HMIS; Improve data sharing with medical and behavioral health care providers.
- **Strengthen Support System Available to Help Residents Obtain and Maintain Housing**
- Improve prevention and diversion; Create flexible funding source administered through CES; Reach out to the hard-to-reach.
- **Build Provider Capacity to Address Needs of Specific Populations**
- Domestic Violence survivors; Families with children; Those living in vehicles; Veterans; Youth; Those with serious mental health needs; Children with serious emotional disturbance.



Phase 2 Regional Planning

1. Moving from planning to action
2. County has contracted with LeSar Development Consultants to assist in creating Phase 2 Plan
3. 3 day site visit to gather input from key groups and stakeholders
4. Develop an operational work plan with specific steps, responsible parties, and funding needed



Who else are we gathering input from?

- Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc
- Elected officials
- Service providers
- Law enforcement
- Faith-based communities
- People with lived experience
- Business community
- Public agencies
- Etc.



Time for
YOUR input!

Guided Discussion



Guiding Questions

- What do you believe are challenges for people with very low incomes to access housing?
- What are challenges for those experiencing homelessness?
- What has been successful?



Guiding Questions

- What role do you see a group like this playing in implementing a broad community plan to address homelessness?
- Whose voice is not represented today that you think should be represented?



Closing Remarks

1. Summary
2. Next Steps



Next steps

- Aggregate and summarize stakeholder input
- Cross-reference with current plan
- Identify opportunities for policy and program updates
- Set community goals



New State Funding Update



New State Funding: PLHA

- **Quick overview of Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Funding and Update**
 - Increase the supply of housing for households at or below 60% of area median income
 - Increase assistance to affordable owner-occupied workforce housing
 - Assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness
 - Facilitate housing affordability, particularly for lower- and moderate-income households
 - Promote projects and programs to meet the local government's unmet share of regional housing needs allocation
 - Ensure geographic equity in the distribution of the funds
- **Your input and questions**



New State Funding: HHAP

- **Quick overview of HHAP & Update**
 - One-time block grant established in 2019-20 Budget
 - Provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges
 - Funding available to continuums, cities and counties
 - Requires a demonstration how they have coordinated with other jurisdictions to identify their share of the regional need to address homelessness, and how the requested funds will help meet the jurisdiction's share of that need
 - Mandate that at least 8% of the allocation **MUST** be used to establish or expand programs to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness
 - Does not require a crisis shelter declaration to be a direct recipient of HHAP funds
- **Your input and questions**



Thank You!

Questions?

