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Strategies For Change

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1,933

Veterans

Veterans experiencing homelessness
12% reduction since 2017

1,351

Unaccompanied Youth

Youth with no parent or guardian present were experiencing homelessness

1,919

Households with children

Decrease of 11% from 2017

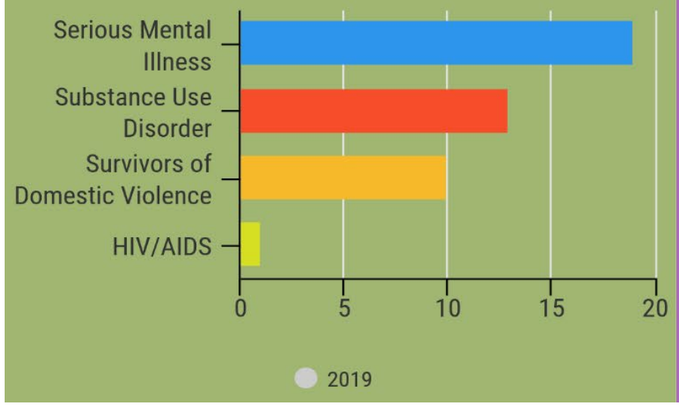
24 Hours in Texas

Point-In-Time Count, January 2019

25,848 People Counted

43%

Adults had some barrier to housing.

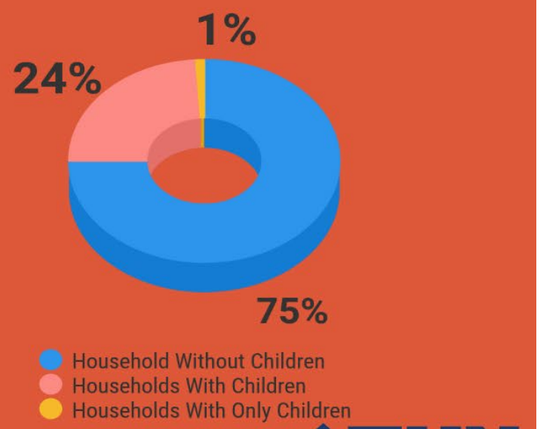


16%

DECREASE in people who are Chronically Homeless since 2015

(3,610 total CH in 2019)

Out of 25,848 Individuals



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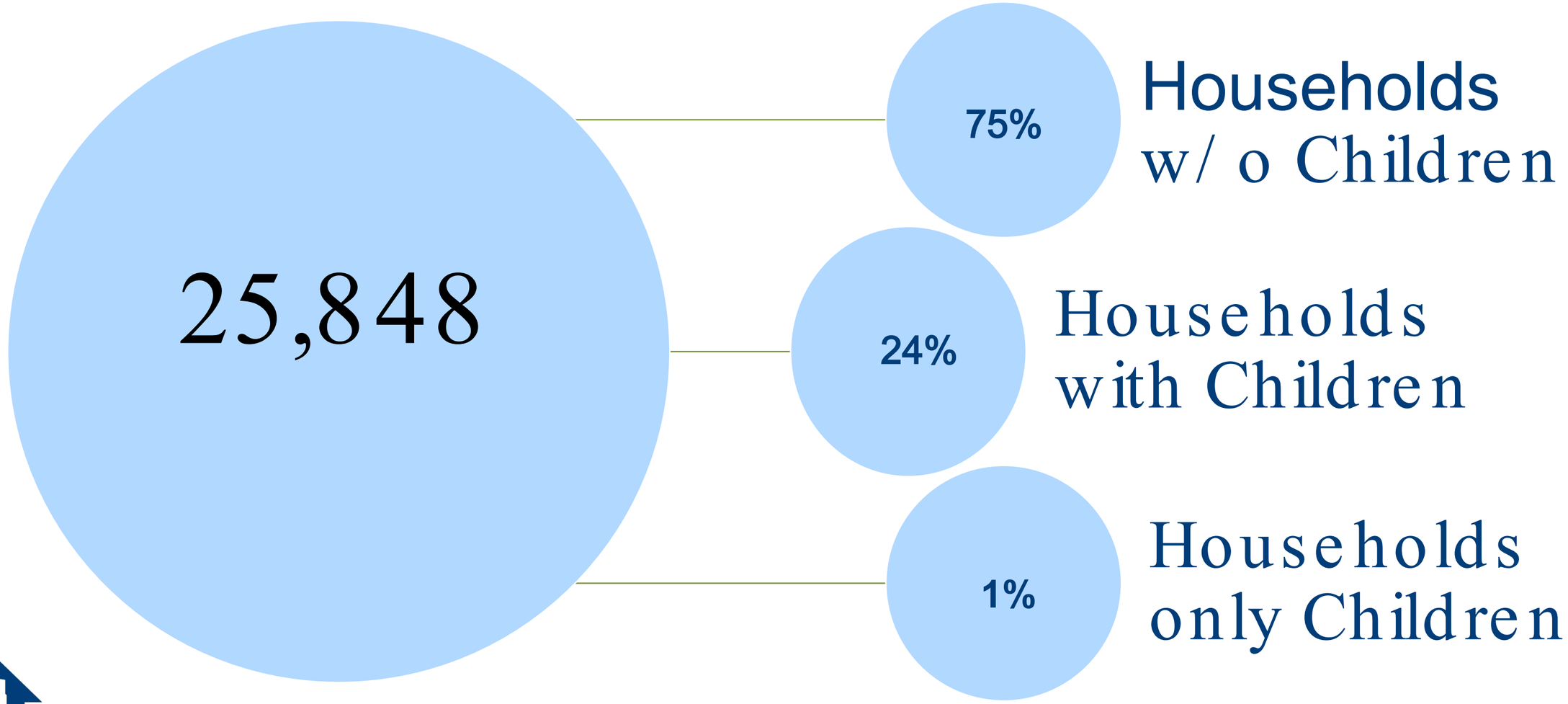
Number of People Experiencing Homelessness in Texas



Results of 2019 PIT Counts

Strengthen Texas' Homeless Crisis response Systems

Texas Data Sharing Network - HB 3180

The establishment of a centralized homelessness crisis response system)
Author: Representative Bowers (Dallas)

Unify Homeless Crisis Response systems across Texas

Plan and prepare for disaster response

In the aftermath of a disaster understand who has evacuated and to where

Understand long-term trends and outcomes

Understand frequent users on a statewide basis

Connect people to appropriate resources

Sharing data houses people

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HHSP IN REVIEW

2018

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Impact

- "The biggest impact HHSP (Homeless Housing and Services Program) funding has made in our agency and community has been the ability to assist low and moderate income households in a short and long term basis. In addition to facilitating financial assistance under the Homeless Assistance and Homeless Prevention component, HHSP funding has allowed us to keep our case management staff and housing staff employed for the last 4 years." -City of Corpus Christi

- "The flexibility of this funding has helped the Austin community by allowing funds for direct assistance for clients with major housing barriers. where other funding sources have caps." -City of Austin

- "HHSP funds were used to leverage other TDHCA ESGP and Federal ESG funds received for homeless prevention services, which allowed our sub-recipients to increase the number of households and individuals that received homeless prevention and homeless assistance funds." -City of El Paso

In San Antonio, Construction Provided:

- Restrooms
- Chilled water in the activity center and outdoor courtyard
- Privacy in the dorm restrooms
- Replacement air conditioners for rooms occupied by clients
- Additional laundry facilities
- Wheelchair ramp access
- Locker Storage
- An expanded canopy providing the clients protection from the elements

HHSP provides housing One Family's way home

The Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) provided over 4,300 households with help last year. HHSP significantly helped Mr. and Mrs. W and their five children end their homelessness. With HHSP direct financial assistance funds, they paid off their utility and housing rental debt, which helped them get housing through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program.

Mr. and Mrs. W and their five children arrived at The Salvation Army emergency shelter after sleeping in their car for several months. At The Salvation Army Social Services Center, the family received clothing food and shelter, and participated in case management provided by HHSP funds. Their five children worked with the agency's academic learning center teachers on school assignments and enrichment activities.

Mr. and Mrs. W participated in employment services with Goodwill, Texas Center Point Alliance and the Salvation Army while living in the shelter. Mr. W initially found a job in the fast food industry before moving on to a job as a hotel manager. The family now lives in an apartment that they pay for with a Section 8 voucher provided through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families programs.

Ultimately HHSP allowed this family to make the transition from shelter to housing.

Expand Affordable, Accessible housing opportunities

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Reasons to support SB 1116 & Increase tax credits for supportive housing

Spurs investors to solve social need

Uses private investment to solve community problem.
Managed Care Organizations have an interest in housing their super-utilizers of expensive health care interventions.

Housing programs show a $1.20 return on every $1 spent

Permanent supportive housing is the most effective housing intervention for individuals experiencing homelessness to provide affordable, long-term housing.

Texas lacks deeply affordable housing

Our state needs tax credit projects that support deeply affordable housing for those that are 0-30% of AMIFI.
The majority of tax credit projects are for 31-50% of AMFI (very low income)or 51-80% of AMFI.

Expand Housing Opportunities - SB 1019

The establishment funding source to rehab units for federal housing subsidy use.
Author: Senator Alvarado

Community costs will be reduced

This will save taxpayer money by lowering shelter operation costs, law enforcement intervention, and emergency healthcare costs.

170 more units would be made available over the biennium

Average cost of rehab/repair would be $6,000 or less.

Housing would be made available to over 400 Texans

Target Assistance to our most vulnerable Texas

Healthy Community Collaborative Program (HCCP)

Case Management | Housing Services | Substance Abuse Services | Mental Health

28,514 people received Mental Health Services*

21,572 people received Housing Services*

Due to strict matching guidelines, much of the HCCP funds go unused. Easing the rules around match would increase the scale and reach of the program improving outcomes for the target populations and communities

*data from 2014-2016