



# Emergency Housing Vouchers

Texas Interagency Council on the Homeless

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April 26, 2022

## **EHV Program Background**

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is a tenant-based voucher program funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

ARPA was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and included funding for approximately 70,000 EHV's. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) was allocated 798 vouchers by the US Department of Housing and Community Affairs

EHV requires the PHA to sign agreements with Continuums of Care, victim service providers or other organizations to administer the program

# EHV Program Background

## EHV Eligible Populations:

- 1) Homeless,
- 2) At risk of homelessness,
- 3) Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or
- 4) Recently homeless families for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having a high risk of housing instability.



# TDHCA Program Design and Partnerships

The Department is 1 of 45 Texas PHAs awarded EHV by HUD

Texas PHAs awarded 4,517 EHV

The Department's Board approved the EHV program design July 8, 2021, defining the service area as:

Primarily includes the Department's current PHA jurisdiction plus other areas of the state where EHV were not received by PHAs, which include rural areas, within the limits of having local service providers willing and able to make referrals



# TDHCA Program Design and Partnerships

## Texas Homeless Network

EHV Allocation: 380

Counties Served: 186

Referrals: 62

Housed: 2

## Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition

EHV Allocation: 50

Counties Served: 4

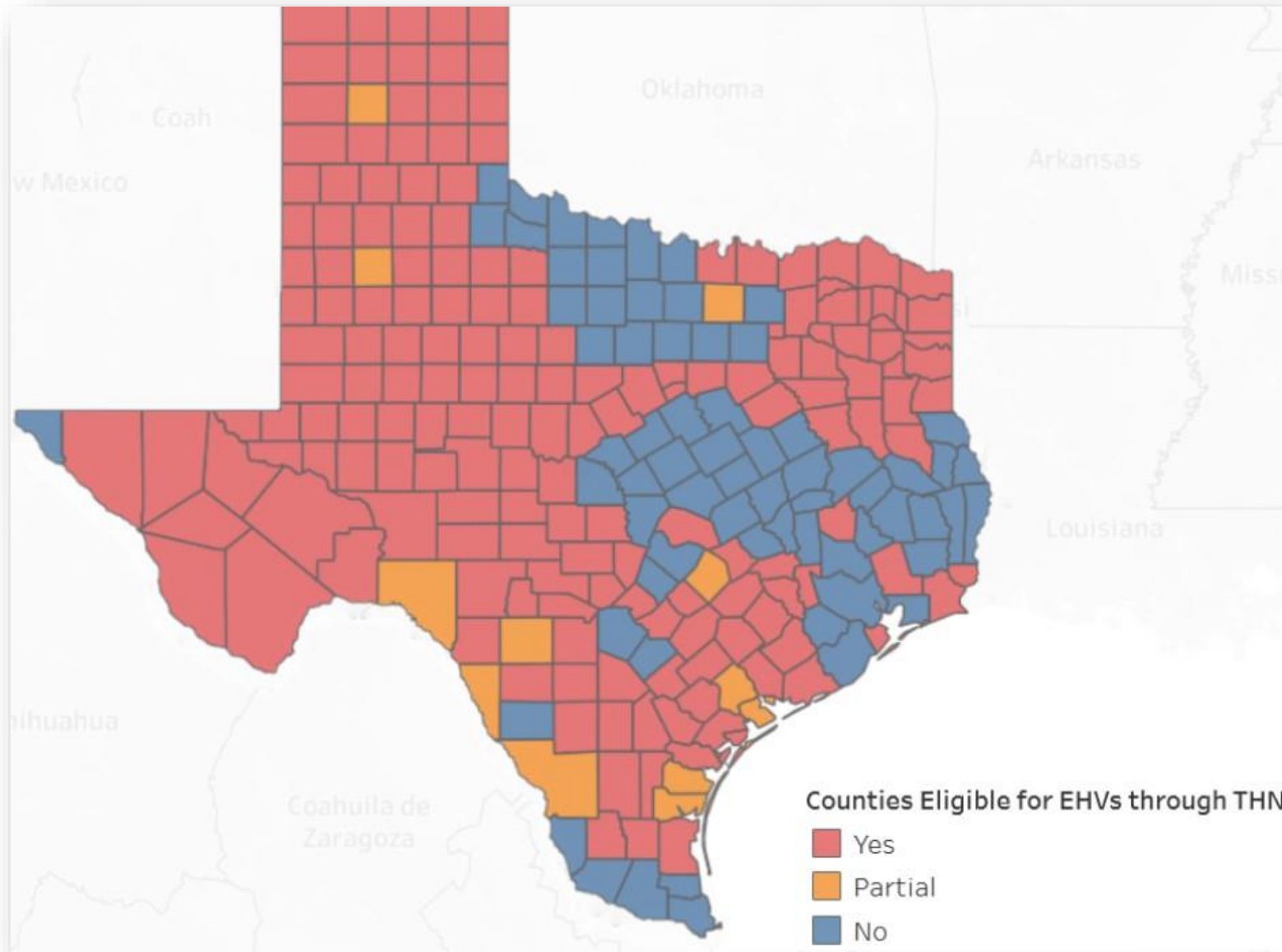
Referrals: 0

Housed: 0

- Counties served overlap some PHA service areas that were allocated their own EHV
- Unallocated EHV: 278



# Balance of State Program Design



Map creation and data compilation  
by Texas Homeless Network:  
<https://www.thn.org/ehv/>

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# New Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness Update

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April 26, 2022

Sean Lonergan, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)



# Agenda

- *Pathways Home* report review
- Background research
- Survey and informational interview planning
- Projected timelines – general and public hearings
- Work groups



# ***Pathways Home* Report Review**

- **Objective:** To coordinate state-administered programs with Continuum of Care planning to address homelessness and provide pathways home for Texans.
- **Categories**
  - Affordable Housing and Supportive Services
  - Homelessness Prevention
  - Data, Research, and Analysis
  - State Infrastructure
- Published in late 2012 – 10 year gap

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**Annual Report and  
Pathways Home  
Addendum**

**2012**

**TICH**

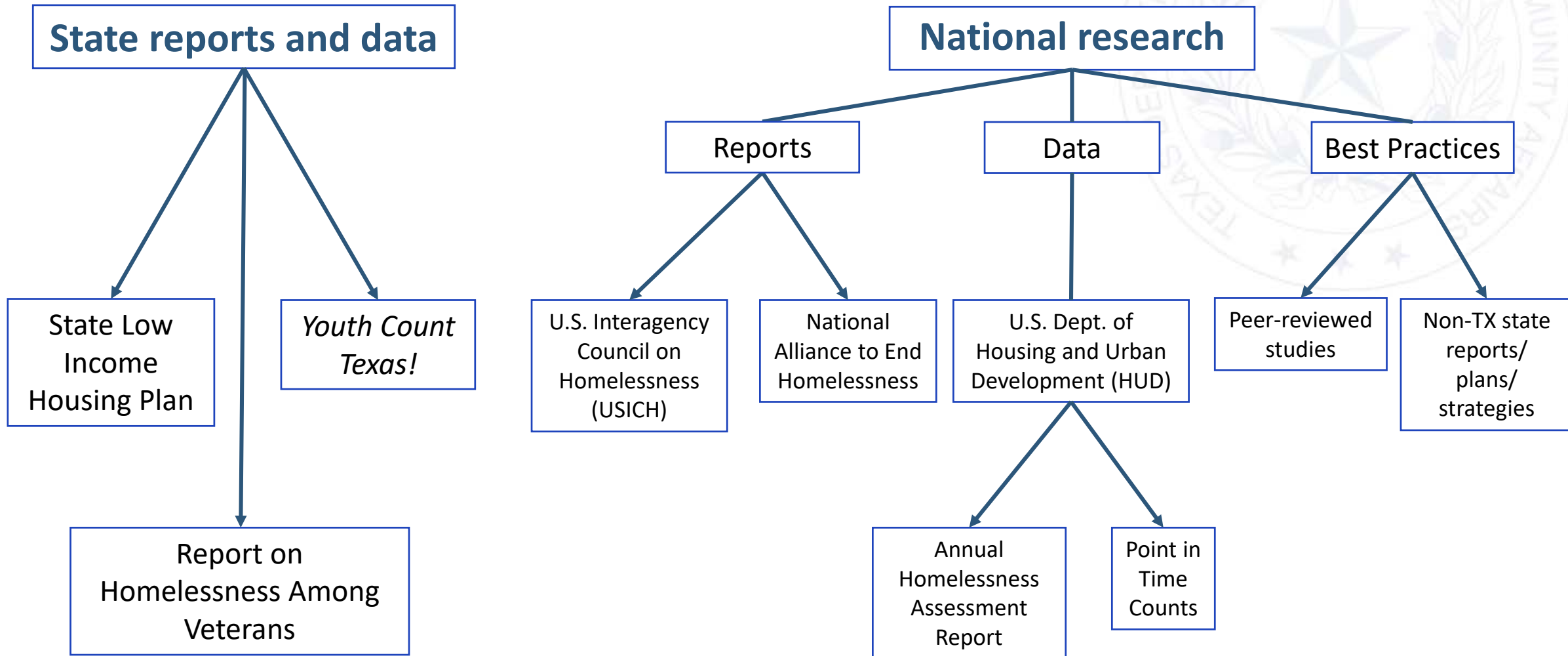
Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TICH)  
[www.tdcca.state.tx.us/tich/index.htm](http://www.tdcca.state.tx.us/tich/index.htm)

## ***Pathways Home* Report Review (cont.)**

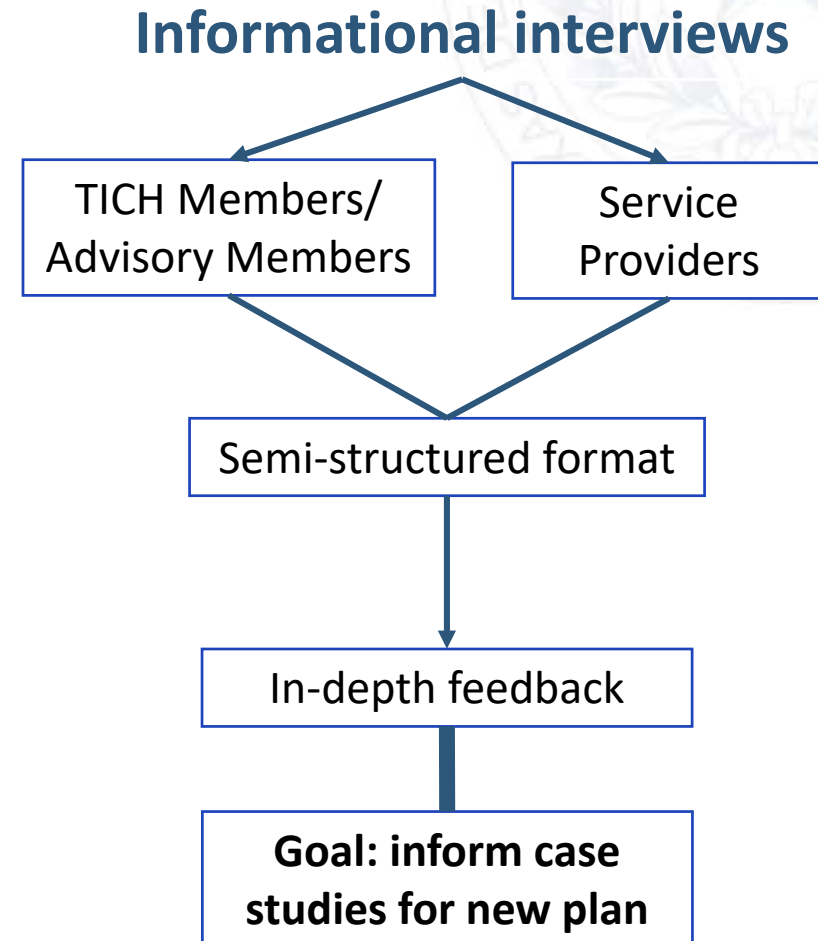
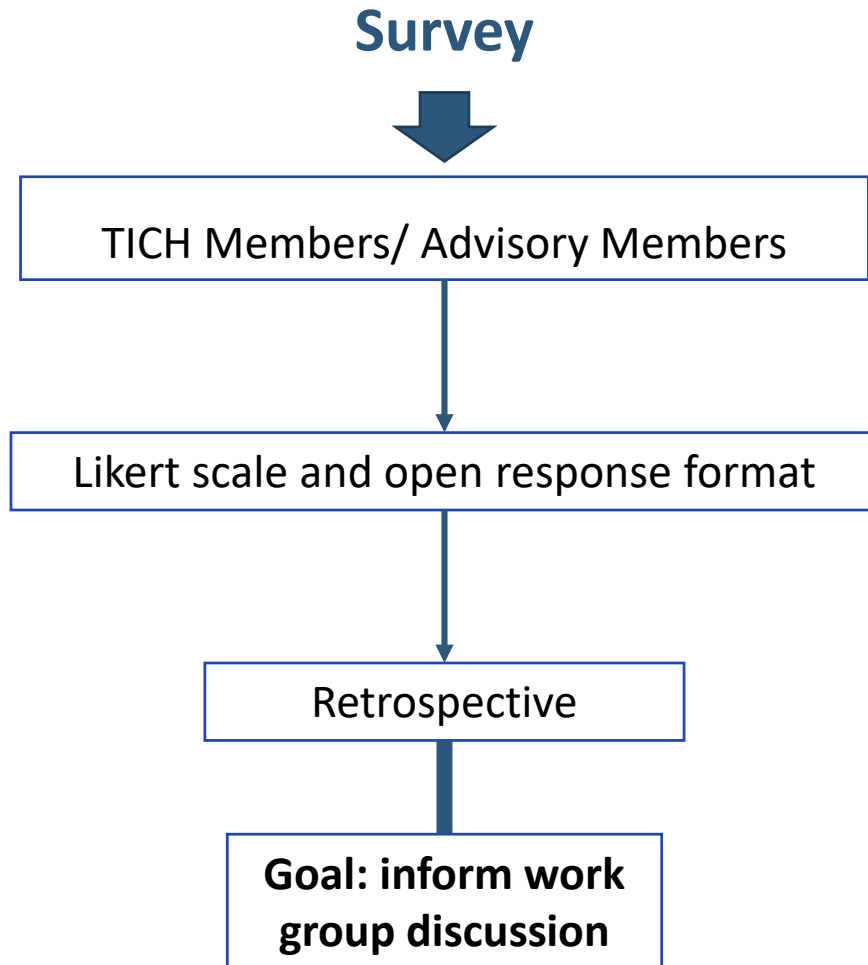
- Need for update to accommodate present context
  - Homeless resource and service delivery – targeted and mainstream
  - State and federal policy environment
  - COVID-19 impact
- Background research to substantiate recommendations
  - National research
  - State data analysis
- Soliciting feedback – TICH Members/ Advisory Members, service providers
  - Survey – TICH
  - Informational interviews – TICH, service providers
  - Work groups - TICH



# Examples of Research Sources for New Strategic Plan



# Survey and Informational Interview Planning



# Projected General Timeline



Update	Projected Date
Form work groups, distribute surveys	Late April/ Early May 2022
Conduct work group (WG) meetings and informational interviews; synthesize qualitative data	May/ June 2022
Integrate data from surveys, WGs, and informational interviews into new report; substantiate with national research and state data	June 2022/ Early July 2022
Conduct public hearings on revised report framework, evaluate public comments and incorporate as appropriate, finalize draft report	July 2022
Present draft at TICH Quarterly Meeting	Late July 2022
Edit draft and finalize	August 2022
Submit proposed final report for internal/external review	September 2022
Publish updated document	October 2022

# Projected Public Hearing Timeline



Location	Est. Date
Corpus Christi	Tuesday, July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Laredo	Wednesday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 (AM)
San Antonio	Wednesday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 (PM)
Fort Worth	Tuesday, July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 (AM)
Dallas	Tuesday, July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 (early PM)
Plano	Tuesday, July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 (late PM)
Lubbock	Wednesday, July 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Houston	Tuesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
El Paso	Wednesday, July 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Austin	Thursday, July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022

\*These hearings must be held in-person in at least one county located in a rural area of the state and one county located in an urban area of the state to comply with Section 2306.907(a), Government Code, as amended by 87(R) HB 1278



## **Work Group Formation**



# Work Groups (WGs)



	Affordable Housing and Supportive Services	Homelessness Prevention	Data, Research, and Analysis	State Infrastructure To Be Determined*
Participant Name				

- **Purpose:** WGs will function as collaborative brainstorming and planning forums to inform the new plan.
- **Open Meetings Act restrictions:**
  - No more than 6 TICH Member participants permitted per WG; no quorum permitted
  - WG has no decision-making authority
  - WG may make reports to the full Council
    - Deliberation on reports and voting may take place at a public meeting posted on the Texas Register

\*Possible options for the fourth category include “Emergency Response Planning” and “Subpopulations/ Demographics” or omitting the fourth category and retaining the first three categories; these options are open for discussion

# TDHCA Responsible Staff Contact Information

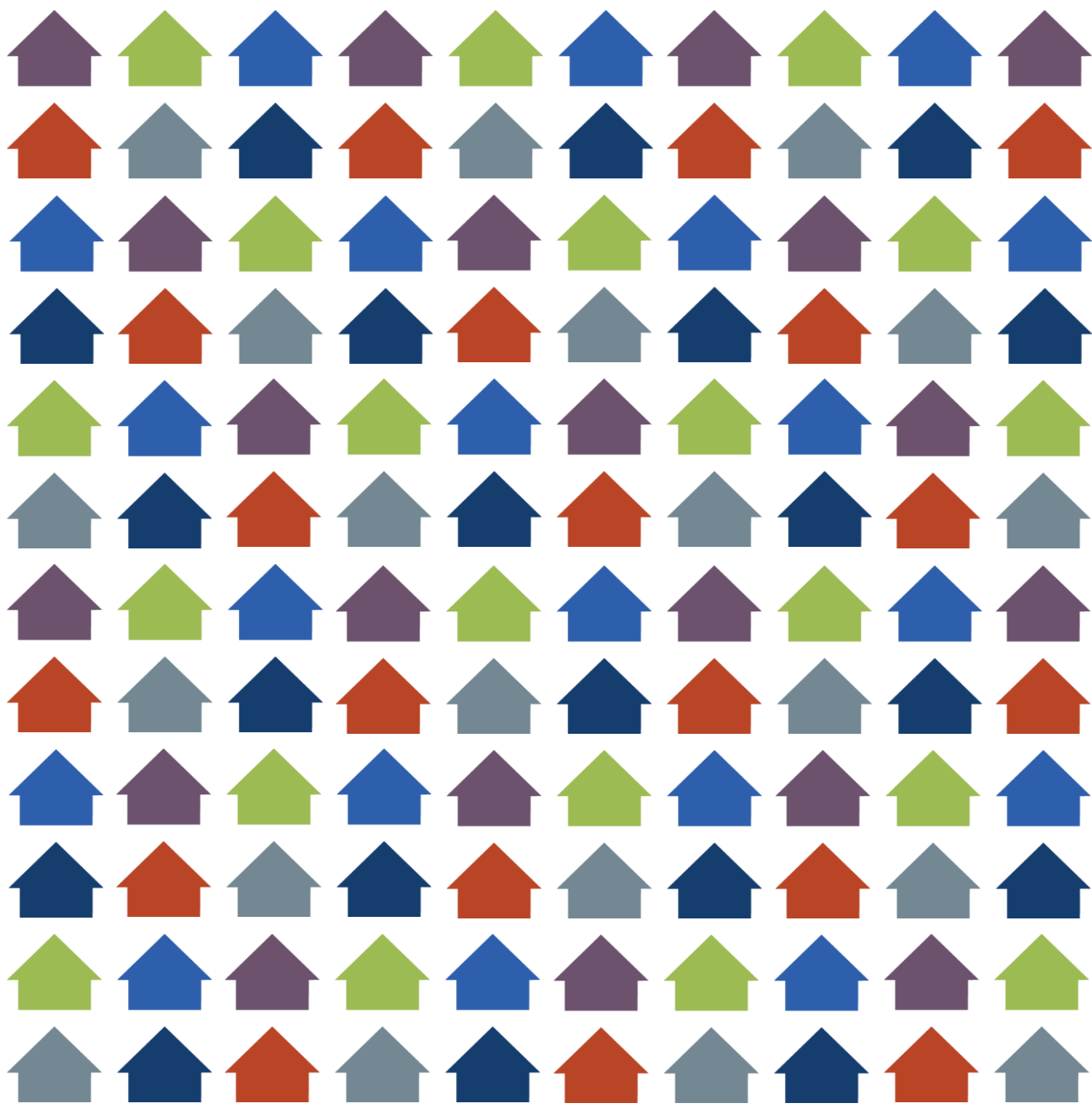
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# THN TICH Updates

**Strategies For Change**

thn.org

# What is THN?

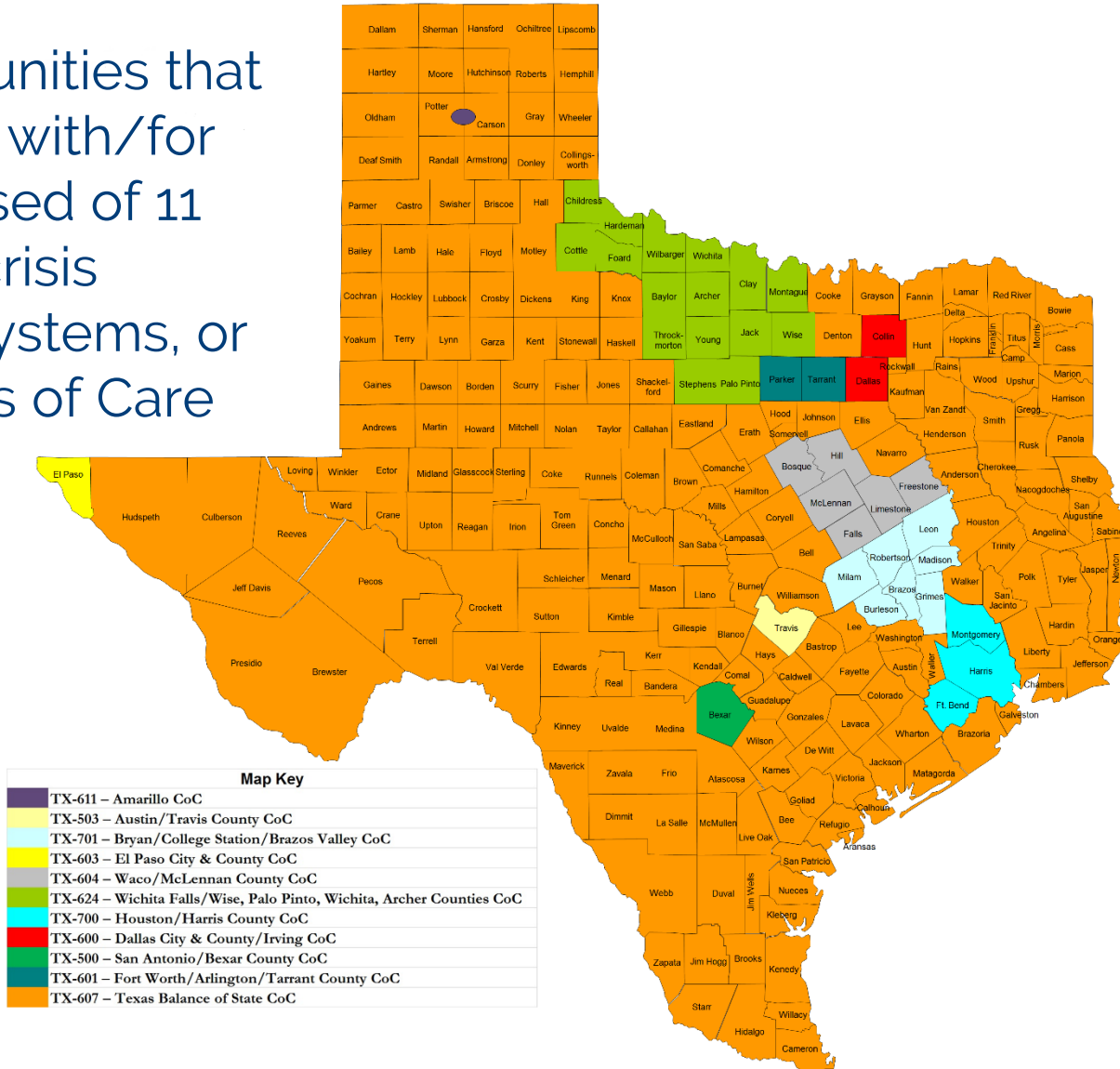
THN is a statewide agency that...

Leads communities in Texas so that homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring



# Homelessness in Texas

The communities that THN works with/for are comprised of 11 homeless crisis response systems, or Continuums of Care (CoC):



And THN is the lead agency for TX Balance of State CoC



# THN Updates

- THN has submitted the FY 2022 CoC Program Registration on behalf of 215 counties. The Annual Renewal Demand in FY 22 will be appx. \$9.5 mil.
- 2022 Point-in-Time data numbers coming in – THN will produce aggregate report
- 2022 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness Sept 28-30  
Good idea for a workshop? Submit a Presenter Application by May 8<sup>th</sup>



# THN Training and Technical Assistance

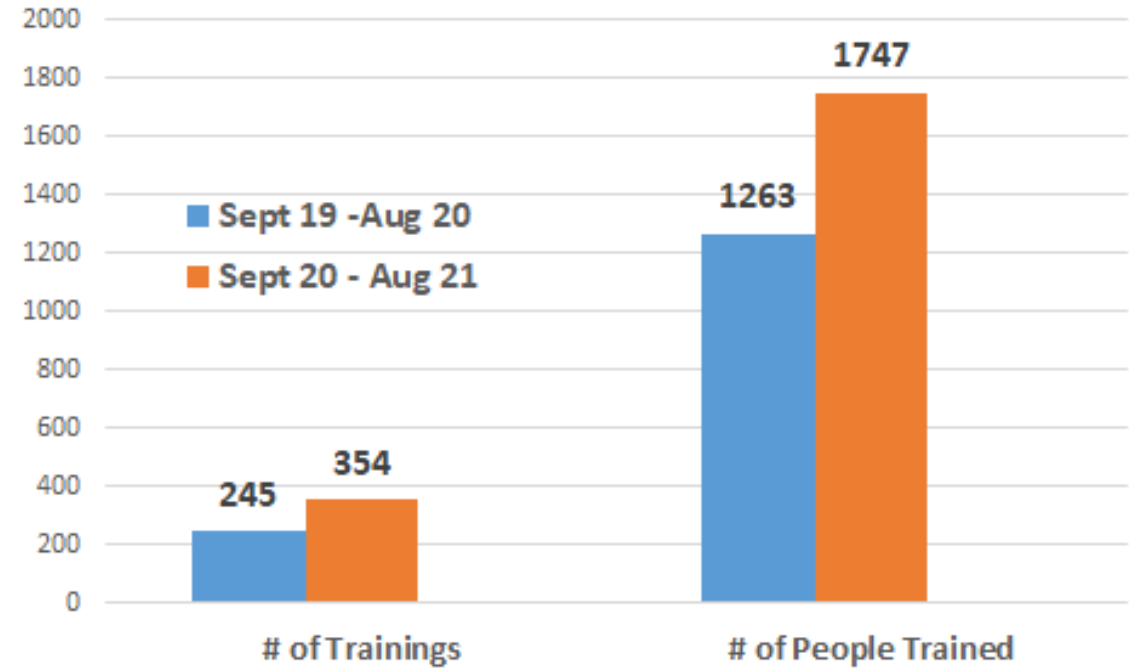
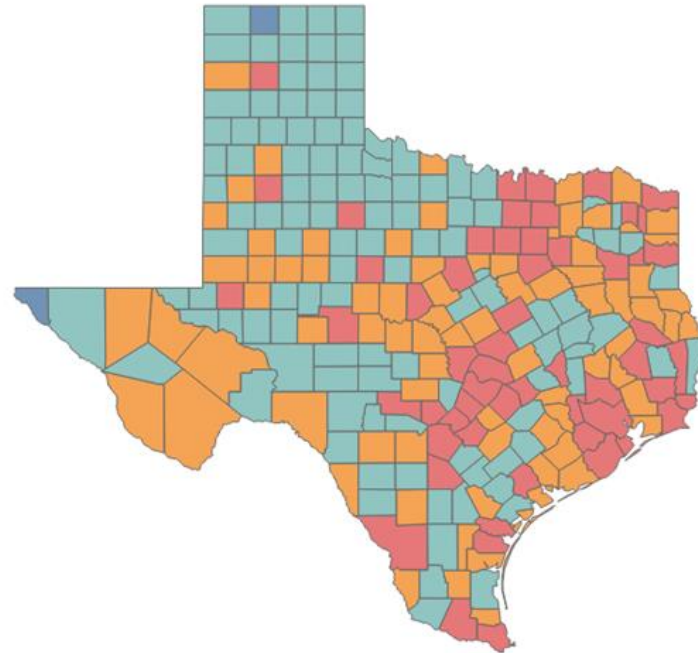
Instances of TA provided: 3,289  
(1093.2 Hrs)

Number of Trainings provided: 41

De-duplicated Counties that got TA:  
80

De-duplicated Counties that got  
Training: 2

De-duplicated Counties that received  
both: 57



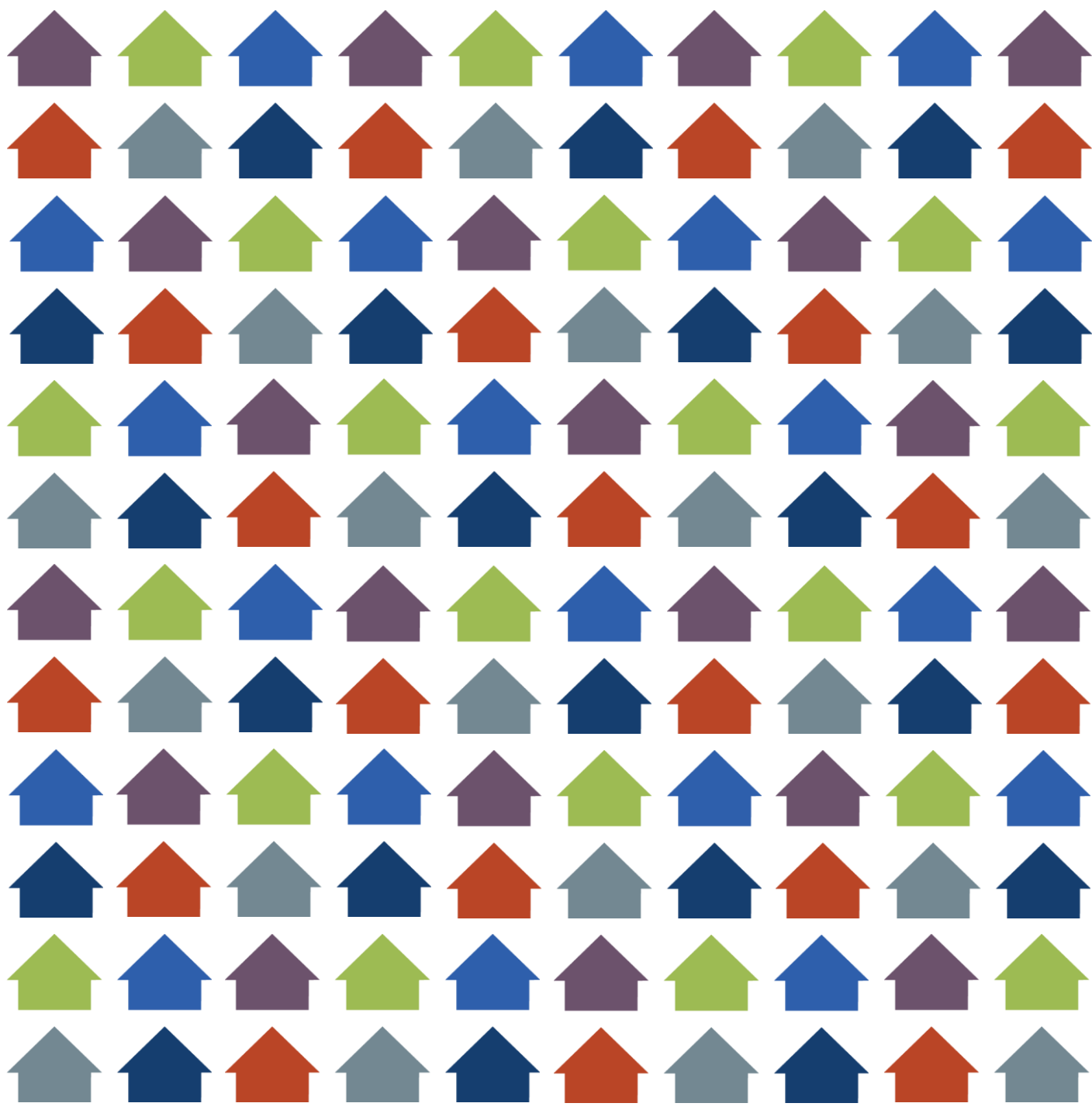
To Date 2022 TA  
provided is up 11% from  
this point in 2021

To Date 2022 Monthly  
median training events are  
up 20% from this point in  
2021









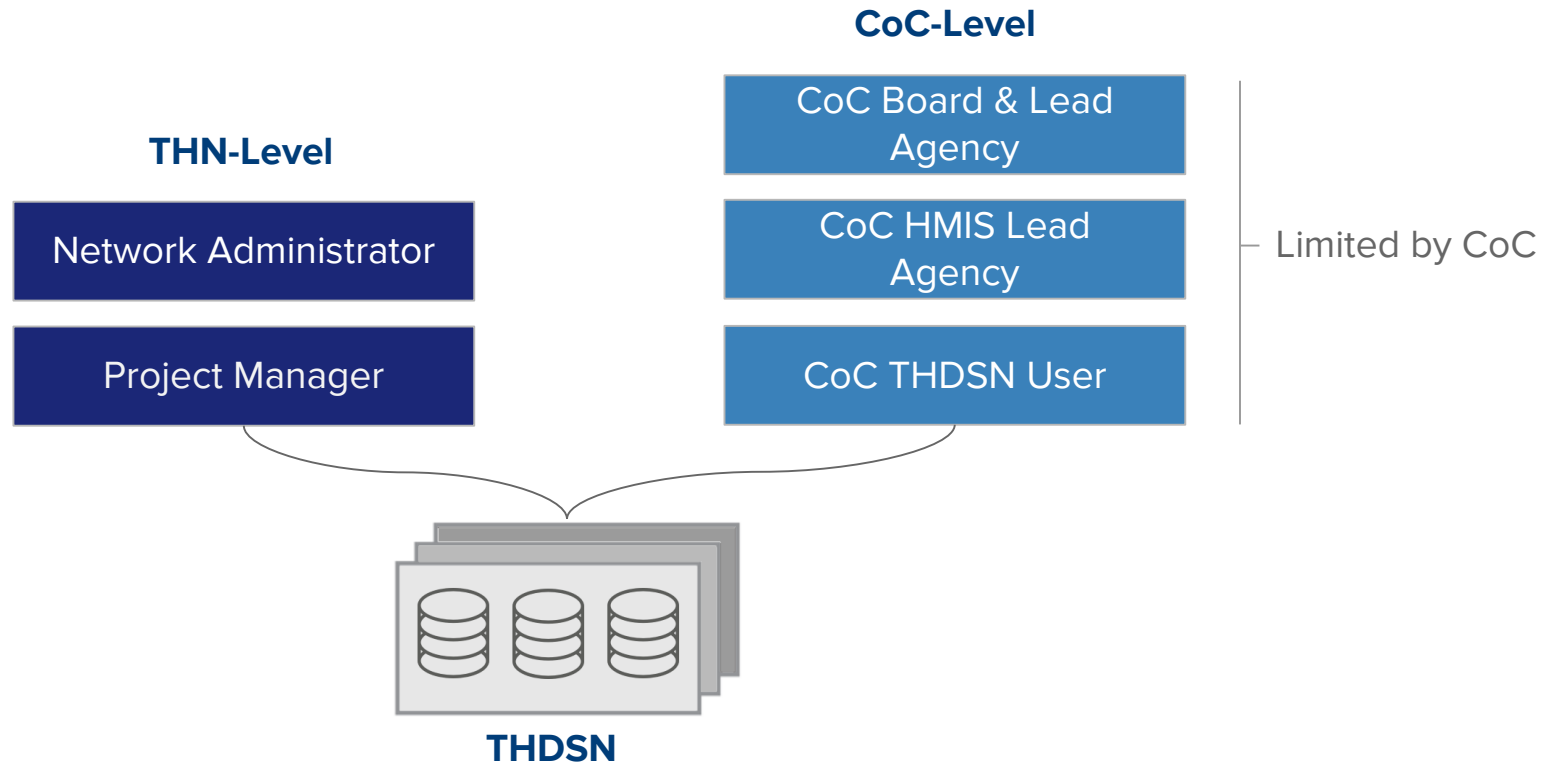
# Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network

Strategies For Change

[thn.org](http://thn.org)

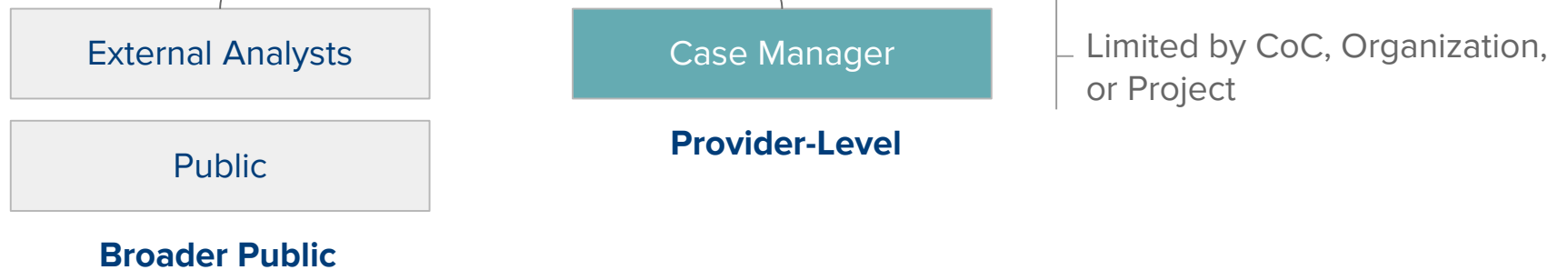
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Phase I

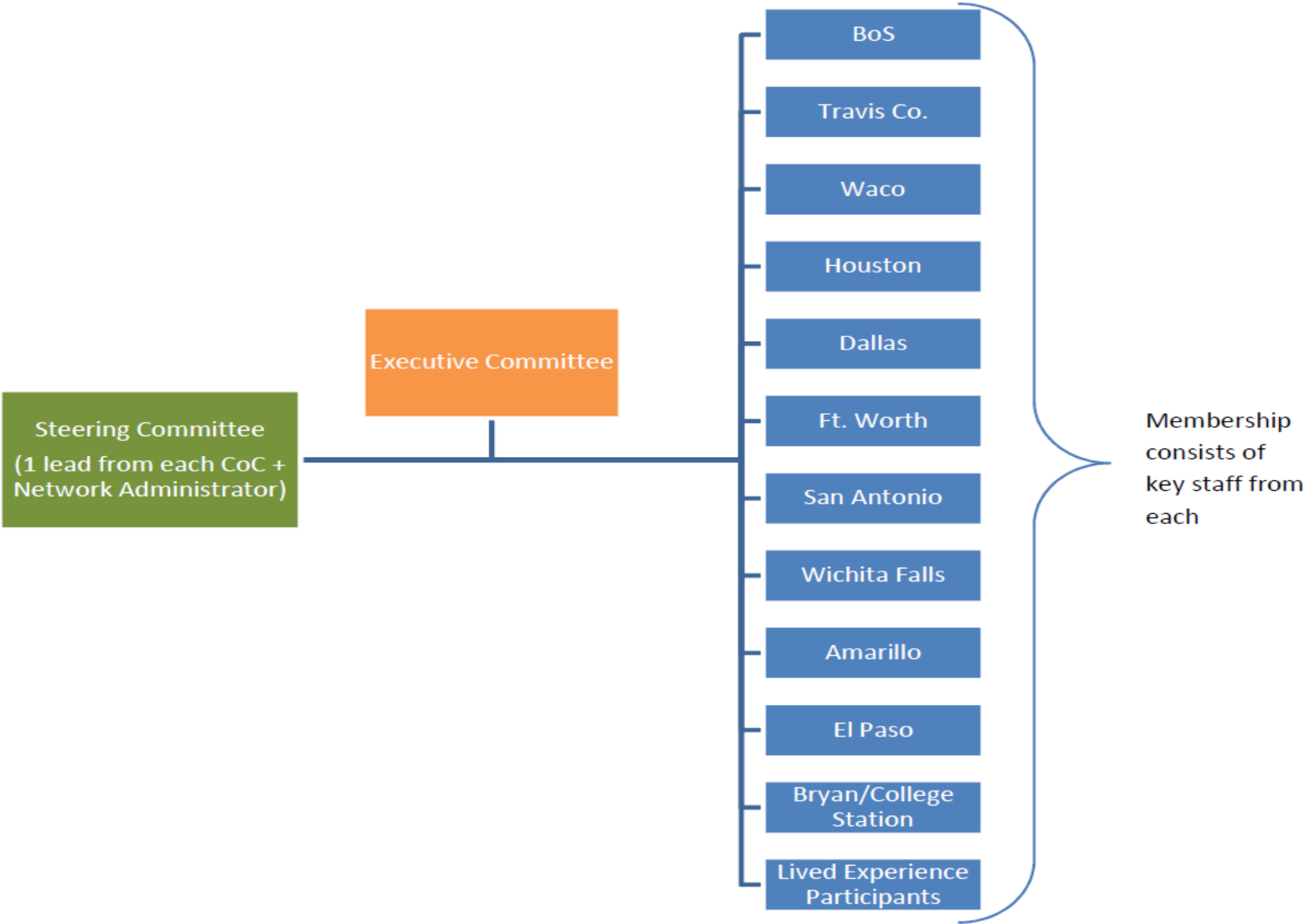


Phase II

Records de-identified



# THDSN Governance Structure



# Project Status

## CoC Cohort 1

1. Texas Balance of State CoC
2. Houston/Harris County CoC
3. Fort Worth/Arlington Tarrant County CoC

## CoC Cohort 2

4. Dallas City & County/Irving CoC
5. Waco McLennan County CoC
6. Amarillo CoC

## CoC Cohort 3

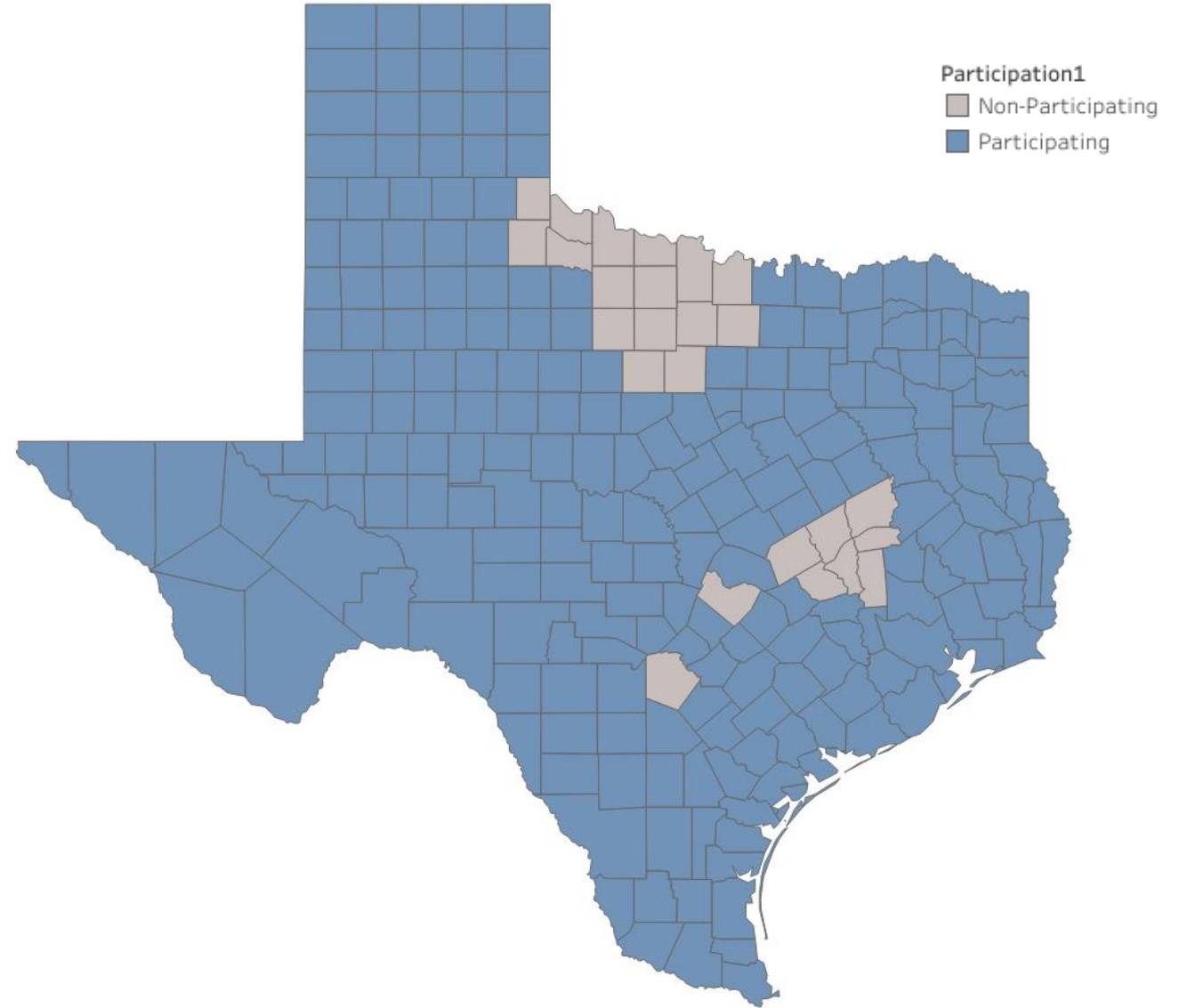
7. El Paso City/El Paso County

## Potential new partners

8. Austin/Travis County
9. Brazos Valley

The seven CoCs currently contributing data to the THDSN Data Warehouse represent 90% of the counties in Texas.

THDSN covers 229 out of 254 TX counties



# THDSN CoC Data Sources

## Data Sources + Add Data Source

Displaying all 8 data sources

Name	Short Name	Client Records	Project Count	Visible in Window	Authoritative?	Last Import Run	
Warehouse	<span style="background-color: #004a87; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">Warehouse</span>	683,325					
<a href="#">Balance of State (TX-607)</a>	<span style="background-color: #004a87; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">BoS</span>	282,575	835	✓		Apr 12, 2022 8:20 pm <i>Enrollments remaining to process: 68</i>	<span style="background-color: #a00; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">✕</span>
<a href="#">City of Amarillo (TX-611)</a>	<span style="background-color: #666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">Amarillo</span>	16,352	6			Oct 6, 2021 2:53 pm	<span style="background-color: #a00; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">✕</span>
<a href="#">Dallas City &amp; County/Irving (TX-600)</a>	<span style="background-color: #666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">Dallas</span>	75,796	331	✓		Feb 8, 2022 5:01 pm	<span style="background-color: #a00; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">✕</span>
<a href="#">El Paso City &amp; County CoC (TX-603)</a>	<span style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">El Paso</span>	47,234	477			Oct 5, 2021 9:04 pm <i>Enrollments remaining to process: 5</i>	<span style="background-color: #a00; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">✕</span>
<a href="#">Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County (TX-601)</a>	<span style="background-color: #666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">Fort Worth</span>	62,255	266	✓		Apr 20, 2022 11:14 pm <i>Enrollments remaining to process: 22</i>	<span style="background-color: #a00; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">✕</span>
<a href="#">Health</a>	<span style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">Health</span>	0	0		✓		<span style="background-color: #a00; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">✕</span>
<a href="#">Houston/Harris County (TX-700)</a>	<span style="background-color: #004a87; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">Houston</span>	247,672	712	✓		Apr 13, 2022 3:38 pm <i>Enrollments remaining to process: 55</i>	<span style="background-color: #a00; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">✕</span>
<a href="#">Waco/McLennan County (TX-604)</a>	<span style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">Waco</span>	4,159	51	✓		Aug 4, 2021 9:26 am	<span style="background-color: #a00; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 3px;">✕</span>

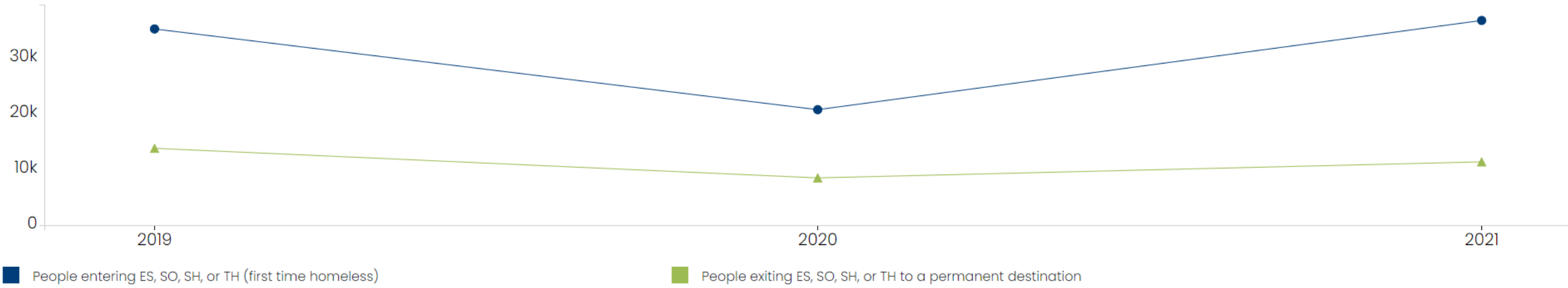


Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network (THDSN)

[Contact Support](#)

# THDSN CoC Data Sources

## Total Number of People Entering and Exiting Homelessness ⓘ



Data accurate as of Apr 8, 2022

**39,913**

Homeless Households ⓘ

**25%**

Unsheltered ⓘ

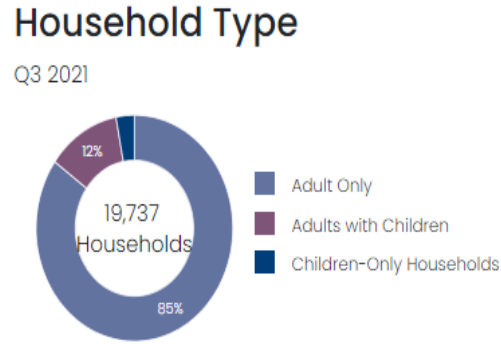
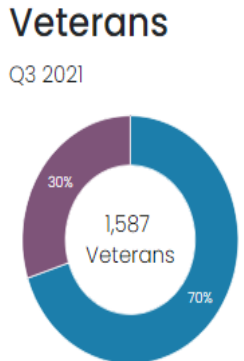
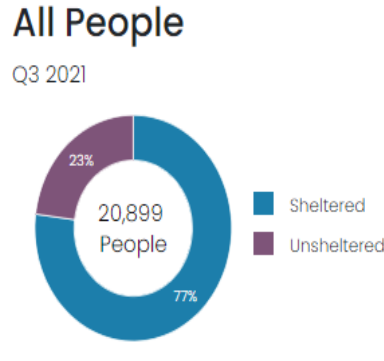
**54,850**

Total Homeless People in 2021 ⓘ

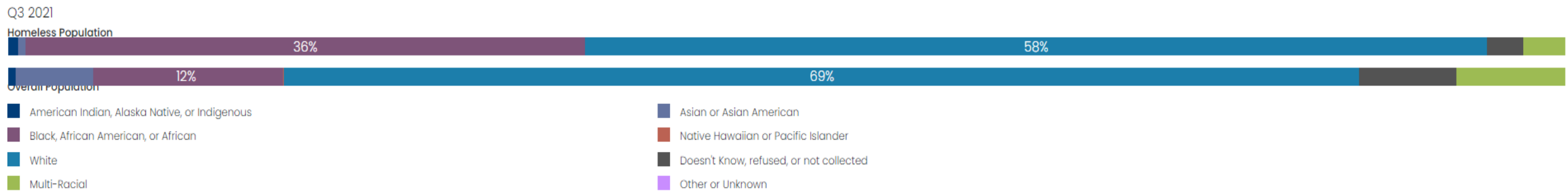
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# Quarterly snapshot of Homelessness



## Racial Composition



Choose grouping

■ Sheltered ■ Unsheltered

Chronically homeless people have been homeless for 12 months in the past 3 years and have a long-term disability. ⓘ

## Persons in Households Without Children

