2026 Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count Report

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Our Mission and Vision

- **Mission:** The Commission on Homelessness and Housing's (COHH) mission is to develop and promote strategies to address the problem of homelessness and work collaboratively with all levels of government, nonprofit providers, and the community at large.

- **Vision:** A housing crisis response system in Volusia and Flagler counties to make homelessness rare, brief, and one time.

What is the Point-in-Time (PIT) count?

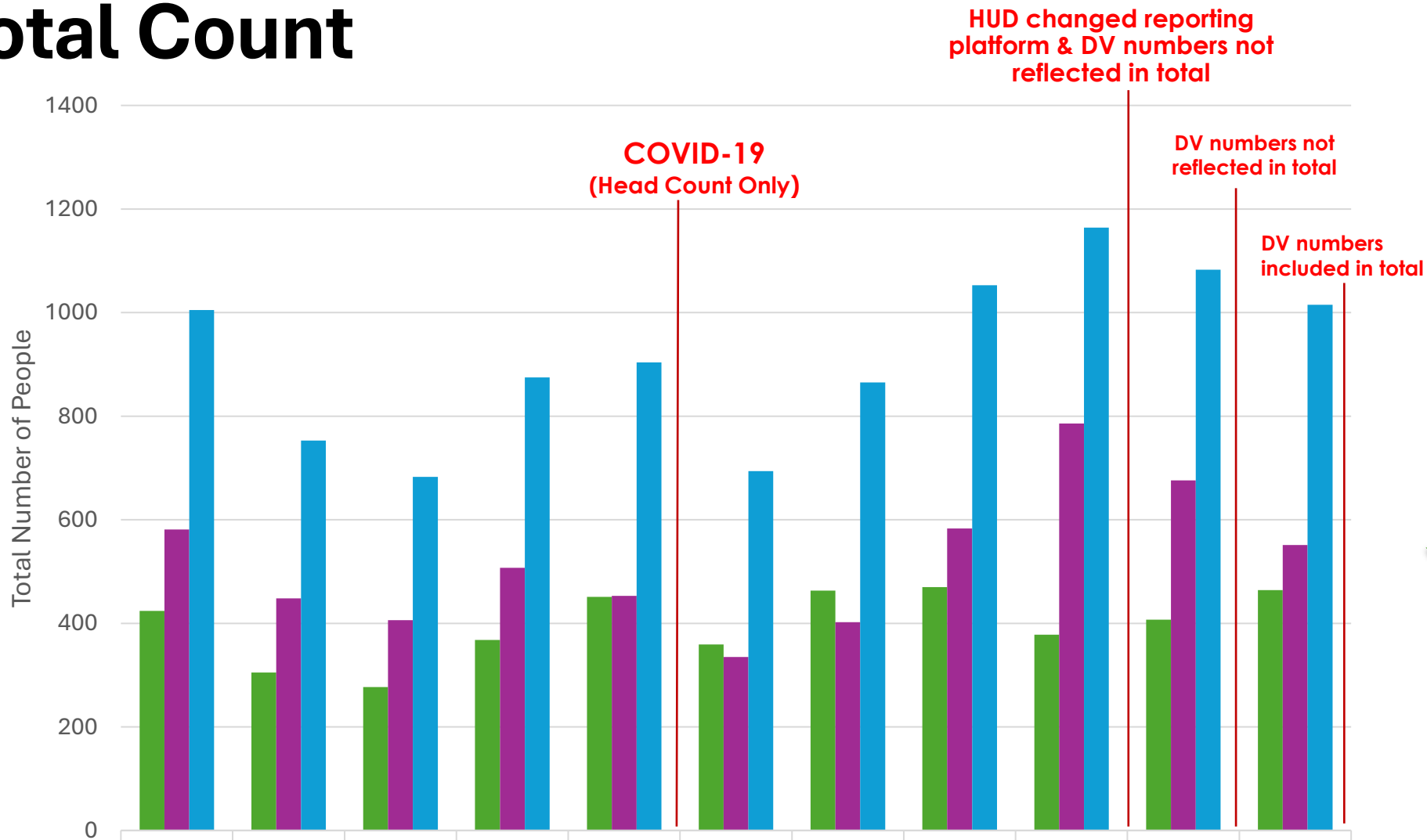
- A literal count of all the people experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night (i.e., at a point in time)
- Conducted by every community nationwide in the last 10 days of January at least every other year
- A “snapshot” of homelessness on this one night in our community
- Two categories
  - **Unsheltered** - Persons who reside in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings , on the street.
  - **Sheltered** - Temporary housing settings such as, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and safe havens.

Why do we conduct a PIT Count?

- To measure and monitor trends and changes in homelessness on local and national levels
- To help our community understand what resources we need and strategize the best ways to use them to end homelessness
- To comply with federal regulations and requirements



Total Count



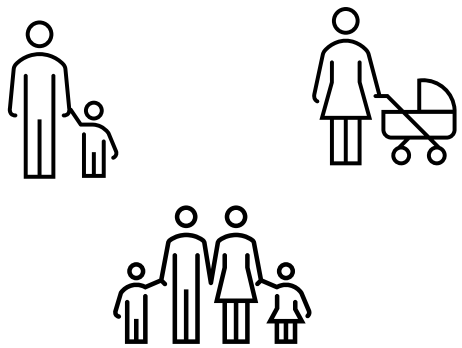
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Sheltered	424	305	277	368	451	359	463	470	378	407	464
Unshletered	581	448	406	507	453	335	402	583	786	676	551
Total	1005	753	683	875	904	694	865	1053	1164	1083	1015

2026
Total Count
1,015

6.27% decrease

2025
Total Count
1,083

Families



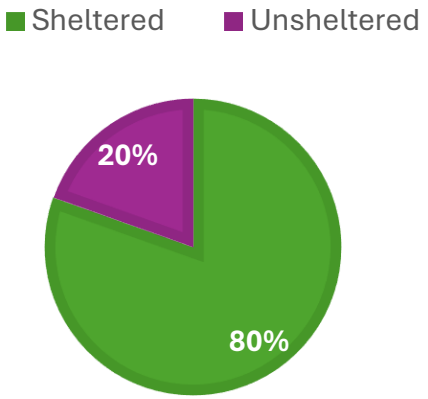
89 homeless families were identified during the 2026 PIT.

134 adults & **193** minors

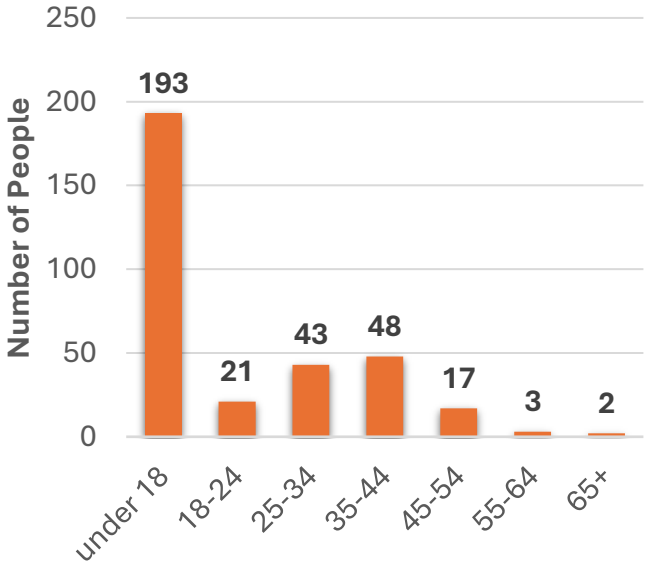
5 chronically homeless families

Unsheltered families **increased** by **22% or 4 families** from 2025 to 2026.

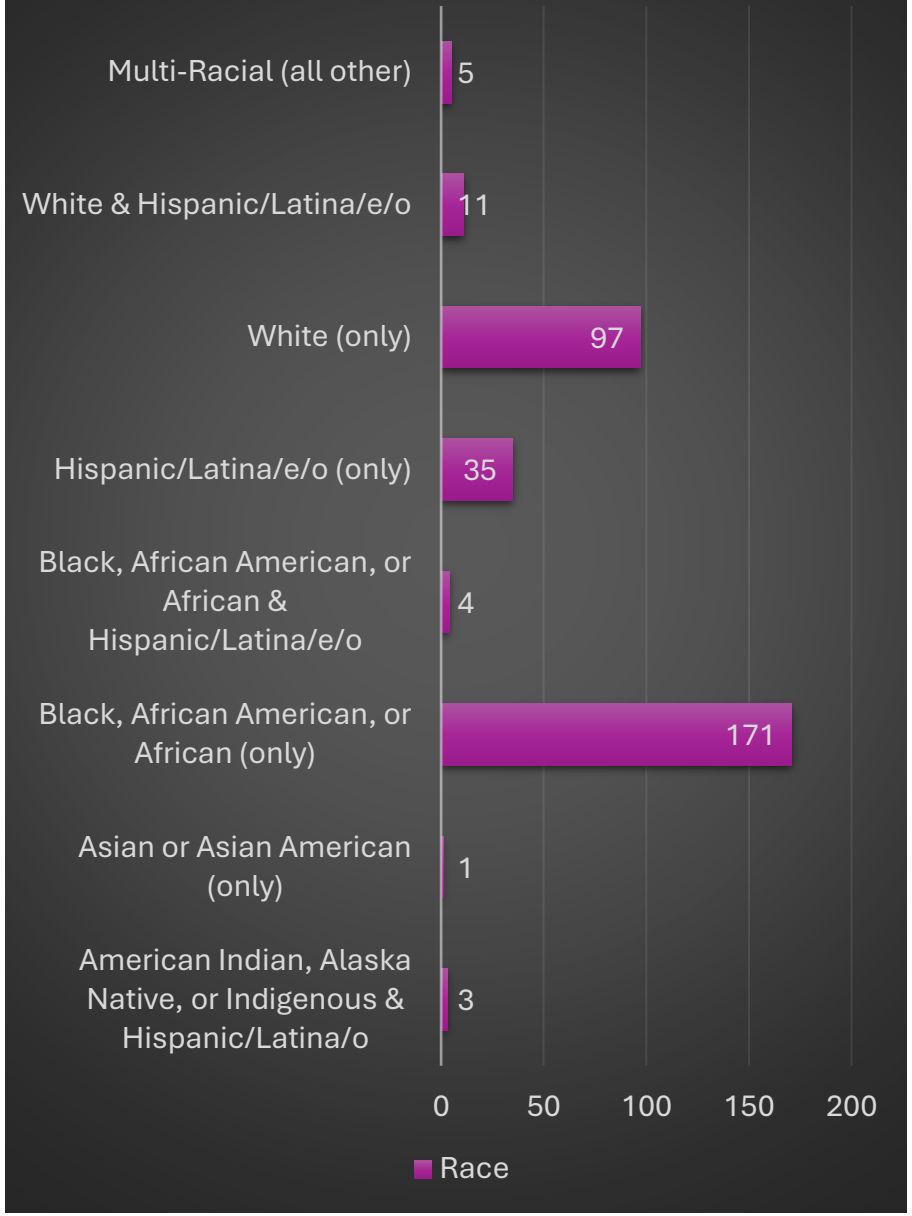
TOTAL FAMILIES



AGE RANGES



Race



Adult Only

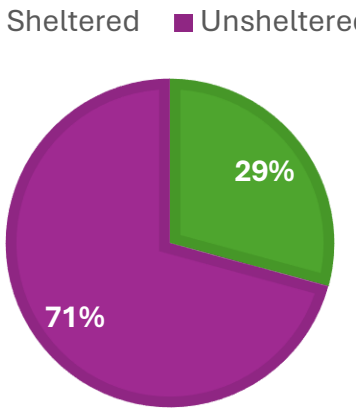
654 homeless adult only households were identified during the 2026 PIT.

688 adults

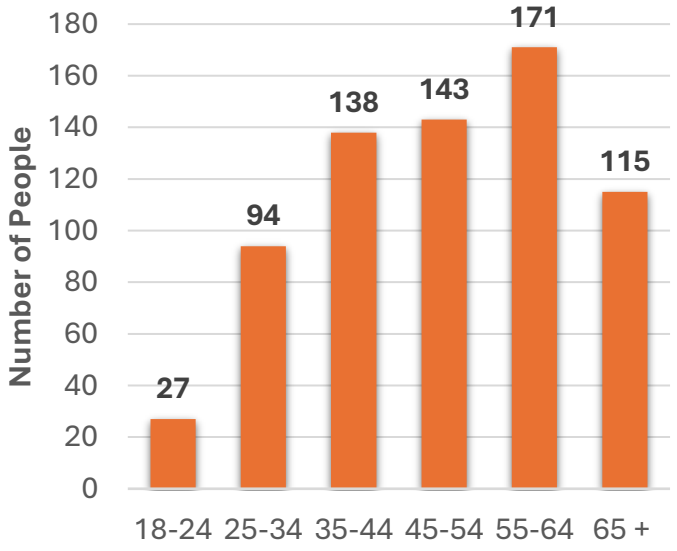
100 chronically homeless adults

Unsheltered adult only population **decreased** by **12% or 75 people** from 2025 to 2026.

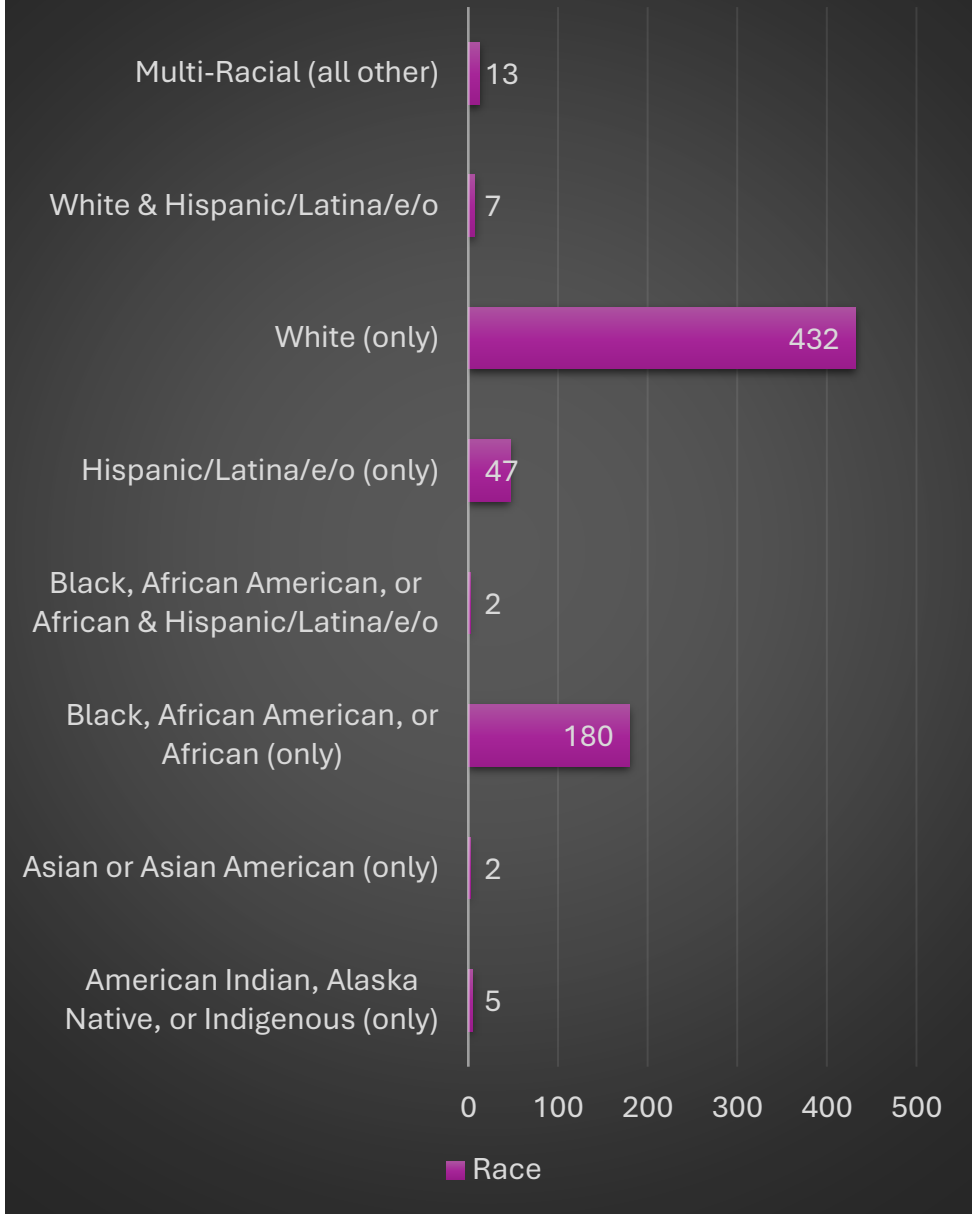
TOTAL ADULT ONLY HH



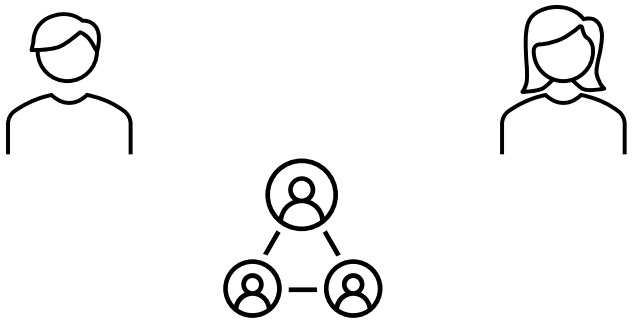
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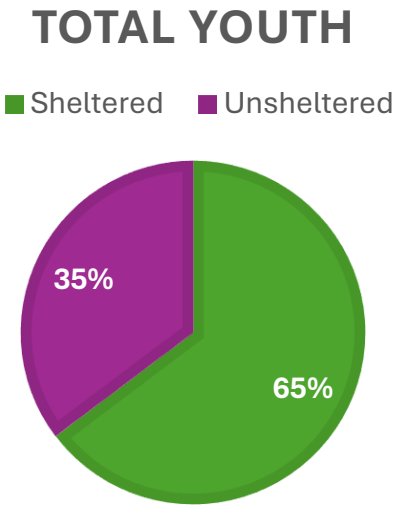
Unaccompanied Youth



17 unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY) were identified during the 2026 PIT.

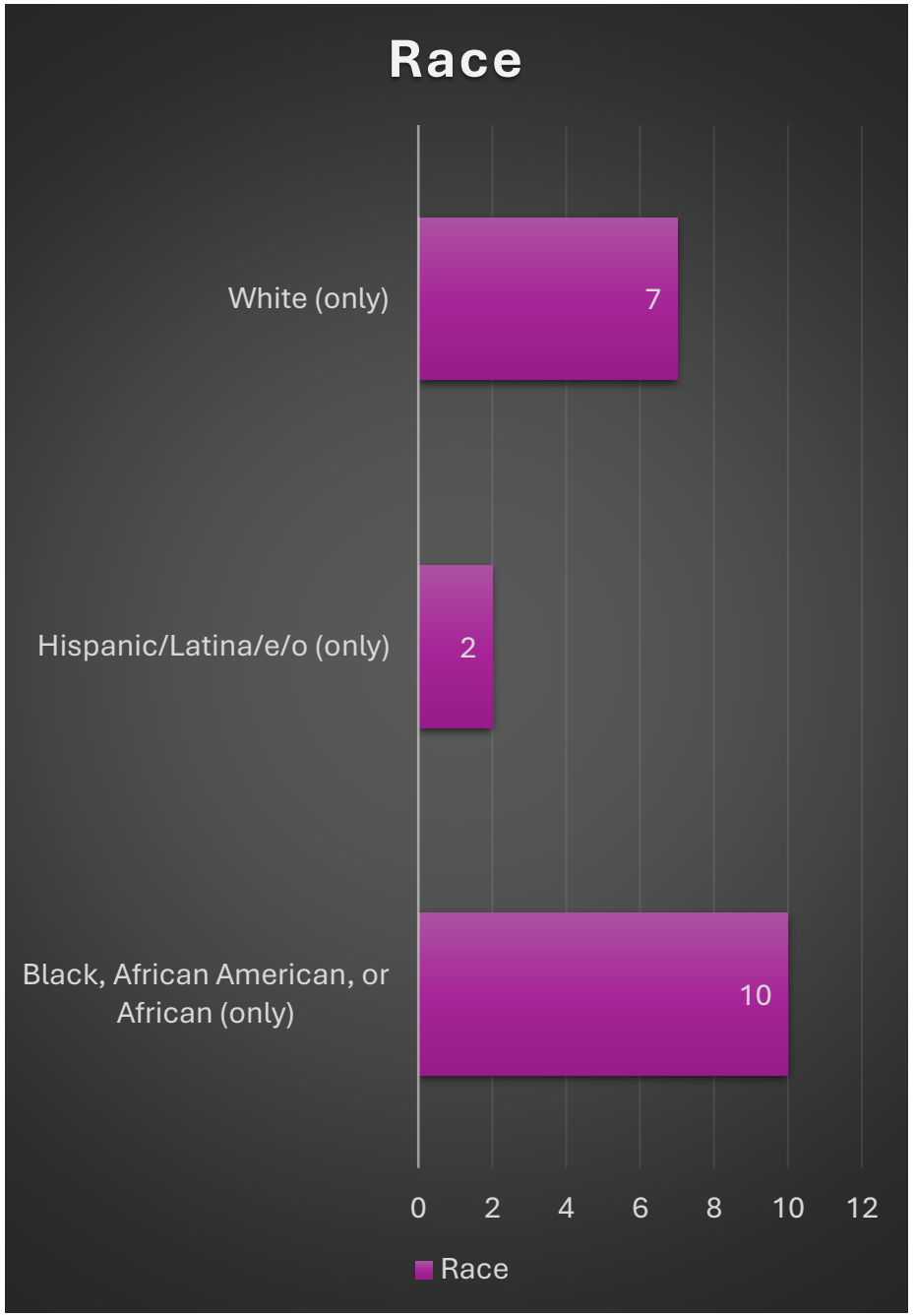
1 chronically UHY

Unsheltered UHY decreased by **23.5% or 4 people** from 2025 to 2026.

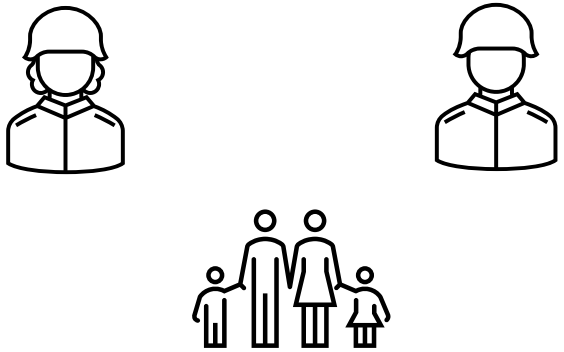


***Who Are Unaccompanied Homeless Youth?**

Unaccompanied homeless youth are individuals **24 years old or younger** who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and are experiencing homelessness. This means they do not have a stable, regular, or adequate place to sleep at night.



Veterans



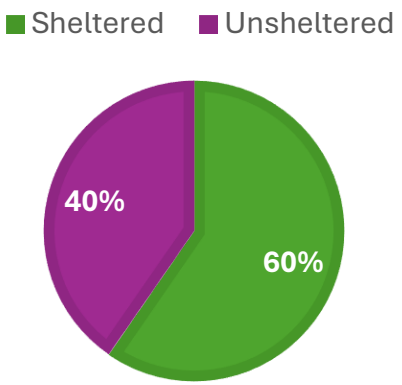
48 homeless Veterans were identified during the 2026 PIT.

2 families

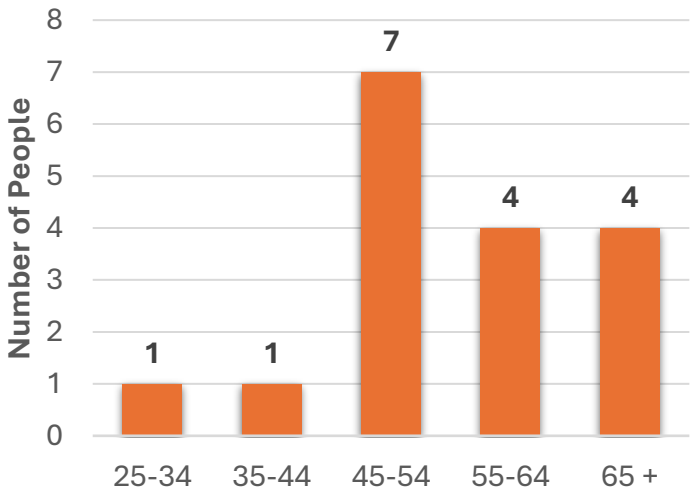
19 chronically homeless Veterans

The overall number of homeless veterans decreased by **5.8% or 3 people** from 2025 to 2026.

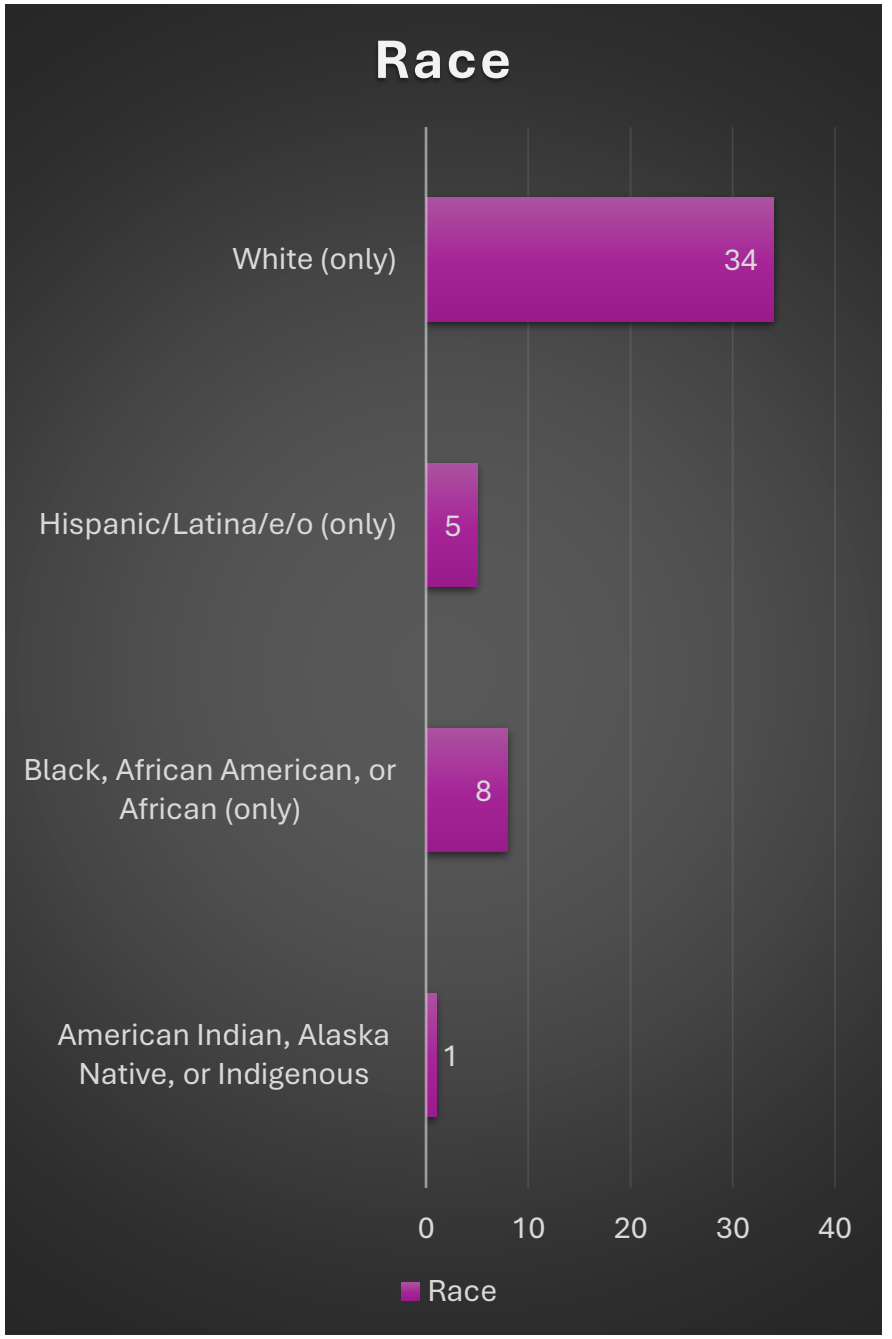
TOTAL VETERANS



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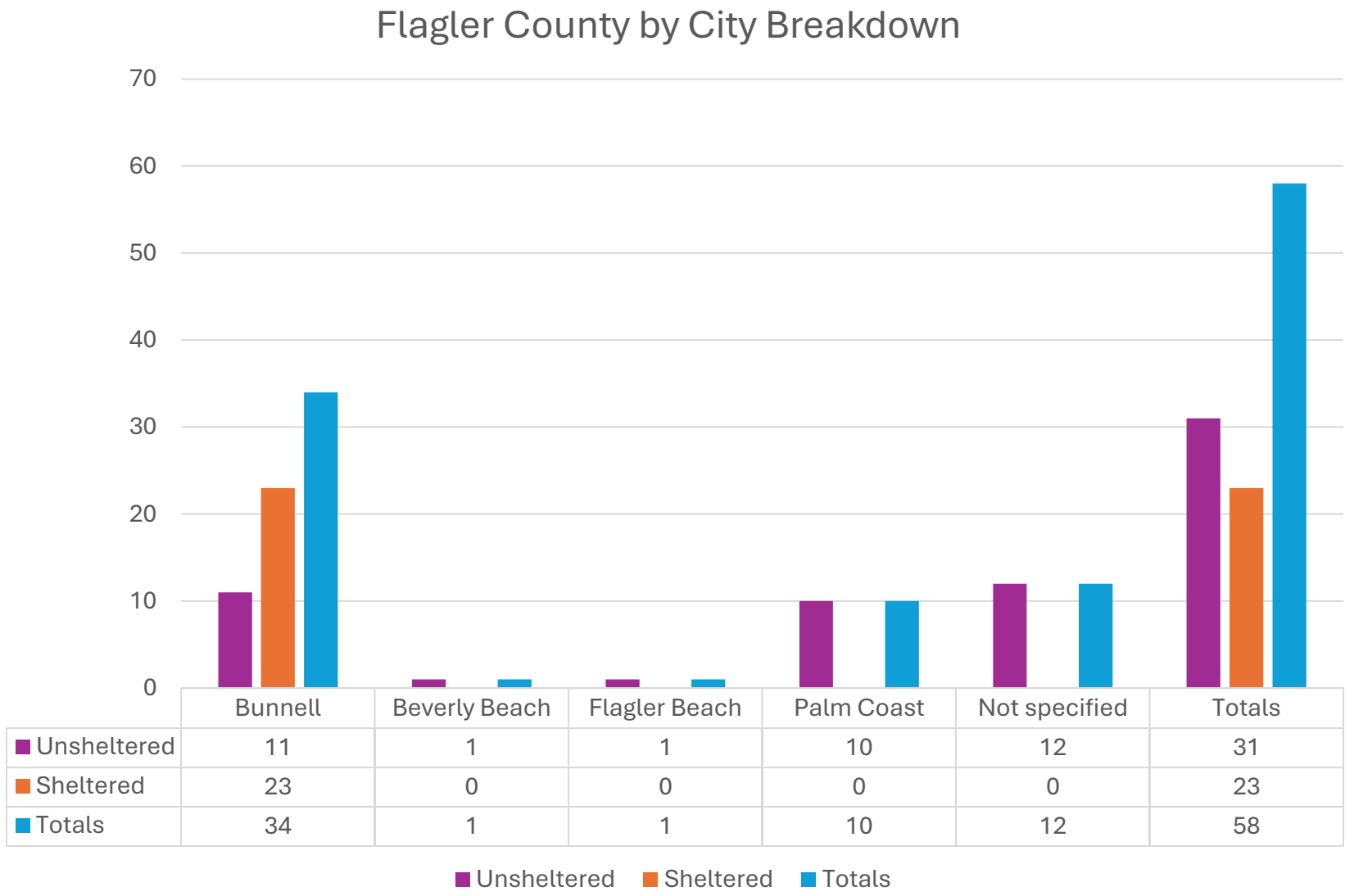
**Unsheltered numbers only. The HMIS sheltered report did not collect age data for sheltered veterans.*



Flagler County

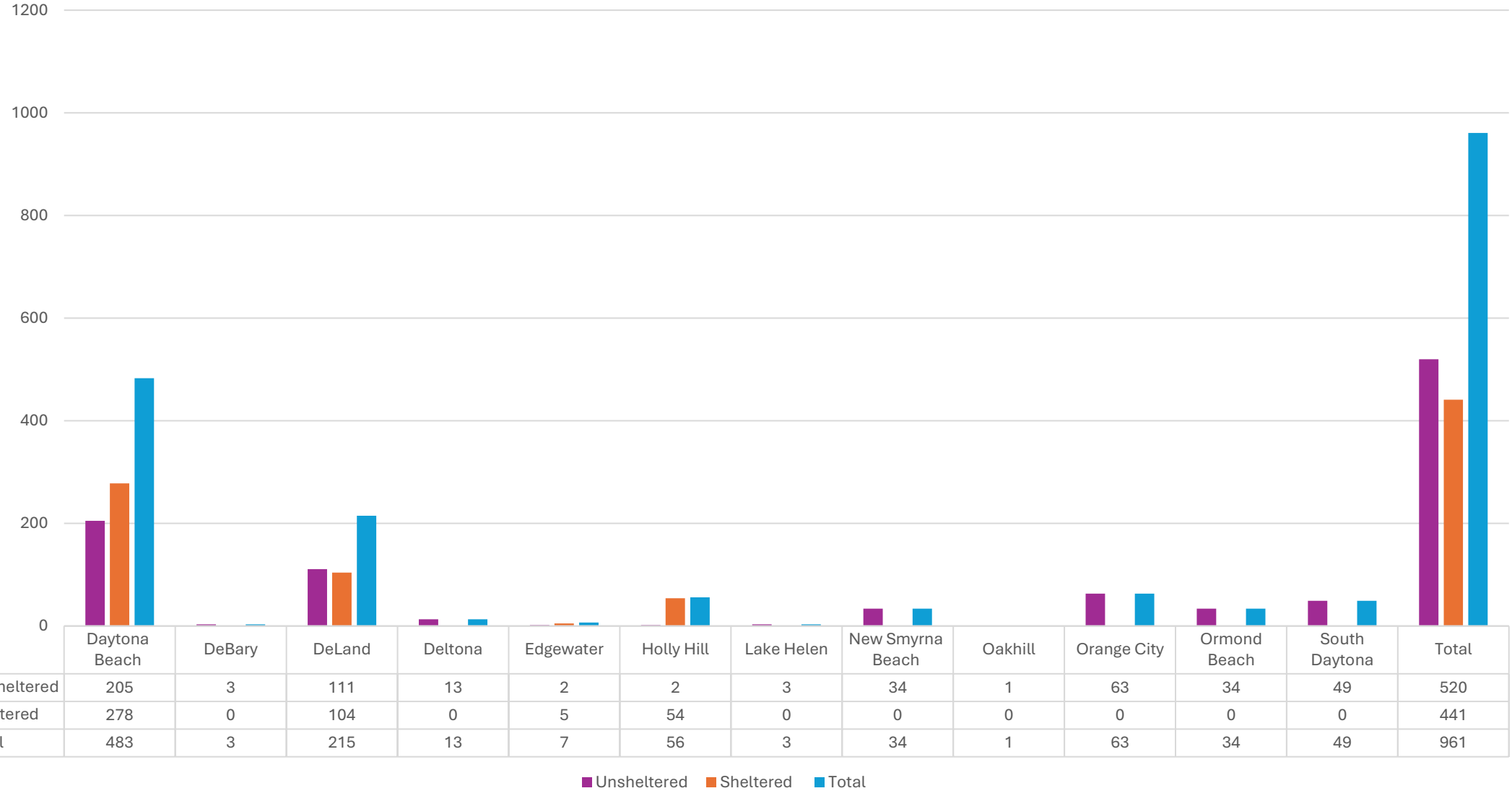
Total Count

58



	Bunnell	Beverly Beach	Flagler Beach	Palm Coast	Not specified	Totals
Unsheltered	11	1	1	10	12	31
Sheltered	23	0	0	0	0	23
Totals	34	1	1	10	12	58

Volusia County by City Breakdown

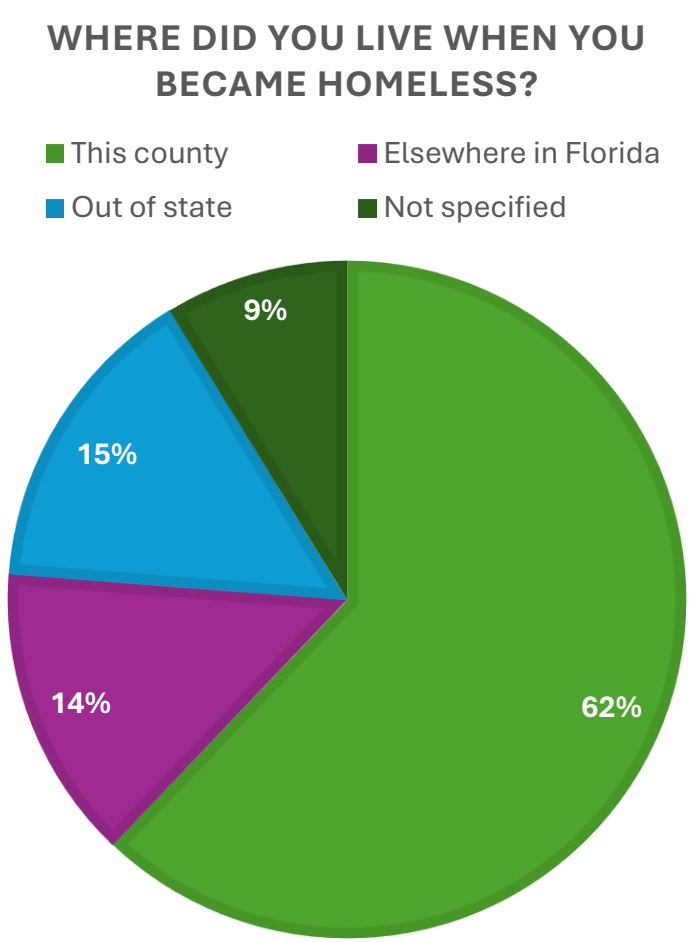


	Daytona Beach	DeBary	DeLand	Deltona	Edgewater	Holly Hill	Lake Helen	New Smyrna Beach	Oakhill	Orange City	Ormond Beach	South Daytona	Total
Unsheltered	205	3	111	13	2	2	3	34	1	63	34	49	520
Sheltered	278	0	104	0	5	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	441
Total	483	3	215	13	7	56	3	34	1	63	34	49	961

**No individuals or families were identified in DeLeon Springs, Ponce Inlet, Pierson, or Port Orange during this year's count.*

Other Information from Survey Participants

*(*206 surveys submitted – unsheltered ONLY)*



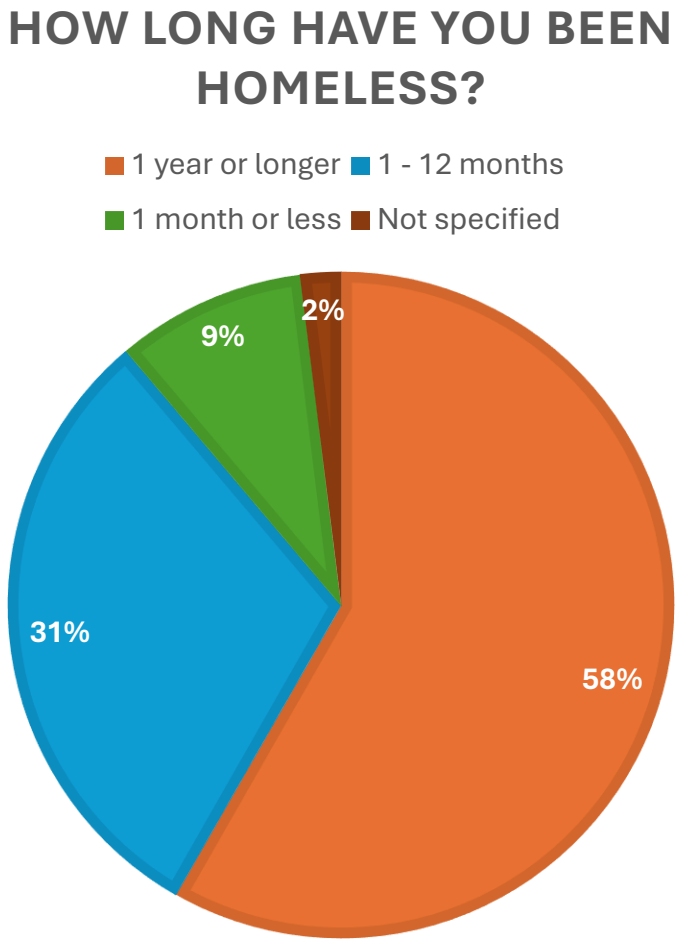
<u>Disabling condition</u>

52.9% or 109 of survey participants indicated they have a disabling condition

67 people indicated they have one disabling condition

40 people indicated they have two or more disabling conditions

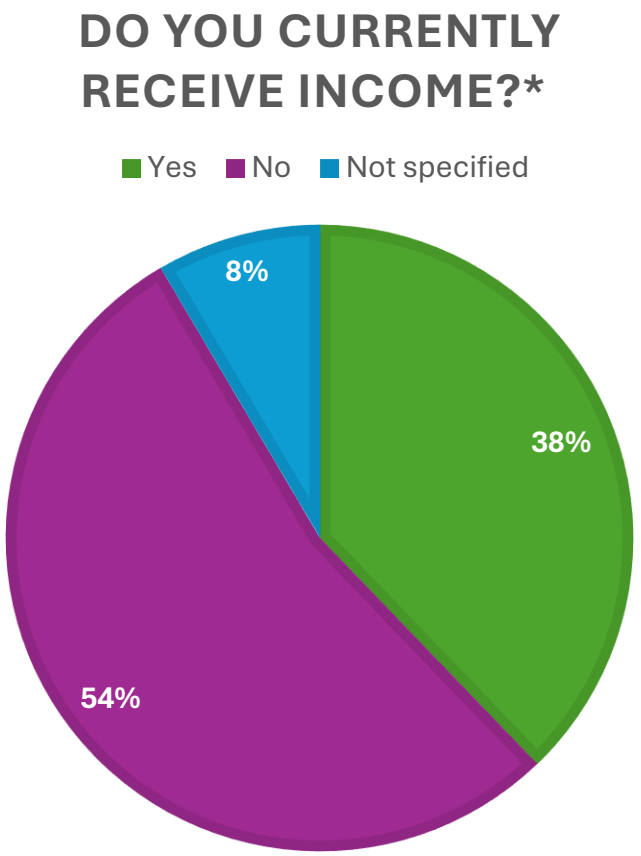
2 people did not specify their disabling condition(s).

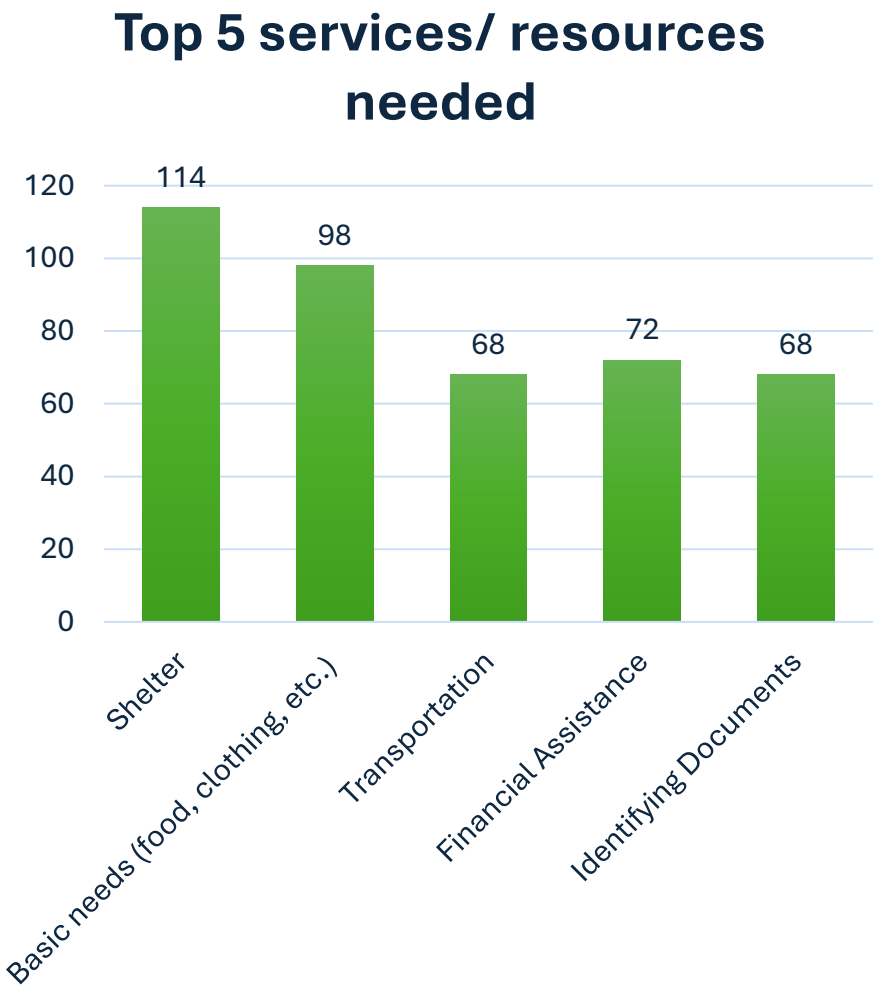


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Other Information from Survey Participants Cont.

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24% or 45 survey participants indicated they have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking



6% or 8 survey participants confirmed they are currently fleeing from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking

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What is the Housing Inventory Count?

- The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of provider programs within a CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness (and, for permanent housing projects, where homeless at entry, per the **HUD homeless definition**), categorized by five Program Types:
  - Emergency Shelter;
  - Transitional Housing;
  - Rapid Re-housing;
  - Safe Haven; and
  - Permanent Supportive Housing.

HIC Utilization for the Sheltered Population

- Just as the PIT is required by HUD, so is the HIC.
- Increase in sheltered utilization. **407 → 464**
  - Emergency Shelter: **234 → 244**
  - Transitional Housing: **153 → 200**
  - Safe Haven: **20 → 20 (100% utilization for 2025 and 2026)**

Key Takeaways

- Decrease in the total number of people who are currently experiencing homelessness. **1083 → 1015**
- Increase in the number of identified people experiencing homelessness in Flagler County. **51 → 58**
- Decrease in the number of people in the 55+ community who are currently experiencing homelessness. **343→ 291**
- Decrease in the number of unsheltered people identified during the count. **676 → 551**
  - **Root Cause of Decrease:**
    - Year-to-year changes can be influenced by factors such as weather conditions, survey coverage, and outreach or survey participant engagement.
    - The overall decrease in the 2026 unsheltered population appears to be largely driven by a reduction in adult-only individuals, particularly those experiencing chronic homelessness.
- Family households experiencing unsheltered homelessness increased slightly. **18 → 22**
  - While the number of family households increased, the total number of children decreased slightly, suggesting slightly smaller family households on average.
- Increase in sheltered utilization. **407 → 464***

*Due to DV numbers being included, along with an increase in shelter and TH beds.

Definitions

- Basic needs – any good, service, or activity necessary to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the civilian population of the United States
- Chronically Homeless – A homeless individual with a disability as defined in section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9)), who:
  - Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and
  - Has been homeless and living as described for at least 12 months* or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described.
- Disabling condition – Physical, developmental, mental or emotional impairment, including impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, brain injury or a chronic physical illness.
- Emergency Shelter – any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless.
- Households - All the people who occupy a housing unit. A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit.
- Identifying documents – ID, birth certificate, social security card, DD214.
- Permanent Supportive Housing – permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability.
- Rapid Re-housing – rapidly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services.
- Safe Haven – A form of supportive housing that serves hard-to-reach homeless persons with severe mental illness who are on the street and have been unable or unwilling to participate in supportive services.
- Transitional Housing – provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing.



Thank you to the volunteers and committee members who helped plan and participated in the 2026 Point in Time Count!

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