UNDERSTANDING THE SCOPE AND SCALE OF HOMELESSNESS IN SEATTLE/KING COUNTY

2019

COUNT US IN and DATA DASHBOARDS

COUNT US IN

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New Homeless System Dashboards

One-stop location for regional homelessness data

Tell a story about the crisis and our response

Introduce the new **inflow-outflow** and **active** methodologies:

INFLOW

- Newly homeless
- Previously housed or inactive

ACTIVE

- Unsheltered, emergency shelter, transitional housing, searching for housing (RRH)
- Coordinated Entry prioritized list

OUTFLOW

- Permanently housed
- Temporarily housed, unsheltered exit, deceased, inactive or unknown destination

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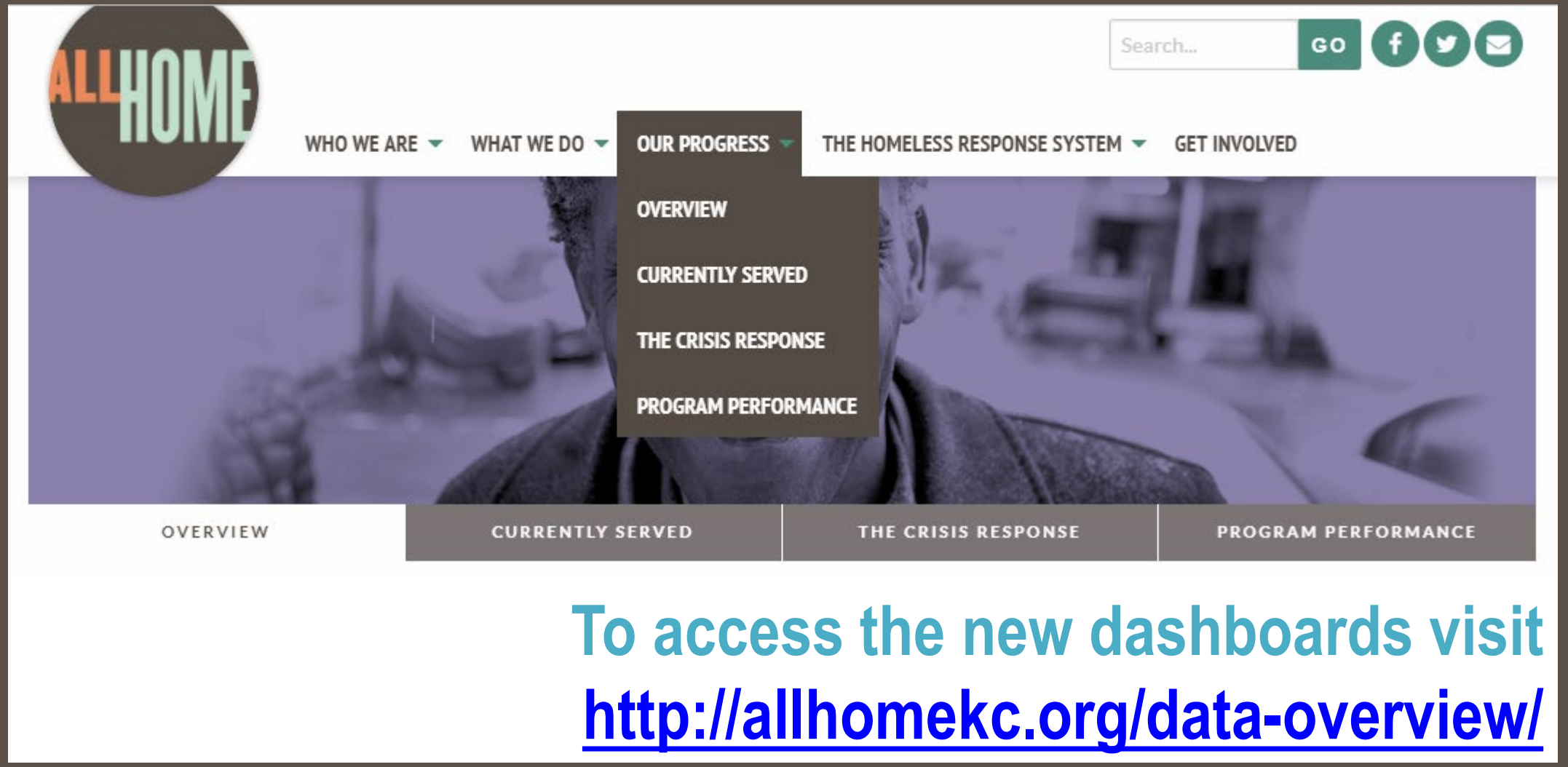
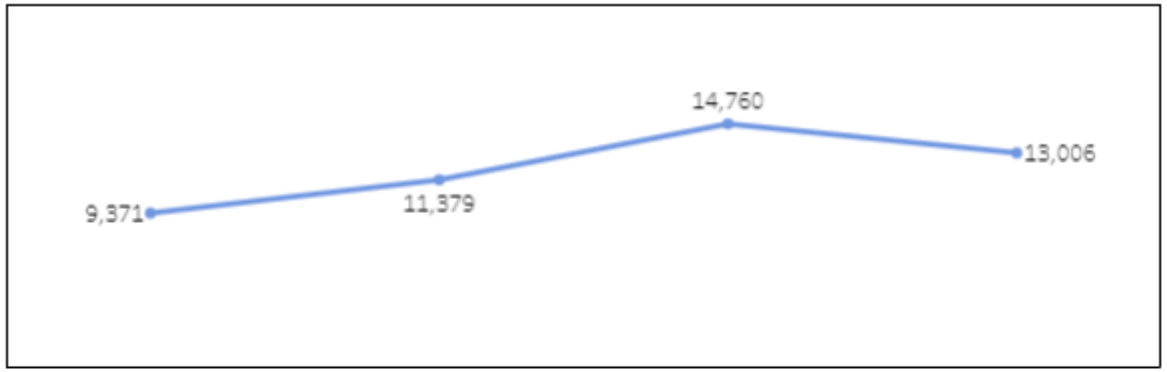


To access the new dashboards visit

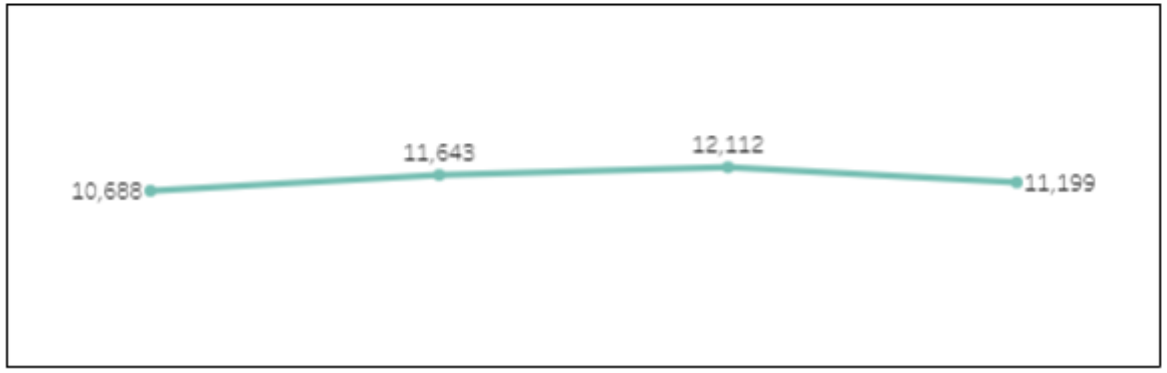
http://allhomekc.org/data-overview/

More households were being served in the system at a point in time than were identified via Count Us In

Households accessing services in the homeless response system



Individuals experiencing homelessness identified in the Point-in-Time count



Measuring how many people experience homelessness is challenging, particularly in a large and diverse community. No methodology can provide a 100% accurate count of individuals experiencing homelessness, and any approach inevitably will result in an undercount.

Yet, the Seattle-King County Continuum of Care is committed to improving our measurement strategies. We use multiple sources to better understand this crisis. Below are several ways we attempt to measure homelessness in our community.

Accessing services in the homeless response system: A snapshot on the last day of the month of how many *households experiencing homelessness* are accessing services from a program participating in HMIS or on the Coordinated Entry for All queue.

Point-In-Time count: Also known as Count Us In, an annual count of *individuals* experiencing homelessness, conducted in January, and a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for all Continuums of Care.

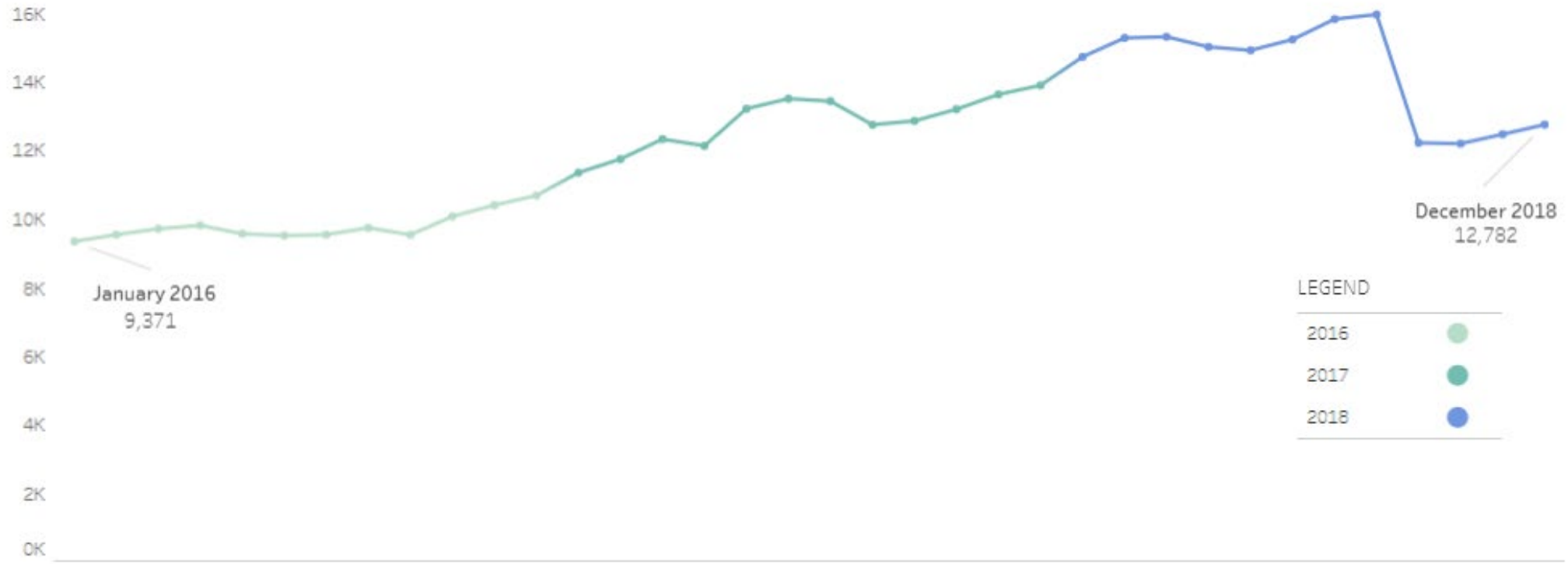
Learn more about our methodology

Learn more about the PIT count

Number of households active in the system is increasing: More people are connected to the services they need

EXPLORE THE DATA

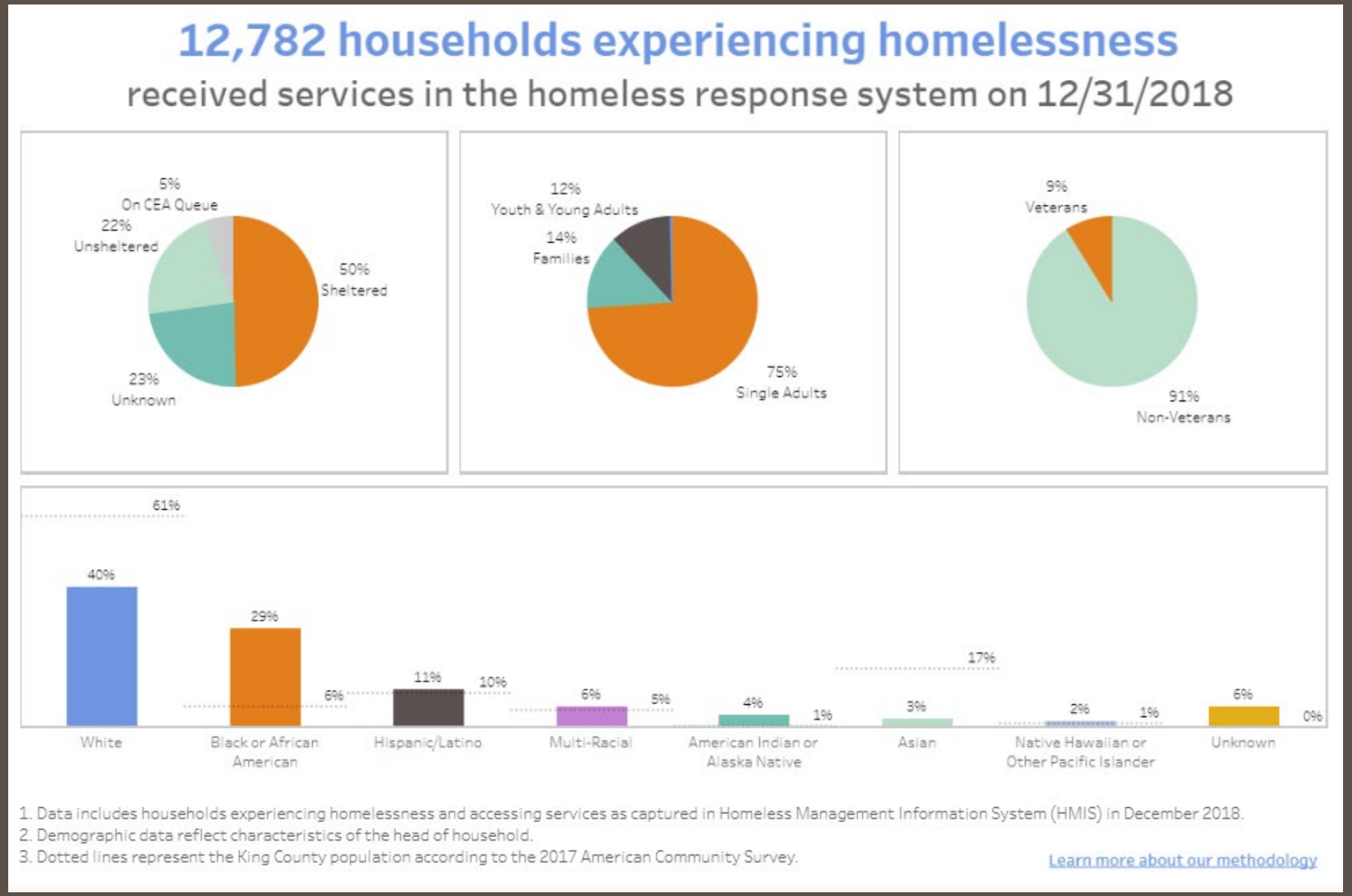
How many households is the homeless response system currently serving?



Source: Data includes households experiencing homelessness and accessing services as captured in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) as of 4/1/19. Note, In September 2018, Coordinated Entry for All implemented a policy change to align with national best practices. CEA identified 3,800 households who were inactive for more than 90 days. These households were removed from the community queue and appear in 2018 outflow.

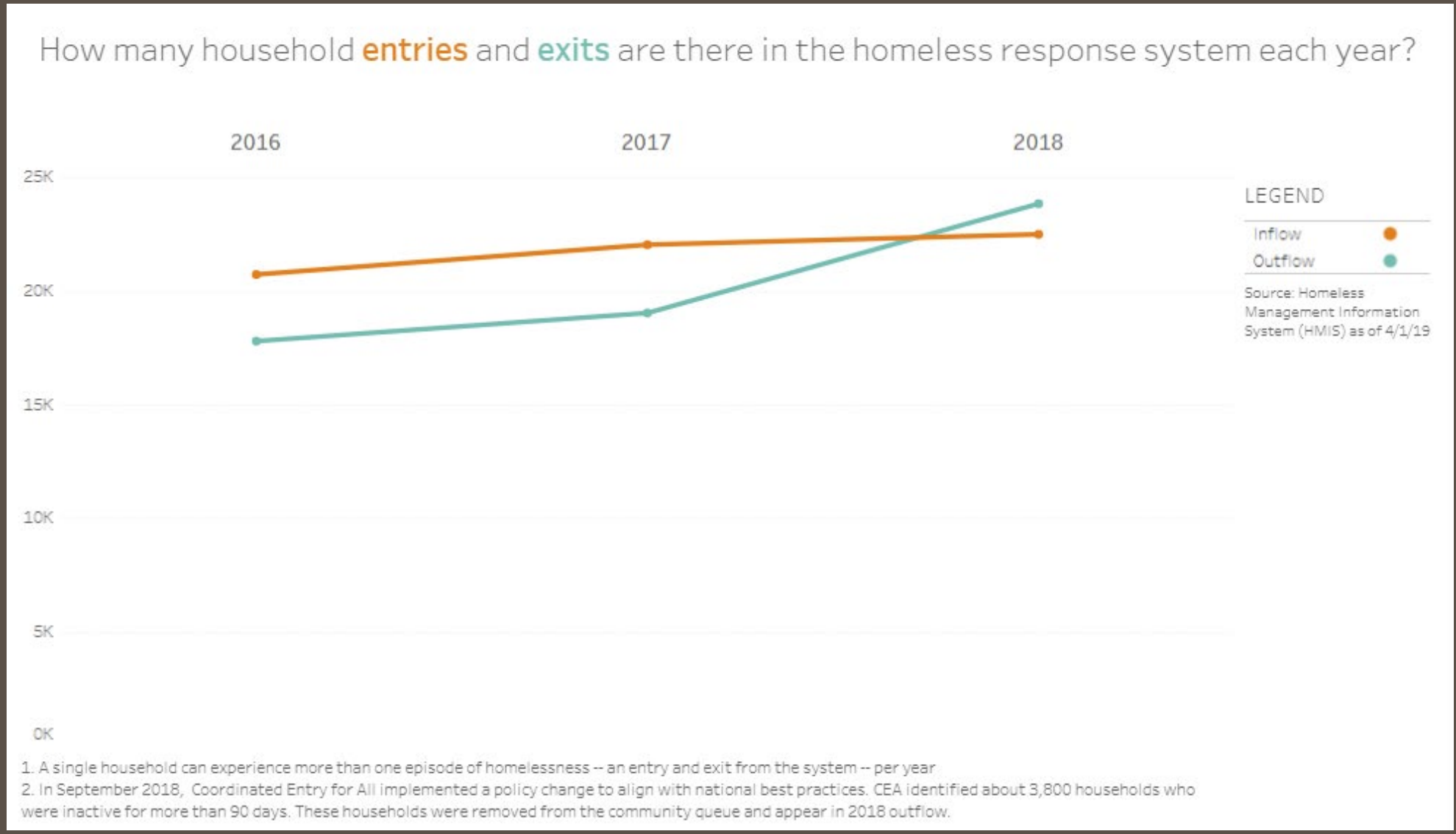
Households accessing services are more likely to be…

sheltered
single adults
non-veterans
and
disproportionately
people of color

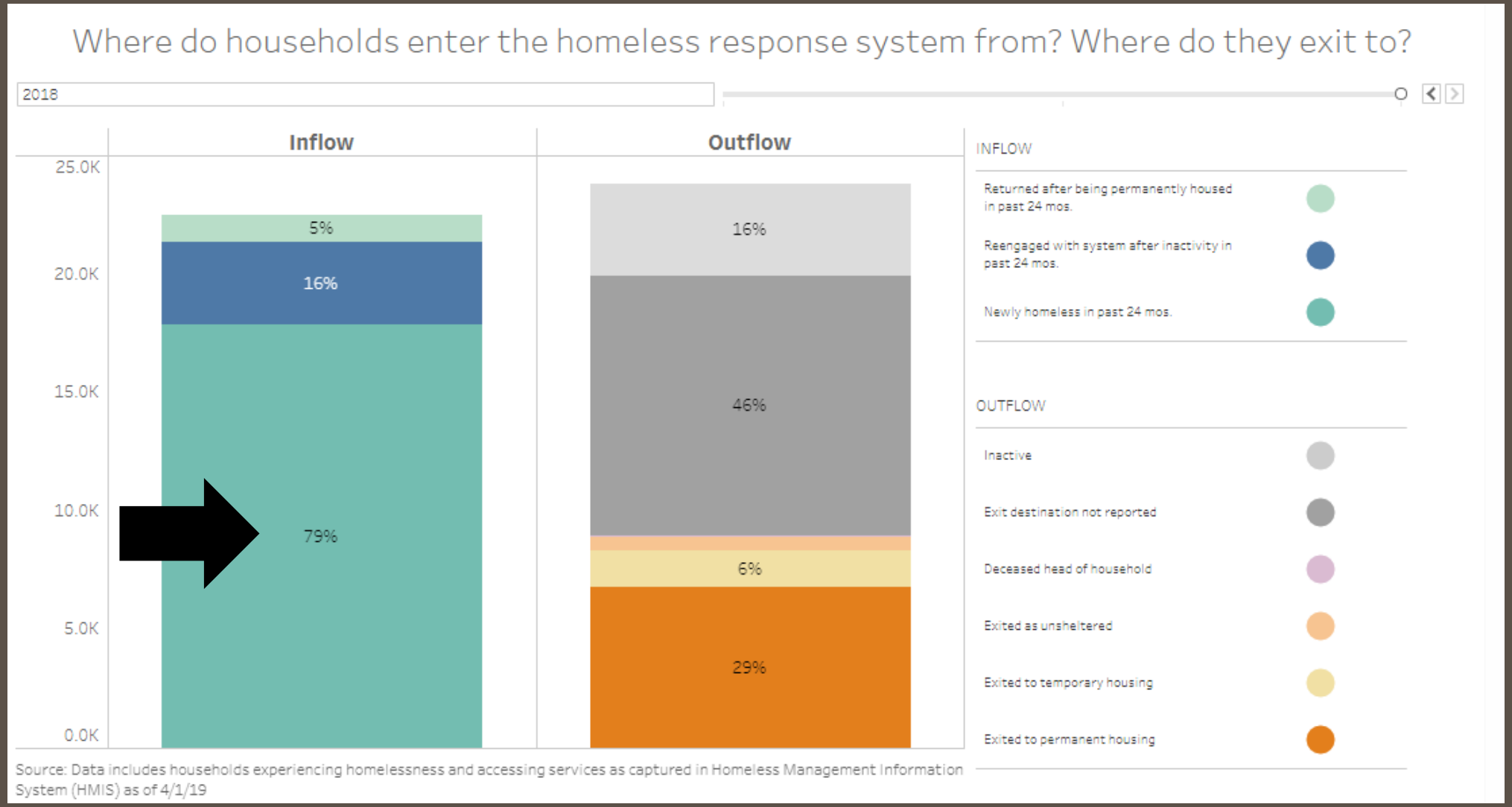


Inflow-Outflow: Household entries and exits from system are increasing

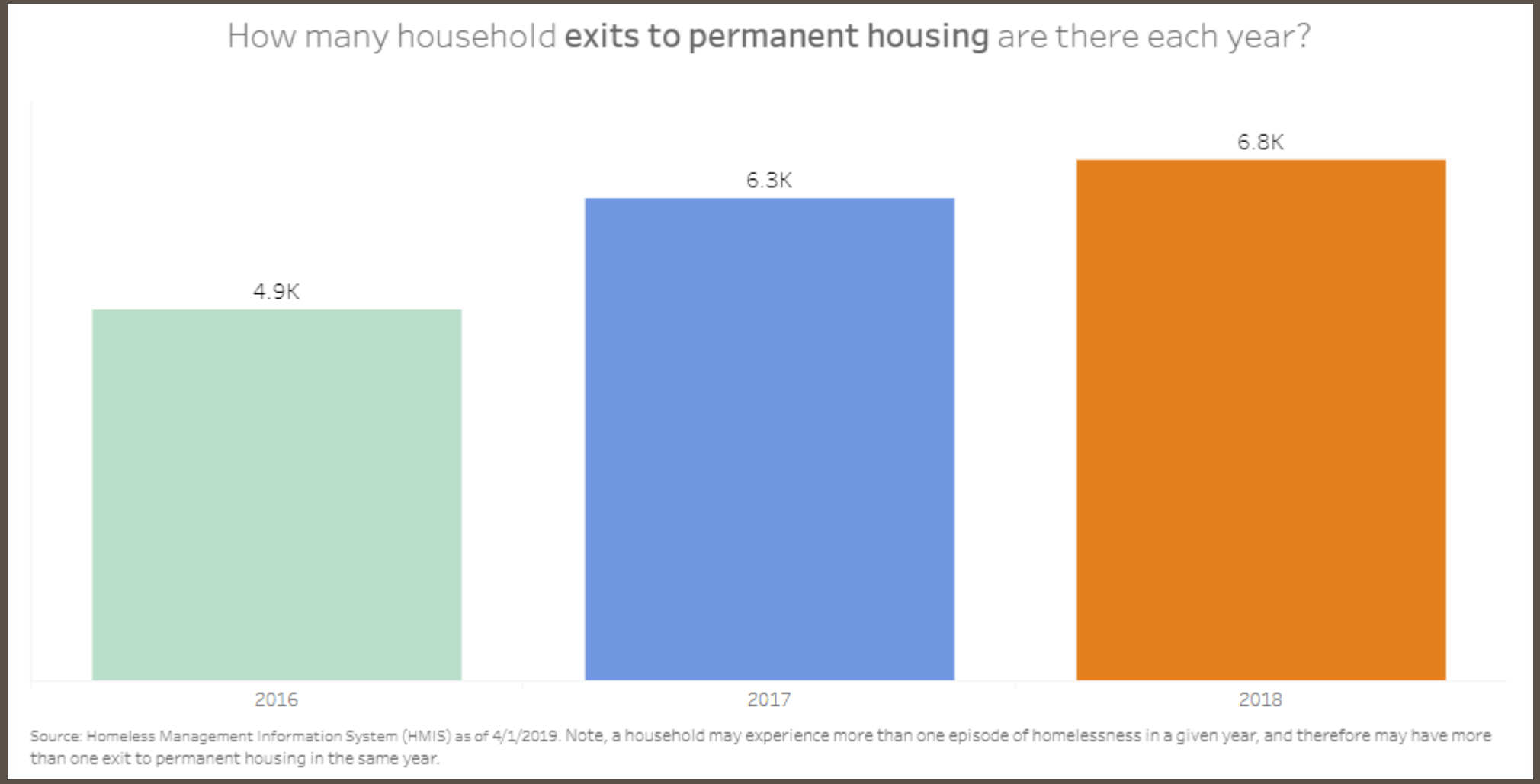
Note: Sept '18 outflow shift due to Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) policy change



Most households entering the system are newly homeless in the past 24 months



Exits to permanent housing are increasing



COUNT US IN 2019

Core Components

- General Street Count
- Youth and Young Adult Count
- Sheltered Count (Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing)
- Peer-Conducted Survey

COUNT US IN 2019 METHODOLOGY

- Continuation of methodology adopted in 2017, nationally recognized methodology used by many west coast cities
- Countywide participation of more than 600 volunteers and approximately 130 **paid guides and surveyors** with lived experience of homelessness
- Utilizes a **virtual 100% canvassing of 398 census tracts** in King County, including specialized count strategies for encampment residents, all-night bus riders, and unsheltered families

COUNT US IN ALL HOME

AREAS OF PROGRESS DEMONSTRATE THE IMPACT OF COORDINATED, PERSON-CENTERED APPROACHES WITH TARGETED AND INCREASED INVESTMENTS

Homelessness in King County 2019

COUNT US IN

11,199

people were experiencing homelessness in King County on January 25, 2019.

▼8% down between 2018 and 2019

5,971 sheltered ▲3%

5,228 unsheltered ▼17%

By the numbers.

2,451 individuals in families with children ▼7%

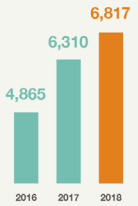
830 veterans ▼10%

1,089 unaccompanied youth and young adults ▼28%

82 /1089 minors ▼52%

We are housing more people every year.

17,992 total exits to permanent housing from our system in the last 3 years:



Join us.

Preventing and ending homelessness takes the whole community. Take action:

- Say hello
- Speak up
- Share time
- Rent or hire

For more information on Count Us In, visit AllHomeKC.org

All data from Count Us In 2019 and the King County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

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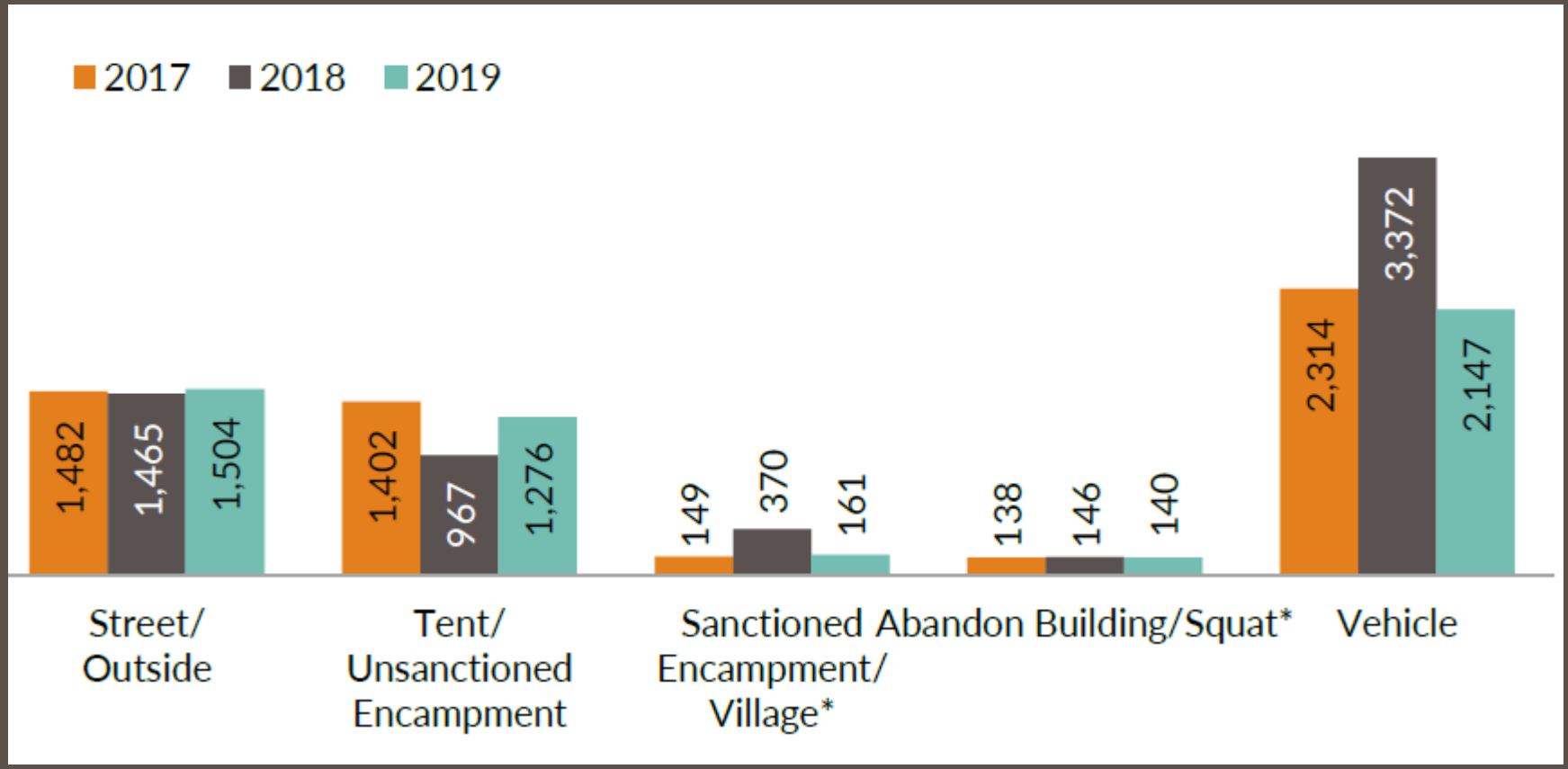
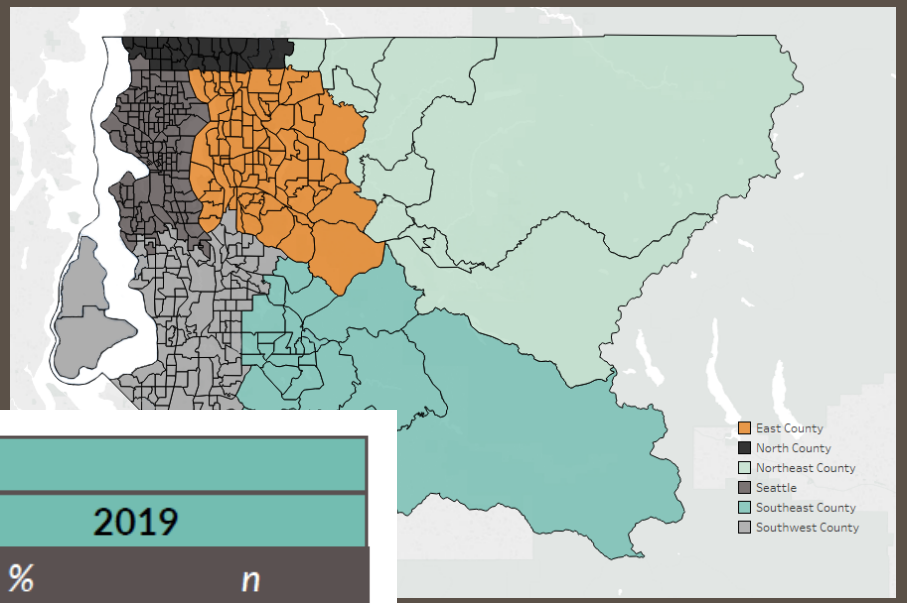
COUNT US IN RESULTS

THE UNSHELTERED POPULATION IS CHANGING AND WE WILL NEED TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY



COUNT US IN SUB-REGIONAL RESULTS

HOMELESSNESS IS EXPERIENCED IN EVERY PART OF OUR COUNTY



	UNSHELTERED					
	2017		2018		2019	
REGION	%	*n*	%	*n*	%	*n*
East County	6%	319	6%	393	6%	337
North County	1%	58	4%	251	2%	85
Northeast County	2%	84	2%	137	2%	99
Seattle	70%	3,841	71%	4,488	68%	3,558
Southwest County	20%	1,113	15%	974	21%	1,084
Southeast County	1%	70	1%	77	1%	65
TOTAL	100%	5,485	100%	6,320	100%	5,228

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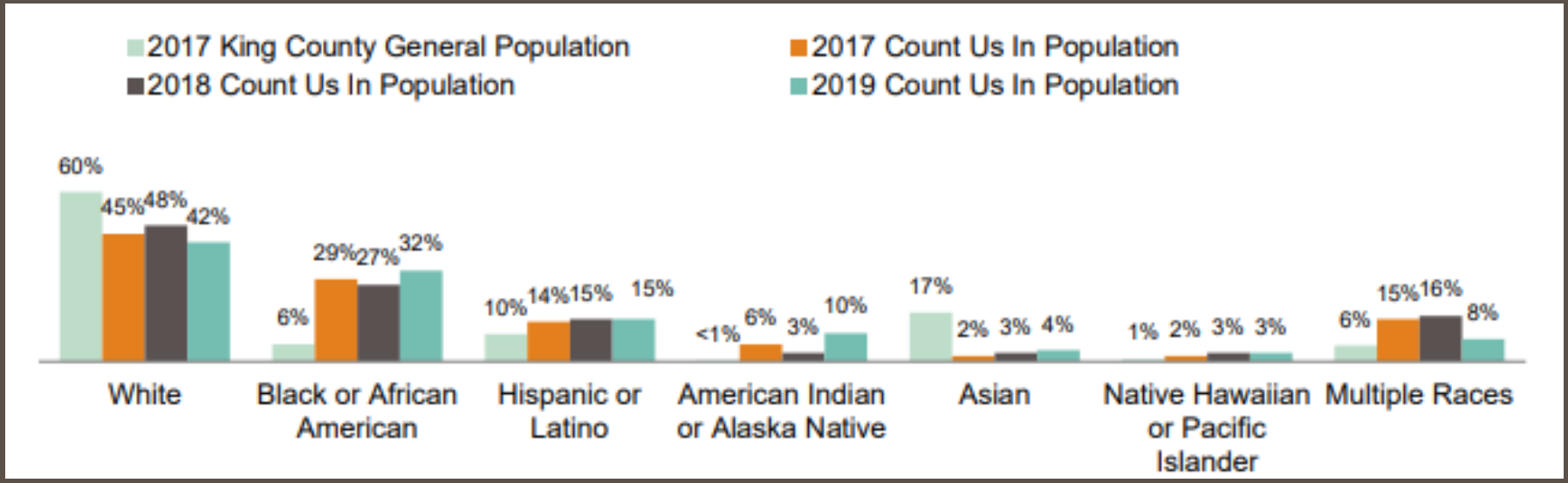
HOMELESSNESS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS PEOPLE OF COLOR AND OTHER HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS



INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFYING WITH MULTIPLE RACES, AS AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE, AND AS TRANSGENDER OR WITH A GENDER OTHER THAN MALE OR FEMALE REPORTED THE HIGHEST RATES OF BEING UNSHELTERED

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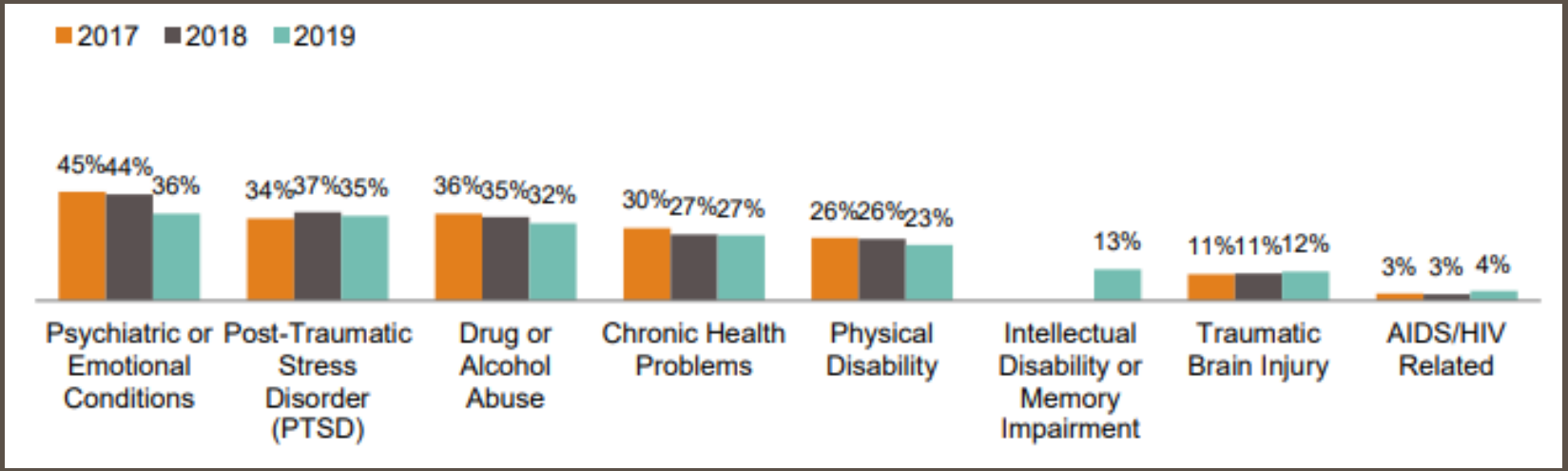
APPROXIMATELY 64% OF PEOPLE SURVEYED REPORTED LIVING WITH ONE OR MORE HEALTH CONDITIONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS BEING THE MOST FREQUENTLY REPORTED.



IN 2018, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ONLY 6.4% OF PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 65 IN THE GENERAL KING COUNTY POPULATION ARE PEOPLE LIVING WITH A DISABILITY

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QUESTIONS?

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