Measuring Unsheltered Homelessness

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5 Year Plan Modeling

62,000 People

Modeling through 2027 projects that thousands more people in our region will experience homelessness at least once.
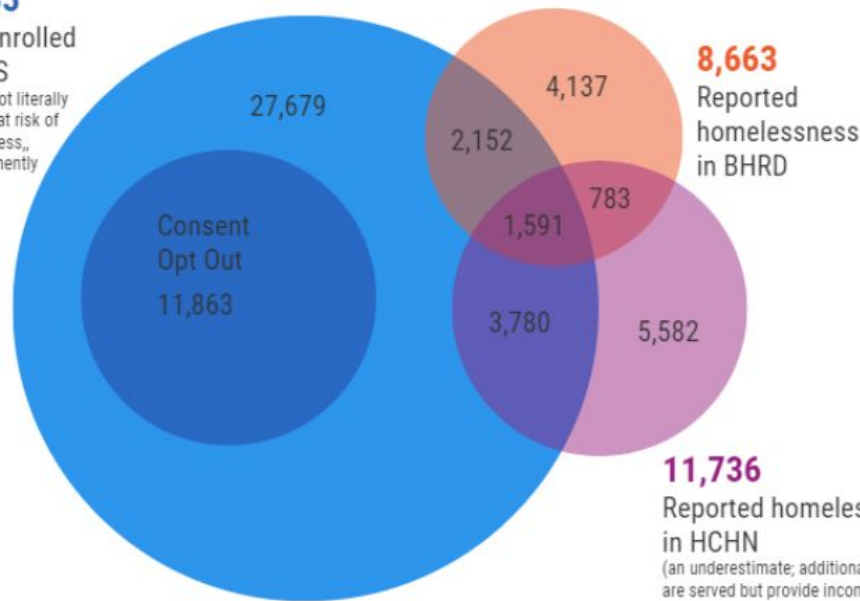
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King County Integrated Data

OVERLAP BETWEEN PEOPLE SERVED IN ANY HMIS PARTICIPATING PROGRAM* AND LITERALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN BHRD/HCHN IN 2020

47,065
Total enrolled
in HMIS
(includes not literally
homeless, at risk of
homelessness,,
and permanently
housed)

27,679

2,152

4,137

8,663
Reported
homelessness
in BHRD

783

Consent
Opt Out

11,863

1,591

3,780

5,582

Washington State has an "opt in" HMIS consent policy. Compared to other states, this results in a larger share of people choosing not to share personal identifiers. This limits who we can link across systems.

Among identified people in HMIS, about 27.1% are linked to a homeless record in either BHRD or HCHN. If we assume that rate is the same in the opt out population, **the mostly likely number of people living homeless without an HMIS enrollment in 2020 was about 7,300.**

11,736
Reported homelessness
in HCHN
(an underestimate; additional HCHN clients
are served but provide incomplete data)

*Note, total HMIS enrollments includes ALL enrollments, regardless of homeless status. Of the 47,065 unique clients in 2020, 21,363 were identified as literally homeless at some point in the year. Others include people served by permanent supportive housing, prevention programs, and households in homeless crisis response programs that do not meet the HUD literally homeless definition. Sources: Seattle-King County Point-in-Time Count, Seattle-King County Homeless Management Information System, King County behavioral health system data, Health Care for the Homeless Network data
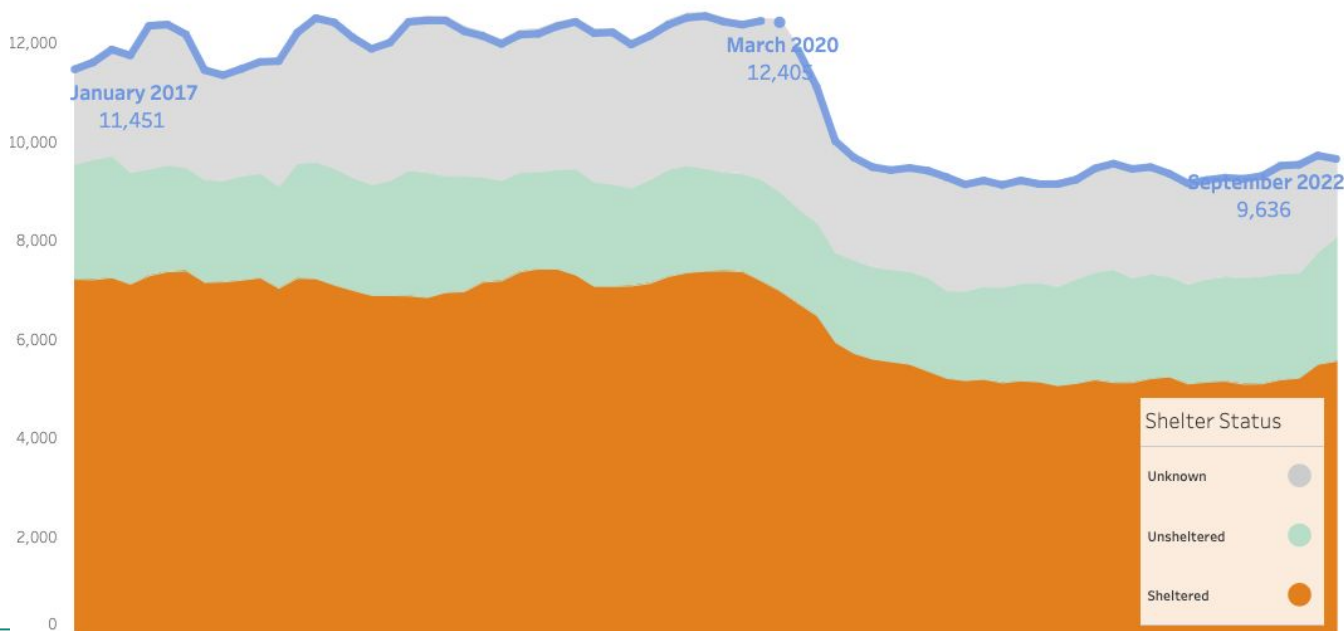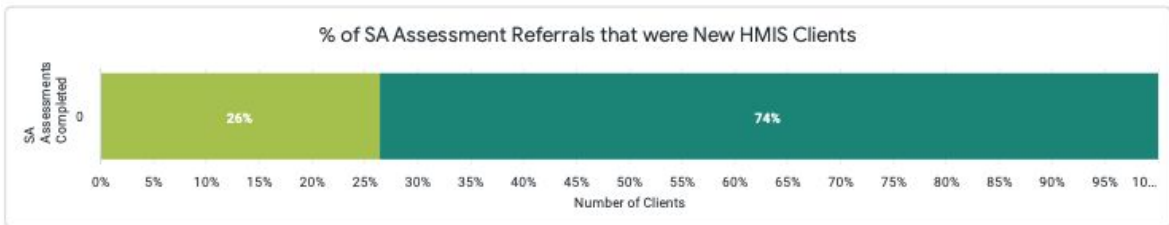
HMIS Data

EXPLORE THE DATA

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Select a Population: [All Households ▼]

Partnership for Zero By Name List

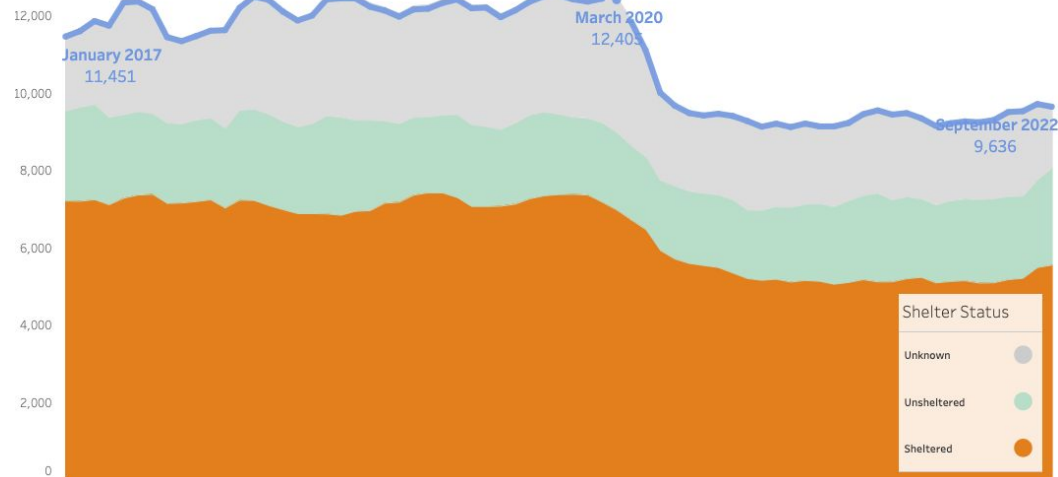# Live Demo

https://kcrha.org/data-overview/households-served/

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- Start with HMIS and administrative data

- Scale initiatives like Partnership for Zero and State Right of Way Safety, which include local By-Name Lists

- Scale technical & reporting infrastructure

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