



DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELESSNESS AND  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

# 2017 Point in Time Count

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Land Use and Transportation Committee  
July 17, 2017

Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing  
Applied Survey Research



# Methodology

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HSH contracts with Applied Survey Research to conduct the count and uses federally recognized best-practice methodologies, including:

- Biennial count
- Blitz method
- Total coverage
- Survey (1,104 people)
- Youth Count
- 750 Volunteers





# Unique Youth Count Methodology

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- Dedicated outreach effort to count unsheltered unaccompanied children (under 18) and transition age youth (18-24)
- SF has conducted a dedicated youth count since 2013. 2017 is the baseline year for youth data for HUD
- Youth providers and currently or recently homeless youth conduct both the street count and survey with unaccompanied children and youth
- 229 number of surveys were conducted by youth peers



# 2015-2017 PIT Comparisons

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Community	2017 PIT Total (HUD Definition)	% Change from 2015-2017
Los Angeles County	57,749	30% ↑
Seattle/King County	11,643	16% ↑
Alameda County	5,629	39% ↑
Portland/Multnomah County	4,177	9% ↑
Santa Clara County	7,395	13% ↑
Sacramento County	3,665	30% ↑
Orange County	4,792	8% ↑



# Trends in ASR 2017 PIT Counts

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- Most Bay Area counties see an unsheltered rate of nearly 70%
  - Santa Clara County = 74%
  - Alameda County = 69%
- Counties have increases in the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness due to increases in lengths of homelessness
- Alameda, Santa Clara, Seattle and San Francisco now use the same PIT Count methodology



# HUD Definition of Homelessness

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## HUD Definition

People experiencing homelessness include:

- People living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement; or
- People with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.



# SF Definition of Homelessness

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- The SF definition includes people “doubled-up” in the homes of family or friends, staying in jails, hospitals, and rehabilitation facilities, and families living in Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units.
- For the purposes of the PIT Count the SF definition expands on the HUD definition to include people residing in jails, hospitals, and rehabilitation facilities.



# San Francisco Response 2015-2017

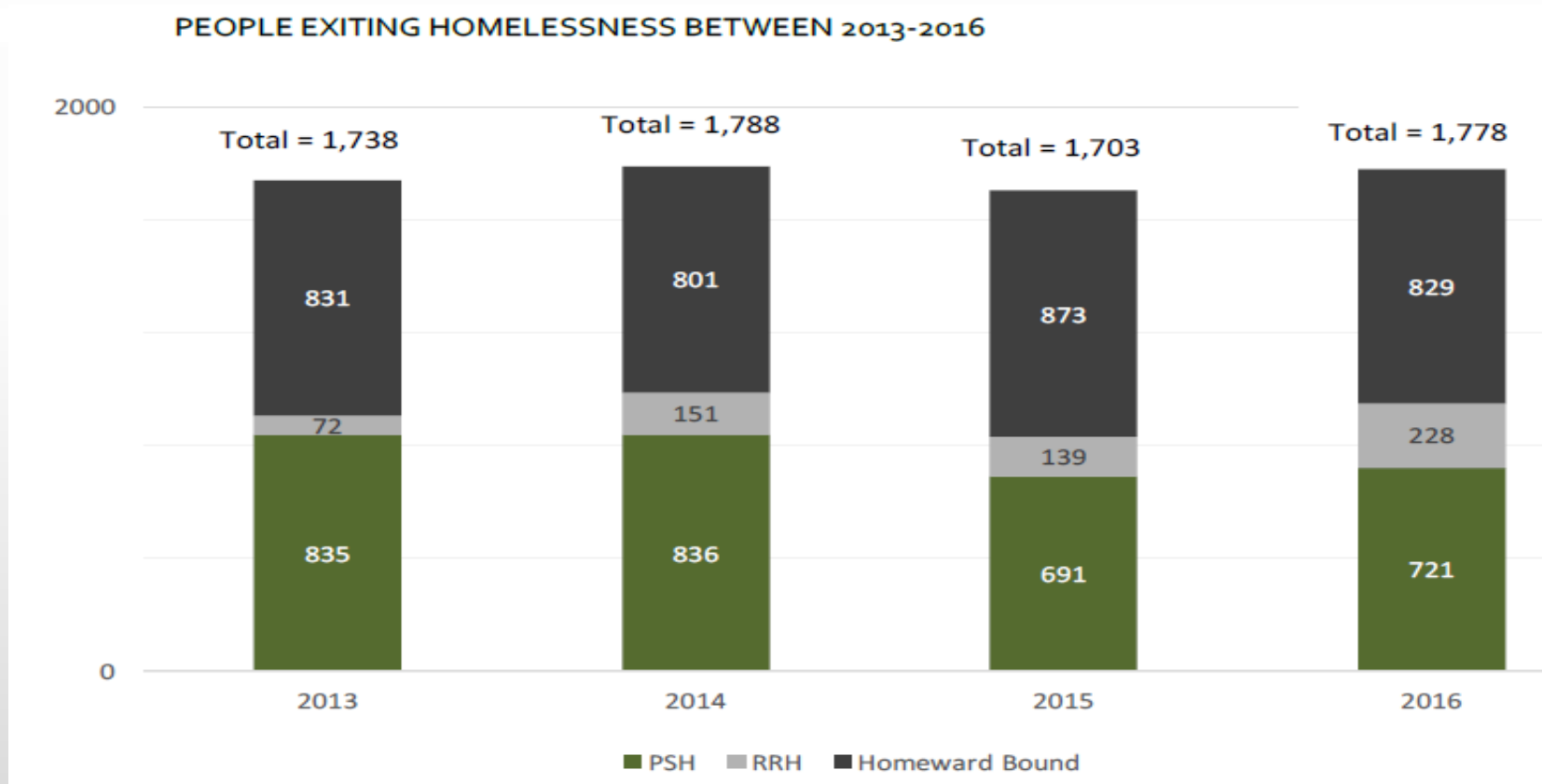
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- Launch of the Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing
- 3,481 people rehoused (PSH, RRH & Homeward Bound)
  - 367 families rehoused with rapid re-housing
  - 1,702 people reunited with family & friends via Homeward Bound
  - 1,412 people housed in PSH
- San Francisco opened approximately 625 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing





# San Francisco Response 2015-2017: Housing Placements



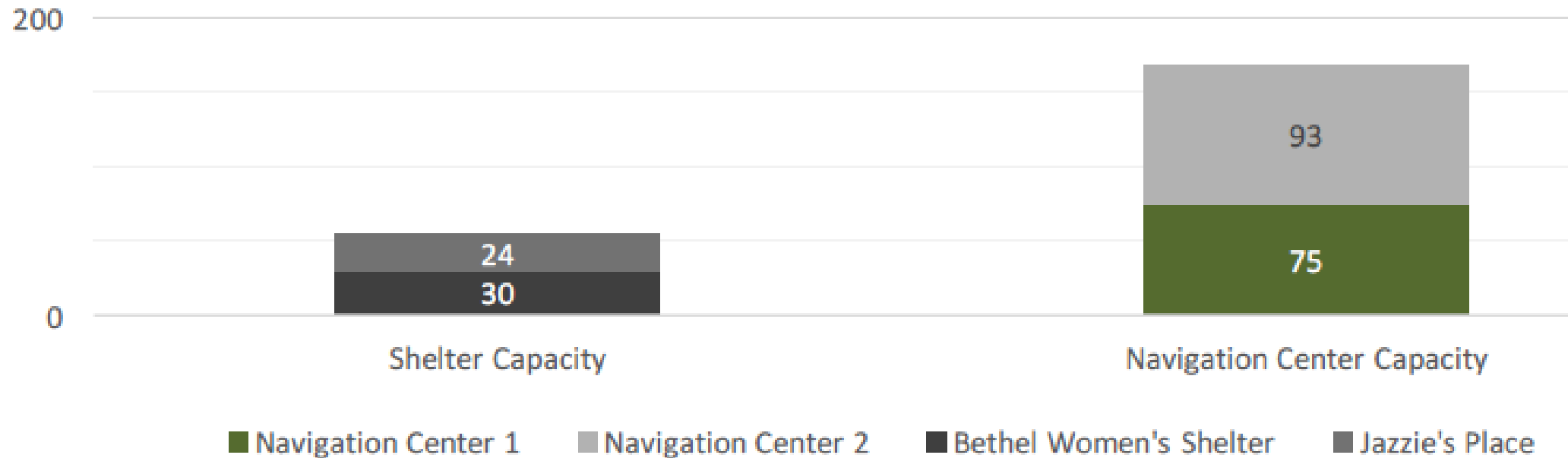
Between 2015-2017, 3,481 people were moved out of homelessness through City programs



# San Francisco Response 2015-2017: Expansion of Temporary Shelter

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EXPANSION OF TEMPORARY SHELTERS BETWEEN 2015 AND 2017



Between 2015-2017 SF Opened 222 New Temporary Shelter Beds

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# Strategic Investments: Family & Youth Homelessness

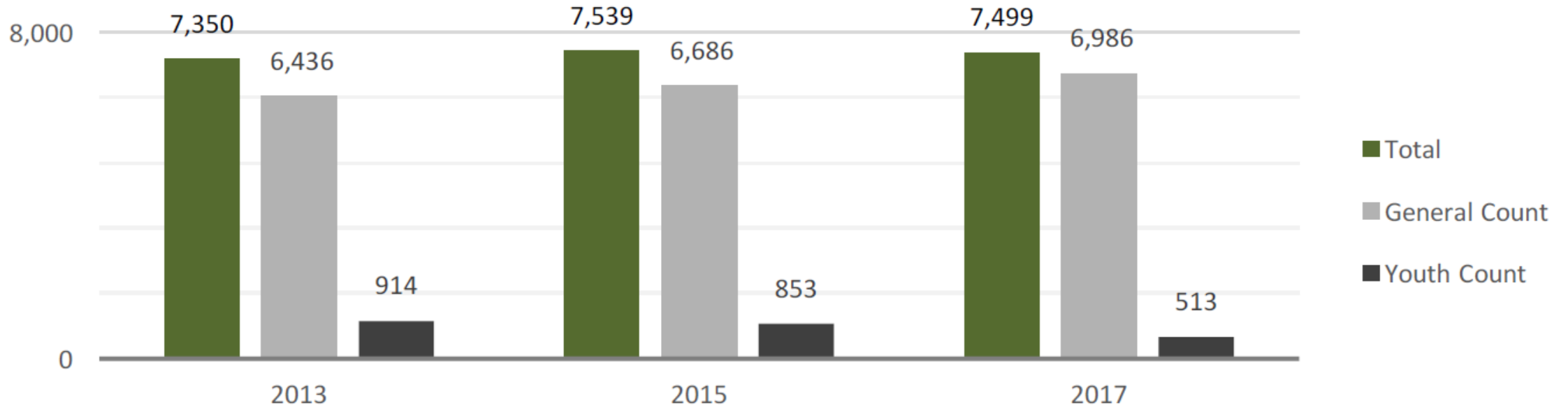
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Population	FY 15-16 Budget	FY 16-17 Budget	% Change
TAY	\$9M	\$10M	11% increase
Families	\$23M	\$27M	17% increase
Adults	\$124M	\$138M	11% increase
Total	\$156M	\$175	13% increase



# Homelessness in SF is Down by <1%

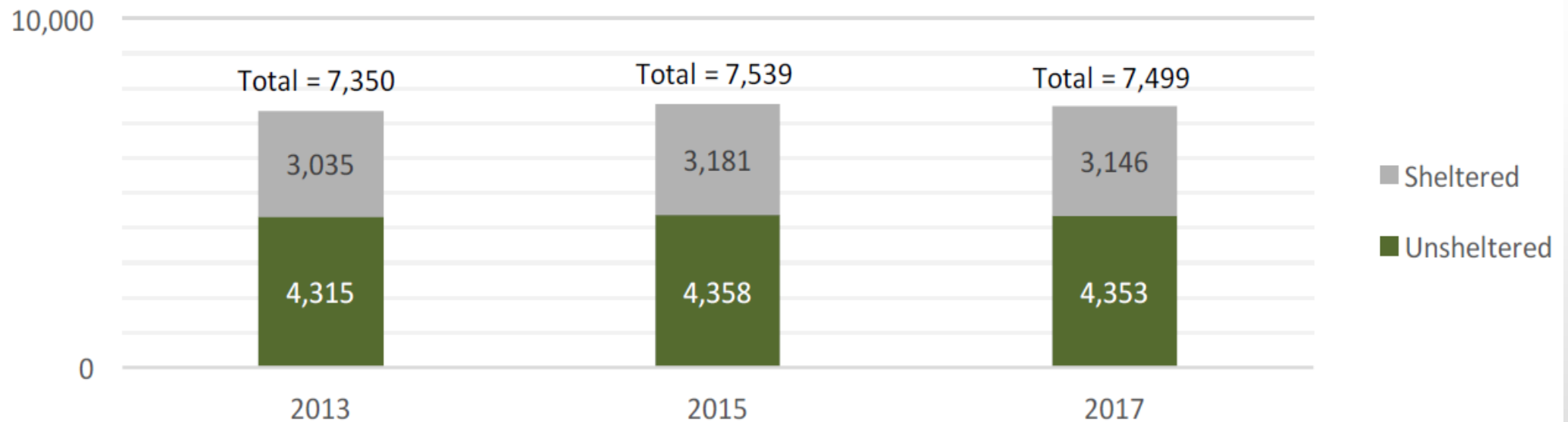
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED, ENUMERATED DURING THE GENERAL POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT AND YOUTH COUNT WITH TREND





# Sheltered & Unsheltered Homelessness

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ENUMERATED DURING THE POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT BY SHELTER STATUS

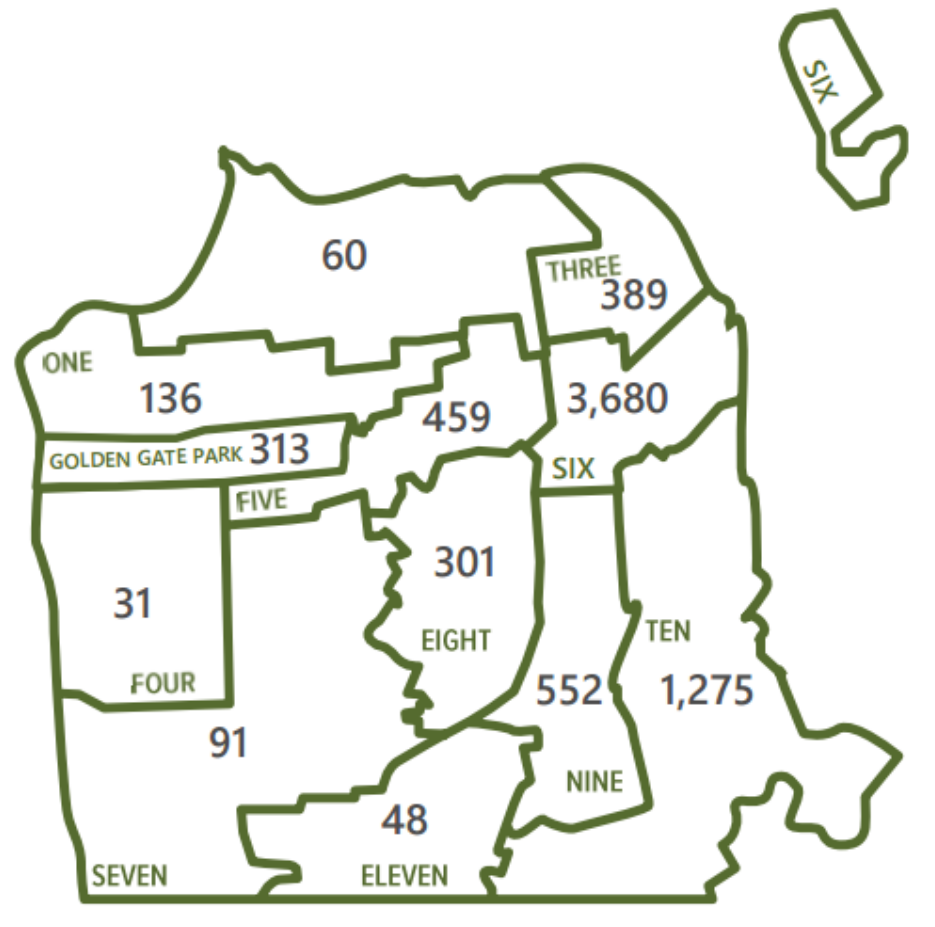


58% of people experiencing homelessness in SF are unsheltered



# Distribution of Homeless Population

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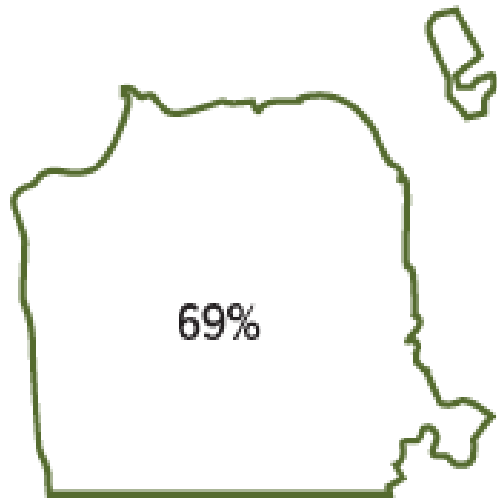


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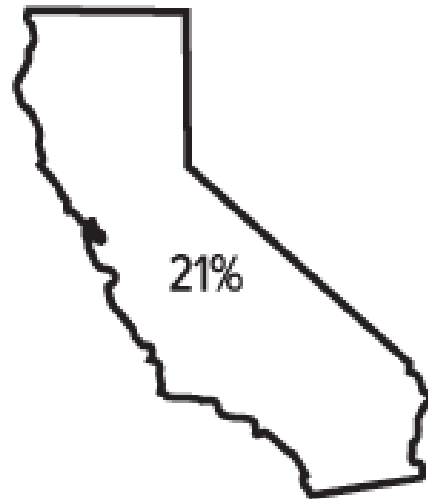


# Place of Residence at Time of Housing Loss

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San Francisco County



Other County in California



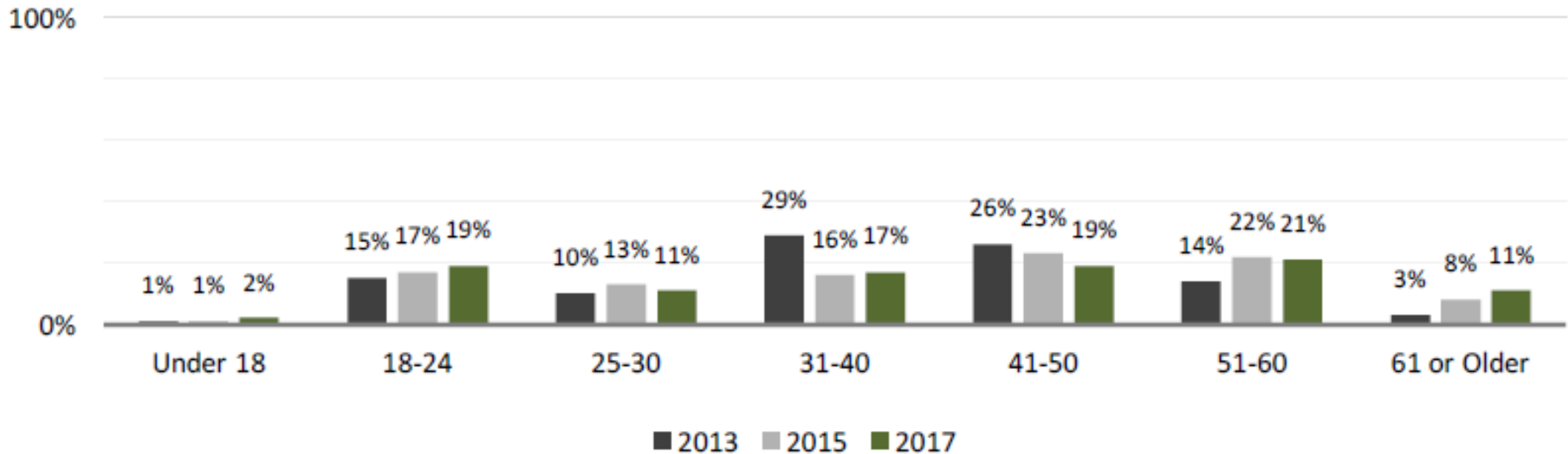
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# Demographics: Age

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SURVEY RESPONDENTS BY AGE

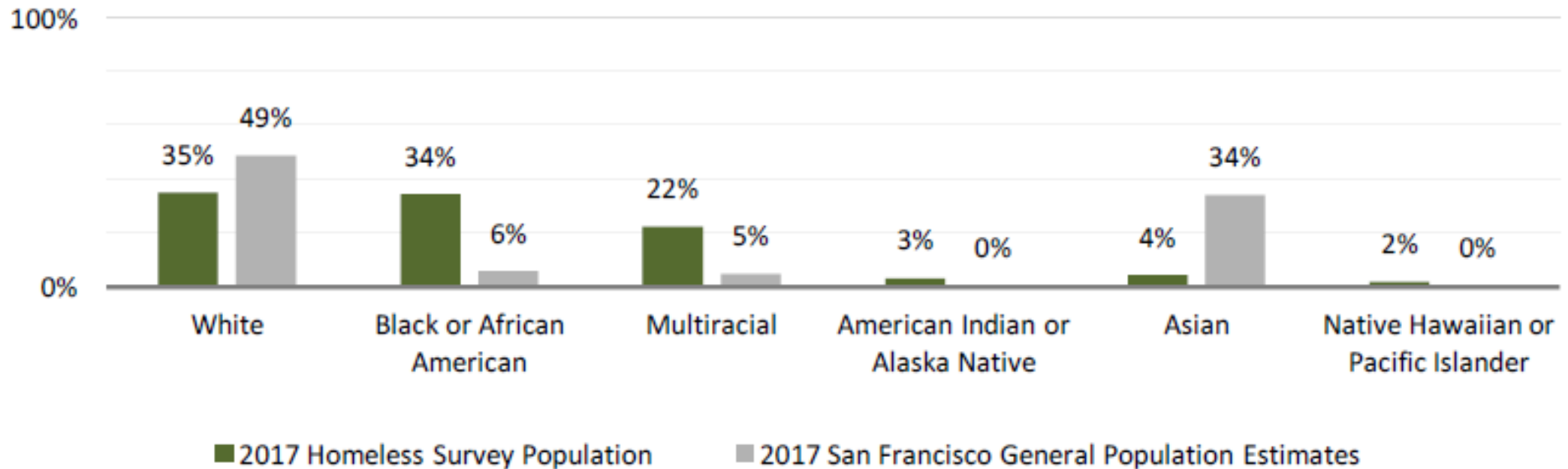






# Demographics: Race

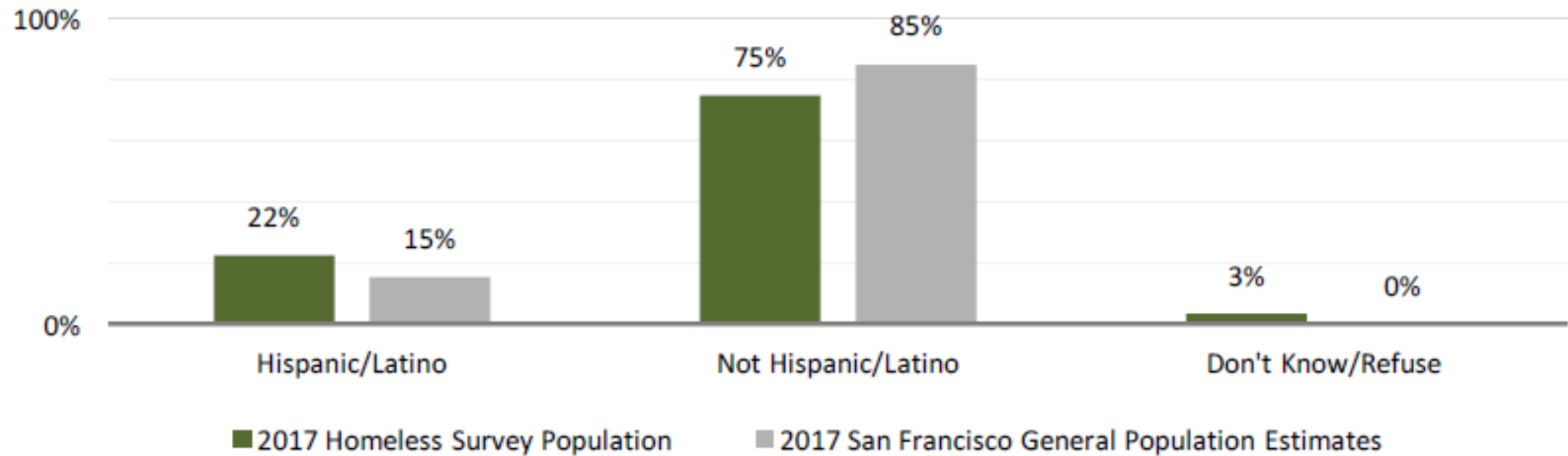
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# Demographics: Ethnicity

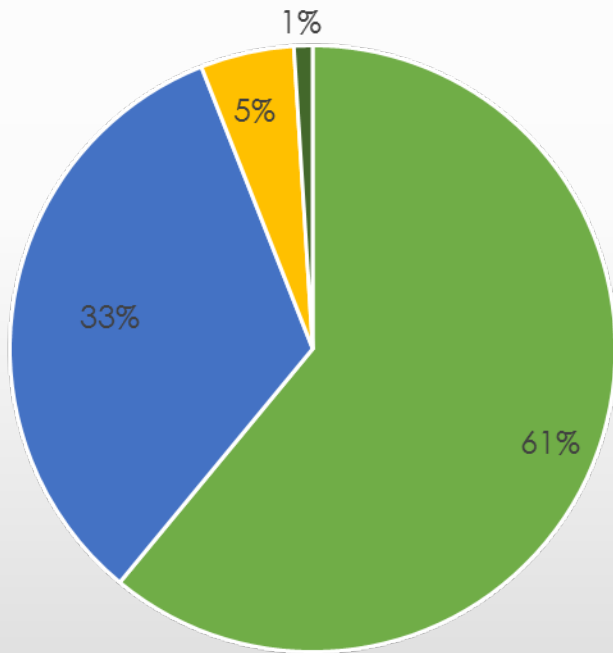
## HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY





# Demographics: Gender & Sexual Orientation

Gender Identity



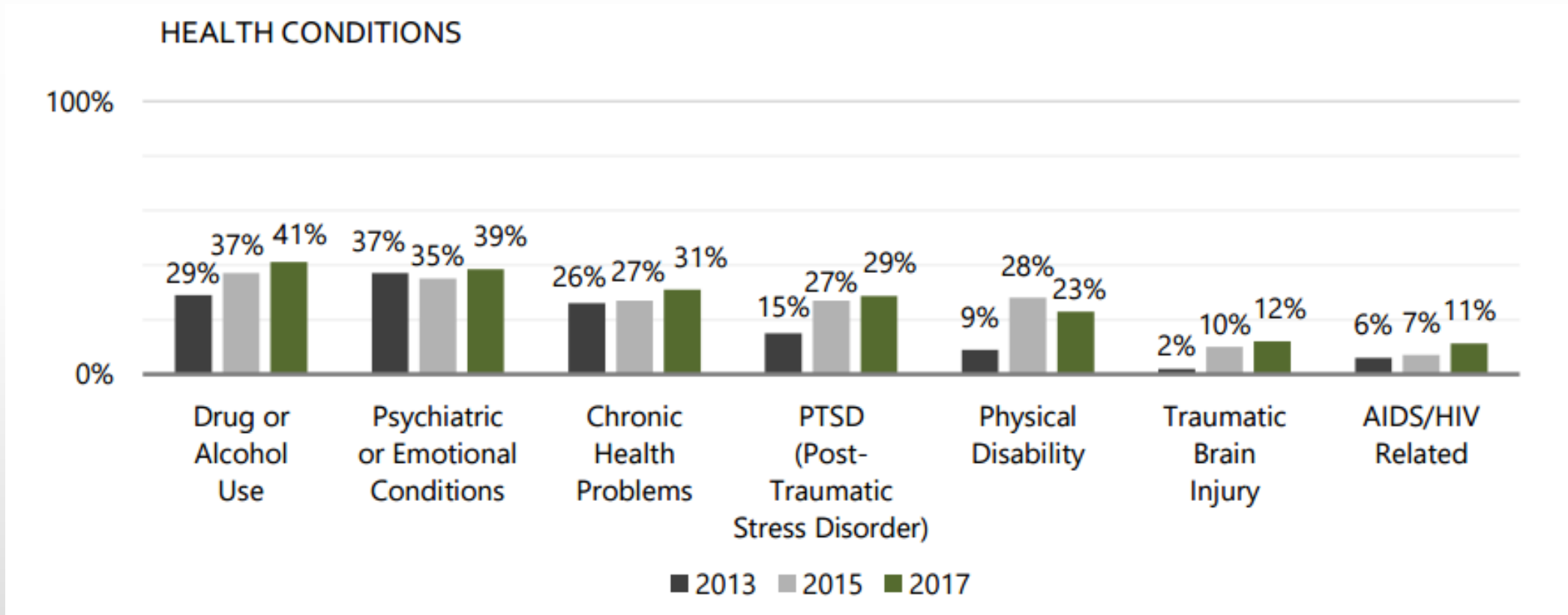
Male Female Transgender Gender Queer

30% of Respondents Identify as LGBTQ

Breakout of Respondents Answering Yes	%	n
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>		
Gay	25%	82
Lesbian	14%	46
Queer	11%	37
Bisexual	41%	138
Other	11%	36
<b>Gender Identity</b>		
Transgender	9%	31



# Health Conditions

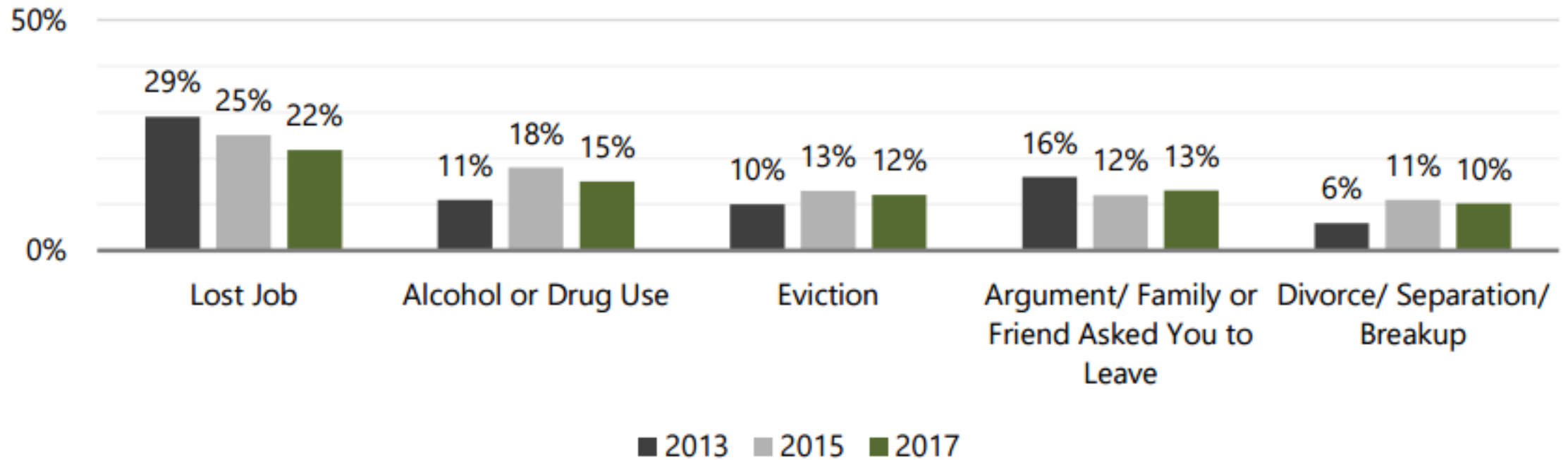


68% of respondents report one or more health conditions



# Causes of Homelessness

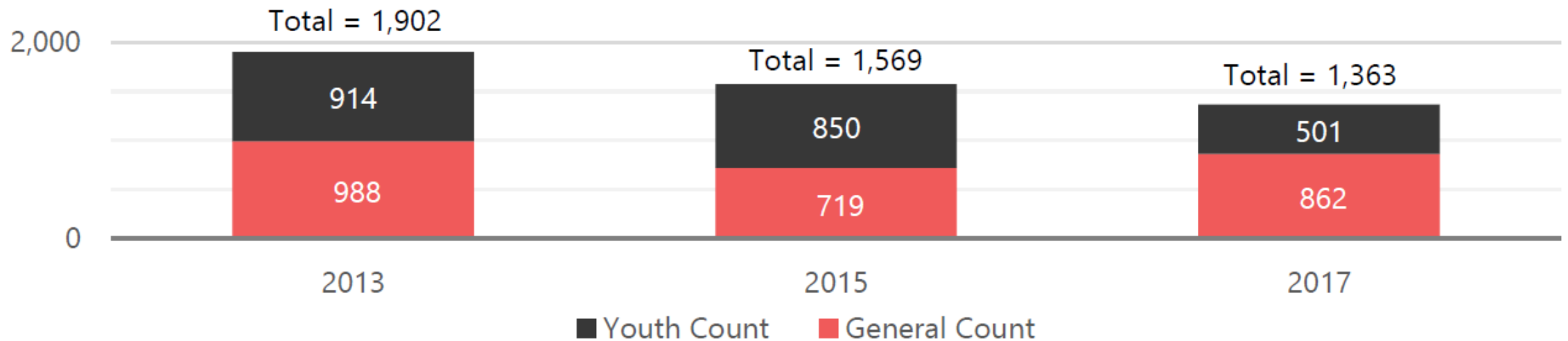
PRIMARY CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS (TOP FIVE RESPONSES IN 2017)





# Key Subpopulations: Youth (Youth Count)

UNSHELTERED AND SHELTERED UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT TREND



Between 2013-2017 youth homelessness decreased by 28%



# Key Subpopulations: Youth (Youth Count)

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## HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS ON UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH BY SHELTER STATUS

TOTAL POPULATION OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN: 104

7% Sheltered

93% Unsheltered

TOTAL POPULATION OF UNACCOMPANIED TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH: 1,259

19% Sheltered

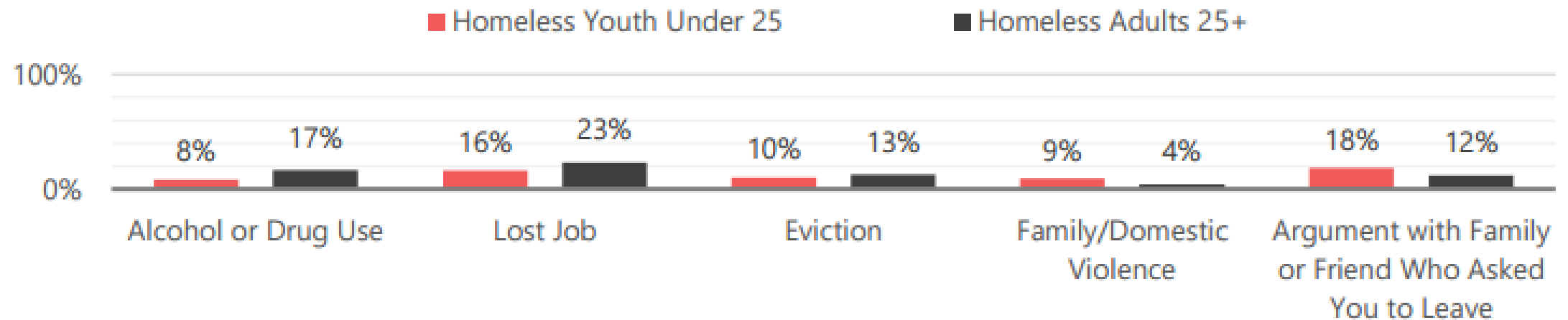
81% Unsheltered



# Key Subpopulations: Youth

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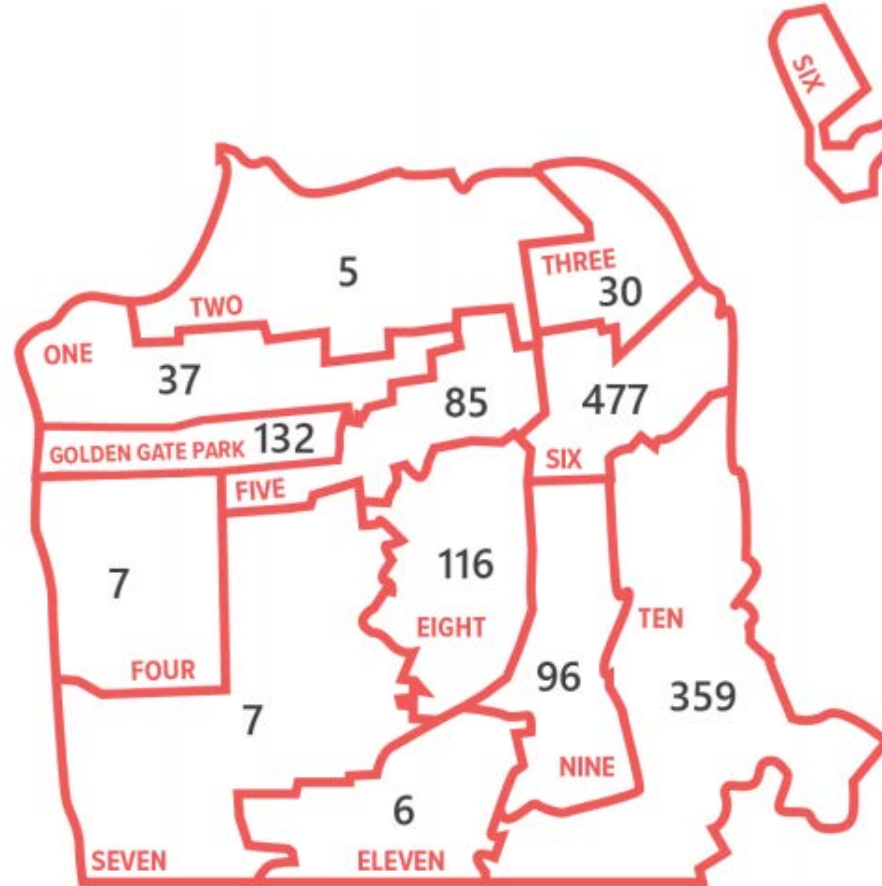






# Geographic Distribution of Homeless Youth (Youth Count)

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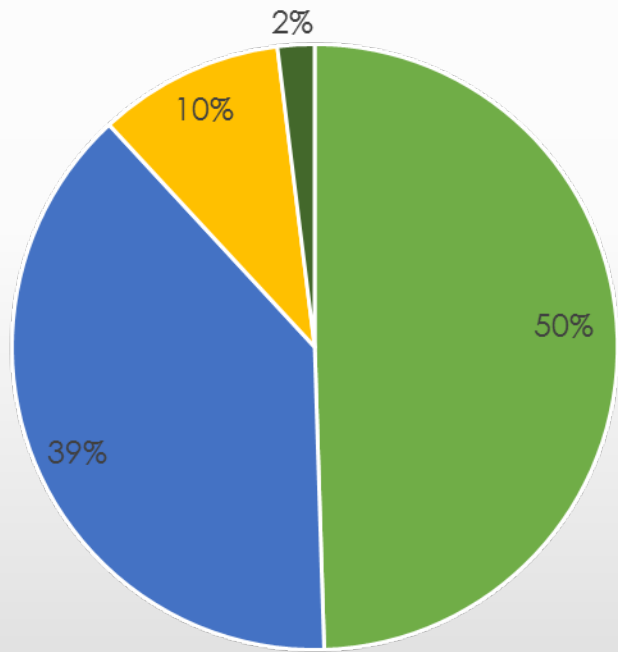


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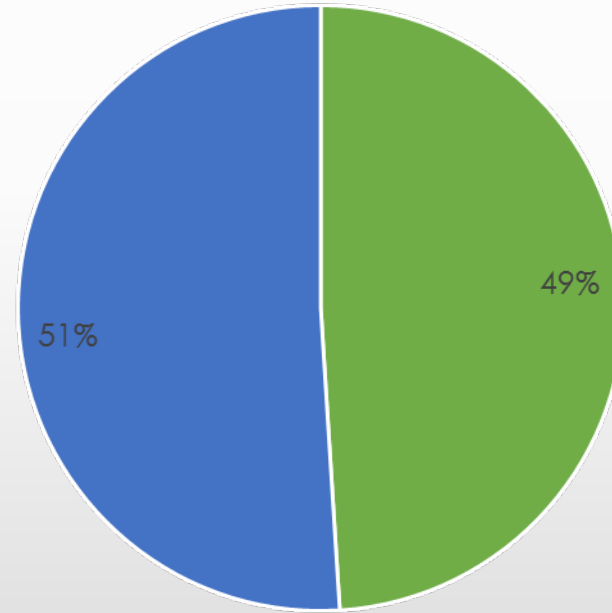
# Youth Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (Youth Count)

Gender



Male Female Transgender Genderqueer

Sexual Orientation



LGBTQ Straight



# Key Subpopulations: Families (HUD Definition)

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- 2017: 190 families with 601 people

Between 2013-2017:

- Family homelessness decreased by 17%

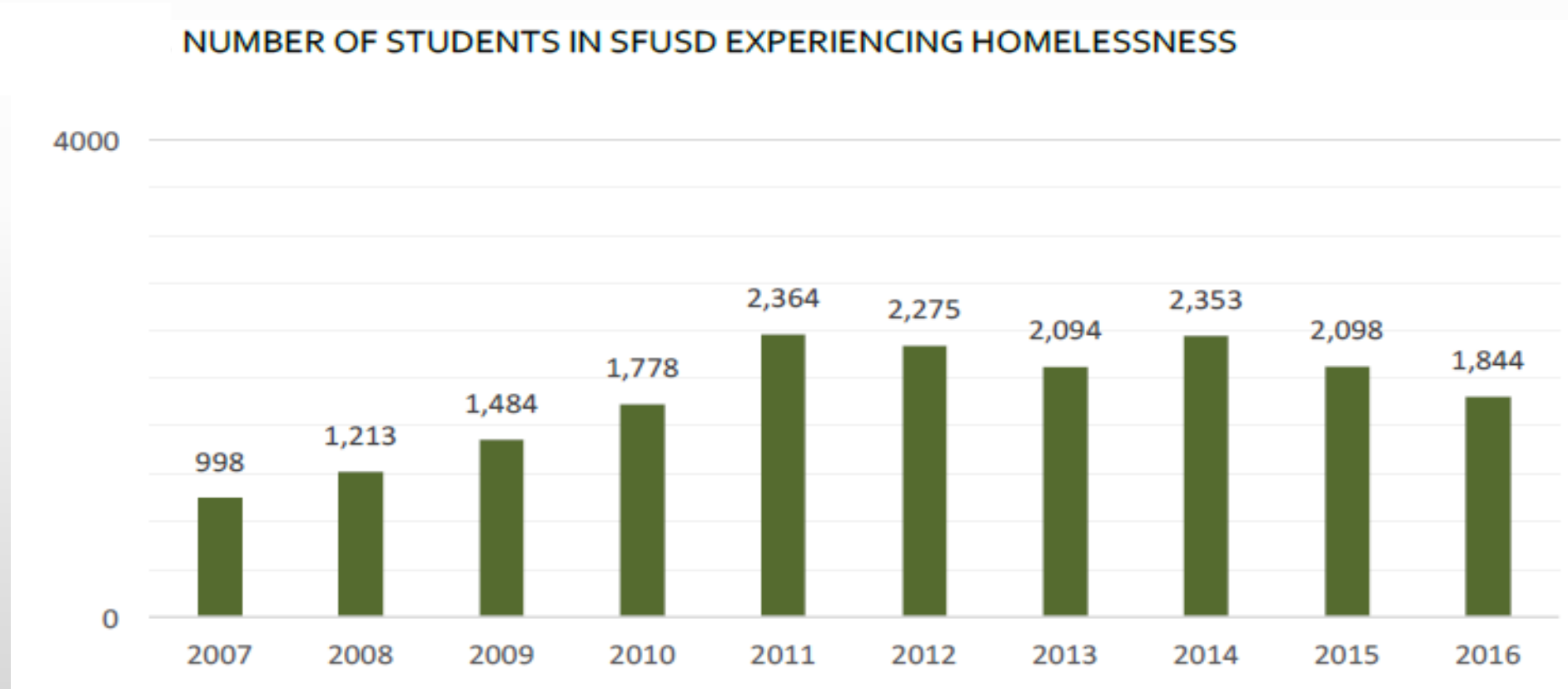
- Chronic homelessness among families decreased by 77%

- Unsheltered family homelessness decreased by 45%



# Key Subpopulations: Families

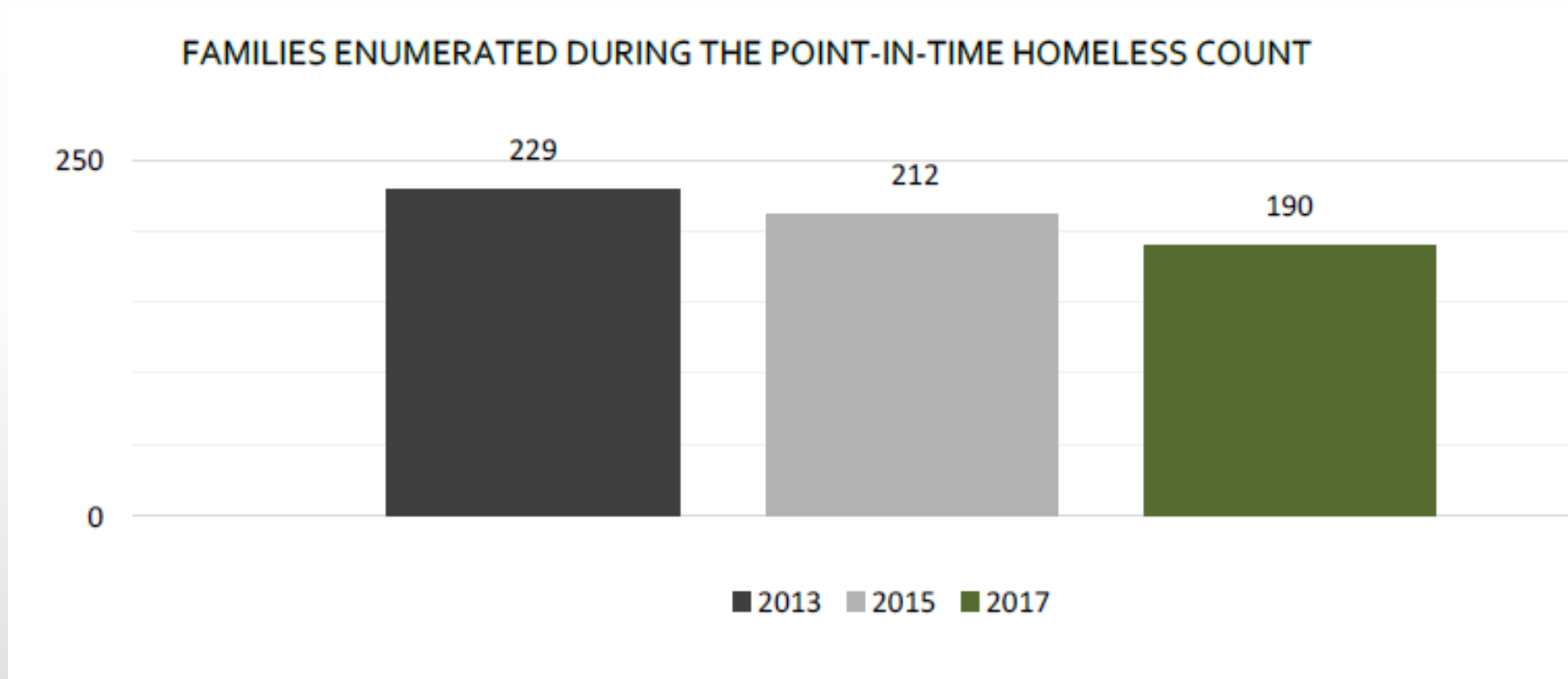
Since 2011 the SFUSD homeless student population has decreased by 21%





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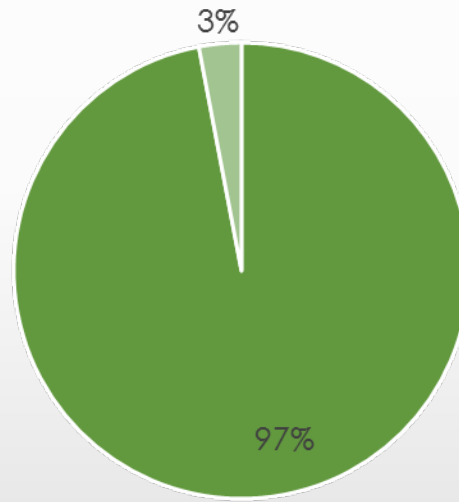
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# Key Subpopulations: Families (HUD Definition)

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Families by Shelter Status



■ Sheltered ■ Unsheltered

Between 2013-2017 Unsheltered family homelessness decreased by 45%

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# Key Subpopulations: Adults (SF Definition)

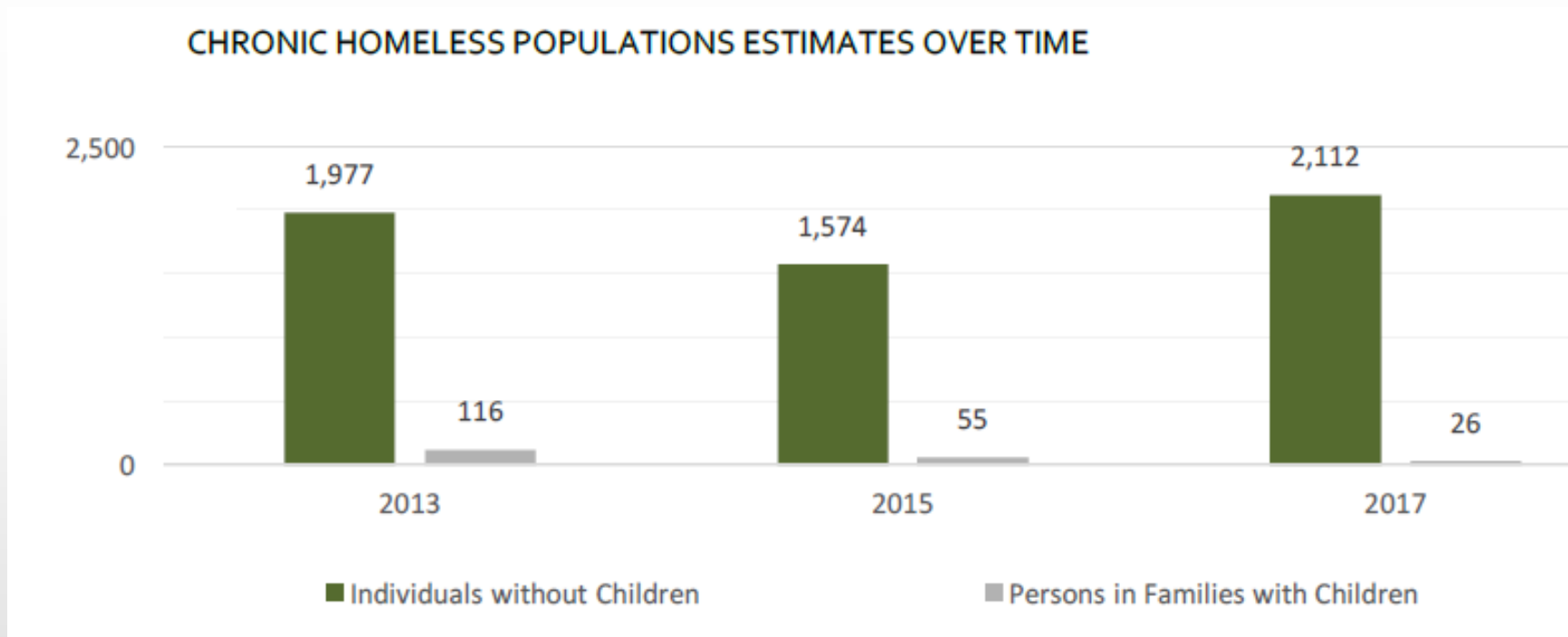
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- 5,518 people
- 58% unsheltered
- Between 2015-2017 = 4% increase
- Jail population = 299 people (24% increase from 2015)
- Hospital population = 112 people (387% increase from 2015 – Improved methodology)



# Key Subpopulations: People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness (HUD Definition)

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Chronic Homelessness ( 2013-2017) = 7%   
Chronic Family Homelessness ( 2013-2017) = 77% 

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# Key Subpopulations: People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness (HUD Definition)

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## CHRONIC HOMELESS POPULATION ESTIMATES BY SHELTER STATUS

TOTAL POPULATION OF CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS: 2,112 SINGLE INDIVIDUALS

25% Sheltered

75% Unsheltered

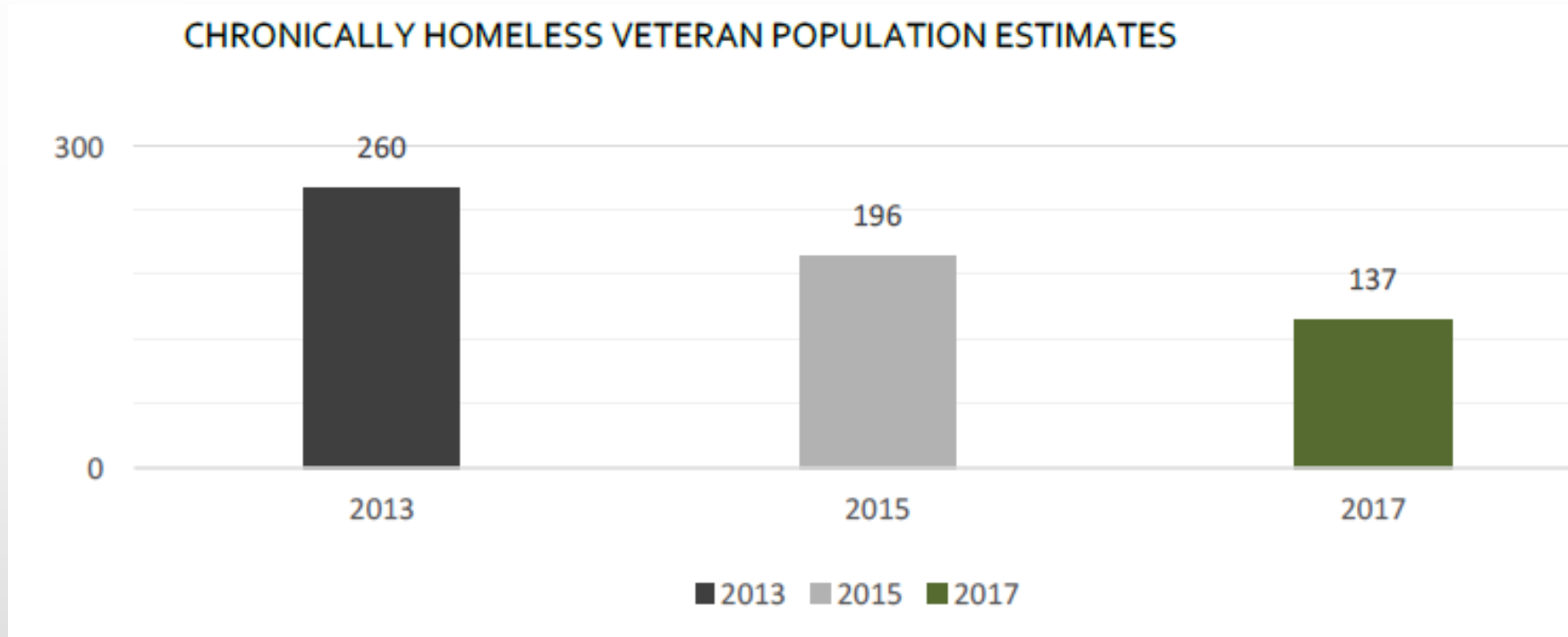
TOTAL POPULATION OF CHRONICALLY HOMELESS FAMILIES: 9 FAMILIES WITH 26 FAMILY MEMBERS

87% Sheltered

13% Unsheltered



# Key Subpopulations: Veterans (HUD Definition)



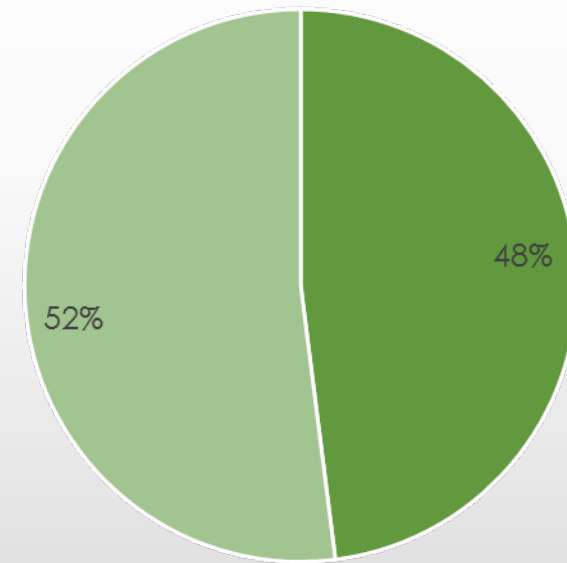
Between 2013-2017 **chronic** homelessness among veterans decreased by 47%



# Key Subpopulations: Veterans (HUD Definition)

Homelessness among veterans increase by 23% between 2015-2017

Homeless Veterans by Shelter Status



■ Sheltered ■ Unsheltered



# PIT: Analysis

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- SF is decreasing homelessness in areas with strategic investments
- Homelessness disproportionately impacts people of color and LGBTQ people
- Homelessness is dynamic and the population moves around the city due to various factors
- People in SF have significant lengths of homelessness
- It is remarkable that our numbers have stayed steady in the face of significant increases in other west coast cities



# Thank You!

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**The PIT would not have been possible without the HSH staff, City family, provider partners, & volunteers!**

Thank you to the following partners:

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- Department of Public Health
- Human Services Agency
- SF Police Department
- SF Recreation & Parks Department
- SF Municipal Transportation Agency
- SF Public Utilities Commission
- SF Unified School District
- Applied Survey Research
- Local Homeless Coordinating Board

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- Homeless Youth Alliance
- Larkin Street Youth Services
- LYRIC
- Third Street Youth Center and Clinic