



2026 Point-in-Time Homeward - Polk County CoC

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PIT vs. HIC

Point-in-Time (PIT)

The PIT Count is the count of **all people experiencing homelessness**, both sheltered (ES, TH, & SH) and unsheltered, on one single night.

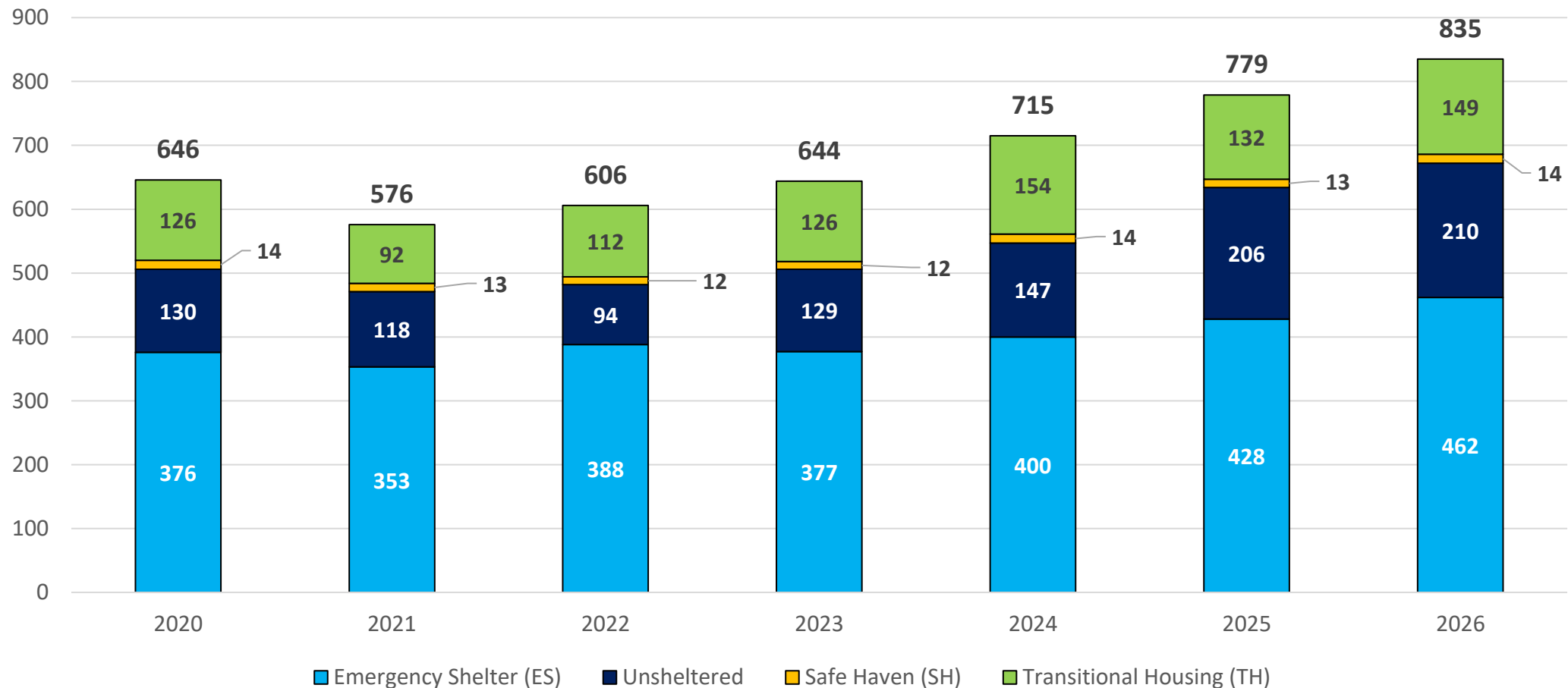
The PIT is a snapshot of the entire Homeless Response System (HMIS, DVIMS, and Non-participating projects) on one single night.

Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

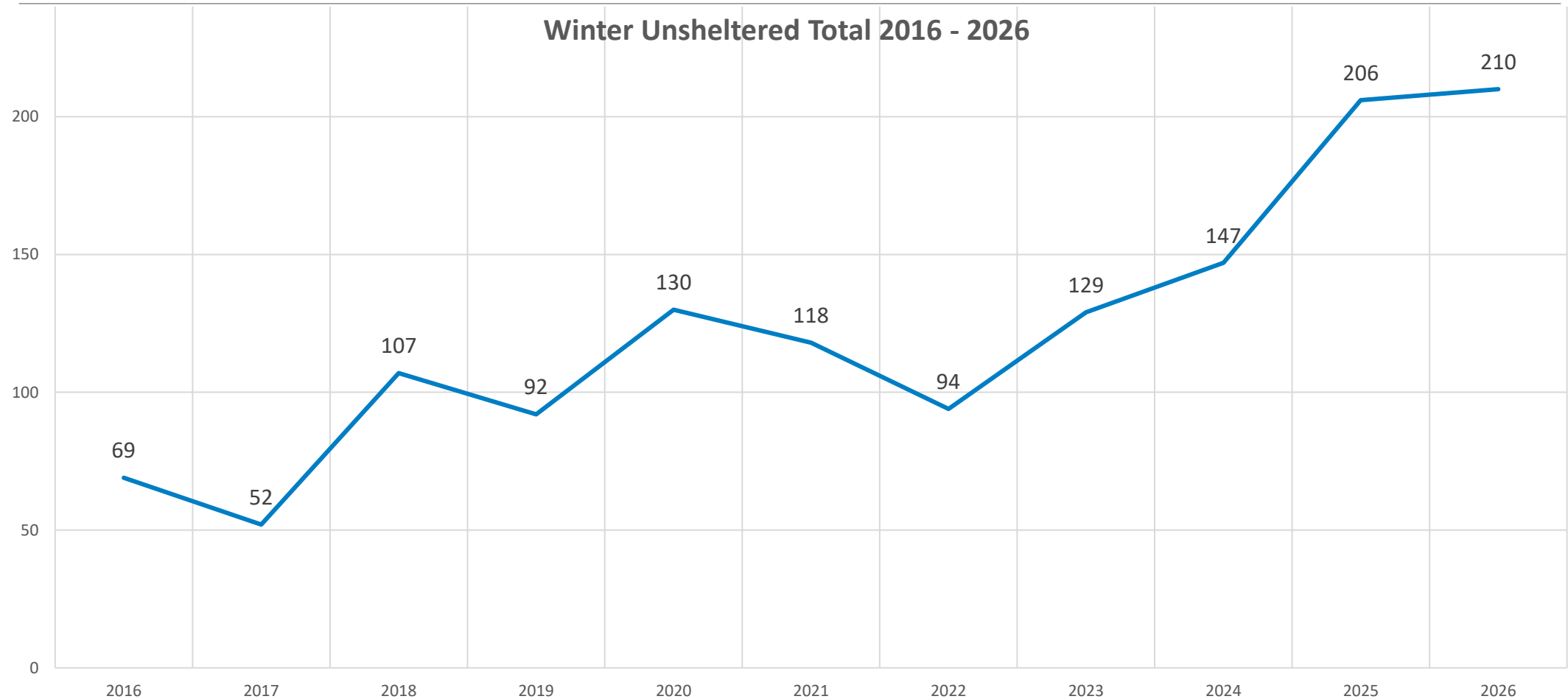
The HIC is the count of the total **bed capacity** for most projects (ES, TH, SH, OPH & PSH)

The HIC looks at the homeless response system's capacity to fulfill the needs of those experiencing homelessness across the CoC.

DSM Point-in-Time Totals



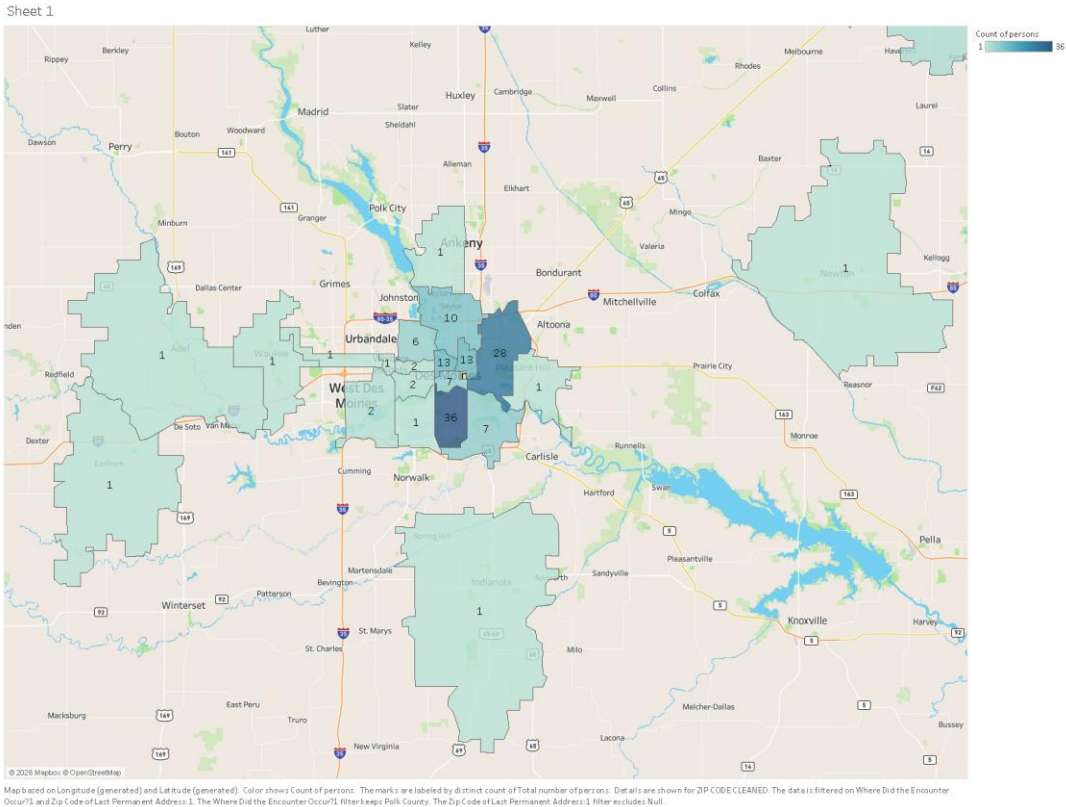
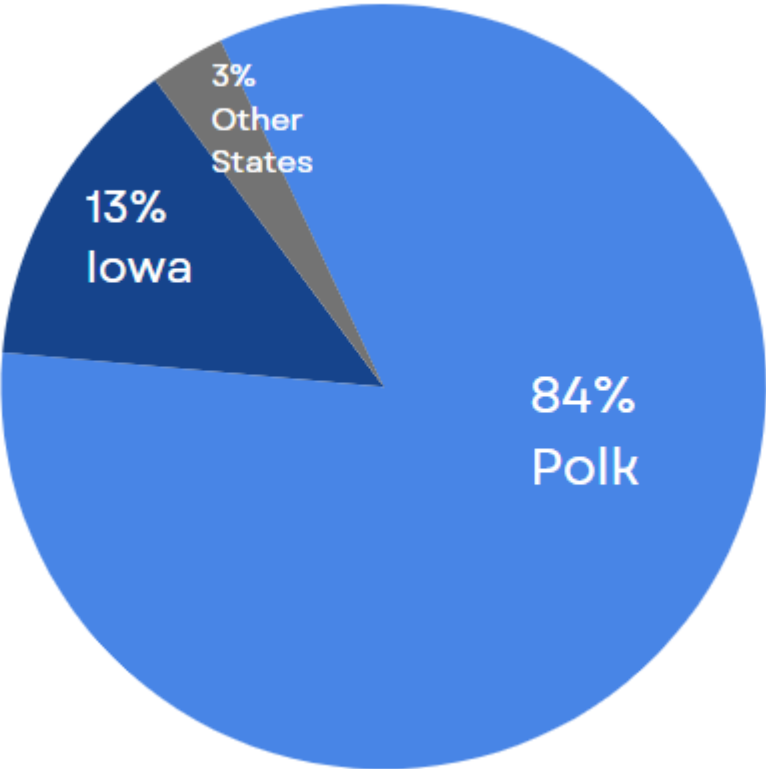
Unsheltered Totals over Time



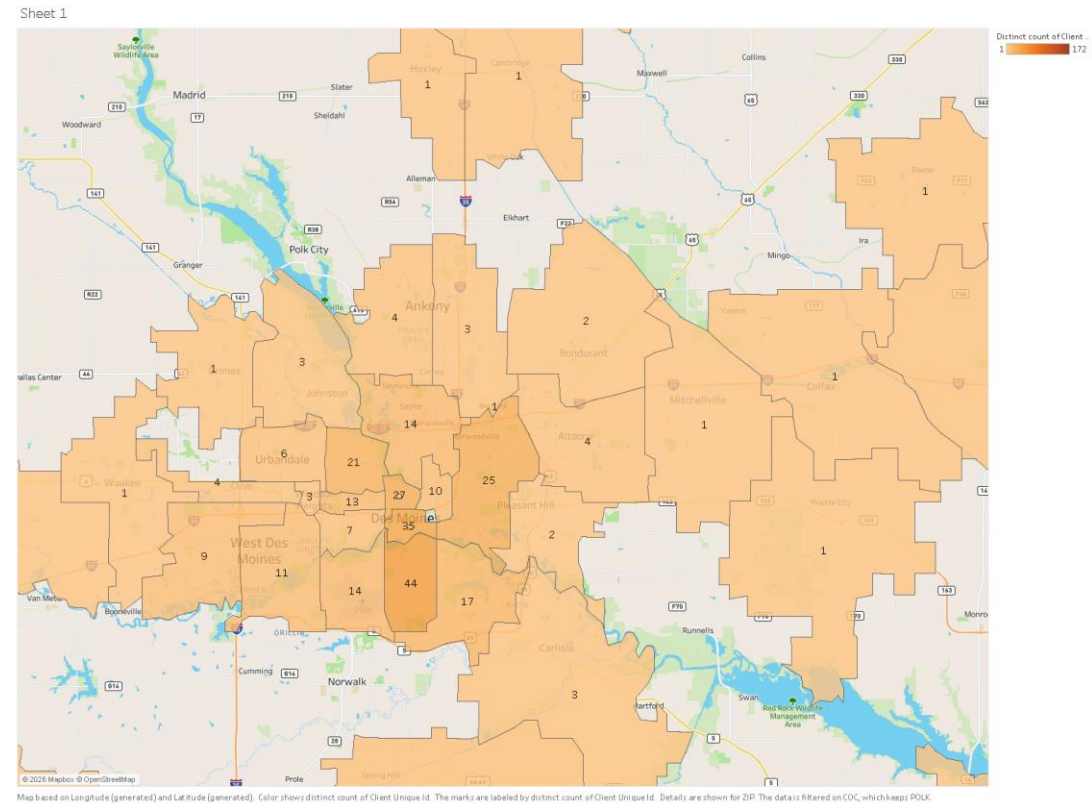
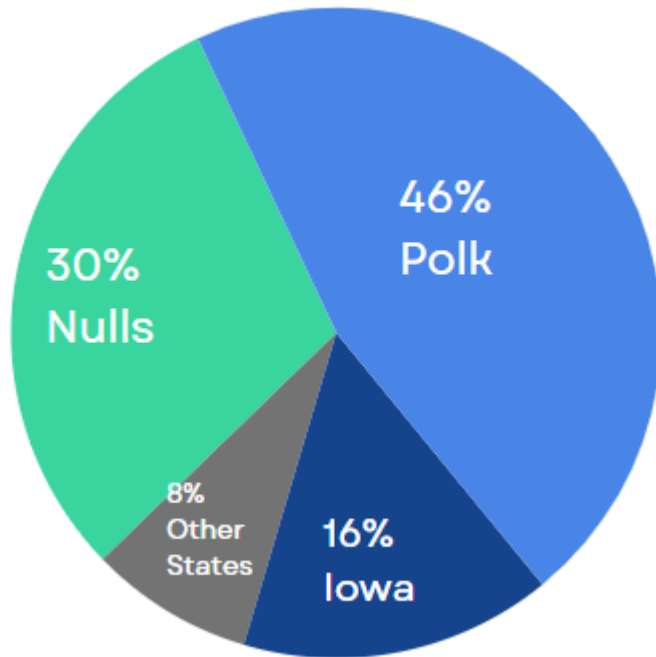
2026 Unsheltered Zip Code Analysis



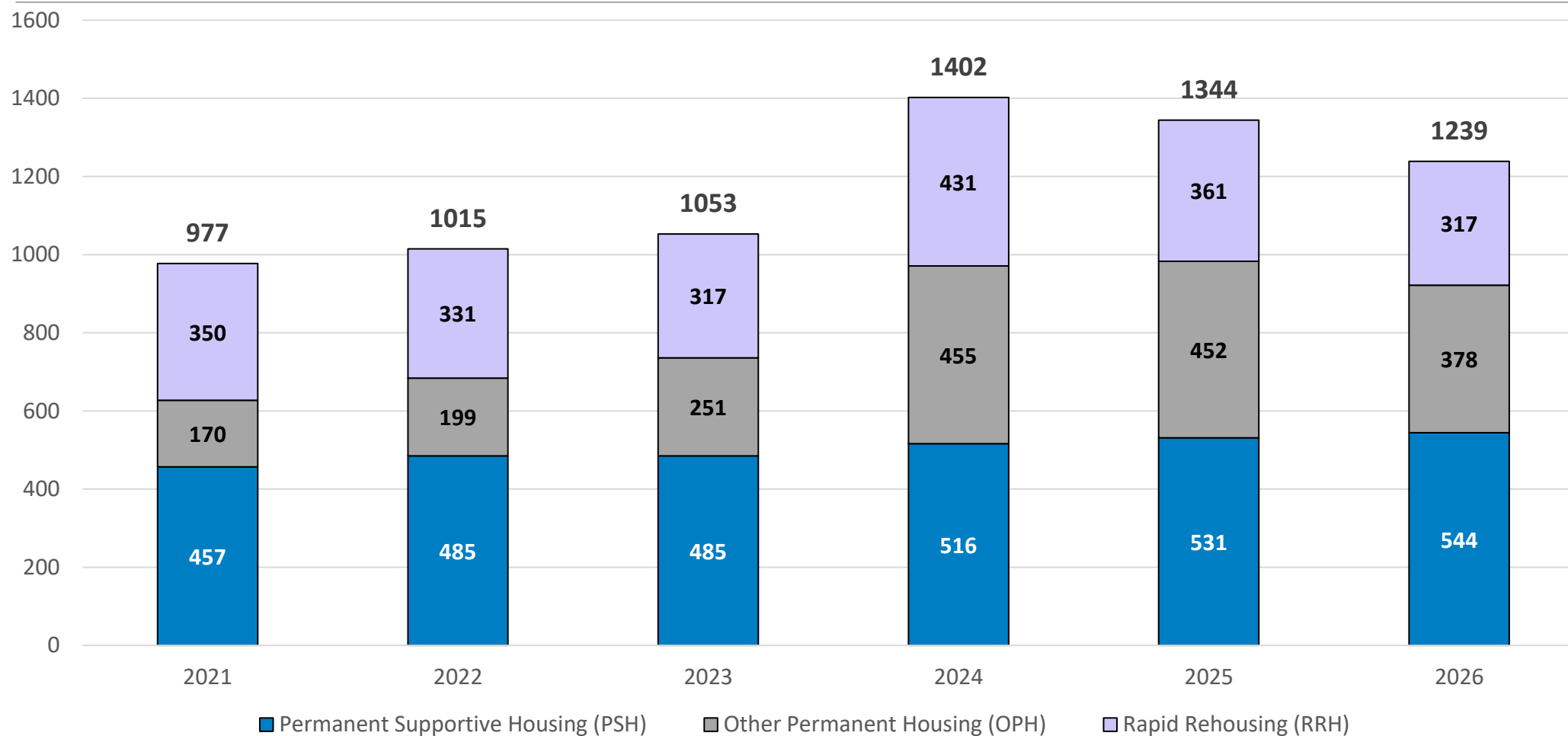
Data collected from unsheltered responses for Zip Code of Last Permanent Address.
All percentages reflect known values. Thus, the percentages below are based on the 157 answers that were collected.



2026 Sheltered Zip Code Analysis

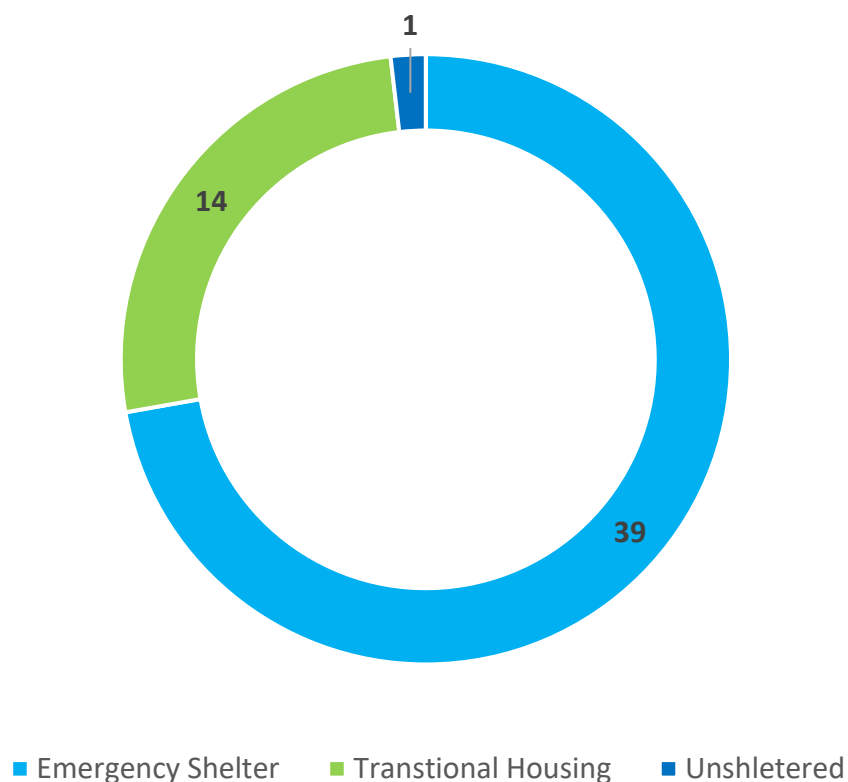


Permanent Housing PIT Totals

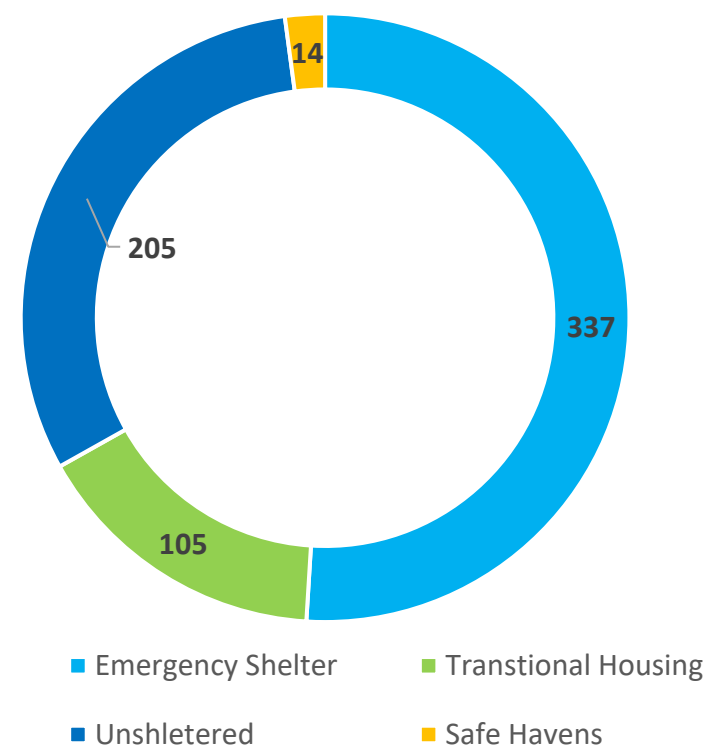


2026 Household Type Breakdowns

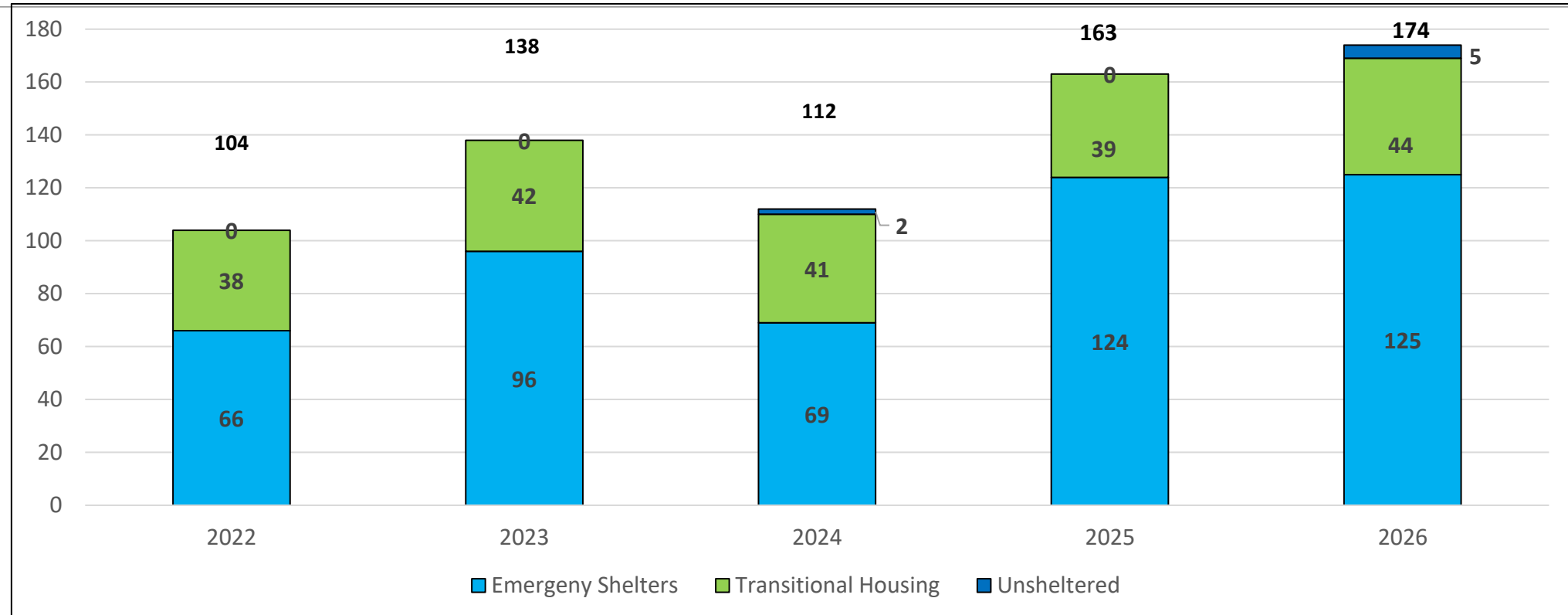
54 **Households** with Adults and Children



661 Adult only **Households**

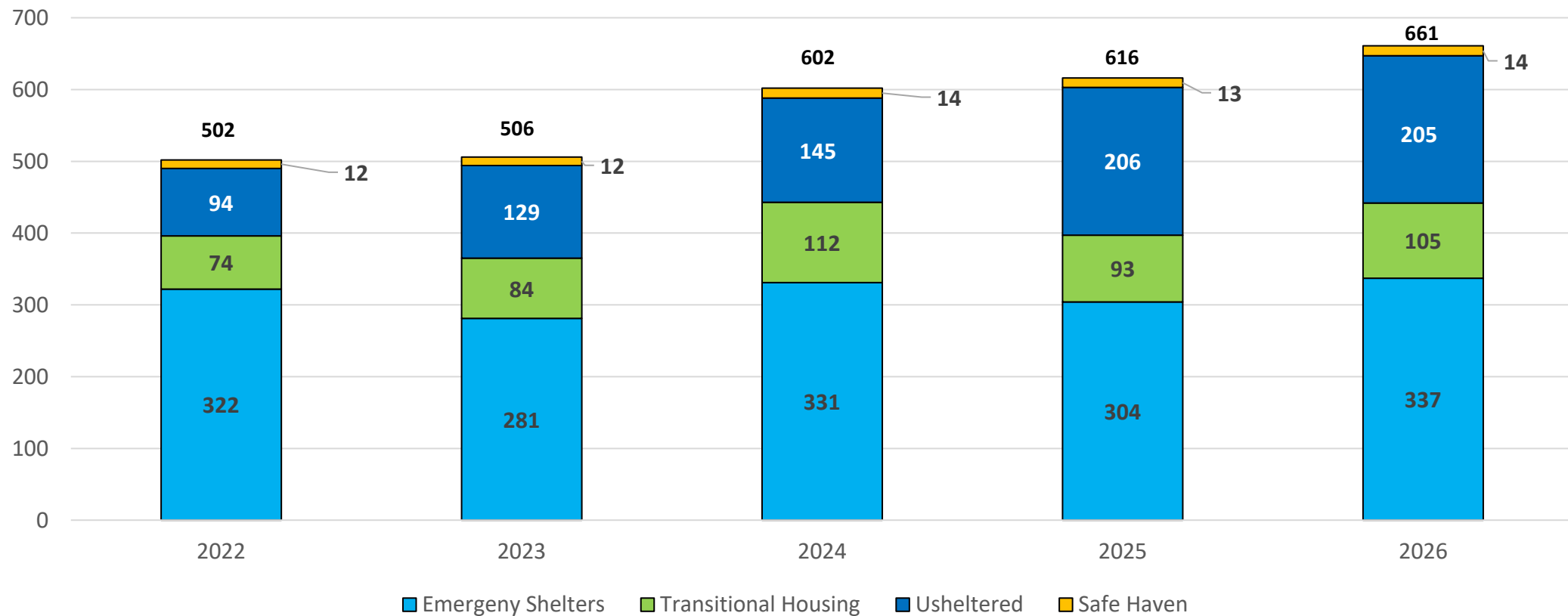


People in Adult and Child Households



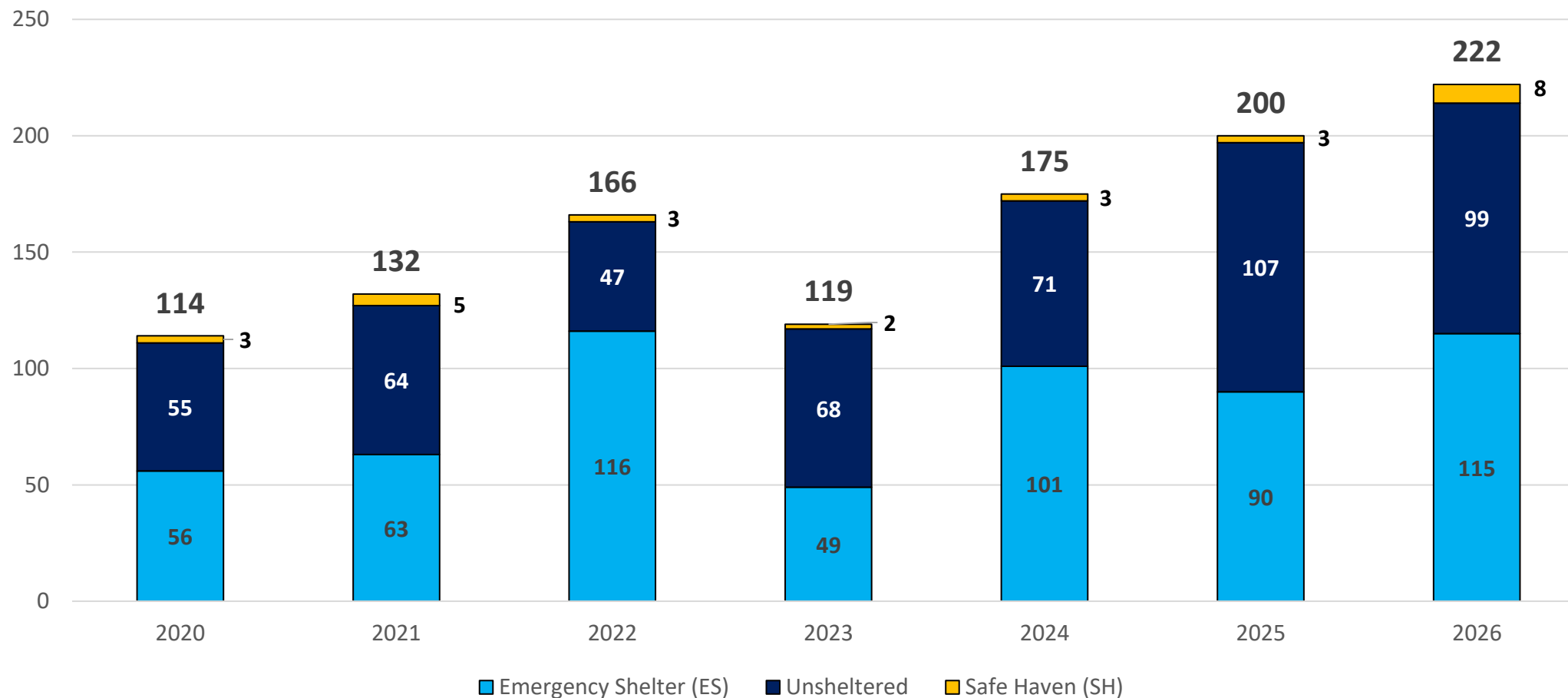
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People in Adult only Households

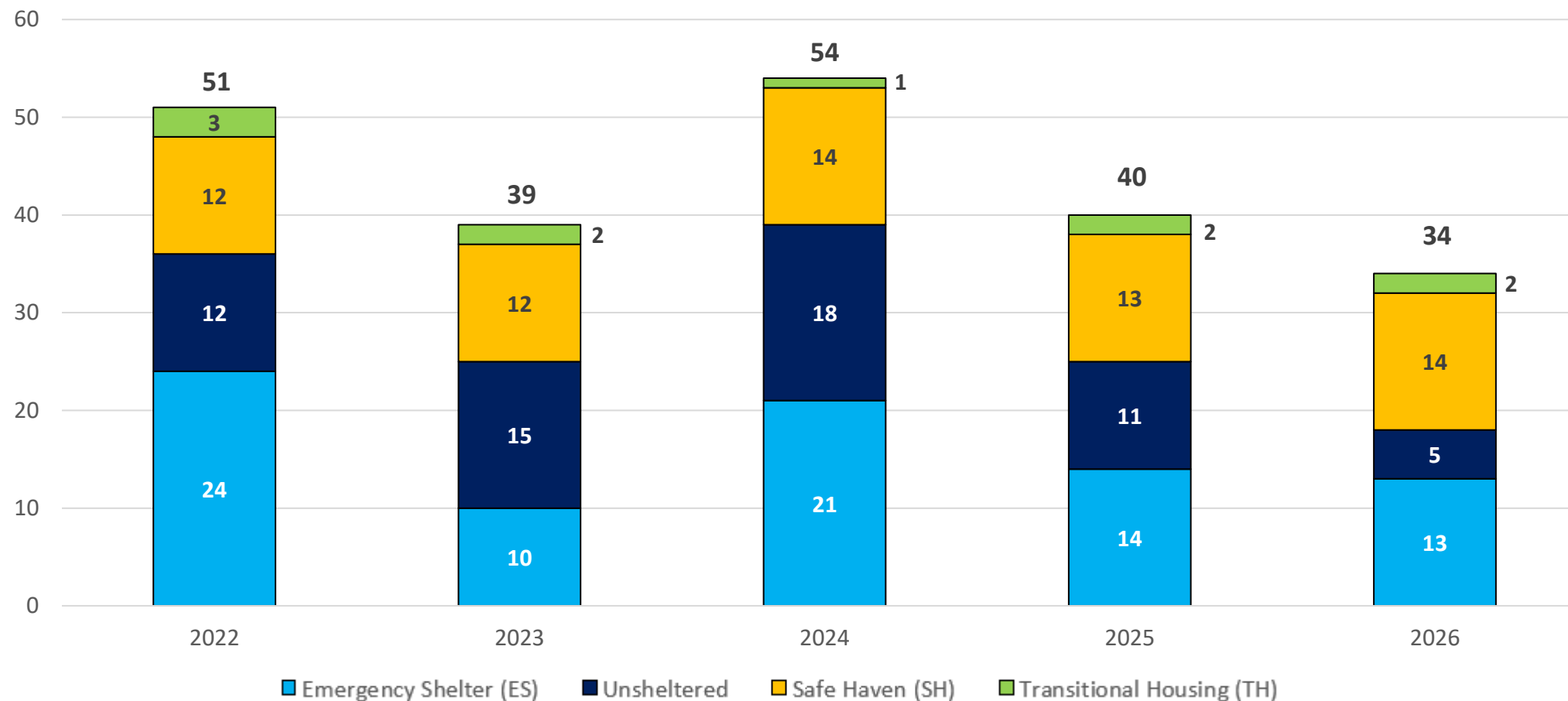


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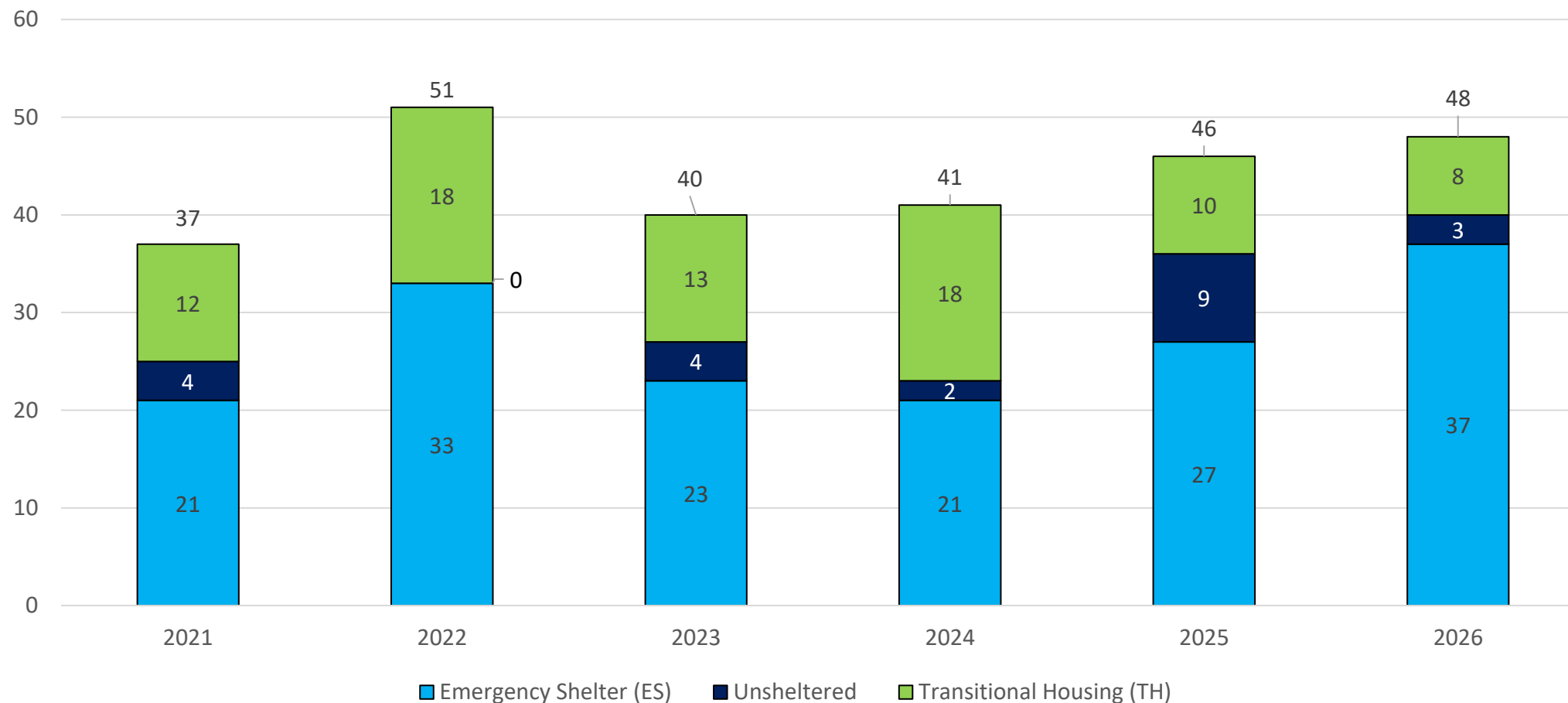
Chronic Population PIT Totals



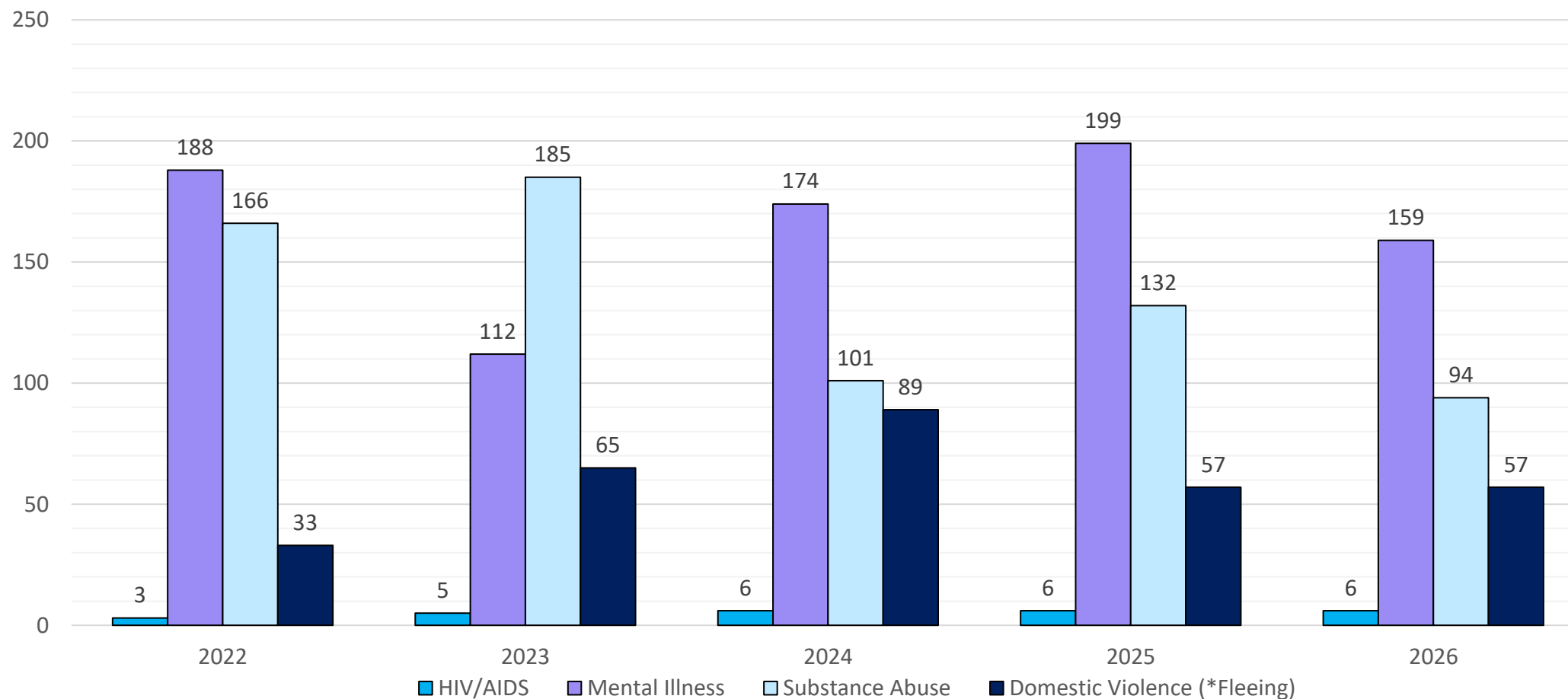
Veteran Population PIT Totals



Youth Population PIT Totals



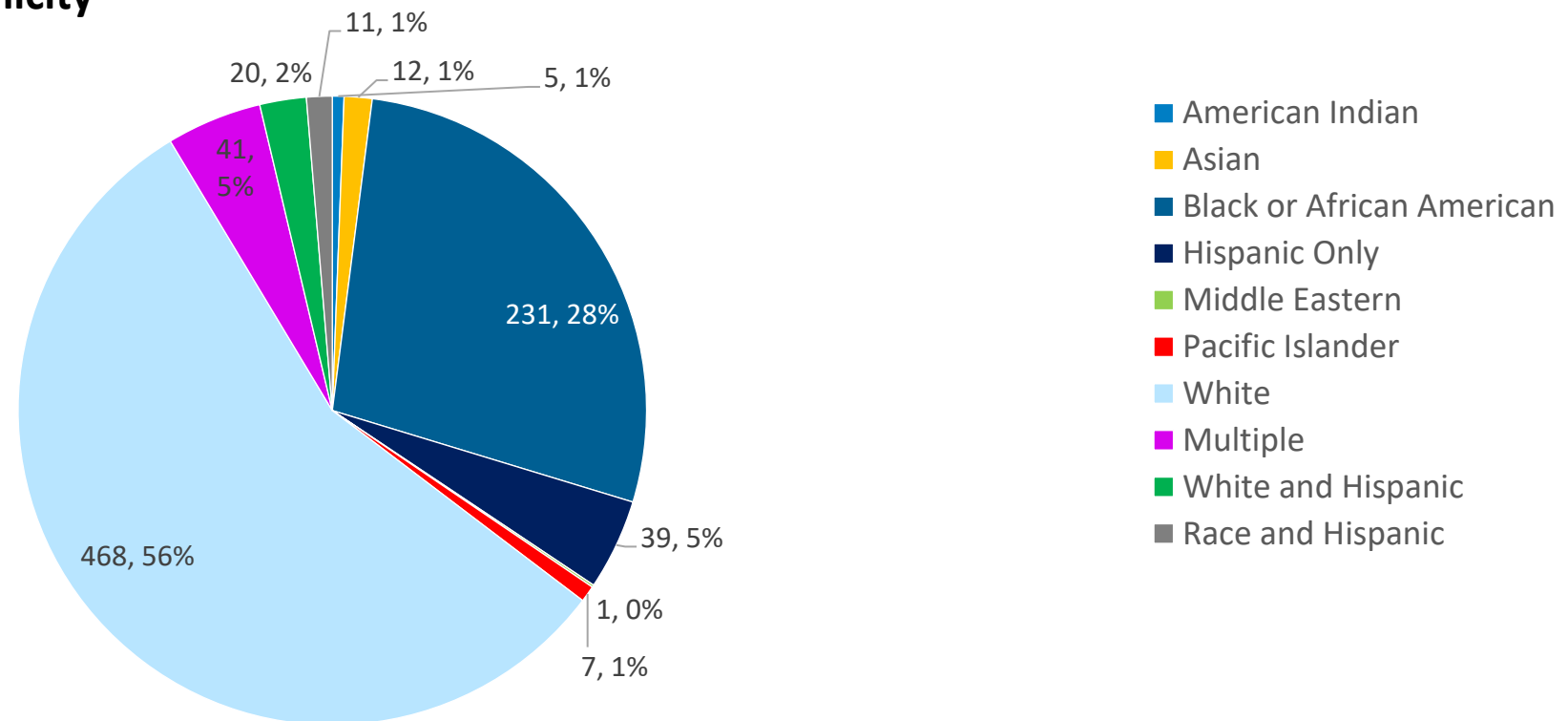
Point-in-Time Subpopulations



Additional Comparisons

Race & Ethnicity

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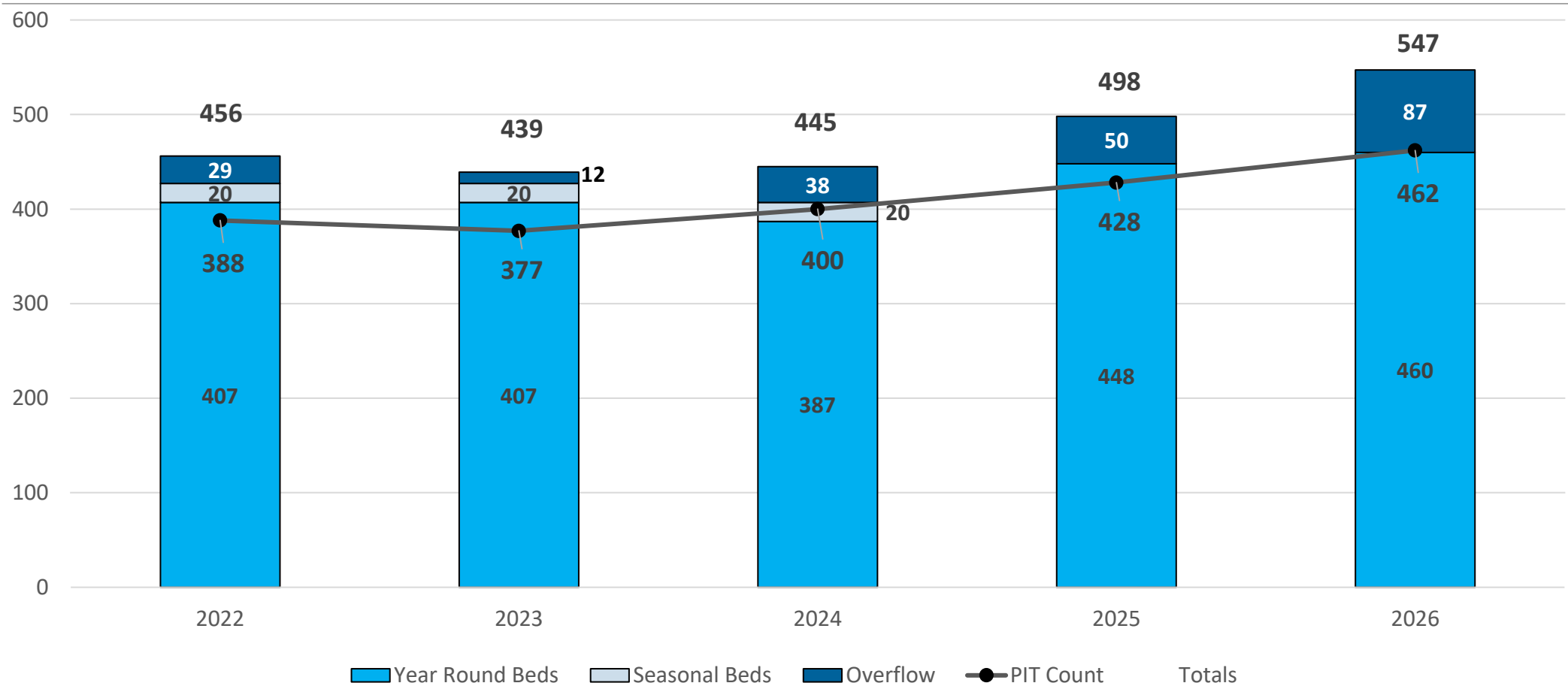
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Age

Age Category 2026	Total	Percent
Under Age 18	114	14%
Persons ages 18 to 24	53	6%
Persons ages 25 to 34	130	16%
Persons ages 35 to 44	206	25%
Persons ages 45 to 54	170	20%
Persons ages 55 to 64	117	14%
Persons over 65	45	5%

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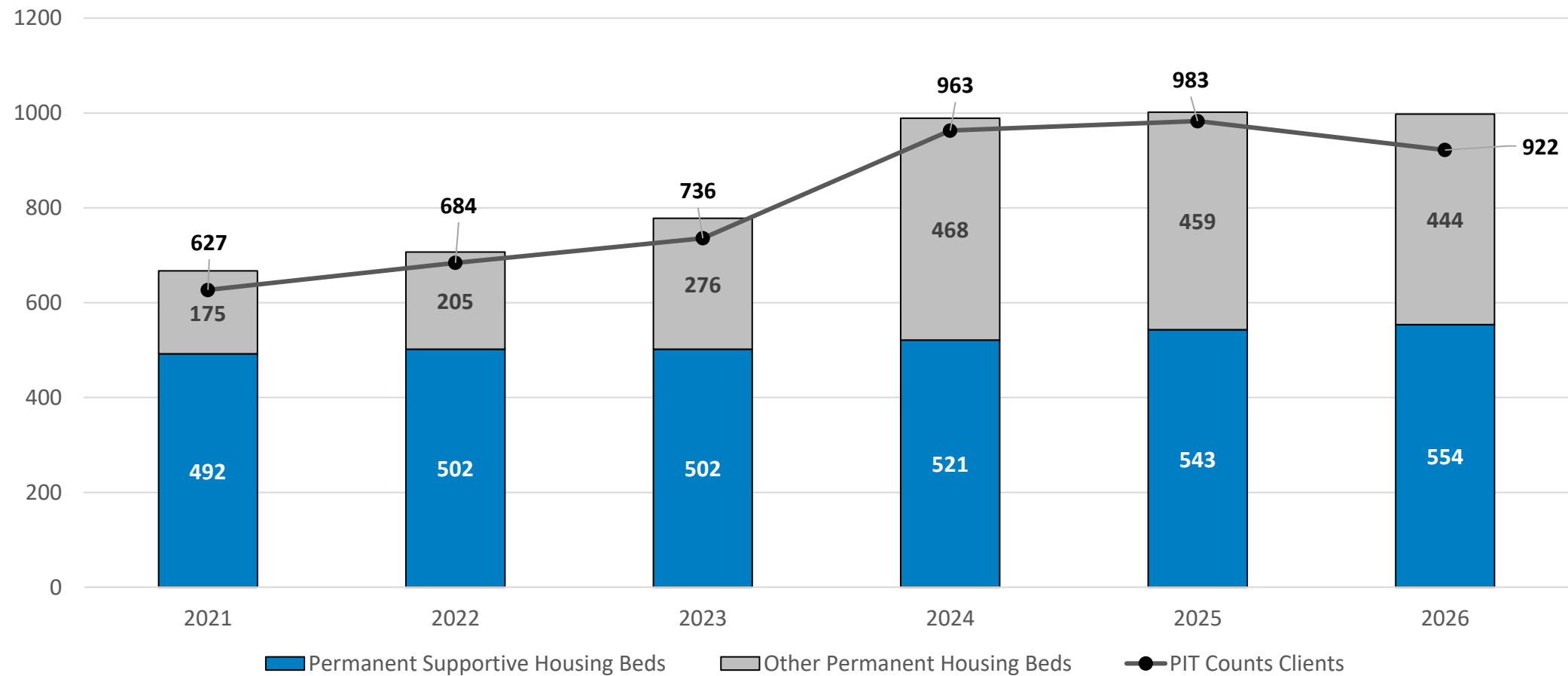
HIC: Emergency Shelter Beds



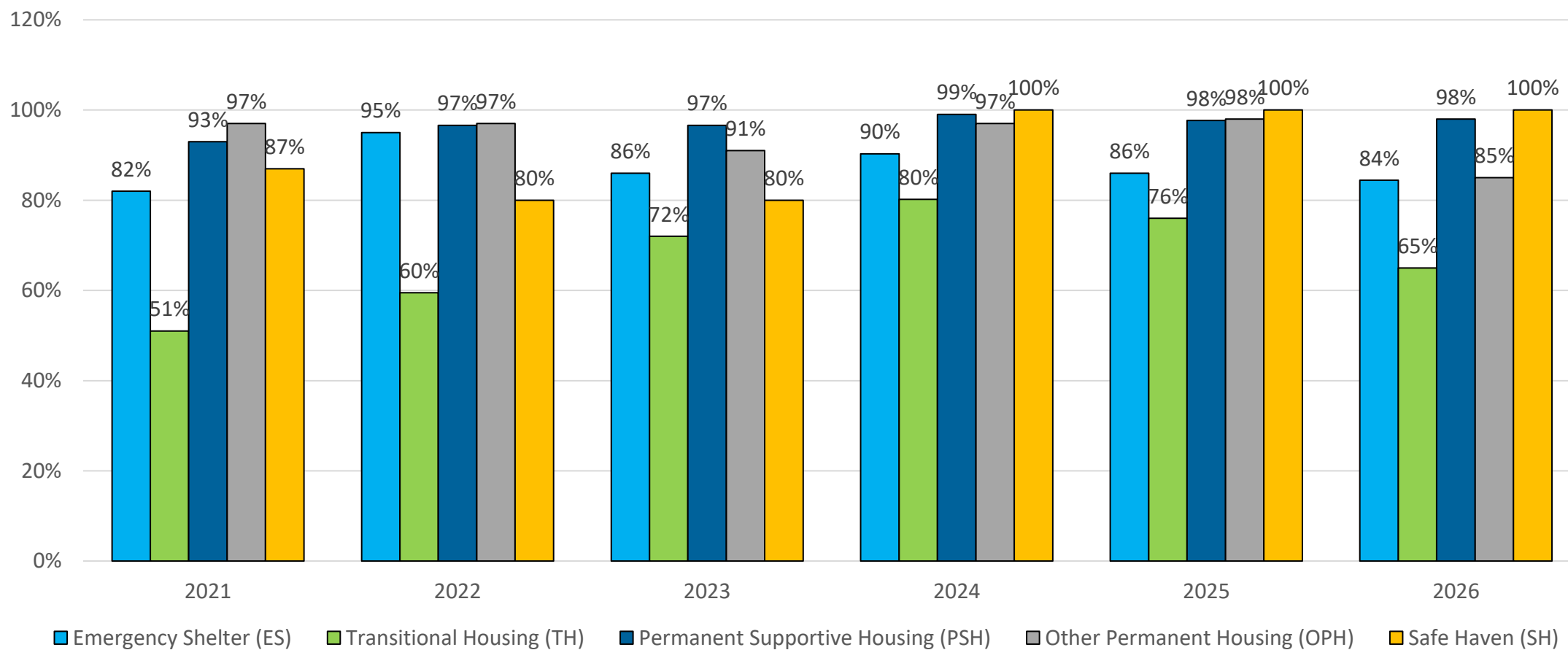
HIC: Transitional Housing Beds



HIC: Permanent Housing Beds



Bed Utilization



Summary

In summary, PIT totals have increased across the board. With the largest increase in those staying in emergency shelters. Our total is 835.

There was a decrease in veteran homelessness from 40 to 34, with the largest drop being unsheltered veterans.

The Black/African American homeless population continues to be over-represented when comparing to overall Black/African American population in Polk County and Des Moines

There was an increase in overall beds available for Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing projects.

2025 PIT- Continued Analysis

2025 PIT Count	On Night of Count	After the PIT Date	
Street Count 206 Total People identified ➔	94 people were able to be identified in HMIS ➔ 18 were chronic	Of the 94 people, 34 entered programs the next year ➔	• 15 continued to be seen multiple times • 89 do not appear to be in the homelessness system presently • 8 became chronically homeless during the following year
Sheltered Count 573 People ➔	428 in Emergency Shelter 132 in Transitional Housing 13 in Safe Haven Among those 551 were in HMIS (others in DVIMS) ➔	• 364 exited to a permanent destination • 65 became chronically homeless • 26 returned to emergency shelter	

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