



2026 Summer Point-in-Time Homeward - Polk County CoC

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What is the PIT?

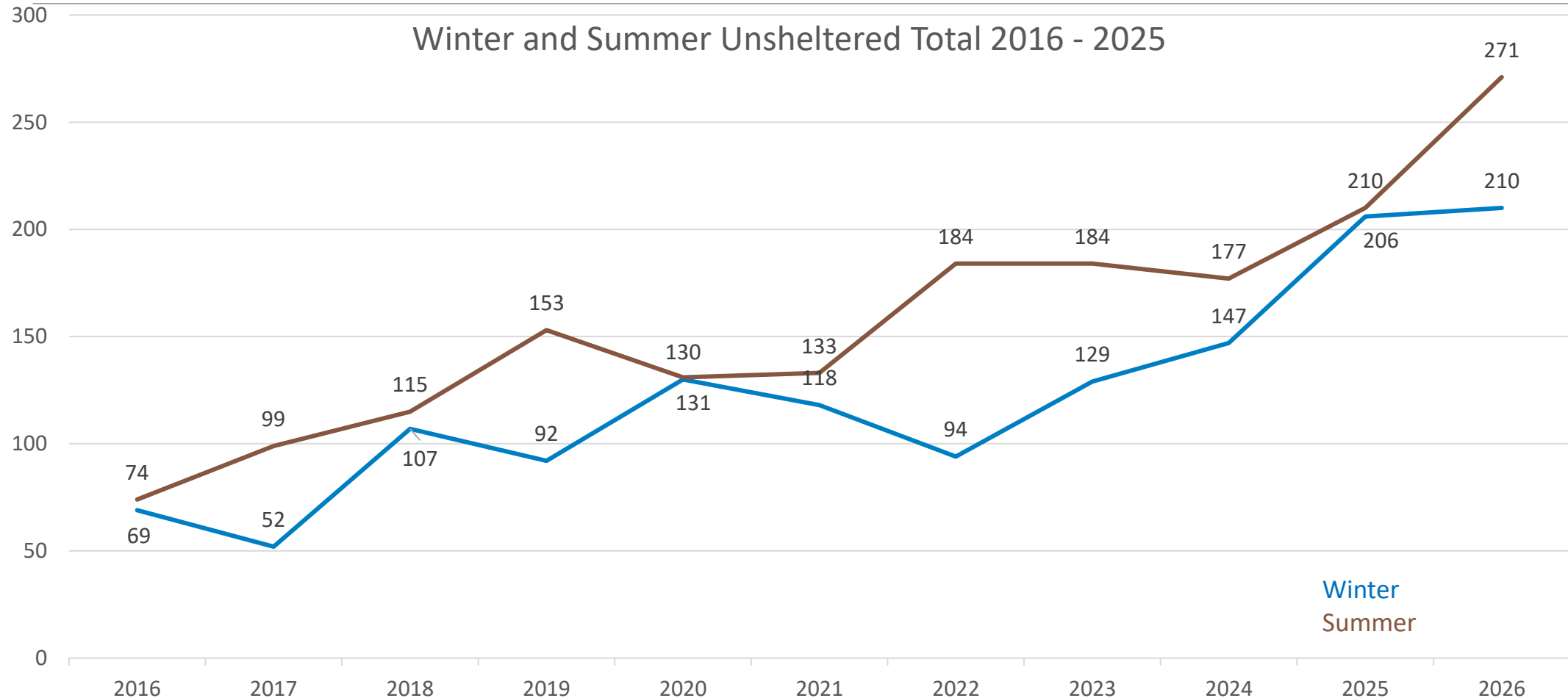
Point-in-Time (PIT)

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

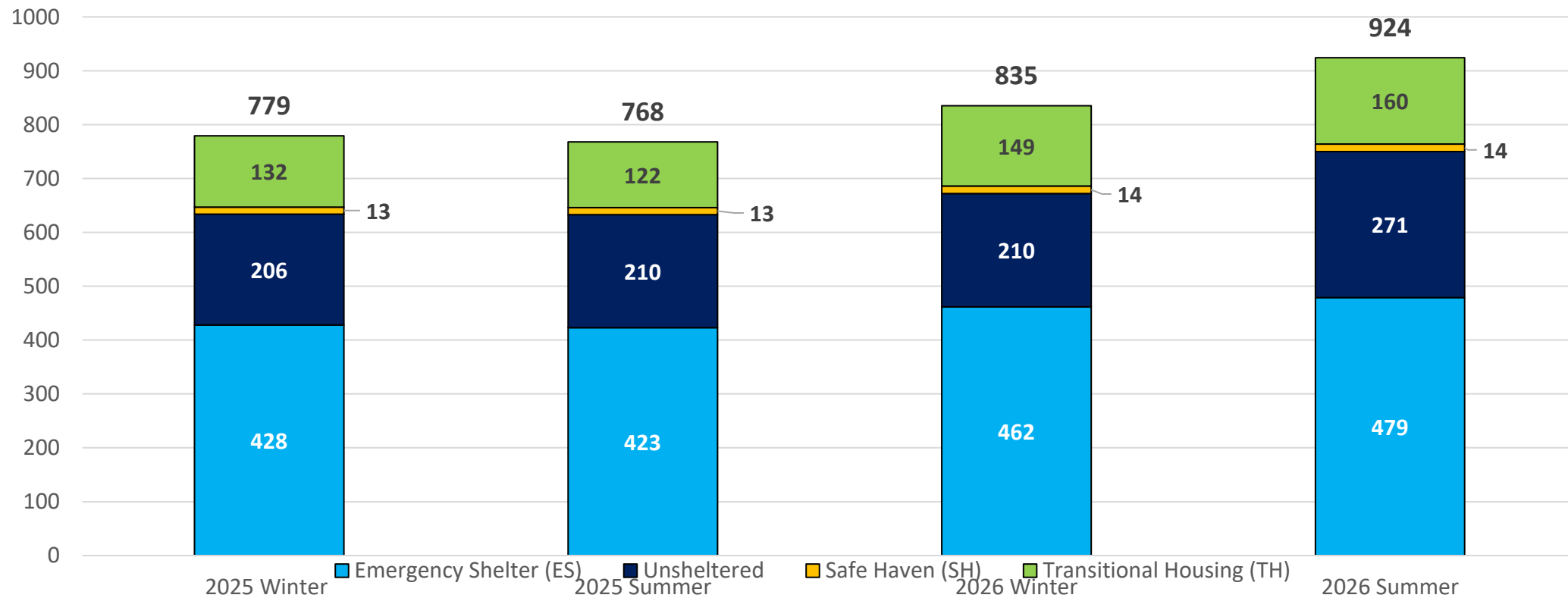
The PIT is a snapshot of the entire Homeless Response System (HMIS, DVIMS, and Non-participating projects) on one single night.

This Summer, the count took place on **July 29th, 2026.**

Unsheltered Totals over Time



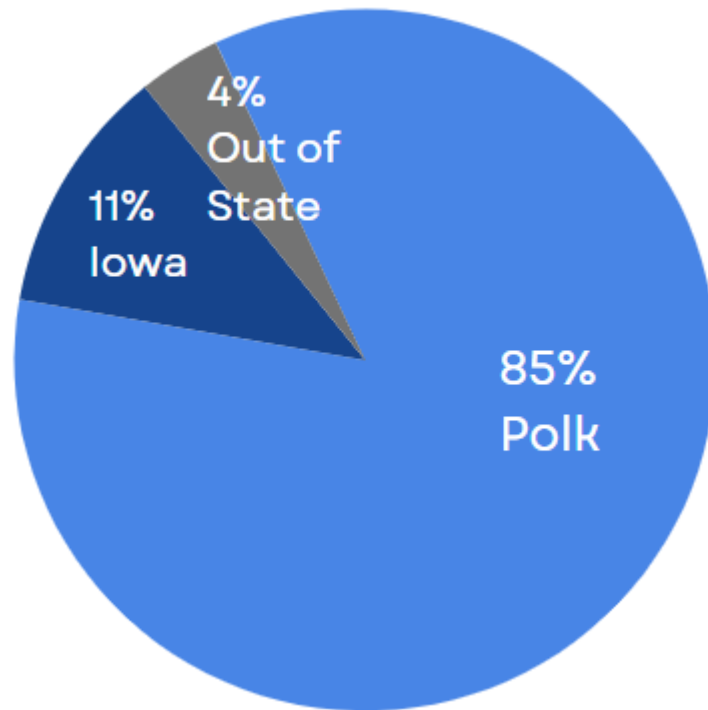
2025, 2026 Point-In Time Totals



2026 Summer Unsheltered Zip Code Analysis

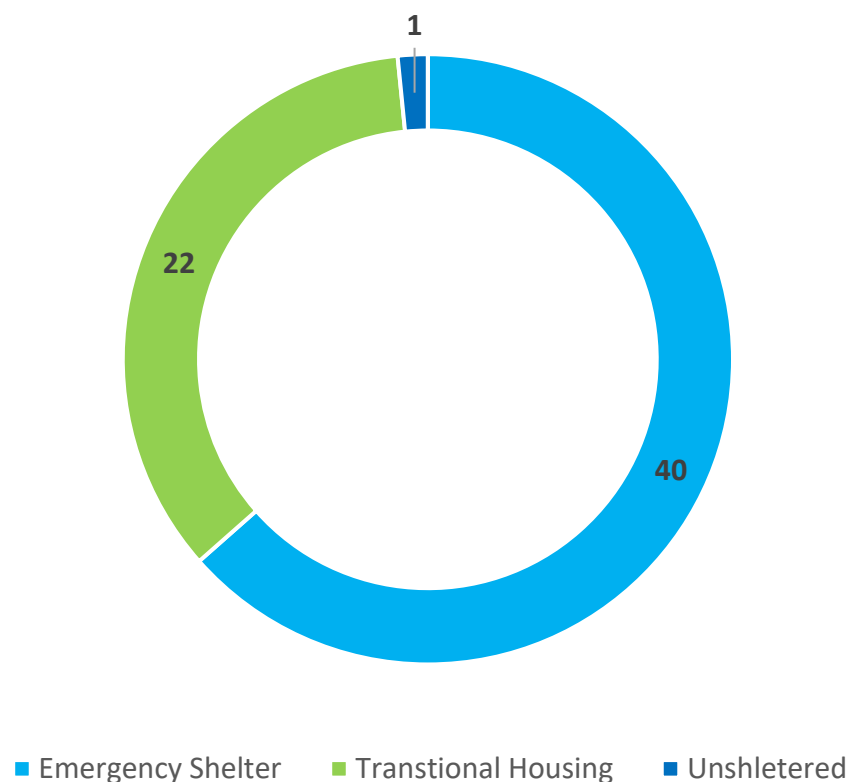


Data collected from unsheltered responses for Zip Code of Last Permanent Address.
All percentages reflect known values. Thus, the percentages below are based on the 184 answers that were collected.

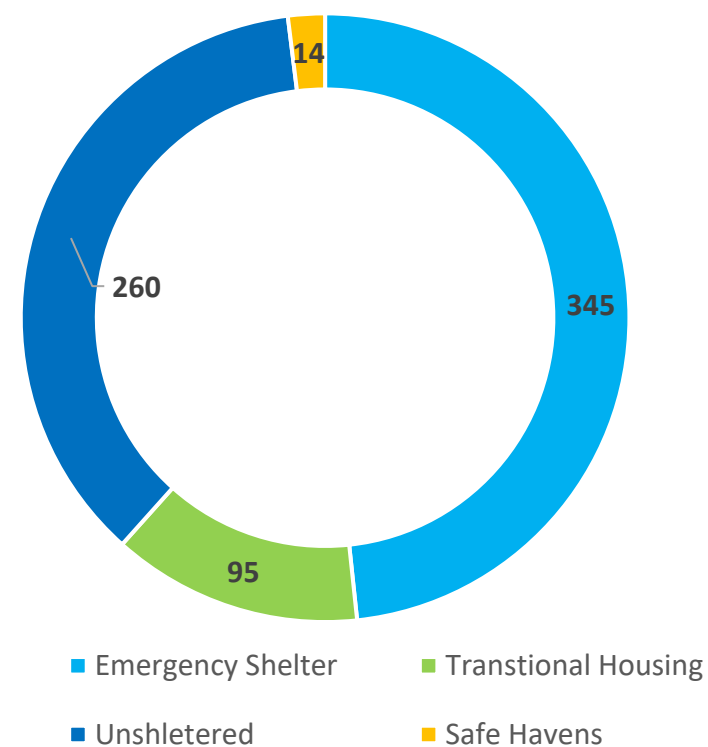


2026 Household Type Breakdowns

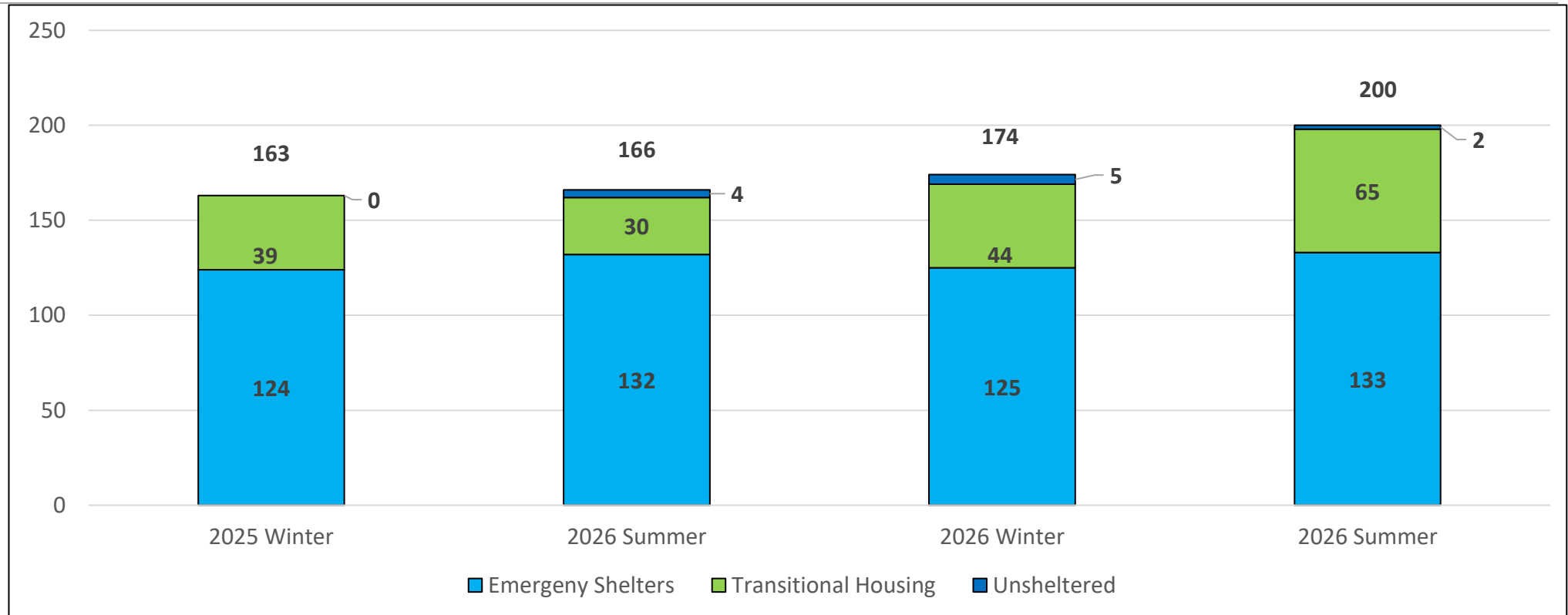
63 **Households** with Adults and Children



714 Adult only **Households**

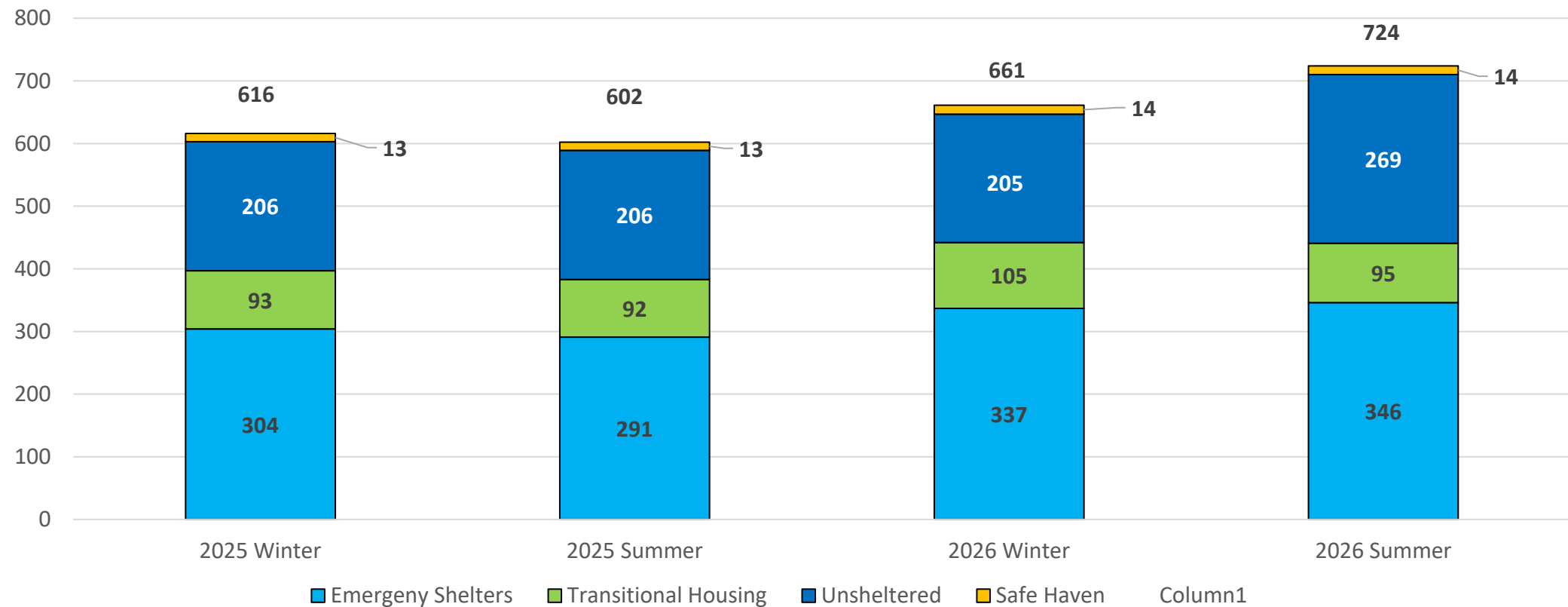


People in Adult and Child Households



*This graph reflects the total number of **people** in Adult and Child (family) households

People in Adult only Households

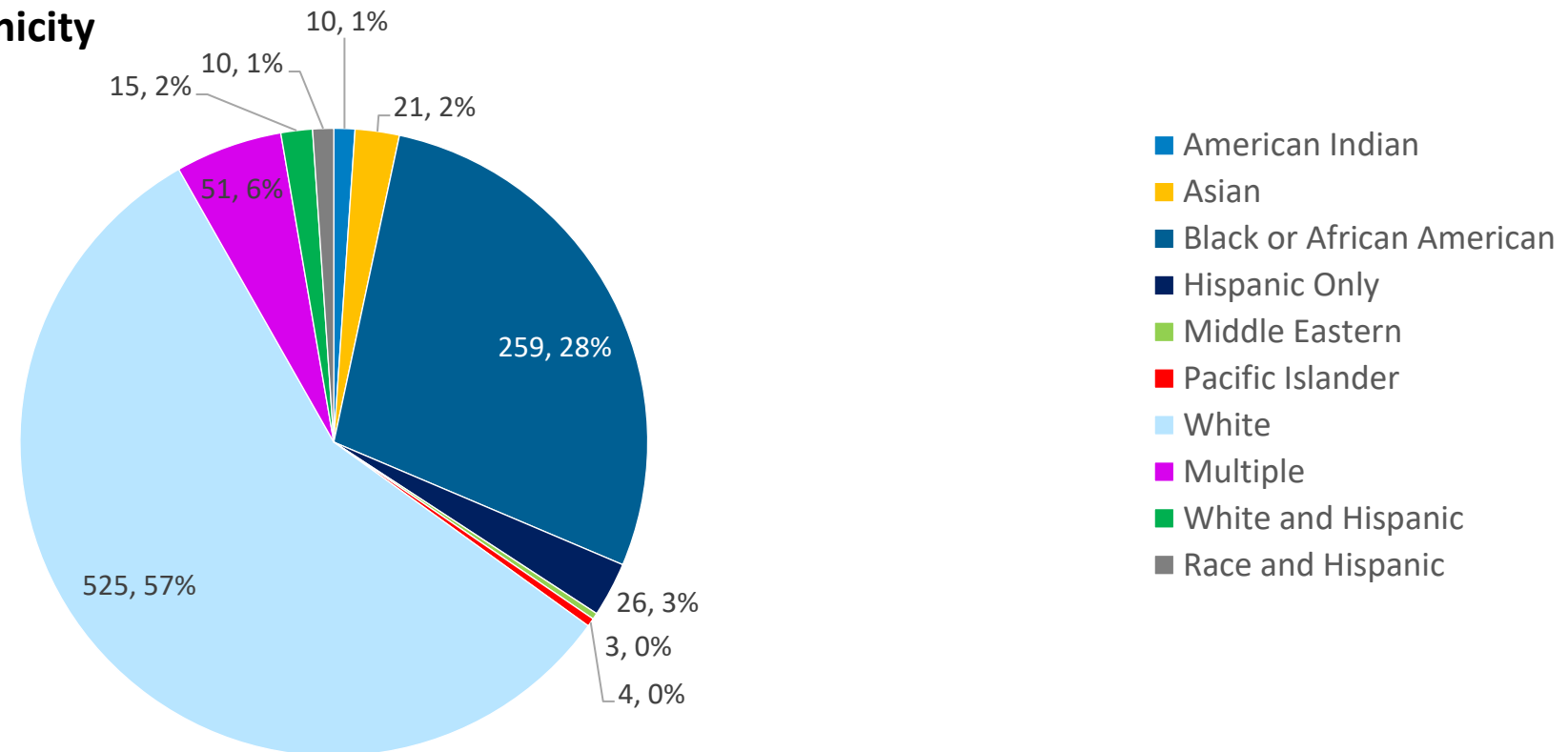


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Additional Comparisons

Race & Ethnicity

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Age



2025 Summer

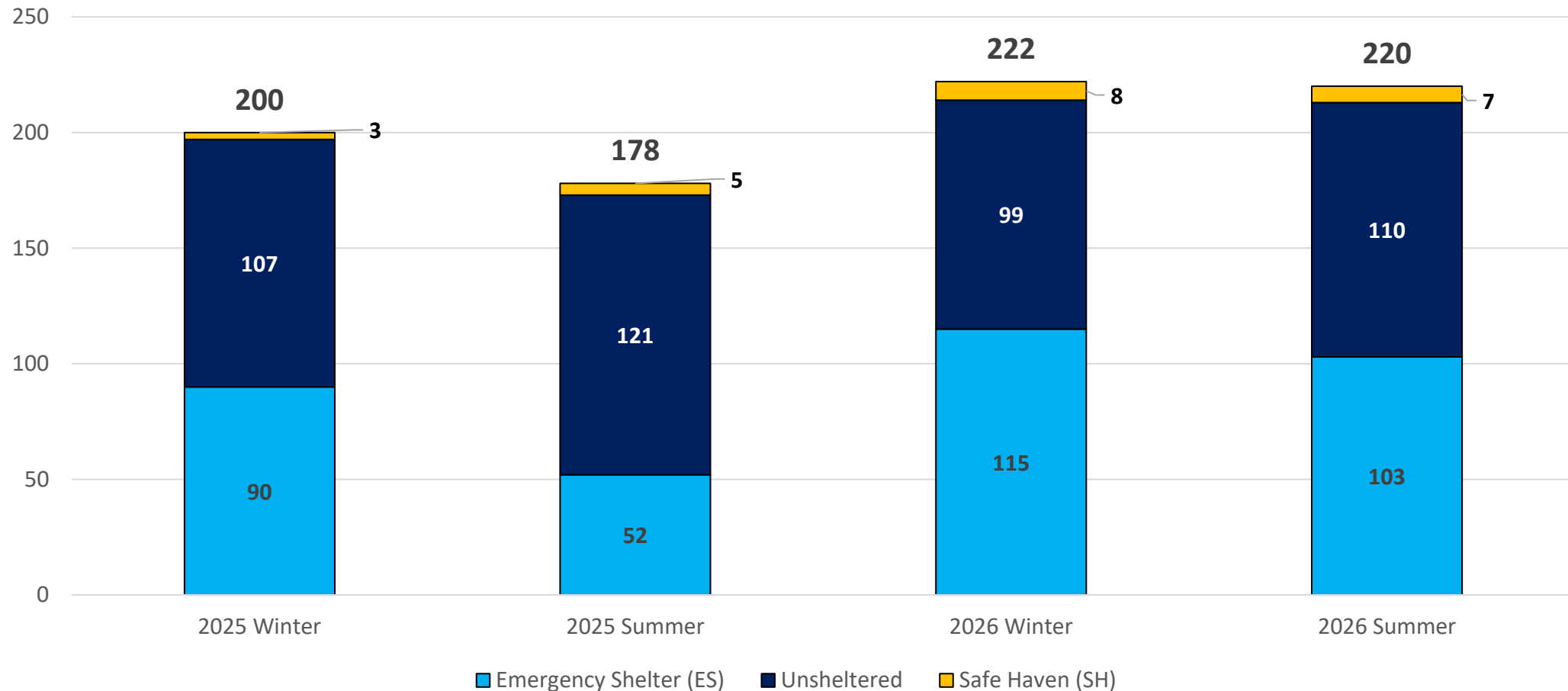
Age Category	Total	%
Under Age 18	107	14%
Persons ages 18 to 24	45	6%
Persons ages 25 to 34	139	18%
Persons ages 35 to 44	189	24.5%
Persons ages 45 to 54	143	18.5%
Persons ages 55 to 64	114	15%
Persons over 65	31	4%

Summer 2026

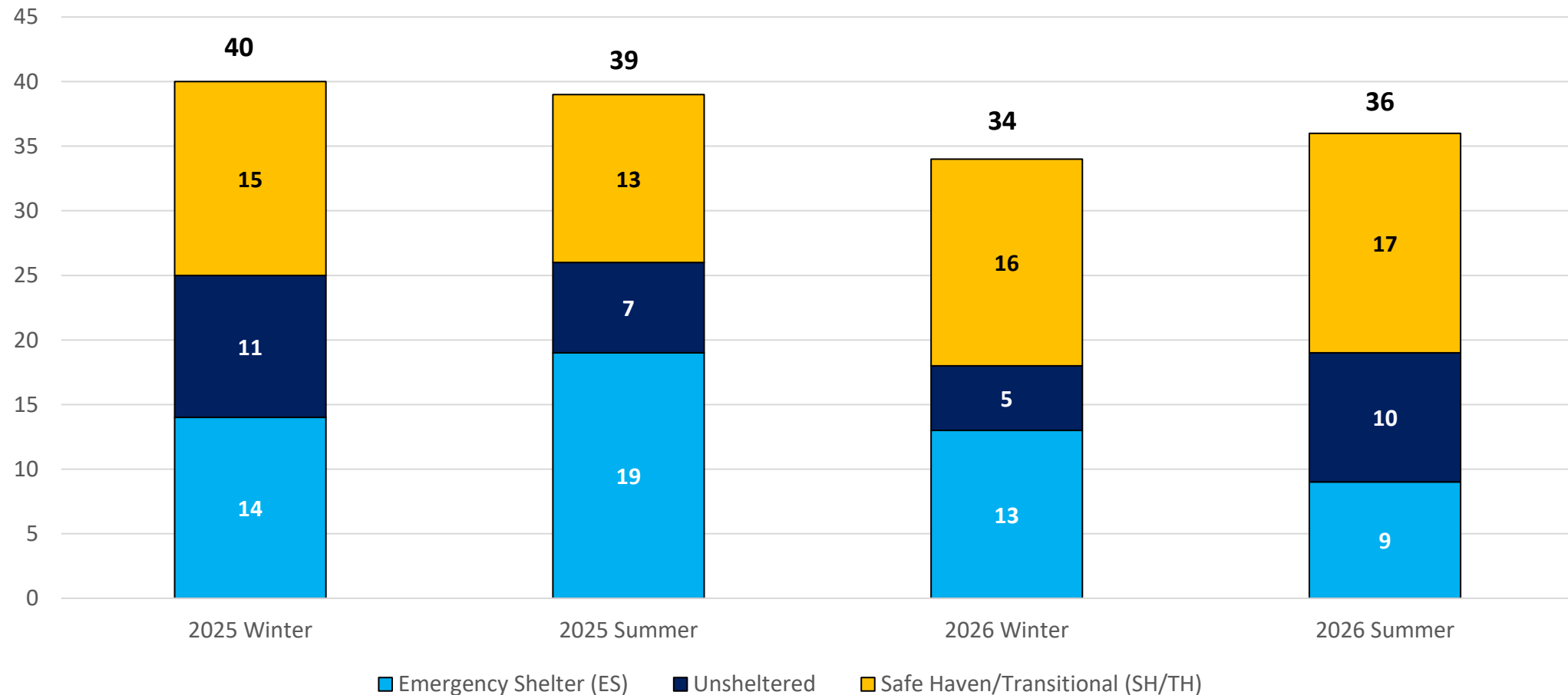
Age Category	Total	%
Under Age 18	127	14%
Persons ages 18 to 24	54	6%
Persons ages 25 to 34	135	15%
Persons ages 35 to 44	226	24%
Persons ages 45 to 54	189	20%
Persons ages 55 to 64	140	15%
Persons over 65	53	6%

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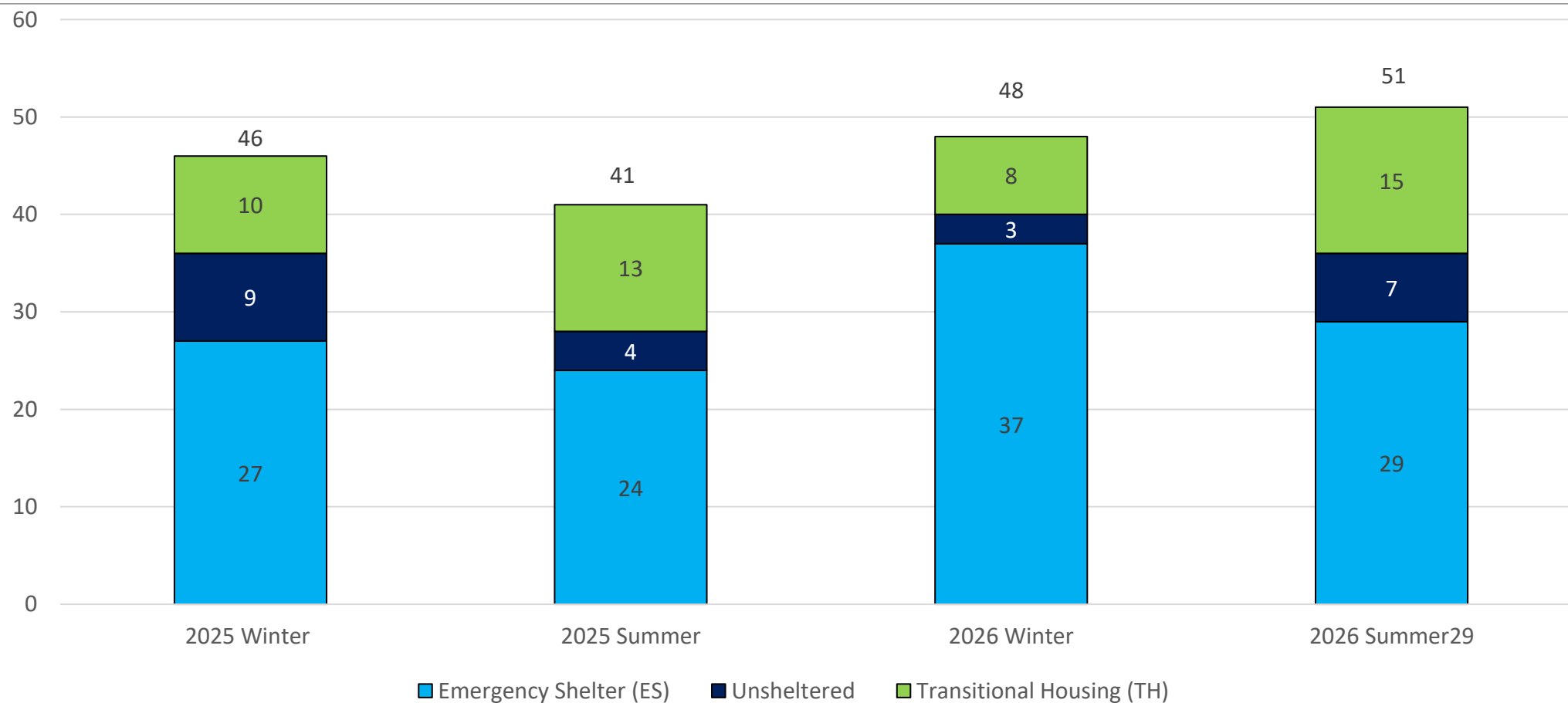
Chronic Population PIT Totals



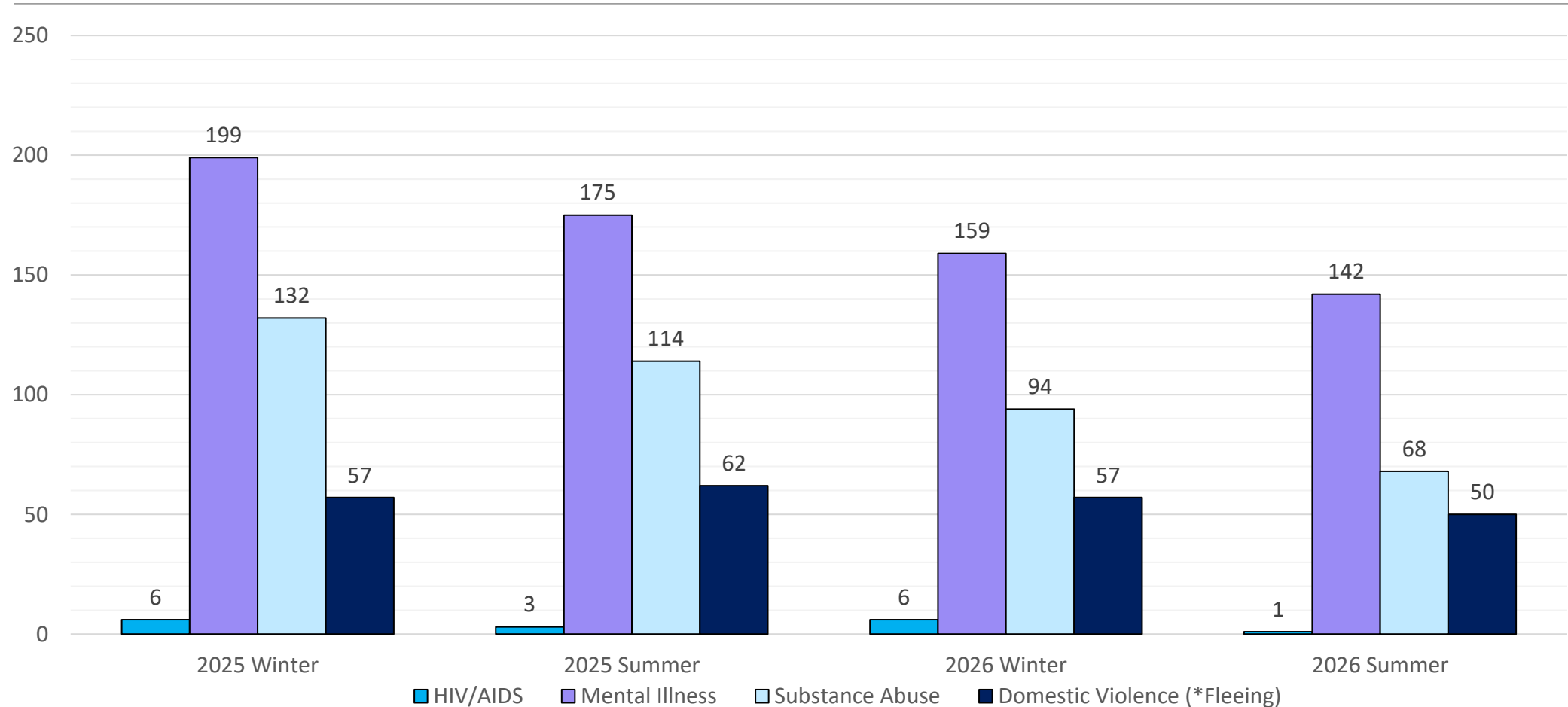
Veteran Population PIT Totals



Youth Population PIT Totals



Point-in-Time Subpopulations



Summary

- Unsheltered homelessness for the Summer Count took a significant leap compared to the Winter Count and last year's Summer Count.
- There was a slight increase in the percentage of those ages 65 and older experiencing homelessness on this night from both the Winter Count and last year's Summer Count
- 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

Questions?

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