

Homelessness in Athens-Clarke County

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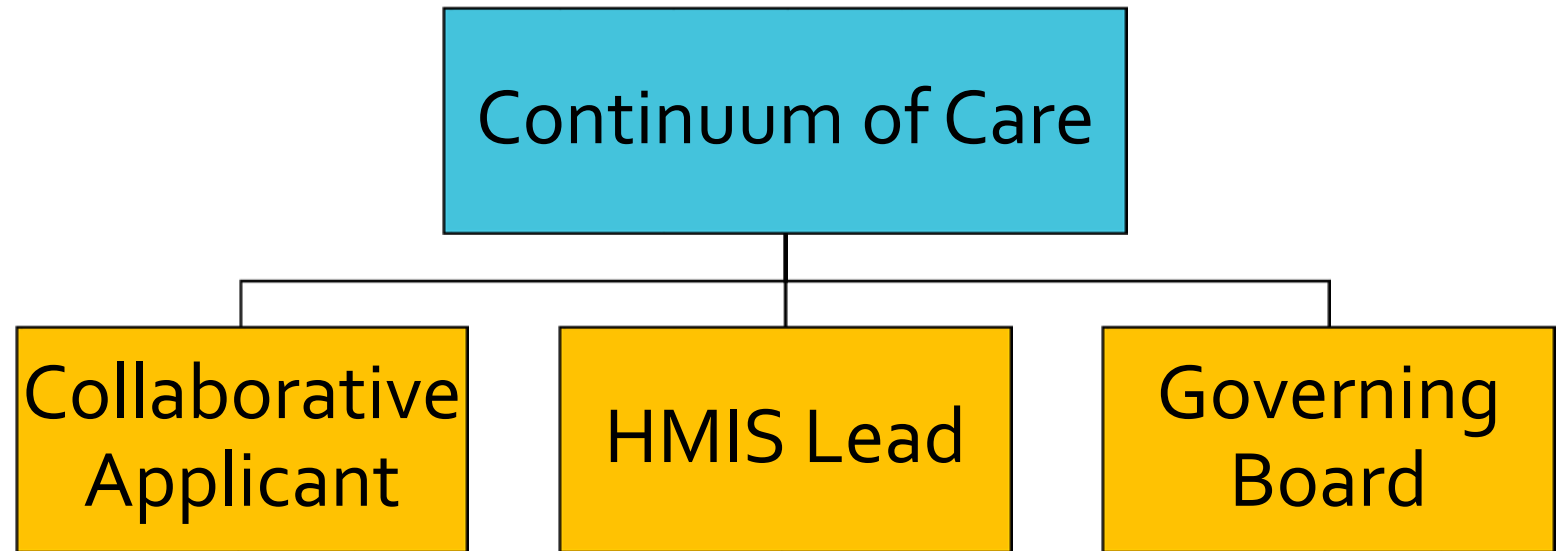
Athens-Clarke County Continuum of Care

HUD Definition:



- A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals.

General CoC Structure

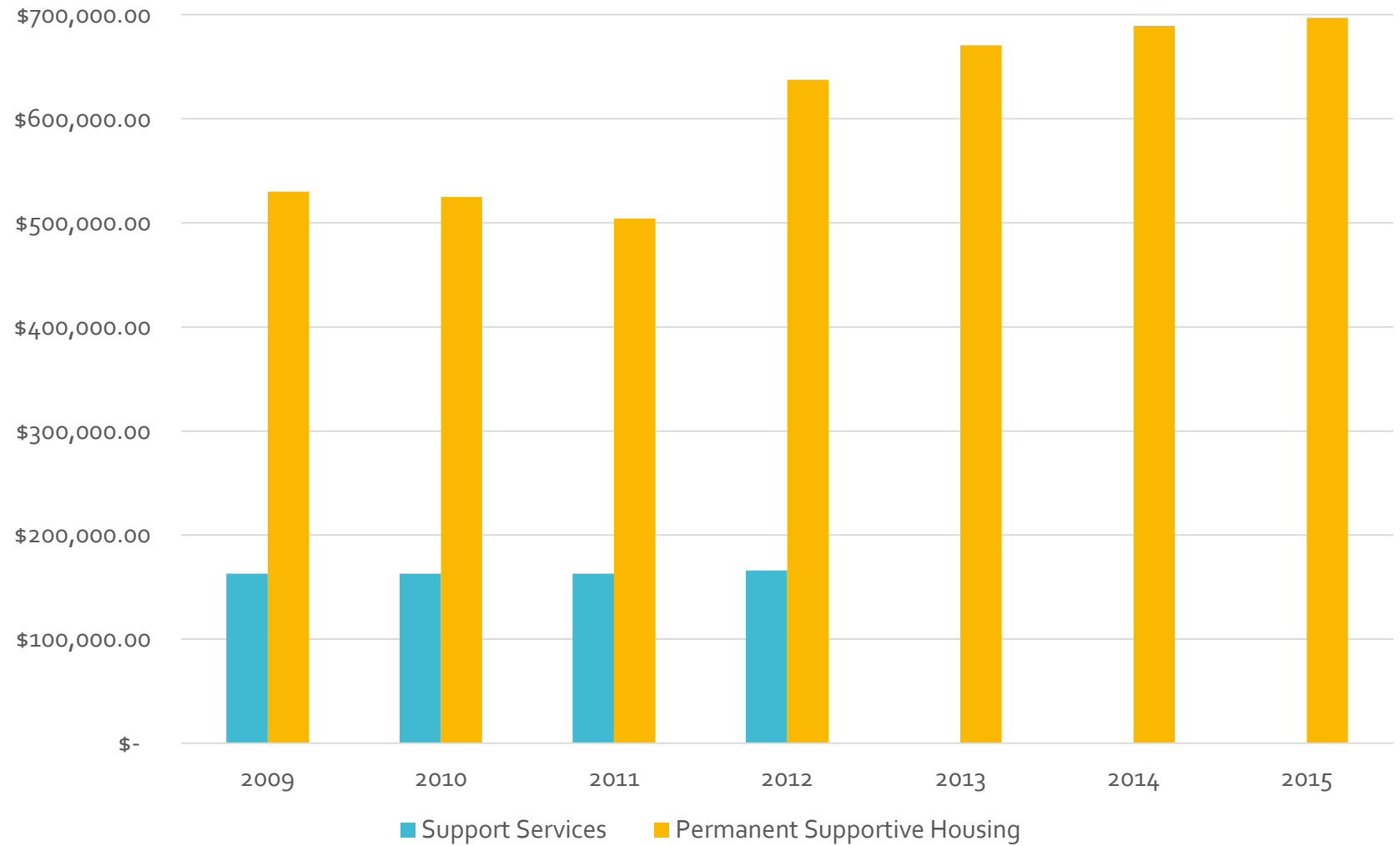


Athens-Clarke County Continuum of Care



CoC Funding Trends

Athens-Clarke County CoC Awards



2017 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

What, When, Who, Where, Why?



What and when is the PIT?

- The PIT is a count of all homeless individuals and families on a single night in January.
- The 2017 Athens-Clarke County PIT Count took place on January 25th, 2017.



Who is counted in the PIT?

HUD Definition of Homeless: Literally Homeless (Category 1)

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- i. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
- ii. Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
- iii. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution

Who is counted in the PIT?

HUD Definition of Homeless: Fleeing DV (Category 4)

Any individual or family who:

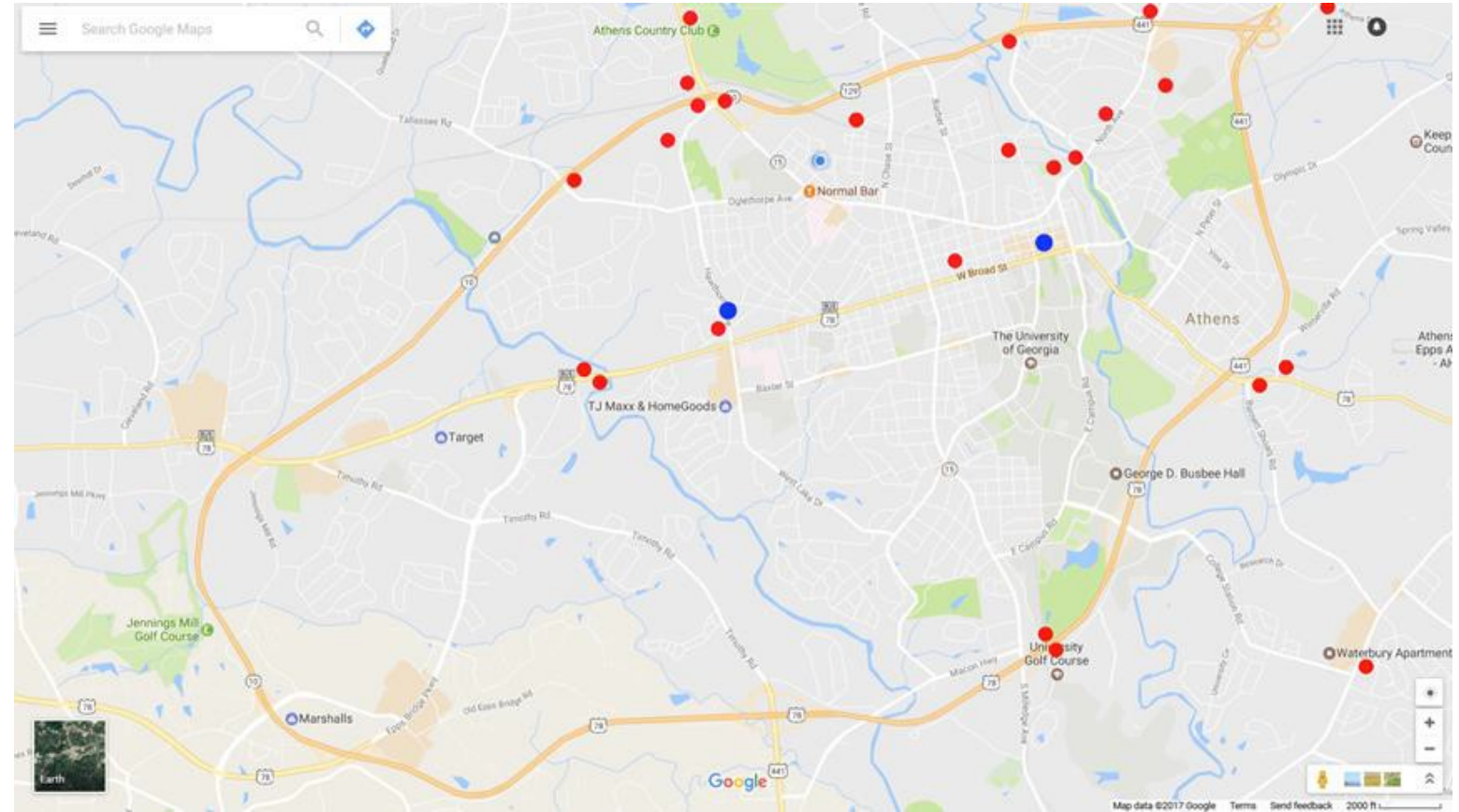
- i. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
- ii. Has no other residence; and
- iii. Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

Where does the PIT take place?

- **Sheltered Homeless Individuals and Families**
 - Emergency Shelters
 - Transitional Housing
 - Safe Havens
- **Unsheltered Homeless Individuals and Families**
 - Soup Kitchens
 - Day Centers
 - The Streets
 - Encampments



Where does
the PIT take
place?




Is the PIT accurate?

De-Duplication Methods

- Comparison of Personally Identified Information (PII)
- Comparison of Unique Client Identifiers (non-PII)
- Interview/Survey Questions

Things To Remember

- The PIT is not a perfect data collection process!
- Self-Report
- It is only a snapshot of homelessness one night out of the year!



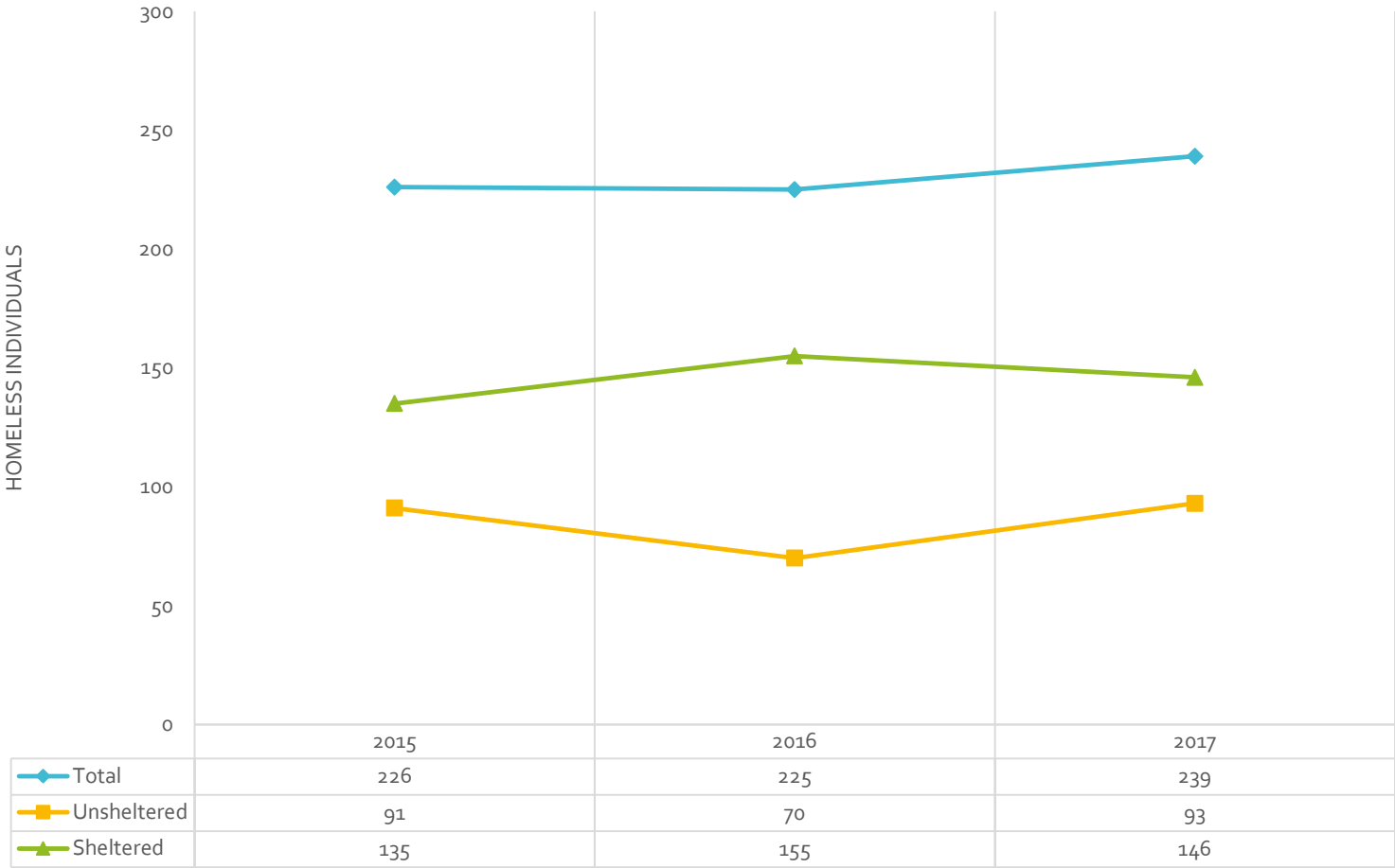
2017 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

Results and Trends



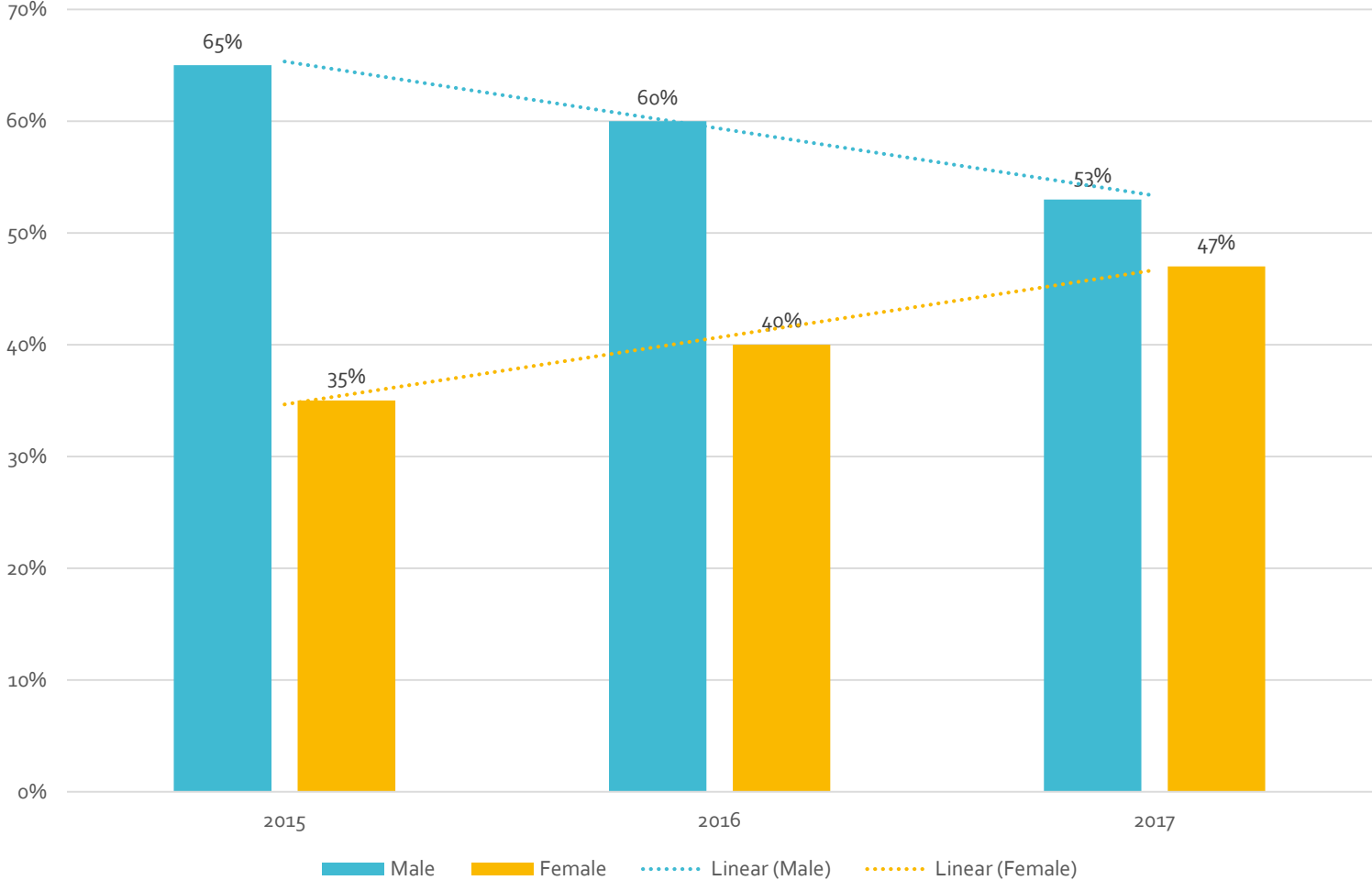
Individuals Counted

THE POINT-IN-TIME COUNT OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS



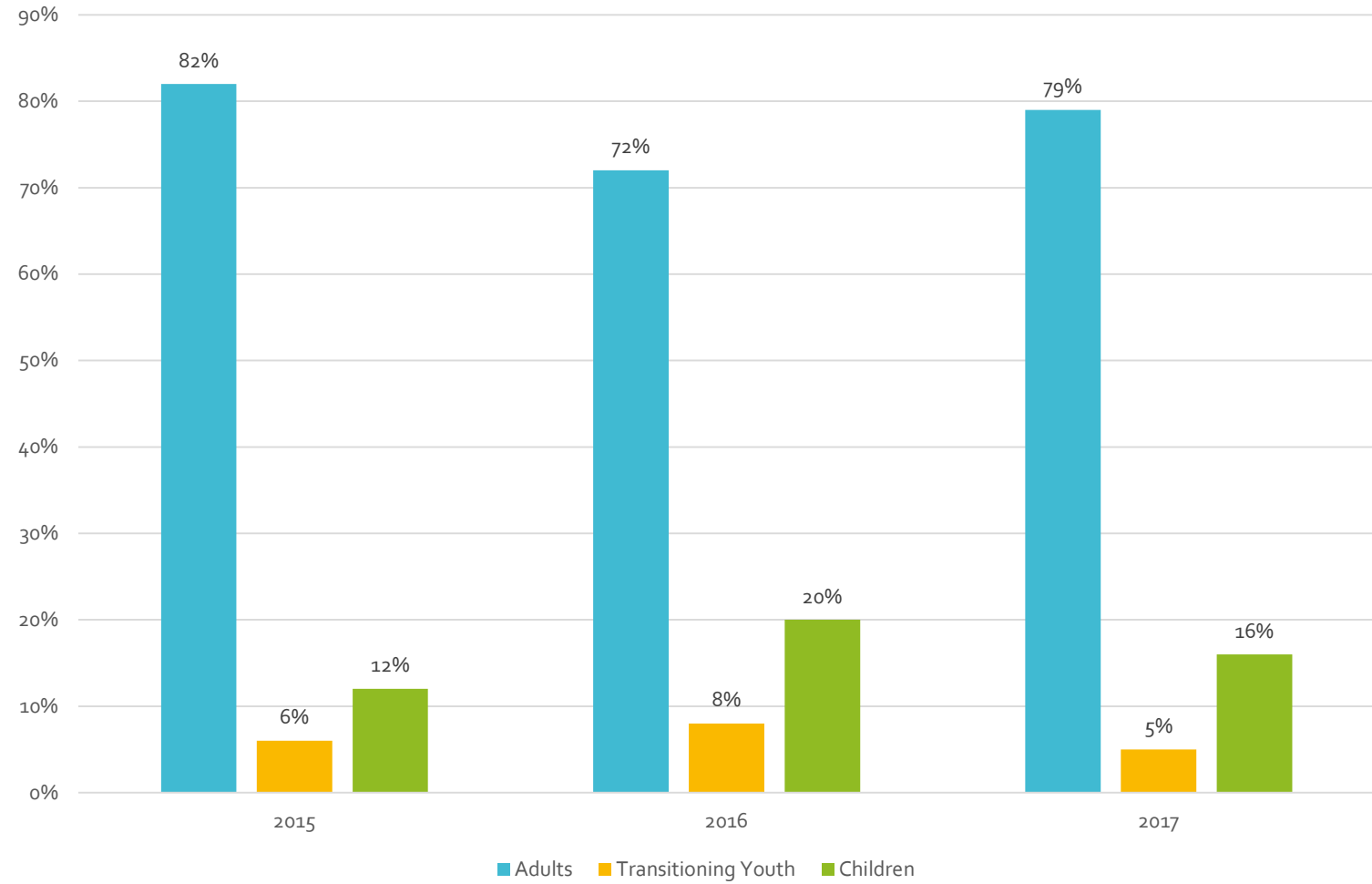
Gender Trends

HOMELESS POPULATION BY GENDER



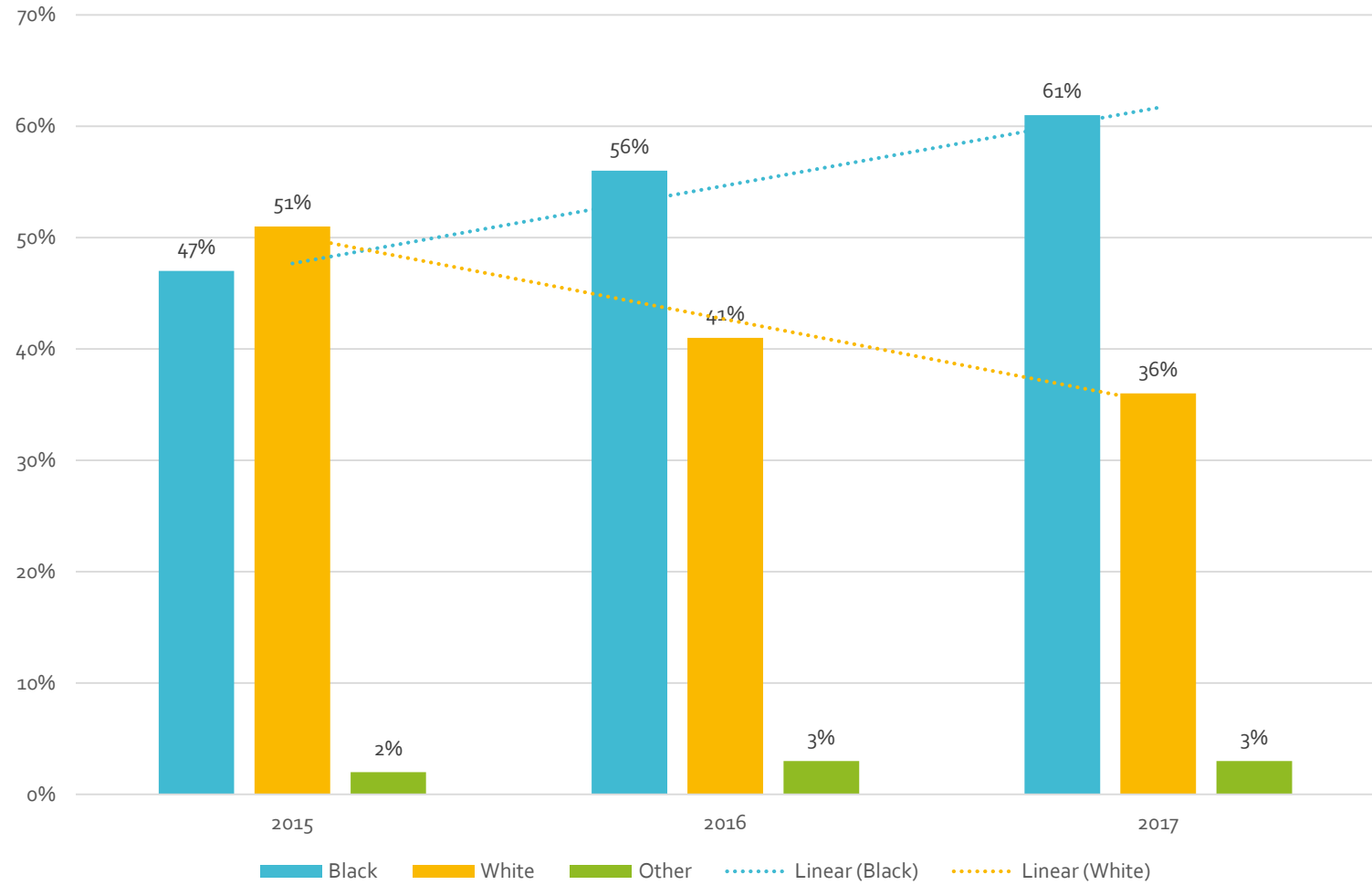
Age Trends

HOMELESS POPULATION BY AGE CATEGORY



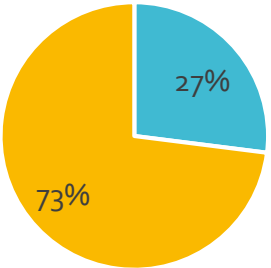
Race Trends

HOMELESS POPULATION BY RACE



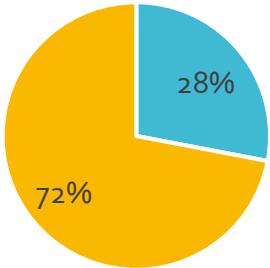
Barriers to Housing Details

Chronically Homeless



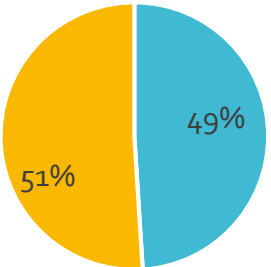
■ Chronically Homeless ■ Core Homeless

Substance Abuse



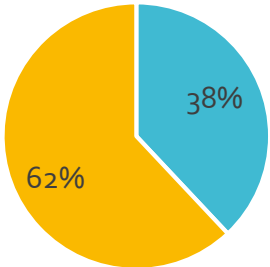
■ Yes ■ No

Mental Illness



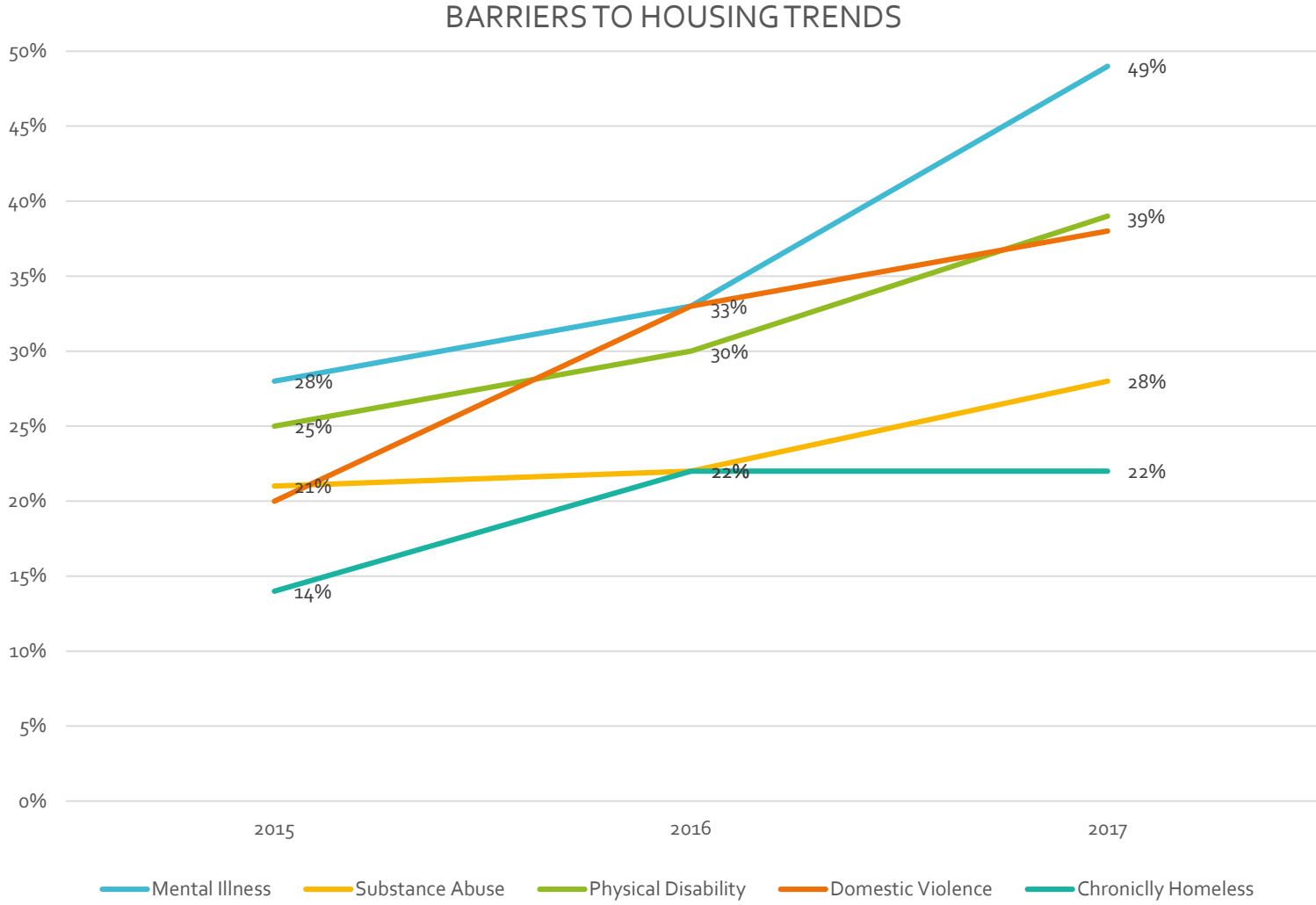
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DV Survivors



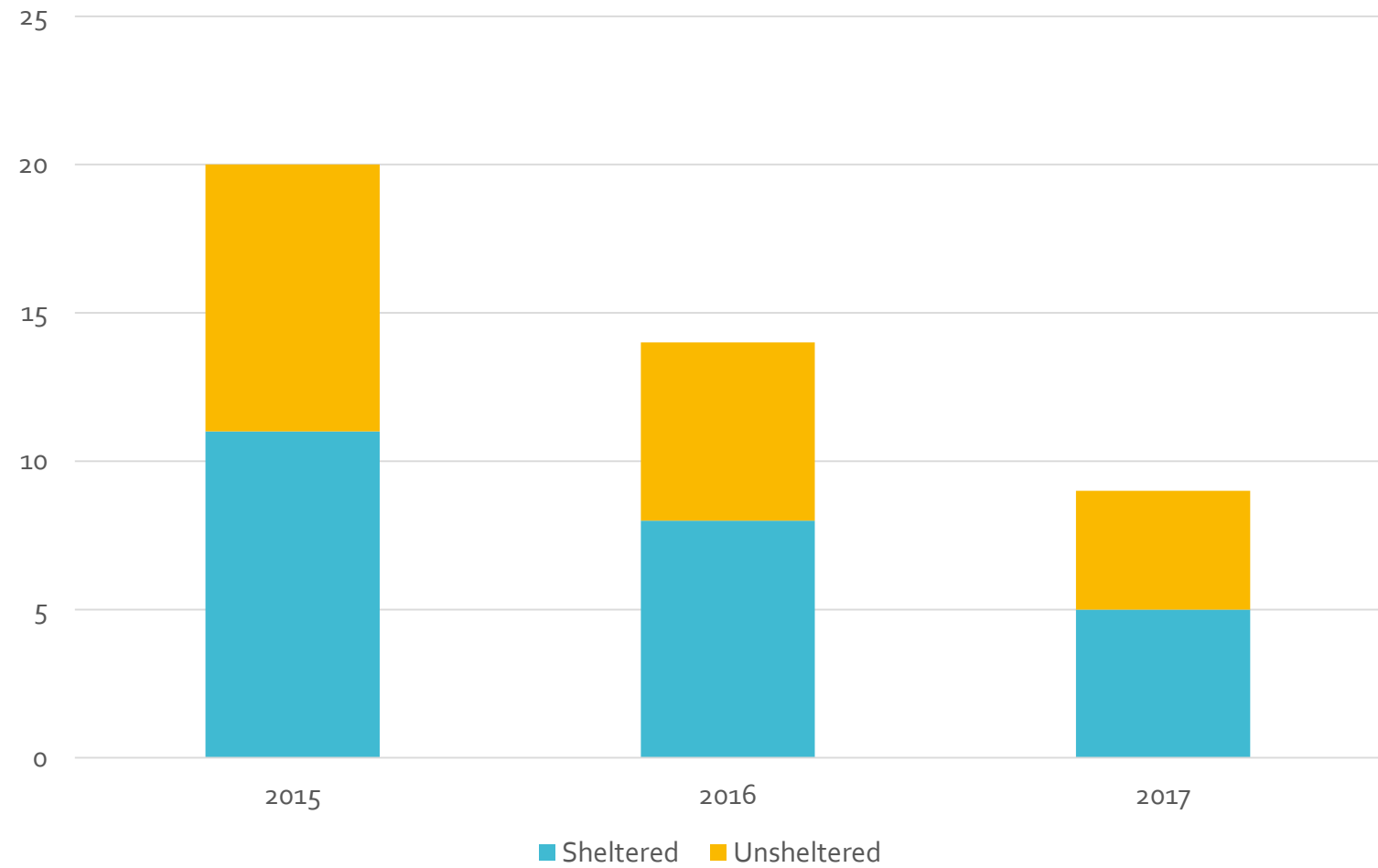
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Barriers To Housing



Veterans Homelessness

Veteran Homeless Population





2017

Housing Inventory (HIC)
Count



Emergency Shelter Beds

Agency:	Bed Count:	Target Population:
Athens Area Homeless Shelter I	24 beds in 6 family rooms	Families
Athens Area Homeless Shelter II	21 beds in 7 units	Families
Bigger Vision	35 beds (mid-Oct to mid-April)	Single men and women
Interfaith Hospitality Network	14 beds for 3 families	Families
Project Safe	16 beds total	Single women and families
Salvation Army	70 beds total	Single men, women, and families
Live Forward hotel vouchers	Varies	Single men, women, and families
Total: 145 Year Round Beds, 35 Seasonal Beds		

Non- Emergency Shelter Beds

- S+C and Permanent Supportive Housing Beds: 126



- Rapid Re-Housing Beds: 76



Non- Emergency Shelter Beds

- Transitional Housing Beds: **1**



- Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Beds: **112**



Questions?

