



Data & Systems Coordination

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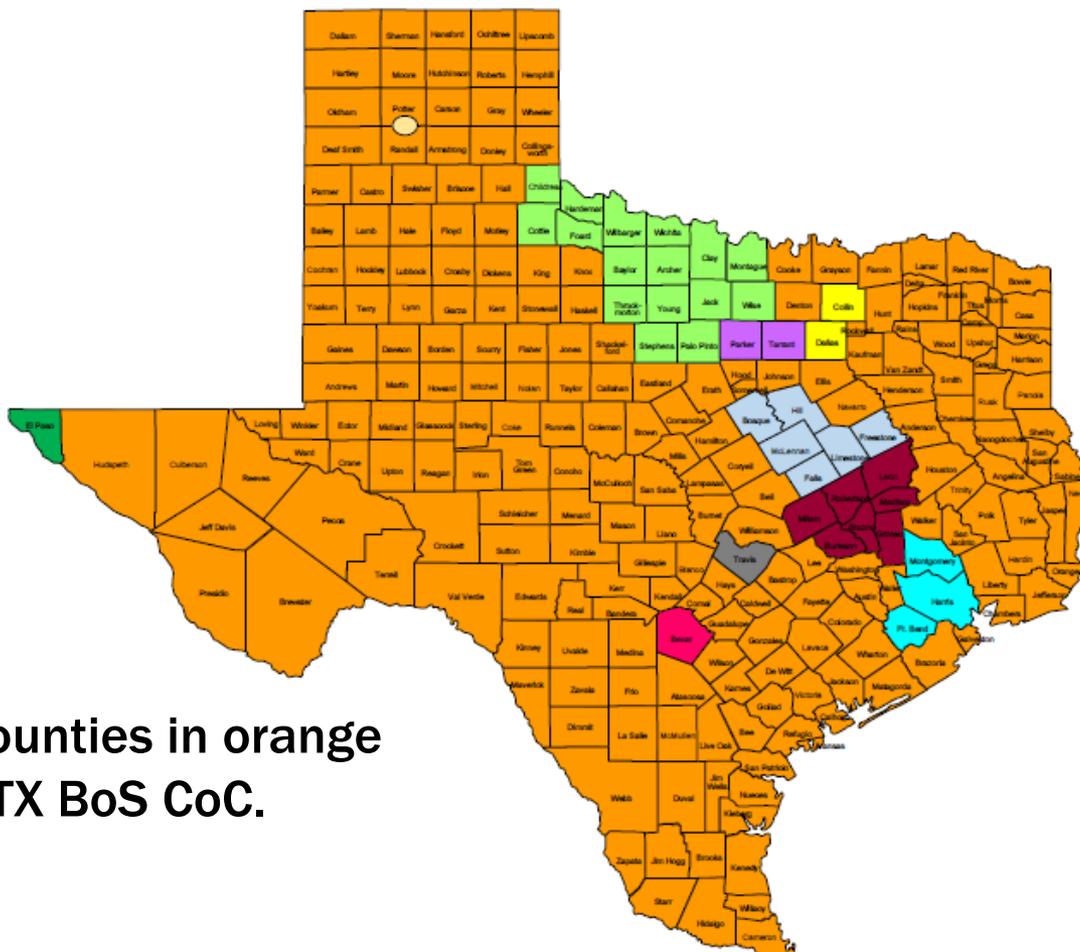
Texas Homeless Network

Texas Homeless Network (THN) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the lead agency for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC).

Mission:

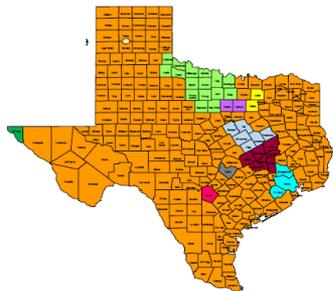
To provide solutions to end homelessness in Texas communities through education, resources, and advocacy.

TX BoS CoC



The 215 counties in orange are in the TX BoS CoC.

Responsibilities of the CoC



Establish a
CoC and a
CoC Board



Conduct CoC
Planning and
Operations



Administer
and
Operate
HMIS



Facilitate
Application
for Funds

What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

A CoC, as defined by HUD in the CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR Part 578.3, is the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under the CoC Program for a defined geographic area.

A community-based planning network for homelessness assistance.

The geographic area covered by the community-based planning network.

A program operated by the Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. (HUD)

HUD CoC Program Purpose



Homeless Service System



End Homelessness

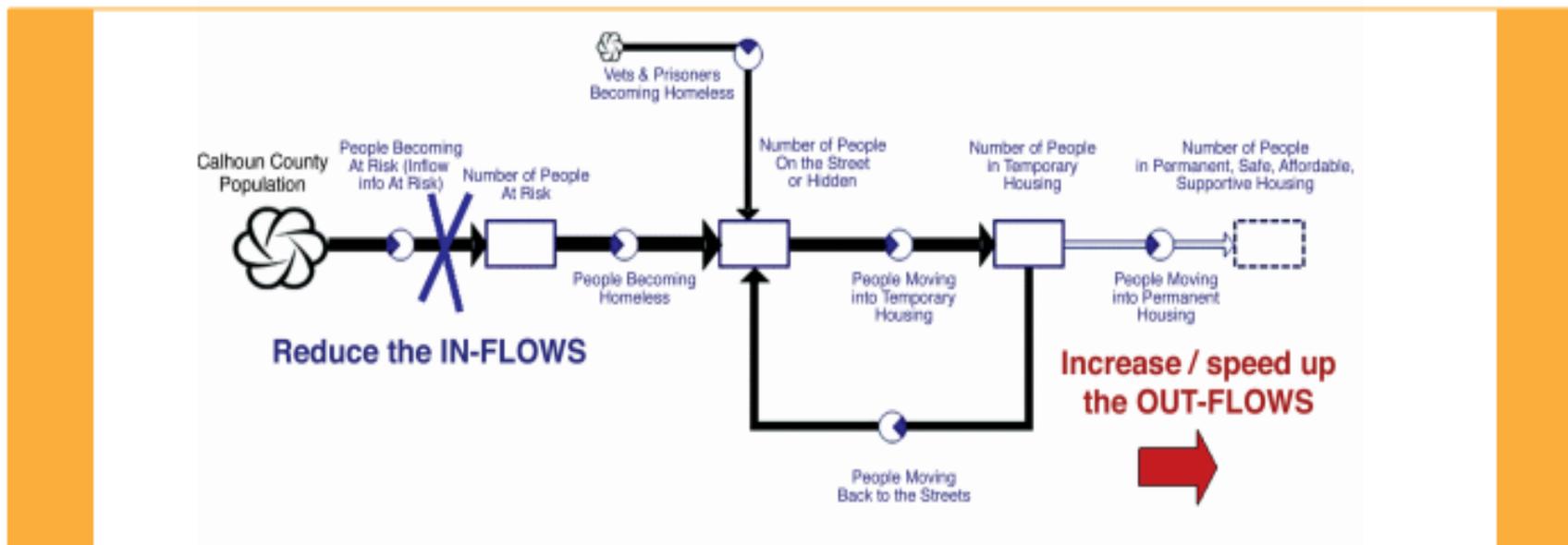
An end to homelessness means that every community will have a systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or if it can't be prevented, it is a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.

Specifically, every community will have the capacity to:

- Quickly identify and engage people at risk of and experiencing homelessness.
- Intervene to prevent the loss of housing and divert people from entering the homelessness services system.
- When homelessness does occur, provide immediate access to shelter and crisis services, without barriers to entry, while permanent stable housing and appropriate supports are being secured, and quickly connect people to housing assistance and services—tailored to their unique needs and strengths—to help them achieve and maintain stable housing

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)

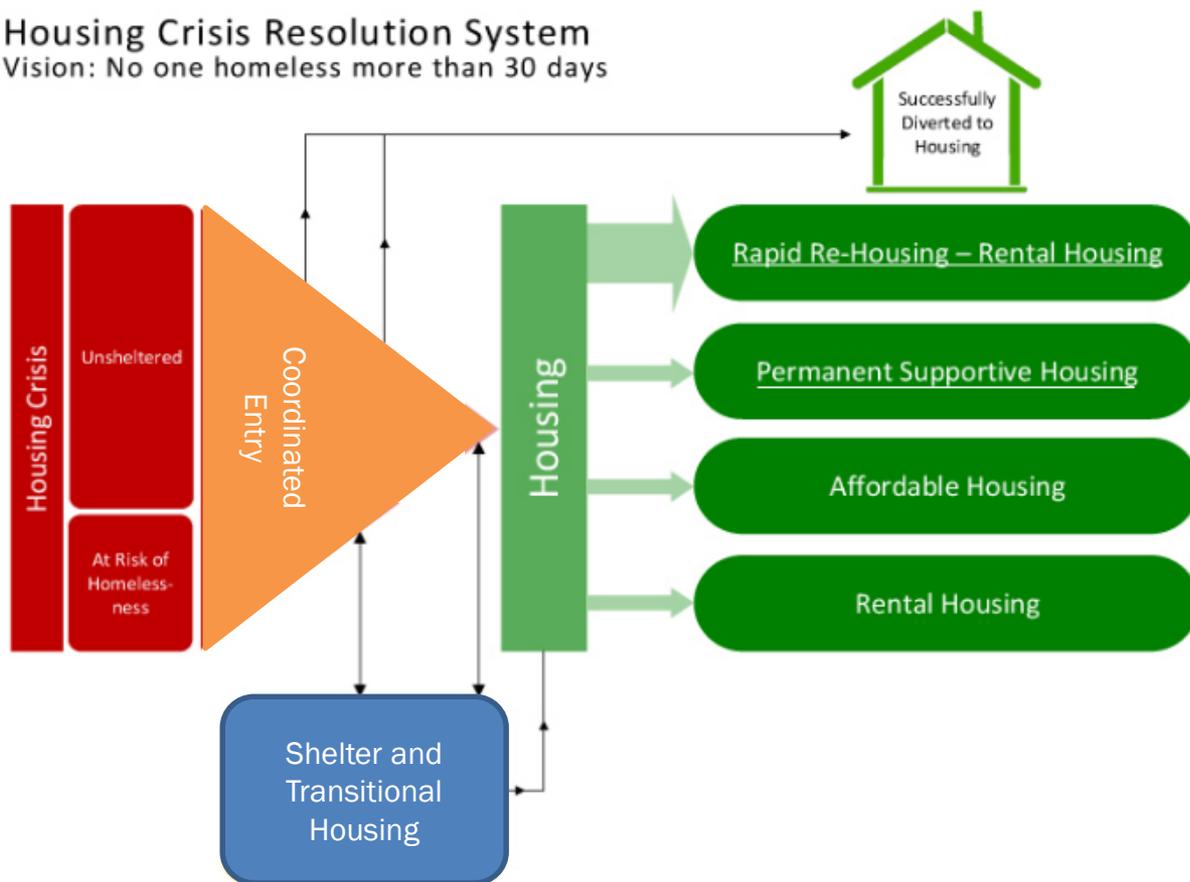
A Systemic Approach to Ending Homelessness



Source: Goodman, Michael and David Peter Stroh. A Systemic Approach to Ending Homelessness. <http://bit.ly/2erc8KG>

Housing Crisis Response System

Housing Crisis Resolution System
Vision: No one homeless more than 30 days



Coordinated Entry

- Entry Points
- Common Assessment
 - Focus on Housing Intervention Match
- Referrals
- Prioritization
- Common data system



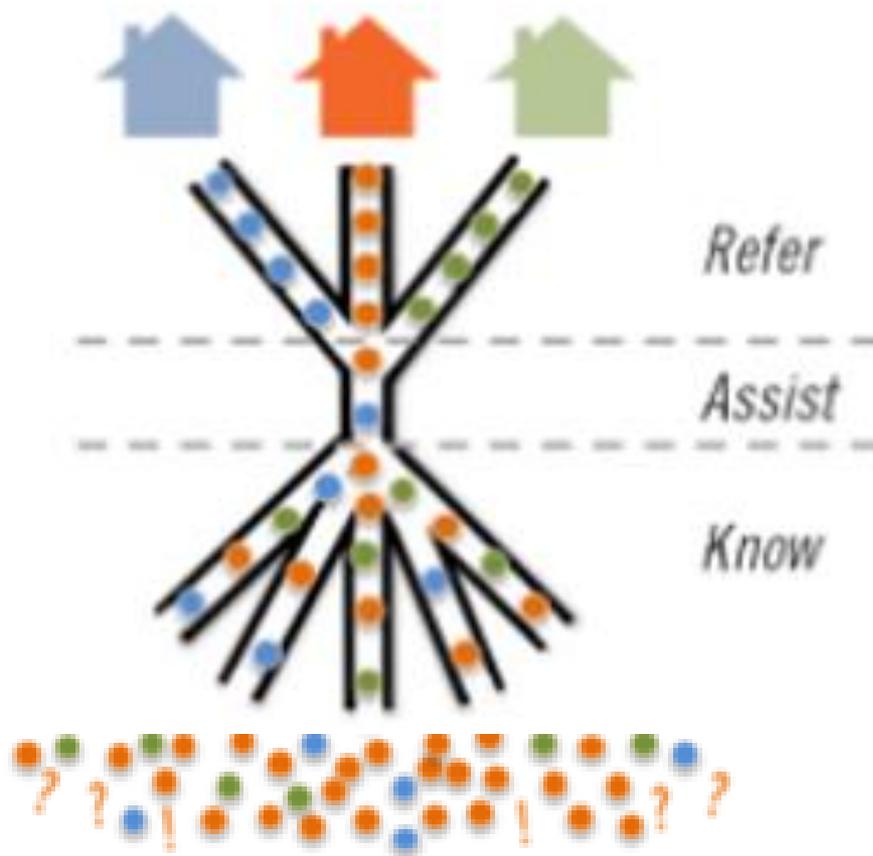
Dead ends, closed doors → **Seamless connections**

Endless intakes, applications, and wait lists → **1 survey that connects to real-time housing opportunities**

First come, first served → **Best fit, housing match**

Each organization doing it all → **Each organization doing what they do best**

Housing Crisis Response System

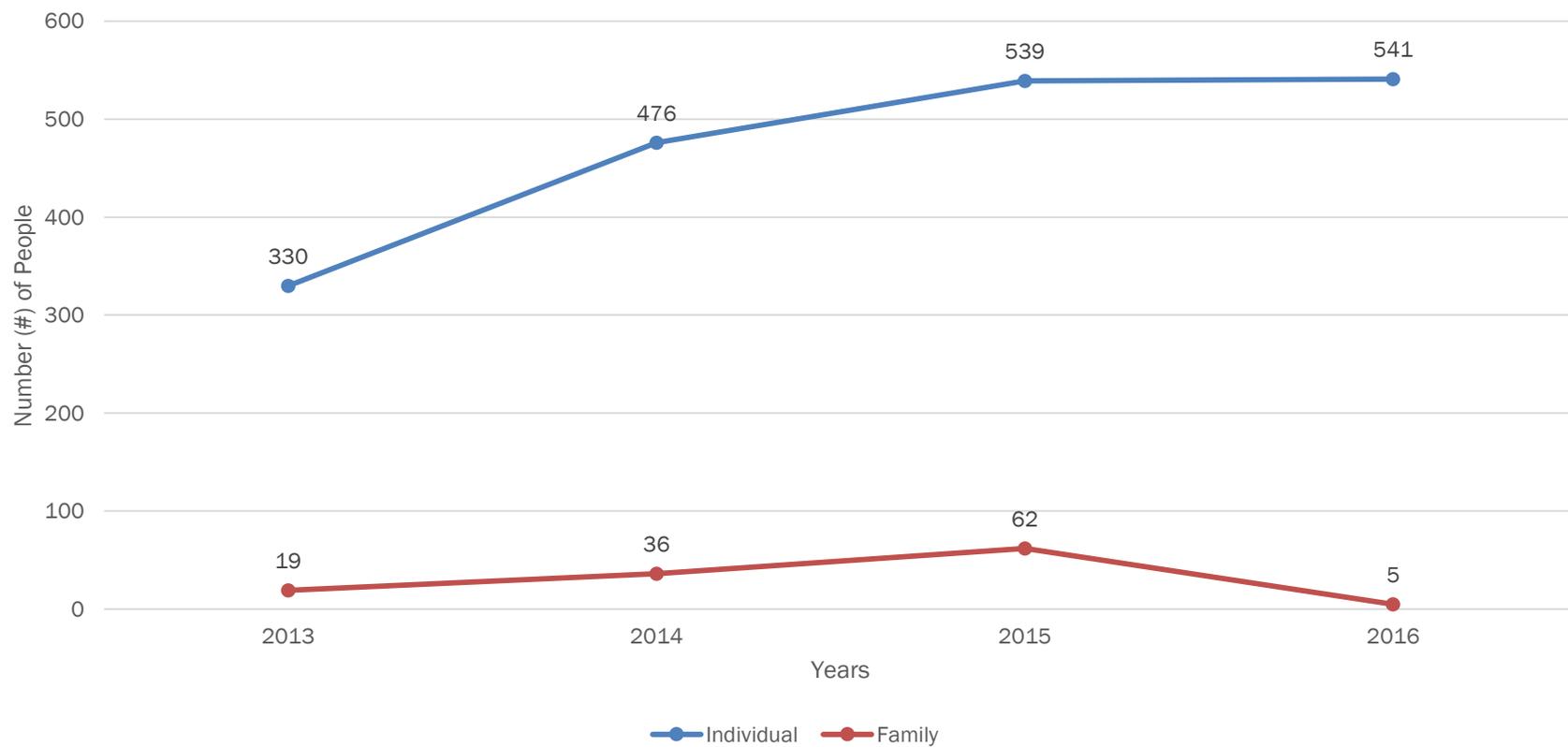


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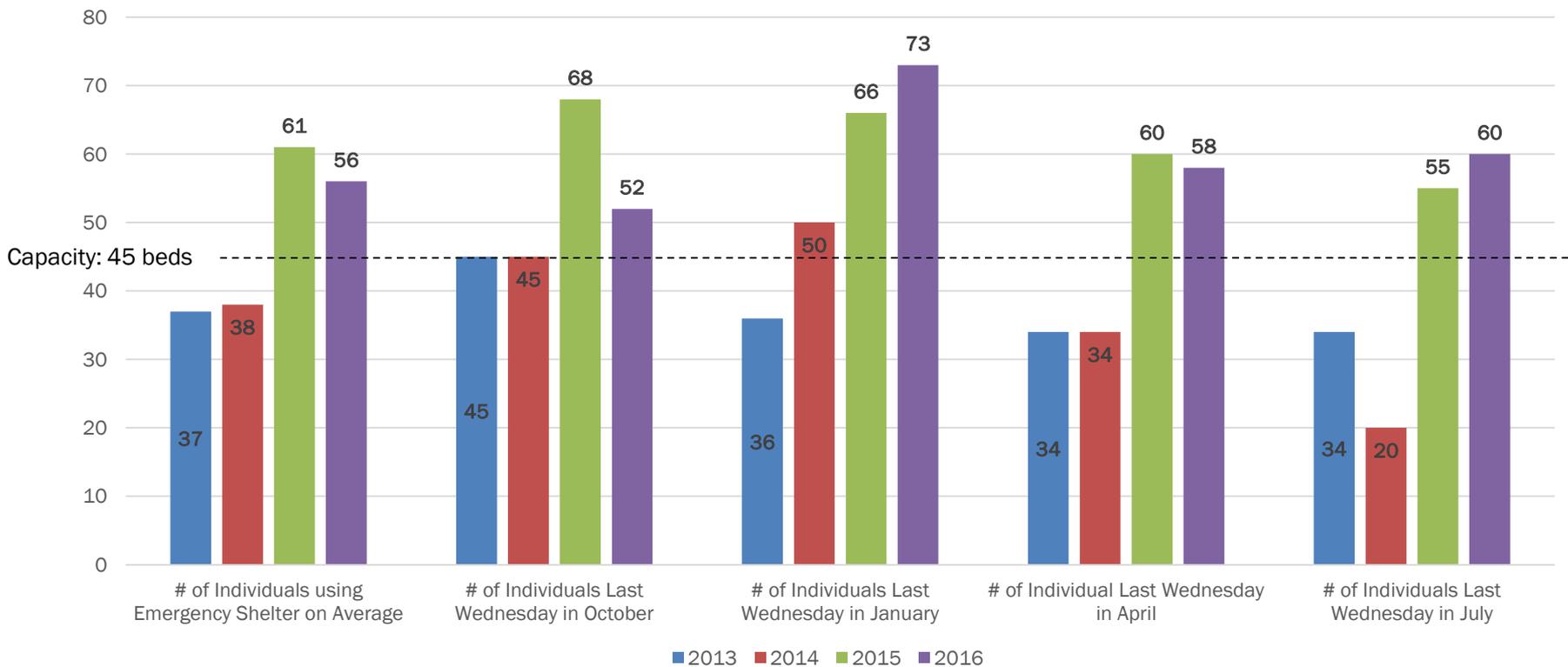
“Since homelessness emerged as an issue in the United States, a broad group of dedicated individuals and organizations — from advocacy groups and shelters to local, state, and federal government agencies — have fought to help homeless persons find housing and remain stably housed. Data have become a critical component of these efforts. Documenting the number, characteristics, and needs of homeless persons in American communities, as well as the number of people receiving services and the capacity of these services, is essential to identifying the proper strategies to tackle the problem; it’s very difficult to manage what you can’t measure.”



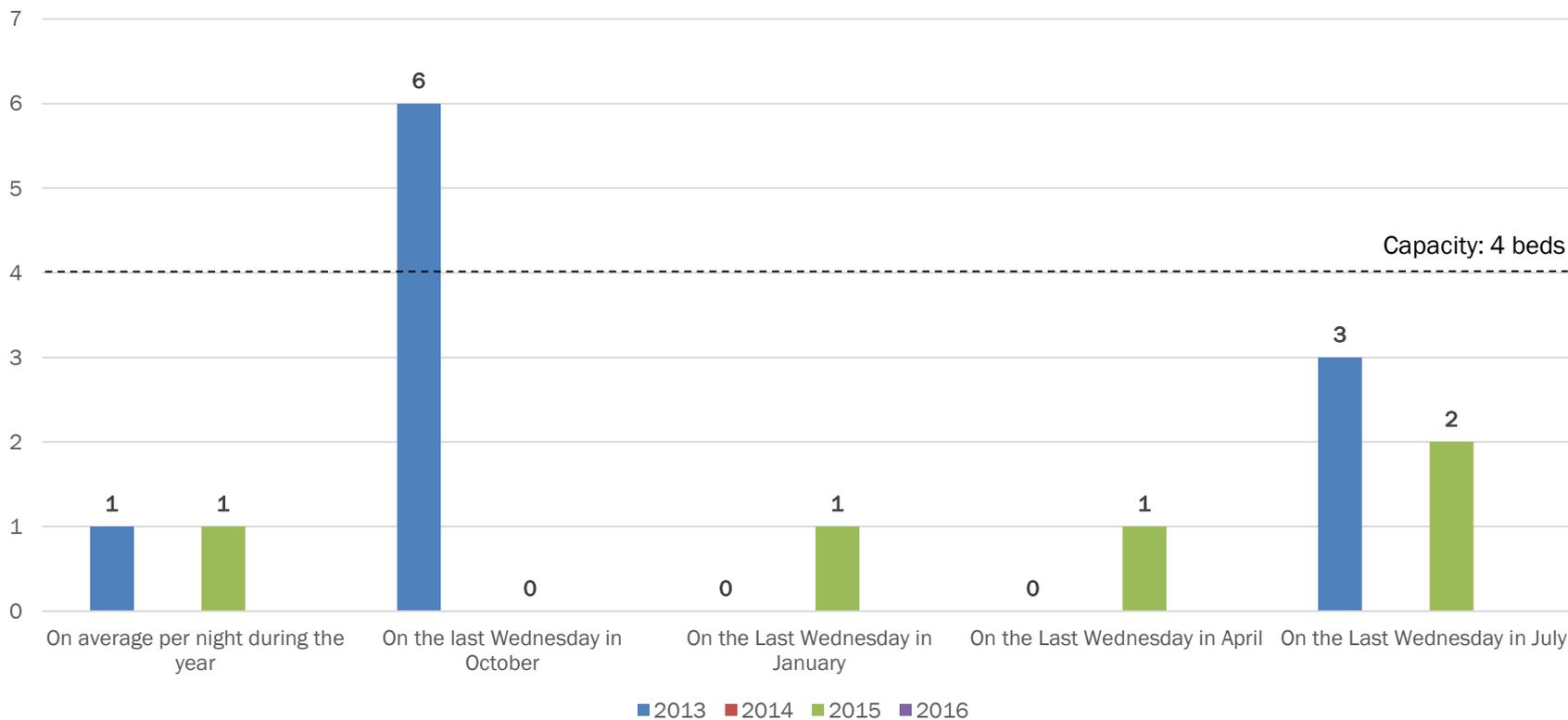
Unduplicated Number of People by Household Composition
The Salvation Army of Denton
Denton, TX
2013-2016



Number of People Using The Salvation Army of Denton
Household Type: Individual
Denton, TX
2013-2016

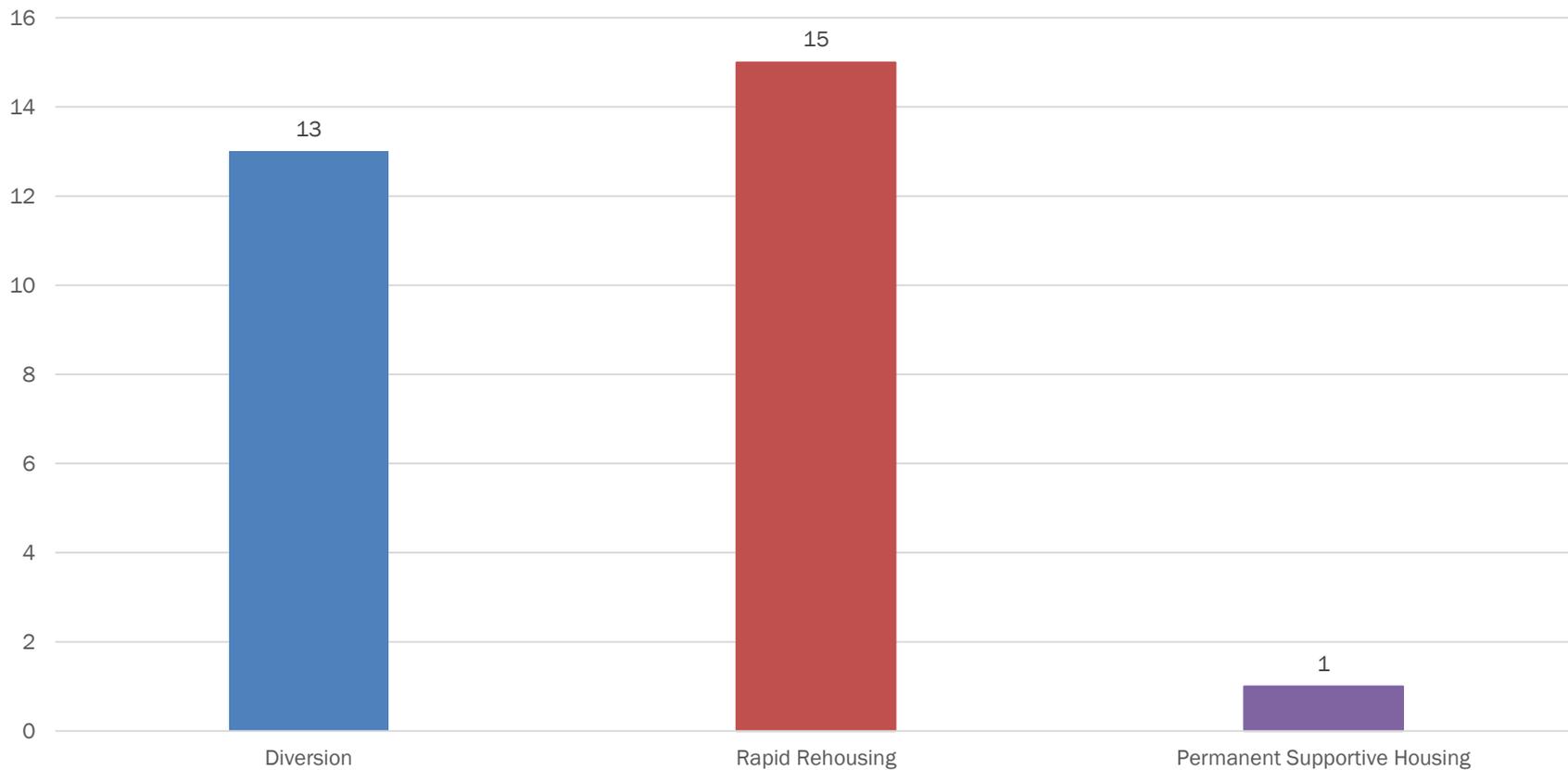


Number of People Using The Salvation Army of Denton
Household Type: Family
Denton, TX
2013-2016





VI-SPDAT Scores
Denton, TX
2015-2016



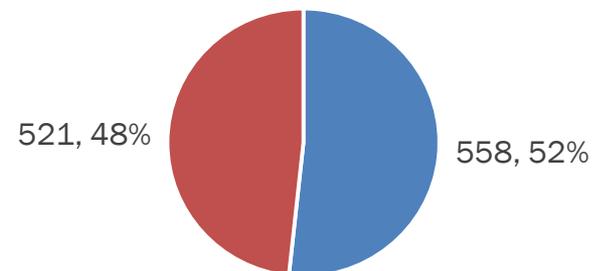
2015

Clients literally homeless: 558

Total: 559

Missing Data: 521

Literally Homeless Households
Denton, TX
2015



■ Clients Literally Homeless ■ Missing Data

Q&A

“An end to homelessness does not mean that no one will ever experience a housing crisis again. Changing economic realities, the unpredictability of life, and unsafe or unwelcoming family environments may create situations where individuals, families, or youth could experience, re-experience, or be at risk of homelessness. An end to homelessness means that every community will have a systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible or is otherwise **a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.**”



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