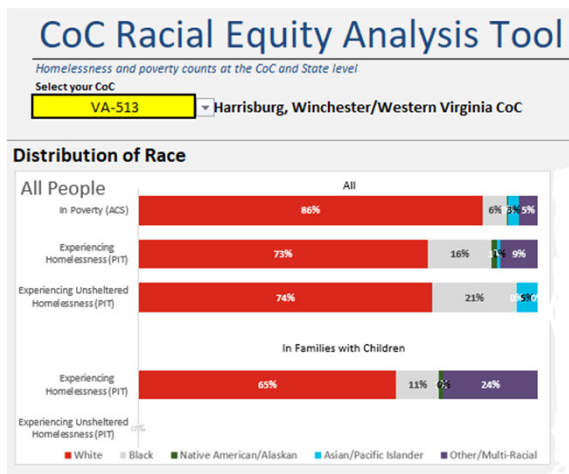


WESTERN VIRGINIA
CONTINUUM OF CARE,
VA-513

RACIAL DISPARITY WITHIN OUR REGIONAL HOMELESS POPULATIONS

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND



- In December 2018, HUD released a COC Analysis Tool for Race and Ethnicity that explored the relationship between homeless populations and race and ethnic populations living in poverty within our CoC community.¹
- This tool analyzed data from the 2017 Point in Time, a community estimate of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on one night in January. The analysis compared the racial demographic Point in Time percentages to data from the American Community Survey (ACS) 2011 to 2015 5-year estimate.
- The dashboard showed that 16% of persons homeless on the night of the Point in Time were Black. However, Black people only make up 6% of persons in poverty within our region.

¹ <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5787/coc-analysis-tool-race-and-ethnicity/>

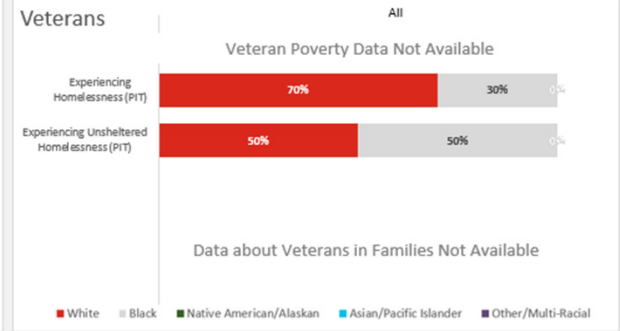
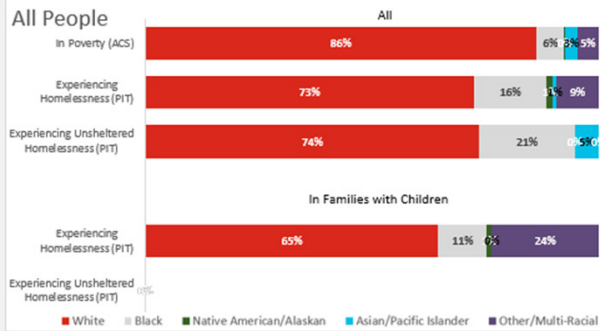
CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool

Homelessness and poverty counts at the CoC and State level

Select your CoC

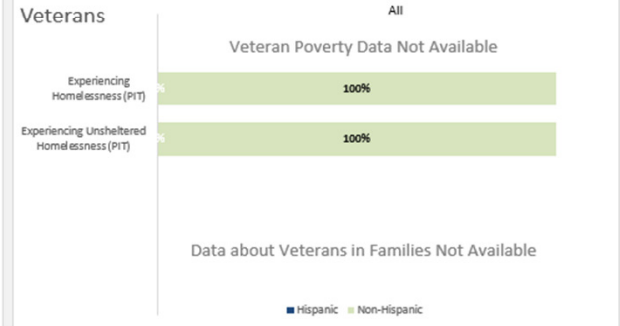
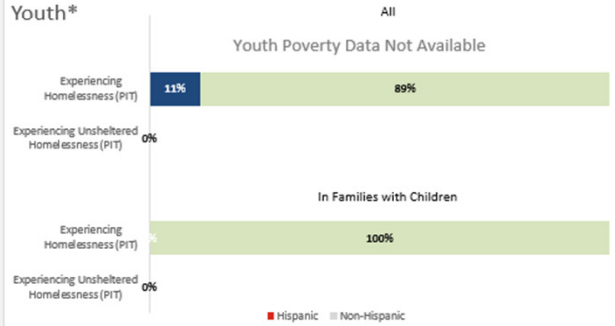
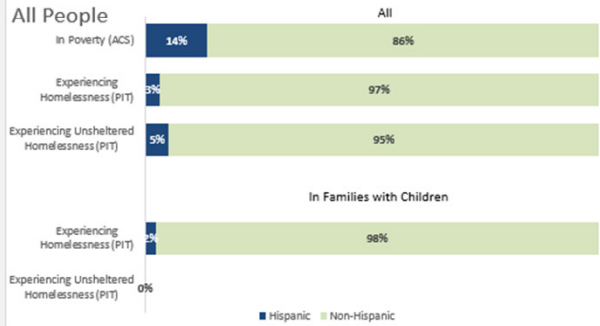
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Distribution of Race



*Youth are individuals under the age of 25 who are unaccompanied or parenting.

Distribution of Ethnicity



*Youth experiencing homelessness is limited to unaccompanied and parenting youth persons under 25.

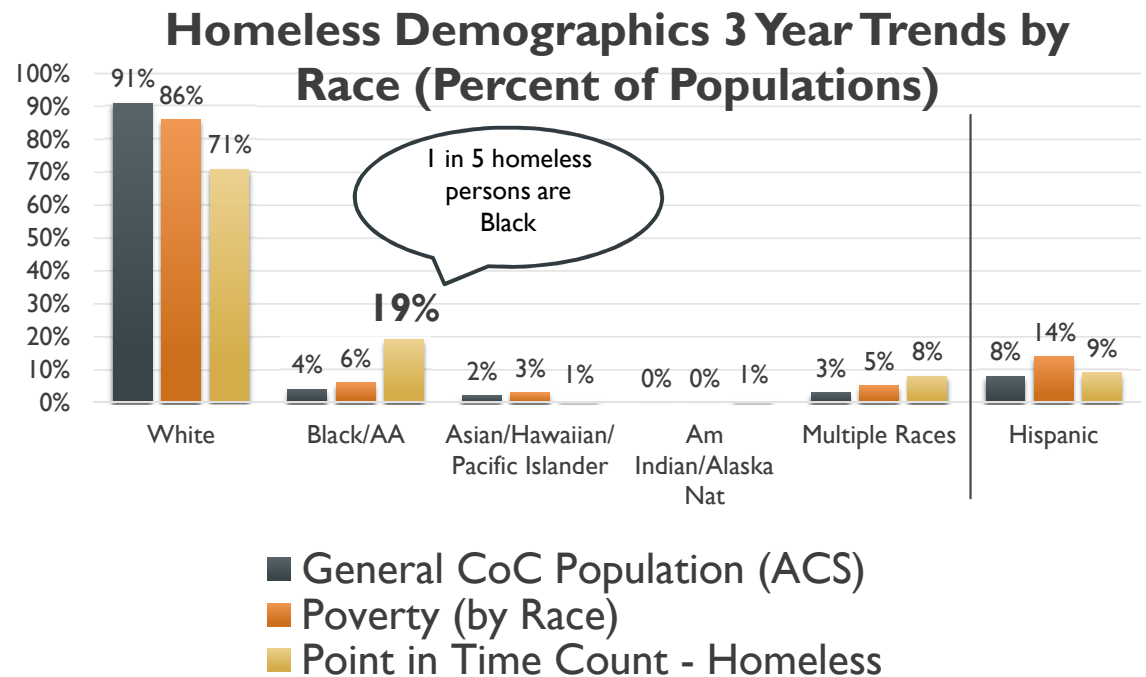
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- The Continuum of Care (CoC) provides services to the homeless community with programs that provide Shelter, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing, of homeless persons. We analyzed our program participant data from HMIS to determine if all demographic groups were able to access services in equal proportion to their demographics in the homeless population.



ANALYSIS I

3 YEARS OF
POINT-IN-TIME
HOMELESS
CENSUS DATA
2017-2019
(926 PERSONS)

Using demographic data from the last three years, we see that while the percent of Black persons in poverty in the region is 6%, our three-year Point in Time average within the homeless population is 19%. We also noted that Hispanic/Latino groups were less likely to be homeless in contrast to the population.

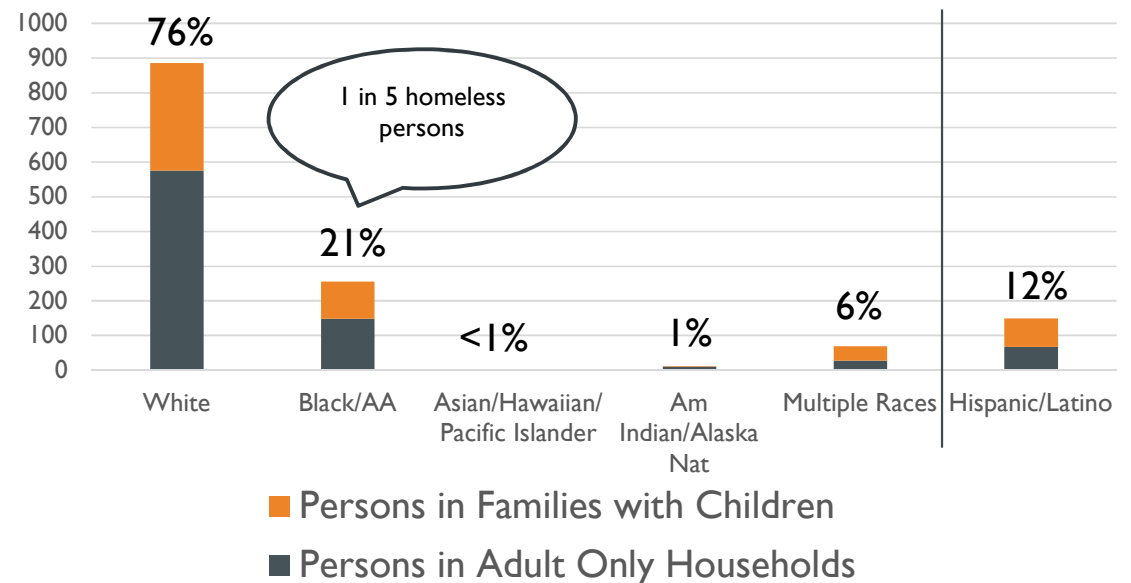


ANALYSIS 2

3 YEARS OF HMIS SHELTER DATA 2016-2018 (1,244 PERSONS)

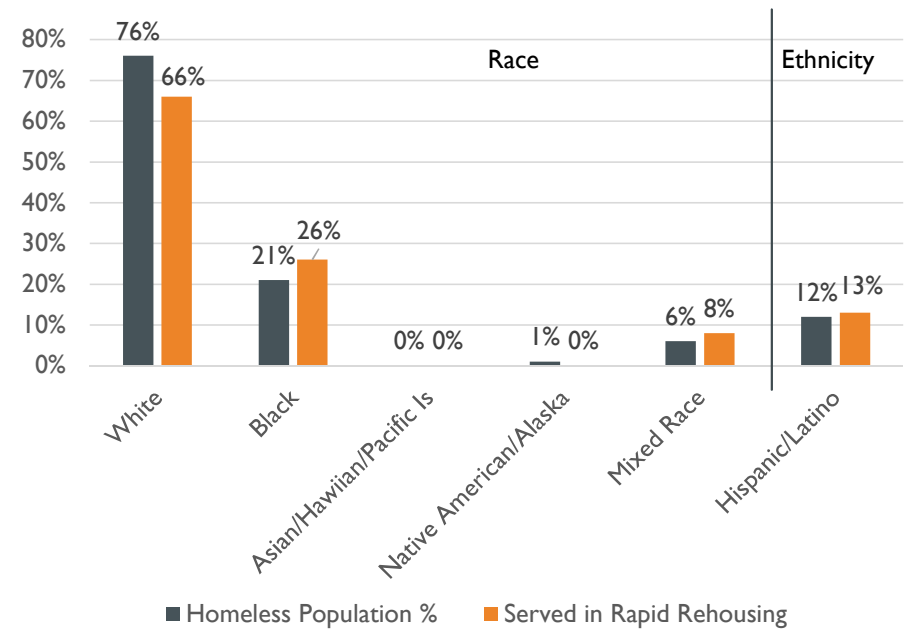
The second analysis sample had data from shelters that contribute data in the HMIS System, a database that keeps shelter and housing program statistics. Of 1,224 unique individuals who had racial information available in the system. 21% of persons in shelter were Black. We also noticed that Hispanic/Latino population was 12%, less than the 13% from the ACS in poverty but a higher rate than the Point in Time study at 9%.

HMIS Shelter Demographics 2016 through 2018



RAPID
REHOUSING
PROGRAM
DATA
2016 – 2018
(855 PERSONS)

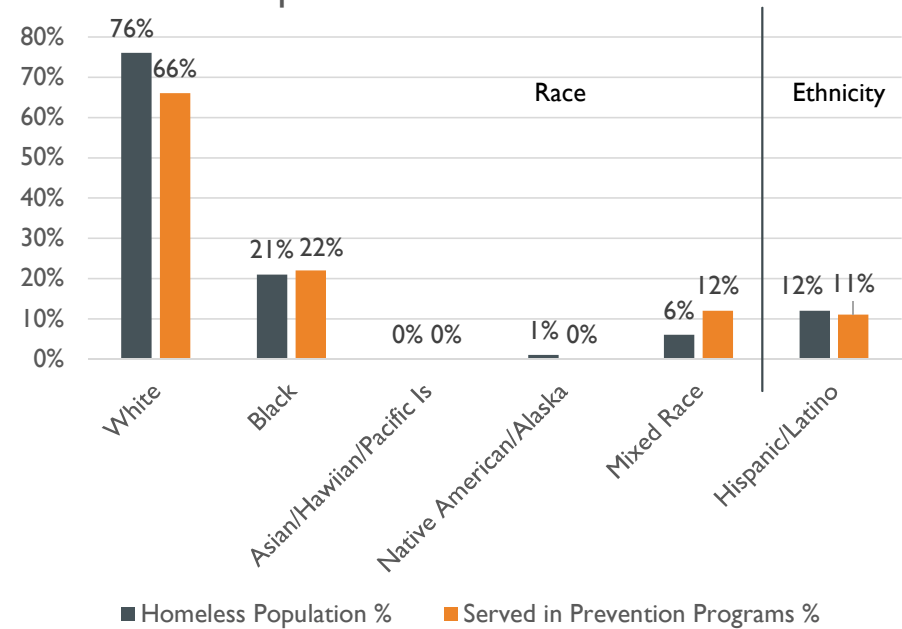
Homeless population demographics compared to Rapid Rehousing clients



Hispanic/Latino includes all race groups

PREVENTION PROGRAM DATA 2016 – 2018 (644 PERSONS)

Homeless population demographics compared to Prevention clients

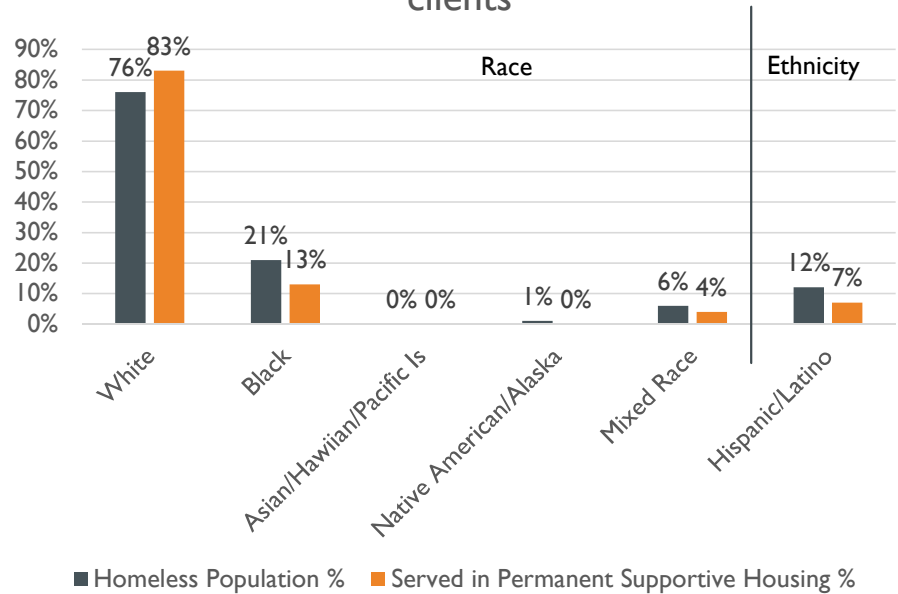


Hispanic/Latino includes all race groups

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DATA 2016 – 2018 (132 PERSONS)

Chronic homelessness effects lower numbers of black individuals, at 12% within the last 3 years

Homeless population demographics compared Permanent Supportive Housing clients



Hispanic/Latino includes all race groups

RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS AFTER PLACEMENT IN PERMANENT HOUSING



- The 12 month return rate of households that left homeless service programs to permanent housing, and returned to the system was 13% for all households (22 of 174 households served between 10-1-16 and 9-30-17)
 - White Households 14% (14 of 102 households)
Black households 13% (6 of 46 households)
- Of 465 Households served between 10/1/2017 and 9/30/2018, days between homelessness and permanent housing by race

White Households	137 days
Black households	64 Days
Asian	28 days
American Indian/Alaska Native	48 days
Multiple races	38 days

of note the strongest indicator of delayed housing placement was a household with a disabled member at 145 days

From 2018 System Performance Measures/Stella