



Western Virginia  
Continuum of Care

# 2023 Point In Time

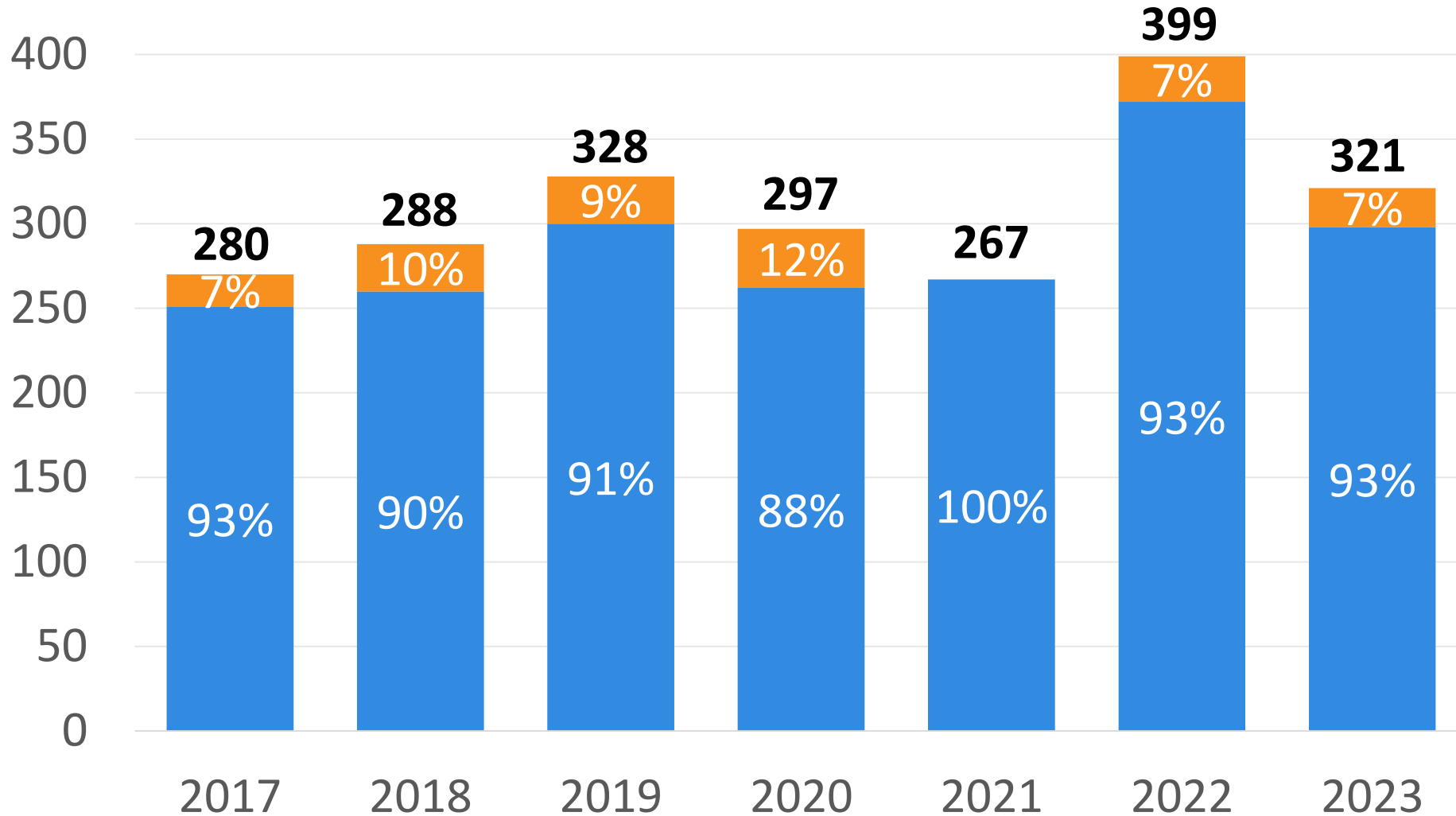
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# PIT COUNT

- Annual snapshot of who is experiencing homelessness on the last Wednesday in January
- Combines information from:
  - detailed street interviews
  - HMIS shelter data
  - manual reports from Domestic Violence and other shelters

# PIT count totals over time in the whole Western VA CoC

sheltered unsheltered



**TAKEAWAY:**

- Unsheltered share has remained stable (there was no PIT survey conducted in 2021)
- 2022 gave some indication of the “hidden homeless” with COVID hotel vouchers

Data sources: PIT counts, 2017-2023

NORTH

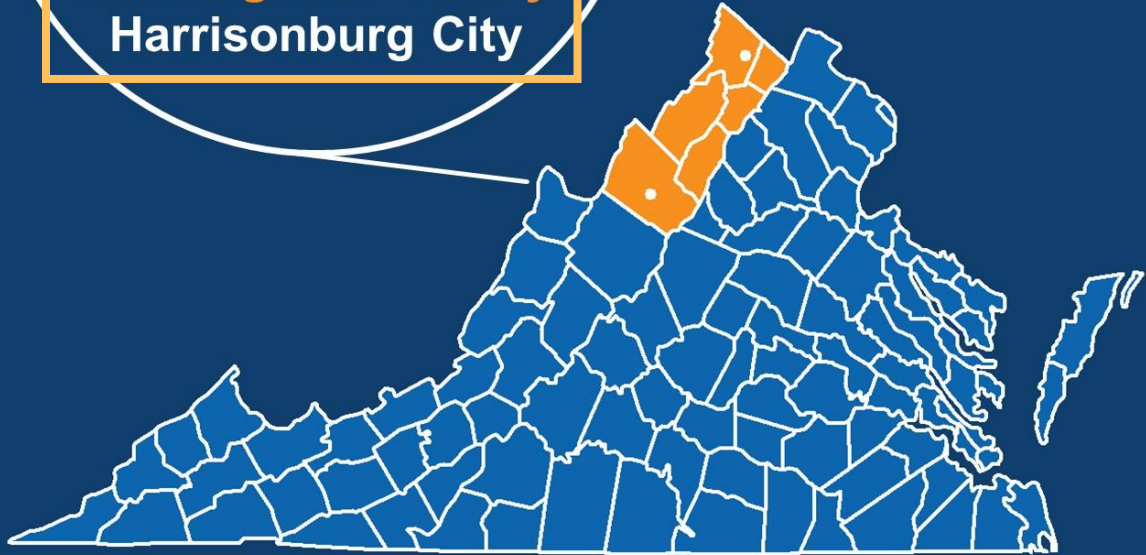
Winchester City  
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Clarke County

CENTRAL

Shenandoah County  
Page County  
Warren County

SOUTH

Rockingham County  
Harrisonburg City

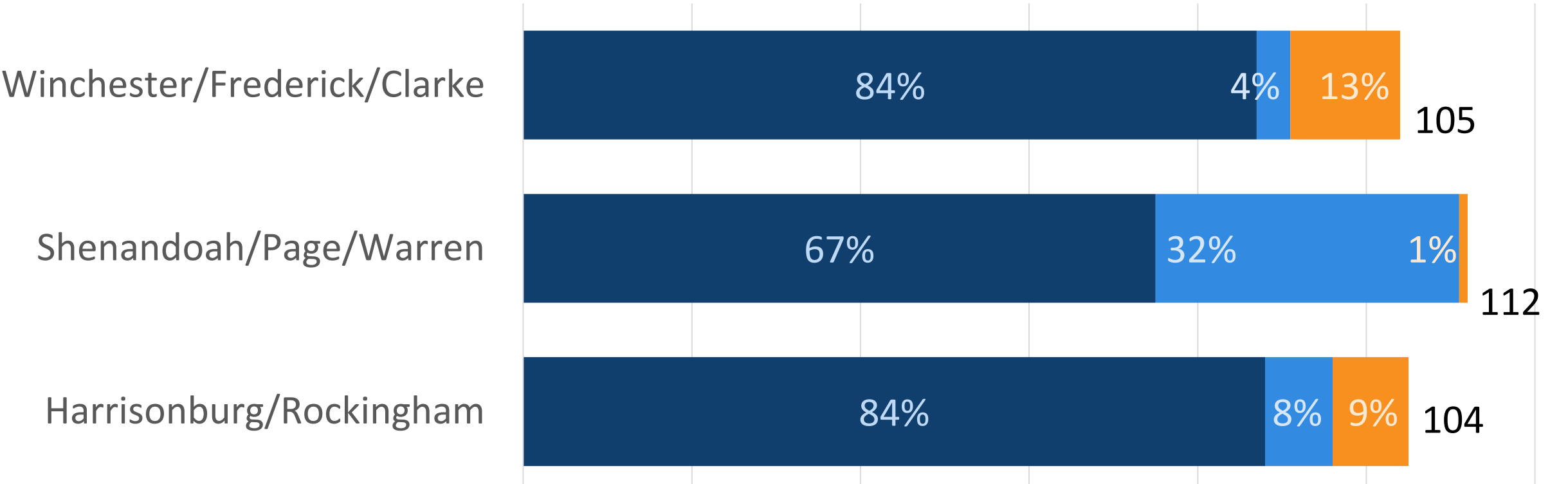


# 2023 Point In Time: 321 people counted as homeless in Western VA CoC

**Emergency Shelters: 250 (78%)**

**DV Shelters: 48 (15%)**

**Unsheltered: 23 (7%)**



**TAKEAWAY:**  
 - Highest number and rate of homelessness is in the Central region, and high DV shelter rate  
 - Higher rate of unsheltered homeless in North

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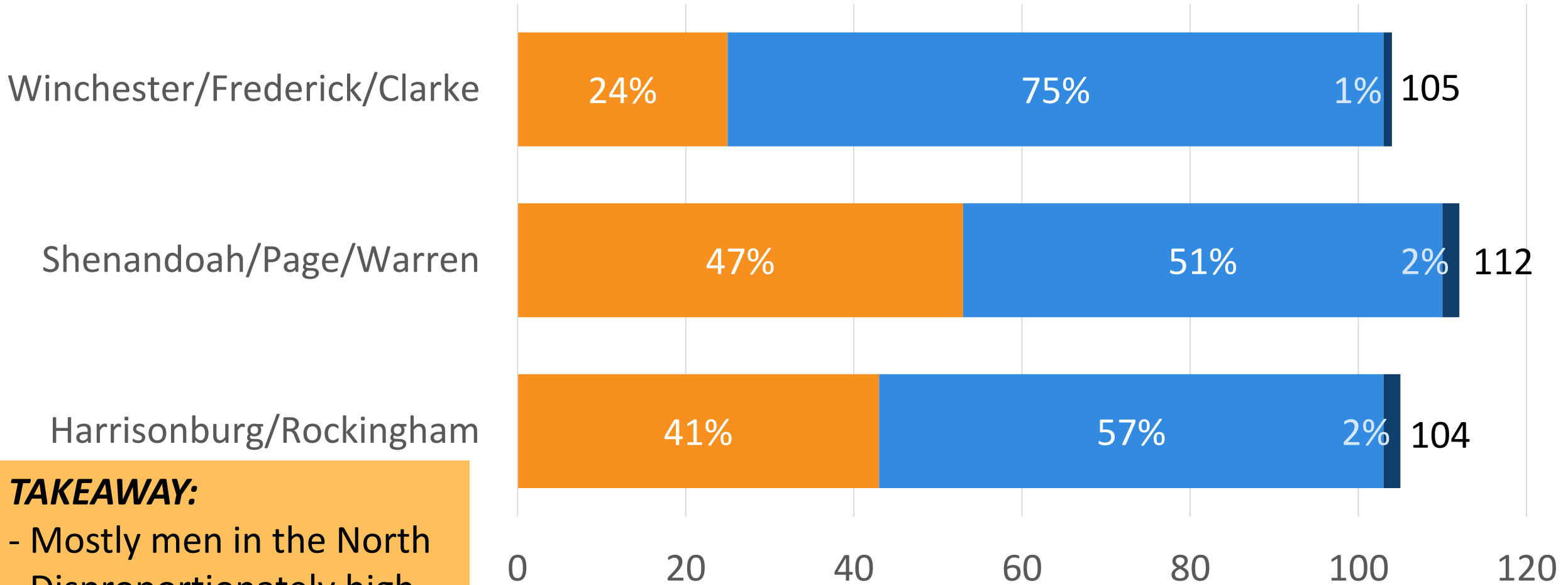
*2023 PIT count & ACS 2021 5-year estimates*

## 2023 PIT Count: homeless individuals by gender identity

Female: 121 (38%)

Male: 195 (61%)

Nonbinary and transgender: 5 (2%)



### **TAKEAWAY:**

- Mostly men in the North
- Disproportionately high rate of women in Central

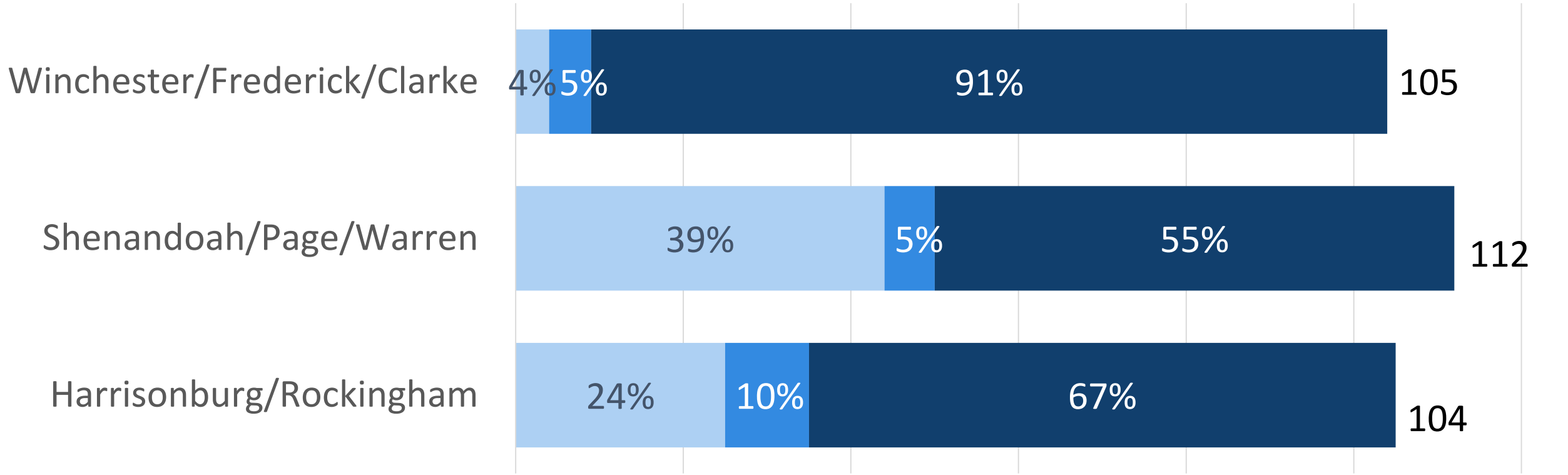
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# 2023 PIT Count: homeless individuals by age bracket

Children 0-17: 73 (23%)

Youth 18-24: 21 (7%)

Adults 25+: 227 (71%)



## **TAKEAWAY:**

- No family shelters in North
- Disproportionately high rate of children in Central

*Data source: 2023 PIT count*

# PIT Count 2023: homeless individuals by reported race

**White: 223 (69%)**

**Black: 65 (20%)**

**Multiracial: 21 (7%)**

**Other\*: 12 (4%)**

Winchester/Frederick/Clarke



Shenandoah/Page/Warren



Harrisonburg/Rockingham



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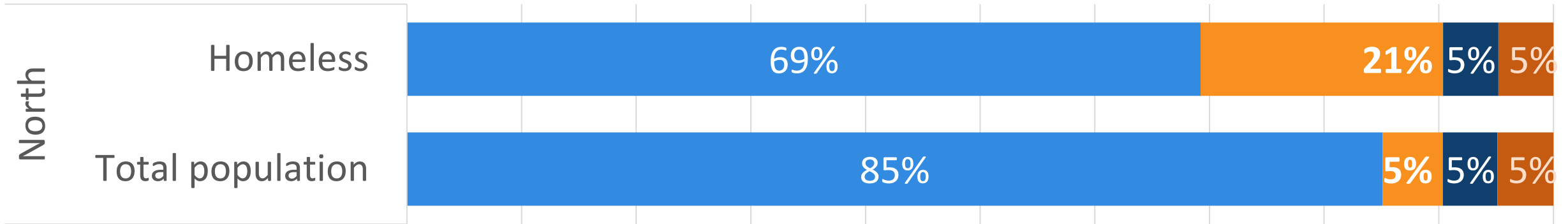
\* Combined Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander due to small sample sizes

Data source: 2023 PIT count



## Comparing racial proportions of homeless and general populations

■ white ■ black ■ multiple races ■ other\*



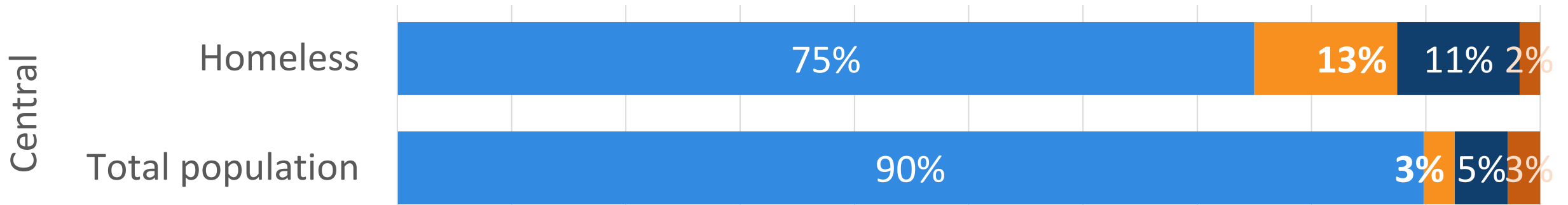
### **TAKEAWAY:**

- Black people are 4x more likely to experience homelessness in the North
- Other racial categories are relatively proportional, with lower rate for white people

*Data sources: 2023 PIT count & ACS 2021 5-year estimates*

# Comparing racial proportions of homeless and general populations

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## **TAKEAWAY:**

- Black people are experiencing homelessness at 4.5x the proportional rate in the Central region
- People identifying with multiple races are 2x as likely

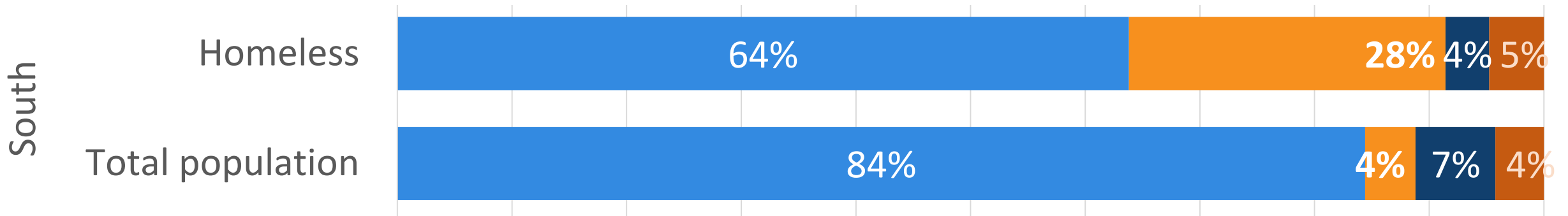
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# Comparing racial proportions of homeless and general populations

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## TAKEAWAY:

- Black people are more than 6x likely to experience homelessness in Harrisonburg/Rockingham
- Other racial identities are proportional or under-represented in the population receiving homeless services



Data sources: 2023 PIT count & ACS 2021 5-year estimates

## 2023 PIT Count: Individuals by reported ethnicity

**Non-Hispanic: 285 (89%)**

**Hispanic/Latin(x): 35 (11%)**

Winchester/Frederick/Clarke

97%

3%

Shenandoah/Page/Warren

87%

13%

Harrisonburg/Rockingham

83%

16%

### **TAKEAWAY:**

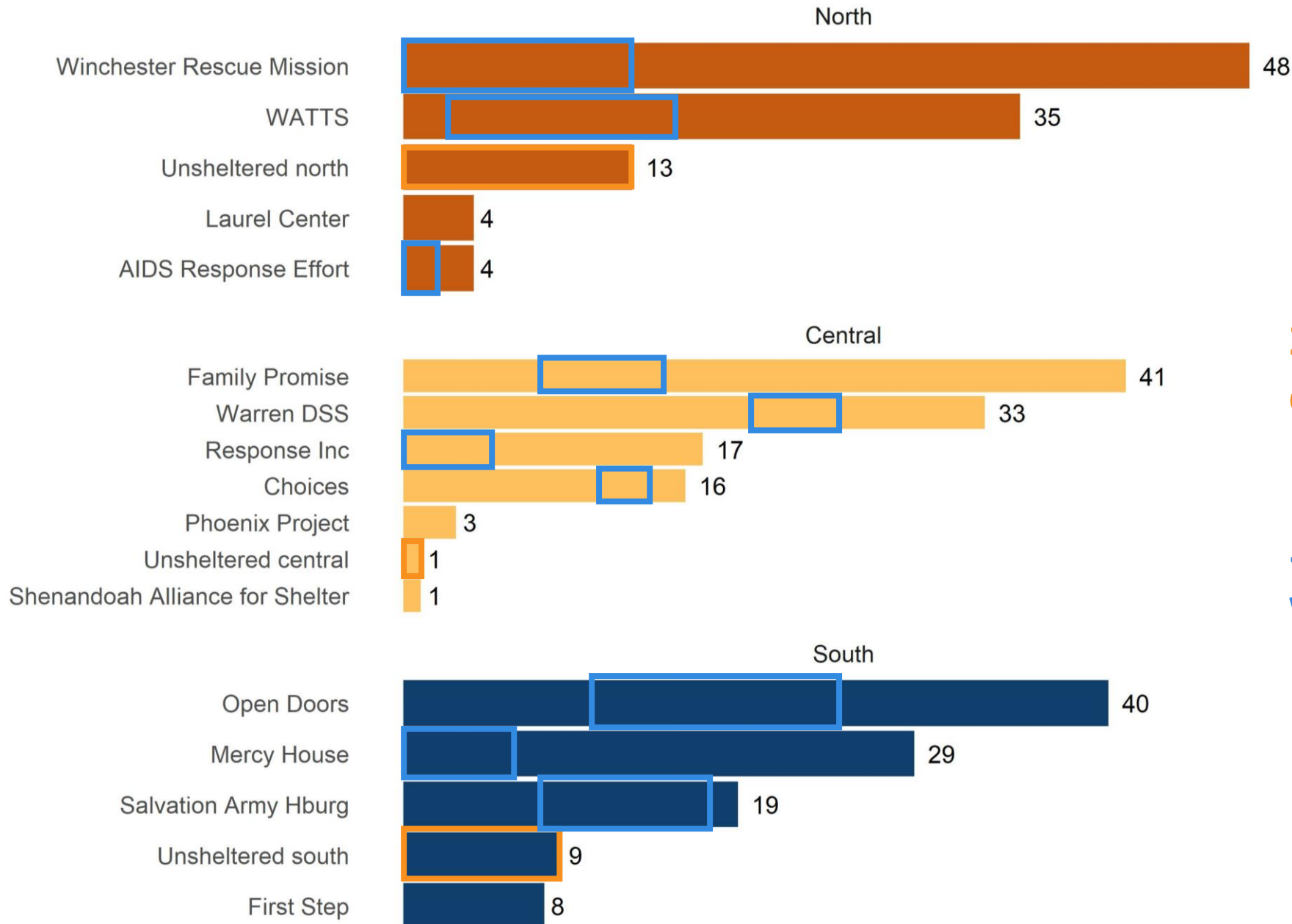
- South is roughly proportional (13% of general population is Hispanic)
- Central population is only 6% Hispanic: 2x likely to receive homeless services
- North is less likely to receive homeless services (10% of general pop)

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120

*Data source: 2023 PIT count*

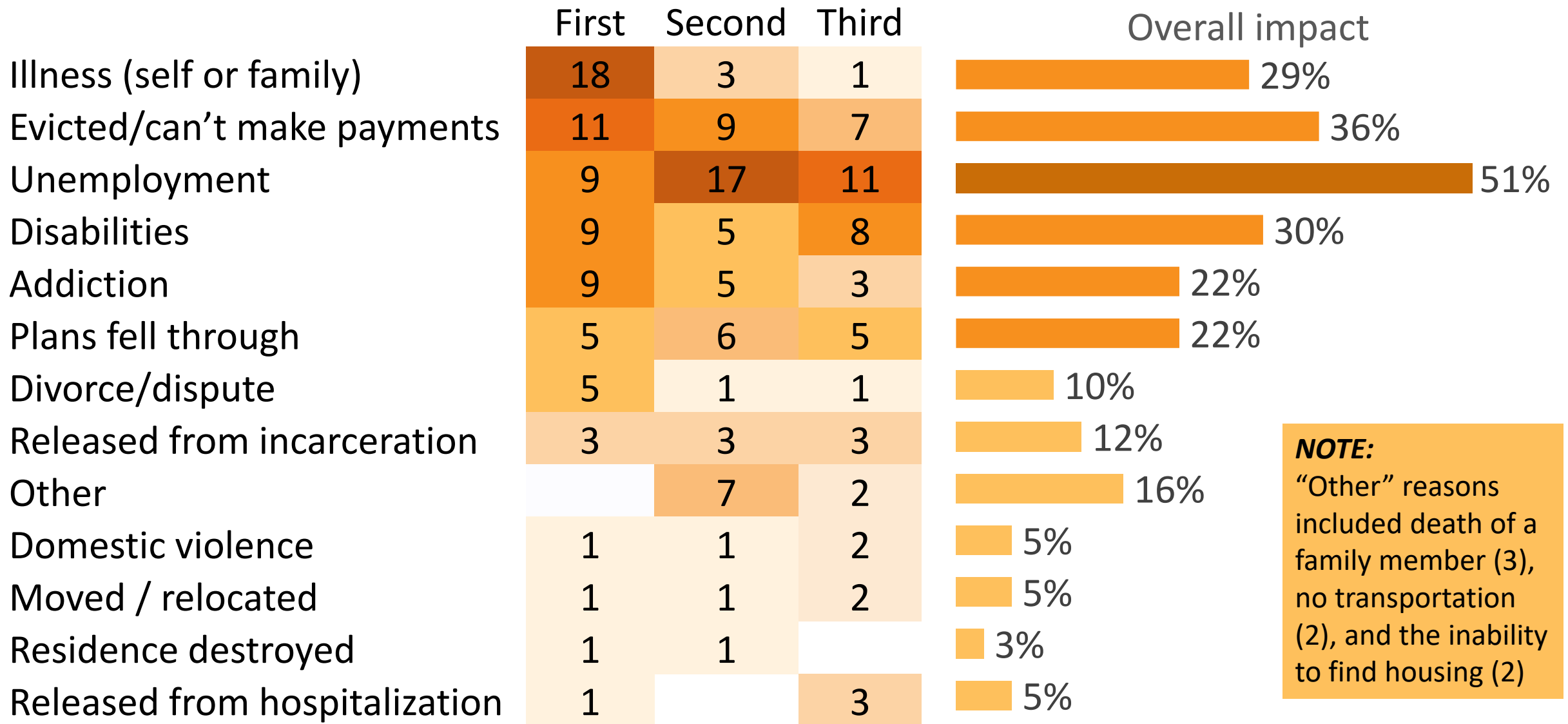
# 2023 PIT Count: People experiencing homelessness by shelter location



**23 unsheltered homeless counted across the CoC**

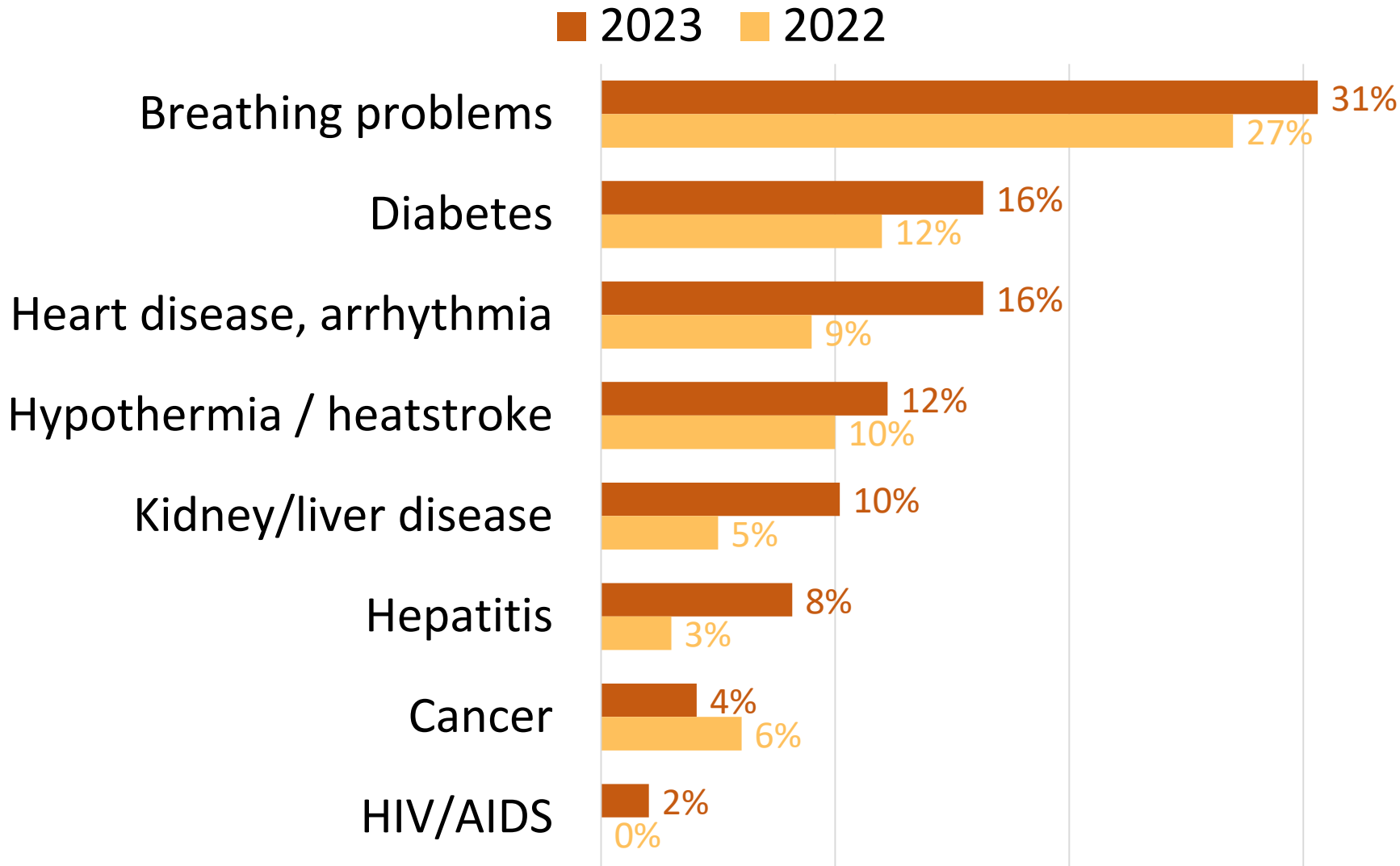
**51 sheltered homeless were also surveyed**

## Frequency of top three factors contributing to current homeless situation



*Data source: 2023 PIT count surveys*

# Percent of people surveyed who report illnesses within the past 2 years



## **TAKEAWAY**

- Slight increase in rate of almost all illnesses from 2022 to 2023
- 41% of people surveyed listed at least one diagnosis

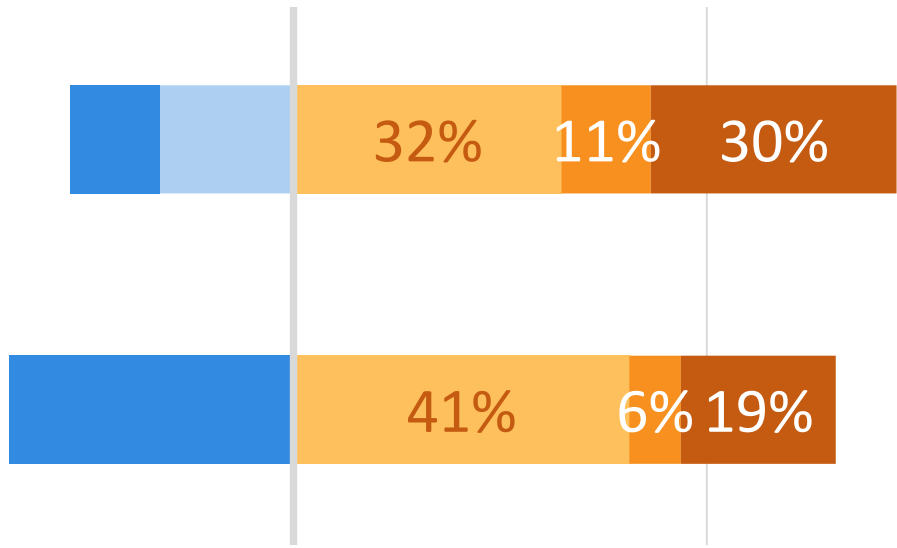
*Data sources: 2022 and 2023 PIT count surveys*

# Frequency that mental health affects daily life reported by respondents

**NEVER**   **A LITTLE**   **SOME**   **A LOT**   **ALWAYS**

Those with a mental health diagnosis (n=37)

Those with no mental health diagnosis (n=32)



**TAKEAWAY**

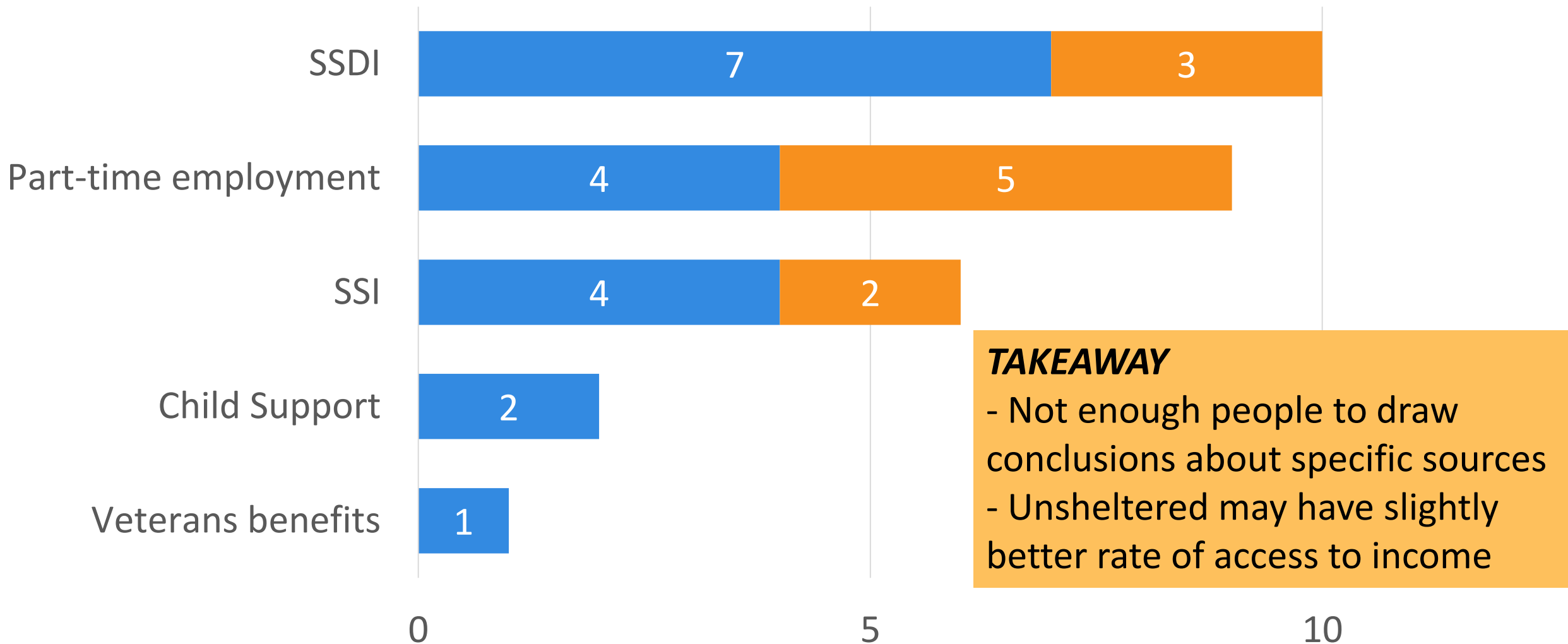
- 70% of respondents are affected at least some of the time
- Those with a diagnosis are more likely to be affected a lot/always (41% vs 25%)



# 2023 PIT Count: 28 people (41%) reported having a source of income

Sheltered: 18 (35%)

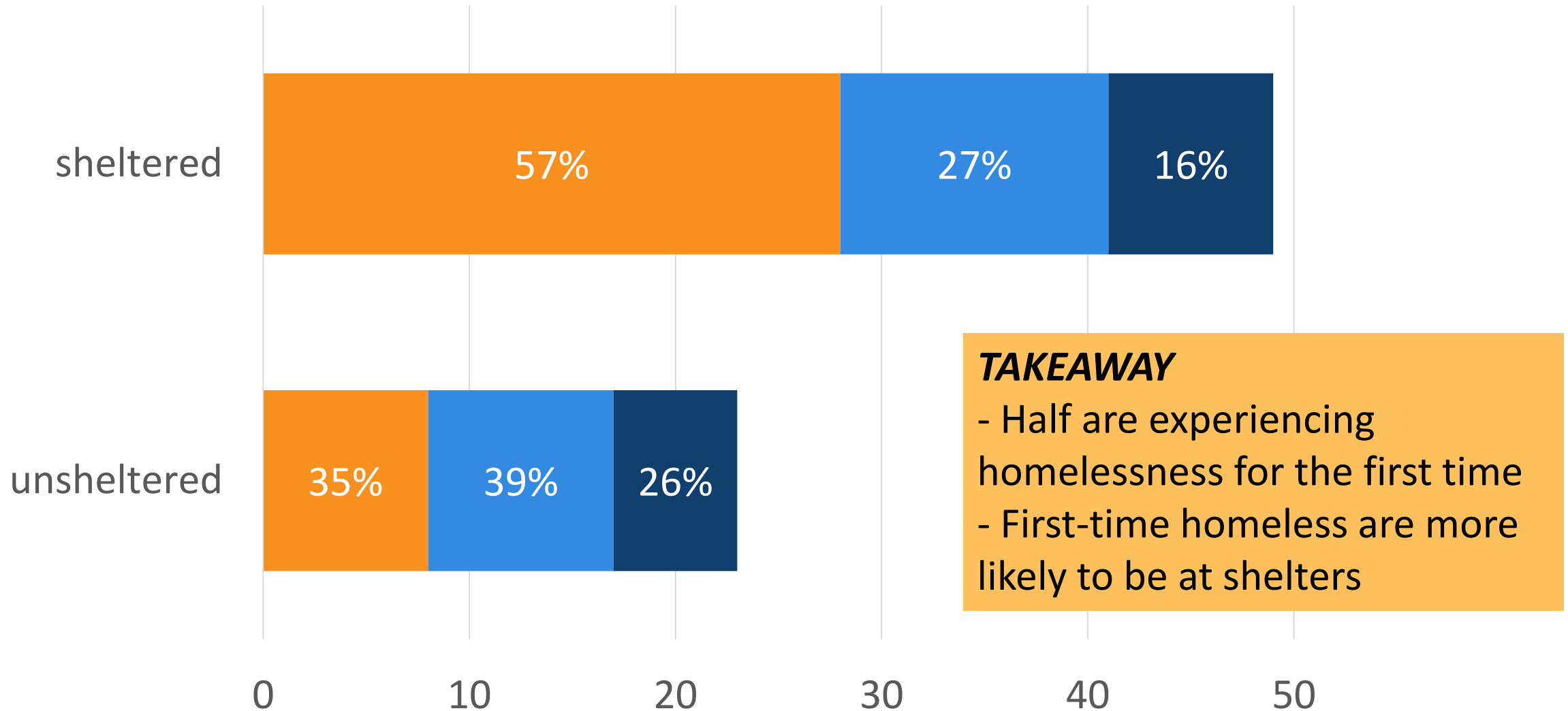
Unsheltered: 10 (43%)



**TAKEAWAY**  
- Not enough people to draw conclusions about specific sources  
- Unsheltered may have slightly better rate of access to income

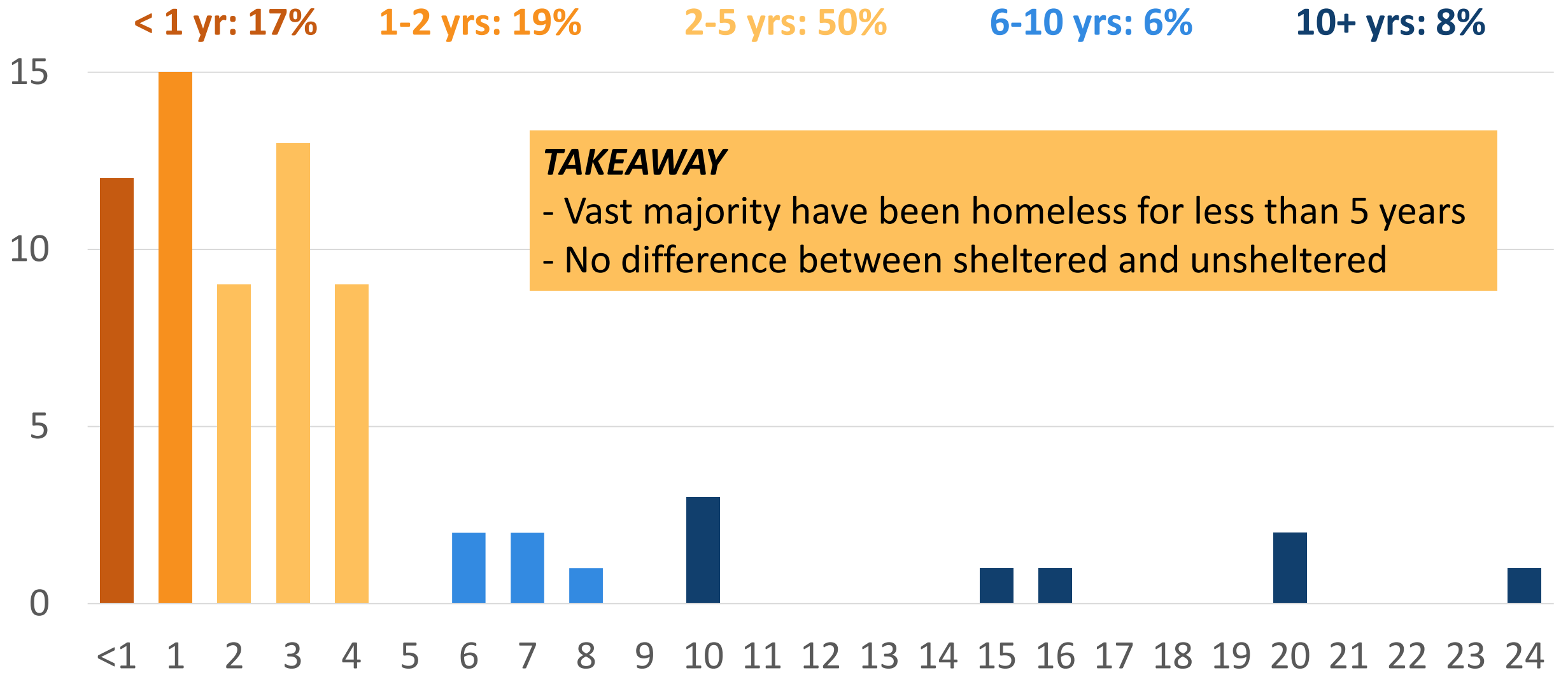
# Number of times respondents have been homeless

First time: 36 (50%)    2-3 times: 22 (31%)    4+ times: 14 (19%)



**TAKEAWAY**  
- Half are experiencing homelessness for the first time  
- First-time homeless are more likely to be at shelters

# PIT Count 2023: total years homeless over lifetime of respondents



*Data source: 2023 PIT count survey*



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