



State of California
BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY



California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Council Meeting

September 3, 2025

Agenda

- I. Call to Order, Tribal Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call
- II. Consent Calendar
- III. Council Co-Chair Opening Remarks
- IV. Executive Officer Updates
- V. Advisory Committee Updates
- VI. Lived Experience Advisory Board Updates
- VII. Council Charter
- VIII. Standing Business
- IX. General Public Comments
- X. Final Remarks and Adjournment

I. Call to Order, Tribal Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call

Tribal Land Acknowledgement

We wish to acknowledge that Sacramento is the unceded homeland of the Southern Maidu, Valley and Plains Miwok, the Nisenan people, the Patwin Wintun people, and members of the Wilton Rancheria Tribe, who have inhabited this landscape since time immemorial.

We extend our gratitude to the ancestors of all California Native American Tribes and their descendants, as we recognize that wherever we are joining from in our virtual community, we are all on California Native American land.

Council Member Roll Call

- Please say "here" or "present"

II. Consent Calendar

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the June 4, 2025, Council Meeting

Public Comment on Agenda Item II - Consent Calendar

- Public comment related to Consent Calendar items only
- If joining by Zoom, click the “raise hand icon”
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Council Member Vote

- Shall items on the Consent Calendar be approved?

III. Council Co-Chair Opening Remarks

IV. Executive Officer Updates

V. Advisory Committee Updates

VI. Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Updates

VII. Council Charter

Council Charter Considerations: In Statute

Establishes

- Goals
- The Council as a public body
- The Advisory Committee
 - Requires the Council to engage with the Advisory Committee a minimum of twice a year
- Core membership:
 - (1) A survivor of gender-based violence who formerly experienced homelessness.
 - (2) Representatives of local agencies or organizations that participate in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care Program.
 - (3) Partners with expertise in solutions to homelessness and best practices from other states.
 - (4) Representatives of committees on African Americans, youth, and survivors of gender-based violence.
 - (5) A current or formerly homeless person who lives in California.
 - (6) A current or formerly homeless youth who lives in California.
 - (7) A current or formerly homeless person with a developmental disability in California.

Council Membership Requirements

- Flexible appointments:
 - (17) A representative of the state Department of Education, who shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - (18) A representative of the state public higher education system who shall be from either the California Community Colleges, the University of California, or the California State University
 - (20) The Senate Committee on Rules will appoint one member to the Council from a partner organization.
 - (21) The Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint one member to the Council from a partner organization.

Key Updates Recommended for Adoption

Goal

1. Establish regular and meaningful connection with Advisory Committee, a body of experts established in statute.

Updated Language

1. **Article 4. California Interagency Council on Homelessness Advisory Committee:**
 - a."The Co-Chairs of the Council shall appoint two members of the Advisory Committee to serve in one-year term as Co-Chairs to the Advisory Committee.
 - b.The roles with expertise voted on by the Council may be changed through a proposal and vote."

Key Updates Recommended for Adoption

Goal

1. Establish consistency and clarity across the Council, Advisory Committee and any subentities.

Updated Language

1. Article 5. Definitions and Applicability:

- a. Section 5.1. For purposes of the remainder of the Charter, the term “*bodies*” refers collectively to the Council and the Advisory Committee, as well as any duly established subentities, working groups, or task forces of either entity, unless expressly noted otherwise.
- b. Section 5.2. Unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this Charter apply equally to the bodies, including requirements related to public meetings, quorum, voting, participation, and responsibilities of members. Where distinctions are necessary, this Charter will explicitly reference the Council, Advisory Committee, or any other subentities by name.”

Key Updates Recommended for Adoption

Goal

1. To strengthen accountability by making the Executive Officer explicitly responsible for ensuring the Charter is implemented and followed across all bodies.

Updated Language

1. **Article 6. California Interagency Council on Homelessness Staff:**
 - "Section 6.1. The Executive Officer is also responsible for ensuring the implementation of, and adherence to, the provisions of this Charter by the bodies."

Key Updates Recommended for Adoption

Goal

1. To comply with the statutory intent of having cabinet-level secretaries and department directors guiding the state's work to prevent and end homelessness.

Updated Language

1. Article 7. Public Meeting Procedures

- a. "Section 7.6. Council members may send a designee to attend Council meetings in their place.
 - Level of Designee: A designee must be a deputy director, assistant director, or equivalent executive-level official authorized to speak and discuss topics on behalf of the member's department or organization.
 - Participation: Designees may participate in discussions but do not count toward quorum and may not vote on action items.
 - Staff Below Executive Level: Staff below the level of deputy/assistant director (or equivalent) may attend meetings but may not participate in discussions on behalf of the member. Such staff may provide input during the public comment period, consistent with all other members of the public."

Key Updates Recommended for Adoption

Goal

1. To align with the previous recommendation.

Updated Language

1. Article 7. Public Meeting Procedures

- a. "Section 7.7. Advisory Committee members who are appointed to represent an organization (rather than serve based on individual expertise or lived experience) may send a designee from their organization to attend Advisory Committee meetings in their place.
 - Level of Designee: A designee should be at a managerial or program director level (or equivalent) within the member's organization and must be able to represent the organization's perspective on the issues before the Advisory Committee.
 - Participation: Organizational designees may fully participate in Advisory Committee discussions and provide input on behalf of their organization. They do not count toward quorum and may not vote on action items.
 - Staff Below Manager Level: Staff below the managerial or director level may attend meetings for informational purposes but may not participate in Advisory Committee deliberations on behalf of the organization. Such staff may provide input during the public comment period, consistent with all other members of the public."

Council Member Discussion

Public Comment on Agenda Item VII

- Public comment on the Council Charter only
- There will be general public comment at the end of this meeting
- If joining by Zoom, click the “raise hand icon”
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Council Member Vote

- Shall the Council Charter components be approved?

VIII. Standing Business

- Data and Action Plan Progress, Housing First, and Policy Implementation

Quarterly Data Report

Updates to the Quarterly Data Report

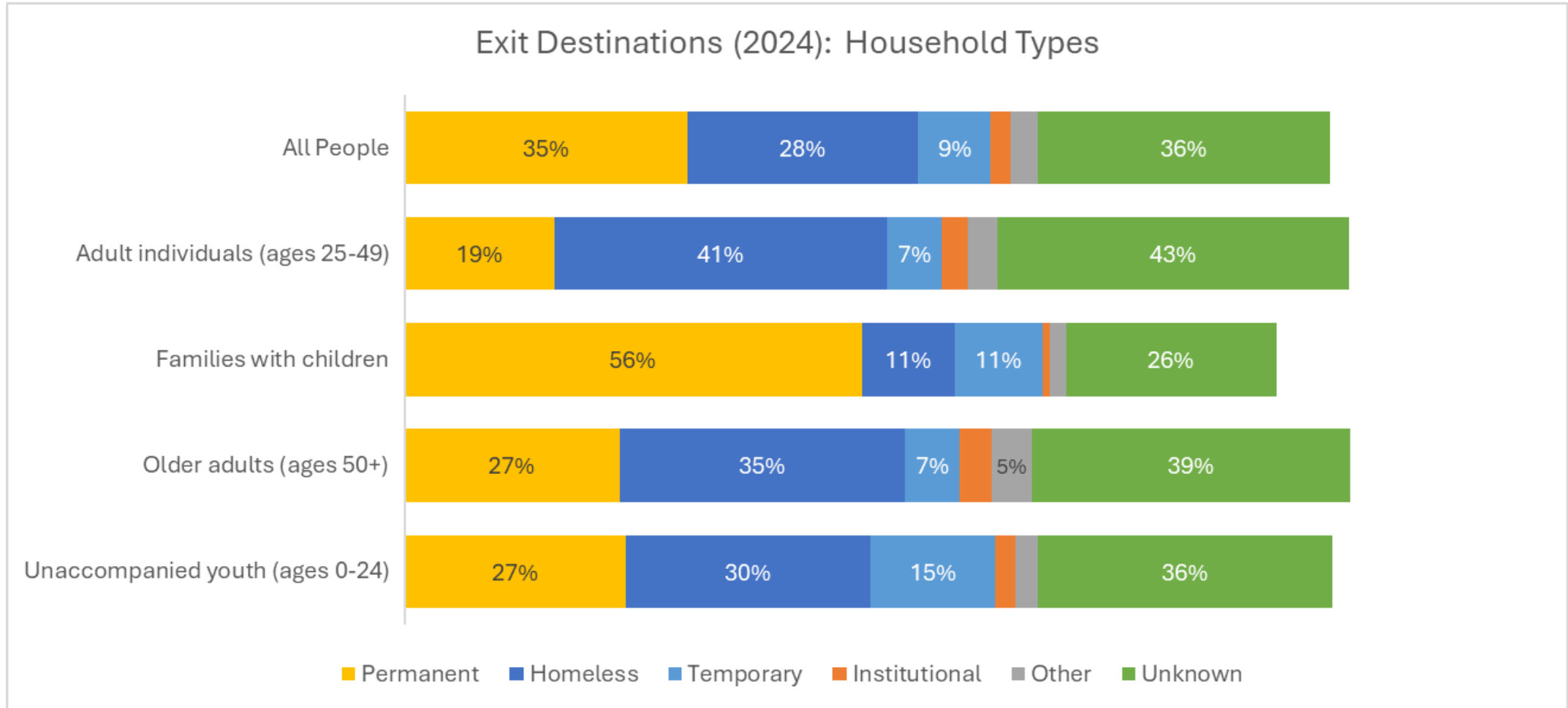
Based on Council Member feedback, the report now includes:

- Exit destinations, types of services used, and progress on Action Plan Goals broken out by:
 - Race/ethnicity
 - Age group/household composition
 - Disability, chronic homelessness, and veteran status
- More detailed project types for AB 977 programs
- Percentage of people served by multiple AB 977 programs

Quarterly Data Report: Action Plan Goal 1

Goal 1: Help more people leave unsheltered homelessness <i>Measure: % of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who enter shelter/housing</i> 3-Year Goal: 70% North Star: 100%		
Population	CY2023	CY2024
All People	40%	39%
People experiencing chronic homelessness	42%	41%
People with a disabling condition	43%	41%
Veterans	56%	56%
Household Structure		
Adult individuals (ages 25-49)	36%	35%
Families with children	52%	48%
Older adults (ages 50+)	43%	43%
Unaccompanied youth (ages 0-24)	36%	35%
Race/ethnicity		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	45%	43%
Asian or Asian American	39%	38%
Black, African American, or African	43%	41%
Hispanic/Latino	40%	39%
Middle Eastern or North African	*	34%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	44%	41%
White	41%	41%
* Middle Eastern or North African was not a response option for the Race/Ethnicity question until October 2023, so CY2023 data for this group is incomplete.		

Quarterly Data Report: Exit Destinations from AB 977 Projects



SB 914: HELP Act

Content Note: Acknowledging Sensitive Topics

- This presentation includes content related to the experiences of survivors of domestic violence, which may bring up strong emotions or difficult memories.
- We encourage all listeners to care for their well-being in whatever way feels appropriate— this may include stepping away for a moment or taking a break at any time.

SB 914: The Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act

Out of all people who accessed services while experiencing homelessness in 2024:

1 in 5 people were survivors of domestic violence,
over **1 in 4** people were unaccompanied women, and
18% of survivors were in households with children.

The HELP Act aims to ensure the state's response to homelessness addresses the specific needs of these groups.

Definitions: Populations of Focus

Unaccompanied women

- Any adult woman who is experiencing homelessness in a household without children

Domestic violence survivors

- Anyone who identifies as a survivor of domestic violence

Children of domestic violence survivors

- Minors who experience homelessness in a household with a survivor

Purpose of HELP Act

The HELP Act aims to reduce homelessness among domestic violence survivors, their children, and women not accompanied by children (“unaccompanied women”) by:



Improving **coordination** and **partnerships** between homelessness services, domestic violence services, and other systems serving these groups



Reducing **barriers** to **accessing services**, **exiting homelessness**, and **maintaining stability**



Ensuring that the **state** and **local** responses to homelessness **address the specific needs** of those groups

Cal ICH's Role in SB 914 Implementation

- Set and measure progress towards goals to:
 - Decrease the **number, frequency**, and **duration** of experiences of homelessness among domestic violence survivors and women not accompanied by children (“unaccompanied women”)
 - Decrease **barriers to services** through promoting cross-systems partnerships
- When funding is available, provide technical assistance (TA) to cities, counties, and CoCs to support development of local programs and plans that address the needs of these populations

Completed & Ongoing Work

Developing goals and measuring progress	Analyzed data from HDIS, Cal OES and other sources	Completed
	Reviewed existing research	Completed
	Conducted initial community engagements and formal Tribal consultation	Completed
	Calculated baseline measures for required and initial recommended HELP Act goals	Completed
	Published a dashboard displaying progress towards goals	Completed
Decreasing barriers to services through technical assistance	Surveyed Departments about how they are serving survivors and unaccompanied women	Completed
	Continuing engagement and feedback sessions with Tribes	Ongoing
	Distributing a best practices checklist of local actions for decreasing barriers and increasing cross-systems partnerships	Ongoing

Community Engagement to Date

Activity	# of participants	# of sessions
Focus groups with survivors of domestic violence	31	3
Focus groups with unaccompanied women	30	2
Stakeholder engagement sessions with service providers & administrators	31	5
Key informant interviews	22	12
Tribal consultation	109 Federally Recognized Tribes Solicited	1
LEAB	11	4

Community Engagement Takeaways (Survivors)

“That's why, for a lot of us just it's like a **revolving door**. We'll leave one shelter; we'll go to another one. We'll keep bouncing around from shelter to shelter, you know, or we'll rush to leave. And **[abusive situations] are why we come back**. Because we're trying to find the lesser devil between the two. Right? So, do I stay in this shelter and deal with all of this? Or do I just go back out here and keep living the same cycle until maybe one day something changes. So, we [keep having to] choose to find something that makes us feel safe.”

Community Engagement Takeaways (Survivors)

“When you come into this system under [domestic violence], the privacy part **locks you out from the systems being able to talk to each other**. And so they really can't see you moving through the multiple systems. It makes it even **harder to get concurrent services** because of privacy protection [which is] still a hindrance at the same time.”

Community Engagement Takeaways (Unaccompanied Women)

“There were no resources available for a **single woman** [like] me, **with no children**. It was like they didn't know what to do with me or where to put me, and I was **turned away from a lot of different agencies** because I didn't fit the requirements a few of the other young ladies said, I wasn't accompanied with any children, and it was it was very traumatizing.”

HELP Act Goals

Statutory Goals

- Goal 1: Measurably decrease the **number** of survivors, their children, and unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness
- Goal 2a: Decrease the **duration** of their experiences of homelessness
- Goal 2b: Decrease the **frequency** of their experiences of homelessness
- Goal 3: Decrease **barriers to services** through promoting cross-systems partnerships to expedite access to services, including social services, domestic violence services, regional center services, housing services, and mental health services

Additional Goals from Community Engagement

- Goal 4: Increase the percentage of people in these groups **exiting to permanent housing**
- Goal 5: Increase the percentage of people in these groups **moving into shelter or housing** after experiencing unsheltered homelessness

About the Data

- Charts in the dashboard use California's **Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS)**
 - HDIS is comprised of data entered by service providers into local Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)
- The data **does not capture everyone experiencing homelessness**. For example, it does not include:
 - People who do not access services
 - People who accesses services from providers that do not use HMIS, including **federally recognized Tribes**
 - People who only receive services from a **Victim Service Provider (VSP)**, an organization whose primary mission is to provide direct services to survivors of domestic violence

HELP Act Dashboard

The HELP Act dashboard shows data to help the state track progress towards these goals, and to help local communities – including service providers, advocates, city and county leadership, and Continuums of Care (CoCs) – collaborate and develop plans that meet the needs of these groups.

The HELP Act dashboard has interactive filters that allow users to:

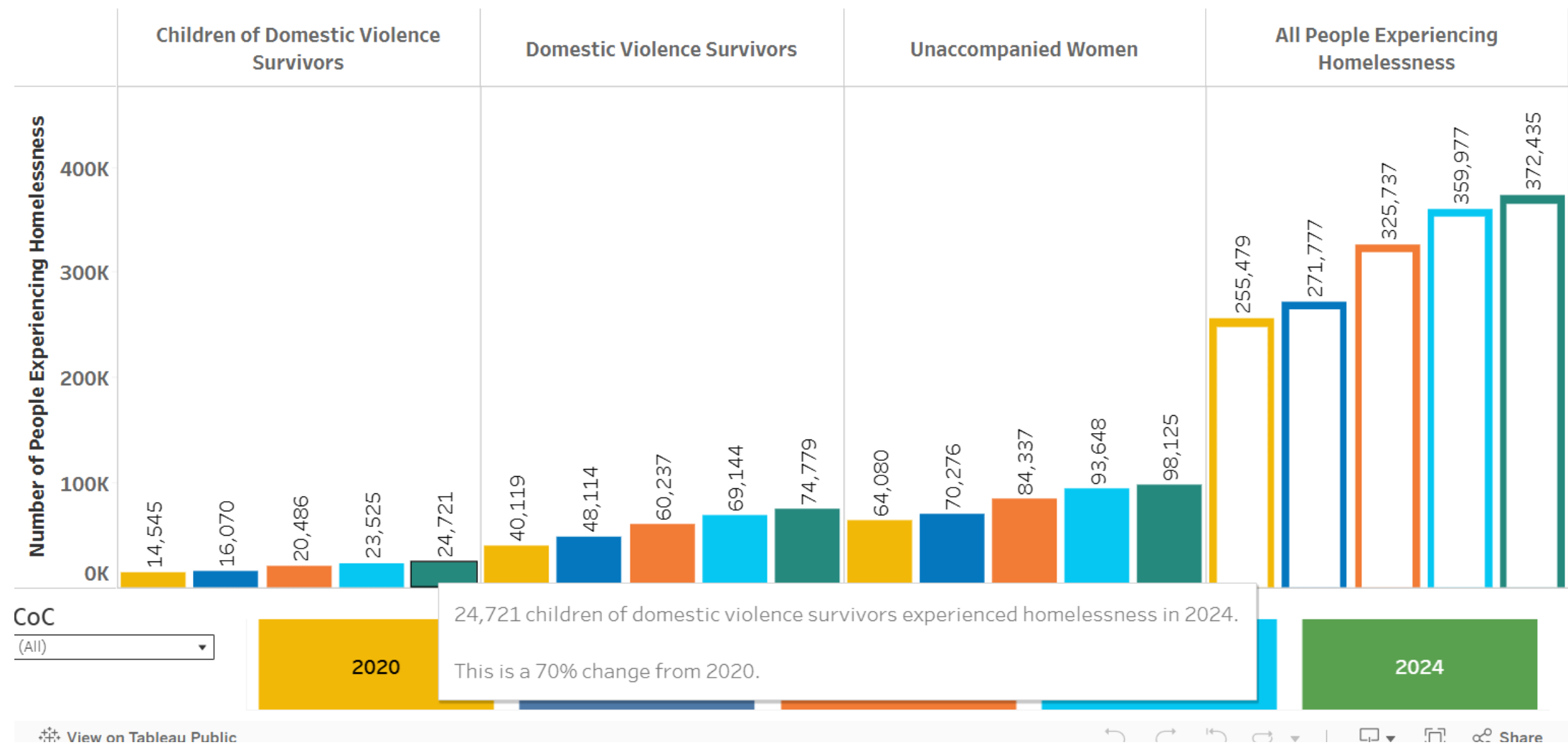
- ✓ Track progress over time
- ✓ Analyze CoC-level outcomes
- ✓ Compare trends across localities
- ✓ Identify disparities in outcomes by race/ethnicity, gender, age, and household composition

Key Takeaways of the Data

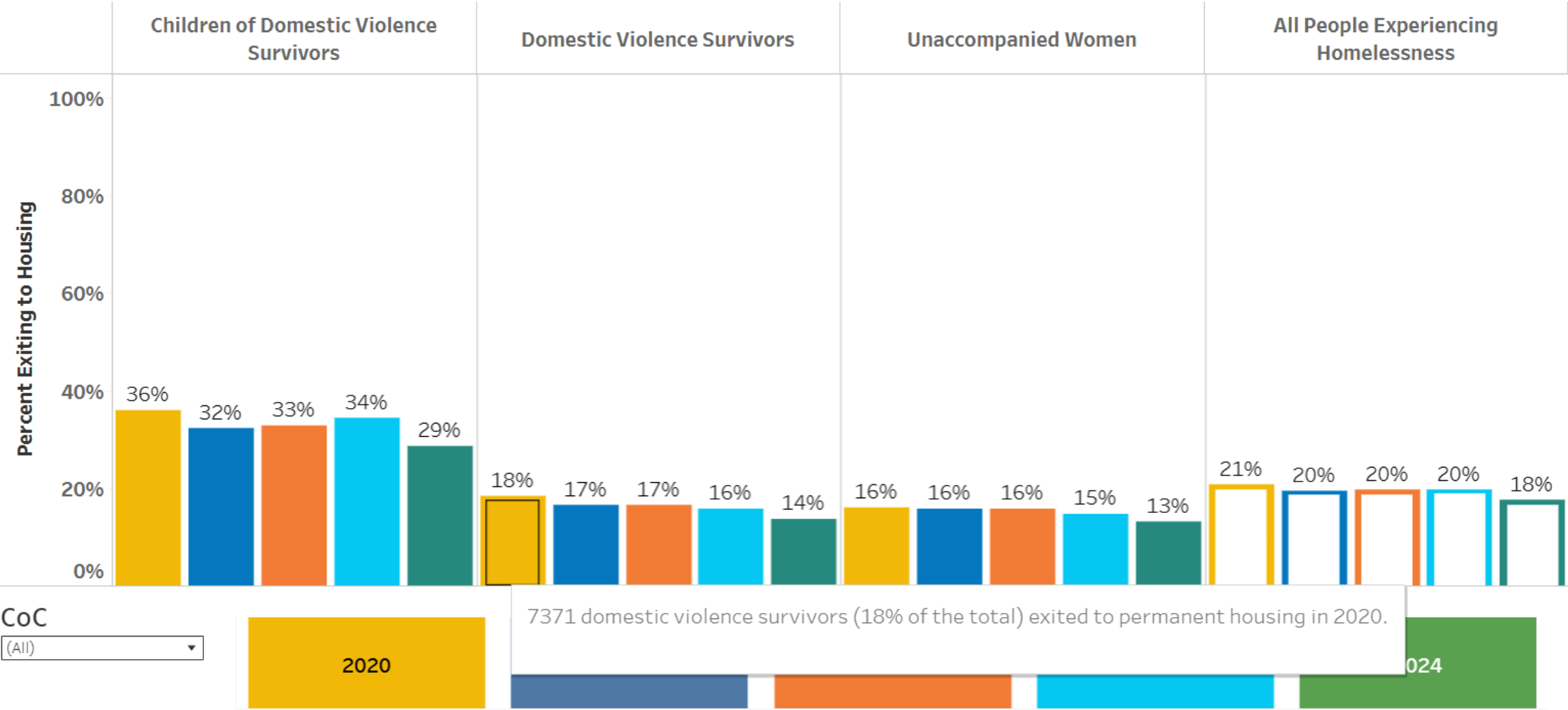
- **Survivors** and **unaccompanied women** consistently return to homelessness services at higher rates than all Californians and exit homelessness at lower rates
- **3 in 10 survivors of domestic violence** who access homelessness services are **men**, and survivors who are **men** exit to permanent destinations at a lower rate than survivors who are **women** (**9%** compared to **16%** in 2024)
- Survivors and unaccompanied women who are **45 or older** tend to access homelessness services for more time before exiting to permanent destinations, compared to those who are younger than 45
- About **1 in 10 unaccompanied women** accessed services **with another adult** in 2024

Dashboard Demonstration

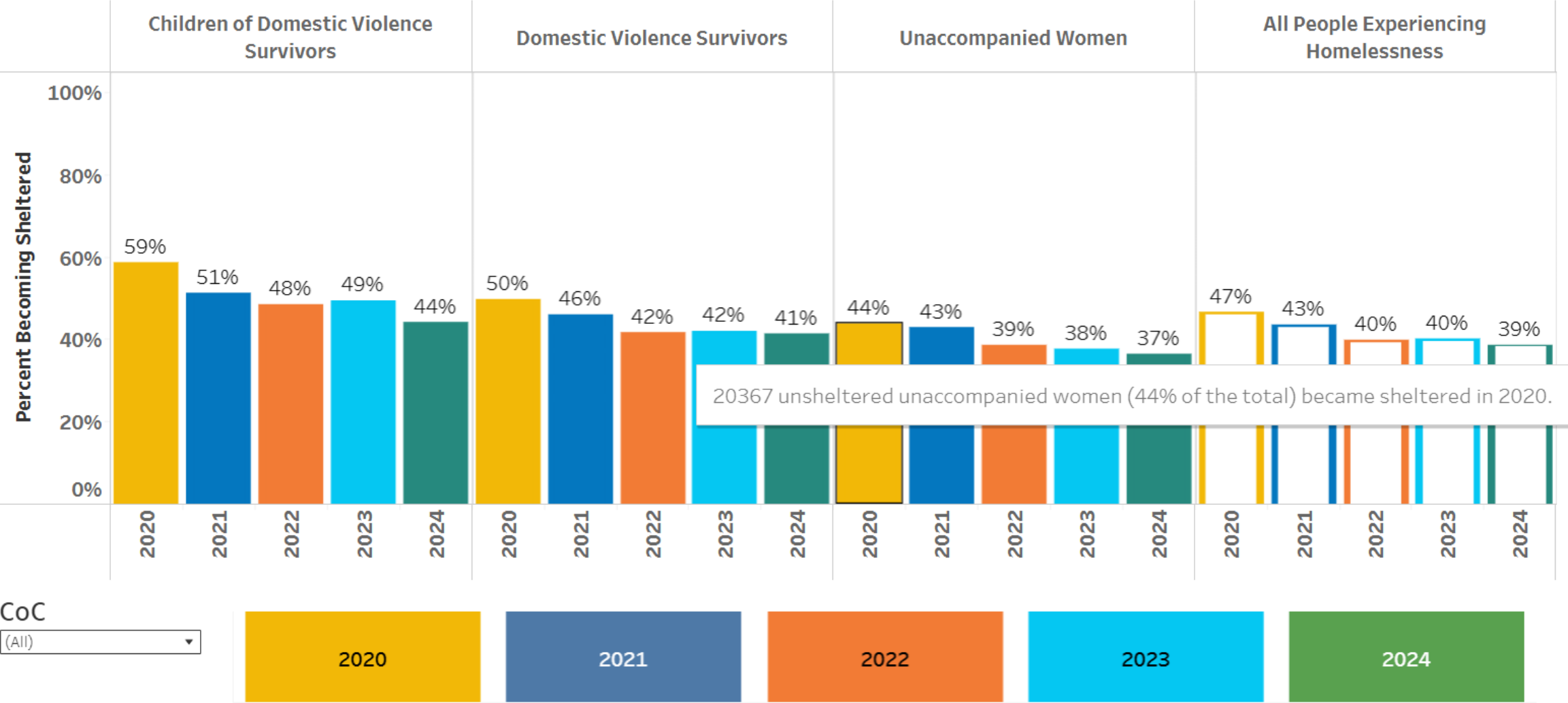
Statewide Progress on Goal 1



Statewide Progress on Goal 4



Statewide Progress on Goal 5



Population Specific Data

Unaccompanied Women

Select a Continuum of Care (CoC) or All

All

Comparison CoC (Optional)

None

Select a Calendar Year


2024

Target Population

Unaccompanied Women

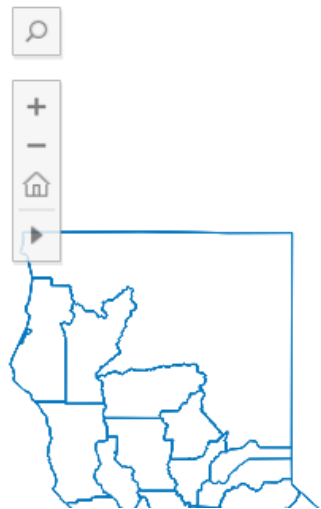
Overview

Details



Data Dictionary

In California during 2024...



All

Goal 1: Reducing the **number** of unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness

98,125 unaccompanied women experienced homelessness.

Goal 2a: Decreasing the **duration** of experiences of homelessness among unaccompanied women

Statewide progress for Unaccompanied Women (Overview)

In California during 2024...



Goal 1: Reducing the **number** of unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness

98,125 unaccompanied women experienced homelessness.

Goal 2a: Decreasing the **duration** of experiences of homelessness among unaccompanied women

These unaccompanied women experienced homelessness for an average of **211** days before being rehoused.

Goal 2b: Reducing the **frequency** of homelessness among unaccompanied women

15% of these unaccompanied women returned to homelessness within six months of exiting to permanent housing.

Goal 4: Increasing exits to **permanent housing** for unaccompanied women

13% of unaccompanied women were rehoused.

Goal 5: Increasing exits from unsheltered homelessness to **sheltered locations** for unaccompanied women

Of unaccompanied women who were in unsheltered locations, **37%** were moved into shelter.

Statewide progress for Unaccompanied Women (Details)


Unaccompanied Women

Select a Continuum of Care (CoC) or All		Comparison CoC (Optional)		Select a Calendar Year		Target Population	
All		None		2024		Unaccompanied Women	
Overview	Details						 Data Dictionary

In California during 2024...

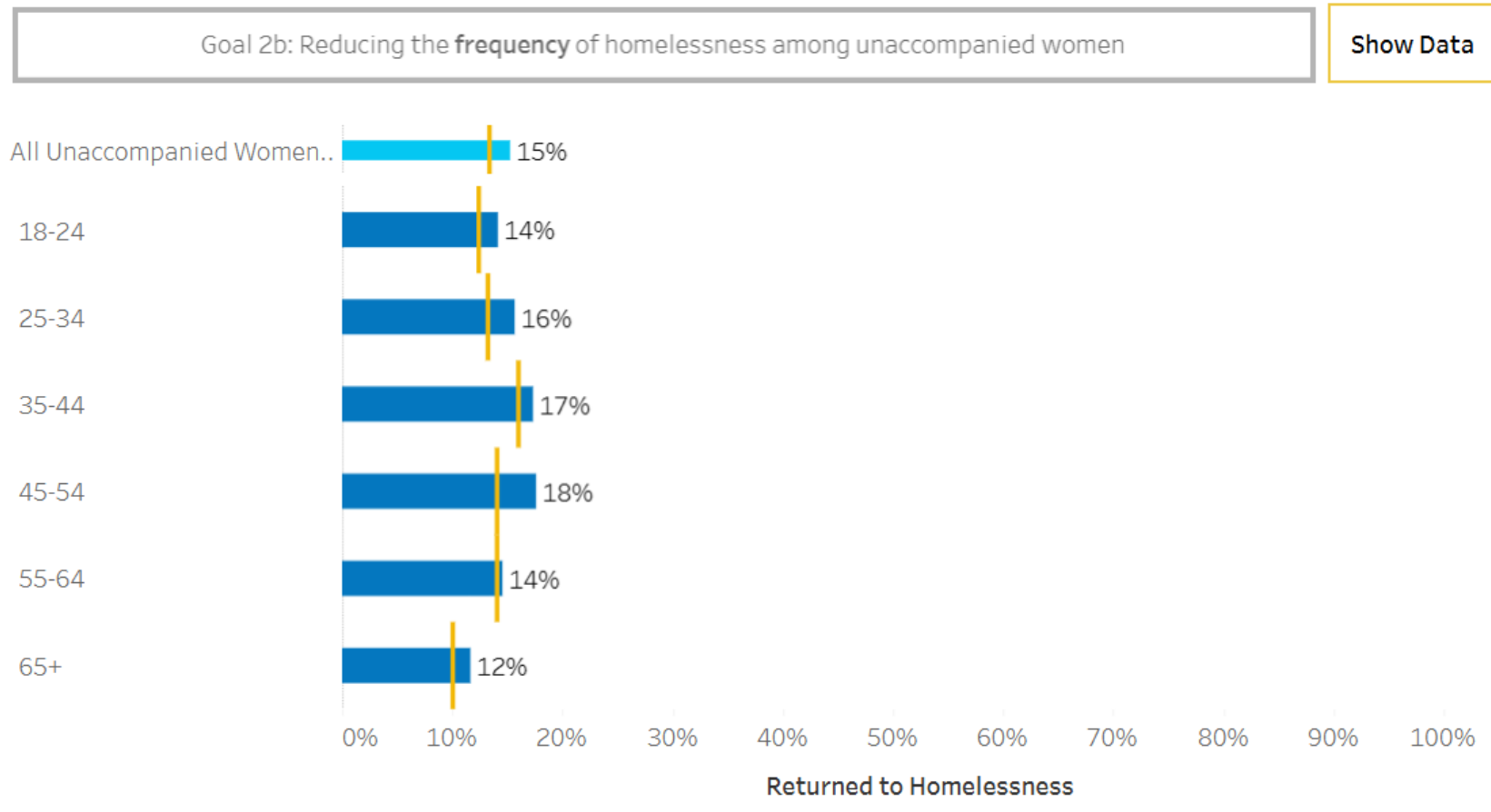
Statewide progress for Unaccompanied Women (Details)

Unaccompanied Women

Select a Continuum of Care (CoC) or All	Second Comparison CoC (Optional)	Third Comparison CoC (Optional)				
<div>All</div>	<div>None</div>	<div>None</div>				
<div>Select a Calendar Year</div> <div>2024</div>	<div>Unaccompanied Women</div>	<div>Survivors of Domestic Violence</div> <div>Children of Survivors</div>				
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In California during 2024...

Statewide progress on Goal 2b for Unaccompanied Women by Age



Turning Insight Into Action

Opportunity	How Your Department Can Engage
Spot Service Gaps	Use filters for regions and subpopulations to identify disparities in access or outcomes.
Target By Equity Indicators	Leverage demographic breakdowns (race, gender, age, veteran status, etc.) to guide culturally responsive policy and resource allocation.
Monitor Progress Over Time	Track CoC and statewide trends to evaluate policy interventions and adjust strategies dynamically.
Align with HELP Act Goals	Use the established goals to measure and monitor progress within your programs serving these populations.

HELP Act Dashboard Discussion

- How can your department use the HELP Act goals as a framework to assess whether programs targeting survivors of domestic violence, their children, and unaccompanied women are making measurable progress?
- What opportunities do you see for aligning your department's data and resources with the dashboard insights to strengthen equity and outcomes across systems?

Action Plan Progress, Housing First, and Policy Implementation




VIII. General Public Comment

- Public comment on items discussed this meeting
- If joining by Zoom, click the “raise hand icon”
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IX. Final Remarks and Adjournment

- Next Council meeting: December 3rd, 2025, at 1:00 pm

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