

# Homelessness in Pasadena 2024-2025

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# UNDERSTANDING HOMELESSNESS IN PASADENA

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## How We Track Homelessness

Homelessness affects more people over a year than a single night can show. To guide effective solutions, Pasadena uses two complementary approaches to measure homelessness.



### Annual Count

The number of people who experienced homelessness over the course of a **calendar year**



### Point In Time Count

Required by HUD; the number of unhoused people on a **single night**



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## 2024 Annual Count



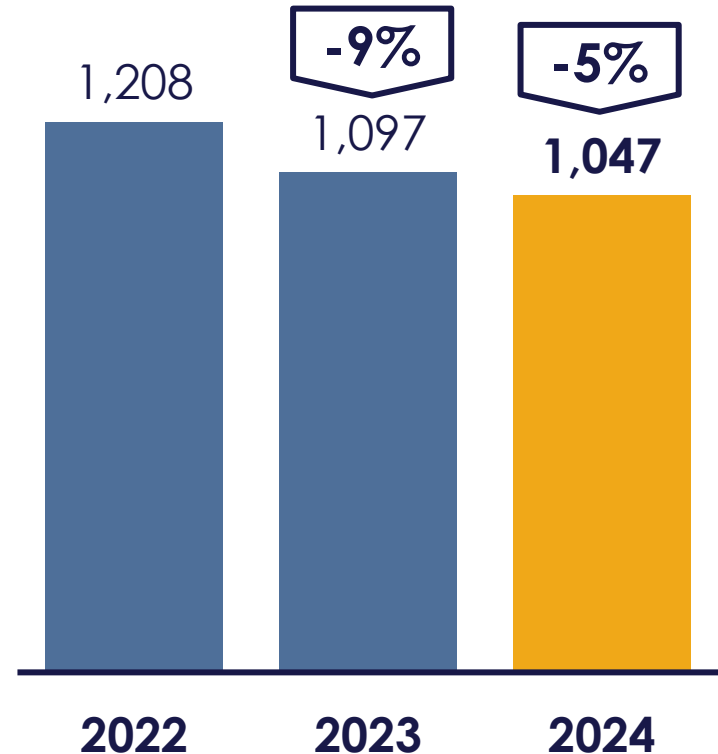
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## 2024 Annual Count

1,047 people experienced homelessness during the 2024 calendar year—a 5% decrease from 2023.

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## Who the Annual Count Includes

Unduplicated count of people who experienced homelessness in Pasadena in a calendar year.

Emergency Shelter  
Street Outreach  
Transitional Housing

Crisis Response  
Services

Permanent  
Housing  
System Entry

Coordinated Entry  
Housing Navigation  
Permanent Housing\*

\* Prior to entry

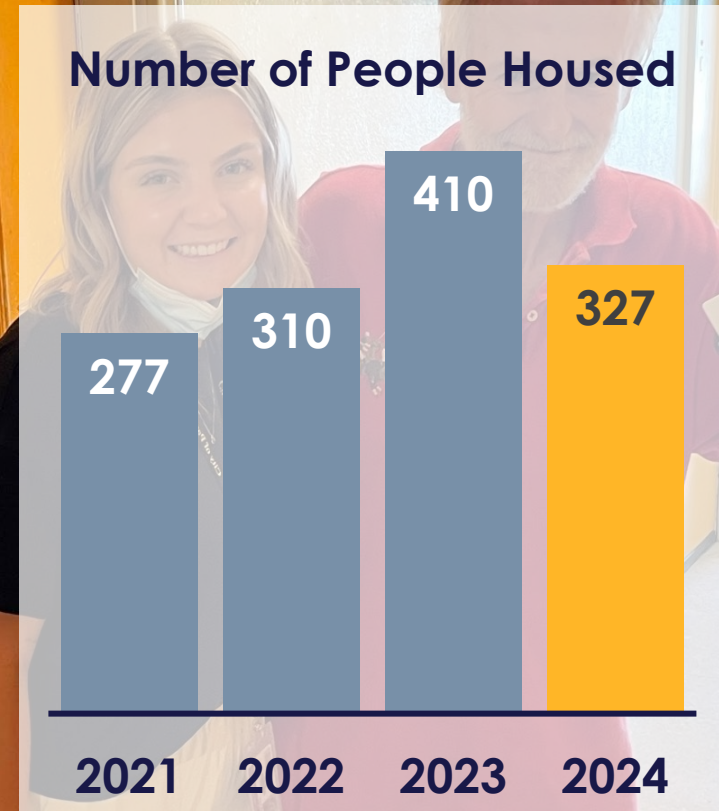


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## Continued Progress in Housing Placements

In 2024, 327 people experiencing homelessness in Pasadena secured permanent housing, bringing the three-year total to more than 1,000 people.





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## **Critical City Supports**

### **Heritage Square South**

Housed 70 seniors

### **Emergency Housing Vouchers**

Housed 39 people

### **Permanent Supportive Housing Rental Vouchers**

Housed 30 people

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**Permanent housing placements matter, but reducing homelessness also depends on addressing system inflows.**

### Inflows

(people entering the system)

- First-time homelessness \*
- ↺ Returns to homelessness \*
- 🌹 Moved to Pasadena while unhoused
- 🏥 Discharged from institutions without housing

### Outflows

(people exiting the system)

- 🏠 Permanently housed
- 👥 Temporarily housed
- 🗺️ Moved out of Pasadena
- 🏥 Admitted to institutions
- ⚰️ Passed away

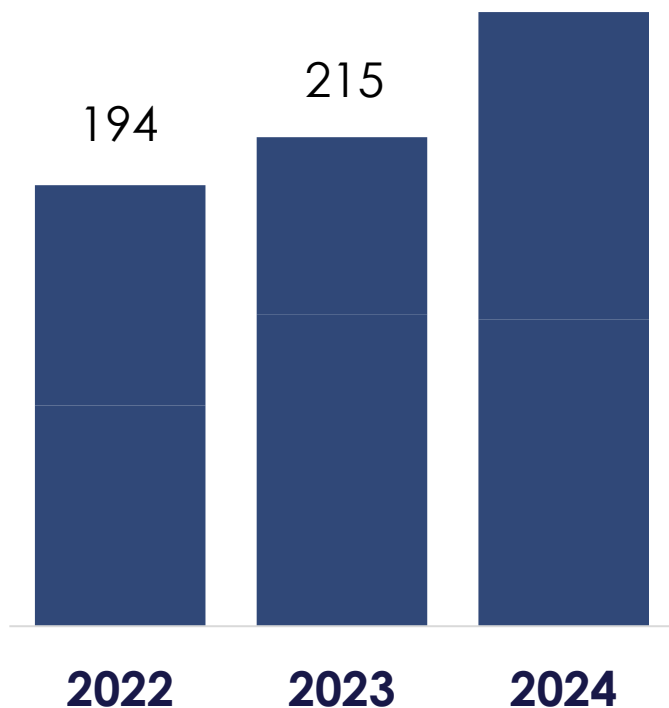
\* In last twelve months



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## Became Unhoused in Last 12 Months



## Rising Inflows to Homelessness

Of the 1,047 people who experienced homelessness in 2024, 270 became unhoused in the past year, up from 215 in 2023. This includes people experiencing homelessness for the first time and those returning after a prior episode.

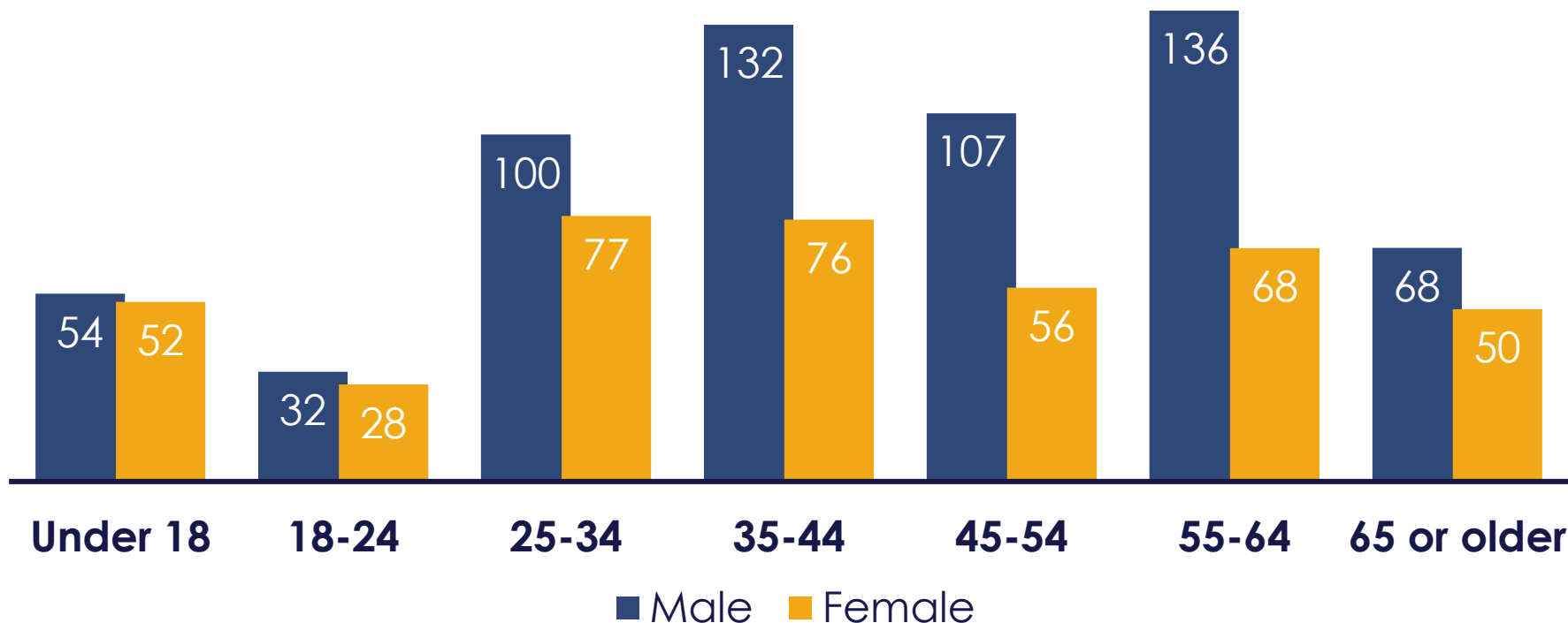


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## Men Outnumber Women Across All Age Groups

Across every age group, men make up a larger share of Pasadena's homeless population—especially among adults ages 35 to 64.



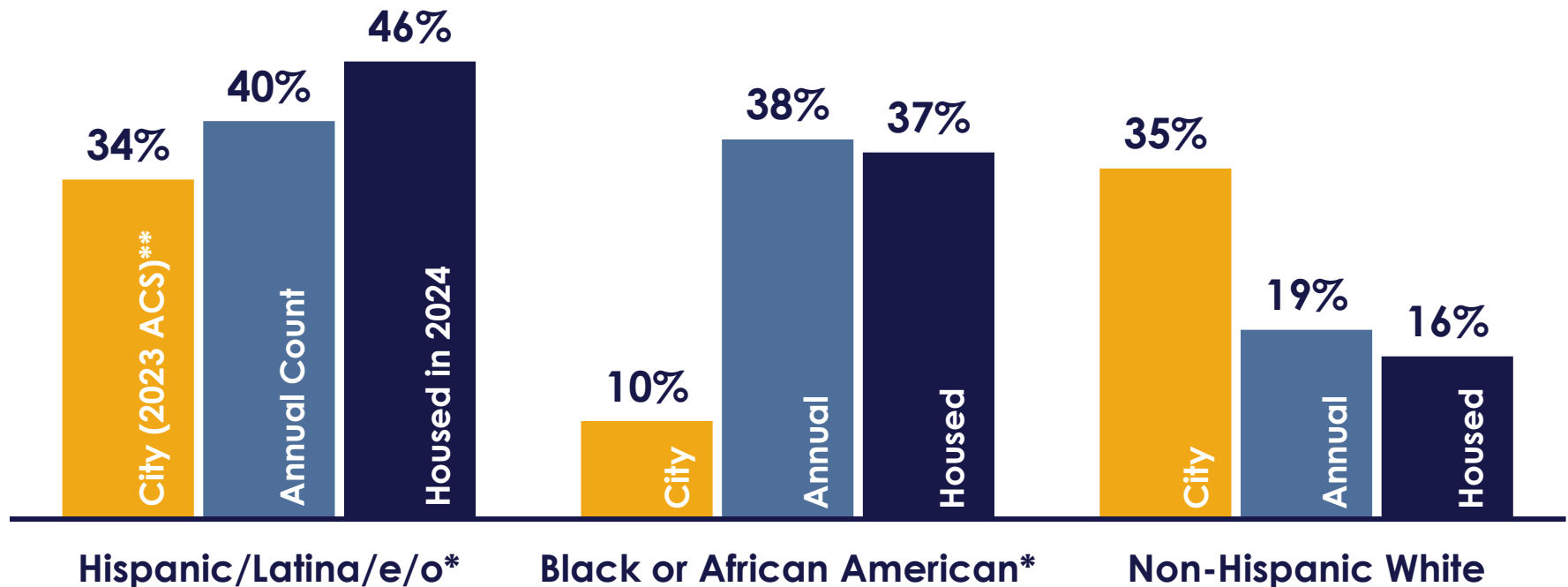


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## Racial Disparities in Homelessness

This pattern has remained consistent in recent years and is seen in LA County and nationwide, reflecting widespread disproportionality in homelessness.



\* Some duplication due to overlap in these categories

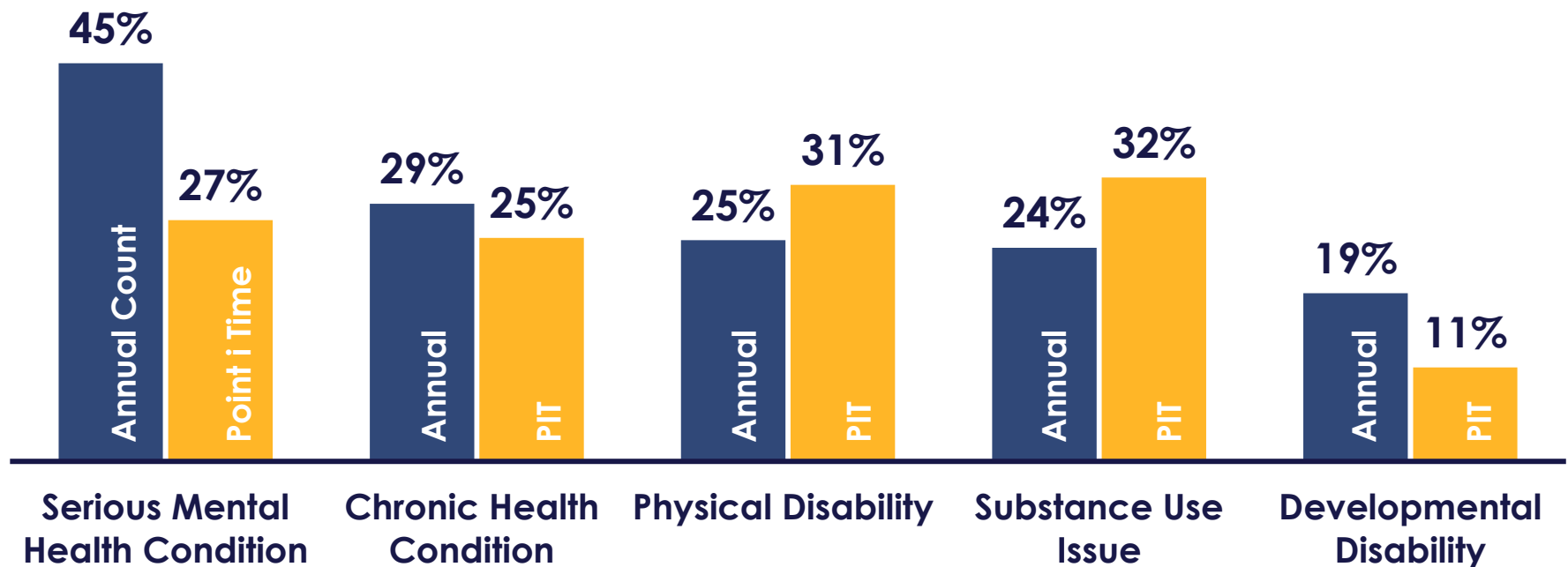


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## High Rates of Disabling Conditions

In 2025, 79% of people in Pasadena's annual count and 72% in the Point In Time count reported one or more long-term disabling conditions.





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## 2025 Pasadena Point In Time Count



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## About the Count

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### **February 19, 2025**

Conducted annually over a 24-hour period.



### **Point In Time**

One-night count of unhoused people in Pasadena.



### **Eaton Fire**

Delayed by the Eaton Fire, the count took place six weeks after the fire started.



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## Who Is Counted in the Point In Time Count



### Sheltered Count

People staying in transitional housing or emergency shelters including motels or the Bad Weather Shelter



### Unsheltered Count

People living outdoors, in vehicles, abandoned buildings, or a garage or shed

**Does not include:** people doubled up, couch surfing, or at-risk of homelessness



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## Vaccine Strike Teams

For the third year, vaccine strike teams were deployed during the unsheltered count.

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### Members

Pasadena Public Health Department's  
Pasadena Outreach Response Team  
Huntington Hospital nursing staff

### Services provided

Flu vaccines  
COVID-19 vaccines  
Hepatitis A vaccines  
Naloxone kits

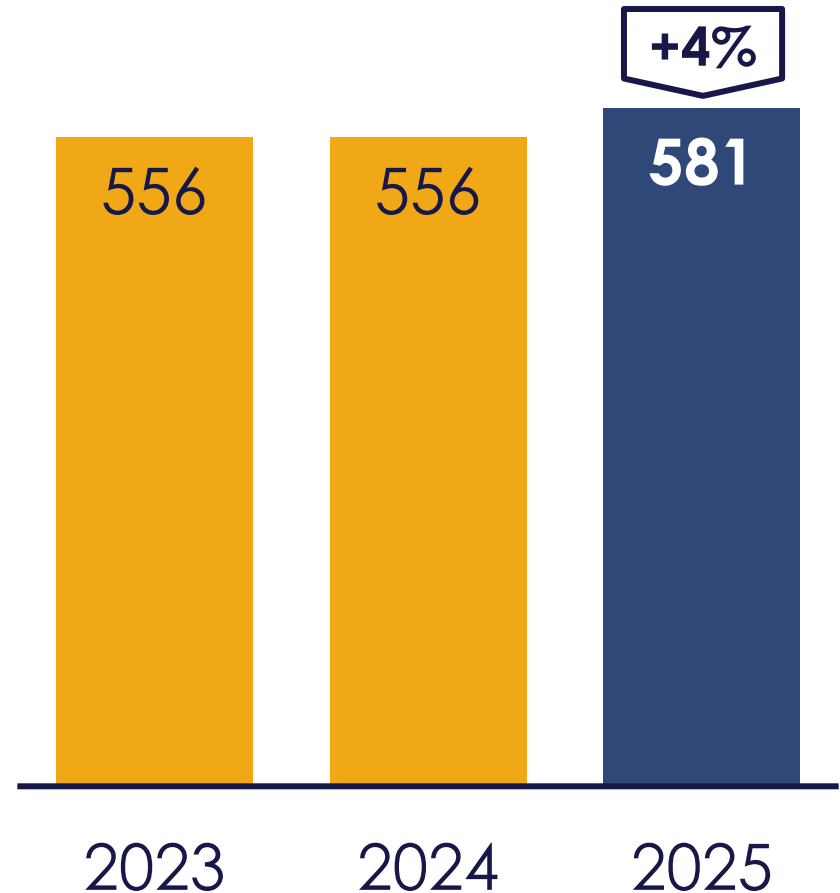


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## 2025 Point In Time Count Results

Pasadena counted 581 people experiencing homelessness on the night of the 2025 Point In Time count—a 4% increase from the one-day count in 2024.





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## Notable Shifts in 2025 Point In Time Count

The Point In Time count is a snapshot of one night and may reflect short-term fluctuations rather than year-round trends.



### Displacement from Fires

The sheltered count included 12 people who reported they were directly impacted by the Eaton Fire.



### Rise in Unsheltered Homelessness

342 people were unsheltered in 2025, a 7% increase from 321 in 2024, an increase of 21 people.



### Regional Mobility

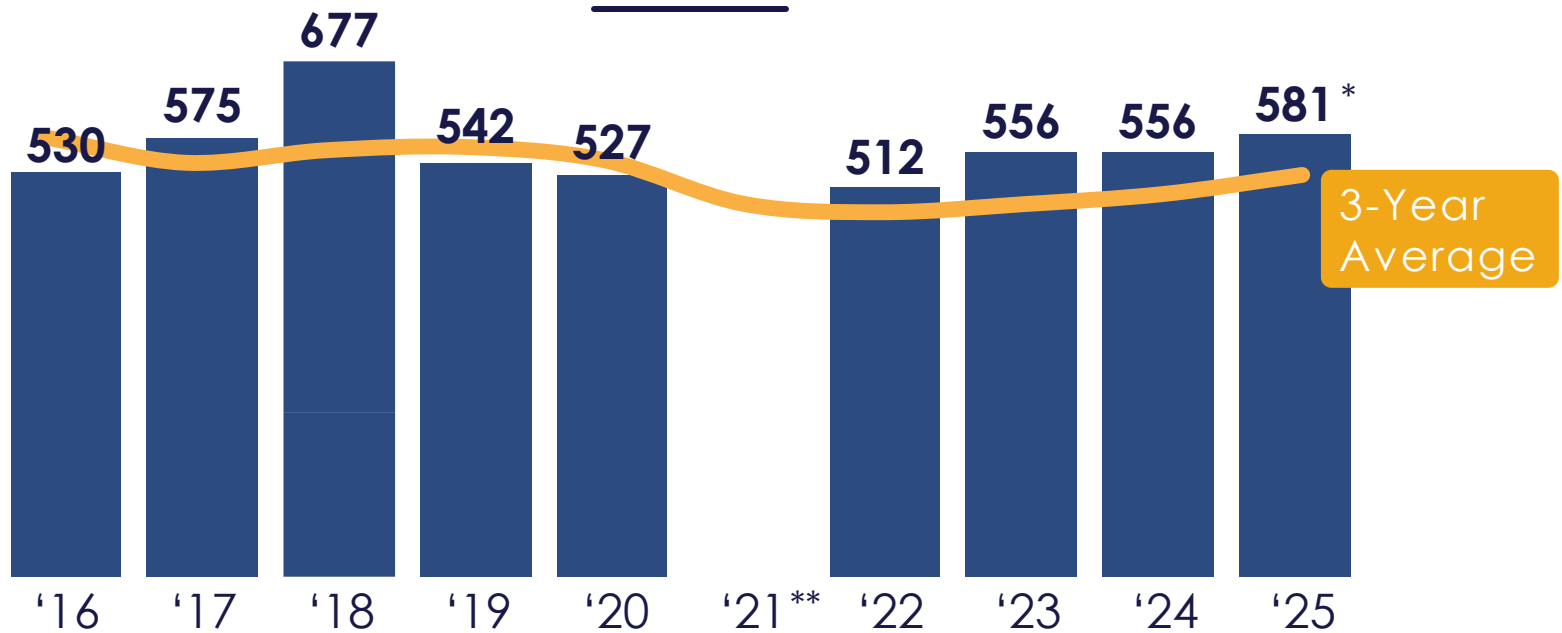
The number of unsheltered residents previously housed in the surrounding San Gabriel Valley increased by 21 people in 2025.



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## A Look at the Bigger Picture



\* The Point In Time Count was conducted on February 19, 2025, just six weeks after the Eaton Fire.

\*\* The Homeless Count was not conducted in 2021 due to the pandemic.



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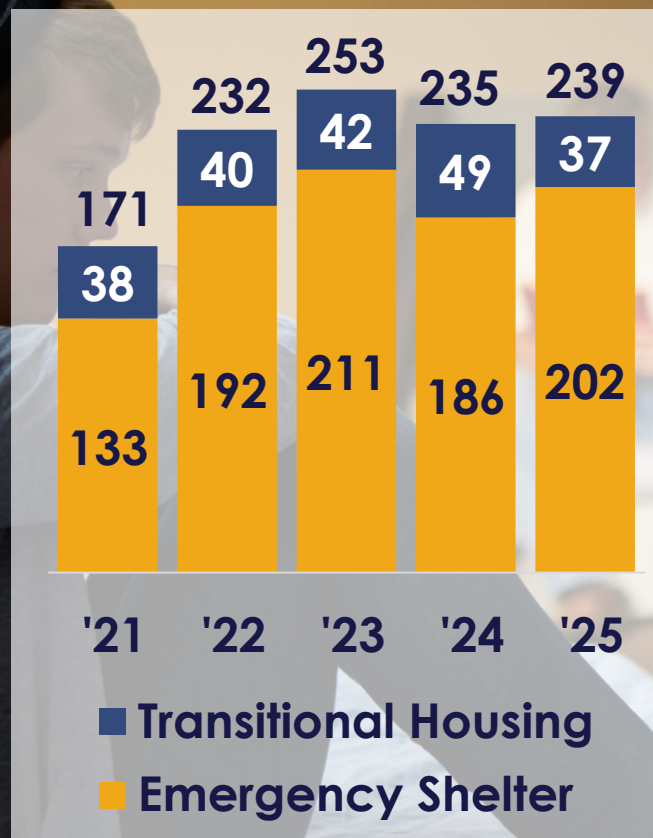


## Sheltered Count

**239 people** were in emergency shelters or transitional housing during the 2025 count, nearly unchanged from 235 in 2024.

Use of **emergency shelters\*** rose by **9%** between 2024 and 2025.

*\* Includes the Bad Weather Shelter and motel vouchers*





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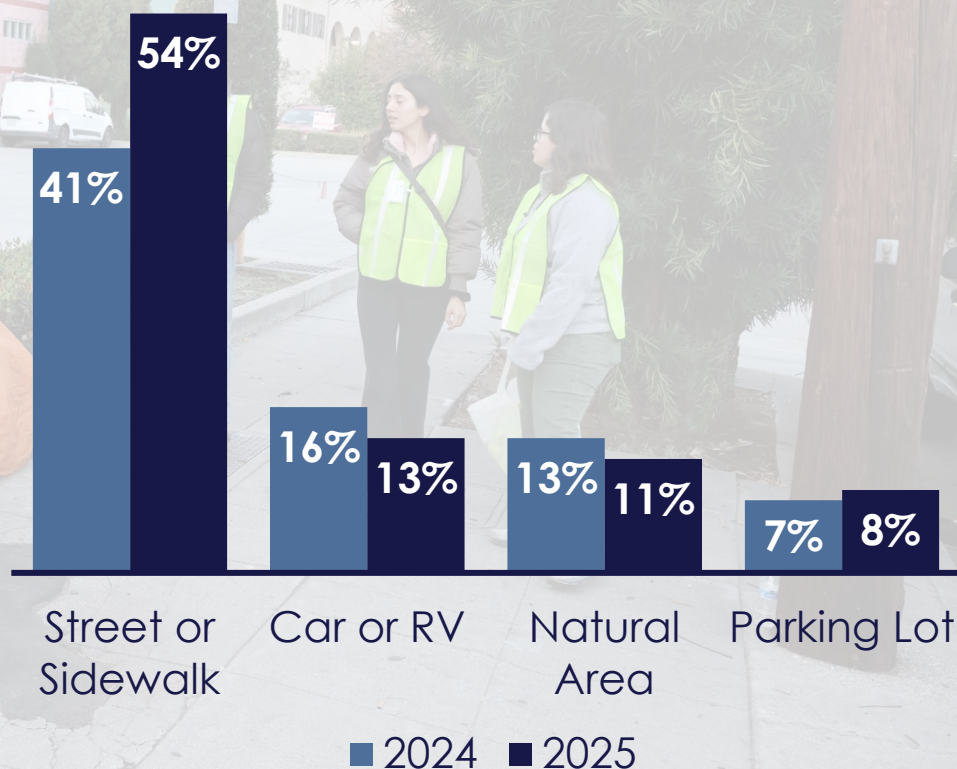


## Unsheltered Count

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More than half of unsheltered residents (54%) were sleeping on the street or sidewalk, representing the most visible form of homelessness.

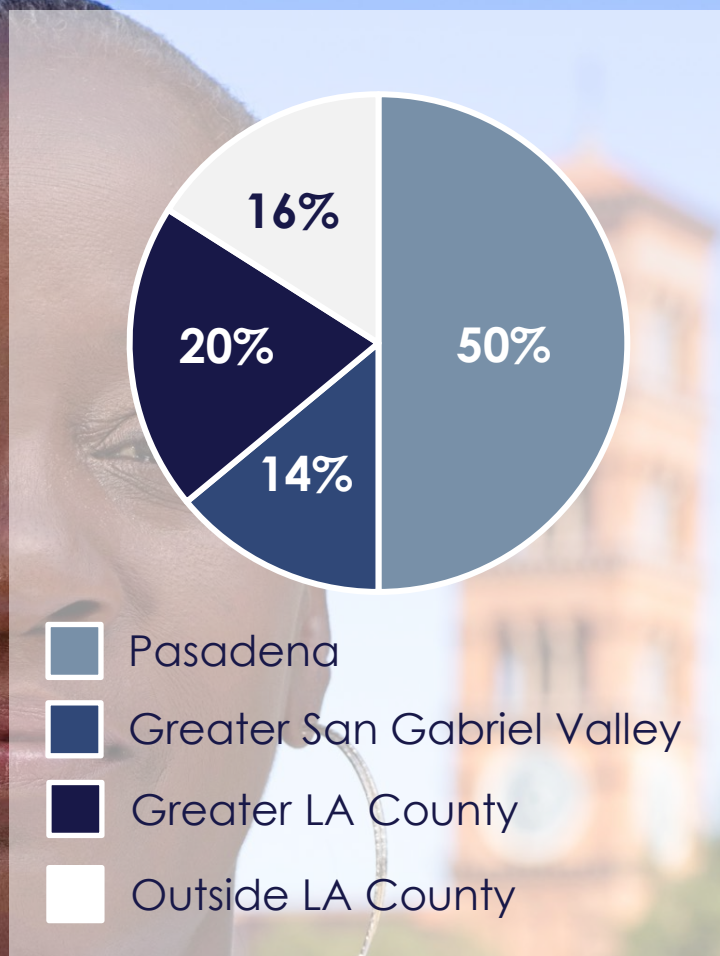
## Top Unsheltered Sleeping Locations 2024 vs. 2025





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84% of people were last housed in LA County.

Half of unsheltered people who were surveyed lived in Pasadena for an average of 19 years before losing their housing.

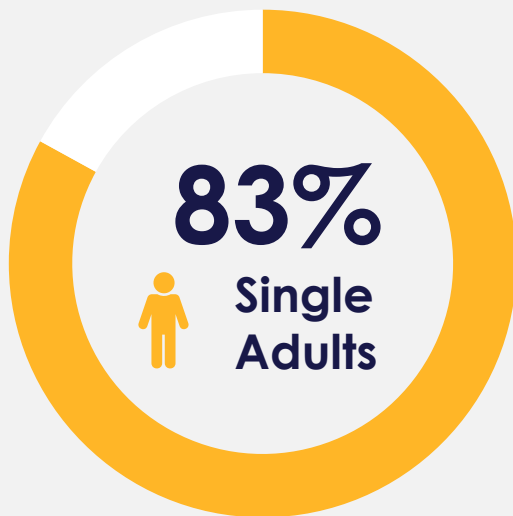


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## Single Adults Make Up a Growing Share of the Unhoused Population

In 2025, 485 individuals experiencing homelessness (83%) were single adults without children, a 7% increase over 455 single adults in 2024.



### Chronic Homelessness

Compared to families, single adults are far more likely to be chronically homeless (58% vs. 21%).

### Long-Term Disability

Similarly, single adults are more likely to have a long-term disability than people in families (72% vs. 23%).



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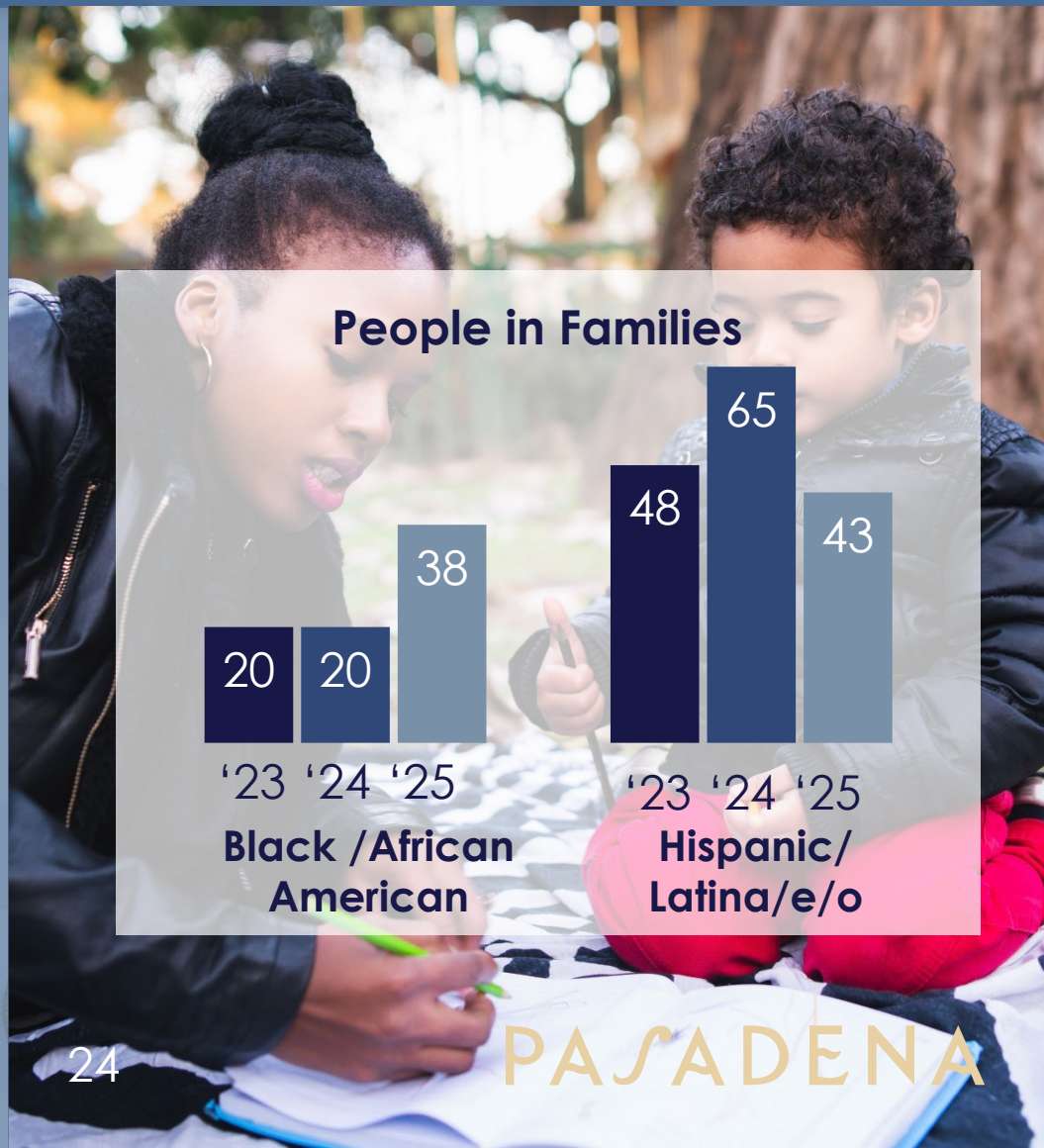
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## Families with Children

In 2025, 96 people in 30 households were in families with children, similar to 2024 (101 people in 32 households).

### Demographics Among Families with Children Are Shifting

Compared to 2024, families were less likely to be Hispanic/Latina/e/o and more likely to be Black or African American.





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## Downward Trend in Veteran Homelessness

While veteran homelessness rose in 2023, the count has declined for two consecutive years.



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## Key Takeaways

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### **5% Decrease in Annual Count**

In 2024, 1,047 people experienced homelessness, offering a year-round view of trends prior to the Eaton Fire.

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### **327 People were Permanently Housed in 2024**

Exits to permanent housing remained steady after a 2023 peak.

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### **Rise in Unsheltered Homelessness during the Point In Time Count**

Unsheltered homelessness grew by 7% (321 in 2024 to 342 in 2025).

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### **Regional Factors Influence Pasadena's Homelessness**

The share of unsheltered residents last housed in other cities in the San Gabriel Valley increased from 9% in 2024 to 14% in 2025.



# LOOKING FORWARD

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### **Shifting Landscape**

Threats to federal funding and widespread instability following the Eaton Fire present new challenges in 2025, while increased funding from Measure A is anticipated.

### **Deepen Regional Collaboration**

Improved coordination with neighboring cities is needed to strengthen the regional response to homelessness.

### **Expand Permanent Housing**

New permanent housing projects are needed to sustain exits from homelessness and meet long-term goals.

### **Build on Existing Shelter Resources**

Expanded year-round shelter capacity is needed to meet growing demand and achieve system goals.

To learn more about the 2024 Annual Count  
and 2025 Point In Time Count and view  
detailed data tables visit:

[www.pasadenahomelesscount.org](http://www.pasadenahomelesscount.org)



## RECOMMENDATION:

1. Consider updates from City staff and provide direction if desired by the City Council; and
2. Find that, if direction is given to staff, it would not be a “project” subject to CEQA pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b).

