

U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness





About USICH

- Only federal agency solely dedicated to ending homelessness
- Coordinates federal response across **19 federal agencies** to help create and catalyze implementation of a federal plan
- Works with **all levels of government** and partners in the private sector and philanthropy to advance most efficient and effective strategies



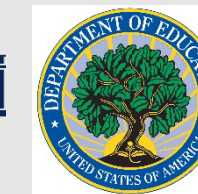
USICH Council

Council leaders:

Chair – VA Secretary Denis McDonough

Vice Chair – HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra

Council members represent 19 federal agencies:





State of Homelessness

How Many People Experience Homelessness in the U.S.?*

**1.25
million**

Experienced sheltered homelessness at some point in 2020, the last year for which complete annual [HUD data](#) are available

**1.29
million**

People experiencing homelessness served by the health center program administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration within HHS, including Health Care for the Homeless programs, according to [2020 HHS data](#)

**1.28
million**

Students (not including their parents or siblings not enrolled in K-12 schools) experienced some form of homelessness during the 2019-20 school year, according to [Department of Education data](#)

582,462

Experienced homelessness on a single night in January 2022—a .34% increase from 2020—according to [HUD's annual Point-in-Time Count](#)

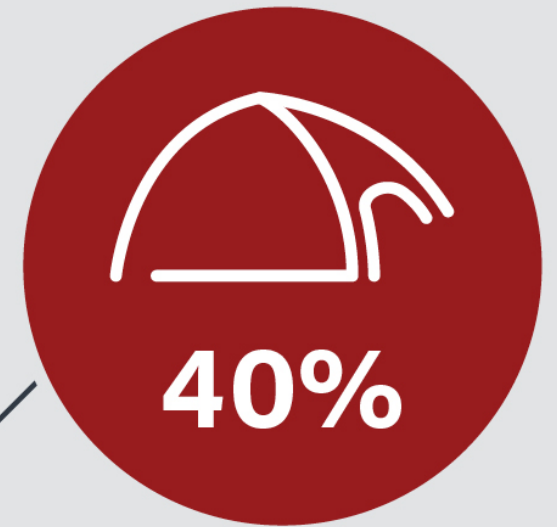
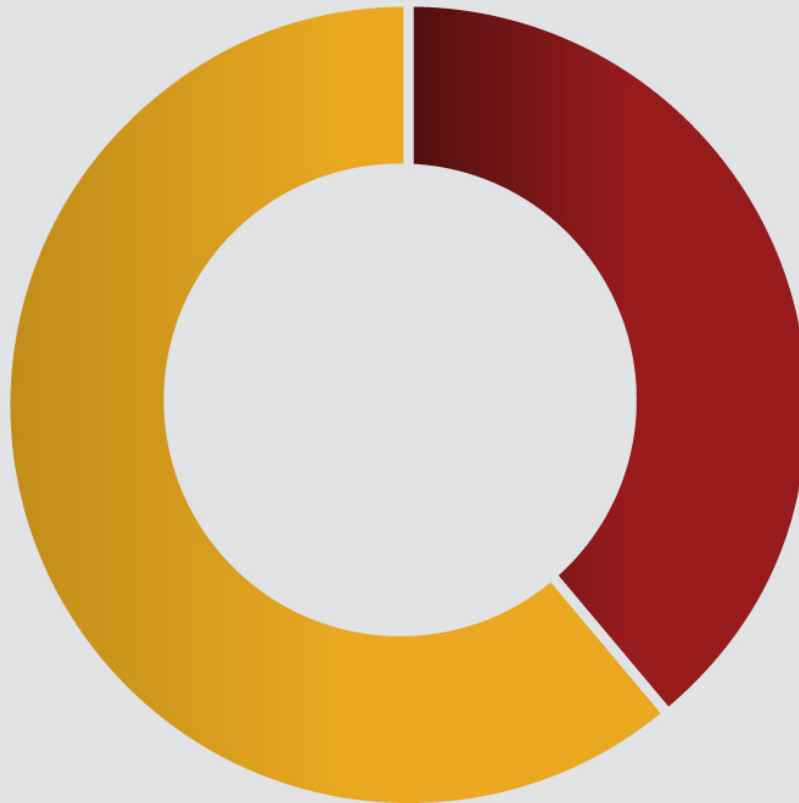
*The data in this graphic does not reflect the COVID-19 pandemic.



Sheltered vs. Unsheltered Homelessness*



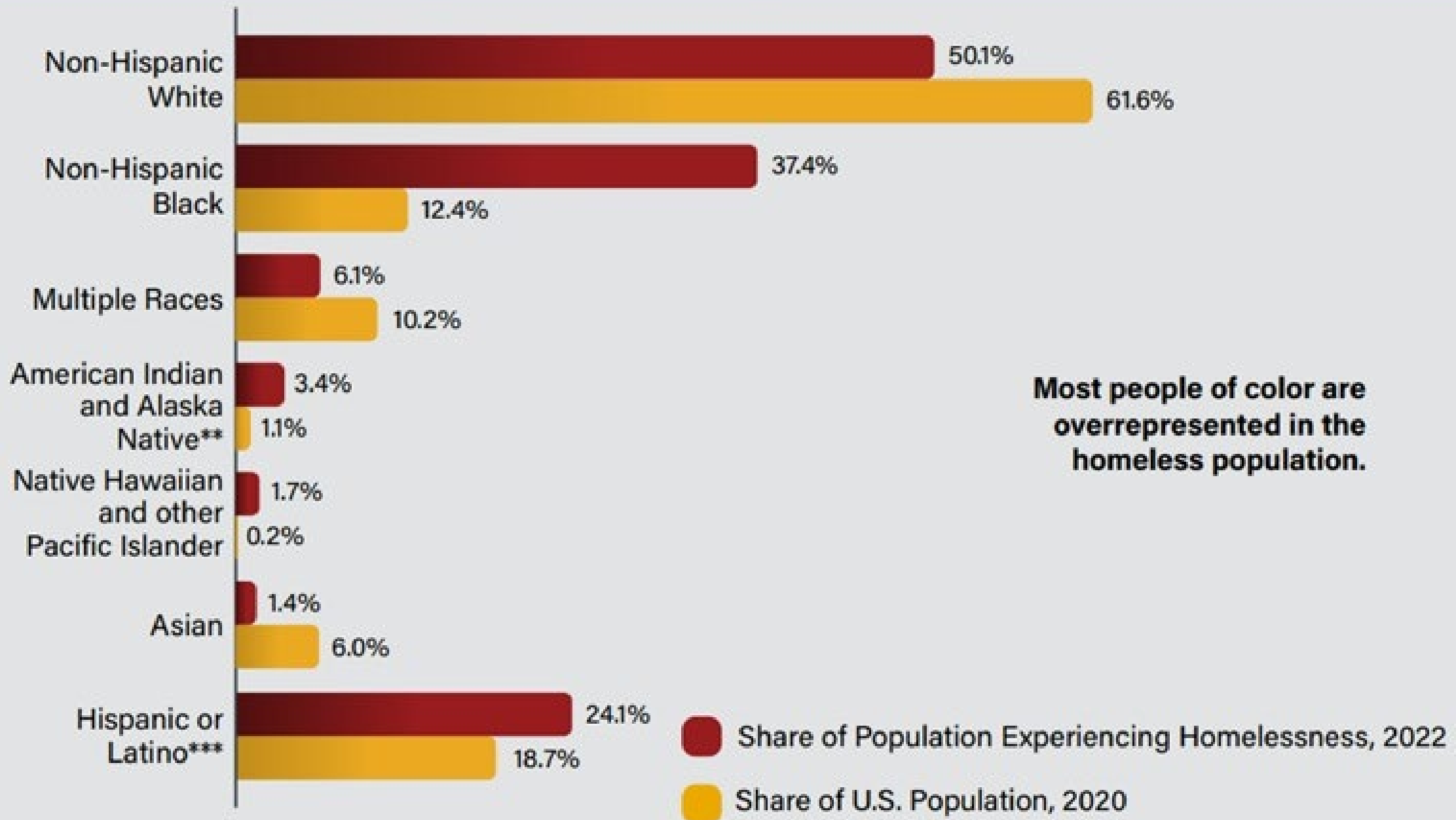
Portion of the total homeless population (including individuals and families) that is sheltered, living in shelters or other temporary housing



Portion of the total homeless population (including individuals and families) that is unsheltered, living in cars, streets, or encampments

While more people experiencing homelessness *overall* live in sheltered locations, according to the 2022 Point-in-Time Count, for only the second time since HUD started collecting this data, people who experience homelessness as *individuals* (versus families) are more likely to live in unsheltered locations.

The Disproportionate Impact of Homelessness*





How We Got Here...

- **80+** listening sessions
- **1,500** public comments, including **500** from people with lived experiences of homelessness
- Input from **expert key informants** who reviewed with a lens for: **racial equity, lived experience, tribal, and LGBTQI+**
- **Nearly 2,000** comments from our 19 member agencies



What We Heard: Biggest Challenges

Lack of Housing Supply	• Severe shortage of safe, affordable, and accessible housing • NIMBY movement • Impact of climate change
Rising Rent Amid Slow Income Growth	• Slow wage growth for lowest-paid workers • 70% of lowest-wage households spend more than ½ income on rent • Disproportionate impact of housing unaffordability • Non-employment income cannot keep up with rental costs
Inadequate Access to Supports	• Limited availability of culturally appropriate, accessible supportive services • Fragmented systems • Disproportionate outcomes for people of color and other historically marginalized groups
Unsheltered Homelessness Rising	• Limited alternatives to unsheltered homelessness • Shelters at capacity, or high-barrier and not culturally appropriate
Criminalization of Homelessness	• Harmful public narratives • “Out of sight, out of mind” policies ineffective & create more trauma
Fatigue and Trauma Among Providers	• Strained capacity • High-turnover



What We Heard: Greatest Opportunities

Unprecedented Investments	• American Rescue Plan • CARES Act • FY2023 President's Budget Request
Demonstrated Commitment	• Housing Supply Action Plan • National Mental Health Strategy • National Drug Control Strategy • Executive Orders
Lessons Learned	• Non-Congregate Shelter • Emergency Rental Assistance • Eviction Moratoriums • Direct Cash Transfers
Focus on Racial Equity	• Biden-Harris Administration Equity-Focused Executive Orders • Opportunity for greater accountability & more equitable outcomes
Unwavering Dedication	• Passionate and compassionate providers • Continued perseverance



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All In: Vision For the Future

This plan is built upon our vision of a nation in which **no one** experiences the tragedy and indignity of homelessness, and **everyone** has a safe, stable, accessible, and affordable home.

GOAL: Reduce homelessness 25% by 2025





Foundation Pillars

Lead With Equity	Use Data and Evidence	Collaborate at All Levels
Pursue equitable outcomes	Increase federal government capacity	Promote collaborative leadership
Promote inclusive decision-making	Increase local and state capacity	Improve information sharing
Authentic collaboration	Create opportunity for innovation	
Increase access to AI/AN	Build research and evidence base	
Change policies and practices		



Solutions Pillars

Scale Up Housing and Supports	Improved Homelessness Response	Prevent Homelessness
Maximize federal housing assistance	Government wide effort on unsheltered homelessness	Increase access to employment, education, mainstream opportunity
Increase supply of affordable housing	Improve coordinated entry	Reduce housing instability for those existing institutions
Increase supply of PSH	Increase availability of low-barrier shelter	Reduce housing instability for older adults and people with disabilities
Improve effectiveness of RRH	Improve coordination with public health and disaster management	Reduce housing instability for transitioning service members
Support enforcement of Fair Housing	Expand use of housing problem-solving	Reduce housing instability for AI/AN
Better serve needs of people with disabilities	Remove/reduce programmatic barriers	Reduce housing instability for youth and young adults
Expand availability of voluntary and trauma-informed supports		Reduce housing instability for survivors



How USICH Will Implement *All In*

- Develop **implementation plans** with specific actions, milestones, and metrics
- **Partner with and solicit feedback** from people who have experienced homelessness and other stakeholders
- Publish **annual performance management plan**
- **Update plan annually** to reflect evolving metrics, input, and lessons



How USICH Will Measure Progress

- People (including subpopulations) experiencing **sheltered and unsheltered** homelessness (HUD PIT)
- **Children and youth** experiencing homelessness during school year (ED)
- **Length of time** of homelessness (HUD)
- **Returns to homelessness** within 6 to 12 months and within 2 years (HUD)
- People who become **homeless for the first time** (HUD)
- Overall homeless population (HUD)
- Placement in and retention of **housing from street outreach** (HUD)
- **Racial disparities** in homelessness (HUD)



How *All In* Can Be Used Locally

- Develop **local and systems-level plans**
- Set **state and local goals** to reduce homelessness by 2025
- **Educate** partners on the causes of homelessness, challenges, and opportunities
- Hold the federal government **accountable**
- **Learn** about federal programs, existing federal actions, and new federal strategies

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