# Southern Nevada 2018 Homeless Census & Survey

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# PURPOSE

- HUD mandated Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts are conducted annually to provide unduplicated counts and statistically reliable estimates of persons experiencing homelessness in sheltered and unsheltered locations in a single night.

- Data obtained from the PIT Count is used for CoC homeless assistance funding.

- Used to track changes in composition of the homeless population and measure CoC progress.

- Identifies what resources are needed and where these resources should be allocated.

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# METHODOLOGY

- HUD approved methodology
- PIT Count (late night/early morning of January 24/25, 2018)
  - Sheltered Count
    - HMIS
    - Provider verification
  - Unsheltered Count
    - Urban canvassing – Rural canvassing
    - Specialty teams (tunnels, youth)
    - School District Report
- Survey extrapolation (conducted in the weeks immediately following the PIT)
  - Street survey
  - Youth survey

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# KEY FINDINGS - 2018

- 6,083 persons experiencing homelessness were identified in the 2018 Homeless PIT Census.

- 3,884 persons experiencing homelessness (63.9%) on the night of the PIT Count were unsheltered.

- 2,199 persons enumerated in the PIT Count (36.1%) were in sheltered facilities (Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, or Safe Haven).

- 6.27% (407 persons) decrease from 2017.

- Decrease in overall homelessness from 2015 (7,509 persons) to 2018 (6,083 persons) by 19% (1,426 persons).

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# KEY FINDINGS – 2018 (cont.)

- 106 homeless families with children were identified in 2018, representing 297 persons.

- Veterans comprised 9.8% (594 persons) of the entire PIT total (6,083 persons).

- 21.3% (1,295 persons) of the entire 2018 PIT count total were Unaccompanied Young Adults (between ages 18-24) and Unaccompanied Children (under age 18).

- 214 unaccompanied homeless children under the age of 18 were identified in the street and shelter count. There were an additional 1,081 unaccompanied homeless youth between the ages of 18-24 identified.

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STREET AND SHELTER COUNT – ANNUAL COMPARISON
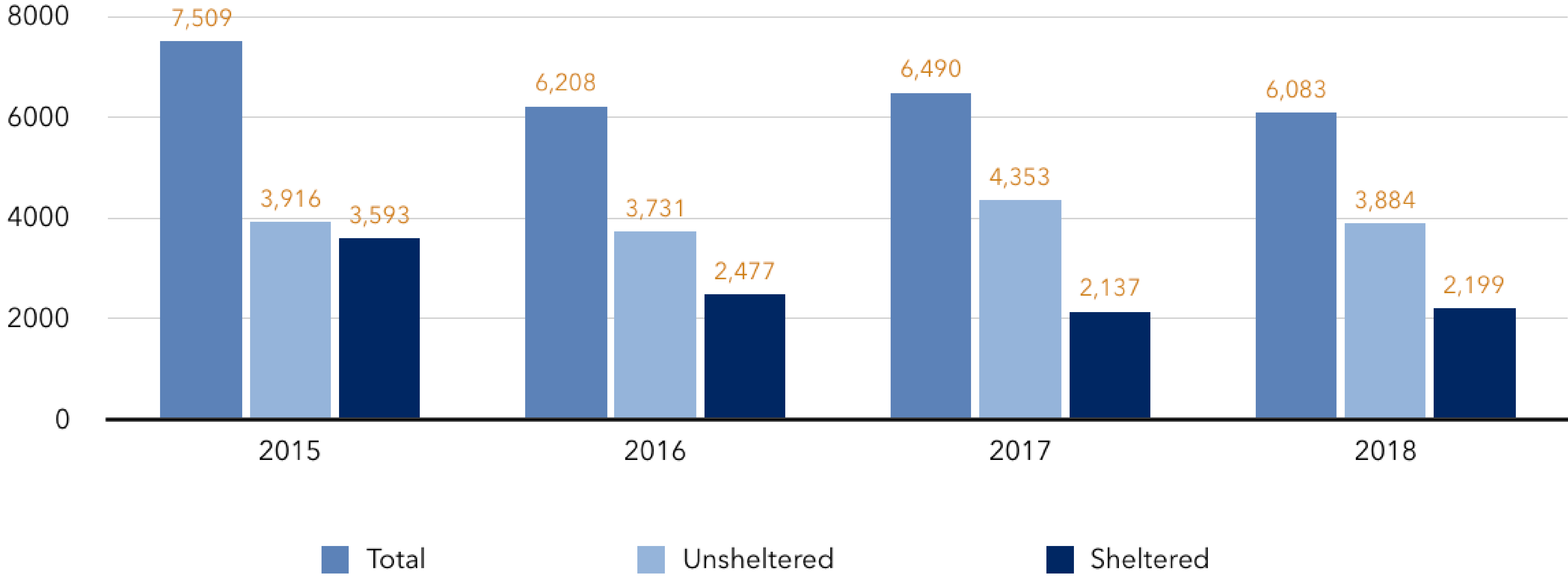
# ANNUAL ESTIMATE OF HOMELESSNESS

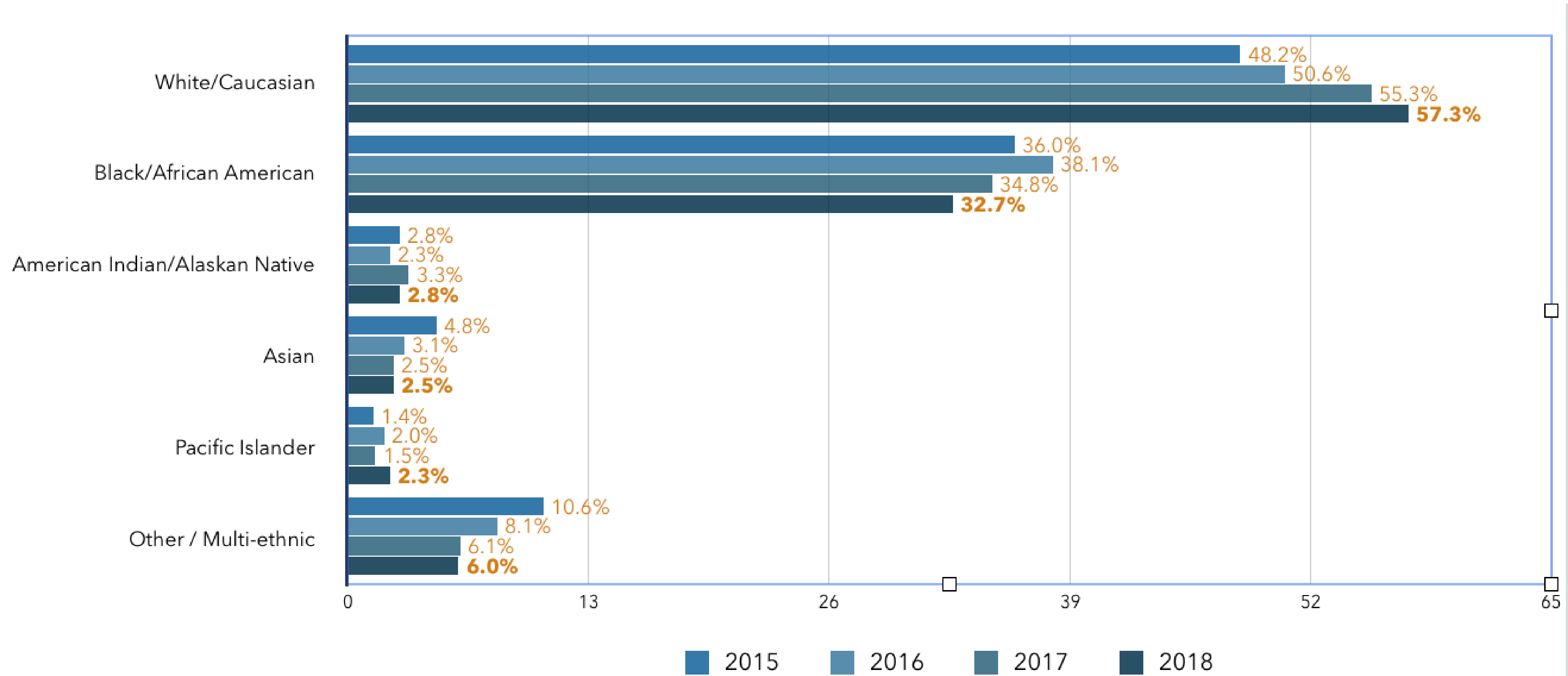| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 to 2018 Net Change | 2017 to 2018 Percent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unsheltered | 3,916 | 3,731 | 4,353 | 3,884 | -469 | -10.77% |
| Sheltered | 3,593 | 2,477 | 2,137 | 2,199 | 62 | 2.9% |
| Total Point-in-Time Count | 7,509 | 6,208 | 6,490 | 6,083 | -407 | -6.27% |
| Annual Estimate | 34,397 | 30,016 | 24,981 | 16,641 | -8,340 | -33.39% |

It's important to note that the HUD approved method for determining annual estimates factors in the length of time homeless to determine annual inflow. Due to this methodology, it's entirely possible for the annual estimate to be lower than previous years, while the actual PIT total may not reflect as large of a percent change – as is the case in 2018.

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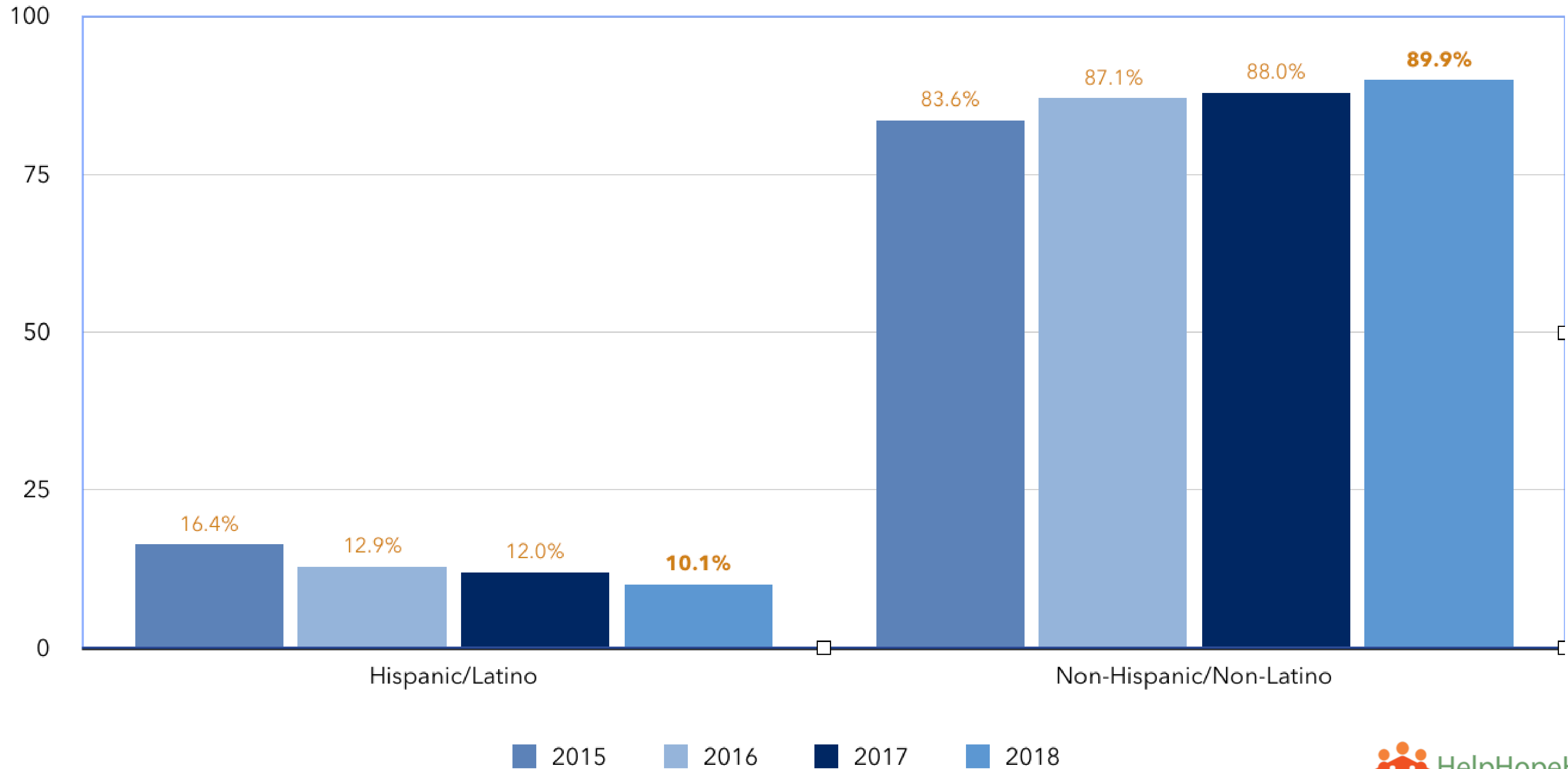
# GENERAL SURVEY RESULTS – GENDER

- 68.6% of respondents identified as *male*.

- 30.4% of respondents identified as *female*.

- 4.9% of female respondents reported they were pregnant.

- 0.8% of respondents identified as *transgender*.

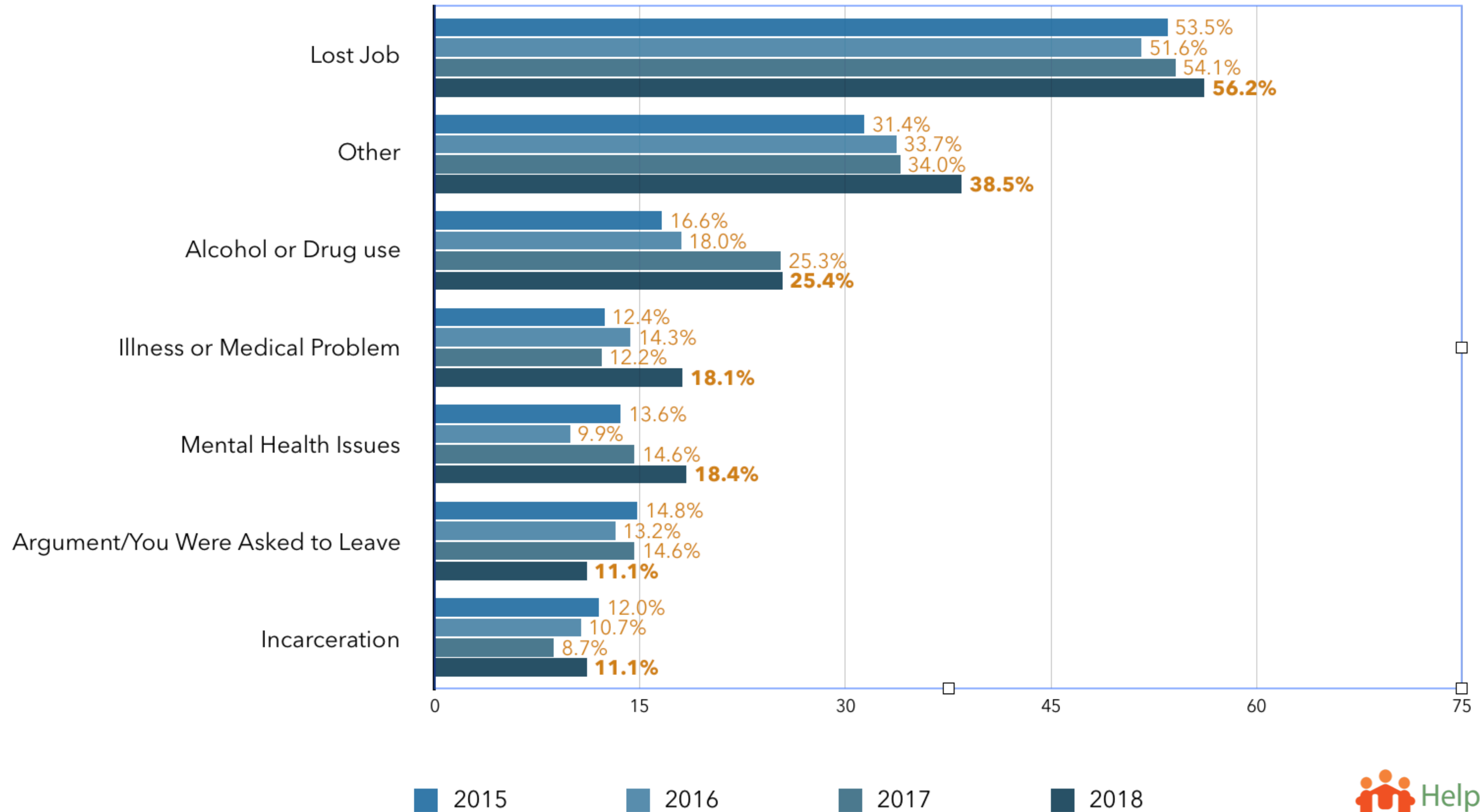- 0.3% of respondents reported they *don't identify as male, female, or transgender.*

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GENERAL SURVEY RESULTS – RACE OF RESPONDENTS

White/Caucasian
- 48.2%
- 50.6%
- 55.3%
- **57.3%**

Black/African American
- 36.0%
- 38.1%
- 34.8%
- **32.7%**

American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 2.8%
- 2.3%
- 3.3%
- **2.8%**

Asian
- 4.8%
- 3.1%
- 2.5%
- **2.5%**

Pacific Islander
- 1.4%
- 2.0%
- 1.5%
- **2.3%**

Other / Multi-ethnic
- 10.6%
- 8.1%
- 6.1%
- **6.0%**

0    13    26    39    52    65

■ 2015   ■ 2016   ■ 2017   ■ 2018

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GENERAL SURVEY RESULTS – ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENTS

Hispanic/Latino: 16.4% (2015), 12.9% (2016), 12.0% (2017), 10.1% (2018)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino: 83.6% (2015), 87.1% (2016), 88.0% (2017), 89.9% (2018)

2015  2016  2017  2018

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General Survey Results – Top 6 Events Leading to Homelessness

# GENERAL SURVEY RESULTS – ECONOMIC SUPPORT

- 88.7% of survey respondents reported they were experiencing unemployment at the time of the survey.

- 2018 survey responses indicate slightly more homeless individuals are receiving income from other sources (e.g. panhandling, recycling, etc.). 74.9% of 2018 survey respondents claimed to be receiving no money from other sources, compared to 2017 (74.8%).

- Between 2017 and 2018, the amount of survey respondents receiving *Food Stamps* increased from 75.1% to 75.8%.

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# GENERAL SURVEY RESULTS – DISABLING CONDITIONS

67.1% of survey respondents reported one or more disabling conditions.

**Physical Disabilities**

37.9% of survey respondents indicated they were currently or had ever experienced a physical disability.  This is a 3.3% increase compared to 2017 (34.6%).

**Developmental Disabilities**

16.4% of survey respondents indicated they currently or had ever experienced a developmental disability. This is a 7.6% increase compared to 2017 (8.8%).
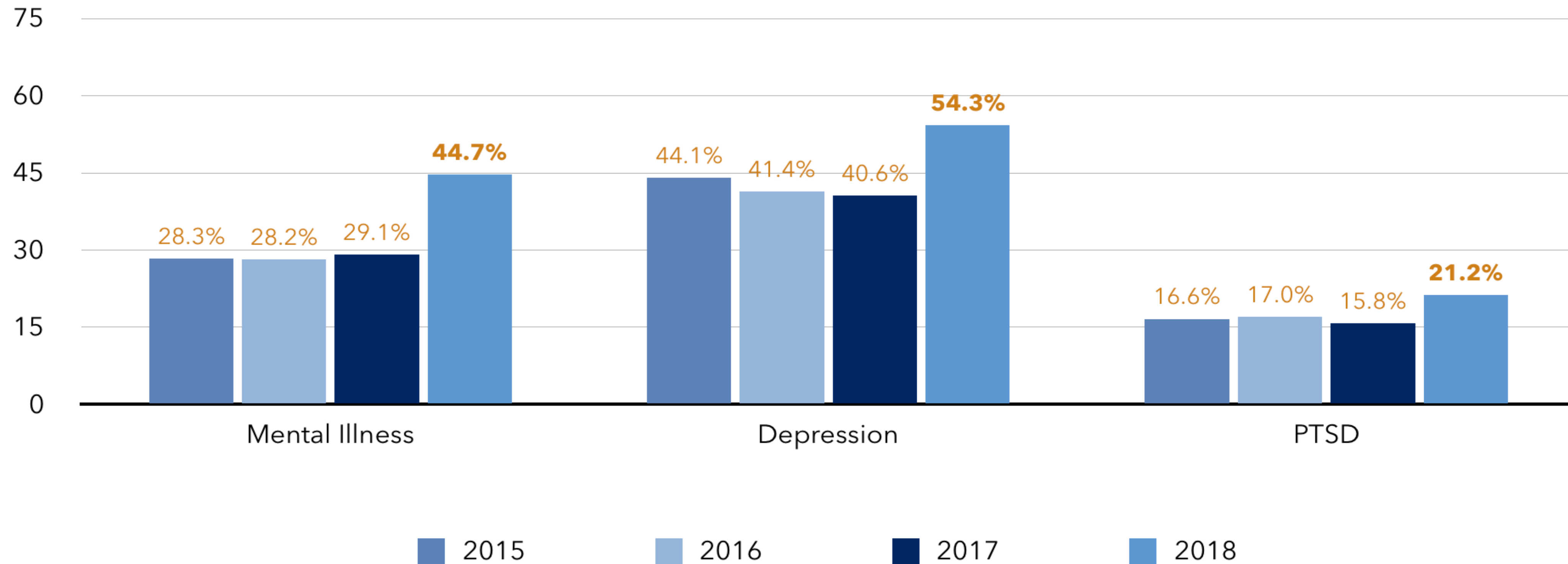
# HOMELESS SUBPOPULATIONS – CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

| Homeless Subpopulation | Estimates 2018 |
|---|---|
| CH* Individuals | 505 |
| CH Families | 0 |
| Persons in CH Families | 0 |

Data indicates that on any given night in 2018, Southern Nevada has approximately 505 chronically homeless  individuals. This is a 14.8% (65 persons) increase since 2017 (440 persons).

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# HOMELESS SUBPOPULATIONS – OTHER SUBPOPULATIONS

| Homeless Subpopulation | Sheltered & Unsheltered Total Amounts | | | | Net Change 2017-2018 | Percent Change 2017-2018 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | | |
| Adults with Serious Mental Illness* | 1,064 | 1,836 | 1,798 | 2,161 | 363 | 20% |
| Adults with Substance Use Disorder | 798 | 1,049 | 1,529 | 1,431 | -98 | -6% |
| Adults with HIV/AIDS | 71 | 81 | 40 | 82 | 42 | 105% |
| Victims of Domestic Violence | 735 | 826 | 875 | 692 | -183 | -21% |

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# HOMELESS SUBPOPULATIONS – MENTAL ILLNESS, DEPRESSION, PTSD



Legend: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Mental Illness: 28.3%, 28.2%, 29.1%, 44.7%
Depression: 44.1%, 41.4%, 40.6%, 54.3%
PTSD: 16.6%, 17.0%, 15.8%, 21.2%

Overall, 64% of survey respondents reported experiencing mental illness, depression, or PTSD, or any possible variation thereof.
This is higher than that of 2017 (47.6%).

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# SURVEY RESULTS – CO-OCCURING DISORDERS - DISABLING
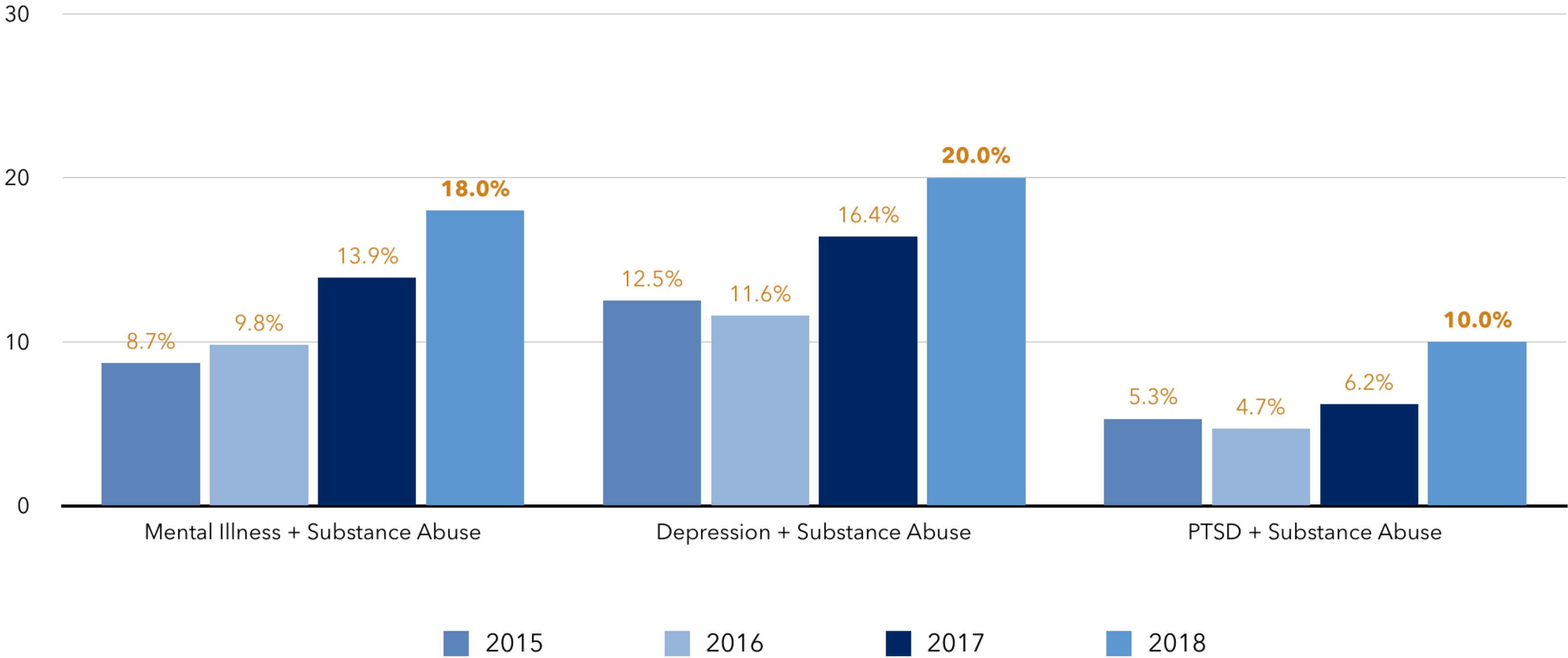


NOTE: For the purposes of this figure, 'Disabling' is defined as a condition that prevents the respondent from getting work or housing.

# HOMELESS VETERANS – PIT COUNT DATA

- A total of 594 veterans were enumerated in the 2018 PIT Count (sheltered and unsheltered). **This is a 14% decrease (97 less veterans) since the 2016 PIT Count.**

- Of these veterans: 58 were *female*, 533 were *male*, 3 were *transgender*, and none indicated they *don't identify as male, female, or transgender.*

- The majority of homeless veterans were *White/Caucasian* (349 persons, 58.8%) and *Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino* (546 persons, 92% ).

- The PIT Count identified 1 homeless veteran household with children.

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# HOMELESS VETERANS – CHRONICALLY HOMELESS VETERANS

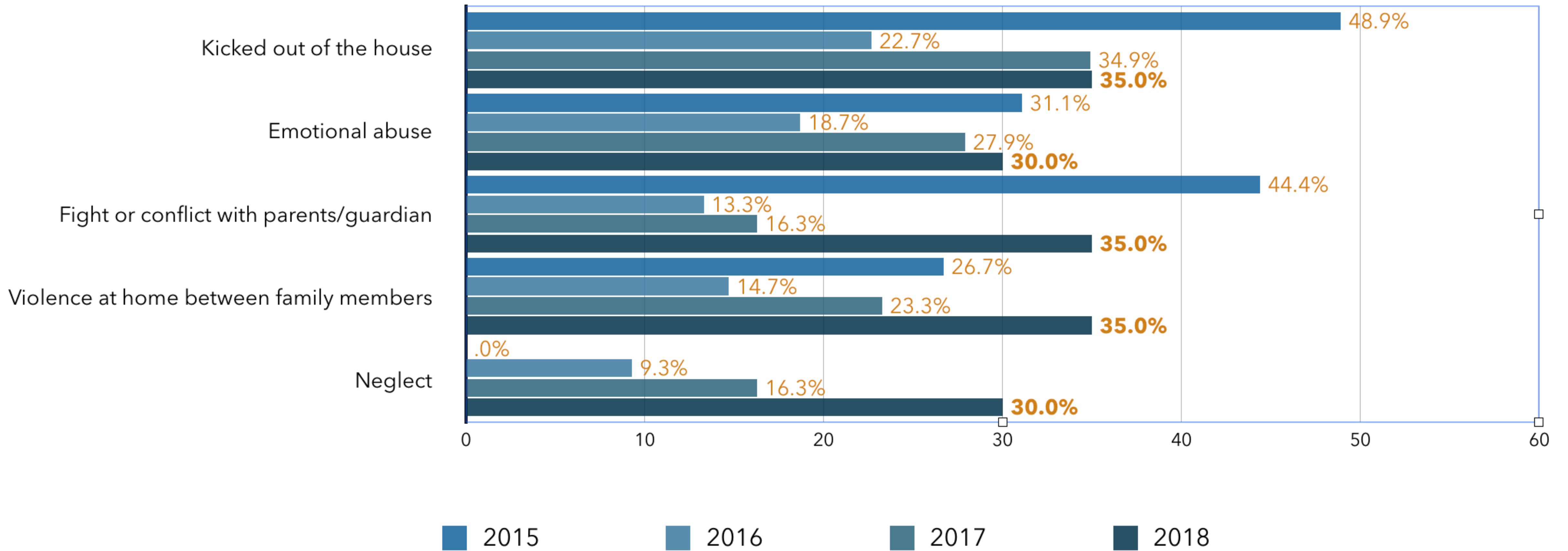| Homeless Subpopulation | 2017 | | 2018 | | 2017 - 2018 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Number** | **Percent** | **Number** | **Percent** | **Number** | **Percent** |
| **CH  Veteran Individuals** | 18 | 100% | 61 | 100% | 43 | 238.9% |
| Unsheltered | 10 | 55.6% | 21 | 34.4% | 11 | 110% |
| Sheltered Emergency Shelter | 8 | 44.4% | 40 | 65.6% | 32 | 400% |
| Sheltered Safe Haven | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| **CH Veteran Families** | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Unsheltered | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Sheltered Emergency Shelter | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Sheltered Safe Haven | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| **People in CH Veteran Families** | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Unsheltered | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0% |
| Sheltered Emergency Shelter | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0% |
| Sheltered Safe Haven | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0% |

# HOMELESS VETERANS – GENERAL SURVEY DATA

- A total of 32 Veterans were surveyed, all unsheltered.

- 4 (13%) were *female* and 28 (88%) were *male*. There were no Veteran survey respondents who identified as *transgender*.

- 56% were White/Caucasian, 31% were *Black / African American*. 97% were *Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino*.

- 68.7% reported *Honorable* discharge, 12.5% reported *General Discharge*, 6.3% reported *Other Than Honorable* discharge, and 3.1% reported *Dishonorable* discharge. 6.3% reported *Other/NA*.

- 31.3% of homeless veteran respondents reported that they had no disabling conditions.

# YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS - DEMOGRAPHICS
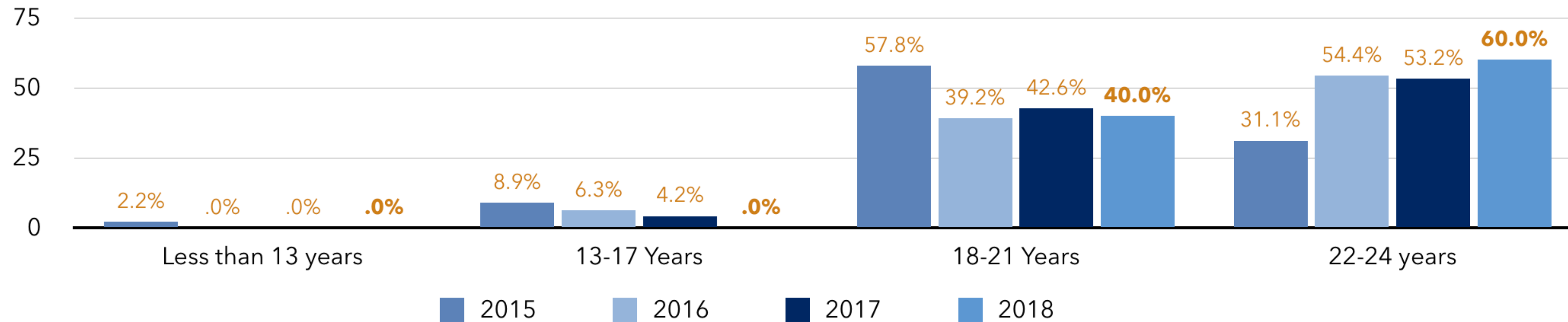


- 55% of respondents identified their racial group as *Black / African American,* 45% identified as *White/Caucasian.* 75% of youth respondents identified as *Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino*.

- 50% of respondents identified their *Gender* as *Male,* 50% identified as *Female,* zero identified as *Transgender* or reported they *don't identify as male, female, or transgender.* 30% of female respondents reported they were pregnant.

- 15% of youth respondents identified as *Bisexual.*

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# YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS – PRIMARY CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS

**Kicked out of the house**
- 48.9%
- 22.7%
- 34.9%
- **35.0%**

**Emotional abuse**
- 31.1%
- 18.7%
- 27.9%
- **30.0%**

**Fight or conflict with parents/guardian**
- 44.4%
- 13.3%
- 16.3%
- **35.0%**

**Violence at home between family members**
- 26.7%
- 14.7%
- 23.3%
- **35.0%**

**Neglect**
- .0%
- 9.3%
- 16.3%
- **30.0%**

Legend: ■ 2015 ■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018

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# YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS – CONDITIONS OF HOMELESSNESS

- 45% of youth survey respondents were between the ages of 18-21 when they first became homeless.

- The majority (27.9%) of survey respondents had been couch surfing for *2-6 months* at the time of the survey.

- 55% of the survey respondents reported that they had been without a home, or a regular place to stay/sleep, or been homeless for over a year in their entire lives.

- The most frequently cited family member respondents were living with prior to becoming homeless was *Single Mother (40%).*

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# YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS – CURRENT NEEDS AND SUPPORT

- The most commonly cited service need was *Housing* (85%).

- 60% of all respondents cited *Clothing* needs, while 55% of all respondents cited *Job training/placement* as the top current need.

- The majority of respondents (65%) were still in contact with their parent(s) or primary caregiver(s), and most respondents (76.9%) last had contact with them *7 days or less* before they were surveyed.

- The majority of survey respondents (70%) reported that they had an adult to whom they could go for advice and emotional support.

- Most survey respondents (28.6%) reported that a friend was the individual to whom they could go to for advice and emotional support.

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# Youth Survey Results – Education

- 45% of respondents had finished 12th grade or earned their diploma/equivalent.

- 45% of survey respondents had reached 11th grade.

- The additional 10% of survey respondents had reached 10th grade.

- None of the survey respondents had college experience.

- 45% of survey respondents would be interested in receiving educational services if they were available.

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# YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS – SERVICE UTILIZATION

- 18.2% of survey respondents reported that their age prevented them from receiving *government assistance*.

- 9.1% of survey respondents reported that their age prevented them from receiving *permanent housing.*

- 63.6% stated their age prevented them from receiving *other* services or goals.

- The majority of respondents (50%) reported *Don't trust anyone* as a primary factor preventing them from seeking services. 27.8% reported *Don't have transportation* as a reason.

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# 2018 Homeless Census Report

# QUESTIONS?