



St. Johns County
Continuum of Care

ENDING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

2024 Point in Time Count

Mission and Vision

Mission:

The Continuum of Care leads the effort to prevent and end homelessness, bringing together resources and partnerships to make homelessness rare, brief, and one time

Vision:

Believing housing is a human right, we envision a community where all people have access to safe, stable, and affordable housing.

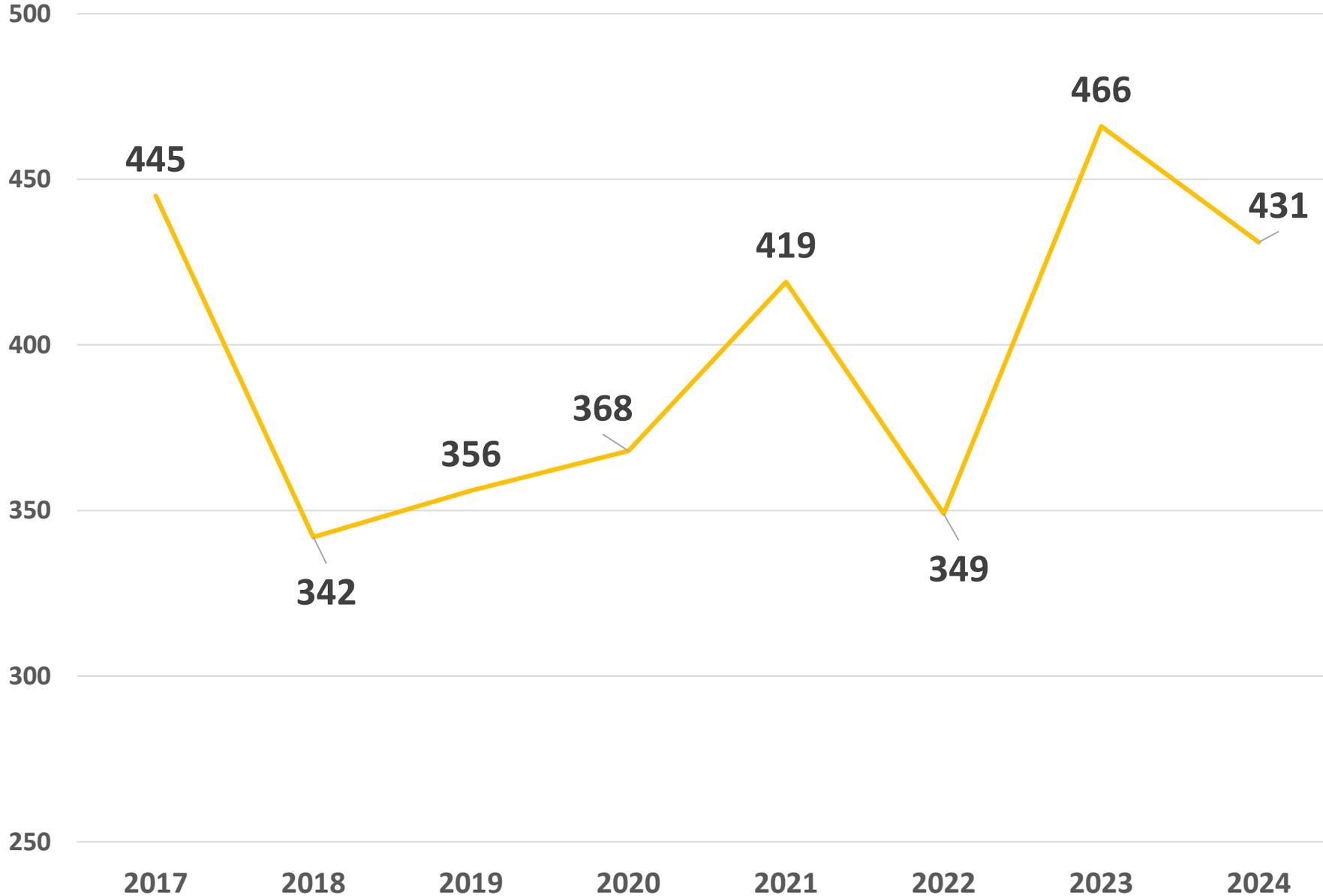
What is PIT?

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night.

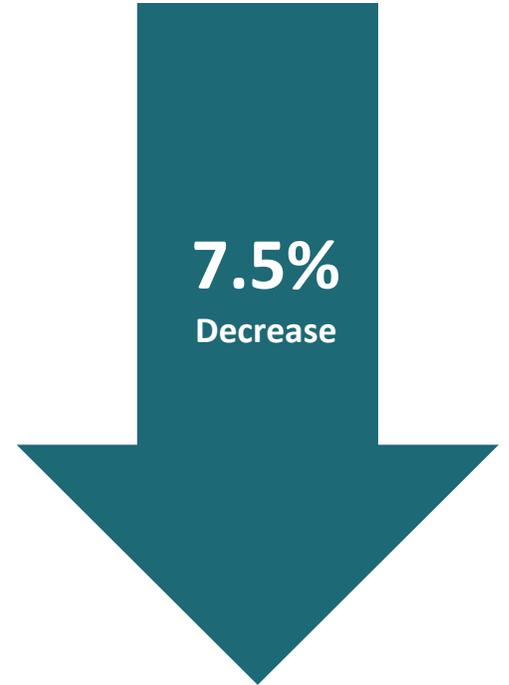
SHELTERED Counts: Temporary housing settings such as, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and safe havens.

UNSHELTERED Counts: Persons who reside in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings , on the street.

Total Count

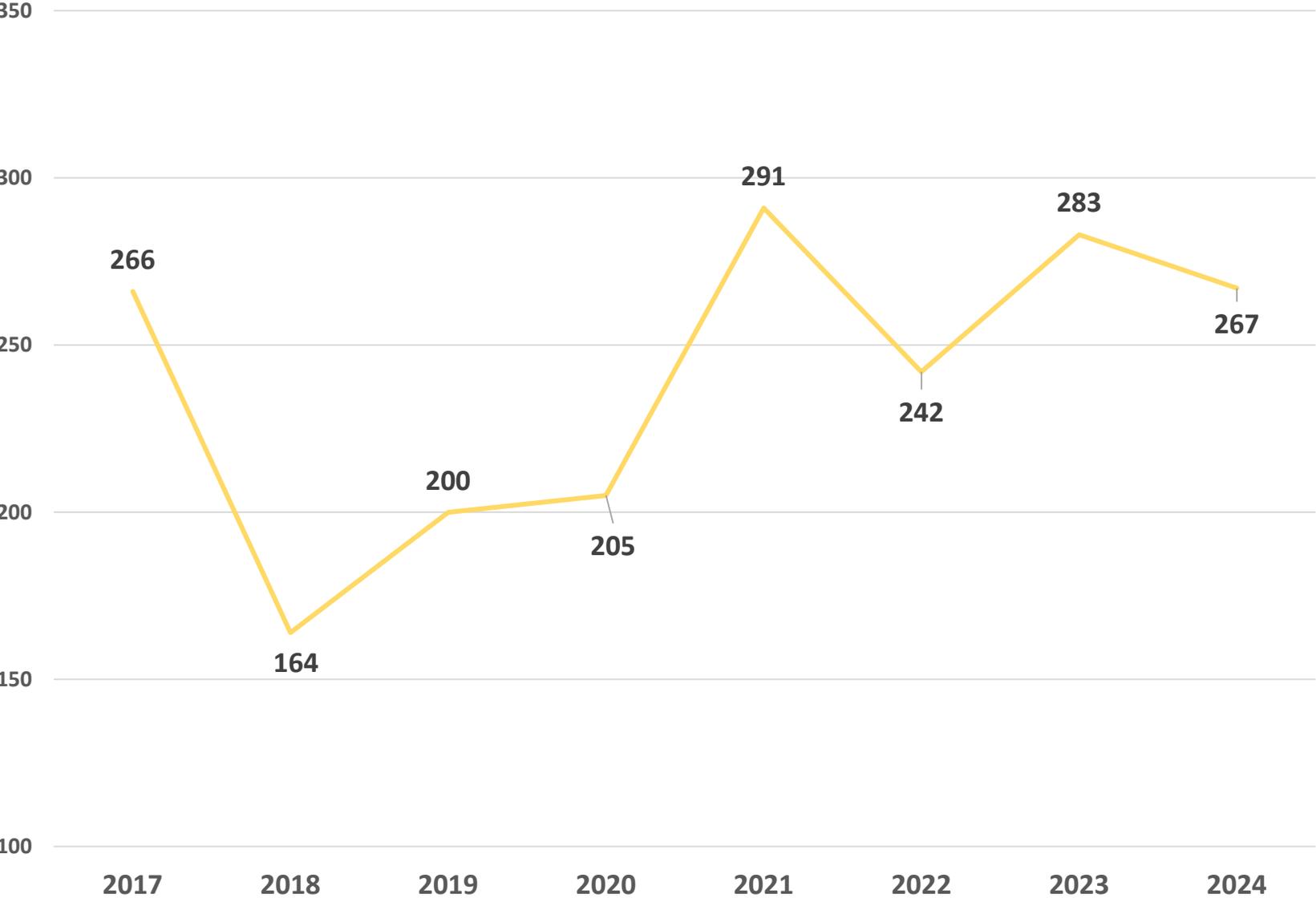


2023
Total Count **466**



2024
Total Count **431**

Unsheltered Count



 **Male**
62%

 **Female**
38% 



Households
41 Identified

Community Feedback

- MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- MORE SHELTER
- MORE FOOD RESOURCES



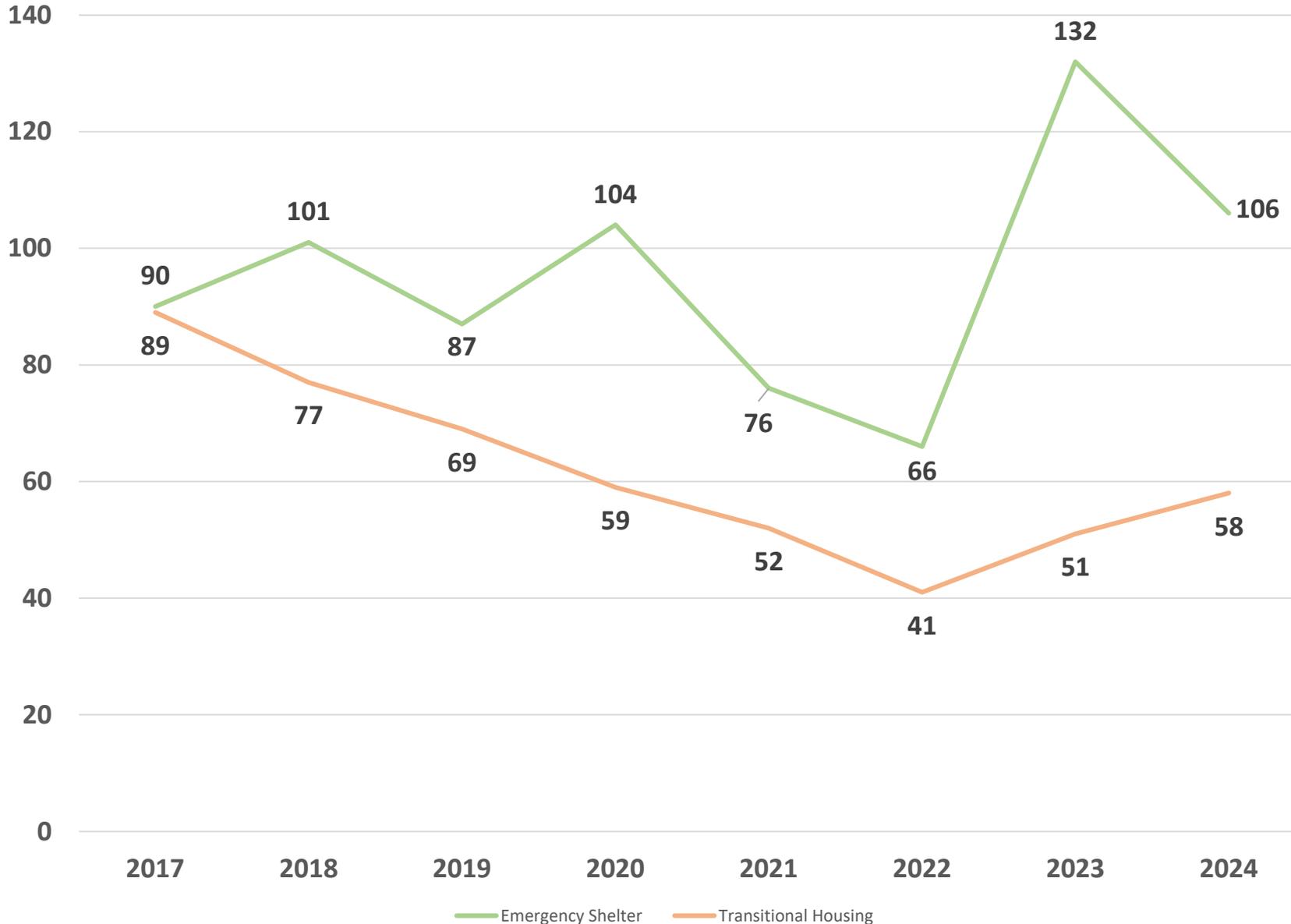
Homelessness Causes

- DISRUPTION IN FINANCES
- BREAK DOWN OF RELATIONSHIP(S)
- HEALTH REASONS

MENTAL HEALTH
32%

DRUG USE
36%

Sheltered Count



 **Male**
53%

 **Female**
47% 



Households
76 Identified

**MENTAL
HEALTH**
28%

**DRUG
USE**
30%



**Transitional
Housing**

Decreased Units
Increased Utilization
More Families

Chronic Count

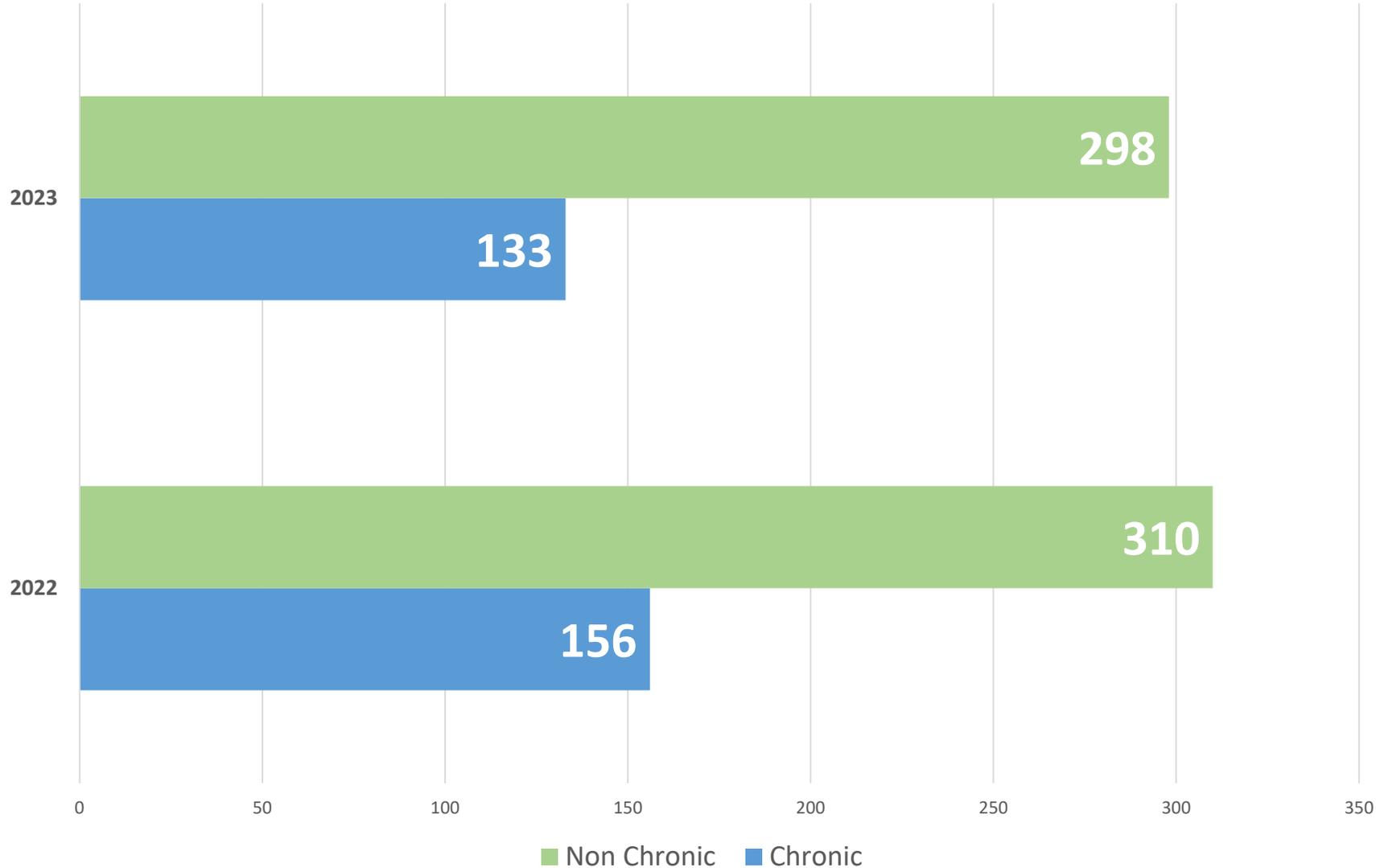
What is chronic homelessness?

- HUD:
A homeless individual with a disability as defined in section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9)), who:
 - Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and
 - Has been homeless and living as described for at least 12 months* or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described.
- An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility for less, including jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria of this definition before entering that facility**; or
- A family with an adult head of household (or, if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

*A “break” in homeless is considered to be 7 or more nights.

**An individual residing in an institutional care facility does not constitute a break in homelessness.

Chronic Count



 **Male**
68%

 **Female**
32% 



Households

70% of individuals stated they were living alone

Community Feedback

MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
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Homelessness Causes

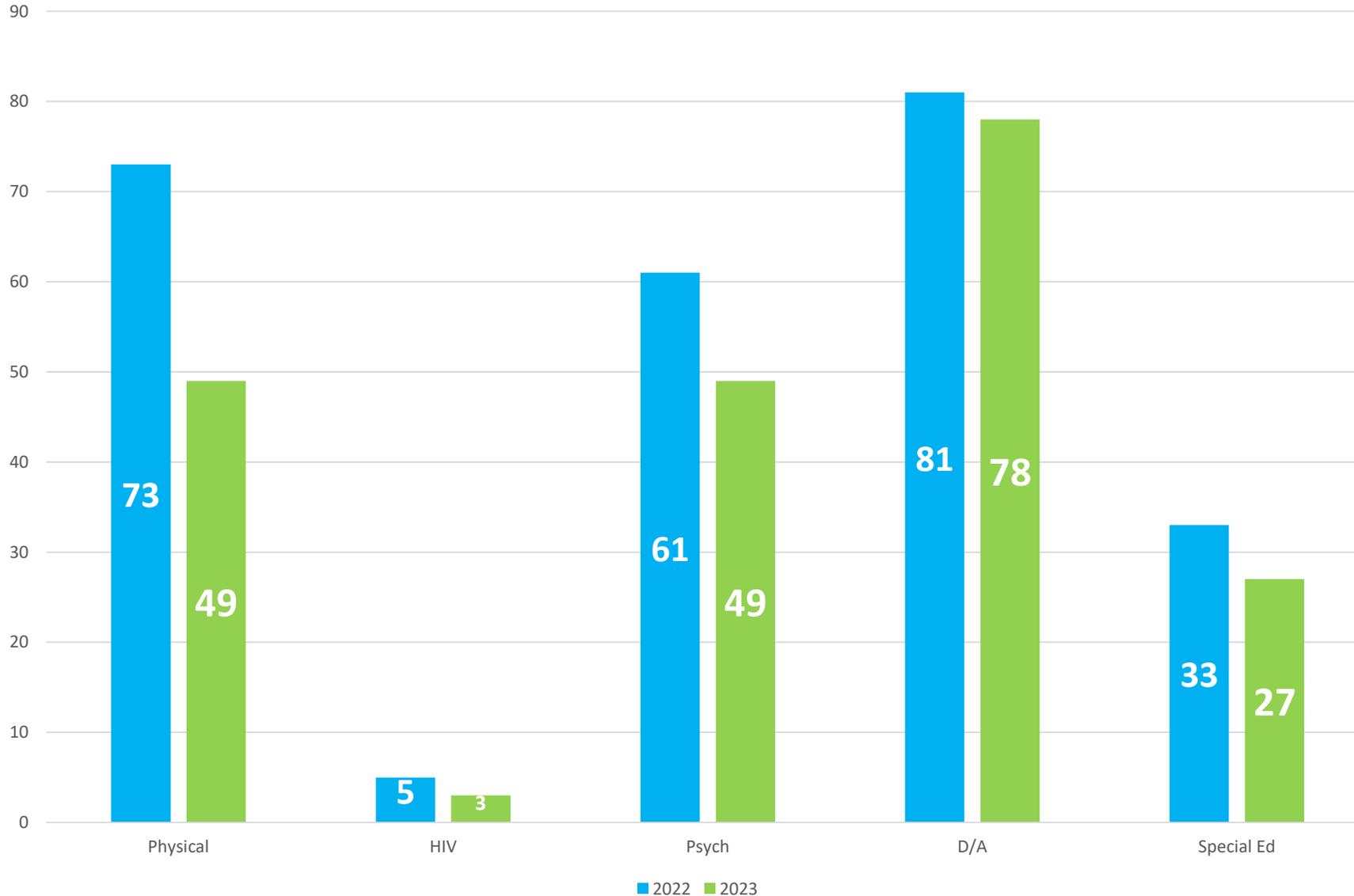
FINANCIAL DISRUPTION
HEALTH ISSUES
RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWN

MENTAL HEALTH
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DRUG USE
36%

Health Outcomes

(Survey Only) – 156 completed this section



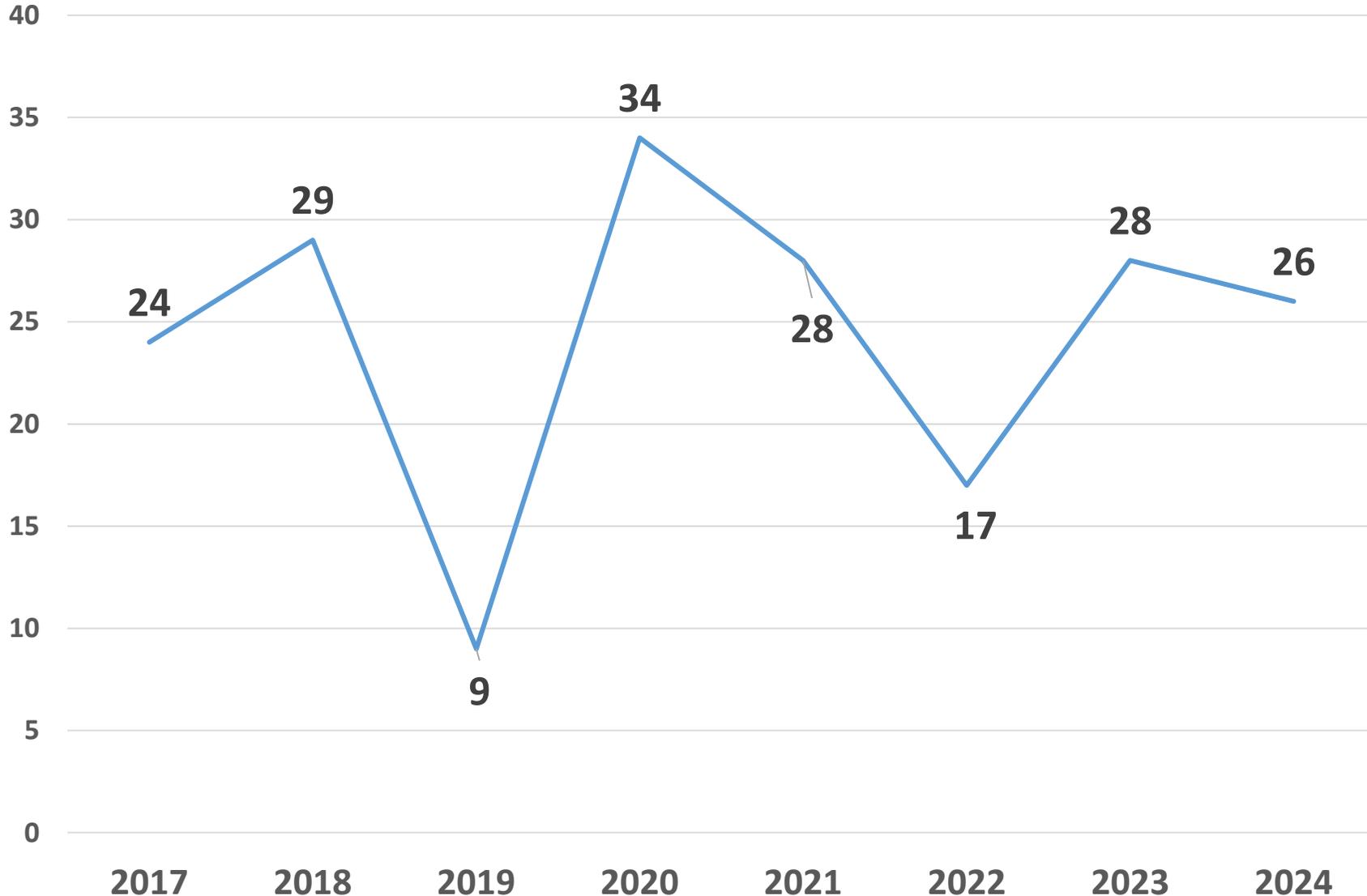
Take Aways

More refusals this year.

Overall decrease in the number of reported outcomes.

Increase in observations.

Youth Count 18-24



 **Male**
63%

 **Female**
37%↓



Households

97% of individuals
stated they were
living alone

Community Feedback

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Homelessness

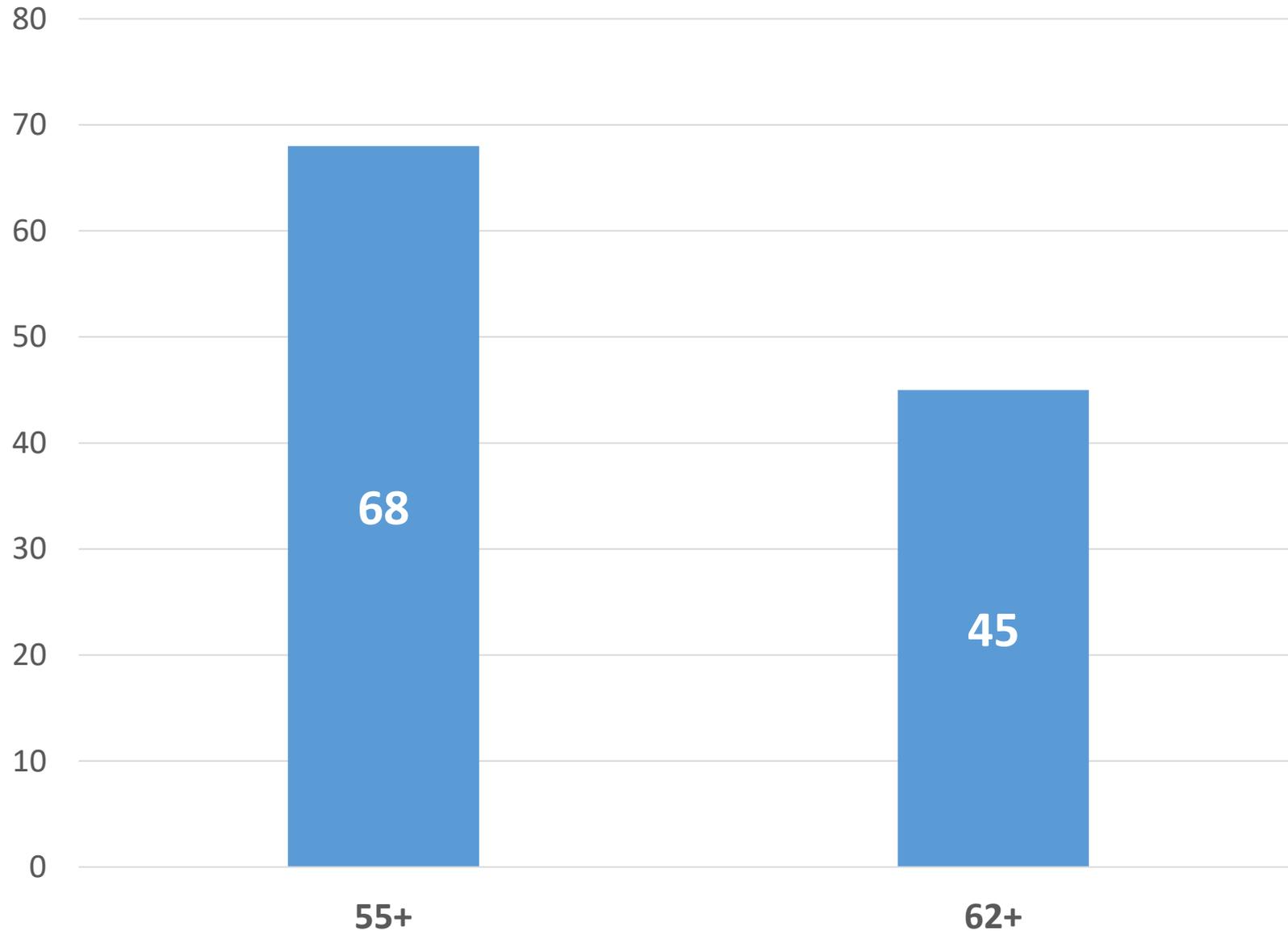
Causes

FINANCIAL DISRUPTION
LEGAL
RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWN

**MENTAL
HEALTH**
16%

**DRUG
USE**
11%

Aging Count



62+ Quick Stats:

 **Male**
80%

 **Female**
20%↓



Households

84% of individuals
stated they were
living alone

Community Feedback

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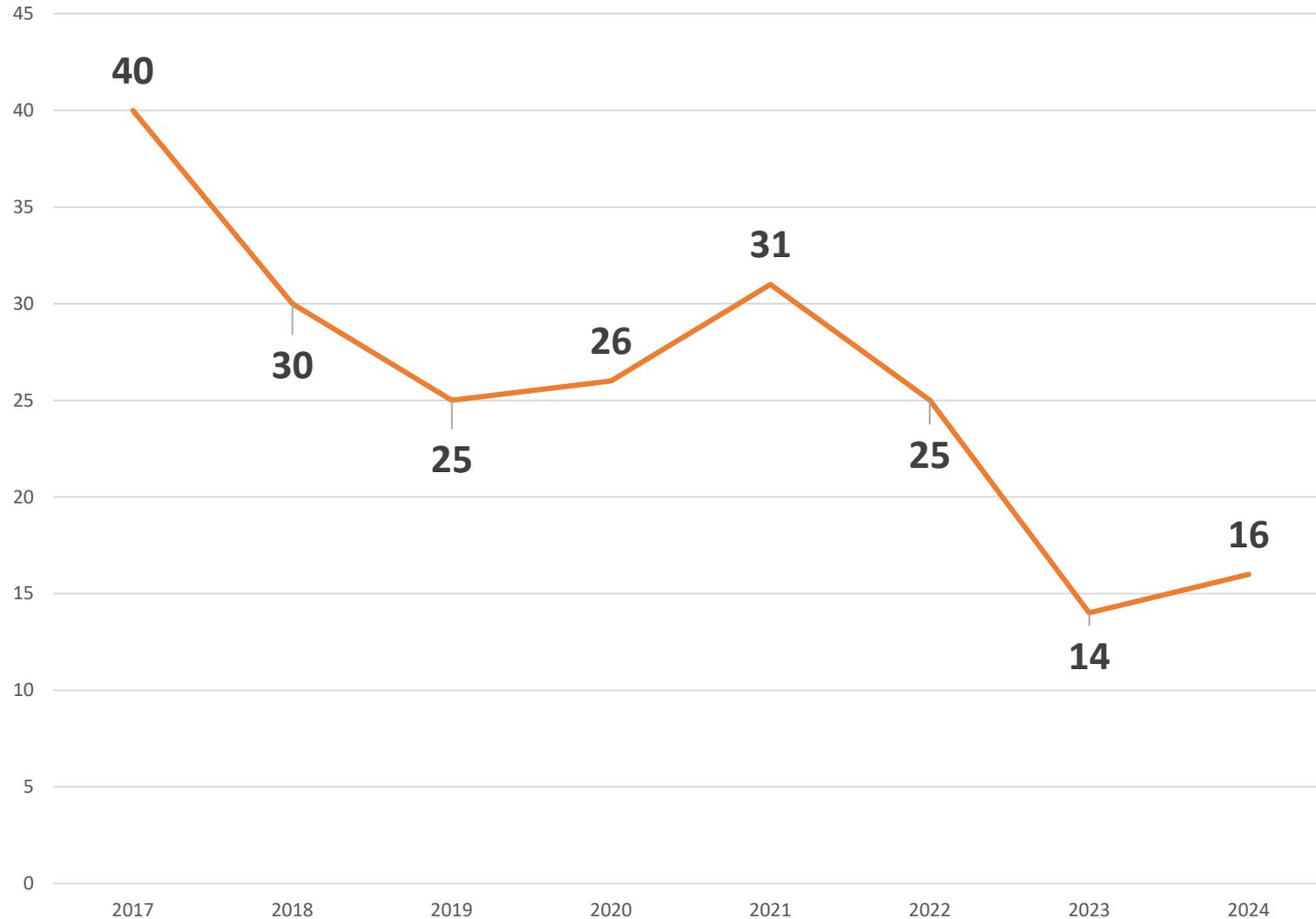
Homelessness Causes

FINANCIAL DISRUPTION
HEALTH ISSUES
RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWN

**MENTAL
HEALTH**
42%

**DRUG
USE**
33%

Veteran Count



♂ MALE 100% ♀ FEMALE 0%

MENTAL HEALTH
22%

DRUG USE
36%

0 Families Identified



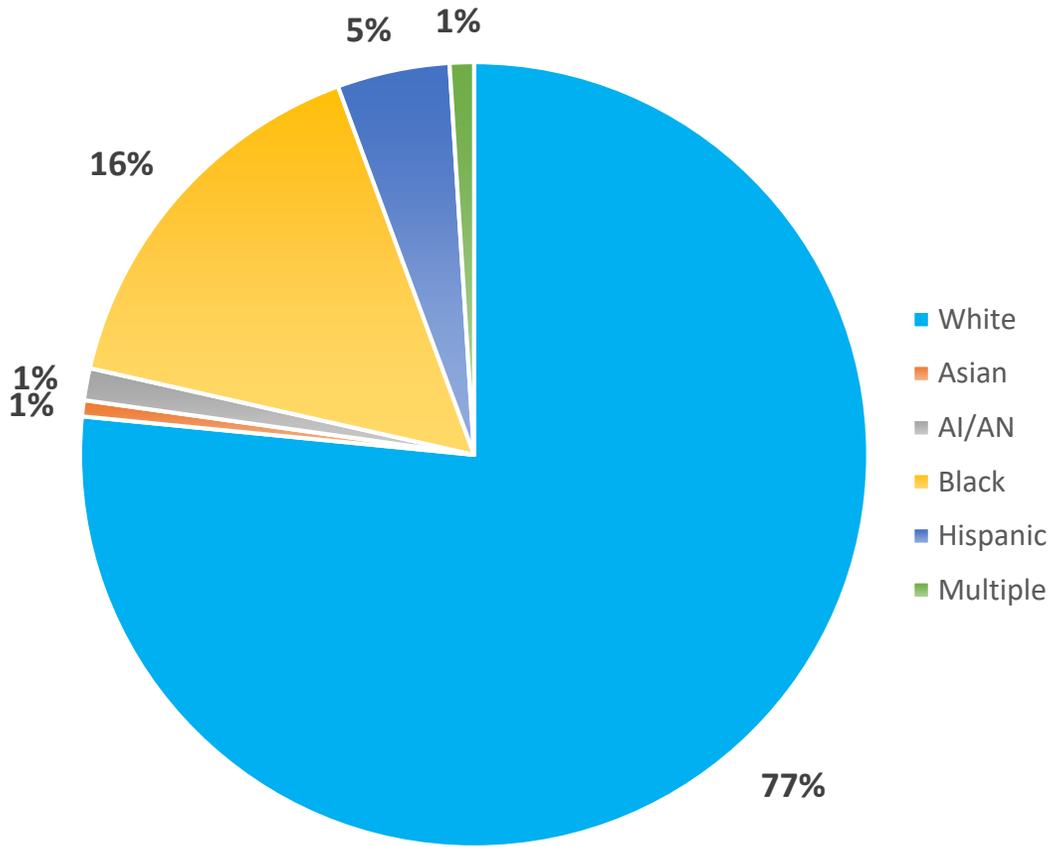
COMMUNITY FEEDBACK
MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
TRANSPORTATION

2 IN 3 PEOPLE
IDENTIFIED AS
CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

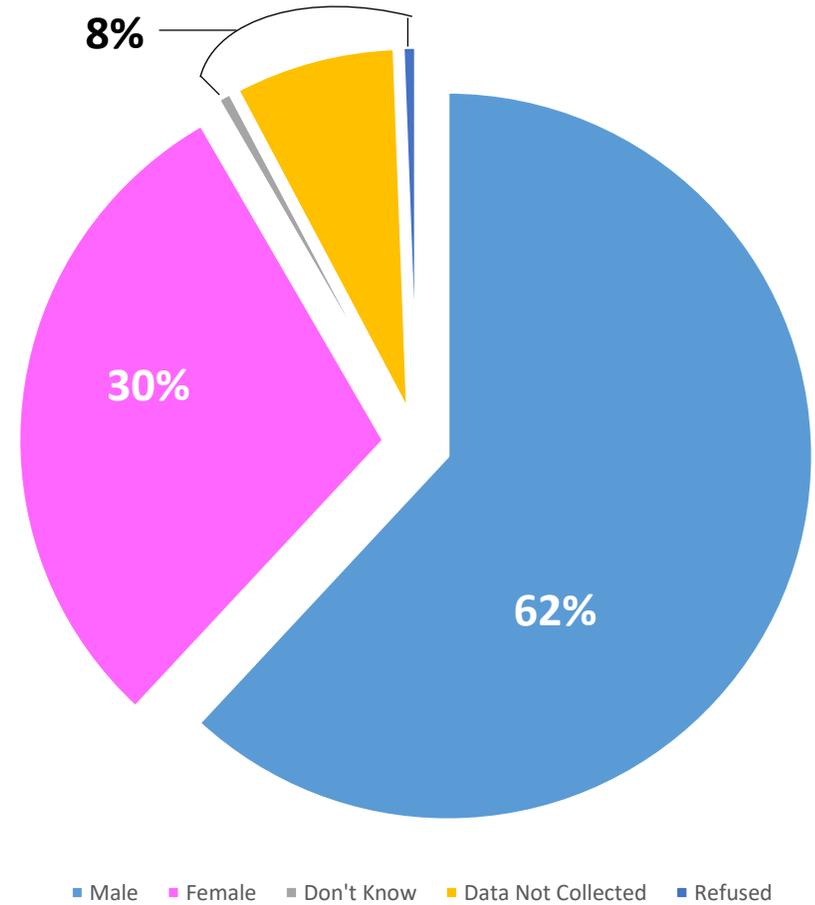


Demographics

Race



Gender



What's Changed

- Women:
 - An increase in homeless females across shelter stats
- Families:
 - A 17% increase of families seen from last year in those that are unsheltered
- Aged:
 - 20% increase in the 55+ age bracket from 2023
 - 2.2% increase in the 62+ age bracket from 2023

St. Johns County Homelessness at a glance

37 – 46 Year Old Male

**1 in 3 odds of having a disability
(physical or mental)**

**Homeless at least twice in the
last 3 years with a 25% chance
to be homeless again after your
3rd time**

**Sought assistance from 2-3
different agencies in the last 3
episodes of homelessness**

**Likely living alone – If you are in
Transitional Housing/Emergency
Shelter you are more likely to be in
family.**

**25% chance your homeless
experience started due to loss of
income.**

**14% chance your homeless
experience started due a
relationship breakdown.**

Causes of Homelessness

- Financial Breakdown (lost job/benefits, increased rent/mortgage, etc.) – 48%
- Relationship Breakdown (family, romantic, friendship, roommate, etc.) - 27%
- Health Reasons (addiction, physical condition, mental condition, etc.) – 20%
- Legal (went to jail/prison, evicted, etc.) - 5%

Community Feedback

What could the community use from the eyes of those experiencing homelessness:

1. Housing/Affordable Housing
2. Disability Assistance
3. Increased medical care for the homeless
4. Shelters
5. Higher paying jobs
6. Assistance with government documents (IDs, Birth Certificates)
7. Substance Abuse assistance
8. Side walks/Community infrastructure (such as buses)
9. Medication Assistance
10. Love and Compassion