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Monthly HMIS Metrics Report August 2023

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About this Report

This report shares monthly metrics from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), our database for collecting information on persons who engage with the Homeless Response System (HRS) within the Sacramento area. Collectively, these metrics can be used to better measure the state of homelessness in our community.

Our community is an active member of the Built For Zero movement, a national methodology for measuring and equitably ending homelessness. Part of that membership includes maintaining a comprehensive data source of every person in our community who is experiencing homelessness, the *By-Name List*, or as our community calls it, the *Community Queue*.¹ By actively maintaining our Community Queue, we can capture when people enter or exit homelessness. Many of the metrics shared in this report are based on methodology developed by Built for Zero.

¹ For more information about Built for Zero, see <https://community.solutions/quality-by-name-data/>.

Active Homeless Population

This section shares the current count of people who are actively homeless according to our Community Queue and the demographics of that population.

Current Counts

As of August 2023, 9500 people were reported to be actively homeless while 2,400 were actively enrolled in emergency shelters. The following figure shares these data counts for the last 12 months.²

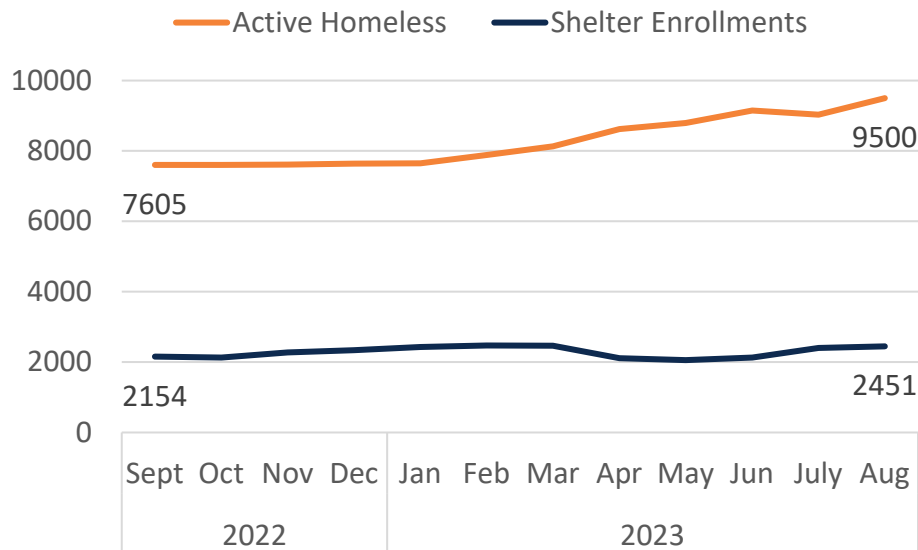


Figure 1. Monthly Active Homeless Counts for the Last 12 Months.

The Community Queue considers the experiences of each person experiencing homelessness and assigns a single status to describe their situation.³ The following figure shares the counts of this population for each status.

² See Appendix Table 1 for more comparative metrics on the active homeless population and Community Queue Statuses.

³ Sheltered counts on the Community Queue will be lower than the count of active enrollments because it considers all intervention activity associated with a client. For example, there are cases where an individual has an active enrollment in a shelter and an active enrollment in a street outreach program.

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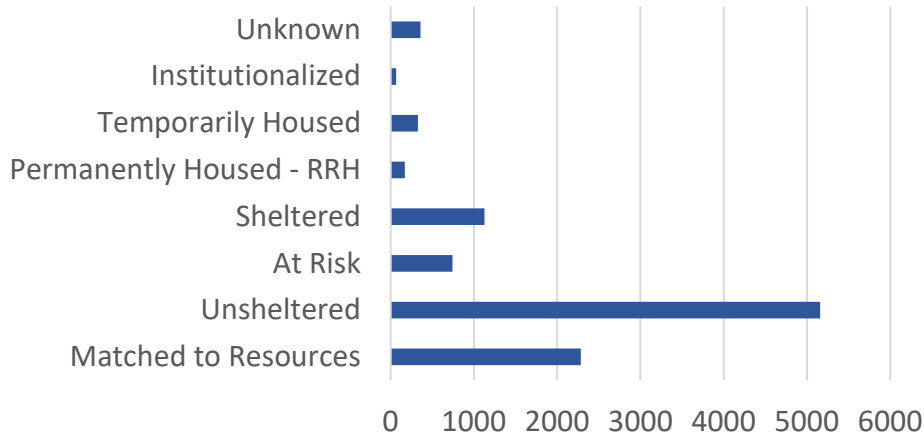


Figure 2. Active Homeless Population Statuses for the Current Month.

Demographics

Demographics included in this report include race, ethnicity, agency, gender, and household type.⁴

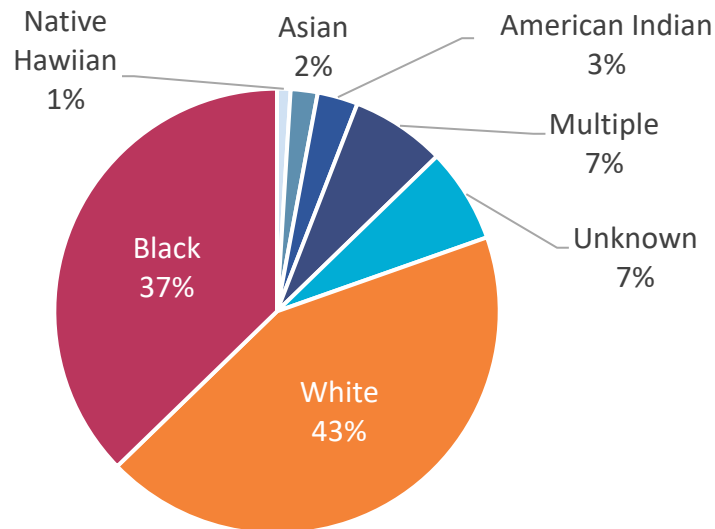


Figure 3. Active Homeless Population by Race.

⁴ See Appendix Table 2 for more comparative metrics on these demographic data.

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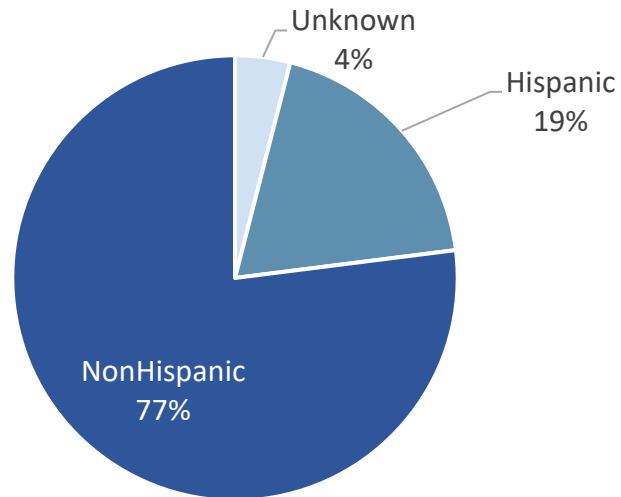


Figure 4. Active Homeless Population by Ethnicity.

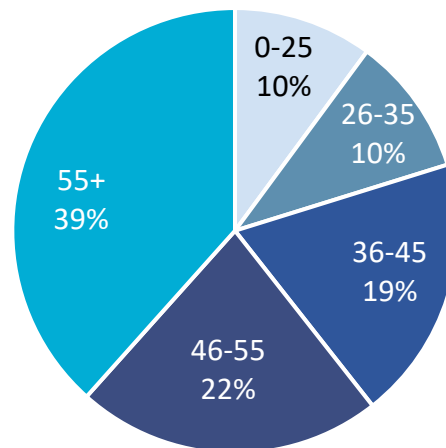


Figure 5. Active Homeless Population by Age Group.

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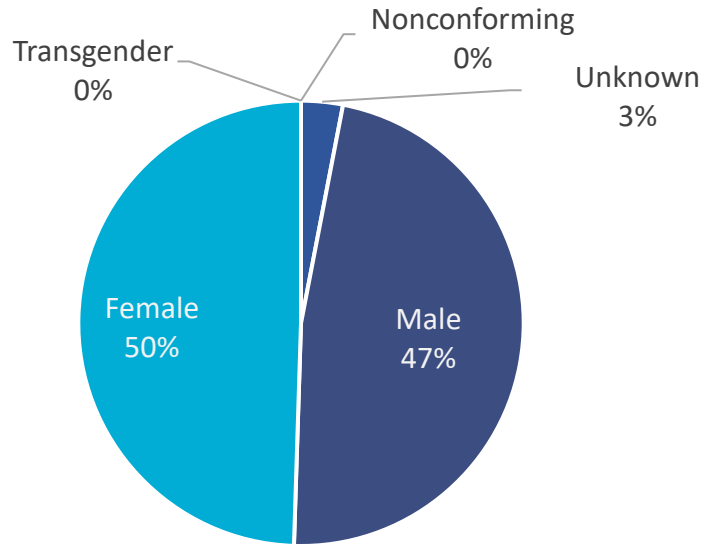


Figure 6. Active Homeless Population by Gender.

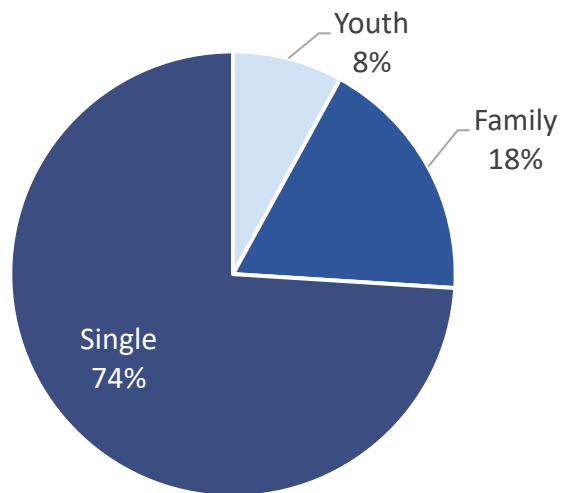


Figure 7. Active Homeless Population by Household Type.

Inflow and Outflow

The section shares the number of people entering and exiting (“flow”) engagement with the HRS. Each month, the Community Queue is updated with the current list of actively homeless individuals. Inflow occurs when new

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individuals are added to the Community Queue. Outflow occurs when individuals leave the Community Queue.⁵

Community Queue Flow

During August 2023, 2,048 people entered the system of care (“inflow”) and 2,033 people exited the HRS (“outflow”).

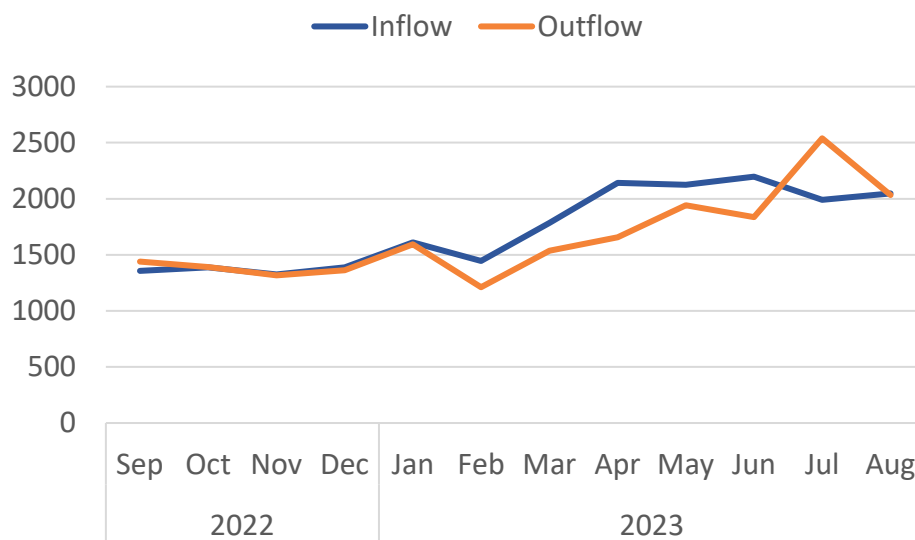


Figure 8. Community Queue Inflow and Outflow for the Last 12 Months.

During August 2023, 15 less people exited the system than entered. The following figure shares the net change in flow monthly for the last year. Net flow is calculated as the difference between the number of people who entered the system and the number of people who exited each month. If net flow is positive, then more people entered than exited system of care for the month. If net flow is negative, then more people exited than entered the system of care for the month.

⁵ See Appendix Table 3 for more comparative metrics on Community Queue flow.

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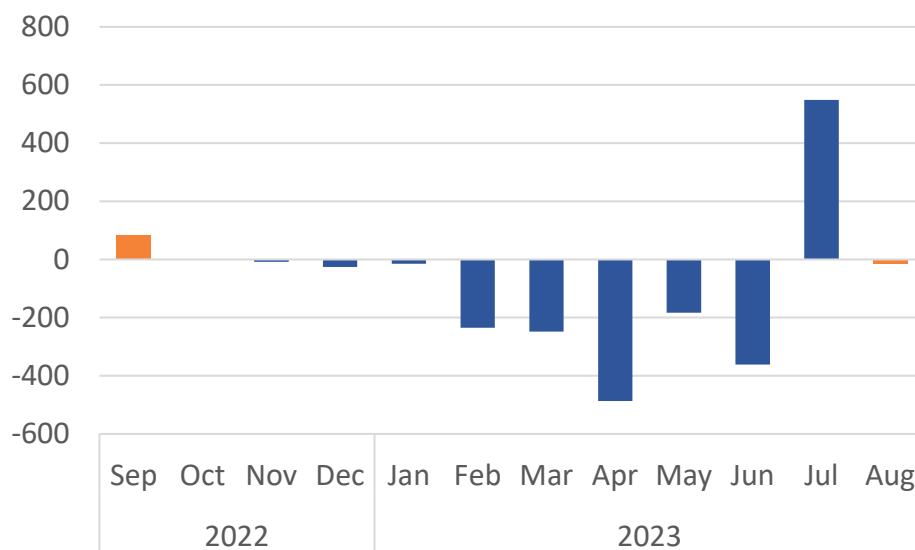


Figure 9. Net Flow into Homelessness for the Last 12 Months.

Intervention Exits

There are many different types of interventions available for people experiencing homelessness in our community. Intervention types available from our HRS include homelessness prevention (HP), transitional housing (TH), street outreach (SO), supportive services only (SSO), emergency shelter (ES), rapid re-housing (RRH), permanent supportive housing (PSH), and other permanent housing (OPH).

Interventions from the HRS reported 1,587 exits from all projects combined. The following figure reports on exit destinations across all intervention types.⁶

⁶ See Appendix Table 4 for comparative metrics on exit destinations across all intervention types.

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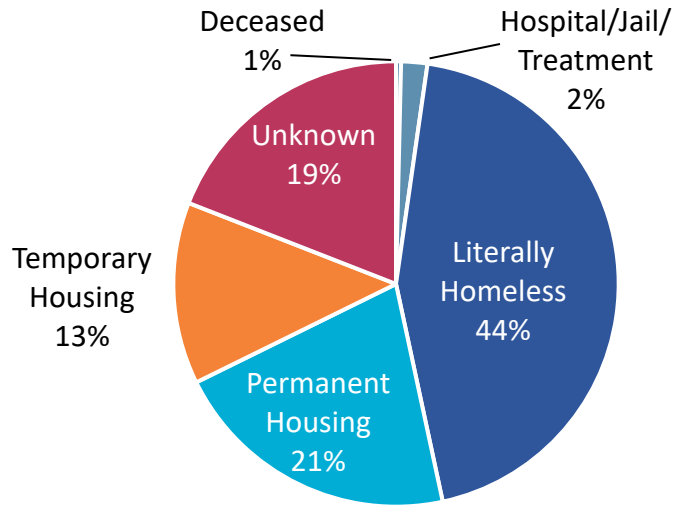


Figure 10. Share of Exits by Destination Type

The following figure reports on exits from each intervention type, regardless of whether the client exited homelessness or not.⁷

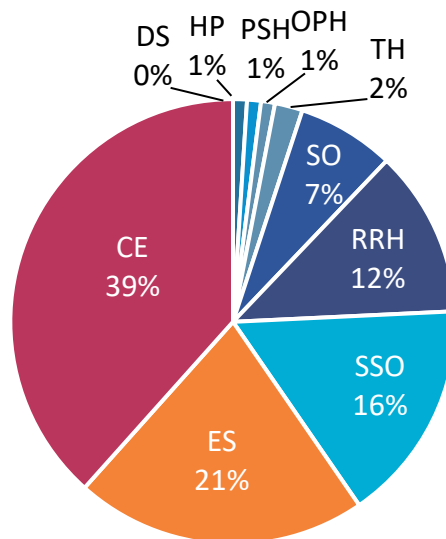


Figure 11. Exits by Intervention Type.

The following figure reports on exit destinations for each intervention type.

Total Exits

⁷ See Appendix Table 5 for comparative metrics on exits from each intervention type.

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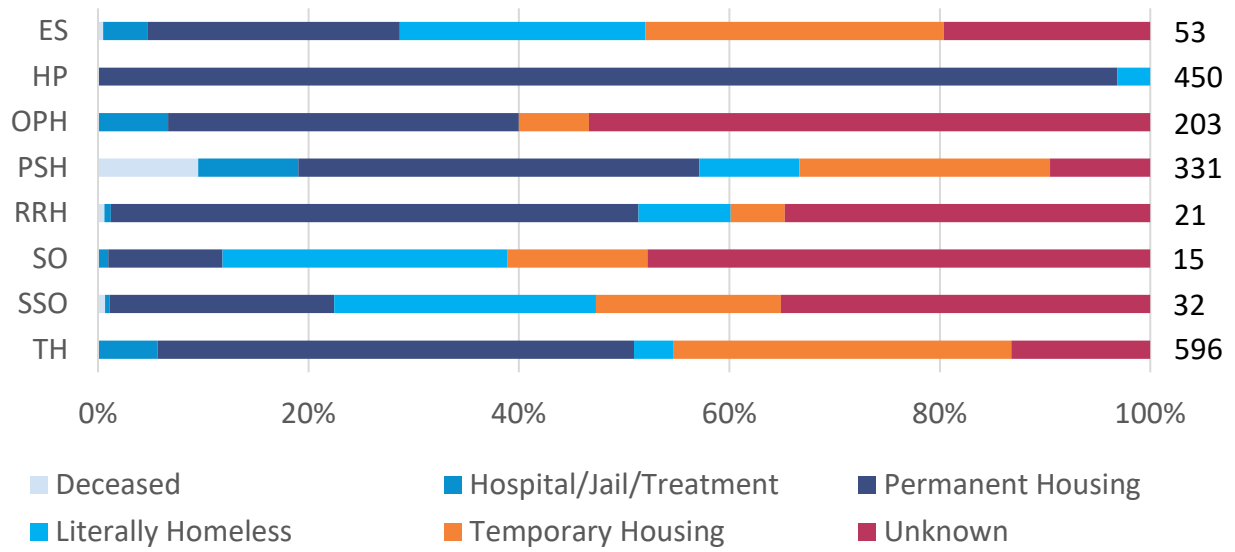


Figure 12. Share of Exit Destinations by Intervention Type.

Appendix

Table 1. Comparison Metrics for Community Queue Status Counts

Community Queue Status	This Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year
Active Homeless	9,500	9,031	7,834
Institutionalized	64	75	75
At Risk	741	13	17
Matched to Resources	2,282	2,223	2,827
Sheltered	1,128	1,191	1,290
Temporarily Housed	325	357	668
Unknown	458	450	1,040
Unsheltered	5,158	4,715	1,918

Note. These statuses are assigned based on a client's engagement with the Homelessness Response System as entered by service providers. Institutionalized: the activity indicates the client exited to an institutional destination. At Risk: the activity does not sufficiently demonstrate a client is experiencing homelessness. Matched to Resources: this is the default status which requires the activity sufficiently demonstrates homelessness but is not clearly indicative of anything more. Sheltered: the activity indicates the client is currently housed by a shelter-like program. Temporarily Housed: the activity indicates the client is currently housed by a Temporary Housing or Rapid Re-Housing program. Unknown: the activity indicates the client exited to an unknown destination. Unsheltered: the activity or exit destination indicates the client is currently residing in a place not meant for human habitation.

Table 2. Comparison Metrics for Demographic Counts

Demographic	This Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year
All Actively Homeless	9,500	9,031	7,834
Race			
<i>American Indian, Alaska Native</i>	285	235	225
<i>Asian</i>	95	154	102
<i>Black, African American</i>	3,515	3,711	3,153
<i>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</i>	95	1131	113
<i>White</i>	4,085	3,503	3,230
<i>Multiracial</i>	666	666	597
<i>Unknown</i>	666	624	414

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Demographic	This Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year
Ethnicity			
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	1,805	1,715	1516
<i>Non-Hispanic/Latino</i>	7,315	6,917	6,077
<i>Unknown</i>	380	399	241
Age Group			
<i>0-25</i>	950	2,690	2,675
<i>26-35</i>	951	1,434	1,132
<i>36-45</i>	1,805	1,633	1,283
<i>46-55</i>	2,090	1,448	1,209
<i>55+</i>	3,705	1,819	1,500
<i>Unknown</i>	7	7	35
Gender			
<i>Female</i>	4,750	4,348	3,750
<i>Male</i>	4,465	4,459	3,870
<i>Nonconforming</i>	36	47	45
<i>Transgender</i>	28	38	32
<i>Unknown</i>	285	257	137
Household Type			
<i>Family</i>	1,310	3,511	3,272
<i>Single Adult</i>	5,309	5,024	4,047
<i>Youth</i>	549	490	485
<i>Unknown</i>	6	6	30

Note. Family: Households with an adult for the head of households with at least one child in the family household. Single Adult: Households that identify with only one adult individual with that same individual identified as head of household. Unknown: Identified as Client Refused, Data Not Collected and Other. Youth: Households that only contain adolescents under the age of 18 and a head of household under the age of 18.

Table 3. Comparison Metrics for Flow Type Counts

Flow Type	This Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year
Inflow	2,048	1,990	1,310
<i>Newly Identified</i>	1,274	1,273	904
<i>Return from Housing</i>	89	120	63
<i>Return from Inactive</i>	685	597	343
Outflow	2,033	2,539	1,456

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Flow Type	This Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year
<i>Housing Placements</i>	308	330	246
<i>Moved to Inactive</i>	1,725	2,209	1,210

Note. Inflow: new clients to our system who were (re)identified during the reporting period. Newly Identified: clients new to homelessness, or those who have at least 2 years since their last episode of homelessness or HMIS activity. Returned from Housing: clients who identified their prior residence as having been a positive, permanent destination. Return from Inactive: clients who returned to homelessness after a period equal to or longer than the inactivity threshold since their last activity. Outflow - clients who are no longer homeless. Housing Placements: clients who have been moved in by a permanent housing (non-RRH) program or who exited to a positive, permanent destination. Moved to Inactive: clients who exited for any other reason but more generally have been inactive for a period equaling or greater than the inactivity threshold (Deceased is included here).

Table 4. Comparison Metrics for Intervention Exit Counts

Intervention Type	This Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year
Day Shelter	0	0	185
Emergency Shelter	596	552	429
Homeless Prevention	32	15	64
Housing Only	2	0	8
Housing with Services	15	6	5
Permanent Supportive Housing	21	32	20
Rapid Rehousing	331	350	377
Services Only	450	438	395
Street Outreach	203	294	265
Transitional Housing	53	58	80

Note. These data include counts of all exits from each intervention type.

Table 5. Comparison Metrics for Intervention Exit Destination Counts

Exit Destination	This Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year
Deceased	10	12	10
Hospital/Jail/Treatment	52	52	30
Permanent Housing	576	633	367
Literally Homeless	1,212	1,069	245

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Exit Destination	This Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year
Temporary Housing	361	463	174
Unknown	521	722	1,004
<i>Note.</i> These data include counts for each exit destination across all intervention types.			