



TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **DRAFT** 8/14/2025

MINUTES OF MEETING

Roll Call

Lisa Floran, TPCH Board Chair, welcomed attendees and conducted roll call for voting members. A quorum was obtained with 18 of 23 voting members present (*attendance recorded below*).

Consent Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Lisa F. opened the floor for community introductions and brought the first motion to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes for a vote.

Motion: To approve the current agenda.
Made Betty Bitgood, seconded by Dr. Keith Bentele.

Motion passes with 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Motion: To approve the General Council minutes from May 22, 2025.
Made Michelle Magnon, seconded by Bernadette Unterbrink

Motion passes with 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Community Celebrations

General Council attendees gave announcements and updates and celebrated recent successes.

- Youth on their Own (YOTO) is embarking on longitudinal study for their 40th anniversary next year. If anyone knows any youth that have been in YOTO in the past 15-30, have them check out website—yoto.org. They will be compensated for participating. Looking to prove efficacy of their program long term.
- VA is having an unsheltered surge event August 27th-29th to either interim or permanent housing. Celebration is the number of community partners assisting in the event.
- Lead Team & Nicole Janich from Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS) did a great job getting in an application for the CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) application within a few hours.

CoC Lead Updates

Kat Davis, CoC Lead Team Manager, provided the CoC Lead updates.

Injunction & redlined contract; have the Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE), waiting on the others. Contract with redlining is posted online (basecamp).

(SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) SOAR Certification – National SOAR Training Center—closing on the 18th due to funding cuts. Working on downloading all training content

prior to closing. Anyone certified or know someone who is certified that hasn't received an email, reach out to Elaine M.

Phil P. provided updates from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Committee. The Committee approved participation in the statewide process, and has a current vote in process to approve Green River as vendor for the transition.

HMIS Lead Updates

HMIS Lead Cheryl Lopez reported team updates. Has been working alongside the Coordinated Entry (CE) process. Switched away from the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to new process—Housing Questionnaire (HQ). Phased out using both tools on June 30th, and only HQ is used moving forward. Have been working on a prioritization report for the new HQ and new Batch List. Batch List has the top 15 prioritized persons, as well as subpopulations (families, veterans, youth, etc.).

New assessments will be going out with updated data elements (live Oct. 1) on demographics. Will work with organizations to be HUD compliant with new data standards prior to the Oct. 1st date. Will still collect gender and other data through the community section, but not in HUD reporting.

CoC Board Updates

Lisa F. shared updates. New officers have been elected; and thank you to our prior officers for leading us through the administration changes and NOFO.

New officers are as follows: Lisa Floran as Board Chair, Danelle Jessup as Vice Chair, and Jocelyn Muzzin as Treasurer.

May meeting – Adria presented on the DWEL-AZ project to connect systems across CoC systems in the state. Board signed off on the data sharing agreement to move forward with that project.

Board supported early Strategic Planning process.

Board has been exploring options of TPCH becoming an independent nonprofit to protect Board members as well as open options for new funding streams.

TPCH Quarterly Data Report (see attached report)

Dr. Keith Bentele shared the TPCH Quarterly Data Report (attached).

Approval for Strategic Planning Priorities and Goals

Kat D. shared Strategic Planning Priorities and Goals identified by public and TPCH specific surveys. Currently in the plan writing section of the timeline. Should have action steps by the end of the month. Four priority areas have been identified:

1. Improve Individual Client Experiences
2. Improve Workforce Capacity of Service Providers with the Homelessness Response System
 - a. Merge goals 3 & 4 into 1 clearly stated priority
3. Optimize and Increase System Efficiency
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4. Collaborate with External Partners on Multi Sector Solutions
 - a. Top 4 identified instead of 3

Monday August 25: Action Plan meeting for committees. Will work on action steps on an annual basis to better be able to serve needs with the changing landscape.

Compared the top 5 priorities of both TPOCH survey and public survey. Today, survey will allow people to choose their top 3 in each area to narrow the focus.

Clear priorities were identified by votes, and overlapping goals within each priority were merged into one goal where appropriate.

1. Improve Individual Client Experiences
 - a. Top 3 goals were clear
2. Improve Workforce Capacity of Service Providers with the Homelessness Response System
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Motion: to approve the following strategic planning goals and priorities:

Improve Individual Client Experiences

1. Support development of prevention strategies that intervene before homelessness occurs, reducing demand on the homeless response system.
2. Increase access to innovative housing models, such as tiny homes, sanctioned encampments, and shared housing, especially for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
3. Reduce returns to homelessness and increase positive outcomes by expanding housing stabilization services and tracking long-term outcomes.

Improve Workforce Capacity of Service Providers within the Homelessness Response System

1. Develop a regional workforce strategy that addresses recruitment, onboarding, compensation, retention, and burnout/staff wellness.
2. Support staff with tools and supervision that prepare them to address complex client needs.
3. Secure sustainable funding for supportive roles, including peer-led services such as lived experience navigators or community health workers.

Optimize and Increase System Efficiency

1. Launch a real-time referral and bed availability platform to streamline access and reduce client wait times.
2. Pilot flexible service delivery models, such as mobile units or sanctioned encampments with on-site supports.

3. Centralization of services to bridge service gaps (e.g. emergency rental assistance, shelter referrals, landlord engagement) and streamline eligibility and documentation requirements across programs to reduce redundancies and client burden

Collaborate with External Partners on Multi-Sector Solutions

1. Create landlord and property manager engagement initiatives, reducing barriers to housing access and improving retention.
2. Improve collaboration with Public Housing Authority to streamline eligibility, referrals, housing access.
3. Advocate collectively for system level policy change, including rent control, Housing First enforcement, and funding flexibility.
4. Partner with healthcare and behavioral health systems to launch mobile care, crisis response, and medical respite tied to housing.

Made Jocelyn Muzzin , seconded by Bryan Perez.

Motion passes with 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Committee and Coalition Updates (see attached updates)

All Committees and Coalitions provided written summaries of activities completed throughout the last quarter.

New Business/Announcements

Meeting adjourned at 2:34PM

Minutes prepared by Rachel Briggs

Attendance: Quorum was reached with 18 of 23 total TPOCH members with voting privileges.

What organization are you representing today (if applicable)?	Name:	Job Title (if applicable):
Catholic Community Services *	William Smith	Lead Health Navigator
Catholic community Services	Rhanda Mejia	Director
CBI Inc and LEC	Monique Hernandez	Housing manager
City of Tucson*	Manisha Bewtra	SPACE Manager
CODAC	Ryan Ives	Community Liaison/Educator
Community Bridges*	Alyssa Sommer	Housing Supervisor
Community Bridges	Bernadette Unterbrink	Senior manager
Compass Affordable Housing*	Kim Clark	Community Housing Program Manager
Cope Community Services	Kimberley Simonton	Project Manager
Cot/HCD	Michael Edmonds	Community Advocate
DEI Committee	Steph Santiago	n/a
DES	Alyzdee Molina	Program Specialist
El Rio	Doreen Peters	H3 Case Manager
Emerge*	Kelly Evans	VP of Programs
End of the Tunnel	Matt Snyder	Member
Esperanza	Suzanne Bond	CEO
Esperanza	Allison Stoner	Clinical Director
FHR*	Bryan Perez	Education Program Developer
HCD SPACE team	Manisha Bewtra	Strategic Planning and Community Engagement Manager
HOM, Inc.*	Dia Nonaka	Director of Housing Programs, Southern Arizona
Hope of Glory Ministries*	Betty Bitgood	Chairman
LEC	Ysidro Salazar	LEC member
LEC	Amanda Sampsel	LEC Member
LEC/Sirrow	Stacey Sivley	LEC member
Mercy care	Matthew Kelly	Housing manager
Mercy Care	Jennifer Page	Housing Administrator
New Spirit Lutheran Church*	Phil Pierce	Community Advocate
Old Pueblo Community Services *	Laurel Kendall	Supportive Housing Managers
OPCS	Michelle Magnon	Program Manager
Opes	Lindsay eulberg	Director of QM

OPCS	Maria Montaña	Case manager
Our Family Services *	Sharron Yount	Our Family Services Victim Advocate
Pima Council on Aging *	Rae Vermeal	Supervisor, Rights and Benefits
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Pima County HMIS Lead*	Cheryl Lopez	Program Manager
Pima County- HMIS Leaf	Susanna Rodriguez	Data Management Coordinator
Primavera *	Danell Jessup	Officer, Housing Stability
Salvation Army*	Eric Hill	Shelter
Self	Lee Barnhill	N/a
Self	Kira Zylstra	Founder - Kira Zylstra Consulting
SIROW*	Keith Bentele	Associate Research Professor
Sister Jose Women's Center	Mary Jeanne MJ Chavez	CEO
Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc. - Veterans Hope & Justice Project	Andrea Hill	Staff Attorney - Veterans Hope & Justice Project
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System *	Patrick Hazlett	Health Care for Homeless Veterans Walk In Clinic Supervisor
Southern AZ VA	Jocelyn Muzzin	Coordinated Entry Specialist
The Arizona Pet Project *	Margaret Palmer	Manager
UA - SIROW	Zach Simmons	Researcher
United Way*	Lisa Floran	Senior director, financial wellness
Youth On Their Own*	Laurie Mazerbo	Director of Program Delivery

TPCH HIC/PIT Annual Monitoring

Keith Gunnar Bentele

Presentation to TPCH General Council

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Let's Measure Better

Addressing Homelessness & Housing
Insecurity Data Gaps In Pima County

Housing Inventory Count “HIC” & Point in Time Count “PIT” Review

AZ-501 : Tucson/Pima County CoC

2025

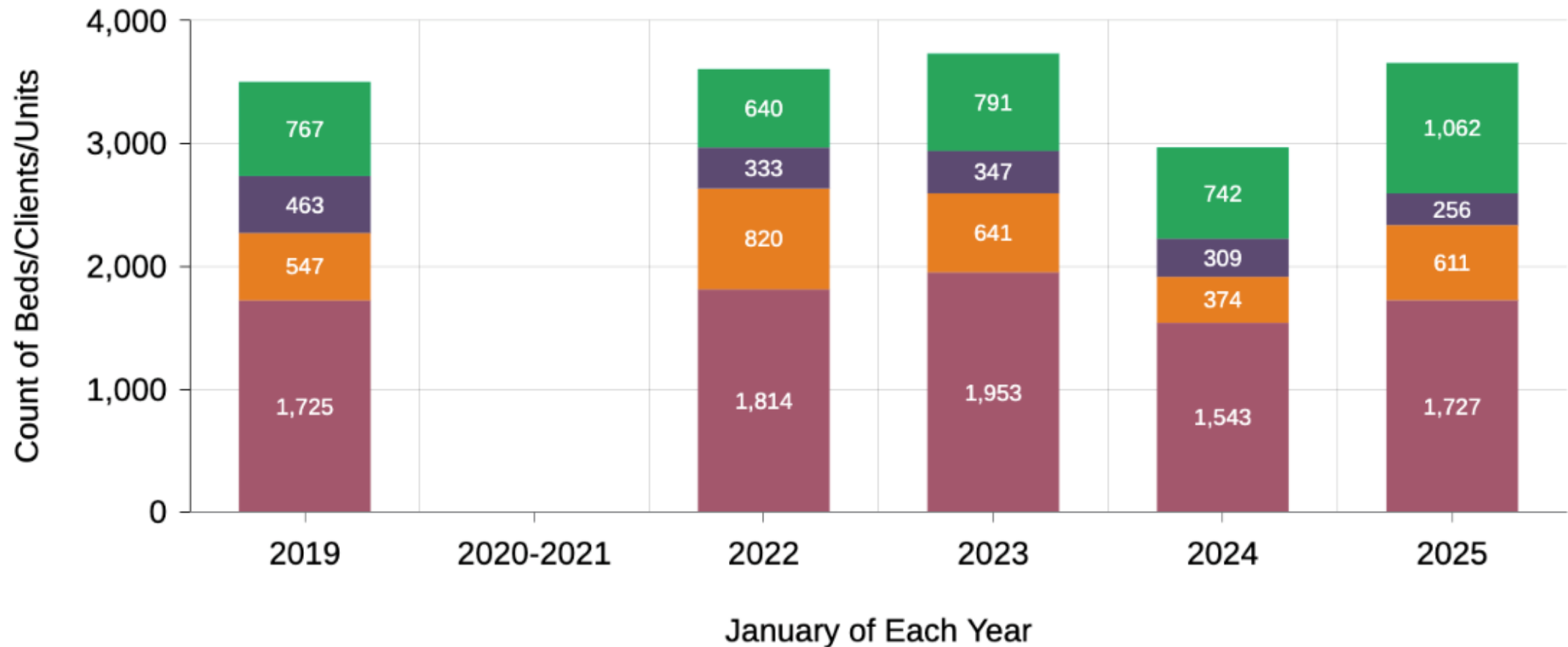
Data Source:

The following graphs are pulled from TPCH’s annually submitted HUD-required Housing Inventory Count & Point in Time Count data.

These data are provided by the HMIS lead to HUD each summer for the previous January. Both of these counts were conducted on January 27-28, 2025.

TPCH Housing Inventory

TPCH January HIC Counts by Project Type



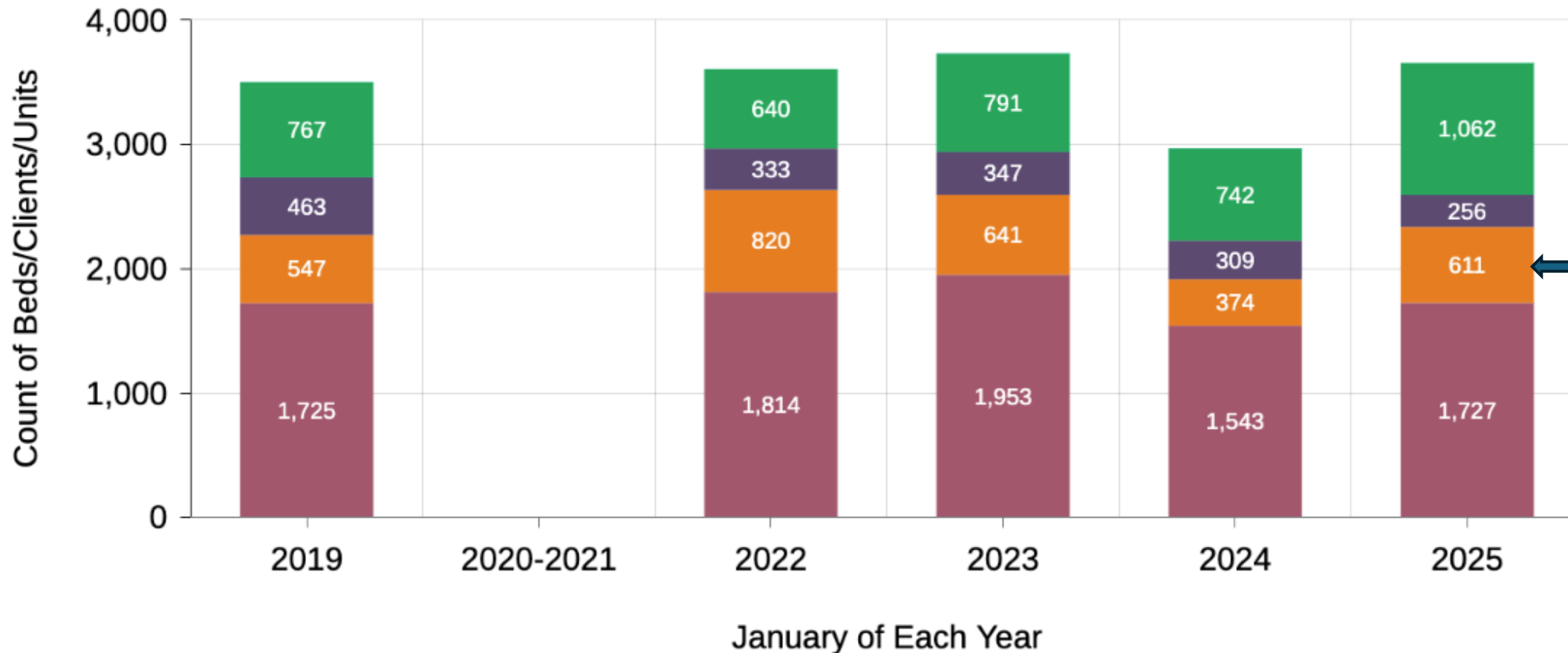
- Permanent Supportive Housing Units
- Clients in Rapid Rehousing Units*
- Transitional & Safe Haven Units
- Emergency Shelter Beds**

*RRH programs report the # of participants in occupied RRH units in the HIC, not the # of units

**Year-round beds only

TPCH Housing Inventory

TPCH January HIC Counts by Project Type



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HMIS Lead's office provided year-round RRH inventory for 2025. RRH units have capacity for **761** persons.

The 611 provided here is the total # of persons in RRH units on the night of the PIT.

Change between
2023 and 2024



Table 1. Change in Housing Inventory for Tucson/Pima (AZ-501) 2023-2024

Project Type	2023	2024	% Chg '23-'24
Emergency Shelter Beds*	791	742	-6.2%
Transitional & Safe Haven Units	347	309	-11.0%
Clients in Rapid Rehousing Units**	641	374	-41.7%
Permanent Supportive Housing Units	1953	1543	-21.0%
Total Beds/Units	3732	2968	-20.5%

*Year Round Beds Only

**The HIC provides the # of clients in RRH units during the PIT Count, not the # of RRH units.

Change between
2024 and 2025



Table 1. Change in Housing Inventory for Tucson/Pima (AZ-501) 2024-2025

Project Type	2024	2025	% Chg '24-'25
Emergency Shelter Beds*	742	1062	43.1%
Transitional & Safe Haven Units	309	256	-17.2%
Clients in Rapid Rehousing Units**	374	611	63.4%
Permanent Supportive Housing Units	1543	1727	11.9%
Total Beds/Units	2968	3656	23.2%

*Year Round Beds Only

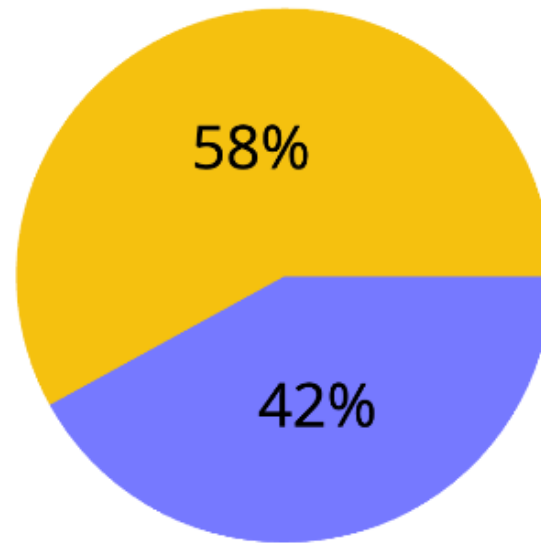
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2025 PIT Count Summary

- **2,218** people were counted as experiencing homelessness in Pima County on the night of January 28, 2025.
- Relative to the 2024 PIT, the count of people experiencing **unsheltered homelessness was essentially unchanged decreasing by .4%** (less than one half of a percentage point change).
- Relative to the 2024 PIT, **the count of people experiencing sheltered homelessness increased 9.4%**, nearly 10% growth.
- TPCCH has already released a [2025 summary report](#) for this count.

Proportion Sheltered vs. Unsheltered

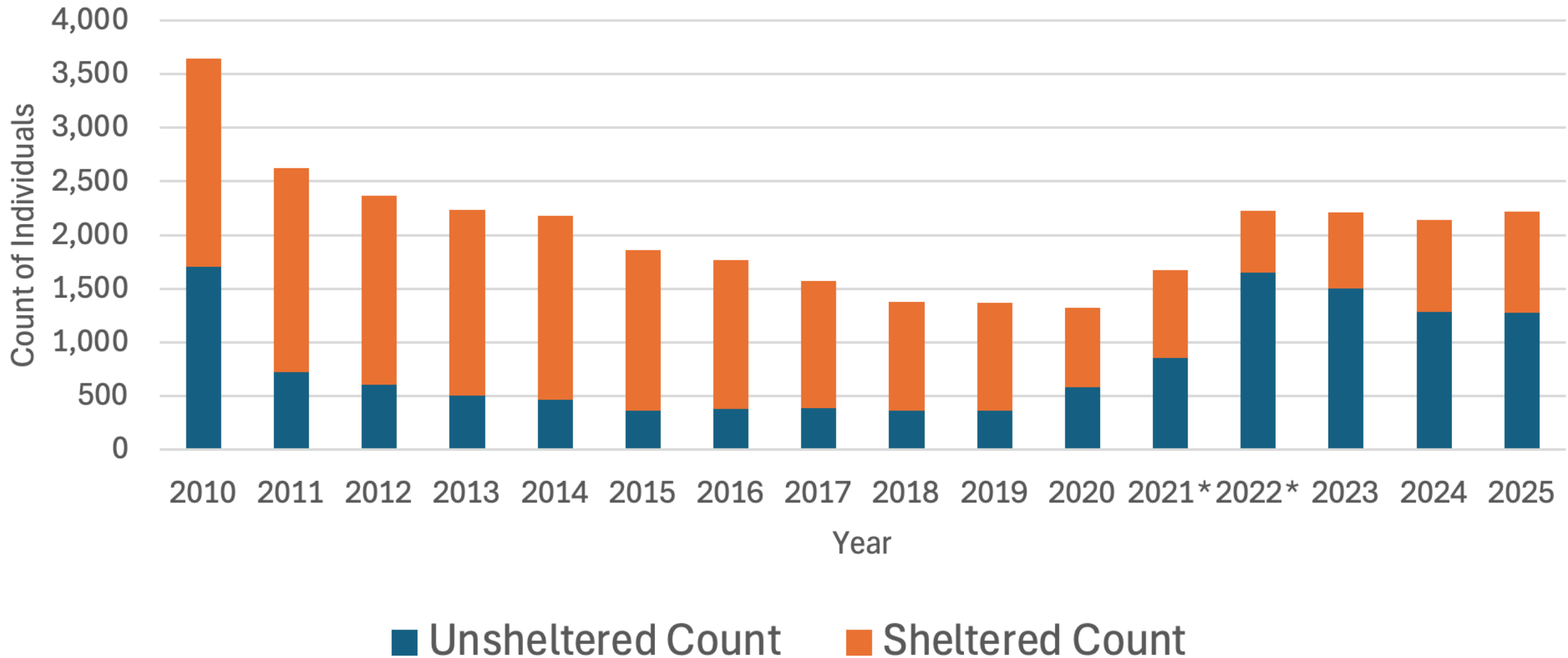
2025 PIT Count



■ Sheltered ■ Unsheltered

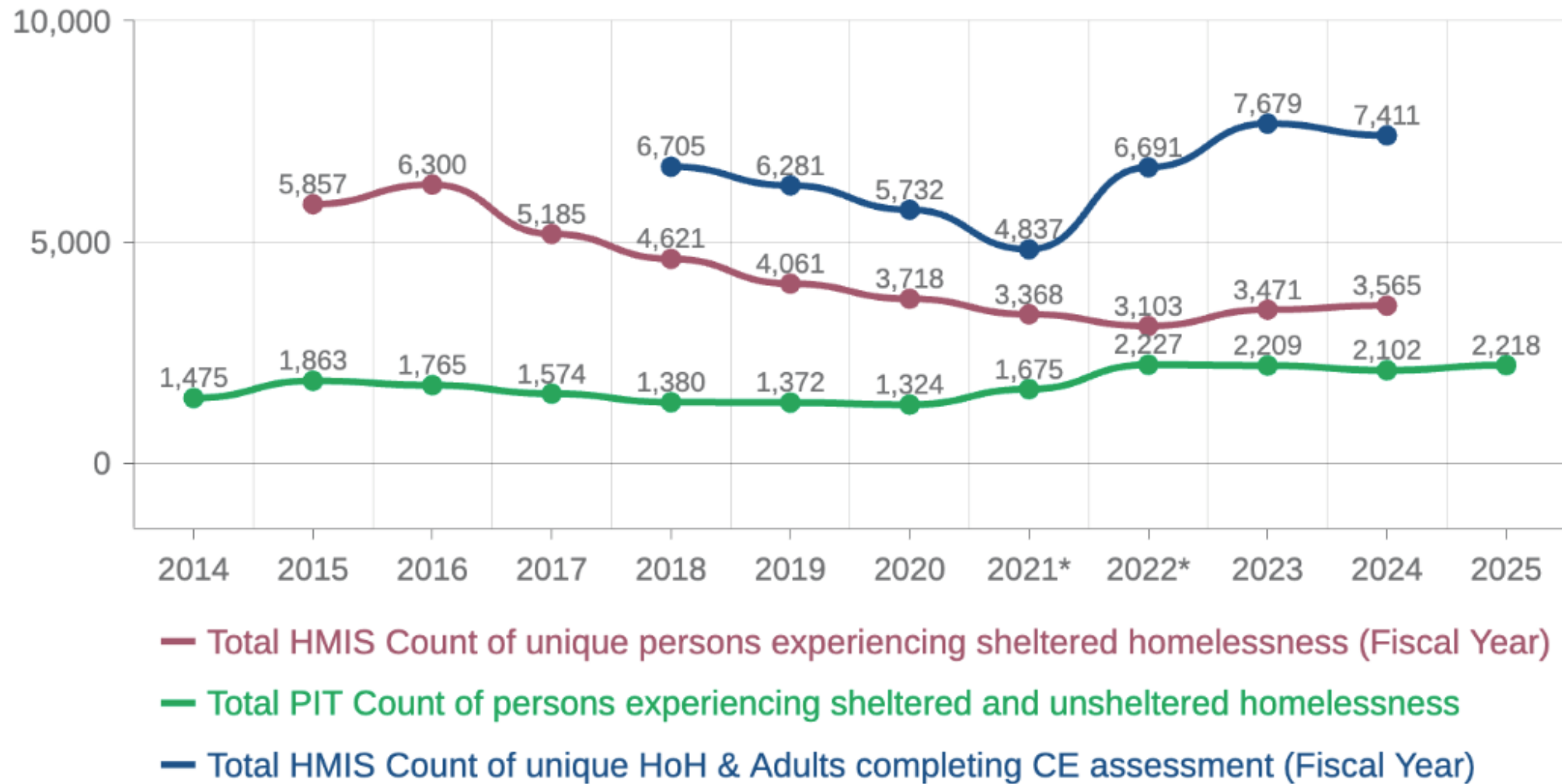
Total Count of Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness

January PIT Counts for Tucson/Pima County CoC 2010-2025



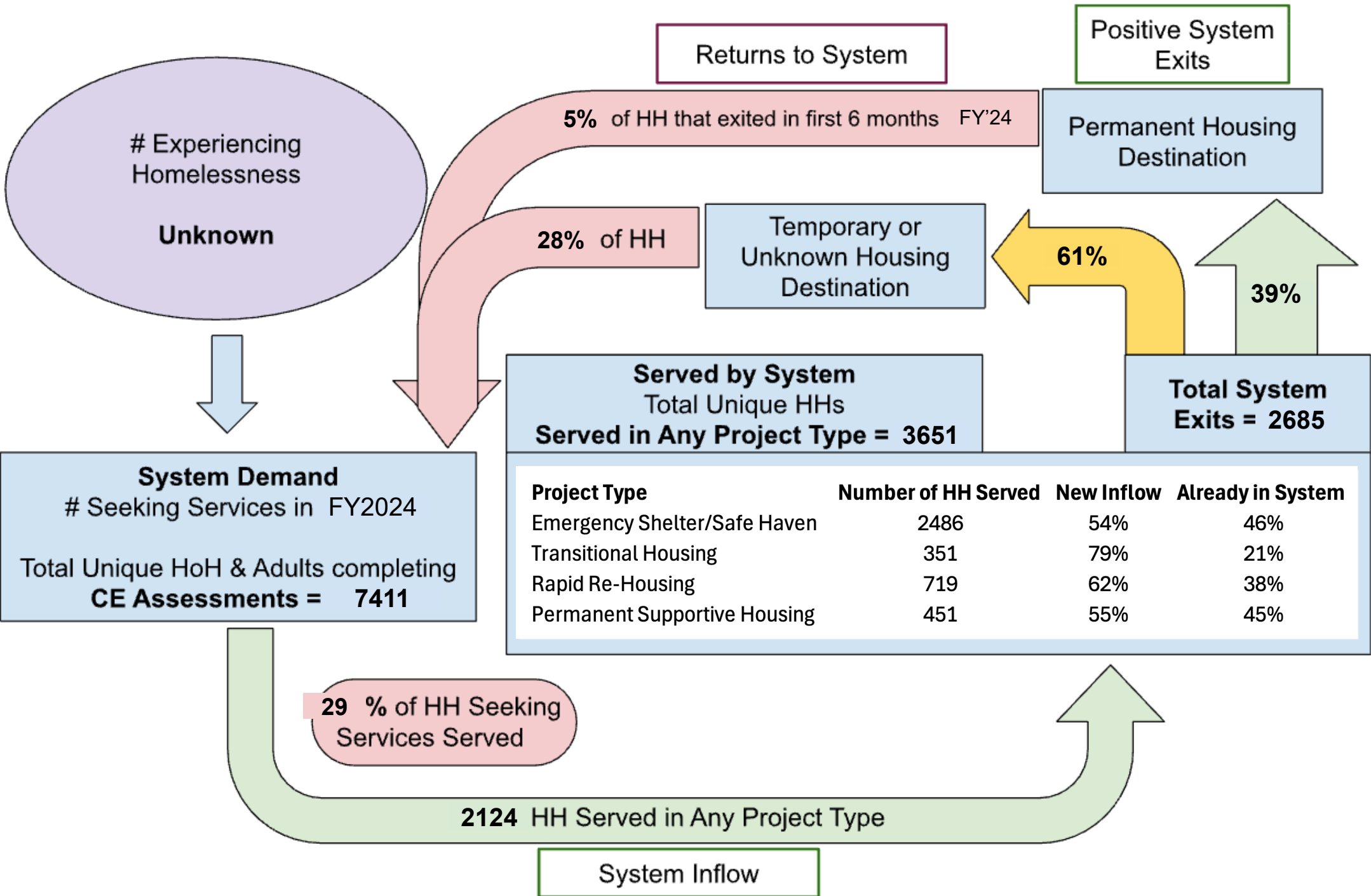
Total Count of Unique Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

PIT & HMIS Counts for Tucson/Pima County CoC 2014-2025



*Unsheltered counts were estimated in 2021-2022 (using different techniques) due to the ongoing pandemic. Since the methodology used to generate these counts changed considerably between 2020, 2021, and 2022, an unknown portion of increases in these years are likely a result of changes in methodology.

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COMMITTEE NAME: Coordinated Entry Committee

Motions Passed by committee since last General Council Meeting

- 5/29/25 Motion - To change the wording for the Housing Questionnaire household question 2 to "How many minor aged children will be living with you if you receive housing"
- 5/29/25 Motion - To change the wording for the Housing Questionnaire DV Question, "If yes to 16" and for the family question "If yes to 19"
- 5/29/25 Motion - To have SIROW/Keith B. track and analyze quarterly data on the new assessment tool.

Updates on Committee's Essential Functions

New committee chair: Danell Jessup
New committee vice chair: Zach Simmons
Newly elected member: Lucinda Anderson

The CE Committee continues to assess the effectiveness of the Coordinated Entry system, including the use of the new Housing Questionnaire, new Batch Match processes, Transfer Policy, etc. We regularly review data and engage stakeholders to help guide us in making necessary adjustments, ensuring that identified issues are resolved in a timely manner so the community is served effectively by the system.

Updates on New Projects

New assessment tool: We used both the VISPDAT and the new Housing Questionnaire (HQ) assessments for a period of 90 days, allowing community members the opportunity to remain active in the system for the transition. This interim launch period is over, and as of 6/30/25, our community is only using the HQ.

Batch Match: We have reduced the batch list prioritization down to 15, to more accurately reflect the number of housing slots available in the community. We have also identified and implemented a method of documenting attempts to locate, replacing names on the list at a steadier pace, and therefore preventing stagnation of the list. Soon, we will be adding sub-population prioritization lists for families, veterans, and youth to ensure specialized programs have an adequate number of people to serve.

Committee Representative for General Council:

Danell Jessup, Chair



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COMMITTEE NAME: Lived Experience Council

Motions Passed by committee since last General Council Meeting

- The only motions passed by the Lived Experience Council since the previous General Council meeting was approving meeting minutes and agendas.

Updates on Committee's Essential Functions

- Members of LEC are participating in the TPCH Policy Subcommittee and Housing Central Command Stabilization Team
- Assisting with community support efforts and stabilization
- Continuing to carry out current assigned strategic plan

Updates on New Projects

- Discussion on planning another social event for recently housed clients to build community
- Has been participating in the TPCH Strategic Planning process
- Looking to review data about how the community is being served



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COMMITTEE NAME: CoC Program Grant Committee

Motions Passed by committee since last General Council Meeting

N/A

Updates on Committee's Essential Functions

The CoC Program Grant Committee (PGC) supports the CoC by monitoring funded projects for performance, identifying projects experiencing challenges, and offering support and technical assistance to projects as needed. Through reports and recommendations, the PGC supports the Board and stakeholders (ex. review committees) to make informed decisions around CoC funding, reallocations, and strategy.

The committee has lately increased its focus on creative and efficient ways to offer support and technical assistance to funded projects. Along those lines, we identified two performance indicators - reducing returns to homelessness and prompt access to housing – as our primary focus for support and intervention. We also adjusted our monthly meetings to spend less time on report and data analysis and more time on conversation with funded projects to gain context about issues and discuss challenges, opportunities, best practices, and actionable strategies, particularly related to those two indicators.

We are now exploring a new monitoring framework that would include annual Performance Improvement Plans (PIPs), annual site visits, quarterly cohort conversations, and monthly case conferencing meetings for program supervisors – most of those activities are already underway and outlined below.

Updates on New Projects

- **Quarterly Conversations (Boots on the Ground sessions):** In 2024, the PGC launched quarterly "Boots on the Ground" conversations, scheduled after each General Council meeting. Each session is designed to facilitate learning and discussion of shared challenges, best practices, and resources among CoC projects. Most sessions include a presentation or provider panel discussion, followed by breakout conversations to share experiences, strategies, and ideas. Topics are drawn from trends noted in PGC site visits, check-in conversations, and quarterly reports. Any interested community members are welcome, but CoC-funded projects are required to have at least one staff member attend. Sessions may be especially beneficial for frontline staff, program managers, and individuals with lived experience in the homelessness space. Our May session included an overview of site visit findings and presentations about best practices/innovative ideas by staff at Our Family Services and Compass Affordable Housing. Notes and ideas from the discussion were circulated after the meeting. Today's session – after the General Council meeting – will focus on strategies for engaging housing clients with substance use disorders (SUD).
- **RRH Stabilization Case Conferencing Calls:** To support our priority performance indicator of reducing returns to homelessness and the CoC-wide Move On Strategy, the PGC launched monthly case conferencing sessions for

funded RRH project supervisors (ex. managers) in July. These sessions will be the third Thursday of each month, online, 9:30-11am. 21 providers from funded projects and other community agencies joined our first call in July. Providers shared details about at least one “thriving” individual on their current caseload and 1-3 “vulnerable” individuals (particularly those enrolled ~9 months). Providers said they appreciated the format and space to hear about shared challenges and brainstorm out-of-the-box solutions together. Moving forward, we hope to post notes and ideas from these calls on the Community Resource Share Basecamp.

- **Committee Activity Prioritization:** In July, the committee reviewed potential projects and ideas to take on for the upcoming year. Activities of most interest to the committee included RRH Stabilization calls, collaborative meetings and performance standard conversations with SPE, and the Boots on the Ground quarterly conversations. The committee will be looking at how to balance these activities with existing required monitoring activities.
- **Upcoming Focus and Tasks:** In preparation for the NOFO release, the PGC will be having a joint meeting with the SPE committee in August to review system performance measures and identify projects that may be subject to reallocation. The committee also needs to elect new leadership, since Lisa’s term as co-chair has expired. Depending on CoC Lead capacity over the next few months amid the NOFO timeline, PGC may cancel one of their upcoming meetings.

Committee Representative for General Council: Lisa Floran



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COMMITTEE NAME: System Performance & Evaluation

Motions Passed by committee since last General Council Meeting

Meeting on 6/10: Motion: to approve the Consent Agenda. Made by Keith B., seconded by Sara Weis. *Motion passes with 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.*

Motion: to approve the meeting minutes from April & May. Made by Keith B., seconded by Lara Law. *Motion passes with 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.*

Motion: to approve the draft report to go to the TPCH Board. Made by Keith B., seconded by Louisa Osborn *Motion passes with 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.*

Updates on Committee's Essential Functions

In our 6/10/25 meeting, the SPE committee heard updates from committee lead Keith Bentele on the work of the Arizona Housing Analytics Collaborative (AzHAC).

Keith B discussed the draft Continuum of Care (CoC) & Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Review Summary & Recommendations. One recommendation, better coordination is already happening in the now regular executive coalition meetings. Discussion of need to find ways to better incorporate direct service providers with committees, leadership, etc. Discussion of barriers to use of ShelterPoint.

Elaine M. reviewed the FY 2024 NOFO Debrief with the committee (attached). Possible coordination the System Performance Evaluation (SPE) & Continuum of Care Program Grant (CoCPG) committees, especially on areas of low scores or 0 scores. SPE & CoCPG can review the actual requirements, research other communities to see who scored high and reach out for guidance on the performance measure/scoring.

In our 7/8/25 meeting, the SPE committee reviewed data on bed utilization in TPCH ES projects. This sparked a discussion of the difficulties of creating an accurate bed utilization ratio with existing data.

There was also a review of the 2025 HIC data in recent historical context. Relative to 2025 all project types increased, with the exception of TH & SH units. ES project beds increased 43%, # of clients in RRH increased 63%, and the # of PSH units increased 12%. Discussion about how to report these numbers earlier in the calendar year in the future to inform planning.

Brief review of total counts from the 2025 PIT in historical context. Discussion of how and whether we want to promote PIT count numbers in the future.

Last, there was a discussion about the a set of Shelter SOPs developed as a part of a Statewide Standard Operating Procedures Process evaluation initiated by AHCCCS in collaboration with a unit at ASU. General support for the SOPs identified and concern about provider capacity to meet high standards with limited staff and funding.

Updates on New Projects

Committee Representative for General Council:

Keith Bentele



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COMMITTEE NAME: HMIS

Motions Passed by committee since last General Council Meeting

- Approved process for individuals to request their own HMIS records
- Approved the creation of new Agency Agreement and new End User Agreement to be used for agencies who need read-only access to HMIS, and will not be doing any data entry, and created separate HMIS Read-Only Access Request Form
- Approved new data entry timeliness standard for program intake/exit from 2 business days to 3 calendar days, in order to align with the Annual Progress Report that is generated by HMIS
- Approved HMIS access to Community Medical Services
- Approved HMIS access to Spirit Lutheran Church
- Approved final draft of DWEL Data Sharing Agreement, and forwarded recommendation to TPCH Board, who approved
- Phil Pierce was elected Vice-Chair of HMIS Committee

Updates on Committee's Essential Functions

- Reviewed HIC & PIT prior to releasing publicly.
- Monthly HMIS Agency Admin Technical Assistance sessions continue, in order to build deeper knowledge and share best practices
- Working on the development of the TPCH Strategic Plan

Updates on New Projects

- Currently considering joining other two CoC's in Arizona to have state-wide shared HMIS
- Currently working on RFP process for potentially selecting new HMIS vendor



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COMMITTEE NAME: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Motions Passed by committee since last General Council Meeting

The only official motions passed by the DEI Committee were to approve their meeting agendas and minutes. The committee engaged in critical discussions and expressed strong alignment around several key priorities, which continue to inform our direction and planning.

Updates on Committee's Essential Functions

DEI Committee has been focused on strategic planning. We worked to identify a few key areas to focus on, like:

- Strengthening coordination and collaboration across agencies
- Making sure services are respectful, person-centered, and dignified
- Responding to shifts in federal policy that could impact equity work
- And addressing resource gaps for vulnerable groups

We've also been talking about how to use data more effectively to inform our work. There's strong interest in partnering with the System Performance Evaluation or HMIS Committees to get regular reports that break down service data by demographics, things like race, gender identity, language, disability, and veteran status. That kind of data could help us spot patterns or disparities and respond in a more informed, equitable way.

We've started reviewing governance structures to see how the committee's work could continue if changes at the federal affect our work.

Updates on New Projects

Data and Equity: We're exploring how data can help us better understand who's being served, and who might be getting left out. We're interested in more consistent reporting that breaks down data by things like race, gender identity, and veteran status. This could help us spot gaps and improve equity across the board.

Housing Placement Rubric: There's interest in working with Coordinated Entry and people with lived experience to create a tool for evaluating housing options. The idea is to go beyond availability, making sure the housing offered is actually safe, inclusive, and appropriate for the people being matched.

System Messaging: We've talked about reviewing messaging across TPCH materials, flyers, websites, reports, to ensure it's respectful, welcoming, and doesn't unintentionally exclude anyone. A workshop or resource for agencies might come out of this effort.



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COMMITTEE NAME: Youth Action Committee

Motions Passed by committee since last General Council Meeting

The Youth Action Committee has not passed any motions since the last General Council Meeting

Updates on Committee's Essential Functions

This Committee has taken a large focus on the work around the statewide Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) initiative and has been involved in ongoing planning meetings with the rest of the statewide team.

Updates on New Projects

Through the YHSI initiative, a statewide Youth Action Board (called "Arizona Alliance for Youth Board") has been created. The first meeting was August 6, 2025 and had attendance from youth with lived experience of homelessness in Pima County as well as Maricopa County and the rest of the state.

Committee Representative for General Council: