

VOICES OF THE STREET

*A COORDINATED, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN EFFORT
FOCUSED ON ENGAGING INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS, ASSESSING THEIR
NEEDS, AND IMPLEMENTING TARGETED STRATEGIES
TO MOVE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS*

2026 SURVEY RESPONSES AND ANALYSIS



TaskForce



WHAT IS VOICES OF THE STREET?



"Voices of the Street" is an unsheltered survey conducted to assess the needs of homelessness in a community. This initiative involves volunteers, outreach specialists, community partners and public safety agencies surveying individuals living on the streets, in parks, and other public spaces to gain insights into their circumstances and needs.





ON THE GROUND SUPPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS BIEDERMAN, GRUBER, & HERNANDEZ

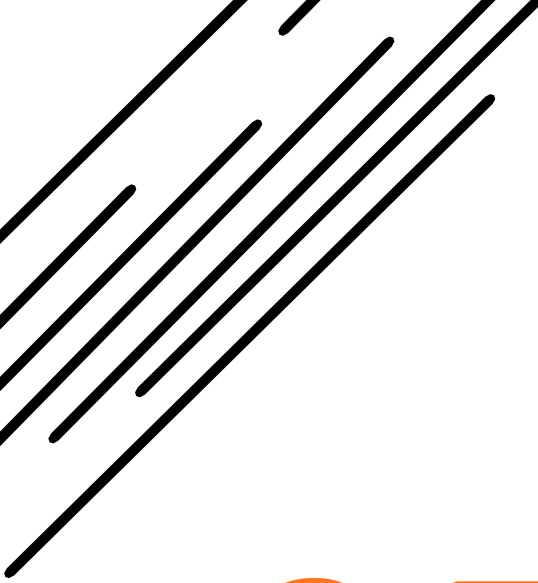
72 VOLUNTEERS + 17 TASKFORCE TEAM MEMBERS + HOLLYWOOD PD & FR PERSONNEL

TRAINING PROVIDED TO ALL VOLUNTEERS BY PROFESSIONALS

PARTNERED WITH THE CARING PLACE, THE LAUNDRY SPOT, AND MANY OTHERS

OVER 100 HYGIENE KITS PREPARED AND HANDED OUT BY NSU STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

PLACED PEOPLE DIRECTLY INTO SHELTERS DURING THE SURVEY



231 RESPONSES
COLLECTED ON
MARCH 10, 2026



SURVEYS

95

INTERVIEWS

136

OBSERVATIONS

198

RESPONSES COLLECTED IN HOLLYWOOD
(118 OBSERVATION COUNTS & 80 VERBAL INTERVIEWS)

33

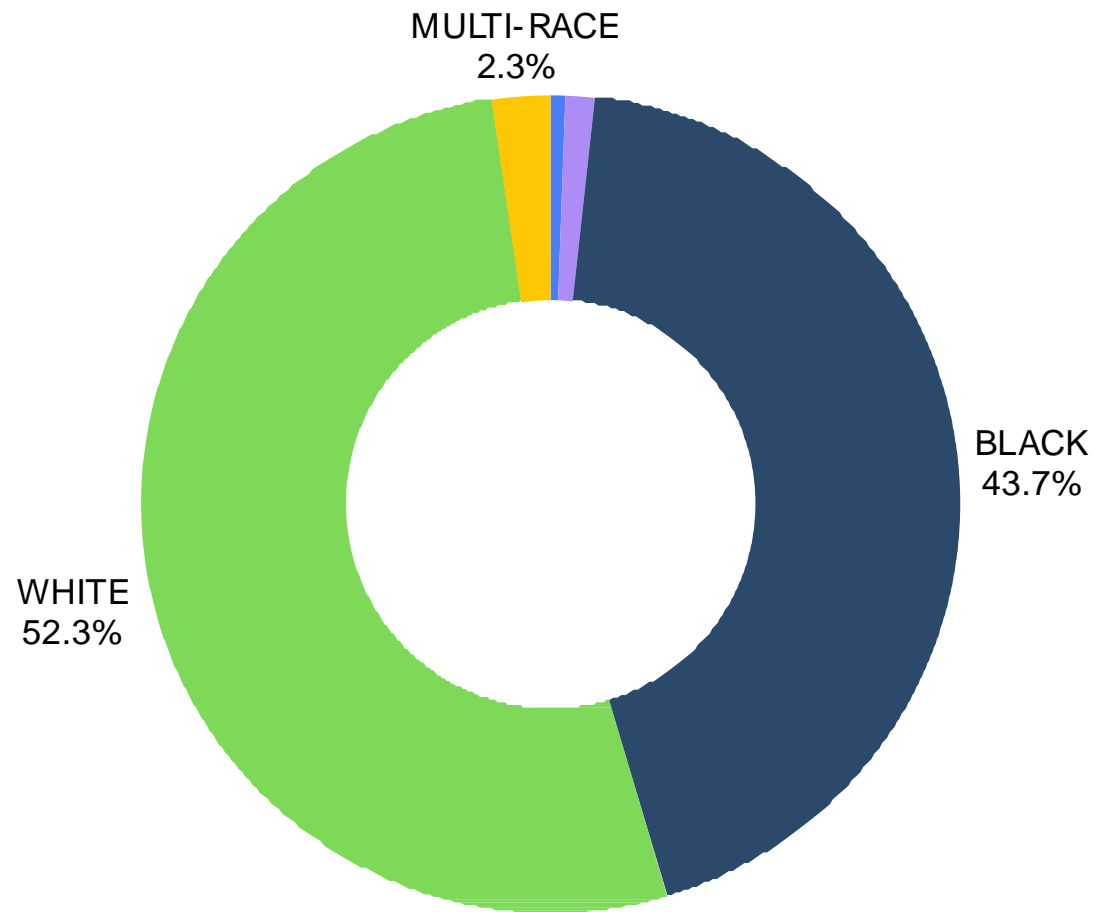
RESPONSES COLLECTED OUT OF HOLLYWOOD
(ON OR NEAR CITY BOUNDARY LINE)

HALLANDALE	20
DANIA BEACH	9
DAVIE	3
WEST PARK	1

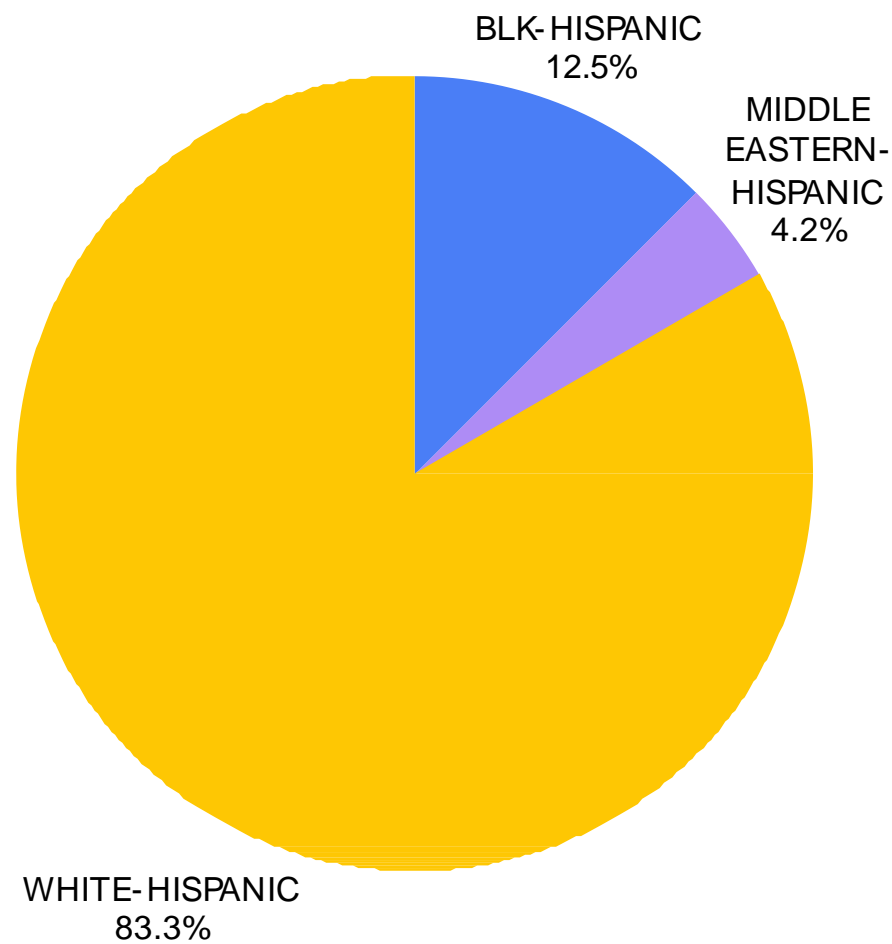


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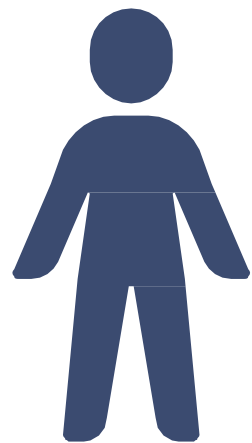
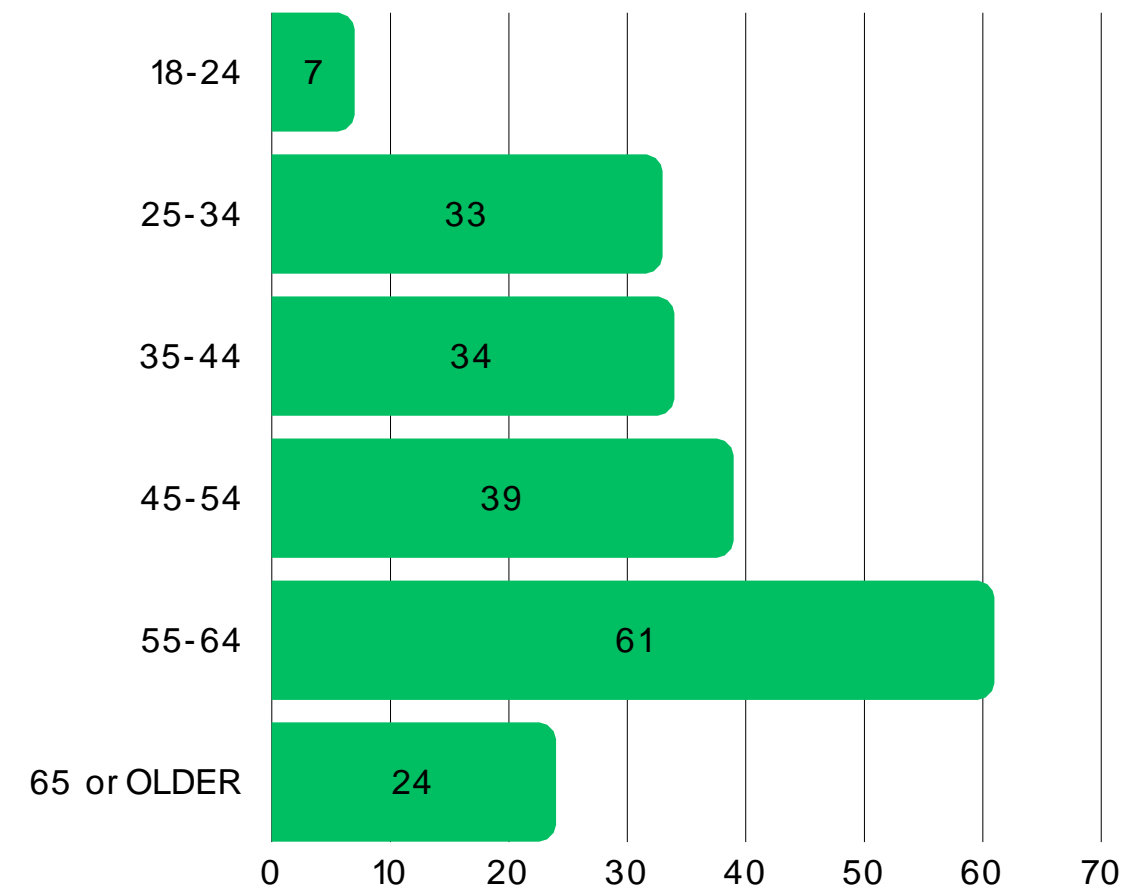
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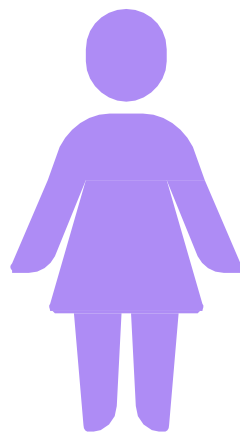
ETHNICITY



AGE RANGE



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MALE

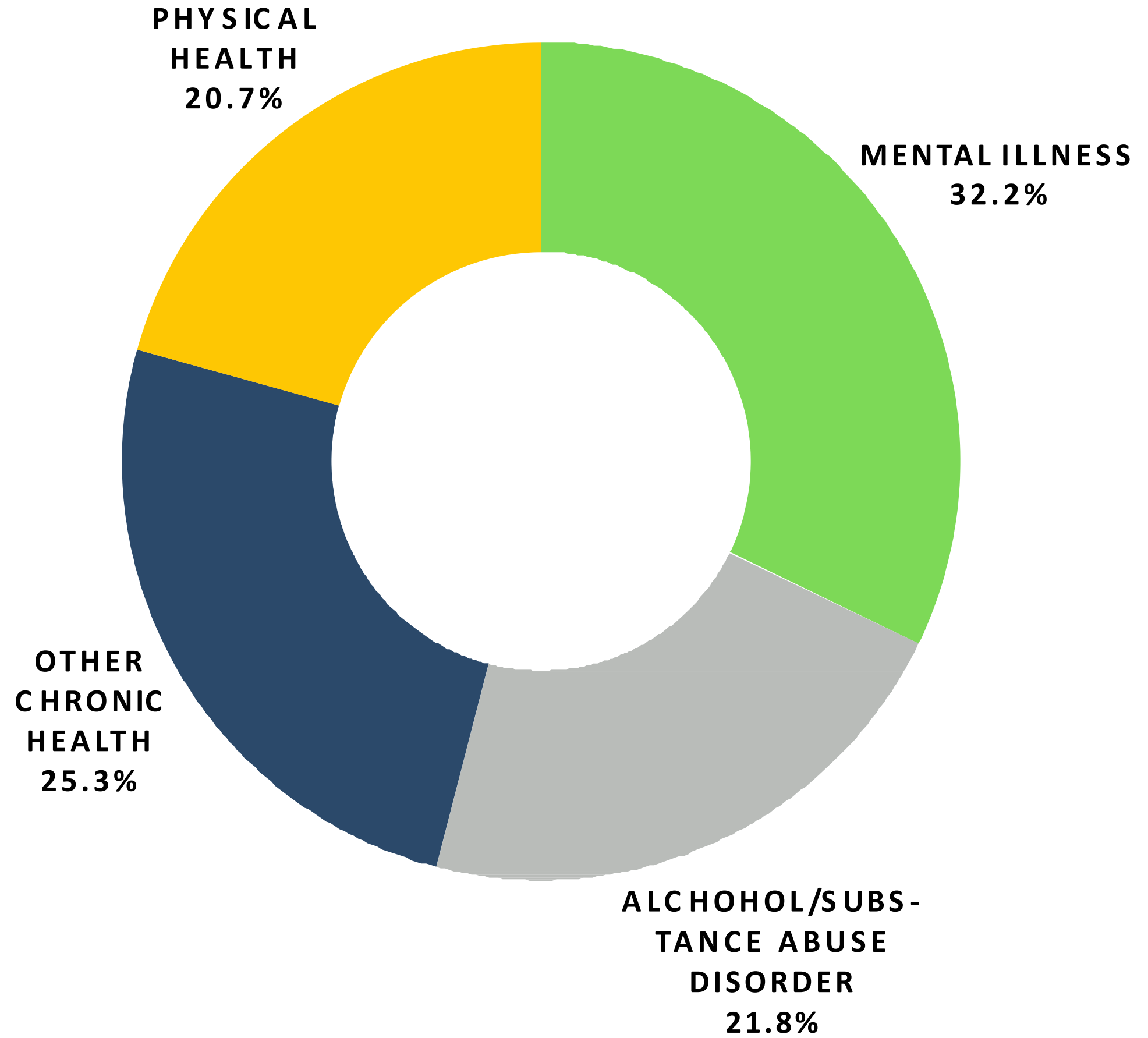


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FEMALE

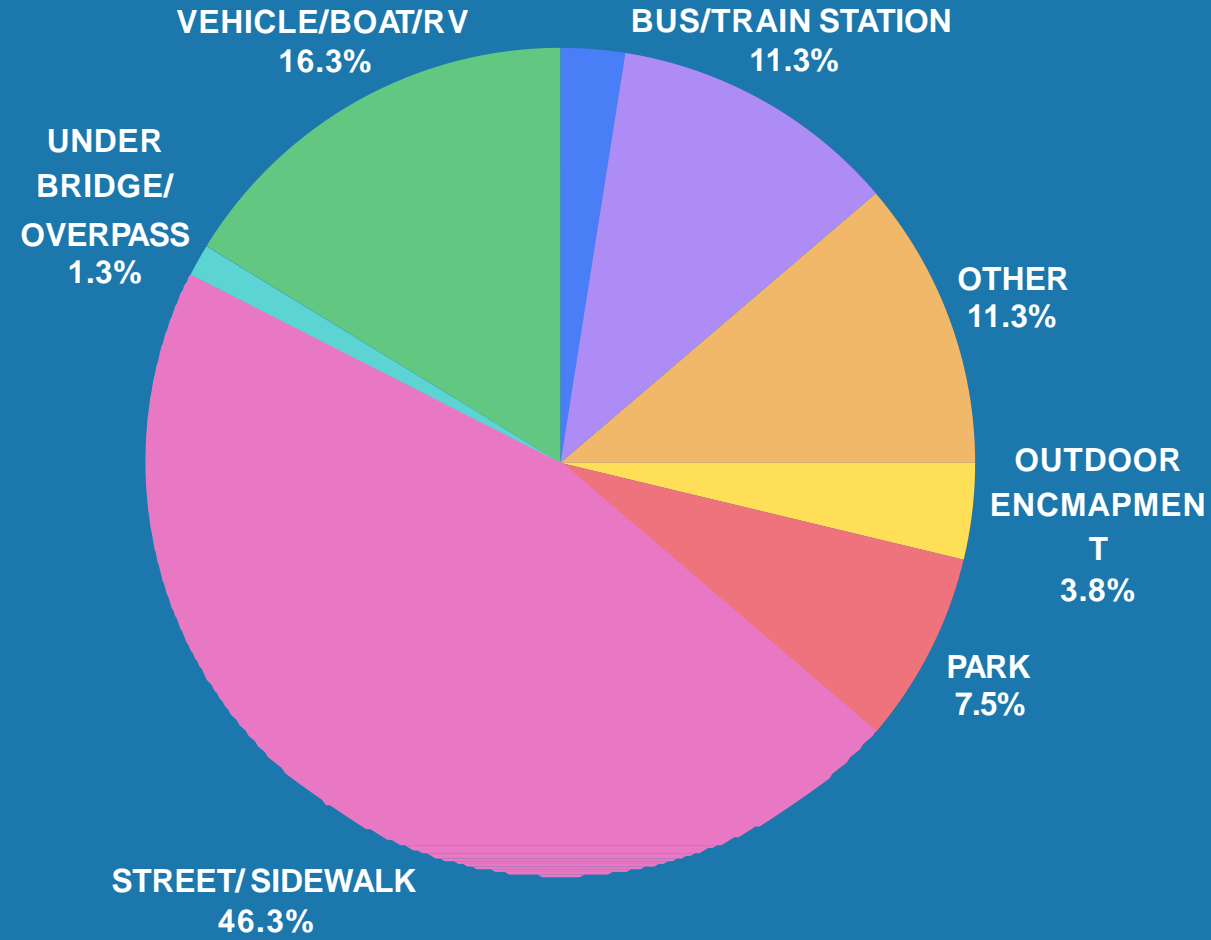


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VETERANS

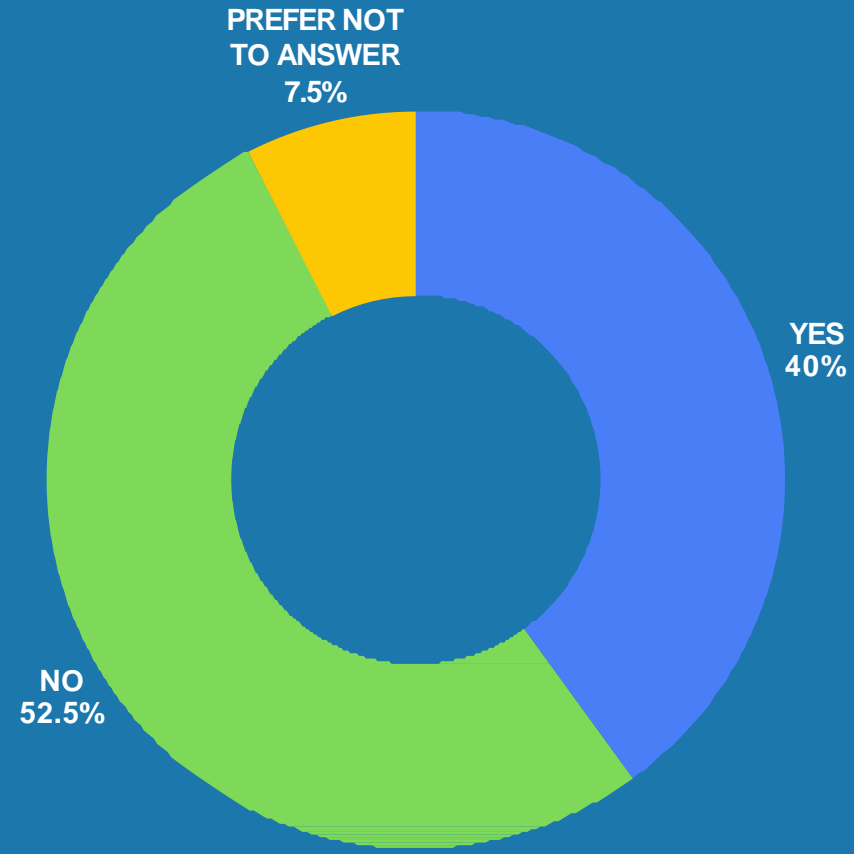
DISABILITIES



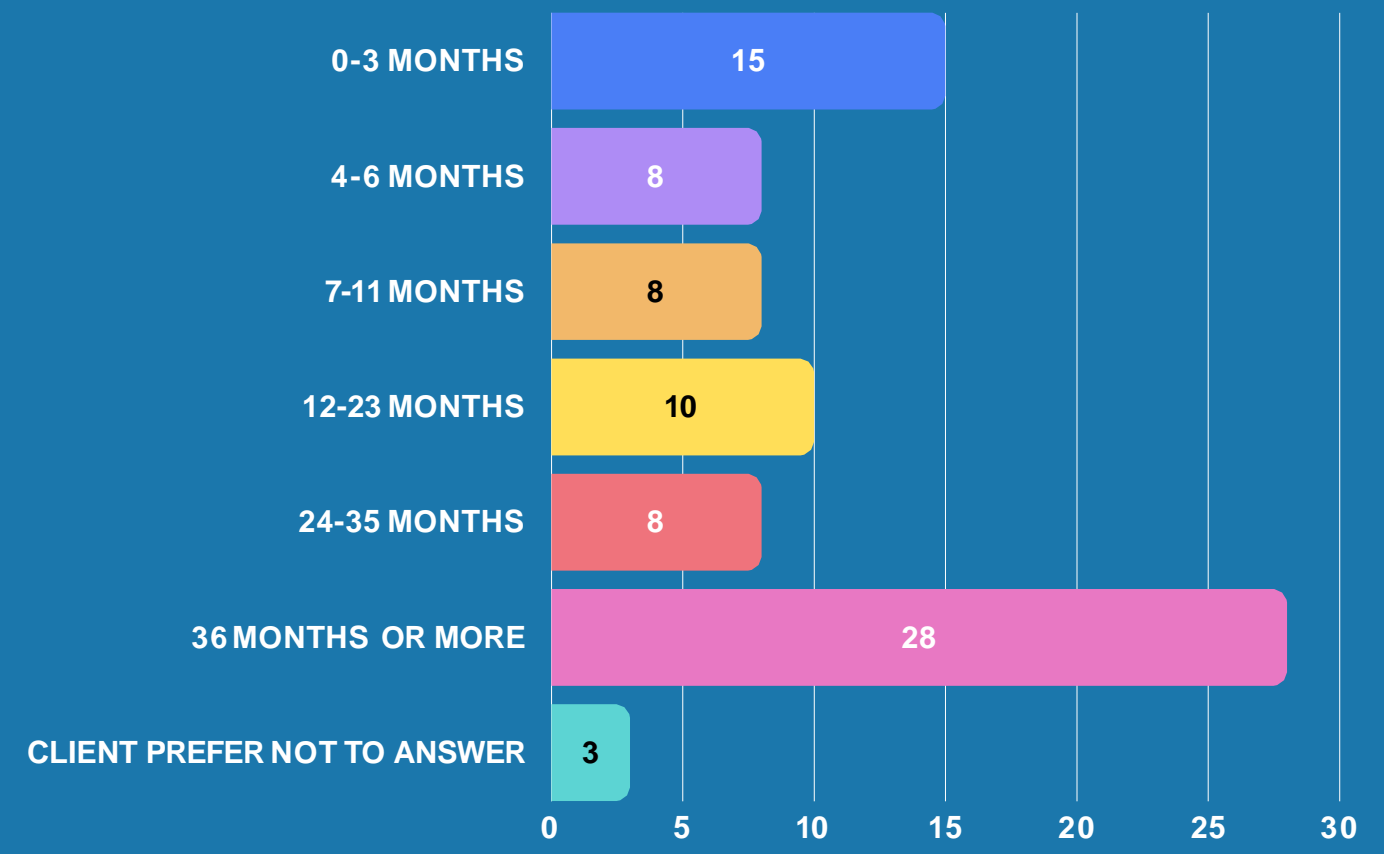
WHERE ARE YOU SLEEPING ON THE NIGHT OF THE SURVEY?



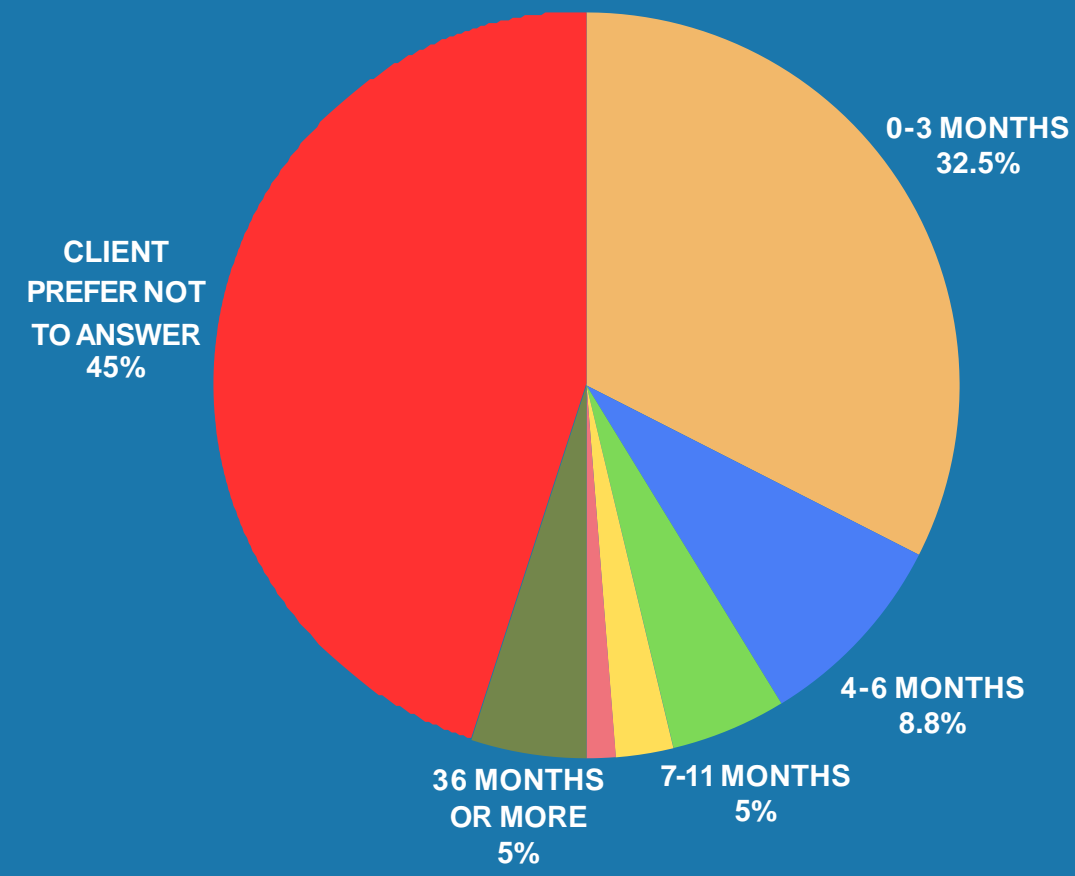
IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN HOMELESS?



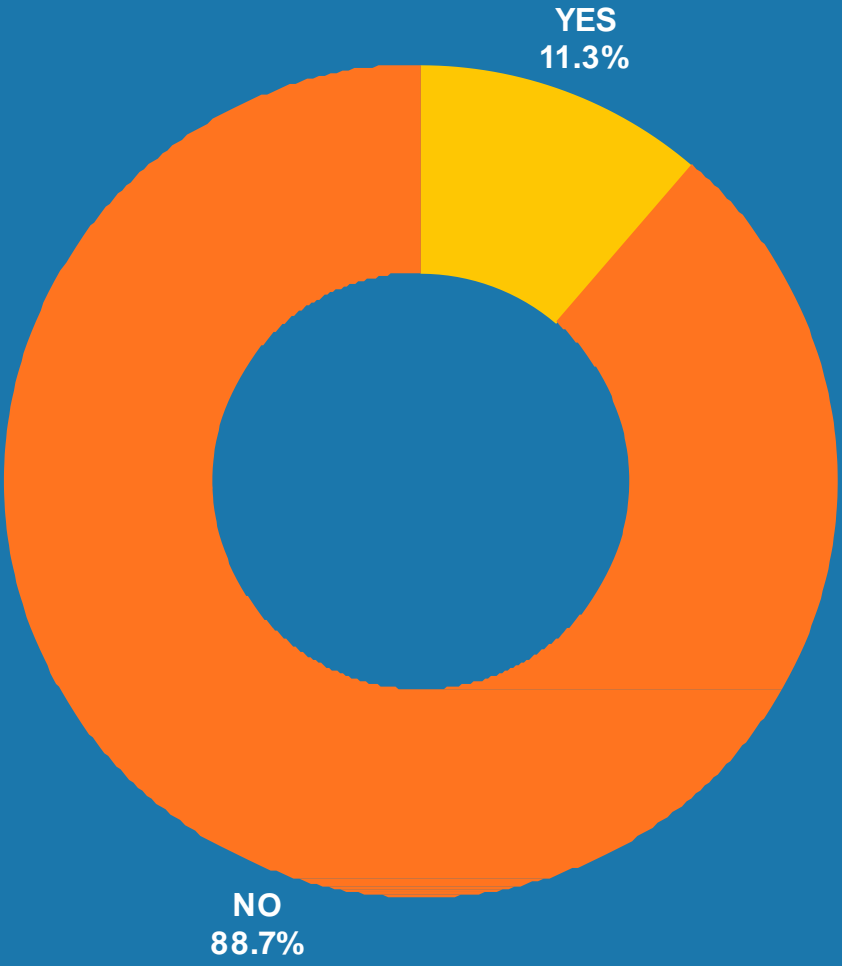
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HOMELESS THIS TIME?



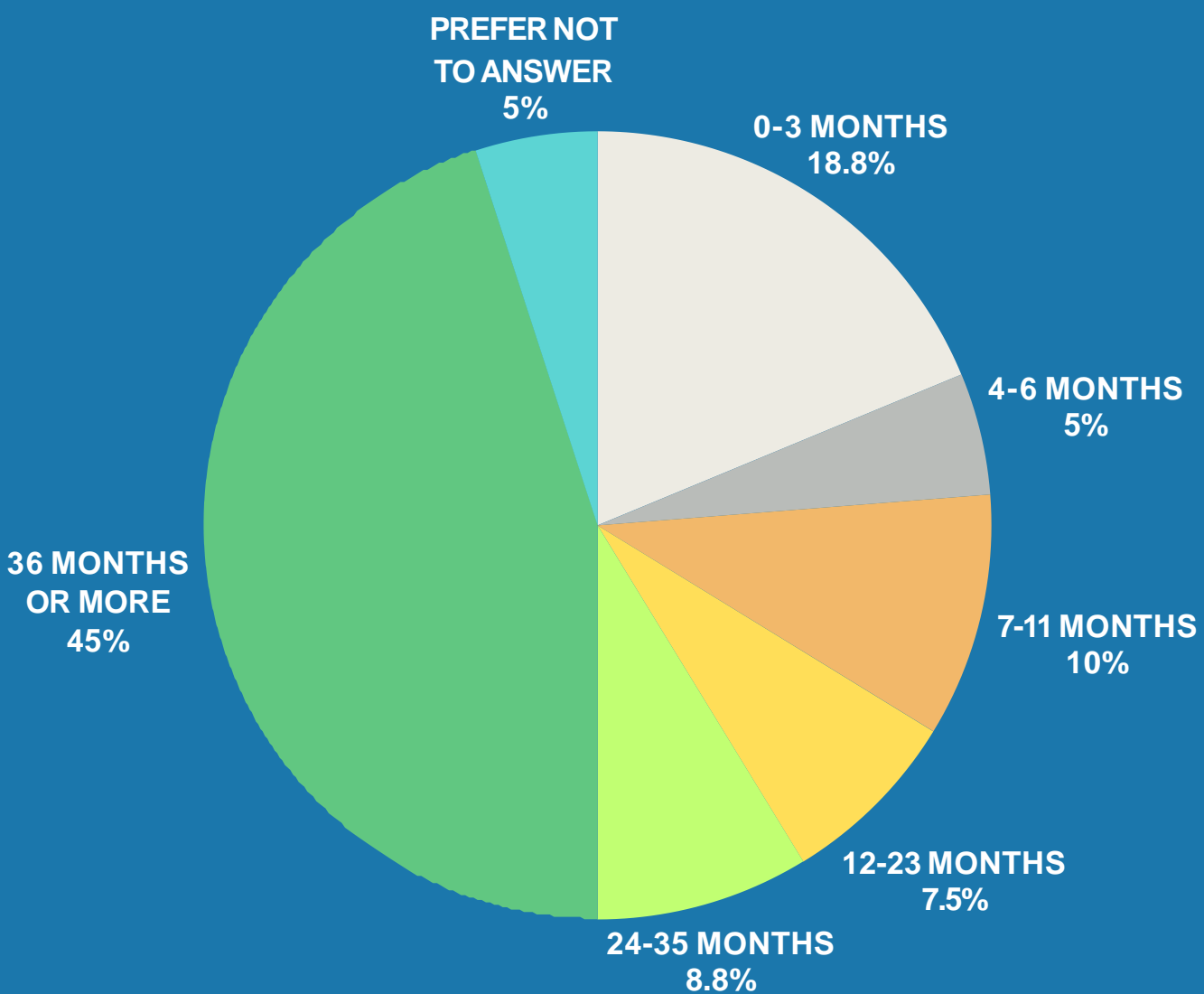
HOW MANY MONTHS DID YOU STAY IN SHELTER OR ON THE STREETS OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS?



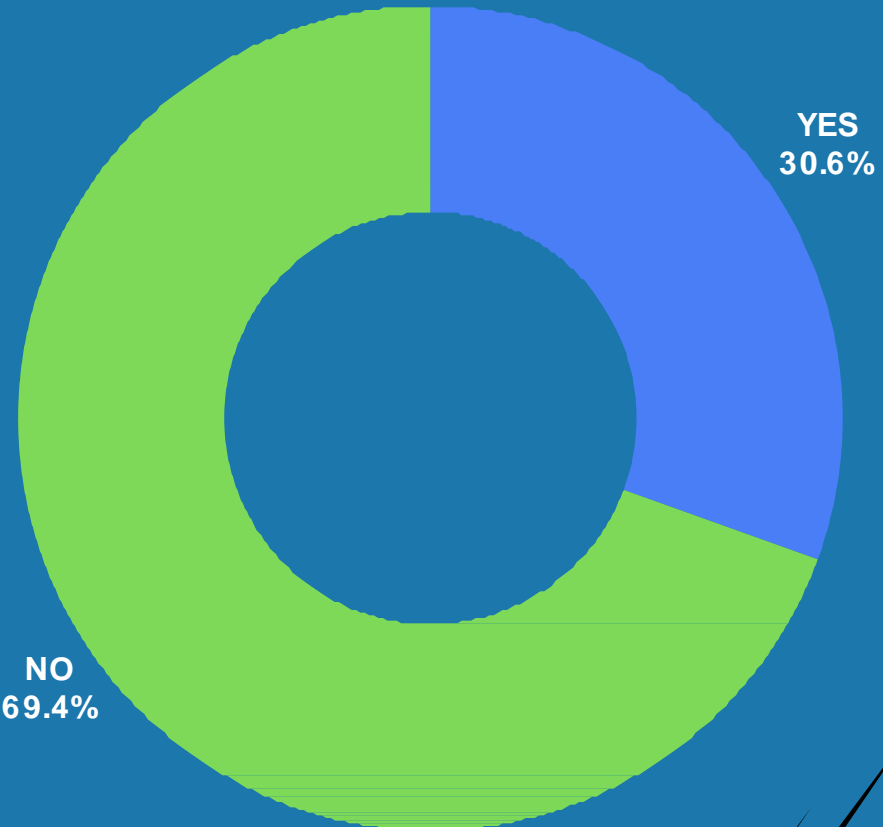
ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED?



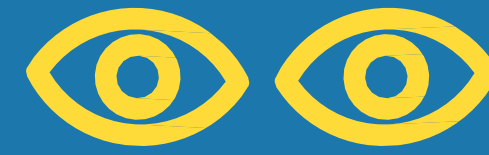
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN HOLLYWOOD?



ARE YOU RECEIVING DISABILITY BENEFITS?



WHAT WE ARE SEEING



Homelessness is **Visible** and **Immediate**:

46.3% living on streets and sidewalks



Public-facing issue impacting community safety and quality of life

There is a **Front-End** Crisis:

40% first-time homelessness;
18% within 0–3 months



Economic instability and housing costs are driving new inflow

Needs are **Complex**:

79% report mental health, substance use, or chronic conditions



Requires treatment + housing interventions, not one or the other

WHAT MUST HAPPEN NEXT



Act Early to Prevent Homelessness

- Take intentional steps to prevent chronic homelessness
- Continue prioritizing homeless prevention and affordable & workforce housing in Community Development Programs

Balance Immediate Response with Long-Term Stability

- Short-term: shelter access, public safety, treatment and recovery
- Long-term: housing stability and economic self-sufficiency

Keep Outreach Strong and Visible

- Continue strong street outreach presence
- Explore co-response services (*i.e. TaskForce Davie PD model*)
- Reinforce swift encampment resolutions

Scale Clinical Services in the Field

- TaskForce will surge licensed behavioral health clinicians in Hollywood and promote treatment access
- Expand medical partnerships