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HOUSING TASK FORCE (HTF) Virtual Meeting

Friday, October 24, 2025
9:00AM-10:00AM (PST)

**Key agenda item:
Develop Final Recommendations**

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- 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS** **9:00AM-9:05AM**
- 2. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT** **9:05AM-9:10AM**
 - August 27, 2025 Meeting Recap (See meeting summary)
 - New County Homeless Initiative Department Updates <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/dh/>
 - Homeless Policy Deputies Meetings - <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/agendas/>
 - Federal policy and budget updates
- 3. DISCUSSION:** **9:10AM-9:45AM**
 - Develop recommendations based on findings of HTF activities to include the housing/legal services provider consultations and consumer survey housing survey.
 - Next Steps
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT** **10:00AM**

Resources to Check Out:

[National Low Income Housing Coalition California State Profile](#)



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4th Thursday (1PM-3PM)	Executive Committee	Vermont Corridor *subject to change
4th Thursday (10AM-12PM)	Operations Committee	Vermont Corridor *subject to change
3rd Tuesday (1PM-3PM)	Planning, Priorities & Allocations (PP&A) Committee	Vermont Corridor *subject to change
1st Monday (1PM-3PM)	Public Policy Committee (PPC)	Vermont Corridor *subject to change
1st Tuesday (10AM-12PM)	Standards & Best Practices (SBP) Committee	Vermont Corridor *subject to change

The Commission on HIV (COH) convenes several caucuses and other subgroups to harness broader community input in shaping the work of the Commission around priority setting, resource allocations, service standards, improving access to services, and strengthening PLWH voices in HIV community planning. Currently, the Commission convenes the Aging Caucus, Black Caucus, Consumer Caucus, Transgender Caucus and the Women's Caucus. Caucuses meet virtually unless otherwise announced. For meeting dates and times, contact COH staff directly or email hivcomm@lachiv.org.



Housing Task Force Workplan 2024 - 2025

ONGOING 06.05.24; 07.03.24; 08.07.24; 08.23.24; 01.08.25; 03.11.25; 08.25.25; FINAL 10.24.25

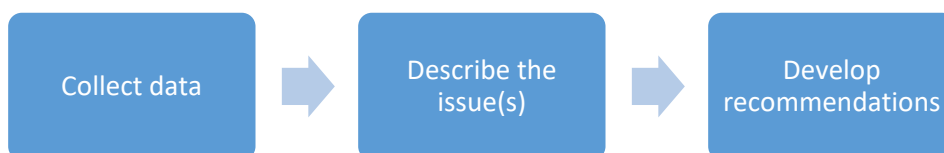
PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT: To identify activities and priorities the Housing Task Force will lead and advance for 2024-2025.

CRITERIA: Select activities that are **specific and realistic and within the scope and capacity of the COH**. The Commission is Los Angeles County's integrated prevention and care planning council.

Overarching Goal: Develop specific and realistic recommendations and/or response to address the intersection of HIV/STD and housing. THE HTF was established to respond to discussions held at the April 11, 2024 Commission and Consumer Caucus Meetings. The Executive Committee reached a consensus that the task force's primary objective will be to directly address and discuss needs, identify gaps, and coordinate with stakeholders solely from a planning perspective, in accordance with the COH's **core charge and responsibilities**. Consumer representation must be included.

2024-2025		
#	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE/DUE DATE/ACTION ITEMS
1	Engage DHSP-funded housing and legal services agencies to understand the types of needs they see among their clients. keep people housed? How can this strategy be supported? Status Update (02.3.25): Completed subject matter/provider panels with DHSP-funded housing agencies; Inner Law Center completed on 1/24/25 meeting. Report back to COH 4/10.25 {NEED TO SCHEDULE PRESENTATION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COH}	Invite these DHSP-funded housing and legal services agencies to the September 27 meeting and extend the time to 2 hours. Some questions to ask include: - How do your programs work together to foster housing-legal services and partnerships for clients? - When are you seeing clients in the service pipeline? What issues are they presenting with? How are your agencies mitigating their issues and needs? - How can your services help prevent clients from becoming homeless? What services are provided for prevention versus those who are already homeless? - How are clients getting to your agencies? Are they being referred by agencies? Other Ryan White-funded service providers? Self- referrals? - Where are the gaps and failures happening in the overall service delivery network? - What are legal issues are clients presenting with? - What strategies should we consider in using legal services as a way to keep people housed?
2	Develop housing specific needs assessments and supplement with community listening sessions/focus groups. Review existing data and conduct housing-focused needs assessment. Dig deeper in the housing needs and challenges for PWH and those at risk. Identify provider needs around housing such as service/staffing and	- Identify and review existing data sources and needs assessments (i.e., City of LA Consolidated Plan, Housing Element Needs Assessment) March-April 2025 - Develop needs assessment objectives, aims, questions/instruments. Develop focus group guide and survey. April 2025 - Finalize instruments, promote, recruit participants, and administer survey. May 2025 - Collect data analyze data. June-July 2025 - Develop report and recommendations. July 2025

	organizational capacity needs, issues, and challenges. {COMPLETED CONSUMER SURVEY. HTF OPTED FOR A SURVEY INSTEAD OF FOCUS GROUPS/LISTENING SESSIONS}	
3	Convene housing solutions for PLWH summit to present needs assessment and develop county wide plan of action.	August-September 2025 or a World AIDS Day event?



PRIORITY LIST AFTER ACTIVITY 1 IS COMPLETED				
2	Use the data for service standards and/or create new service model; perhaps extend temporary housing to longer-term housing and braid RW and HOPWA funds together. Incorporate in EFA service standards the new guidance from HRSA that now allows the use of RW funds for rental deposits. ➤ Offer more legal services (such as help with eviction notices, landlord mediation, etc.) and emergency financial assistance to keep people housed.	Update service standards Review EFA and housing service standards Create program directives to DHSP		SBP is currently reviewing and updating the EFA service standards.
3	Once standards are updated, pursue advocacy efforts and use data with personal stories to advocate for more funding and/or policy changes.	Annual priority setting and resource allocations (PSRA) process.		PP&A Committee will undertake PSRA for Program Year (PY) 34 and PY 35, 36, and 37 at the July and August PP&A meetings.
4	Conduct housing resource fairs and/or housing clinics at the end of a Commission meeting (does not have to be at all Commission meetings) or have the Consumer Caucus lead this effort.	Inform, educate and disseminate information to consumers, specified target populations, providers, the general public, and HIV and health service policy makers to build knowledge and capacity for HIV prevention, care, and treatment; and actively engage individuals and entities		

concerned about HIV.

****CONTRACTUAL ISSUES AND AGENCY NAMES ARE OUTSIDE OF THE PURVIEW OF THE COH. HOPWA is not under Ryan White, or DHSP or the Commission.****

OTHER IDEAS FOR FUTURE WORKPLANS AND ACTIVITEIS

#	HOUSING CHALLENG/ISSUE	ACTION OR STRATEGY TO ADDRESS ISSUE	TIMELINE/ DUE DATE	ACTION ITEMS+NEXTSTEPS+FOLLOWUP
1	Lack of coordination among housing systems and providers	- HTF should look at ways to collaborate with DHSP and other providers – agencies are not aware of what each other are doing; not much communication between HIV and housing providers; conduct a training among housing providers about the Ryan White program - Improve interagency communication; the lack of and often conflicting communication among lead agencies and subcontractor agencies lead to frustration and delays in application process; case closures are done erroneously and the burden of starting over is on the client. Submitted documents are lost when they have been submitted by the client multiple times. No one is talking to the client; often left in limbo. - Ensure Medical Care Coordination teams and benefits specialty services contractors are aware of resources; provide trauma-informed care training.		

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2	Duplicative and confusing application process	Improve interagency communication; the lack of and often conflicting communication among lead agencies and subcontractor agencies lead to frustration and delays in application process; case closures are done erroneously and the burden of starting over is on the client. Submitted documents are lost when they have been submitted by the client multiple times. No one is talking to the client; often left in limbo.		
3	Lack of affordable housing stock			
4	Current efforts are not addressing the root causes of homelessness (stagnant incomes, poverty, racism, mental health, substance use, etc.)	- Explore service models for different populations, such as the TransLatina Coalition's employment to housing program, where graduates of the program learn to start their own business. - Intersect housing with other capacities like employment, food, mental health; some agencies just provide housing but not other services needed by the client to remain housed.		
5	Lack of homeless prevention services	Explore service models for different populations, such as the TransLatina Coalition's employment to housing program, where graduates of the program learn to start their own business.		

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		- Intersect housing with other capacities like employment, food, mental health; some agencies just provide housing but not other services needed by the client to remain housed. - Universal basic income, expand financial assistance, temporary and permanent supporting housing.		
6	Lack of clarity about eligibility requirements	- HTF should look at ways to collaborate with DHSP and other providers – agencies are not aware of what each other are doing; not much communication between HIV and housing providers; conduct a training among housing providers about the Ryan White program - Improve interagency communication; the lack of and often conflicting communication among lead agencies and subcontractor agencies lead to frustration and delays in application process; case closures are done erroneously and the burden of starting over is on the client. Submitted documents are lost when they have been submitted by the client multiple times. No one is talking to the client; often left in limbo.		
7	Outdated and restrictive federal policies and regulations	Agencies are under-staffed; secure more funding to expand staffing capacity.		

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8	Unclear how/where one would access or start looking for help	- Need effort to educate housing and HIV agencies; create a document or web page to help individuals at risk of losing housing; intervene to avert the crisis - Develop 1 hotline for housing resources and program for PLWH and those at risk? Isn't this CHIRP LA?		

COMPREHENSIVE HIV PLAN (CHP) HOUSING RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- 7C.5b: Improve systems, strategies and proposals that prevent homelessness, expand affordable housing, as well as prioritize housing opportunities for people living with, affected by, or at risk of transmission of HIV/AIDS, especially LGBTQ people
- 7C.5c: Promote family housing and emergency financial assistance as a strategy to maintain housing
- 7C.5d: Increase coordination among housing agencies to include intergenerational housing options
- 7C.5e: Blend funding to support housing and rental assistance for seniors living with HIV



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HOUSING TASK FORCE (HTF) VIRTUAL MEETING

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AUGUST 22, 2025 | 9AM-10AM

MEETING SUMMARY

Introductions

- K. Nelson and Dr. David Hardy, HTF Co-chairs, called the meeting to order, conducted introductions, and welcomed attendees the meeting.

Co-Chairs' Report:

- K. Nelson referred attendees to the packet for the meeting summary for the June 27, 2025 meeting. The HTF did not meet in July.
- Regarding federal budget updates to housing, K. Nelson, that HOPWA appears to be preserved for now but funding threats continue. There will be housing advocacy activities during the United States Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA) in Washington DC (Sept. 3-Sept. 7). K. Nelson will be at the USCHA conference will partake in the advocacy efforts.
- Regarding Section 8 housing (not Ryan White or HOPWA funded), the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) recently notified Section 8 participants of changes to Program Due to Recent Budget Cuts <https://www.hacla.org/en/news/hacla-notifies-section-8-participants-changes-program-due-recent-budget-cuts?f>
- HACLA notified Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) applicants and program participants that effective August 1, 2025, rental assistance subsidy levels will be reduced for all **new** rental agreements. This is directly due to the reduction in federal funding for the Section 8 HCV Program. To minimize the impact to families already in the program, HACLA has adopted a "hold harmless" policy, which ensures rental assistance will not change for families who remain in their current unit. Due to a preliminary notice of a significant funding reduction, in March of 2025, HACLA announced a pause in processing housing applications and voucher issuance affecting more than 3,000 families.
- After recently receiving its final funding allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for 2025, HACLA has determined that it is still in a funding shortfall necessitating further cost containment measures to prevent families that are housed from losing assistance. Furthermore, the pause in application processing remains in effect.
- The notice to participants, applicants and property owners indicates that effective August 1, 2025, HACLA will change the Voucher Payment Standard (VPS) from 120% to

110% of the Fair Market Rent (FMR) or Small Area Fair Market Rent (SAFMR) for new rental agreements. The VPS is based on bedroom size and zip code.

- C. Barrit informed the HTF that the new county homeless services department will engage in community town halls for input on budget planning and encouraged HTF members to submit feedback and/participate in the town halls. To learn more, visit <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/dh/>

DISCUSSION: Review Housing Survey Results (refer to [packet](#) for slides; pages 4-29)

- The task force aims to assess housing needs, identify gaps, and inform the Commission's planning process.
- Survey results highlight current housing challenges faced by individuals living with HIV and those at risk. Fifty individuals responded to the survey. However, due to self-selection and reliance on providers to distribute the survey to clients, the respondents to the survey appear to be already connected to services or have a history of using various services in the County.
- Survey findings revealed a high percentage of respondents living with HIV and significant insurance coverage among participants.
- Many survey respondents reported difficulties related to housing affordability and access to services, despite high insurance rates.
- Key demographic insights highlighted diverse representation among participants, including age, gender identity, and ethnicity.
- Geographic distribution of respondents may reveal service accessibility issues across LA County.
- Dr. Hardy noted the importance of characterizing PLWH and those at risk in Los Angeles County. Furthermore, services are usually concentrated in the LA Metro/Downtown area and decreases outside of this area. It would be interesting to see the geographic affiliations of the survey participants.
- Kristen B. (DHS/Housing for Health) shared her observation that the responses mirror what they see among HOPWA participants.
- L. Martinez-Real noted that mental health services is important for PLWH.
- F. Gonzalez noted that he was surprised to see a low response rate among the transgender community. The housing report developed by the Translatin@ Coalition may help to describe the needs of the transgender community. The small number of responses from the transgender community might be more of a reflection of how the survey was promoted/distributed, not due to lack of interest from the community. He would like to make sure that people with children are prioritized for housing. Dr. Hardy indicated that from his experience, people and families with children are prioritized for housing, including emergency housing.
- Outreach and linking unhoused PLWH to housing are important.

Agenda Development for Next Meeting:

Due to C. Barrit's retirement and staff role transitions, the next step will be for the HTF Co-chairs to meet with Assistant Director, Dawn McClendon, to complete the HTF deliverables for submission/presentation to the Executive Committee and Commission. Task forces sunset once their deliverables are completed.

Action items:

- Co-chairs, Katja Nelson and David Hardy to develop specific recommendations based on the survey findings and present them to the Executive Committee and full Commission.

Consultations with Local Ryan-White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Funded Housing and Legal Services Providers

Housing Task Force (HTF)

May 8, 2025



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HOUSING SUPPORTS BETTER HEALTH



Securing **stable housing** can help people achieve **successful HIV outcomes**.

Background

The Commission on HIV formed the Housing Task Force to address the needs of people living with HIV (PLWH), with special emphasis on:

- Understanding how the local Ryan White system of HIV care can prevent and address housing as a critical piece of a person's care.
- Conducting assessments, community listening sessions, and consultations with subject matter experts to understand service delivery gaps, barriers, and opportunities for partnerships and improvements.
- Developing recommendations to agency partners and the County to attain and maintain safe and affordable housing for PLWH.

Background

- Conducted consultations with housing and legal services agencies to learn about the service needs of their clients
- Determine how a more integrated housing and legal service delivery process can prevent homelessness among Ryan White clients (or Ryan White eligible clients).
- The consultations were held during the regularly scheduled HTF meetings from September 2024 to January 2025.

Ryan White Housing and Legal Service Providers Insights

- All housing providers reported referring clients to legal services
- Work intensively with clients to prevent eviction.
- Eviction is the last resort
- Work with clients to address behavioral or financial difficulties to avoid eviction

Primary reasons for eviction:
missed rental payments
and
poor tenant behavior

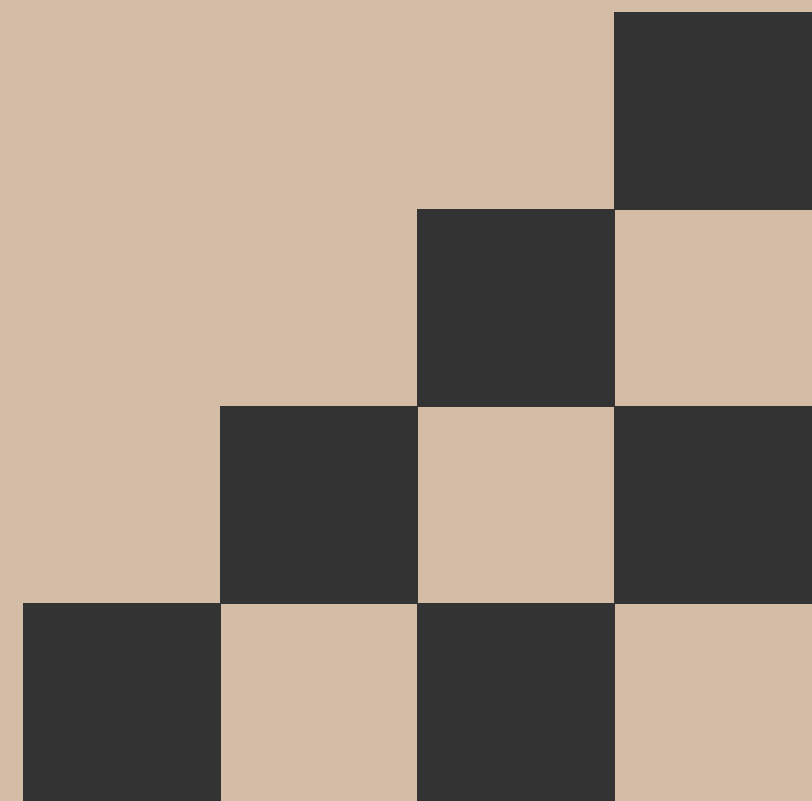
Key Themes

Comprehensive support is provided by staff:

- Agencies employ resident services coordinators who interact with clients to ensure their health, safety, and well-being.
- Staff assist with referrals and conduct personal visits to build and maintain trust with clients.
- HFH funds intensive case management address the acute health needs of clients.

Residential Care Facility for the Chronically II (RCFCI) and Transitional Residential Care Facility (TRCF) clients demonstrate a high need for ongoing support.

- RCFCI and TRCF clients are often frail, elderly, and diagnosed with significant mental health conditions; some are not receiving mental health services by choice; and require ongoing attention and support with basic skills of life, home living, and health maintenance.
- For clients who seek mental health services, securing appointments is a significant challenge.



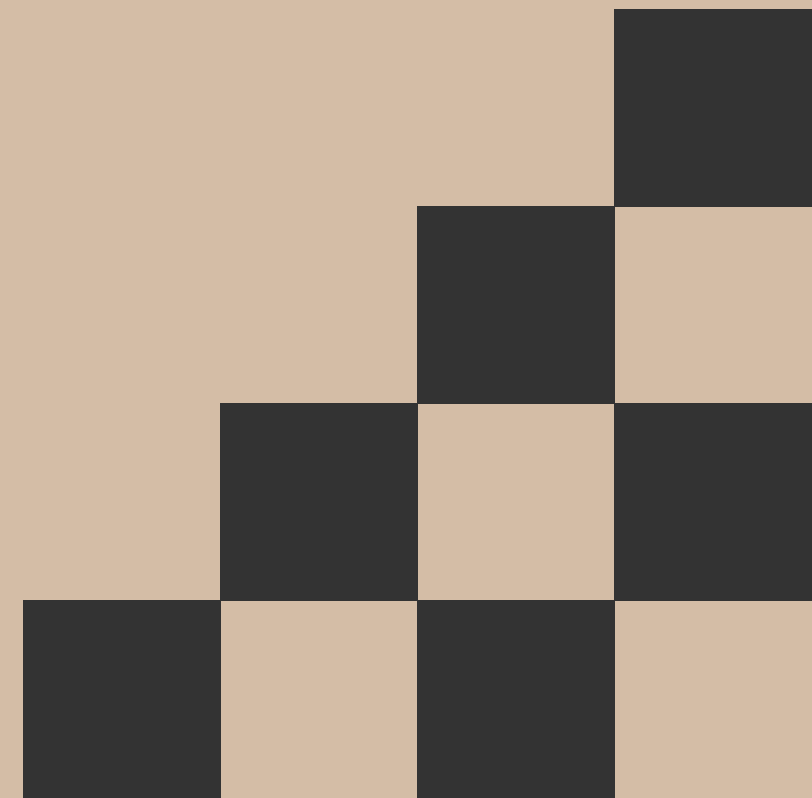
Key Themes

Inadequate funding is straining the capacity of agencies to operate at optimal levels.

- Building repairs and maintenance are not covered by funding sources.
- Agencies are further strained when payments/reimbursements are not paid on time.
- Reimbursement rates do not match the full cost of the services.

Housing workforce capacity is under extreme pressure and stress.

- The caseload and demand for housing are not sustainable with the current workforce capacity and landscape.
- Huge turnover rate, low wage, burnout, poor treatment of staff (by clients) are systemic issues that are not being addressed.
- Difficult to attract and retain highly skilled staff for the housing services sector.
- People with lived experience are needed, however, those with subsidized housing run the risk of losing their housing if they are employed.
- Trust is a core issue. Housing providers are not trusted and not treated as equal partners by the County.



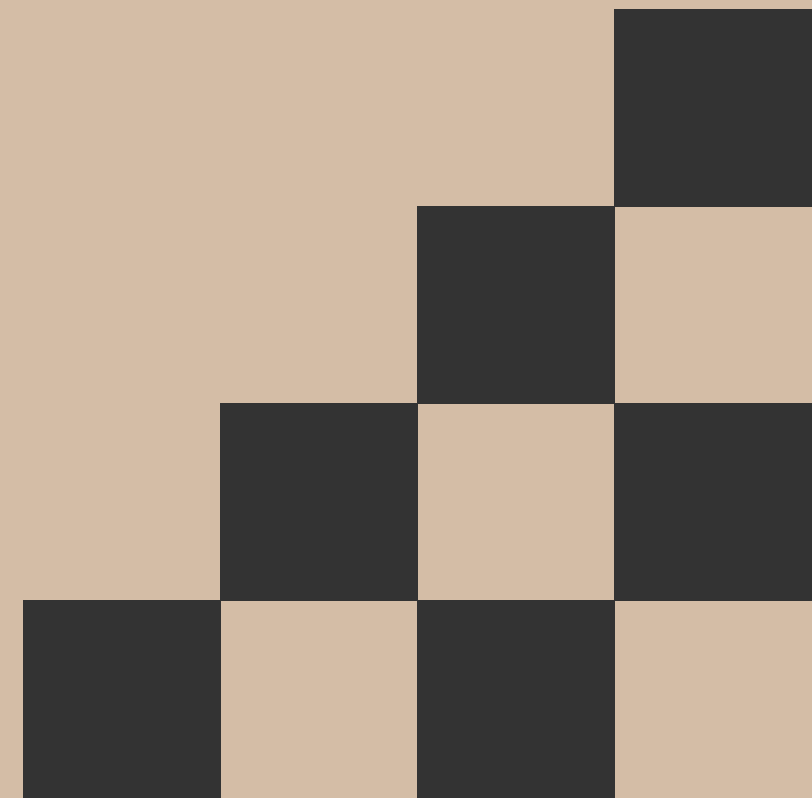
Key Themes

Poor intra and inter-agency communication and coordination.

- Due to frequent staffing changes and turnover, maintaining communication and connection with referring agencies is a challenge. This often leads to applications having to get started again, lost applications and paperwork, and inability to contact clients/applicants.

The insane amount of paperwork required for applications is detrimental to both providers and clients.

- The length of time it takes to get people housed is unacceptable but providers are hampered and powerless because of documents required by HUD-funded programs.
- Paperwork burden is duplicative and retraumatizing to clients.



Other Issues

- Need resources and support to house undocumented clients.
- Some eligible clients may not seek services due to stigma.
- Foster a sense of compassion and understanding for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- It is important to understand the difference between subsidized vs. affordable housing. Under subsidized housing, the tenant does not pay more than 30% of their income towards rent. “Affordable” housing is subject to rent increases.



City of Los Angeles HOPWA Partners' Insights



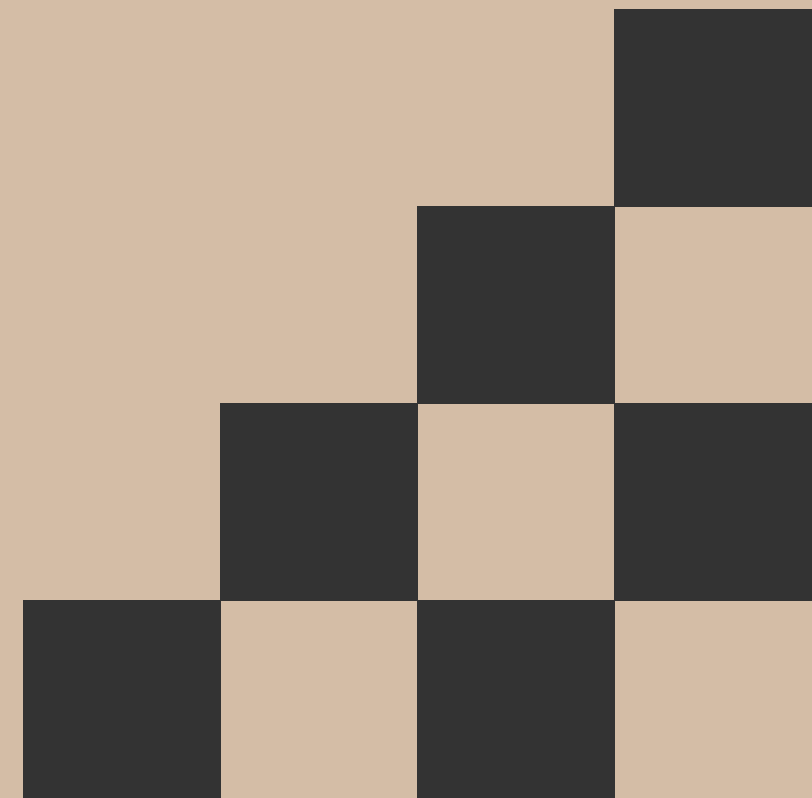
- Federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides housing assistance and related support services specifically to low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- The only federal program dedicated to addressing the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- HOPWA is not a Ryan White-funded program.
- Locally administered by the City of Los Angeles.

HOPWA Background

- Staffing is challenged with only 3 staff and with administrative expenses capped at 3%. In comparison, most federal grant programs cap administrative cost at 10%.
- The 3% administrative cap for the HOPWA program impacts staff capacity to respond to fiscal, programmatic, service, and community engagement efforts.
- Approximately \$30 million in funding from the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department.
- This translates to 18 contracts including housing capital development service agencies, vouchers, and long-term projects to build housing.
- Most of the funding is used to work with local agencies to provide tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and other housing support for PLWH.
- All funds are maximized.

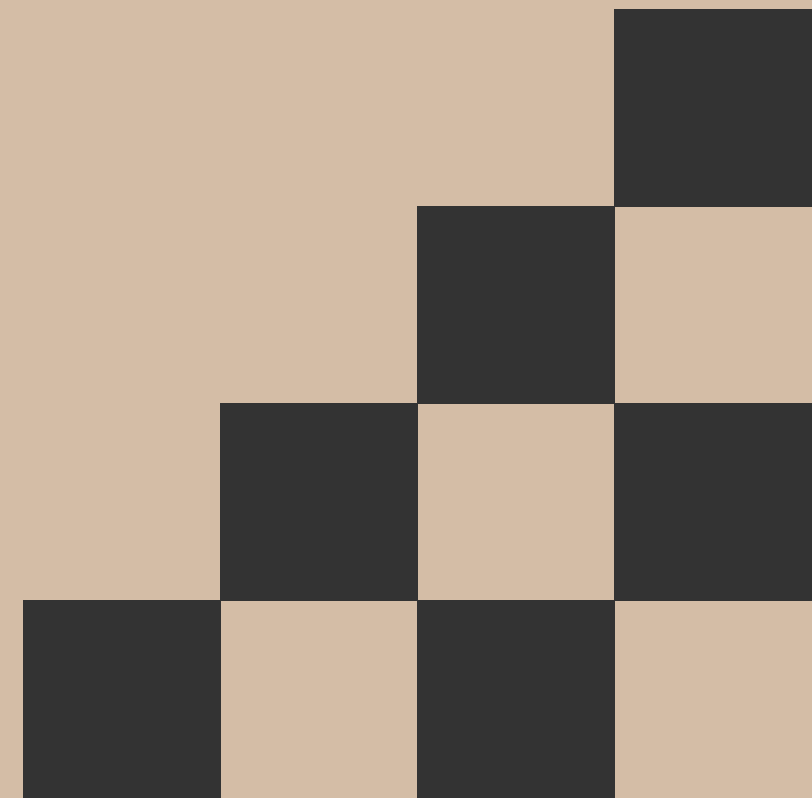
Major challenges

- Need to scale up the number of people served.
- Agencies are not fully spending down their grant awards/contracts, possibly to due to high staff turnover rate and difficulty hiring and retaining staff
- Need to expand outreach more broadly to other partners.
- Duplication of services; e.g., some agencies are targeting the same clients and recruiting from the same hospital.
- Most agencies rely on word-of-mouth for promoting services which is not an effective mechanism for scaling up awareness of HOPWA services.
- Hiring freeze in the City of Los Angeles hampers the ability to hire staff.
- Large caseloads and paper work



Strategies for Improvement

- Increase service agreements amount with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to support housing vouchers for PLWH.
- Establish a process for outreach coordination to avoid duplication of services.
- Explore targeted social marketing, however, these efforts must demonstrate that outreach and social marketing activities reach people eligible for HOPWA services (not intended for general audience outreach).
- Explore leveraging street medicine to get PLWH into housing/HOPWA; currently exploring this opportunity with the USC street medicine program.



Ryan White Legal Services Provider Insights

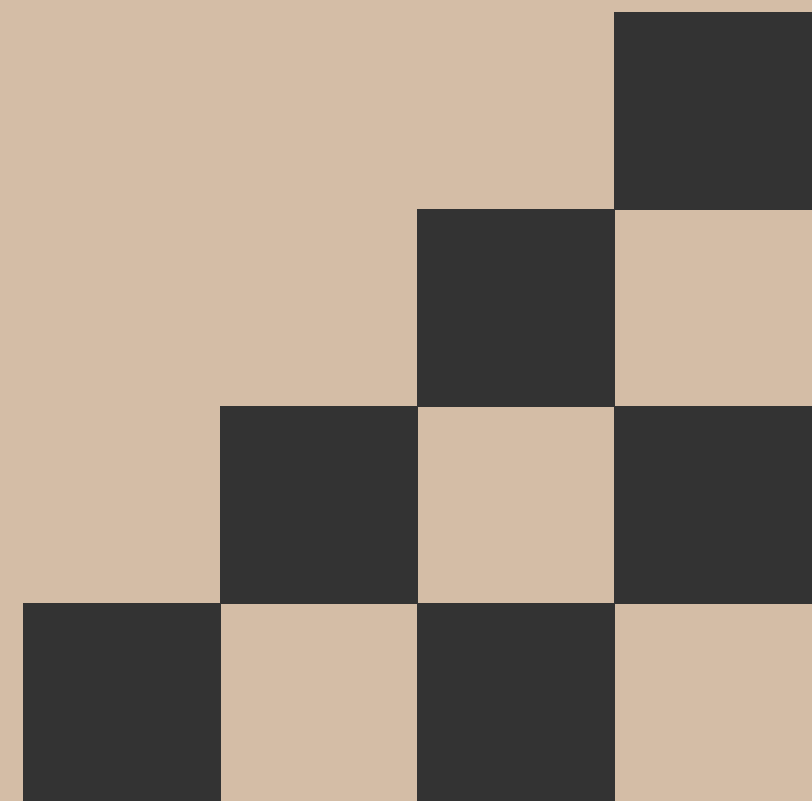
The common areas of assistance
provided:

1. Housing
2. Record clearing
3. Citation defense
4. Income maintenance
5. Credit/debt

*****services are provided regardless
of immigration status*****

Challenges

- Ryan White-contracted legal services provider is not receiving enough referrals and needs agency support to promote their services and refer clients.
- Many Ryan White/ HIV service agency staff are unaware they exist and that they have a legal services program for PLWH.
- Lack of provider awareness about RW-funded legal services may be partly due to confusing messaging when the funding source for the agency's legal services for PLWH moved from HOPWA to Ryan White → some agencies may have misinterpreted this as an end to the program.



Recommendations

- Expand access to emergency financial assistance (including non-Ryan White-funded programs) to prevent homelessness.
- Explore better payment models to fund the full cost of housing services.
- Dedicate funding for ongoing training for frontline staff
- Establish more formal and frequent community and interagency outreach and coordination.
- Appeal to the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department to eliminate the burden of showing proof of income; if they are homeless and receive General Relief, SSI, or SSDI, that documentation should suffice. Eliminate the requirement to provide 3 months of bank statements. Eliminate HIV bloodwork requirement.





Housing Needs Survey Results

Housing Task Force (HTF)

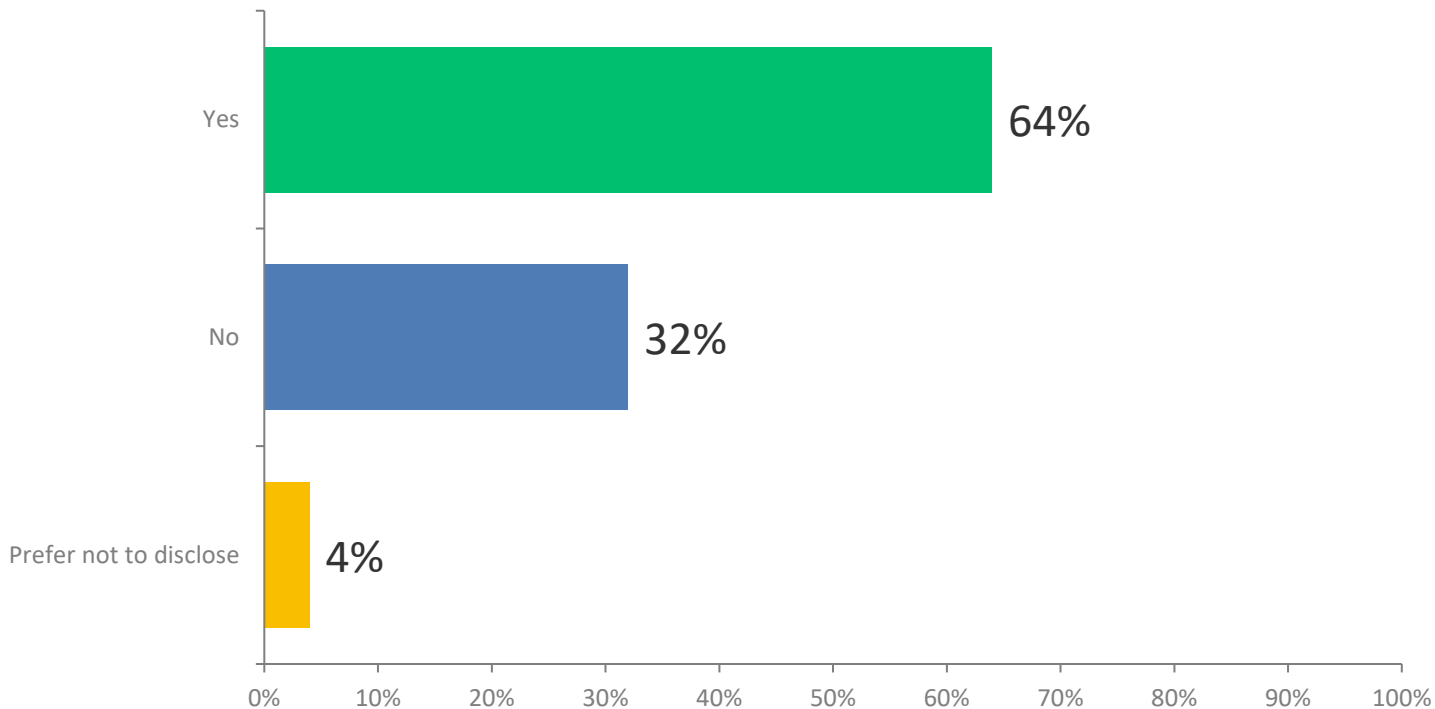
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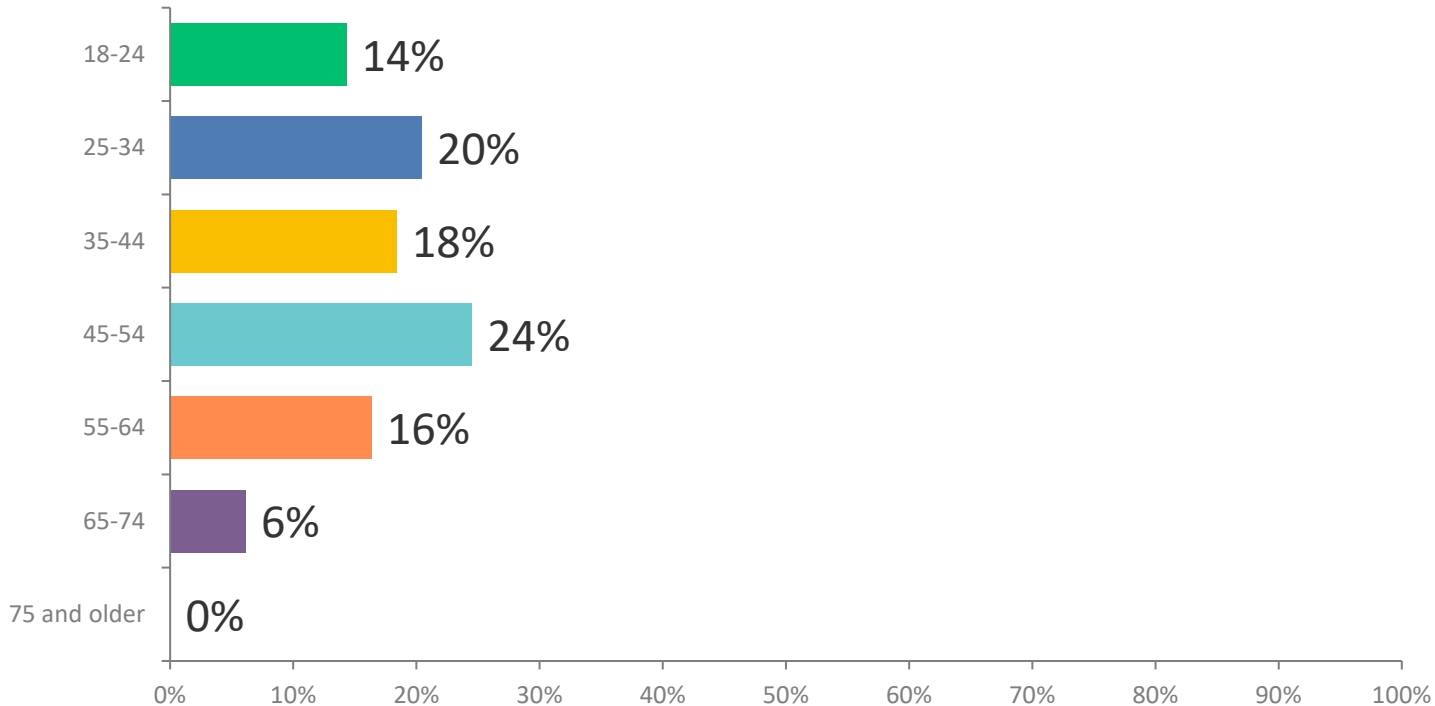
PURPOSE and BACKGROUND

- A key activity in the Housing Task Force work plan
- A needs assessment activity aimed at understanding the housing needs and challenges faced by people living with HIV in Los Angeles County
- Use the results of the survey to help inform the Commission on HIV's planning efforts, service standards development, priority setting and resource allocations, and policy strategies.
- Survey instrument administered via Survey Monkey during the months of July and August
- Customized outreach to housing providers and consumer groups and advisory boards.
- N = 50

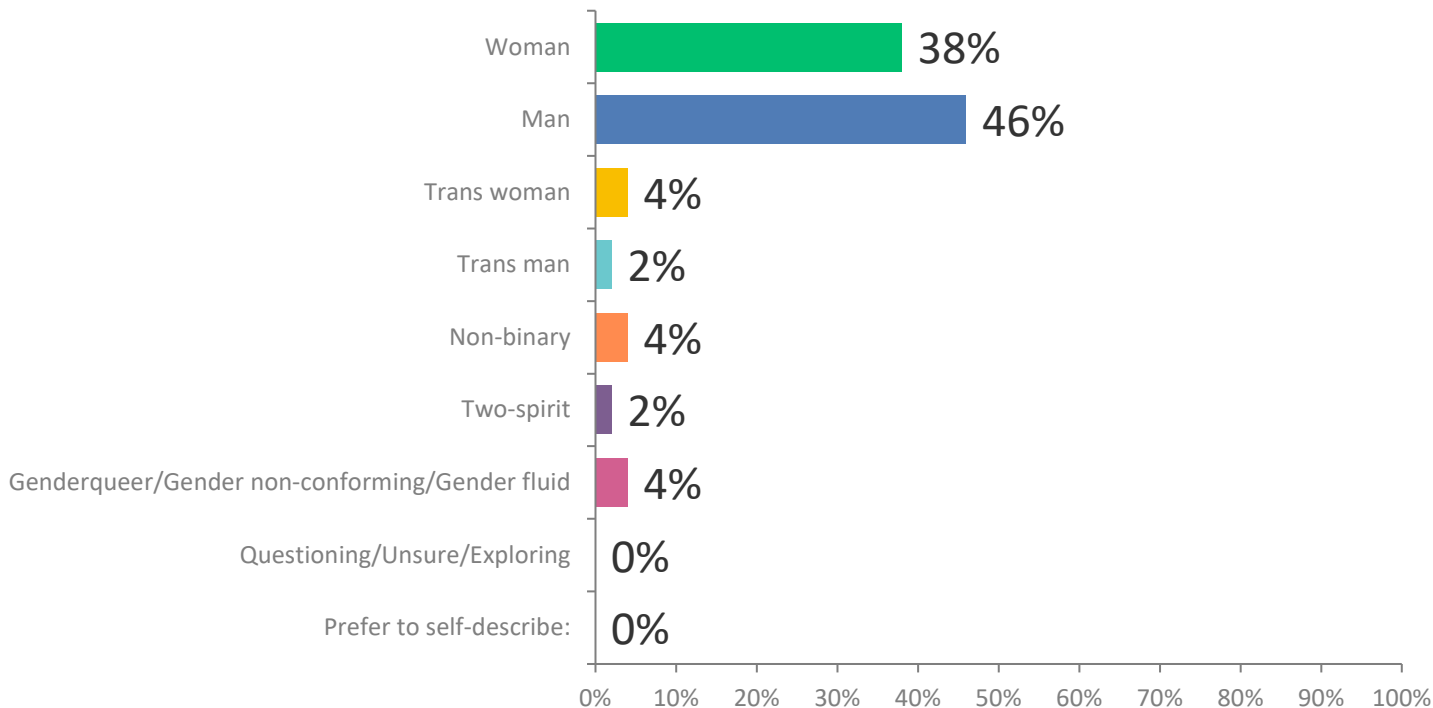
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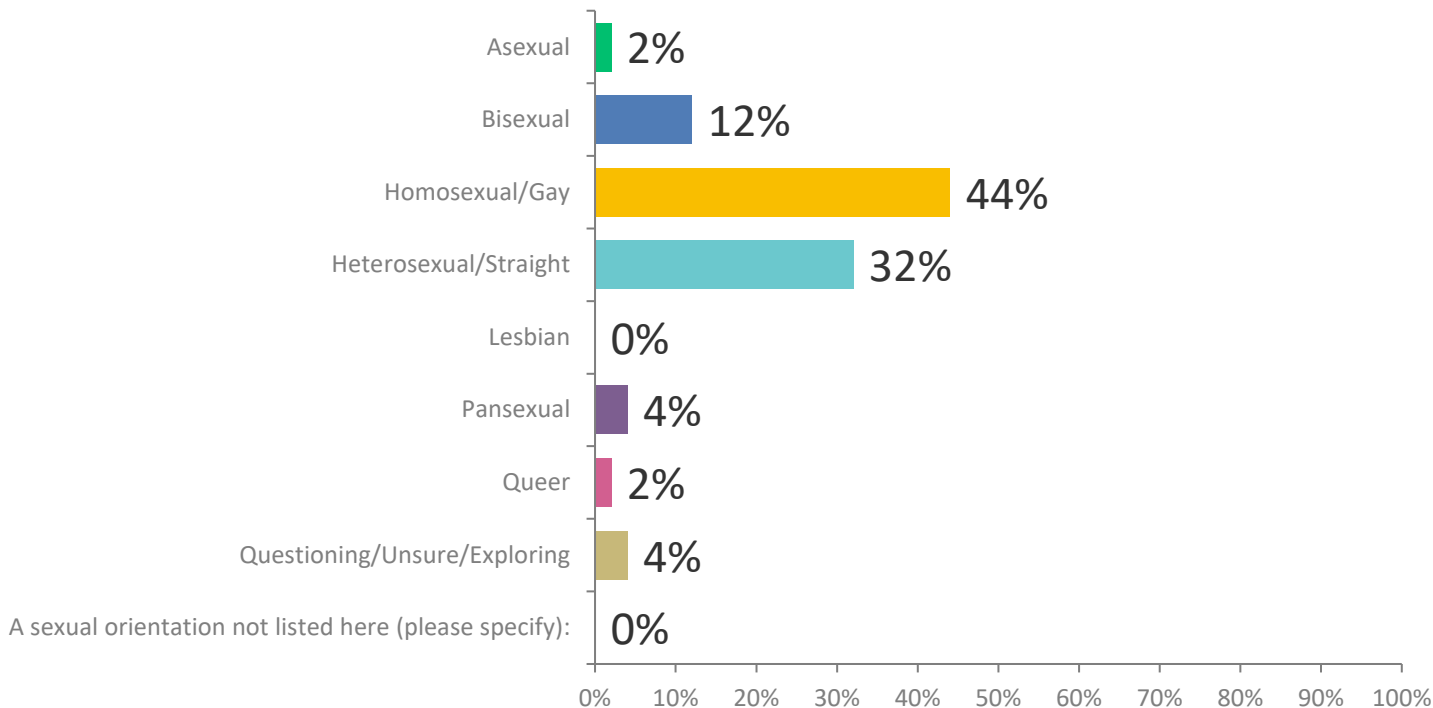
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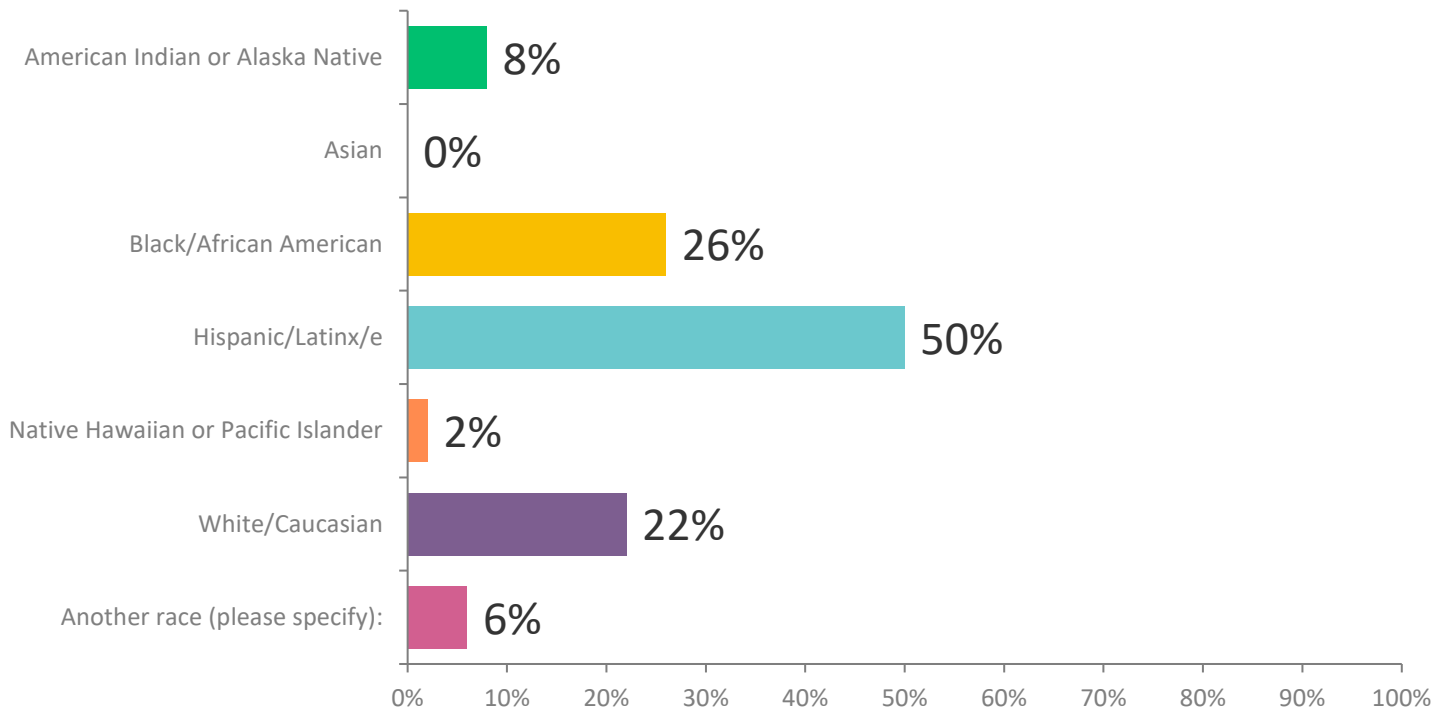
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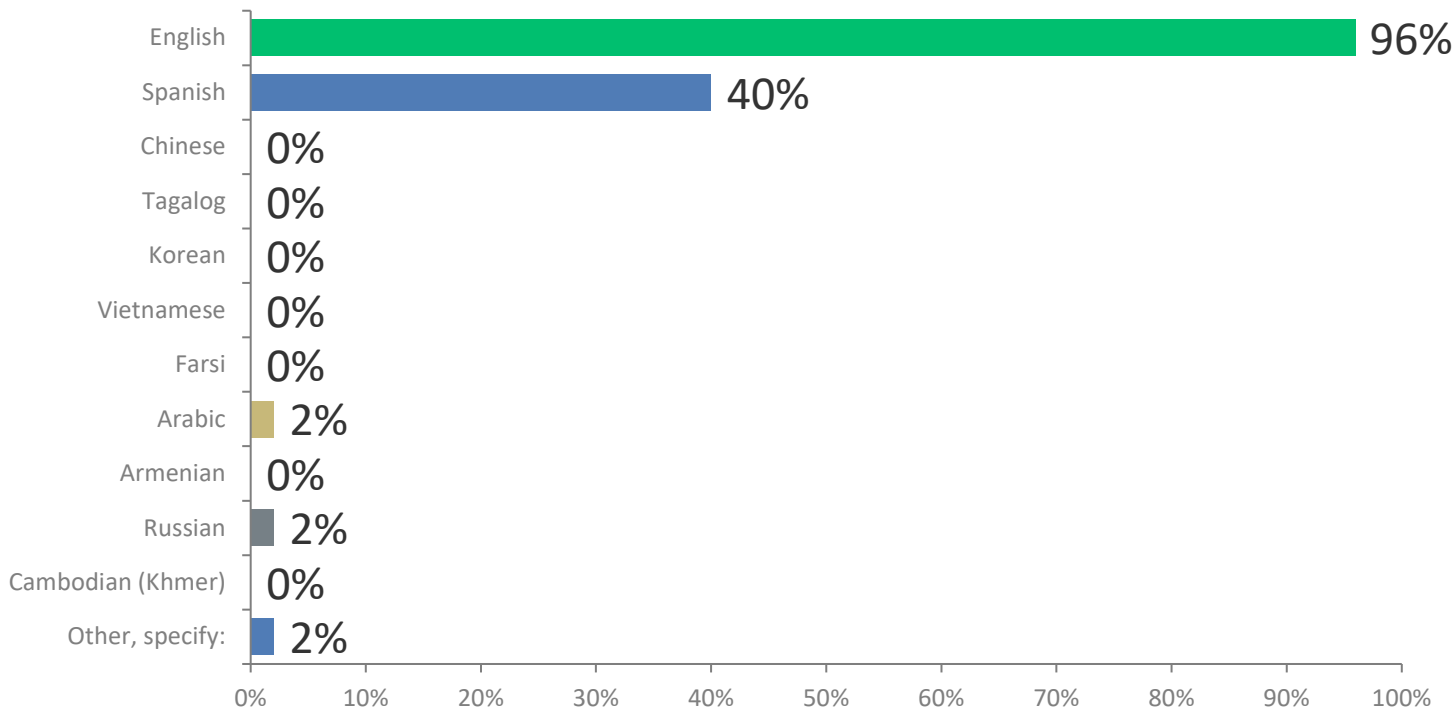
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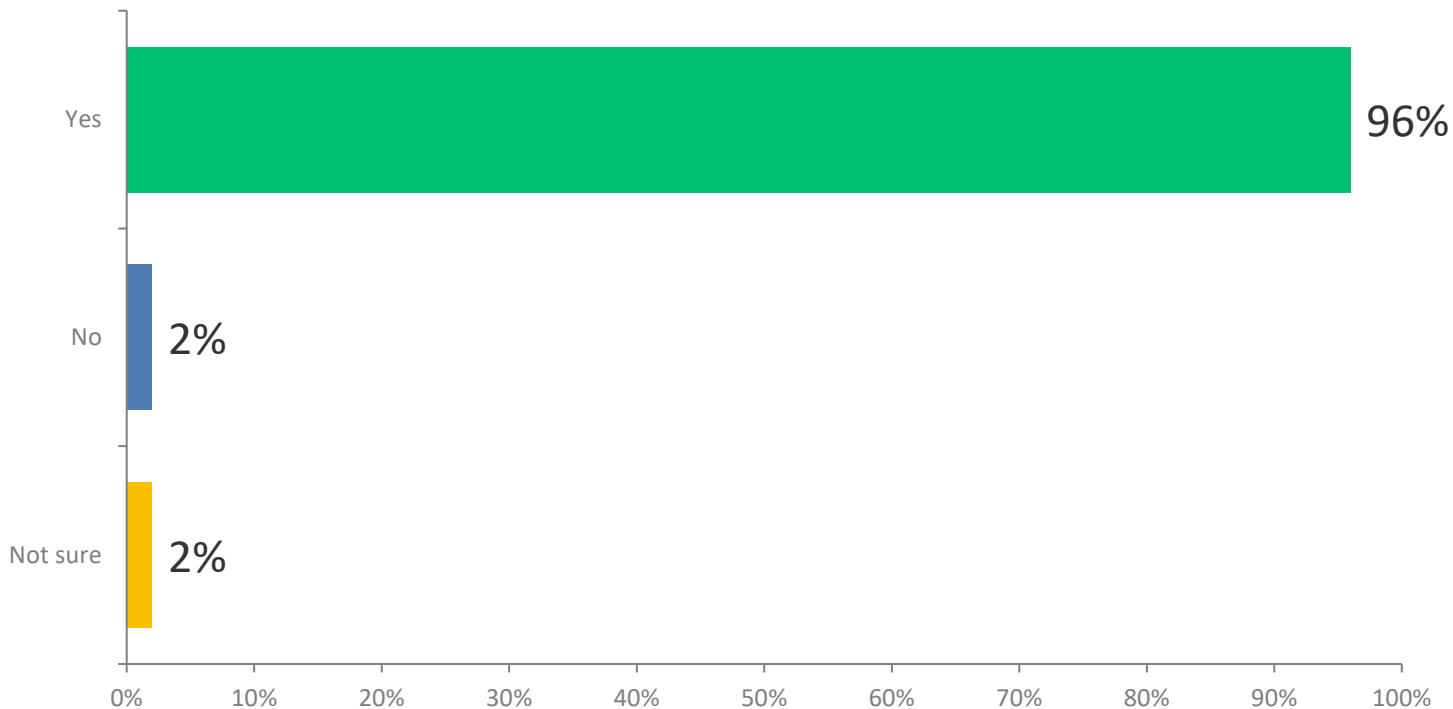
What is your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply).



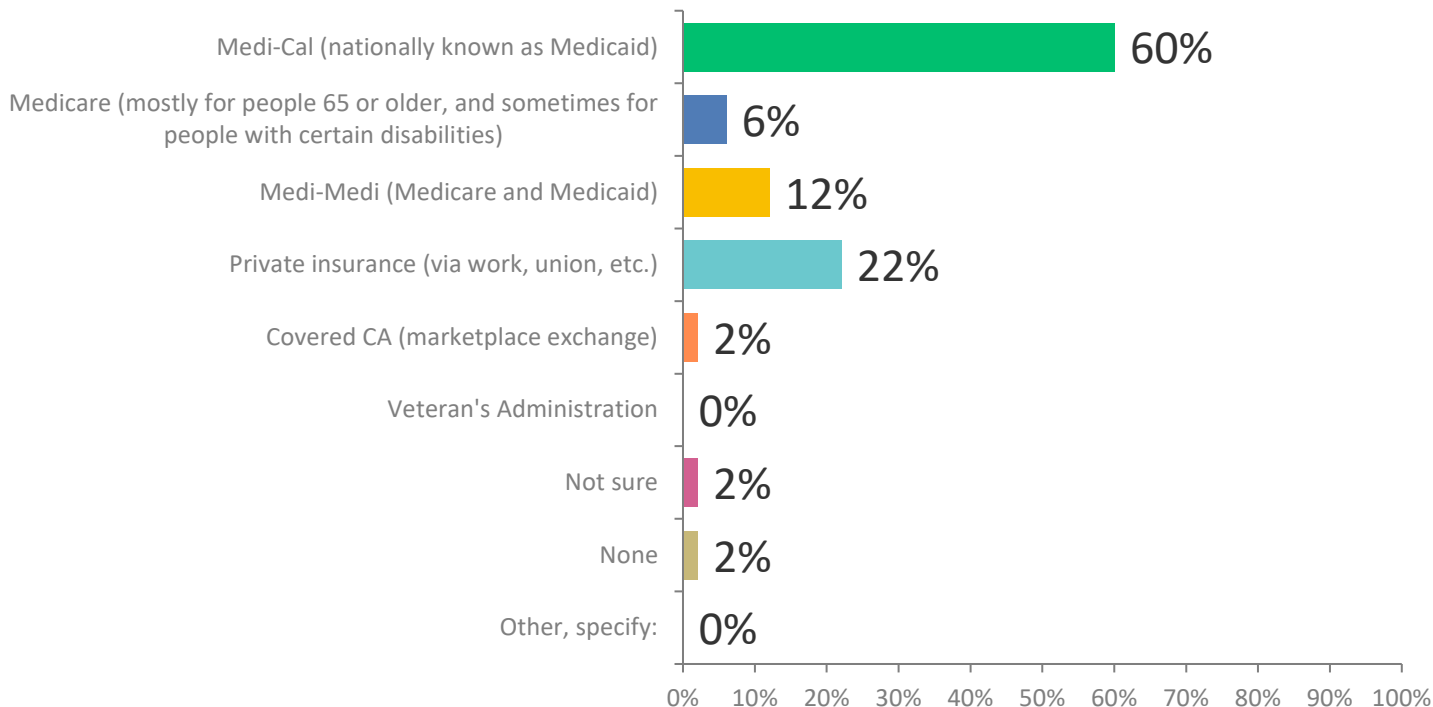
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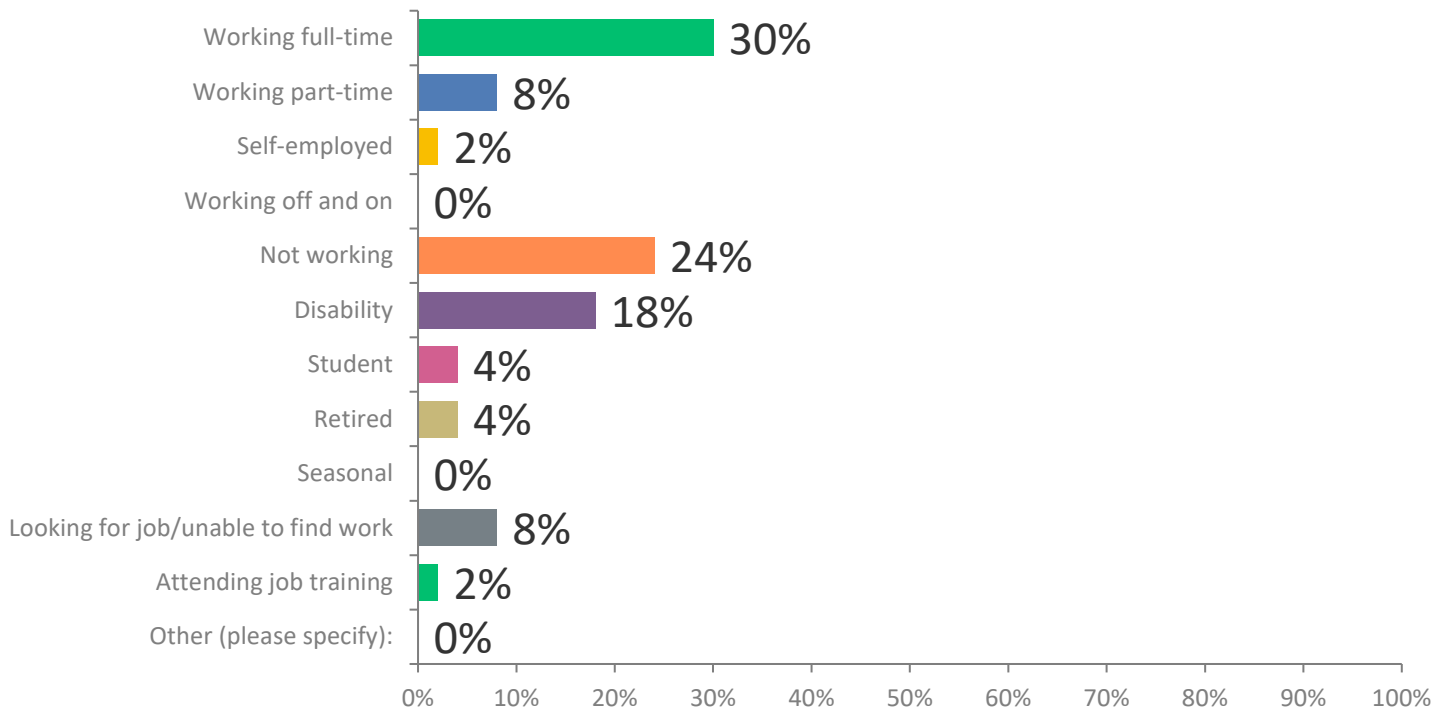
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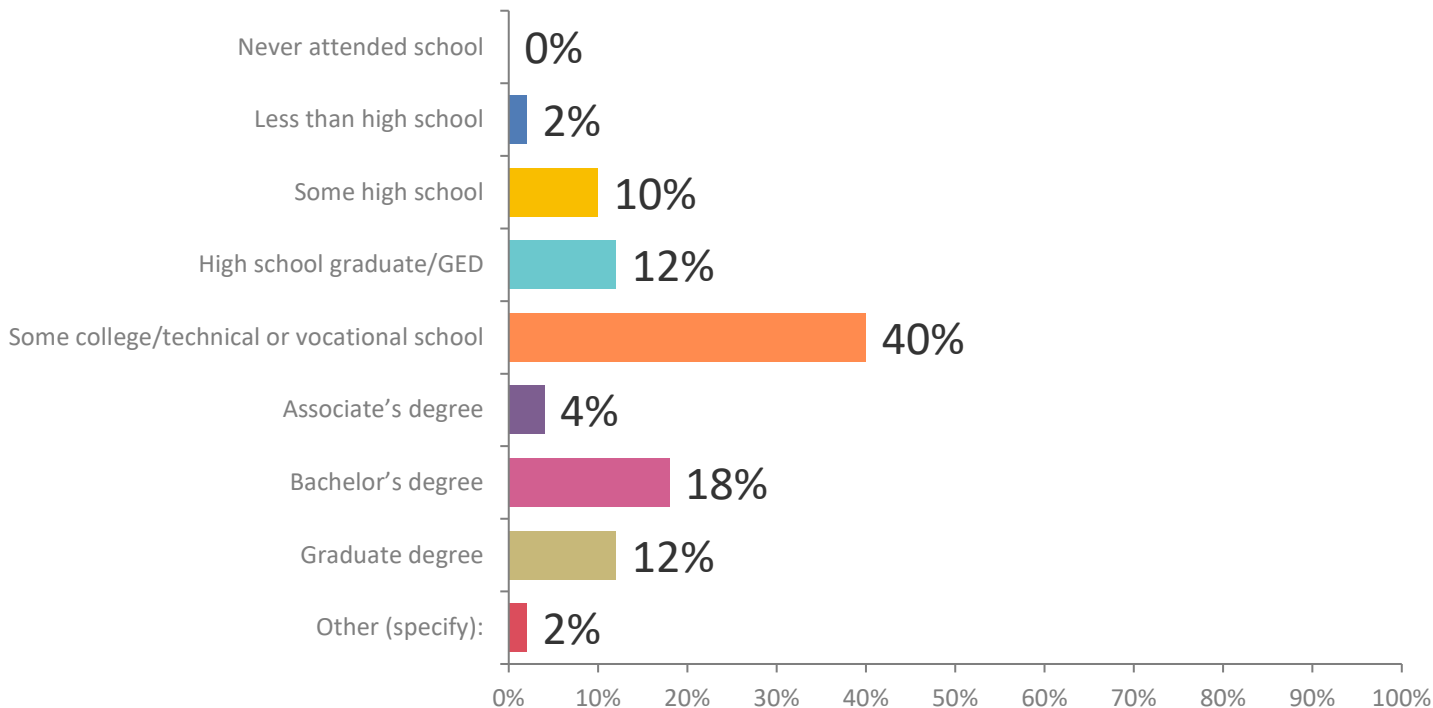
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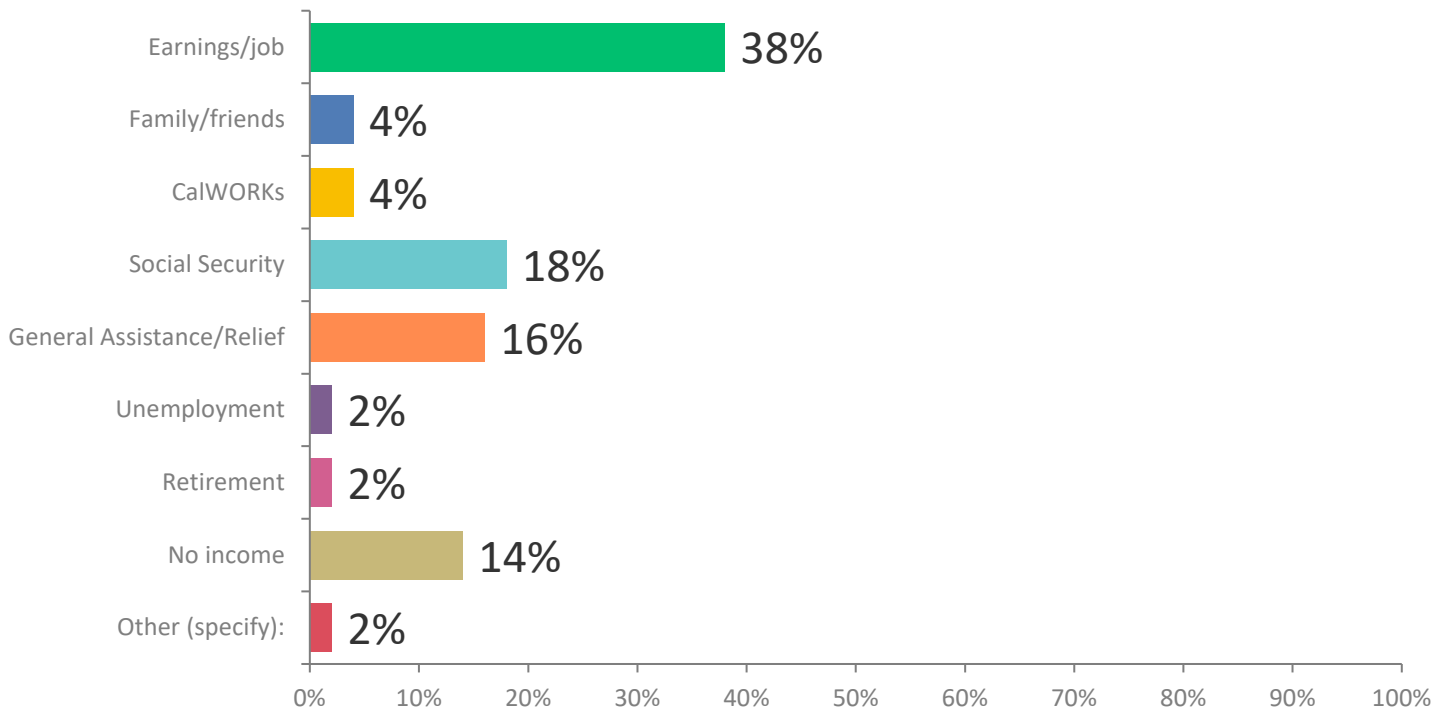
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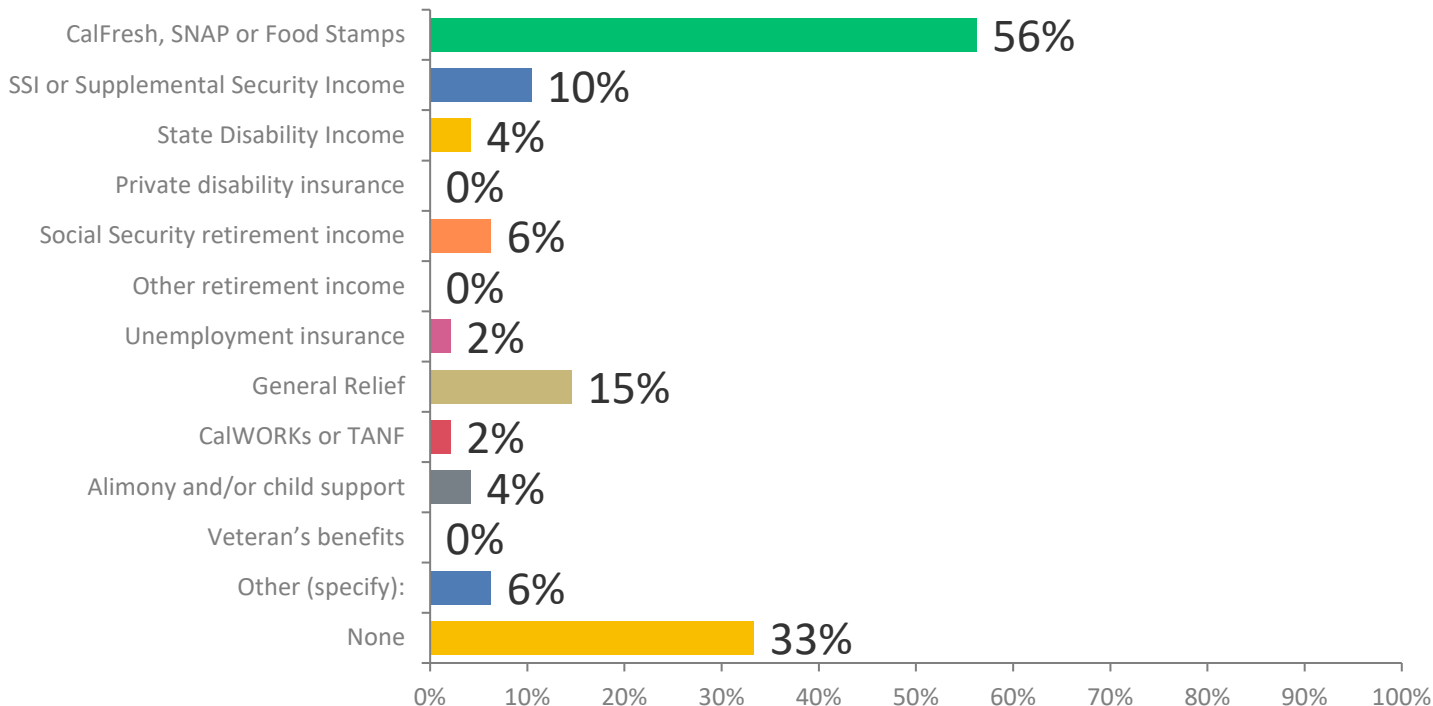
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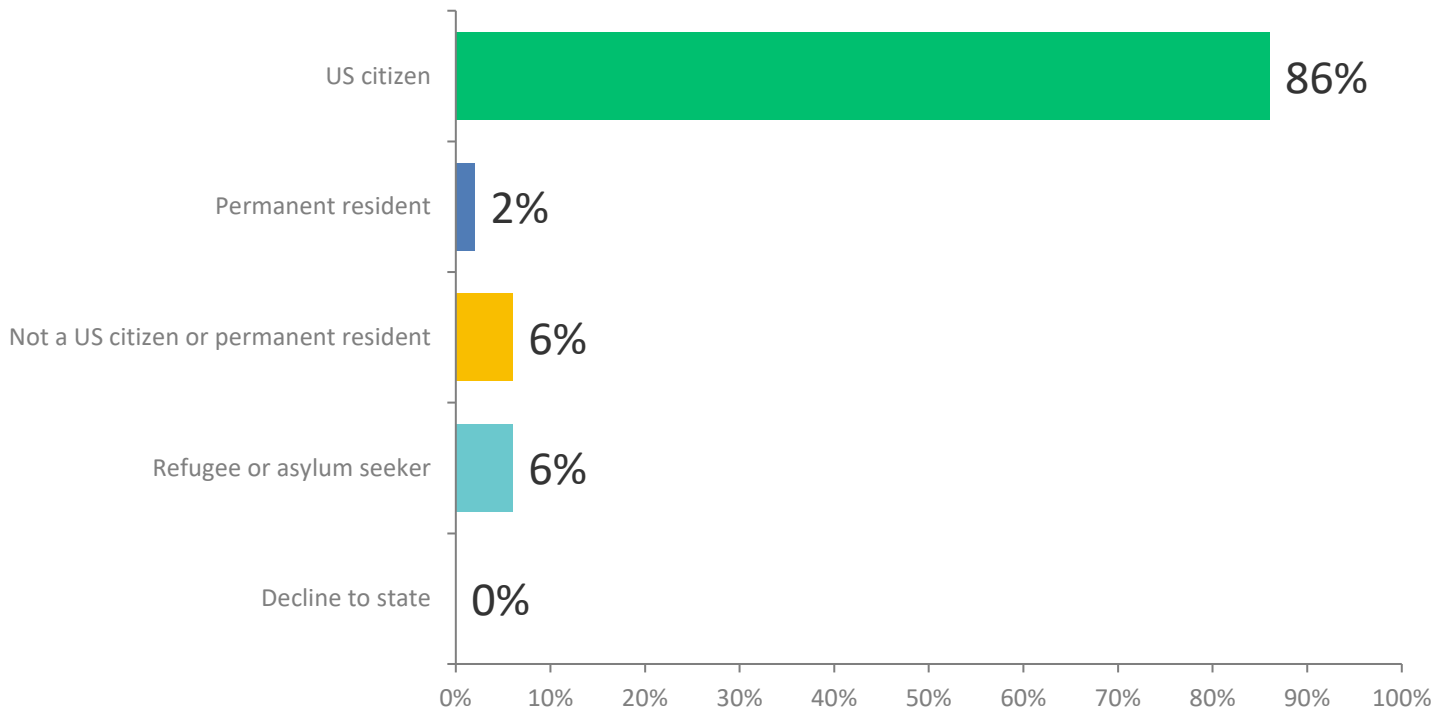
Currently, what is your main source of income?



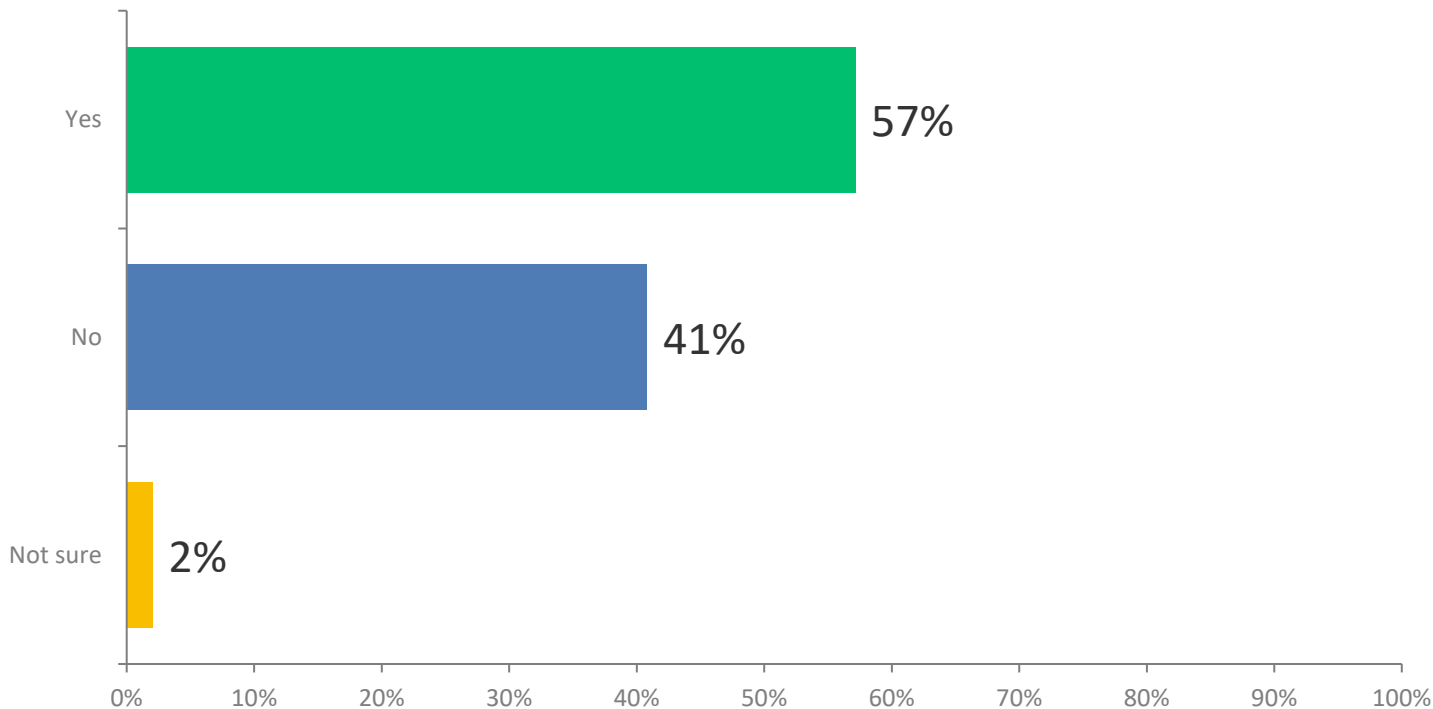
Do you receive any benefits from any of the following programs? Select all that apply.



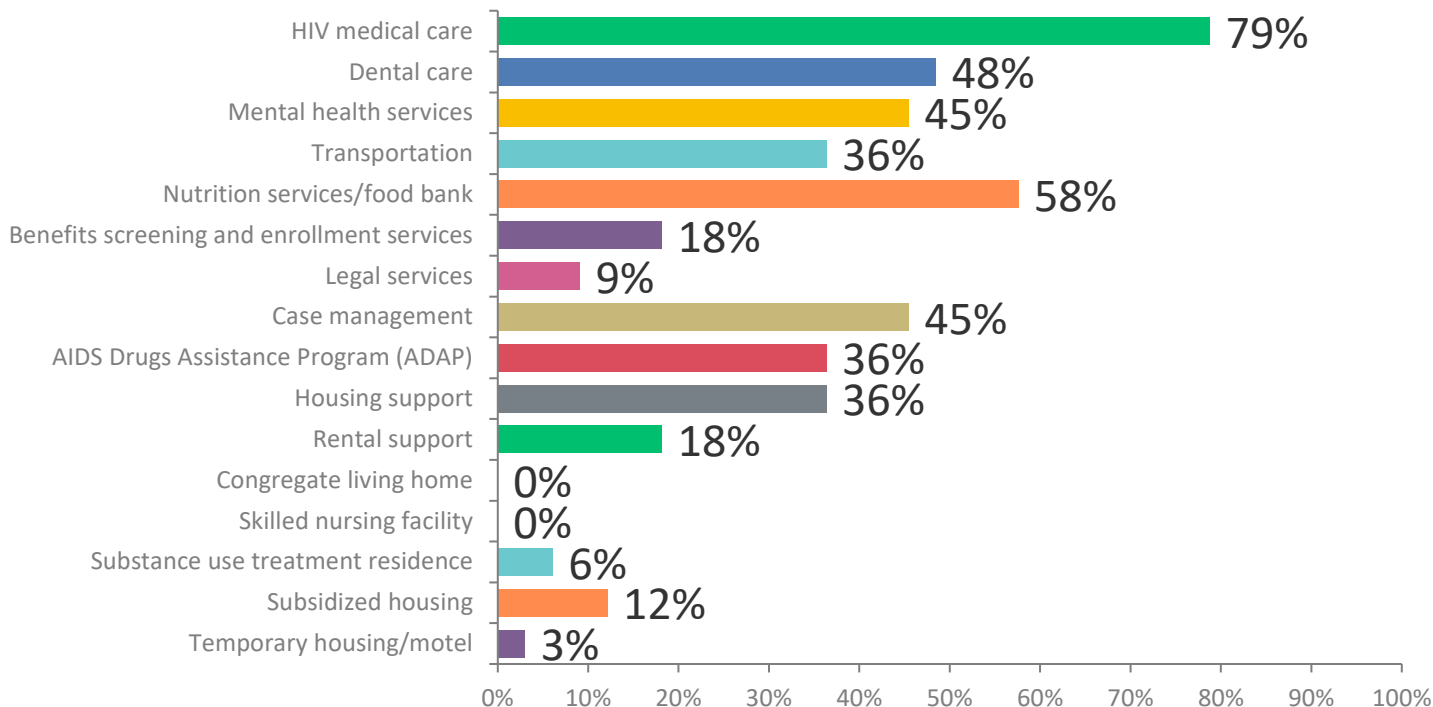
What is your current citizenship status? (Optional)



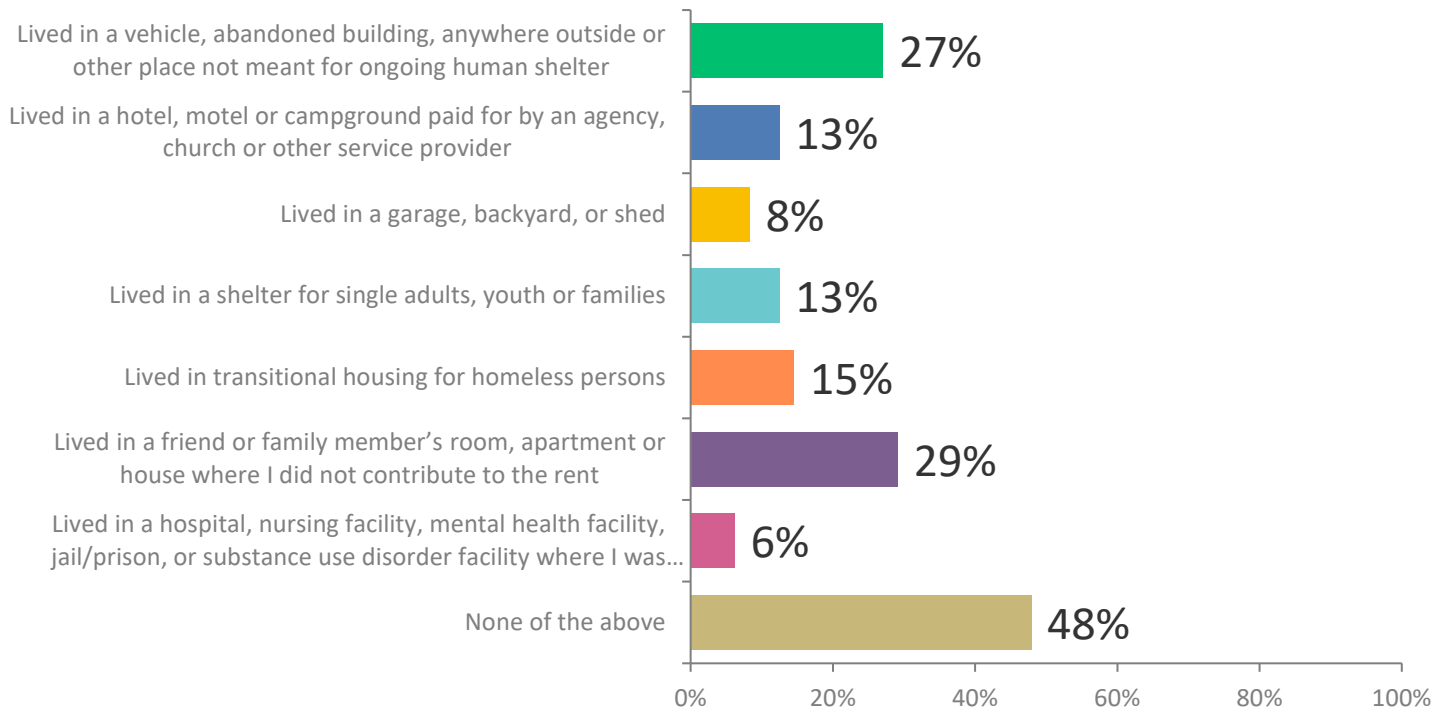
Do you receive HIV services?



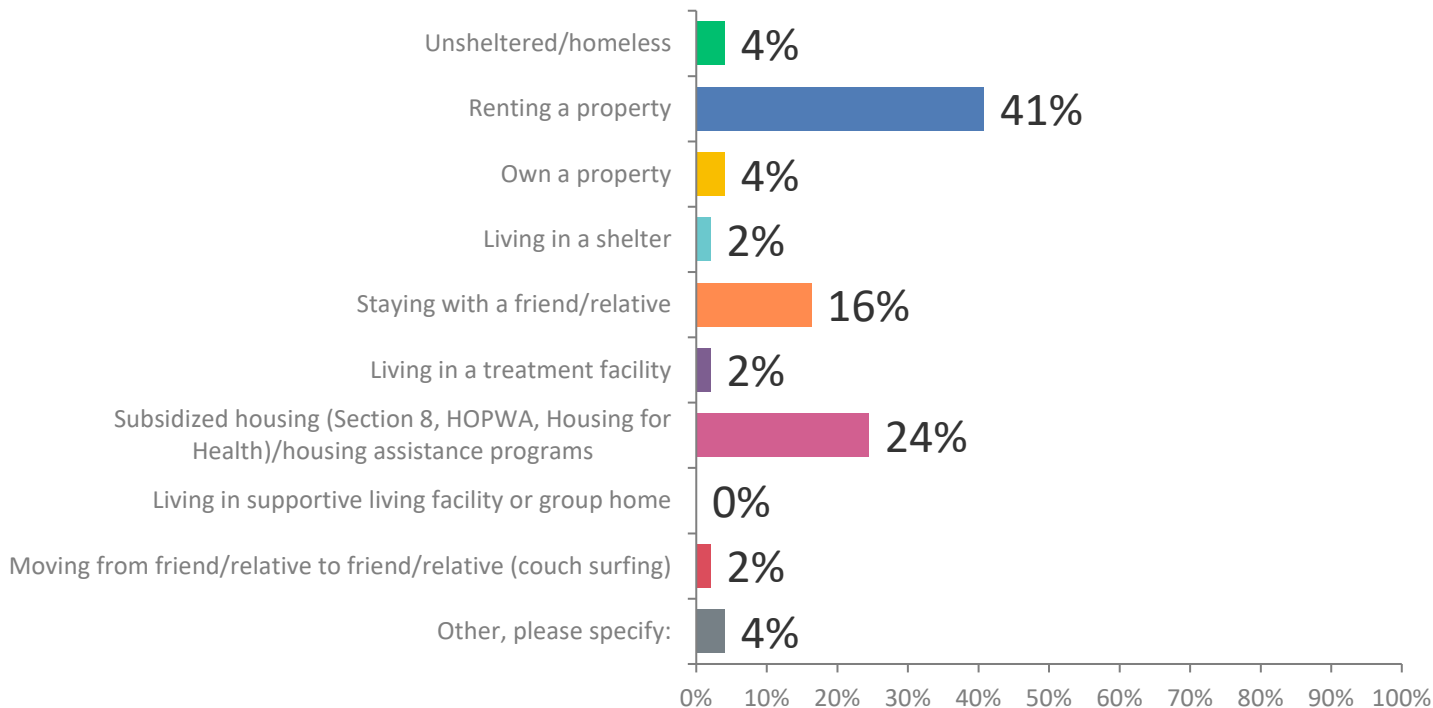
If you answered “Yes” to question #10, which HIV services have you received in the last 12 months? (Select all that apply)



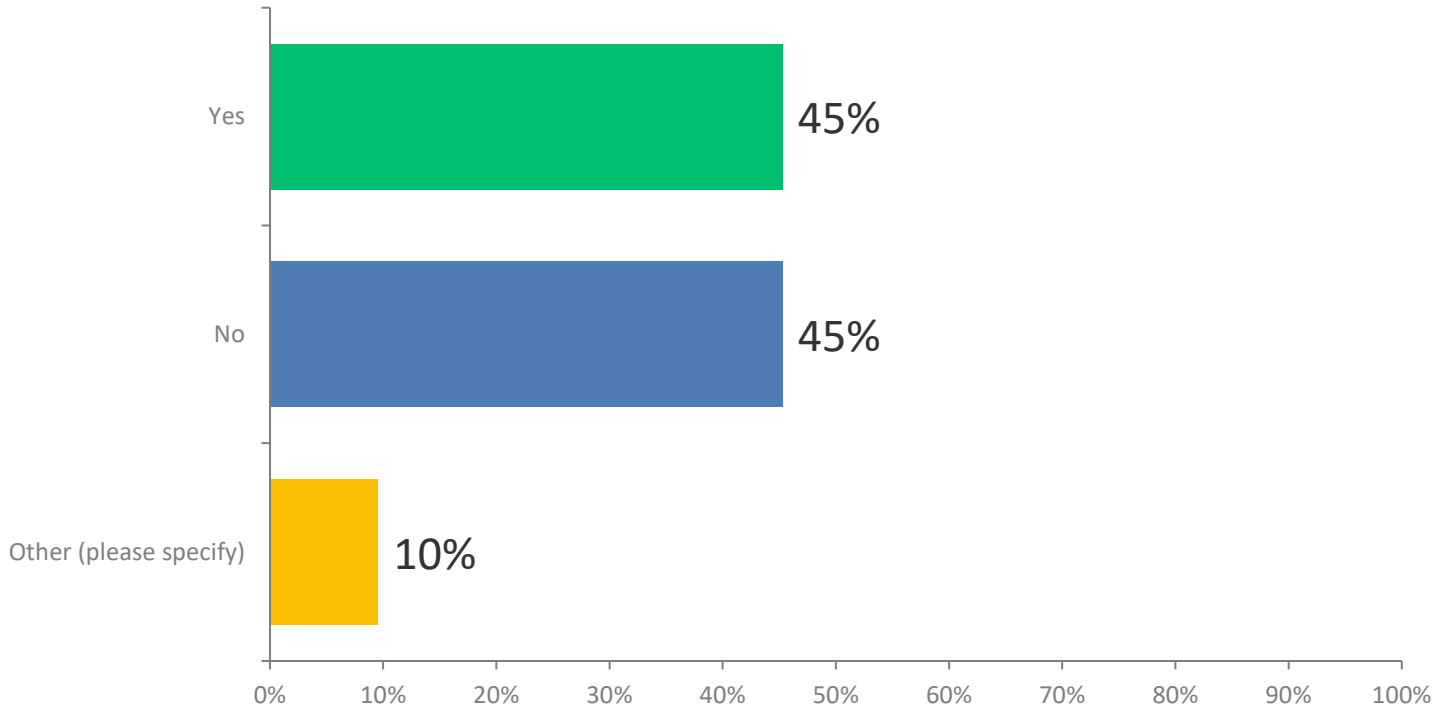
Have you lived in any of the following situations at any time within the last 2 years? Select all that apply.



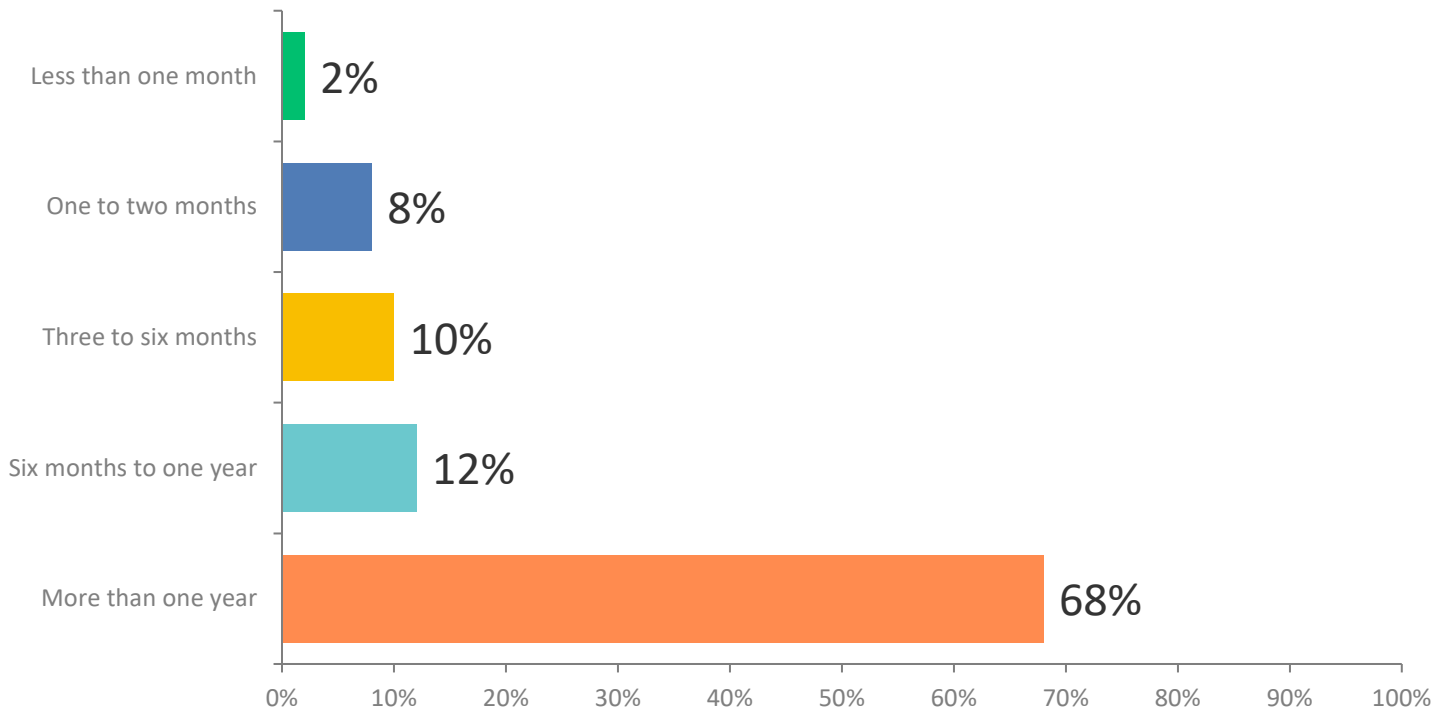
What is your current housing situation?



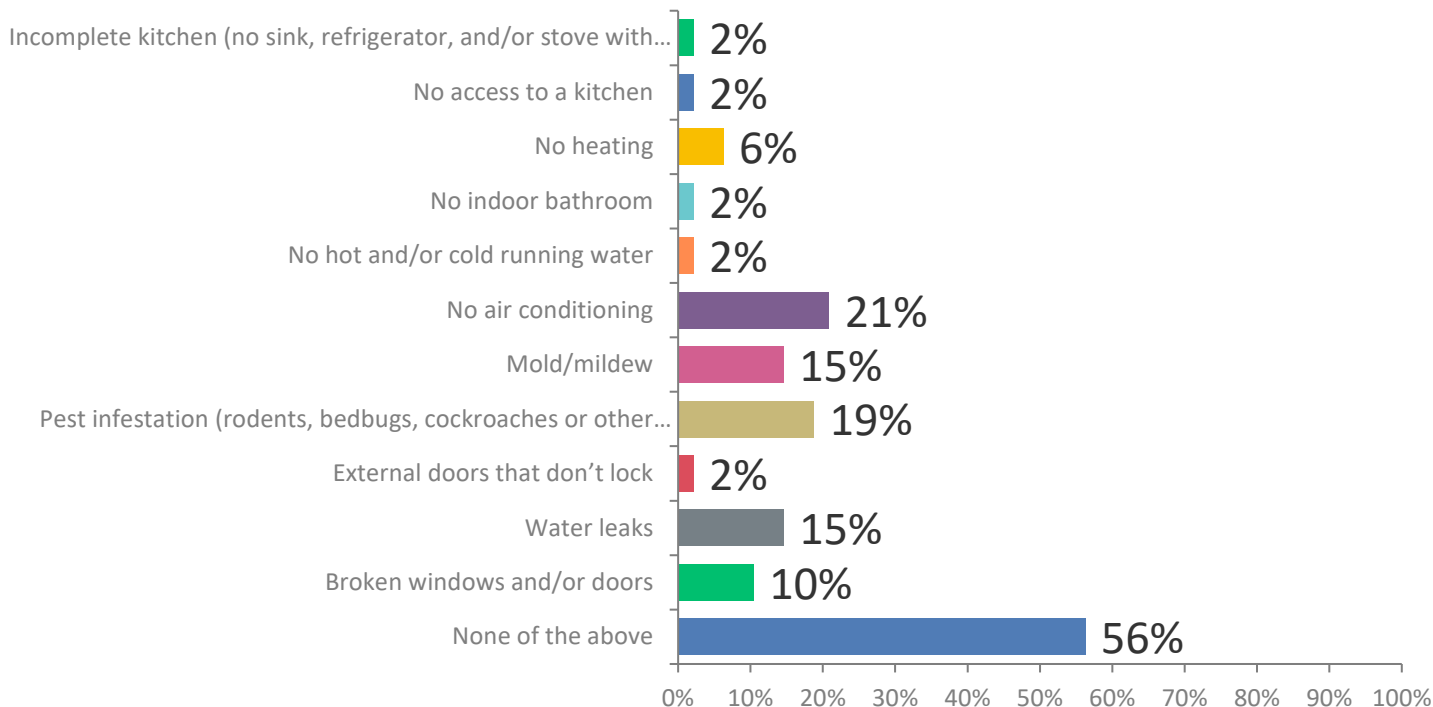
If you receive housing assistance, is your HIV status considered for eligibility for the assistance?



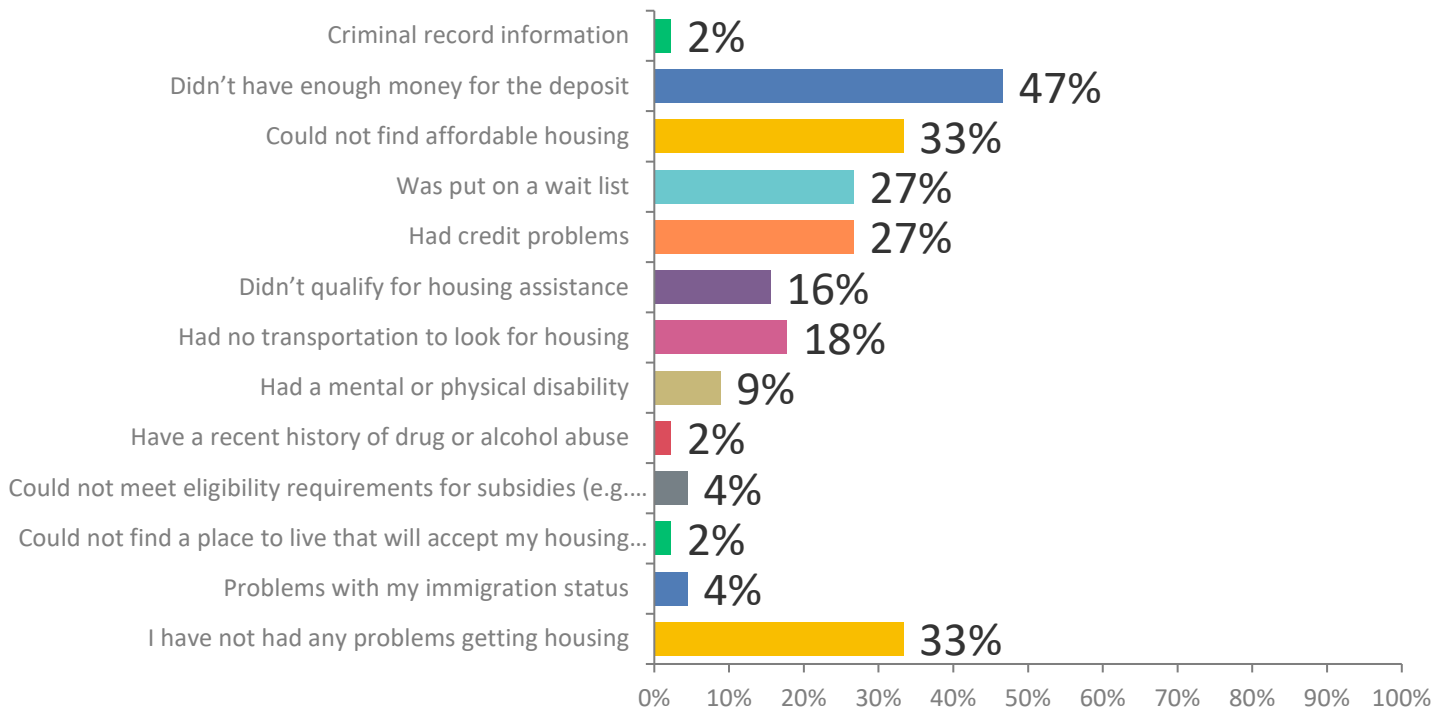
How long have you been living in your current housing?



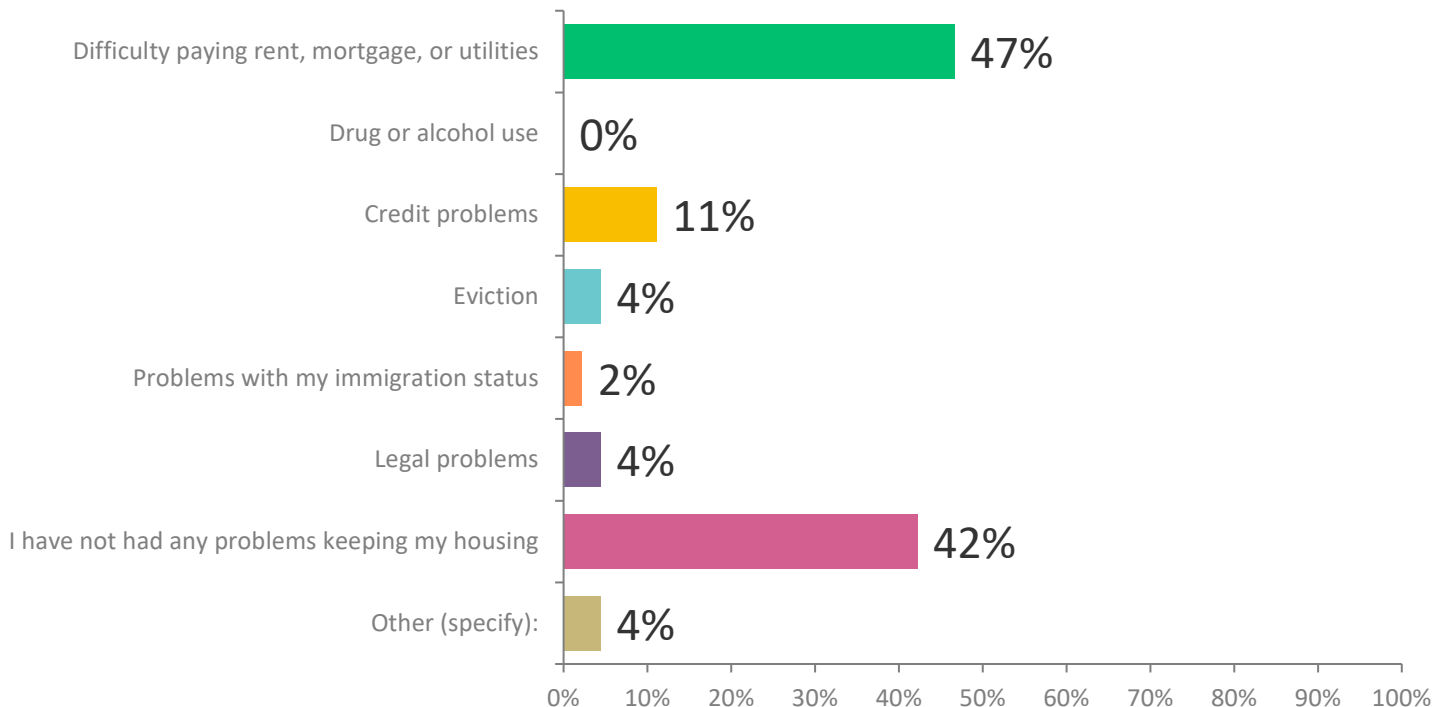
Does this place have any of the following issues? Select all that apply.



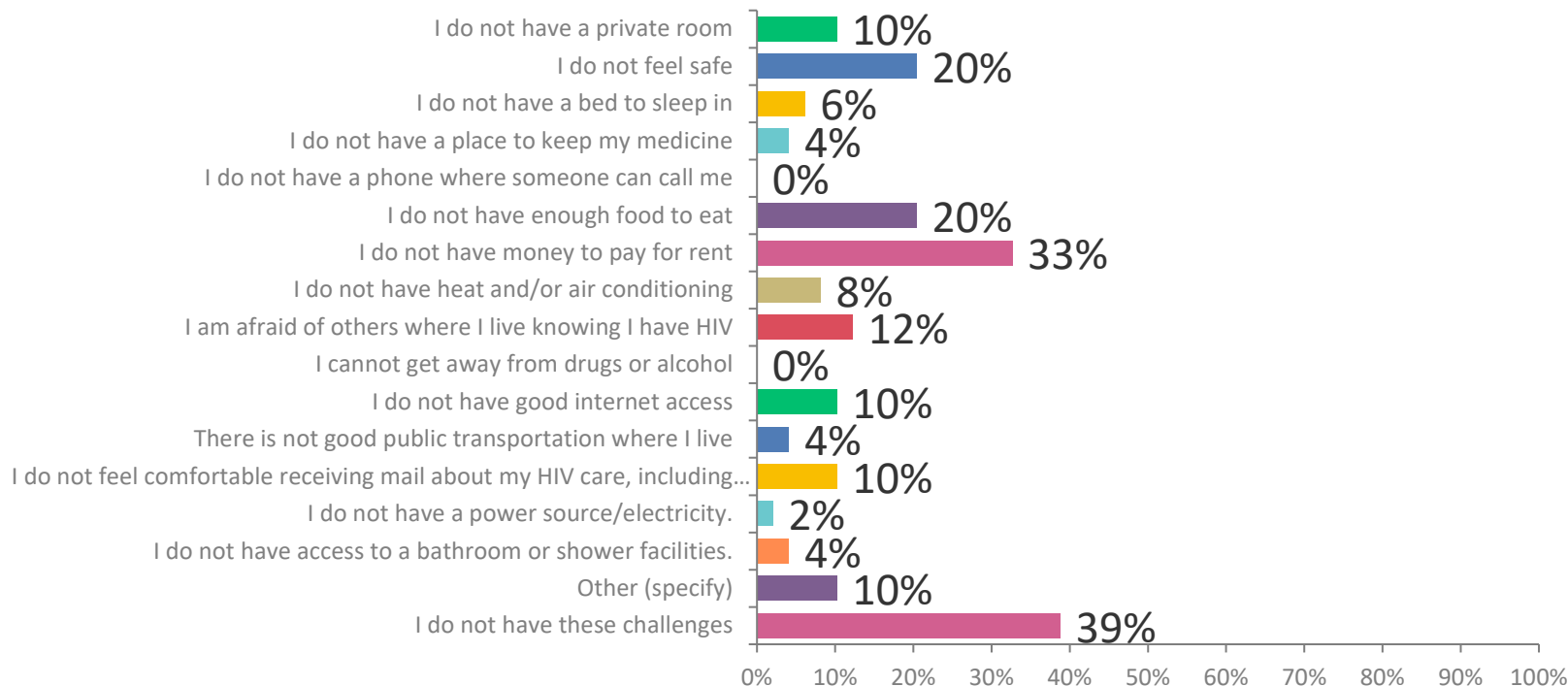
In the past 12 months, have you had any problems getting housing due to any of the following? (Select all that apply)



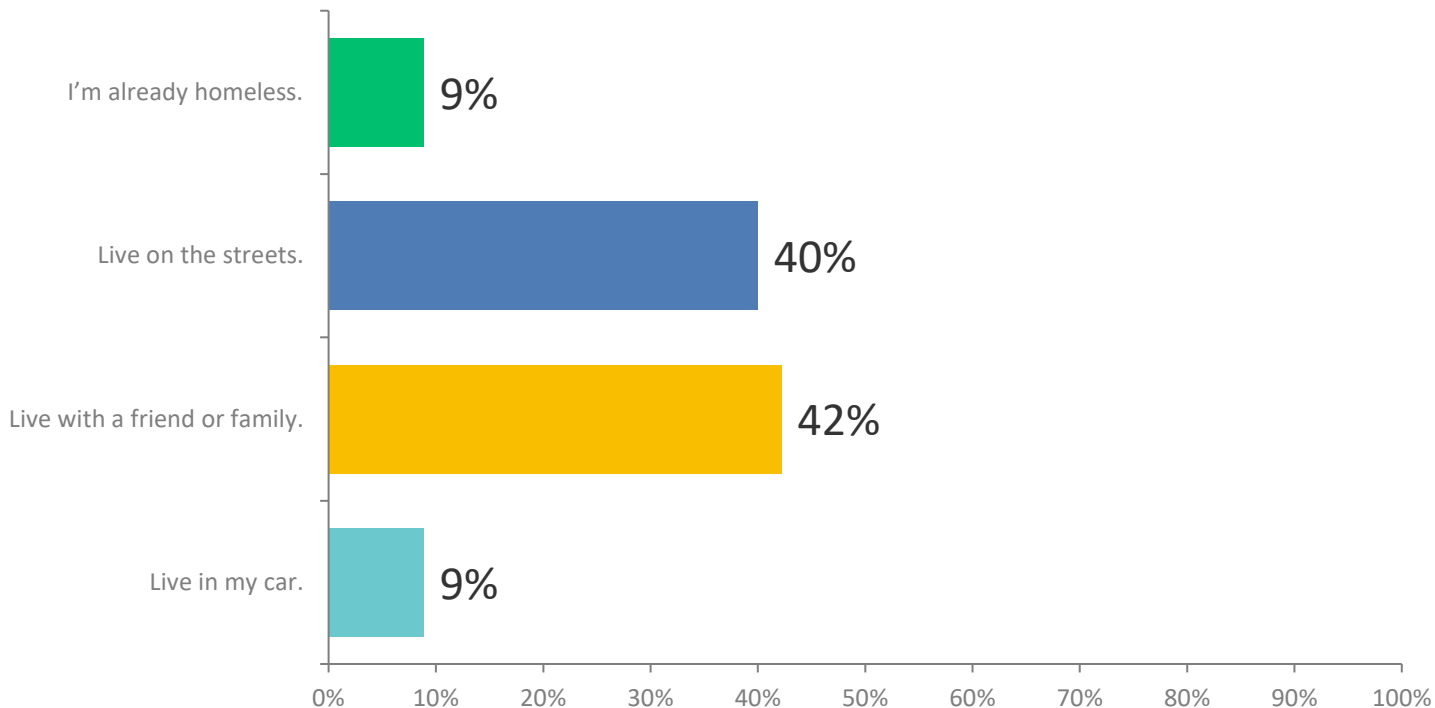
In the past 12 months, have you had any problems keeping your housing due to any of the following? (Select all that apply)



Considering your living situation, which of these reasons make it harder for you to take care of your health? (Select all that apply).



What is your plan if you lose your current housing?





LA County Homeless Prevention and Support Programs Resource Guide





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Eviction Prevention Programs



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This resource guide highlights eviction prevention programs available to eligible LA County residents. You'll find information on services offered by County departments and partners, as well as eligibility criteria and how to access each program. These efforts are part of the County's commitment to supporting individuals and families at risk of homelessness.

Move-In, Rental, and Cash Assistance

Department of Mental Health (DMH) Housing Assistance Program (HAP)

The Housing Assistance Program provides move-in support such as rental and utility deposits, ongoing rental assistance, and eviction prevention resources for tenants who live with a serious mental illness.

- **To be eligible**, applicants must be at risk of eviction and receiving services from DMH. To connect with DMH, please call (800) 854-7771.
- **How to apply:** Case managers can apply on tenants' behalf by submitting an application to DMH-HAP@dmh.lacounty.gov. Learn more at dmh.lacounty.gov.

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS)

The CalWORKS Program provides cash assistance and services to families who need assistance covering essential costs such as housing, food, utilities, clothing, or medical care. This includes access to education, employment, and training programs.

- **To be eligible:**
 - Families must have or be expecting at least one child; and
 - Children in the family must not be receiving parental support due to absence, a disability, under or unemployment, or death of either parent.
 - Applicants must meet the program requirements, such as citizenship, age, income, resources, assets and other factors.
- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS CalWORKS district office during business hours or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.

CalWORKS Diversion Program

The Diversion Program provides one-time payments to eligible CalWORKS applicants to cover a specific need, such as an eviction notice or a car repair, that may help them keep or obtain employment.

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
 - Qualify for CalWORKS;
 - Have a steady work history or strong earning potential and likelihood of obtaining employment;
 - Have a one-time, unexpected problem preventing the applicant from keeping or obtaining a job;
 - Have stable housing and child care (unless that is what the applicant needs support with); and
 - Not have significant barriers to employment, such as substance use.
- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS CalWORKS district office during business hours or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.

Move-In, Rental, and Cash Assistance (Cont.)

CalWORKS Non-Recurring Special Needs

Non-Recurring special need payments are issued to CalWORKs participants for household emergencies resulting from sudden and unusual circumstances beyond their control, including homelessness while looking for permanent housing resulting from sudden and unusual circumstances.

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
 - Have less than \$100 in non-exempt liquid resources (ex: cash on hand)
 - Have an emergency as a result of a unexpected circumstance such as sudden loss or damage to home or household belongings.
- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS CalWORKS district office during business hours or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

The CAPI Program is a State-funded program that provides monthly cash benefits to aged, blind, and disabled non-citizens who are ineligible for Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) due solely to their immigration status.

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
 - Be a non-citizen and meet the immigration status criteria in effect for SSI/SSP as of 08/21/96;
 - Be 65+, blind or disabled;
 - Be ineligible for SSI/SSP solely due to their immigration status.
 - Reside in California;
 - Have an income less than the CAPI income standard
- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS CalWORKS district office during business hours or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Emergency Assistance to Prevent Eviction (EAPE)

The EAPE Program provides up to \$5,000 to pay for late rent and/or utilities.

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
 - Be CalWORKs approved and have exhausted or not be eligible to the State's Permanent Homeless Assistance Arrearages payment;
 - Be actively participating in an approved GAIN WtW activity or Post-Time Limit (PTL) services
 - Have a verifiable (and provide proof of a) financial hardship resulting from circumstances beyond the family's control that caused the nonpayment of rent and/or utilities;
- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS CalWORKS district office during business hours or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.



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Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) General Relief (GR)

The GR Program provides assistance to individuals who do not qualify for other State or federal cash assistance programs. GR includes a monthly cash grant of \$221 for a single person and access to supportive services, including assistance to prevent eviction/homelessness, utility shut-off or restoration.

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**

- Be 18 years or older;
- Reside in Los Angeles County for at least 15 calendar days;
- Not be in violation of parole or probation;
- Not be fleeing to avoid prosecution or custody/confinement after a felony conviction;
- Meet the income and resource limits.

- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS GR district office during business hours, online via the BenefitsCal online portal, or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Moving Assistance (MA) Program

The MA Program provides up to \$2,500.00 for moving expenses (for example, security deposit, moving truck rental) and up to \$405 can be used to buy a stove and/or refrigerator if the rental unit does not have one.

To be eligible, CalWORKs applicants must:

- Have exhausted, or not be eligible for the State's Homeless Assistance Program;
- Be actively participating in an approved GAIN Welfare-to-Work (WtW) activity or Post-Time Limit (PTL) services;
- Homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to a financial crisis (proof is required);
- Secure permanent housing where the family's share of rent does not exceed 80% of the Total Monthly Household Income (TMHI).

- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS CalWORKS district office during business hours or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Permanent Homeless Assistance (HA) Arrearages

The HA Program provides a payment to eligible CalWORKs families facing eviction. The Perm HA Arrearages payment can pay up to two months of rental arrearages to prevent an eviction.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be receiving CalWORKs and reside in permanent housing where the share of the rent amount does not exceed 80% of the family's income.

- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS CalWORKS district office during business hours or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.



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Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Homeless Prevention for Families

This program provides short-term assistance for low-income participants who are at-risk of homelessness, to resolve a crisis that would otherwise lead to a loss of housing, including short-term financial assistance, housing-conflict resolution and mediation, housing stabilization planning, legal assistance, and/or planning for exit from the program.

- **To be eligible, applicants must be:**
 - Families with minor children
 - HUD definition: At risk of homelessness and/or Category 4 (Fleeing DV)
 - At, or below 50% AMI, and/or if a participant is in subsidized housing AND currently, or formerly under a homeless housing assistance program (i.e., Homeless Section 8) with income up to 80% of area median income (AMI), they can also qualify.
- **How to apply:** Contact a LAHSA service provider in your area. Find a list of service providers and more information at [lahsa.org](https://www.lahsa.org).

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Homeless Prevention for Adults and Youth

This program provides short-term assistance for low-income participants who are imminently at-risk of homelessness, to resolve a crisis that would otherwise lead to a loss of housing. Most common prevention activities include: Short-term financial assistance; housing-conflict resolution and mediation with landlords and/or property managers; housing stabilization planning; legal assistance, and/or planning for exit from the program.

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
 - Adults and Transition Age Youth:
 - HUD definition: At risk of homelessness and/or Category 4 (Fleeing DV),
 - LA CoC Homeless Prevention Targeting Tool,
 - At, or below 50% AMI, or be in subsidized housing AND currently, or formerly under a homeless housing assistance program (i.e. Homeless Section 8) with income up to 80% of area median income (AMI)
- **How to apply:** Contact a LAHSA service provider in your area. Find a list of service providers and more information at [lahsa.org](https://www.lahsa.org).

Housing & Case Management

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) General Relief Housing Subsidy (GRHS)

This program provides a rental subsidy for individuals or couple cases. The GR participant must contribute \$100 from their GR grant for a total rental subsidy of \$575 for a single person and \$1,150 for a couple case. The payments are paid directly to the landlord once housing is secured.

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
 - GR participants who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless and are either disabled individuals who are in pursuit of securing an approval for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or are employable individuals participating in the START program.
- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS CalWORKS district office during business hours or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at [dpss.lacounty.gov](https://www.dpss.lacounty.gov).

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) CalFresh Program

The CalFRESH program aims to promote and safeguard the health and well-being of low-income households (HH) by increasing their food purchasing power and raising their levels of nutrition. In California, the monthly CalFresh benefit is transferred to the HH's Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card and is issued when the HH's CalFresh application is approved.

- **Who is eligible:**
 - Individuals or households whose income is low enough and meet other eligibility factors including: U.S. citizens; Legal Permanent Residents; Some qualified immigrants and CA beneficiaries of the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP)
- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS district office during business hours or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.

Access to Health Care Benefits

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Medi-Cal (MC)

The Medi-Cal Program provides comprehensive medical coverage to certain public assistance recipients and other eligible persons who are unable to afford the cost of medical care (including other services like transportation).

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
 - Be a California resident
 - Provide Identification, citizenship/immigration status, and proof of income
- **How to apply:** Visit any DPSS district office during business hours, BenefitsCal and Covered California, or contact the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.

Case Management & Supportive Services

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

The IHSS Program helps pay for services provided to eligible aged, blind, and/or disabled adults and children so they may live safely in their own homes. The program pays for personal care and domestic services, which is an alternative to costly out- of- home care, such as a nursing home or board and care facility.

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
 - Be evaluated for Medi-Cal, which is a mandatory eligibility criteria for the program and have a Health Care Certification completed by a licensed health care provider
 - Be a California resident (residing in the U.S.) and live in their own home (not a nursing a home or licensed care facility)
- **How to apply:**
 - Call the IHSS Helpline during business hours: toll free (888) 944-4477 or (213) 744-4477.
 - Apply by mail: DPSS In-Home Supportive Services, PO Box 93730, City of Industry, CA 91715
 - Print and fax the IHSS application to: (562) 222-2827
 - Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov.

Education, Advocacy & Counseling

Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) Stay Housed LA

This program offers legal representation, outreach, education and up to \$30,000 in short-term rental assistance to tenants in LA county (excluding the City of LA whose housing department administers a similar program). The Program aims to curb tenant evictions and help people remain housed.

- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
 - Live in a property within LA County and earn less than 80% Area Median Income (AMI). Specific zip codes from incorporated cities are phased in annually based on capacity.
- **How to apply:** Self-referrals can be made online at www.stayhousedla.org or by phone at 1-888-694-0040, or faxed to 213-482-3395.

Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) Mediation/Dispute Resolution Program

This program provides conflict resolution services to people in LA County regarding a variety of topics including, but not limited to, evictions.

- **To be eligible:**
 - At least one party must be located in Los Angeles County.
- **How to apply:** Visit the main or branch offices, DCBA website, or DCBA call center: (213) 974-1452. Learn more at dcba.lacounty.gov.

Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) LA County Rent Stabilization Program

This program helps tenants and landlords (including those in mobile home parks) understand their rights and responsibilities. They also oversee the rent stabilization ordinances for the unincorporated areas of the County.

- **To be eligible:**
 - Be a resident of or own rental property in Los Angeles County who wants to learn about renter's rights and responsibilities.
 - To file a complaint, the rental unit(s) must be located in unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- **How to get information or file a complaint:** Visit one of DCBA's offices, website, or call them at (213) 974-1452. Learn more at dcba.lacounty.gov

Employment and/or Educational Training

Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Title I, Adult and Dislocated Worker (ADW)

This program provides employment-focused assistance to individuals, including barrier removal and other support structures that guide individuals on a path towards self-sufficiency.

- **To be eligible, applicants must be:**
 - 18 years or older
 - Right-to-work in the U.S.
 - Registered in Selective Service if born on, or after January 1, 1960.
 - Dislocated Workers must also fall under one of the categories defined by EDD.
- **How to apply:** LA County AJCCs. Learn more at opportunity.lacounty.gov.

Employment and/or Educational Training (Cont.)

Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Los Angeles: Regional Initiative for Social Enterprises (LA:RISE)

This is an employment program that assists adults (18+) into the workforce, who are at-risk of homelessness. Employment social enterprises provide participants transitional subsidized employment, paired with case management and barrier removal services.

- **To be eligible, applicants must be:**
 - 18 years or older
 - An LA County Resident
 - Unemployed or underemployed
 - Not currently enrolled in another LA:RISE program;
 - Currently homeless, Formerly homeless, or at-risk of homelessness.
- **How to apply:** LA County AJCCs, Social Enterprises. Learn more at opportunity.lacounty.gov.

Additional Resources

WIN App Online (OCLA)

Our Community LA® (OCLA) leverages technology (WIN App) to connect youth, families and adults experiencing homeless or in need to easily connect to essential resources that can help them make positive changes in their lives.

Area Agencies on Aging

The Los Angeles Aging and Disabilities (A&D) Department created this pamphlet to provide older adults and their caregivers with an overview of services provided by A&D. The pamphlet include services such as: Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy, Elderly Nutrition Program, Senior Community Service Employment Program, etc.



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Updates on the new LA County Department of Homeless Services and Housing



August 28, 2025

Homeless Services System Funding Reductions and their Impact

We recognize the deep concern in our community about recent reductions in federal, state, and local funding for homeless services and housing. We will continue to partner closely with service providers, people with lived expertise, cities and unincorporated communities across the region, and other stakeholders to navigate these challenges collaboratively while centering the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

The impact of these funding curtailments is such that compared to recent years, there are currently fewer resources available within the homeless response system to meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors. When interacting with people experiencing homelessness for whom services have been discontinued or reduced, providers and others have been instructed to: (1) acknowledge the individual's experience; (2) explain the current constraints with transparency and empathy; and (3) proactively connect them to mainstream resources and County supports that can still offer relief.

There have been significant funding reductions in the following areas: homelessness prevention, access centers, interim housing, housing navigation, and permanent housing, including the Time-Limited Subsidy (TLS) program as well as the Public Housing Authorities' (PHA) Tenant-Based Voucher (TBV) programs.

As a result of these reductions, the following impacts have begun to emerge and may continue in coming years:

- A reduction in permanent housing placements due to reduced funding in permanent housing rental subsidy programs.
- A decrease in beds at interim housing sites due to interim housing funding reductions.

- More limited options for unsheltered people to transition indoors due to fewer people leaving interim housing for permanent housing solutions.
- Service providers have diminished capacity to serve all households seeking assistance at access centers or other programs/sites due to funding reductions.

To mitigate the impact of these significant funding curtailments, LA's regional homeless services system is taking the following actions:

- Supporting people with accessing County and other mainstream services and providing information about specialized resources. [Get Help - Homeless Initiative](#) includes a detailed list of available resources and is updated frequently.
- Educating service providers about specialized resources that are available for participants who have eligible behavioral health conditions, which the County is currently expanding pursuant to a legal settlement.
- Intensify advocacy at all levels of government to restore and increase the availability of resources to meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors.

The 2025 Homeless Count data indicated a meaningful reduction in homelessness in Los Angeles County, demonstrating that our collective strategies work. While current funding reductions pose a challenge, we will not allow them to reverse our progress. All system partners will continue to seek creative solutions to optimize the resources that we do have, including mainstream County services, problem solving, and efforts to increase individuals' income and employment opportunities.



Updates on the new LA County Department of Homeless Services and Housing



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Department of Homeless Services and Housing

FY 2026-27 Spending Plan

Last updated September 29, 2025

What is Measure A?

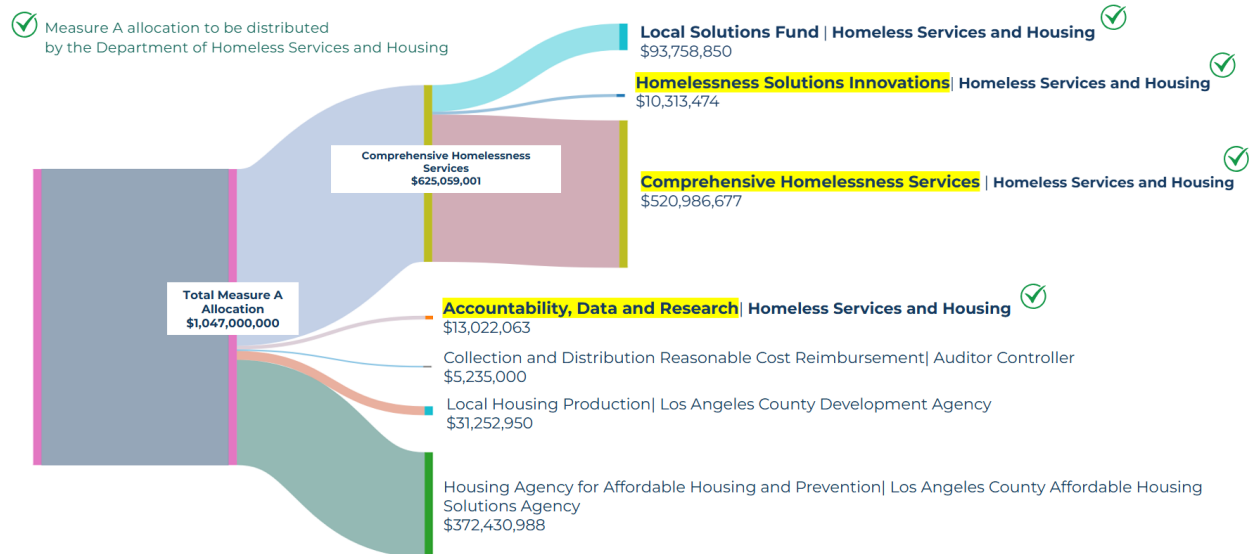
Measure A is a half-cent countywide sales tax approved by LA County voters in November 2024. It funds housing, services, and prevention programs for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. It addresses the root causes of homelessness, strengthens collaboration across agencies implementing Measure A funding, and increases transparency and accountability. For more about Measure A, [click here](#).

How are Measure A funds allocated within the Department of Homeless Services and Housing?

The Measure A revenue the department administers falls within four buckets:

- Local Solutions Fund*
- Homelessness Solutions Innovations
- Comprehensive Homelessness Services
- Accountability, Data and Research

The graph below shows the projected proportion of Measure A revenue that the new department will administer in FY 2026-27.



Note: We do not determine how Local Solutions Funds are spent, but we allocate this funding to local jurisdictions and Councils of Governments.

How does the department spend Measure A funds?

The Department of Homeless Services and Housing allocates the vast majority of our funding on programs that house people in interim and permanent housing. This year we project to support over 29,000 people in permanent housing and 7,200 interim housing beds this year. We also support a wide array of programs to connect, stabilize and prevent homelessness. We project to reach 21,000 people who are unsheltered through our incredible outreach teams. Every one of these programs is critical to our communities, and we know that will not be able to support anywhere near this level of programming next year.

How much in Measure A funds will the department administer in FY 2026-27?

In FY 2026-27, the projected Measure A revenue included in the Spending Plan that will be administered by the Department of Homeless Services and Housing is about \$544M. (Note, this figure is not inclusive of any Measure A revenue to be administered by the LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency or the Los Angeles Community Development Agency. It also does not include the Local Solutions Fund, which is allocated to local jurisdictions and Councils of Government.) This is a decrease of \$15M in Measure A revenue from the previous (current) fiscal year. We are facing a significant deficit for the coming fiscal year and will need to make difficult decisions about how to fund our programs and services.

How much of a deficit is the department facing?

To maintain the programs funded in the current year while accounting for expected growth in Permanent Supportive Housing and interim housing bed, and assuming Pathway Home continues at its current level, we would need about **\$865 million**. Right now, we're projecting about \$544 million in Measure A revenue, plus an estimated 8% carryover from this fiscal year. This brings us to

roughly **\$562 million** and leaves us with a **\$303 million deficit for FY 2026-27**. This is approximately a one-third reduction from the approved FY 2025-26 budget. Put simply, this means we need to cut approximately one-third of our programs and services to balance next year's Spending Plan.

Why is the department facing a budget deficit?

We have to look at our entire system — beyond Measure A —to understand the deficit. There are multiple pressures on our system, including:

- *Decrease in sales tax revenue:* There is a projected shortfall in Measure A revenue in FY 2026-27 due to declining sales tax revenue driven by consumer spending habits.
- *Cost Increases:* There are several new or expanded cost obligations the department will face in FY 2026-27. These are non-negotiable cost increases that the new department must absorb, including:
 - The interim housing bed rate increase and Pathway Home, which were previously paid for with one-time funding.
 - Costs to fund our Permanent Supportive Housing and Interim Housing portfolios are expected to increase year as new beds come online, and we continue to support more people who are permanently housed.
 - Costs associated with provider wages, cost of living adjustments, and administrative allowances pursuant to Measure A.
- *Loss of state and federal funds:* There are many state and federal funding sources that have already been cut, or there are current proposals to cut.
 - These losses and reductions will impact both the Department of Homeless Services and Housing, and the homeless response system at large.
 - Some of these impacts are still unknown and we continue to monitor the situation as we receive more information.

For more details regarding the budget deficit, please view these [slides](#).

How is the department approaching the FY 2026-27 spending plan?

As we face a budget deficit, it is crucial that we stretch every dollar further. The region must make very hard choices about how we invest our limited resources and how we will fill huge gaps in our system that threaten people in housing today, people on the streets, and people who are at risk of homelessness.

Our first step is to establish a rubric outlining clear priorities and a shared process with our partners to guide funding decisions. The rubric will be a tool used to consistently evaluate programs and/or services against specific stakeholder-informed criteria to help inform strategic funding decisions in the Measure A Spending Plan process. Our goal with a clear rubric is to ensure collaboration and transparency with all our partners.

What is the process for developing the funding rubric?

Based on feedback received to date, our process for building the rubric has evolved into two phases:

- **Phase 1** applies the community-informed rubric to all currently funded programs and services. Rubric results will determine which programs will advance to Phase 2 for deeper evaluation.
- **Phase 2** will then combine qualitative and quantitative data and information to conduct more detailed program-level reviews to identify where further reductions or curtailments may be needed to align with available funding.

After the funding rubric is finalized at the end of September, we will begin applying it to our currently-funded programs and services. For more information about the rubric-development process, you can view these [slides](#) and watch a [recording](#) of department Director Sarah Mahin's presentation to the Homeless Policy Deputies on September 25.

How will community feedback be integrated into the final budget? What other opportunities are available for providing feedback during the budget process?

We deeply appreciate the commitment of our community partners in engaging thoughtfully and constructively in these difficult but necessary discussions about our Spending Plan.

- **September 2025:** We hosted community engagement forums throughout the month specifically focused on the development of the funding rubric to make strategic funding decisions. While in past years the conversation has centered around what to fund, this year we are asking community partners for feedback on what to cut in light of our fiscal realities. Throughout September, 719 individuals participated in 10 community engagement forums. Presentations and discussions were also held with key bodies such as the Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment.
- **Late September 2025:** We presented the draft rubric and a spending plan update at multiple public meetings:
 - September 25, 2025 – Presented funding rubric at the Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting*
 - September 26, 2026 – Presented spending plan update at the Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment Meeting*
- **November 2025:** We will finalize the FY 2026-27 spending plan and present it at the Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment Meeting*.
 - We will also host a public webinar to walk through the entire draft spending plan and create space for additional public feedback and/or questions.
- **December 2025:** We will present the draft Spending Plan and Board Letter at the Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment*, the Leadership Table for Regional Homeless Alignment, and the Homeless Policy Deputies' meetings*.

- **January 2026:** We will present the Final FY 2026-27 Spending Plan at the Board of Supervisors meeting for consideration and approval.

**These meetings are open to the public for comment. For the Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting agendas [click here](#), for Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment meeting agendas [click here](#), and for Board of Supervisors meeting agendas [click here](#).*

In December, we will continue our year-round community engagement efforts, soliciting feedback to keep the lines of communications consistently open with community partners.

Where can I find out more about the FY26-27 spending plan?

You can view these [slides](#) with more detail and watch a [recording](#) of department Director Sarah Mahin's presentation to the Homeless Policy Deputies on September 25.