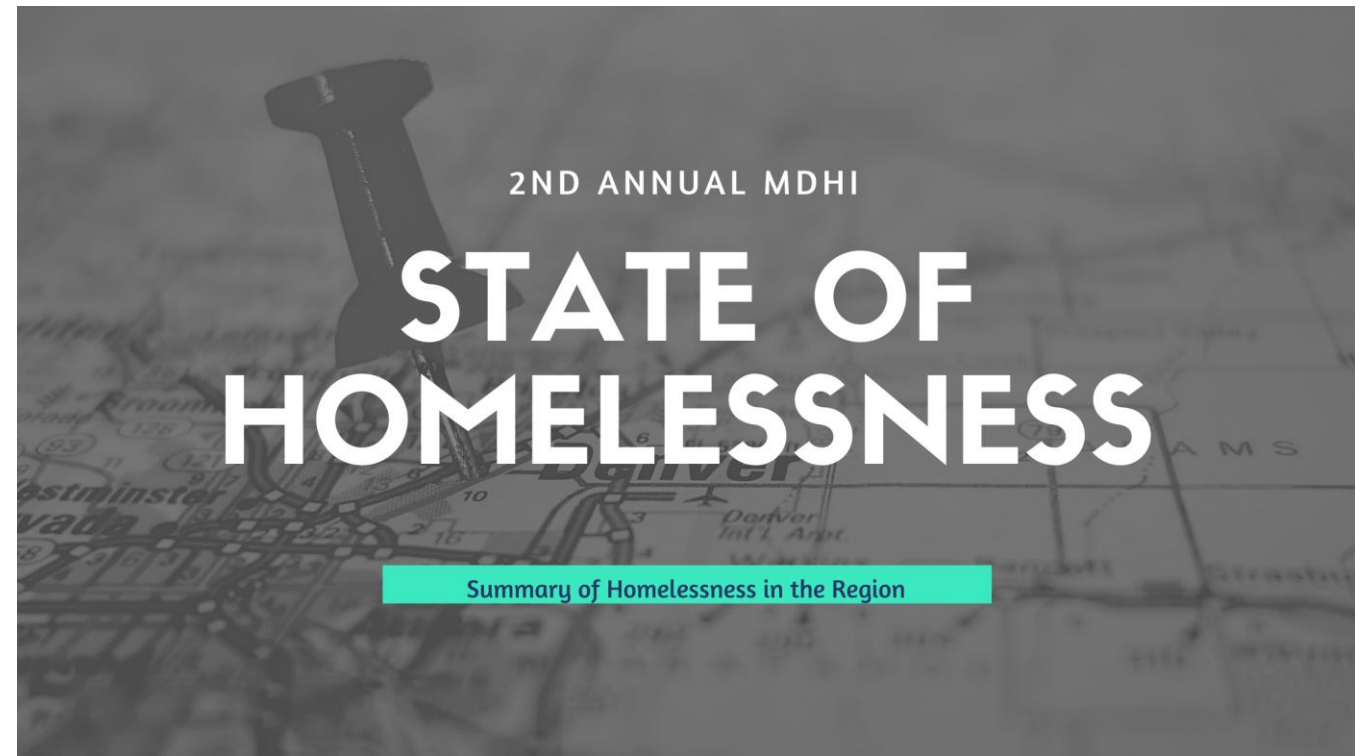


State of Homelessness Update

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Educate

Educate the public
on data sources

Identify

Identify key causes
of homelessness
and meaningful
action steps

Elevate

Elevate the voice
of lived expertise
and the human
experience

Address

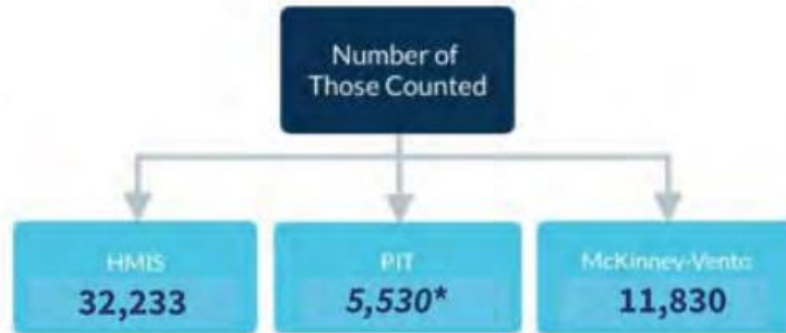
Address
stereotypes on
homelessness and
highlight racial
inequity

Purpose

Overview of the Report

- **What this report IS:**
 - Crosswalk of Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), Coordinated Entry, Point in Time (PIT), and Education data
 - Effort to elevate lived expertise
 - A more robust way to understand homelessness in the region overall
 - Means to highlight how each data set contributes *in its own way*
- **What this report ISN'T:**
 - Exhaustive of all data sources
 - Perfect

2021 DATA SUMMARY



Cumulative count
(Between July 1, 2020
and June 30, 2021)

The number of unique individuals accessing the region's HMIS for services or housing support related to homelessness.

One night in
January
(A point in time)

Survey, outreach, and information system pull across the seven-county region over the course of one night.

Cumulative by
school year
(Last reported year
2019-2020)

The number of unique students identified by school districts as experiencing homelessness.

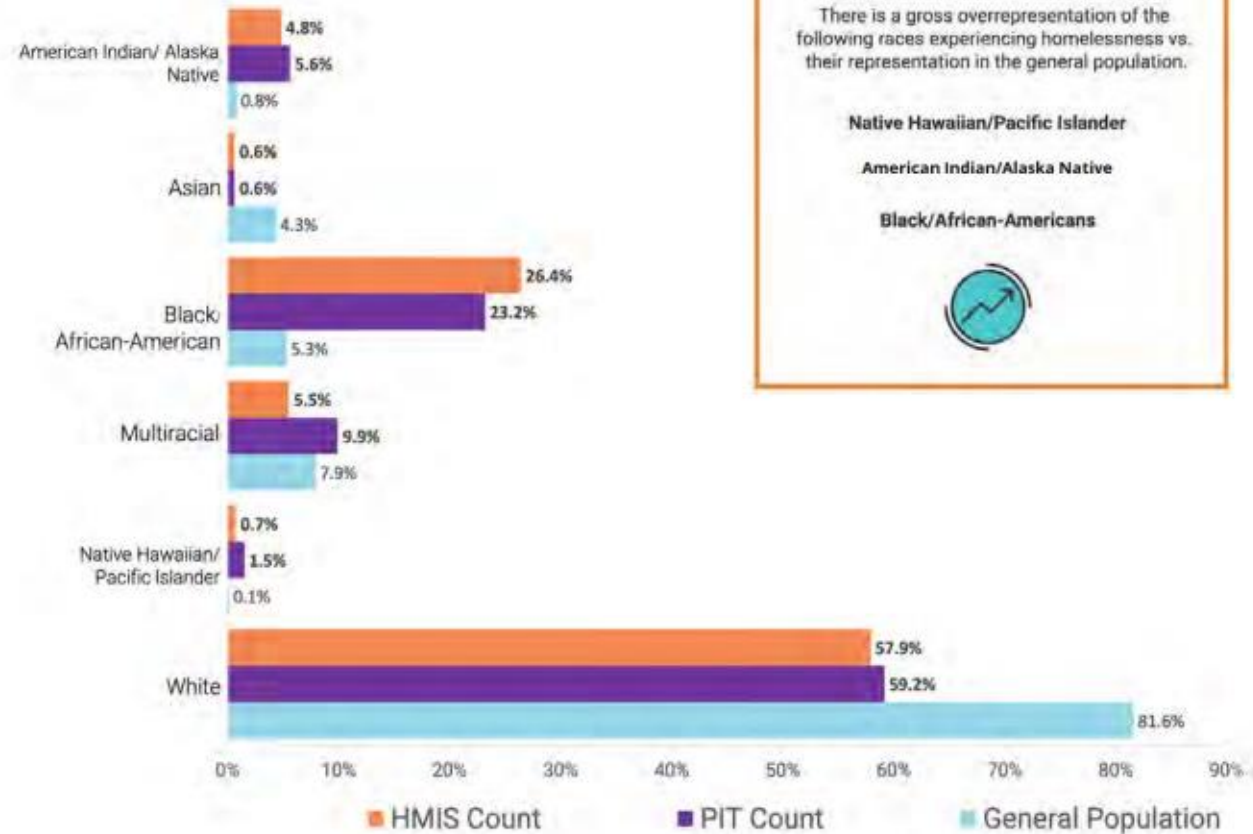
Data Summary

- Total number of individuals for each data set
- Shows the type of count and overview
- PIT = Sheltered ONLY
- Decrease in MKV related to COVID-19

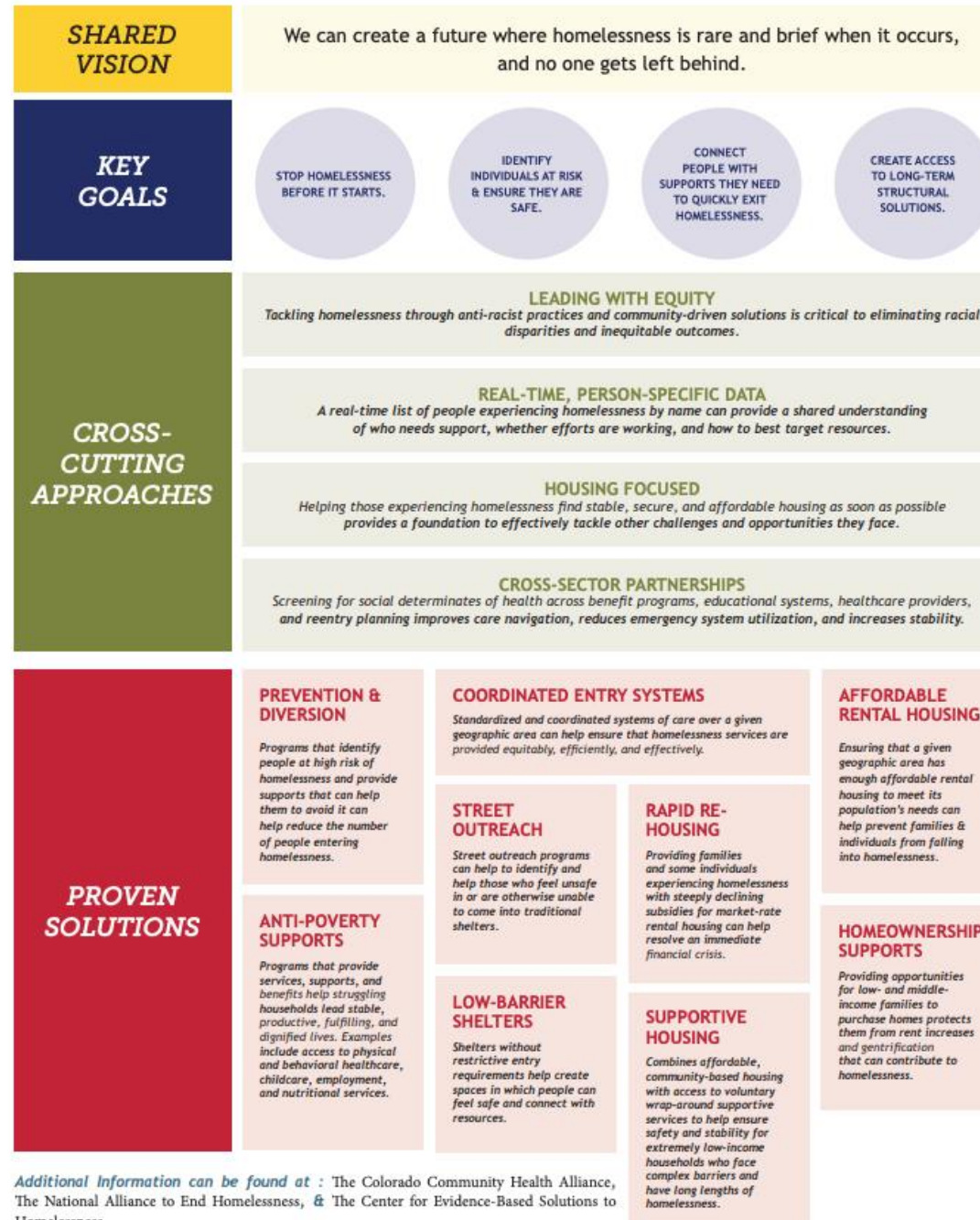
New for This Year

- Effects of COVID-19
 - 2020 to 2021 Sheltered PIT Data
 - 40% increase in those accessing emergency shelter
 - 99% increase in **newly homeless** staying in shelter
- Number of individuals, youth, and families **whose last interaction with agencies utilizing HMIS was while staying in an unsheltered location**
 - 10,870 individuals
 - 1,031 families
 - 954 youth
- Voices of youth and individuals in our community throughout

Racial Inequity



What Works: DOLA's Playbook



Key Takeaways

- Racial inequity is consistent across ALL data sources
- COVID-19 created many households experiencing homelessness for the first time
- The region is beginning to get real-time data versus relying on the PIT each year
- Access to affordable housing as well as services are critical to address homelessness

Report Implications

- Address the affordable housing gap and rising cost of living
- Create awareness on the current realities of homelessness
- Create a response rooted in racial equity
- Continue to further coordination and collaboration as a continuum to create solutions for all
 - 15% decrease in Veteran homelessness



In the metro-Denver region, affordability of housing plummets further.



What's Next?



Impact of Regional Coordination



DECREASE OF 15% IN
VETERAN
HOMELESSNESS



WORKING TOGETHER



GAINING
UNDERSTANDING



ADVOCATING FOR
RESOURCES



COORDINATING
RESOURCES

Questions?