

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Homelessness and Housing Report Series 2015

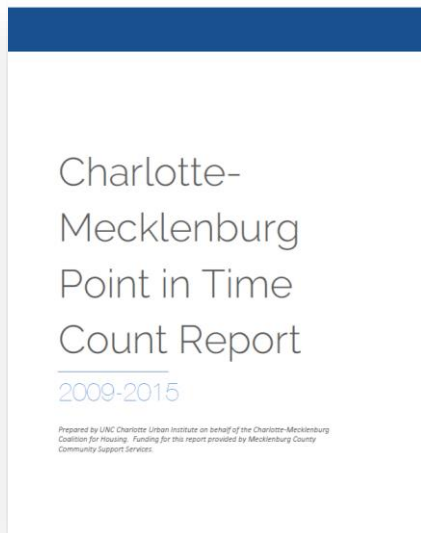
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Number of
people
identified as
homeless

2,001

↓ 29% from 2010

↓ 1% from 2014

Number of
people who
were
unsheltered

180

 76% since 2010

 10% since 2014



125 volunteers

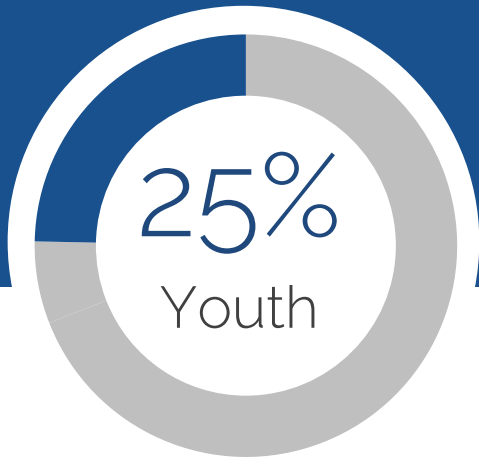


Household types

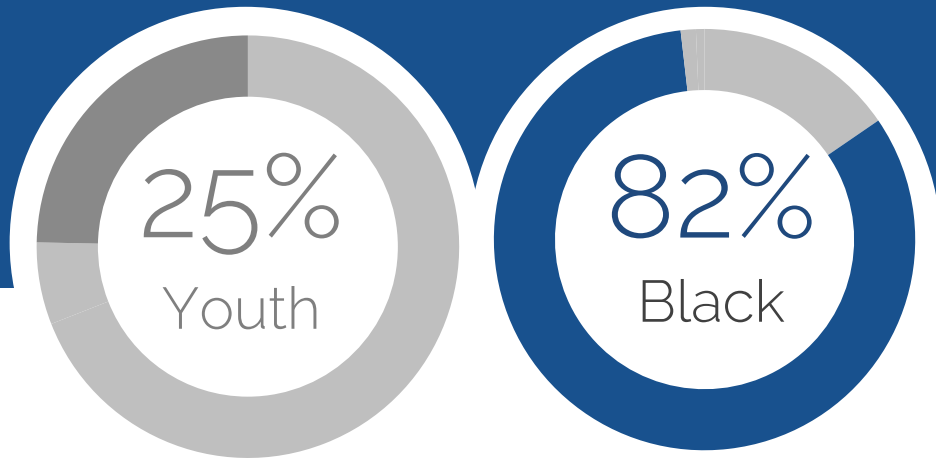
Increase in
households
with adults and
children in
emergency
and seasonal
shelter since
2010

67%

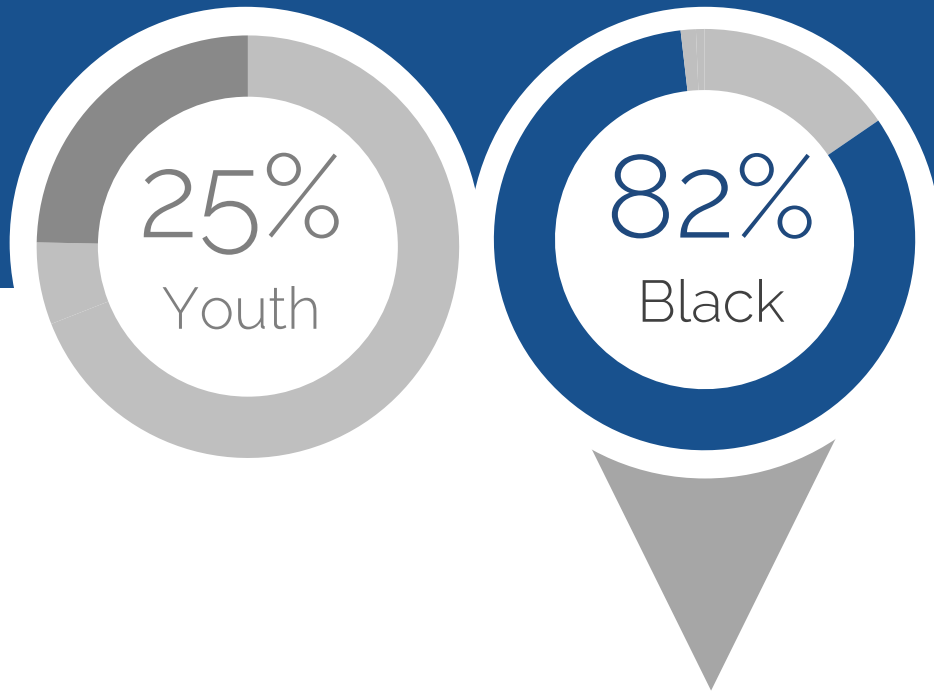
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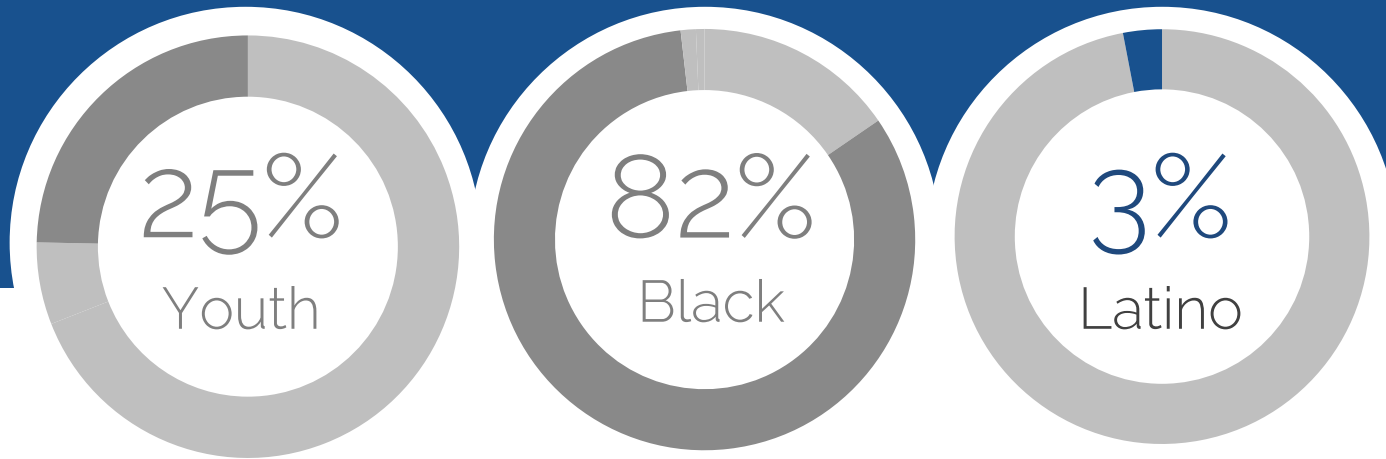


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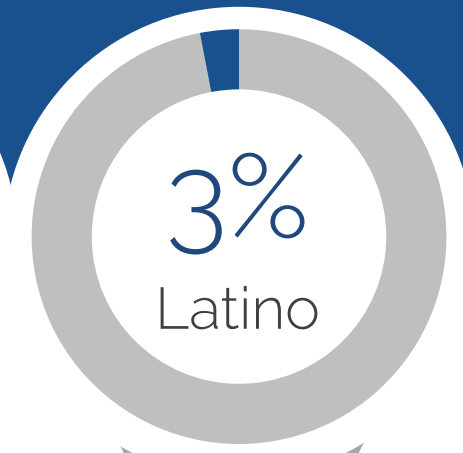
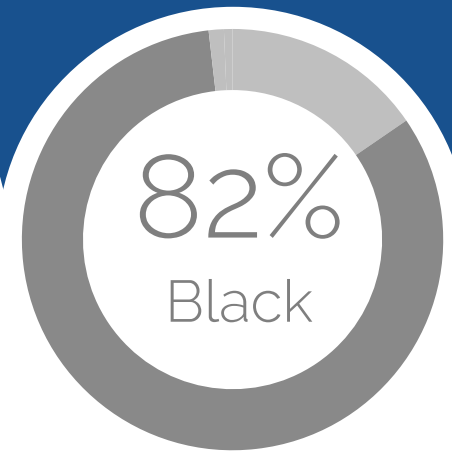
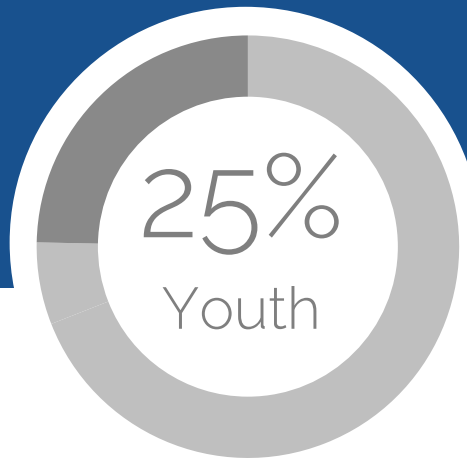


Mecklenburg
County is
31% Black

Characteristics

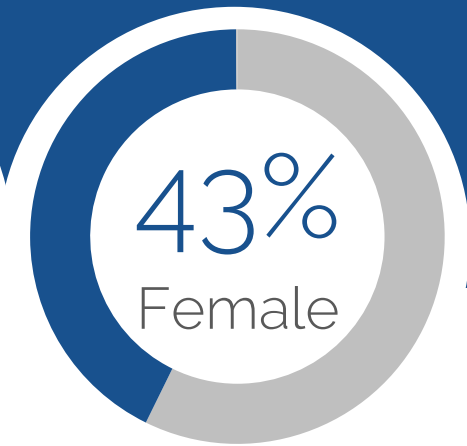
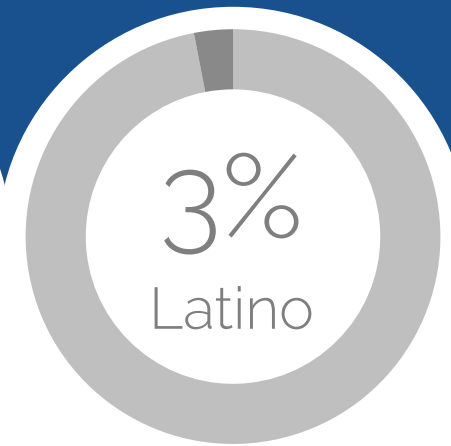
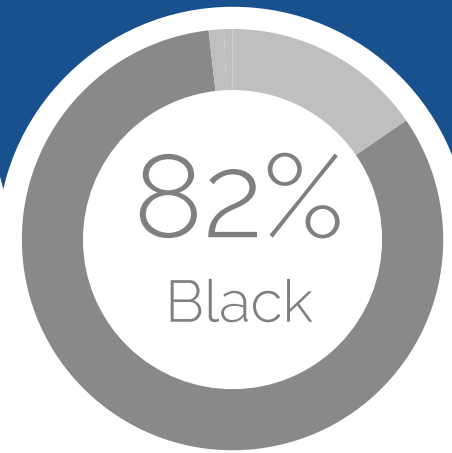
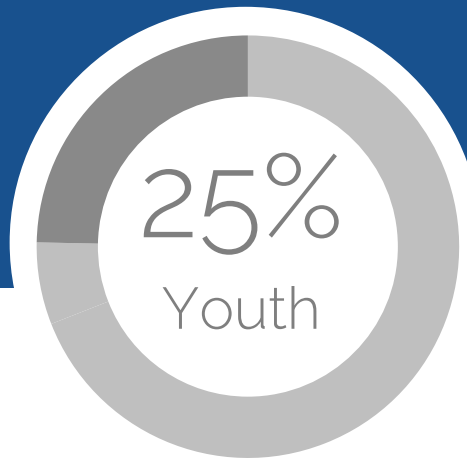


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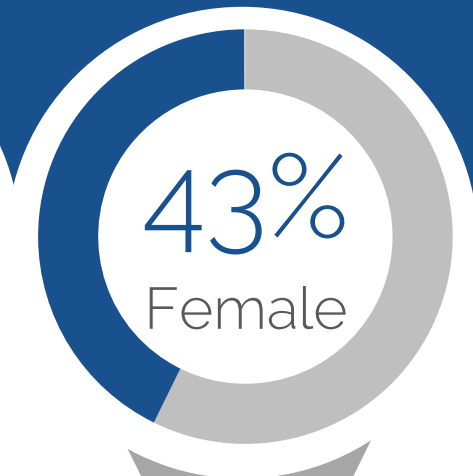
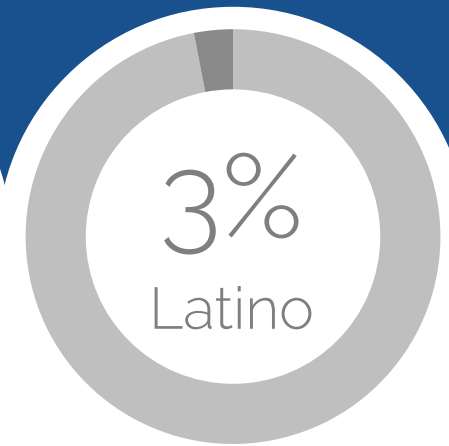
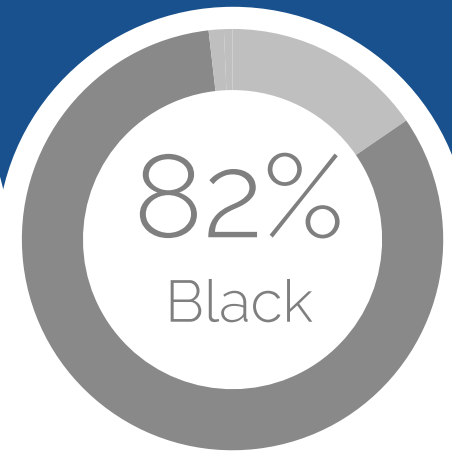
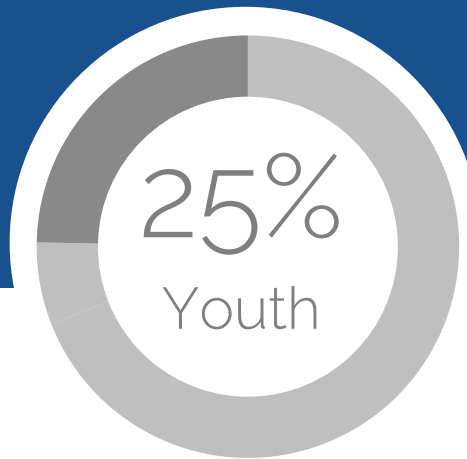


Mecklenburg
County is
12% Latino

Characteristics



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91% of unsheltered population was male

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Housing Instability in Charlotte-Mecklenburg

2015

46% of renter households were cost burdened

Mecklenburg County, 2013



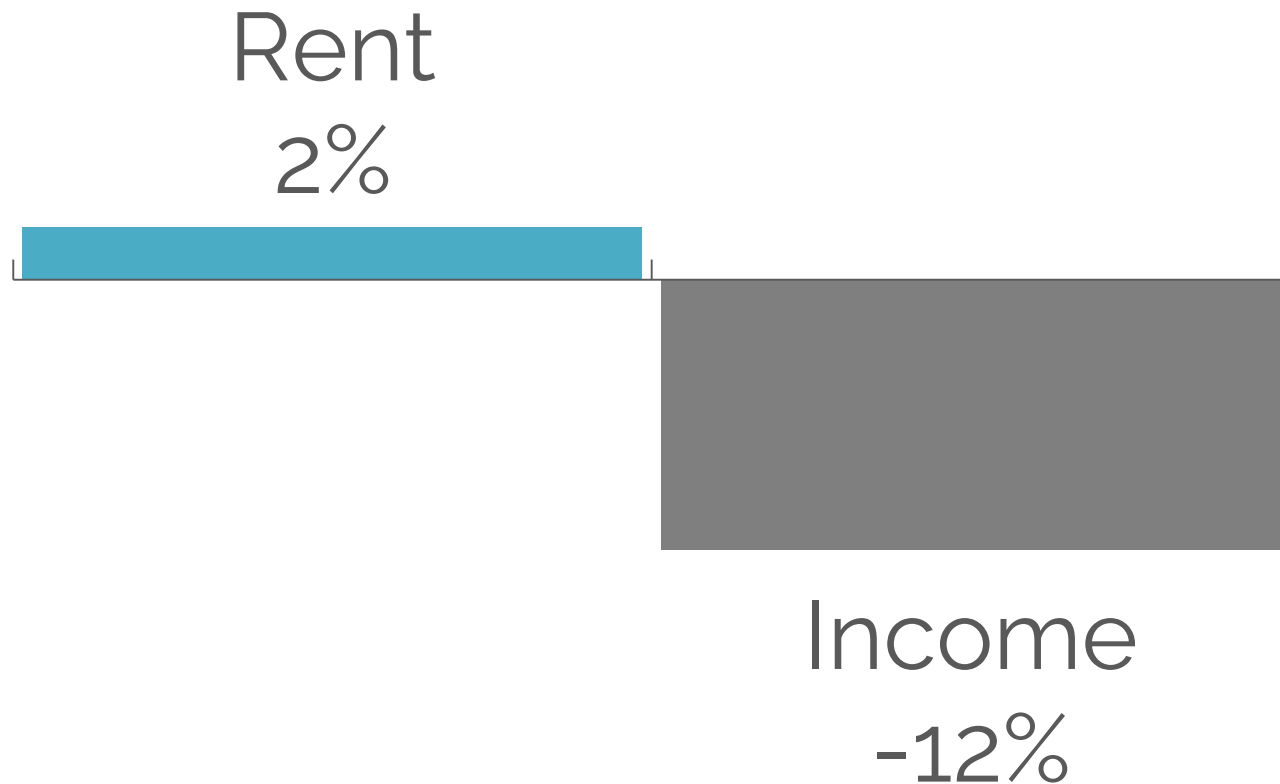
27% of owner-occupied households were cost burdened

Mecklenburg County, 2013



Change in rent vs. income

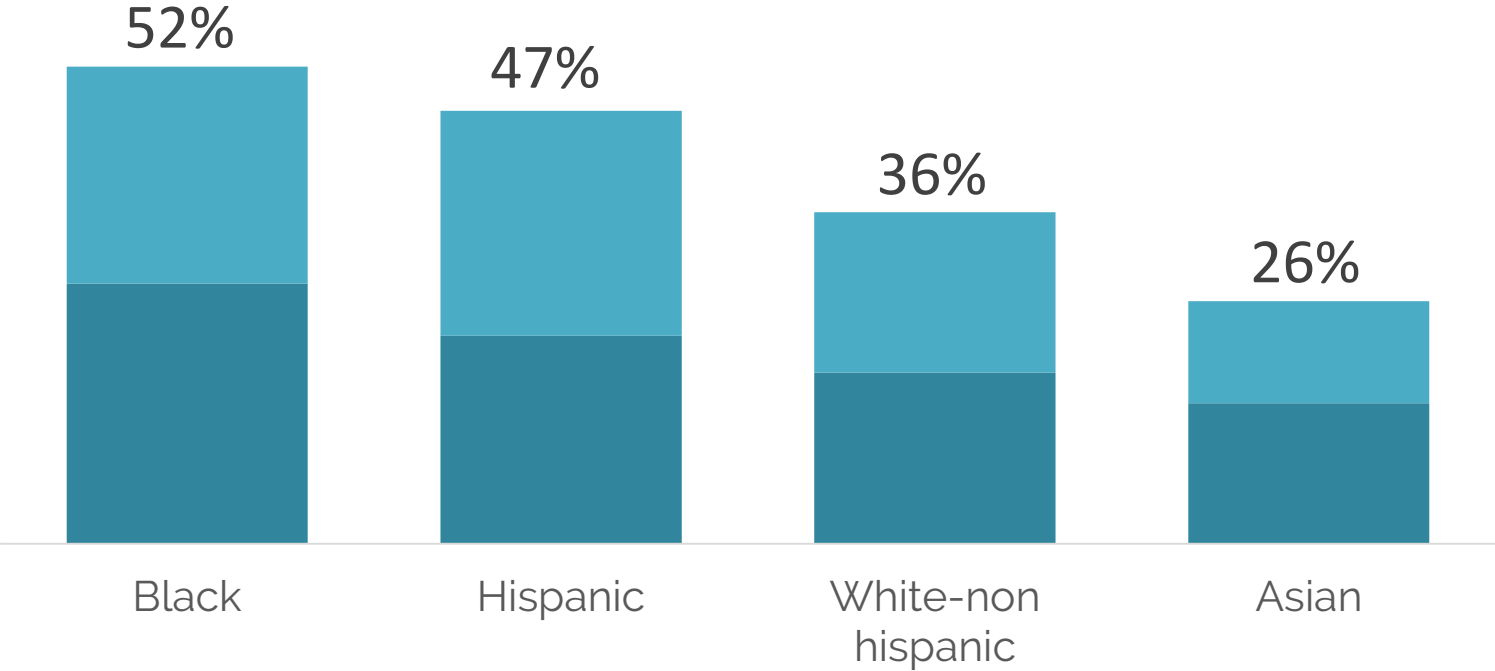
2008-2013, adjusted for inflation



Cost burdened renter-occupied households by race

Mecklenburg County, 2008 - 2012

■ Severely Cost burdened ■ Cost burdened

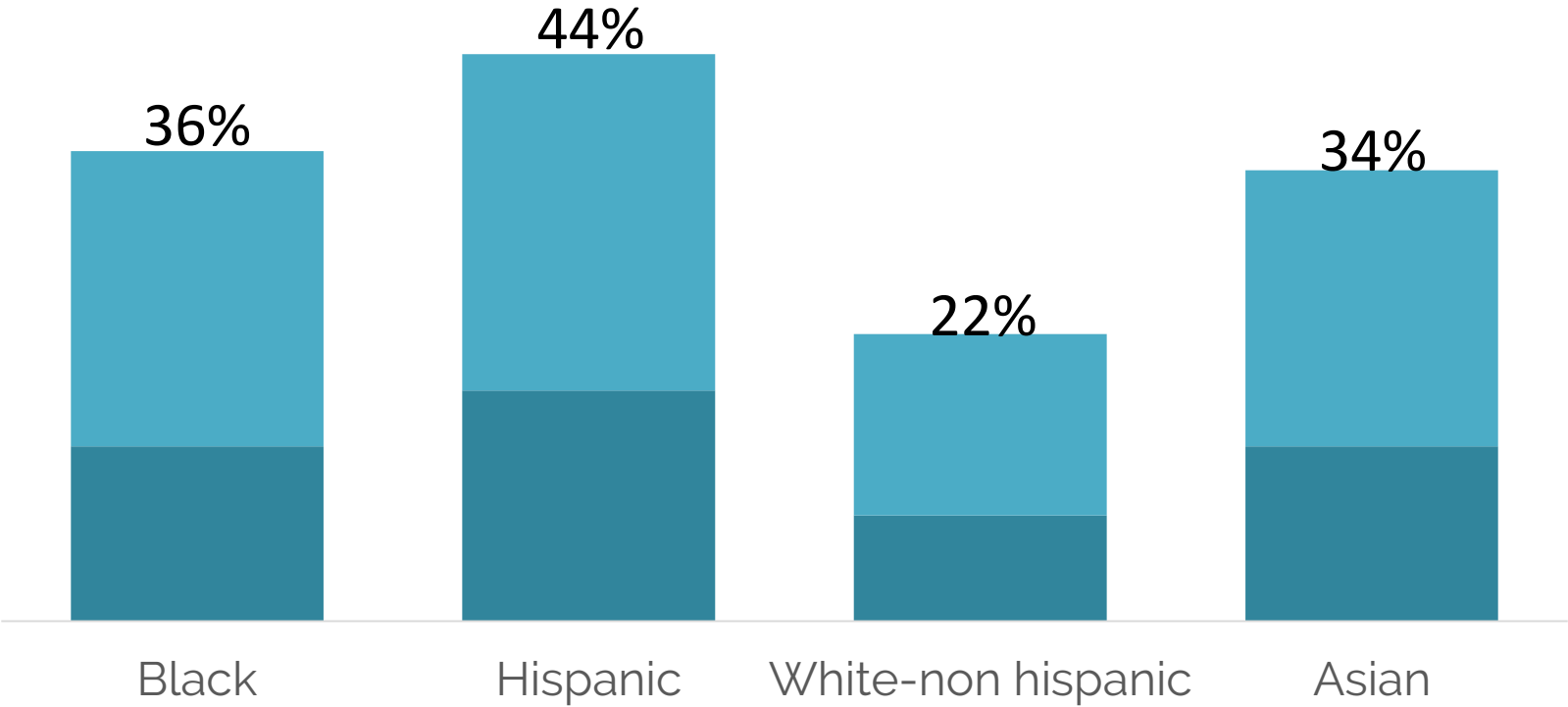


Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) dataset, 2008-2012.

Cost burdened owner-occupied households by race

Mecklenburg County, 2008 - 2012

■ Severely Cost burdened ■ Cost burdened



Hours per week
a person making
minimum wage
must work to
afford a two-
bedroom unit at
FMR

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Characteristics of Charlotte Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List

2015

Households on waiting list

As of January 2015

31,723

Demographic Profile



93%
Black



86%
Female

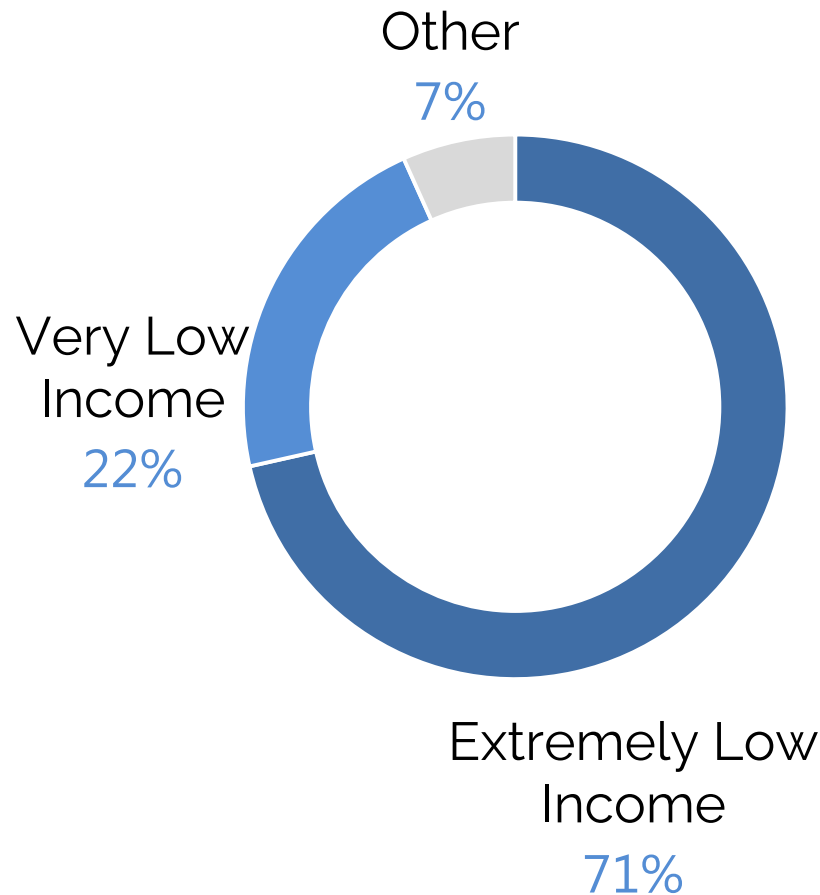


3%
Latino



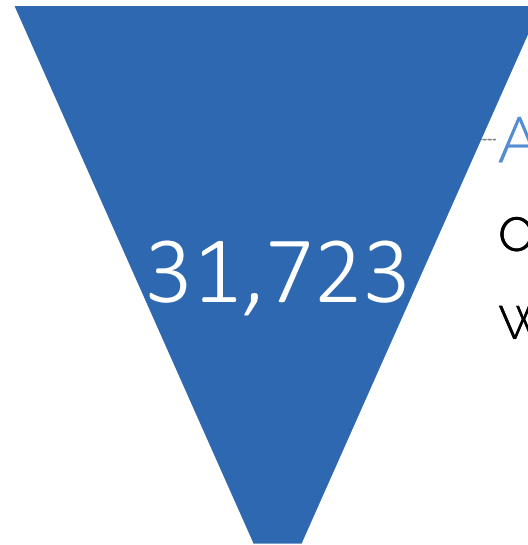
5%
Elderly
(62+)

Majority (71%) of applicants are extremely low income



Affordable Housing

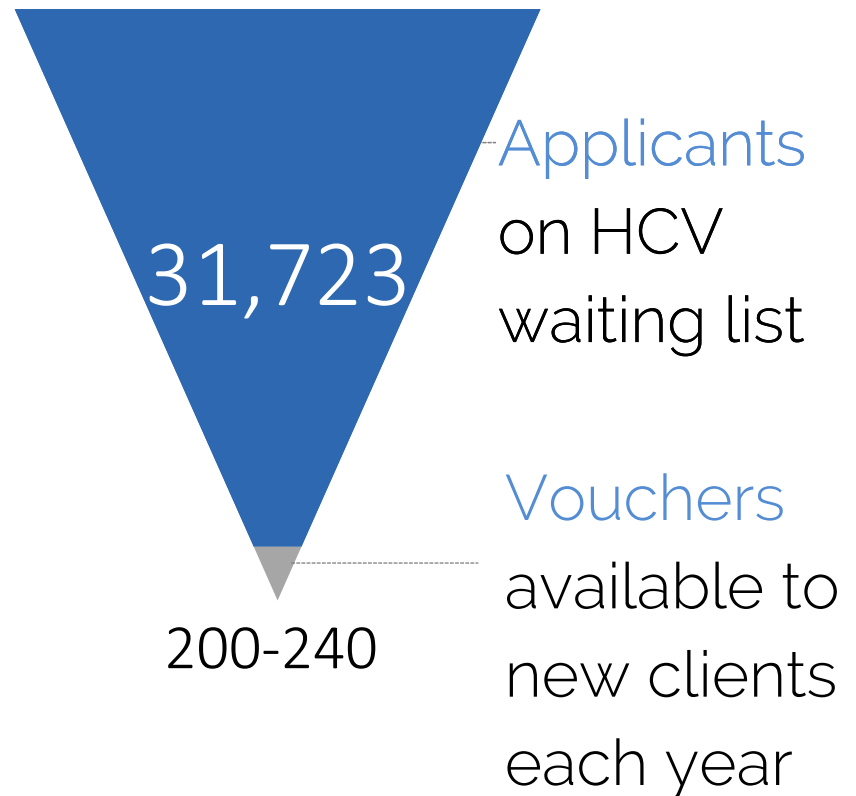
Not enough
resources to
meet need



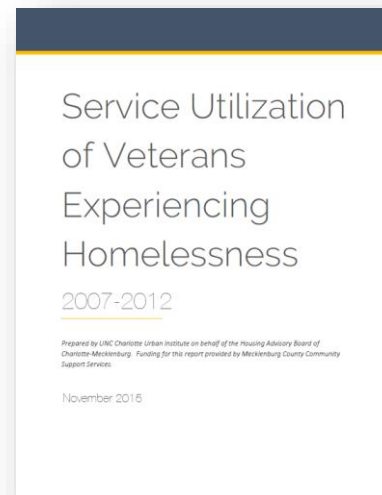
Applicants
on HCV
waiting list

Affordable Housing

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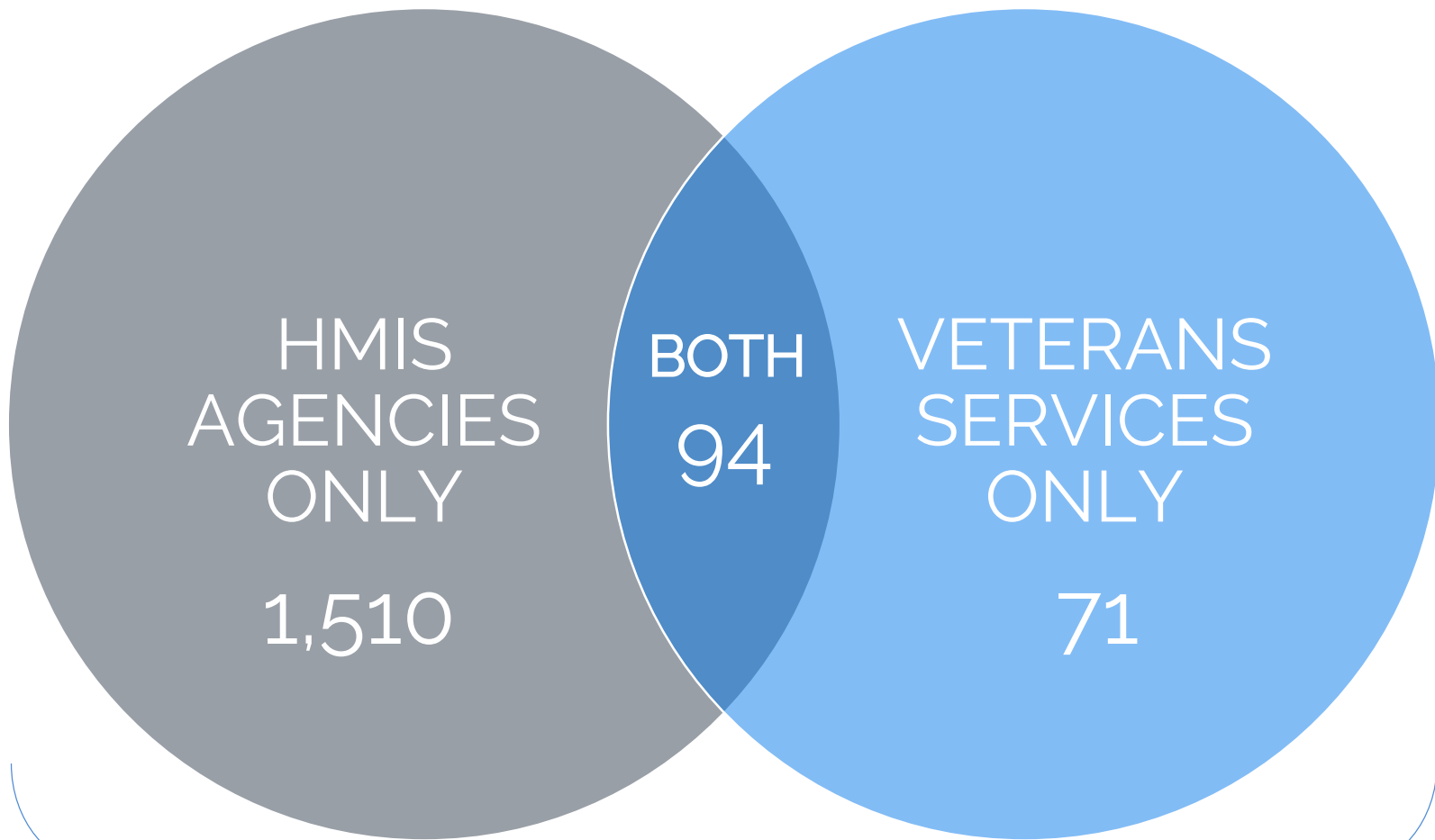
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HMIS
AGENCIES
ONLY

BOTH

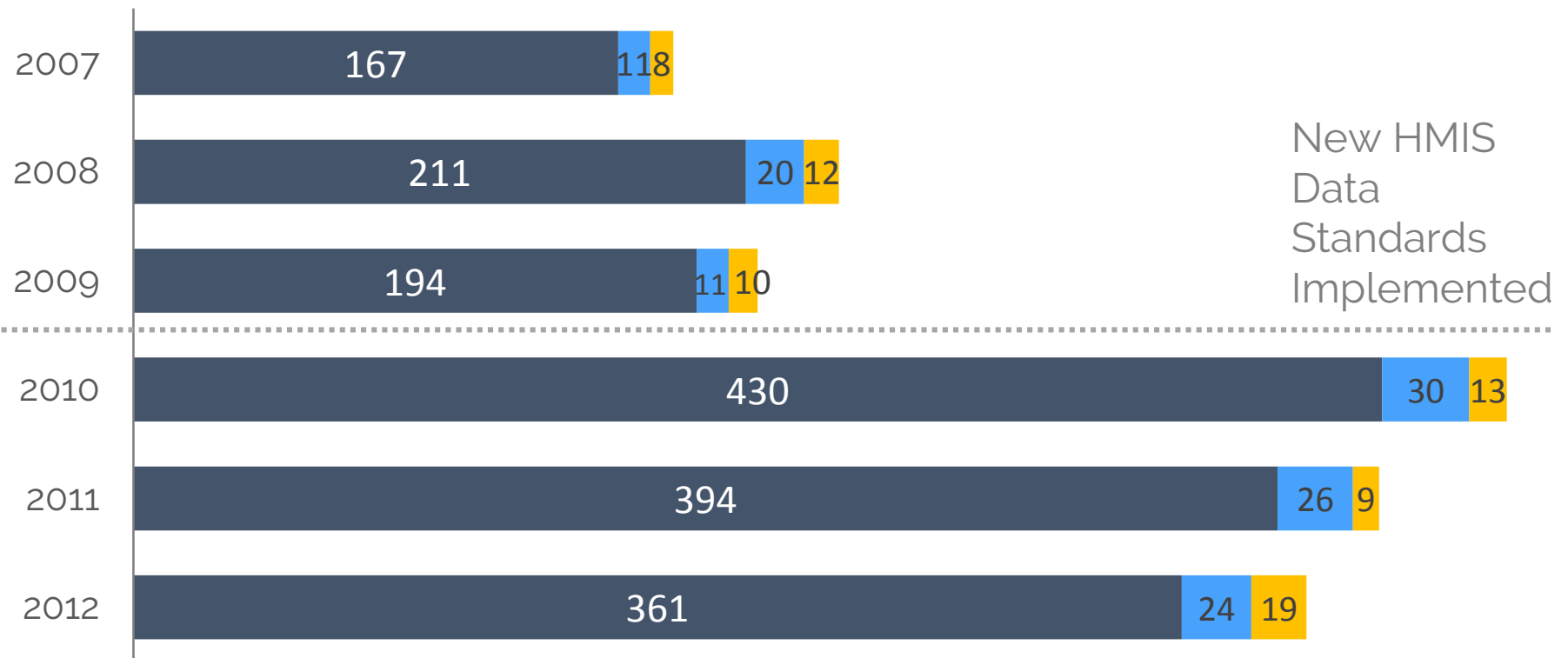
VETERANS
SERVICES
ONLY



1,675 unique veterans
utilized services

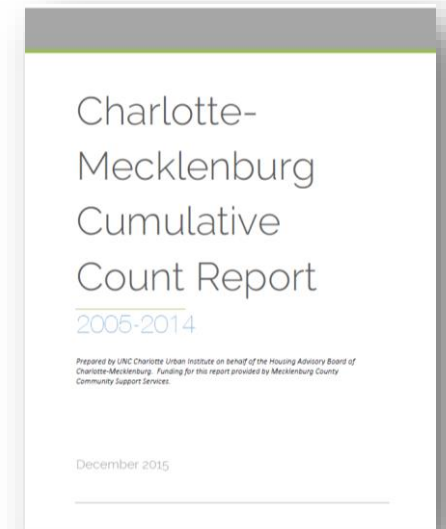
SERVICE UTILIZATION OF VETERANS BY YEAR 2007-2012

■ HMIS only ■ Both ■ Veteran Services Only



Note: For "HMIS Only" and "Both," the year represents the year in which the veteran received homeless services. For Veterans Services only, it represents the year in which the veteran first came to Veterans Services.

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PIT
Sheltered on one
night in 2014

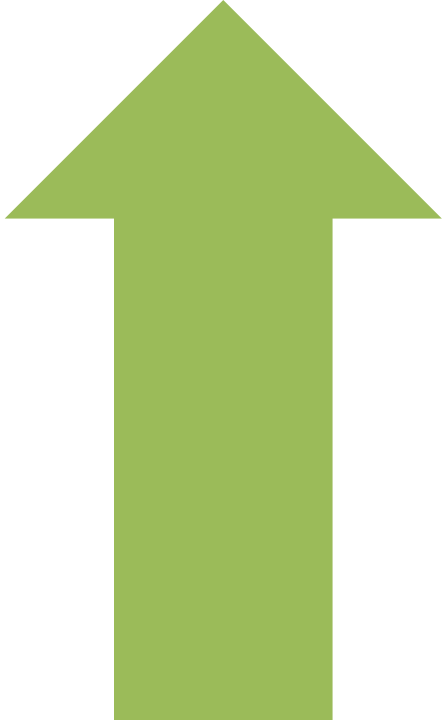
1,850

HMIS
Sheltered at some
point during 2014

6,498

From 2013-2014...

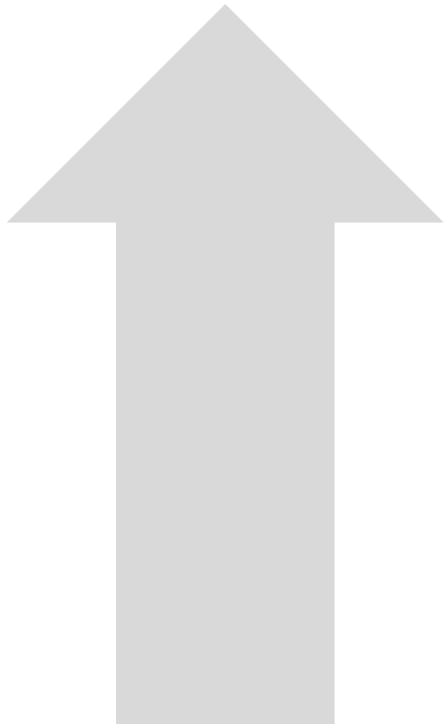
**Sheltered
homelessness**
increased 10%
(602 people)



From 2013-2014...

Sheltered
homelessness
increased 10%
(602 people)


Sheltered households
with children
increased 14%
(232 people)



From 2013-2014...

**Sheltered
homelessness**
increased 10%
(602 people)

**Sheltered households
with children**
increased 14%
(232 people)



Sheltered veterans
decreased 3.5%
(17 people)





Now we have data.
So What?

What do we do with the information we now know?

“Numbers have an important story to tell. They rely on you to give them a clear and convincing voice.”

Stephen Few

What story is our data
telling?

What does our story
say about our
community?

What are critical
points in our story
that we can change?

Some Critical Story Points

Successes but still work to be done

- We have some successes in decreasing homelessness among chronic and veteran populations, but our family and sheltered homelessness populations are increasing.

Housing instability has a significant impact

- Housing instability affects a large group of individuals and households in our community.

Race matters

- African Americans are overrepresented in our homeless population and those facing housing instability.

Final Questions for Discussion

How do we tell our story?

Who else needs to hear this story?

How can we change our story?

What critical points do we change first? Why?

Questions & Discussion