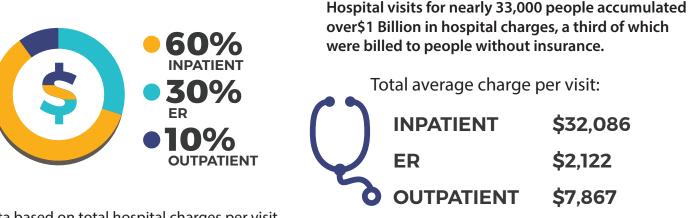# SOUTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Health Care and Homelessness Report
An analysis of health care use by people with services recorded in the Homeless Management Information System.
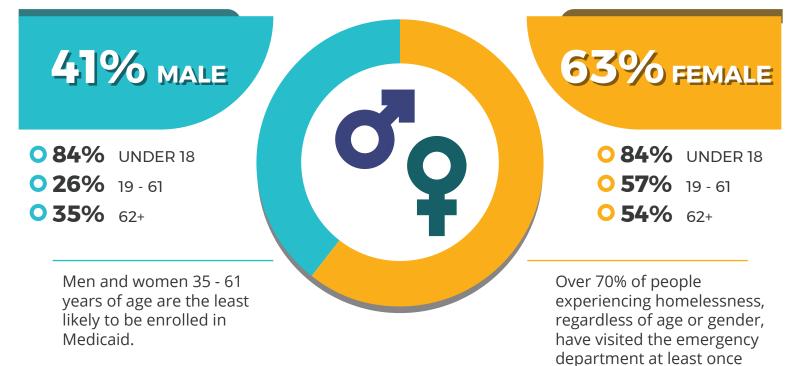
60% INPATIENT

30% ER

10% OUTPATIENT

Data based on total hospital charges per visit

Hospital visits for nearly 33,000 people accumulated over $1 Billion in hospital charges, a third of which were billed to people without insurance.

Total average charge per visit:

INPATIENT	**$32,086**
ER	**$2,122**
OUTPATIENT	**$7,867**

Just over half of the total homeless population is enrolled in Medicaid, but there are significant disparities according to gender and age.

MEDICAID ENROLLMENT BY GENDER AND AGE

41% MALE

- **84%** UNDER 18
- **26%** 19 - 61
- **35%** 62+

Men and women 35 - 61 years of age are the least likely to be enrolled in Medicaid.

63% FEMALE

- **84%** UNDER 18
- **57%** 19 - 61
- **54%** 62+

Over 70% of people experiencing homelessness, regardless of age or gender, have visited the emergency department at least once within three years.

BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN WHO ARE HOMELESS NEED BETTER ACCESS TO PREVENTIVE CARE.