

# South Carolina

# State of Homelessness Report

Homeless Management Information System  
Data Comparison Report

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# Introduction

## About this Report

The SCICH chose to focus this report solely on the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data for several reasons:

- HMIS data provides an accurate, annual picture of persons being served statewide within our state Continuum of Care (CoC) Systems
- Due to the constraints placed on data collection caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic, some of our regions could not fully implement a Point in Time Count
- By singling out one data source, we are able to compare annualized data year to year

Our goal for 2022, is to provide separate reports on single annualized data sets, such as McKinney-Vento's data on student homelessness, data from United Way's SC 211 call center and other sources, in order to allow each report to stand on its own.

In summary, the focus in this report is to provide an HMIS data comparison between Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 and FY 2019-20, to understand how our system is performing to meet the needs of those in our state for housing and support services.

## The Impact of COVID-19

In Federal FY 2019-20 (10/1/2019 - 09/30/2020), all CoC Systems across the country were required to step-up service delivery as federal, state and local funding from many sources was deployed through CoC agencies in an effort to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic. As a result, millions of dollars moved through our state systems to assist persons at-risk for or experiencing homelessness.

While this work was necessary and worthy, the increased workload across our systems was significant. CoC agencies responded by providing supplies, personal protection equipment, access to shelter and housing, access to quarantine areas for the sick, and creating complex systems to provide rental and utilities assistance to persons at-risk for homelessness. Advocacy efforts were increased at all levels to fight evictions, increase access to healthcare for low-income populations and strongly advocate that funding focused on building affordable units for our low-income citizens fighting for a decent, safe and affordable home.

We look forward to releasing an impact report in 2022 on the effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic on those at-risk for or experiencing homelessness, and how our CoC providers stepped-up to meet the needs in our communities across South Carolina.

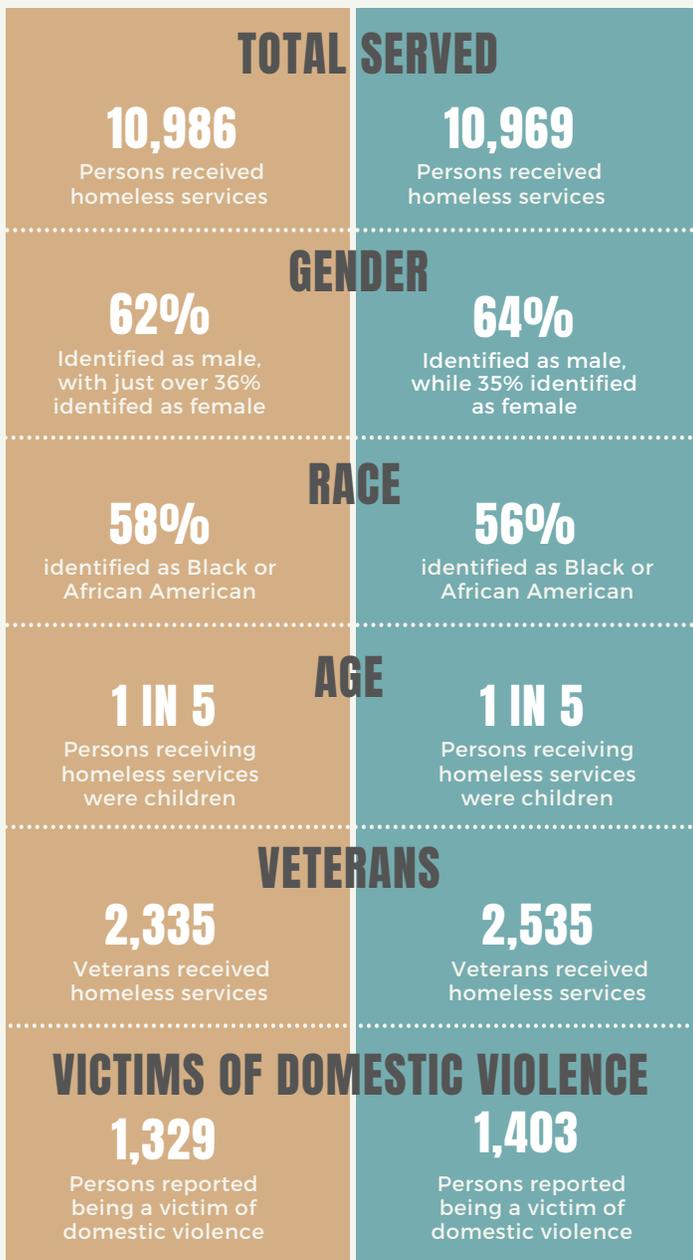
# Demographics



## DEMOGRAPHICS COMPARISON

2018 - 19

2019 - 20



Overall, males remained the dominate gender receiving homeless services across our state over the 2-year period, with less than 1% reporting as unidentified or transgendered.

More than 50% of those receiving services reported as Black or African American individuals. Of the 10,969 persons receiving services, only 3% reported Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

Adults 45 to 64 make up 39% of those served, while 31% were 25-44 years old.

The average age of adults receiving services rose by 1 year (41). While the average age of children under 18 remained unchanged at 8 years old.

Single adults continued to be the dominant household composition at 86%.

**While the overall total number of persons served remains relatively unchanged, the number of veterans and victims of domestic violence rose by 9% each.**



# Homelessness Experiences

## Prior Living Situation



**2018-19**

65% of persons receiving services came from a homeless situation



**2019-20**

71% of persons receiving services came from a homeless situation

**2018-19**

49% reported experiencing homelessness for 6 months or less



**2019-20**

46% reported experiencing homelessness for 6 months or less

32% reported experiencing homelessness for 12 months or more



34% reported experiencing homelessness for 12 months or more

## Length of Time



## Number of Episodes



	1	2	3	4+	UNIDENTIFIED	
<b>2018-19</b>	2961	1336	665	1458	894	↑ <b>13%</b> 4+ EPISODES
<b>2019-20</b>	3011	1489	746	1684	1102	

**2018-19**

19% of persons experienced chronic homelessness, meaning 12 months or more living in homelessness with a long-term disability



**2019-20**

21% of persons experienced chronic homelessness, meaning 12 months or more living in homelessness with a long-term disability

## Chronically Homeless



## Disabling Conditions



**2018-19**

Nearly 1 in 2 persons who experienced homelessness live with a long-term disability

**4776 PERSONS**



**2019-20**

More than 1 in 2 persons who experienced homelessness live with a long-term disability

**5247 PERSONS**

## Exit Destinations

	Return to Homelessness	Permanent Housing	Unknown
2018-19	<8%	48%	33%
2019-20	<8%	49%	36%

**Less than 8% of those reporting an exit destination after leaving a CoC housing program returned to homelessness.**

While one-third (31%) of persons placed in permanent housing exit the CoC system without reporting a housing destination, less than 8% of those reporting an exit destination returned to homelessness. Nearly 50% of all persons in housing programs exit to a permanent housing destination. Of the remaining persons exiting the system, 7% exit to temporary housing and 3% to an institutional setting.

## Income



### Identified Income

	Yes	No	Unreported
2018-19	5,076	3,684	319
2019-20	5,067	3,816	206



### Income Change

	Avg. Income at Entry	Avg. Income at Exit	Avg. Income Change
2018-19	\$845	\$988	\$143
2019-20	\$876	\$1,028	\$153

While persons reporting income remained steady over the 2-year period, a 3% rise in those reporting no income occurred. Additionally, the average income at program entry and program exit increased by 4%.



The goal of SCICH is to end homelessness and advocate at the state and federal level for policies to improve services to people who are experiencing homelessness.

We are grateful for the work of all our South Carolina Continuums of Care, for their partnership, and the working collaboration we share to assist those at-risk for or experiencing homelessness with housing and services.

To learn more about SCICH, visit: [www.schomeless.org](http://www.schomeless.org)  
For inquiries, send an email to: [info@schomeless.org](mailto:info@schomeless.org)

# Appendix A

## SCICH Report

10/1/2019 - 9/30/2020, 10,969 Persons, 8,613 Households

### Gender

	Male	Female	Unidentified	A gender other th..	Female, Transgen..	Male, Transgender
Persons (Count)	7,054	3,858	41	4	8	4
Persons (Percent)	64.3%	35.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%

### Race

	American India..	Asian or Asian ..	Black, African ..	Multiracial	Native Hawaiia..	White	DK / DNC / Refu..
Persons (Count)	58	25	6,144	540	17	4,148	77
Persons (Percent)	0.5%	0.2%	56.0%	4.9%	0.2%	37.8%	0.7%

### Ethnicity

	Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	324	10,551	94
Persons (Percent)	3.0%	96.2%	0.9%

### Veteran Status

	Yes	No	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	2,535	6,489	65
Persons (Percent)	27.89%	71.39%	0.72%

### Age Ranges

	Under 6	6 - 11	12 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 and Up
Persons (Count)	756	583	538	812	1,616	1,754	2,015	2,300	595
Persons (Percent)	6.9%	5.3%	4.9%	7.4%	14.7%	16.0%	18.4%	21.0%	5.4%

### Age

	All	Adults	Under 18
Average Age at Entry	41	46	8
Median Age at Entry	44	48	7

### Household Size

	1	2	3	4	5+
Households (Count)	7,543	476	290	176	129
Households (Percent)	87.6%	5.5%	3.4%	2.0%	1.5%

### Household Composition

	1		2		3			4			5+	
	Single Adults	Unaccompanied..	Adults Only	Single Adults w..	Adults Only	Multiple Adults w..	Single Adults w..	Adults Only	Multiple Adults w..	Single Adults w..	Multiple Adults w..	Single Adults w..
Households (Count)	7,389	158	197	279	13	92	185	5	78	93	76	53
Households (Percent)	85.8%	1.8%	2.3%	3.2%	0.2%	1.1%	2.1%	0.1%	0.9%	1.1%	0.9%	0.6%

## Prior Living Situation

	Literally Homeless Sit..	Imminent Risk of Hom..	Institutional Settings	Rental, Owned, and P..	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	7,766	1,843	677	556	127
Persons (Percent)	70.8%	16.8%	6.2%	5.1%	1.2%

## Length of Time Homeless

	One Month / First Time	2 - 6 Months	7 - 11 Months	12 or More Months	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	1,739	1,947	533	2,696	1,117
Persons (Percent)	21.7%	24.2%	6.6%	33.6%	13.9%

## Number of Episodes

	1	2	3	4 or More	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	3,011	1,489	746	1,684	1,102
Persons (Percent)	37.5%	18.5%	9.3%	21.0%	13.7%

## Chronically Homeless

	Yes	No
Persons (Count)	1,905	7,184
Persons (Percent)	21.0%	79.0%

## Disabling Condition

	Yes	No	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	5,247	3,732	110
Persons (Percent)	57.7%	41.1%	1.2%

## Disabling Condition Types

	Persons (Count)	Persons (Percent)
Chronic Health Condition	1,751	19.3%
Developmental Disability	456	5.0%
HIV/AIDS	194	2.1%
Mental Health Problem	12	0.1%
Physical Disability	2,181	24.0%
Other	10	0.1%
None Identified	4,205	46.3%
Alcohol Use Disorder (HUD)	691	7.6%
Both Alcohol and Drug Use Dis..	952	10.5%
Drug Use Disorder (HUD)	760	8.4%
Mental Health Disorder (HUD)	2,921	32.1%

## Exit Destinations

	Place not meant for habitation	Temporary Housing	Institutional Setting	Staying with friends or family	Owned or Rented with a Subsidy	Owned or Rented without a Subsidy	Deceased	Other Situation	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	771	731	343	1,439	1,255	2,138	83	76	3,123
Persons (Percent)	7.7%	7.3%	3.4%	14.4%	12.6%	21.5%	0.8%	0.8%	31.4%

## Receiving Income (Adults Only)

	Yes	No	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	5,067	3,816	206
Persons (Percent)	55.7%	42.0%	2.3%

## Income Amount

	Entry	Exit
Average Amount	\$871.48	\$890.25
Median Amount	\$783.00	\$783.00

## Income Change for Persons Receiving Any Income During Enrollment

Calculated using Total Monthly Income

Average Income at Entry	\$876.23
Average Income at Update/Exit	\$1,028.89
Average Change in Income	\$152.66

## Sources of Income

Source of Income	Persons (Count)	Persons (Percent)	Average Amount	Median Amount
Alimony or Other Spousal Support	17	0.3%	\$616.74	\$497.00
Child Support	103	2.0%	\$371.02	\$267.00
Contributions From Other People	1	0.0%	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Dividends	1	0.0%	\$1,460.00	\$1,460.00
Earned Income	1,519	30.0%	\$1,109.46	\$1,000.00
General Assistance	10	0.2%	\$174.77	\$54.00
Other	99	2.0%	\$579.67	\$400.00
Other TANF-Funded Services	1	0.0%	\$970.00	\$970.00
Pension or Retirement Income	83	1.6%	\$747.79	\$700.00
Private Disability Insurance	12	0.2%	\$1,161.70	\$873.00
Retirement Disability	5	0.1%	\$855.11	\$880.00
Retirement Income From Social Security	267	5.3%	\$901.68	\$848.00
Section 8, Public Housing or rental assistan..	1	0.0%	\$525.00	\$525.00
SSDI	1,162	22.9%	\$874.51	\$794.00
SSI	1,279	25.2%	\$727.11	\$753.00
State Disability	9	0.2%	\$642.10	\$700.00
TANF	52	1.0%	\$268.68	\$231.00
Unemployment Insurance	82	1.6%	\$763.95	\$580.57
Unidentified	959	18.9%	\$23.72	\$0.00
VA Non-Service Connected Disability Pension	251	5.0%	\$794.95	\$753.50
VA Service Connected Disability Compensat..	659	13.0%	\$976.65	\$864.13
Veteran's Administration	1	0.0%	\$1,021.00	\$1,021.00
Worker's Compensation	11	0.2%	\$734.74	\$800.00

## Domestic Violence Survivors

	Yes	No	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	1,403	8,916	650
Persons (Percent)	12.8%	81.3%	5.9%

## Fleeing Domestic Violence

	Yes	No	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	392	880	130
Persons (Percent)	28.0%	62.8%	9.3%

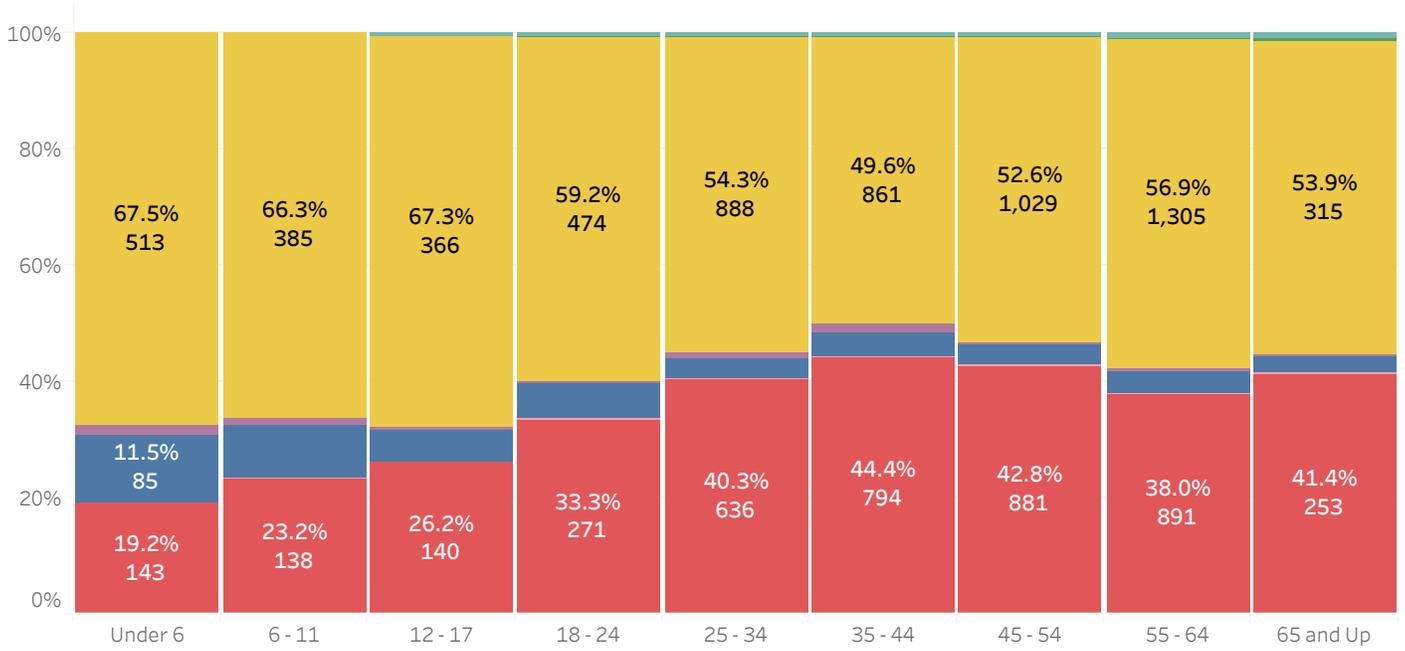
## When Domestic Violence Occurred

	Less than 3 months	3 - 6 Months Ago	6 - 12 Months Ago	More than 1 Year Ago	Unidentified
Persons (Count)	363	111	137	687	104
Persons (Percent)	25.9%	7.9%	9.8%	49.0%	7.4%

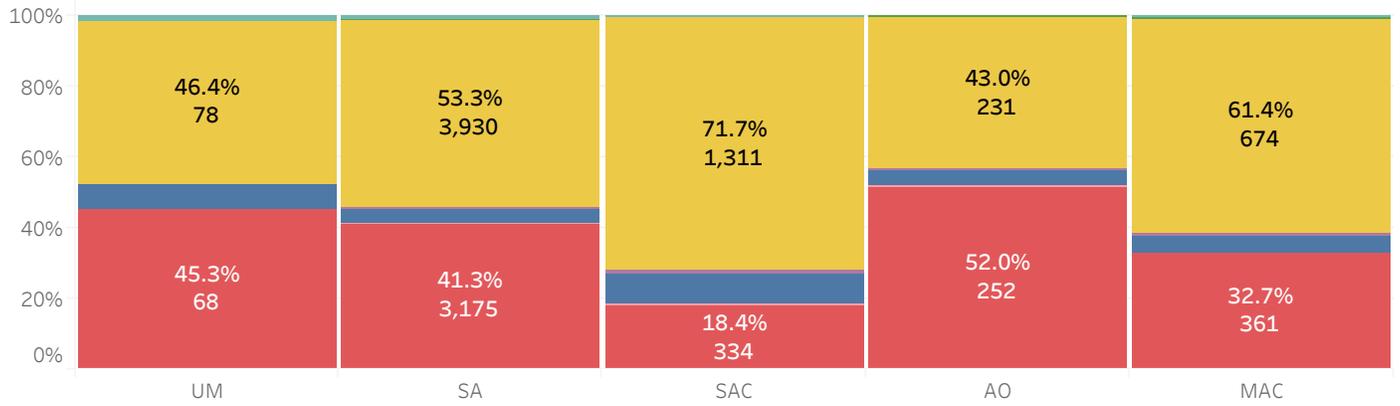
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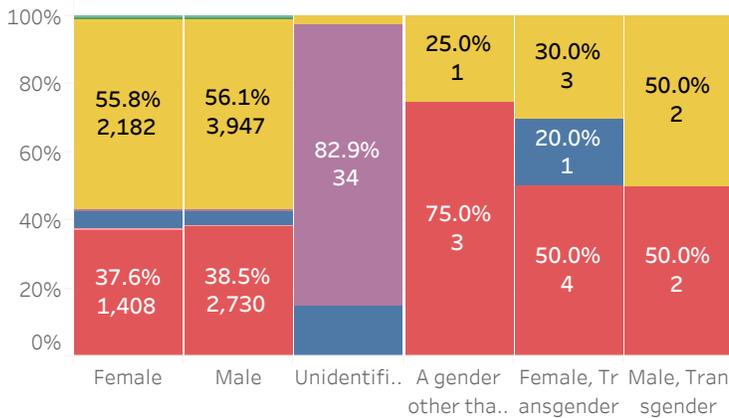
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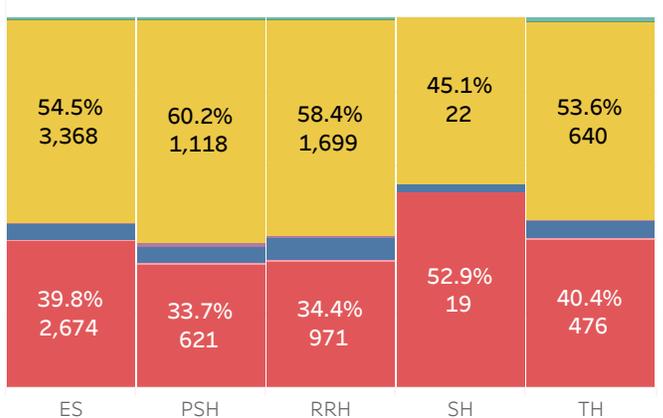
**Household Composition**



**Gender**



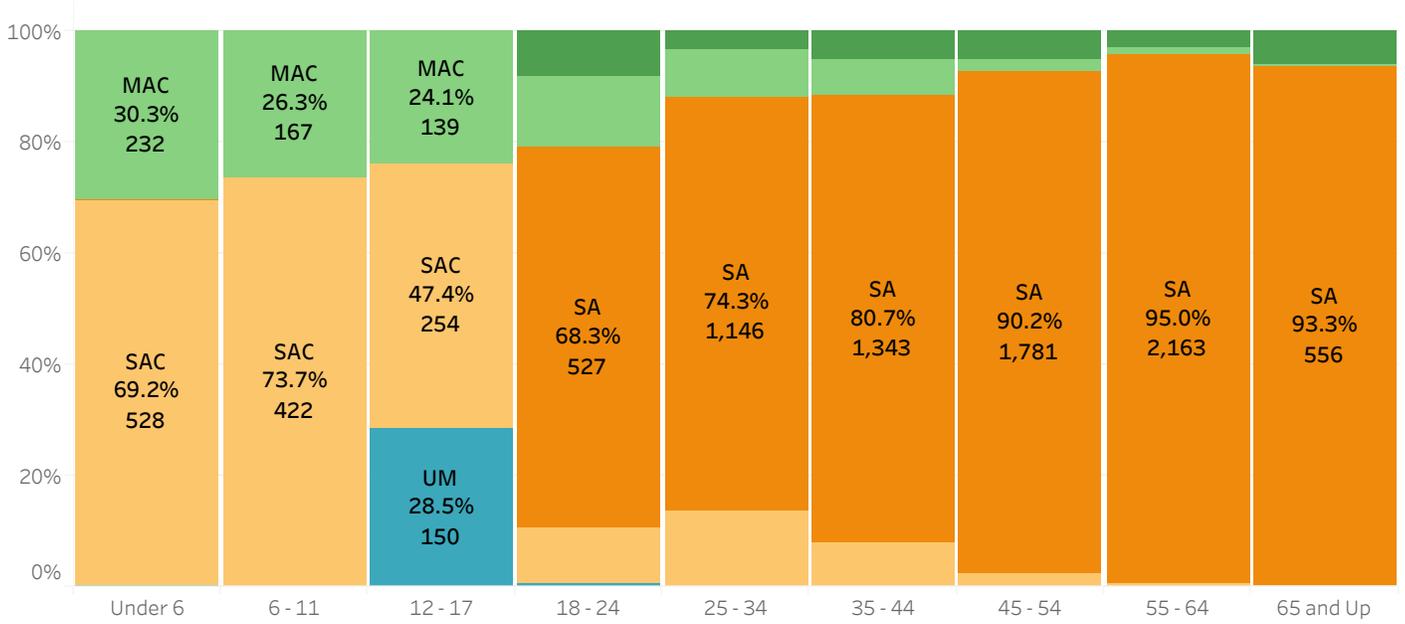
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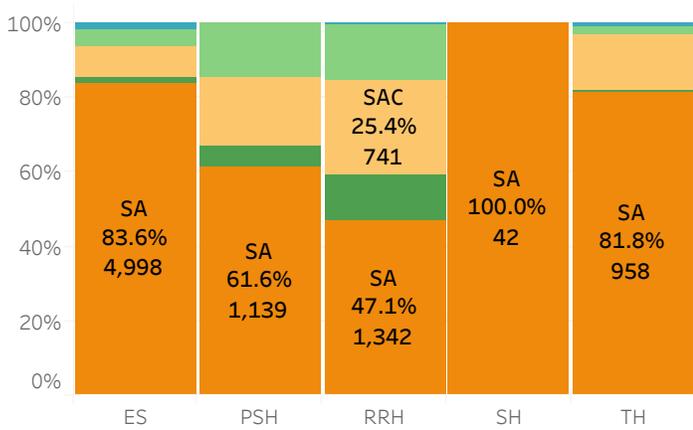
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 ■ Multiple Adults w/ Childr..    
 ■ Single Adults w/ Children    
 ■ Adults Only    
 ■ Single Adults

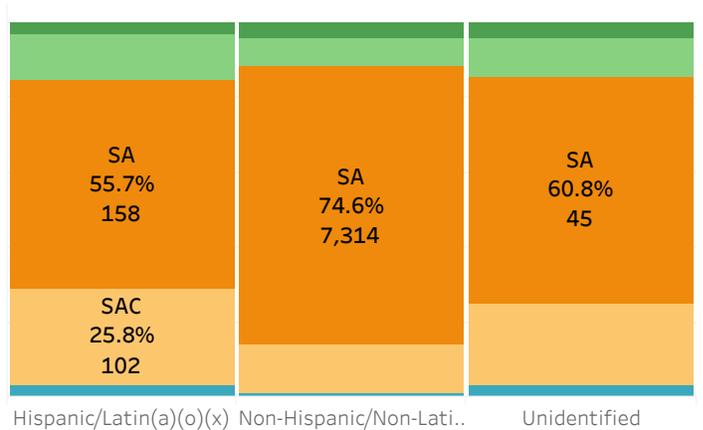
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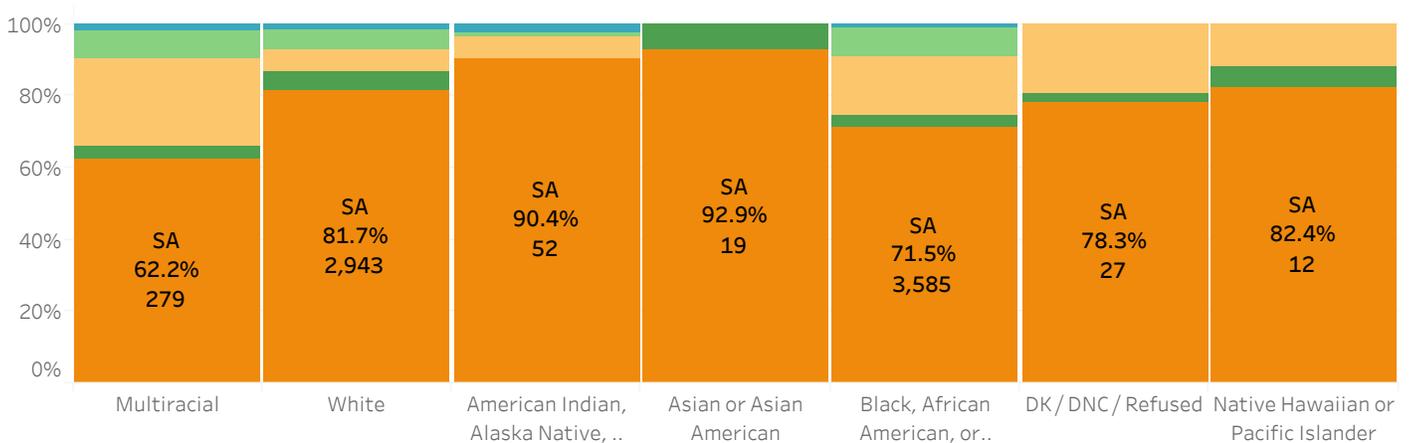
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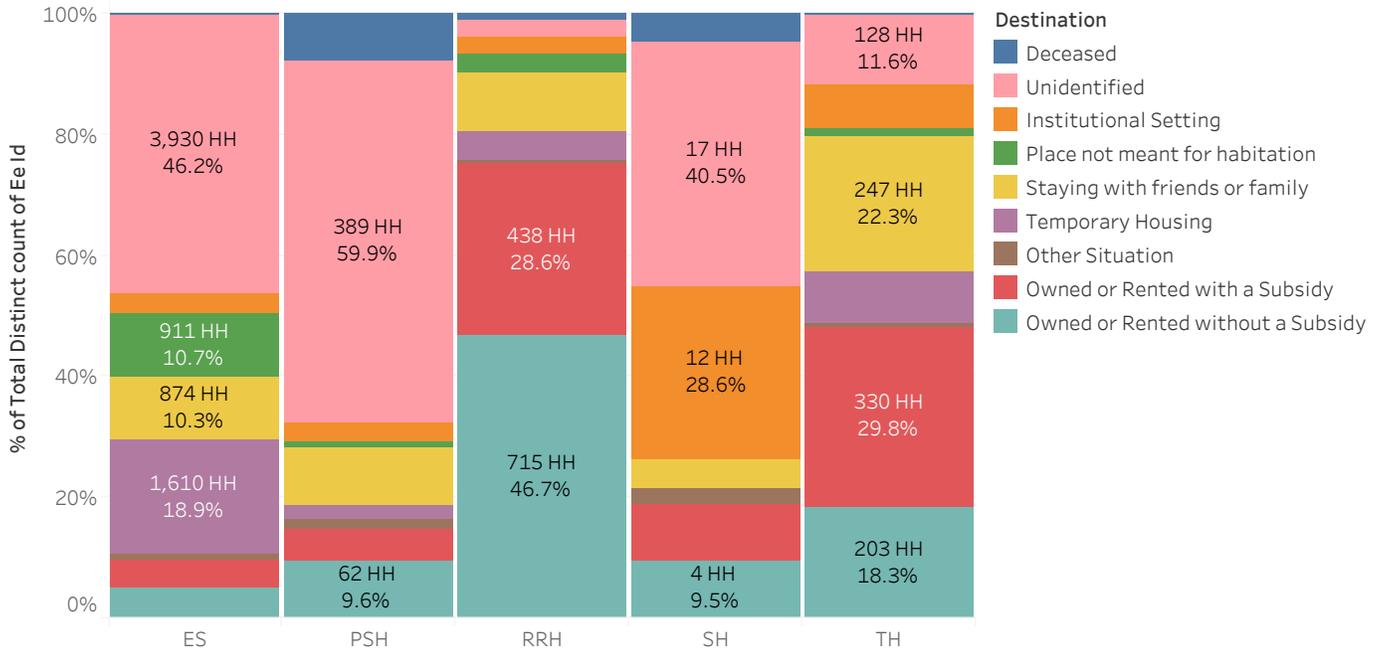


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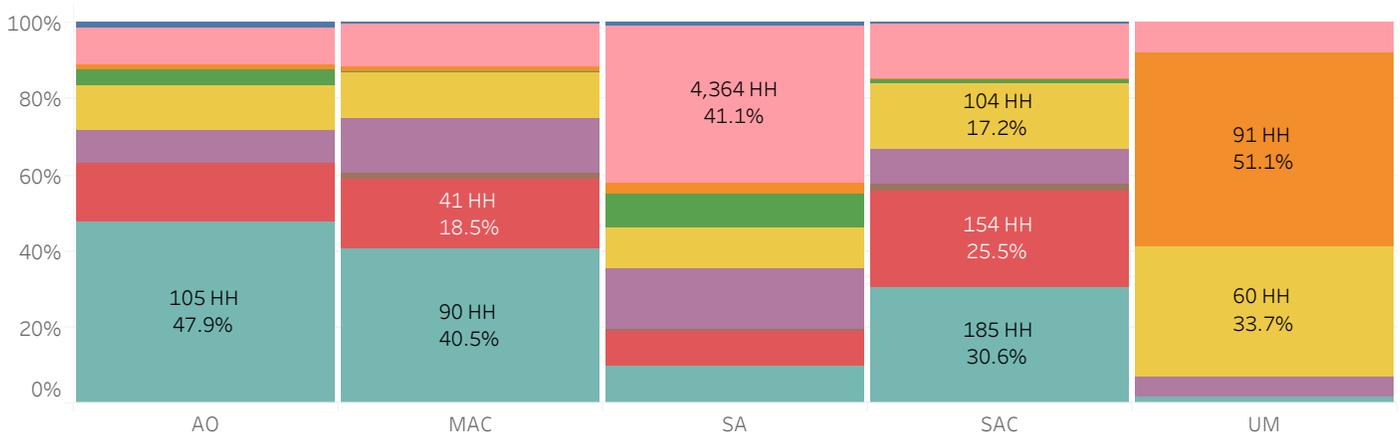




### Project Type



### Household Composition



### Race (Head of Household)

