

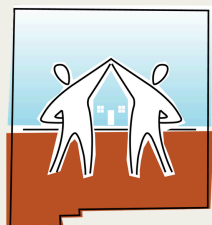
Housing and Homelessness Opportunities and Challenges in Policy and Funding Landscape

LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
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AGENDA

- New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness
- Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless
- Housing and Homelessness in New Mexico
- Housing Policy Priorities
 - Housing Policies
 - Housing Investments
- Opportunities and Challenges

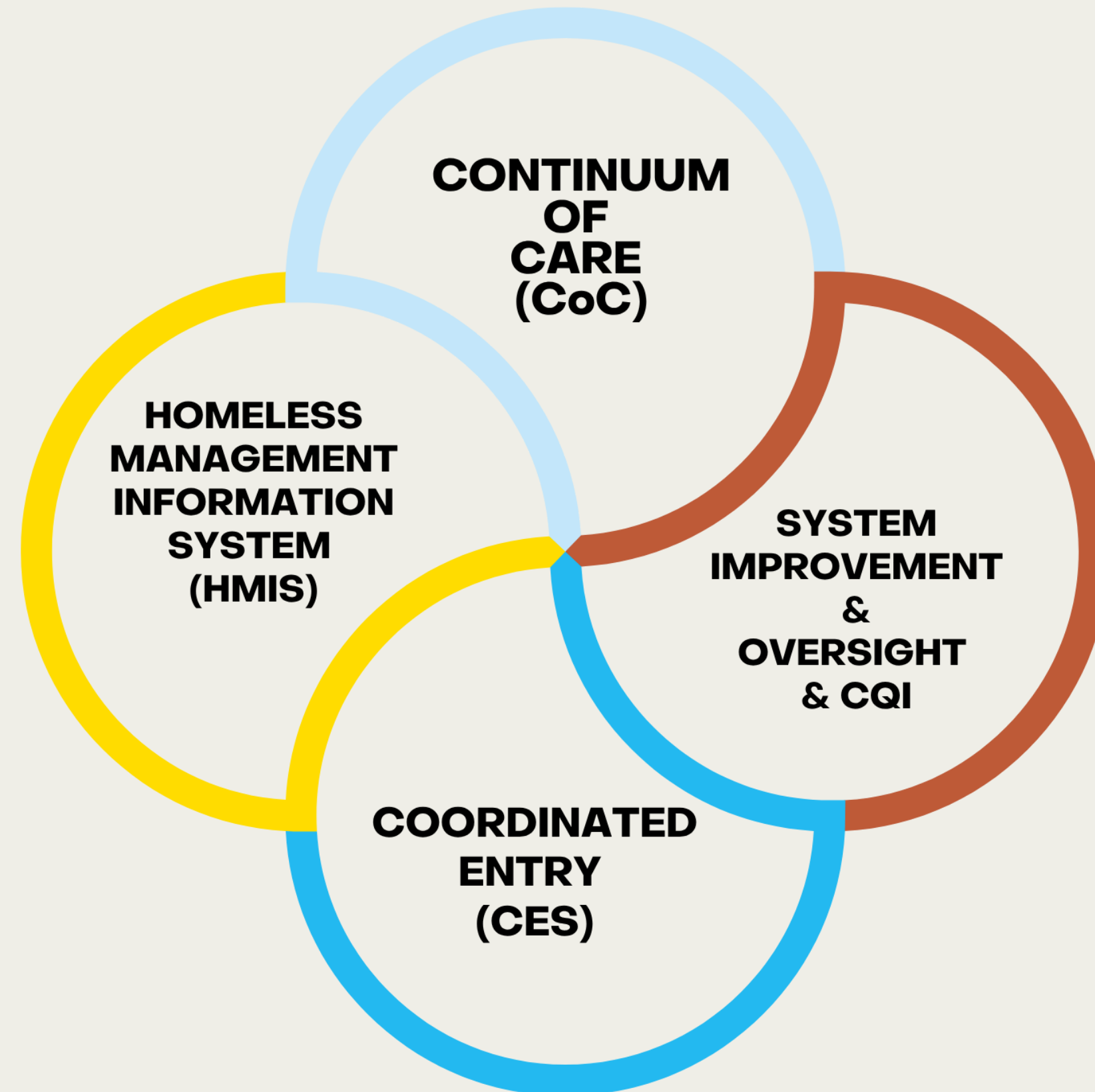


New Mexico Coalition to
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Albuquerque
HEALTHCARE
for the homeless

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ALBUQUERQUE HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS (AHCH)

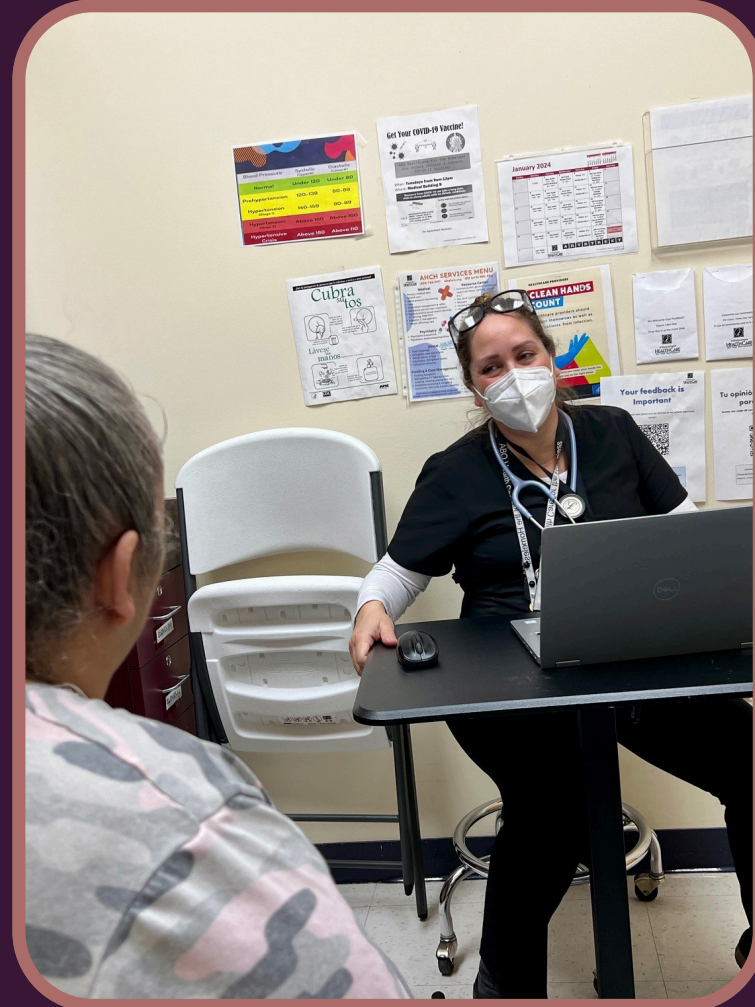
- Albuquerque was one of the original 19 cities nationwide to participate in the pilot and develop the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) model in 1985.
- AHCH is a freestanding Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and standalone 330(h) HCH project.
- 120 staff
- Serves nearly 5,000 people without homes each year.
- Provides integrated primary medical and dental, behavioral health and social services through extensive outreach and at its central services campus.



What we do

Integrated Health Care

All of our services seamlessly integrate to create a network of person-centered care



Primary Health Care

We provide primary dental, medical, psychiatric, optometry, pharmacy, and behavioral health services both on-site as our health center and on site-based or roving outreach



Social Services

In our resource center we meet people's basic needs as well as connect people to resources like housing, entitlements and IDs, as well as case management. ArtStreet also provides a safe space to create in community.



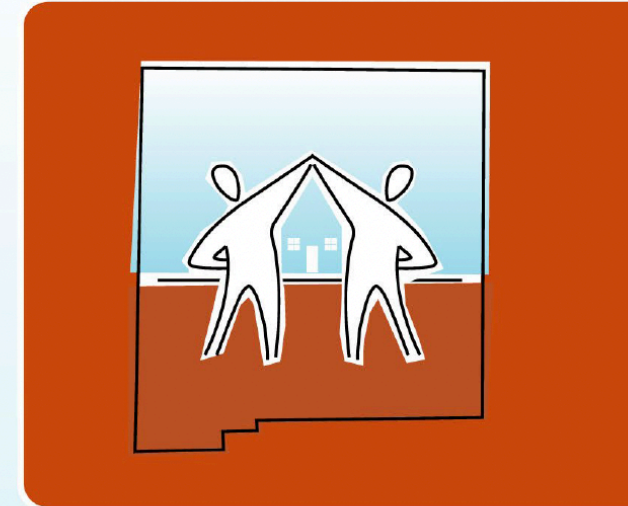
Outreach

Our integrated health outreach team provides all of our on-site services remotely as well, roving Albuquerque's streets and arroyos to meet the need where the need is at.

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT 2025

SNAPSHOT OF HOMELESSNESS IN NEW MEXICO

Multiple data sources track homelessness in New Mexico. These estimates reflect different methods and populations—not a single total count.



ALBUQUERQUE COC PIT COUNT

2,960

Annual point-in-time count for Albuquerque, Jan. 22, 2025.

BALANCE OF STATE COC PIT COUNT

1,723

Annual point-in-time count for regions outside Albuquerque, Jan. 22, 2025.

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS)

29,735¹

Distinct individuals who engaged with any part of New Mexico's homeless response system in 2024.

NM PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (NMPED)

10,533²

Students identified as experiencing homelessness during the 2024-2025 school year.

NM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (NMDOH)

9,168³

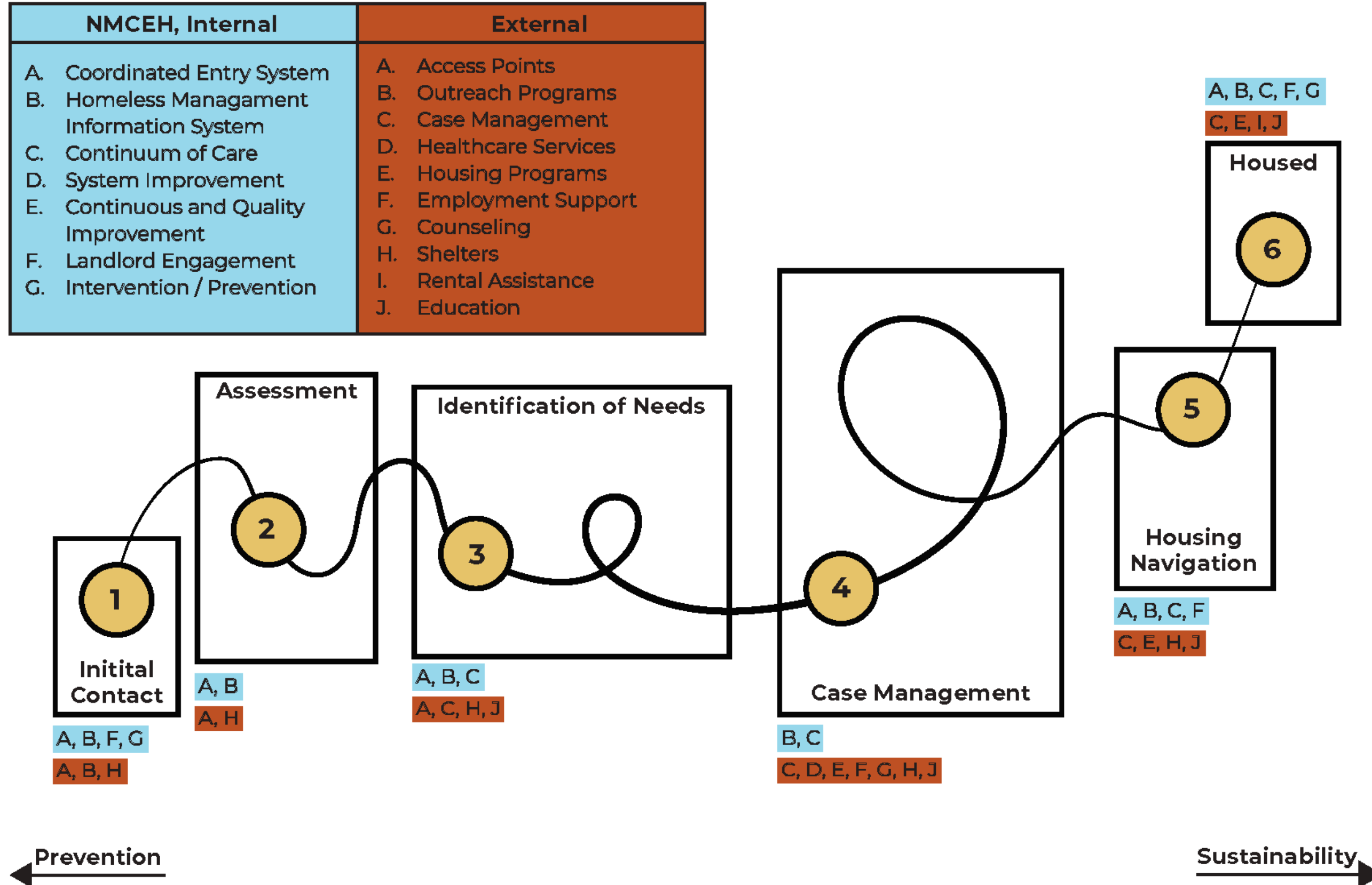
Individuals identified through medical service records and diagnostic criteria, 2023.



OUTCOMES 2021-2025

Project Type / Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Homelessness Prevention	732	705	879	941	1,150	4,407
Permanent Supportive Housing	282	336	394	489	463	1,964
Rapid Re-Housing	862	584	659	971	683	3,759
Transitional Housing	144	92	133	141	214	724
Total	2,020	1,717	2,065	2,542	2,510	10,854

FROM PREVENTION TO SUSTAINABILITY



FEDERAL LANDSCAPE

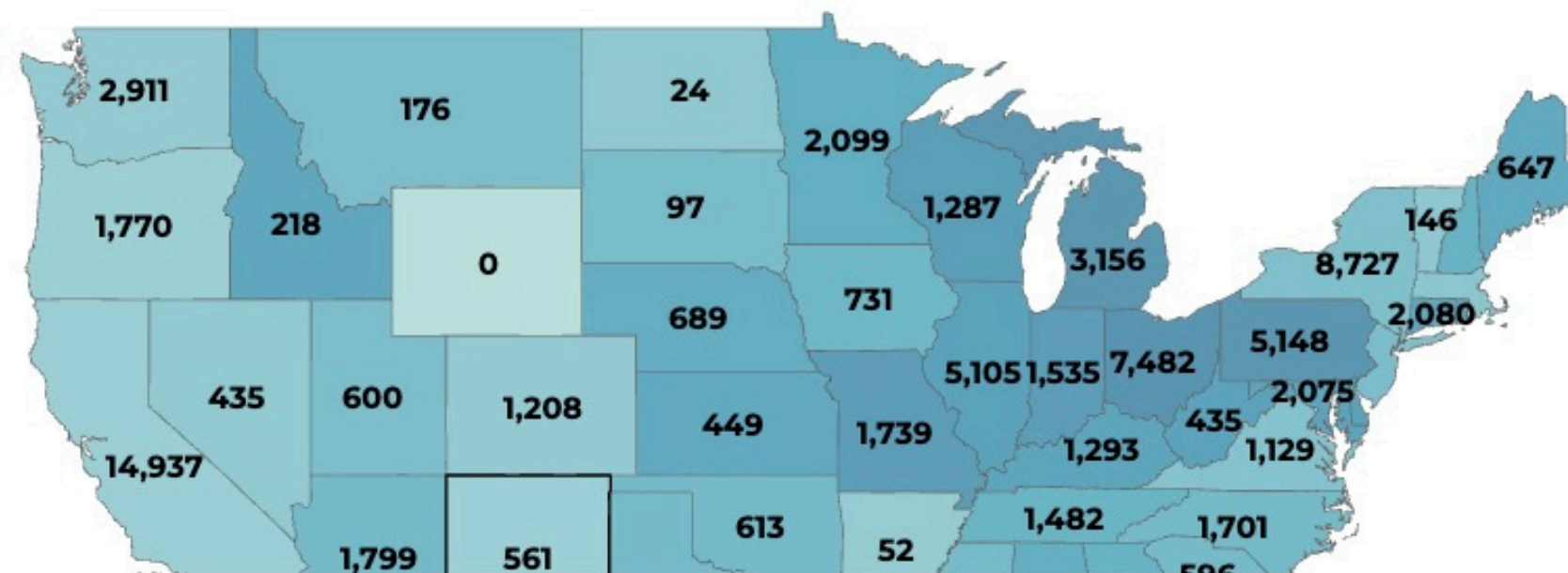
HUD's New Funding Priorities Puts Many People At Risk of Reentering Homelessness

(Hover your mouse over a state to read more. Scroll down to see community level data)

Percent of Permanent Housing Funded by the CoC Program



97,000 People Could Lose Housing



21% of permanent housing beds in **New Mexico** are funded by the CoC program. New Mexico uses **87%** of its federal funding for permanent housing programs.

By dramatically altering this funding, HUD's NOFO may cause **561 people** to lose housing due to the loss of **\$5,941,038** in funding for permanent housing programs.

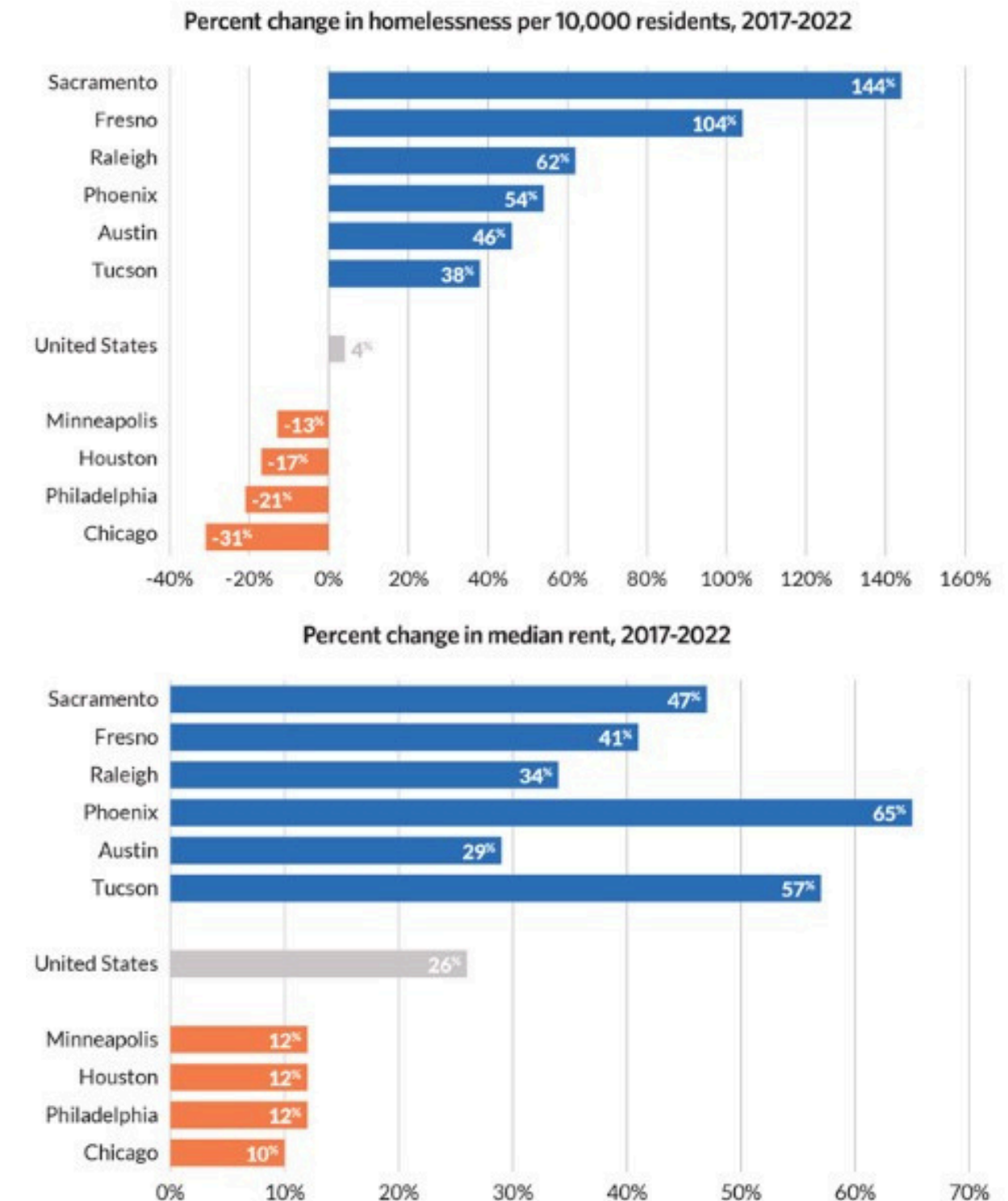
HOMELESSNESS IS A HOUSING PROBLEM

US GAO found that “median rent increases of \$100 a month were associated with a 9% increase in homelessness in the areas we examined.”

Source: Pew, 2023

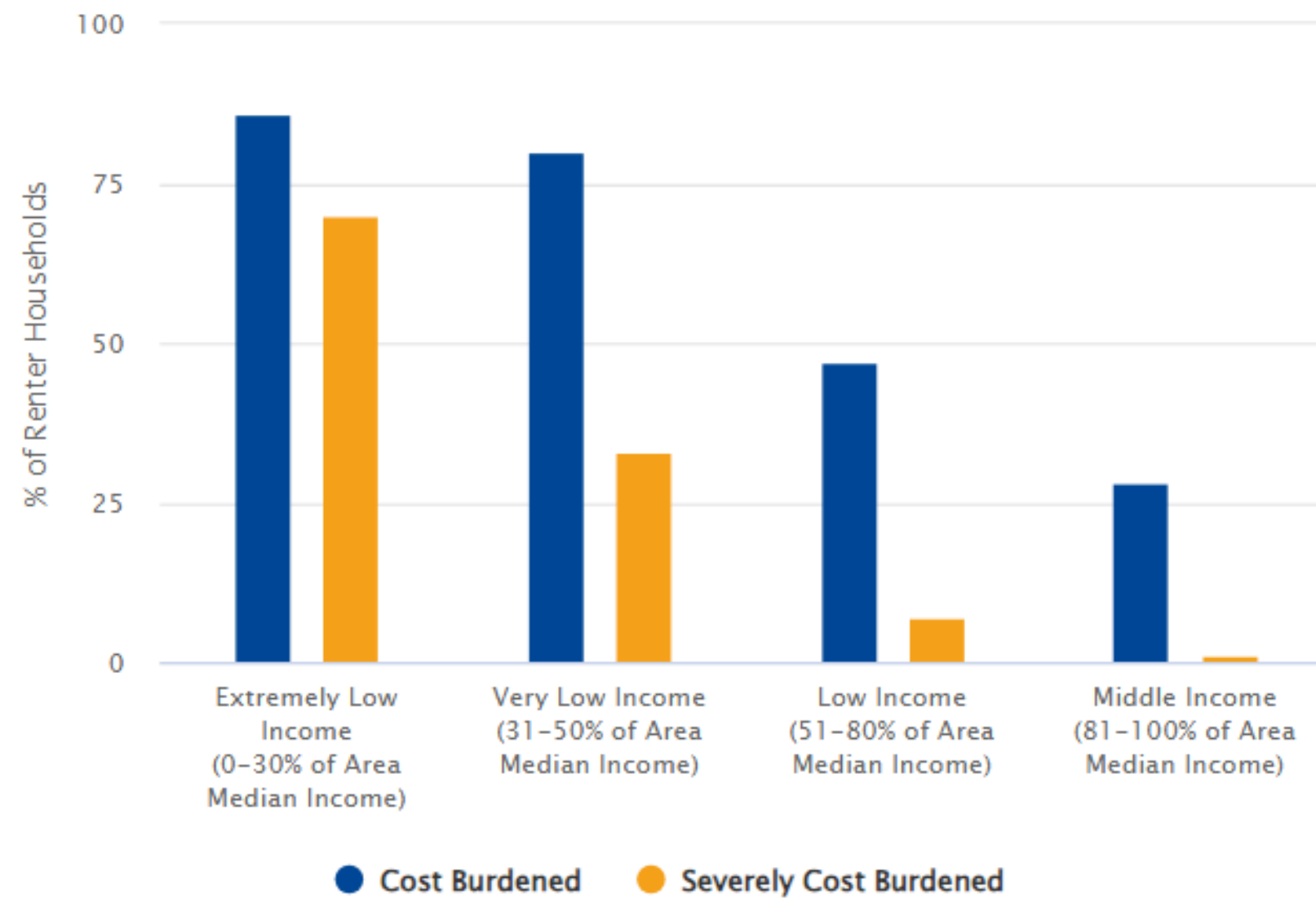
Homelessness Increased in Areas Where Rents Soared

Percentage change in median rent and homelessness per 10,000 residents, January 2017 to January 2022

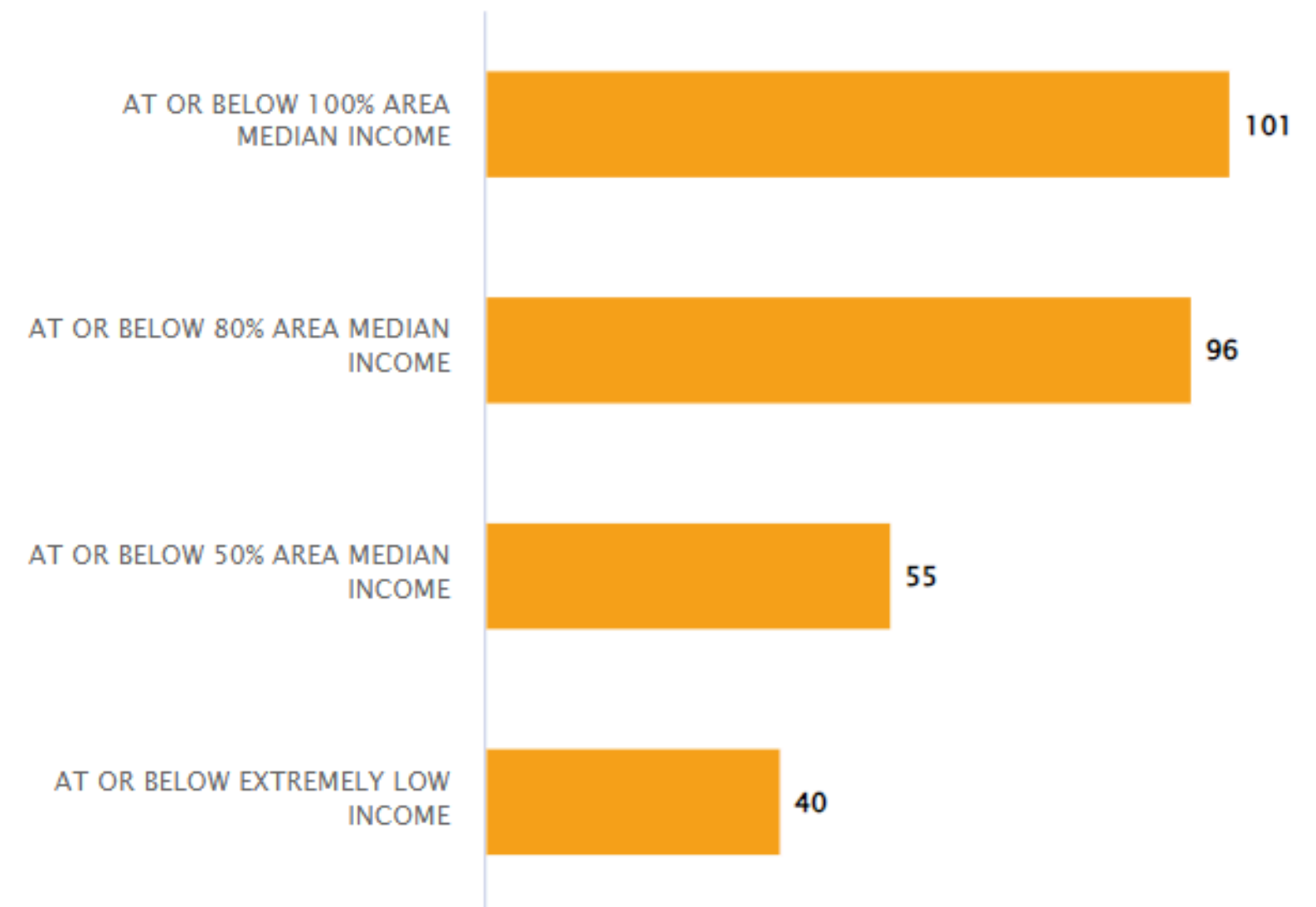


HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS IN NM

Housing Cost Burden by Income Group



Affordable and Available Homes per 100 Renter Households



Renter households spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs and utilities are cost burdened; those spending more than half of their income are severely cost burdened.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS IN NM

NEW MEXICO

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In **New Mexico**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,205**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$4,017** monthly or **\$48,205** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$23.18
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING
WAGE

FACTS ABOUT **NEW MEXICO**:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	\$12.00
Average Renter Wage	\$18.06
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$23.18
Number of Renter Households	252,957
Percent Renters	31%

77

Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

64

Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

1.9

Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

1.6

Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

SUCCESSSES: LINKAGES

VOUCHER CAPACITY STATEWIDE - 561

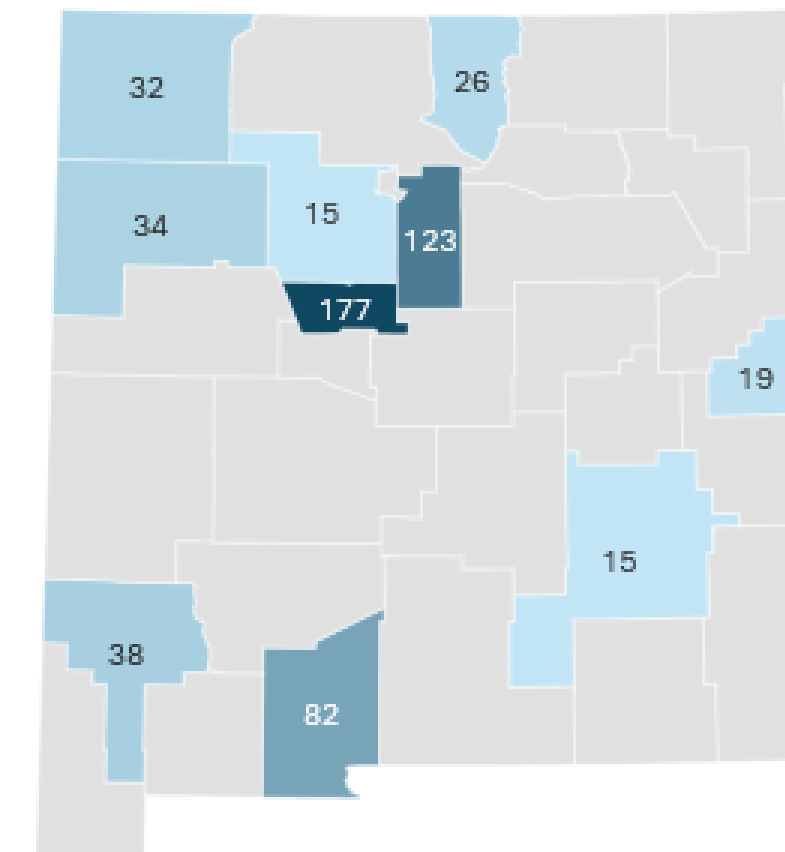
LOCATIONS - 10 COUNTIES

SUPPORT SERVICE AGENCIES - 11

HOUSING ADMINISTRATORS - 7

FY26 INITIAL ALLOCATION - \$10,024,830

FY27 LINKAGES VOUCHER CAPACITY



Housing Policy Platform

Remove Barriers to Accessing Housing

1. Source of Income Protections
2. Sealing of evictions
3. Consumer protections in tenant screening

Improve Housing Stability

1. Invest in robust eviction prevention and rental assistance
2. Right to Counsel
3. Extend timelines for eviction
4. Modernize landlord tenant law (NM-UORRA)
5. Modernize Mobile Home Park Act
6. Opportunity to Purchase Act – Mobile Home Parks

Invest in, subsidize, and remove barriers to affordable housing

1. Increase investment in NM Housing Trust Fund
2. Increase investment and expand eligibility for Linkages Permanent Supportive Housing
3. Invest in public subsidies to attract investments from private developers and to ensure affordability.
4. Supply side policies:
 - Zoning reforms including: reducing minimum lot size requirements, eliminating parking requirements, allow by right duplexes/townhomes
 - easing land-use rules, simplifying permitting, and modernizing building codes.

2025 & 2026 RECAP: POLICIES TO DECREASE BARRIERS TO ACCESSING HOUSING

- **HB 339: Source of Income Discrimination**
 - **Not scheduled in last committee - Senate Judiciary**
- **HB 253: Eviction Sealing**
 - **Not scheduled in last committee - Senate Judiciary**
- **HB 418: Mobile Home Park Act Updates**
 - **Died in Second Committee**
- **HB 426: Opportunity to Purchase Act**
 - **Not scheduled in last committee - Senate Judiciary**
- **HB98: Automatic Expungement of Eviction Records**
 - **Not scheduled on House Floor**
- **SB 267: Housing Application Fees**
 - **Signed into law**
- **\$45M for housing and homelessness in 2026**

OPPORTUNITIES: INVEST IN & CREATE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Homelessness is solvable.
- Prioritize housing funding in FY26 budget for:
 - Housing for highest need: extremely low income households
 - Invest in proven solutions:
 - Subsidize affordable housing development
 - Address restrictive zoning
 - Rental assistance/eviction prevention
 - Housing vouchers
 - Funding for supportive services
- Reduce barriers to exiting homelessness and increase investments in affordable housing to ensure everyone has accessible, secure, and permanent housing.



Questions & Contact

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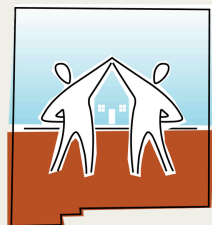
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