



Help Hope Home

Ending Homelessness In Southern Nevada



Prevalence of Homelessness Among Seniors in the United States and Nevada

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Aging

- ▶ There has been an upward trend in the proportion of “older” persons (aged 50-64) among the homeless population.
 - ▶ They are not old enough to qualify for Medicare.
 - ▶ Due to poor nutrition and living conditions, they may resemble someone much older.
- ▶ They may become eligible for services at different points.
 - ▶ Subsidized housing – available at age 62
 - ▶ Medicare – available at age 65
 - ▶ Social Security benefits – available at age 65

(from National Coalition for the Homeless, 2019)



Challenges of Unsheltered Seniors (aged 50-62)

- ▶ Often have similar healthcare needs to housed persons 10-20 years older.
- ▶ Higher rates of geriatric syndromes when compared to the general population
 - ▶ Includes problems performing daily activities, walking, vision, hearing, falls, and frailty
- ▶ Higher rates of cognitive impairments when compared to younger homeless adults
 - ▶ Impairments resulting from depression or dementia can contribute to worsening of physical health



Gaps in Benefits

- ▶ Social Security benefits do not cover housing.
- ▶ Monthly SSI payment is below the poverty line.
- ▶ SSI is intended to pay for housing and basic needs, however it is not enough to do so realistically.

- ▶ Increased homelessness among elderly persons is largely the result of poverty and the declining availability of affordable housing. (National Coalition for the Homeless, 2019).



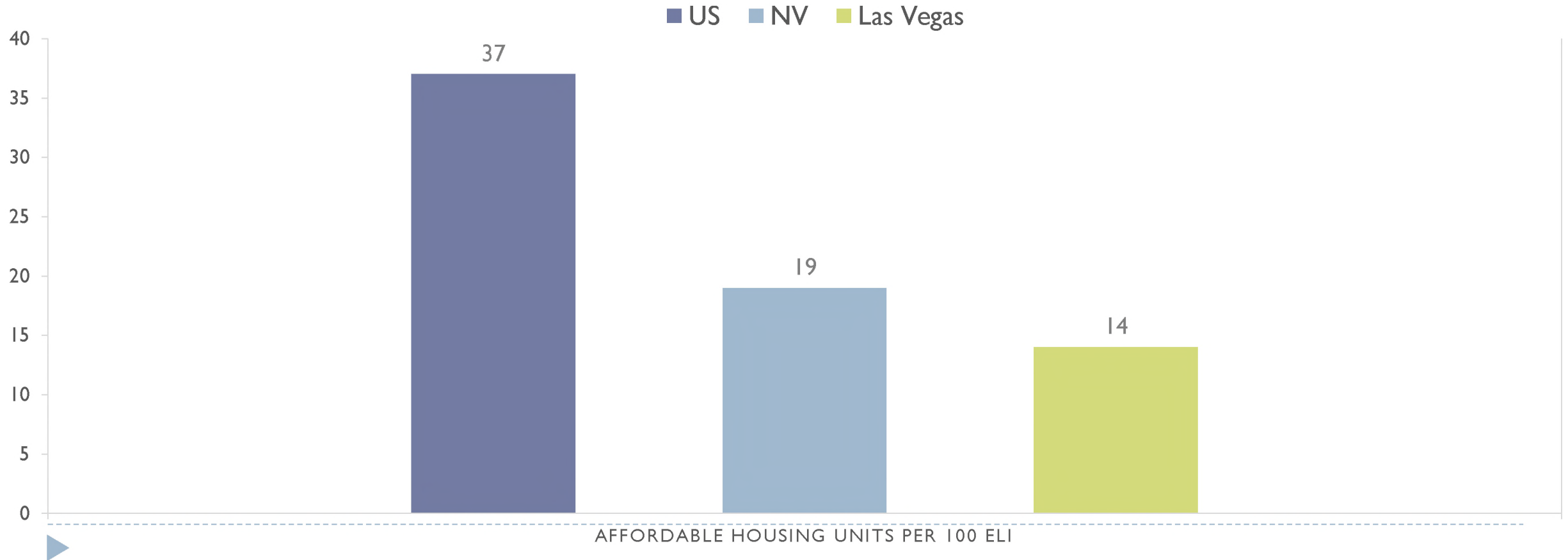
Housing Costs

- ▶ Householders in their 50s to mid-60s are especially at risk of having insufficient resources to manage rising health care and housing costs (Housing America's Older Adults, 2018).
- ▶ Serious shortage of low income housing in the US, in Nevada, and in Southern Nevada.



Lack of Affordable Housing

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS PER 100 EXTREMELY LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS



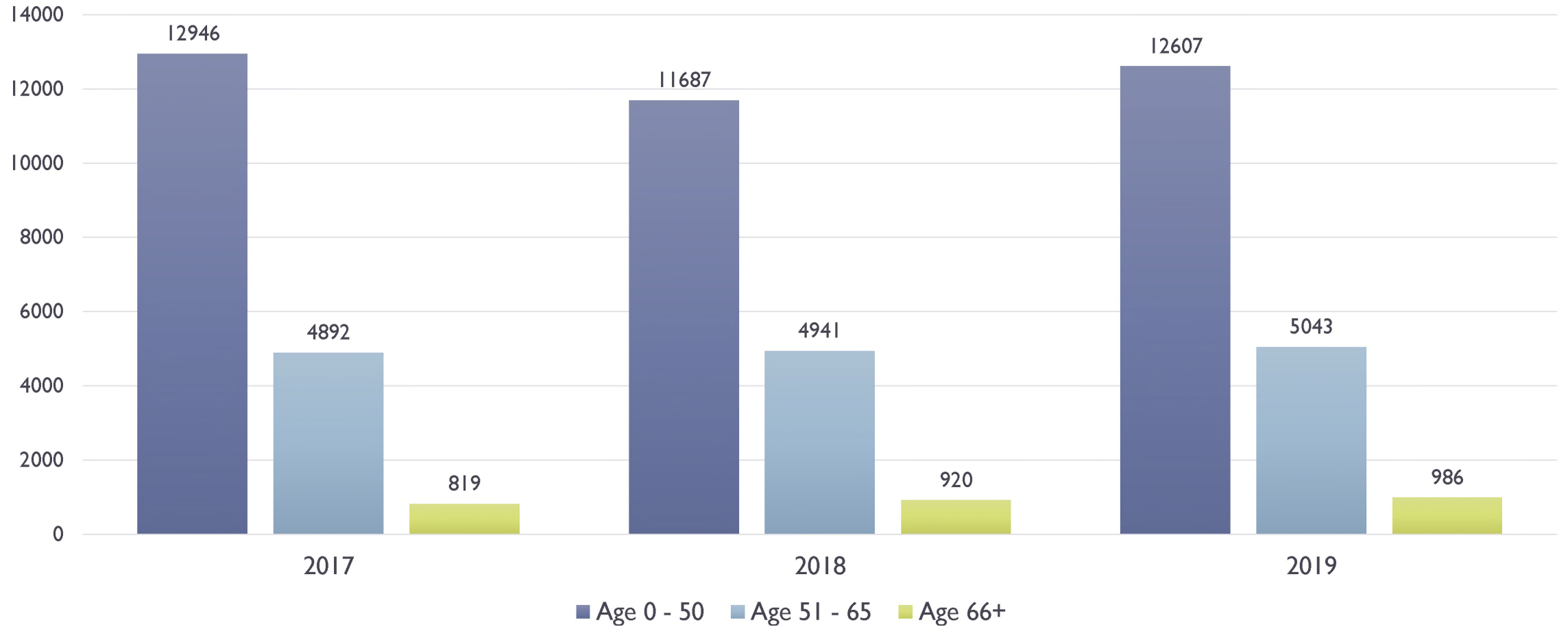
Affordable Housing Help

- ▶ Clark County Social Service, through its Community Resource Management Unit, has 728 affordable senior housing units in its current development pipeline with units opening every month starting June 2020.
- ▶ Pebble and Eastern Development – In collaboration with Coordinated Living of Southern Nevada and Ovation Development, an additional 195-unit senior affordable housing unit will open soon.
 - ▶ Income restrictions on units are for households at 60% of the area median income or below
 - ▶ 1 person = \$29,280
 - ▶ 2 person = \$33,480



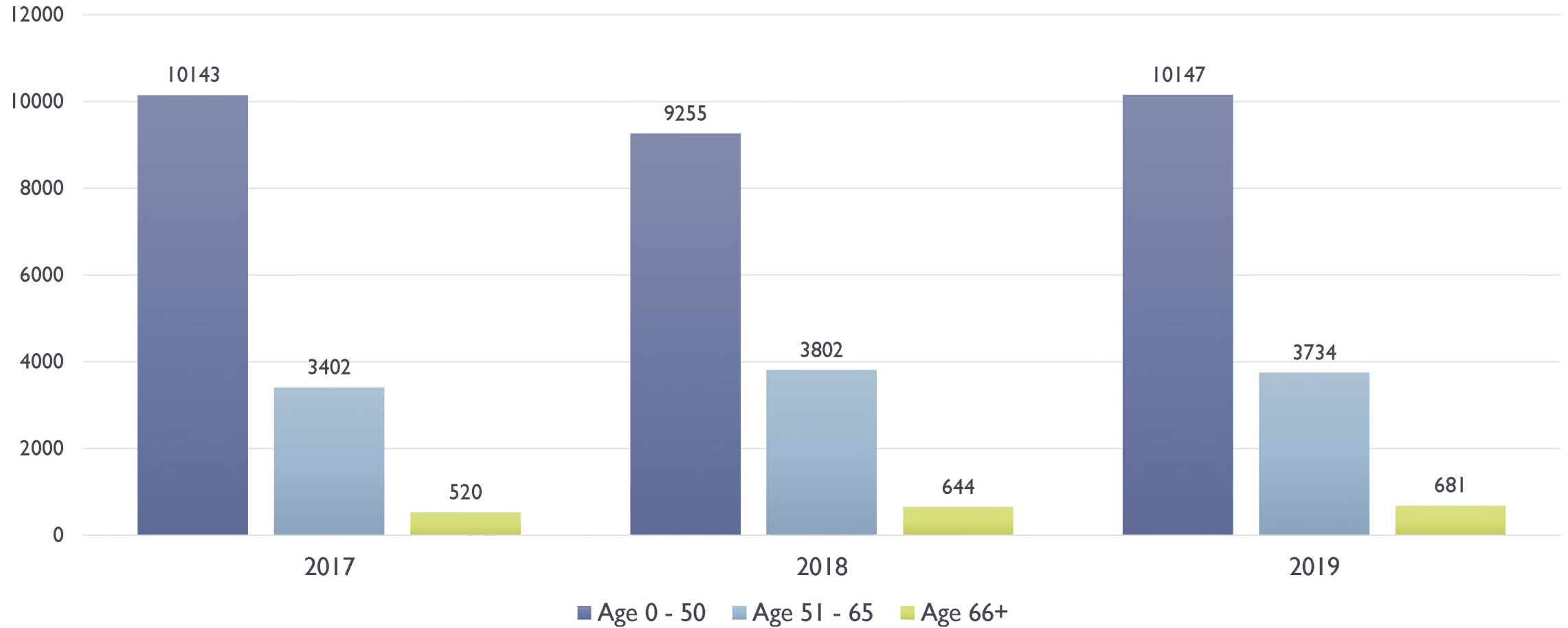
Number of Nevada Homeless

Nevada Total Homeless

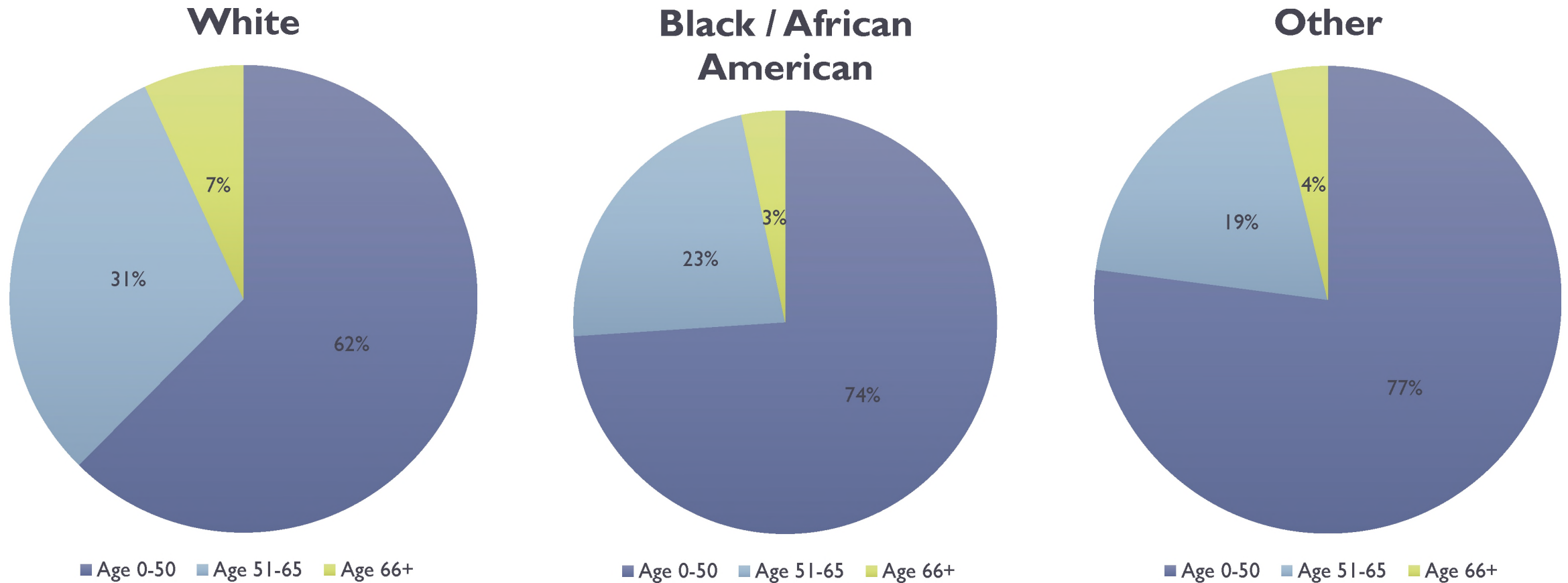


Number of Southern Nevada Homeless (NV-500)

Southern Nevada Total Homeless

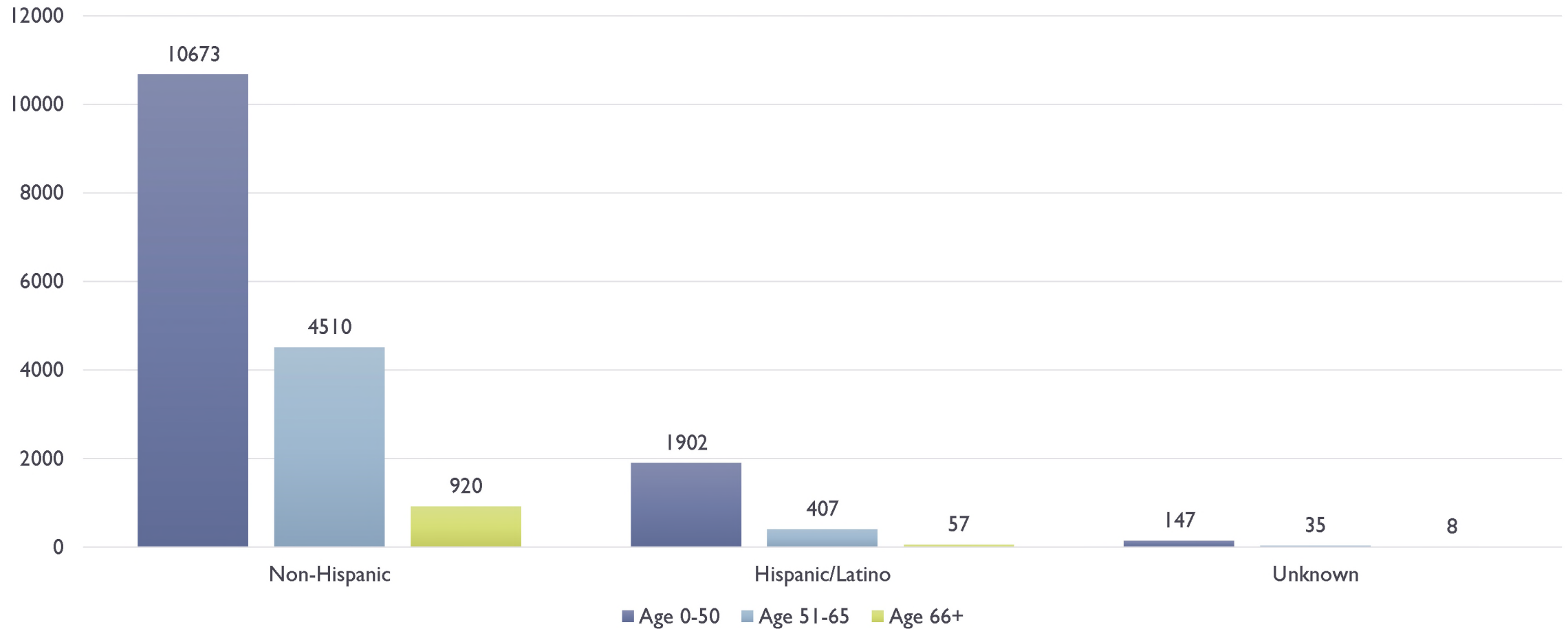


Demographics of Nevada's Persons Experiencing Homelessness – 2019



Demographics of Nevada's Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Ethnicity - 2019



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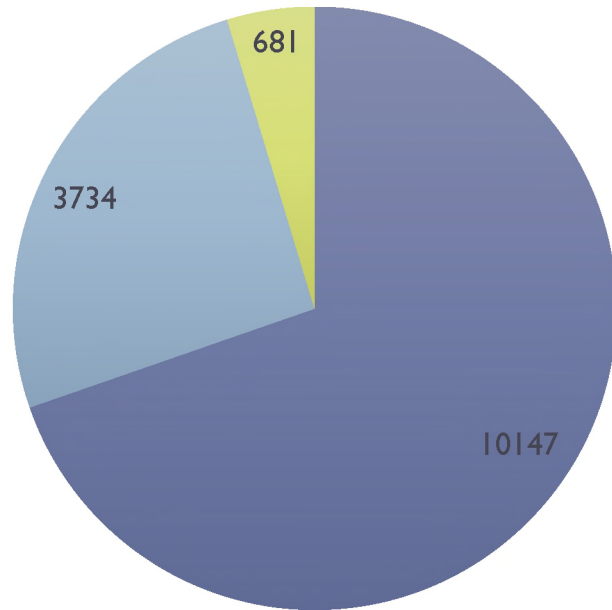


Programs and Services to Address the Unique Needs of Homeless Seniors

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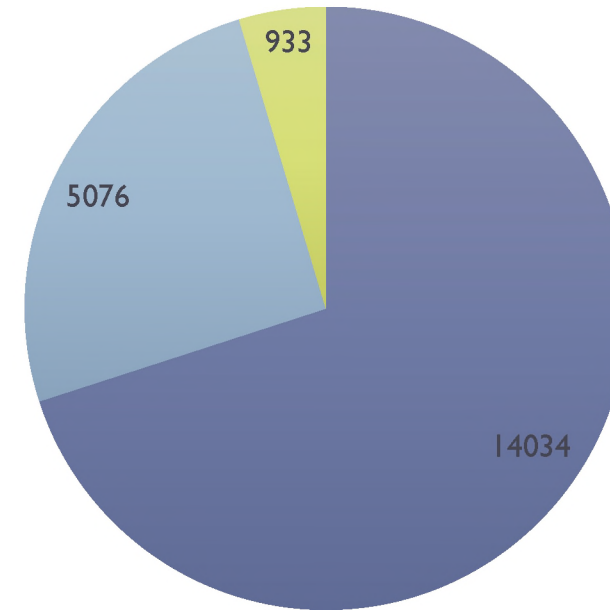
Number of Programs and Services Accessed by Seniors Experiencing Homelessness in Southern Nevada

Total # Clients - 2019



■ Age 0-50 ■ Age 51-65 ■ Age 66+

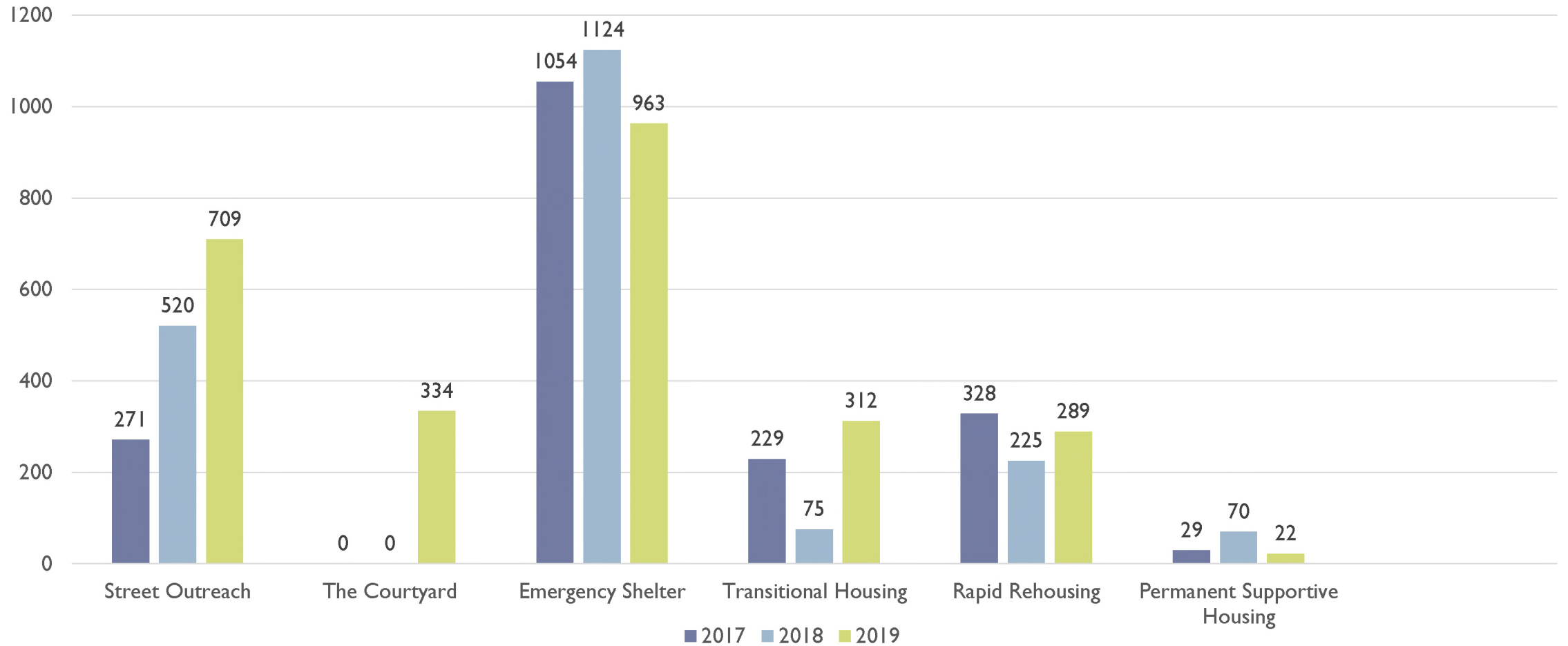
Programs & Services - 2019



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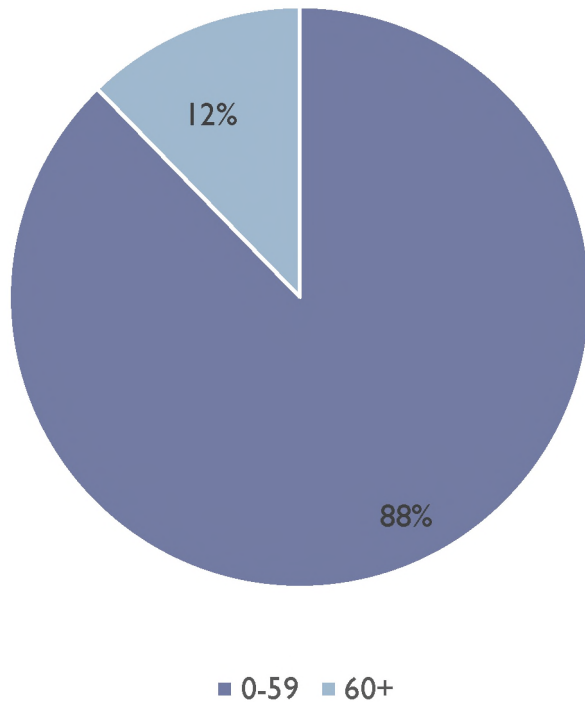


Number of Seniors Accessing Services by Program Type

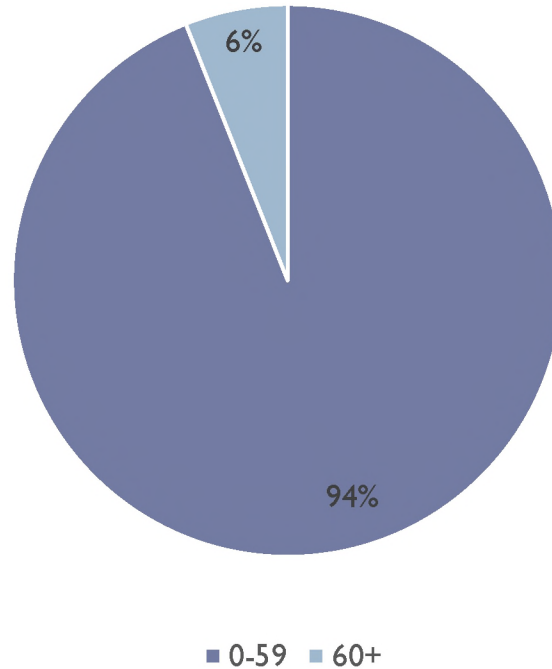


Number of Seniors Accessing Services Compared with Non-Seniors by Program Type

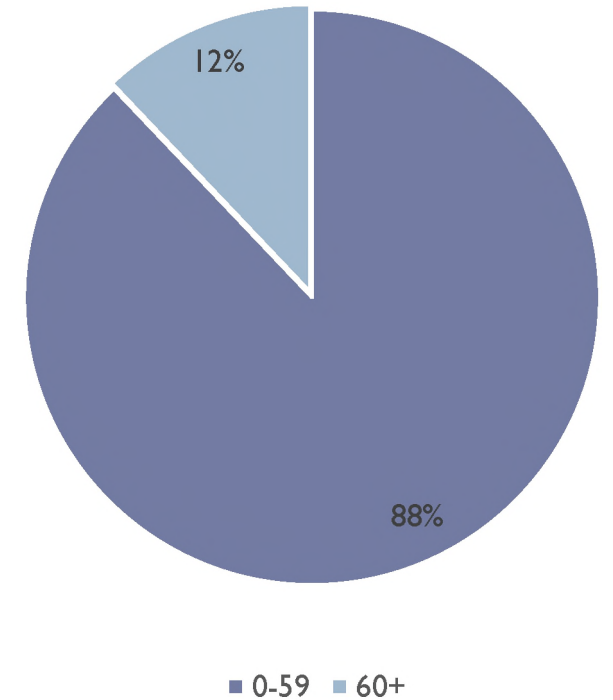
Street Outreach



The Courtyard

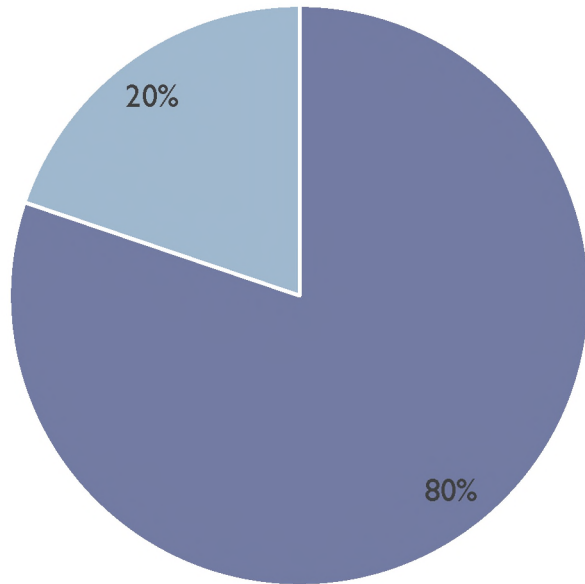


Emergency Shelter



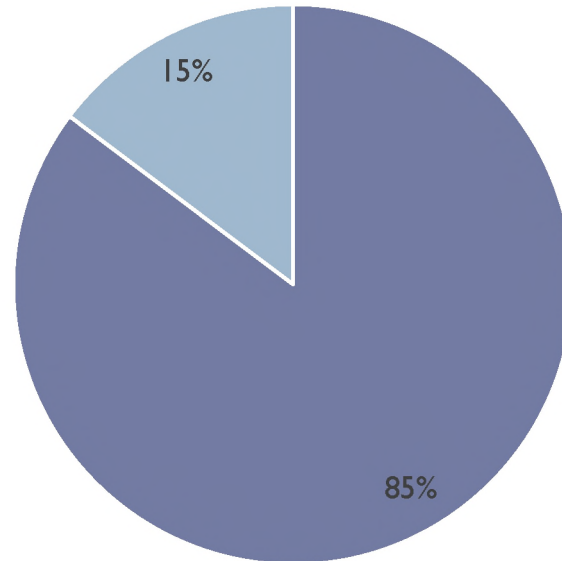
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Transitional Housing



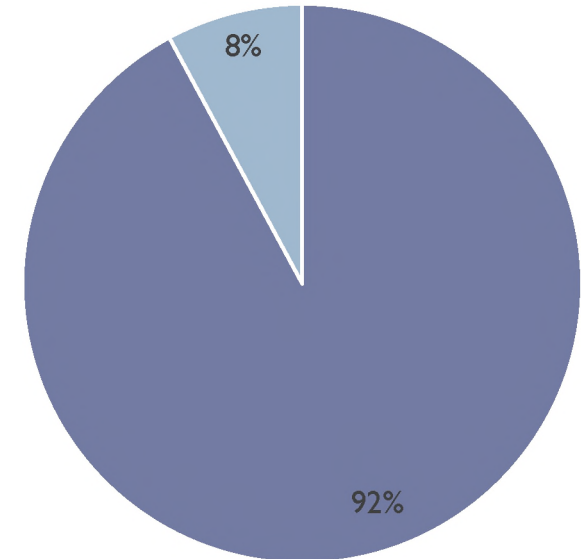
■ 0-59 ■ 60+

Rapid Re-Housing



■ 0-59 ■ 60+

Permanent Supportive Housing

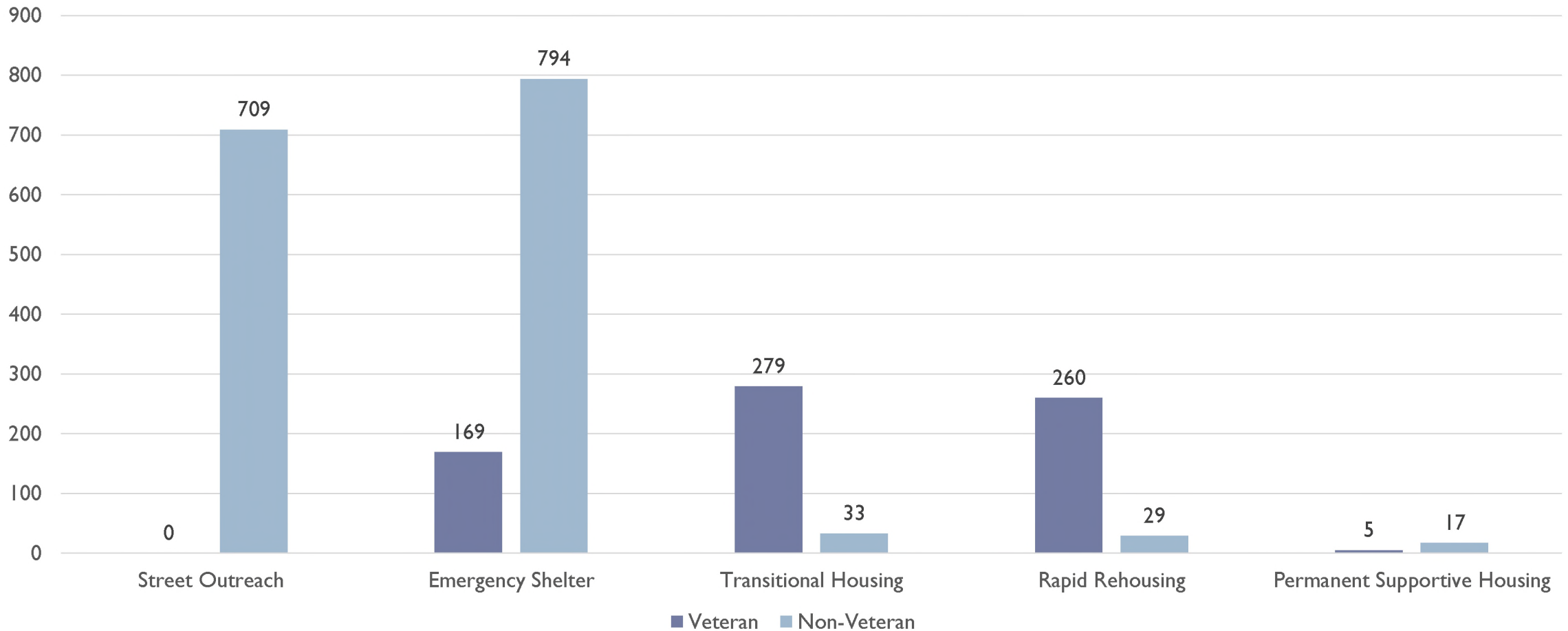


■ 0-59 ■ 60+



Numbers of Seniors Accessing Veteran Vs. Non-Veteran Specific Services by Program Type

Veteran Comparison - 2019



Clark County Social Service

- ▶ Our mission is to provide a safety net of human services to a growing community.
- ▶ Our vision is to support self-sufficiency for at-risk people through a variety of services.
 - ▶ This includes seniors and those faced with housing challenges.



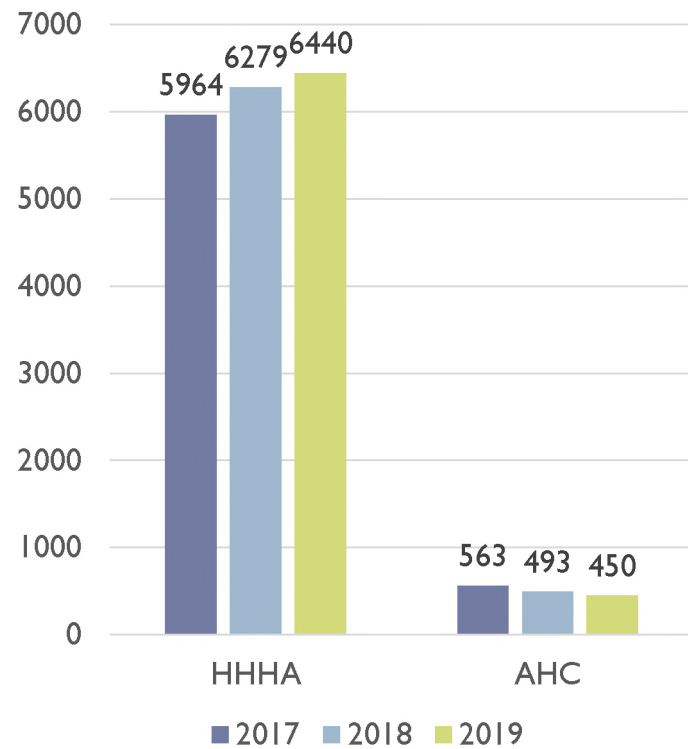
Homemaker Program – also known as Homemaker Home Health Aide / Alternative Health Care

- ▶ Community-based service to provide in-home care in order to preserve or improve the quality of recipients' lives and reduce the need for out-of-home care.
- ▶ Case managers work with clients to determine the type and amount of services they need.
 - ▶ This may include grocery shopping, laundry, light housekeeping, light meal preparation, personal hygiene, and prescription pick-up.
- ▶ Services are provided regionally.

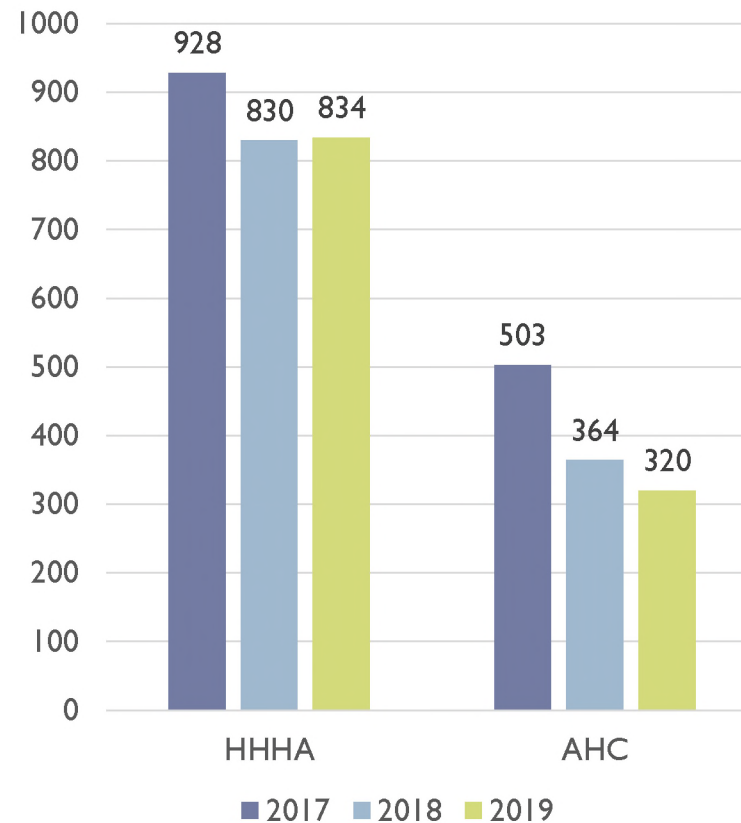


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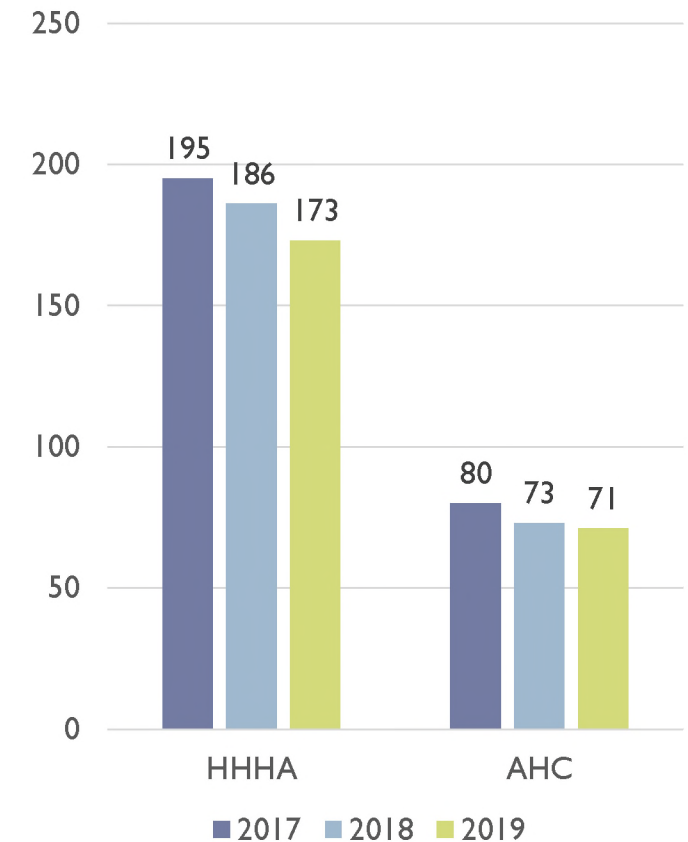
Number of Clients on Service



Number of New Referrals



Number of Cases Closed



Long Term Care

- ▶ Assistance in securing appropriate long term care placement for Clark County residents who are unable to function in independent living due to medical problems.
 - ▶ This includes: adult day care, group care/assisted living, custodial care nursing facilities
- ▶ Requests for services may be initiated from facilities, hospitals, workers, families of persons in need of care, or clients.
- ▶ There are no fees, however, patients pay a portion of their income towards their care along with eligibility for Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and self-pay.



Senior Advocate Program

- ▶ Provides information and referrals to senior citizens 60 years of age or older and their caregivers on a variety of topics including:
 - ▶ Medicare
 - ▶ Social Security
 - ▶ Senior Housing
 - ▶ Utility Assistance
 - ▶ Senior Service Programs
- ▶ [Royal Pages](#) are provided by this program which is a senior resource directory



Transportation Program

- ▶ Clients are provided with transportation in order to access medical and other essential appointments.
 - ▶ Clients who attend medical appointments are generally discharged from medical follow-up services in a shorter time period than peers who are unable to attend medical appointments.
 - ▶ This preserves in-home placement and avoids costly out-of-home placements
- ▶ Transportation can be direct (CCSS staff vehicle) or may be provided in the form of bus tickets or other mode of transportation.



Clark County Recreation Centers

- ▶ There are several community centers designed specifically for seniors.
 - ▶ They are located in each quadrant of the community.
- ▶ They offer a variety of services including meals, exercise programs, activities, and opportunities for seniors to connect with one another.
 - ▶ Activities are free or low-cost.



Resources

▶ **[HelpHopeHome.org](#)**

- ▶ Online Resource Guide
- ▶ Printable Pocket Resource Guide
- ▶ Community Calendar
- ▶ Fact Sheets
- ▶ Coordinated Entry Sites
- ▶ Cooling Stations
- ▶ Regional, State, and Federal Plans to End Homelessness

▶ **NV 2-1-1**

- ▶ Online resource guide: <https://www.nevada211.org/>
 - ▶ Call 2-1-1 or 1-866-535-5654
 - ▶ Text your zip code to 898211 (Live text chat)
 - ▶ Chat with Nevada 2-1-1 online (Live online chat)
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