

Augusta Task Force on Homelessness

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Data and Historical Trends

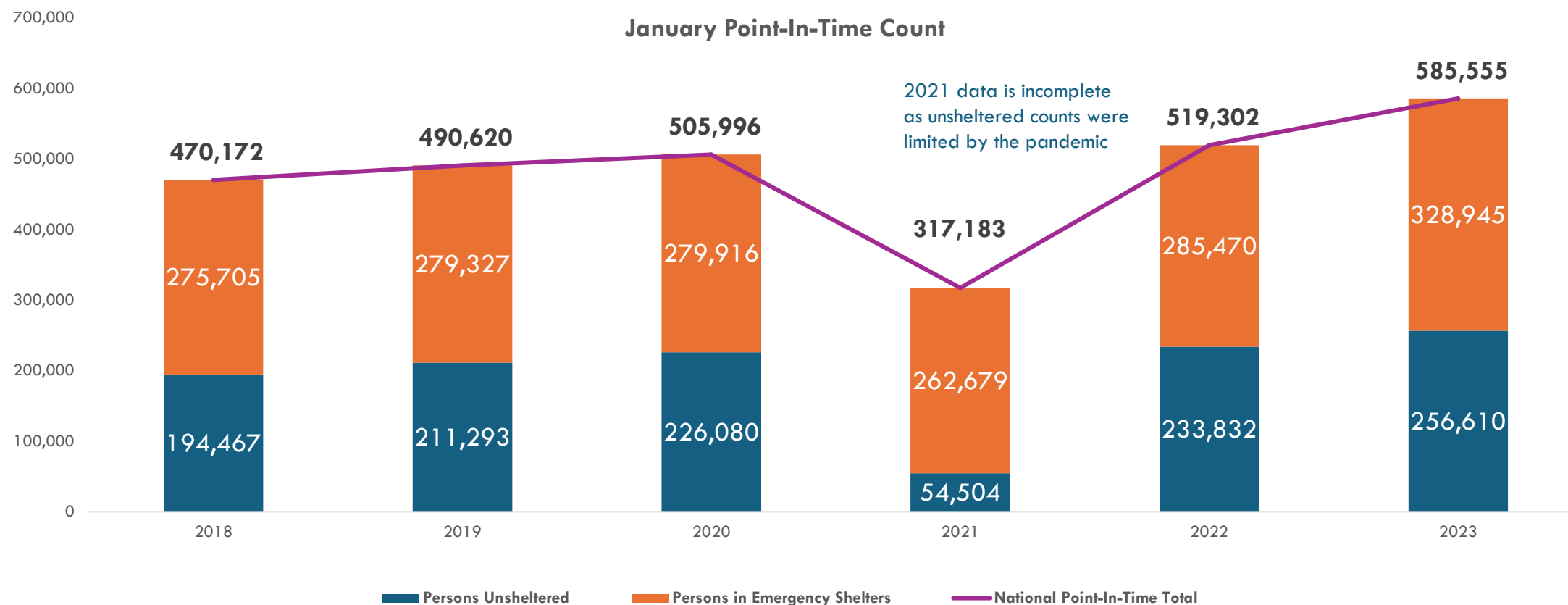
People Experiencing Homelessness – Nationally, Statewide, and Locally

Point-In-Time (PIT) Homelessness Data

- The Point-in-Time (PIT) is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January
- This annual count is mandated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is completed by all 50 states
- This data has its limitations but can be used to see trends in homelessness from one year to the next

Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

People Experiencing Homelessness Nationally

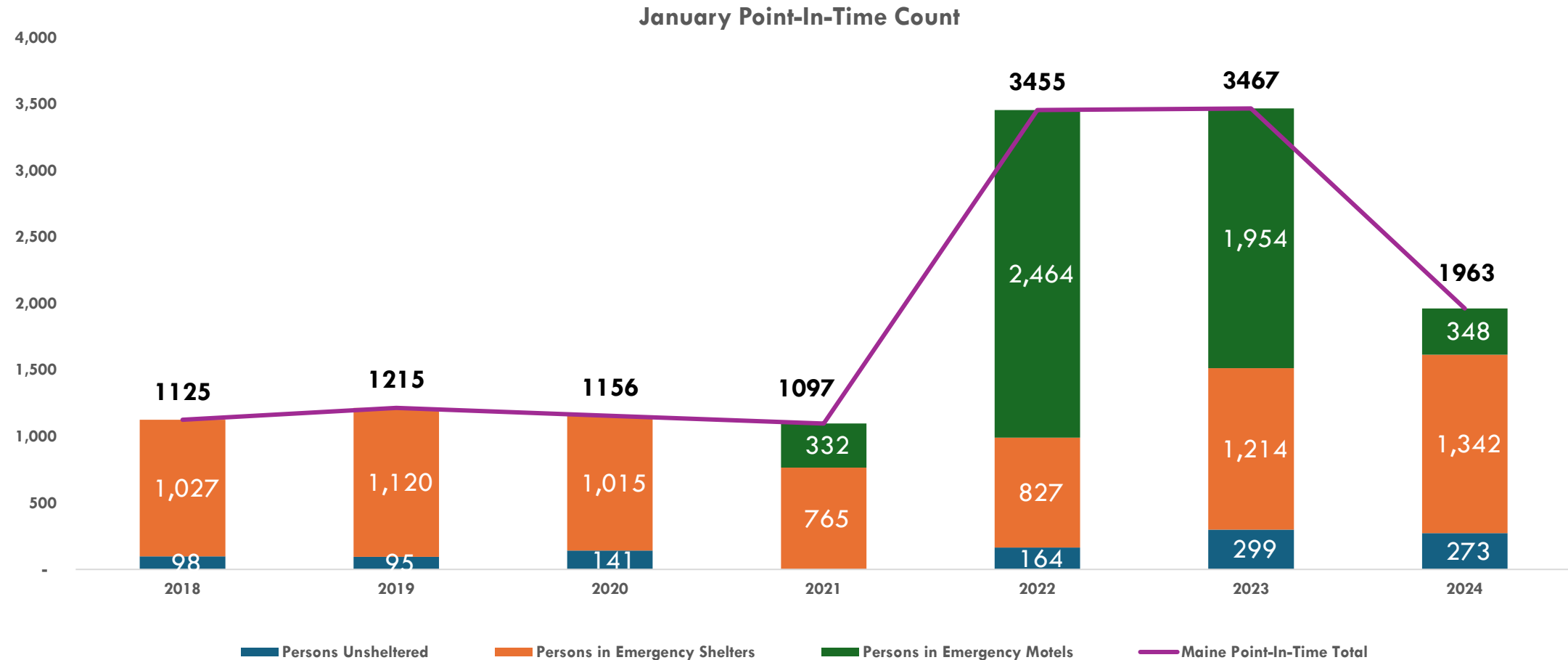


The 2024 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) is not available yet. The AHAR also counts people in transitional housing as experiencing homelessness, but those figures have been excluded from the data presented. Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development



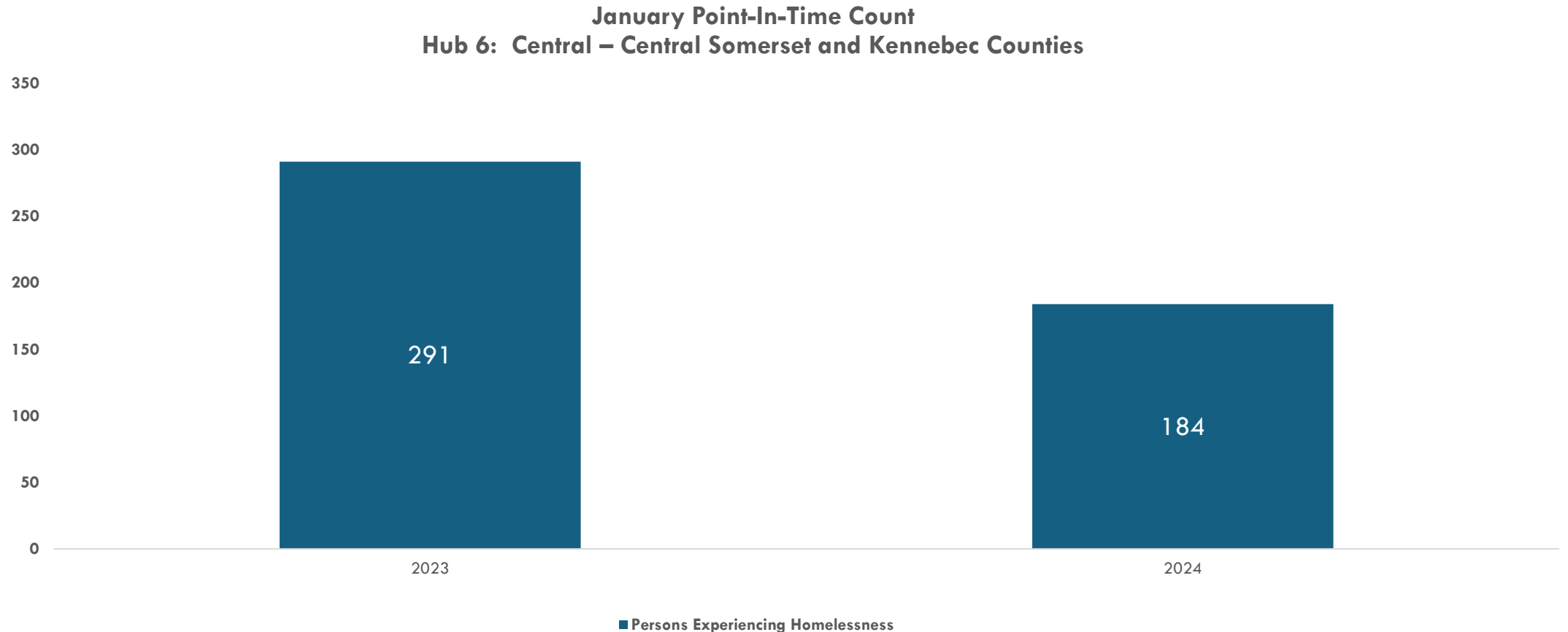
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People Experiencing Homelessness in Maine



The Emergency Motels were a low-barrier, no-cost shelter options available during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding for those programs are no longer available. Source: MaineHousing

People Experiencing Homelessness in Hub 6



Maine's 16 counties have been divided into 9 service hubs. This data includes persons who were unsheltered, in emergency shelters, emergency motels, and living in transitional housing. Source: MaineHousing

Current Hub 6 Snapshot – Kennebec and Somerset Counties

- Actively experiencing homelessness – 280
- Enrolled in coordinated entry – 117
- Outflow – 6 (3 to housing, 3 to inactive/disengaged)
- Inflow – 44 (34 newly identified, 3 returned from housing, 7 returned from inactive)
- Data shared by 7 providers through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Current Numbers – Augusta Providers

- KVCAP – Currently working with 5 actively experiencing homelessness
- General Assistance – Assisted 34 individuals with housing needs in July and 38 in August
- Augusta Overnight Warming Center – ‘22/’23 Season – Served 186 Individuals, ‘23/’24 Season- Served 283 individuals. (172 from Augusta, 12 from 5 different states, 4 unknowns, remaining from other Maine towns)
- Bridging the Gap: 2023-Serviced 175 individuals with no address. 2024 YTD – Serviced 198 individuals with no address.

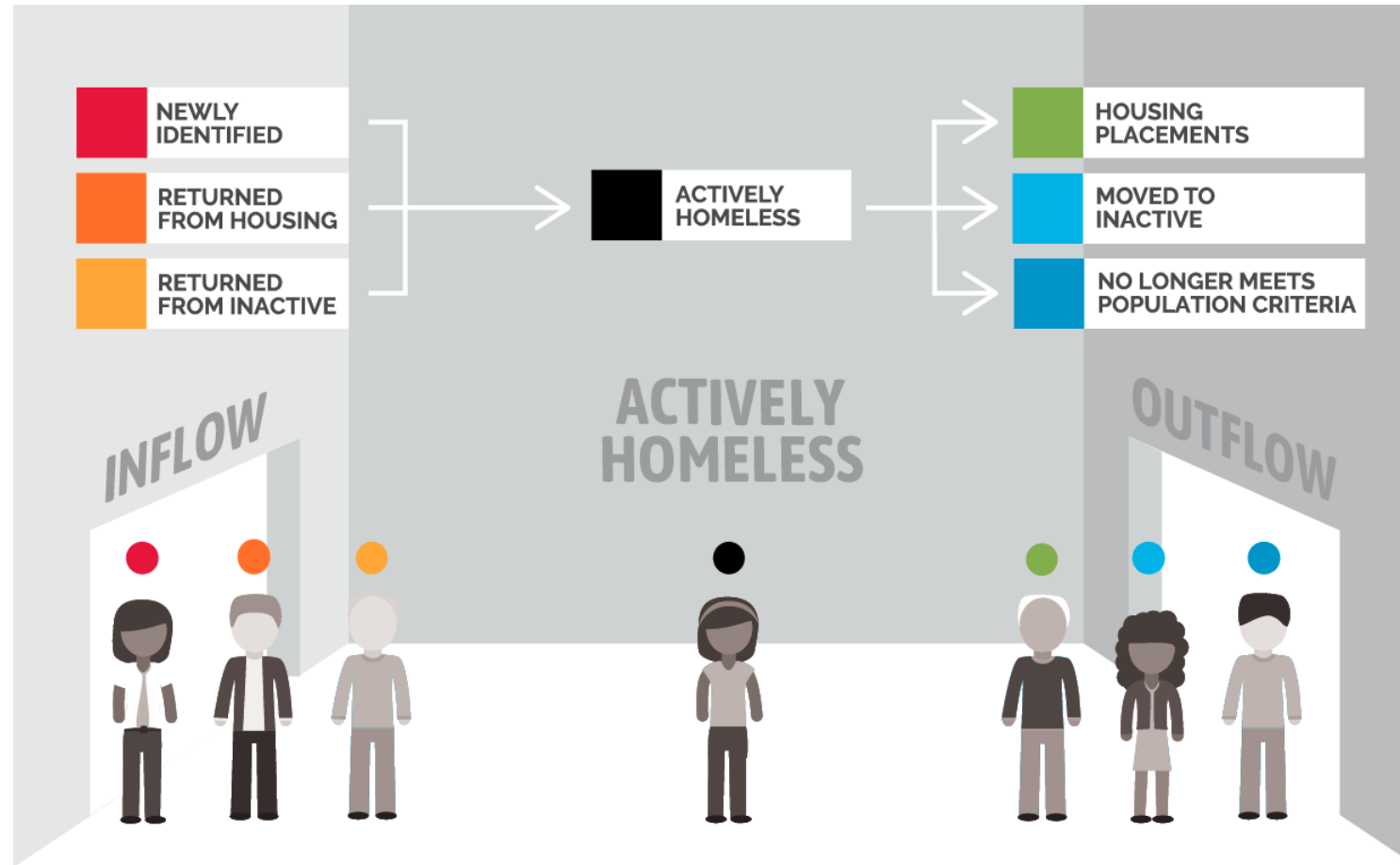
Another Data Option: By-Name List

A by-name list ensures “the system” is touching everyone who is experiencing homelessness in a community and helps to:

- Understand the scope of homelessness
- Understand how people move in/out on an ongoing basis
- Ensure accurate information to set goals to reduce homelessness and verify progress

Source: Community Solutions - built for Zero is partnering with states to bridge strategy and support across local and state efforts to accelerate an end to homelessness.

Helpful Data to Collect



Source: MaineHousing / Service Hub Presentation 2022

Case Study: Portland, Maine

- 20 organizations form the Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee (ESAC) Long Term Stayer (LTS) Sub Committee
- The ESAC LTS Committee is focused on a by-name List effort to house and keep housed people who are the longest stayers in homelessness in Portland
- This unhoused population is referred to as Long Term Stayers

Source: Community Housing of Maine, Inc.

Outcomes

Since this initiative started in 2015:

- 490+ people have been housed
- 90% have stayed successfully housed
- 57x more likely to be in jail when LTS are unhoused versus when they are housed
- 29x more likely to be in the hospital when LTS are unhoused versus when they are housed

Source: Community Housing of Maine, Inc.