

# The Force Newsletter



January 2026

Hello TaskForce Family, Welcome to the January edition of The Force!

## From Crisis to Stability: Public Safety Homeless Training

Congratulations to the 46 law enforcement and fire rescue professionals who successfully completed our multi-day Public Safety Homeless Outreach Specialist Course! First responders are often the first point of contact for people experiencing homelessness. With this training, these professionals are better equipped to respond with skill, connect people to services, reduce repeat crisis calls, and help move individuals from the street to stability.



## Connecting People to Warm Shelter

The TaskForce team kicked into a **24-hour emergency staffing** schedule to help our most vulnerable neighbors stay safe during dangerously cold temperatures.

Our outreach teams were out on the streets connecting people to safe places, while other staff worked overnight in temporary warming shelters to create more space for folks who need it.



## Ensuring Every Person Counts: North Central Florida PIT

In January, our incredible staff and community partners took to the streets across North Central Florida to conduct the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, a nationwide effort to better understand the scope of homelessness in our communities.

We were especially honored to welcome **Dr. Alesia Scott-Ford, Field Office Director for the Jacksonville and Miami Field Offices of HUD**, who joined TaskForce Vice President of Programs Jacob Torner in the field to participate in the count.



## TIPS & INSIGHTS

### Behavioral Health Team Tip:

Taking a few minutes each day to pause and focus on your breathing can help regulate stress and improve emotional balance. Even brief moments of mindfulness can reset your mind, reduce anxiety, and help you approach challenges with greater clarity.

### Elder Haven Team Tip:

Staying socially connected is essential for overall wellness, especially as we age. A simple phone call, shared meal, or short walk with a friend can boost mood, support cognitive health, and strengthen a sense of belonging.

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# TaskForce Monthly Service Report



## Broward County

January 2026

Monthly Shelter Placements

273



Clients Served (YTD)

1,337

Housing Sustainability (12 months)



Engagements (YTD)

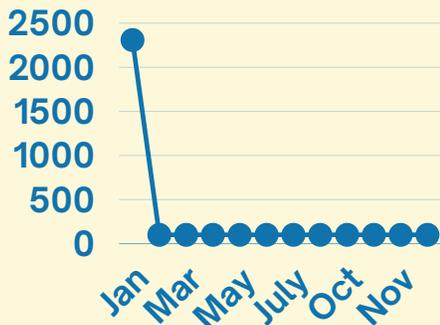
2,309



Families Served (YTD)

168

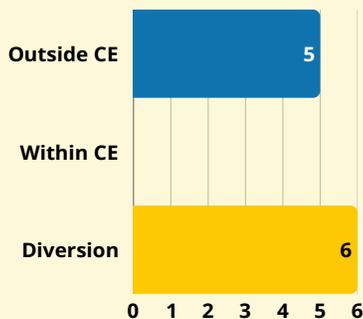
Monthly Service Engagements



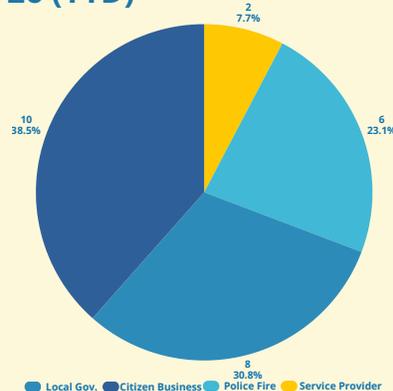
Shelter Placements (Program Beds Only) - 136 YTD



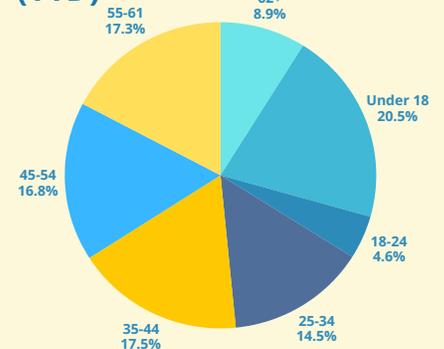
Housing Placements 11 (YTD)



Street Outreach Requests 26 (YTD)



Age of Clients Served (YTD)



CE - Coordinated Entry YTD - Year to Date

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# Monthly Continuum of Care Service Report



*Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Putnam, and Union Counties*

**January 2026**

Shelter Placements

**665**



Clients Served (YTD)

**2,730**

Veteran Services Provided (YTD)

**763**



Services Provided (YTD)

**3,468**

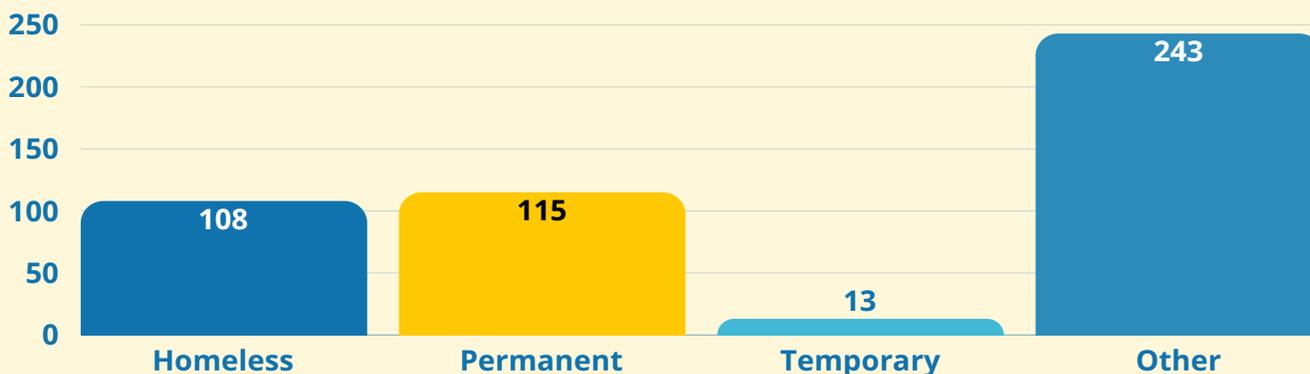


Families Served (YTD)

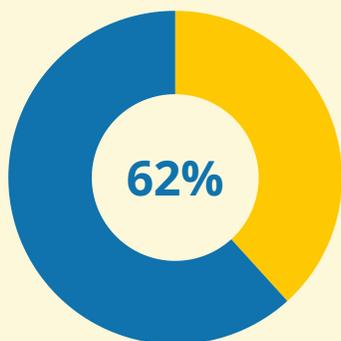
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Program Exit Destinations (YTD)

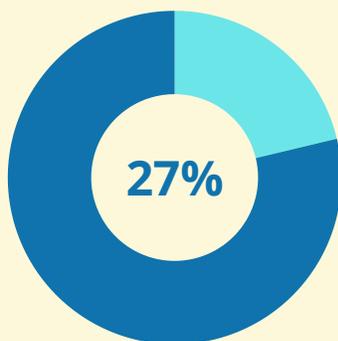
YTD - Year to Date



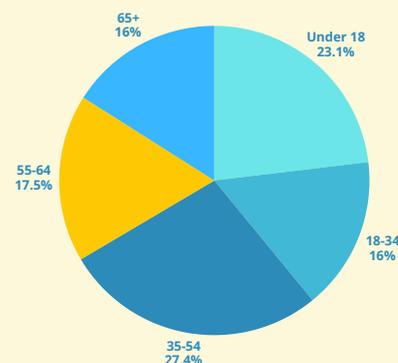
Percentage of Veterans Exiting to Positive Housing Situations (YTD)



Veteran Population Percentage (YTD)



Age of Population (YTD)



ES - Emergency Shelter SH - Supportive Housing TH - Transitional Housing Avg. Days - Average Days

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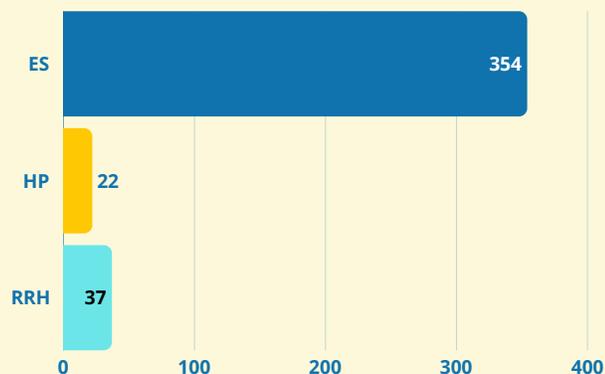
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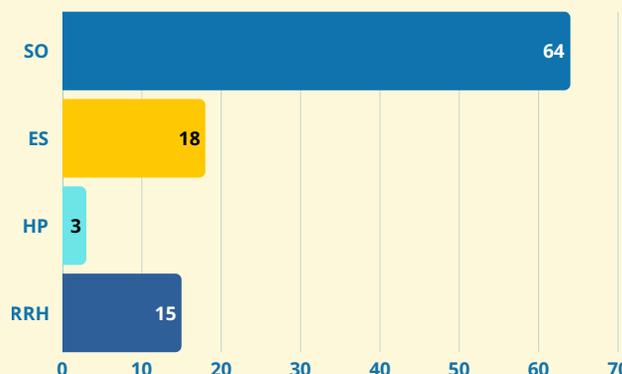
## Challenge Grant Served (Monthly)



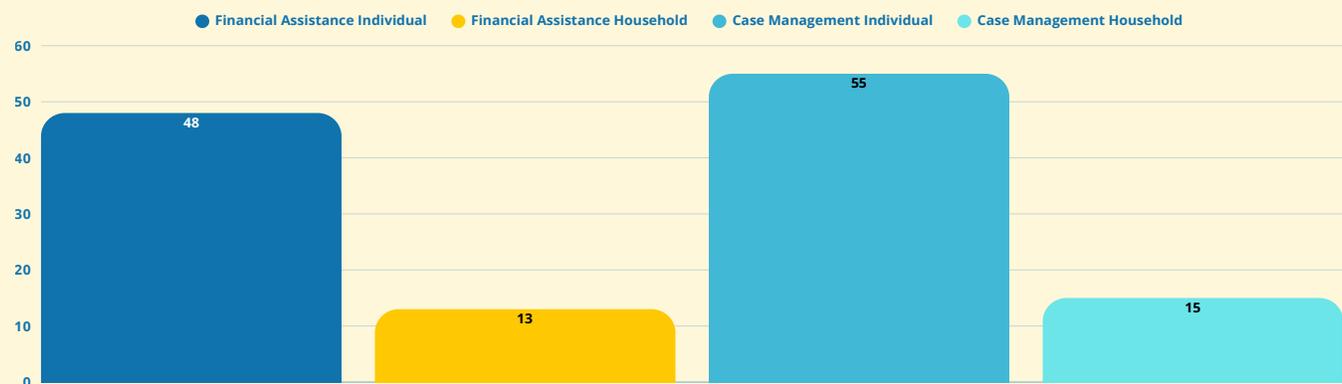
## ESG Clients Served (Monthly)



## ESG RUSH Clients Served (Monthly)



## TANF Clients Served (Monthly)



ESG - Emergency Solutions Grant

TANF - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

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