

TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK

We lead Texas communities to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Education

Training thousands of service providers, advocates, and stakeholders.

Resources

Delivering technical assistance, managing statewide data, and helping communities implement best practices.

Advocacy

Leading policy efforts to ensure all Texans have equitable access to housing and support services.



Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network (THDSN)

*Leveraging data to revolutionize
homeless response*

Design Model

The Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network (THDSN) is a central data repository for all twelve (12) Continuums of Care (CoCs) in Texas. The THDSN increases data sharing and collaboration across Texas CoCs, helps inform planning decisions, and supports the coordination of resources to effectively prevent and end homelessness. Texas Homeless Network (THN) uses [Open Path](#), an open-source software platform developed and maintained by [Green River](#), to administer the THDSN.



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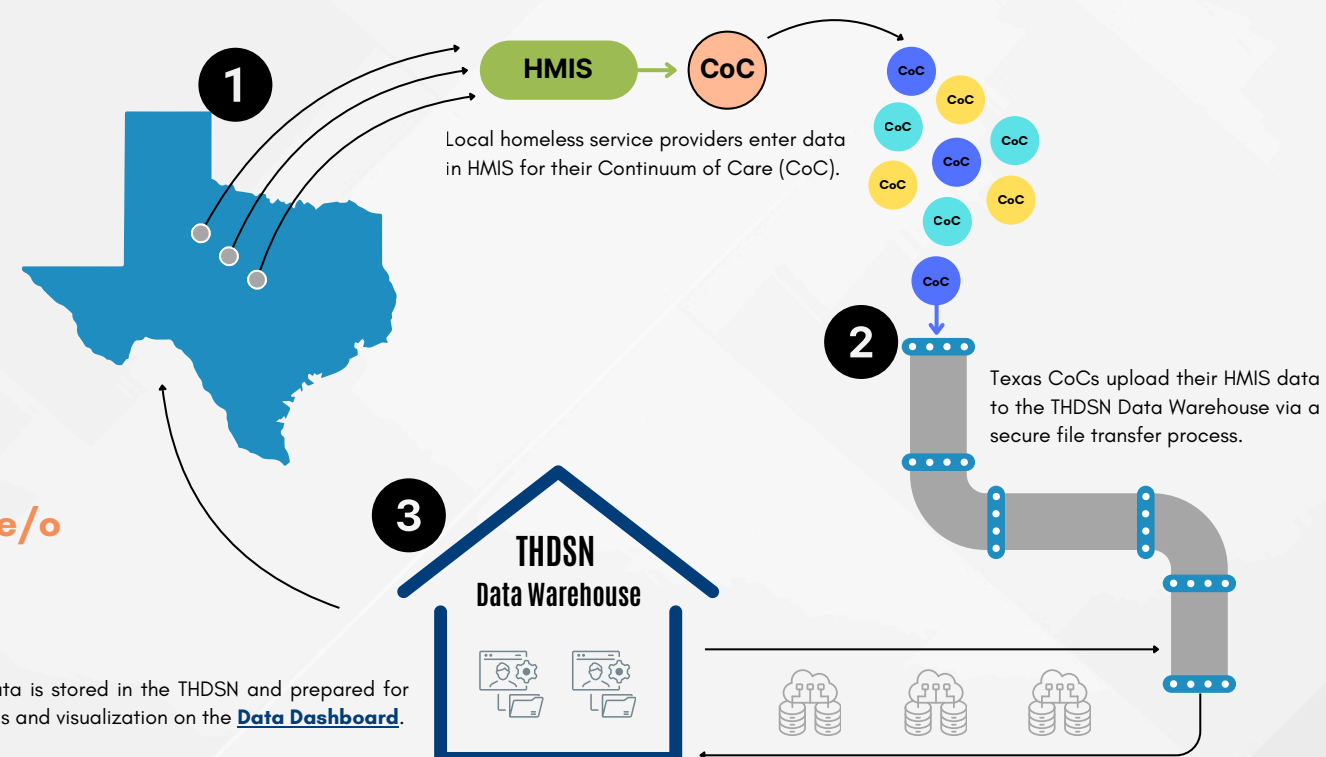
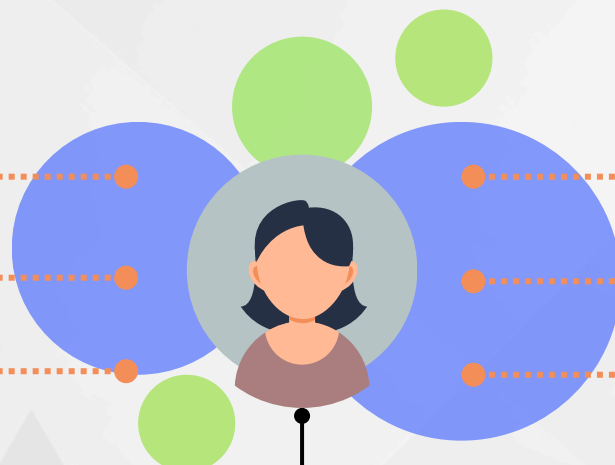
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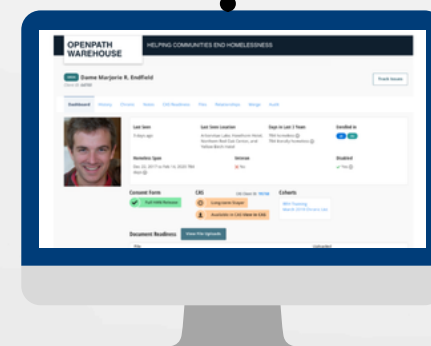


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The Meadows Foundation In 2025, THN received a \$75,000 grant from [The Meadows Foundation](#). The Foundation's investment in the THDSN enables THN and our CoC partners to create sustainable solutions to prioritize housing stability, healthcare, and access to resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Universal Data Elements (UDEs)

All projects that use HMIS software must collect [Universal Data Elements \(UDEs\)](#). UDEs provide the ability to record unique, unduplicated client records, establish client participation in a project within a specific date range, and identify clients who meet time criteria for chronic homelessness.



UDEs

- Name
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Race and Ethnicity
- Gender
- Veteran Status
- Disabling Condition
- Project Start Date
- Project Exit Date
- Destination
- Relationship to Head of Household
- Enrollment CoC
- Housing Move-in Date
- Prior Living Situation

Project Status

CoC Cohort 1

- Houston/Harris Co. (TX-700)
- Tarrant Co. (TX-601)
- Texas Balance of State (TX-607)

CoC Cohort 2

- Amarillo (TX-611)
- Dallas Co. (TX-600)
- Waco/McLennan Co. (TX-604)

CoC Cohort 3

- Austin/Travis Co. (TX-503)
- Brazos Valley (TX-701)
- El Paso Co. (TX-603)

CoC Cohort 4

- San Antonio/Bexar Co. (TX-500)
- **Wichita Falls (TX-624)**
- **Lubbock (TX-625)**

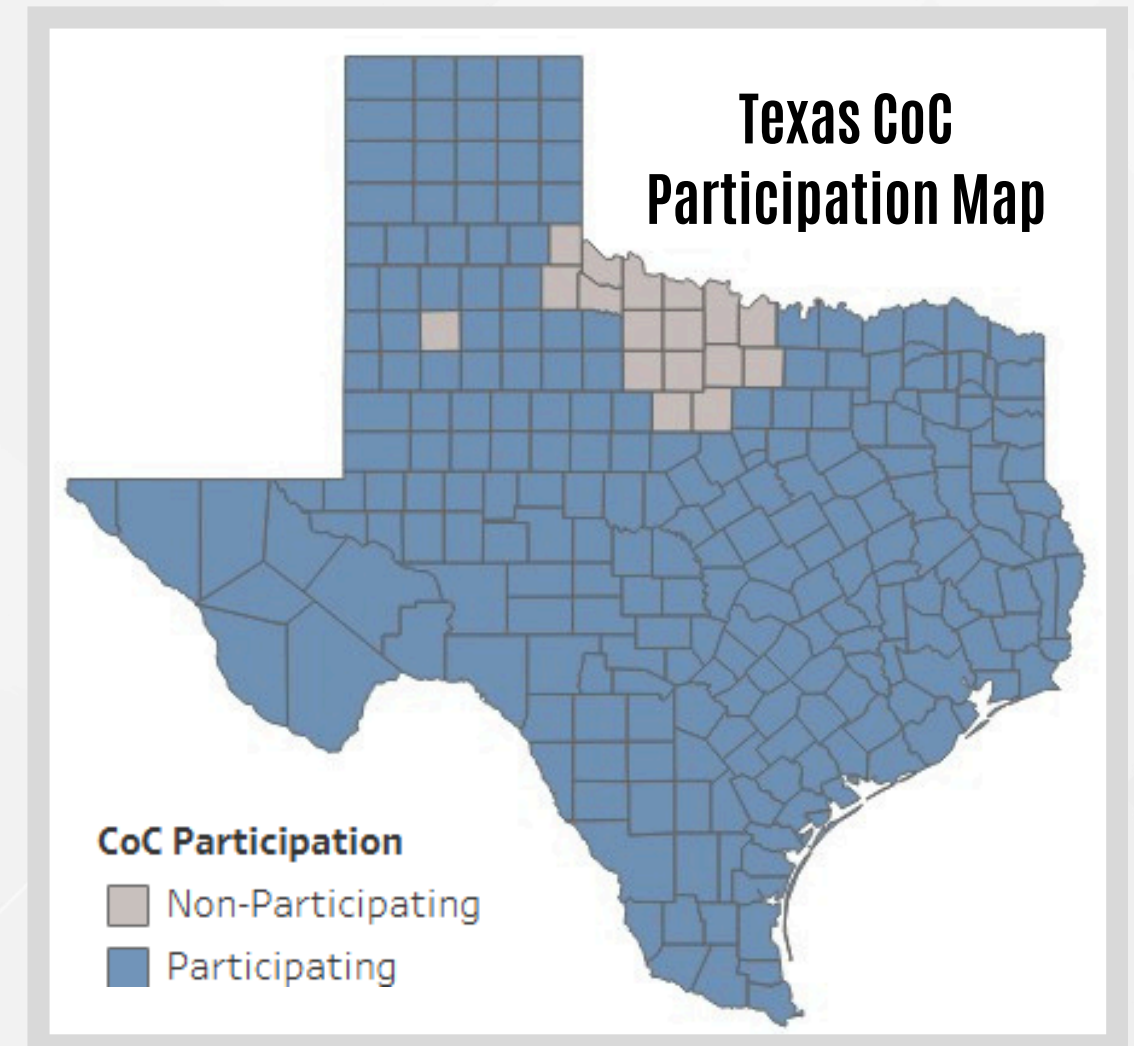


1,189,396

unique client records across Texas
CoCs (2012-present)



The ten (10) Continuums of Care (CoCs) currently contributing data to the THDSN Data Warehouse represent **93% of all Texas counties**. As of 2026, the THDSN covers **237 of 254 Texas counties** (see *Texas CoC Participation map*).



Project Initiatives



Care Coordination: Through the Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network (THDSN), Continuum of Care (CoC) representatives now have access to data that will help identify frequent users of homeless response systems so that they can be more quickly targeted for service interventions.

Healthcare and Homeless Response Systems: In 2022, Texas Homeless Network (THN) partnered with the managed care organization **Superior HealthPlan** to identify, house, and provide supportive services to high-utilizers of both healthcare and homeless response systems. Building on the success of this initiative, THN formed an additional partnership with **United Healthcare** to further expand cross-sector collaboration efforts and strengthen coordinated care for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Research Partnerships: Through the THDSN, THN has partnered with various organizations to support critical research initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for underserved communities. To date, THN has shared data on clients experiencing homelessness with the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Texas at Dallas, the Access to Justice Lab at Harvard University, the City of Houston's Mayor's Office, and the National Alliance to End Homelessness, among others.

 Enhanced Service Delivery

 Improved Health Outcomes

 Cross-Sector Collaborations



A Snapshot of Homelessness in Texas

23,508

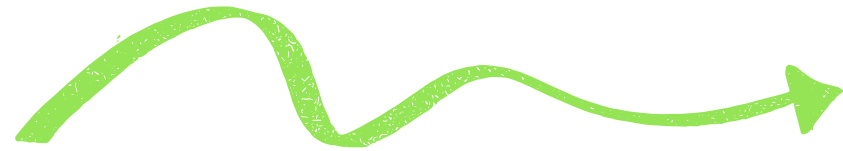
Homeless Households ⓘ

25,934

Total People Experiencing Homelessness in 2026 ⓘ

26%

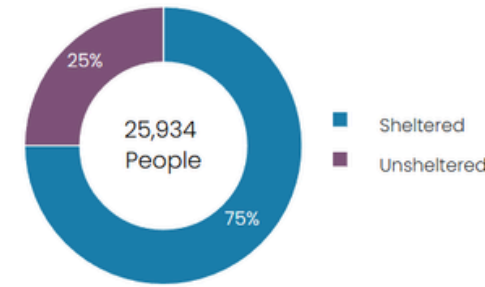
Unsheltered ⓘ



Scan the QR code for complete access to the [THDSN Data Dashboard](#).

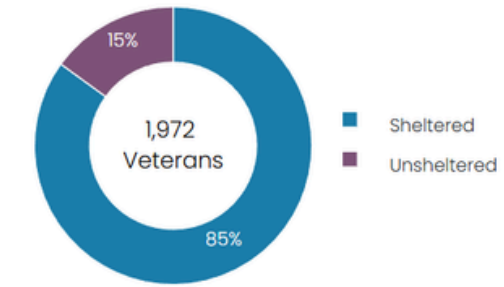
All People

2026



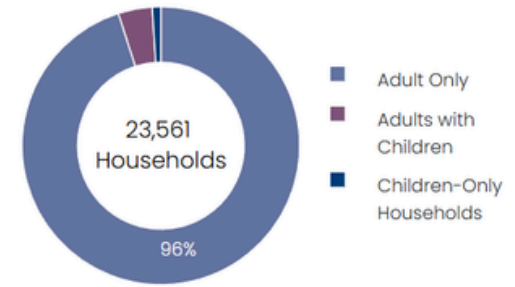
Veterans

2026

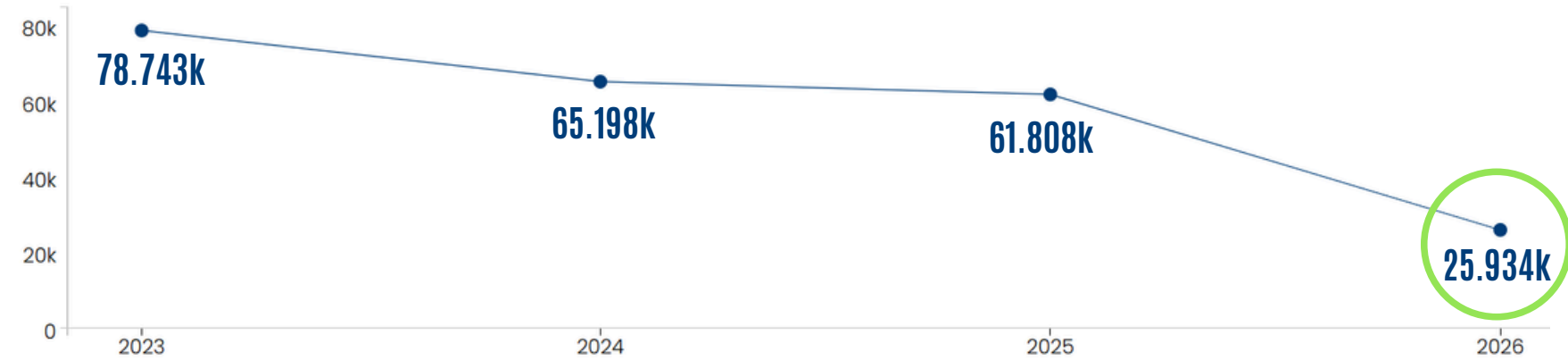


Household Type

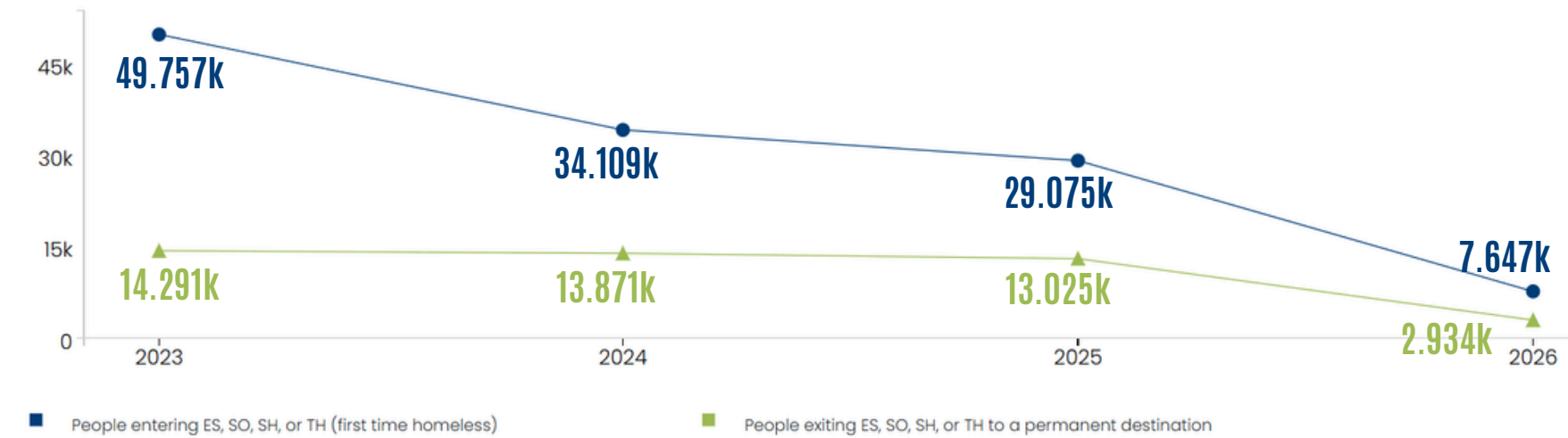
2026



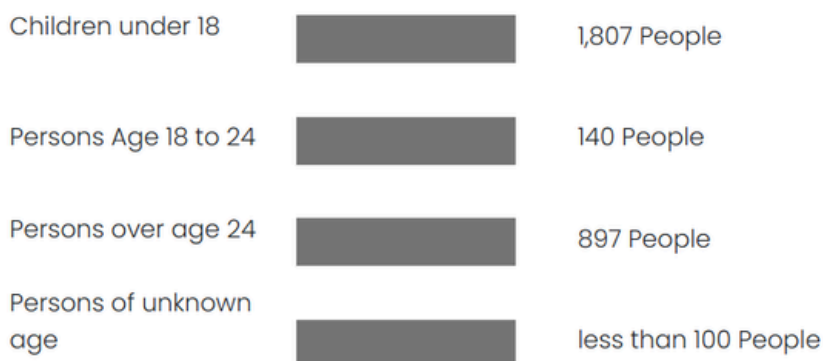
Total Number of People Experiencing Homelessness ⓘ



Total Number of People Entering and Exiting Homelessness ⓘ



Persons in households with at least one child and one adult



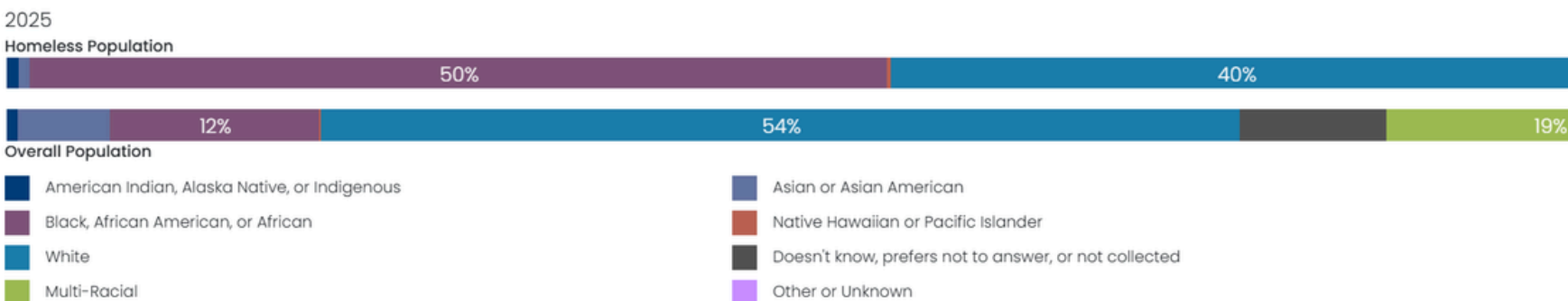
Chronic Households



Persons in Households Without Children



Racial Composition



Persons in Child-Only Households



Disclaimer: This report represents the total number of people who fell into homelessness in Texas during the specified time period **and** accessed services from state and federally funded programs. **It's important to recognize that this figure underestimates the actual rate of homelessness in Texas, as not all households facing housing insecurity qualify for assistance or are comfortable seeking services.**