COUNTY OF ORANGE CALIFORNIA

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2026 POINT IN TIME SUMMARY









HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT



2026 marks the fourth federally mandated PIT Count



Aligns with National best practices

By keeping the methodology consistent, parallel comparisons can be made between the four counts.

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2026 PIT TOTALS

2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT BY THE NUMBERS

VETERANS

328 (2024) → 206 (2026)

-37.20%

TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH

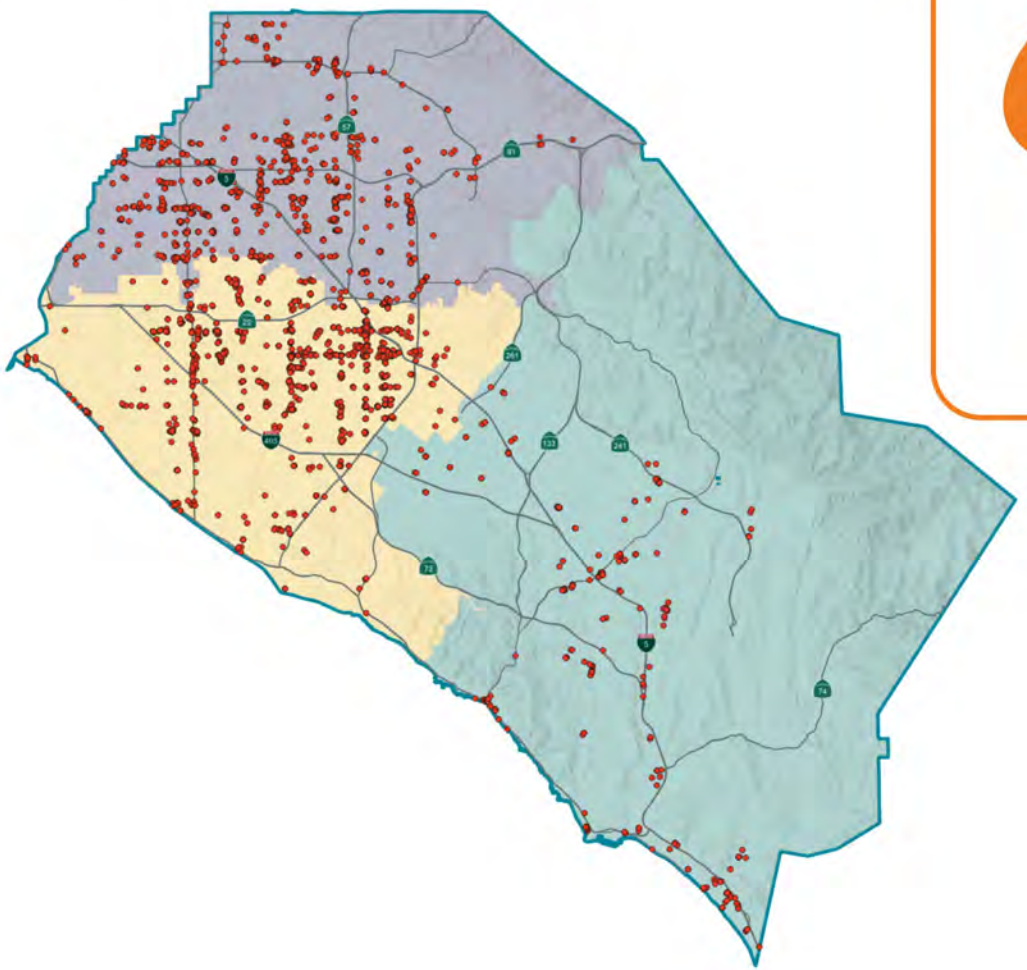
308 (2024) → 245 (2026)

-20.45%

SENIORS

869 (2024) → 882 (2026)

+1.50%



6,321

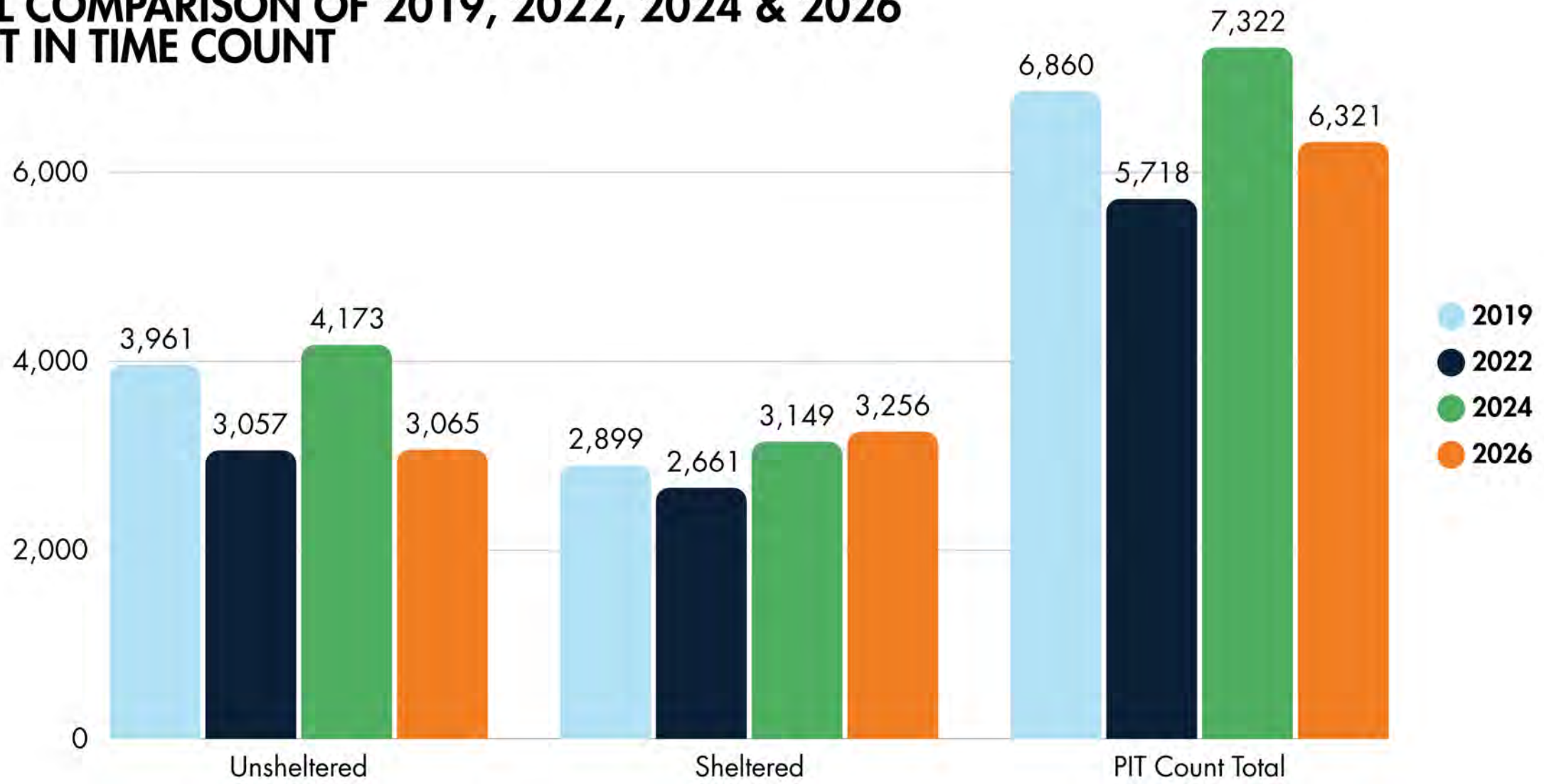
Persons (Total Count)

-13.67% from 2024

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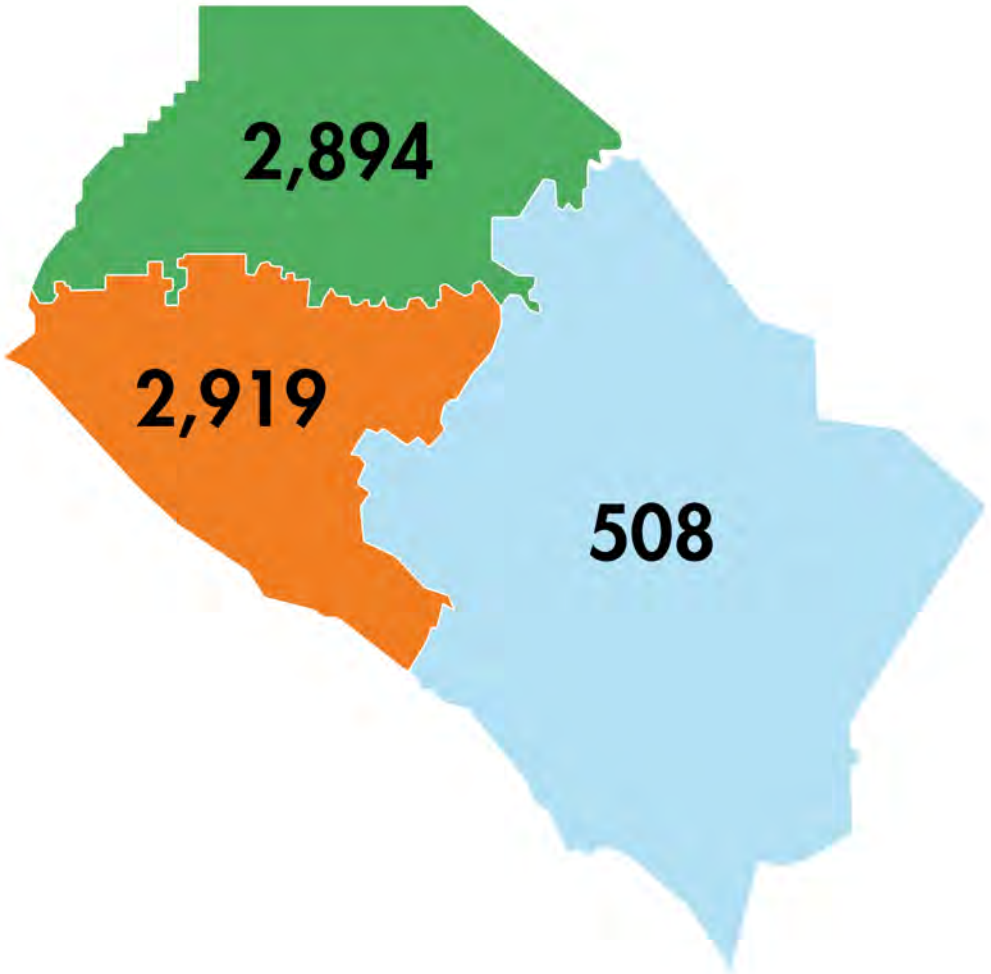
YEAR TO YEAR COMPARISONS

TOTAL COMPARISON OF 2019, 2022, 2024 & 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT



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TOTAL PIT COUNT BY SERVICE PLANNING AREA



North Service Planning Area

2022		2024		2026
2,419	↑ 33.40%	3,227	↓ -7.53%	2,984

Central Service Planning Area

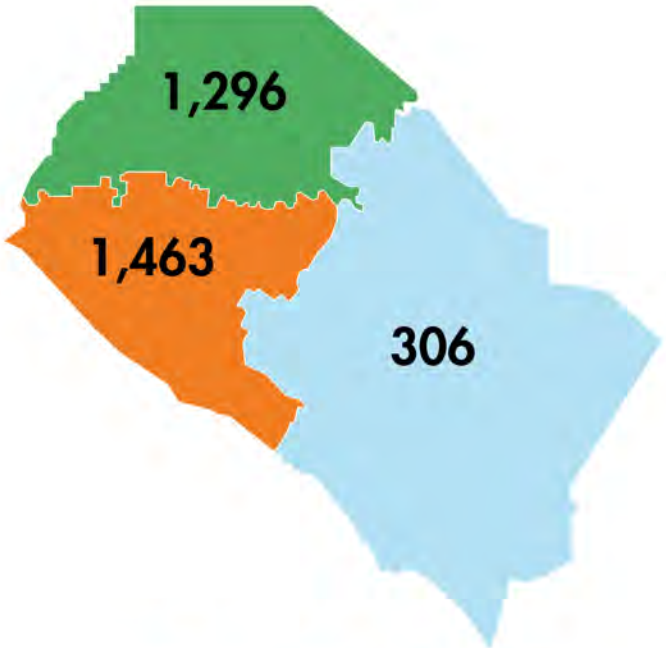
2022		2024		2026
2,714	↑ 27.27%	3,454	↓ -15.49%	2,919

South Service Planning Area

2022		2024		2026
585	↑ 9.57%	641	↓ -20.75%	508

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UNSHELTERED VS SHELTERED COUNT

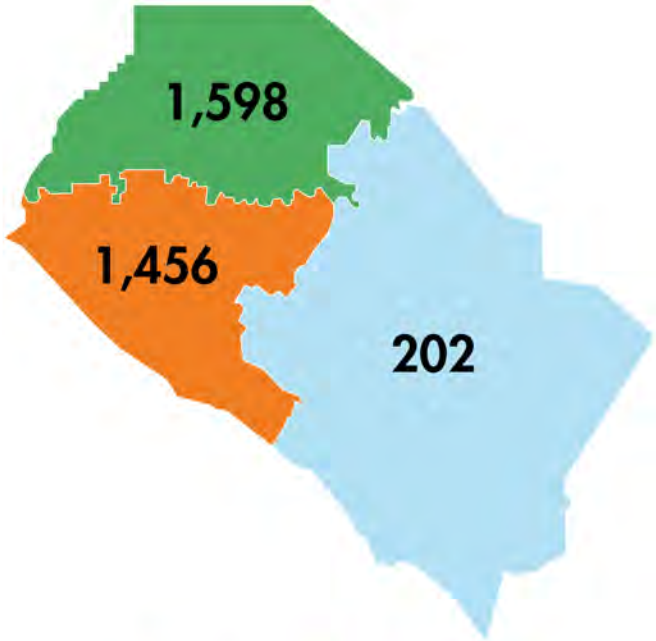


3,065
UNSHELTERED TOTAL

140
VETERANS
Persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves

93
TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH
Persons ages 18 to 24

361
SENIORS
Persons ages 62 and older



3,256
SHELTERED TOTAL

66
VETERANS
Persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves

152
TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH
Persons ages 18 to 24

521
SENIORS
Persons ages 62 and older

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SUBPOPULATIONS AND DISABLING CONDITIONS

	UNSHELTERED	SHELTERED
CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS	**41.11%** 1,235 Adults *increase from 2024 (38%)*	**53.78%** 1,479 Adults *increase from 2024 (34%)*
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER	**45.04%** 1,353 Adults *decrease from 2024 (50%)*	**26.04%** 716 Adults *increase from 2024 (23%)*
PHYSICAL DISABILITY	**34.82%** 1,046 Adults *increase from 2024 (31%)*	**28.62%** 787 Adults *decrease from 2024 (30%)*
SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS	**32.89%** 988 Adults *increase from 2024 (31%)*	**37.85%** 1,041 Adults *increase from 2024 (35%)*
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY	**19.74%** 593 Adults *decrease from 2024 (17%)*	**0.40%** 11 Adults *increase from 2024 (0.20%)*
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	**11.35%** 341 Adults *increase from 2024 (10%)*	**8.44%** 232 Adults *increase from 2024 (10%)*
HIV/AIDS	**1.76%** 53 Adults *decrease from 2024 (2%)*	**2.22%** 61 Adults *decrease from 2024 (7%)*



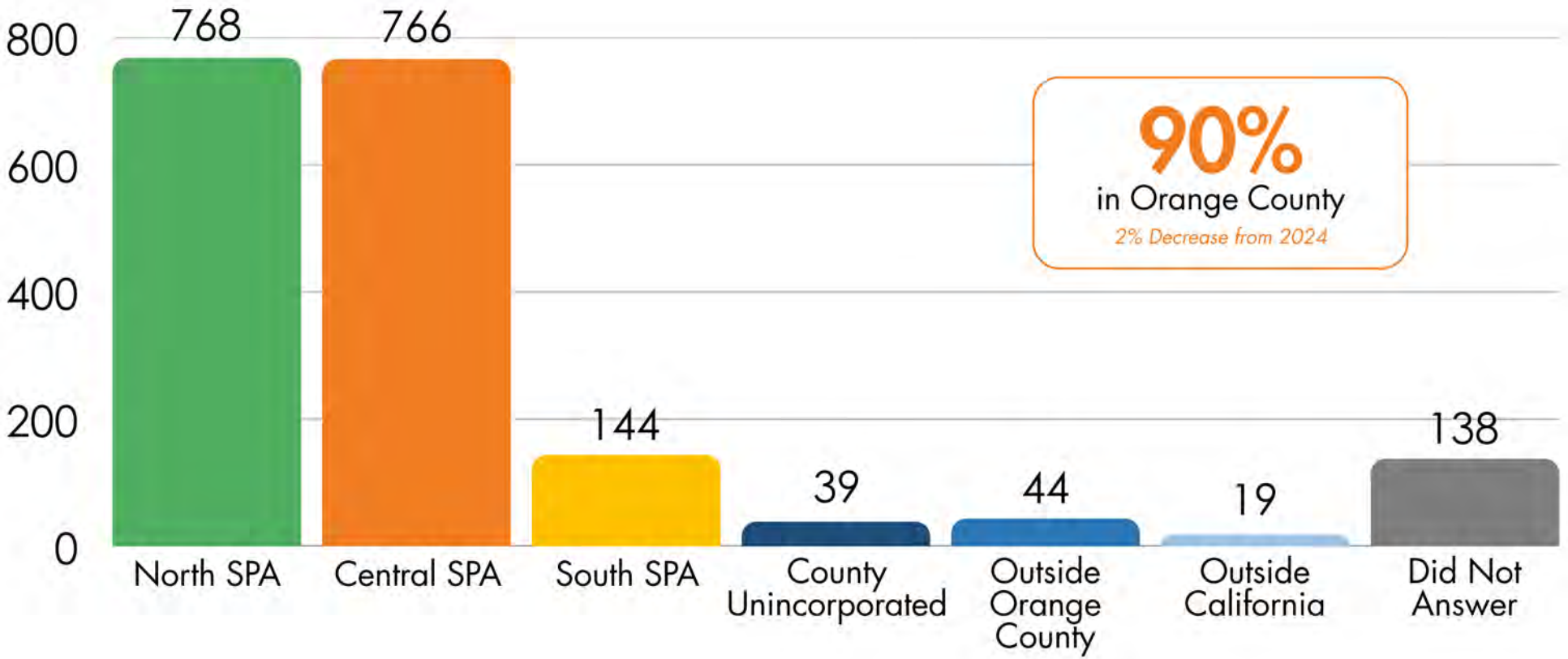
HOUSEHOLD STATUS

Population	Description	Unsheltered (2,805) Households	Sheltered (2,667) Households	Total (5,472) Households
Individuals	Households with only adults age 18 and older	2,767 Households 2,952 Adults	2,384 Households 2,413 Adults	5,151 Households 5,365 Adults
Families	Households with at least one adult 18 and older and one child 17 or younger	37 Families 112 persons in households: 52 Adults 60 Children	270 Families 829 persons in households: 337 Adults 492 Children	307 Families 941 persons in households: 389 Adults 552 Children
Unaccompanied Minors	Minors, 17 and younger not accompanied by an adult	1 Household 1 Minor	13 Households 14 Minors	14 Households 15 Minors

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COMMUNITY TIES: UNSHELTERED ADULTS

REPORTED CITY WHERE MOST SPENT TIME WHILE HOMELESS



City in North SPA
768 Adults, 40.04%

City in Central SPA
766 Adults, 39.94%

City in South SPA
144 Adults, 7.51%

County Unincorporated
39 Adults, 2.03%

Outside Orange County
44 Adults, 2.29%

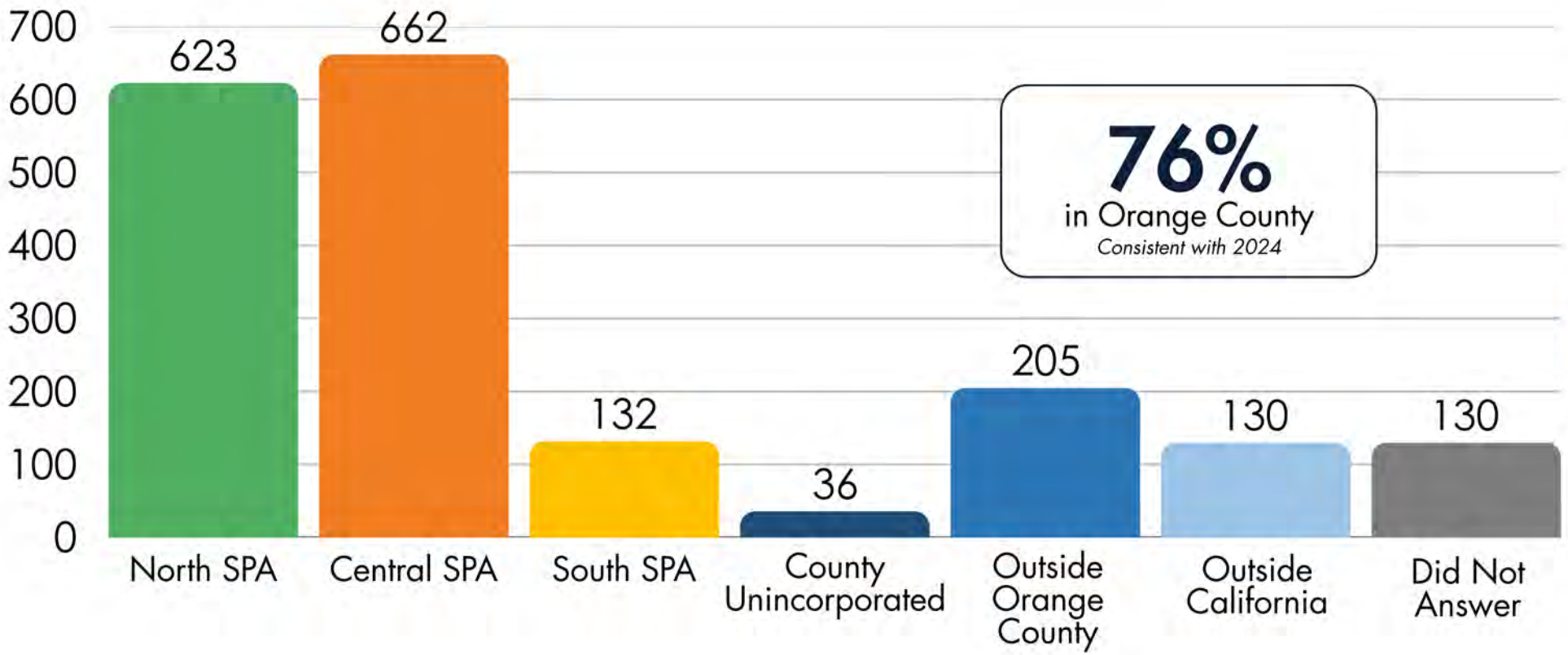
Outside California
19 Adults, .99%

Did Not Answer
138 Adults, 7.19%

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COMMUNITY TIES: UNSHELTERED ADULTS

REPORTED CITY OF LAST PERMANENT ADDRESS



City in North SPA
623 Adults, 32.48%

City in Central SPA
662 Adults, 34.52%

City in South SPA
132 Adults, 6.88%

County Unincorporated
36 Adults, 1.88%

Outside Orange County
205 Adults, 10.69%

Outside California
130 Adults, 6.78%

Did Not Answer
130 Adults, 6.78%

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COMMUNITY TIES: UNSHELTERED ADULTS

39.73%
762 Adults

Experiencing homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months

8% decrease from 2024 (48.33%)

53.49%
1,026 Adults

Have family in Orange County

2% increase from 2024 (51.75%)

38.89%
746 Adults

Attending or have attended school in Orange County

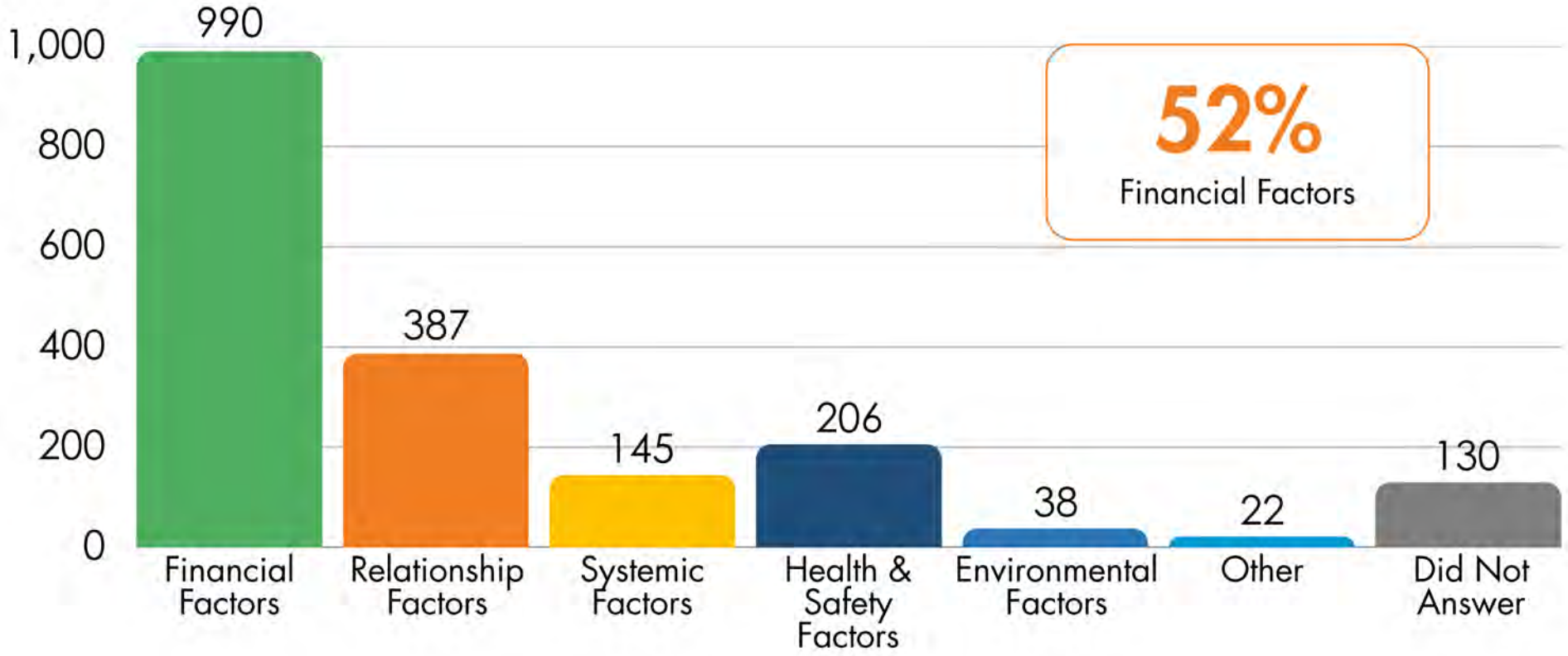
4% decrease from 2024 (43.09%)

58.50%
1,122 Adults

Currently working or have ever worked in Orange County

5% decrease from 2024 (64.42%)

REPORTED MAJOR FACTORS THAT WERE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IN CONTRIBUTING TO HOMELESSNESS



Financial Factors
990 Adults, 51.62%

Relationship Factors
387 Adults, 20.18%

Systemic Factors
145 Adults, 7.56%

Health & Safety Factors
206 Adults, 10.74%

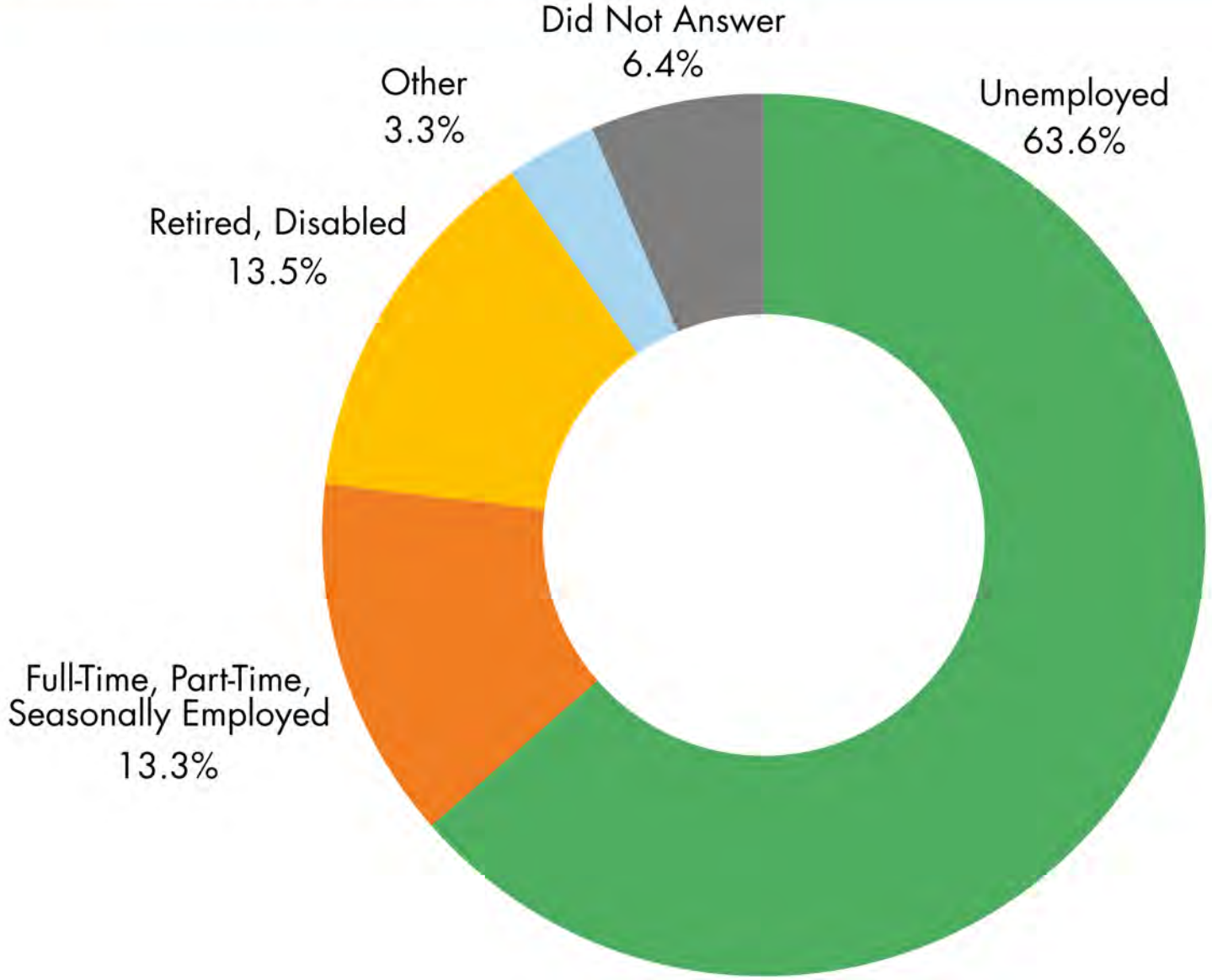
Environmental Factors
38 Adults, 1.98%

Other
22 Adults, 1.15%

Did Not Answer
130 Adults, 6.78%

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COMMUNITY TIES: UNSHELTERED ADULTS



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Unemployed
1,261 Adults, 63.56%
decreased from in 2024 (69.11%)

Full-Time, Part-Time, Seasonally Employed
264 Adults, 13.31%
decreased from 2024 (13.94%)

Retired, Disabled
267 Adults 13.46%
increased from 2024 (10.23%)

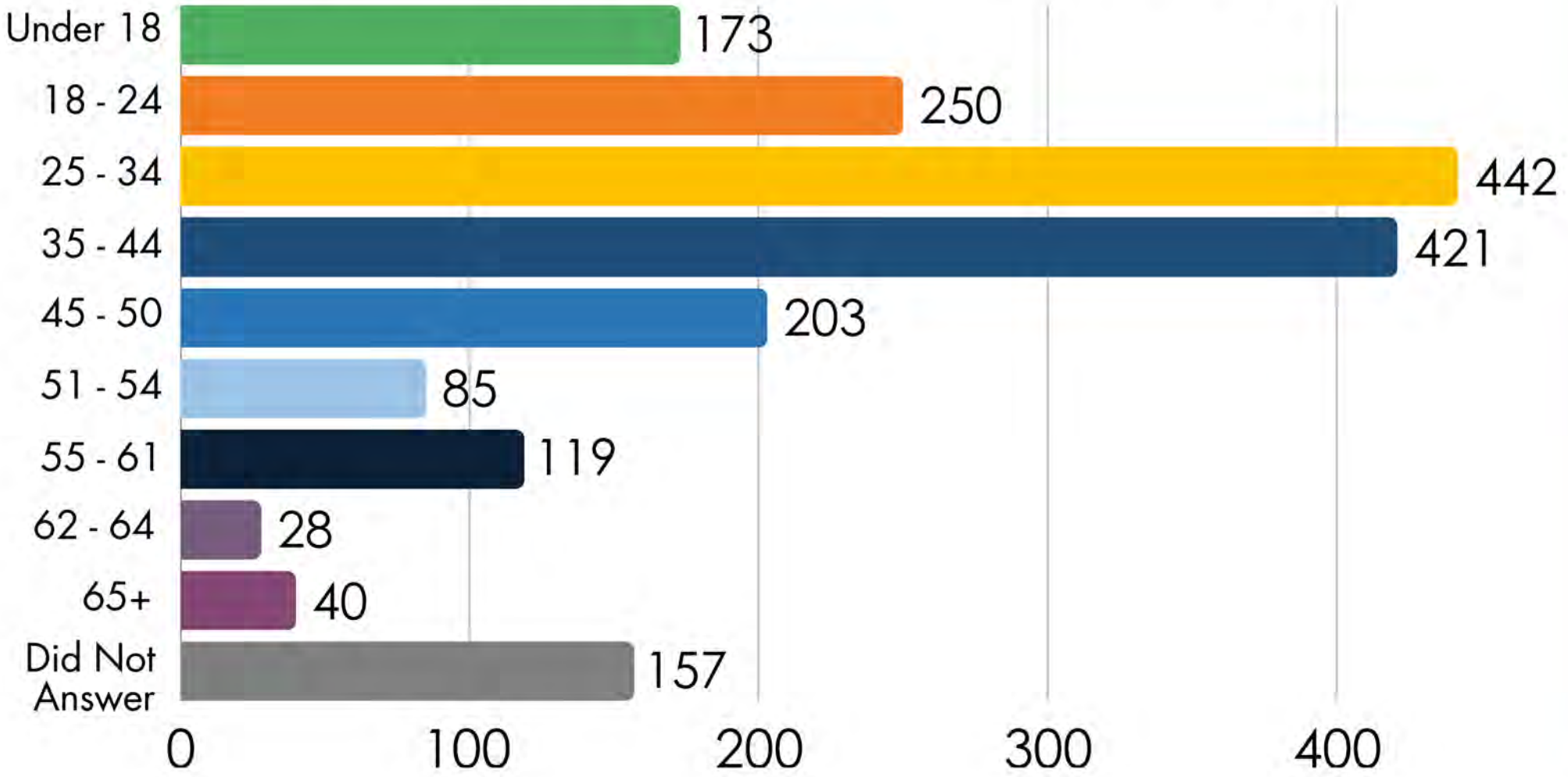
Did Not Answer
126 Adults, 6.35%
increased from 2024 (4.00%)

Other
66 Adults, 3.33%
increased from 2024 (2.72%)

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COMMUNITY TIES: UNSHELTERED ADULTS

AGE WHEN FIRST HOMELESS EXPERIENCE BEGAN



Under 18
173 Persons (9.02%)

18 - 24
250 Persons (13.03%)

25 - 34
442 Persons (23.04%)

35 - 44
421 Persons (21.95%)

45 - 50
203 Persons (10.58%)

51 - 54
85 Persons (4.43%)

55 - 61
119 Persons (6.20%)

62 - 64
28 Persons (1.46%)

65+
40 Persons (2.09%)

Did Not Answer
157 Persons (8.19%)

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

13.7%

reduction in ***overall*** *homelessness*

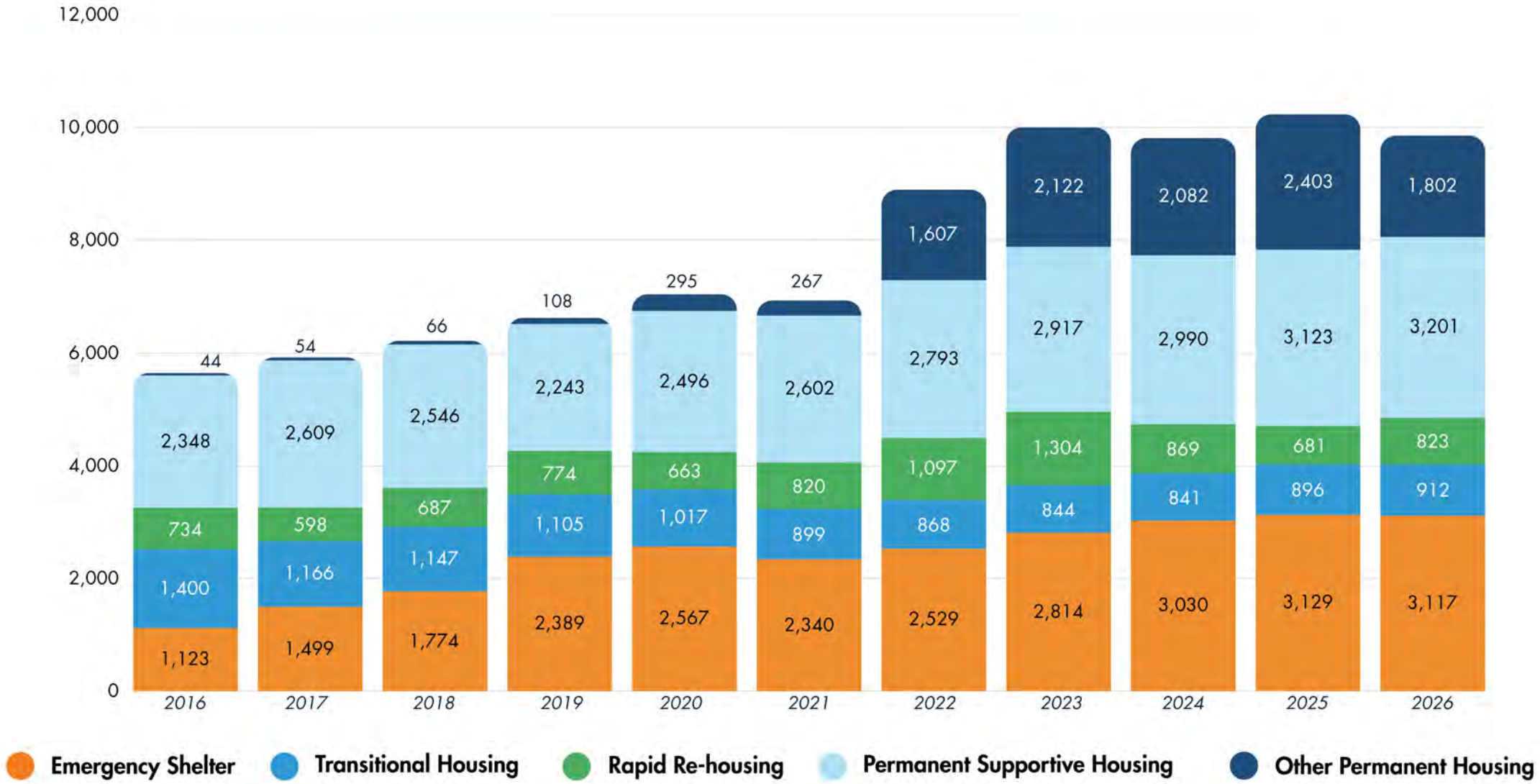
26.6%

reduction in ***unsheltered*** *homelessness*

- This is the first time more people are sheltered than unsheltered.
- Targeted prioritization and outreach efforts are increasing shelter access for highly vulnerable populations.
- These results reflect the impact of robust support, services, and housing provided by Orange County's System of Care.
- These results reinforce the need for Orange County to remain informed and engaged to create meaningful progress in the community.

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ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING INVENTORY



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- **Continuum of Care Board & Agencies**
- **Commission to Address Homelessness**
- **CalOptima Health**
- **City Net**
- **Institute for Urban Initiatives**
- **Nonprofit and faith-based service providers**
- **Orange County Board of Supervisors and local elected officials**
- **Orange County United Way**
- **All 34 Cities and law enforcement agencies**









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