



STAFF REPORT FROM THE CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Contra Costa County Homeless System of Care Quarterly Report for Quarter 2 of 2021 (April-June)

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors,

The homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) and Council on Homelessness (COH) had a productive second quarter of 2021 and are excited to share in our efforts with you. The CoC and COH continue to balance the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for available services in our community. The Health, Housing, and Homeless Services (H3) Division of the Health Services Department has done an excellent job keeping the COH abreast of their efforts and the funding streams and opportunities available to providers in our County. This includes ongoing conversations about the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2021 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity, federal vouchers, and forthcoming state funds for homeless services. We are grateful to H3 staff and the CoC for their commitment to improving our system and to serving individuals experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County. The COH has also continued to take an active role in planning and policy development via our various committees, which include oversight, policy and an ad hoc committee currently planning Homeless Awareness Month.

This report contains important data about the CoC and the people we serve. It also includes recommendations put forward by the COH. I hope you will give these recommendations careful consideration as you begin your conversations and deliberations around the disbursement of Measure X funds. This is a rare opportunity for our county to enact meaningful change and to potentially increase the availability of permanent supportive housing in Contra Costa County – something the COH has long advocated for.

The COH is excited for the opportunity to share information with you on the work happening in the Contra Costa CoC. I ask you to please review and consider the material and recommendations provided in this report.

Thank you for your time and support. We are thankful for your partnership and commitment to the homeless system's opportunities, progress, and challenges.

Sincerely,

Lindy Lavender, Chair of the Council on Homelessness



INTRODUCTION

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness (CoH) is the governing and oversight body for the County homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) and is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Council provides advice and input to the Board of Supervisors on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County. The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness is the governing body for the Contra Costa County Continuum of Care (CoC).

The Contra Costa CoC is comprised of multiple partners, including service providers, members of the faith community, local business, private and public funders, community members, education system and law enforcement, and others who are working collaboratively to end homelessness. The COH and COC are supported by Contra Costa Health Services Health, Housing & Homeless Services (H3) Division. H3 functions as the CoC administrative entity and collaborative applicant, CoC Lead Agency and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS database) Lead Agency.

The purpose of this report is to share information about the CoC and COH activities with the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and to provide recommendations from the COH to the County Board of Supervisors on long range planning and policy formulation that would support the county homeless CoC. This report includes information on system data, funding and policy activities, and CoC initiatives. All information will reflect activities and data for the prior quarter.

This report was produced on behalf of the CoH by H3 in collaboration with the CoH and CoC partners.

SYSTEM DATA

Appendix A includes a data analysis depicting the inflow and outflow of clients in the system, current utilizers of the system, and recidivism (rates of individuals returning to homelessness). The graphics and content in that analysis depict data for the second quarter of 2021 (April, May and June).

SYSTEM FUNDING

This quarter the CoC continued to evaluate the system of care and pursue funding opportunities to address the gaps in Contra Costa's homeless system.



Mainstream Vouchers: Contra Costa received 100 Mainstream Vouchers (for people experiencing homelessness) from the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa. In August 2020, the COH approved a prioritization process to focus on COVID-19 Project Roomkey residents and as of May, there were 35 households with vouchers and a goal to have leases completed by the end of June.

Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)- The American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion for New Emergency Housing Vouchers (Tenant Based Rental Assistance). Contra Costa received 201 vouchers. The Council on Homelessness is in the process of planning out the EHV related processes and programs needed to distribute the vouchers.

HUD CoC NOFA- In Quarter 2 of 2021, the CoC continued annual preparations to compete for the CoC's largest source of renewable (sustainable) funding from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development – the HUD CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). This competition brings in more than 80% of the CoC's funding and is the primary source of funding for the County's permanent supportive housing stock. This funding application was released in mid-August and the funding process will continue through Q3.

POLICY

The CoC works closely with H3 and local stakeholders and system partners to track homeless and affordable housing policy that may impact the CoC, its clients, funding or current and future operations. The CoH and CoC, with support from H3, tracked the state budget and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for upcoming funding and funding policy strategies related to homelessness.

In June, the Council submitted a letter to the Measure X committee in support of:

1. Capacity building innovations such as seed funding for land trusts;
2. Ensuring funding specific to homelessness prevention and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness;
3. Making recommendations that promote permanent housing and prioritize permanent supportive housing (PSH) opportunities; and
4. Prioritizing ongoing funding for affordable housing options, including permanent and permanent supportive housing, to address the inequities produced by systemic and institutional biases and racism.



SYSTEM INITIATIVES

The CoC regularly engages in multiple activities, partnerships, evaluations, and improvement that are designed to improve services to clients and achieve various system goals.

Equity - C4 Innovations is working with the CoC to provide expert equity technical assistance to produce a racial equity assessment; support client engagement strategies; and support the identification, correction and planning of further equity improvements for the system and agencies providing service in the CoC. A four-part training series on Racial Equity for H3, CoC leadership, providers and partners will be completed in Q3.

Meetings, Trainings, and Events – The CoC hosted three (3) COH meetings for Councilmembers to meet to conduct the business of the CoC Board; three (3) provider meetings; four (4) trainings including Motivational Interviewing, Housing First for Affordable Housing Developers and Property Managers, Housing First 2.0 and Case Management; and 11 other events including three (3) CoC NOFA Scoring Tools Community Meetings, three (3) COH Policy Committee meetings, one (1) Oversight Committee meeting, three (3) HMIS Policy Committee Meetings, and a CoC Learning Hub focused on Behavioral Health Resources for People Experiencing Homelessness. The recordings, minutes and materials for trainings and meetings can be found on the H3 website¹ and on the County agenda center², and a calendar of upcoming meetings and events can be found on the H3 website.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The CoC has continued to support providers, staff, and consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic providing guidance, COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and implementing a strategy to transition individuals in Project Roomkey into permanent housing. The system of care is continuing to reopen programs and sites in accordance with health orders and guidance provided by Contra Costa Health Services.

¹ <https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/partners.php#Training>

² <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/agendacenter>



East County Interim Housing Program (ECIHP)

The Motel 6 in Pittsburg, purchased with state of California Homekey funds awarded to the county, was remodeled and opened as the East County Interim Housing Program (ECHIP), with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) contracted as the service provider. The site has 170 rooms (non-congregate), a 24/7 Residential Counselor team, Care Coordinators, Employment Coordinators, benefits linkages and advocacy, on-site mental health services and community-based Housing Locators.

Project Roomkey

At the end of Q2, two of the four Project Roomkey hotels closed and hotel residents were offered either housing or shelter placement. One hundred participants were identified, approved for vouchers and supported in completing their voucher applications. In addition, H3 contracted with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) to implement a Rapid Rehousing Program to provide move in assistance and rental assistance to people to assist with exits to permanent housing from the hotels.

TESTING AND VACCINATION

In the second quarter of 2021, among people who meet the HUD definition of homelessness:

- 3,856 new COVID-19 tests were administered to a total of 1,960 people
- 43 individuals received positive tests for COVID-19
- 2,463 vaccines administered

Additional data related to COVID-19 and those experiencing homelessness can be found on the data dashboard.³

RECOMMENDATIONS

In conclusion, the second quarter shed more light on the CoC's pandemic response and the growing need and evidence for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The data, funding, policy and system initiatives sections included in this report provide information to see this need for

³ <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/homeless>



PSH. Below are a few recommendations from the COH to the BOS that will help to support the CoC in addressing these needs.

1. Support a Housing Trust Fund

Resources and attention should be devoted to the development of a Housing Trust Fund. The housing trust fund is a flexible legal vehicle or entity that can hold and administer funding for large scale projects such as land acquisition, capital costs, operational subsidies for providers and underfunded homeless services, as well as serving as a mechanism for holding land for future development. (A land trust is limited to holding property and is not as flexible as a housing trust for this purpose.) One of the primary benefits of the Housing Trust Fund is that this fund will allow Contra Costa County to become eligible for additional state, federal, and private funding directed specifically at communities with these legal vehicles or entities. In the past two years there have been more than four opportunities to apply for federal and state grant funding that could have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to this fund, some of which are renewable, for flexible purposes identified by the community. This is a critical piece of infrastructure that is not far out of reach and could provide significant resources for affordable housing preservation and production. (Please note: This is fund distinct from the Housing Security Fund currently in place that is designed to quickly deliver financial assistance such as direct rental assistance payments through local service providers to rapidly stabilize and house households experiencing homelessness.)

2. Support Leveraging State Funding

It is also important that the Board and community continue to prioritize and support securing additional funding from the State via programs like the multi-family housing program (MHP) and the Tax Credit Program to supplement and leverage affordable housing resources for low, very low, and extremely low-income persons experiencing homelessness.

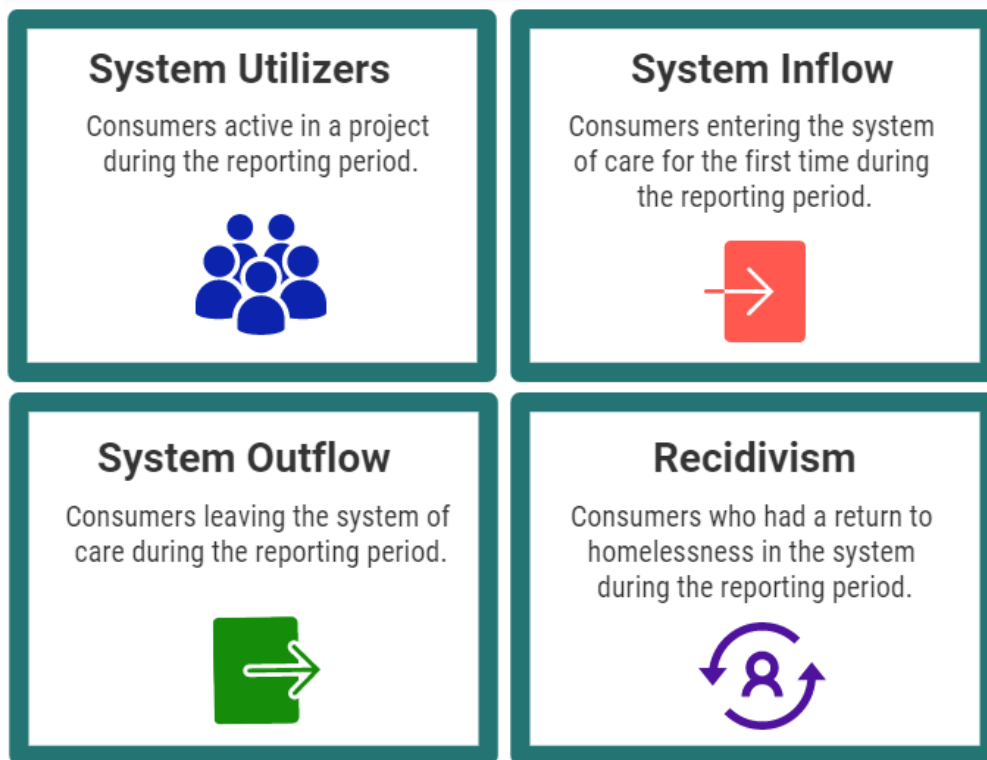
APPENDIX A

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HEALTH, HOUSING, AND HOMELESSNESS DATA SUMMARY

Description of the data:

- **What:** Program Utilization, Outcomes, and Consumer Demographics Summary
- **Who:** Contra Costa Continuum of Care (CoC) consumers
- **When:** April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 (Quarter 2)
- **Why:** Presentation to the Board of Supervisors

This summary includes high-level analyses of CoC consumers during the second quarter of 2021, focusing on the following four indicators, including race and ethnicity demographics for each measure:





Main Findings

- 5,010 consumers (3,816 households) utilized the homelessness system of care during Q2 (Prevention and Diversion, Literally Homeless, and Permanent Housing programs⁴).
 - The majority of consumers were White (42%), followed closely by Black/African American/African (39%); 20% were Hispanic/Latin(o)(a)(x). 68% of all households accessed a Literally Homeless program.
- More consumers exited the system of care in Q2 than entered. There were no significant differences in the proportion of in-flow and out-flow by race or ethnicity.
 - 16% of total consumers served were categorized as “in-flow” or “new to the system” (n=813). Black/African American/African consumers made up the largest group (41% of in-flow), followed by White (35%); 24% were Hispanic/Latin(o)(a)(x). 73% of households new to the system of care accessed a Literally Homeless program during Q2.
 - 30% of all consumers served were categorized as “out-flow” or exited the system of care (n=1,524). 40% of households exiting the system exited to a Permanent destination.
- Black/African American/African consumers returned to homelessness at a higher rate than any other racial group of consumers (43%).

Current System Utilizers

5,010 total unique consumers (making up 3,816 households) had an active enrollment in a CoC program during Quarter 2. This included all project types providing services within Contra Costa County’s Homelessness CoC (Prevention and Diversion, Literally Homeless programs, and Permanent Housing programs⁵). Program type utilization for households, or the number of Heads of Households (HoH), is presented in Table 1.

⁴ The Coordinated Entry project type is not included in this quarter’s summary. Please see the Methods section for more details.

⁵ A detailed description of each program type category is provided in the Methods section of this summary.



Program Type Category	Number of HoH's	% of Households
Prevention and Diversion	281	7%
Literally Homeless	2,602	68%
Permanent Housing	933	25%
Total (unduplicated)	3,816	100%

Table 1. Household System Utilization by Program Type Category

Of the total 3,813 households served in this quarter, 2,602 households (68%) accessed a Literally Homeless program, 933 households (25%) were enrolled in a Permanent Housing program, and 281 households (7%) utilized a Prevention and Diversion program.

The racial distribution across unique consumers and households is presented in Table 2. The ethnic distribution across unique consumers is presented below in Table 3.

Race of All Consumers	Number of Consumers	Number of HoH's	% of Consumers
White	2,097	1,695	42%
Black, African American, or African	1,945	1,439	39%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	324	251	6%
Multi-Racial	307	182	6%
Asian or Asian American	113	72	2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	79	59	2%
Missing (N/A)	145	118	3%
Total (unduplicated)	5,010	3,816	100%

Table 2. Race Breakdown by Unique Consumers and Households



Ethnicity of All Consumers	Number of Consumers	Number of HoH's	% of Consumers
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	3,911	3,085	78%
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	979	631	20%
Missing (N/A)	120	100	2%
Total (unduplicated)	5,010	3,816	100%

Table 3. Ethnicity Breakdown by Unique Consumers and Households

System Inflow

813 unique consumers (making up 538 households), or 16% of all active consumers, enrolled into the system of care for the first time ever during Quarter 2 of 2021. This includes new enrollments into a program within the Prevention and Diversion, Literally Homeless, or Permanent Housing program type categories. The breakdown of program utilization by category is shown in Table 4. The racial distribution across new unique consumers is presented below in Table 5, and the ethnic distribution across new consumers is presented in Table 6.

Program Type Category	Number of HoH's	% of Households
Prevention and Diversion	101	19%
Literally Homeless	395	73%
Permanent Housing	42	8%
Total (unduplicated)	538	100%

Table 4: Household Inflow by Program Type

Of the 538 new households entering the system in Quarter 2, 101 (19%) entered a Prevention and Diversion program, 395 (73%) entered a Literally Homeless program, and 42 (8%) entered a Permanent Housing program.



Race of New Consumers	Number of Consumers	Number of HoH's	% of Consumers
Black, African American, or African	330	223	41%
White	283	190	35%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	64	44	8%
Multi-Racial	43	17	5%
Asian or Asian American	38	20	4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	8	7	1%
Missing (N/A)	47	37	6%
Total (unduplicated)	813	538	100%

Table 5: Race Breakdown of Consumers New to System of Care

Ethnicity of New Consumers	Number of Consumers	Number of HoH's	% of Consumers
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	578	404	71%
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	199	108	24%
Missing (N/A)	36	26	4%
Total (unduplicated)	813	583	100%

Table 6: Ethnicity Breakdown of Consumers New to System of Care

System Outflow

1,542 unique consumers (1,033 households), or 31% of consumers active during Quarter 2, exited the system of care to any destination and did not reenroll into another program by the end of the reporting period. The exit destinations of consumers leaving the system of care, according to their final exit, are shown in Table 7. Exit destination categories include Temporary (emergency shelter, hospital, jail, staying with friends or family temporarily), Permanent (rental unit, moving into own unit, staying with friends or family permanently, nursing home), Unsheltered Destination (last destination recorded was a place not meant for habitation), and Other (consumer deceased or destination unknown).



Exit Destination Category	Number of Households	Number of HoH's	% of Consumers
Temporary	205	157	14%
Permanent	616	297	40%
Unsheltered	43	43	3%
Other/Unknown destination	660	536	43%
Total (unduplicated)	1,524	1,033	100%

Table 7: Exit Destinations of Consumers Leaving the System of Care

616 consumers (297 households), or 40% of all system leavers, exited to a Permanent exit destination in Quarter 2. 43% exited to an Other/Unknown destination, 14% to a Temporary destination, and 3% to an Unsheltered exit destination. The racial distribution across exiting unique consumers and households is presented below in Table 8, and the ethnic distribution across exiting unique consumers and households is presented below in Table 9.

Race of Leaving Consumers	Number of Consumers	Number of HoH's	% of Consumers
Black, African American, or African	632	419	41%
White	548	401	36%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	105	75	7%
Multi-Racial	105	59	7%
Asian or Asian American	54	23	4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	23	19	1%
Missing (N/A)	57	37	4%
Total (unduplicated)	1,524	1,033	100%

Table 8: Race Breakdown of Consumers Exiting the System of Care



Ethnicity of Leaving Consumers	Number of Consumers	Number of HoH's	% of Consumers
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	1,155	920	76%
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	333	193	22%
Missing (N/A)	36	25	2%
Total (unduplicated)	1,542	1,033	100%

Table 9: Ethnicity Breakdown of Consumers Exiting the System of Care

Recidivism

28 unique consumers (24 households) returned literally homeless to the system of care in Quarter 2 of 2021. A return as literally homeless included anyone who enrolled into a non-permanent housing program within 365 days or less from their last exit to a permanent destination. The racial distribution across unique consumers returning to the system of care is presented below in Table 10. The ethnic distribution across unique consumers returning to the system of care is presented below in Table 11.

Race of Returning Consumers	Number of Consumers	Number of HoH's	% of Consumers
Black, African American, or African	12	12	43%
White	7	7	25%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	7	3	25%
Multi-Racial	0	0	0%
Asian or Asian American	1	1	3.5%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	1	3.5%
Missing (N/A)	0	0	0%
Total (unduplicated)	28	24	100%

Table 10: Race Breakdown of Consumers Returning to System of Care



Ethnicity of Returning Consumers	Number of Consumers	Number of HoH's	% of Consumers
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	25	21	89%
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	3	3	11%
Missing (N/A)	0	0	0%
Total (unduplicated)	28	24	100%

Table 11: Ethnicity Breakdown of Consumers Returning to System of Care

In-flow and Out-flow by Race/Ethnicity

Summarizing the Quarter 2 findings presented above, the system of care was comprised of 5,010 unique consumers, 813 consumers were new to the system, 1,524 consumers left the system, and 28 consumers returned within a year from an exit to a stably housed destination (Figure 1).

Overview of System Utilization (Unique Consumers)

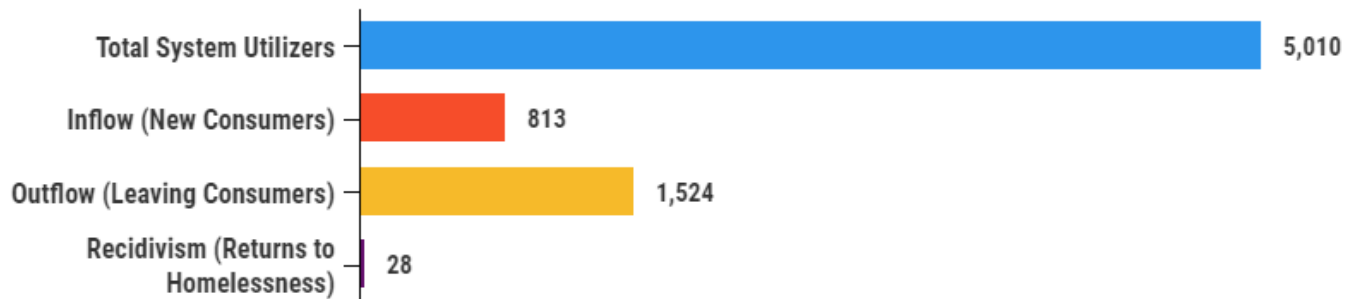


Figure 1: Overview of System Utilization (unique consumers)

There are differences by race and ethnicity for system utilizers, in-flow, out-flow, and returns to the homelessness system of care, as shown in Figure 2.

System Inflow & Outflow Overview by Race/Ethnicity (Unique Consumers)

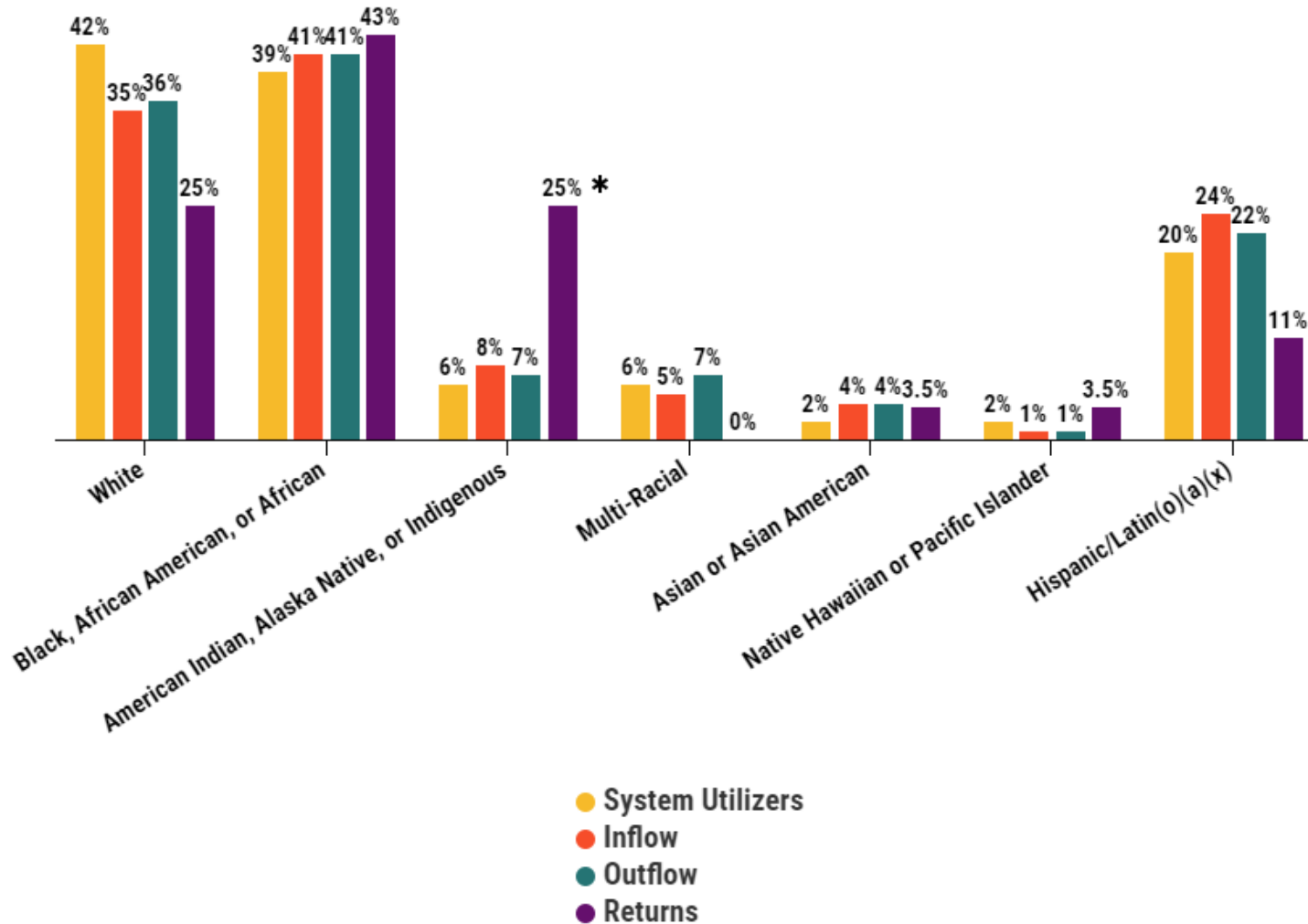


Figure 2: System Utilization by Race & Ethnicity

*Due to the low number of total consumers returning to the system (n=28), the percentage of the American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous population returning to the system (n=7) appears to be disproportionately high compared to the total number of system utilizers of this race (n=324). It is important to consider this context when making policy decisions or conclusions from this data.



Methods & Definitions

Data Quality & Analysis

- Please be advised that the reporting algorithms used to pull this data have changed since Quarter 1, and we therefore do not recommend drawing conclusions between the two quarters at this time. As the report methodology is further refined and solidified, trend analyses will be included in the report body. Further, the HMIS is a live and shared database; numbers are potentially subject to minor fluctuations at any given time, should the report be rerun for the same time period. This could be due to retroactive data entry or data clean-up work.

Head of Household (HoH)

- The Head of Household (HoH) is one member of a household to whom all other household members can be associated. A household can be a single individual or a group of persons who apply together to a continuum project for assistance and who live together in one dwelling unit, or, for persons who are not housed, who would live together in one dwelling unit if they were housed. For the purpose of this report, the demographic data of the HoH represents the entire household.

Race Definitions (as defined by the Dept of Housing and Urban Development)

- American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous: A person having origins to any of the indigenous peoples of North and South America, including Central America.
- Asian or Asian American: A person having origins of Asian descent, including but not limited to Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Pakistani, Vietnamese, or another representative nation/region.
- Black, African American, or African: A person having origins to any of the Black racial groups of Africa, including Afro-Caribbean.
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the indigenous peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or another Pacific Island.
- Multi-Racial: A person who identifies as more than one race.
- White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.

Ethnicity

- Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x): A person of Central American, Latin American, or South American origin, separate from race.



Program Type Categories

- The Program Type Categories included in this report are Prevention and Diversion, Literally Homeless, and Permanent Housing. Coordinated Entry has been excluded from this analysis due to pending system wide decisions around inclusion/exclusion criteria, as well as data completion concerns. The system utilization numbers in this report will be noticeably lower compared to Quarter 1, which did include Coordinated Entry data.
 - Prevention and Diversion:
 - An enrollment into a Homeless Prevention program.
 - Literally Homeless:
 - An enrollment in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, or Street Outreach project.
 - An enrollment in a Services Only project with no move-in date recorded, and with a housing status not equal to “stably housed”.
 - Permanent Housing:
 - An enrollment in Rapid Re-Housing or Permanent Housing.
 - An enrollment in Street Outreach or Services Only project while stably housed, according to the housing status question.

Exit Destination Categories

- The specific exit destinations that fall under each category are listed below:
 - Temporary:
 - Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter, Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility, Host Home (non-crisis), Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher, Moved from one HOPWA funded project to HOPWA TH, Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility, Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility, Staying or living with family, temporary tenure (e.g. room, apartment or house), Staying or living with friends, temporary tenure (e.g. room, apartment or house), Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth), Safe Haven, Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria, Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center.
 - Permanent:



- Long-term care facility or nursing home, Rental by client in a public housing unit, Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy, Rental by client, with GPD TIP housing subsidy, Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy, Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy, Moved from one HOPWA funded project to HOPWA PH, Rental by client, with HCV voucher (tenant or project based), Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy, Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy, Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy, Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons, Staying or living with friends, permanent tenure, Foster care home or foster care group home, Staying or living with family, permanent tenure.
- Unsheltered:
 - Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside).
- Other/Unknown:
 - Client doesn't know, Client refused, Data not collected, Deceased, Other, or No exit interview completed.



APPENDIX B

Commonly Used Acronyms and Terms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
BOS	Board of Supervisors (Contra Costa County)
BCSH	California Business Consumer, Services and Housing Agency
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCACS/CCYCS	Contra Costa Adult Continuum of Service/ Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services (H3 programs)
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
COH	Council on Homelessness
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CES/CE	Coordinated Entry
CNWS	Concord Naval Weapons Station
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DCD	Contra Costa Department of Conservation and Development
DOC	Department Operations Center
CDSS	California Department of Social Services
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HCFC	Housing Coordinating and Financing Council (state governing board under BCSH)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (state funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (state funding);



HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
Homekey	California funding to support development of interim and permanent housing
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
PHA	Public Housing Authority
Project Roomkey	COVID-related State funding program to support decongregating homeless shelters using hotels/motels.
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
RFP/RFQ/LOI	Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications/Letter of Intent related to funding opportunities
RRH	Rapid Rehousing
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

Contra Costa County COVID-19 Resources:

Please see below for additional resources on COVID-19.

Health Services COVID Data Dashboard- <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/dashboard>

Health Services Homeless Specific Data Dashboard- <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/homeless-dashboard>

Health Services COVID Updates- <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/health-services-updates>

Health Services Homeless-Specific COVID Resources [-https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/for-the-home](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/for-the-home)