



HOMELESSNESS IN LINCOLN

Center on Children, Families, and the Law

HOMELESS DATA , SYSTEM PERFORMANCE & COORDINATED ENTRY

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❑ Data Resources

- Homeless Point in Time Count (PIT)
- Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)
- UNL-CCFL & HMIS

❑ CoC System Performance Measures

❑ Homeless Coordinated Entry





Ensuring Everyone Counts

The UNL-CCFL Community Services Management Information System (CS-MIS) provides basic and emergency needs service provider agencies throughout the State of Nebraska with a comprehensive array of resources to establish and implement a powerful web-based client tracking, case management, and reporting data system.

UNL-CCFL CS-MIS provides agencies with the infrastructure, software, ongoing training, data system technical assistance, to ensure that your consumers are served with the most complete and comprehensive data system to assist in provision of the most effective and efficient service provision and case management.

UNL-CCFL CS-MIS also provides technical assistance and guidance to programs, agencies, and communities related to the evaluation of service programs and community research in the assessment of needs, service gaps, consumer outcomes, and system change.

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Point in Time Count

- Single night count of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless
- Always during the last 10 days of January

Annual Homeless Assessment Report

- Annual count of sheltered homeless entered into HMIS (October 1st through September 30th)
- Does not include unsheltered

System Performance Measures

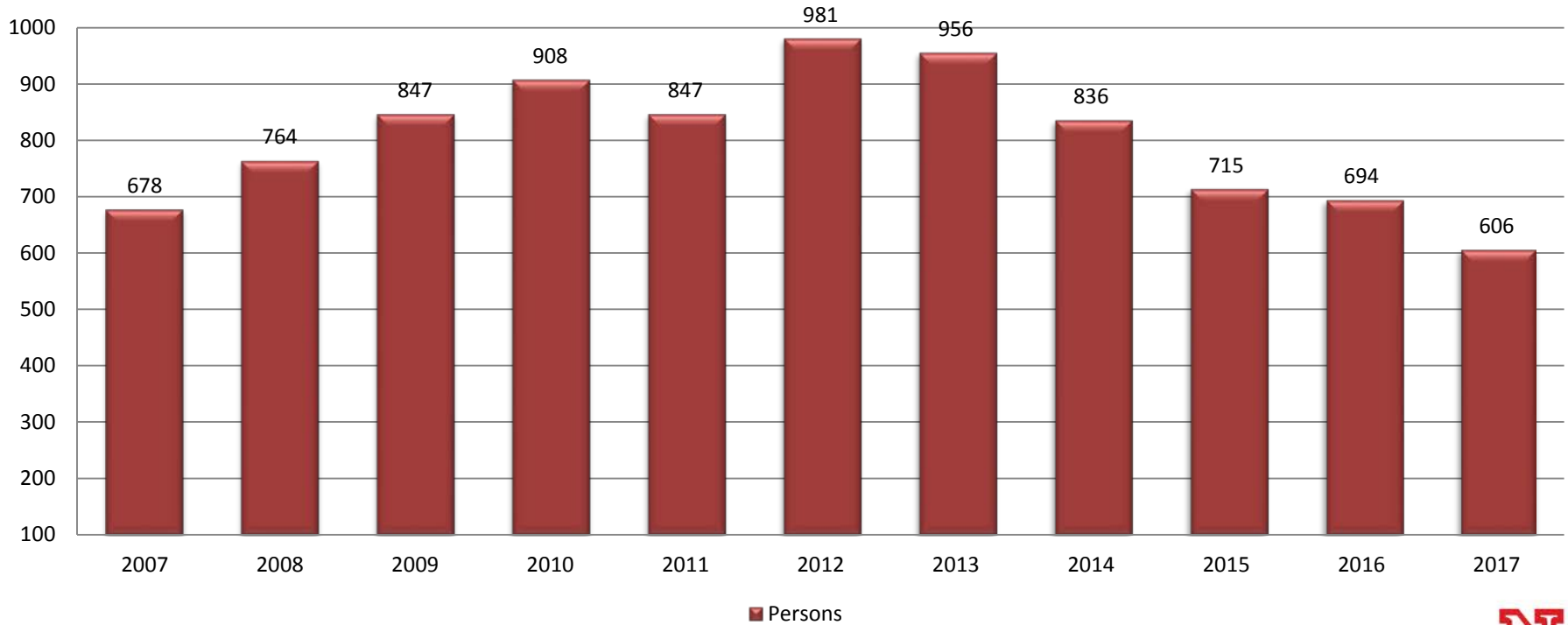
- Seven measures from HMIS data to assess CoC performance



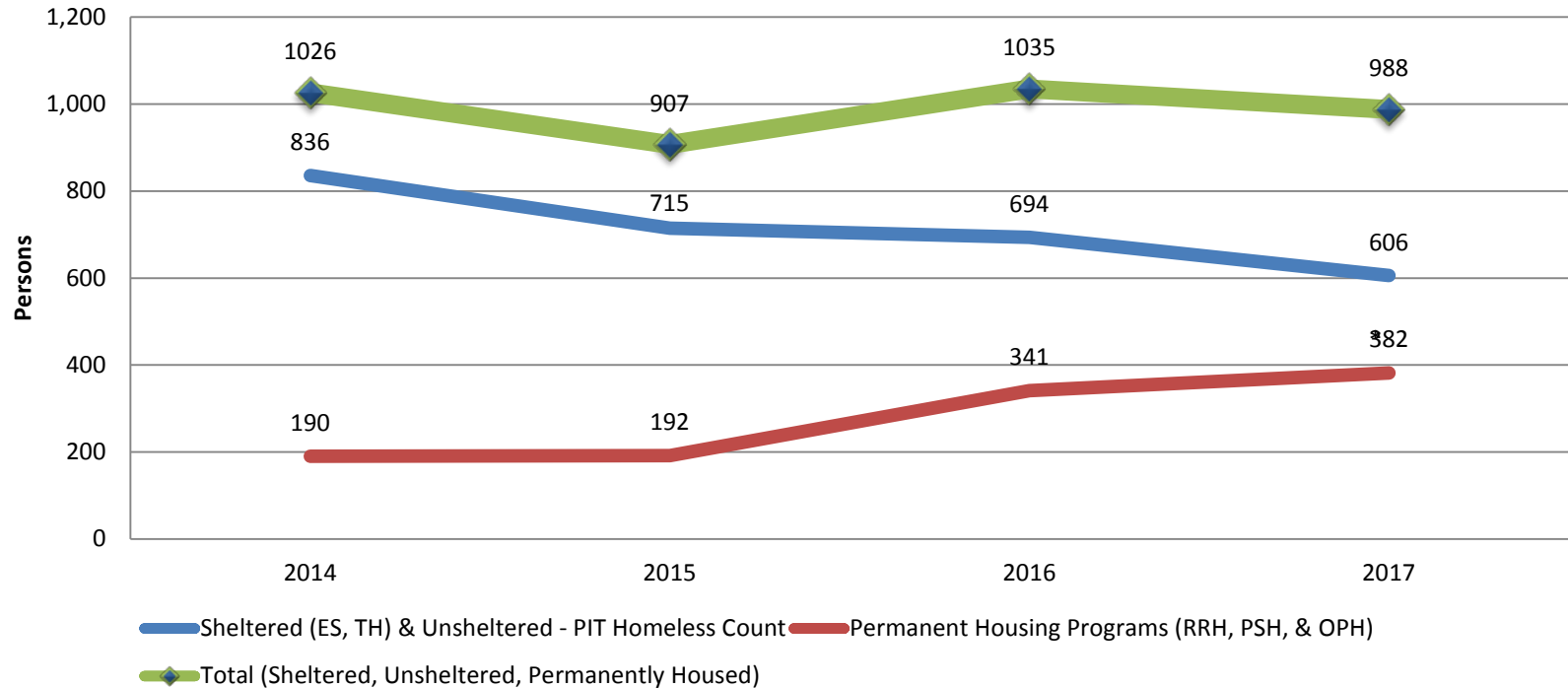
Lincoln Homeless Point in Time Count

Homeless Persons 2007 - 2017

Current PIT conducted January 24th, 2017



Lincoln Homeless and Formerly Homeless Persons Unsheltered, Sheltered, Permanently Housed: January 28th 2016



ANNUAL HOMELESS ASSESSMENT REPORT

Reporting Year: 10/1/2015 - 9/30/2016

Site: City of Lincoln

	Persons in Families in Emergency Shelters	Persons in Families in Transitional Housing	Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing	Individuals in Emergency Shelters	Individuals in Transitional Housing**	Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing	Estimated Total Number of Homeless Persons Across Reporting Categories*
<i>Total Count for Period</i>	442	214	37	1,260	703	155	2,811



SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Measure 1: Length of time persons remain homeless

Measure 2: Extent to which persons who exit homelessness to permanent housing return to homelessness

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Measure 4: Employment and Income growth for homeless persons in CoC projects

Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the first time

Measure 6: Homeless prevention & placement of Category 3 homeless

Measure 7: Placement from Street Outreach



SYS PM #1 LENGTH OF TIME HOMELESS

LNK	Previous FY Universe	Current FY Universe	Previous FY Average LOT Homeless	Current FY Average LOT Homeless	Difference	Previous FY Median Homeless	Current FY Median LOT Homeless	Difference
Persons in ES and SH	1803	1714	112	144	32	32	42	10
Persons in ES, SH, and TH	2412	2355	170	190	20	64	70	6



SYS PM #2 EXTENT PERSON RETURN TO HOMELESSNESS

LNK	Total Number of Persons who Exited to Permanent Housing Destination (2Years Prior)	Number Returning to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0-180 days)	Percentage of Returns in Less than 6 Months (0-180 days)	Number Returning to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181-365 days)	Percentage of Returns from 6 to 12 Months (181-365 days)	Number Returning to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366-730 days)	Percentage of Returns from 13 to 24 Months (366-730 days)	Number of Returns in 2 Years	Percentage of Returns in 2 Years
Exit from SO	7	1	14.29%	1	14.29%	2	28.57%	4	57.14%
Exit from ES	301	29	9.63%	17	5.65%	20	6.64%	66	21.93%
Exit from TH	258	17	6.59%	17	6.59%	15	5.81%	49	18.99%
Exits from all PH	91	2	2.20%	7	7.69%	7	7.69%	16	17.58%
TOTAL Returns	657	49	7.46%	42	6.39%	44	6.70%	135	20.55%



SYS PM #5 PERSON HOMELESS FOR FIRST TIME

	Previous FY	Current FY	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period	2242	2297	55
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year	693	688	-5
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e., number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	1549	1609	60



COORDINATED ENTRY

- Homeless CoCs are required by HUD to establish a Coordinated Entry System 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8)
- Effective Coordinated Entry is a critical component to any community's efforts to end homelessness.
- Goals of Coordinated Entry are that homeless assistance be allocated as effectively and efficiently as possible and be easily accessible no matter where or how people present.



LINCOLN COORDINATED ENTRY

Full Implementation:

October 1st 2017

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PRINCIPLES OF COORDINATED ENTRY

- Re-orientes service provision to create a client focused environment
- Identifies strategies which are best for each household based on the data and knowledge of the full array of services available
- Links the household to the most appropriate intervention that will assist the household to resolve the housing crisis
- Housing First approach



HOUSING FIRST

Housing First is a homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing people experiencing homelessness with permanent housing as quickly as possible – **and then** providing **voluntary** supportive services as needed.



ALL DOORS LEAD HOME LNK COORDINATED ENTRY - MOST VULNERABLE REVIEW TEAM (MVRT)

- Universal Access
 - ✓ Implemented a “No Wrong Door” access model – all housing service providers act as entry to PSH coordinated entry system (September 2015)
- Universal Assessment (October 2014)
 - ✓ Implemented the VI-SPDAT as the common, standardized pre-screen intake assessment



ALL DOORS LEAD HOME COORDINATED ENTRY

- Standardized Prioritization – PSH Priority Scoring
 - ✓ Prioritization Scoring for PSH based upon
 - 1) Chronic status
 - 2) VI-SPDAT
 - 3) Months Continuously homeless
 - 4) DV Status



ALL DOORS LEAD HOME

- Universal Referral Process
 - ✓ Available PSH units are allocated & offered based upon priority rank regardless of location within COC



VULNERABILITY INDEX – SERVICE PRIORITIZATION DECISION ASSISTANCE TOOL – VI-SPDAT

- VI-SPDAT is a self-report, pre-screen, intake assessment used to triage homeless persons for vulnerability and most appropriate further housing placement assessment.
- BOS and LNK use the VI-SPDAT as the standard assessment tool to screen for initial referral to the Most Vulnerable Review Team (MVRT) and further housing assessment needs.

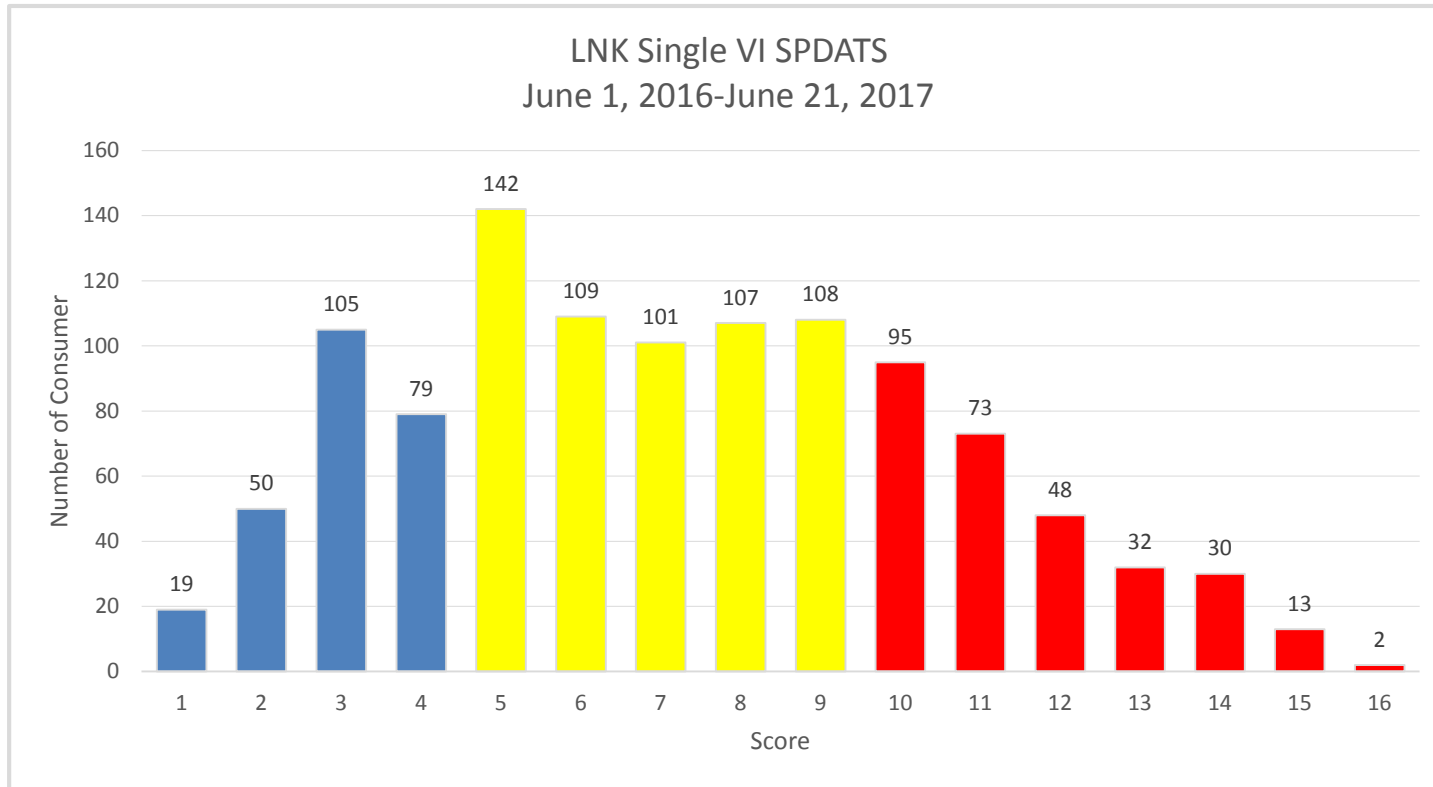


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- VI-SPDAT scores range from 0 to 17 with higher scores indicating higher levels of vulnerability.
- BOS & LNK have set a VI-SPDAT score of 10 or greater as the initial criteria for referral to the MVRT and possible PSH referral and placement.
- VI-SPDAT scores from 5 to 9 are to be assessed for possible referral to RRH.
- Homeless persons with lower scores are to be assessed for other housing options of less intensive type, including diversion.

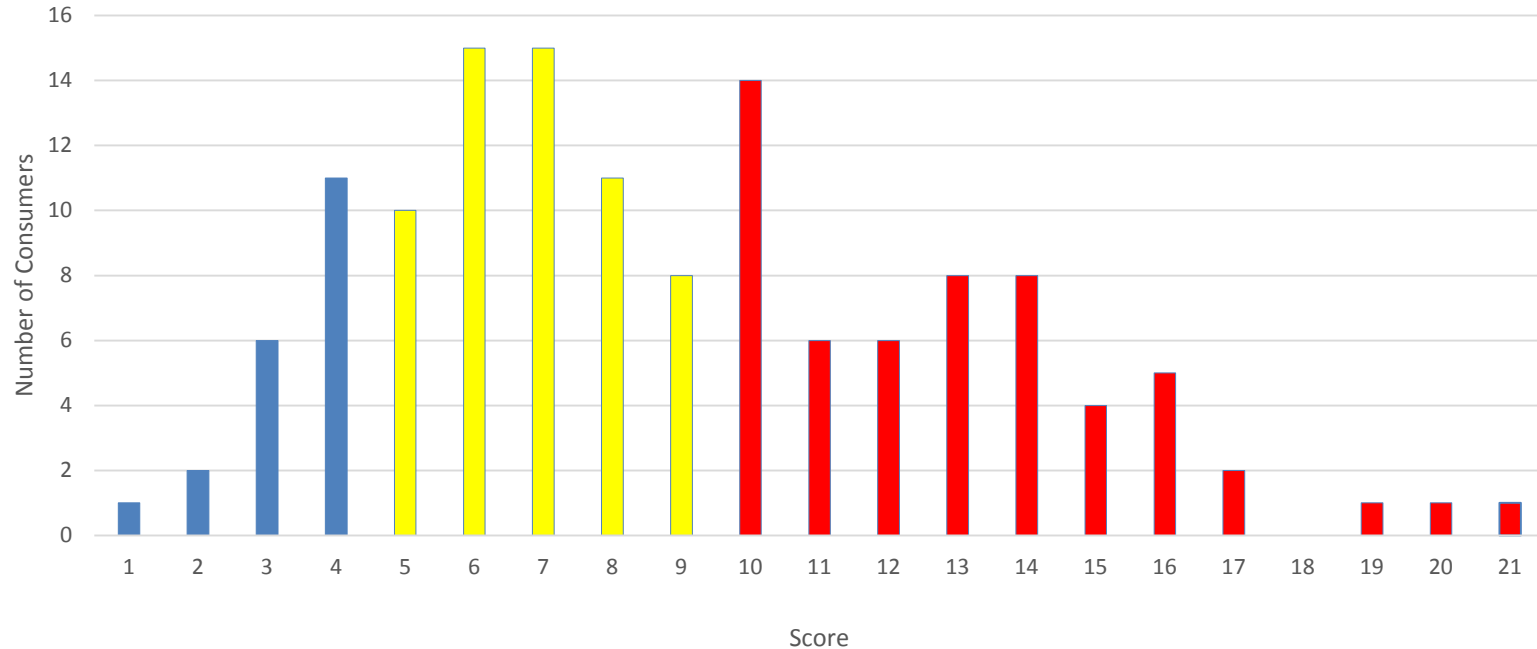


VI-SPDAT ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION

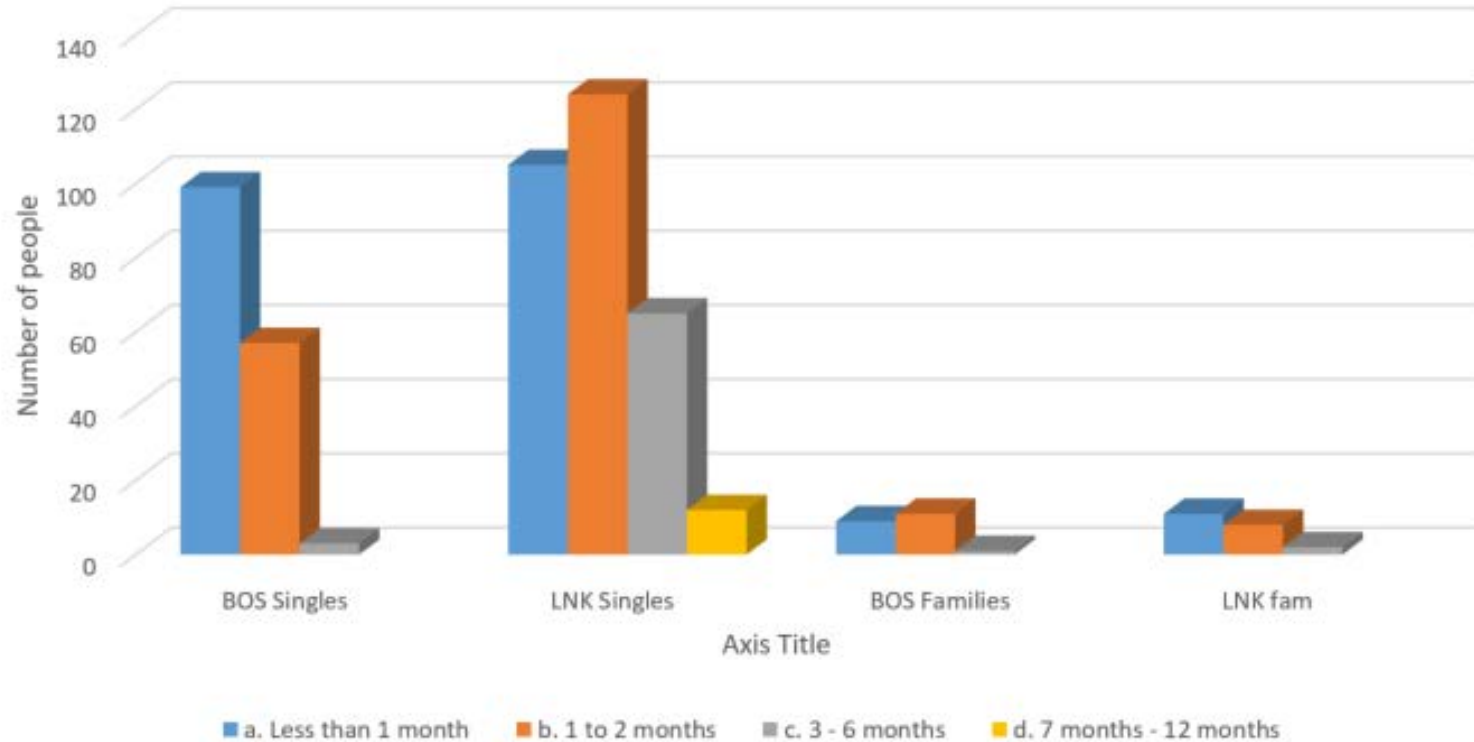


VI-SPDAT ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION

LNK Family VI SPDATS
June 1, 2016-June 21, 2017

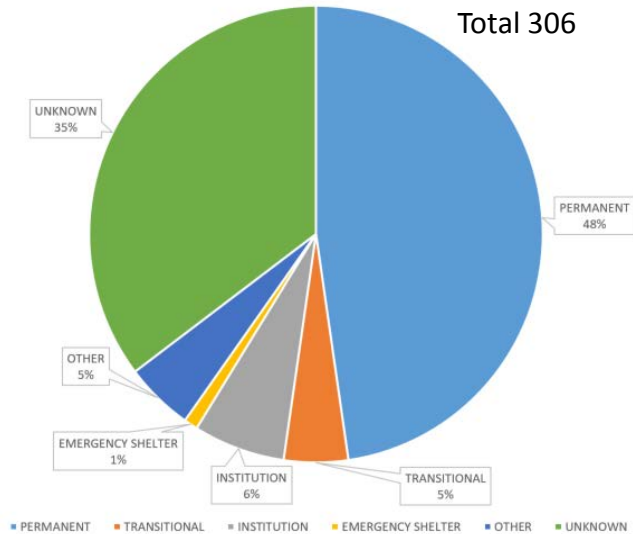


Average length of stay on MVRT

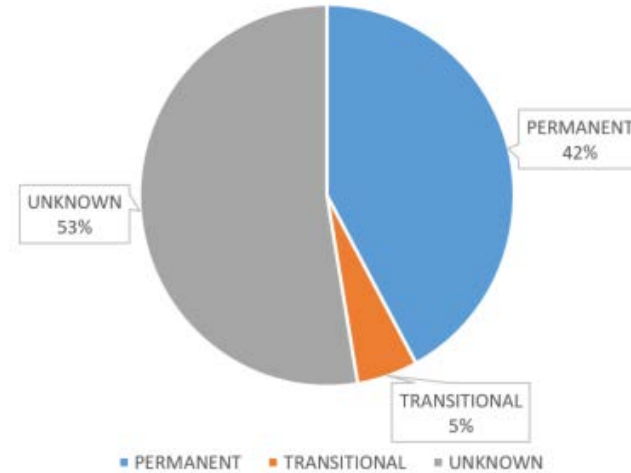


OUTCOMES FOR LNK MVRT

Singles Exits from LNK MVRT
10/1/15 through 6/5/17



Family Exits LNK MVRT
12/2016-6/5/17 Total 19



Questions and Comments

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