Homelessness in Sacramento County

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Homelessness is a housing-driven economic problem
homelessness happens when incomes don't match housing costs

In California…

shortage of over a 1,000,000 affordable and available rental units for extremely low income households

76% of extremely low income renters with severe cost burden

In Sacramento…

Working at minimum wage
$15.00/hour

Each <u>week</u> you have to work
63 hours

To afford a one-bedroom rental home at fair market value

Homeless Point-in-Time Count

Sacramento County, 2007-2022
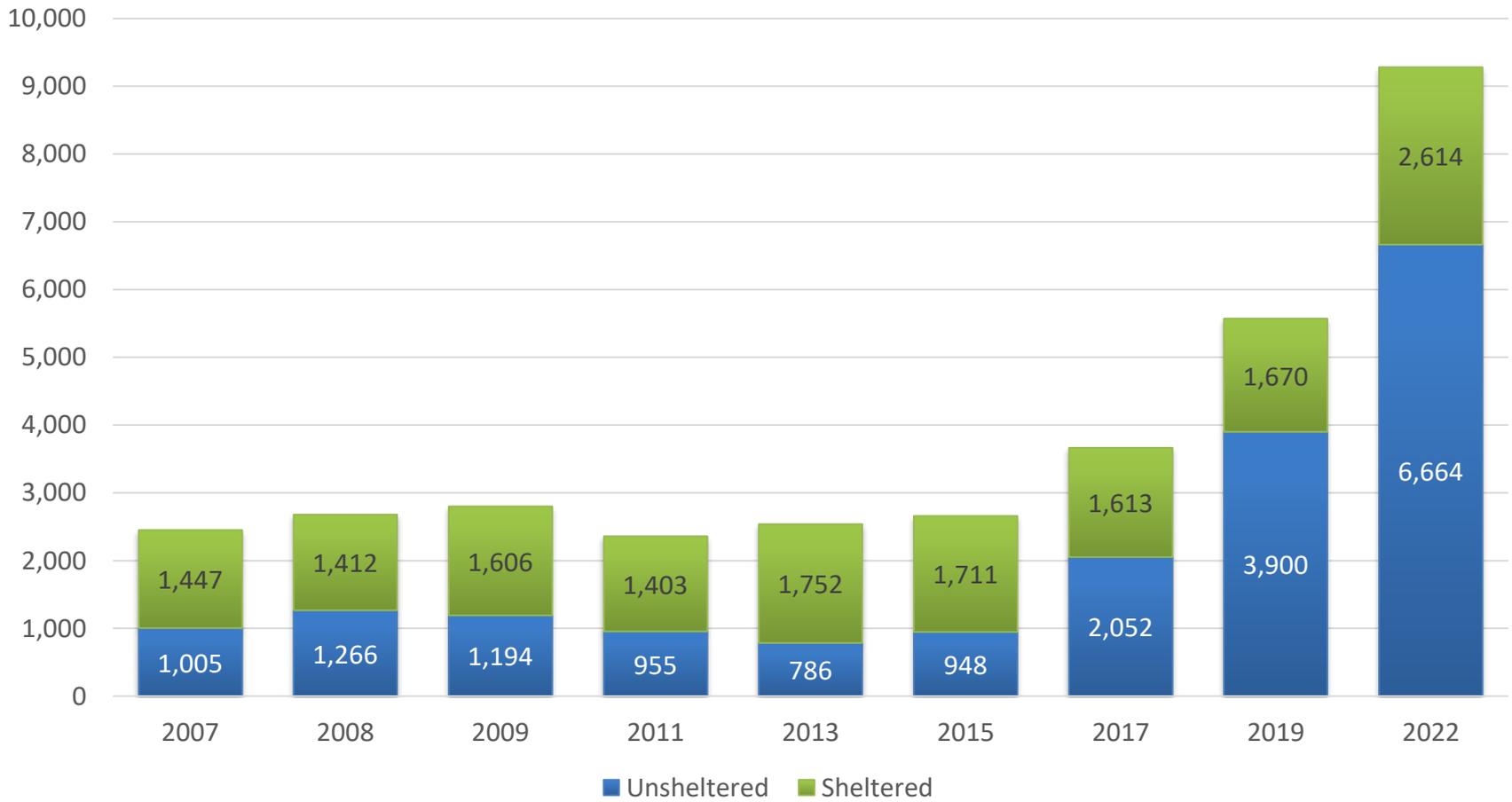
Unsheltered Homelessness

6,664 people were living unsheltered in Sacramento County on the night of the 2022 Point-in-Time count:

- 54% were persons of color

- 74% had been continuously homeless more than a year

- 58% report a disabling condition (mental or physical)

- 92% identify as being from the Sacramento region

44% of the unsheltered population report lack of affordable housing as key issues impacting their ability to exit homelessness

Sacramento Homeless System Capacity

42% of the system capacity is temporary shelter or transitional housing

58% of the system capacity is permanent housing
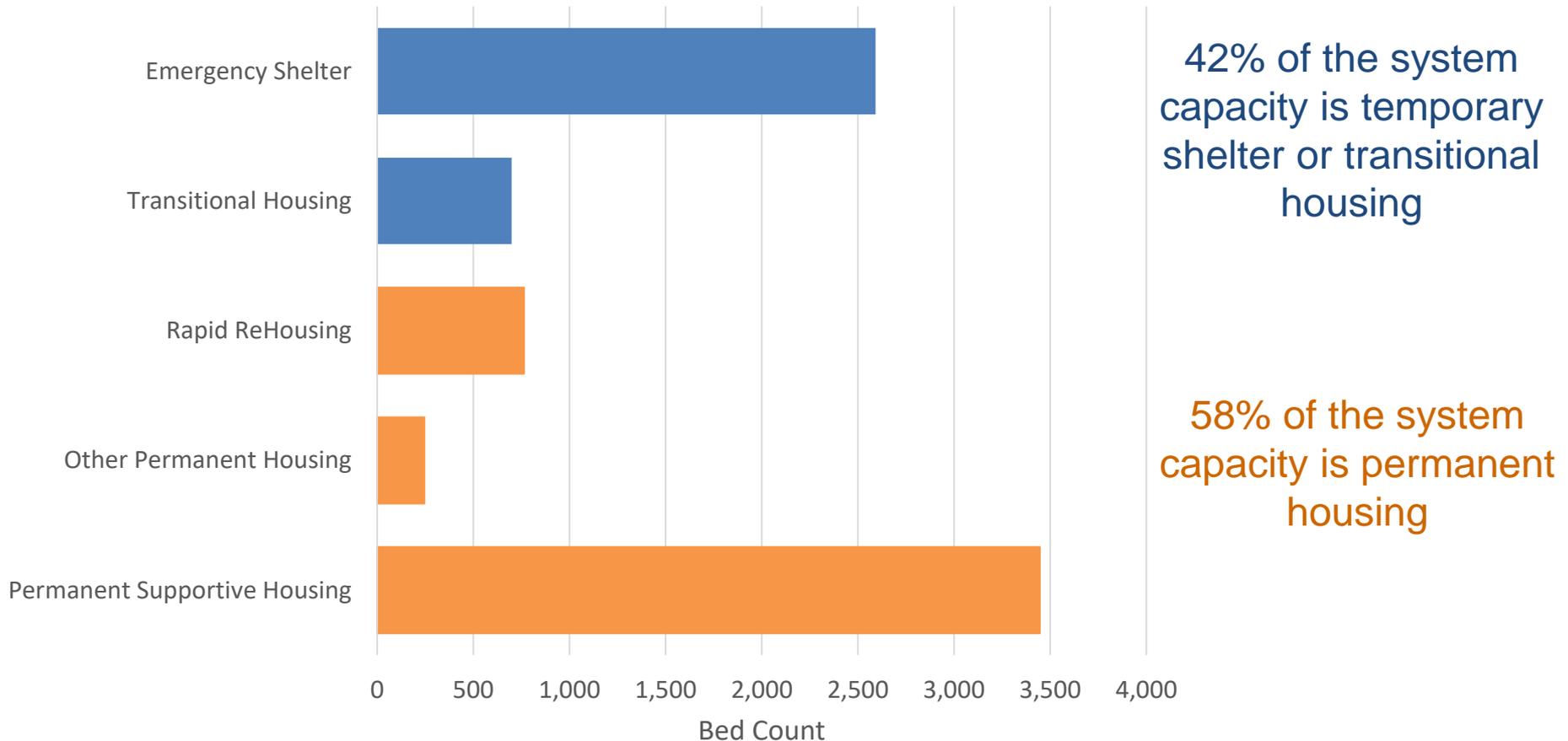
Family shelter and transitional capacity as well as permanent housing typically measured in units, not beds; beds shown here to allow comparison across system and components.

Local Homelessness Action Plan

1. Build & scale a Coordinated Access System (CAS)

2. Ensure emergency shelter & interim housing is focused on rehousing

3. Increase permanent housing opportunities

4. Expand prevention & diversion programs

5. Invest in community capacity-building & training

6. Ensure adequate behavioral health services
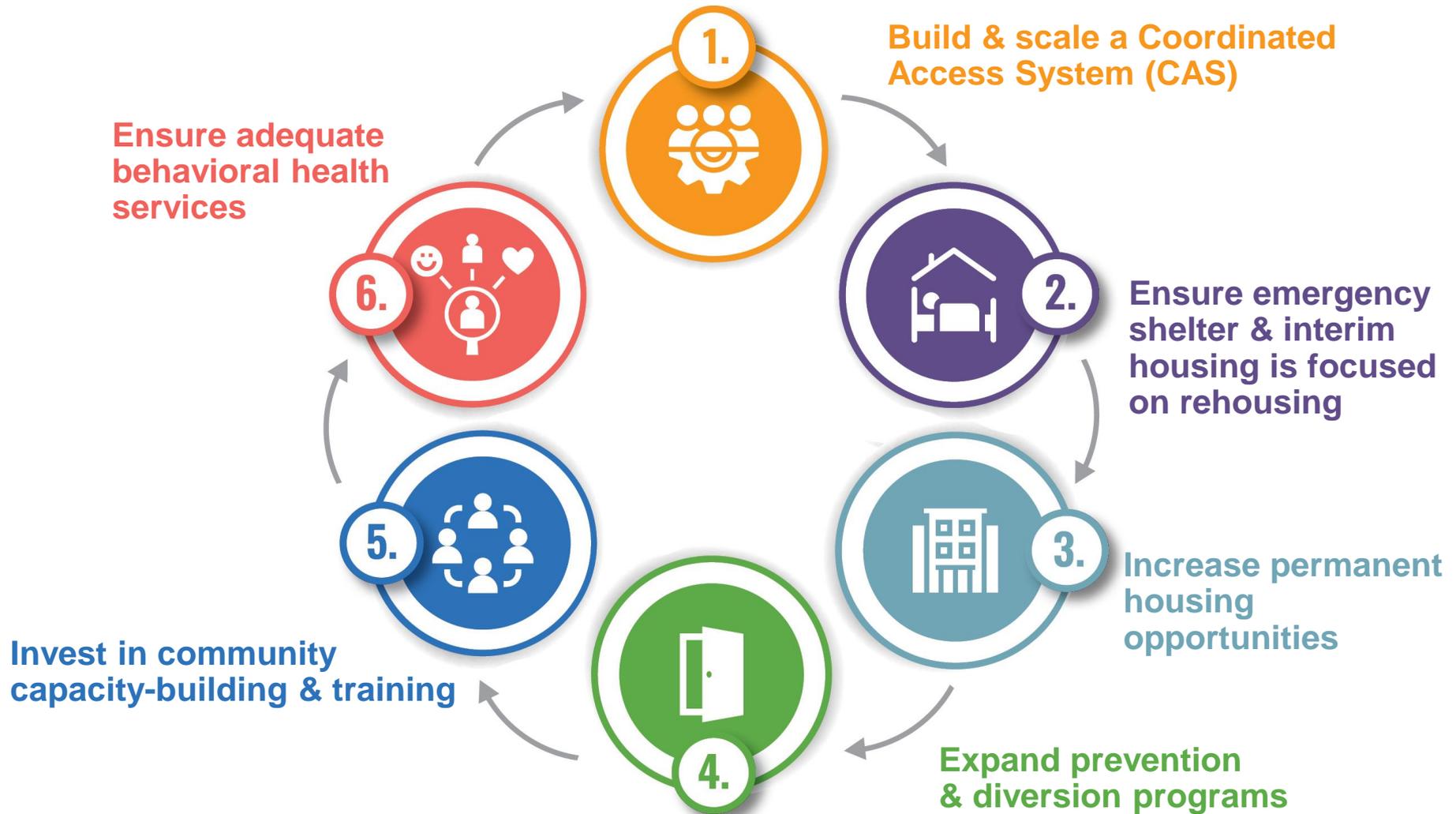
County Programs:
Outreach & Encampment Response

Encampment Services Team

- Proactive, targeted in encampments

- On-going engagement focused on ending homelessness

- Multi-disciplinary team response

- Flexible, real-time sheltering & re-housing

- Integration with CalAIM and medical services

Encampment Supports

- Sanitation Stations

- Water Delivery

- Debris Removal

County Programs:
Sheltering and Re-Housing

Safe Stay Communities

- Non-congregate, 'sleeping cabin' shelters
- Low/no barrier to entry
- Housing and service focused
- Addressing street homelessness in community

Landlord Engagement & Assistance Program (LEAP)

- Develop landlord pool
- Facilitate 'matches' to housing
- Address barriers & provide supports
- Increase efficacy of existing vouchers

System Improvement Opportunities

How do we better row in same direction?

- Balancing investments in shelter & housing approaches
- Clarity of jurisdictional and system partner roles

How do we improve impact of investments?

- Measuring impacts across different data systems
- Using common metrics to inform program & system improvement

Are we offering services that work for consumers?

- Access is complex and confusing
- Services offered may not match consumer needs/wants