



2022

# POINT IN TIME COUNT

February 23, 2022

Three County Continuum of Care  
Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire  
Counties of Western Massachusetts



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# Hampshire, Franklin, & Berkshire Counties



## 572

Total people experiencing  
homelessness

## 430

Individuals experiencing  
homelessness

## 142

People in families  
experiencing homelessness

## 67

People experiencing unsheltered  
homelessness

On the evening of February 23, 2022, shelter and street outreach providers, along with volunteers and numerous social service providers in Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties of Western Massachusetts went out to try and count everyone experiencing homelessness in the three counties. This count takes place throughout the nation each winter and the data in this report focuses solely on the three counties which make up the Three County CoC, MA-507. Data on sheltered homelessness was obtained through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and general population data for demographic comparisons was compiled using data available from the 2020 Census and 2020 American Communities Survey 5-year estimates on Census.gov.

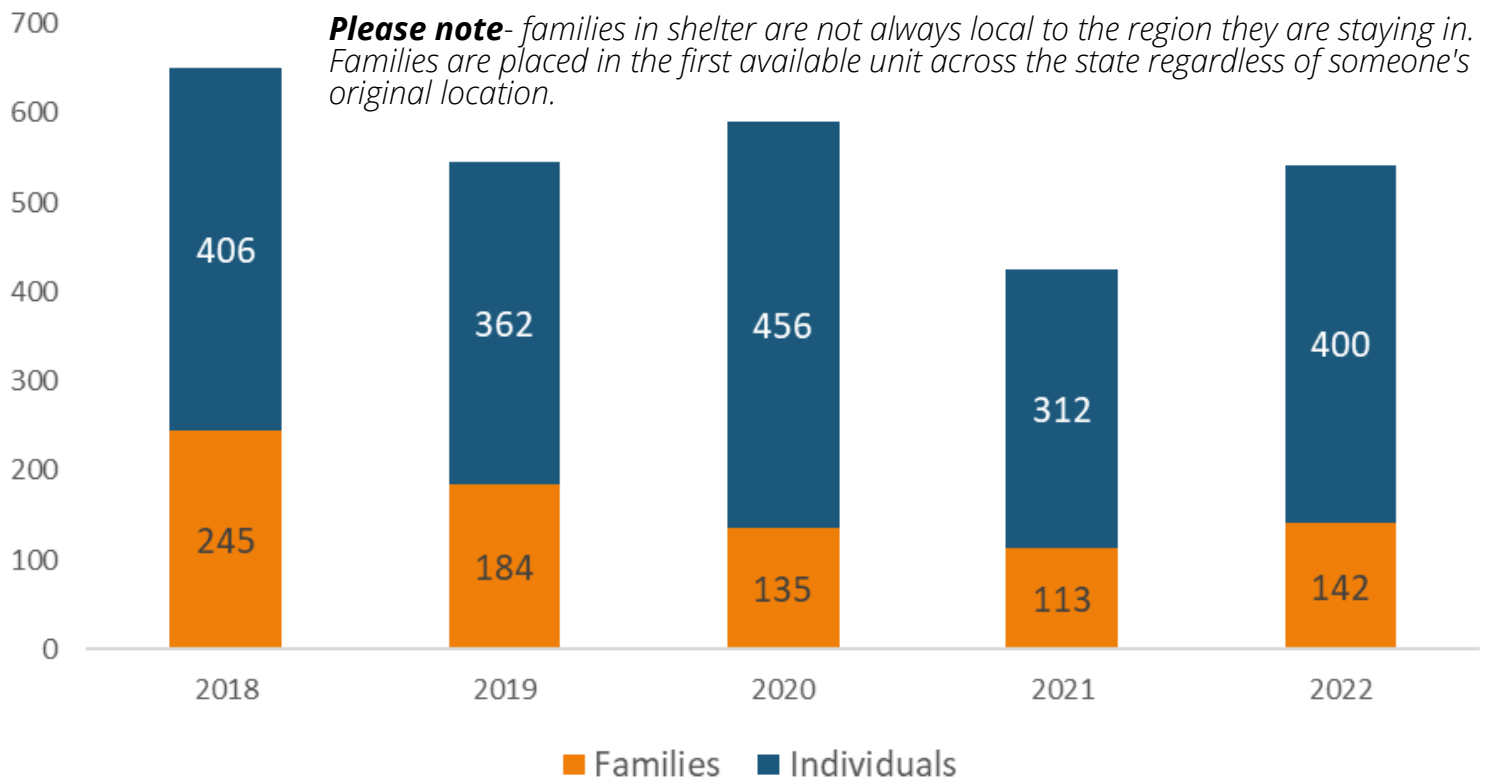
### Key Takeaways:

- There appears to be a drastic increase in chronic homelessness in 2022.
- For the first time since an influx of families arrived following Hurricane Maria in 2018, we are seeing an increase in family homelessness.
- There are considerable racial disparities between the general population and those who were experiencing homelessness on the night of the PIT count, especially among families.

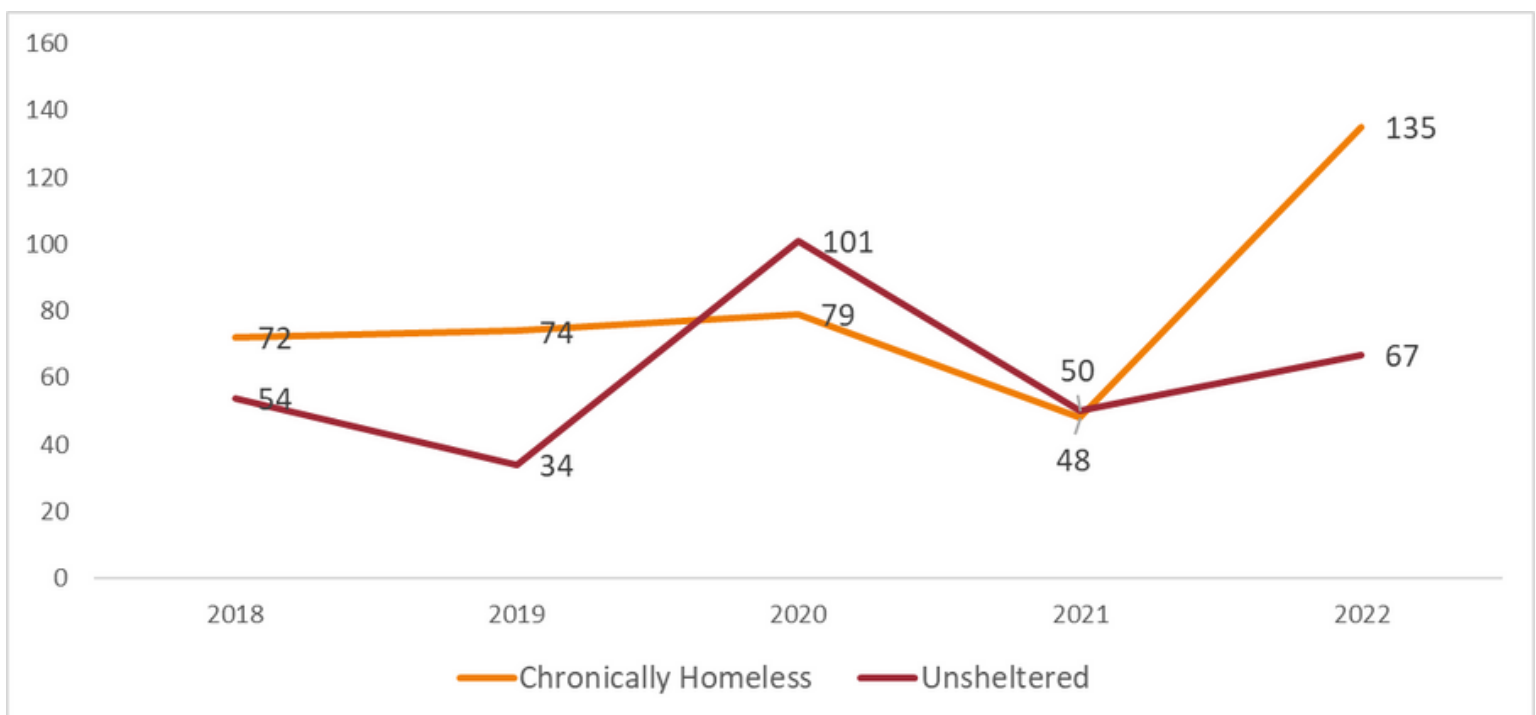
# Hampshire, Franklin, & Berkshire County Trends

## Trend: Three County Annual Homeless Counts 2018-2022

**Please note-** families in shelter are not always local to the region they are staying in. Families are placed in the first available unit across the state regardless of someone's original location.



## Trend: Three County Chronically Homeless and Unsheltered 2018-2022

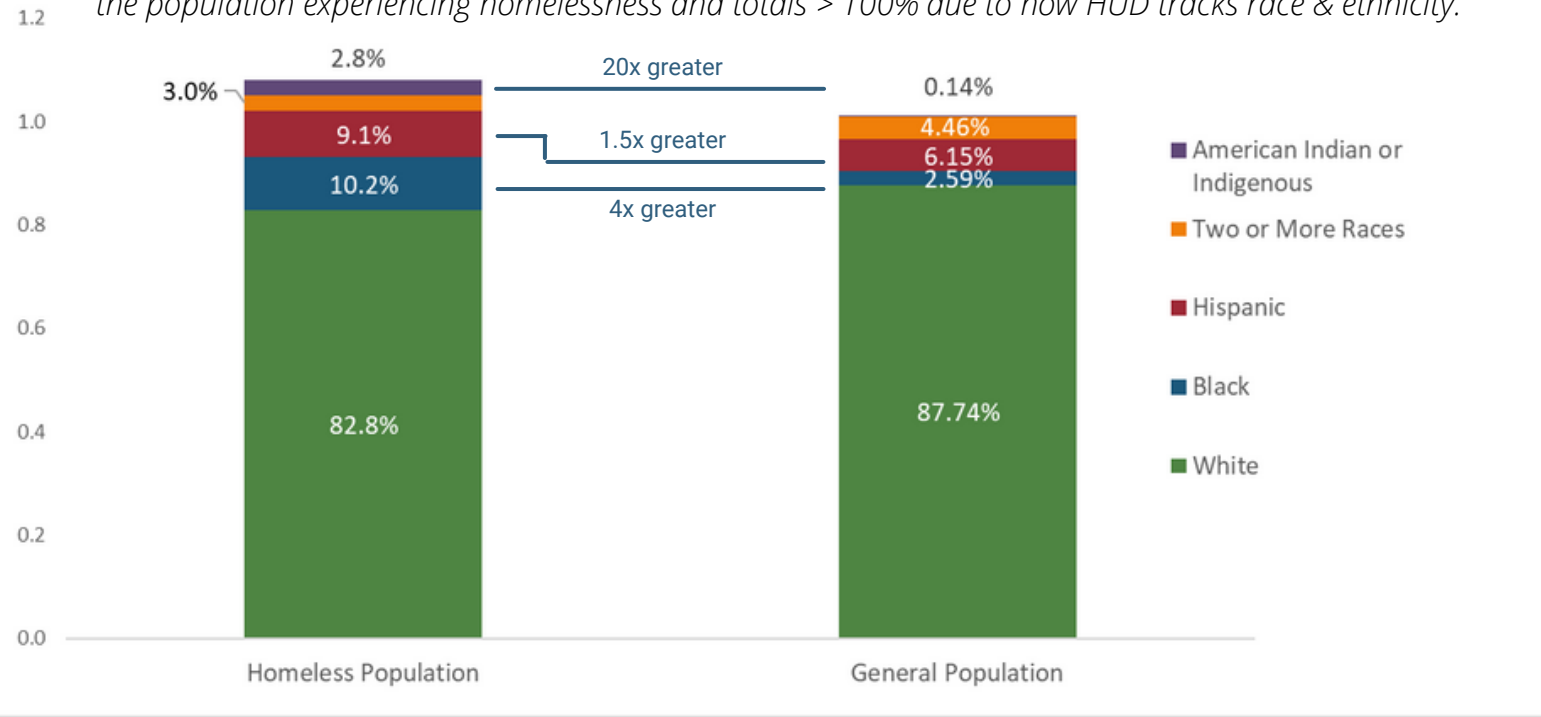


**Please note-** the 5 year trend data (for any population) do not include those experiencing homelessness under other definitions, there is a section looking at this group in more detail on pages 17 and 18.

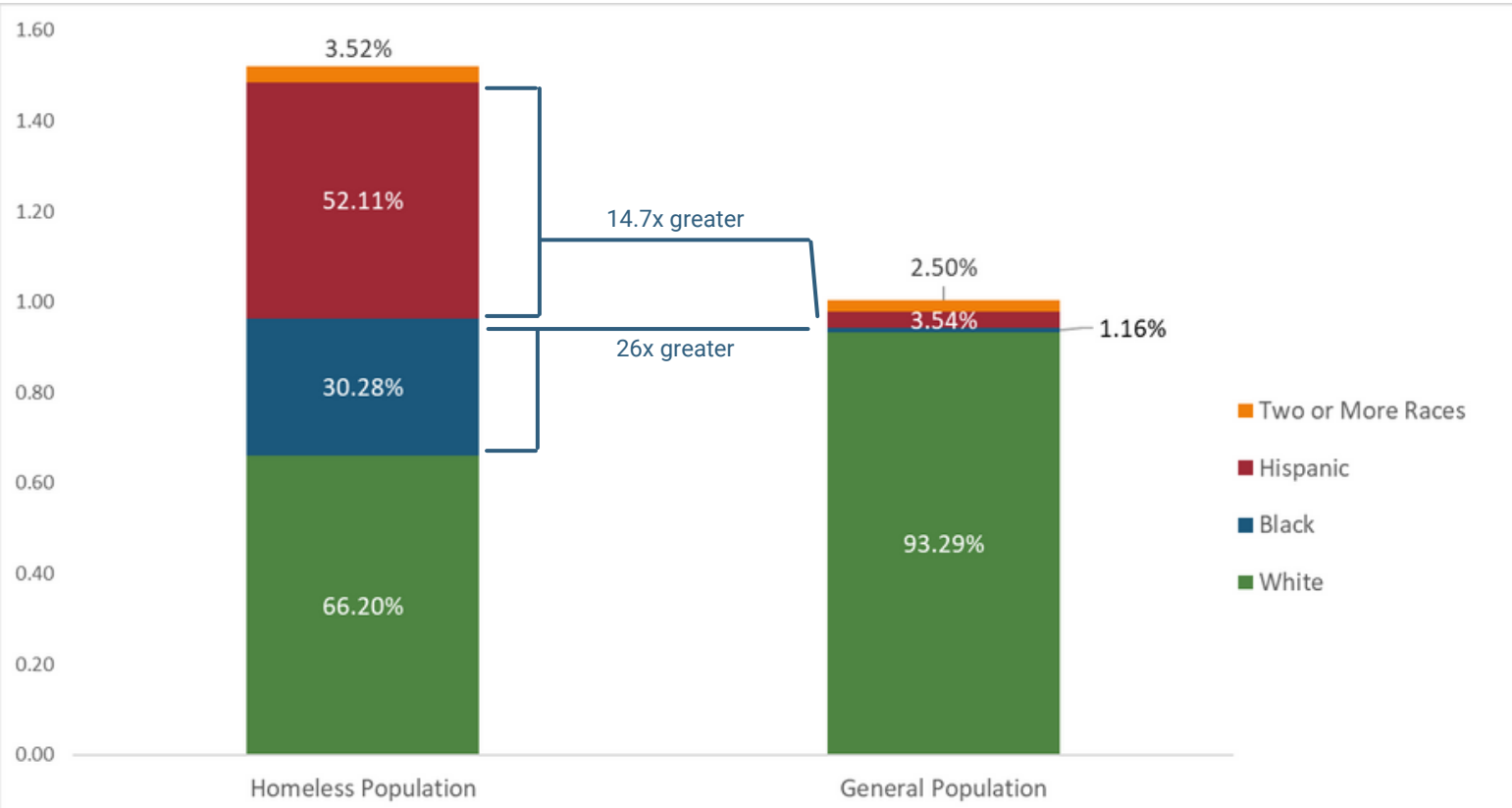
# Hampshire, Franklin, & Berkshire County Racial Disparities

## Racial Disparities in Individual Homelessness in Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties

**Please note-** In all disparities graphs within this document, populations not included represent <0.5% of the population experiencing homelessness and totals > 100% due to how HUD tracks race & ethnicity.

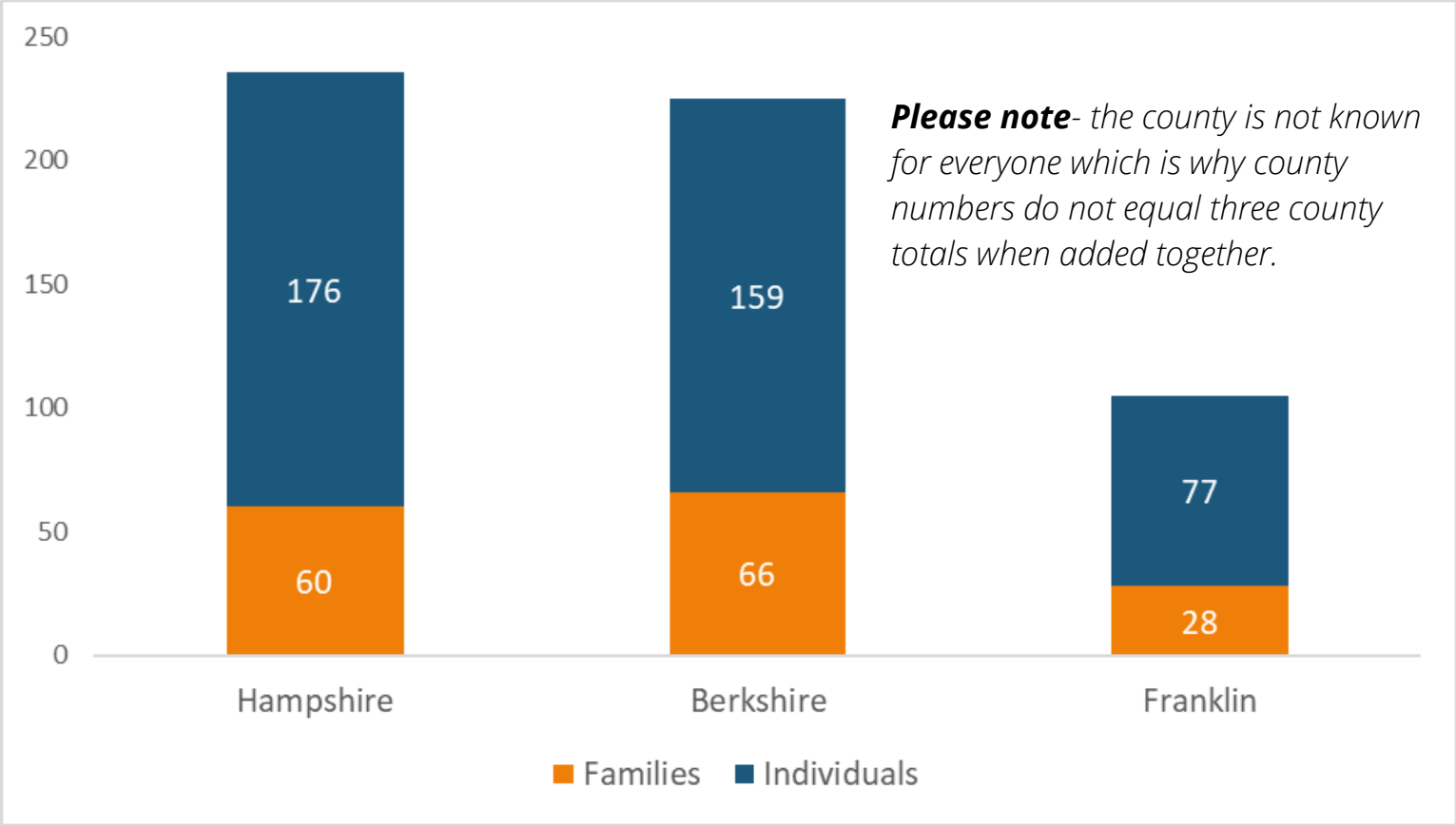


## Racial Disparities in Family Homelessness in Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties

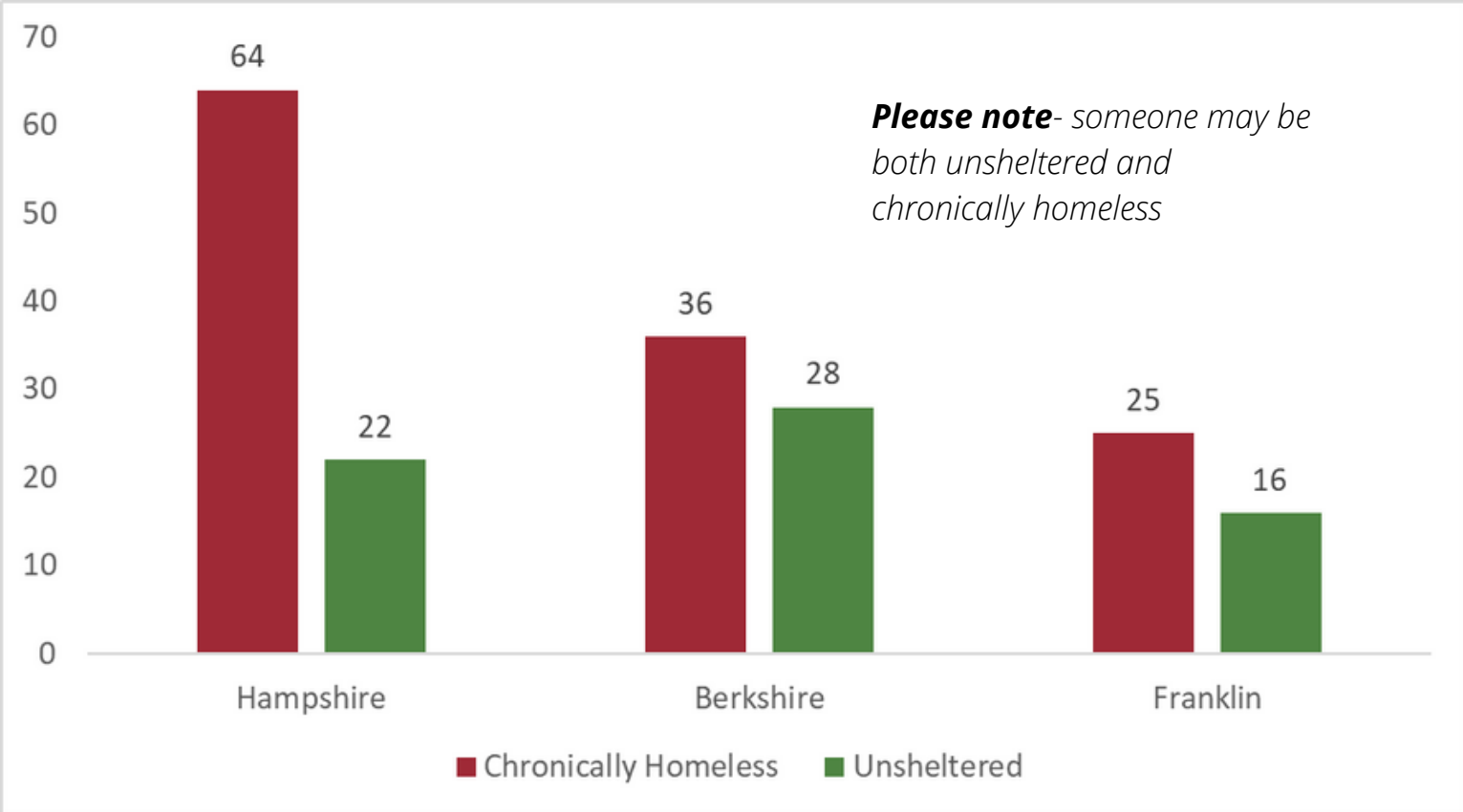


# Hampshire, Berkshire, & Franklin County Level Comparisons

Hampshire, Berkshire, and Franklin County Annual Homeless Count February 23, 2022



Hampshire, Berkshire, and Franklin Counties Chronically Homeless and Unsheltered February 23, 2022



# Hampshire County 2022 Point in Time Count

**236**

Total people experiencing  
homelessness

**176**

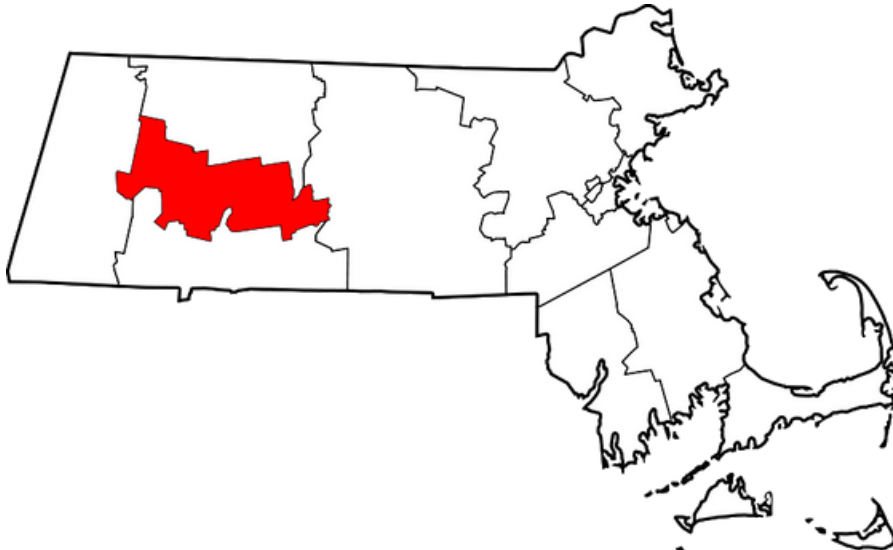
Individuals experiencing  
homelessness

**60**

People in families  
experiencing homelessness

**22**

People experiencing  
unsheltered homelessness



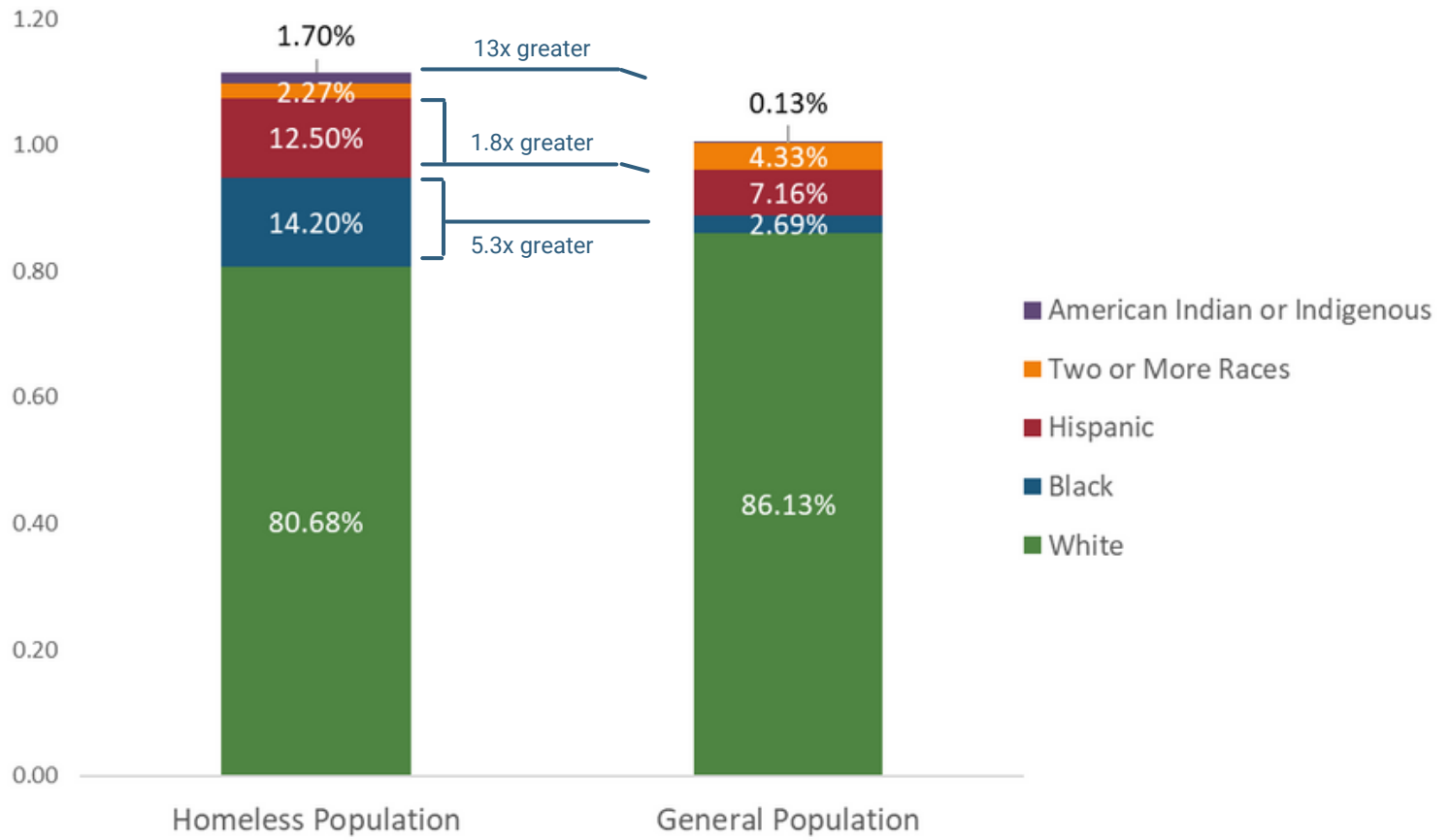
- Hampshire County has a population of 162,308<sup>1</sup>
- ~68% of units are owner occupied<sup>2</sup>
- The median household income is \$73,518 (2020 dollars)<sup>2</sup>
- 9.3% of people are considered to be in poverty<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Per the 2020 Census

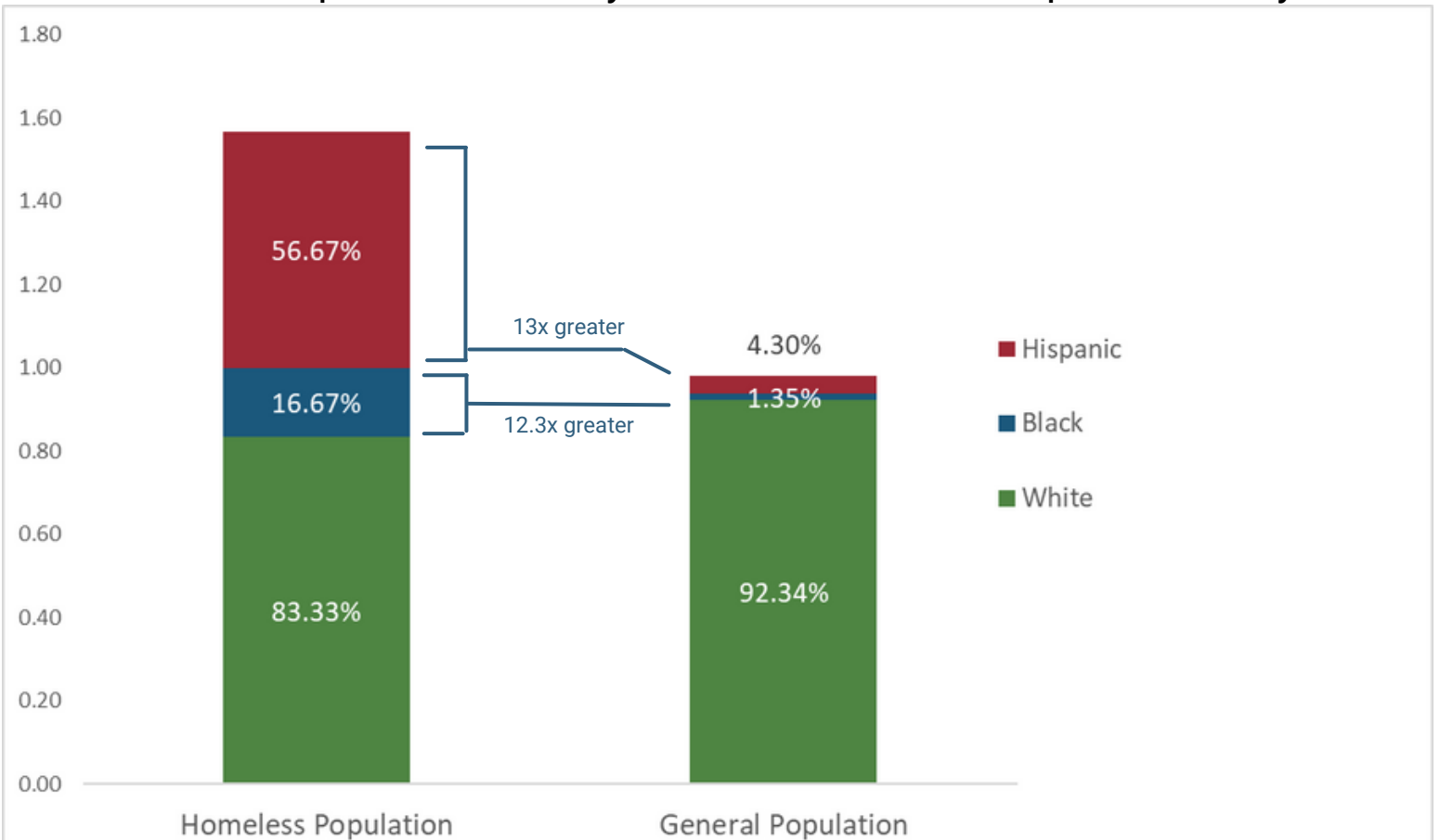
<sup>2</sup> ACS 2016-2020 5-year estimates

# Hampshire County Racial Disparities

## Racial Disparities in Individual Homelessness in Hampshire County



## Racial Disparities in Family Homelessness in Hampshire County



# Berkshire County 2022 Point in Time Count

**225**

Total people experiencing homelessness

**159**

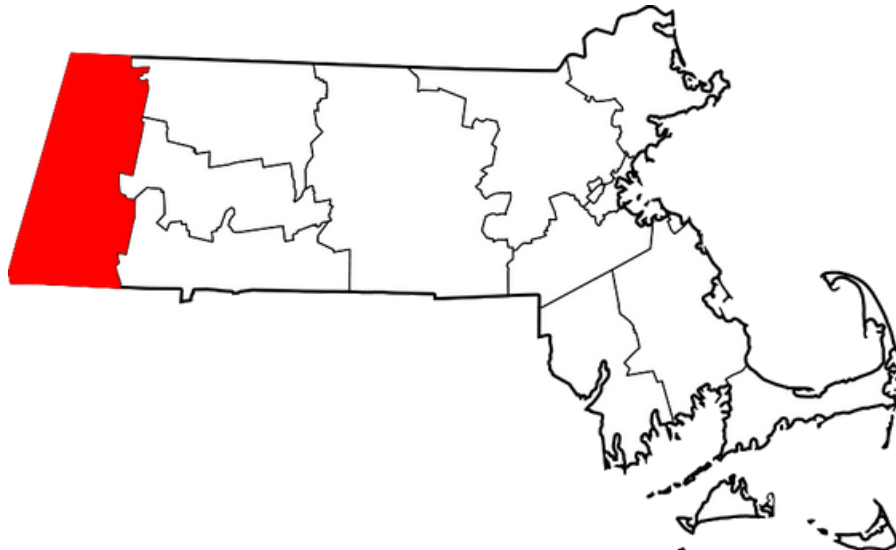
Individuals experiencing homelessness

**66**

People in families experiencing homelessness

**28**

People experiencing unsheltered homelessness



- Berkshire County has a population of 129,026 <sup>1</sup>
- 70% of units are owner occupied <sup>2</sup>
- The median household income is \$62,166 (2020 dollars) <sup>2</sup>
- 10% of people are considered to be in poverty <sup>2</sup>

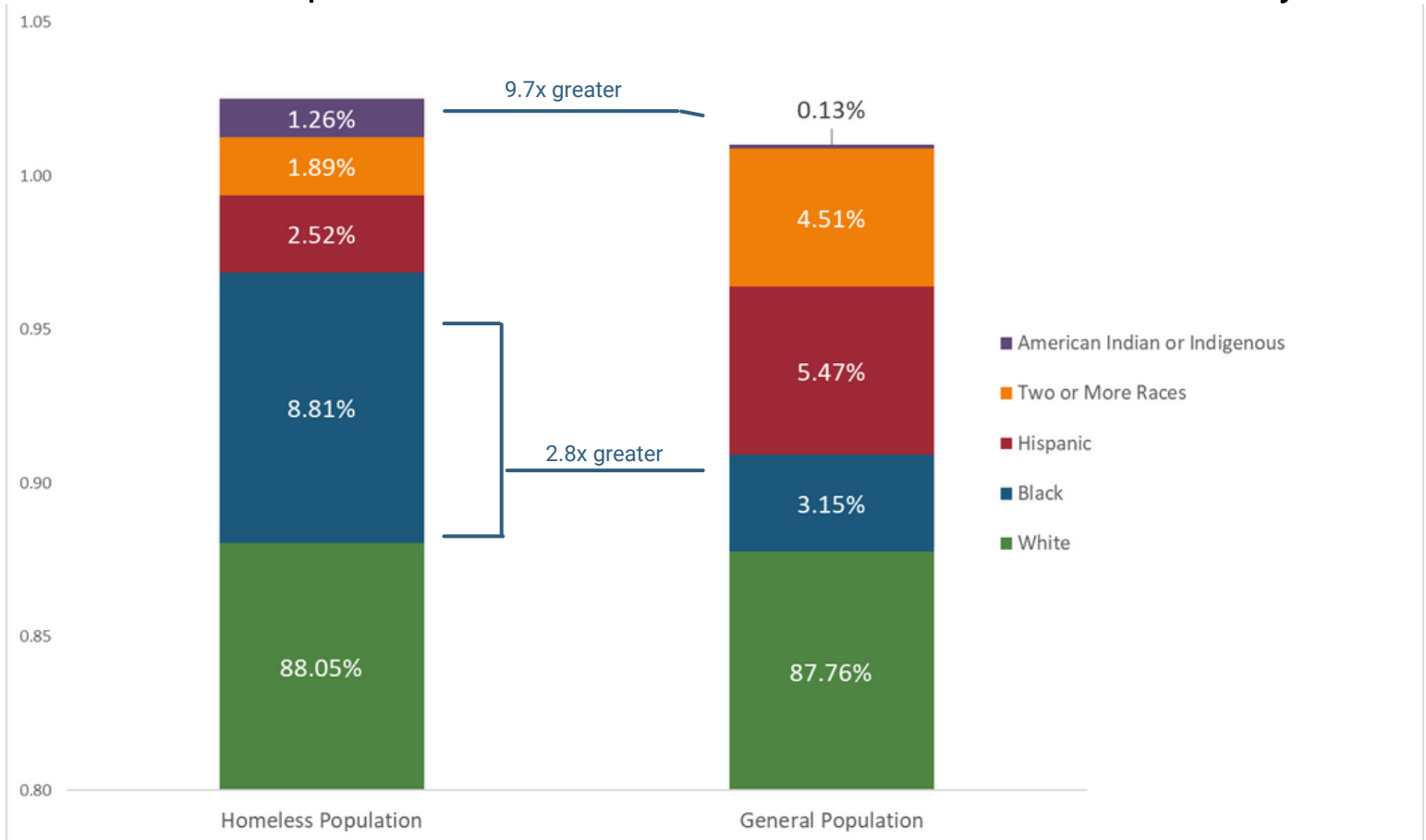
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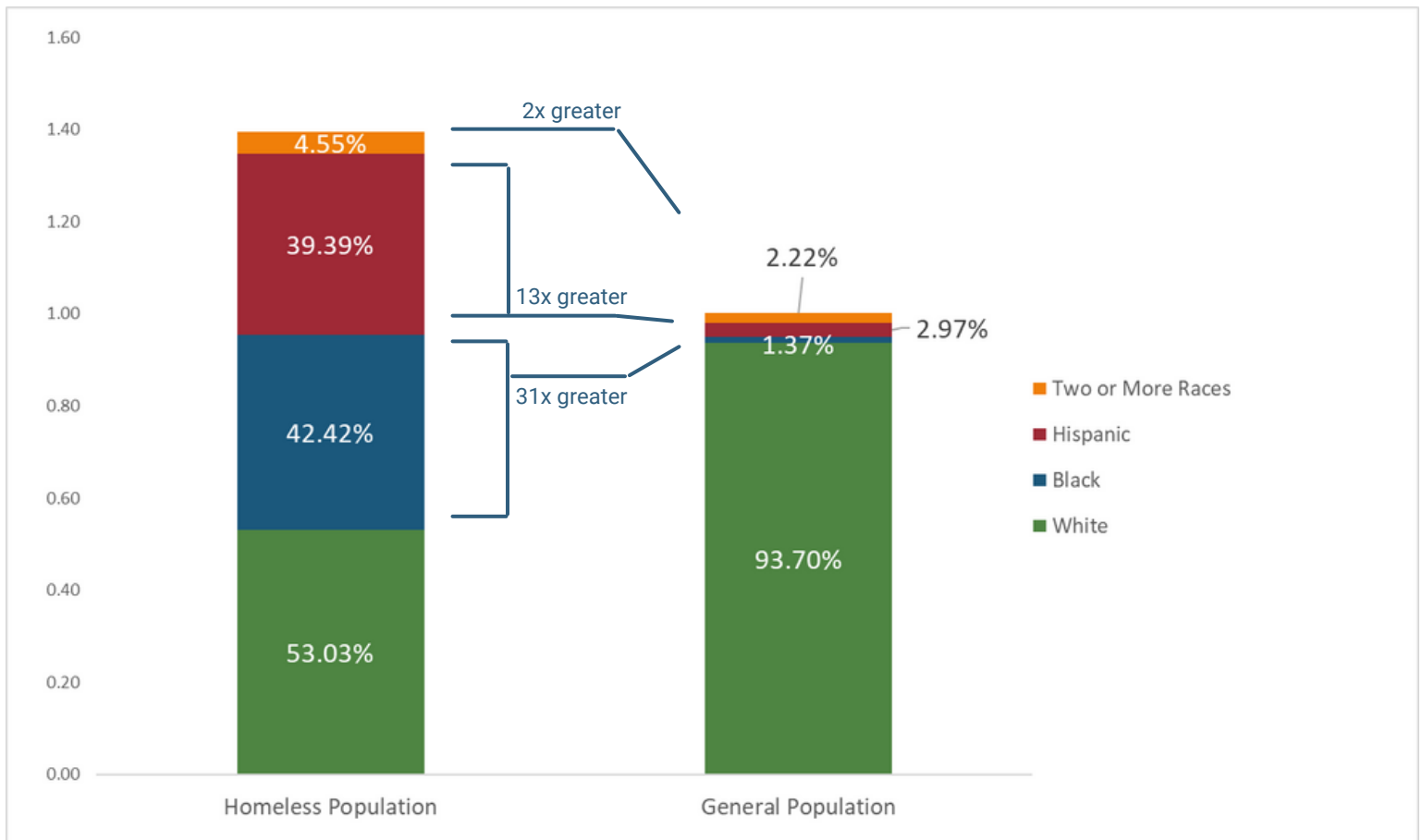


# Berkshire County Racial Disparities

## Racial Disparities in Individual Homelessness in Berkshire County



## Racial Disparities in Family Homelessness in Berkshire County



# Franklin County 2022 Point in Time Count

**105**

Total people experiencing homelessness

**77**

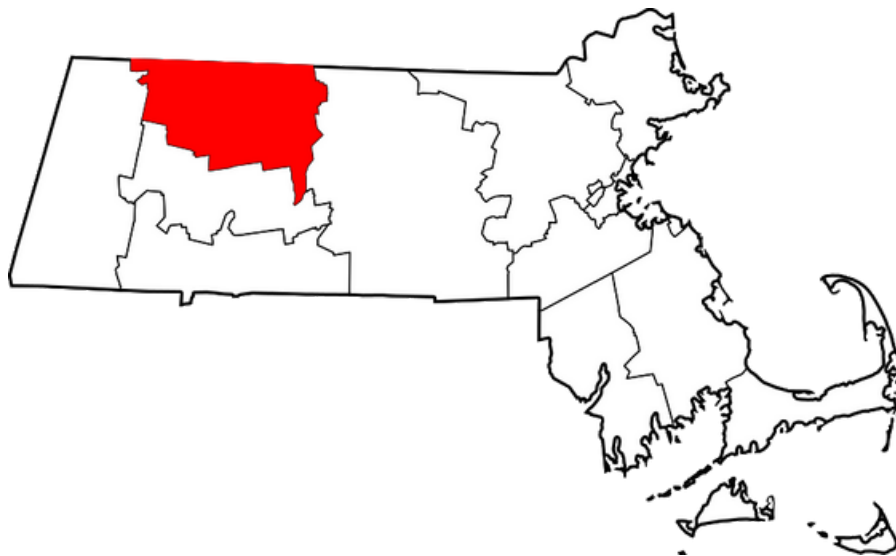
Individuals experiencing homelessness

**28**

People in families experiencing homelessness

**16**

People experiencing unsheltered homelessness



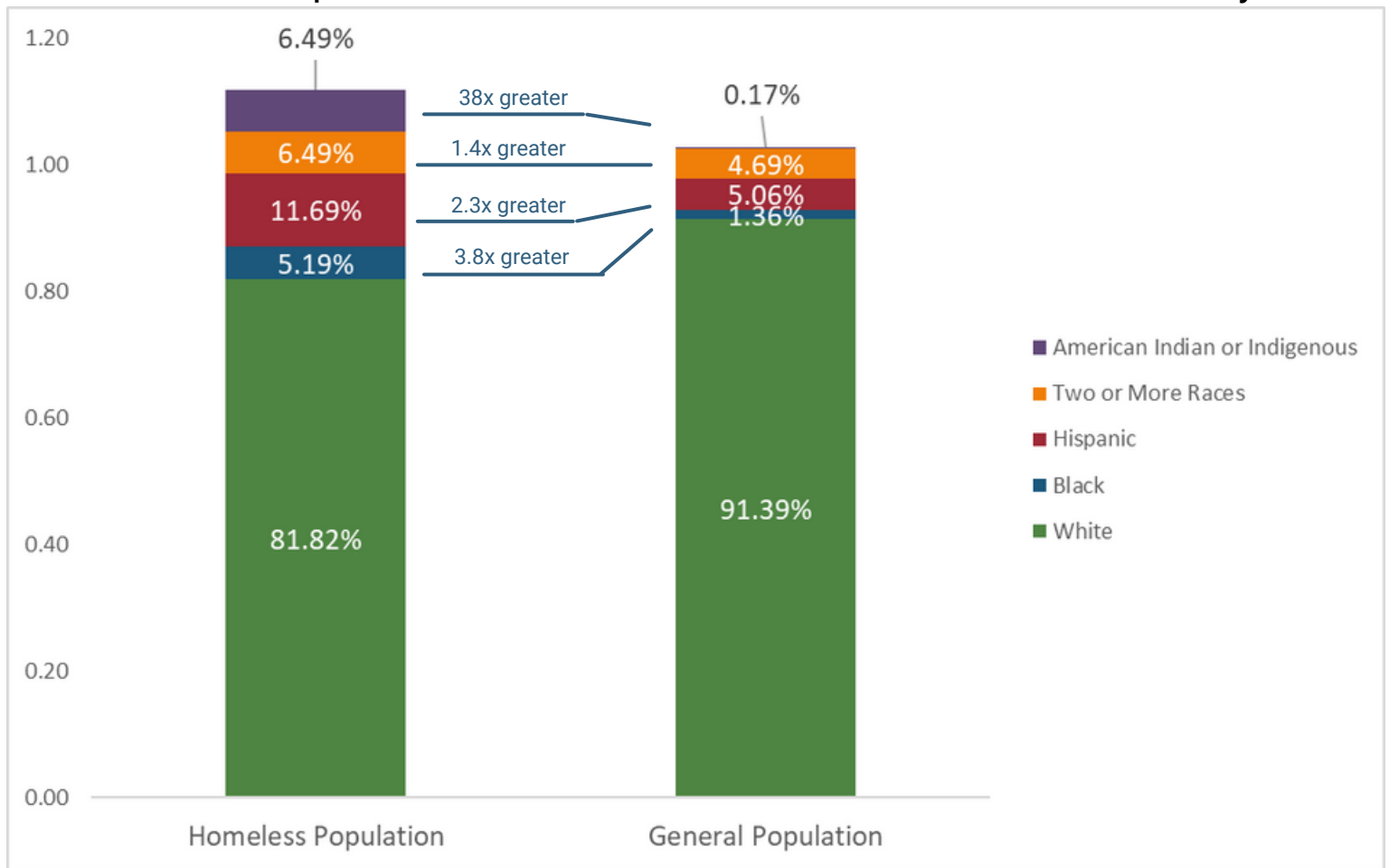
- Franklin County has a population of 71,029<sup>1</sup>
- 69% of units are owner occupied<sup>2</sup>
- The median household income is \$61,198 (2020 dollars)<sup>2</sup>
- 10.7% of people are considered to be in poverty<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Per the 2020 Census

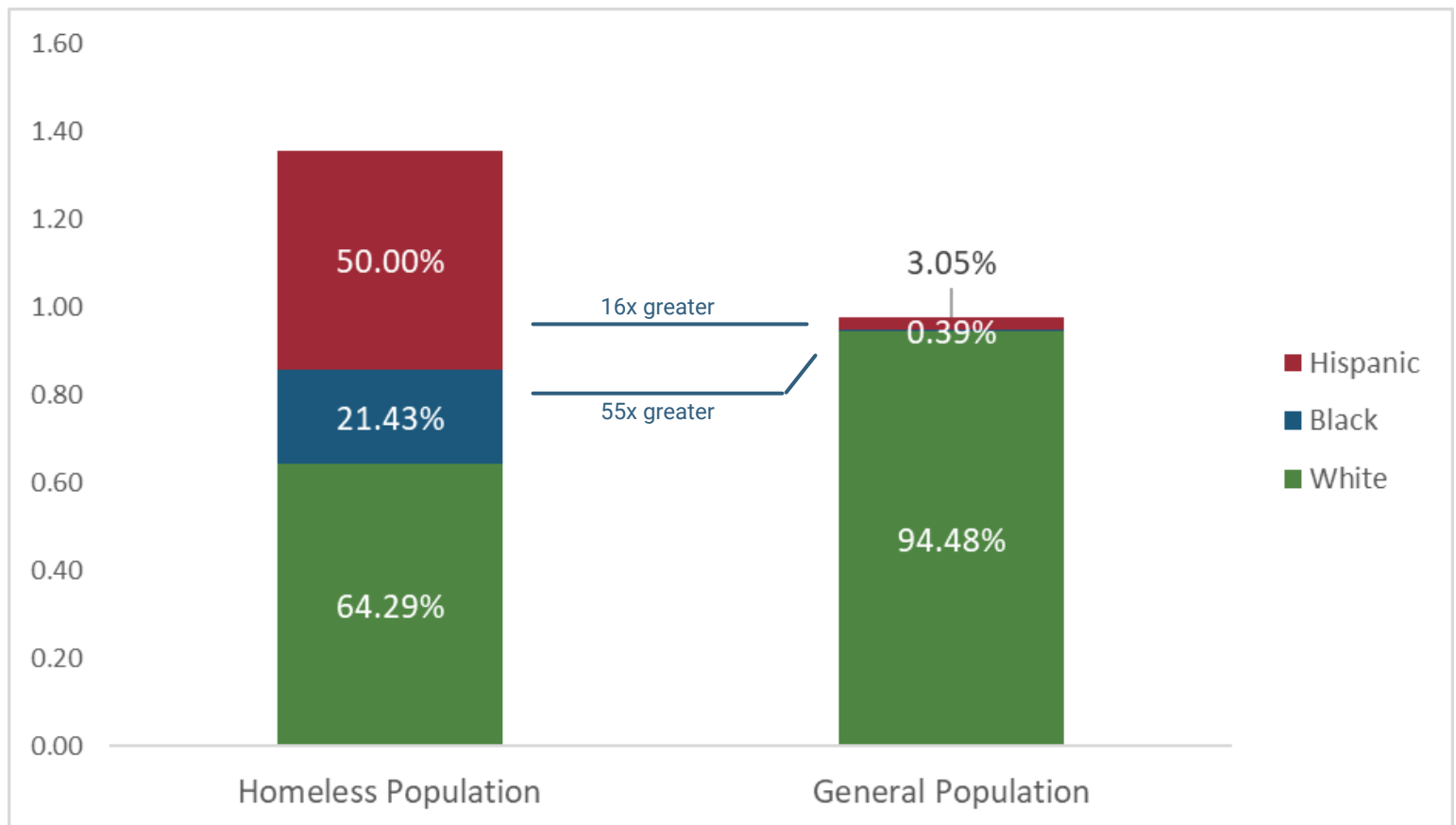
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# Franklin County Racial Disparities

## Racial Disparities in Individual Homelessness in Franklin County



## Racial Disparities in Family Homelessness in Franklin County



# 2022 Point in Time Count - Youth and Young Adults

41

Total young adults experiencing  
homelessness

38

Individuals experiencing  
homelessness

47

Young adult individuals &  
people in young adult  
families experiencing  
homelessness

4

Youth and young adults  
experiencing unsheltered  
homelessness

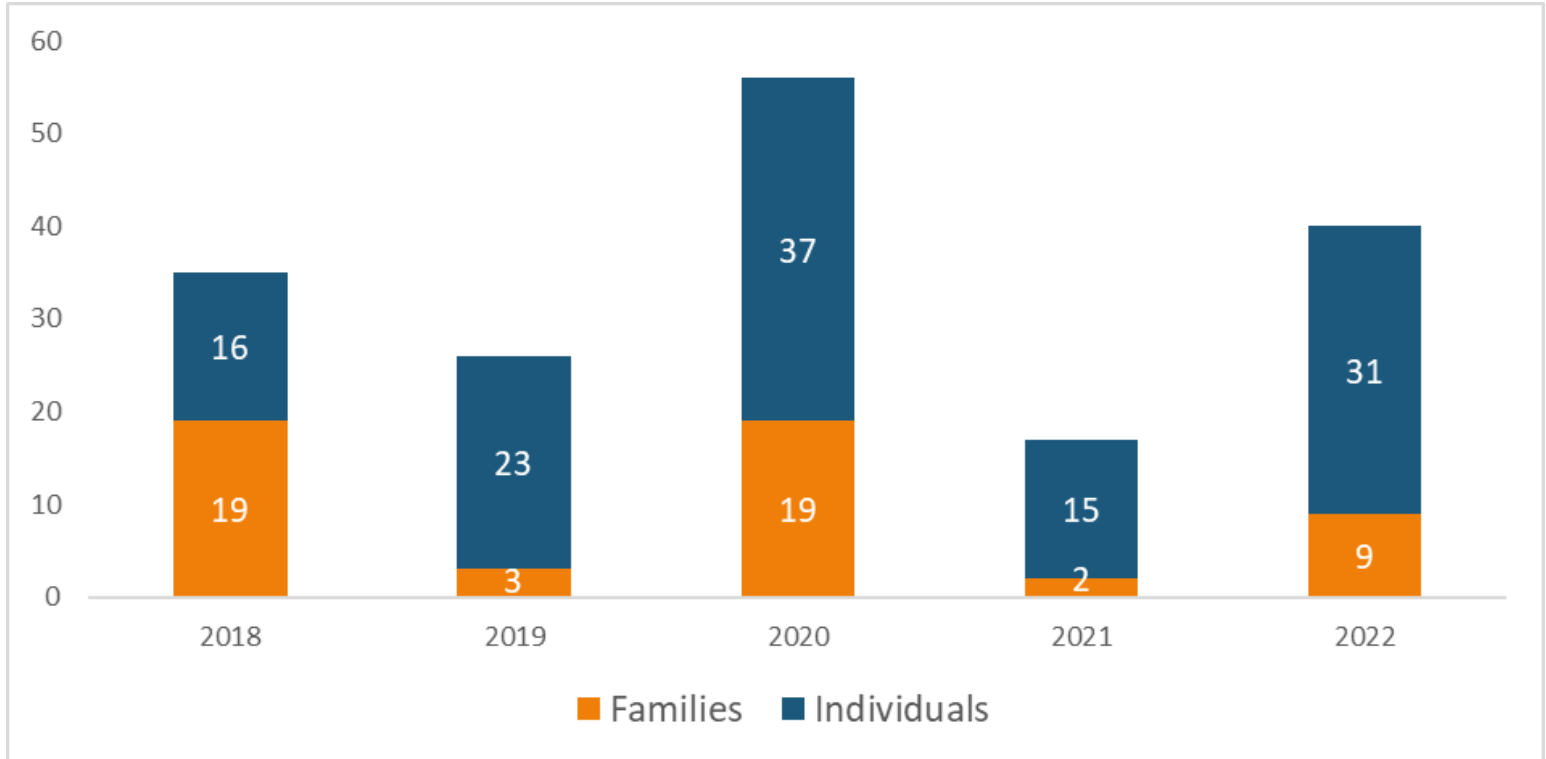
**Please Note-** 'Youth & young adults' are between the ages of 18 through 24 per HUD's federal definition

## Key Takeaways:

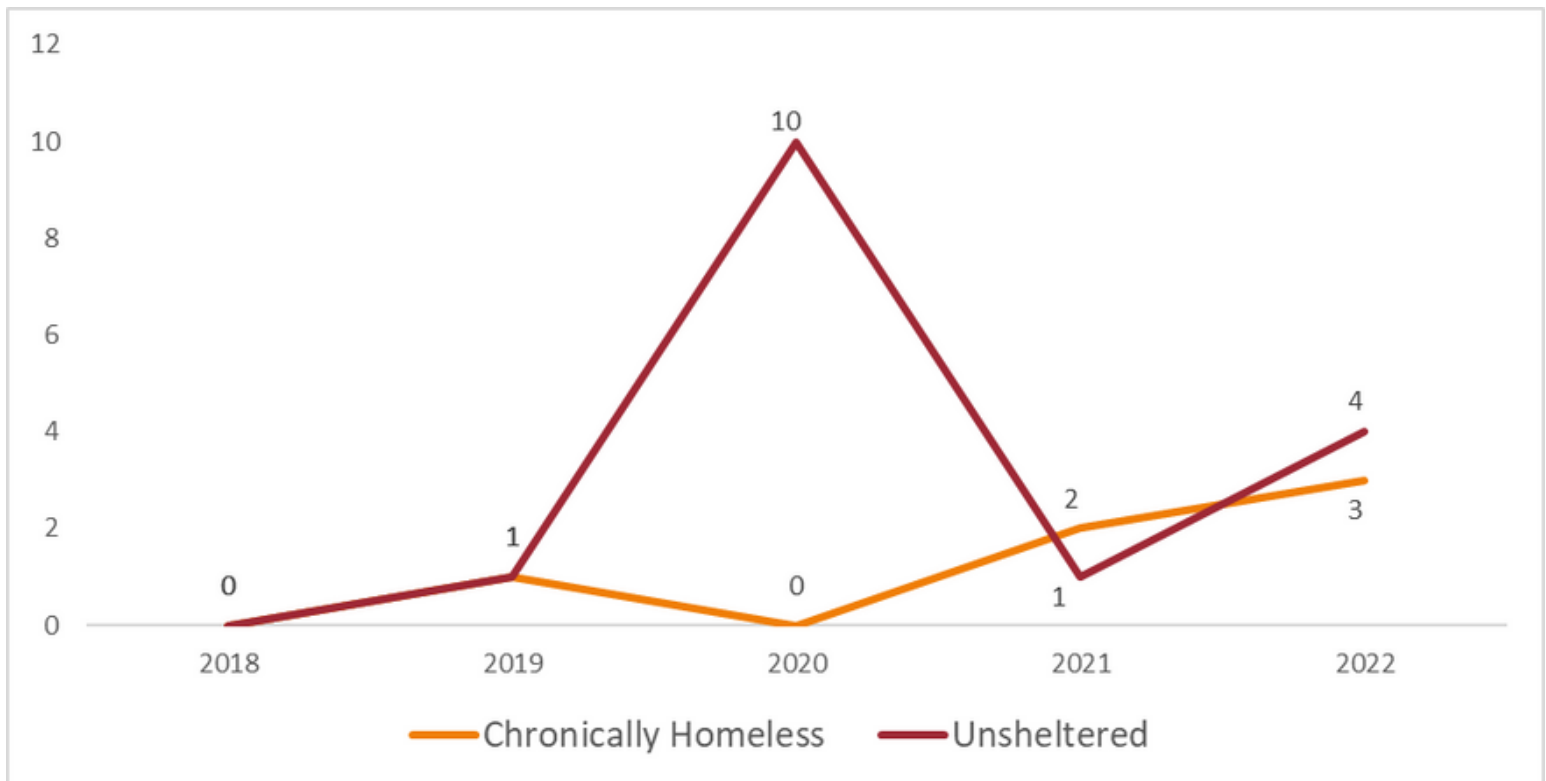
- We see significant overrepresentation of Hispanic/Latino young adults experiencing homelessness compared to the general population (4.8x greater) as well as American Indian or Indigenous young adults (14.7x greater) and Black young adults compared to the general population (2.5x greater).
- Youth & young adult homelessness overall is increasing.

# Youth & Young Adult Trends

Trend: Three County Annual Youth & Young Adult Homeless Counts 2018 - 2022

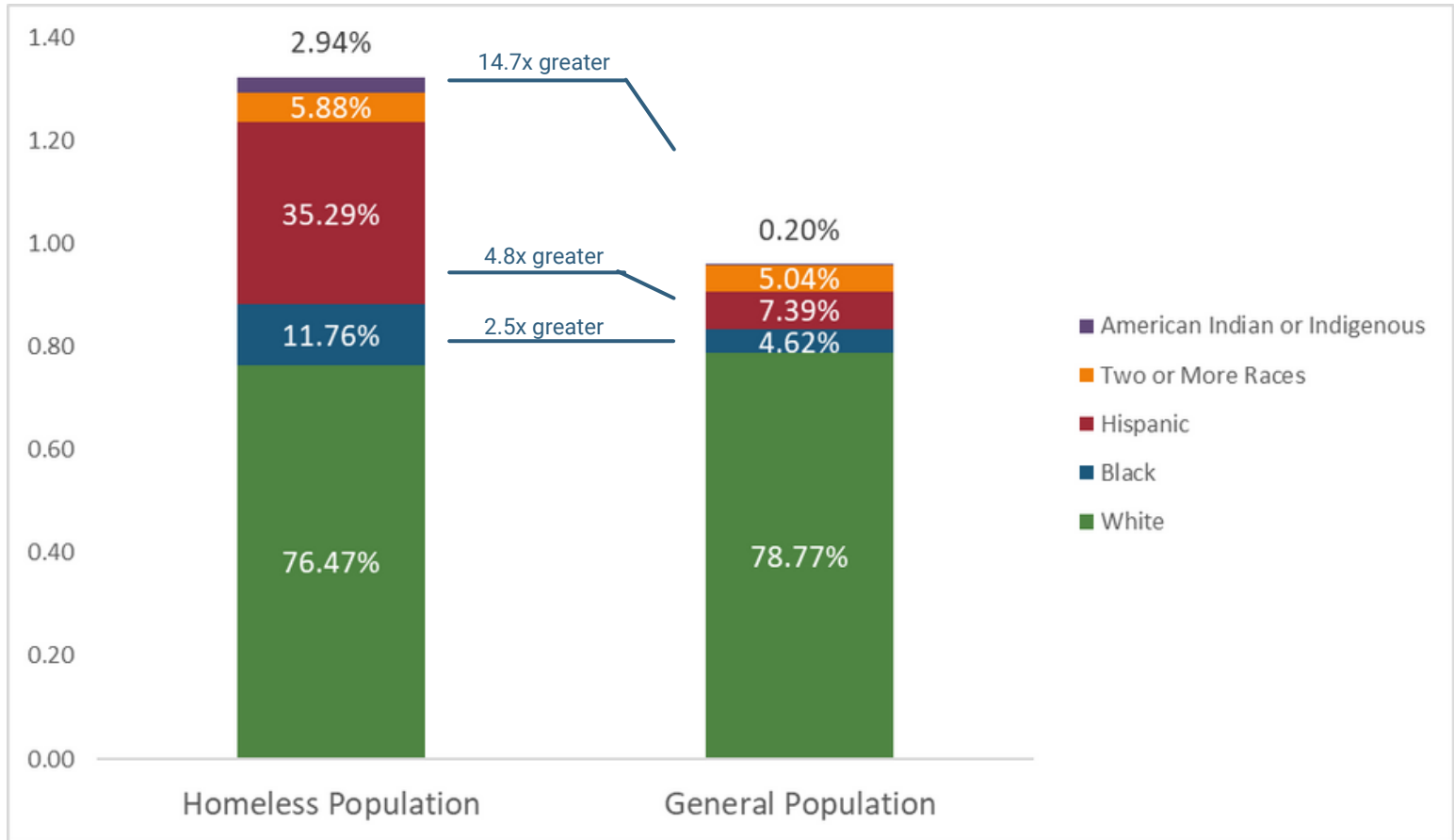


Three County Youth & Young Adults Chronically Homeless and Unsheltered 2018-2022



# Youth & Young Adult Racial Disparities

## Racial Disparities in Youth & Young Adult Homelessness



Sources: Three County CoC 2022 PIT Count; 2020 ACS 5-year estimates for 18-24 year olds

**Please Note-** There were not enough family households with parents under 25 to perform racial disparities analysis; parenting 18 - 24 year-olds were included in the above graph.

# 2022 Point in Time Count - Veterans

82

Total veterans experiencing  
homelessness

82

Individual veterans  
experiencing homelessness

0

Veteran families  
experiencing homelessness

3

Veterans experiencing  
unsheltered homelessness

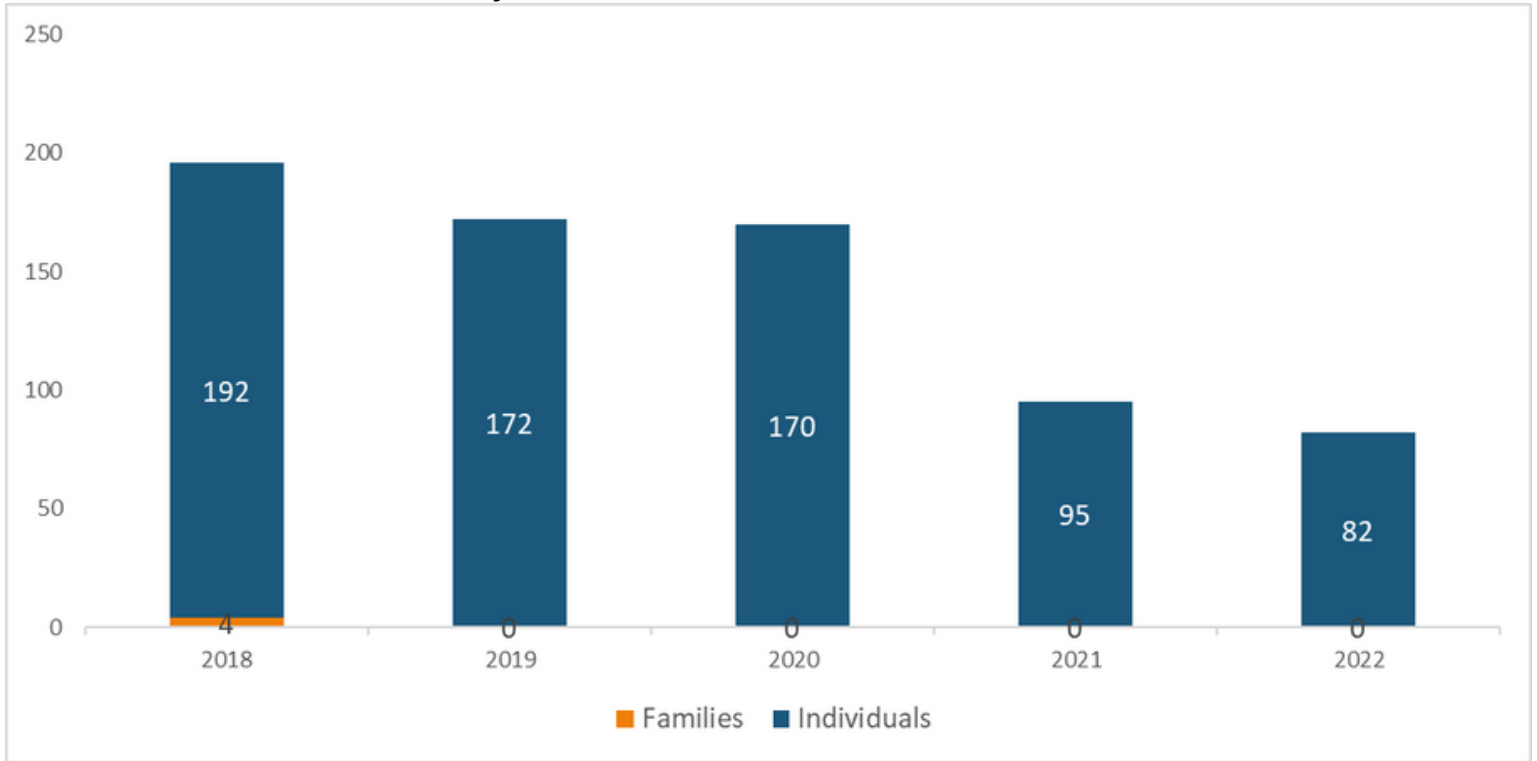
**Please Note-** Most veterans in shelter in Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties are served by Soldier On, Inc. through transitional housing programs. Some veterans are local and others are served here from other communities nearby.

## Key Takeaways:

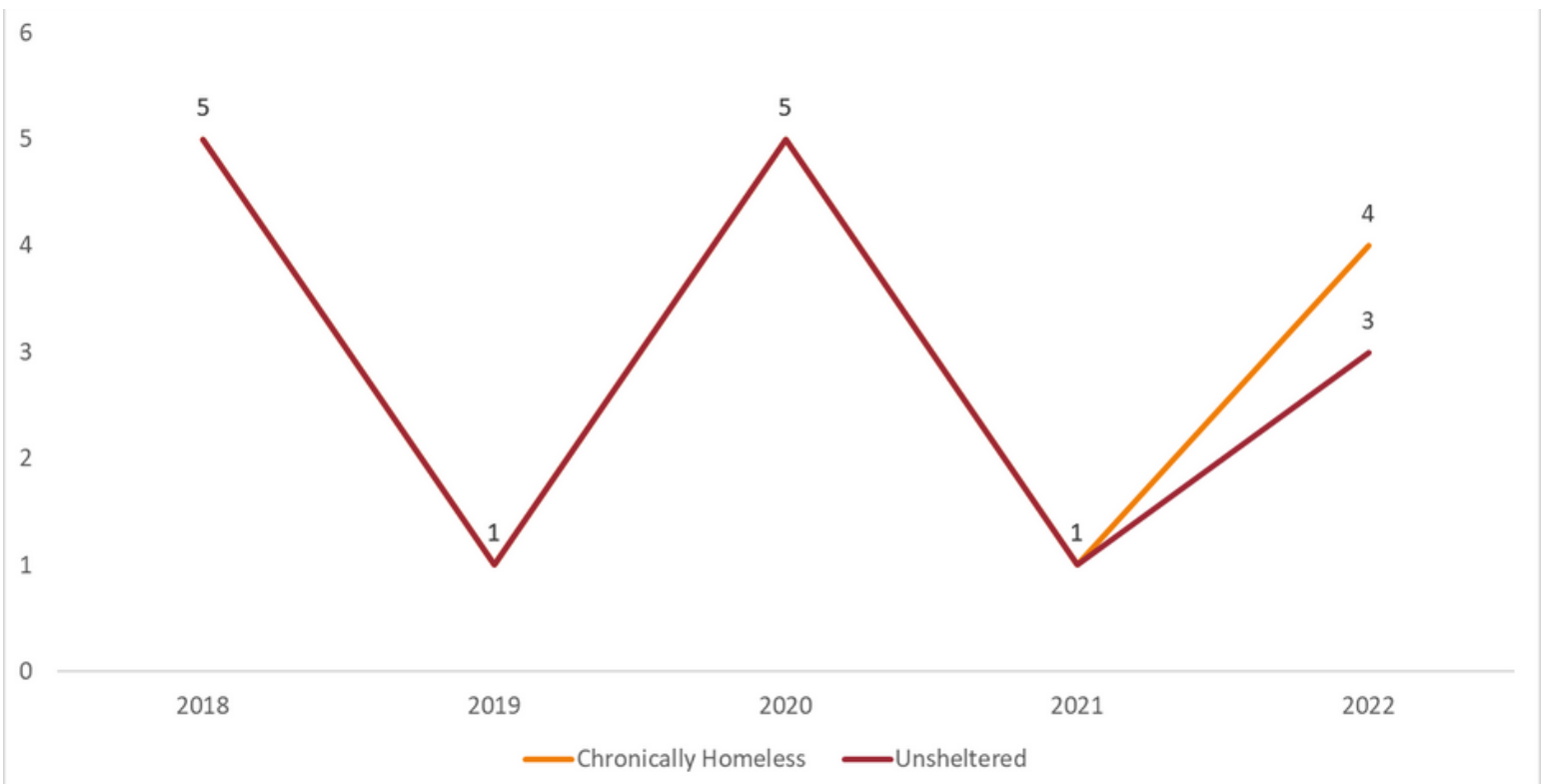
- We see considerable overrepresentation of Black veterans and American Indian or Indigenous veterans experiencing homelessness compared to the general population, at rates of around 8.5x for both groups.
- Veteran homelessness overall appears to be decreasing.

# Veteran Trends

Trend: Three County Annual Veteran Homeless Counts 2018 - 2022



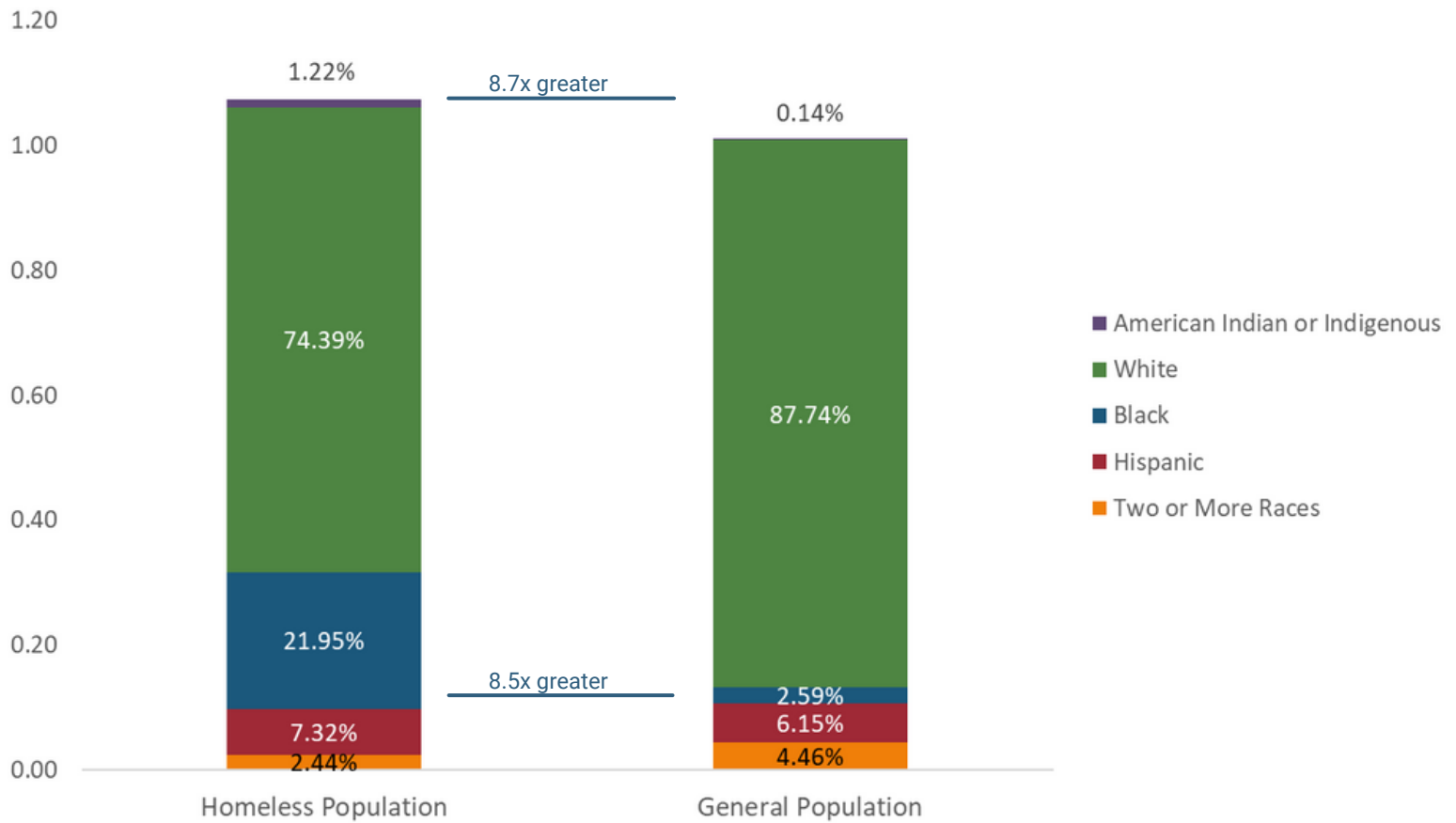
Three County Veterans Chronically Homeless and Unsheltered 2018-2022





# Veteran Racial Disparities

## Racial Disparities in Veteran Homelessness



Sources: Three County CoC 2022 PIT Count; 2020 ACS 5-year estimates

# 2022 Point in Time Count - Unofficial Count

**30**

Total people experiencing  
homelessness not under a HUD  
definition

**30**

Individuals experiencing  
homelessness under another  
definition

**0**

Persons in families  
experiencing  
homelessness under  
another definition

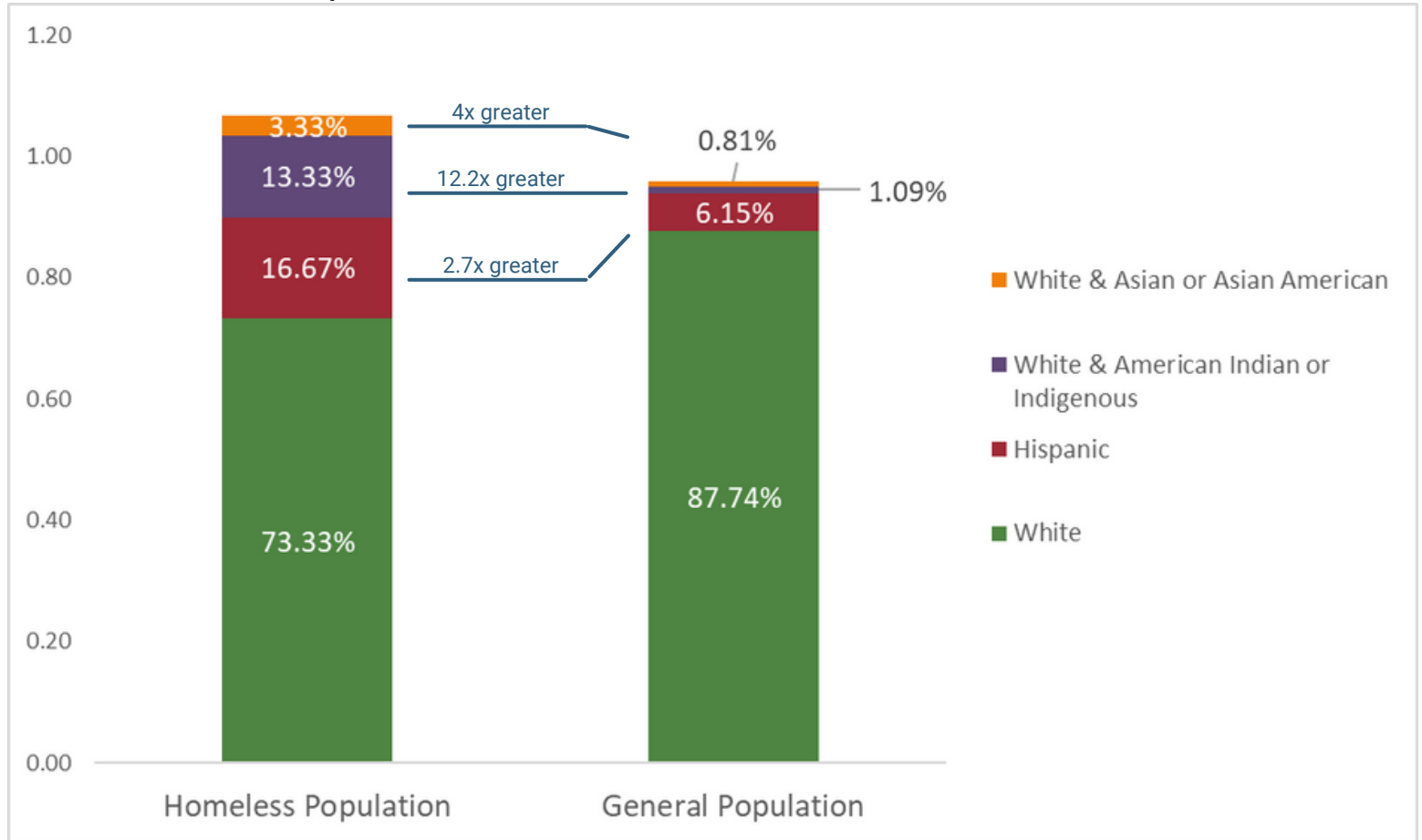
**7**

Youth & young adults  
experiencing homelessness  
under another definition

In 2022 the Point in Time Count Planning Group decided that it was important to try and count how many people are experiencing homelessness in our region, regardless of whether they meet the specific definitions of homelessness put in place by the federal government which dictates who can and can't be included in the official count. All of the total counts and charts and graphs above except for 5-year trends include these additional 30 people. As this was our first year trying to count this additional population we assume that this number is an undercount and will increase as we continue to perform outreach to additional groups for future counts.

# Unofficial Count Racial Disparities

## Racial Disparities in Homelessness Other Than HUD Definitions



Sources: Three County CoC 2022 PIT Count; 2020 US Census; 2020 ACS 5-year estimates for individuals

**Please note**- the "more than one race" category was broken down in the graph above to highlight the disparity for specific groups, such as those who identify as White & American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Indigenous.

### Key Takeaways:

- We see significant overrepresentation of White & American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Indigenous individuals experiencing homelessness through non-HUD definitions compared to the general population at a rate of over 12x. There is also considerable overrepresentation of Hispanic/Latino individuals compared to the general population of more than 2.5x and of White & Asian or Asian American individuals at 4x the general population.
- There were no families counted as experiencing homelessness through a non-HUD definition in 2022, although there was one family who was experiencing unsheltered homelessness on the night of the PIT count.