

# The Need

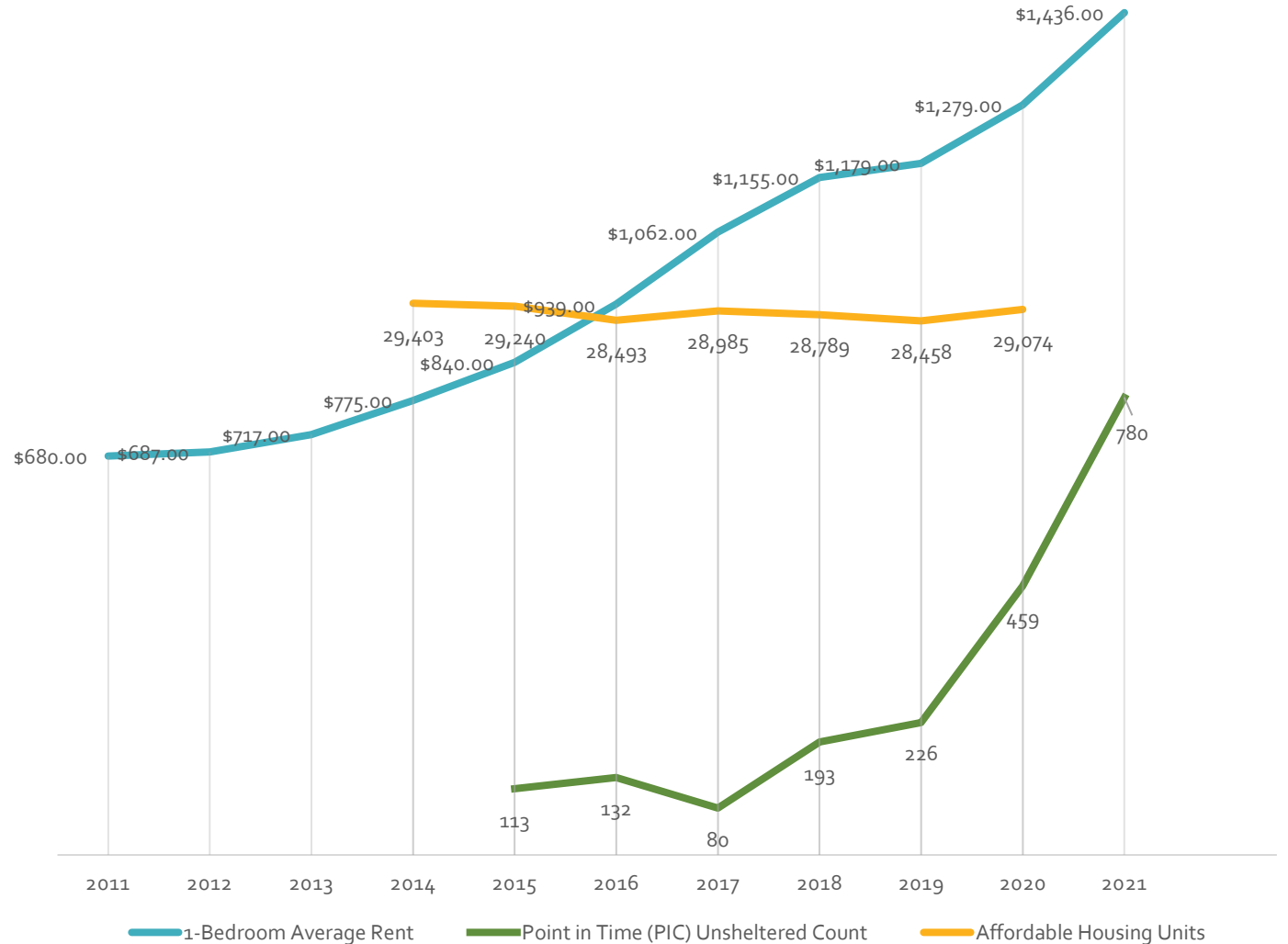
**We have tripled capacity in the last two years, and it is still not enough!**

- Increasing rent and housing costs
- Decreasing affordable and support housing options
- Other factors: minimum wage, covid job loss, Reno growth



**Need more Affordable Housing**

Rent, Affordable Housing Units and Unsheltered Count in Washoe County



# Homeless Services Transition

## Decision →

### BCC Workshop

January 2021

- BCC Workshop: Direction to take a larger role in Regional Homeless Services

## Capacity →

### Reno Cares Campus Opens

May 17, 2021

### Washoe Homeless Service Staff Approved

May 18, 2021

### Washoe County Safe Camp Opens

June 17, 2021

## Preparation →

### Negotiation

May - August 2021

- Phase II Campus Needs Assessment

### Homeless Services Interlocal Agreement Signed

August 30, 2021

## Transition I →

### Washoe County Assumes Responsibility for Cares Campus

September 1, 2021

### Continuum of Care (CoC) Transition begins.

September 2021

## Transition II

### Transition of Responsibility

September 1, 2021 - Spring '22

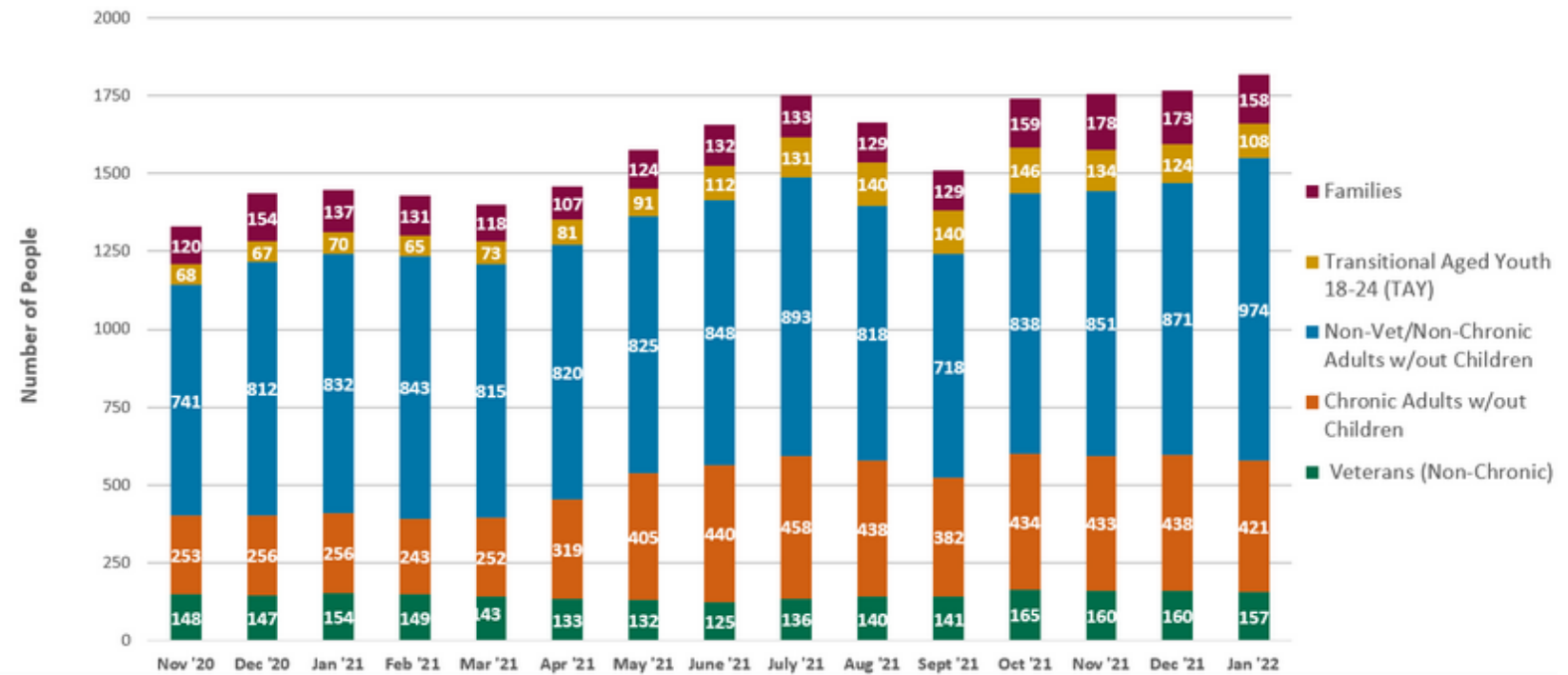
- Transition of contracts and responsibility
- Understand budget and staffing needs
- Budget set during the FY23 Budget Process.

# Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services

- CoC/Built For Zero
  - HUD Continuum of Care
  - Built for Zero
    - Data
    - Outreach
    - Case Conferencing
- Programs
  - Safe Camp
  - Cares Campus Emergency Shelter
  - Cares Campus Cold Weather Overflow
- Housing
  - ERA2
  - Housing Navigation



## People Experiencing Homelessness in Washoe County (By- Name List)



# Built For Zero & Monthly Data

### Dashboard includes:

- Information from Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

### Dashboard does NOT include:

- Information from programs that don't use HMIS for tracking
- Information about people who are not receiving services

<https://www.washoecounty.gov/homelessness/built-for-zero/dashboard.php>

# Shelter Census Dashboard

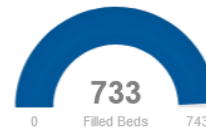
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## Shelter Census Dashboard

Shelter Census **Summary** Total Beds Cares Campus Safe Camp Our Place Overflow

This dashboard summarizes the number of emergency shelter beds available through the Nevada Cares Campus and the Our Place Women and Family shelter. It also summarizes the Cares Campus Safe Camp program. Please click on the program names above for more information on each program and to visit their webpage.

Total Filled Beds



### Total Beds

Total Empty Beds: 10  
Updated on Wednesday February 09, 2022.

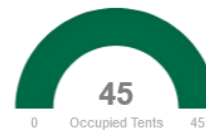
Cares Campus Filled Beds



### Cares Campus Emergency Shelter

Total Empty Beds: 7  
Updated on Wednesday February 09, 2022.

Safe Camp Tents Occupied



### Cares Campus Safe Camp

Total Empty Tents: 0  
Updated on Wednesday February 09, 2022.

Our Place Filled Beds



### Our Place

3 Total Empty Beds and Rooms  
3 Empty Beds for Women  
0 Empty Rooms for Families  
Updated on Wednesday February 09, 2022.

Bed Counts are taken once per day and will be posted by noon pending available data. Please contact the respective program to verify availability and criteria for open beds.



# Cares Campus Updates

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Women's Dorm (capacity = 85)

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ModPods

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Overflow Opened – currently 52 beds

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Covid-19 Surge

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Preparing for Construction

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Campus Partnership/Volunteer Development

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Recruitment Efforts

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# Cares Campus Priorities



STAFFING &  
TRAINING



SAFETY &  
SECURITY



CAPACITY  
MANAGEMENT



PARTNERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT



# Cares Campus - Safe Camp

## The Move to "The Bays"

Thank you

RHA

Karma Box & Elizabeth Pope  
County CSD Staff  
County Homeless Services Staff  
**Safe Camp Participants!**







# Cares Campus - Safe Camp

## The Move to "The Bays"

10 hours  
Staff Coordination between agencies  
Trash and Treasure





# Cares Campus - Safe Camp

## "The Bays"

65 degrees  
Maintained personal space and  
most characteristics of the Safe Camp





# Cares Campus - Safe Camp ModPods

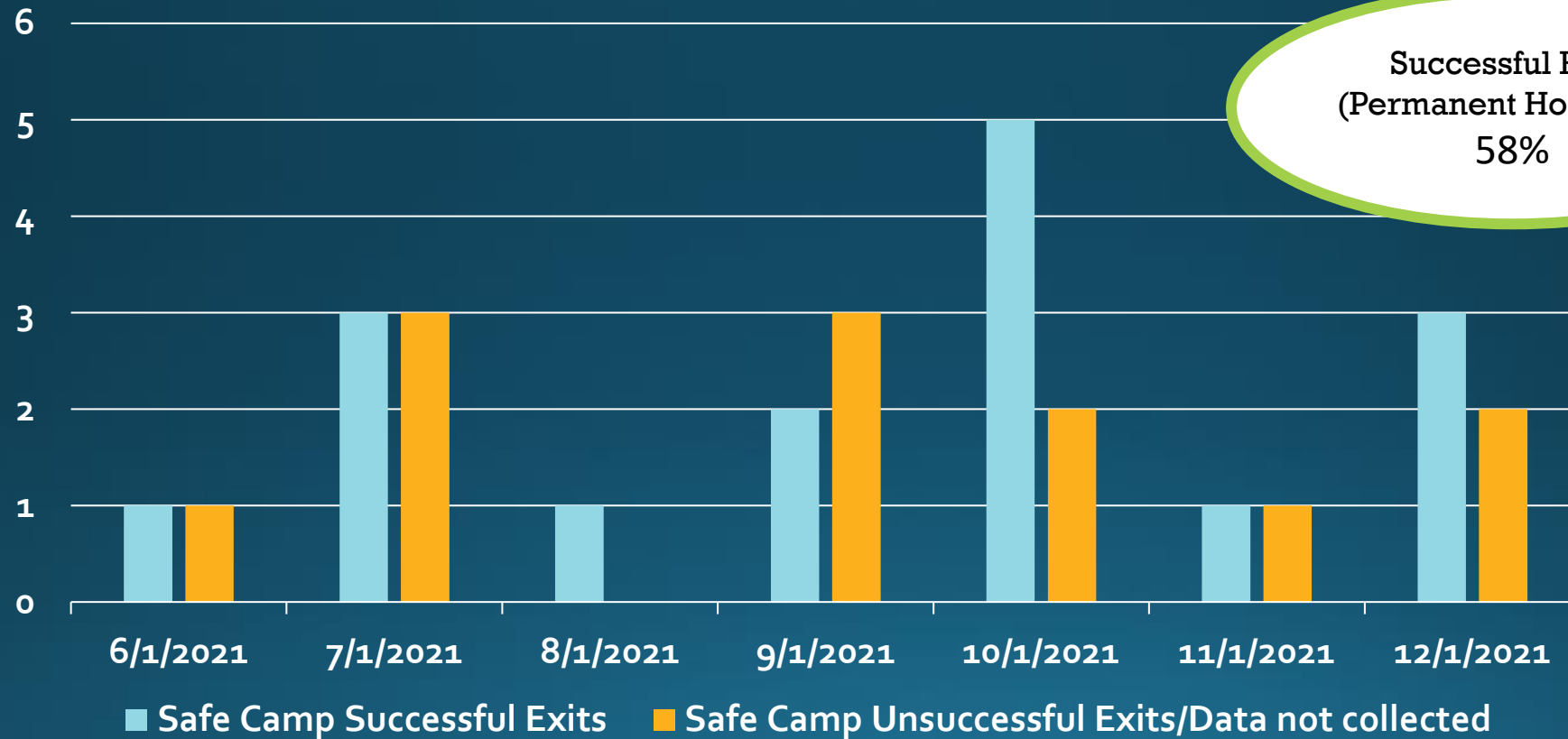
- 36 Modpods have arrived  
(total ordered 52)
- Assembly started Feb 2
- Once all assembled, participants  
will move back to temp location





# Cares Campus - Safe Camp

## Exits From Safe Camp

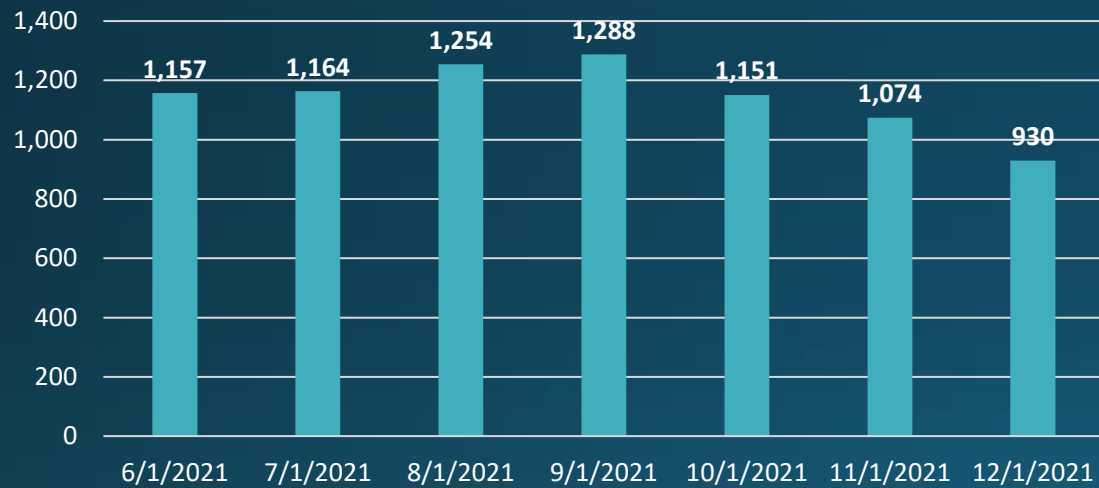


Successful Exits  
(Permanent Housing)=  
58%

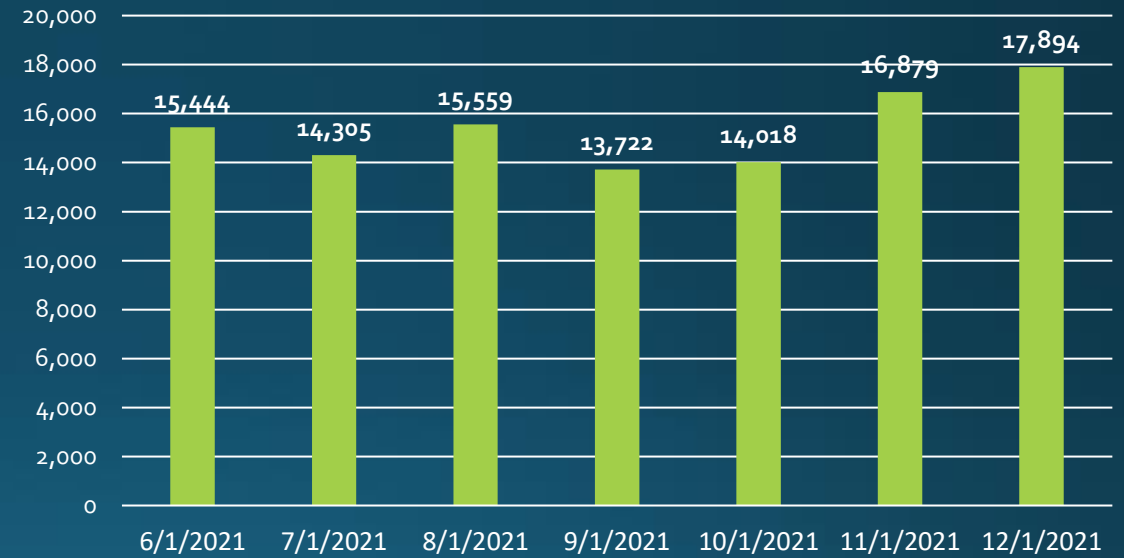


# Cares Campus – Emergency Shelter

## Unduplicated Clients Served



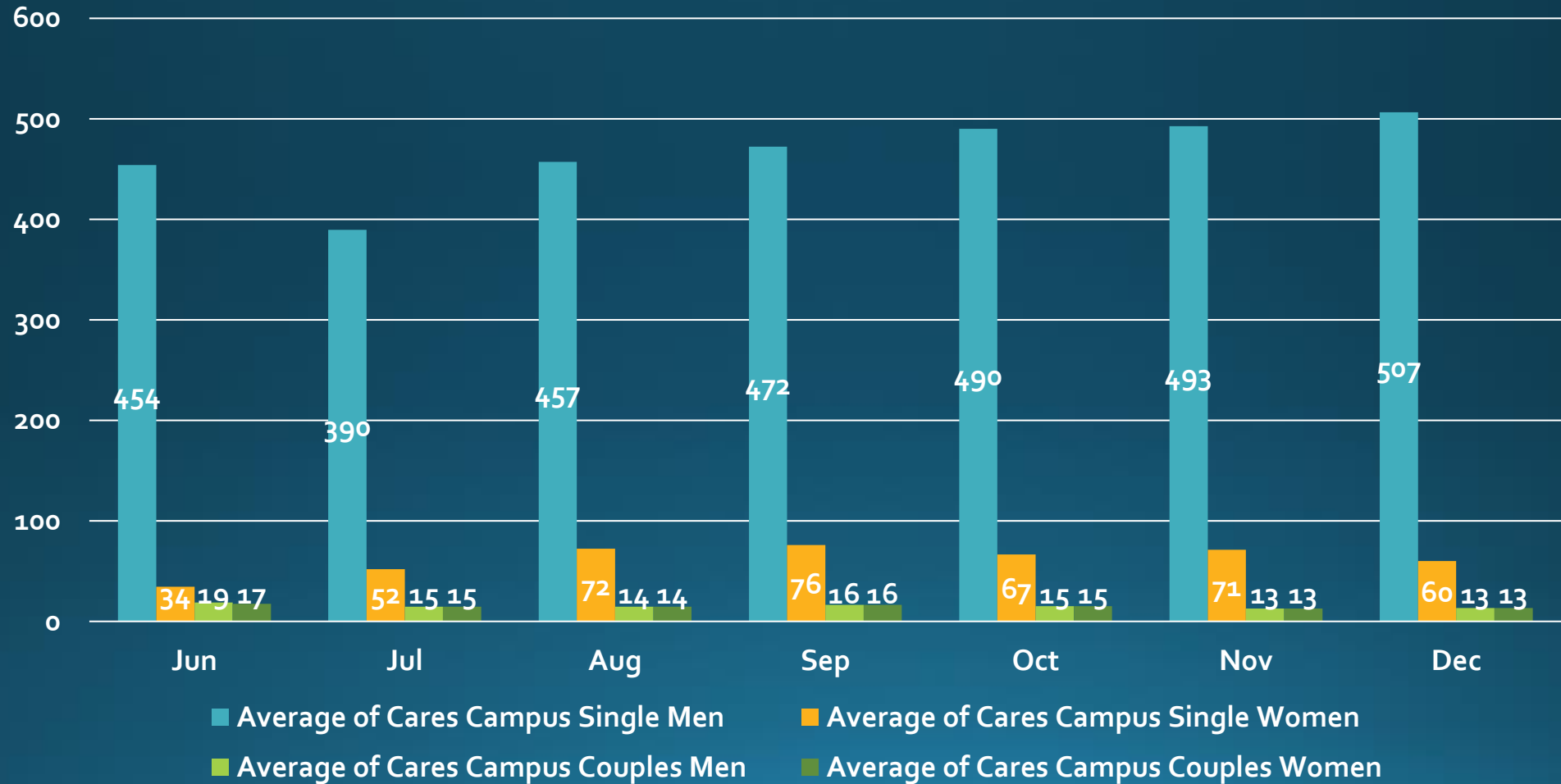
## Bed Nights





# Cares Campus – Emergency Shelter

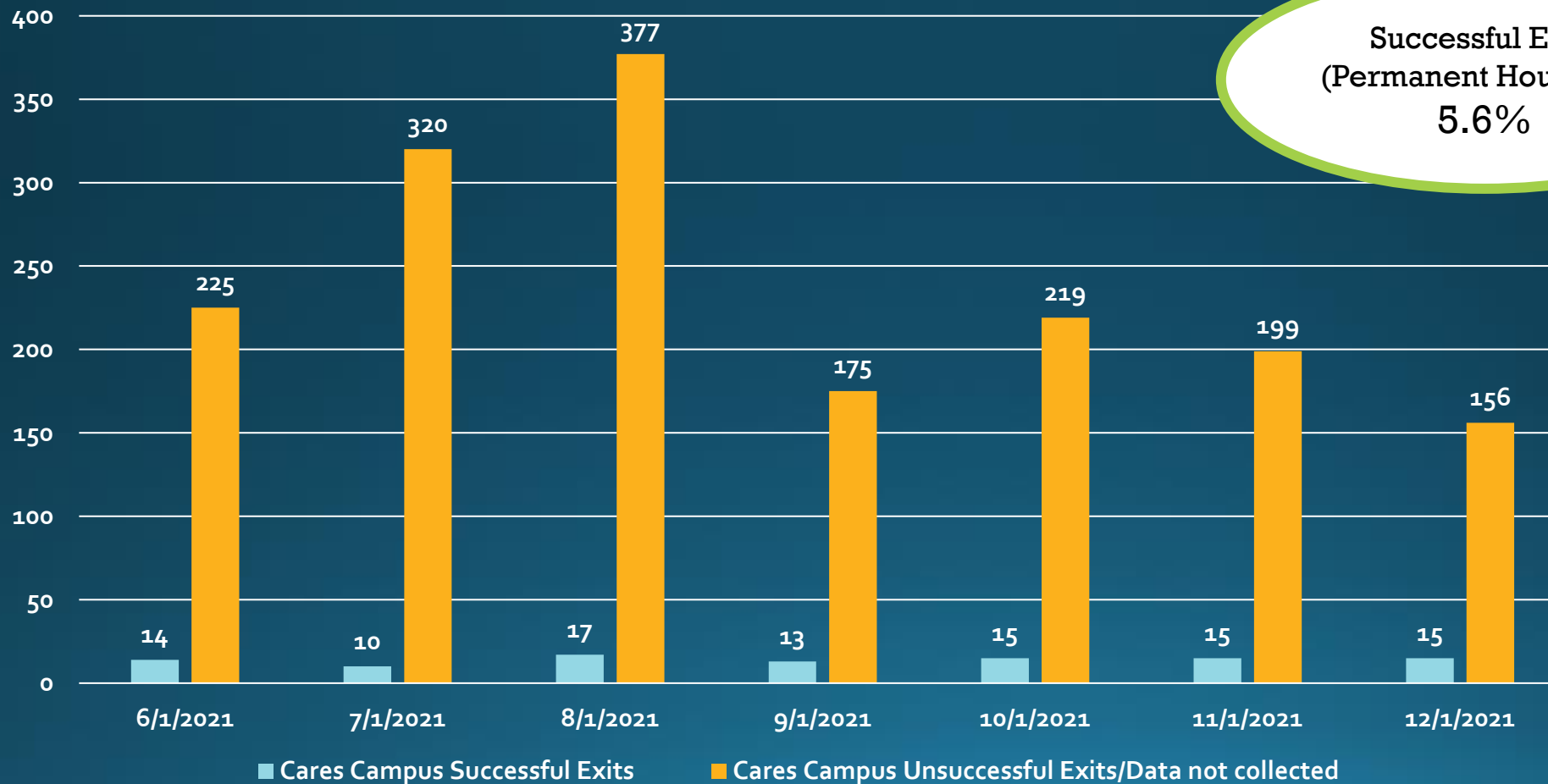
## Cares Campus Average Clients by Gender





# Cares Campus – Emergency Shelter

## Exits From Cares Campus

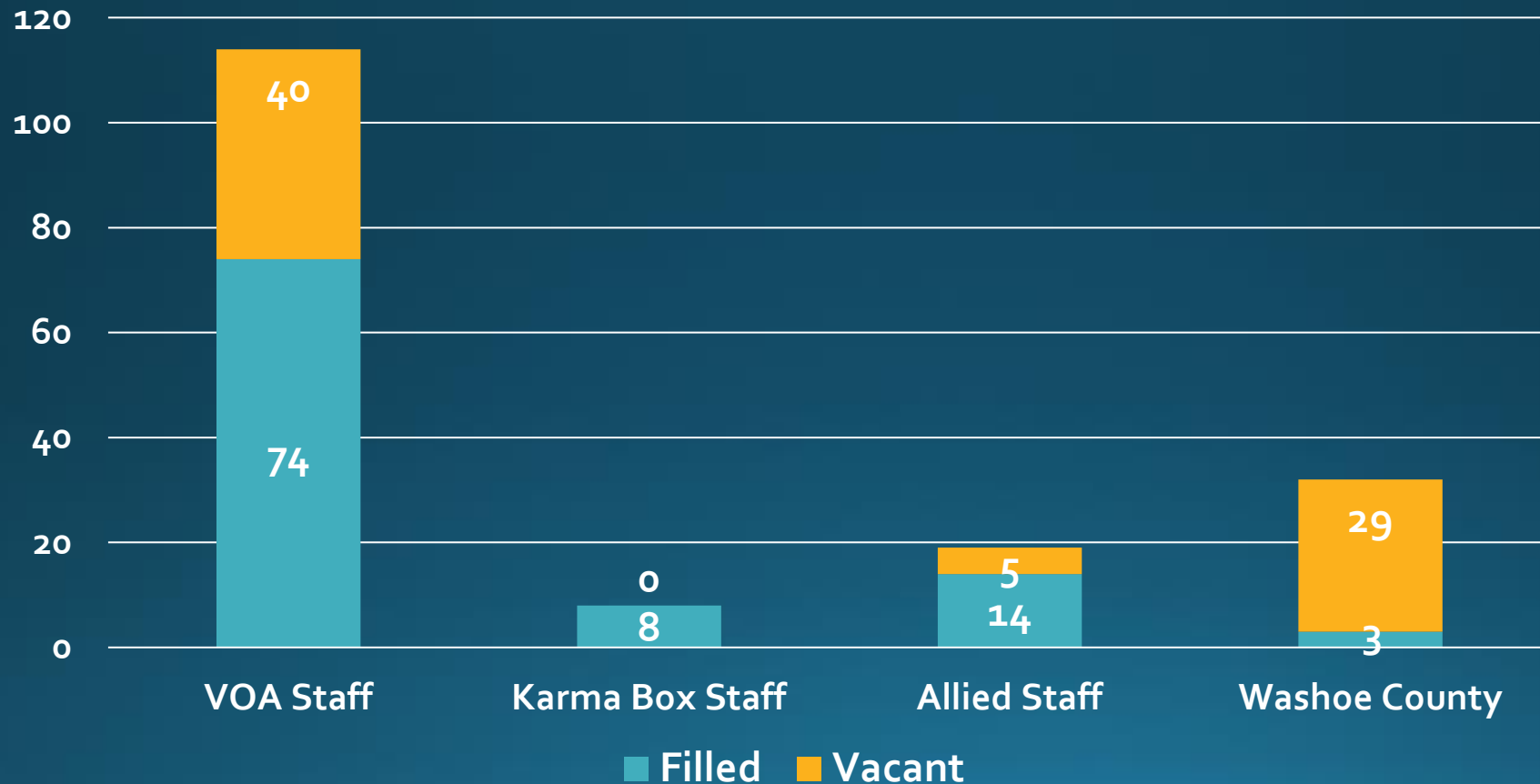


Successful Exits  
(Permanent Housing)=  
5.6%



# Cares Campus – Staffing

## Staffing Levels





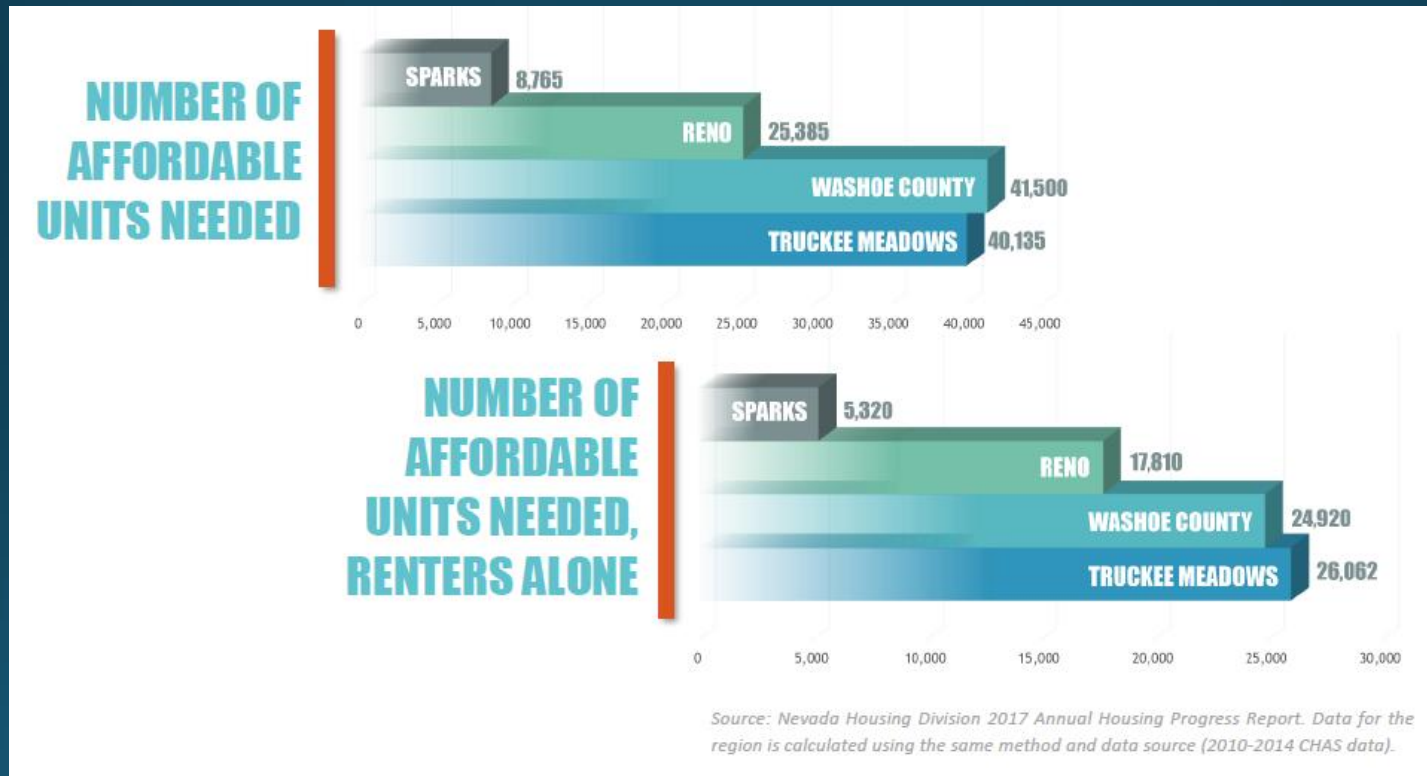


# Cares Campus – Overflow



# The Need

In 2019, the Truckee Meadows Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability identified a severe shortage of affordable housing in the region.



# Policy Impacts

- Reimbursement rates for group homes and other supportive living environments
- Lack of Permanent Supportive Housing
- Lack of mental health, substance use treatment options
  - Limitations related to payer source
- Lack of affordable housing, renter protections, landlord unwillingness to accept housing vouchers



# Homeless Services Update

[www.washoecounty.gov/homelessness/](http://www.washoecounty.gov/homelessness/)