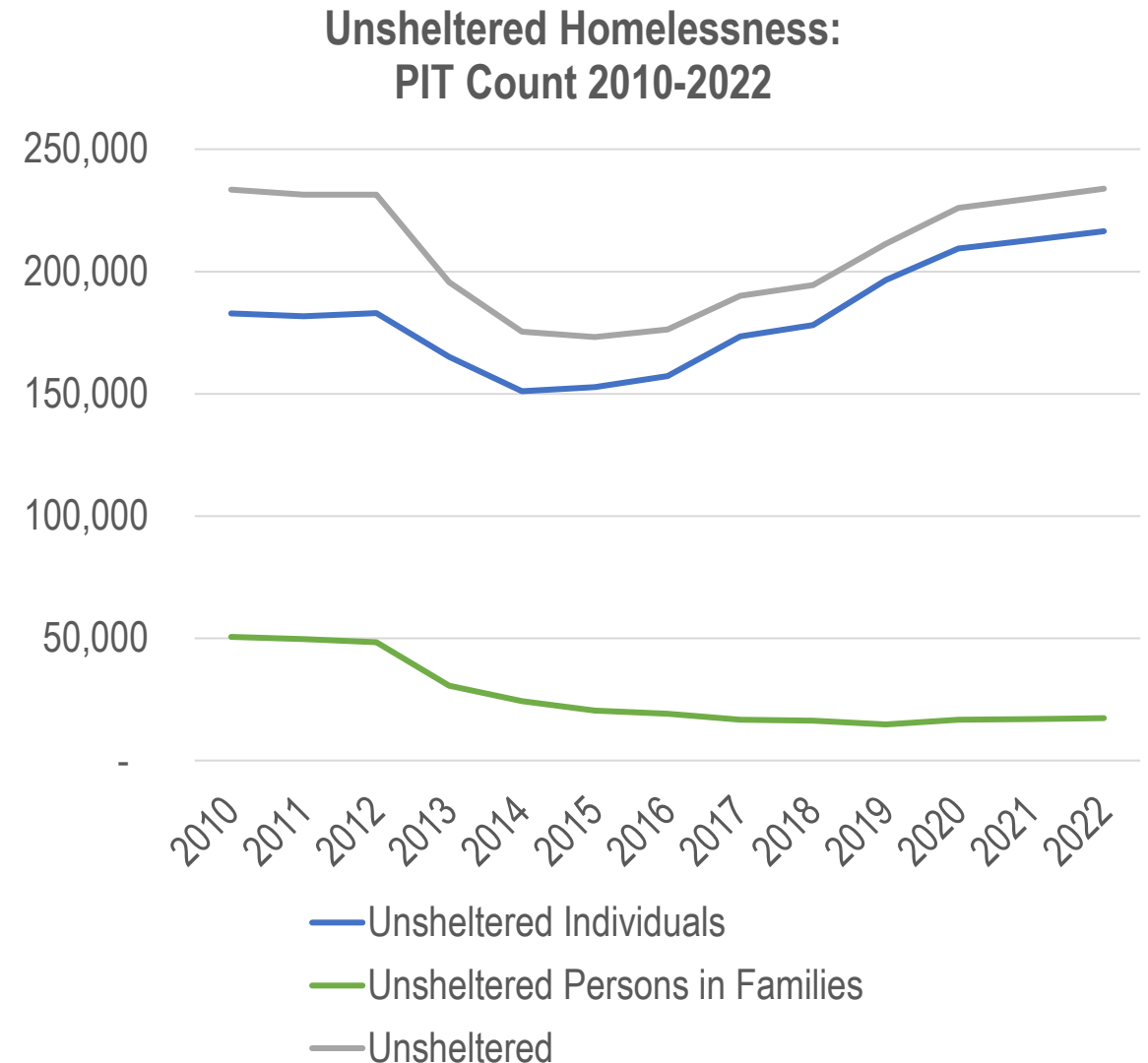# Unsheltered Homelessness – the National Perspective

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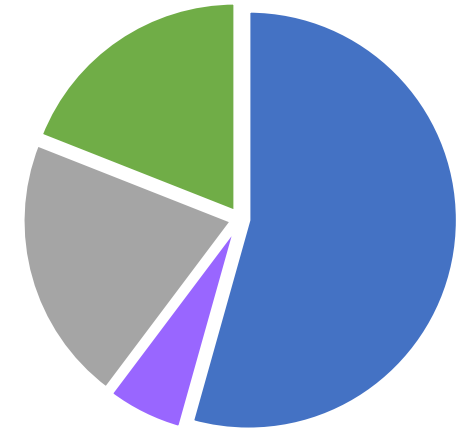# Unsheltered Homelessness – the Data

- Unsheltered homelessness was steadily going down from 2011 to 2015

- It has risen from 2015 to 2020 by 35%

- The rise has been concentrated in homeless individuals (without children)

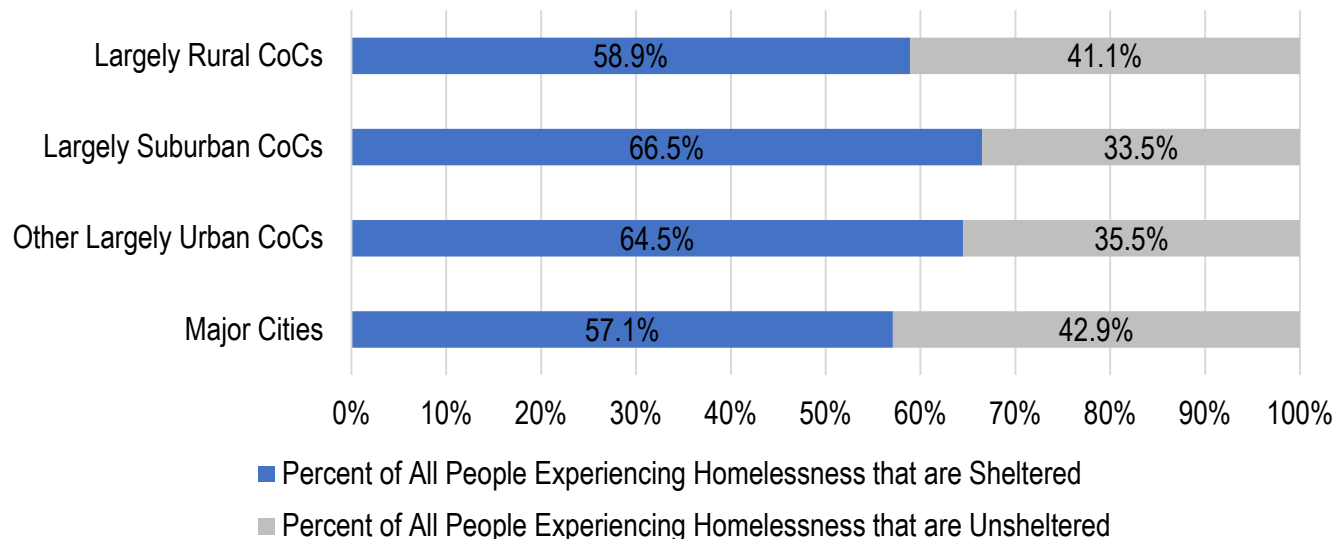- Unsheltered homelessness is now higher than 2010 (233,534 vs 233,832)

Unsheltered Homelessness: PIT Count 2010-2022

Legend:
- Unsheltered Individuals
- Unsheltered Persons in Families
- Unsheltered

Rural Homelessness – the Data

Unsheltered Across Geography Types: 2022 PIT Count

- Major Cities
- Other Largely Urban CoCs
- Largely Suburban CoCs
- Largely Rural CoCs

- Roughly 20% of people who experience unsheltered homelessness are in rural CoCs

Unsheltered vs Sheltered by Geography Type: 2022 PIT Count

Geography Type	Sheltered	Unsheltered
Largely Rural CoCs	58.9%	41.1%
Largely Suburban CoCs	66.5%	33.5%
Other Largely Urban CoCs	64.5%	35.5%
Major Cities	57.1%	42.9%

- Percent of All People Experiencing Homelessness that are Sheltered
- Percent of All People Experiencing Homelessness that are Unsheltered

- Over 41% of people experiencing homelessness in rural areas are unsheltered. This is similar to the % that are in urban areas.

Special NOFO

- Reason for the Special NOFO: to provide targeted solutions to address unsheltered homelessness with a set aside for rural areas
- Core focus and competitive aspect: the plan. CoCs were required to set a plan for how they would use these resources in coordination with other partners to address the unsheltered needs
- Round 1 award: Roughly $315 million announced with over $54 million in rural areas
- Round 2 award: TBD

What's Unique for Rural Areas

Projects requesting funding under the Rural Set Aside may also apply for the following eligible costs as part of their project:

- Up to 6 months of rent or utility arrears after 2 months of nonpayment of rent or utilities;

- Short-term emergency lodging in motels or shelters, either directly or through vouchers;

- Repairs, up to $10,000 per structure, that are necessary to make housing habitable to be used for transitional or permanent housing;

- Emergency food and clothing assistance;

- Costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs to house individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and

- Capacity building activities.

We are looking forward to lessons learned from this funding

Technical Assistance and Partnerships

- HUD is using the Special NOFO as an opportunity to engage rural partners in new ways
  - Recent conversations with USDA are promising
- Considering what is next for technical assistance (TA)
  - What would be most beneficial for communities?