

Key Findings from Report

People Experiencing Homelessness in the Tucson/Pima County CoC: A Detailed Examination of their Demographics, Conditions, and Experiences 2018-2020

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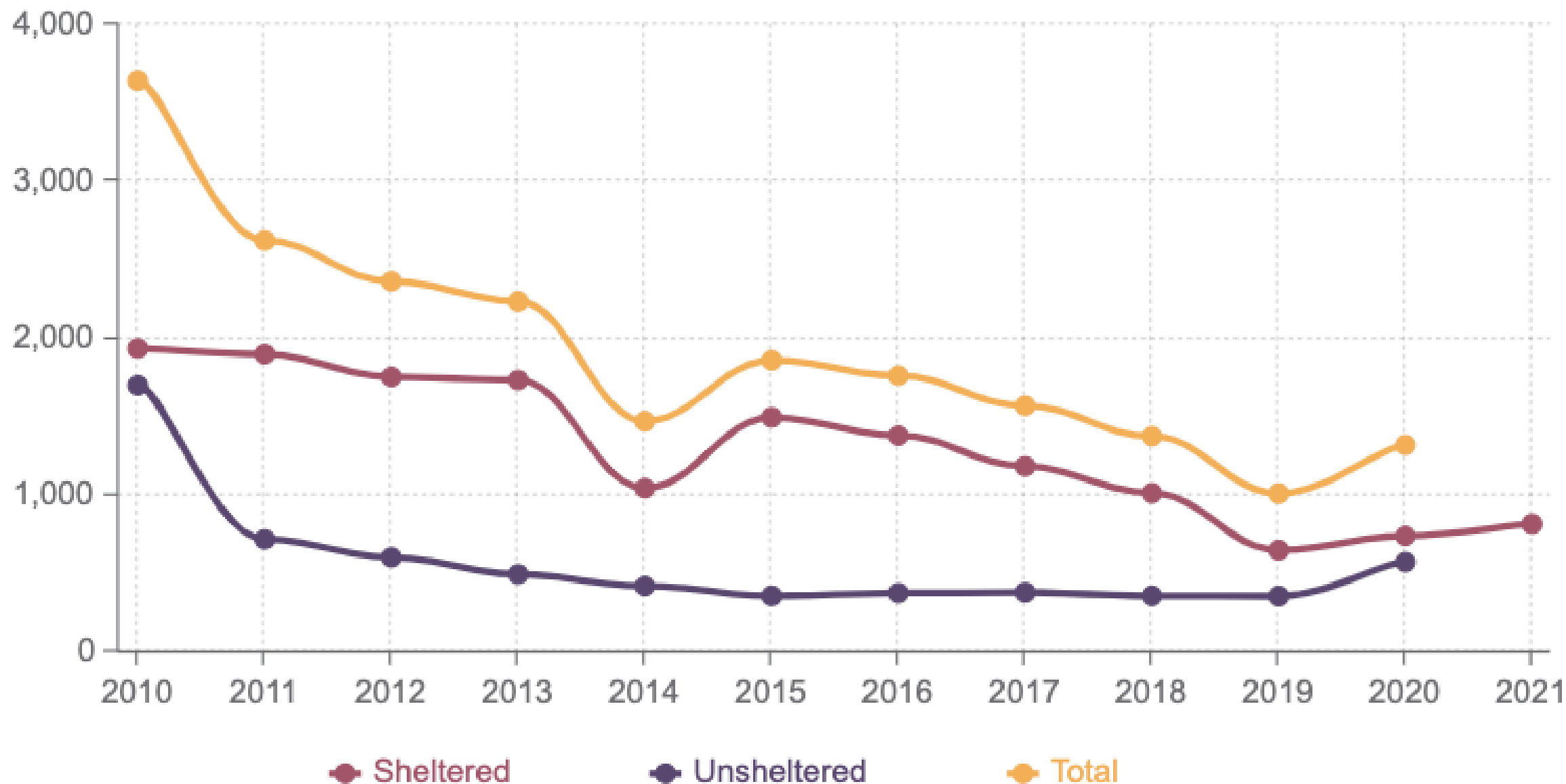
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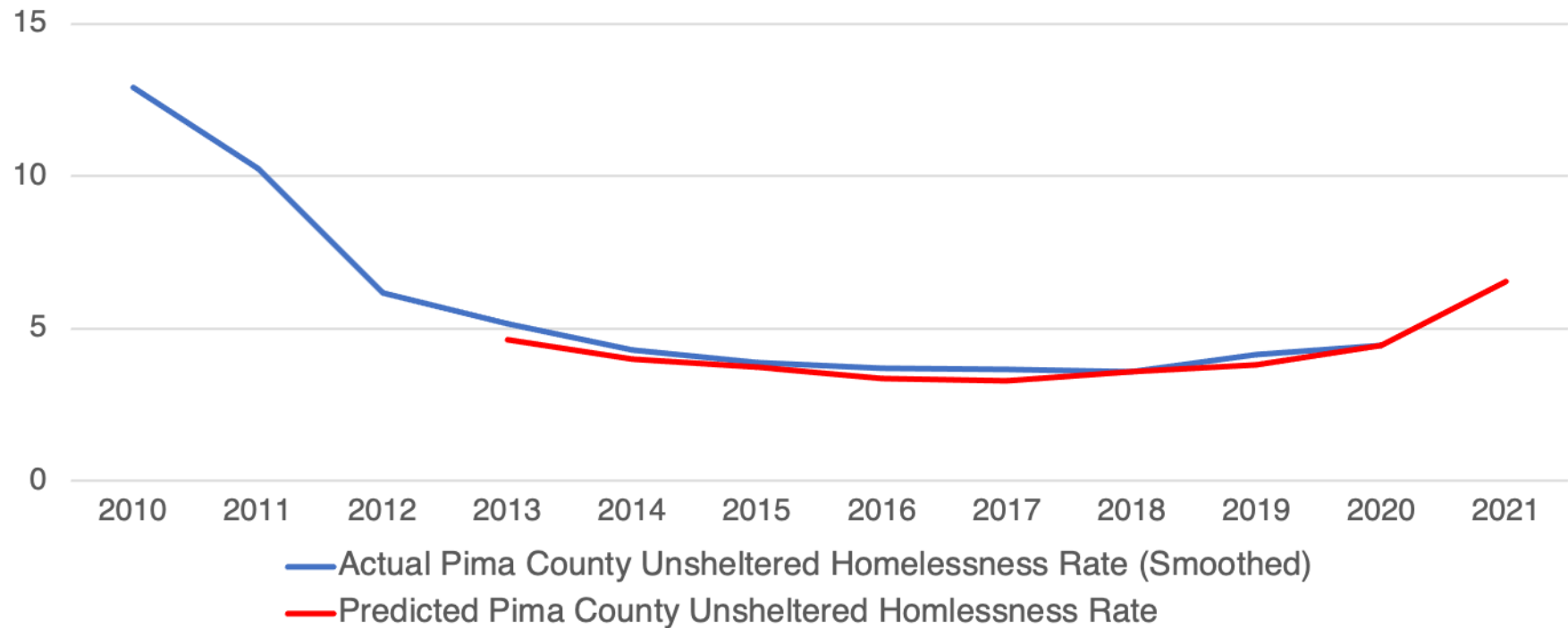
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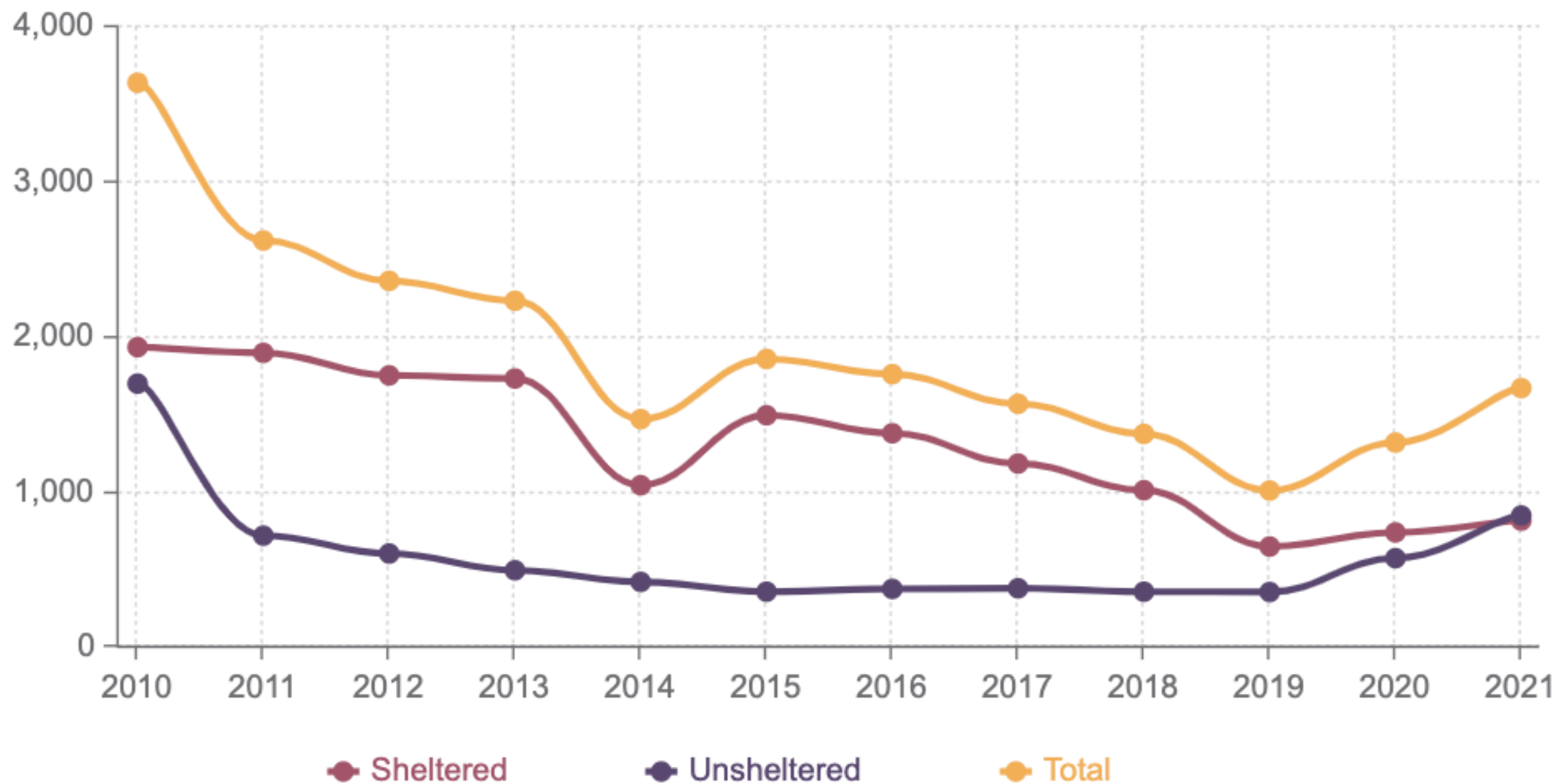
Count of Unsheltered Homeless per 10k Population



A multi-level modeling approach was used to estimate the associations between CoC-level economic factors and year-to-year changes in the rate of unsheltered homelessness. These model results were then used to predict the rate of unsheltered homelessness in 2021 in Pima County based on the levels of 5 independent variables (unemployment, poverty, the rental vacancy rate, median rent, and the homeownership rate) in Pima County in 2020. **Our best estimate of the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Pima County in January of 2021 is 854 individuals.**

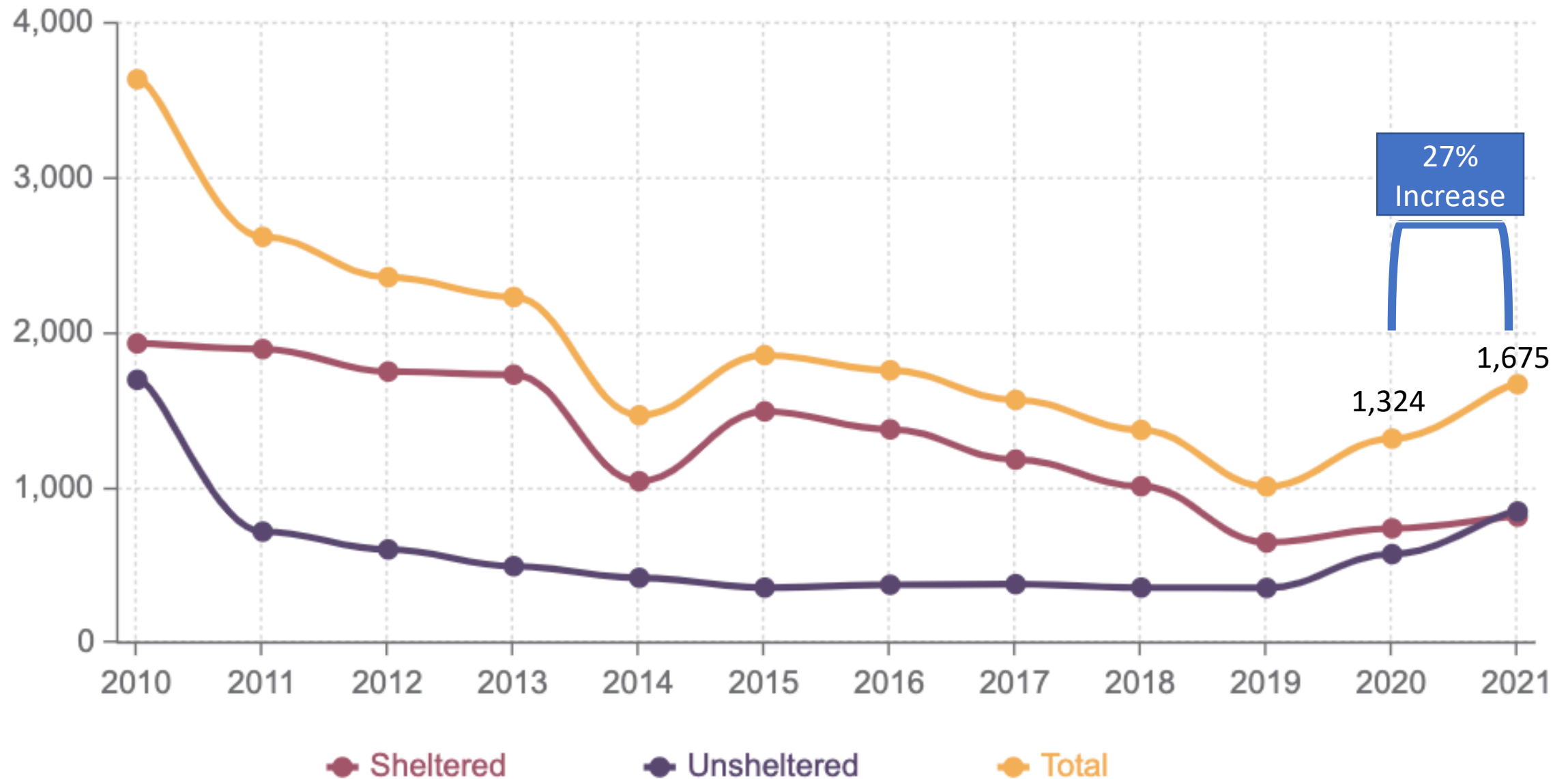
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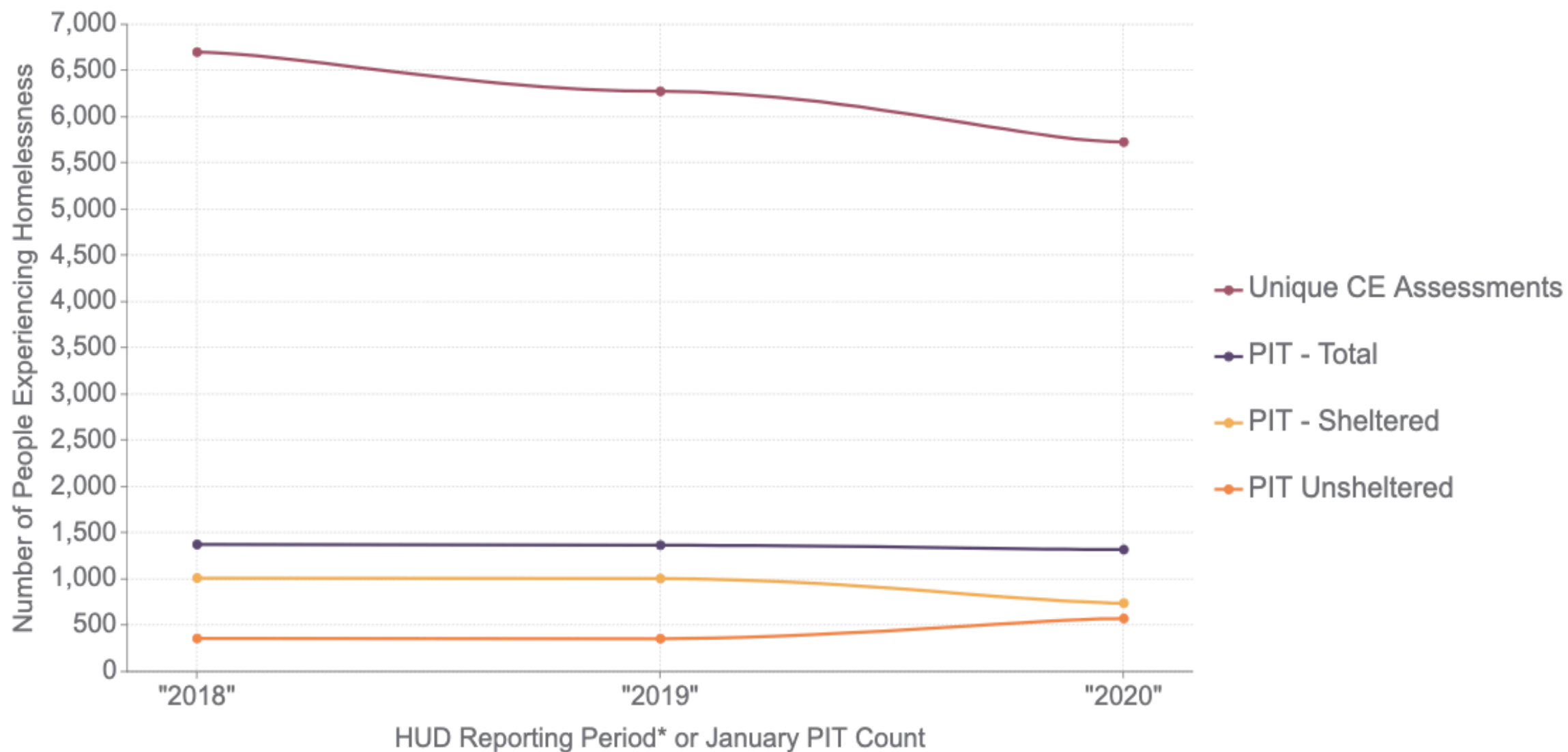


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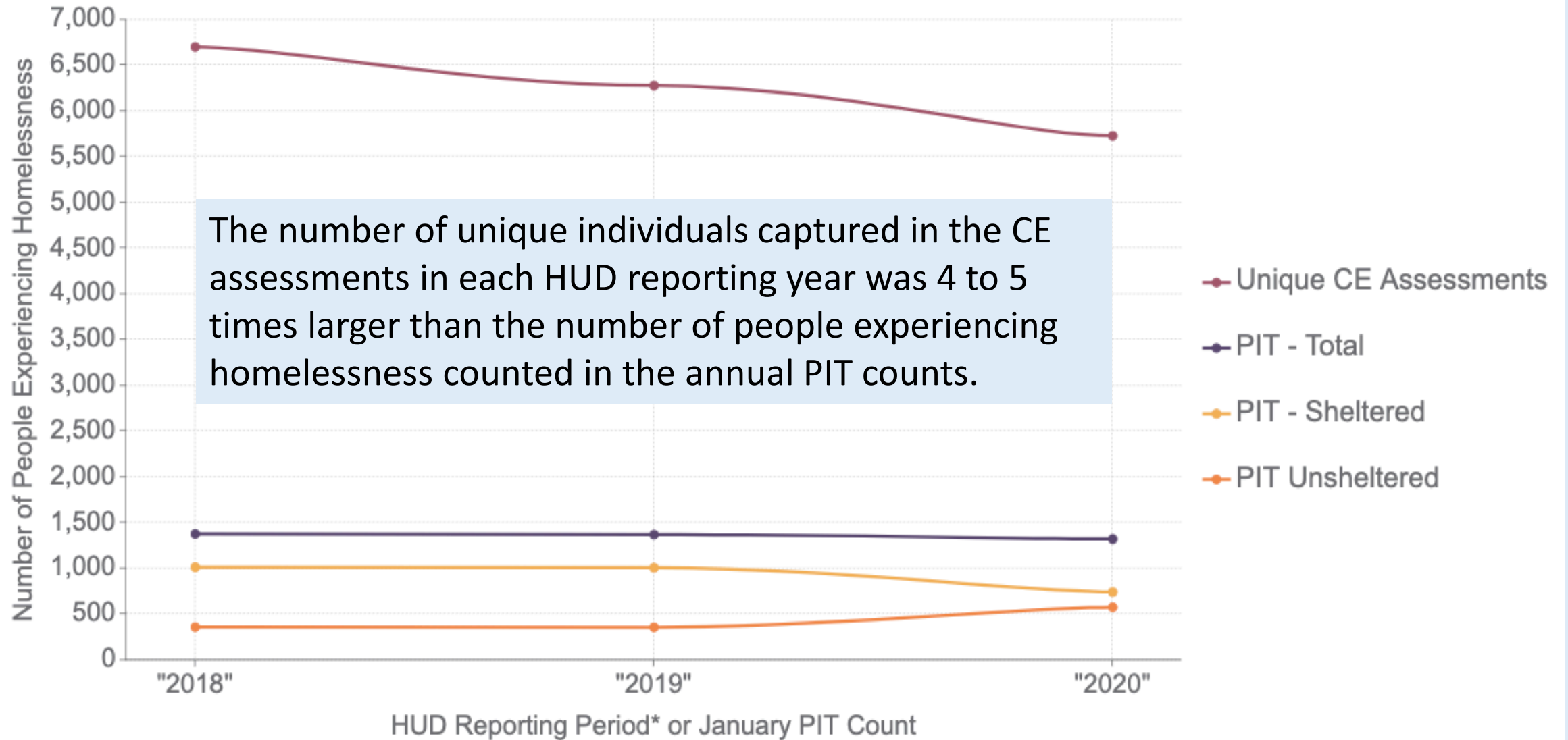
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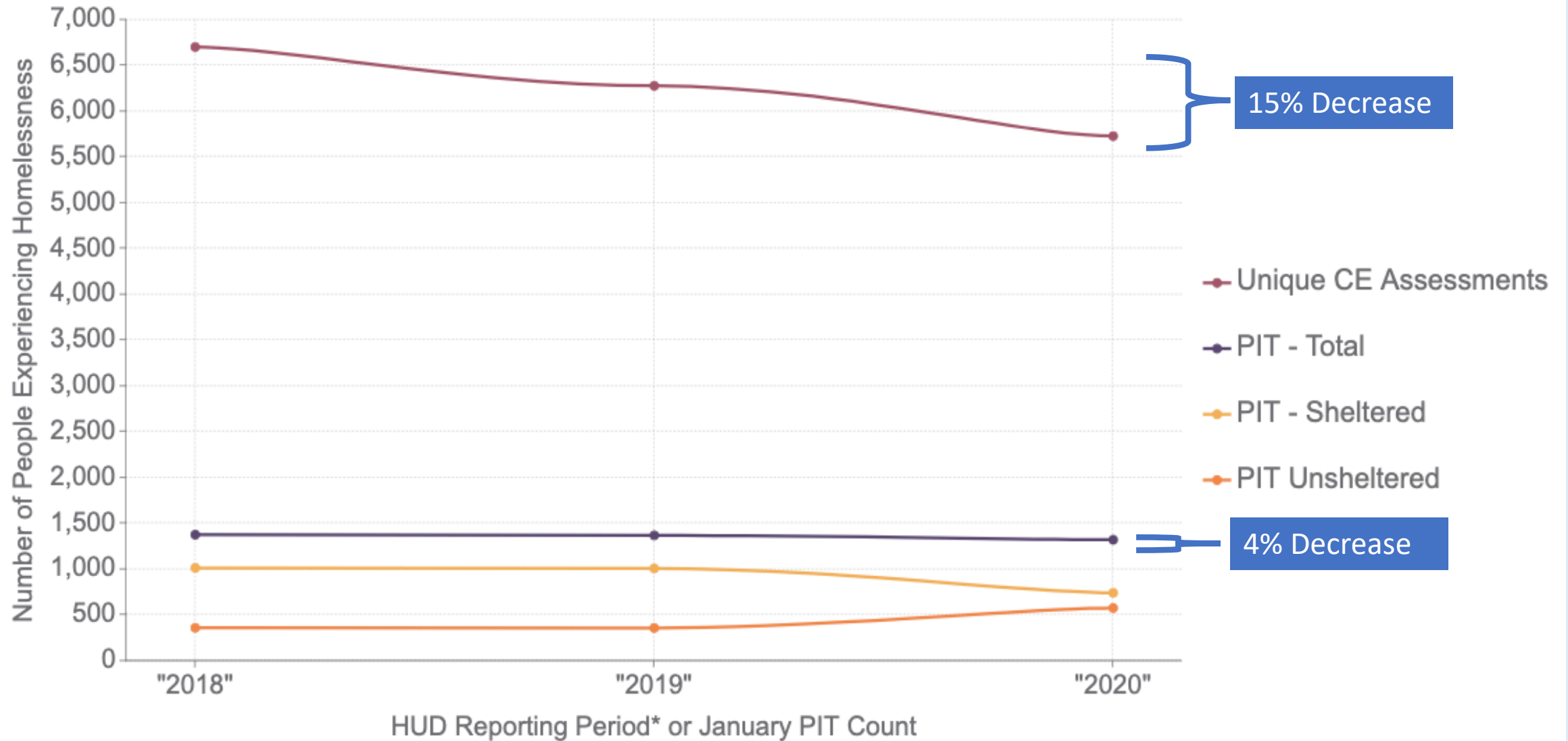
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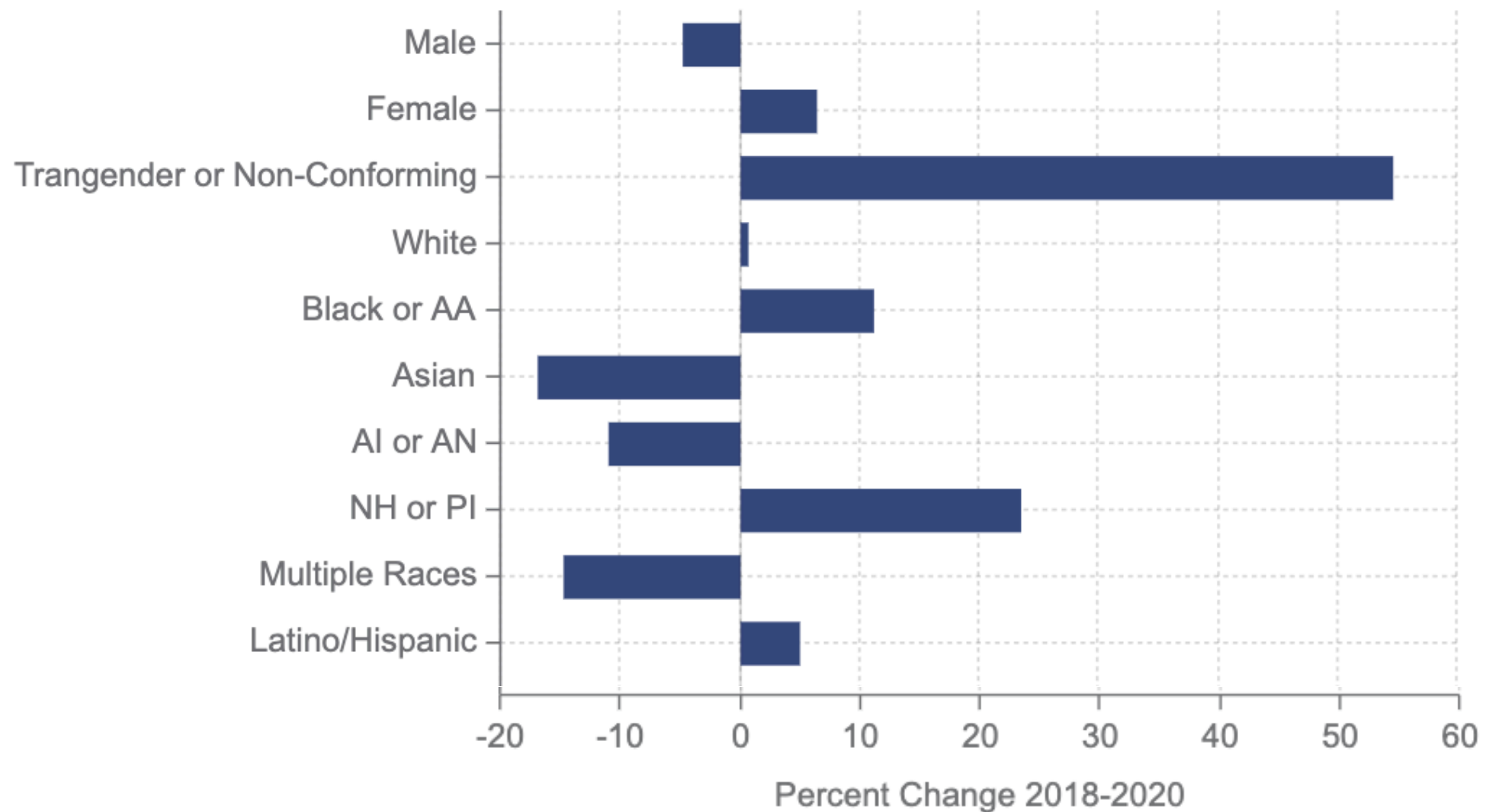
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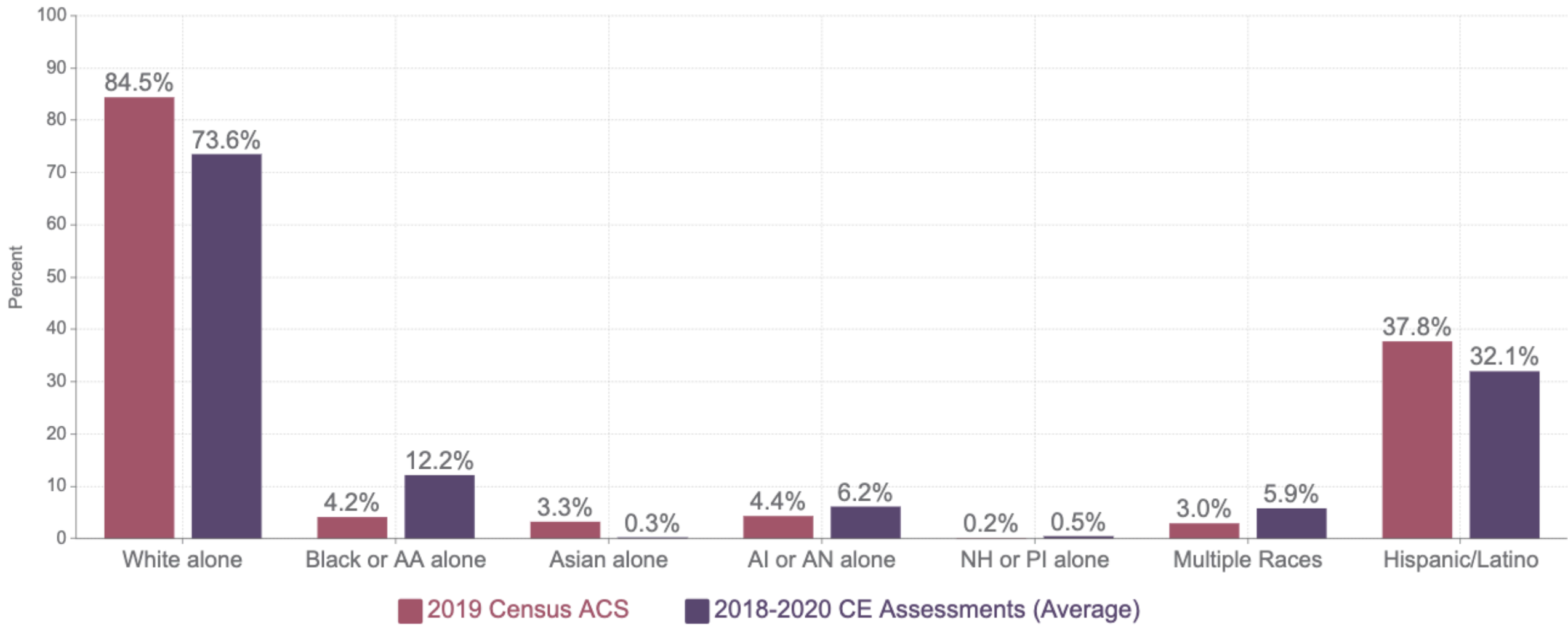
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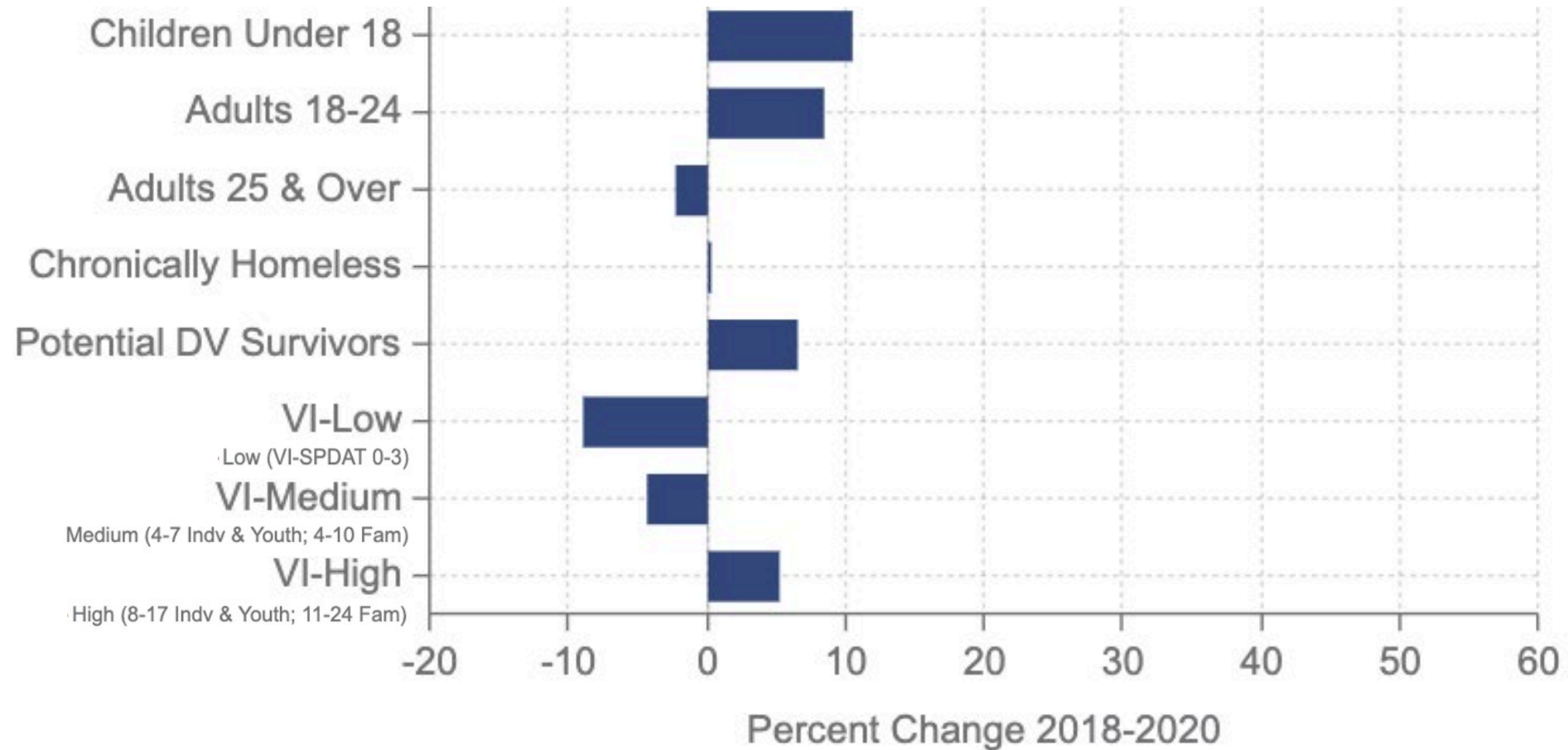


Proportion of Adults/HoHs Experiencing Homelessness in Tucson/Pima County CoC and Demographics of Pima County

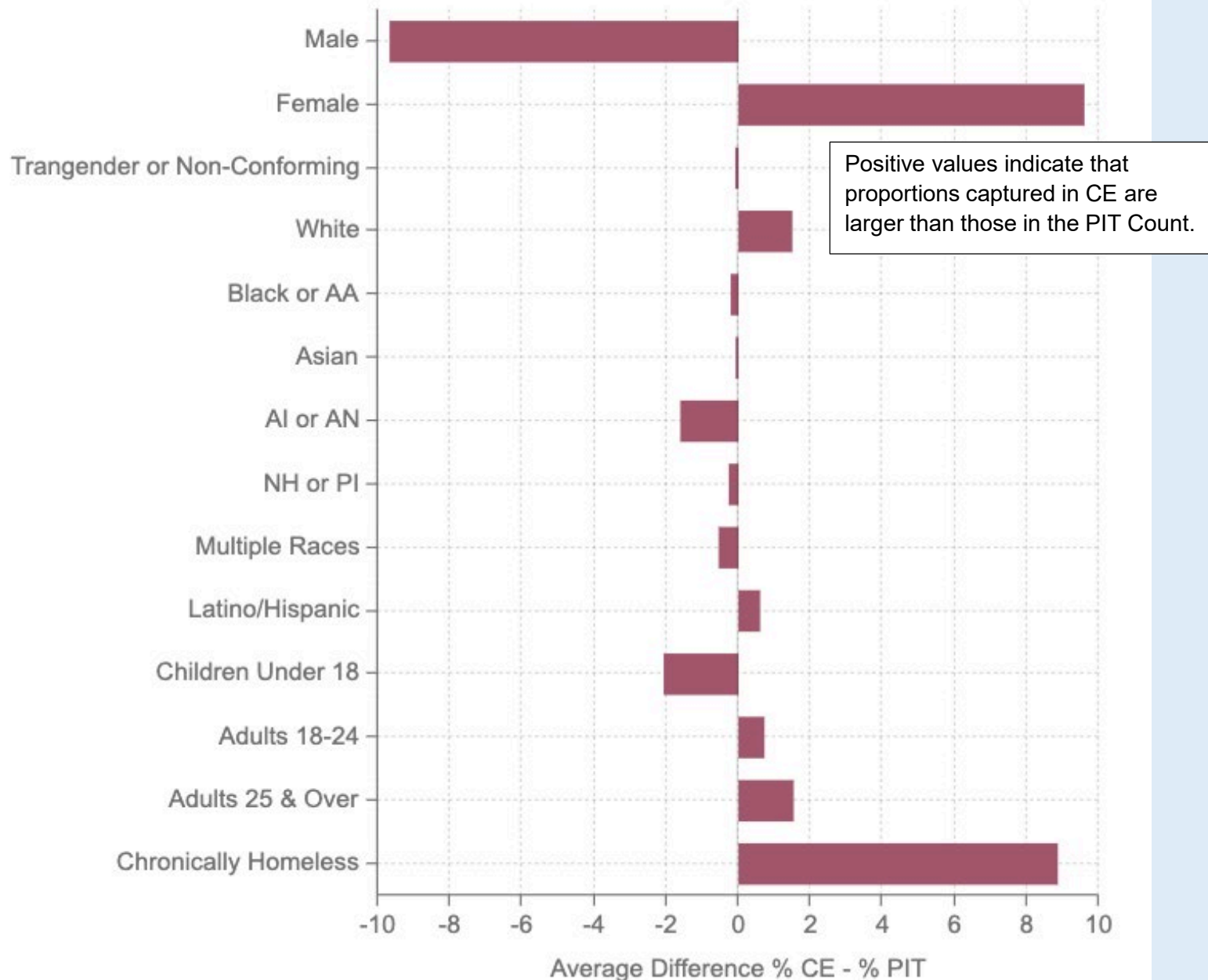


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Average Difference Between Proportions Captured in CE Assessments and PIT Count: 2018 - 2020



The picture of who is experiencing homelessness looks somewhat different depending on which data tool is being used. In particular, **the proportion of women experiencing homelessness is nearly 10 percentage points higher when measured using the CE assessments instead of the PIT count data.**

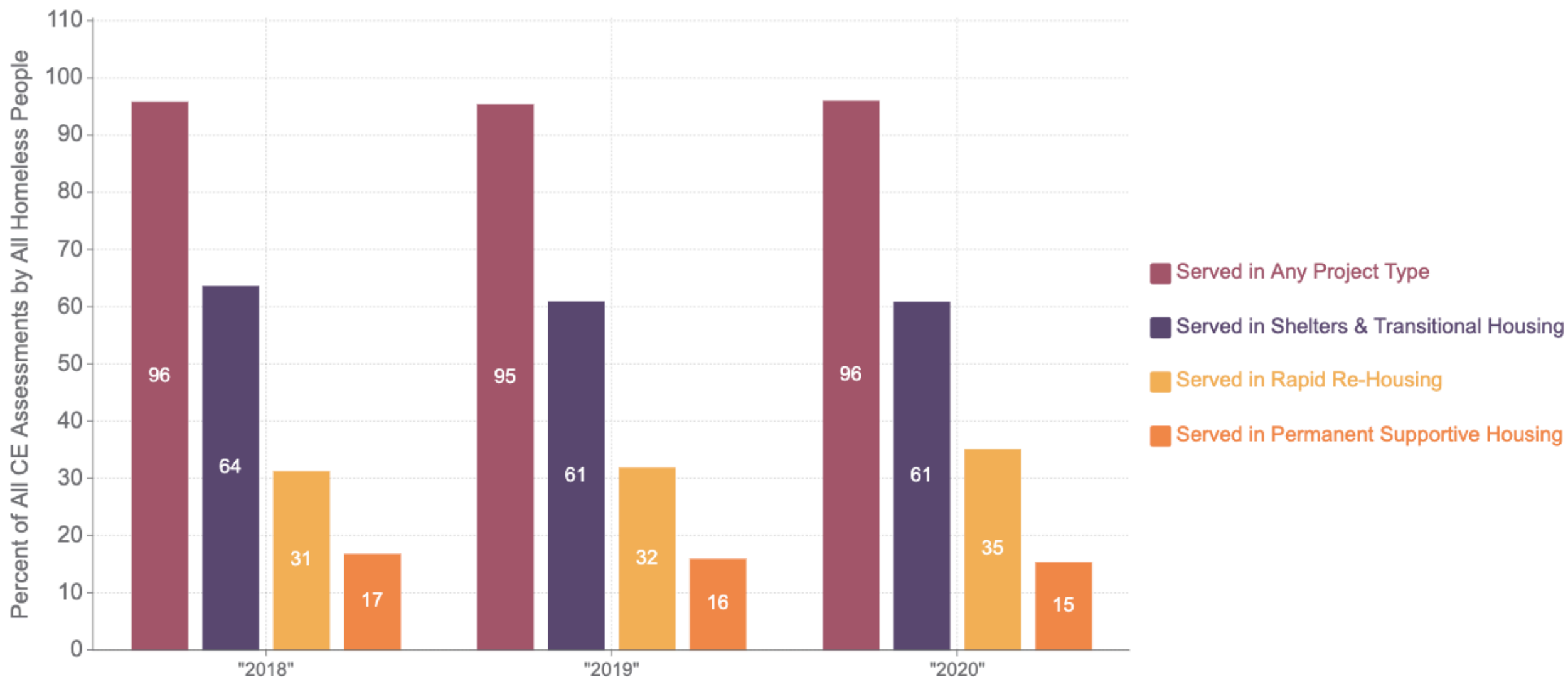
Similarly, **the proportion of homeless individuals experiencing chronic homelessness is substantially larger, on the order of 9 percentage points larger, when viewed through the CE assessment data in contrast to the PIT count data.**

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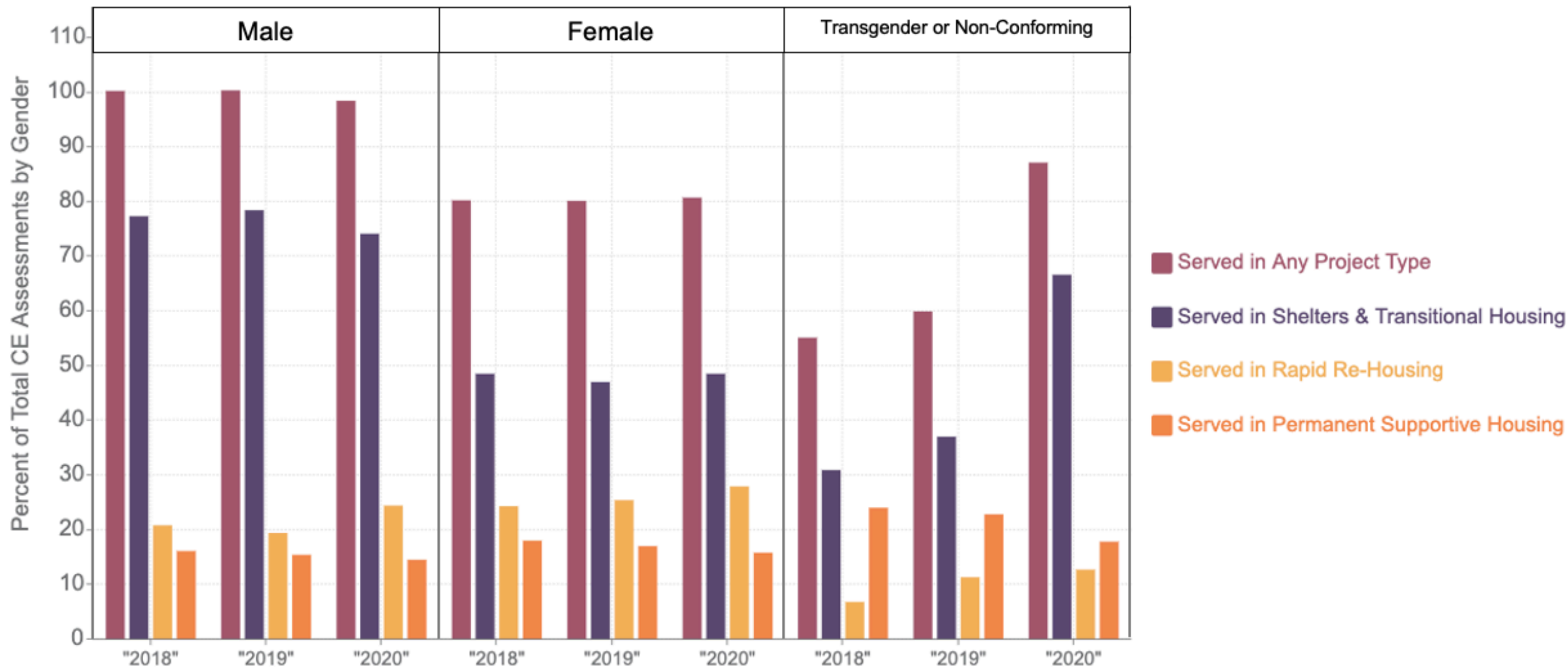
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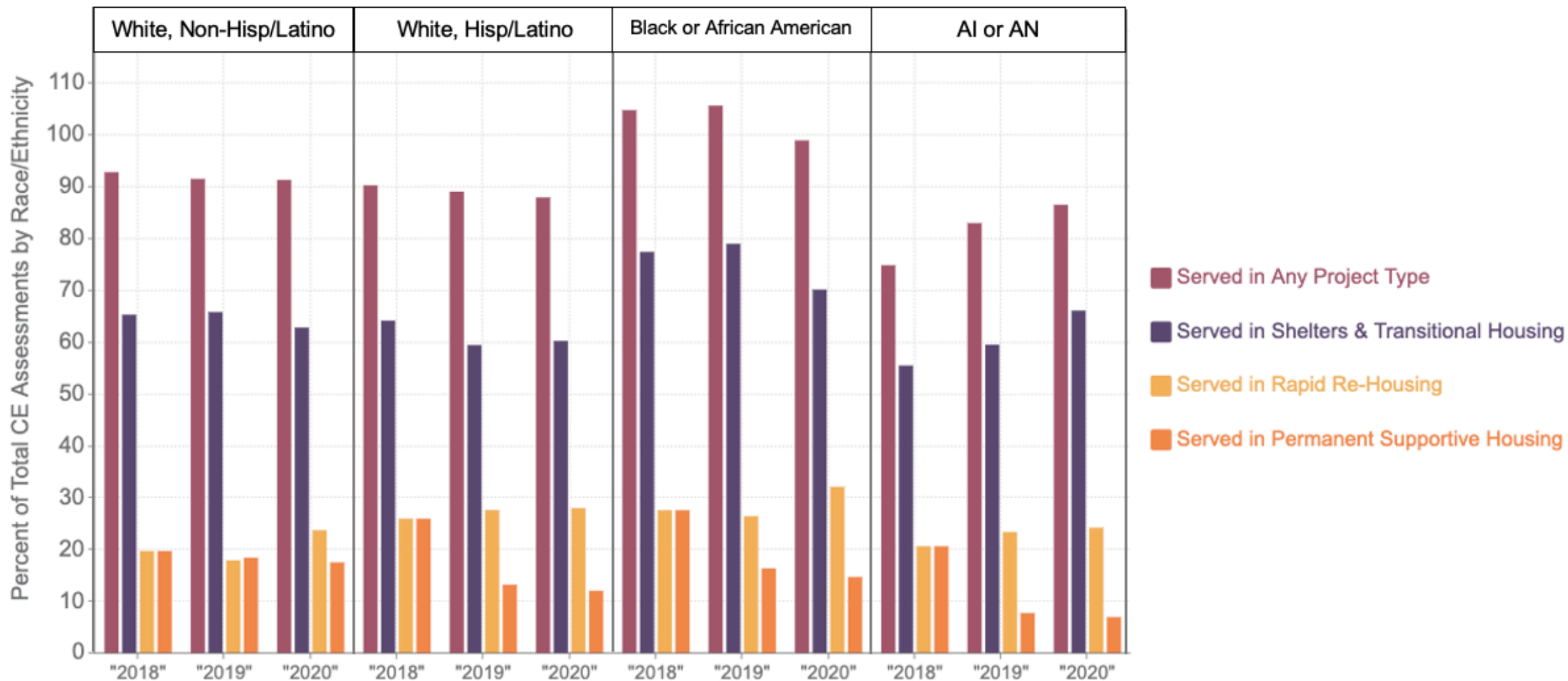
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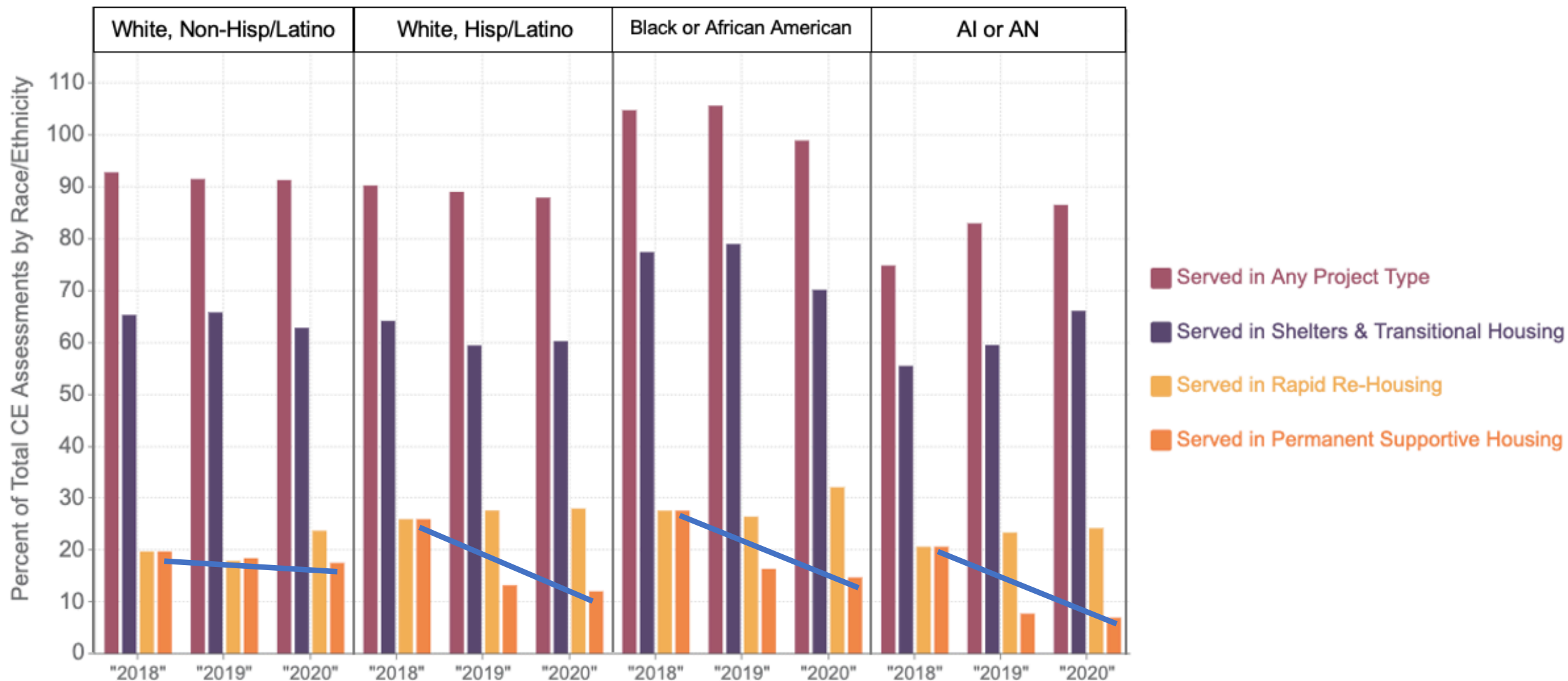
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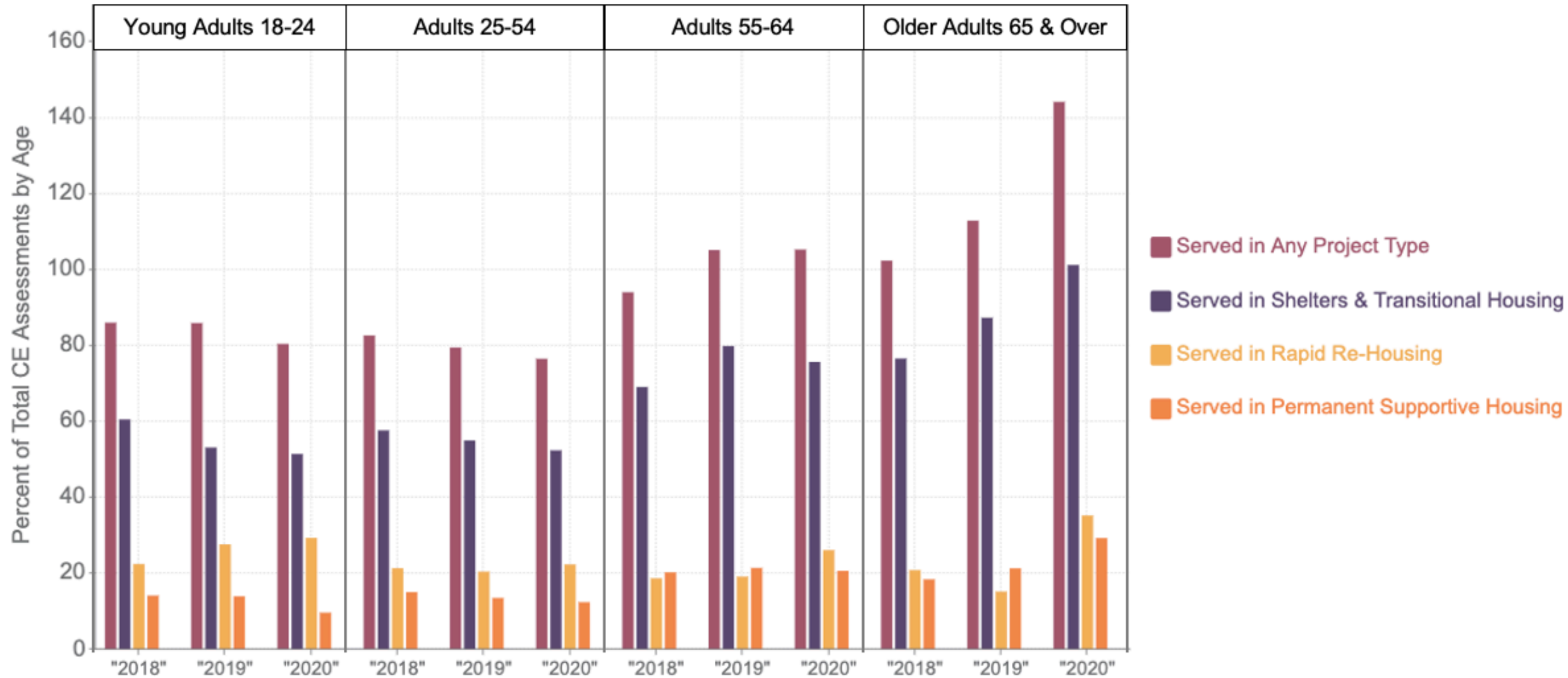
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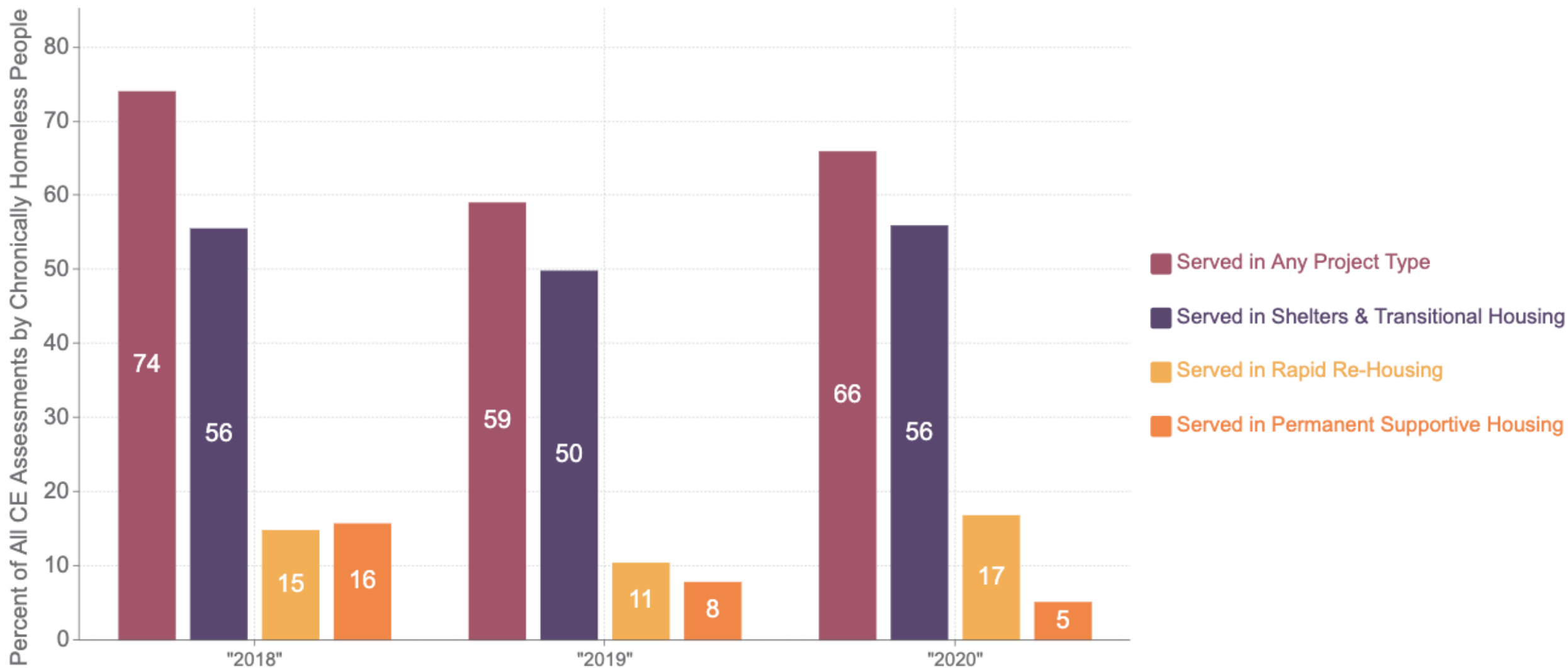
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Individuals Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and HUD Reporting Period 2018-2020



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# Inpatient Hospitalizations (Last 6 months)	0.93
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59% of all individuals completing the CE assessment answered “yes” to a question asking whether their current bout of homelessness is, “in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because family or friends caused you to become evicted?”



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62% of all individuals reported that their current period of homelessness, “has been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you have experienced”.

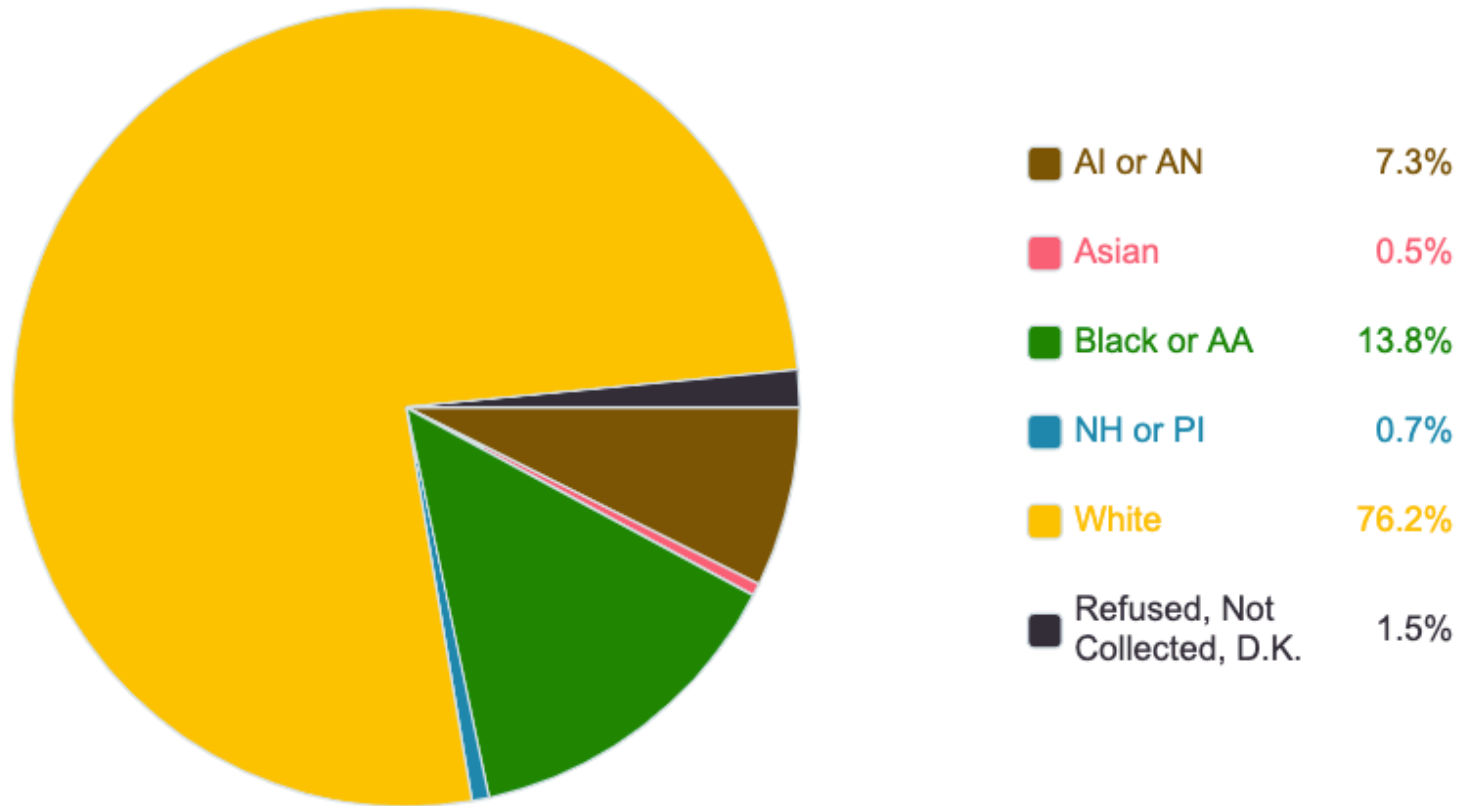
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Sleeping Outside - % Yes	53.7	-1	2	-3.7	-10.2	-3.6	2	-5.1	-1.6	-16.2
More than a year since stable housing - % Yes	53.8	-0.7	2.6	-4.7	-12.9	-1.9	1.1	-8.1	0.4	-3.8
# Times Homeless in last 3 years	3.31	0.51	0.17	-0.42	-0.95	0.06	-0.05	0.06	0.4	1.19
# Health Care in Emergency Department (Last 6 months)	1.72	-0.34	-0.01	0.08	0.06	0.11	-0.06	0.74	0.83	1.09
# Ambulance to Hospital (Last 6 months)	0.73	-0.19	-0.03	0.08	0.2	-0.02	0.01	0.3	1.08	0.08
# Inpatient Hospitalizations (Last 6 months)	0.93	-0.06	-0.01	0.05	0.87	-0.09	0.05	0.51	0.34	0.01
# Used Crisis Service (Last 6 months)	1.06	0.02	0.11	-0.2	-0.56	0.26	-0.15	0.97	1.36	1.57
# Interacted with Police (Last 6 months)	1.6	0.09	0.13	-0.26	-0.6	0.15	-0.08	0.63	0.67	-0.79
# Times Incarcerated (Last 6 months)	0.59	0.19	0.1	-0.25	-0.4	-0.11	0.07	-0.39	0.18	-0.15
Attacked or Beaten up Since Homeless - % Yes	41.1	3.9	3.1	-6.6	-15.6	3.5	-2.1	13.2	13.1	21.4
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Legal Stuff Going On with Risk of Jail or Fines - % Yes	38.9	4.2	4.1	-9.2	-18.4	1.7	-1	21.1	17.4	-26.4
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Do you Do Risky Things (sex for \$, needle sharing) - % Yes	29.9	7.9	3.6	-8.5	-16.8	0.2	-0.3	24.4	18	-4.9
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Primary Racial Identification of Adults & Heads of Households

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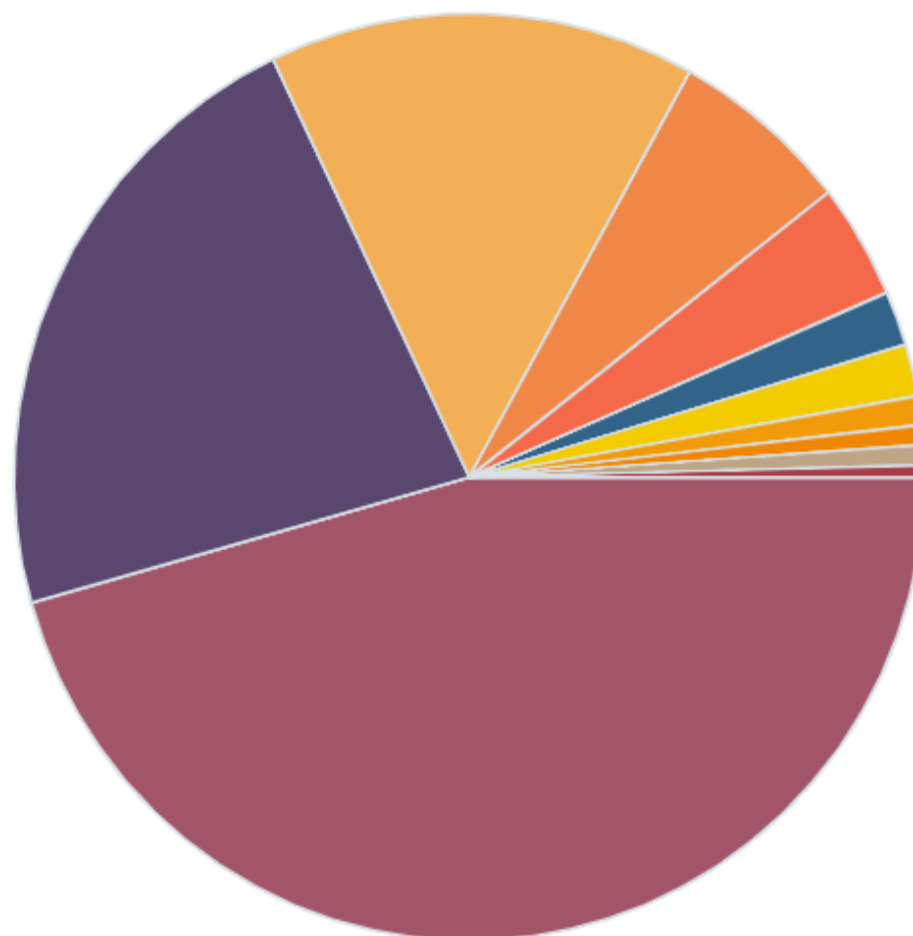


This figure presents the primary race identified by a set of 12,548 unique individuals over the reporting years 2018-2020.

Of these individuals 5.3%, or 668 people, identified as multiracial.

Racial Identities of Multiracial Individuals Regardless of Primary or Secondary Race

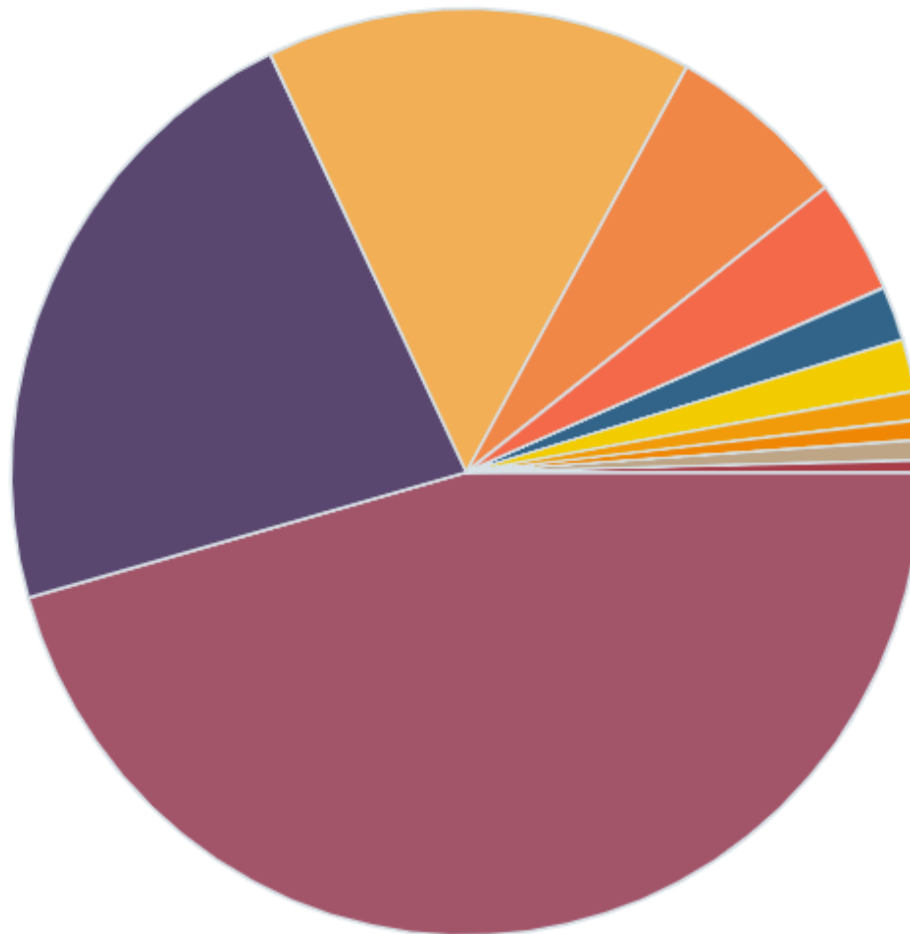
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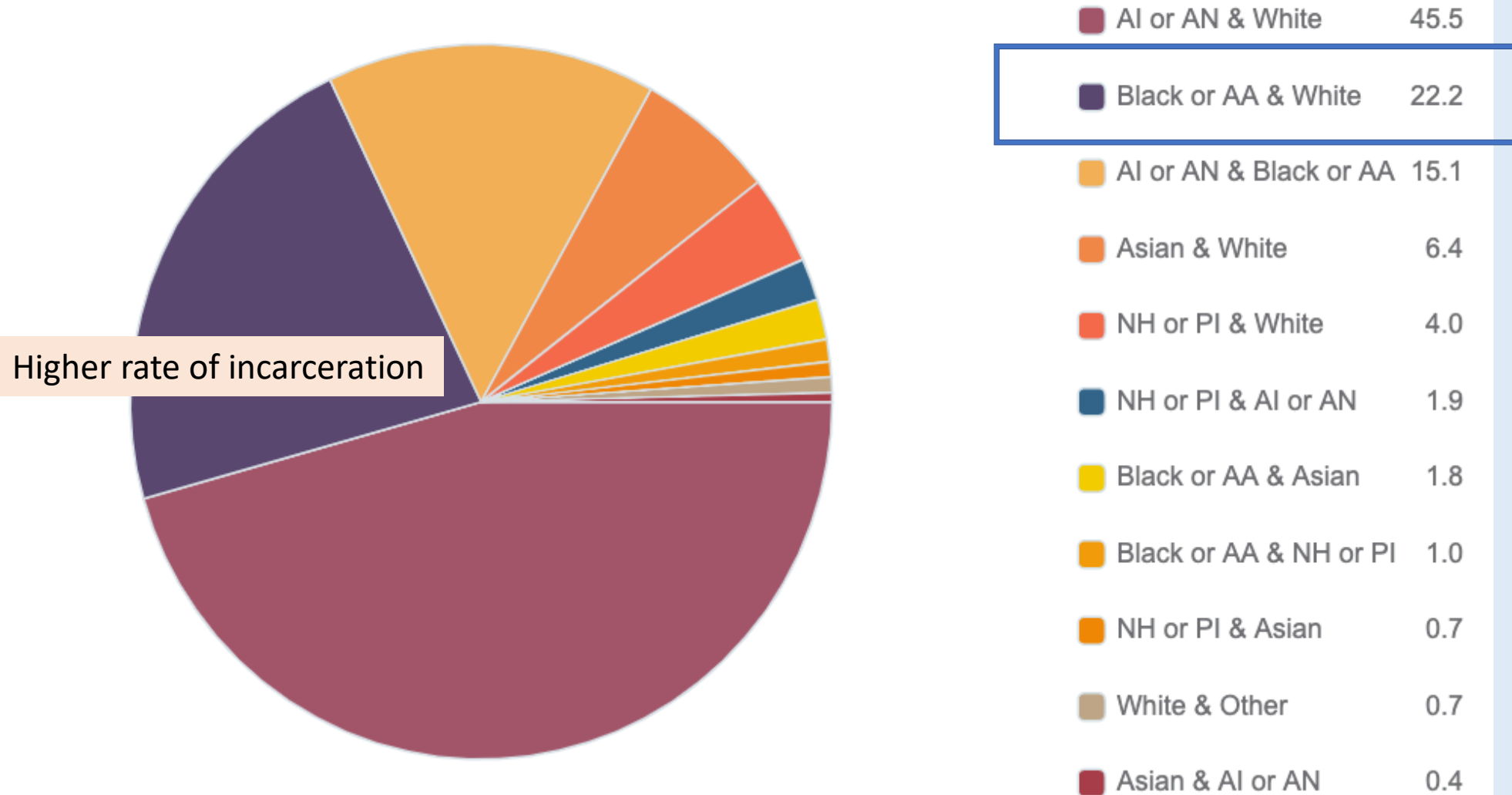
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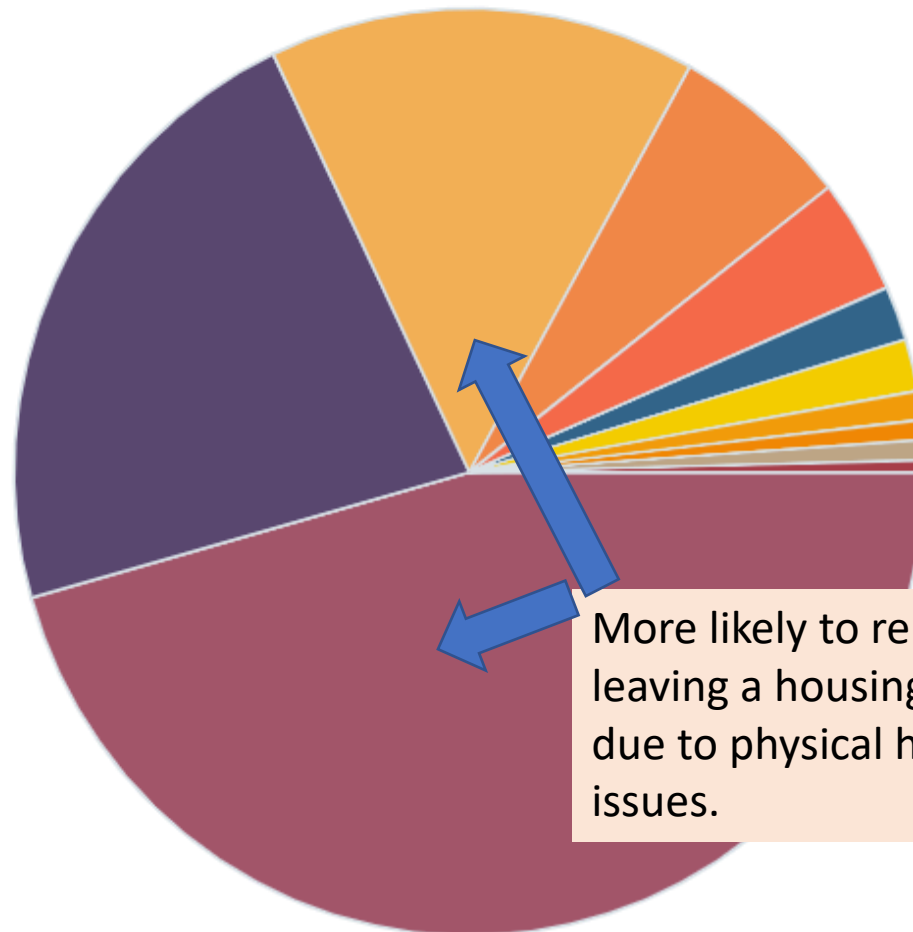
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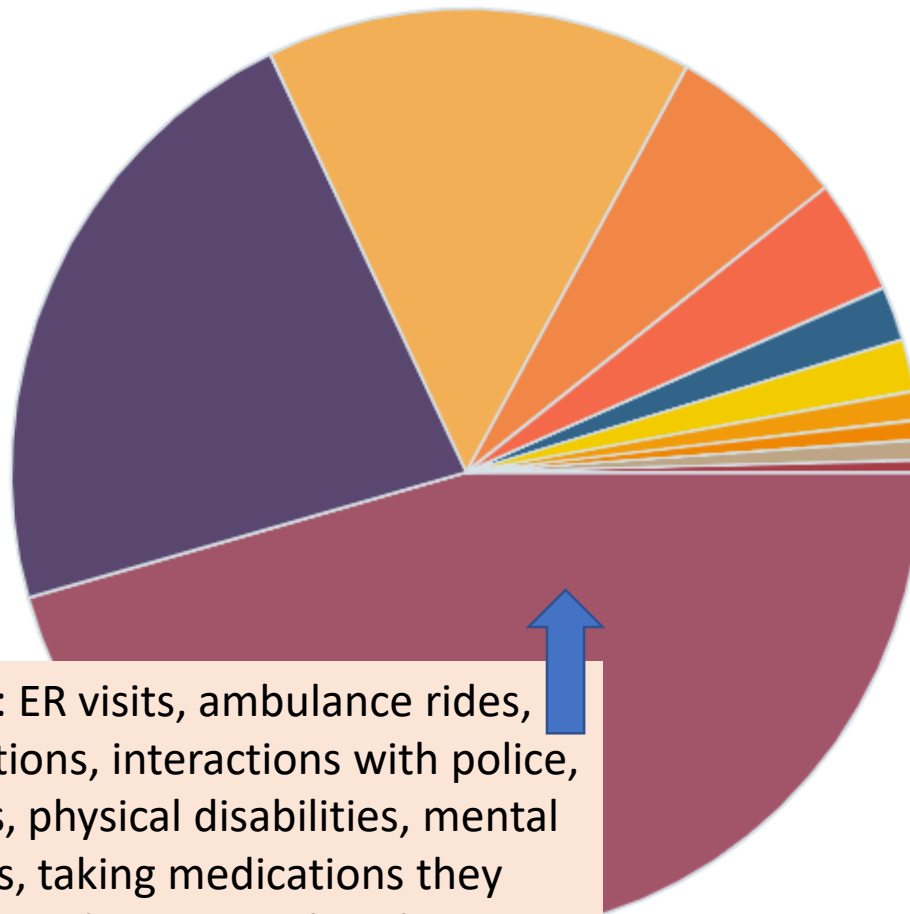
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Higher Frequency of: ER visits, ambulance rides, inpatient hospitalizations, interactions with police, chronic health issues, physical disabilities, mental health or brain issues, taking medications they should not be taking, and to report that their current period of homelessness was due to an experience of abuse or trauma.

Questions/Discussion

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