



Project Homeless Connect: 2024 Data

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Kenai Peninsula Continuum of Care, the
Kenai Peninsula Homelessness Coalition,
and the Kenai Peninsula Project Homeless
Connect Sub-committee

Speaker: Jodi Stuart-PR Chair



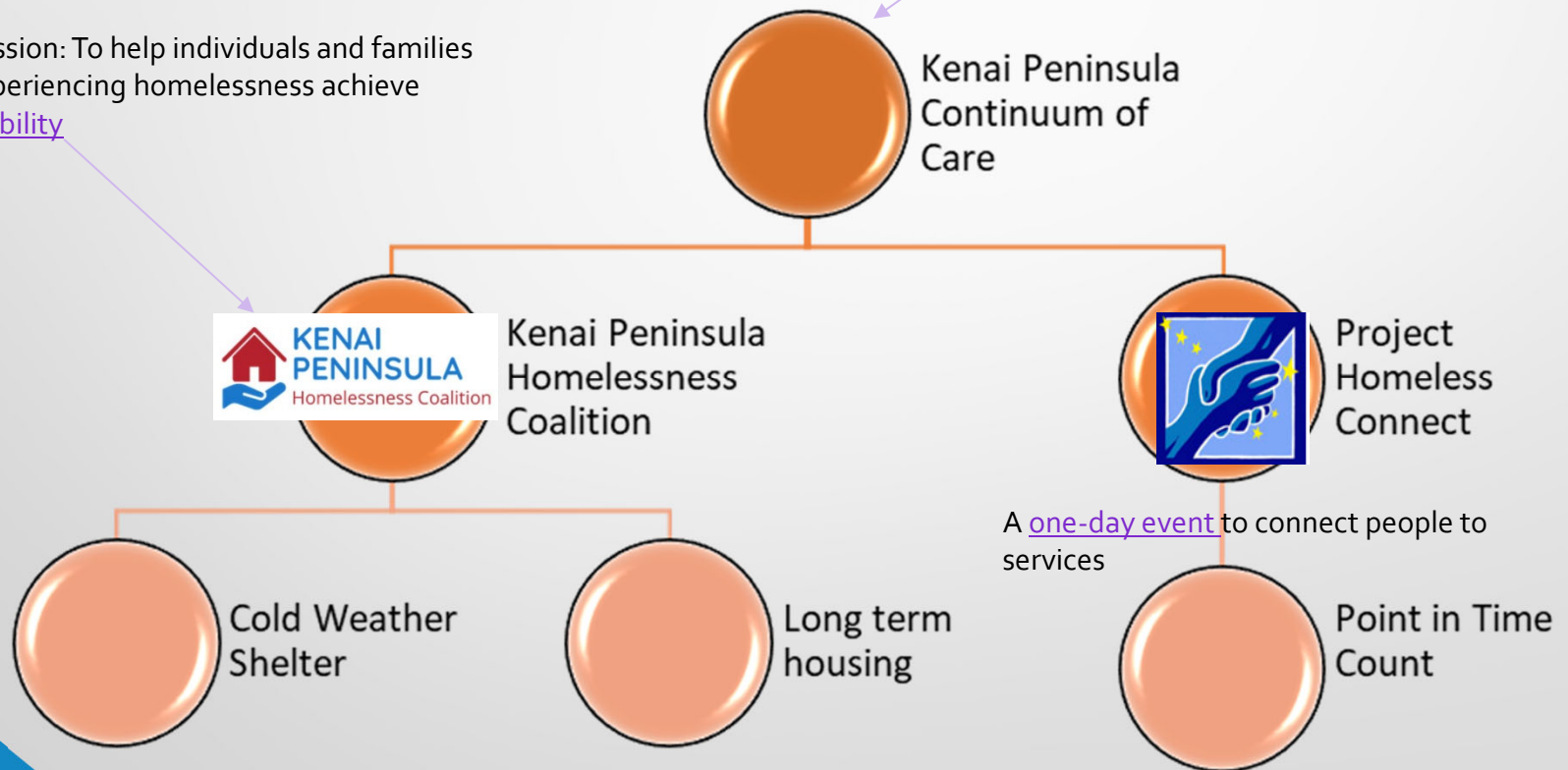
Our Goals

- Connect people to services efficiently and effectively that would otherwise be difficult to access
- Build a more compassionate community
- Reduce stigma
- Provide data

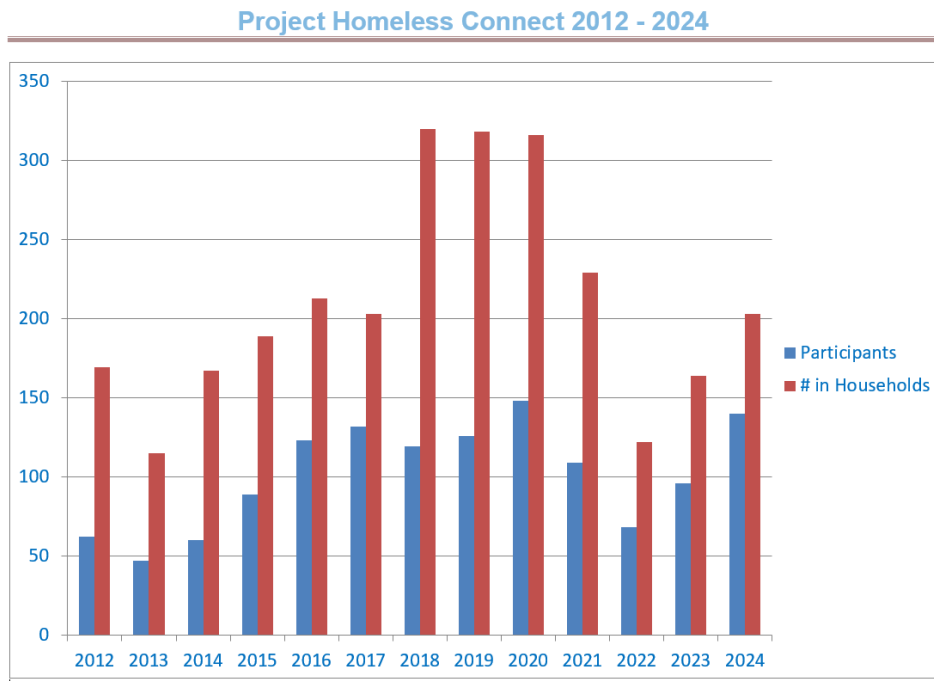
Our Organizational Structure

Mission: To help individuals and families experiencing homelessness achieve stability

CoC is a regional planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals

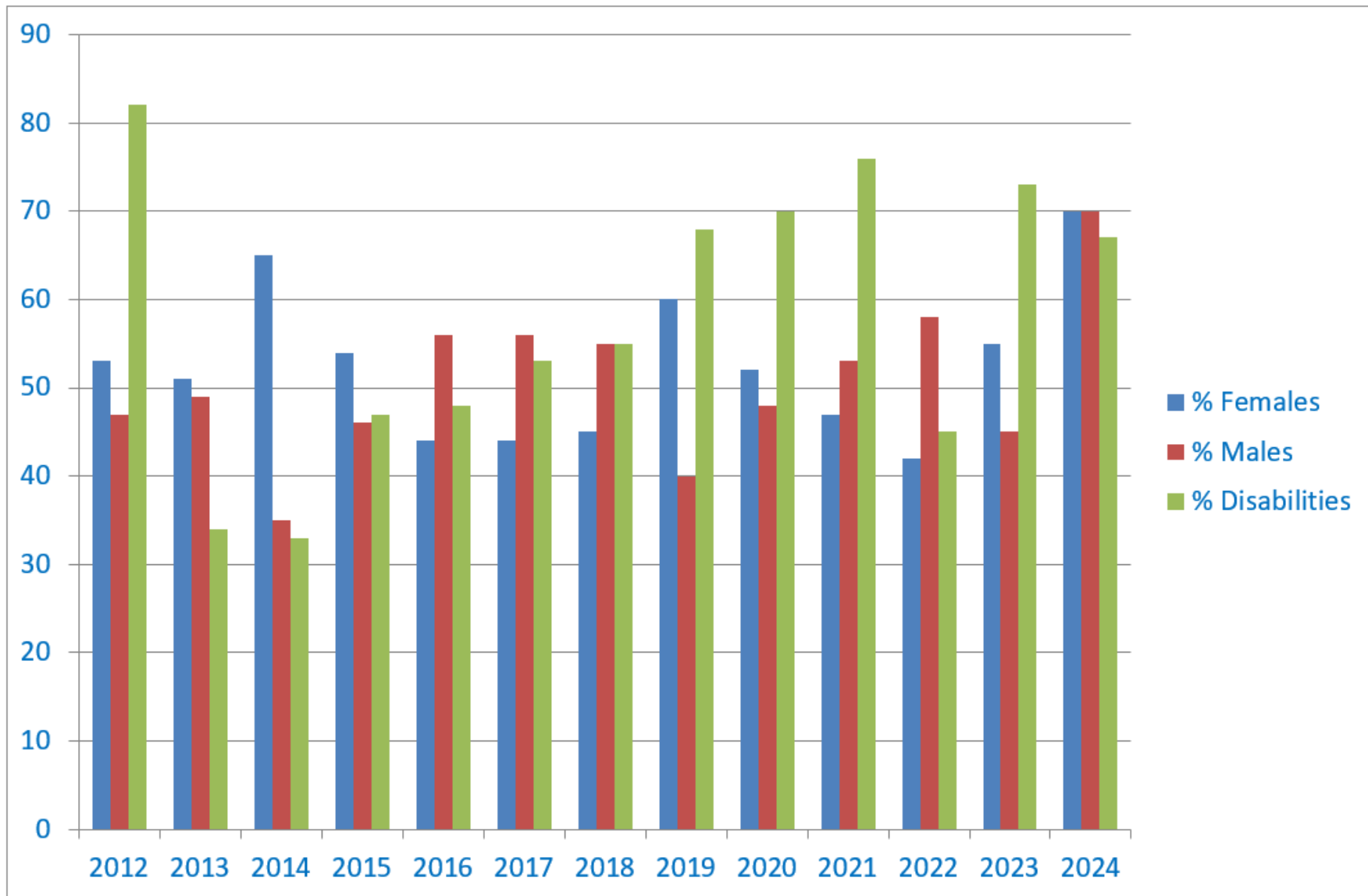


A one-day event to connect people to services

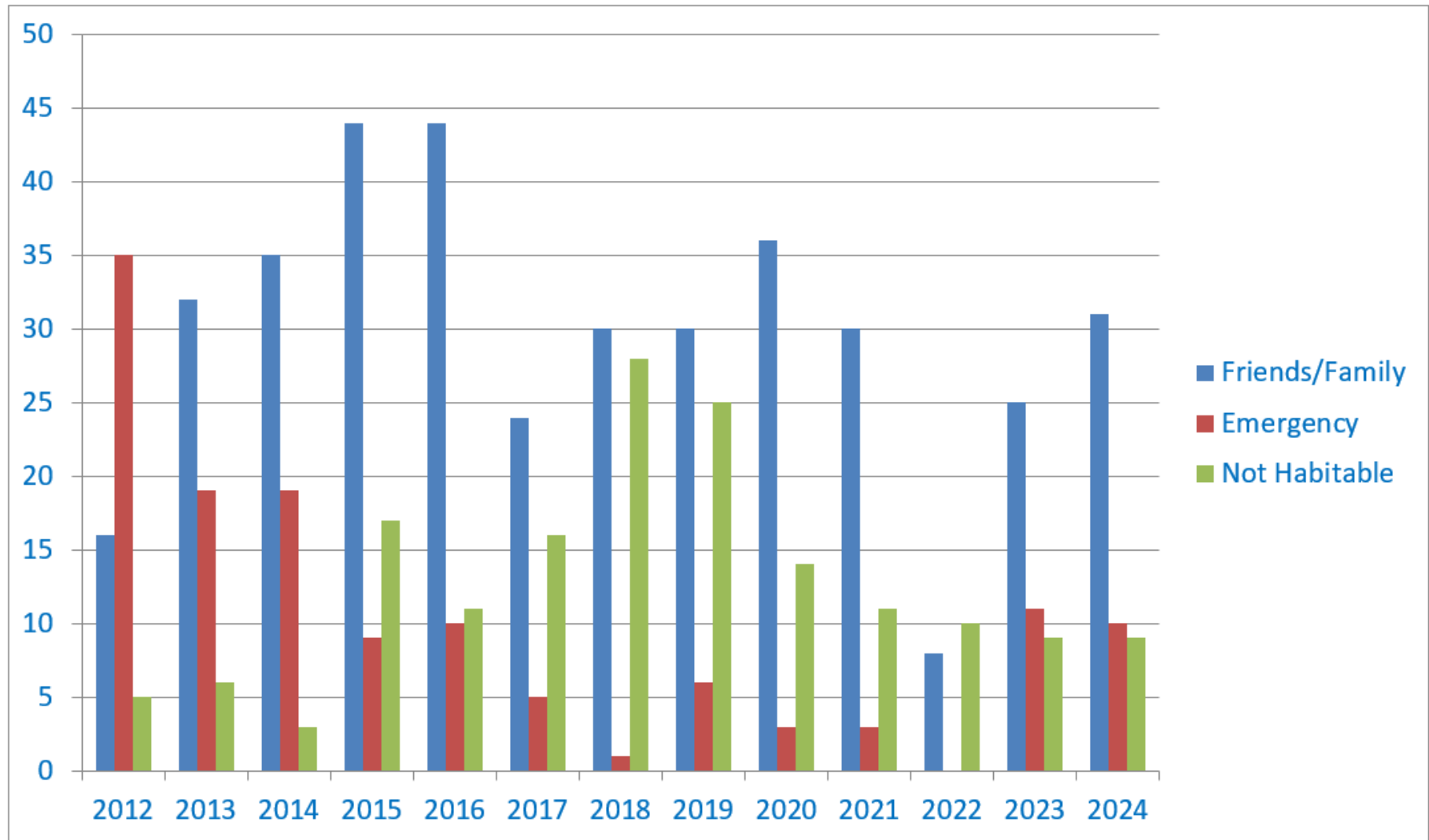


Data Over Time

Project Homeless Connect 2012 - 2024

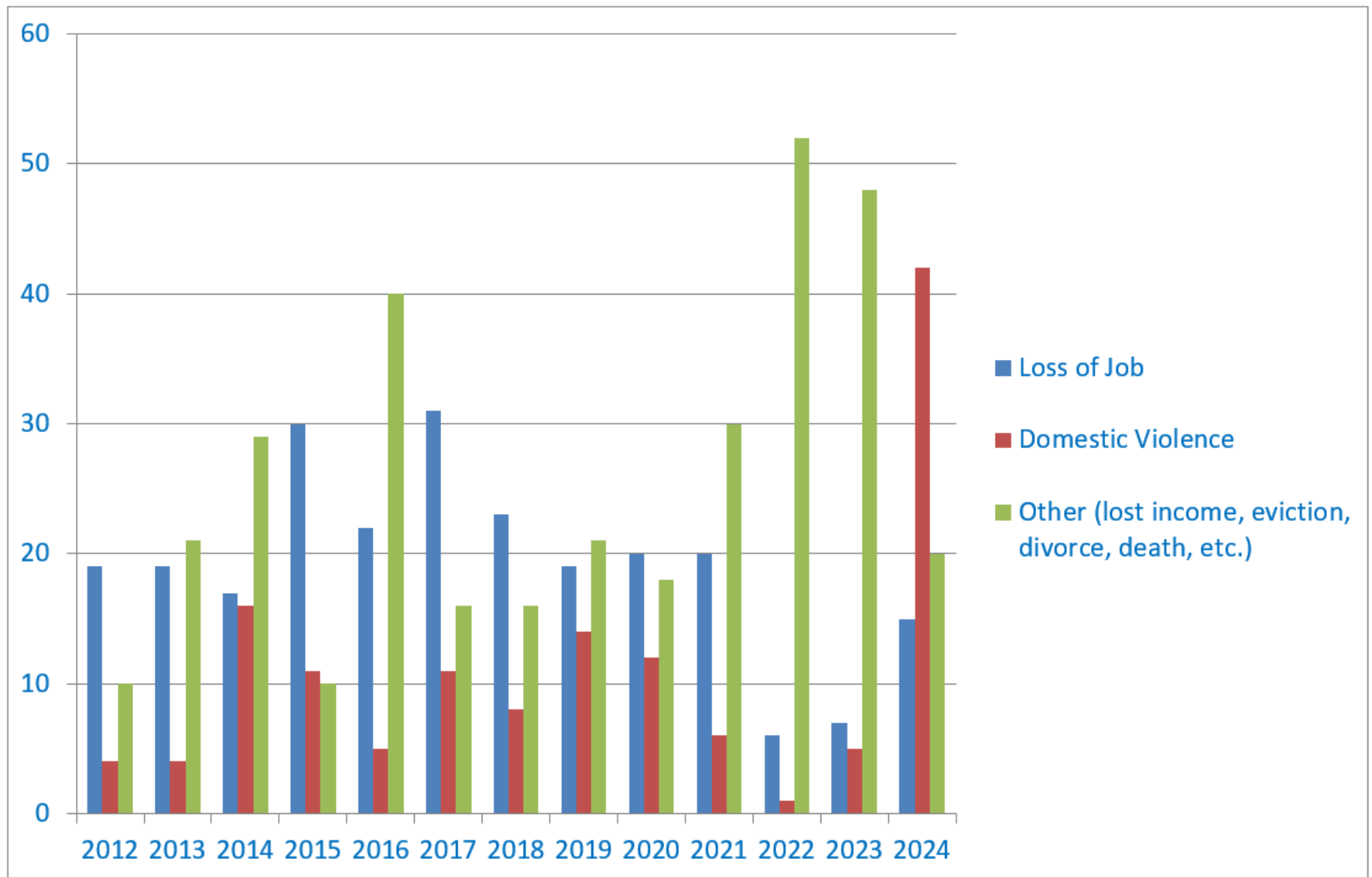


Project Homeless Connect 2012 - 2024



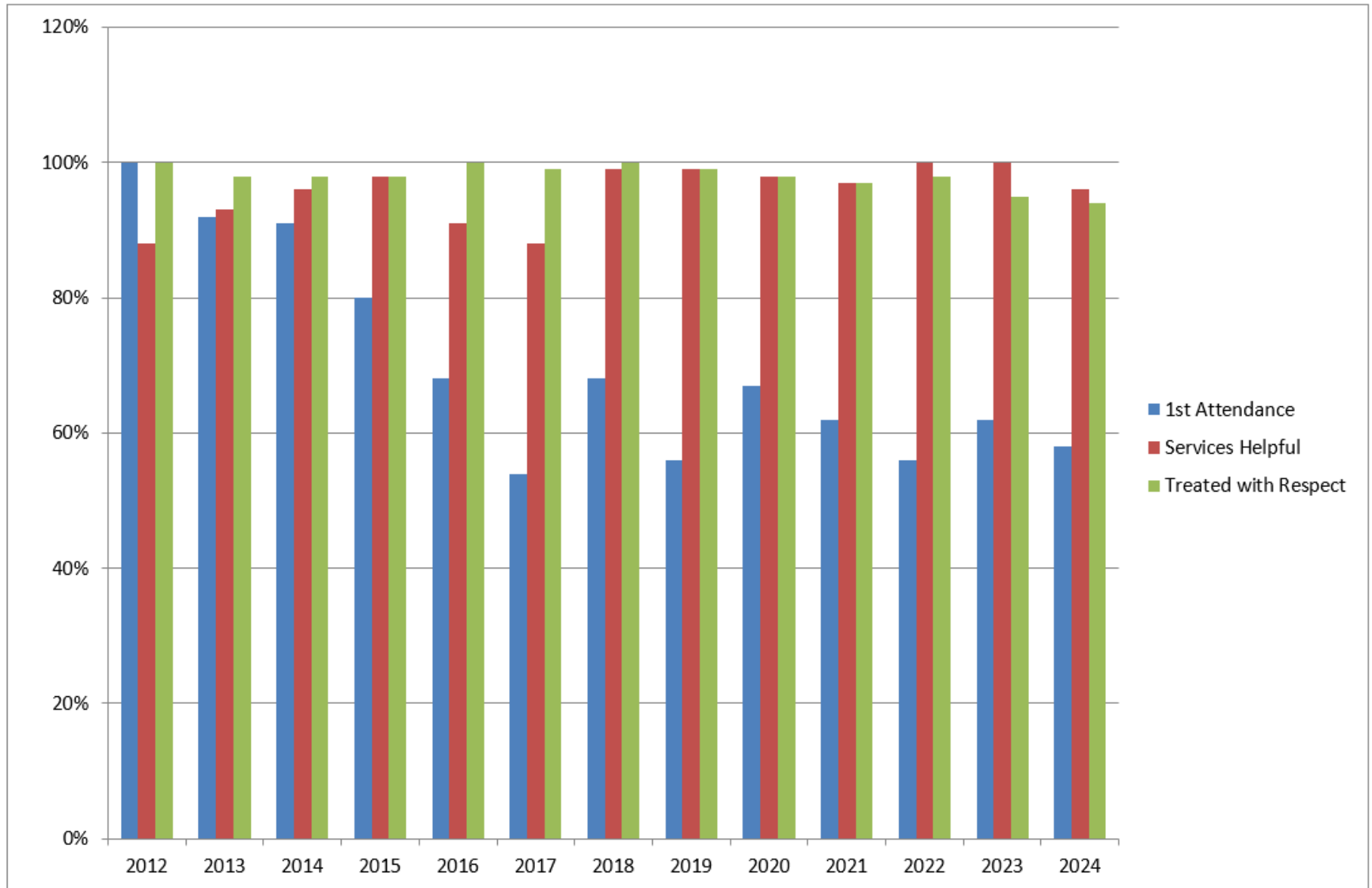
Housing Status Percentages

Project Homeless Connect 2012 - 2024



Primary Reason for Homelessness

Project Homeless Connect 2012 - 2024



Services Received

Homer/Anchor Point

1/30/2024

Homer

- 105 attended newly branded Community Resource Connect
- Held at the SPARC



Anchor Point

- 35 attended





2024 Point in Time Count/PHC

Where did you sleep
on 1/29/2024?

The Point in Time Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness carried out on one night in the last 10 calendar days of January. According to HUD guidance, the PIT count should be completed using unduplicated counts or statistically reliable estimates of persons experiencing homelessness in both sheltered and unsheltered locations on a single night.

Project Homeless Connect is honored as a best practice model by HUD.

Types of Homelessness For 2024

- Homeless: 9%
- Temporary/Permanent: 75%
- *13% reported "Other"



Episodes of Homelessness

- 1st Time: 28%
- 2nd -3rd Time: 20%
- 4 or More Times: 31%

*Primary reason of homelessness:

15% loss of job/lack of job

10% Illness/Injury

10% substance use disorder



What the people need:



- 87% stated if an emergency cold weather shelter existed, they would use it.
- Primary needs reported: Clothing, Transportation & Food
- Secondary needs included: low-income housing, rental assistance, firewood, utility assistance, dentures, housing that allows pets, heating assistance, help with storage, child care, gas vouchers, propane



Highlights of the 2024 Event

- 6 animals received supplies with an additional 15 people taking assorted pet supplies
- 140 individuals participated representing a total of 203 community members
- 73% reported this was their first PHC event
- 18% were between 18-34, prime employability
- 9% were veterans
- 5% slept in the car the night prior
- 41% had been homeless for a year or more
- 35% reported their last permanent address in Kenai
- 32% reported their last permanent address in Soldotna
- 42% reported being a survivor of domestic violence
- There were 40 haircuts provided
- 17 hand massages were provided

ALASKA

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In **Alaska**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,368**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$4,562** monthly or **\$54,740** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$26.32
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING
WAGE

FACTS ABOUT **ALASKA**:

STATE FACTS

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Minimum Wage | \$10.85 |
| Average Renter Wage | \$23.27 |
| 2-Bedroom Housing Wage | \$26.32 |
| Number of Renter Households | 89,354 |
| Percent Renters | 34% |

97

Work Hours Per Week At
**Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom
Rental Home (at FMR)**

74

Work Hours Per Week At
**Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom
Rental Home (at FMR)**

2.4

Number of Full-Time Jobs At
**Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)**

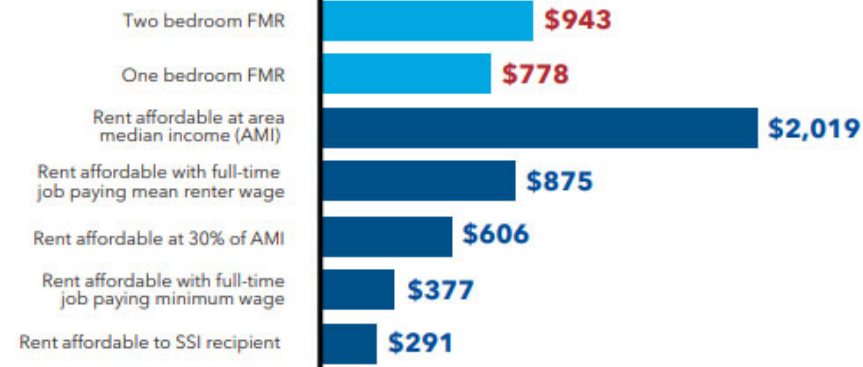
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Number of Full-Time Jobs At
**Minimum Wage To Afford a
1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)**

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS

HOUSING WAGE

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Bethel Census Area | \$34.98 |
| Aleutians West Census Area | \$34.56 |
| North Slope Borough | \$34.15 |
| Northwest Arctic Borough | \$33.08 |
| Kodiak Island Borough | \$31.46 |



MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Kenai Peninsula Stats

ALASKA

FY23 HOUSING WAGE

HOUSING COSTS

AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)

RENTERS

| | Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR ¹ FMR ² | 2 BR FMR | Annual income needed to afford 2 BMR FMR | Full-time jobs at minimum wage to afford 2BR FMR ³ | Annual AMI ⁴ | Monthly rent affordable at AMI ⁵ | 30% of AMI | Monthly rent affordable at 30% of AMI | Renter households (2017-2021) | % of total households (2017-2021) | Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2023) | Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage | Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR |
|-------------------------|--|----------|--|---|-------------------------|---|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Kenai Peninsula Borough | \$22.67 | \$1,179 | \$47,160 | 2.1 | \$105,500 | \$2,638 | \$31,650 | \$791 | 5,349 | 23% | \$17.82 | \$926 | 1.3 |

[Out of Reach: Alaska | National Low Income Housing Coalition \(nlihc.org\)](https://www.nlihc.org/out-of-reach-alaska)

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CARTS

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Kenaitze Indian Tribe

Nikiski Shelter of Hope

Peninsula Spay/Neuter

VA Kenai Peninsula Office

Soldotna Animal Hospital

Peninsula Dog Obedience Group

SAFR

Flexible and virtual appointments

ILC

KPAL

Lions Club

Love, INC

LeeShore

PCHS

DMV

Susan Smalley

Raw Cuts

WE SERVE

- Veterans
- Service members
- Members of the National Guard and Reserve Components
- Families

WE OFFER

- Counseling
- Referrals
- Community Engagement
- SAFR
- Flexible and virtual appointments

WE ARE

- Confidential
- Advocates
- Locally located
- KPAL
- Lions Club



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Thank you for allowing us to speak today.
At Project Homeless Connect, we believe
that no one deserves to lose hope. Help us
help them in 2025.



Questions?