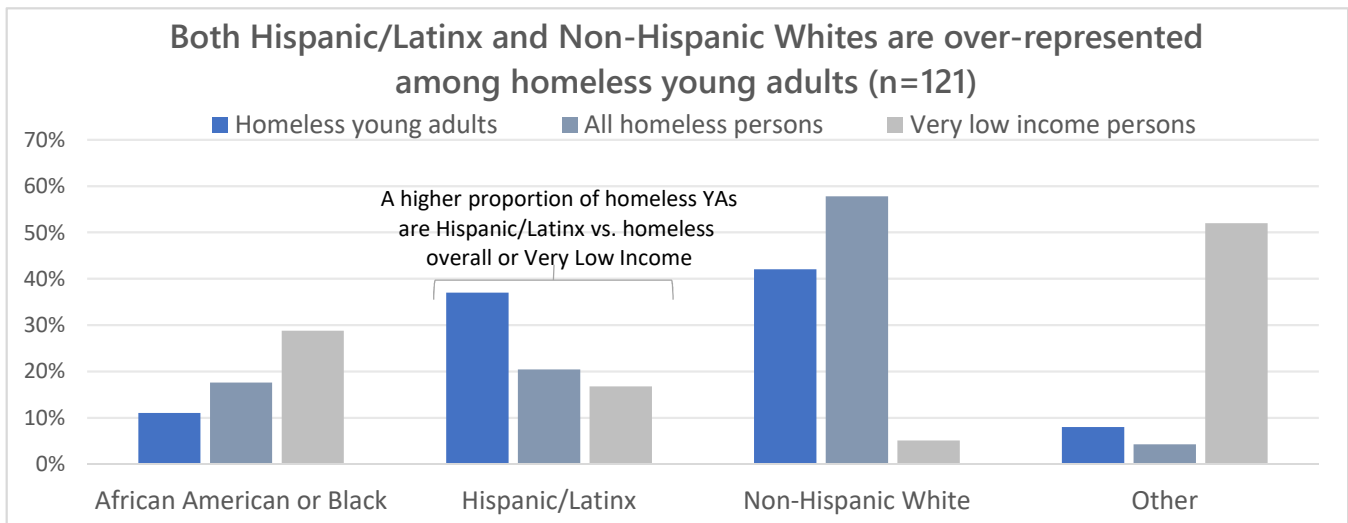


Racial Disparities Among Homeless Young Adults in the 3 County CoC

HMIS data for FY2017 reveals that among homeless young adults 18 - 24 yrs old, Hispanic/Latinx young people and Non-Hispanic White young people are disproportionately impacted by homelessness when compared to their Very Low Income (VLI) housed counterparts who are living in Berkshire, Franklin and Hampshire Counties. Significantly, Hispanic/Latinx young people seem more likely to be homeless than other racial/ethnic groups, comprising 37% of the young adult homeless population compared to 20% of the overall homeless population.

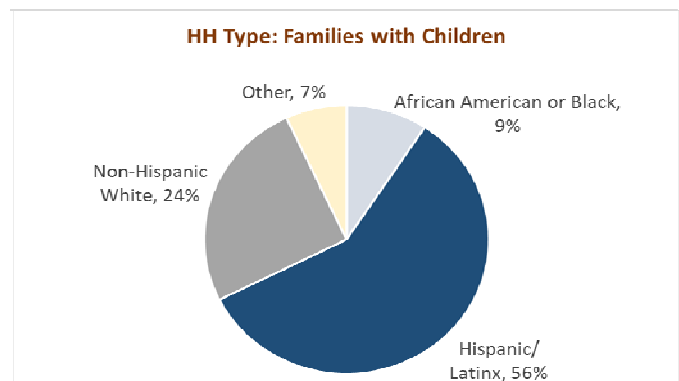
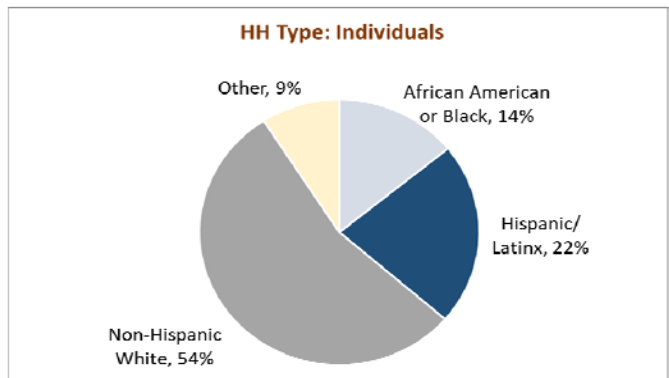


Racial Disparities and Household Type

The brunt of the disproportionate impact of homelessness among Hispanic/Latinx young adults is born by families, i.e., where the family Head of Household (HoH) is a Latinx woman between 18 and 24 years old.

Among all young adult households who were homeless in FY2017, 37% were Hispanic/Latinx even though this group comprises only 4.5% of the region's general population and 17% of the Very Low Income population, or those living in deep poverty.

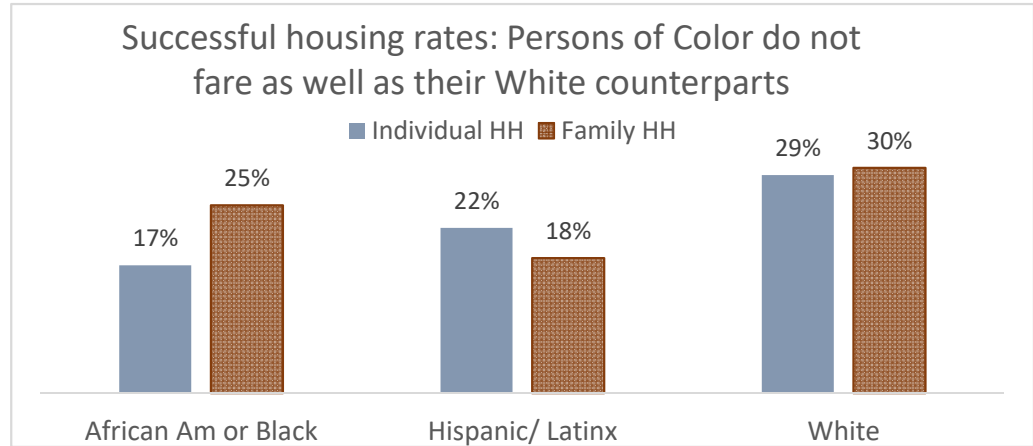
Among the 37% of households who are Hispanic or Latinx, the majority (63%) are young parents in households with children. Among these households, more than half have a Latinx HoH.



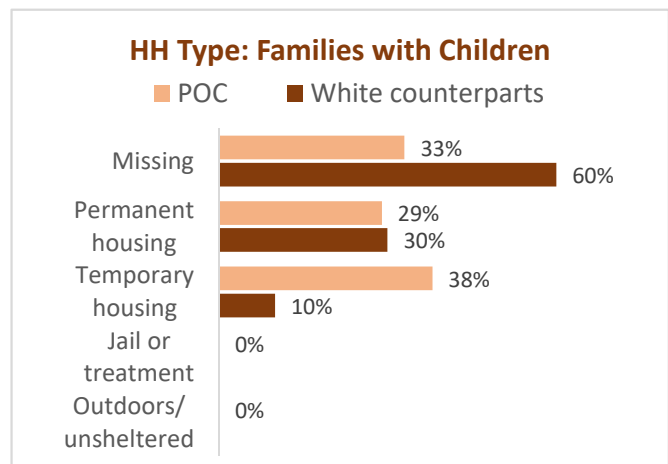
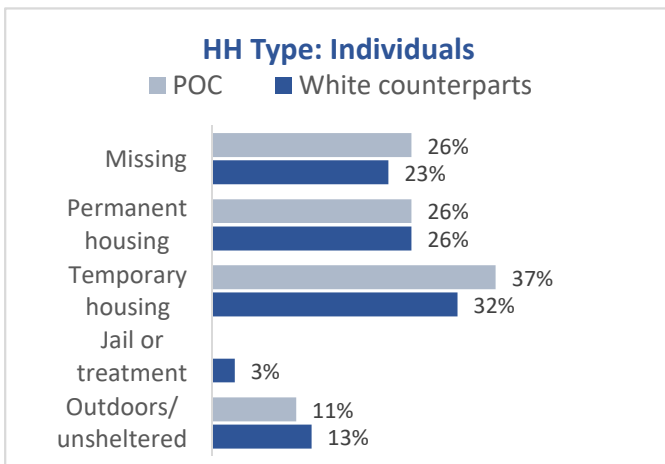
Housing Outcomes

Some disparities emerge in the rate of successful housing outcomes (i.e., the exit rate to permanent housing) among homeless persons who are young adults. . This diverges from what is observed in the overall homeless adult population, though small sample sizes might be impacting the data.

African American/Black individuals were 30% less likely to exit to PH compared to their White counterparts while Hispanic/Latinx families were 35% less likely.



Beyond permanent destinations. Young adult Persons of Color were more likely to exit to a temporary housing situation compared to their White counterparts. Temporary situations include another emergency shelter, a hotel/motel, or doubling up with families or friends.



It appears that homelessness disproportionately impacts young adult Persons of Color because deep poverty disproportionately impacts Persons of Color in the CoC region. Even so, deep poverty does not explain the disparity in short-term housing outcomes for Hispanic/Latinx young adults presenting in individual or family households.

Notes

- The ethnic group "Hispanic/Latinx" includes persons of Hispanic origin and persons of Latino/Latina origin. HMIS data does not provide the opportunity to disaggregate this by ethnonym.
- Missing data rates for the [Destination] field is high, especially for young adults in families. This leads to underestimates for all exit types. Missing data rates do not vary by race/ethnicity.