



House America: An All-Hands-ON Deck Effort to Address the Nation's Homelessness Crisis

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USICH: Who We Are

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness:

- **Coordinates the federal response** to homelessness
- **Creates partnerships** between national, state, local, and private stakeholders; and helps them use federal resources efficiently and effectively
- **Believes housing should be a right** – not a privilege
- Work is accomplished through **Interagency Council** consisting of 19 federal agencies



Defining An End to Homelessness: The Federal Definition

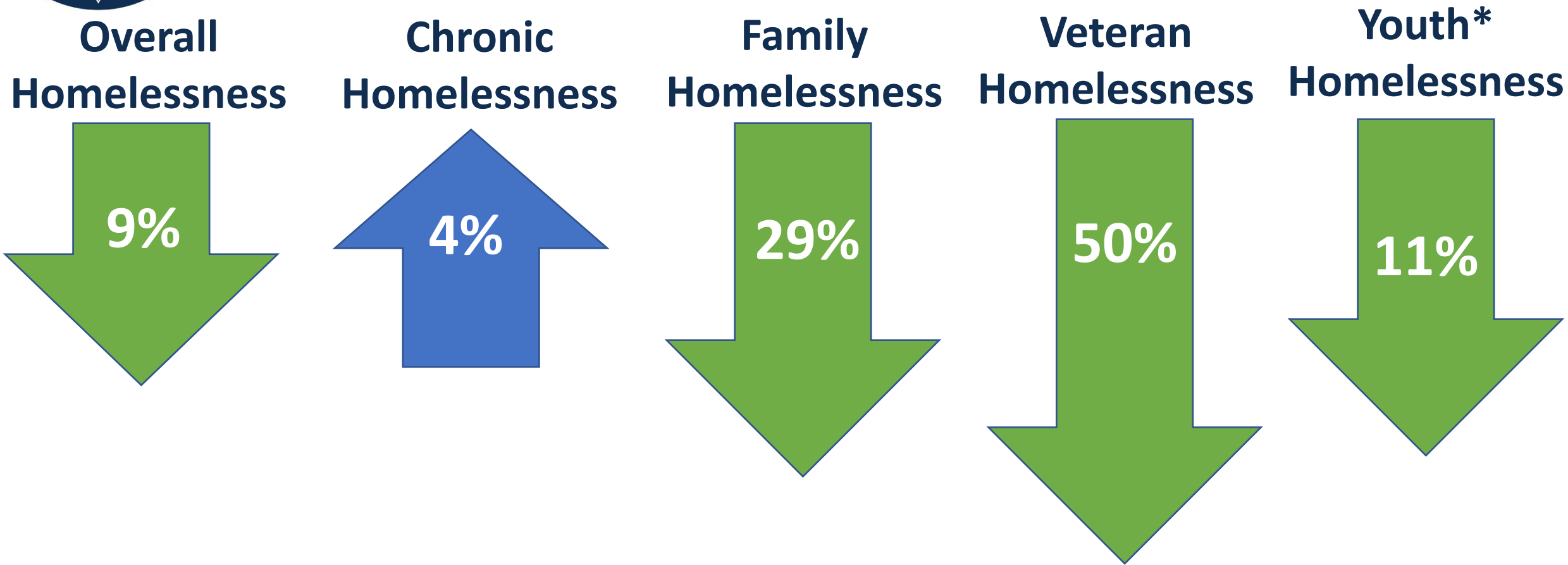
Operational definition: Comprehensive response that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or if it can't be prevented, it is a **rare, brief, and one-time experience**

Criteria and benchmarks: Essential elements of comprehensive systems and the **outcomes** those systems must be able to achieve

**Rare,
Brief &
One-Time**



Point-in-Time Counts, 2010–2020



Source: The 2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2020-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

*2017-2020



Biden-Harris Administration Homeless Priorities

- Housing first and housing as a right
- **Racial equity**
- Economic mobility
- Climate change as it affects homelessness (e.g., displacement as result of natural disasters)



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Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr., Augusta

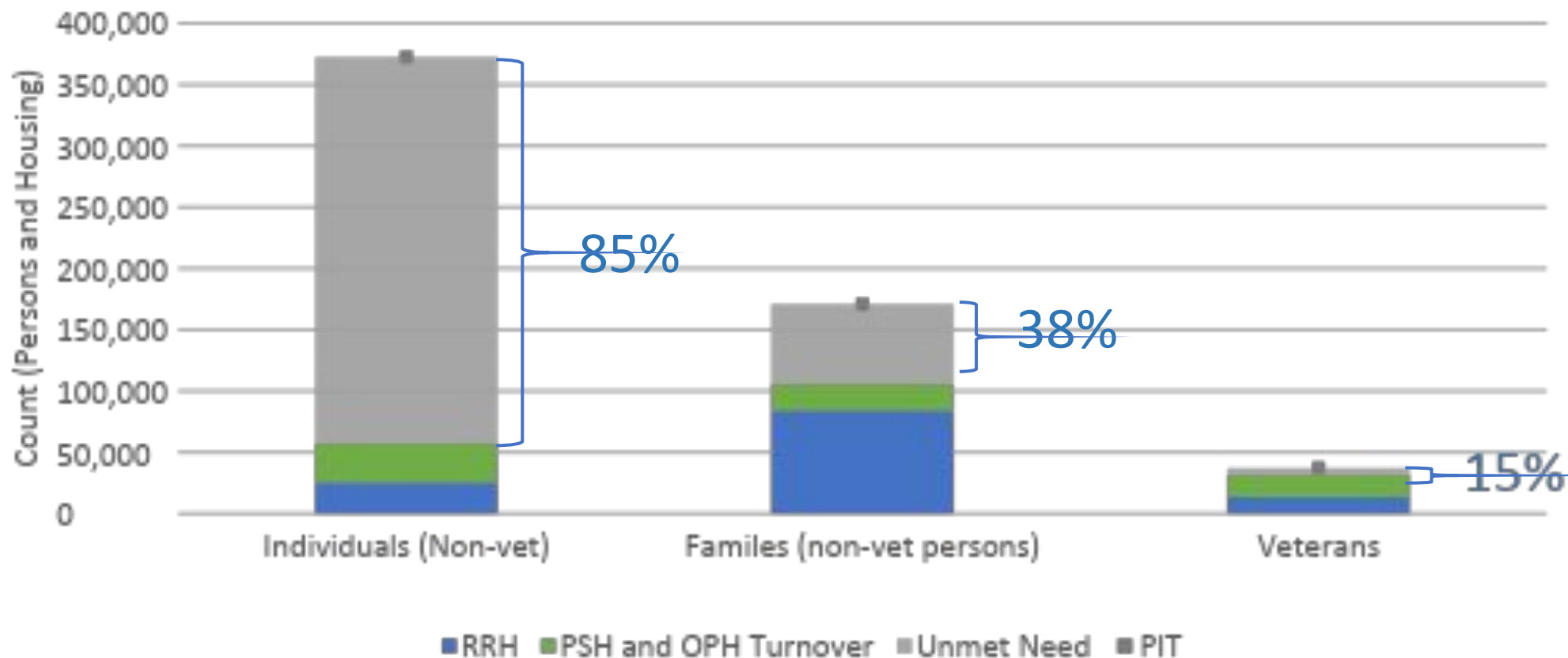
Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham, East Point

Mayor Van R. Johnson, Savannah



Barriers to Progress: Lack of Resources

Permanent Housing Resources Compared to People Identified as Homeless in the 2020 PIT Count





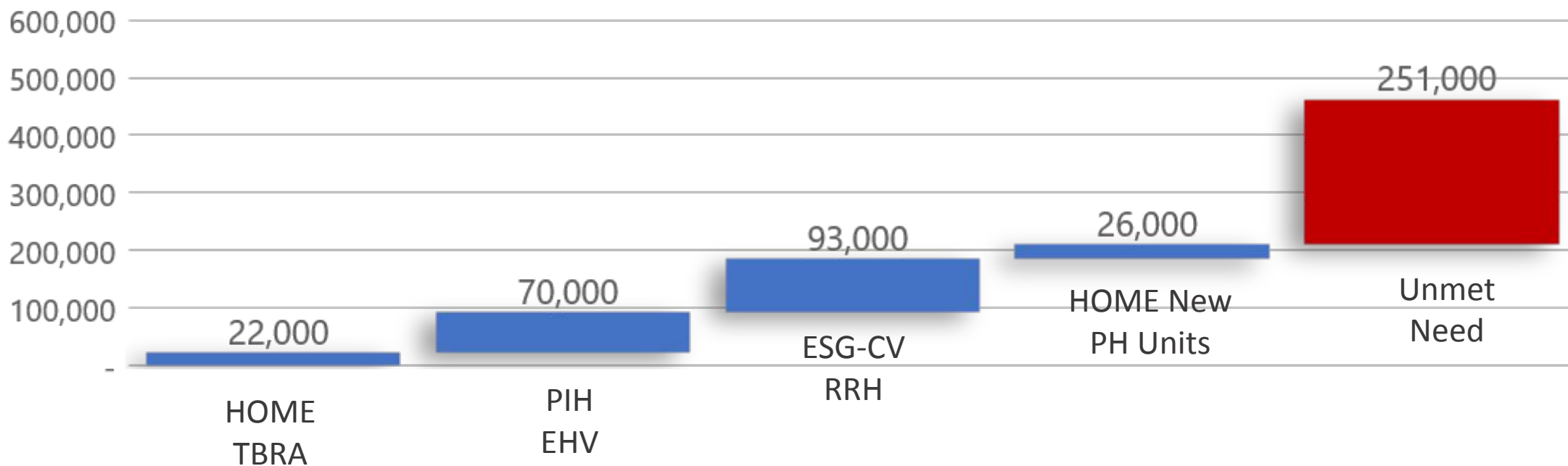
The American Rescue Plan (ARP)

- The **American Rescue Plan** provides significant new resources to immediately re-house and build additional housing for people experiencing homelessness:
- **\$5 billion** to provide 70,000 **Emergency Housing Vouchers** from HUD for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- **\$5 billion** in **HOME Investment Partnerships** grants from HUD to build supportive and affordable housing (including purchase of hotels/dormitories), rental assistance, and supportive services
- **\$46 billion** in **Emergency Rental Assistance** from Treasury to prevent evictions, as well as support re-housing of people evicted, displaced, at-risk of homelessness, or currently homeless
- **\$350 billion** in Treasury **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** to support the many needs communities face as they respond to the pandemic and its negative economic impacts, including homelessness and housing instability



Unprecedented Resources: CARES Act & American Rescue Plan

Potential Impact of CARES Act and ARP Funding on Homelessness



HOME TBRA – HOME Investment Partnership Program Tenant-based Rental Assistance (ARP funded)

PIH EHV – Public and Indian Housing Emergency Housing Voucher (ARP funded)

ESG-CV RRH – Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus Rapid Rehousing (CARES Act funded)

HOME New PH Units – HOME Investment Partnership Program new permanent housing units (ARP funded)



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House America

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Re-house households
experiencing homelessness
through a Housing First approach



Add new units of affordable
housing into the development
pipeline

House America: An All-Hands-ON-Deck Effort to Address the Nation's Homelessness Crisis is a federal initiative in which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) are inviting mayors, city and county leaders, tribal nation leaders, and governors into a national partnership.

House America will utilize the historic investments provided through the American Rescue Plan to address the crisis of homelessness through a Housing First approach.



House America's Goals

Re-Housing	Unit Creation
Communities set and achieve local goals for the number of households to be transitioned from homelessness into stable, permanent housing using ARP emergency housing vouchers, ESG-CV rapid re-housing, HOME TBRA, and other federal and local resources by December 31, 2022.	Communities set and achieve goals for the number of new affordable or supportive housing units serving households experiencing homelessness that are added to the pipeline using HOME-ARP funds, Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and other resources by December 31, 2022.

Collectively, HUD hopes that by the end of 2022, at least **100,000 households** will be re-housed and at least **20,000 new units of affordable or supportive housing** will be added to the pipeline.



Elected Officials' Participation in House America

Sign On and Set Goals

Register interest through the House America webpage.

Review "Packet" from HUD + USICH

Convene Local Partners to set Numeric Goals

Respond to the HA Goals Survey

Announce commitment via proclamation, press release, or letter to Secretary Fudge

Work Toward Goals

Maintain collaboration with the local team: CoC, PHA, etc.

Join House America monthly "All Hands" call and office hours

Request additional TA as needed

Track and Recognize Progress

Monitor local progress and update constituents and the general public

Highlight milestones and stories behind the numbers.

Approaching December 2022, join the federal House America team to celebrate national successes.



For More Information

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