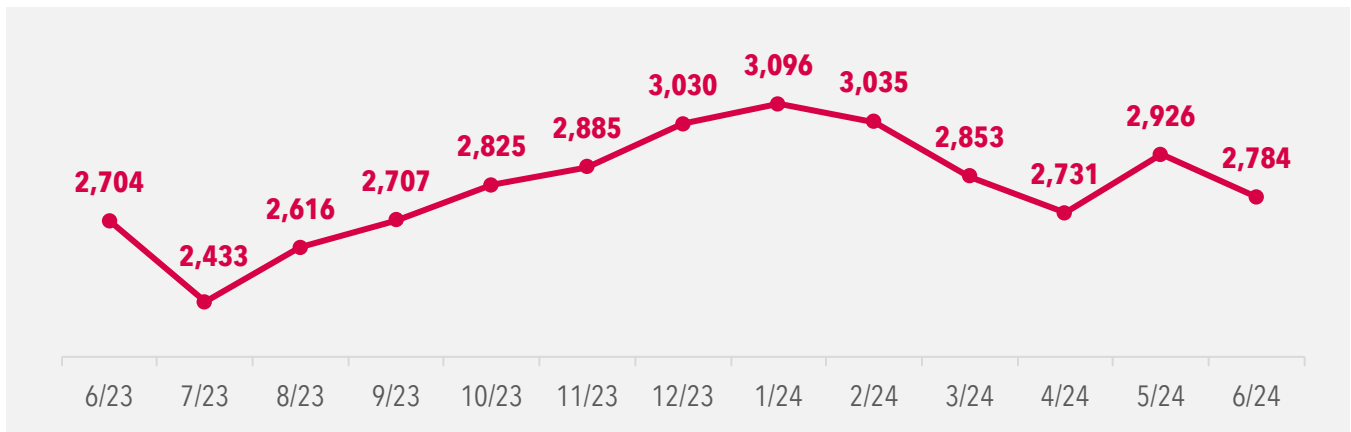


KEY FINDINGS: HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness increased 3% between June 2023 and June 2024

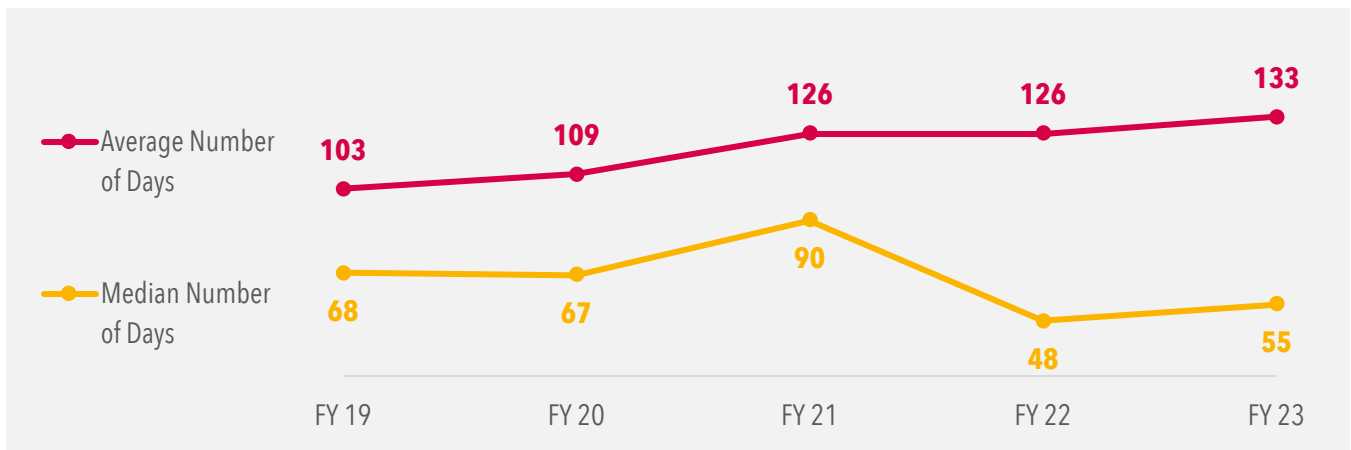
As of June 2024, there were 2,784 people in Mecklenburg County actively experiencing homelessness, a 3% increase from June 2023 (2,704 people). Individuals currently experiencing homelessness are primarily adults ages 25 to 54 (47%) and Black, African, or African American (73%). The One Number includes individuals experiencing homelessness in shelters and a portion of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



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The median length of emergency shelter stays has decreased

The average length of time that people spent in emergency shelter before exiting to permanent housing increased by 7 days from FY22 to FY23. Average time in emergency shelter has increased 29% (30 days) over the past five years from 103 days in FY19 to 133 days in FY23. The increased time in shelter is due to numerous factors but is primarily due to a lack of affordable and available housing. The median length of time in shelter has decreased since 2019 which suggests a higher number of people are spending less time in shelter. However, additional resources may be needed in shelters to support households in rapidly exiting homelessness.

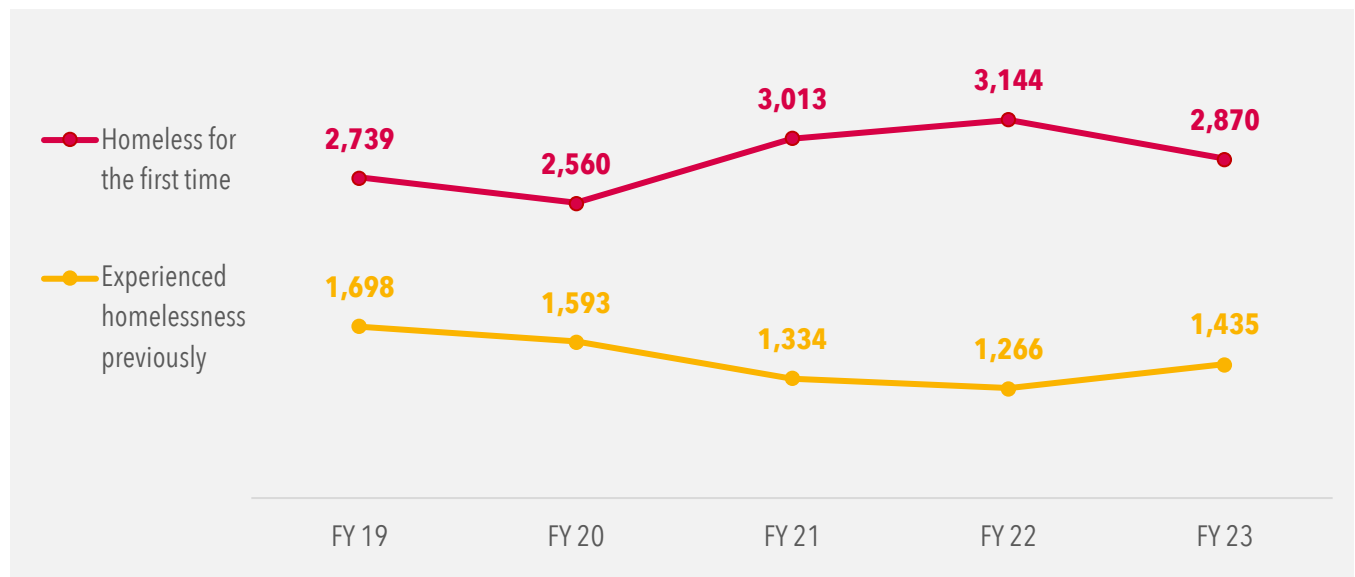


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The number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time (within the past 24 months) has decreased 9% since 2022

Sixty-seven percent of people in emergency shelter, safe haven, and transitional housing were experiencing homelessness for the first time in 2023. However, the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time decreased 9% from FY22 to FY23. Targeted prevention is designed to prevent at risk households from experiencing homelessness. Its goal is to reduce first time homelessness and prevent households from entering the homeless services system.



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