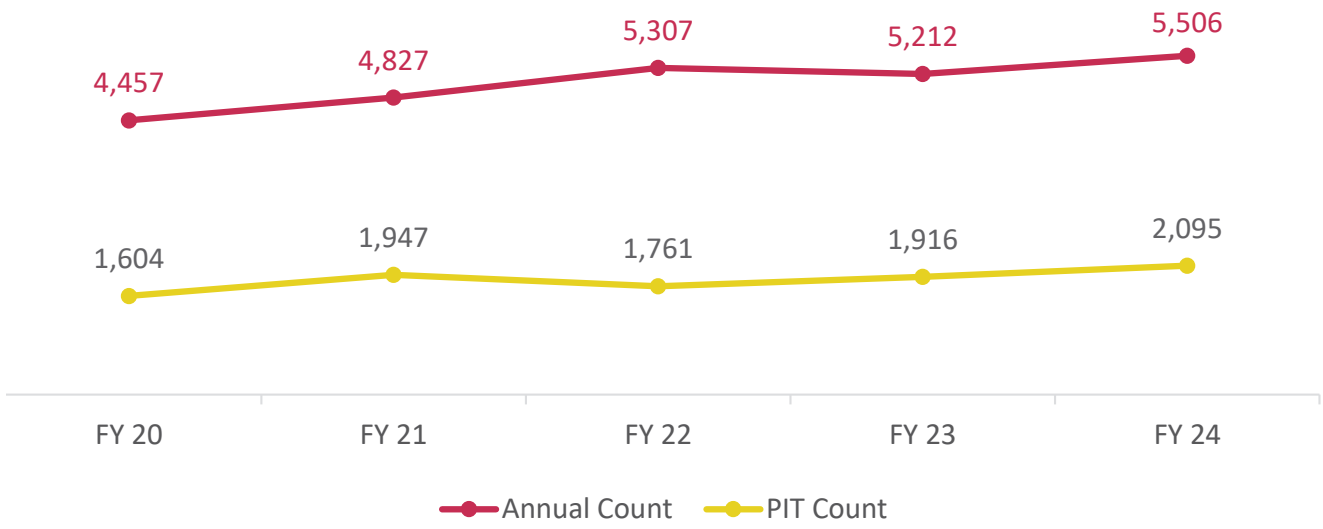


KEY FINDINGS: HOMELESSNESS

Persistent homelessness rates are driven by inflow and long-term homelessness

Homelessness continues to affect thousands of Mecklenburg County residents each year with the annual number of people experiencing homelessness increasing by 6% from FY23 to FY24. This increase is driven by ongoing inflow into the system and a growing number of people experiencing prolonged or repeated episodes of homelessness.

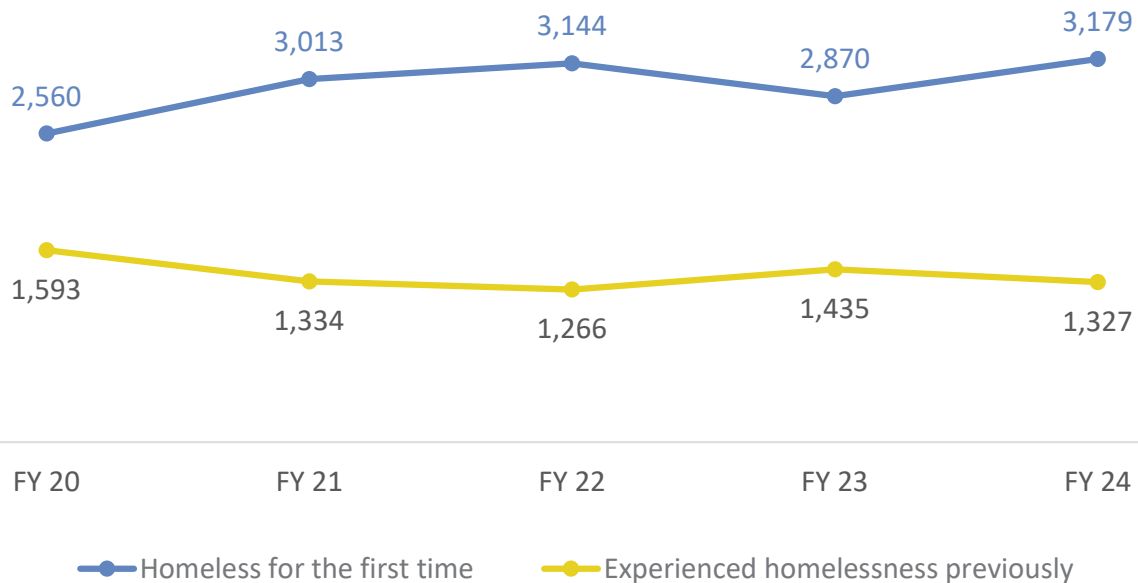


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KEY FINDINGS: HOMELESSNESS

The number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time (within the past 24 months) has increased 11% since 2023

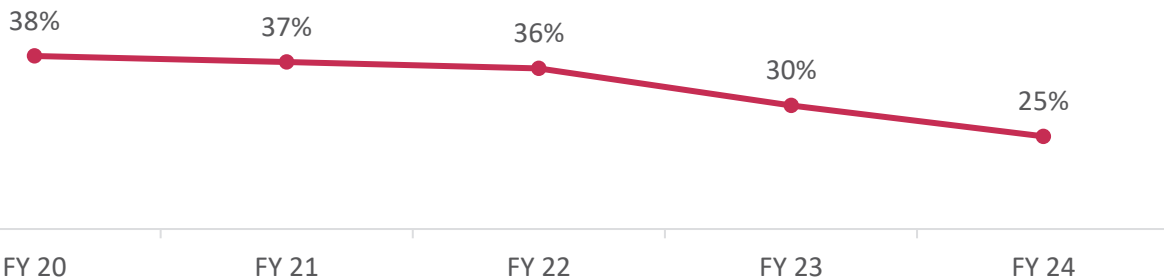
71% of people in emergency shelter, safe haven, and transitional housing were experiencing homelessness for the first time in 2024. Compared to FY23, there was an 11% increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time in FY24. These data highlight the need for upstream strategies that address housing affordability, income stability, and access to prevention and diversion resources before households enter the homeless services system.



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Declining exits to permanent housing are prolonging homelessness

Emergency shelters continue to operate near full capacity, and permanent housing programs demonstrate strong outcomes for households that are able to access them. However, limited availability of deeply affordable housing and long-term rental subsidies continues to slow exits with the number of system exits to permanent housing decreasing year over year since FY20.



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