

Innovative City Strategies to Reduce Homelessness—THN Overview

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Agenda



THN &
Homelessness
in Texas



How is Texas
doing?



Strategies
working to end
homelessness



What is THN?

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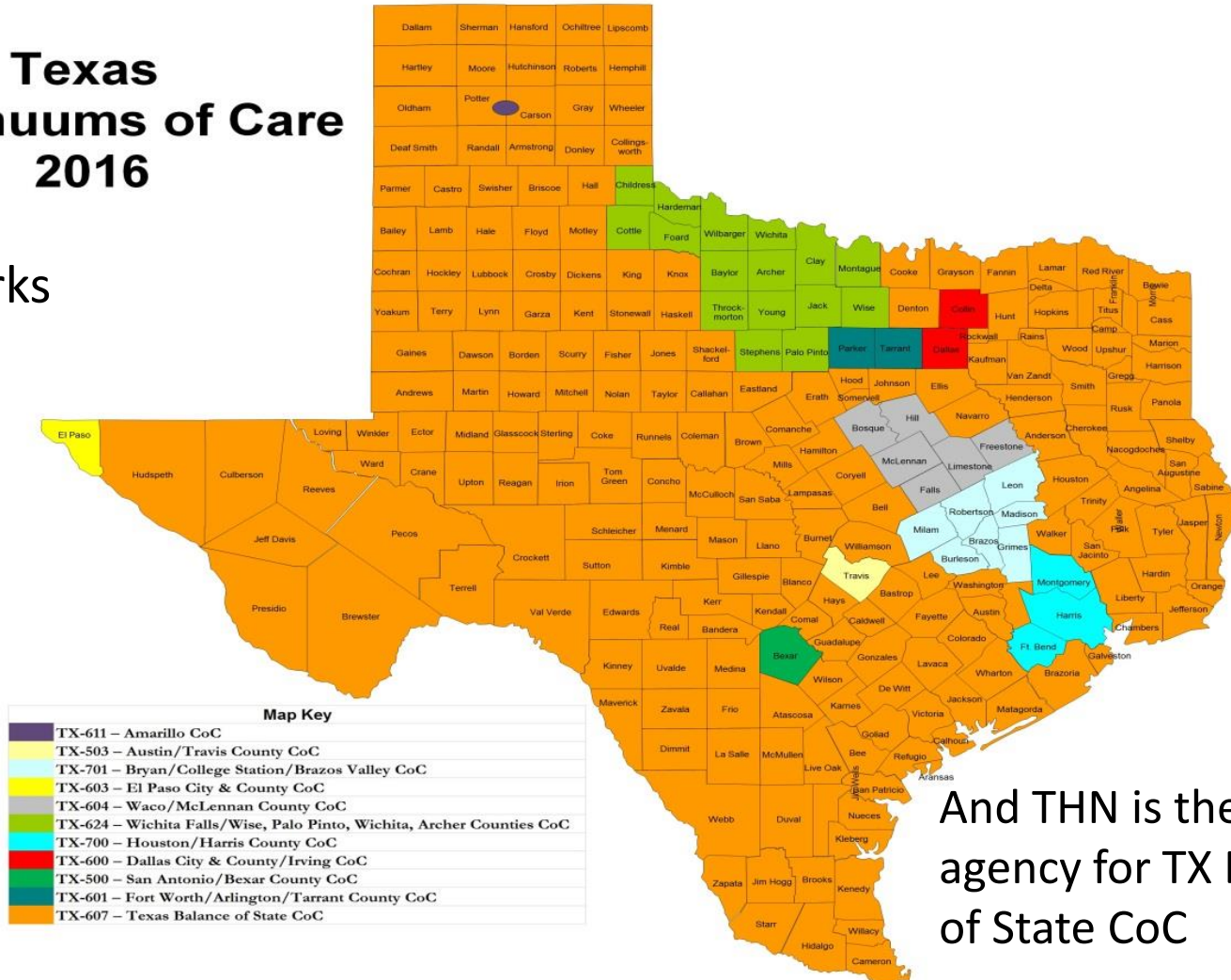
Providing solutions to end homelessness in Texas communities through education, resources and advocacy

We provide support to agencies and communities that build systems to end homelessness.

Homelessness in Texas

Texas Continuums of Care 2016

Who THN works
with/for:



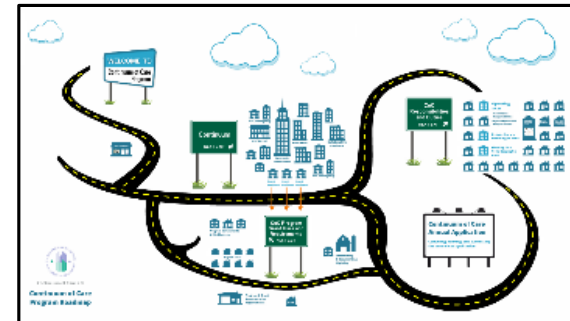
And THN is the lead
agency for TX Balance
of State CoC

What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

- A community-based planning network for homeless assistance
- A geographic area
- A program operated by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

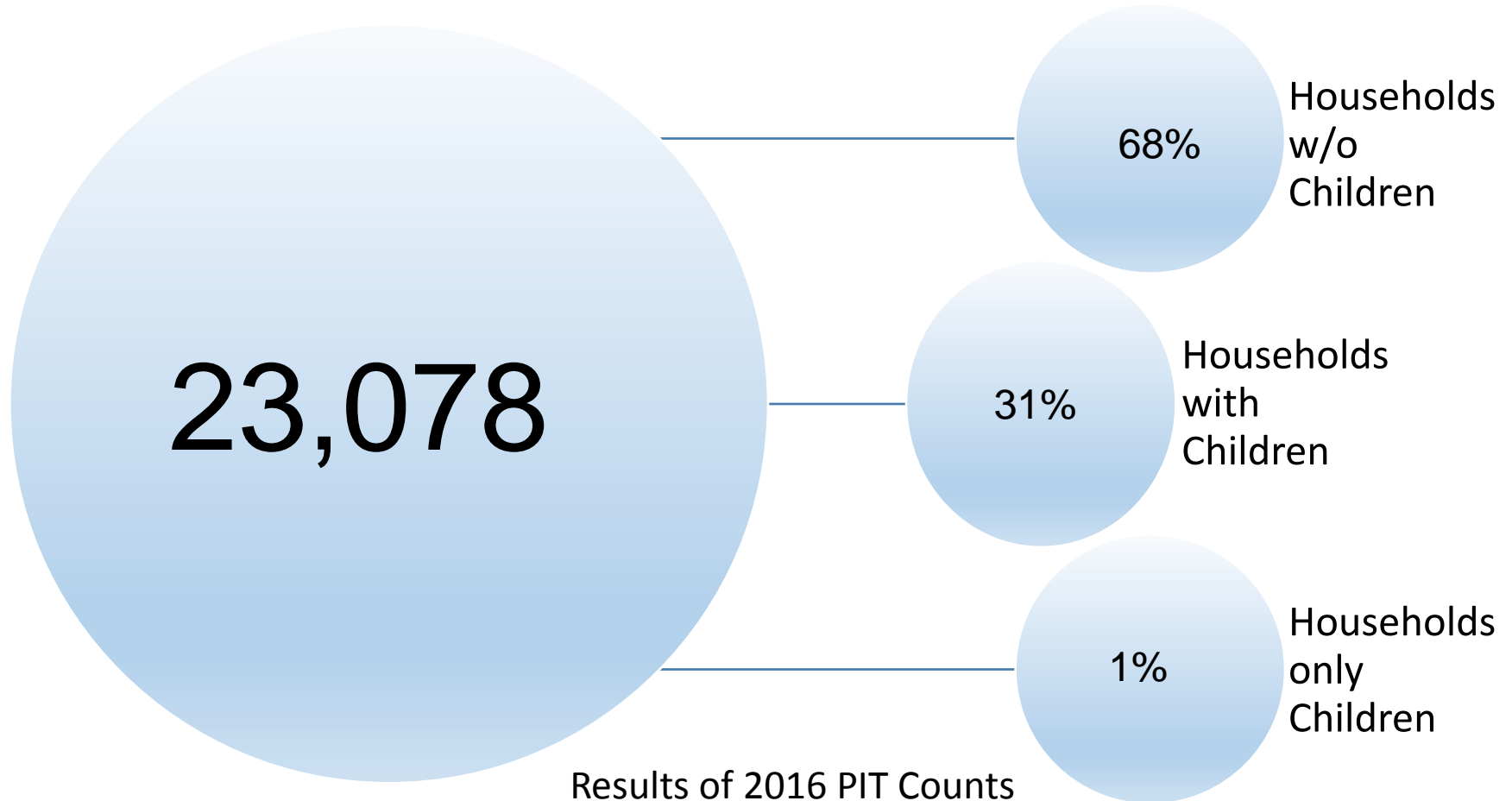
Purposes of HUD's CoC Program

- Promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- Provide funding for efforts to quickly re-house individuals and families, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness
- Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness

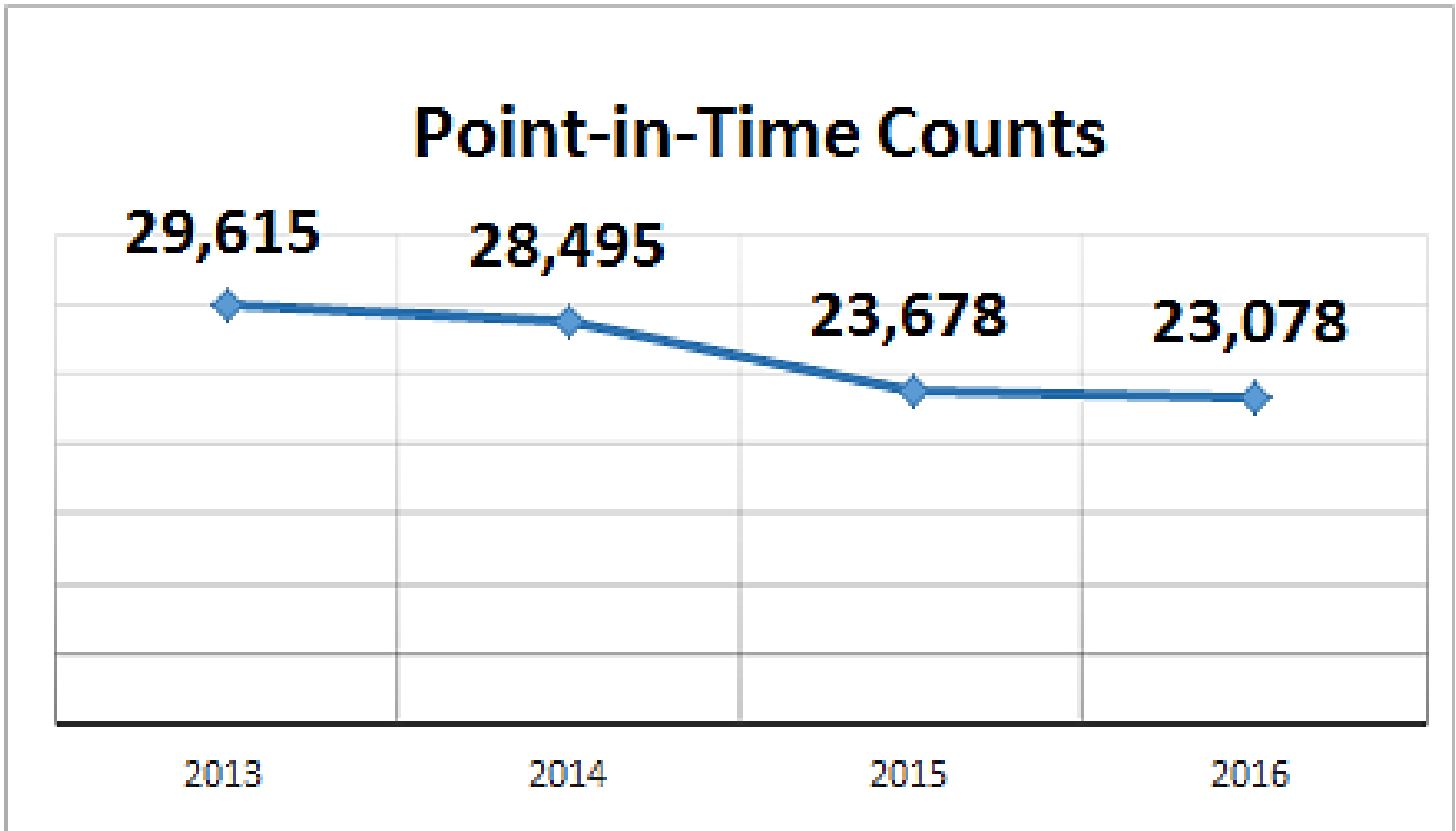


CoC Program Roadmap, available at <https://www.onecpd.info/resource/3144/continuum-of-care-program-roadmap/>

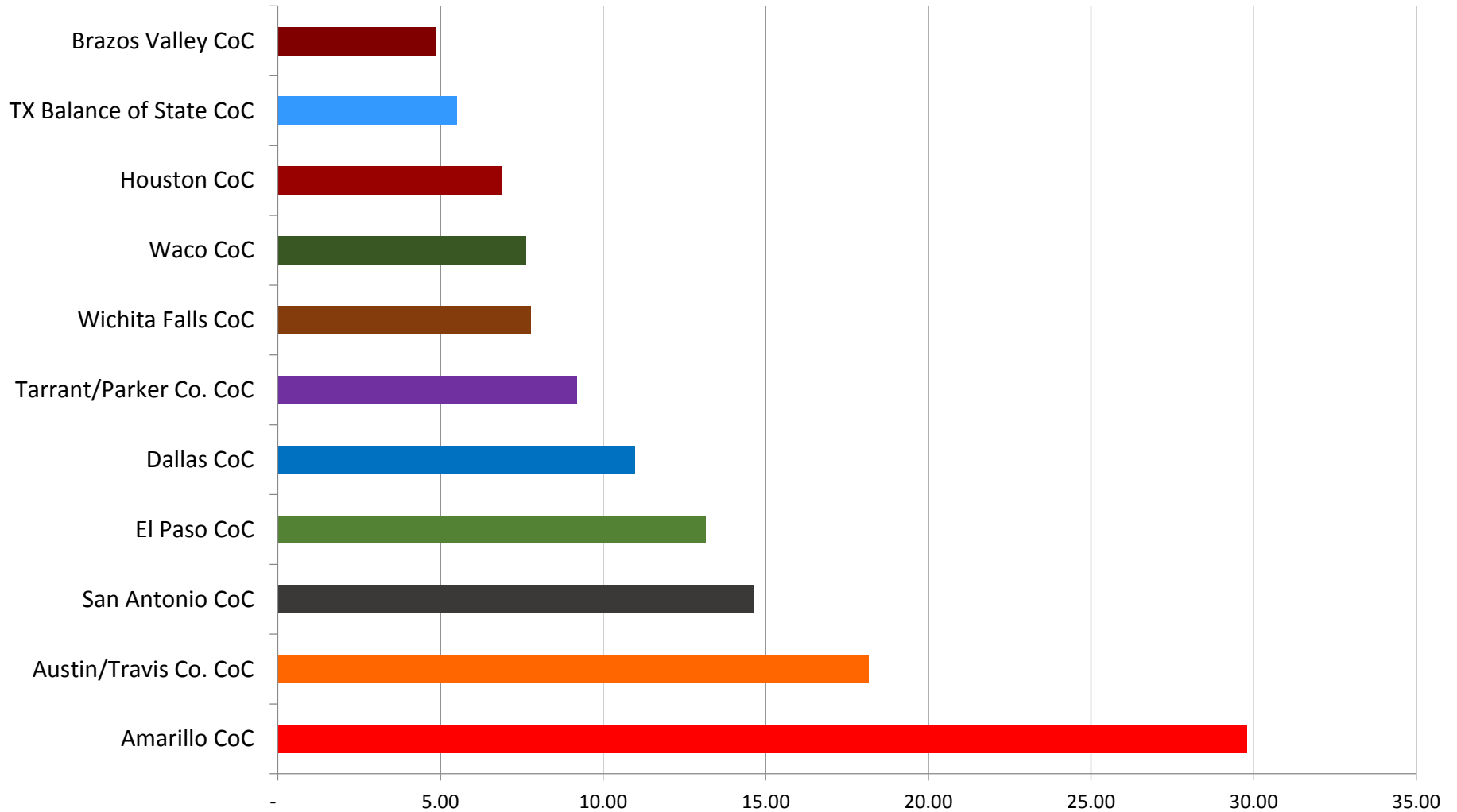
Number of People Experiencing Homelessness in Texas



Decline in Homelessness in Texas



2016 Rates of Homeless per 10,000 by CoC



How's Texas Doing?

- Rate of homelessness in TX = 9/10,000, lower than the national average
- Homelessness is decreasing at a slightly faster rate than the country's average
- However, 2016 data indicate the decrease Point-in-Time counts of people experiencing homelessness is slowing down

How's Texas Doing?

Family Homelessness decreased from 2015 to 2016

Despite this decrease there are 7,124 people in these families, 4,398 under 18 years old

Chronic homeless decreased from 2015 to 2016

2016 – 3,534 people were counted as CH, over 2,000 without shelter

Veteran homelessness continues to decrease

3,878 were counted in 2013 & in 2016 that number is 1,768

Strategies to End Homelessness

- Utilizing data to target resources where the needs are is cost efficient, data removes guesswork
- Developing, using, and training community on Coordinated Entry systems is cost efficient and client centered
- Communities that have fully implemented Diversion strategies have reduced the number of people entering the homeless service system

Strategies to End Homelessness

- Ending Veteran Homeless campaigns work, communities that rally on this issue have success
- Housing first works, communities looking at “frequent use” data have found housing the homeless cost efficient and effective.
- Utilizing Rapid Re-housing pairs well with ending family homelessness, communities that open units for this use have success.

Strategies to End Homelessness

- Austin is pursuing a social impact bond to scale up Permanent Supportive Housing for 250 chronically homeless individuals.
- Austin, with Mayor Adler's leadership has also used a risk mitigation fund to incentivize property owners to house homeless veterans. (will be replicated with youth).
- Houston as implemented the Income Now Initiative to coordinate housing and income for clients.



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