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2015 Homeless Enumeration

Results for the Metropolitan Washington Region

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2015 Point-in-Time Enumeration



- COG's 15th annual enumeration
- Conducted on January 28, 2015
- Provides a one-day “snapshot” of the region's homeless population
- Updates data on the number of unsheltered persons and persons utilizing Winter Shelters, Year-round Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing Facilities, Safe Havens and Permanent Supportive Housing within nine metropolitan Washington area jurisdictions

Homelessness Reduced Slightly in 2015

LITERALLY HOMELESS BY JURISDICTION 2014 - 2015				
Jurisdiction	2014	2015	Change in Number of Persons 2014-2015	Percent Change 2014 - 2015
Alexandria	267	267	0	0%
Arlington County	291	239	-52	-18%
District of Columbia	7,748	7,298	-450	-6%
Fairfax County	1,225	1,204	-21	-2%
Frederick County	246	311	65	26%
Loudoun County	179	168	-11	-6%
Montgomery County	891	1,100	209	23%
Prince George's County	654	627	-27	-4%
Prince William County	445	409	-36	-8%
TOTAL	11,946	11,623	-323	-2.7%

NOTE: The literally homeless total above includes the unsheltered homeless.

Unsheltered Count is Highly Variable

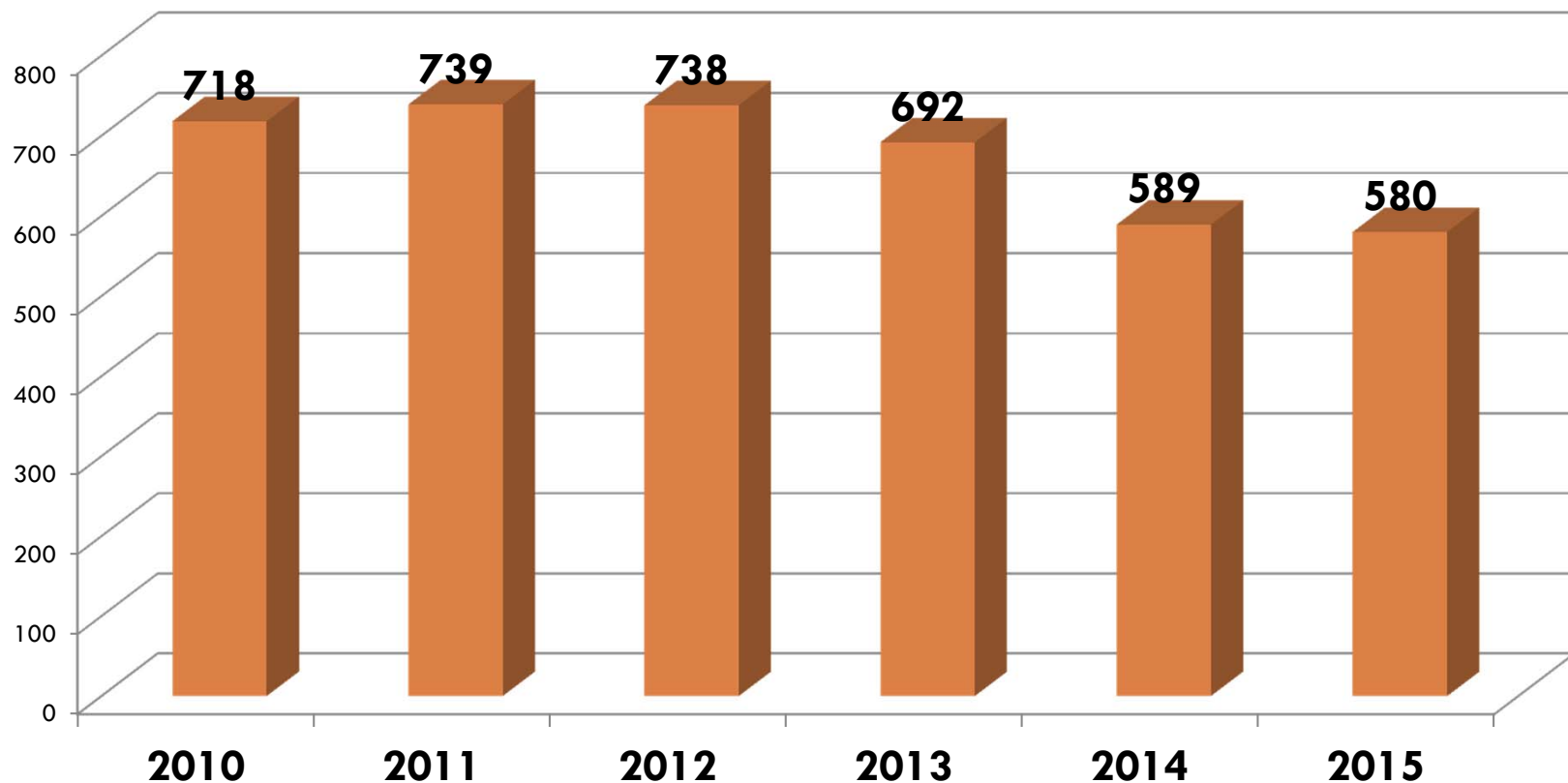


UNSHELTERED SINGLE ADULTS BY JURISDICTION, 2014-2015

Jurisdiction	2014	2015	Percent Change 2014 - 2015
Alexandria	23	23	0%
Arlington County	51	39	-24%
District of Columbia	396	544	37%
Fairfax County	66	68	3%
Frederick County	49	60	22%
Loudoun County	26	38	46%
Montgomery County	95	103	8%
Prince George's County	82	113	38%
Prince William County	98	84	-14%
TOTAL	886	1,072	21%

Eliminating Veteran Homelessness

Regional Total Number of Homeless Veterans



****Since 2010, the metropolitan Washington region has reduced the population of homeless veterans by 19%.***

Improvement with Single Adults, But Family Homelessness Continues to Rise Over 5 Years

		Total Persons in Households with ONLY Children	Total Single Adults	Total Persons in Families	Regional Total
MWCOG REGION	2015	16	5,929	5,678	11,623
	2014	9	6,057	5,880	11,946
	2013	27	6,115	5,405	11,547
	2012	15	6,204	5,611	11,830
	2011	26	6,647	5,206	11,879
2011 - 2015 Percent Change		-38.5%	-10.8%	9.1%	-2.2%

Children in Homeless Families Represent Nearly 1/3rd of Region's Homeless Population

2015 LITERALLY HOMELESS PERSONS IN FAMILIES BY JURISDICTION			
Jurisdiction	Adults in Families	Children in Families	Persons in Families
Alexandria	37	71	108
Arlington County	26	49	75
District of Columbia	1,428	2,049	3,477
Fairfax County	285	430	715
Frederick County	43	87	130
Loudoun County	34	54	88
Montgomery County	184	318	502
Prince George's County	139	220	359
Prince William County	85	139	224
ALL COG COCs	2,261	3,417	5,678



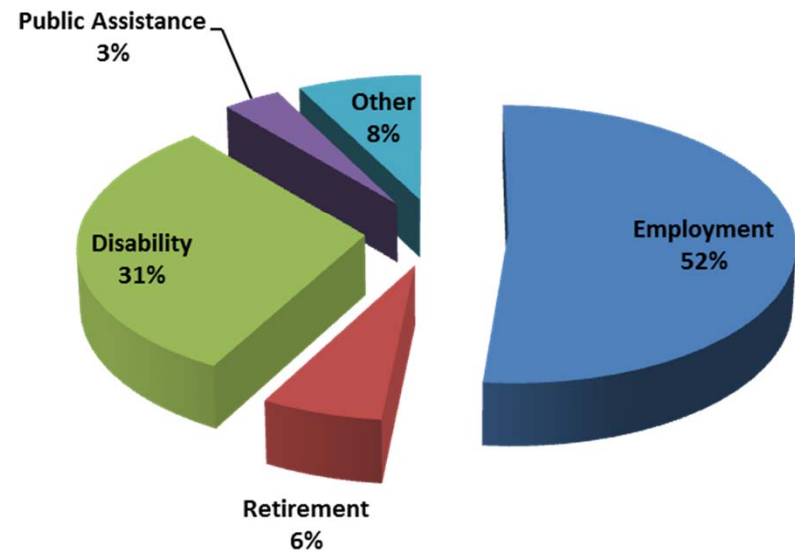
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- Children represent 60% of all people in homeless families

Over Half of Single Homeless Adults with Income Are Employed

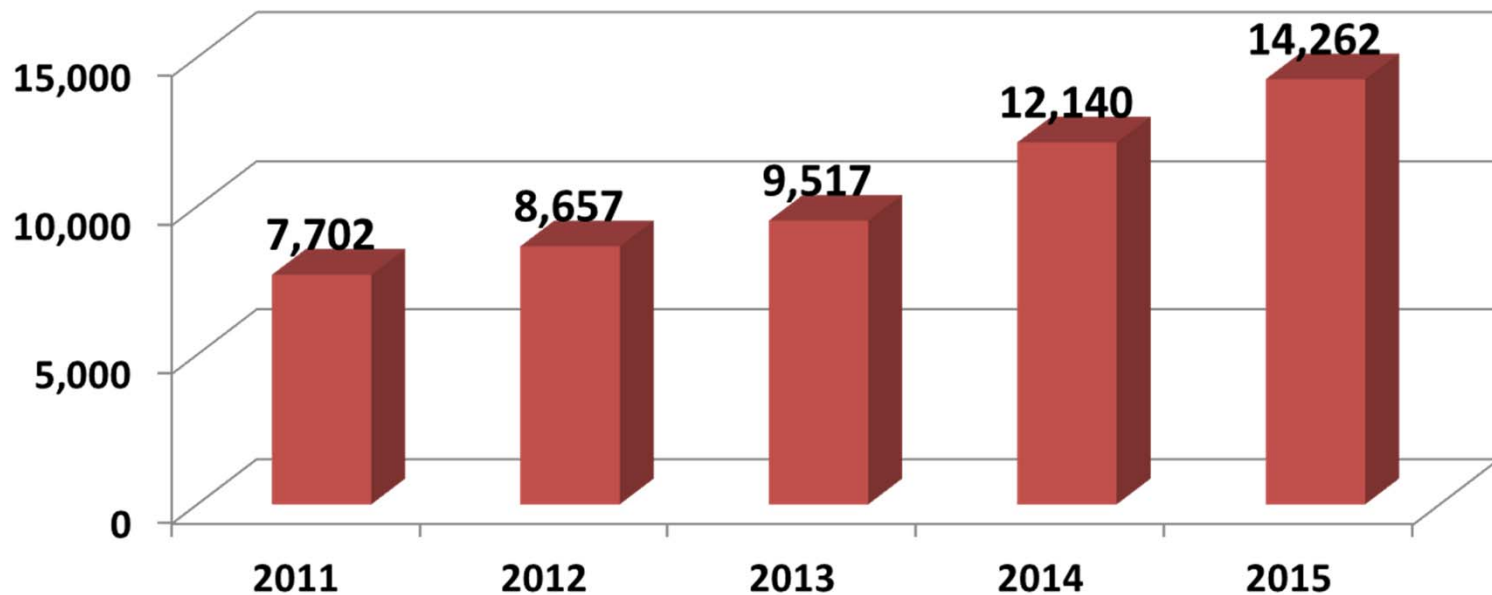
- **39%** of all homeless adults in families are employed (5 percentage point increase from 2014)
- **20%** of all homeless single adults have jobs (1 point increase from 2014)
- More than **70%** of all homeless adults in families are employed in the City of Alexandria, Loudoun & Prince George's Counties

Primary Source of Income for Homeless Single Adults
Source: COG 2015



Formerly Homeless: Regional Progress

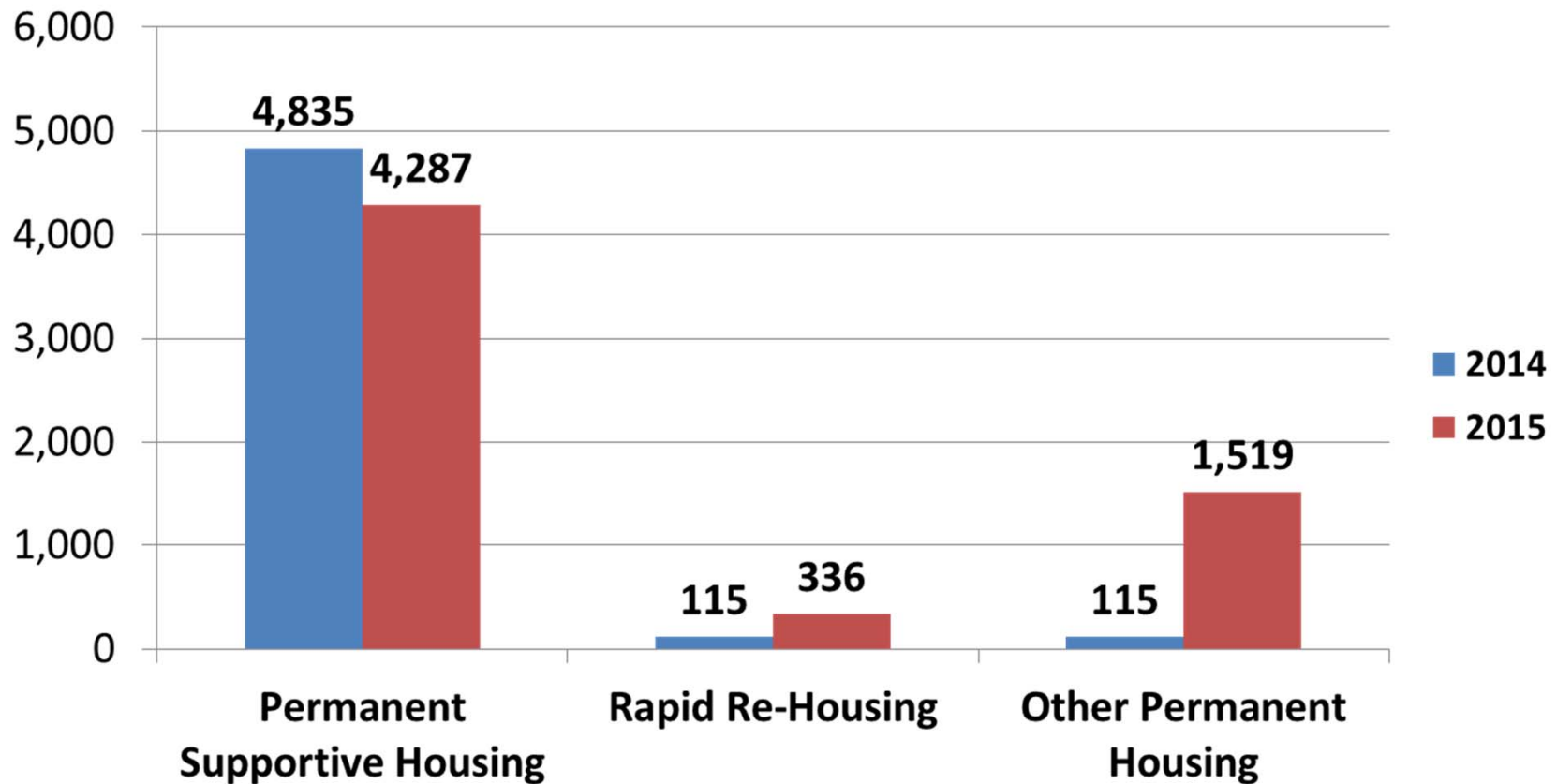
Formerly Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing & Other Permanent Housing* *Source: COG 2015*



**Data for 2014 & 2015 includes Rapid Re-Housing & Other Permanent Housing placements. Data collected prior to 2014 includes Permanent Supportive Housing only.*

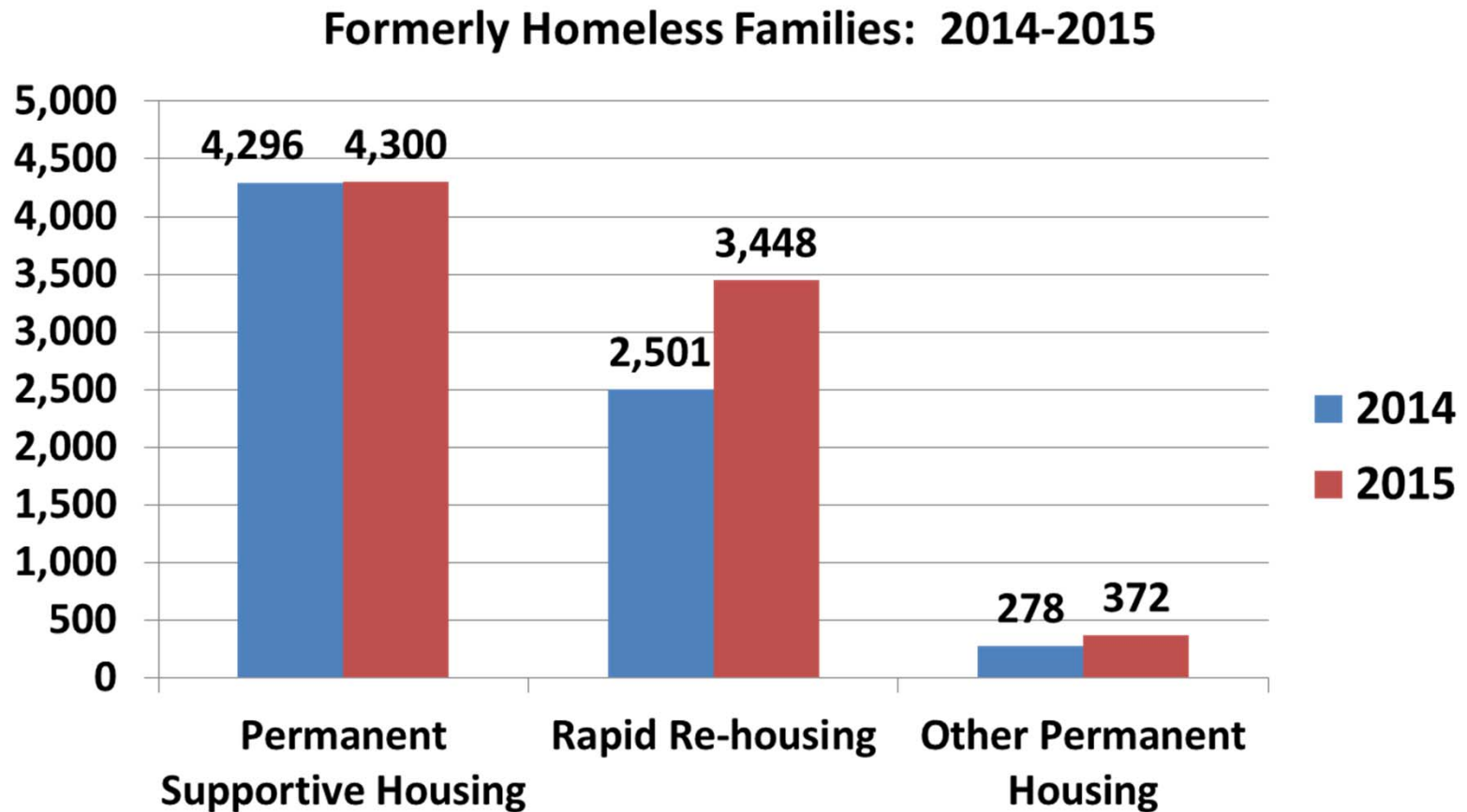
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Formerly Homeless Single Adults: 2014-2015



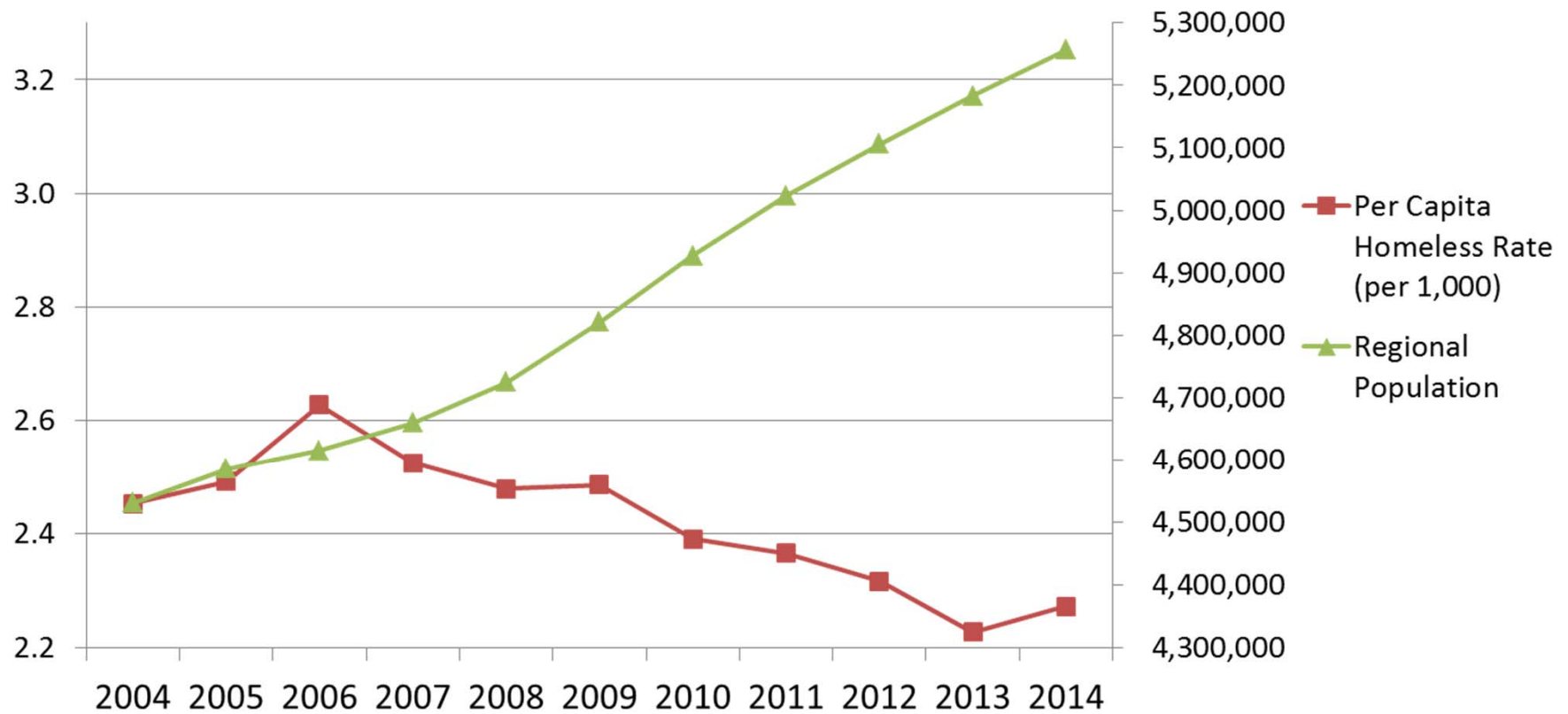
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Permanent Housing Placements Have Constrained the Growth in Homelessness While Region's Population Has Soared



Recommendations and Challenges to Reducing Homelessness

Recommendations:

- Continue implementing Housing First and Rapid Re-housing models that provide homeless residents with needed wrap-around services to assist them in their efforts to live as independently as possible.
- Provide more housing subsidies for low-income households;
- Implement shelter diversion programs and prevention strategies that identify households at risk of homelessness and prevents their need to be housed in local shelter programs.
- Increase and improve outreach efforts to unsheltered homeless people living in the woods and on the street.

Recommendations and Challenges, continued



- The region should create affordable housing opportunities across income levels.

Challenges:

- Federal budget uncertainty, cuts in grant funding and limited availability of Housing Choice Vouchers may limit progress on providing permanent housing;
- Increasing housing prices in the region further constrain affordable housing options.

Are There Any Questions?



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