

OUR VISION

The core metrics in the Plan are the “People Goals,” which envision gradually declining numbers of people experiencing homelessness across all subpopulations.

WHY THIS MATTERS

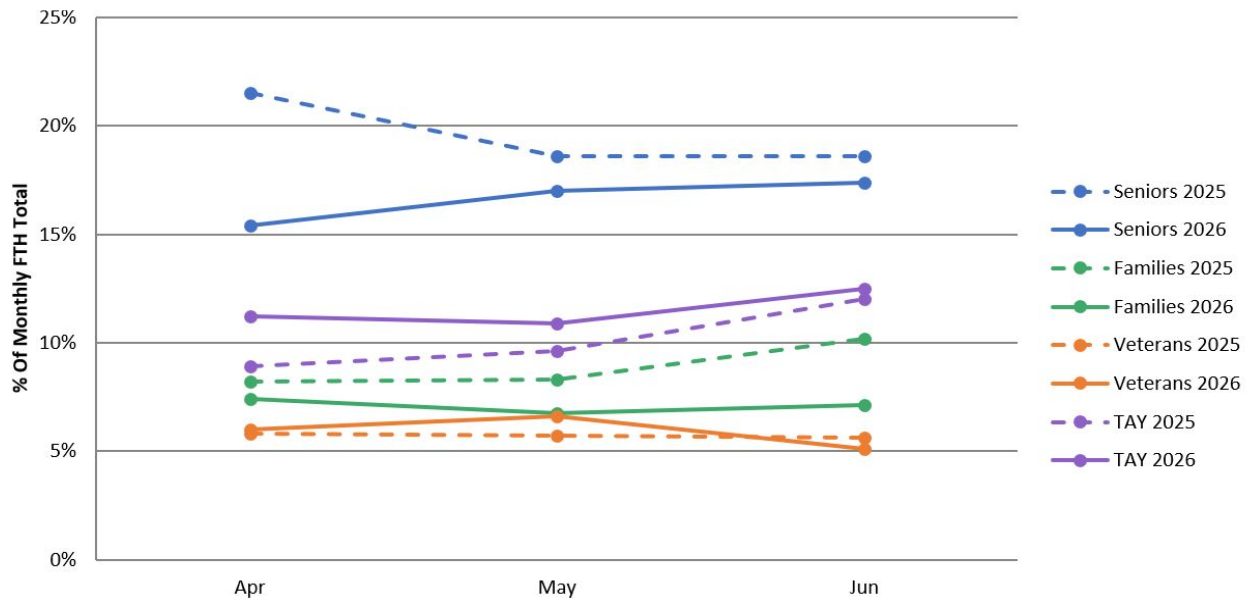
Breaking down people goals by subpopulation improves system efficiency and performance, supporting data and community-driven decisions, stronger accountability, and reduced housing barriers.

People Goal		Quarterly Coordination Efforts	
Veterans	<i>Veterans Consortium</i> - Focused on the development of a housing repository for Veteran resources and collaboration to increase Veteran housing placements - Finalized 2026 workplan with the goal of expanding on last year’s workplan successes, refining data work, and applying strategies that enhance housing efficiency		
Youth	<i>Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)</i> RTFH launched implementation of YHDP Round 8 in June 2026, with the first youth expected to be enrolled in Fall 2026. Round 8 includes Rapid Re-Housing and Joint Transitional Housing–Rapid Re-Housing projects delivered by five funded providers, representing a \$4.7 million annual investment. Combined with YHDP Round 2, these investments will provide housing and services to more than 800 youth experiencing homelessness.		
Families	<i>Rising Families Pilot</i> - Successfully housed a cohort of 17 families with individualized stabilization support for up to 3 years. Designed to address disparities in housing access for families experiencing homelessness and implemented by Monarch School, the pilot is part of a broader study with EIA and NAEH to inform future strategies for achieving long-term housing stability. <i>Housing Problem Solving (HPS)</i> - RTFH launched a family-focused HPS initiative that has housed 29 families across the region.		
Seniors	<i>Funding Investment by Philanthropy</i> San Diego Foundation funded 8 organizations to provide flexible financial assistance, housing stabilization services and other critical support to help older adults in North County avoid homelessness and maintain stable housing.		
Remaining Single Adults	<i>By-Name List (BNL) and ERF</i> The region continued to utilize a BNL to address unsheltered homelessness, with many clients identified as single individuals and/or chronically experiencing homelessness. The San Diego region, including the County, the City of Oceanside and the City of Vista, submitted applications for the State of California ERF Round 5. Announcements are expected in September 2026.		
Justice Impacted	<i>CoC Justice Impacted Ad-Hoc Committee</i> Focused on prioritizing data-driven decision making and working data definition of “justice impacted” to better direct initiatives, especially for coordinated entry, inflow/reentry/outflow, and recidivism trends		



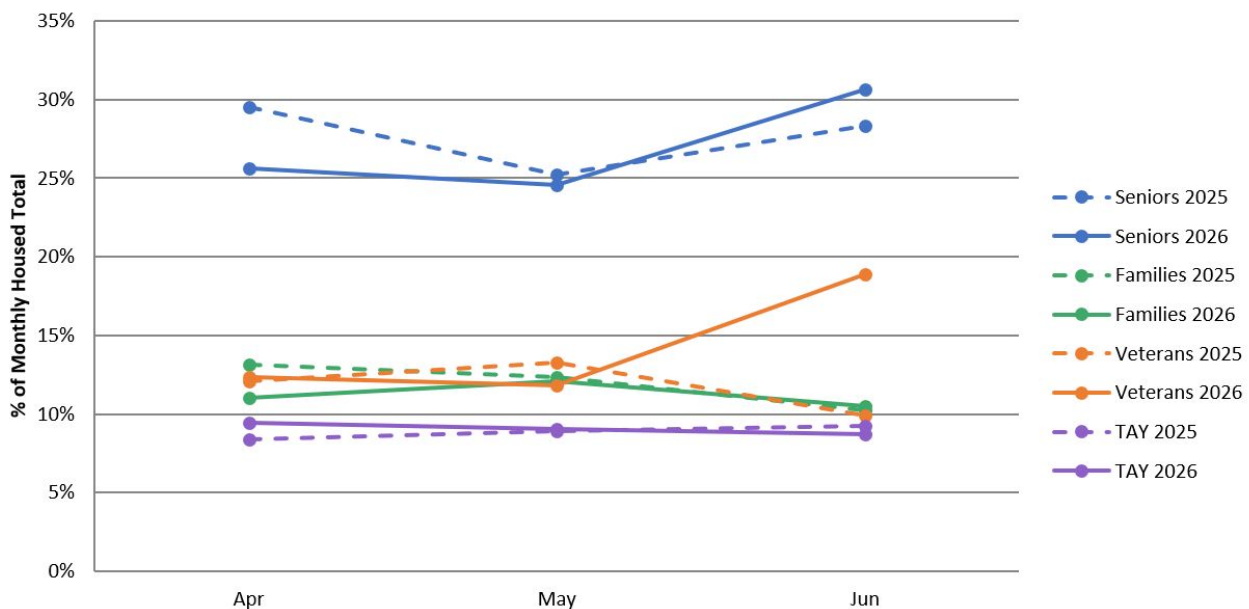
INFLOW-OUTFLOW COMPARISON

First Time Homelessness by Subpopulation



This chart compares the percentages of people who entered our homeless response system for the first time between April-June 2025 and April-June 2026.

Housing Rates by Subpopulation



This chart compares the percentages of people who exited homelessness and transitioned into housing between April-June 2025 and April-June 2026.

Seniors

Individuals age 55+ years

Families

Households with 1+ child

Veterans

Veterans age 25+ years

TAY

Youth ages 14-24



OUR VISION

The Plan's goals and actions become the basis for a truly unified regional strategy and system of care in reducing homelessness.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Regional alignment brings together cross-sector partners to close systemic gaps, efficiently streamlines resource allocation for communities, and increases access to housing and stabilization.

COORDINATED APPROACHES IN OUR SYSTEM

By-Name List (BNL)

- Cities like Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Lemon Grove utilized BNLs in their ERF projects and/or city-based case conferencing to connect and stabilize housing and services to people living unsheltered.
- The CES BNL matched high need individuals to housing and served as eligibility verification and workflow validation tools.

Regional Homeless Outreach Meeting (RHOM)

In addition to the quarterly RHOMs, a training series for outreach staff, offered in between RHOMs, was launched. The series began with an overview of our current [CoC outreach standards](#) presented by OrgCode CEO and RTFH consultant, Iain De Jong.

Check out our
[2026 Point-in-Time
\(PIT\) Count results!](#)

Countywide Community Trainings

RTFH hosted region wide trainings for service providers on topics like housing stabilization components, including budgeting, goal-setting, and leveraging partnerships, diversion and Housing Problem Solving (HPS), housing acquisition strategies, CES and HMIS refreshers, and more.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

NORTH COUNTY

- City of Encinitas [initiated community engagement](#) for their 2026-2031 Homeless Action Plan to align local planning with broader regional goals on prevention, housing, and coordinated response.
- City of Escondido [approved funding](#) in April 2026 for a senior housing project targeting homelessness.

EAST COUNTY

- City of El Cajon prioritized medical-focused outreach and shelter referrals [in their new partnerships](#) with Family Health Centers and San Diego Rescue Mission.
- Agencies like Crisis House and Home Start have continued to provide homelessness prevention and stabilization services throughout East County.

SOUTH COUNTY

- City of Chula Vista and San Diego County are partnering [to apply for \\$20 million in state funds](#) to build an affordable housing development in Chula Vista.
- Agencies like SBCS have continued to provide housing and stability programs, homelessness prevention, and domestic violence services.

CENTRAL

- The County of San Diego and San Diego Foundation partnered to launch the [Partnership to Protect San Diegans](#), in which \$500,000 will be administered by the San Diego Housing Commission to help up to 155 households experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness with short-term support to avoid or transition into stable housing.



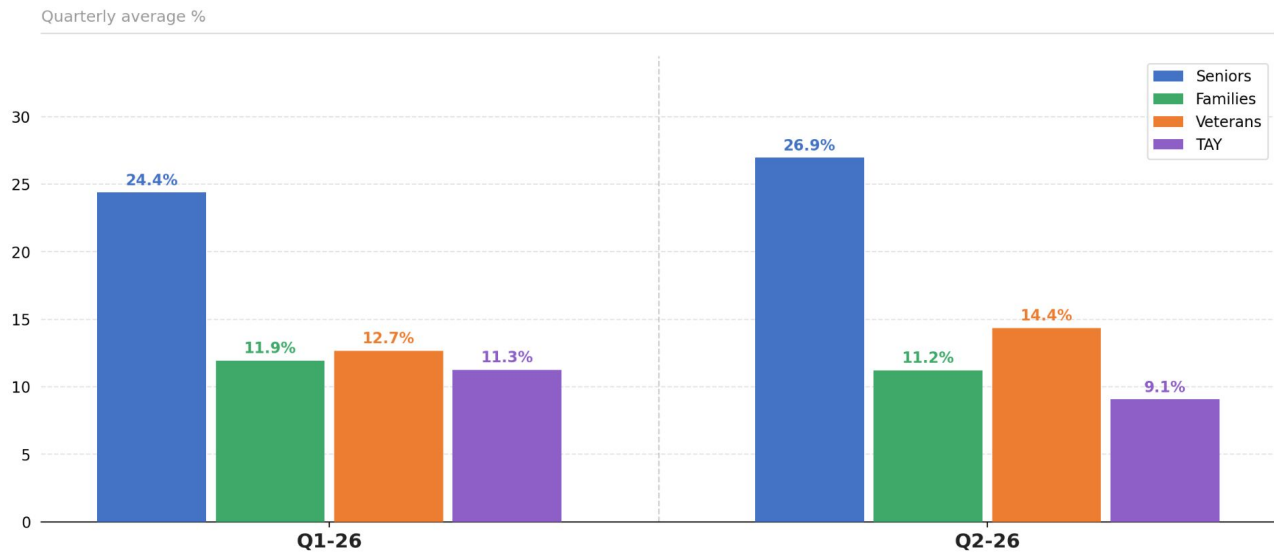
OUR VISION

Our goal is to gradually reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in San Diego by ensuring outflow consistently exceeds inflow.

WHY THIS MATTERS

There are ultimately just two levers for solving homelessness - slowing inflow and accelerating outflow.

HOUSING RATES QUARTERLY COMPARISON



This chart compares the percentages of people (categorized by subpopulations) who exited homelessness and transitioned into housing between Quarter 1 (Jan-Mar 2026) and Quarter 2 (Apr-Jun 2026).

LEVERS OF HOUSING IN OUR SYSTEM

Access to Permanent Housing

RTFH directed more than \$23 million in state and federal funding across Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funds, ERF, and YHDP Rounds 2 and 8 to expand housing opportunities and help people achieve and sustain stable housing. These investments support high-quality housing placement programs, strengths-based services, unit acquisition, landlord engagement, extended support for vulnerable populations, the Lemon Grove ERF initiative, and youth-focused programs designed to promote safe, stable housing and long-term permanent housing success.

RTFH directed over \$2.7 million for Diversion and Resolution Strategies projects operated by high-impact service providers that utilized a housing focused approach to connect unsheltered clients to permanent housing and develop support systems to stabilize their housing.

Diversion & Resolution Strategies

Coordinated Outreach

RTFH's coordinated outreach funding investments of over \$485,000 supports multidisciplinary teams that use a holistic, person-centered approach to address the complex needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and accelerate progress toward housing, such as the ID Bank, which ensures individuals are document-ready and able to move more quickly toward housing placement.

RTFH continued to host CES case conferencing, a collaborative process where CES partners utilize HMIS data and BNL information alongside provider knowledge to prioritize and connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to appropriate housing resources.

Case Conferencing and BNL



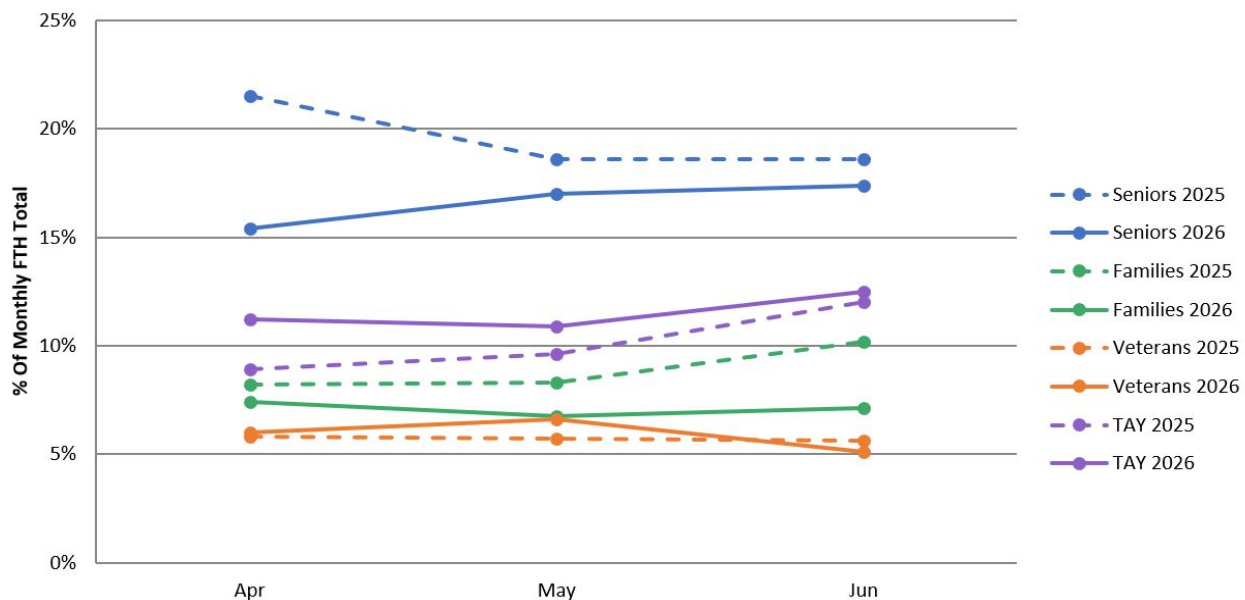
OUR VISION

Gradually slowing inflow into our system by preventing housing crises in the first place and/or rapidly rehousing people when they initially connect with services

WHY THIS MATTERS

With San Diego having one of the most expensive housing markets in the U.S., layered with increasing rates of older adults experiencing homelessness and critical shortages in resources needed to maintain housing, it is vital to invest in opportunities that can address these gaps.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL ACTION AND COLLABORATION

Homelessness prevention starts before someone enters the homeless response system. As the CoC leads efforts in coordinating resources and approaches to support people experiencing homelessness, it is through partnerships with local governments, healthcare systems, schools, legal services, businesses, and community organizations that we can strengthen housing stability and homelessness prevention across San Diego County.

Expand housing stability and prevention resources

Improve coordinated transitions to stable housing

Strengthen cross-sector partnerships

Advance community-led prevention strategies



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OUR VISION

Establish sector-leading practices for our Continuum of Care (CoC) responsibilities—setting a new standard for impact, accountability, and what's possible from a high-performing system.

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NATIONAL CoC LEADERSHIP

Tamera Kohler, RTFH CEO, led the formation of **the National Association of Continuum of Care Leaders (NACCL)**, the first national platform focused on the leadership, policy, and professional needs of CoCs. NACCL includes 149 founding CoCs across 42 states and all 10 HUD regions, providing a unified voice to strengthen collective advocacy and elevate the role of CoCs nationwide.

SECTOR LEADING PRACTICES



DATA & SYSTEM INTELLIGENCE

Turning data into actionable information, transparency, and measurable system improvement.



THIS QUARTER

RTFH's HMIS team identified the methodology in California's System Performance Measure undercounted exits to permanent housing and fragmented enrollments. Through sustained advocacy with Cal ICH, RTFH helped drive changes to the state's CA SPM business logic, resulting in a more accurate representation of housing outcomes statewide.



WORKFORCE & CoC CAPACITY

Building shared knowledge, skills, and practices across the organizations and people who make up our CoC.



THIS QUARTER

RTFH hosted 2 listening sessions for CoC providers to focus on impacts of HUD funding, including people being served, workforce capacity and needs, communication and messaging.



PERFORMANCE & INVESTMENT STEWARDSHIP

Using data, provider partnership, and grants management to strengthen performance and maximize investment.



THIS QUARTER

RTFH launched HMIS performance data, grants management, and provider partnership to strengthen programs and maximize public investment. This approach pairs proactive monitoring with provider listening sessions to identify successes and challenges early on.



POLICY & SYSTEM LEADERSHIP

Building regional policy capacity while advancing statewide and national alignment and advocacy.



THIS QUARTER

- RTFH hosted 3 policy trainings for CoC Partners, facilitated by Pat Libby.
- Continued to lead and participate in statewide coordination and advocacy through CalCUB which included HHAP 7 funding in the Governor's budget