

Coordinated entry has simplified access for families

Last year, families:

- Made multiple calls to multiple agencies, median of 45 calls
- Were required to check in multiple times a week or every day
- Repeated their story multiple times

Today:

- Families call one number for assistance
- Providers receive eligible referrals matched to their resources and interventions
- System resources allocated based on need with fairness

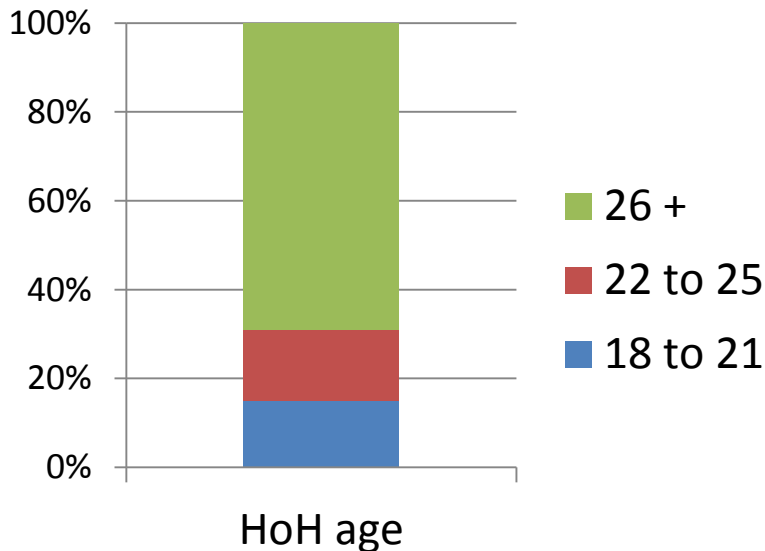
King County now has a comprehensive view of families seeking assistance

- Since April 23, just over 2,000 families have requested homeless housing and services.
- The dataset is very complete and includes:
 - Family characteristics
 - Service requests
 - Housing barriers

Young parents, young children

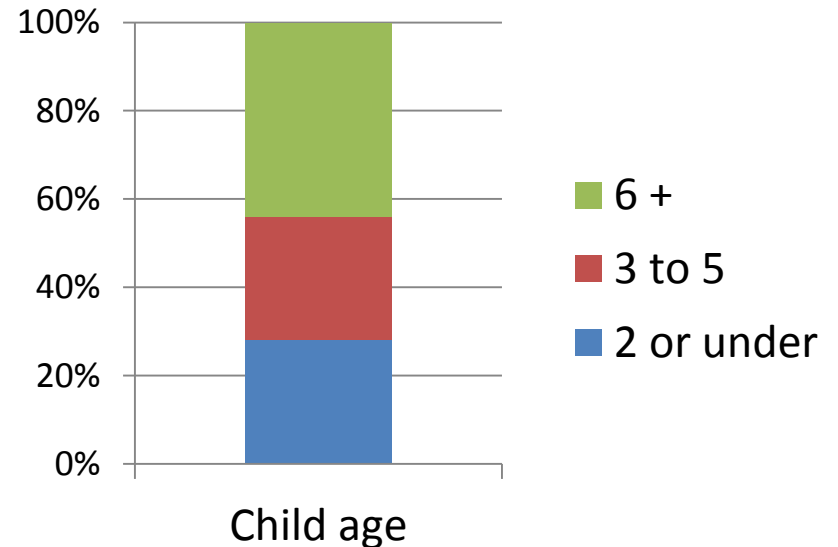
Around a third are young parents (age 25 or under).

Around half of those are between 18 and 21 years old.



About half of the children are not yet school age (under age 6).

Around half of those are very young children (age 2 or under).

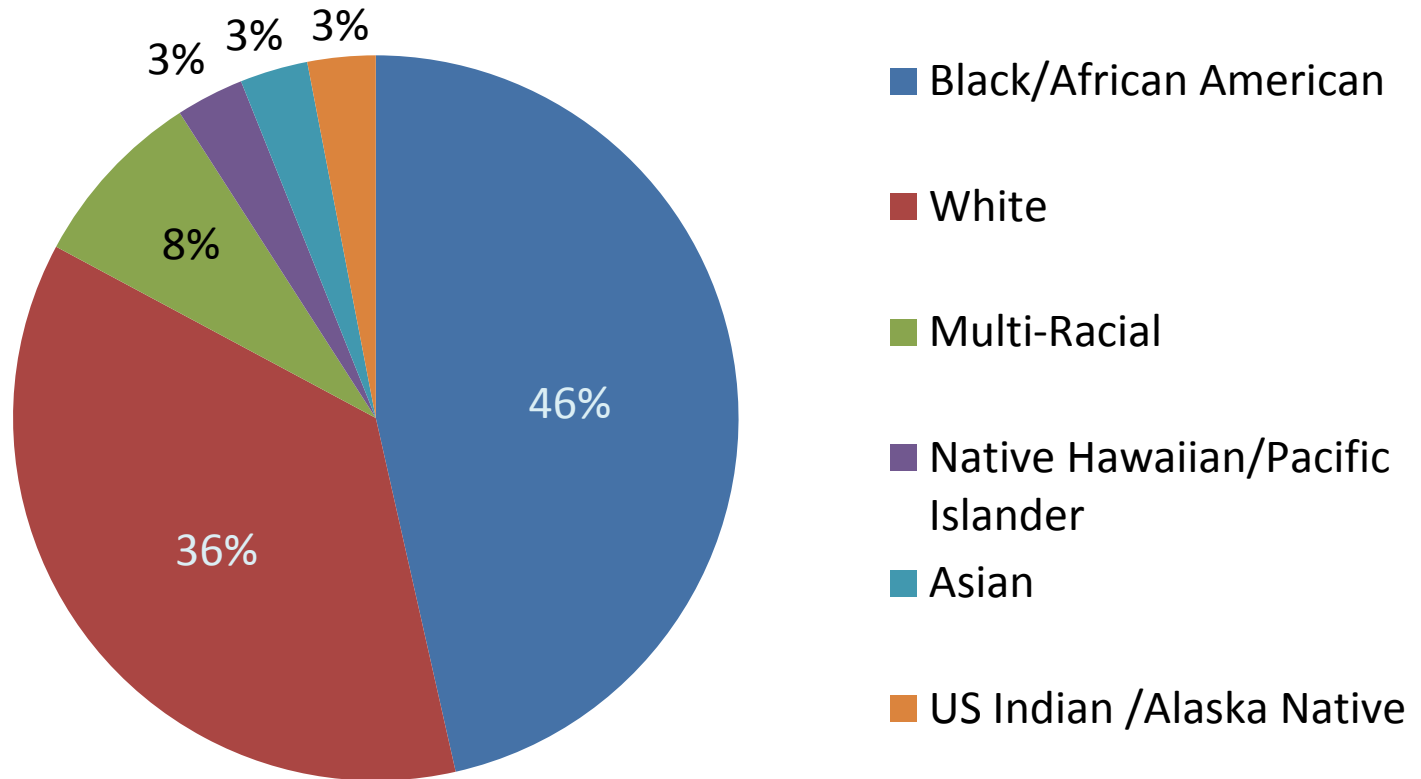


Anticipated family size ranges from 2 to 11

Family members	
Two	35%
Three	32%
Four	18%
Five	9%
Six	4%
Seven	2%
Eight or more	1%

- About a third of families are small (one adult, one child).
- About 20 very large families (with 8 or more individuals) have requested assistance.

Persons of color are over-represented relative to the general population and those in poverty.



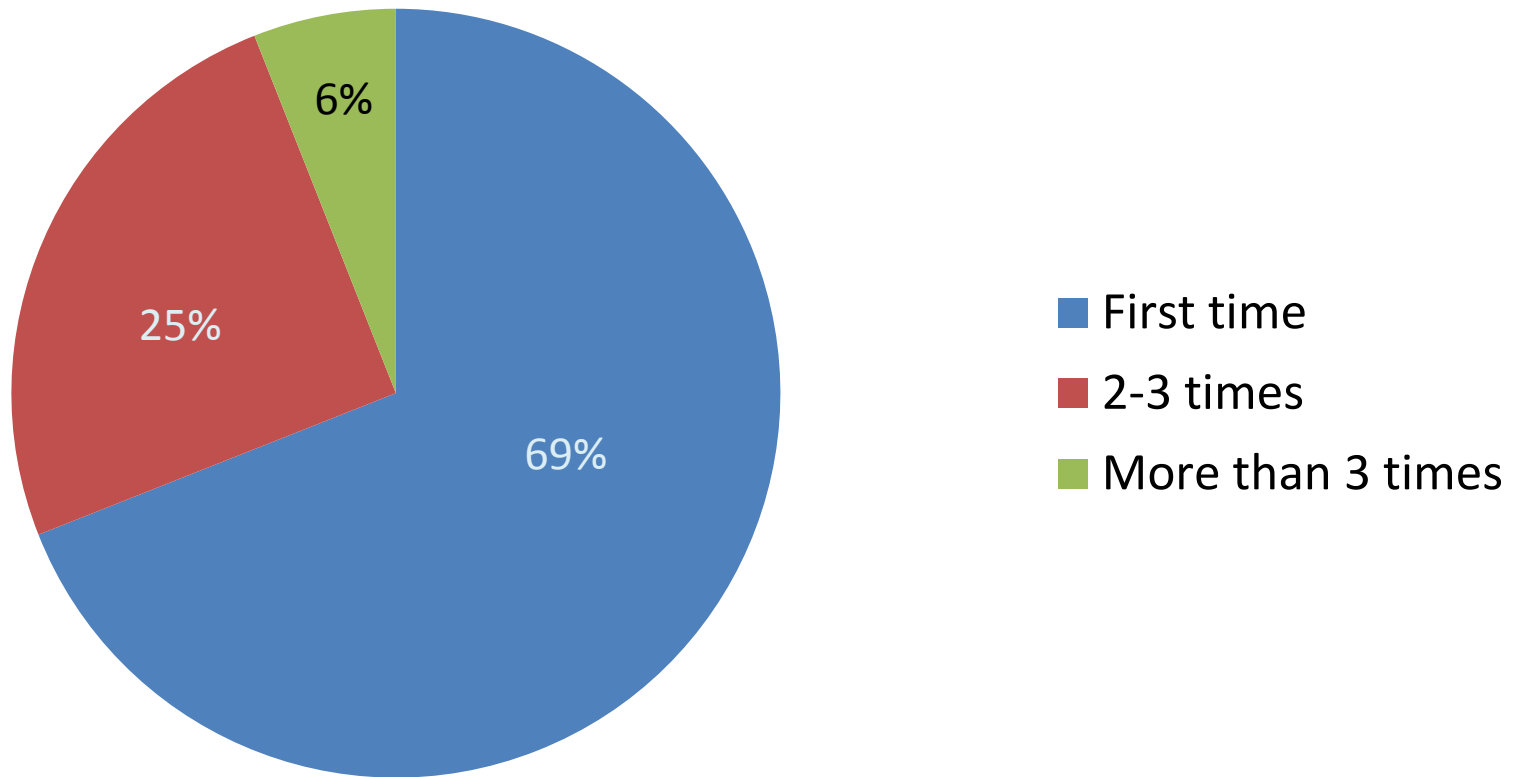
Hispanic: 10%

Education and Employment

Education	
Less than high school	28%
HS Diploma or GED	32%
Some college	25%
Post-secondary degree or vocational certificate	14%

Current employment	
Not employed	70%
Full time	10%
Part time	16%
Seasonal/temporary	3%

Most families are homeless for the first time



Most families are doubled up

Living situation	
Staying or living with a friend or family member	57%
Emergency shelter including hotel / motel voucher	18%
Rental by client, no housing subsidy	10%
Place not meant for human habitation	5%
Transitional housing for homeless persons	3%
Hotel or motel paid for without voucher	2%
Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center	1%
Other	1%

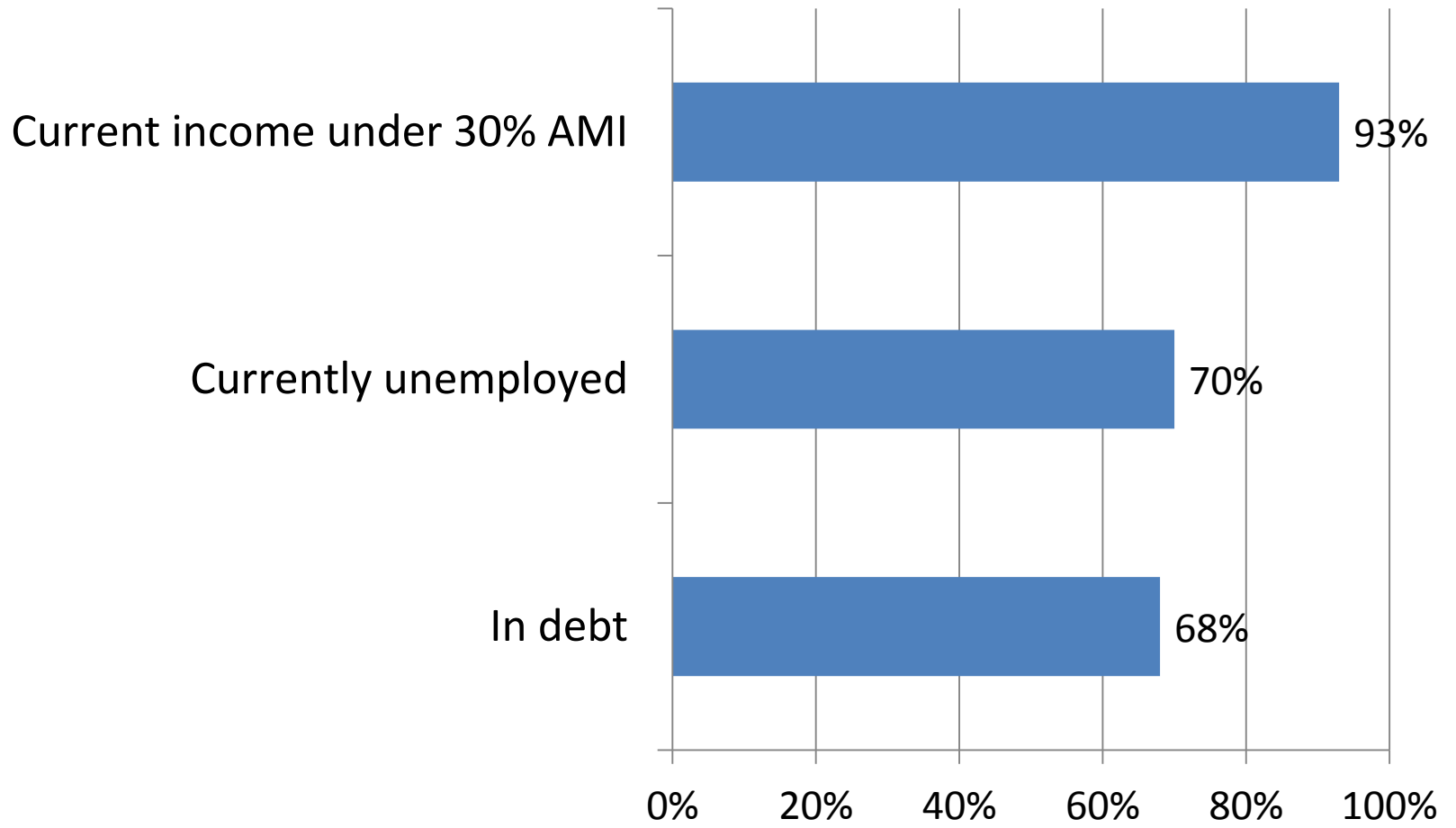
Service Requests

Fully 85% of families want
employment and education services

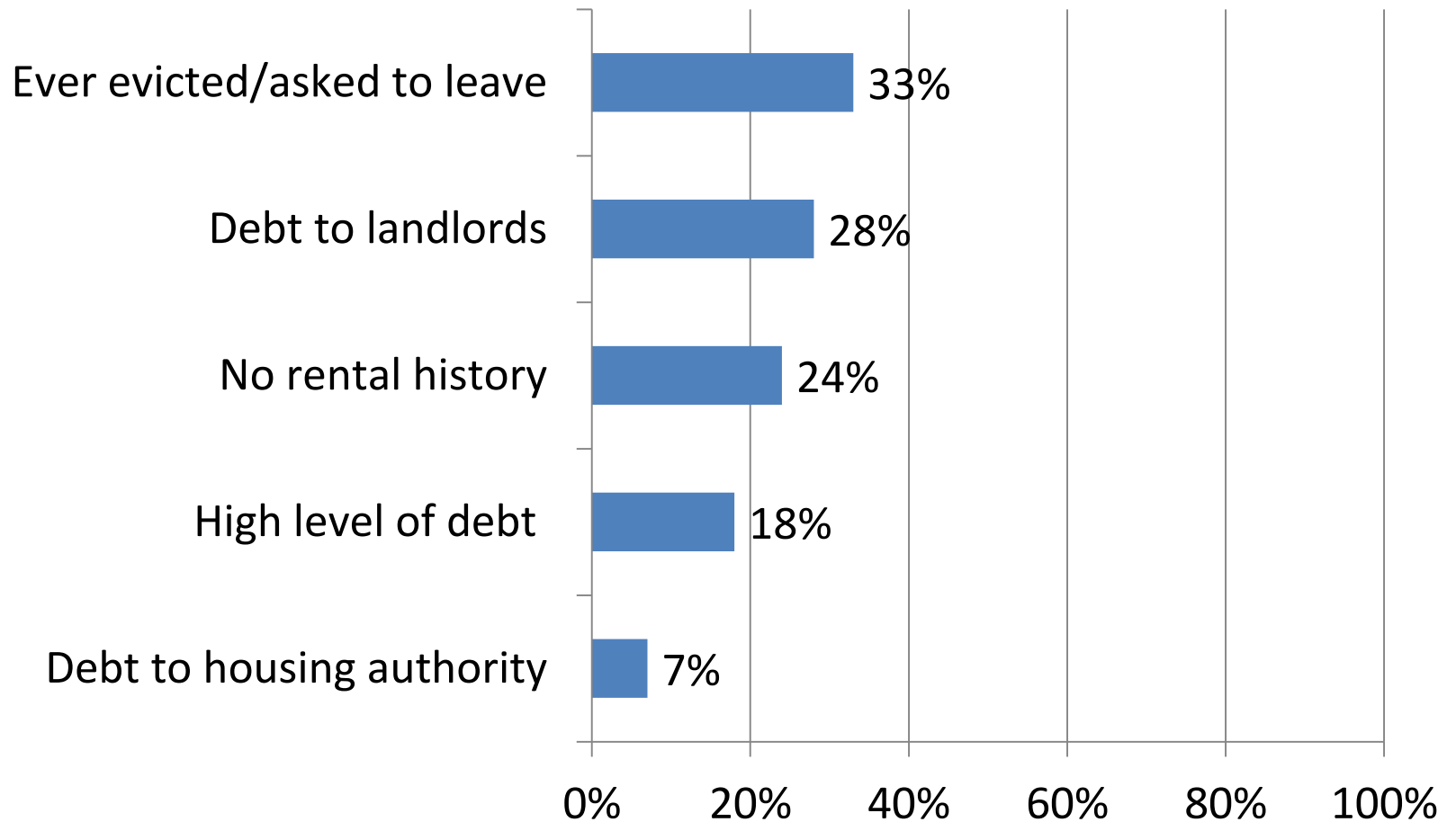
Families want tailored services

"Is your family interested in being referred to programs that specialize in..."	
Serving persons from a specific cultural background?	36%
Programs requiring a disability?	26%
Serving immigrants and refugees?	16%
Serving survivors of domestic violence?	33%
Serving youth and young adults?	33%
Chemical dependency treatment	10%
Mental health treatment	31%

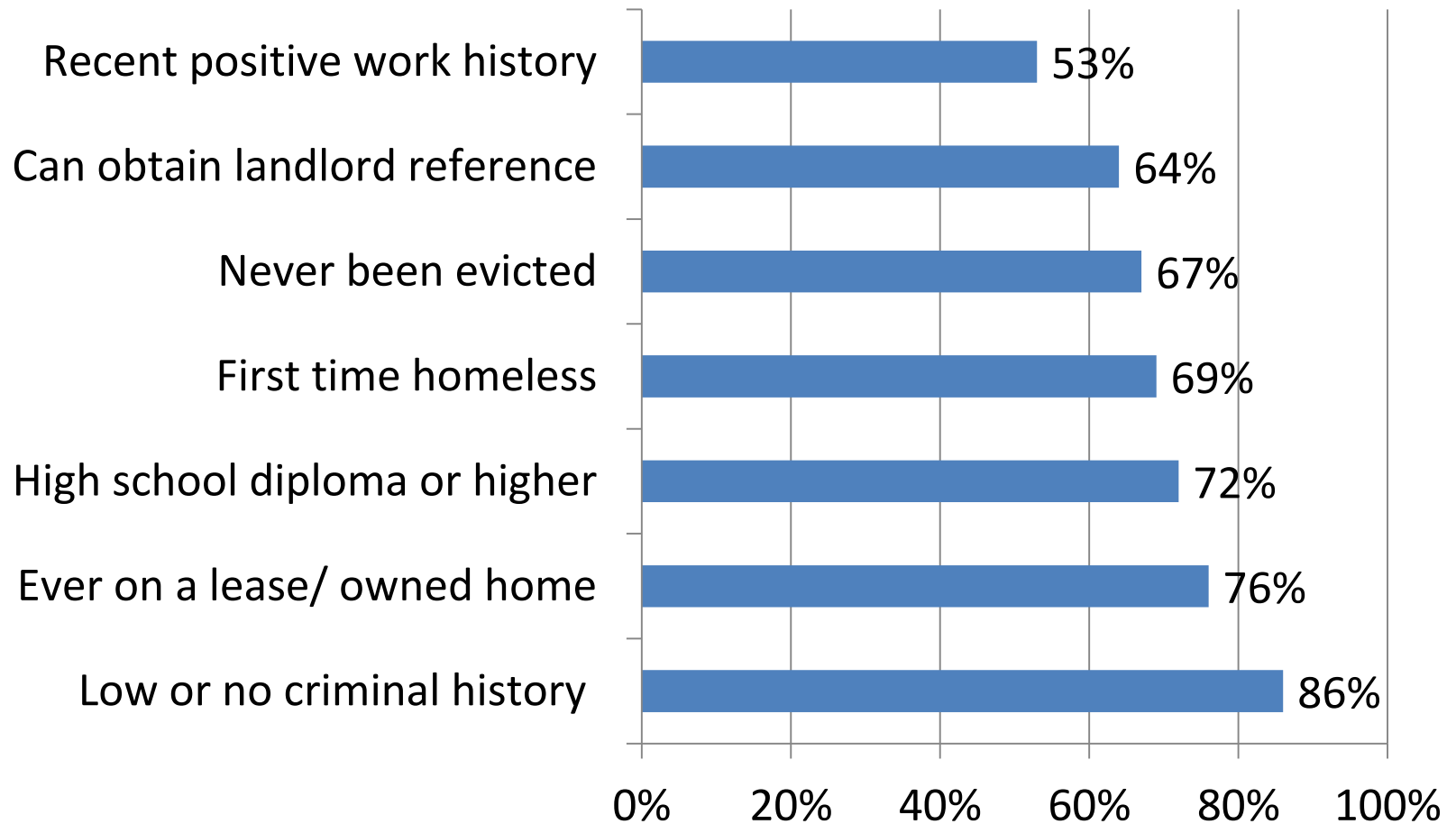
Families are experiencing a housing and economic crisis



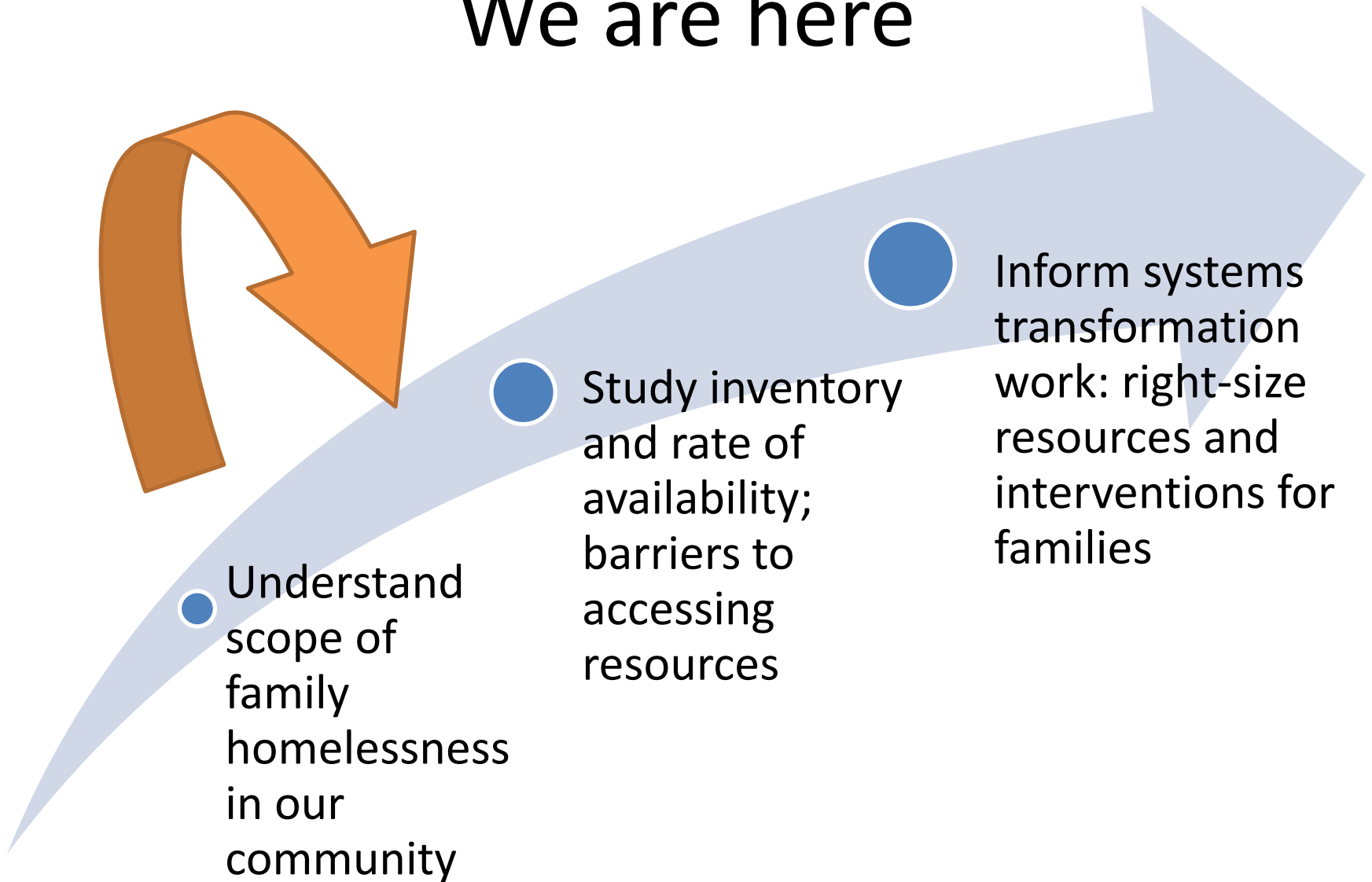
Yet most families have low housing barriers



Families have many strengths and resiliency factors



We are here



Data from the first five months of coordinated entry for families...

- MATCH national and local Westat data. Homeless families have characteristics similar to other extremely poor families, and are experiencing a temporary economic and housing crisis.
- SHOW that families' barriers to housing are low overall, suggesting that shorter-term interventions focused on quickly placing families in their own housing with supports would succeed in our community.
- CONFIRM that the systems transformation and retooling work of the Family Homelessness Initiative is on the right track, including a focus on rapid rehousing and right-sizing our homeless housing interventions.