



FY 2023 Continuum of Care Program Competition Debrief

HUD's Office of Special Needs
Assistance Programs

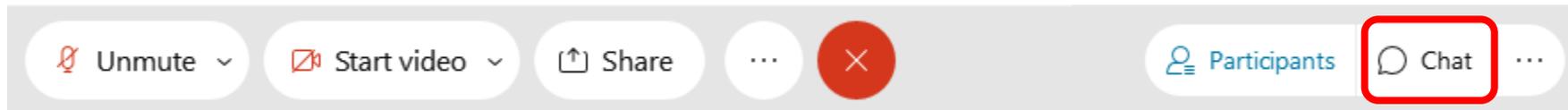


Housekeeping

- We will post a recording of today's session—along with the slide deck and a copy of the Chat and Q&A content—on the HUD Exchange within 2-3 business days.
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- We will answer questions from the chat panel after the presentation part of the webinar.

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Select the Chat icon to make a comment or ask a question. Select “Everyone” in the “To:” box.



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Competition Overview

Funding Overview

HUD Awarded more than **\$3.1 billion**

- **\$196 million** awarded to **new** projects through reallocation, DV Bonus, and CoC Bonus including:

\$81 million in PSH

\$60.3 million in RRH

\$34.4 million in Joint TH-RRH

\$12.3 million in SSO-Coordinated Entry

\$5.2 million in HMIS

Tier 1 and Tier 2—Overview

Tier 1

- **93%** of CoC's ARD
- Projects are safe—if they pass eligibility and quality threshold review.

Tier 2

- Difference between Tier 1 and CoC's ARD plus any bonus projects **(excluding DV Bonus projects and before adjustments to PH Leasing, Operating, and Rental Assistance BLIs based on changes to FMR)**.
- ARD minus Non-Competitive plus CoC Bonus minus Tier 1

Non-Competitive (not included in a Tier)

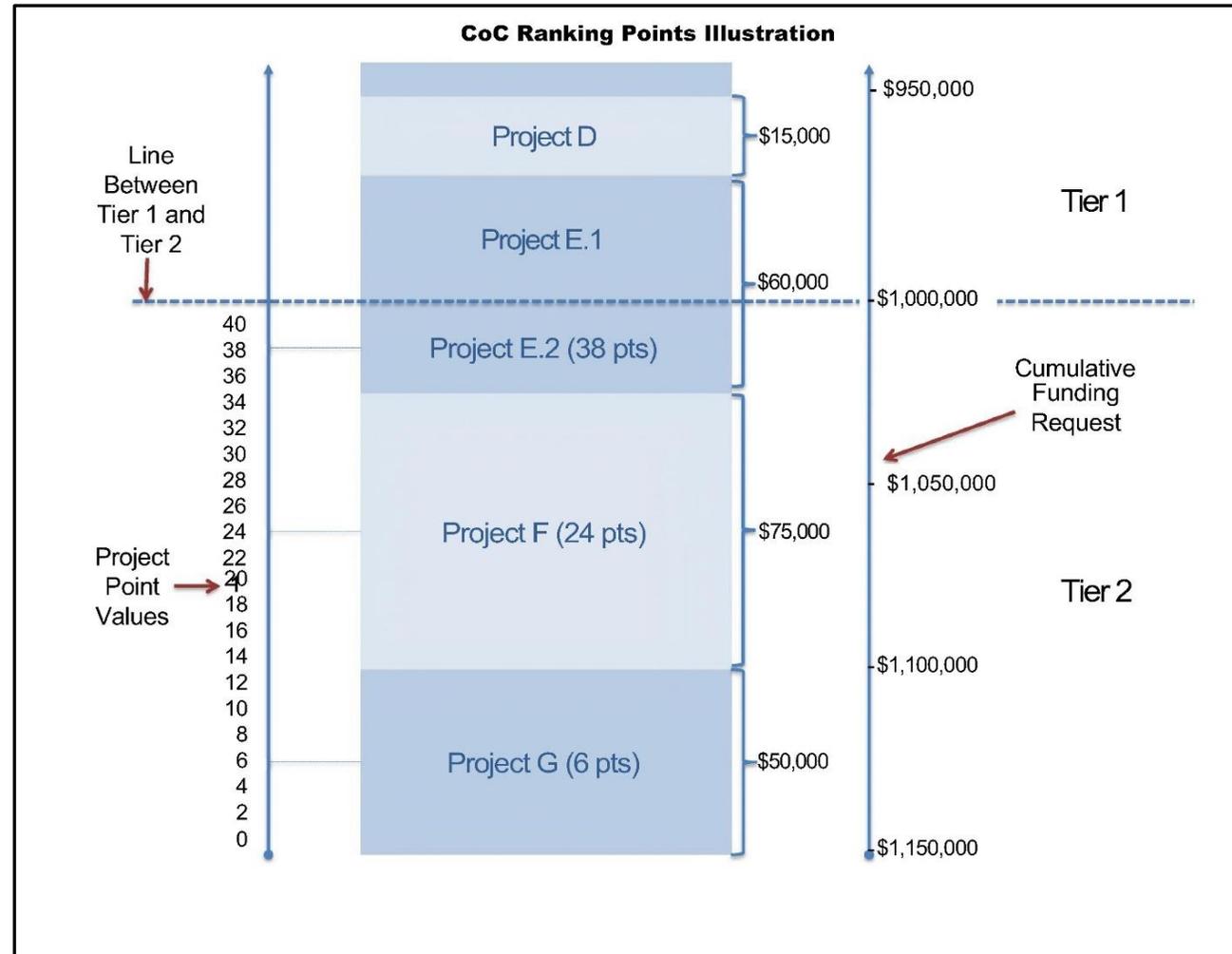
- CoC Planning
- UFA Costs
- YHDP grants

How HUD determines Tier 2 Funding

HUD awarded points to each New and Renewal project application in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale:

- **CoC Score**—Up to 50 pts
- **CoC Project Ranking**—Up to 40 points
- **Commitment to Housing First**—Up to 10 points

How HUD determines Tier 2 Funding (Cont.)



DV Bonus—Selection and Ranking

CoCs could apply for up to **10 percent of PPRN** or a minimum **\$50,000** whichever is greater, or **10 percent of PPRN** or maximum **\$5 million** whichever is less.

HUD used a 100-point scale:

Rapid Rehousing/Joint TH and PH-RRH:

CoC Score—Up to 50 points

CoC Collaboration with Victim Service Providers—Up to 10 points

Need for Project—Up to 10 points

Quality of Project Applicant Experience—Up to 15 points

Demonstration of inclusion of victim-centered practices—Up to 8 points

Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise—Up to 7 points

SSO-Coordinated Entry:

CoC Score—Up to 50 points

CoC Collaboration with Victim Service Providers—Up to 10 points

Need for Project—Up to 25 points

Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise—Up to 15 points

DV Bonus – What HUD Awarded

HUD awarded New DV Bonus projects in 47 CoCs in 24 states—
including rural, suburban, and urban CoCs

\$991,000 – SSO-Coordinated Entry Projects

\$9.6 million – Joint TH-RRH Projects

\$23.8 million – RRH Projects

CoC Application Overview

Local Competition

- CoCs should rank projects based on performance and need
- CoCs should review project applications
- We check to determine if all local deadlines are met; it is important that attachments are clear

Why CoCs Received Increased Funding

CoCs with higher CoC Application scores:

- Reduced homelessness in their communities
- Used performance criteria to rank projects
- Demonstrated commitment to Housing First
- Increased RRH units
- Reallocated lower performing projects

When Scores are Below Average

On average for any given question 73% of CoCs got full points.

A few main reasons CoCs score lower for any given question:

- Responses are incomplete
- Questions are unclear
- Responses did not meet the criteria to receive full points

Below Average—Answers are Incomplete

We evaluate questions where a noticeable number of CoCs didn't answer the full question

- This happens most often when a question says to respond about “all” things identified in the question above it (e.g., 1C-4a, 1C-5a)
- This kind of response overlaps with the “unclear question” category

Below Average—Answers are Incomplete (Example)

1E-1 – Deadline Not on Landing Page, Missing System-Generated Date

1E-1. Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline—Advance Public Notice.

NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.

You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Upload attachment

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Enter the date in each field

1. Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for **New** Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.
2. Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for **Renewal** Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.

06/08/2023

06/13/2023

Below Average – Unclear Questions

We review questions where most applicants score low to determine if we can improve the question. We recognize we were unclear in some questions.

- We make clarifying changes to questions, detailed instructions, or both for the next competition.
- Because unclear questions affect all CoCs, we have not found this has an impact on overall CoC Application scores.

Below Average – Unclear Questions (Example)

**1C-5e - answer in relation to ALL people seeking or receiving assistance
– not just people presenting as survivors**

1C-5e. Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.

NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:

1. whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;
2. the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and
3. the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.

Below Average – Unclear Question (Example)

There were lots of new questions focused on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Resources and assistance to support HUD's community partners

NEED HOUSING ASSISTANCE?



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October 17, 2023

Webinar	Description	Date and Time	Registration
Understanding VAWA	This session will provide CoCs and ESG recipients an overview of VAWA and the 2022 Reauthorization.	August 10, 2023 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT	Get Credit
VAWA Emergency Transfer Plans: CoC and ESG Requirements and Best Practices	This session will provide in-depth knowledge for CoCs and ESG recipients about developing an ETP as required by VAWA. Presenters will provide information about both requirements and best practices for ensuring ETPs are tailored to local strengths and needs.	August 17, 2023 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT	Get Credit
Community Conversations: VAWA in Practice	This session will feature a panel of VAWA experts and community leaders discussing all aspects of VAWA implementation for CoCs and CoC/ESG recipients.	August 31, 2023 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT	Get Credit

Below Average – CoCs Do Not Meet the Criteria

- We must ask some questions where we know the overall score will be lower due to realities on the ground
- This is most common with questions on performance and data

Below Average – CoCs Do Not Meet the Criteria (Example)

2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate–Using HIC, HMIS Data–CoC Merger Bonus Points.

NOFO Section V.B.3.c. and V.B.7.

Enter 2023 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

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Enter 2023 HIC and HMIS data by Project Type

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0.00%

2A-5 Bed Coverage Rate – only 55% of CoCs are at an 85% bed coverage rate or above

Where Collaborative Applicants Could Improve

We noticed a significant difference in how Collaborative Applicants responded to questions. Thank you for applying the comments from previous webinars. While we have seen significant improvement, we recommend that to improve your CoC Application score:

- Use the **Detailed Instructions** when responding to questions—the detailed instructions explain how to successfully respond to questions.
- Respond to all elements of multipart questions—do not refer to other question responses, attachments, websites, or other resources in your response.
- Ensure each response addresses the specific elements of the question—If you don't understand the question, submit a question to COENOFO@HUD.gov.

Where Collaborative Applicants Could Improve (Cont.)

Attach all required documents and ensure they contain the requested content.

Example 1: For evidence your CoC meets public posting requirements; be sure the attachment includes a system-generated date—examples include screenshot with date at the bottom corner, or popup calendar.

Example 2: For Question 1E-2 you are required to upload:

- ✓ your CoC's local competition scoring tool—showing points; and
- ✓ one scored renewal project application.

Project Application Overview

Update *e-snaps* Applicant Profiles Now

To save time later and avoid potential deficiencies in your application:

- Ensure your *e-snaps* profiles are up to date—especially if there are changes to your CoC’s Collaborative Applicant or project recipients.
- Your Unique Entity Identification (UEI) **must be correct in *e-snaps***

Reallocation

- Reallocation is the process that allows CoCs to shift funds from eligible CoC-funded renewal projects to create new projects.
 - Limited to:
 - ✓ New Expansion projects
 - ✓ Transition projects
 - ✓ New CoC projects
- Makes the CoC Program more competitive and ensures that lower performing projects are not automatically renewed.
- Ensures that housing and services strategies are more cost effective to achieve the same or better outcomes.
- CoCs should strive to match their inventory of projects to the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Reallocation – Common Errors

- Reallocating first-year Renewal projects
- Reducing project budgets with no corresponding New project, resulting in lost ARD
- Not documenting reallocations on the Priority Listing
- Mixing up Reallocations, Expansions, Consolidations, and Transitions

Reallocation – Solutions

Consolidations, Expansions, Transitions, and Reallocations all have different requirements/rules.

- **CoC Program NOFO**–Carefully read the sections on Consolidations, Expansions, Transitions, and Reallocations to understand the differences.
- **Priority Listing**–Carefully review prior to submission to ensure accuracy.
- **Guidance**–Carefully follow Detailed Instructions and Navigation Guides posted on [HUD.gov](https://www.hud.gov). If you are confused, please submit a question to the CoCNOFO@HUD.gov help desk.

Project Start Dates

- We recommend that you start operating **New Projects**—drawing grant funds—after March in any calendar year. This could help your organization avoid undue financial hardship if we make funds available in e-LOCCS later in the year.
- Starting your New Projects after July in any calendar year will most likely allow time for HUD to resolve any funding availability issues.

Unfunded Renewal Projects

What can you do if we did not select your Renewal project for funding?

Work with your local Field Office and Technical Assistance to:

- Extend grants with remaining funds
- Closeout the grant
- Help program participants move out of projects or transfer to another option if necessary
- Determine if restrictive covenants are present

Fair Market Rent (FMR) Adjustments

We base FMR adjustments on the HUD-FMRs in effect the date the competition closes during the fiscal year—for example:

If a competition closed between **October 1, 2022**, and **September 30, 2023**, the FY 2023 FMRs apply.

Questions?

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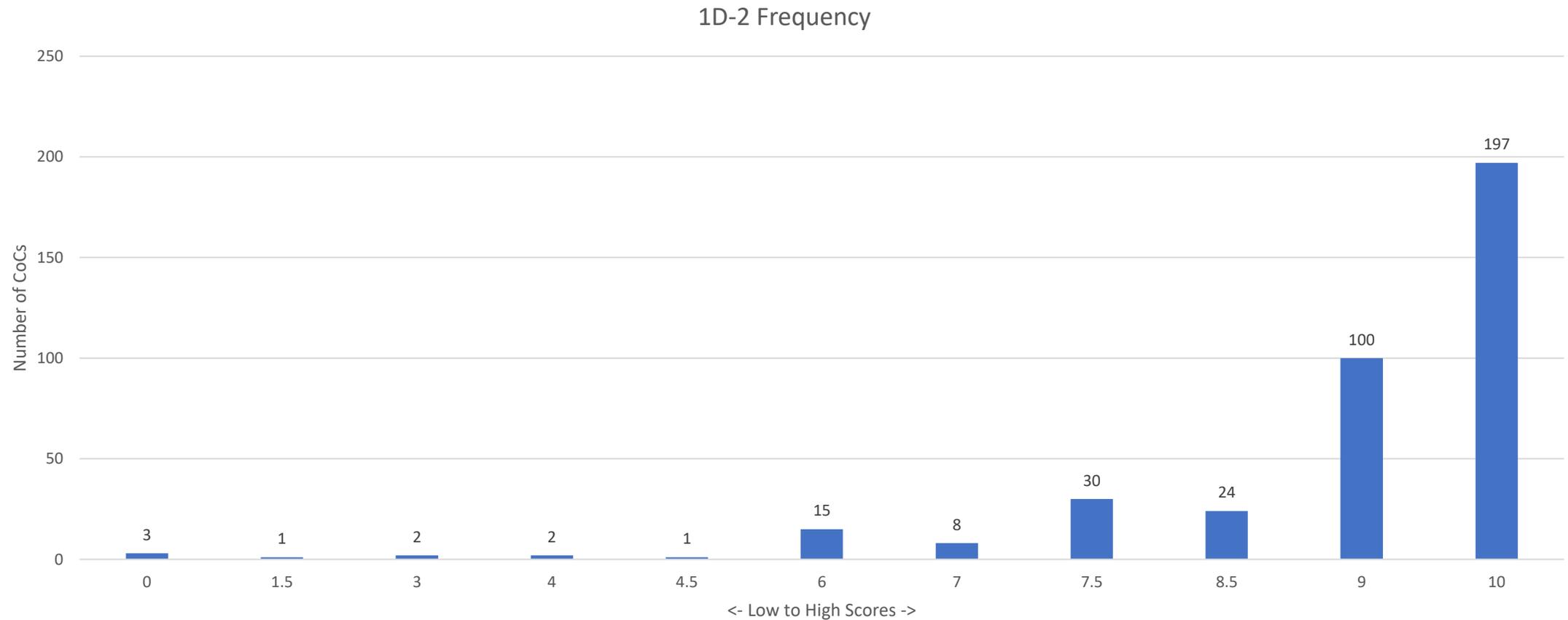


Appendix: Distribution of Points

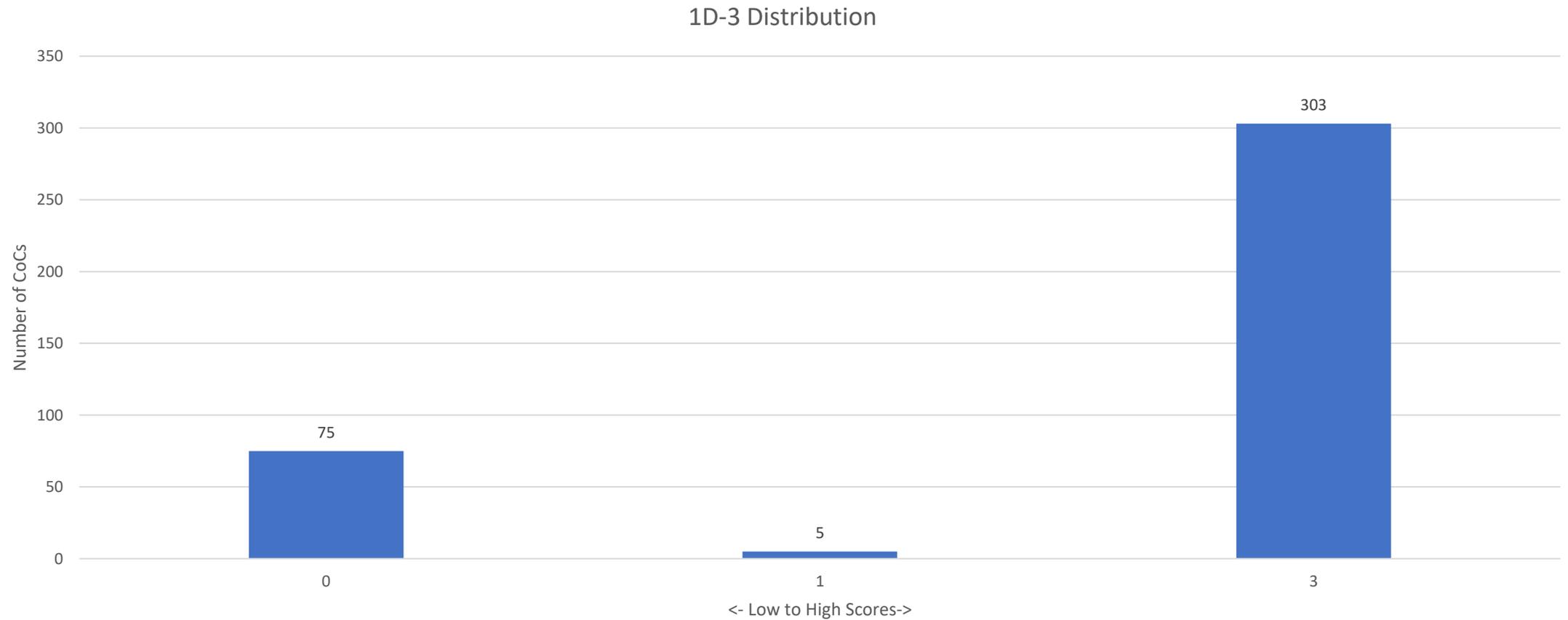
- We added a reference point to the end of this slide deck for CoCs to use regarding the questions included in the debriefing document.
- For all questions (except for 1E-2 and 2A-5) HUD is providing the distribution of scores across all CoCs for you to reference if you are interested in knowing how you scored relative to other CoCs.

1D-2 Housing First – Average 9.04 points

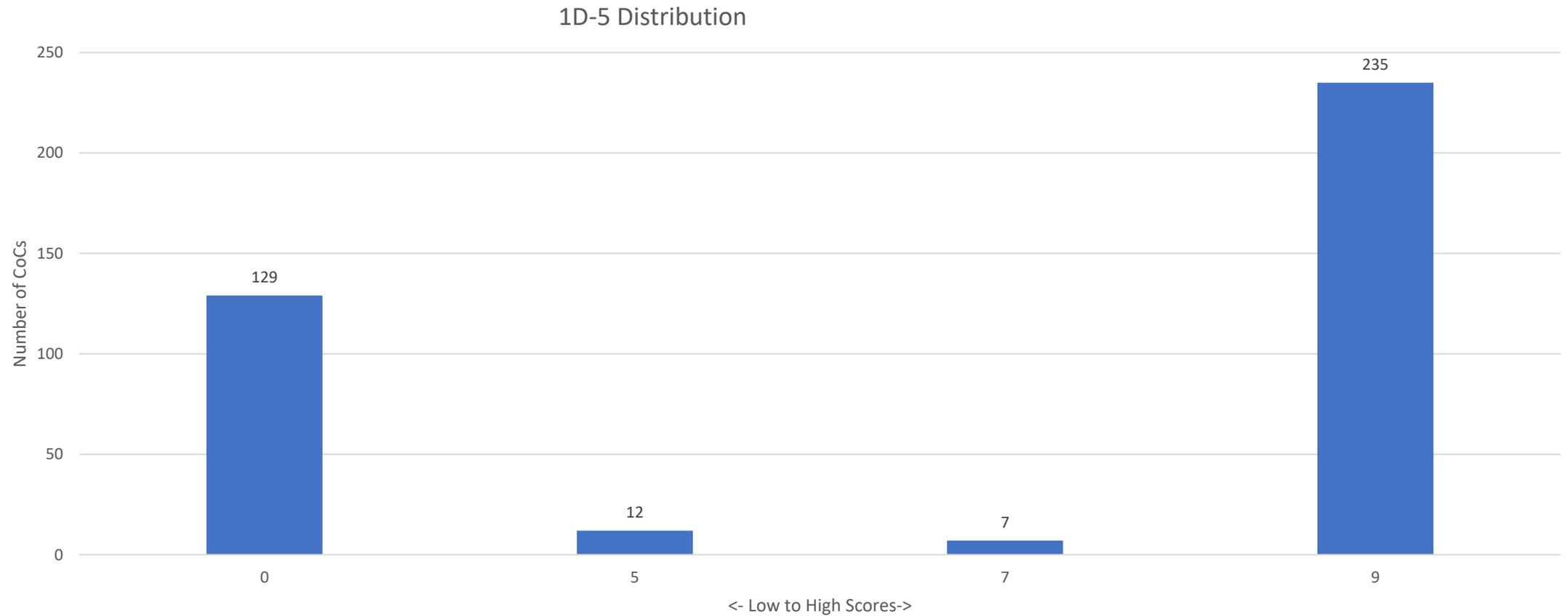
1D-2 + 1D-2a



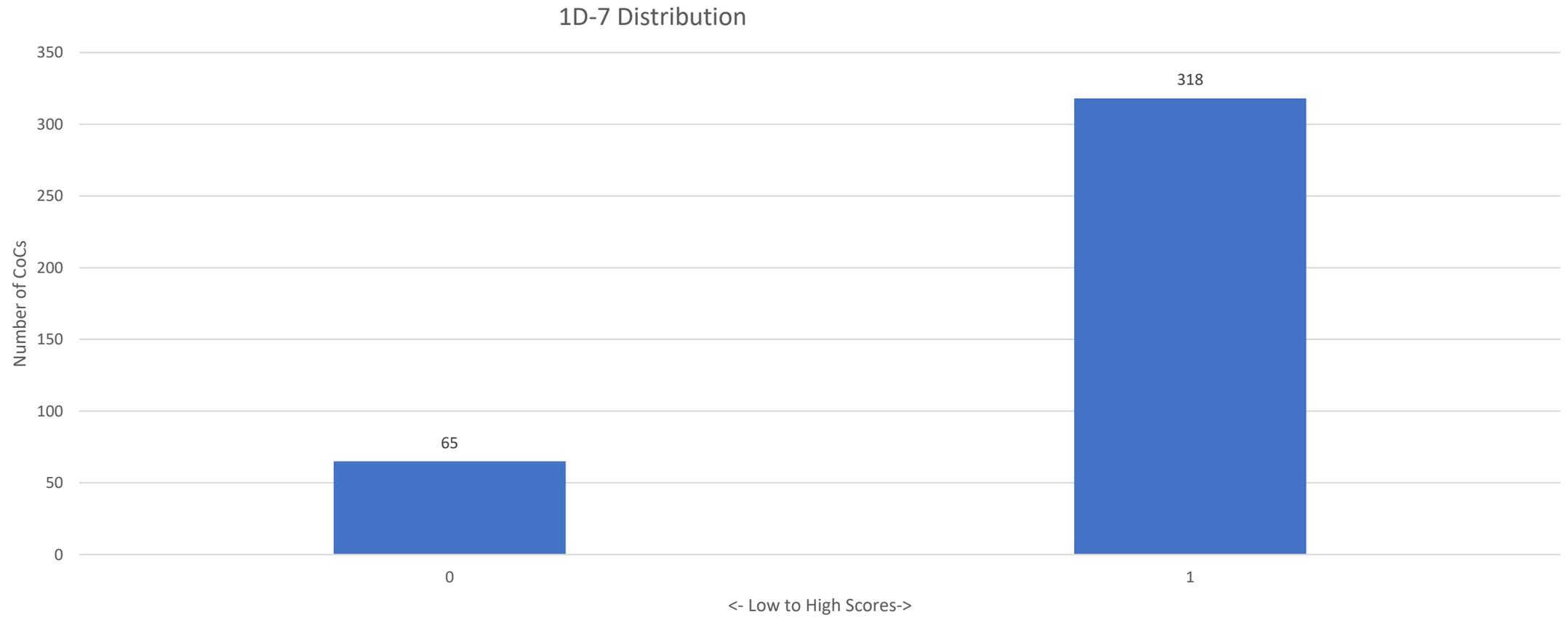
1D-3 – Average 2.39 points



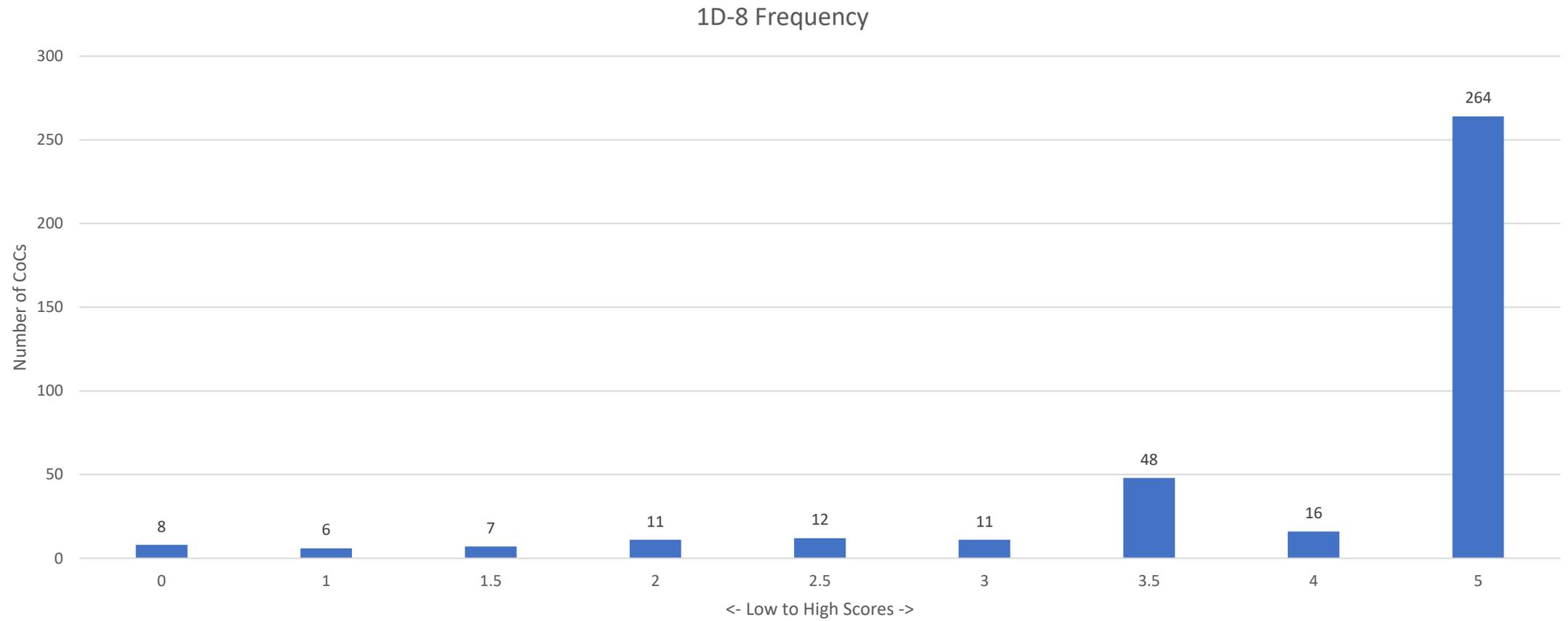
1D-5 – Average 5.81 points



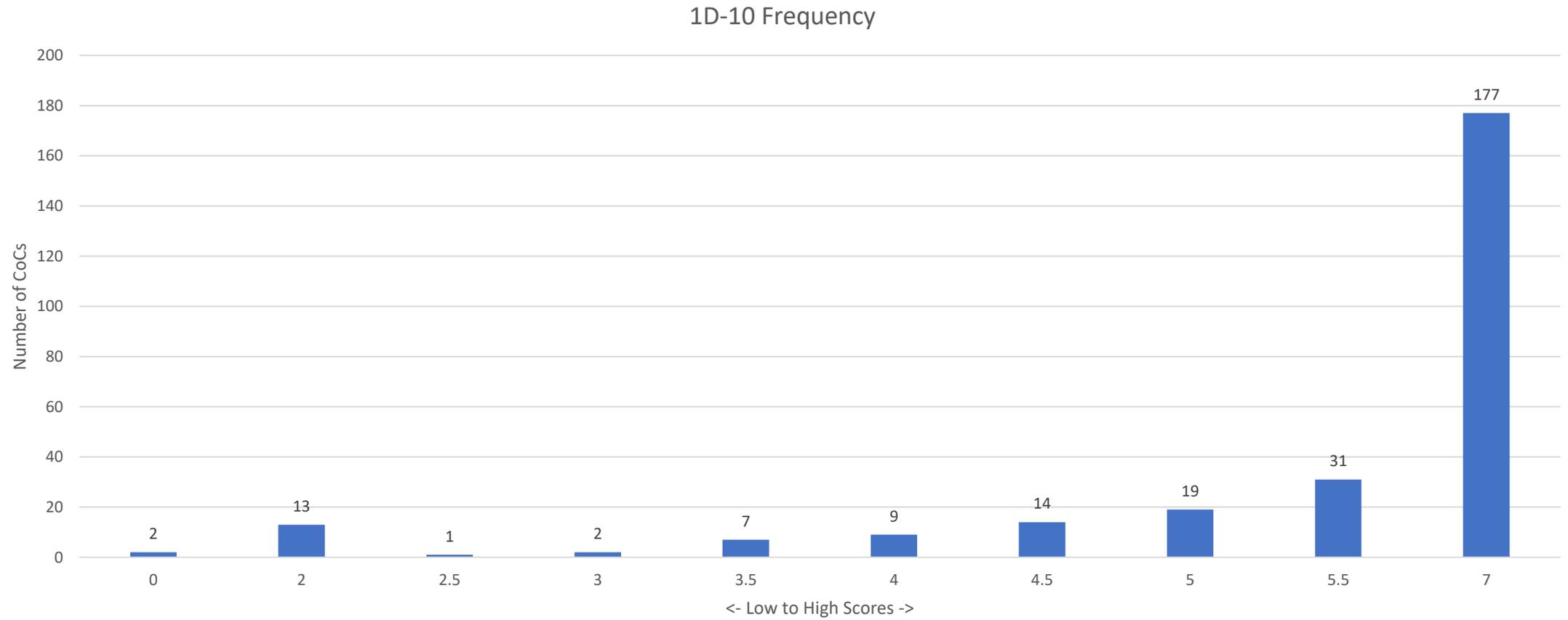
1D-7



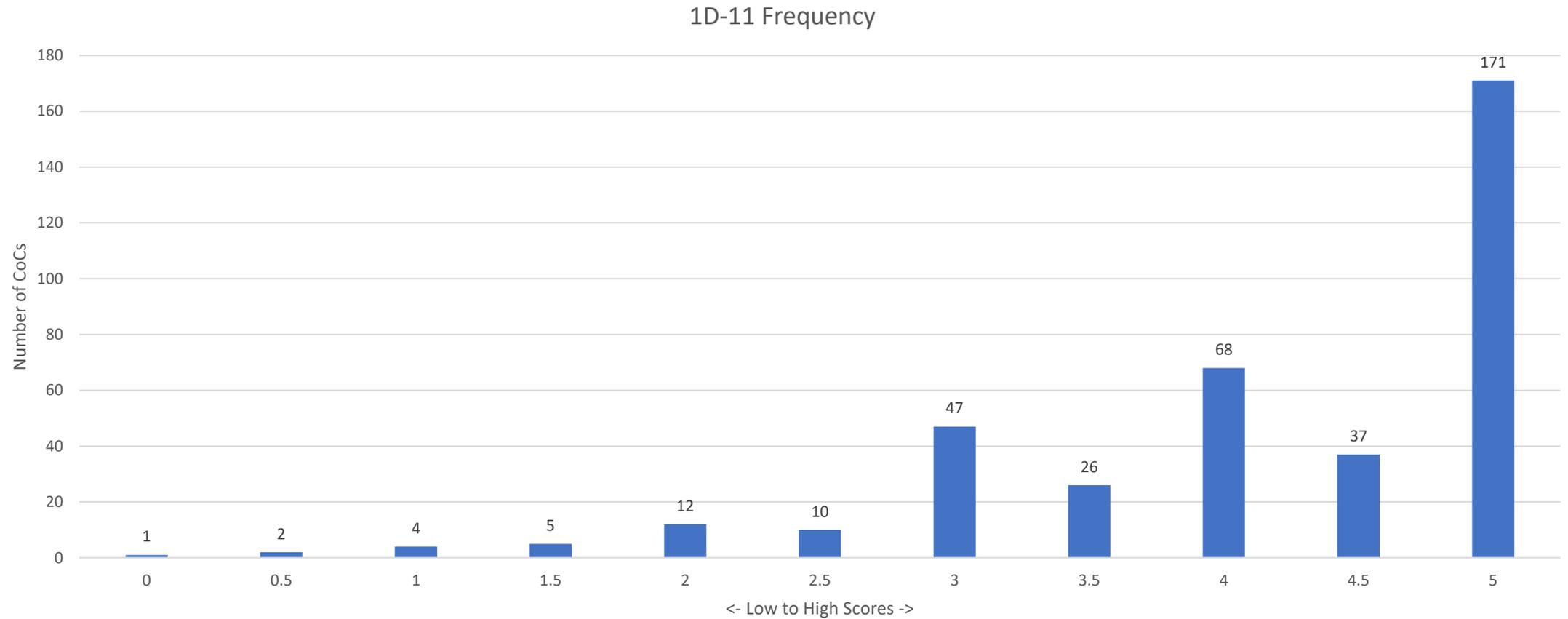
1D-8 + 1D-8a



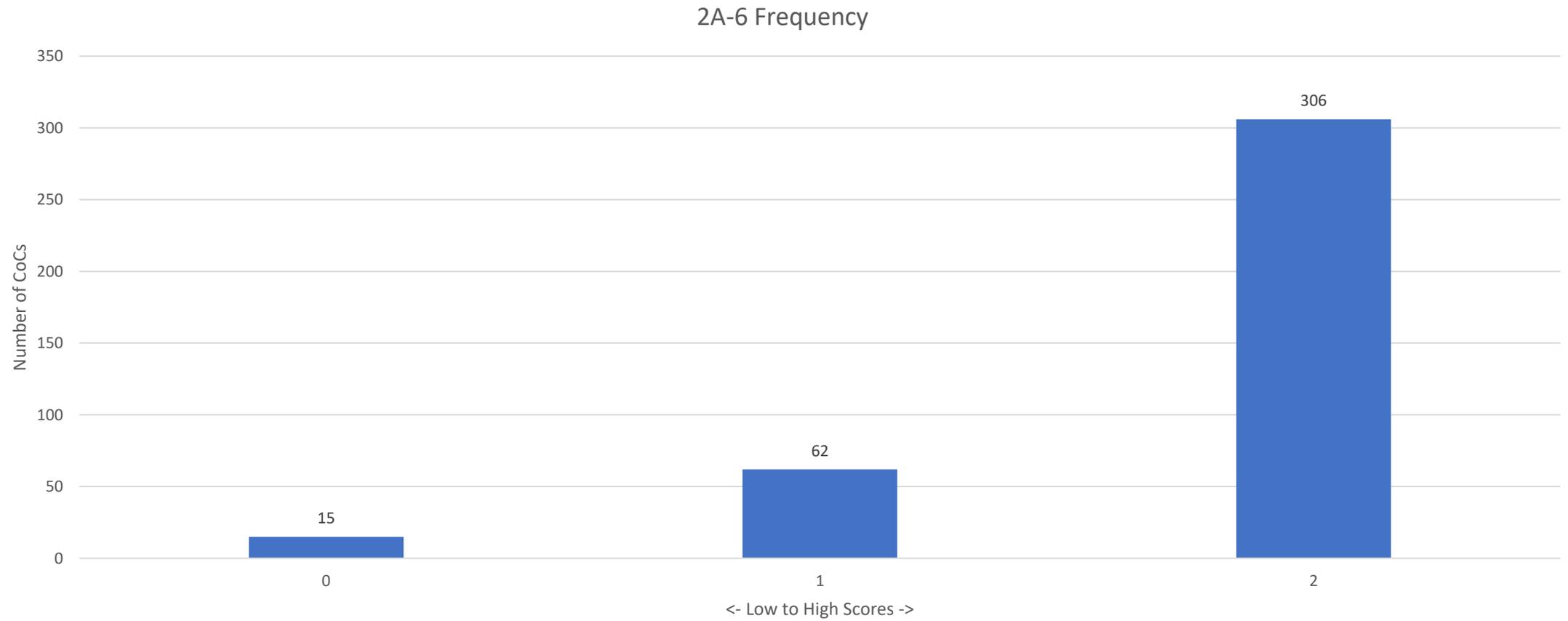
1D-10 (a-d)



1D-11 (a-c)



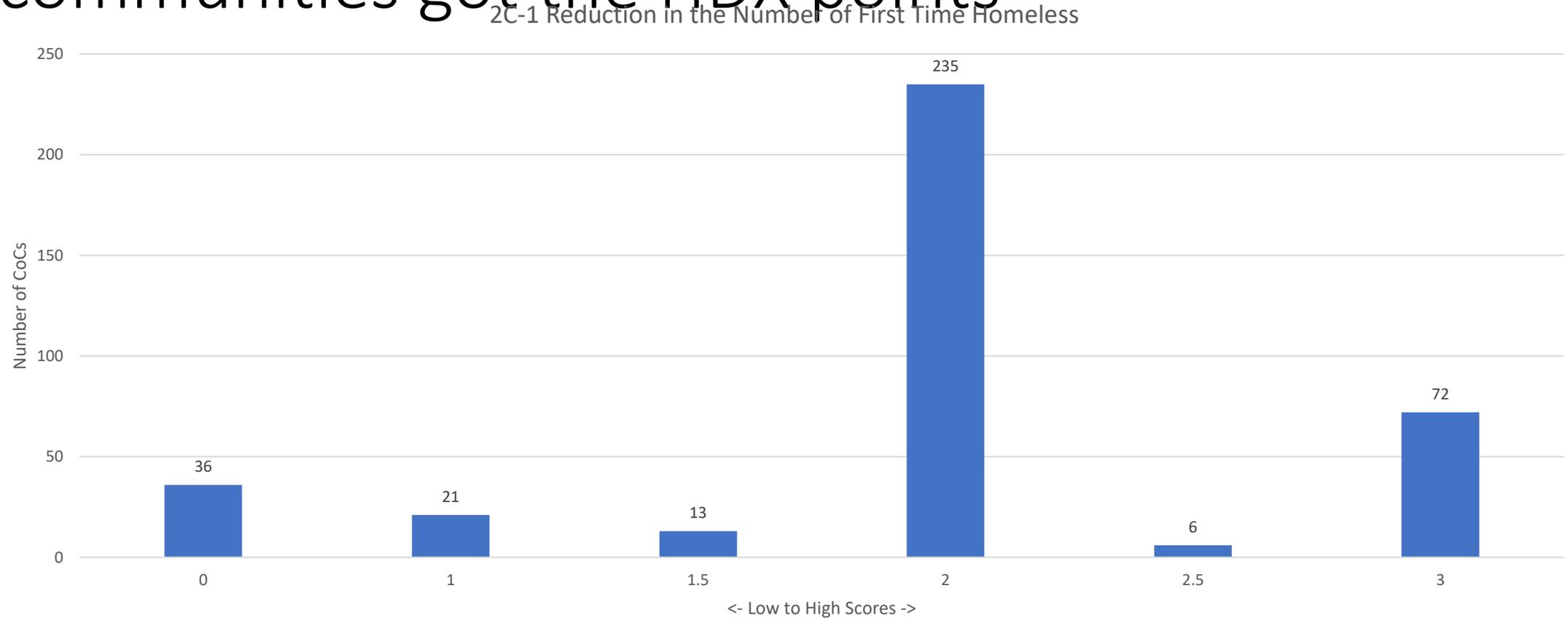
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2C-1 (HDX + Narrative Response)

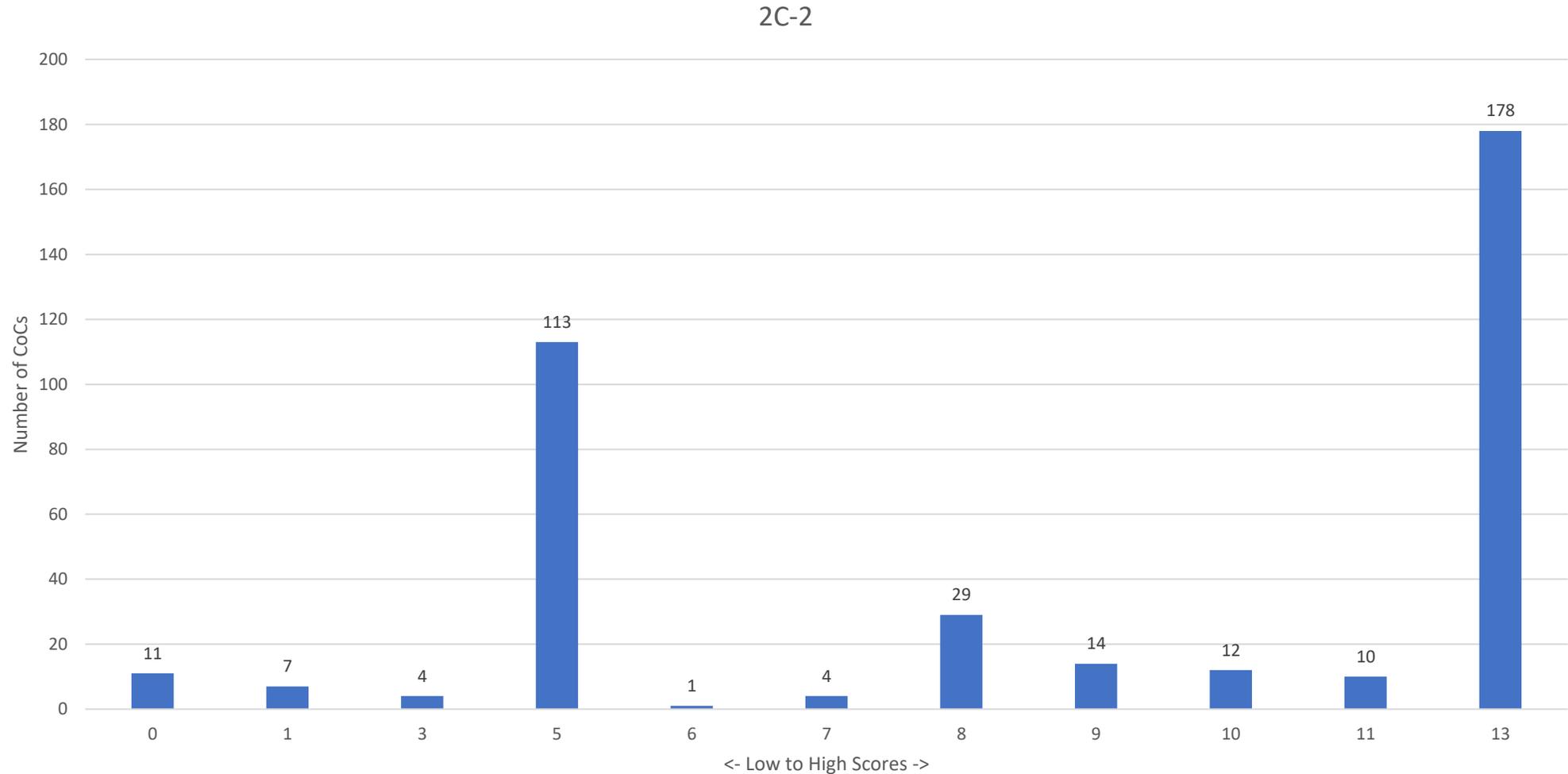
Average 1.94 points

There is a big drop off from 2 to 2+ because so few communities got the HDX points

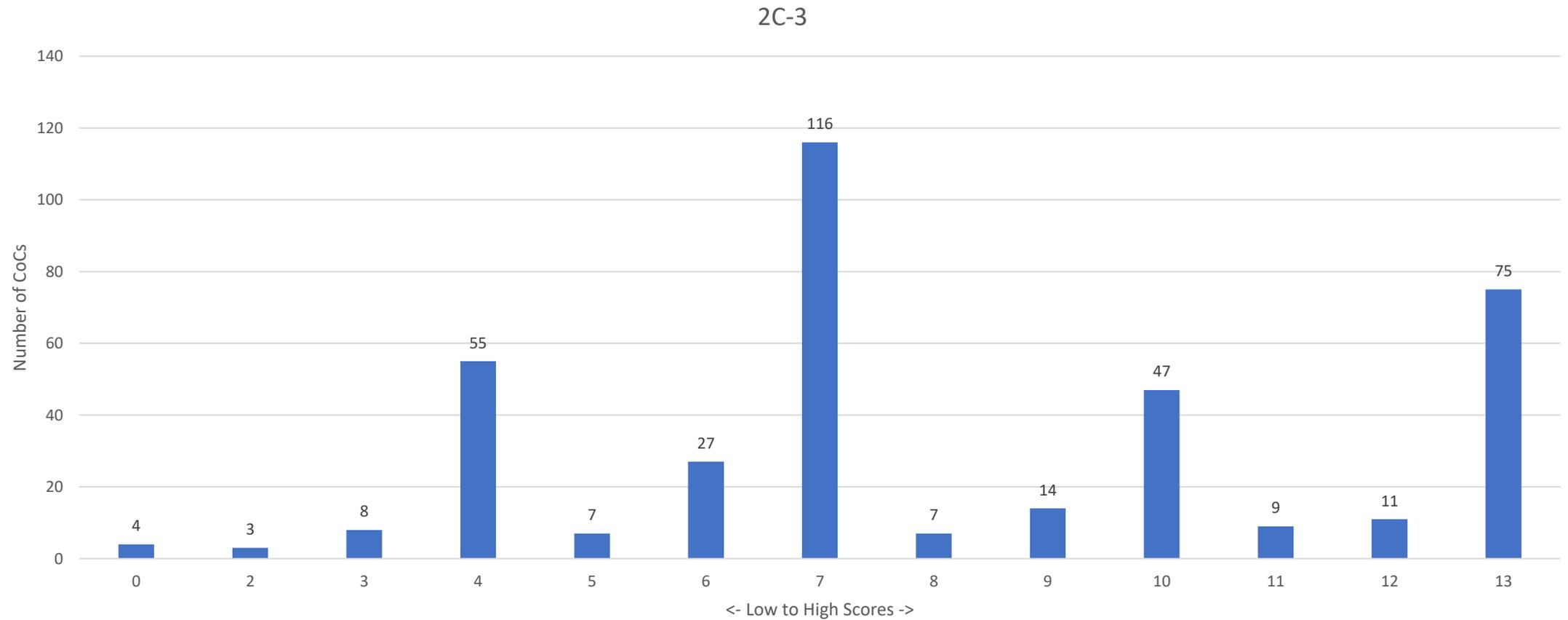


2C-2 (HDX + Narrative Response)

Average 9.19 points

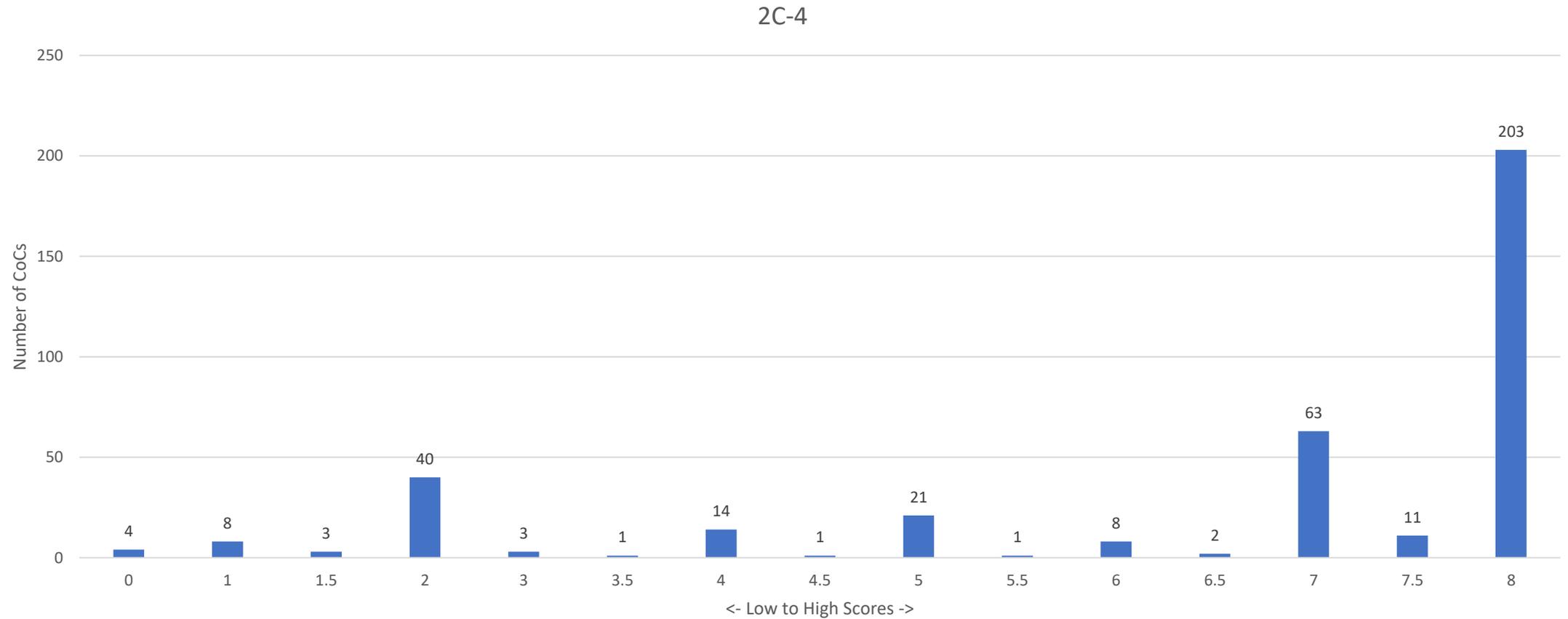


2C-3 (HDX + Narrative Response)



2C-4 (HDX + Narrative Response)

Average 6.49



2C-5 (HDX + Narrative Response)

