



**City of Las Cruces<sup>®</sup>**

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### ***Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:***

The City of Las Cruces partnered with Crescendo Consulting Group to complete the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. During the fall of 2022, the Crescendo completed 21 one-on-one interviews, three focus groups, and a community survey with a variety of community partners and residents, including homeless service providers, domestic violence service providers, the housing authority, veterans' groups, and a variety of public and private agencies throughout Las Cruces that address the needs of the qualifying populations.

During the one-on-one interviews, participants were asked 13 questions about access to housing and services, vulnerable populations, and resource and service gaps in the community. The three focus groups held at City Hall, Desert Hope, and the Community of Hope campus were well attended. During these focus groups, a brief presentation about the HOME-ARP program, including the definitions of the qualifying population and eligible activities, were presented followed by a series of questions to gather the thoughts and ideas from community members. A community survey was also disseminated in the community and 1,021 responses were received. Throughout the consultation process, information on the size and demographics of the qualifying population, unmet shelter, housing, and service needs of the qualifying population, and gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems were identified.

**List the organizations consulted:**

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Casa de Peregrinos	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need an emergency shelter, especially for migrants and undocumented New Americans.</li> <li>• We need to focus on the basic needs, including education and health care.</li> <li>• Grant funding needs to be less restrictive.</li> </ul>
Dona Ana Communities United	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a lack of affordable housing units, especially for people with less than 30% AMI.</li> <li>• We need services co-located with housing (i.e., wraparound services).</li> <li>• The community needs to be involved with how to City spends grant funding. The ARP funds seem to be doing this.</li> </ul>
New Mexico Legal Aid	Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing is getting more expensive.</li> <li>• Lots of NIMBYism.</li> <li>• We need more mental health and substance use services, especially for people who experienced domestic violence.</li> </ul>
CASANM	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.</li> <li>• The upfront costs of housing, such as security deposits and application fees, can be barriers for people accessing housing.</li> <li>• Single moms are at a higher risk of housing instability.</li> <li>• We need more affordable housing stock.</li> </ul>

New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness	CoC serving the jurisdiction's geographic area	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Las Cruces has done a good job developing transitional and permanent supportive housing in the community.</li> <li>We need to focus more on homeless prevention.</li> <li>We're seeing more families becoming homeless and unaccompanied youth.</li> </ul>
Dona Ana County – Health and Human Services	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need more emergency transitional housing for people with mental health and substance use.</li> <li>The biggest resource gaps is the lack of properties and lack of funding mechanisms.</li> </ul>
Mesilla Valley Community of Hope	Homeless service provider / Veterans groups	Interview; Focus Group Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of affordable units and raising rents during the pandemic.</li> <li>Need more homeless prevention funding.</li> <li>People with vouchers have a hard time finding housing due to the lack of units, rising rents, and stigma associated with homelessness.</li> </ul>
New Mexico Center on Law & Poverty	Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on a statewide eviction diversion program to help people stay in their homes.</li> <li>Many people live in mobile homes as they are often more affordable, but the quality isn't always great.</li> </ul>
MVCASA	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is incredibly difficult to find landlords who will accept Housing Choice vouchers.</li> <li>All the new apartments that are being built are too expensive for most people, especially people who make minimum wage.</li> <li>There is a shortage of mental health providers. The wait lists are about three months long.</li> </ul>



Families and Youth, Inc	Homeless service provider	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The homeless population has increased over the pandemic.</li> <li>• There is a lack of affordable one-bedroom apartments.</li> <li>• We need to find a way to invest in low income distressed communities.</li> </ul>
Housing PRC	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Focus Group Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need more homeless prevention. The PIT Count showed homelessness increased.</li> <li>• Many community members associated unhoused and violence together.</li> <li>• We need attainable housing – housing that fulfills the need of the community.</li> </ul>
Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a severe lack of affordable housing, specially for people who don't qualify for housing vouchers.</li> <li>• Agencies have to compete against each other statewide for housing development funds. Albuquerque and Sante Fe tend to win most of the money.</li> </ul>
New Mexico Cafe	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a lot of need for housing stock.</li> <li>• There are about 5,000 applications for assisted living for low-income housing at the moment.</li> <li>• The homeless population has grown and we need more cooling centers during the day.</li> </ul>
La Clinica de Familia	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hispanic community is underserved and very vulnerable.</li> <li>• Food insecurity is a huge issue here.</li> <li>• We do not have housing opportunities for our clients.</li> </ul>
Senator Ben Ray Lujan's Office	Public Official	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a high percent of poverty in the community.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have limited mental health services.</li> <li>• People from out of state are moving here because its cheaper, which drives up the costs for native Las Cruces residents.</li> </ul>
Project Moxie	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide as much flexibility as possible with funding and project.</li> <li>• Project-based vouchers are essential to making rental housing financially feasible for the qualifying population.</li> <li>• Motel conversions are only feasible with vouchers and other resources.</li> <li>• Look to use HOME-ARP for rental housing projects with financing gaps.</li> </ul>
Families & Innovation Plus	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Las Cruces there is a lack of affordable family units.</li> <li>• There are waiting lists for transitional living units for youth.</li> <li>• Suggested operating hygiene stations, street outreach, and other ways to assist unhoused</li> </ul>
La Casa	Domestic violence service provider	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So many people become homeless because of domestic violence.</li> <li>• Dona Ana County is number one in domestic violence in the state.</li> <li>• Need more affordable housing.</li> </ul>

***Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:***

The City of Las Cruces utilized the feedback from community partners and Las Cruces residents to develop the HOME-ARP plan and allocate funding to help the most vulnerable populations in the city. High-level summary of feedback are identified above in the table.

## **Public Participation**

***Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:***

- ***Date(s) of public notice: 11/14/2022***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 11/14/2022 end date - 12/15/2022***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 12/7/2022 & 12/8/2022***

***Describe the public participation process:***

A 30-day public comment period, which sought to broaden citizen participation, was published on the City's website and in local newspapers. Public comment started on November 14, 2022 and ended on December 15, 2022. Two public hearings were held on December 7, 2022, at City Hall and December 8, 2022 at Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. During the public comment period, the City of Las Cruces published a draft of its HOME-ARP plan on its website to seek public input. The public hearings were held in a hybrid in-person/virtual format to allow for broad public participation.

***Describe efforts to broaden public participation:***

The City of Las Cruces advertised the HOME-ARP process on its website, social media pages, and in the local newspaper. Additionally, community partners were invited to participate in the process and share the focus group invite and community survey with their staff, clients, and the public.

***Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:***

See comments and transcripts from Public Hearings in the Appendix.

***Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:***

No comments were not accepted in the report.

## Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

**OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table**

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	#	#	71	#	#								
Transitional Housing	#	#	65	#	#								
Permanent Supportive Housing	#	#	256	#	#								
Other Permanent Housing	#	#	#	#	#								
Sheltered Homeless						#		#	#				
Unsheltered Homeless						#	154	#	#				
<b>Current Gap</b>										#	#	#	#

**Suggested Data Sources:** 1. Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation

**OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table**

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	7,545		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	845		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	1,520		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		3,280	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2,600	
<b>Current Gaps</b>			#

**Suggested Data Sources:** 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)



**Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:**

**Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**

The 2022 Joint Albuquerque and Balance of State Point-In-Time Count reported 154 unsheltered individuals in Dona Ana County in January 2022. The report did not count individuals who were sheltered by county. However, the PIT Count does report that Dona Ana has one occupied emergency shelter projects during 2022. There are three occupied transitional housing projects in Dona Ana County as well.

Mesilla Valley Community of Hope reported serving 4,714 clients during their 2021-2022 Fiscal Year<sup>1</sup>. Of the 4,714 clients served, 231 were identified as new chronically homeless. Ages ranged from 18 to 89 and 421 individuals were veterans.

**Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Client Demographics, FY2021-2022**

Race	
White	4,086
Black	341
Native American / Alaska Native	107
Asian	15
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	20
Other	35
Other Multi Race	93
Ethnicity	
Hispanic	2,436
Not Hispanic	2,278
Gender	
Male	2,836
Female	1,870
Transgender	8

**Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Households Housed, FY2021-2022**

Total Households Housed	475
Number of People	701
Number of Adults	542
Number of Children	158
Number of Vets	104

Camp Hope, managed by Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, is a self-governing transitional living community that provides temporary, transitional shelter in the forms of tents, showers, and cooking facilities. Residents typically live at the facility for several weeks to several months before they enter permanent housing in the community.

<sup>1</sup> Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Stats. <http://www.mvcommunityofhope.org/mvchdata/>

### Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Camp Hope, FY2021-2022

<b>Total People Served</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>Male</b>	204
<b>Female</b>	71
<b>Number of People who Entered Housing</b>	66
<b>Number of People who Self-Housed</b>	11

In 2020, the Las Cruces Public Schools identified 665 students experiencing homelessness in the district<sup>2</sup>. The school district received an American Rescue Plan for Homeless Children and Youth Grant that was used to pay for hotel stays for families who are facing homelessness, gift cards for food, school supplies, and clothing among other school-related supports. The grant is managed by the LCPS McKinney Vento Project Link.

Through conversations with community partners and residents, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in Las Cruces is likely much higher than reported in the 2022 Point-in-Time Count. While Mesilla Valley Community of Hope is the lead agency providing services for people experiencing homelessness, La Casa, Families and Youth Inc., and Gospel Rescue Mission also provide services and shelter for people experiencing homelessness in Las Cruces.

#### ***At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

HUD defines an individual or family as “at risk of homeless” if they have an annual household income below 30% of the median family income for Las Cruces, do not have sufficient resources or support networks, such as friends and family, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter, and meets one of the following conditions:

- Has moved because of economic reasons at least twice during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance,
- Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship,
- Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the application for assistance,
- Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or governmental programs for low-income individuals,
- Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficient apartment unit in which there are more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there are more than 1.5 people per room,
- Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care, such as hospital, mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction facility,
- Otherwise live in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness as identified in the most recent Consolidated Plan.

According to the 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, there are 109,934 people living in Las Cruces, a 6.7% increase from 102,950 people in 2020. Of the total population, 21.8% live below the federal

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<sup>2</sup> Cyr M. Las Cruces Public Schools’ Homeless Students Outreach Program Provides Updates for Fall. August 8, 2021. Las Cruces Sun News. <https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/education/2021/08/08/las-cruces-homeless-student-outreach-program-provides-updates/5517155001/>

poverty level, which is equivalent to approximately one in five people living in poverty in Las Cruces. The 2014-2018 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data reports 39,810 households in Las Cruces. Of the total number of households, 5,900 (14.8%) are households earning less than 30% of the area median income (AMI) and are considered extremely low income.

The 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan identified the number and percentage of households who are cost burdened, which are households whose housing costs are greater than 30% of their annual household income. Of the total low- to moderate-income renter households (8,149), 39.8% of cost burden households are extremely low income (0-30% AMI). Of the total number of low- to moderate-income owner households, 35.2% of households are extremely low income (0-30% AMI).

### Cost Burden (>30%) Households

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>								
<b>Small Related</b>	1,195	895	685	2,775	260	345	560	<b>1,165</b>
<b>Large Related</b>	235	195	170	600	35	90	100	<b>225</b>
<b>Elderly</b>	0	24	130	154	40	195	90	<b>325</b>
<b>Other</b>	1,810	1,440	1,370	4,620	780	325	350	<b>1,455</b>
<b>Total need by income</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>8,149</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>3,170</b>

Source: CHAS 2014-2018

Severe Cost Burden Households are households with housing costs of more than 50% of their annual household income. Similar to above, extremely low-income renter and owner households (0-30% AMI) are more likely to be severely cost burdened. Households that are considered cost burdened or severely cost burdened are at a greater risk of becoming homeless because they typically do not have a lot of room in their household budgets to afford increasing rents, property taxes or homeowner insurance, home repairs, or other emergencies.

### Severe Cost Burden (>50%) Households

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>								
<b>Small Related</b>	1,085	425	35	1,545	240	280	210	<b>730</b>
<b>Large Related</b>	210	35	0	245	35	15	15	<b>65</b>
<b>Elderly</b>	0	4	15	19	25	70	0	<b>95</b>
<b>Other</b>	1,630	860	530	3,020	580	195	55	<b>830</b>
<b>Total need by income</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>4,829</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1,720</b>

Source: CHAS 2014-2018

There are two Emergency Rental Assistance Programs available to Las Cruces residents. One is the New Mexico Home Fund supported by federal funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and managed by the New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration and the second program is through Dona Ana County. Both

programs are available to help households with an income that does not exceed 80% of the area median income. A June 2022 press release reported that the Dona Ana County program has distributed \$10.3 million to 2,005 households in Dona Ana County, which is approximately 50 households a week at an average cost of \$7,210. More than 60% of the households who have received assistance are under 30% AMI<sup>3</sup>.

While it is challenging to accurately quantify the number of Las Cruces residents who are at risk of becoming homeless, it can be conservatively estimated that the 5,900 households earning less than 30% of the area median income can be considered high risk of becoming homeless, especially with the rising costs of housing in the community.

***Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice***

The Domestic Violence Trends in New Mexico, 2015-2019 report estimates 10,747 intimate partner violence reports that go unreported and 1,393 intimate partner violence incidents reported to law enforcement in 2019. Intimate partner violence includes physical assault, and stalking by current or former spouse, girlfriend, or boyfriend. Additionally, in 2019 there were 14 reported and 5,098 estimated unreported stalking incidents in Dona Ana County. According to La Casa, the domestic violence service provider in Las Cruces, Dona Ana County is recognized as the county with the highest rates in New Mexico for domestic violence and comprises 24% of all statewide domestic violence incidents.

La Casa is the sole domestic violence service provider in Las Cruces and Dona Ana County. La Casa provides domestic violence prevention, awareness, advocacy, and other services to help people experiencing domestic violence. In addition to supportive services, La Casa provides emergency shelter for domestic violence survivors and their children and transitional housing. In 2021, La Casa provided domestic violence services, including over 10,000 emergency shelter nights and 13,000 meals to approximately 1,000 Dona Ana residents and their children<sup>4</sup>. The Healing House (a second La Casa location in Deming) served 435 individuals in 2021, which is a 54% increase of clients served since 2020.

While it is difficult to accurately estimate the number of victims of human trafficking in Las Cruces or New Mexico. The National Human Trafficking Hotline estimates 298 high level indicators of human trafficking and 463 moderate level of indicators of human trafficking in New Mexico. Due to Las Cruces' proximity to the Mexican border, it is very likely that there are victims of human trafficking residing in Las Cruces.

***Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice***

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at the greatest risk of housing instability include the following:

- Households who have previously been qualified as "homeless"

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<sup>3</sup> Qualifying for Help with Rent Just Got Easier. The Las Cruces Bulletin. June 10, 2022.

<https://www.lascrucesbulletin.com/stories/qualifying-for-help-with-rent-just-got-easier,12148>

<sup>4</sup> Data provided by La Casa.

- Households who are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance, or some type of other assistance to allow the household to be housed
- Households who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness
- Households with annual incomes of less than 30% of AMI and is experiencing severe cost burden
- Households with annual incomes less than 50% AMI and meets one condition described in the HUD definition of “at risk of homelessness”

While it is difficult to accurately quantify the other populations at risk of housing instability and homelessness, there are 5,900 households in Las Cruces who earn less than 30% AMI. The Dona Ana County Emergency Rental Assistance Program has reported as of June 2022, the program has help 2,005 households with rental assistance. Sixty percent or 1,203 were households that earned less than 30% AMI. It can be conservatively estimated that there are likely between 1,000 and 6,000 households that are at risk of housing instability in Las Cruces based on available data.

***Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):***

The following organizations provide services to assist qualifying populations:

**Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH)** – MVCH is a service center designed to assist homeless and address poverty issues in Las Cruces and Dona Ana County. MVCH offers case management, day shelter, an overnight tent city for individuals who are homeless, and assistance with disability applications and other community resources to help transition from homelessness into permanent housing solutions. Continuum of Care programs administered by MVCH include Sue’s House, a permanent housing program for chronically homeless women, the Oak Street Apartments for homeless veterans with the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, two HUD Rapid Re-housing programs which serve 40 people, the Abode permanent supportive housing program for chronically homeless men, and a Supportive Services for Veteran’s Families (SSVF) Program. Other housing programs include short term housing in apartments for up to three months, rapid rehousing assistance, and homeless prevention assistance. MVCH also offers services such as case management, laundry, showers, lockers, assistance in obtaining identification and public income, and access to computers.

**Gospel Rescue Mission** - is the only indoor shelter in Las Cruces that offers emergency food and shelter and is accessible 24 hours per day, year-round. The shelter is operated by 70 volunteers and seven paid staff members, is self-funded with no city, state, or federal funding sources, and will take families and individuals. As of January 2021, Gospel Rescue Mission was housing 24 adults and seven children in its shelter.

**El Caldito Soup Kitchen** - is a non-profit provider of food and meals for homeless and low-income people in Las Cruces and the surrounding rural communities. El Caldito offers a mid-day meal to between 250 and 300 persons six days, per week and is staffed by three-part time employees and several volunteers. The agency also provides sack lunches on Saturdays.

**Families and Youth Inc.** is an organization geared toward helping families and at-risk youth and children. It operates permanent supportive housing Transitional Living Program outlined in greater detail in the Special Needs Section of this report.

**La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter** – La Casa domestic violence shelter can shelter up to 80 people and approximately 26 children for up to 90 days. This includes both men, women, and families. La Casa has transitional housing units which they own (5 units which are scattered site units). It provides non-residential support as well. The shelter itself is typically full about 80% of the time. The shelter expanded in 2009 due to an increasing need to assist more female and male victims of violence. The agency's transitional housing program assists 22 families with tenant based rental assistance through the Continuum of Care process. Residents and those seeking services must have proof of documentation or they cannot be assisted, which agency staff identifies as an issue for undocumented community members in need. The tenant based rental assistance provided through HOME funds allows up to 24-month stay. La Casa also provides non-residential counseling/case management, legal advocacy, immigration specialists to determine status, and a court ordered batterer program. La Casa has an MOU with Catholic Charities who can help undocumented persons and immigrants in Las Cruces.

**The VASH program** - is the local VA Supportive Housing Program that serves homeless veterans with health, mental health, and substance abuse challenges in Las Cruces. The VASH program has 80 vouchers in Las Cruces. The program provides two VASH staff located at the housing authority to discuss the program with potential program participants and to assist them in obtaining housing and health care. VASH is well coordinated with MVCH, which provides flexible funds for security deposit, rent arrears, and in issuing vouchers to clients. The Mesilla Valley Housing Authority operates the HUD VASH Program for homeless veterans who have health, mental health, and/or substance abuse disorders. It is a provider of 80 VASH Vouchers and works directly with the VA to serve homeless veterans. Even with vouchers, a lack of safe affordable housing for veterans exists.

**Amador Health Center** - Amador Health Center (Previously known as St. Luke's Health Clinic) is a significant partner of MVCH. It is located at the homeless campus and operates 5 days per week. It provides primary health care, prevention education, diagnostics/treatment center, chronic disease management and is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Amador has a full-time nurse practitioner, volunteer doctors and provides Medicaid enrollment assistance on site. The outreach program operates an eye clinic and a foot clinic. They collaborate with the Department of Health on Harm Reduction Strategies and operate the Dona Ana Indigent program that targets low-income people who are not eligible for other insurance. Amador also recently started a Behavior Health Program funded by The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The program will provide counseling, substance abuse outpatient services, and job readiness assistance. Amador also collaborates with Opportunities of Hope for Housing Counseling assistance for its patients in need.

**Jardin de los Ninos** - Jardin de los Ninos is an early childhood education program that provides education, and therapeutic and other comprehensive services to children and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The childcare facility is located on the homeless campus and the agency coordinates with other homeless providers to support homeless families with children.

***Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:***

***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

The 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan identified the need for safe, decent, and affordable housing as there is a limited supply of affordable housing in the city. The need for more affordable housing was one of the top needs identified through the public participation process for the HOME-ARP funding. The Washington Post reported in April 2022 that the average rent in Dona Ana County was \$896, which is a 13.4% increase since 2019<sup>5</sup>. The median rent for Las Cruces in 2021 was \$824 according to the 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, which is a 2.3% increase from \$805 in 2020. The Many community partners interviewed during the public participation process indicated that one of the main reasons that the homeless population in Las Cruces is growing is due to the lack of affordable housing units available. With a limited number of affordable housing units, or even just housing units available, it is difficult for people to find housing. Due to the limited number of available housing units, landlords often have multiple applicants and can choose the most qualified candidate. One case manager at a Mesilla Valley Community of Hope said that one of the biggest barriers for people, especially people currently experiencing homeless, is lack of credit and three times the rent in income and the additional funds needed for application fees and security deposit.

Additionally due to the limited supply of affordable housing, there is very limited availability at the shelters in the city. Camp Hope currently has a waiting list. Residents are staying longer in Camp Hope because they are having challenges finding permanent housing due to the limited housing stock and barriers discussed above. A focus group was held with Mesilla Valley Community of Hope clients who stated that the waiting lists are so long and there are “lots and lots of people on the waiting list.” They said there are plenty of vouchers, but there are no places to use them.

In addition to housing, people experiencing homelessness also need access to a variety of services. One community partner identified the need for increased housing counseling and case management. Others recognized the need for increased access to mental health and substance use services, health care, job training and employment, and access to basic needs such as food, clothing, and showers.

***At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

For people at risk of homelessness likely have housing currently but are considered extremely low income. Households with extremely low income are more likely not able to financially handle an increase to the rent or property taxes and homeowner insurance or major home repair, such as broken water heater, furnace, or leaking roof.

Households at risk of homelessness may need access to emergency rental assistance, which is currently available in Dona Ana County. Emergency Rental Assistance requires households to meet specific eligibility, including income, but also having the general awareness and ability to apply to the program. However, the application

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<sup>5</sup> The Washington Post. Rents are Rising Everywhere. See How Much Prices Are Up in Your Area. April 21, 2022. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/interactive/2022/rising-rent-prices/>



process requires an email address and an online application, which not all residents have access to internet and technology or the knowledge and skills to complete an online application.

Similar to people currently experiencing homelessness, there is a very limited supply of affordable housing units in Las Cruces for residents to move if their current housing becomes unaffordable or no longer an option. Additionally, homeless prevention programs, such as eviction diversion programs are important to helping people stay in their homes and housed. One community partner at the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty stated that New Mexico is currently piloting an eviction diversion program across the state that has been helpful in keeping people in their homes.

***Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice***

For people fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, their housing needs are largely related to emergency shelter and access to supportive services and transitional housing. La Casa provides emergency and transitional housing, however, they have limited beds and capacity. One of the main differences between this population and other qualifying populations is the privacy and safety for victims. Often times victims are placed in undisclosed locations so their abuser cannot locate them.

Victims also need access to supportive services, such as childcare, health care, mental and substance use care, job training and education, and basic needs. Additionally, victims also likely need access to affordable legal services.

***Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice***

As addressed above, the greatest unmet housing need in Las Cruces is the lack of affordable housing supply.

***Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:***

Community partners, focus group attendees, and survey respondents all indicate the lack of affordable housing supply in Las Cruces. The 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan indicates there is a deficiency of approximately 2,880 affordable housing units in the city.

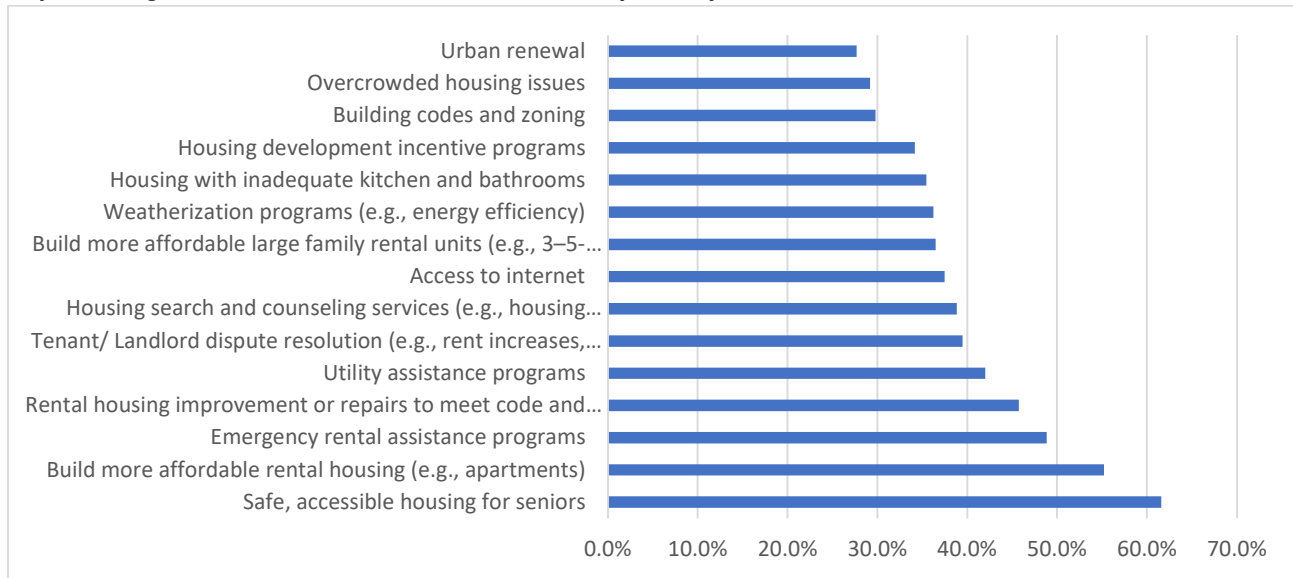
**Table 26: Price Gaps for Renters**

	Supply of Existing Renter Occupied Units	Number of Households Able to Afford Units	Existing Surplus (Deficit) of Units
<b>Total Occupied Rental Supply (Paying Rent)</b>	17,507		
<b>Occupants Paying No Rent</b>	1,163		
<b>\$1 - \$499</b>	2,682	5,565	(2,883)
<b>\$500 - \$999</b>	11,140	4,550	6,590
<b>\$1,000 - \$1,499</b>	3,042	1,581	1,461
<b>\$1,500 - \$1,999</b>	266	3,052	(2,786)
<b>\$2,000 - \$2,499</b>	377	1,352	(975)
<b>\$2,500 - \$2,999</b>	0	803	(803)
<b>\$3,000 or More</b>	0	156	(156)
<b>Median Monthly Rent</b>	791		
<b>Rental Vacancy Rate</b>	8.7%		
<b>Number of Vacant Units (Weighted)</b>	5,064		
<b>Total Rental Supply</b>	<b>20,449</b>		

Source: American Community Survey, Crescendo Consulting Group

Approximately 1,000 Las Cruces residents completed a community survey to identify housing and service needs for the HOME-ARP funding. Respondents identified the need for safe, accessible housing for seniors, more affordable rental housing, and emergency rental assistance programs as the top three needs in the city.

## Top Housing Related Needs, Las Cruces Community Survey



***Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of “other populations” that are “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability,” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:***

The City of Las Cruces will not include any additional conditions in its definition of other qualifying populations as established in the HOME-ARP notice.

### ***Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:***

The City of Las Cruces has identified two priority needs for qualifying populations in Las Cruces: 1) affordable housing development, and 2) housing and supportive services assistance for vulnerable populations. HOME-ARP funds will be used to address affordable rental housing development through new construction and substantial rehabilitation of rental units targeted to qualifying populations. Additionally, HOME-ARP funds may be allocated for supportive services, including but not limited to, homeless prevention programs, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and rapid rehousing assistance.

### ***Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ’s shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:***

The City of Las Cruces utilized four main data sources to determine the level of need and gaps in Las Cruces: the Point in Time (PIT) Count, the Housing Inventory County (HIC), Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and the American Community Survey (ACS). The PIT Count data provides an indication of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population in Dona Ana County on a given night. Additional client data from Mesilla Valley Community of Hope was used to provide a more comprehensive overview of the current unhoused

population in Las Cruces. The HIC data captures the shelter, transitional, and permanent supportive housing and utilization rates.

An online community survey in English and Spanish was conducted in October and November 2022 with 1,011 total responses. Twenty one-on-one stakeholder interviews and three focus groups were completed to further gather qualitative data from the public.

## **HOME-ARP Activities**

### ***Describe the method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:***

The City of Las Cruces follows a Standard Operating Procedure for competitive Requests for Proposals (RFPs) that is in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 and the City's Procurement Code 24.92.RFPs. The City may utilize from existing RFPs published annually for CDBG and HOME if the projects meet the program requirements for HOME ARP.

CDBG & HOME Applications are publicized annually, and all evaluation factors and their relevant importance is included. Applicants must first submit a standardized Letter of Intent (LOI) which must be received by the published deadline. Staff will review submitted LOIs for terms and conditions of the RFP, grant program guidelines and registration and debarment, and applicable program regulations. Each applicant will be notified in writing of acceptance or rejection of the LOI. If accepted, City staff will inform an applicant for which program the LOI will be considered and provide a blank RFP application for that program to the applicant.

### ***Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:***

The City of Las Cruces will administer all HOME-ARP activities directly. The City may use subrecipients or contractors, such as community service providers and other non-profits, to carry out the non-administrative activities of the grant. For example, the City may contract with a housing developer to build new affordable housing units or use a non-profit partner to for the TBRA program. The City may subfund a portion of its administrative funding with non-profit partners for the administration of TBRA program.

### ***If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:***

The City of Las Cruces will not provide any portion of the HOME-ARP administrative funds to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance. The City of Las Cruces may subfund a portion of its administrative funding with non-profit partners for the administration of TBRA program. The City will not utilize any subrecipient or contractor to administer the entirety of its HOME-ARP grant.

In accordance with Section V.C.2. of the Notice (page 4), PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.

**Use of HOME-ARP Funding**

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$100,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$700,000		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$850,000		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$128,071	7.2%	15%
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$1,778,071</b>		

***Describe how the PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:***

The top need in Las Cruces is more affordable housing units. All community partners interviewed, and many focus group participants identified the lack of affordable housing units as the top need in the community. The lack of affordable units is one of the reasons that the homeless population in the city has grown as there are limited units to place individuals. Homeless prevention programs were also identified as one of the top needs in the community. Community partners stated that it is important to keep people housed, especially more vulnerable populations like those earning less than 30% of the area median income and those that have experienced domestic violence.

During the City’s RFP process, potential projects will be evaluated on the priority needs and qualifying populations identified in the needs assessment and gap analysis.

***Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:***

The City of Las Cruces utilized the feedback from Las Cruces community partners and residents to determine the plan to fund supportive services and rental housing development. The City of Las Cruces has allocated \$850,000 to affordable rental housing development to address the shortage of affordable units in the city. Additionally, the City has allocated \$700,000 for TBRA programs to help qualifying populations, such as victims of domestic violence and households at risk of becoming homeless, and \$100,000 for supportive services. Changing conditions provision: As market changes occur within Las Cruces, the City will rededicate funding to address the market needs in other areas.

Market changes or projects not being funded for LIHTC/Affordable Housing development will result in rededication of funds to Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

Market changes in Tenant Based Rental Assistance will result in rededication of funds to Supportive Services.

## **HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals**

***Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:***

Based on the available funds allocated for rental housing development, it is estimated that the City of Las Cruces can support approximately 27 rental housing units depending on the financing structure of the developments.

***Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how the production goal will address the PJ's priority needs:***

Almost all community partners and community residents who participated in the consultation process identified the lack of affordable housing units as the greatest needs in the community and also one of the top drivers of homelessness in the community. By producing new rental housing, the City of Las Cruces will help address the affordable housing development need in the community.



## Preferences

***Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:***

In order to serve the greatest number of people in the qualifying population through the HOME-ARP program and to ensure program flexibilities that allow subrecipient and contractors to respond to their specific needs, Las Cruces will not incorporate any preferences.

***If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:***

Not applicable

## Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

***Describe whether the PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:***

The City of Las Cruces will not limit eligibility to any HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project.

***If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:***

Not applicable

***If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):***

Not applicable

**HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines- Not applicable** The City does not intend to refinance existing debt with HOME ARP

If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance with [24 CFR 92.206\(b\)](#). The guidelines must describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

- *Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity*  
Not applicable
- *Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.*  
Not applicable
- *State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.*  
Not applicable
- *Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.*  
Not applicable
- *State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.*  
Not applicable
- *Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:*  
Not applicable

## Appendix 1: Entities Invited to Participate in the HOME ARP Consultations

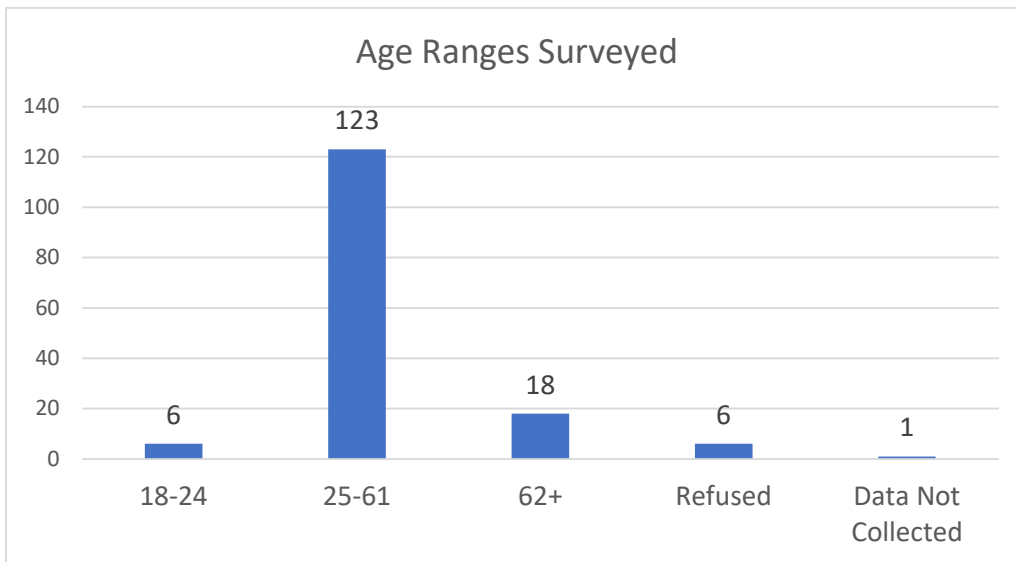
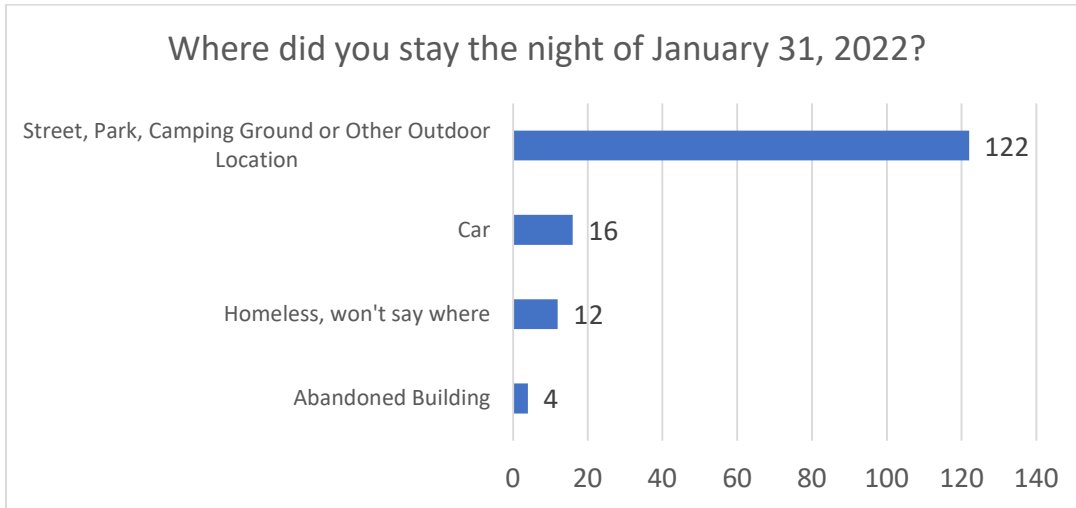
<u>Category</u>	<u>Agency/Company</u>
<b>CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction’s geographic area.</b>	New Mexico Coalition to End Homeless
<b>Homeless Service Providers</b>	Gospel Rescue Mission
<b>Homeless Service Providers</b>	Mesilla Valley Community Hope
<b>Homeless Service Providers</b>	St Luke’s/Amador Health
<b>Homeless Service Providers</b>	Casa de Peregrinos
<b>Homeless Service Providers</b>	VASH Coordinator
<b>Homeless Service Providers</b>	Jardin De Los Ninos
<b>Domestic violence service providers.</b>	La Casa
<b>Public Housing Authority</b>	Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	FYI Plus
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	Tresco
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	Community Action Agency
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	MVCASA
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	NM Legal Aid
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	La Pinon
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	Dona Ana Communities United
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	La Clinica de Familia- Behavior Health
<b>Local Government</b>	Various City Departments

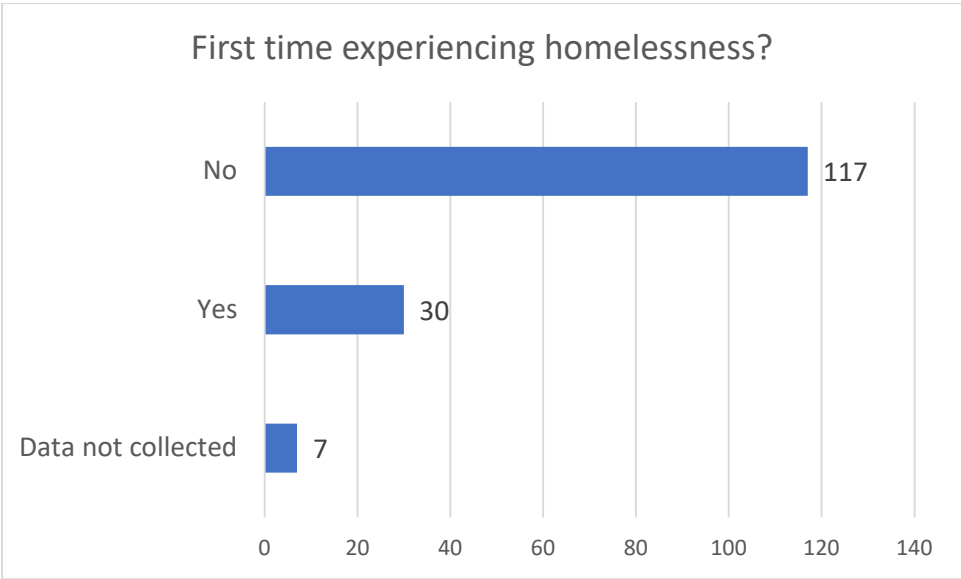
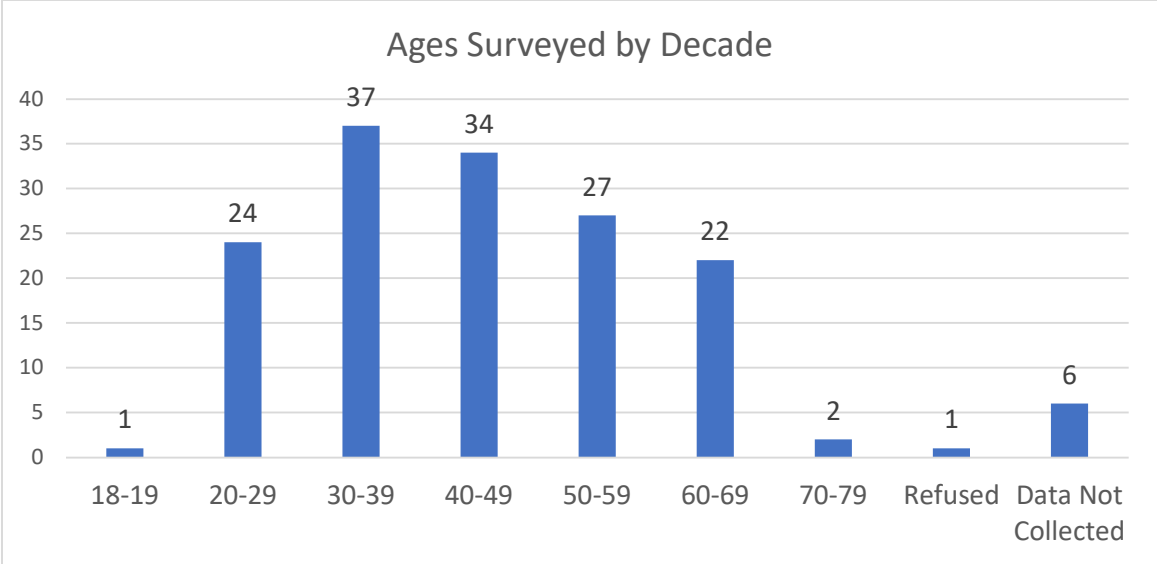
<b>Local Government</b>	Council & City Manager Office
<b>Local Government- LCFD</b>	Fire Department & Mobile Integrated Health
<b>Local Government- Transit</b>	Transportation
<b>Local Government-LCPD</b>	Las Cruces Police Department
<b>County Staff</b>	Dona Ana County- Health and Human Services Director
<b>County Staff</b>	Emergency Rental Assistance Contact
<b>Housing Providers</b>	Tierra Del Sol
<b>Housing Providers</b>	JL Gray
<b>Housing Providers</b>	Apt Mgr JL Gray
<b>Public agencies that address Civil Rights and Fair Housing</b>	Las Cruces Public Schools- McKinney Vento Programs
<b>Public agencies that address Civil Rights and Fair Housing</b>	CAFÉ/Faith Based Group
<b>Public agencies that address Civil Rights and Fair Housing</b>	NM Center on Law and Poverty
<b>Public Official Rep</b>	Senator Ben Ray Lujan's Office
<b>Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations</b>	Interagency Council List Serv

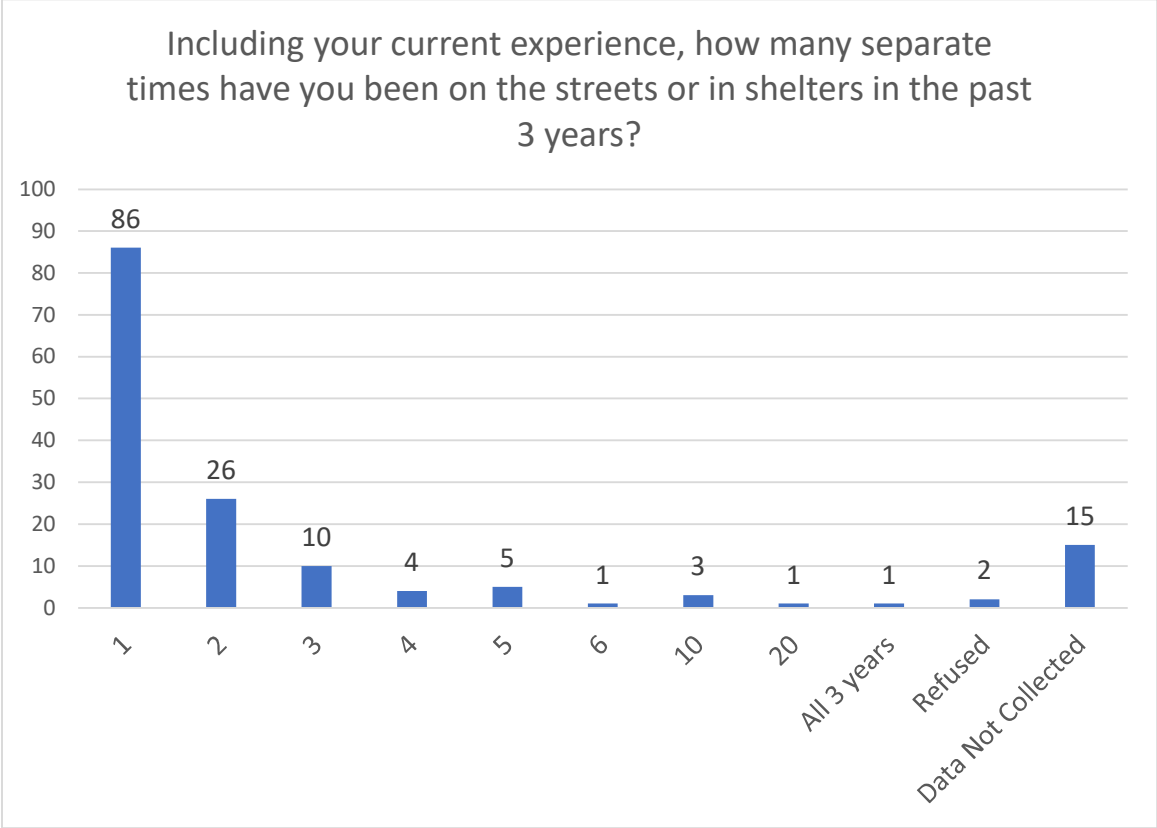
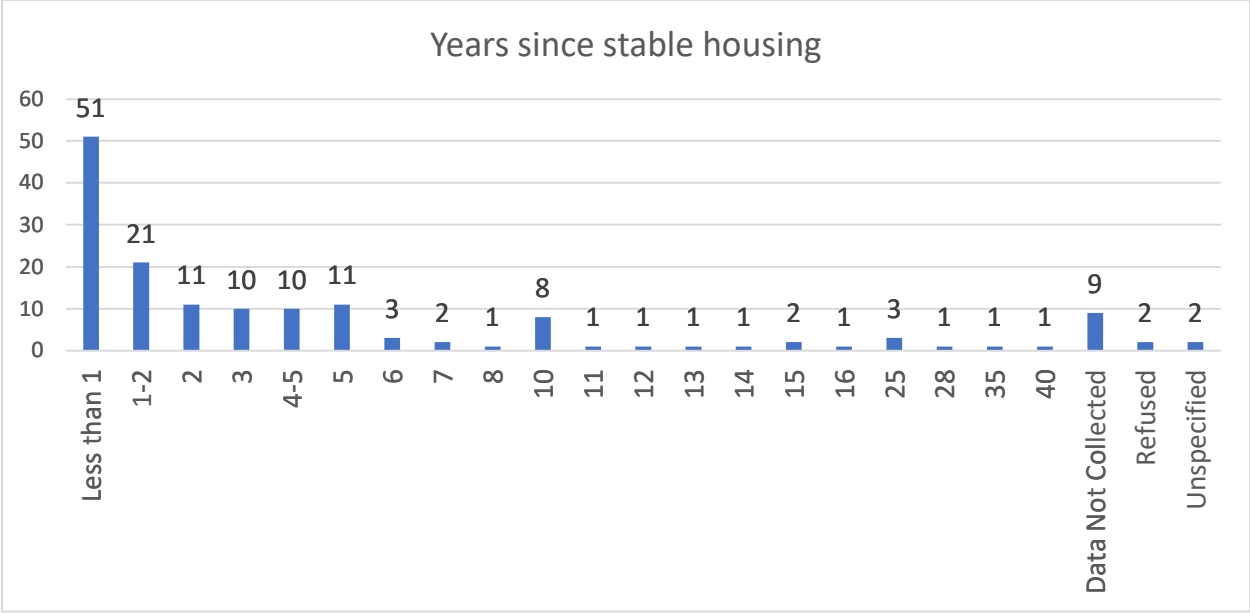
## Appendix 2: Doña Ana 2022 Unsheltered PIT Count Results

Source: Mesilla Valley Community of Hope

Unsheltered count: 154 surveyed

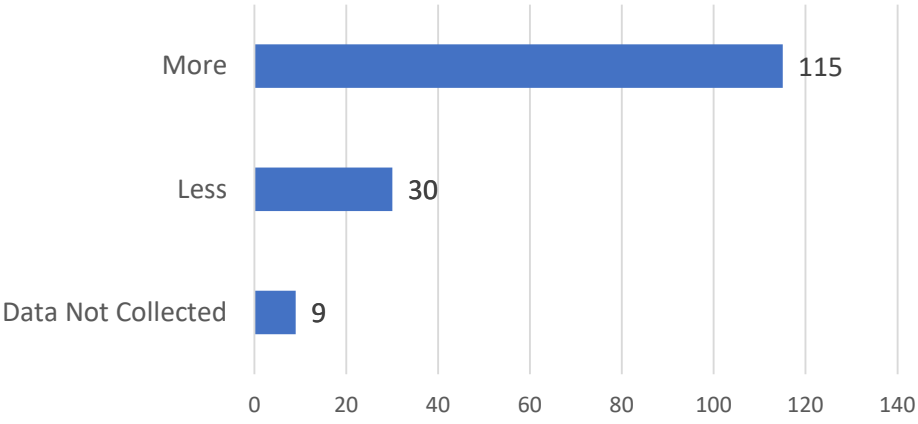




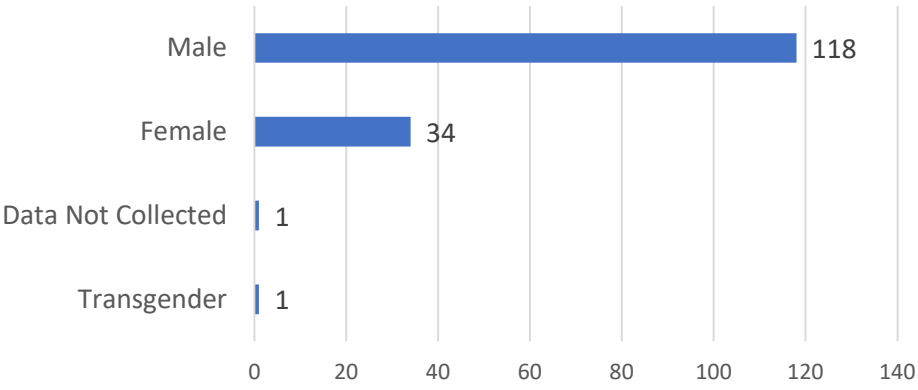


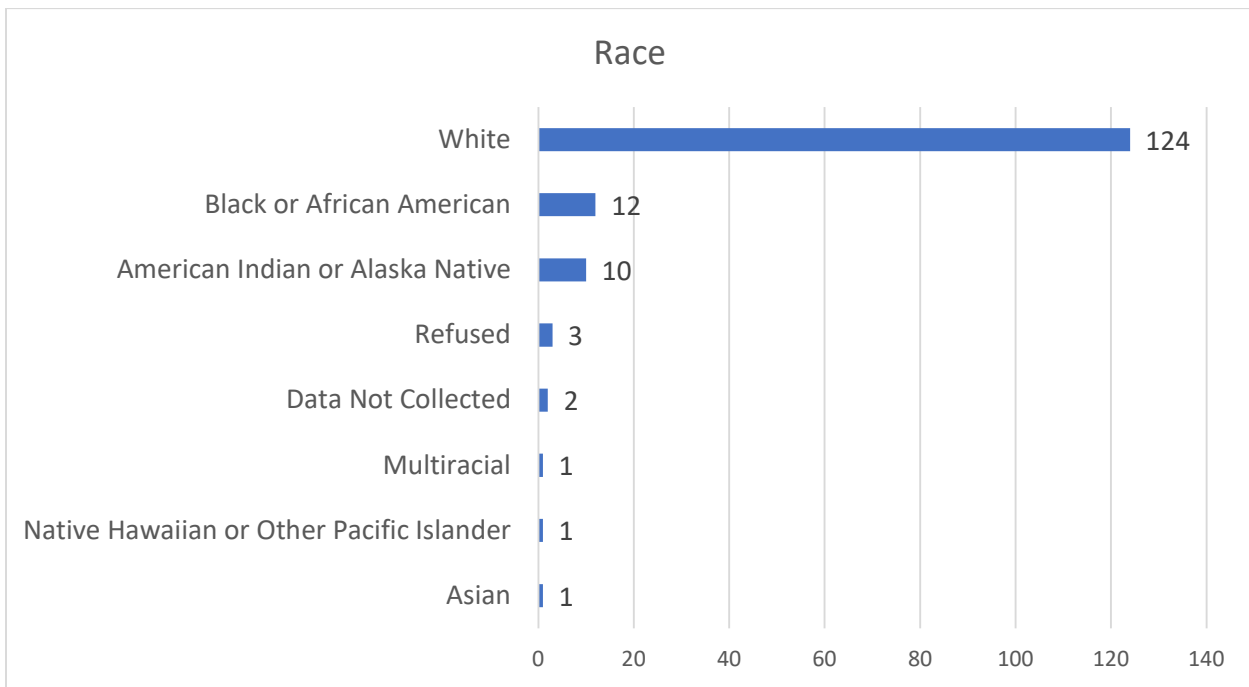
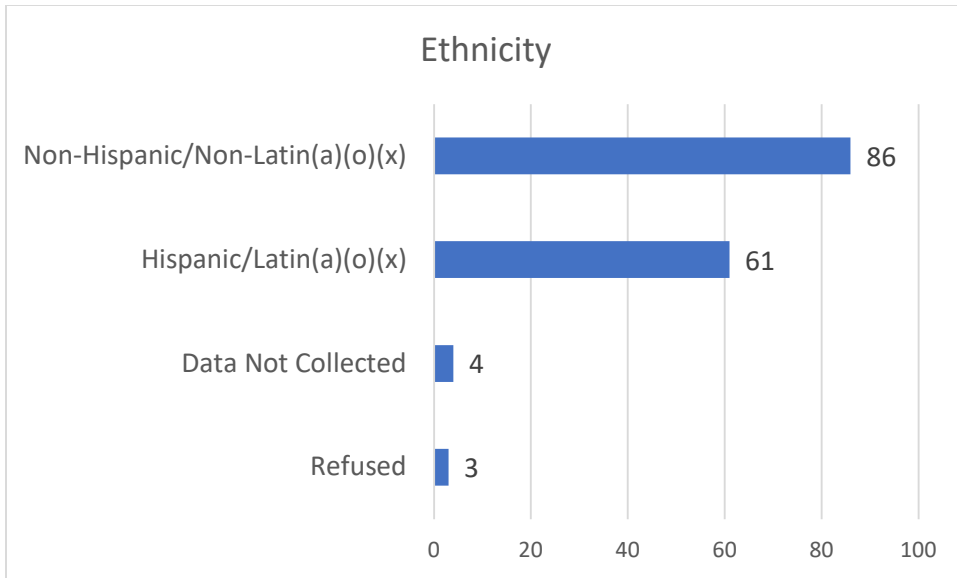


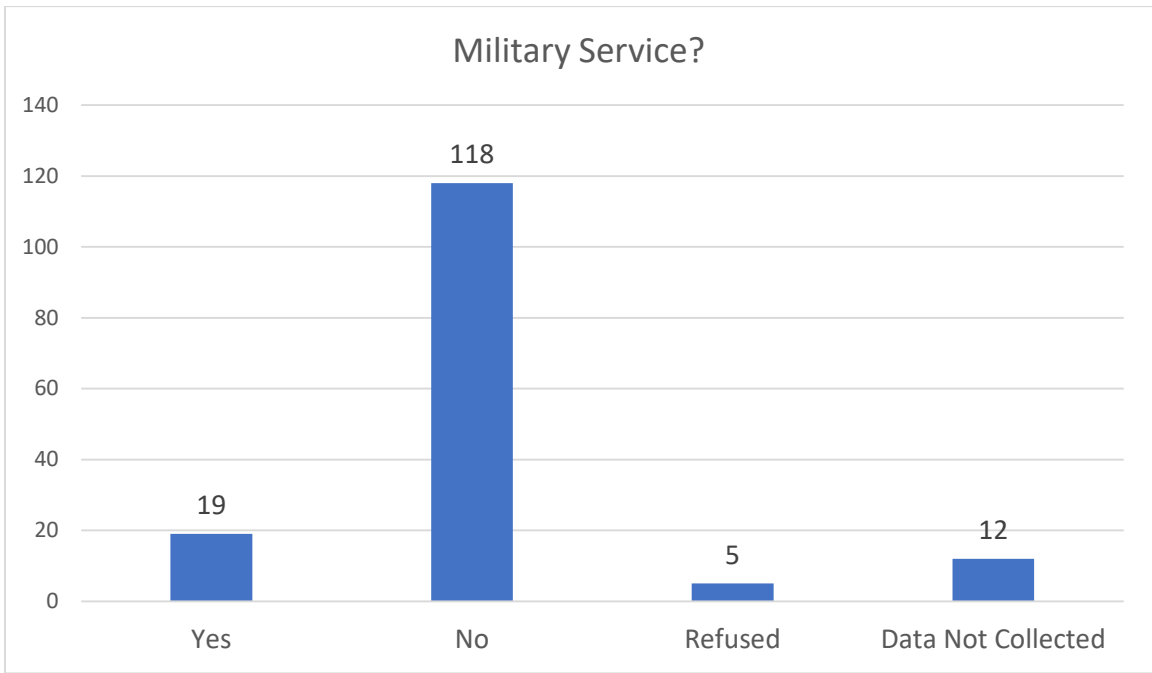
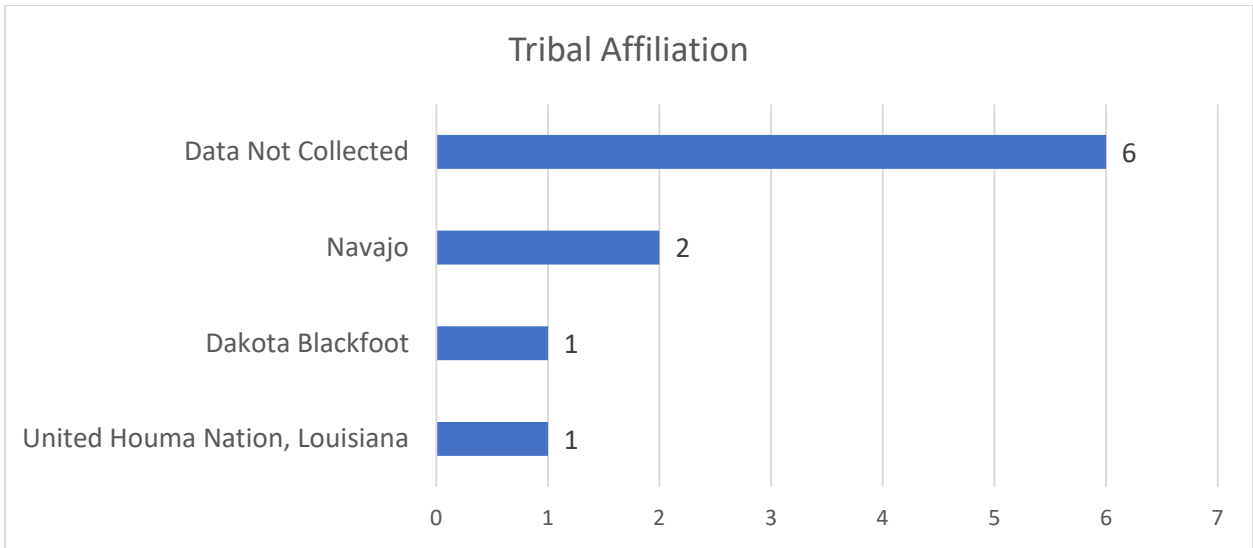
Total unsheltered experience:  
more or less than 12 months?

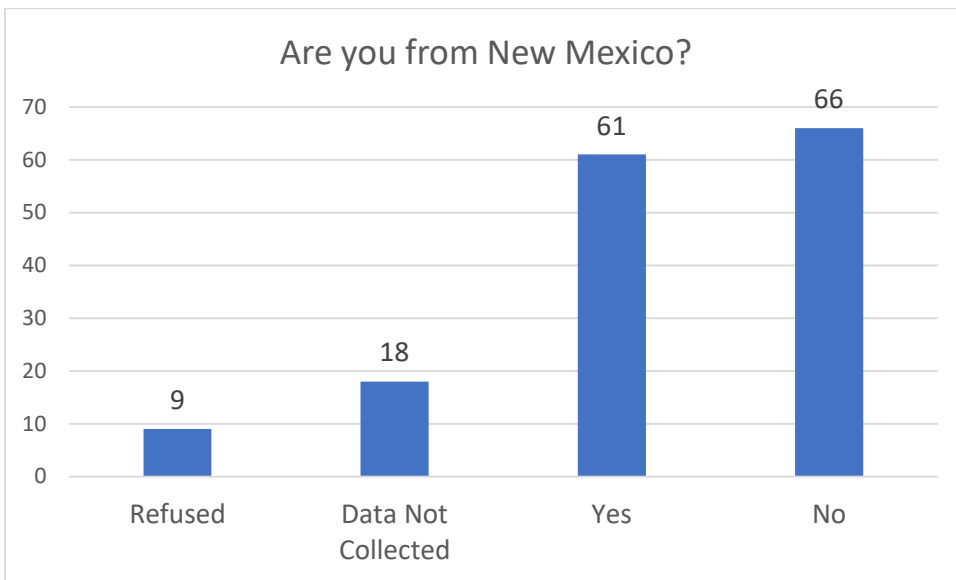
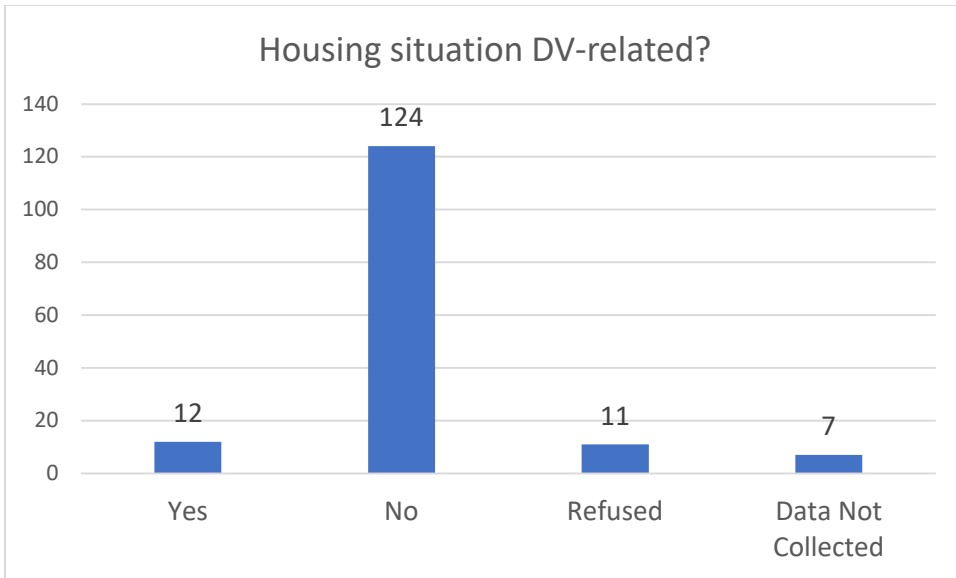


Gender





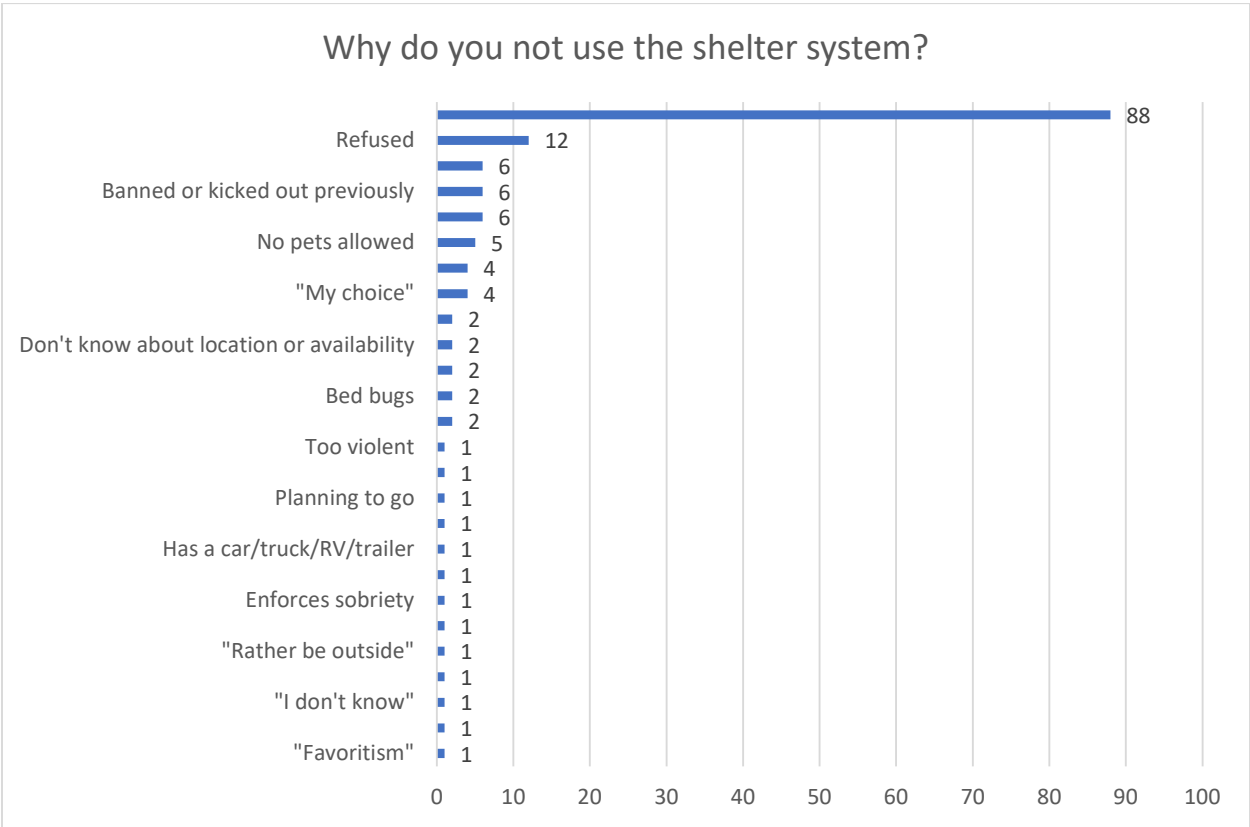
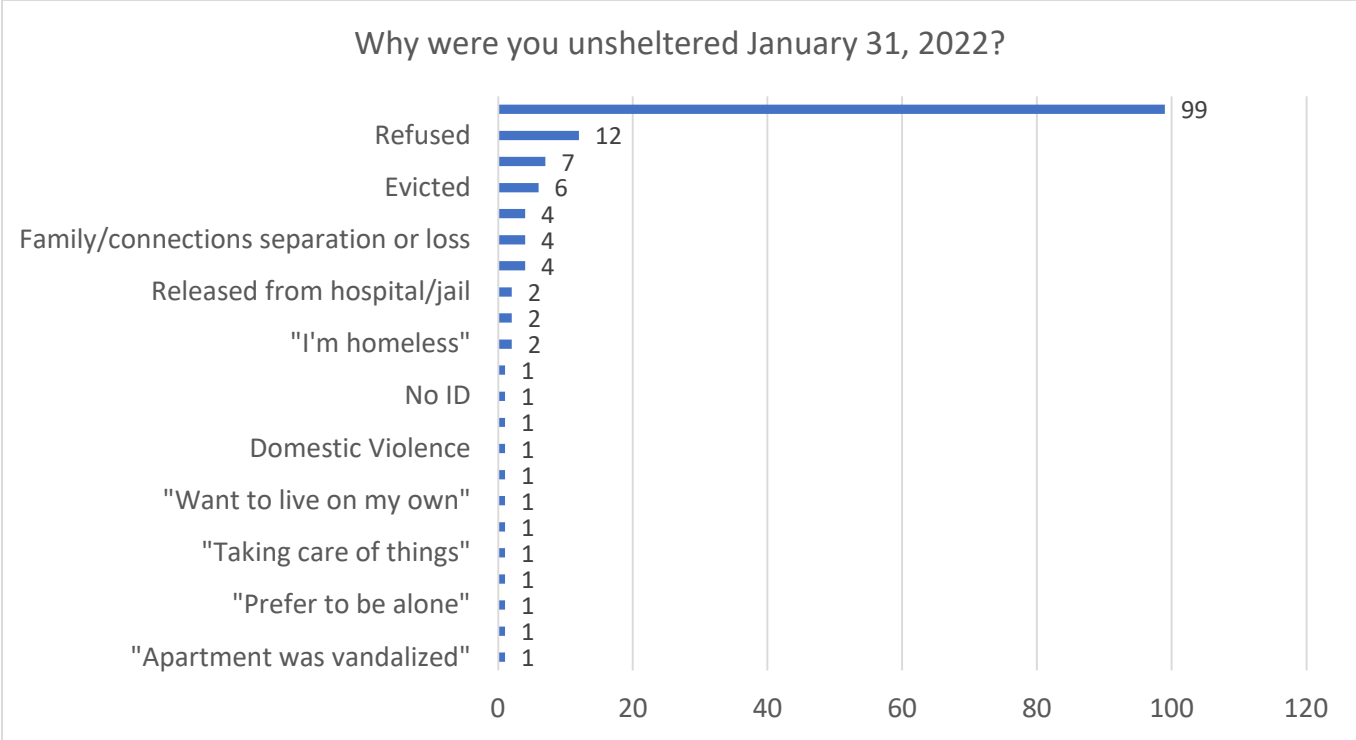




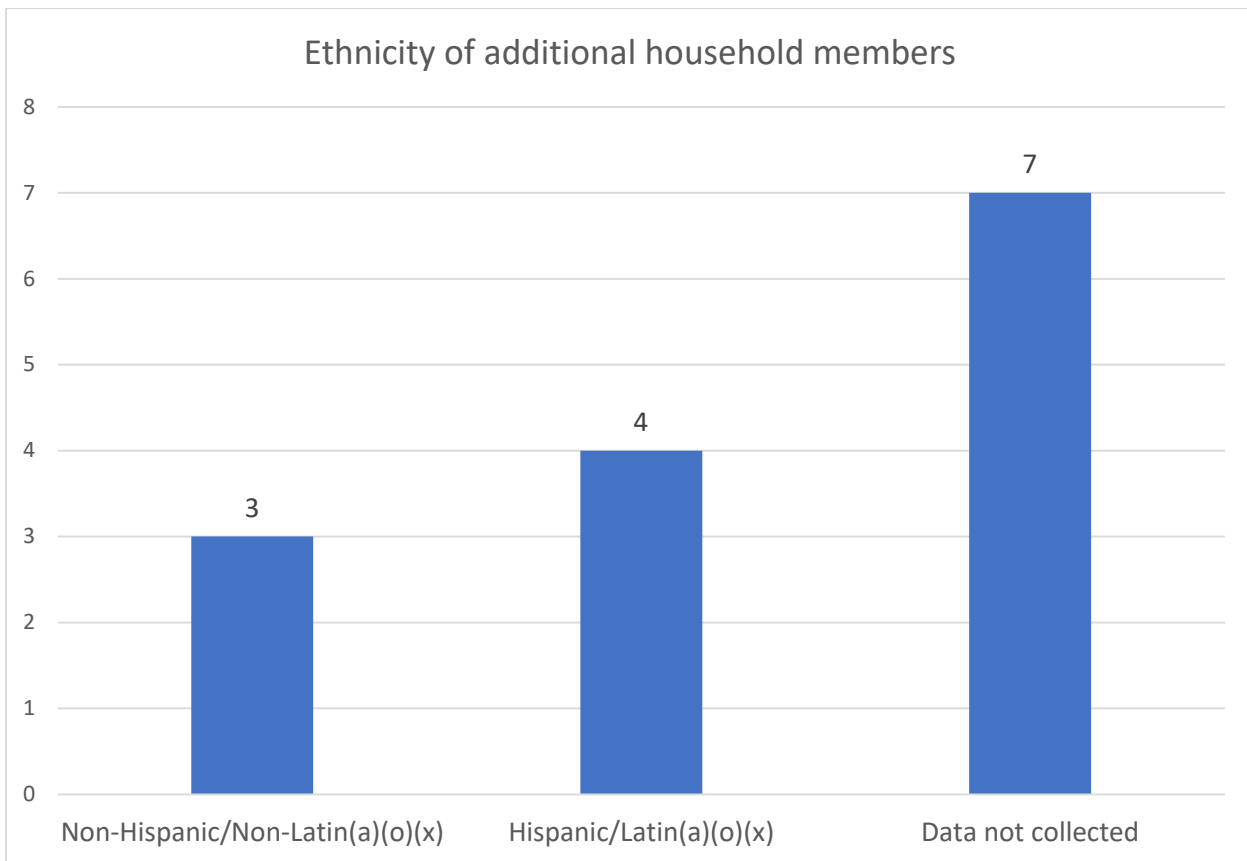
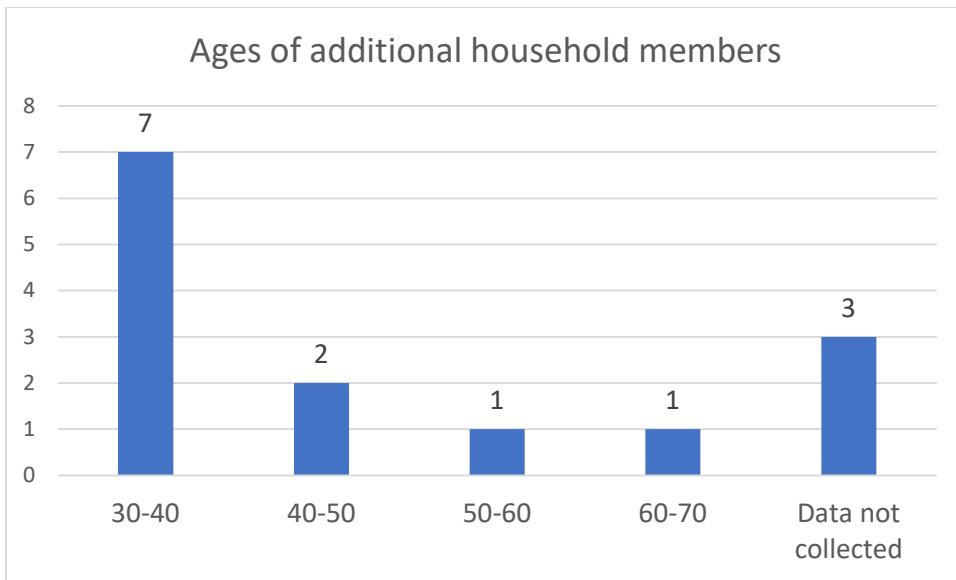


Do you have, or have you been told you have: (check all that apply)

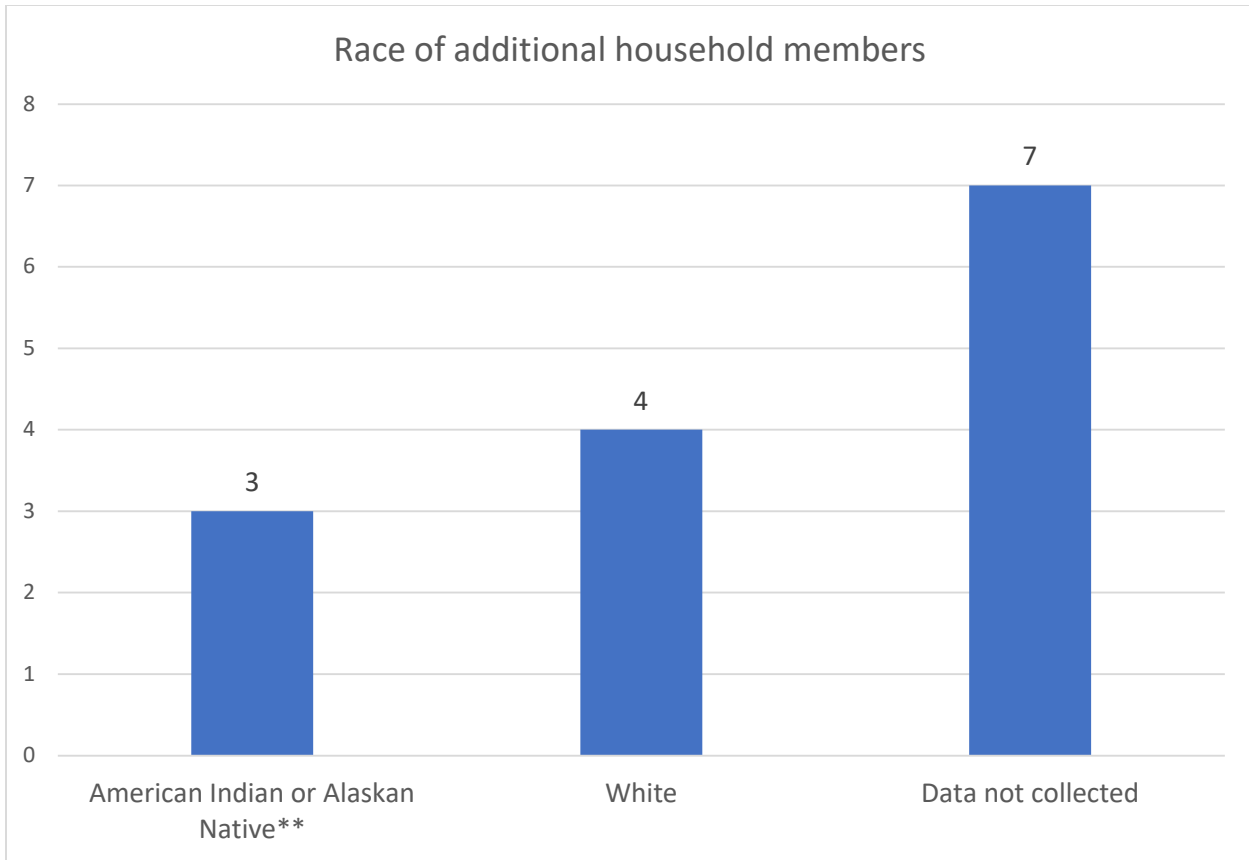
Mental Health Condition	Substance Use Issue	Any disabling condition of long duration	HIV/AIDS	Data not Collected or N/A	Refused	Responses
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X	X					22
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X		X				13
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	X	X				5
		X				31
			X			1
				X		19
					X	11



**Reported additional household members: 14**







**\*\*2 American Indian or Alaskan Native respondents reported their tribal affiliation: Toktugas and Wyoming**

## **Appendix C: Doña Ana 2022 Sheltered PIT Count Results**

Source: Mesilla Valley Community of Hope

### **Emergency Shelter:**

1 occupied project

PIT count: 33

Total beds from Housing Inventory Count: 71

Average utilization rate: 46%

### **Permanent Supportive Housing:**

7 occupied projects

PIT count: 229

Total beds from Housing Inventory Count: 256

Average utilization rate: 85%

### **Rapid rehousing:**

5 occupied projects

PIT count: 78

Total beds from Housing Inventory Count: 78

Average utilization rate: 100%

### **Transitional Housing:**

2 occupied projects, one unoccupied

PIT count: 30

Total beds from Housing Inventory Count: 65

Average utilization rate: 43%

## Appendix D: 2021 HMIS Data

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a local, centralized database which securely collects client-level information on demographics, characteristics, and needs of people experiencing homelessness as well as data on the services that are available throughout the state for these clients.

The New Mexico Continuum of Care, by federal mandate, is responsible for maintaining an HMIS that complies with the HUD data collection, management, and reporting standards and is a requirement in receiving federal funding through the CoC. The New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness is the lead agency in New Mexico for managing the HMIS, but partner organizations, such as Mesilla Valley Community of Hope have access to the system to input and download data.

Source: Mesilla Valley Community of Hope

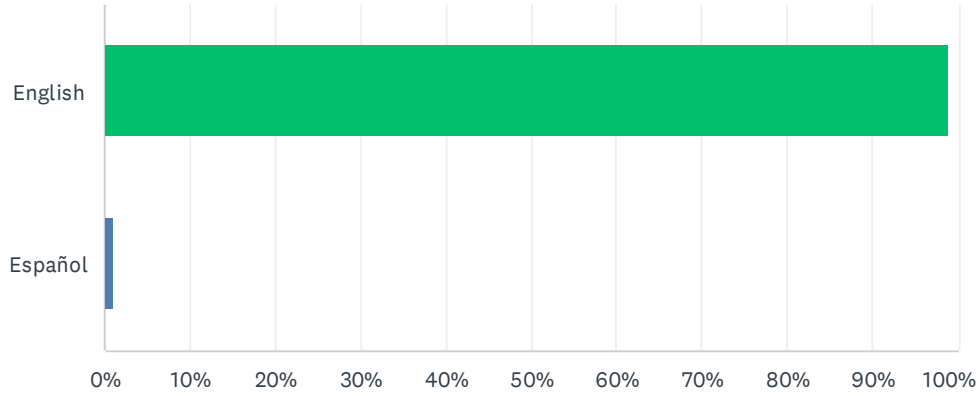
### Total Individuals: 2,756

Demographic Group	Count	Percentage
Female	1054	38.24%
Male	1694	61.46%
Trans	7	0.25%
refused	1	0.05%
White	2288	83.02%
Black	182	6.60%
Asian	15	0.54%
Native	66	2.39%
Islander	19	0.68%
Native	16	0.60%
A and W	11	0.40%
B and W	28	1.02%
Na and B	3	0.11%
Other	126	4.57%
n/a	2	0.07%
Hispanic or Latino	1595	57.90%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	1127	40.90%
n/a	34	1.20%

## **Appendix E: Raw Community Survey Data**

# Q1 What language would you like to take the survey in? ¿Qué idioma preferirías usar para completar la encuesta?

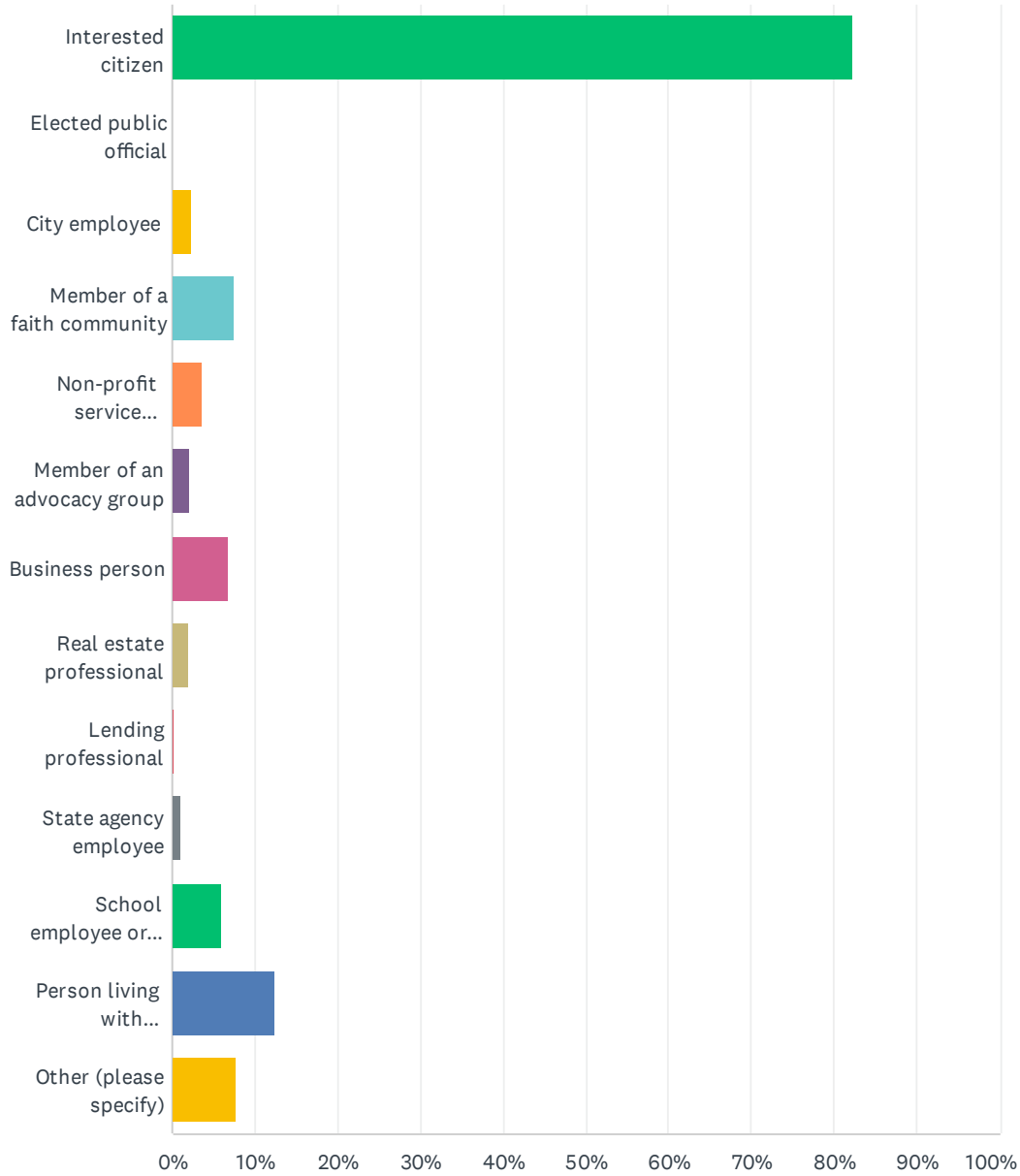
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	99.01%	1,003
Español	0.99%	10
TOTAL		1,013

## Q2 Which of the following best describes your role when taking the survey. (Check all that apply)

Answered: 917 Skipped: 104

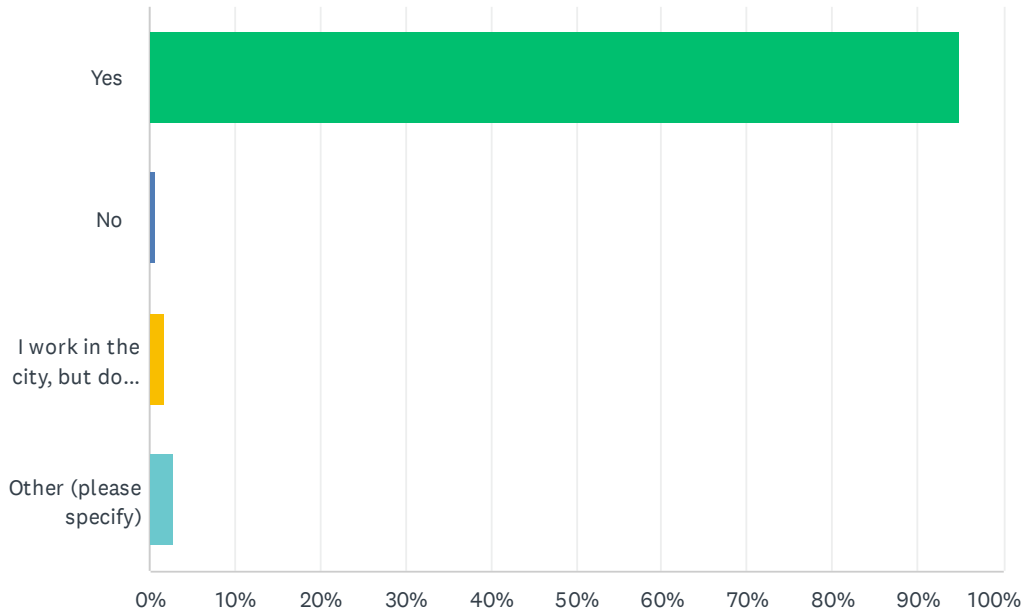


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Interested citizen	82.33%	755
Elected public official	0.00%	0
City employee	2.40%	22
Member of a faith community	7.52%	69
Non-profit service provider	3.60%	33
Member of an advocacy group	2.07%	19
Business person	6.76%	62
Real estate professional	1.96%	18
Lending professional	0.22%	2
State agency employee	0.98%	9
School employee or educator	5.89%	54
Person living with disabilities	12.32%	113
Other (please specify)	7.74%	71
Total Respondents: 917		

### Q3 Are you a resident of Las Cruces?

Answered: 914 Skipped: 107

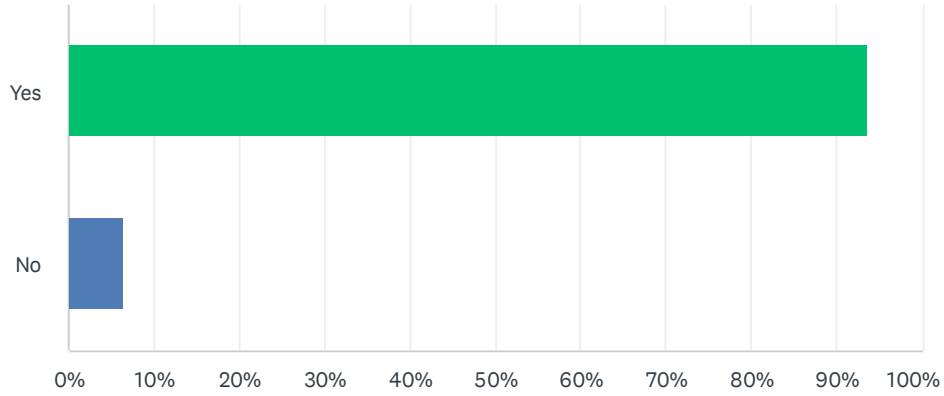


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.97%	868
No	0.66%	6
I work in the city, but do not live here	1.64%	15
Other (please specify)	2.74%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>914</b>



### Q4 In the past two months, have you been living in stable housing that you own, rent, or live in as part of the household?

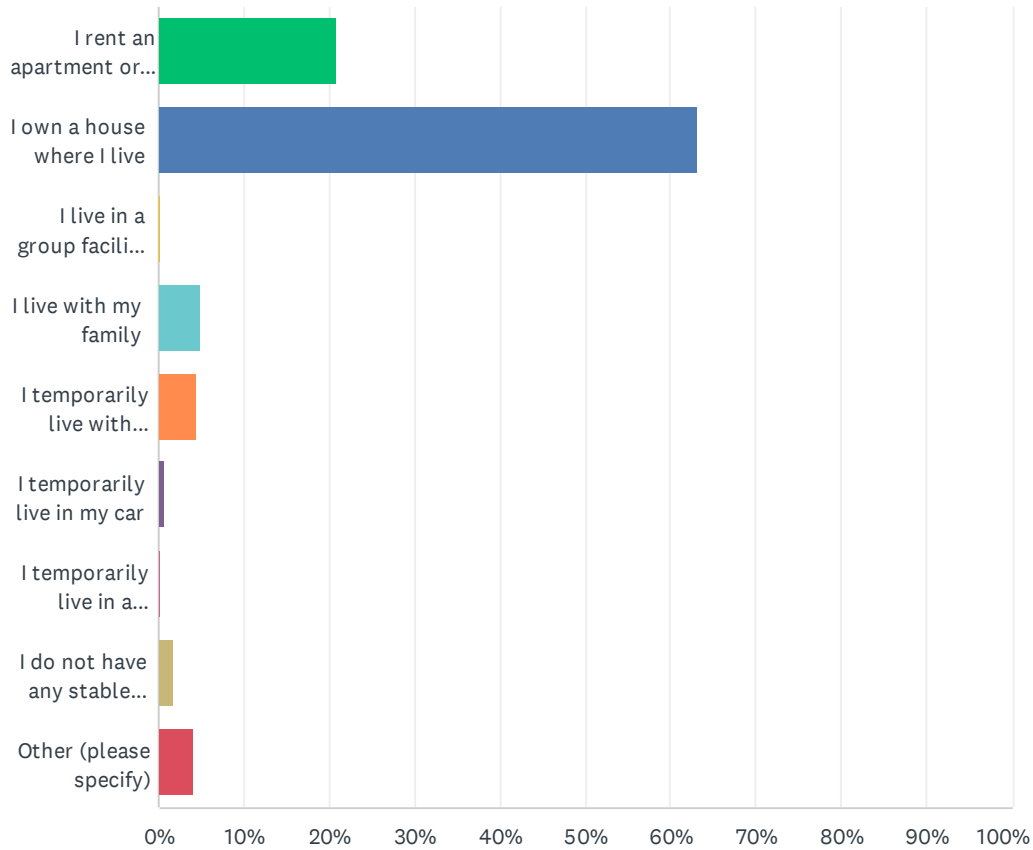
Answered: 914 Skipped: 107



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.65%	856
No	6.35%	58
TOTAL		914

## Q5 Which of the following best describes where you live

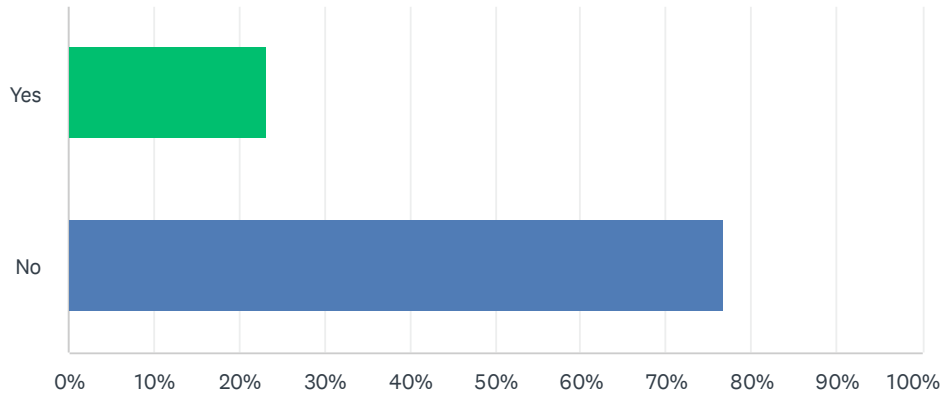
Answered: 915 Skipped: 106



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I rent an apartment or house	20.98%	192
I own a house where I live	63.06%	577
I live in a group facility such as a college dorm, nursing home, or transitional home	0.11%	1
I live with my family	4.92%	45
I temporarily live with family or friends	4.37%	40
I temporarily live in my car	0.55%	5
I temporarily live in a shelter	0.22%	2
I do not have any stable housing	1.64%	15
Other (please specify)	4.15%	38
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>915</b>

### Q6 Are you worried that in the next two months you may NOT have stable housing that you own, rent, or stay as part of a household?

Answered: 915 Skipped: 106

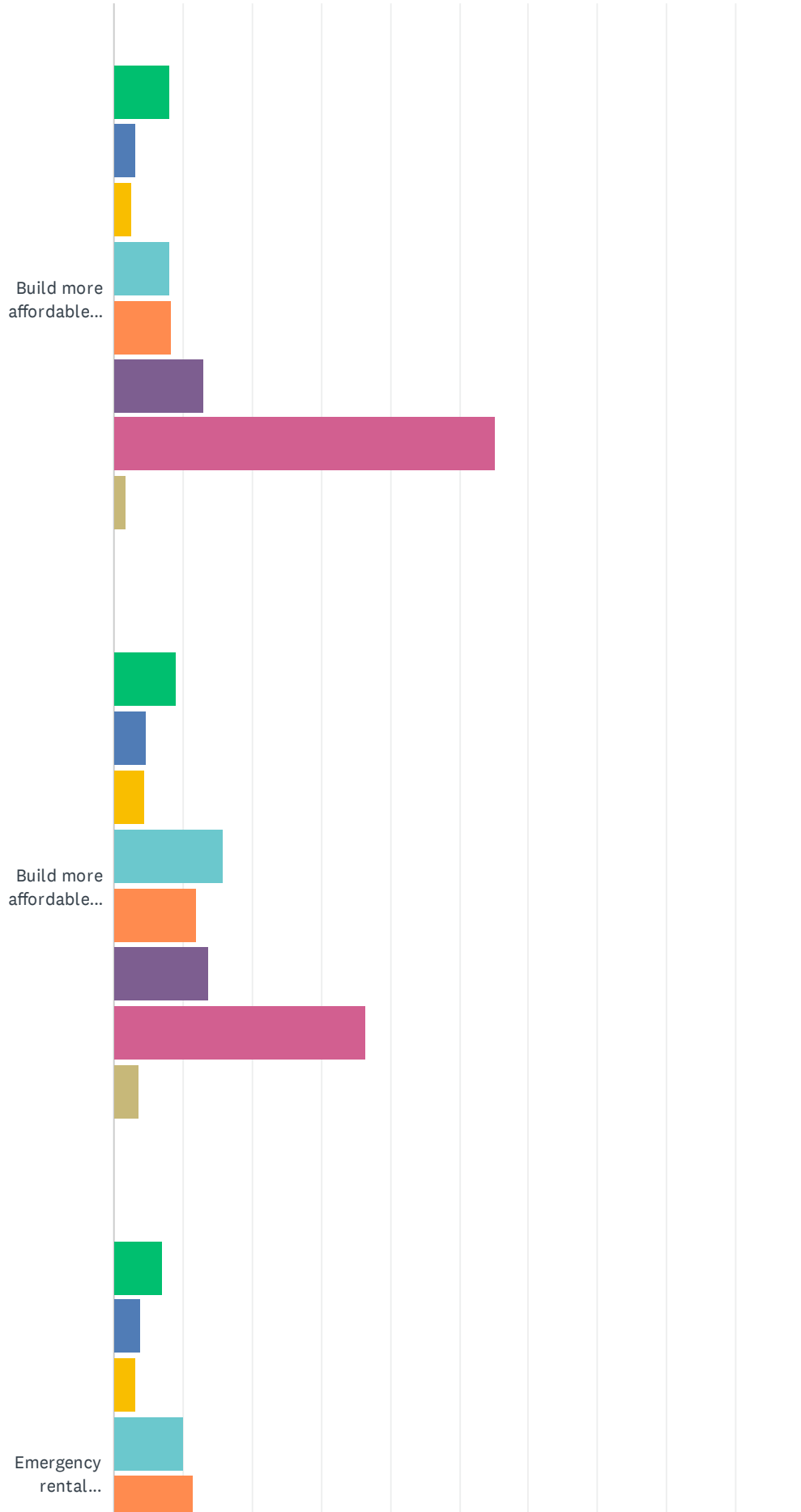


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.28%	213
No	76.72%	702
TOTAL		915

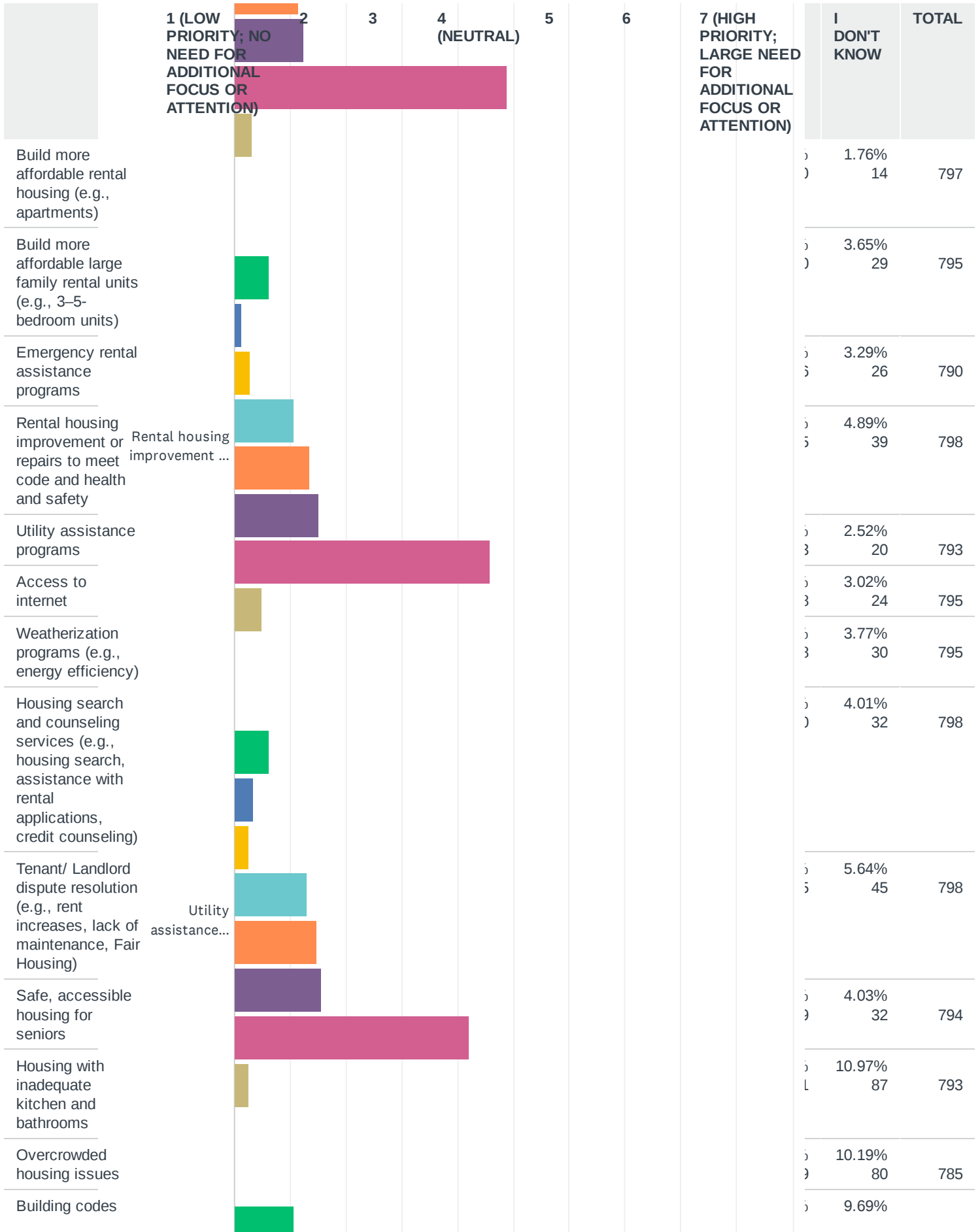
**Q7 Please rate the priority of the following HOUSING NEEDS on a scale of 1 (low priority need) to 7 (high priority need)**

Answered: 806 Skipped: 215

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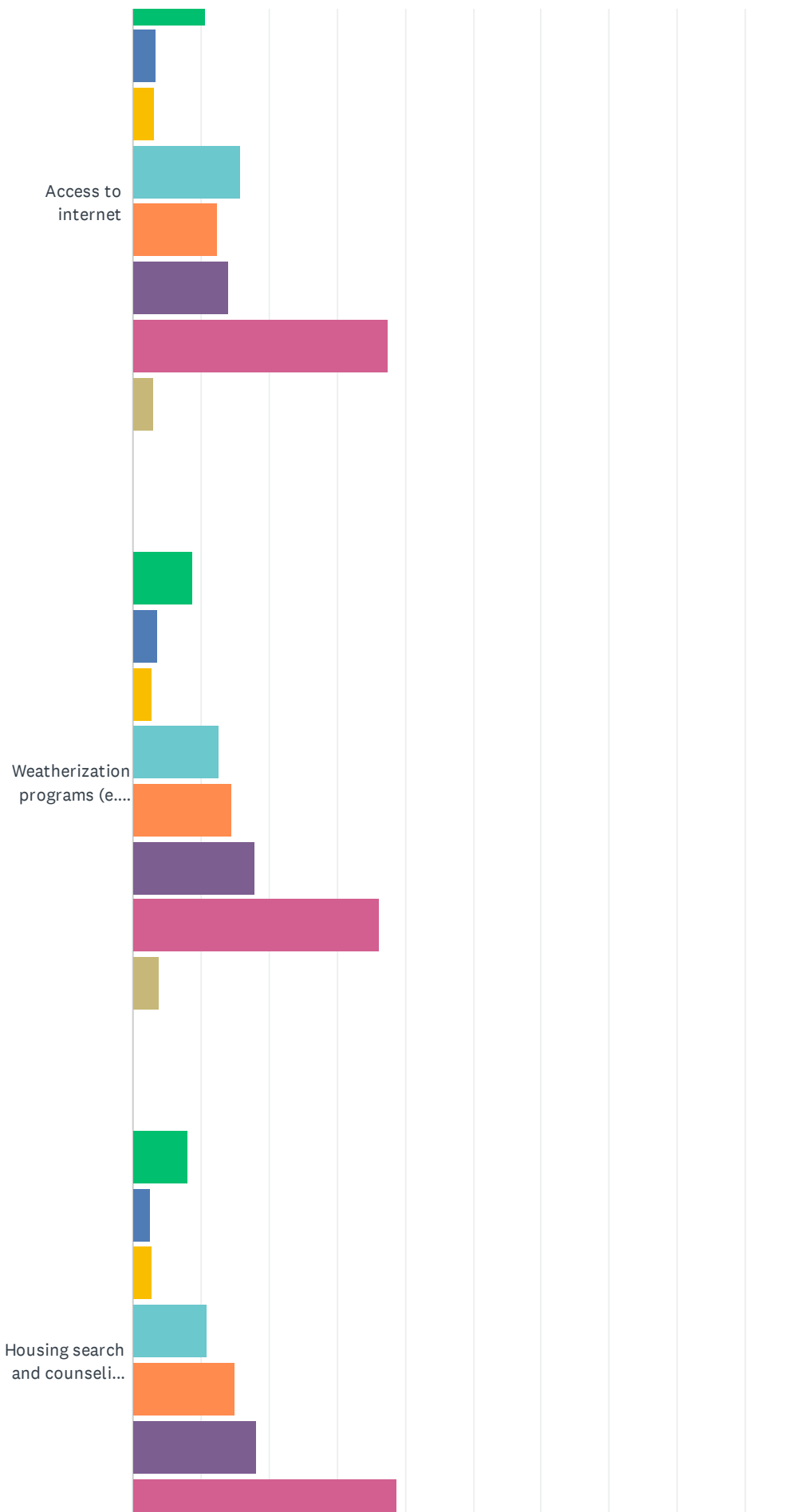


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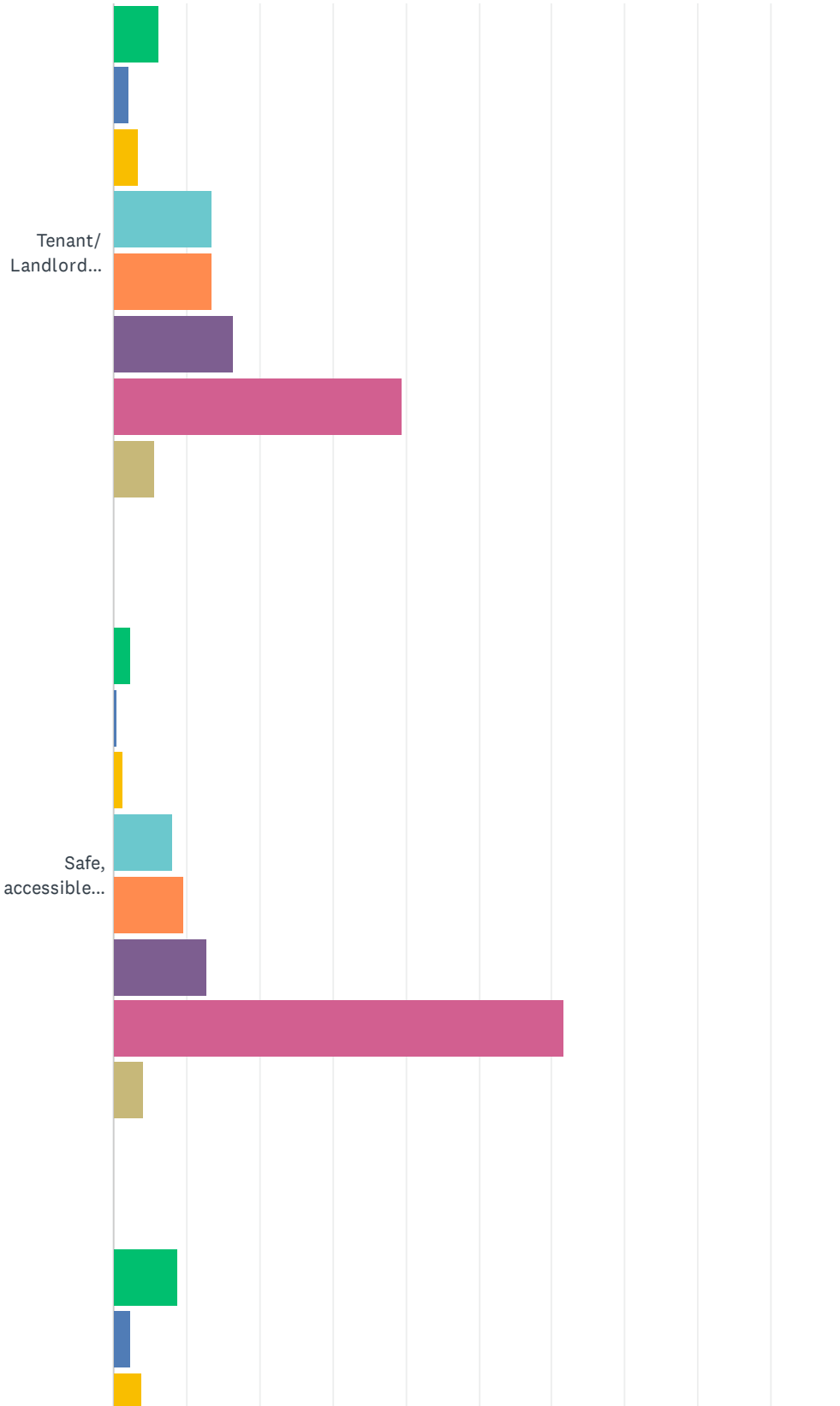
and zoning  
 Housing development incentive programs  
 Urban renewal



7	77	795
5	6.03%	
2	48	796
5	9.23%	
3	73	791

# Q8 If you had a magic wand, what housing issue would you fix in Las Cruces?

Answered: 635 Skipped: 386

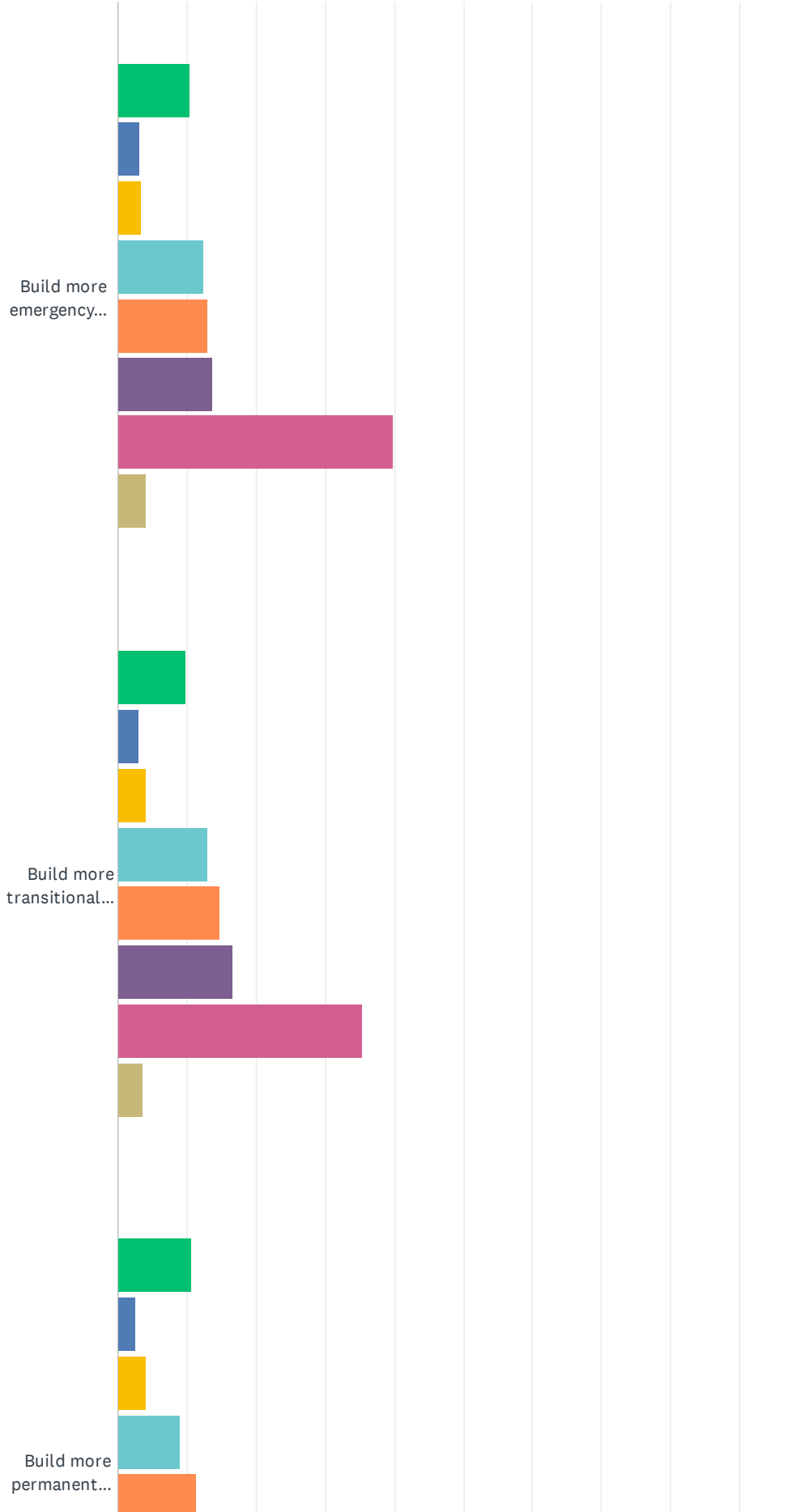




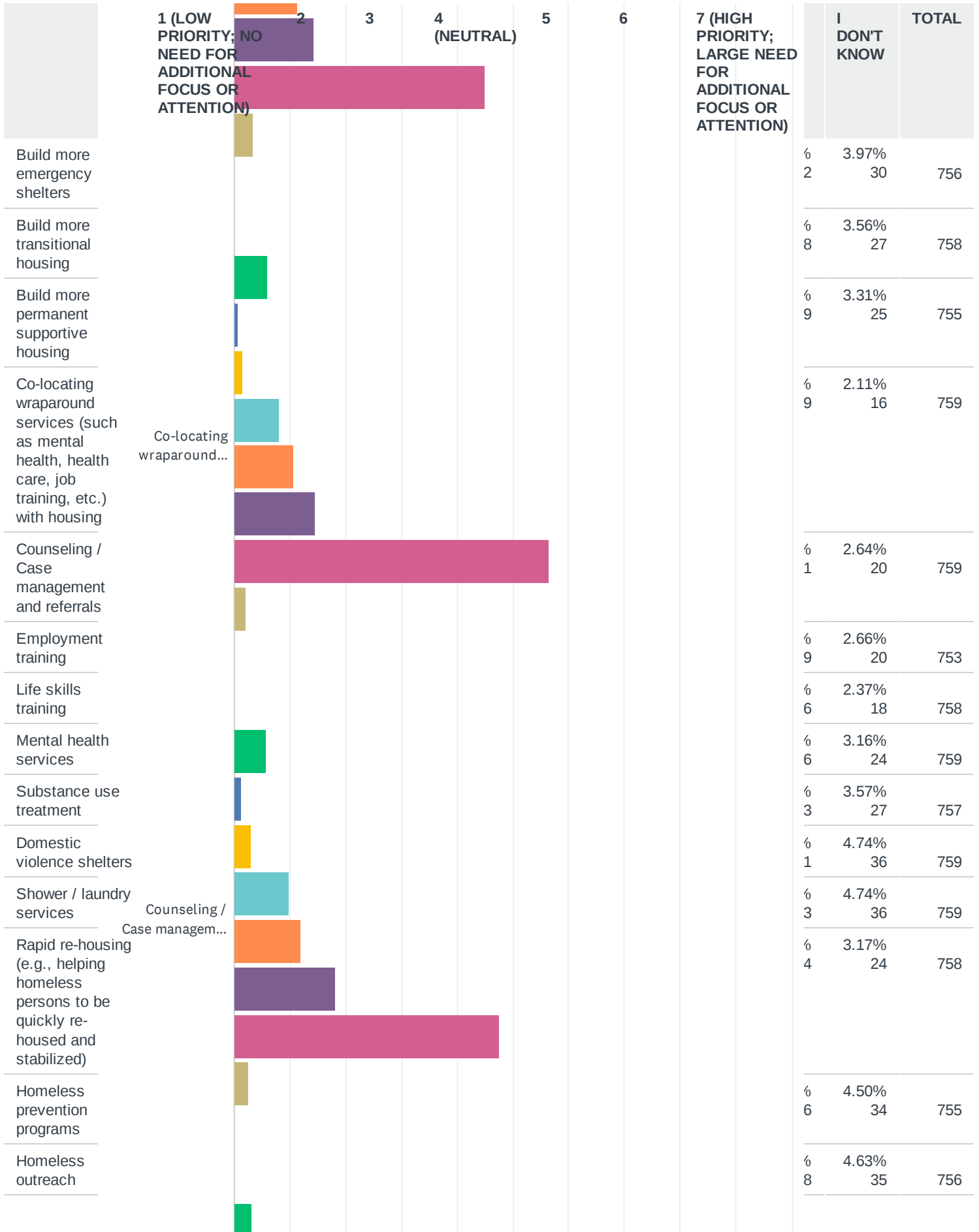
**Q9 Please rate the priority of the following HOMELESS FACILITIES AND SERVICE NEEDS on a scale of 1 (low priority need) to 7 (high priority need)**

Answered: 763 Skipped: 258

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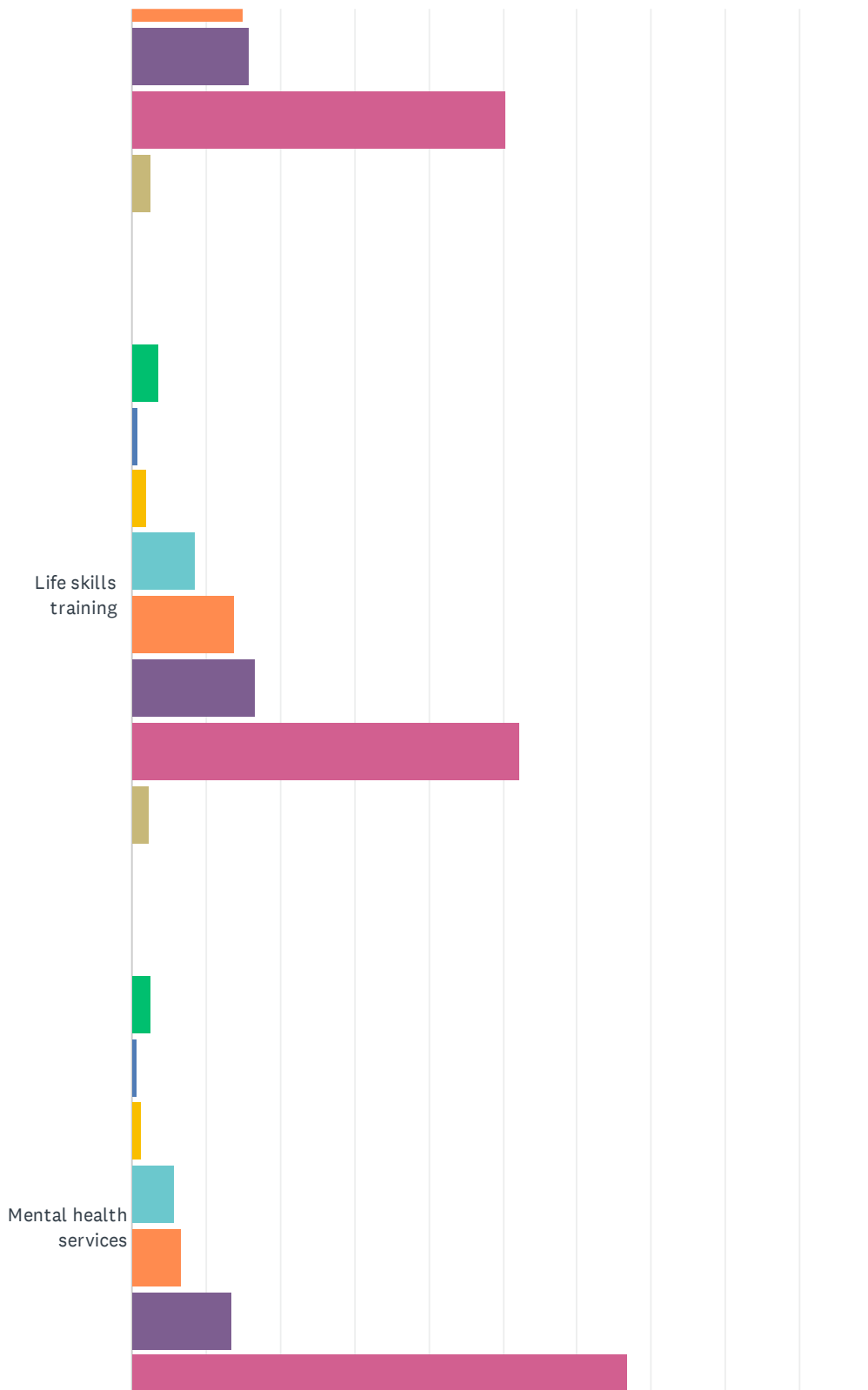


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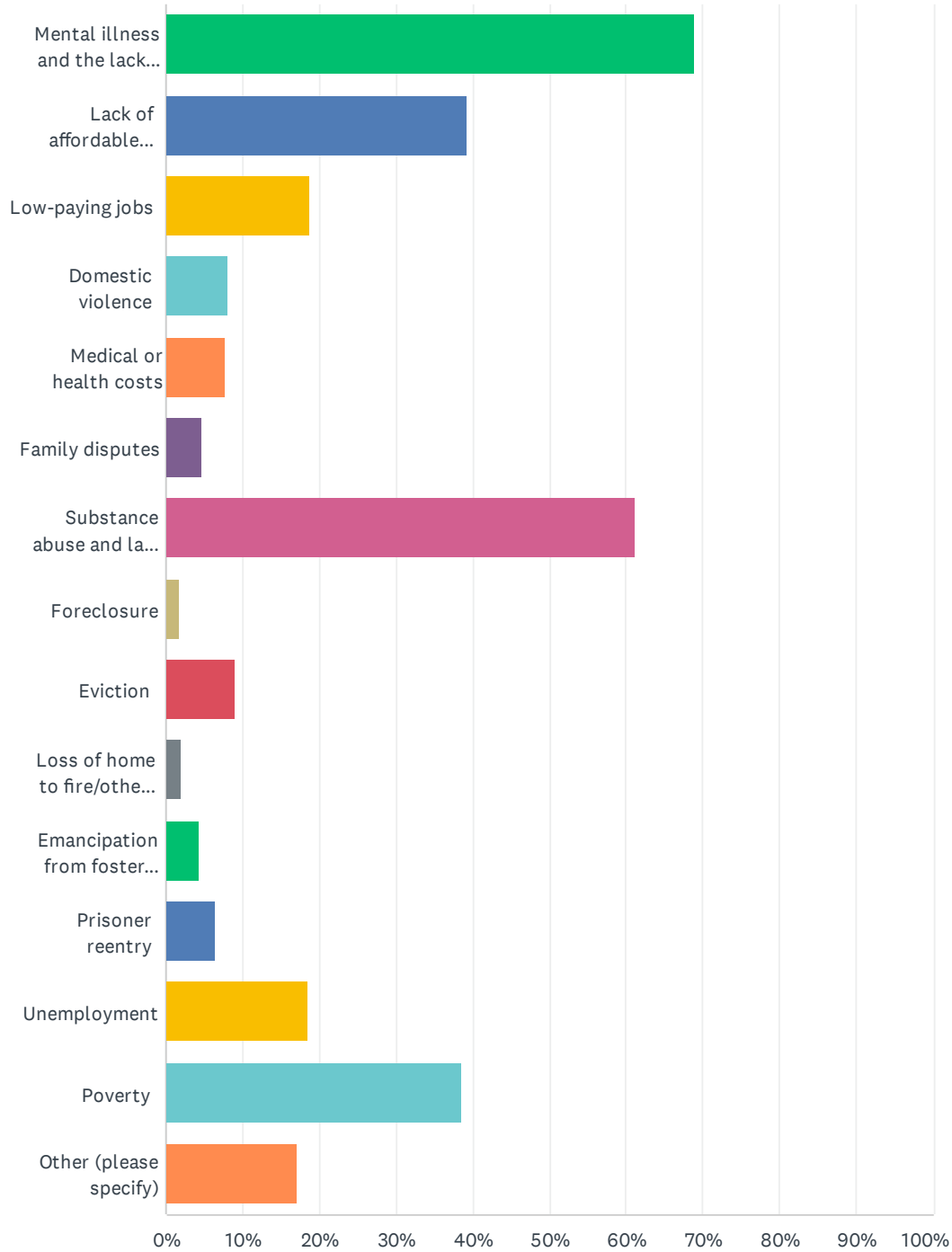
# Q10 If you had a magic wand, what services or programs would you create to help people at-risk or currently experiencing homelessness in Las Cruces?

Answered: 529 Skipped: 492



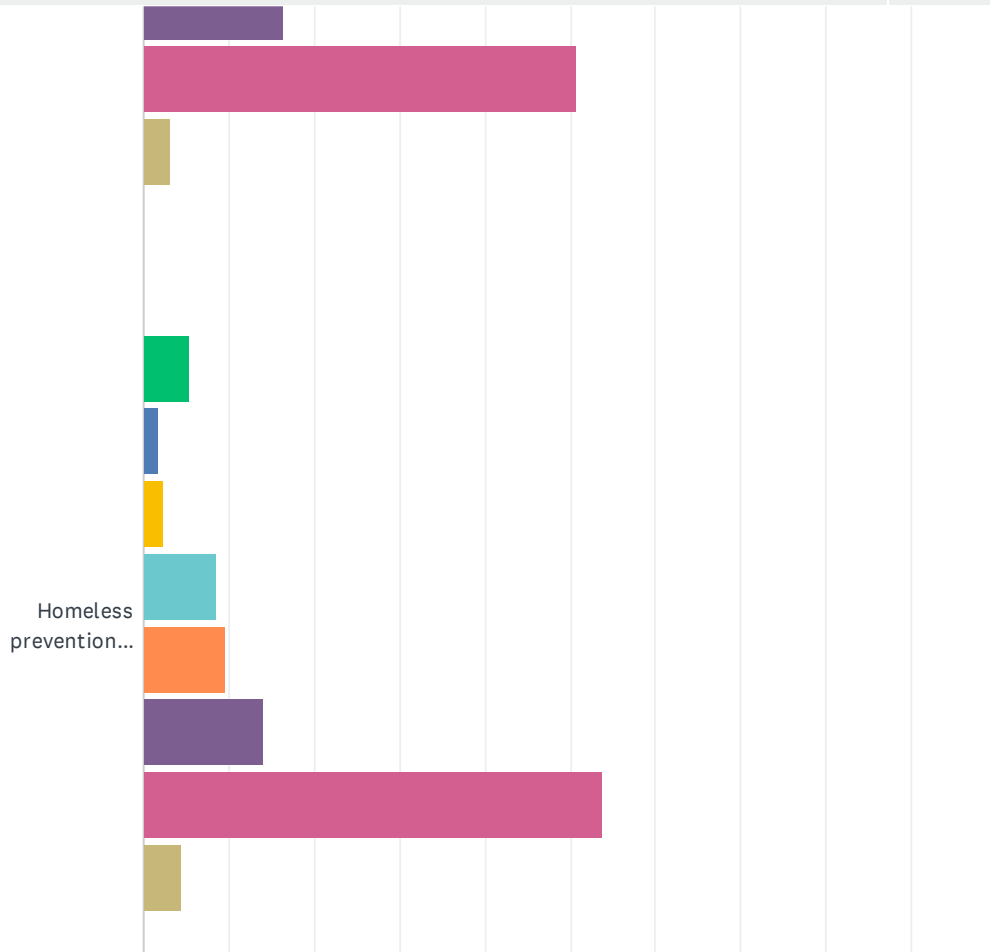
### Q11 What are the THREE main causes of homelessness among individuals in your community? (Choose 3)

Answered: 741 Skipped: 280



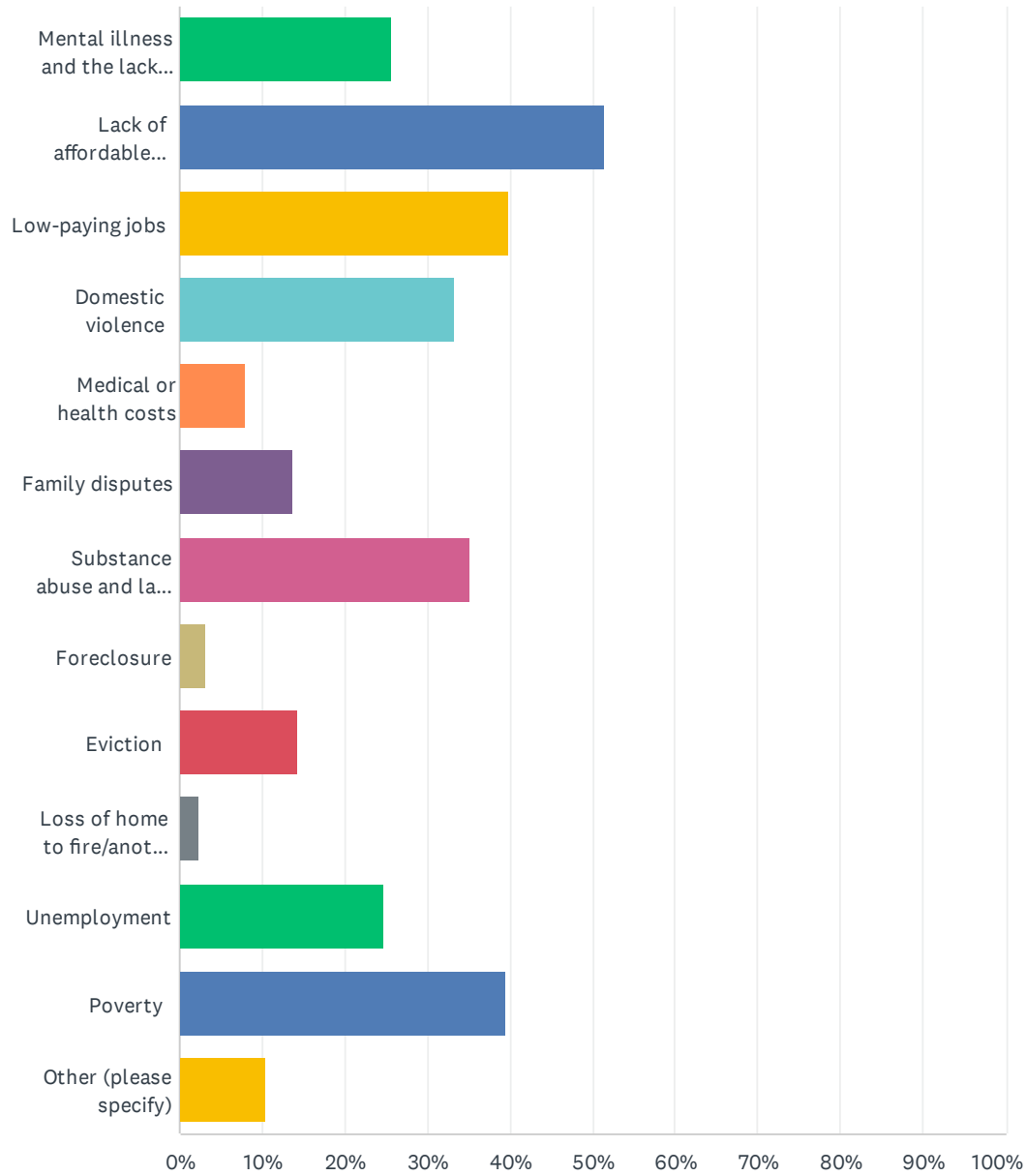
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mental illness and the lack of needed services	68.83%	510
Lack of affordable housing	39.27%	291
Low-paying jobs	18.76%	139
Domestic violence	8.10%	60
Medical or health costs	7.69%	57
Family disputes	4.59%	34
Substance abuse and lack of needed services	61.27%	454
Foreclosure	1.75%	13
Eviction	8.91%	66
Loss of home to fire/other disaster	2.02%	15
Emancipation from foster care	4.18%	31
Prisoner reentry	6.48%	48
Unemployment	18.62%	138
Poverty	38.60%	286
Other (please specify)	17.00%	126
Total Respondents: 741		



### Q12 What are the THREE main causes of homelessness among families with children in your community? (Choose 3)

Answered: 737 Skipped: 284



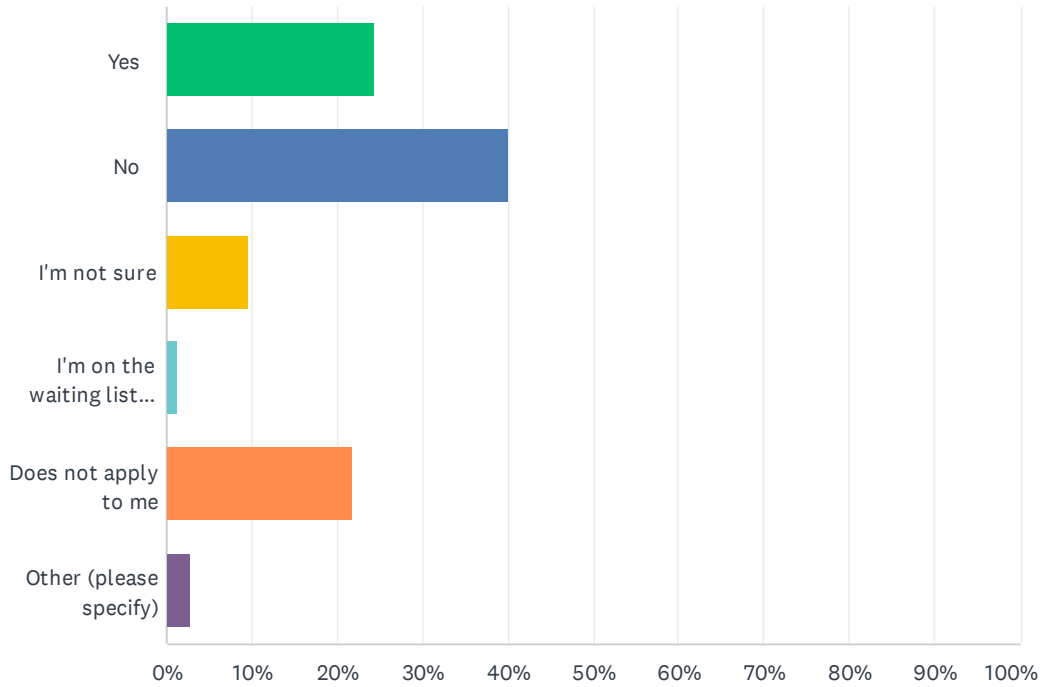
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mental illness and the lack of needed services	25.51%	188
Lack of affordable housing	51.42%	379
Low-paying jobs	39.89%	294
Domestic violence	33.24%	245
Medical or health costs	7.87%	58
Family disputes	13.70%	101
Substance abuse and lack of needed services	35.14%	259
Foreclosure	3.26%	24
Eviction	14.38%	106
Loss of home to fire/another disaster	2.31%	17
Unemployment	24.69%	182
Poverty	39.48%	291
Other (please specify)	10.45%	77
Total Respondents: 737		



## Q13 Have you or someone you know struggled to find housing because of a housing voucher?

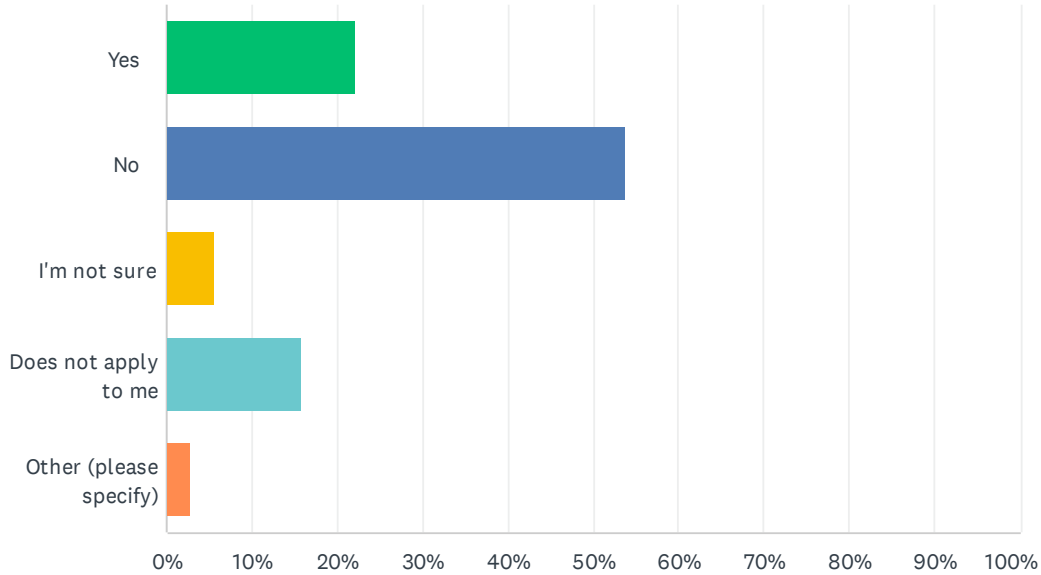
Answered: 744 Skipped: 277



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.33%	181
No	40.05%	298
I'm not sure	9.68%	72
I'm on the waiting list for a voucher	1.34%	10
Does not apply to me	21.77%	162
Other (please specify)	2.82%	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>744</b>

### Q14 Does your current residence need any major repairs, modifications, or changes, such as a new roof, plumbing, or wheelchair ramp, to allow you to stay there for as long as possible?

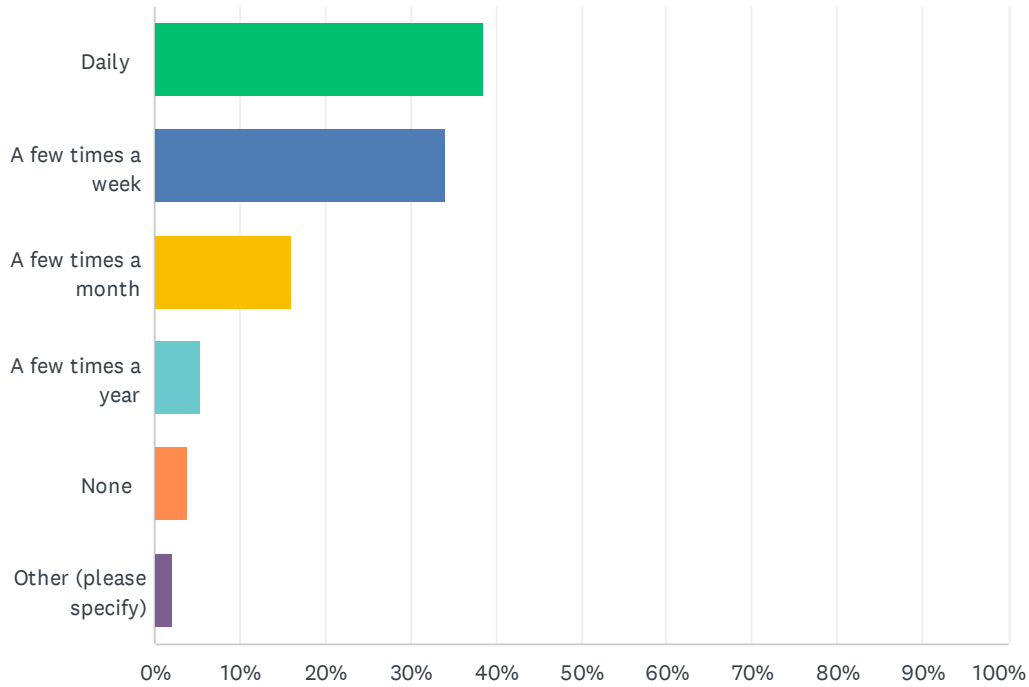
Answered: 743 Skipped: 278



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.21%	165
No	53.70%	399
I'm not sure	5.52%	41
Does not apply to me	15.75%	117
Other (please specify)	2.83%	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>743</b>

## Q15 How often do you have contact with family, friends, or neighbors who do not live with you?

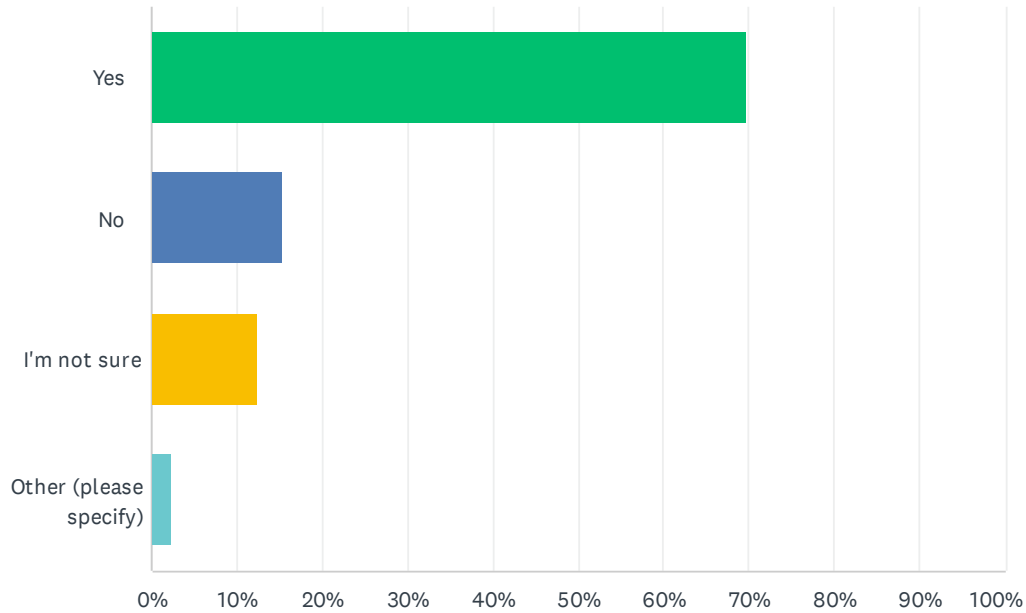
Answered: 740 Skipped: 281



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	38.51%	285
A few times a week	34.05%	252
A few times a month	16.08%	119
A few times a year	5.41%	40
None	3.92%	29
Other (please specify)	2.03%	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>740</b>

### Q16 If you were in trouble, do you have friends or family who can help you at any time of the day or night?

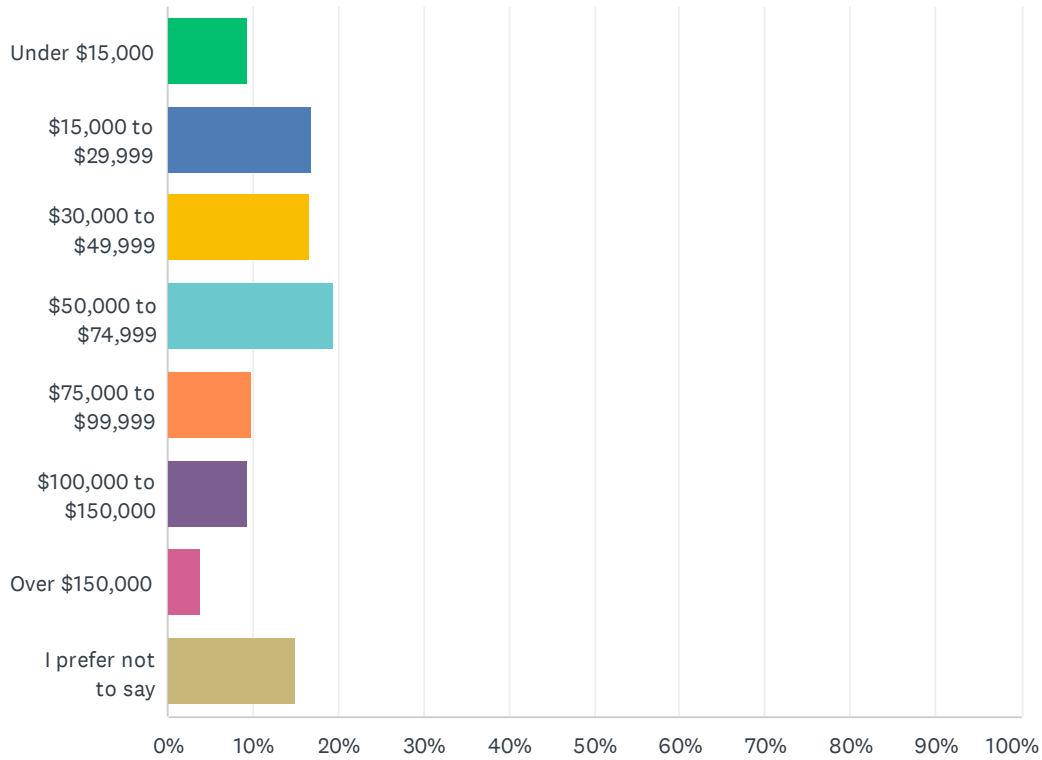
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	69.76%	519
No	15.46%	115
I'm not sure	12.37%	92
Other (please specify)	2.42%	18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>744</b>

## Q17 What is your annual household income?

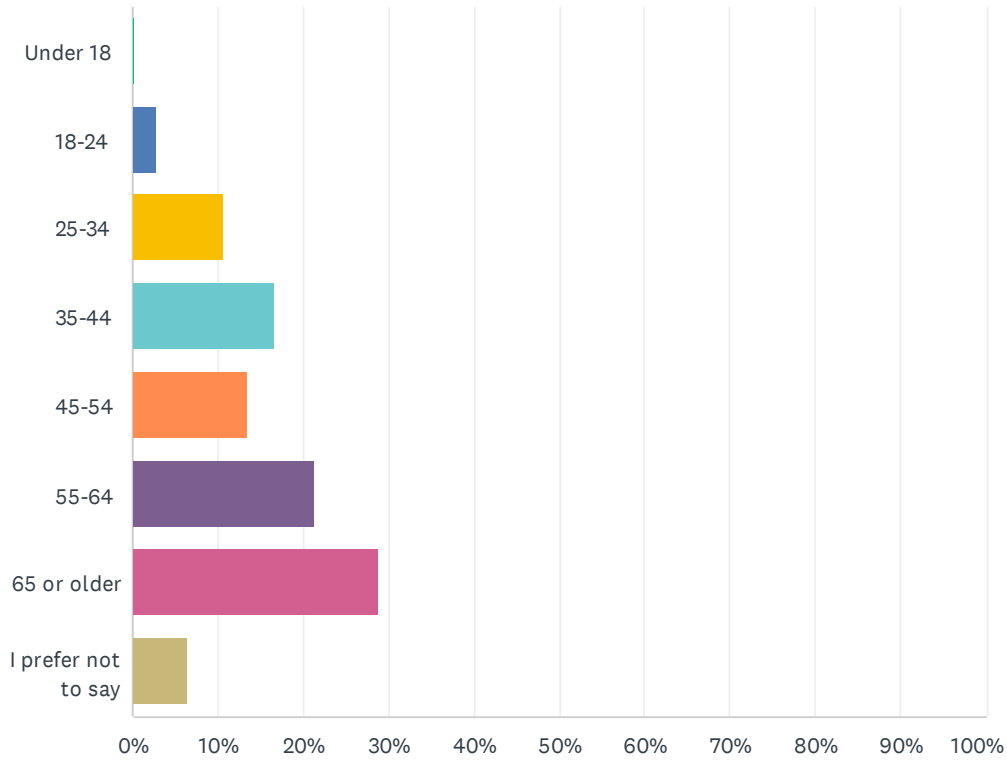
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under \$15,000	9.32%	69
\$15,000 to \$29,999	16.76%	124
\$30,000 to \$49,999	16.62%	123
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19.46%	144
\$75,000 to \$99,999	9.73%	72
\$100,000 to \$150,000	9.46%	70
Over \$150,000	3.78%	28
I prefer not to say	14.86%	110
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>740</b>

## Q18 What is your age?

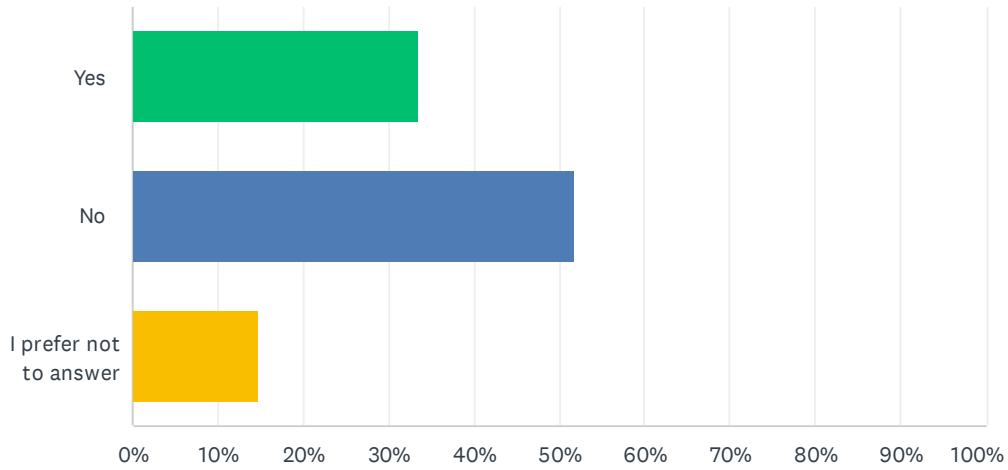
Answered: 739 Skipped: 282



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	0.14% 1
18-24	2.71% 20
25-34	10.55% 78
35-44	16.64% 123
45-54	13.40% 99
55-64	21.38% 158
65 or older	28.82% 213
I prefer not to say	6.36% 47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>739</b>

## Q19 Are you Hispanic, Latino, or other Spanish origin?

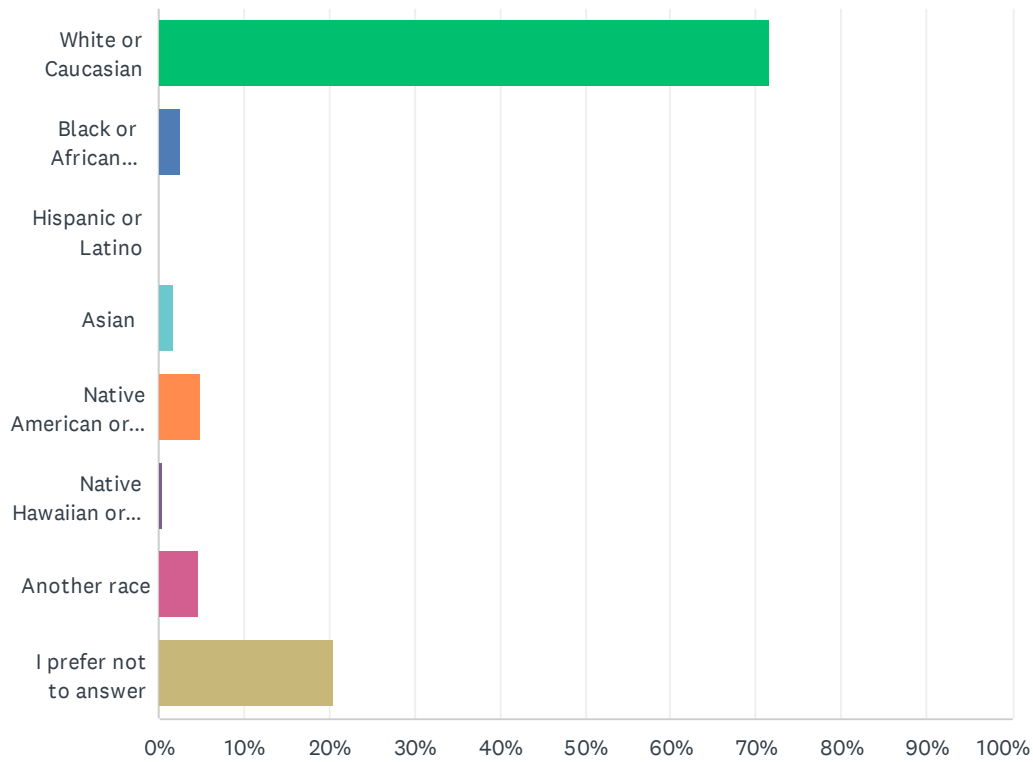
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.56%	248
No	51.83%	383
I prefer not to answer	14.61%	108
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>739</b>

## Q20 What is your race? Check all that apply.

Answered: 731 Skipped: 290

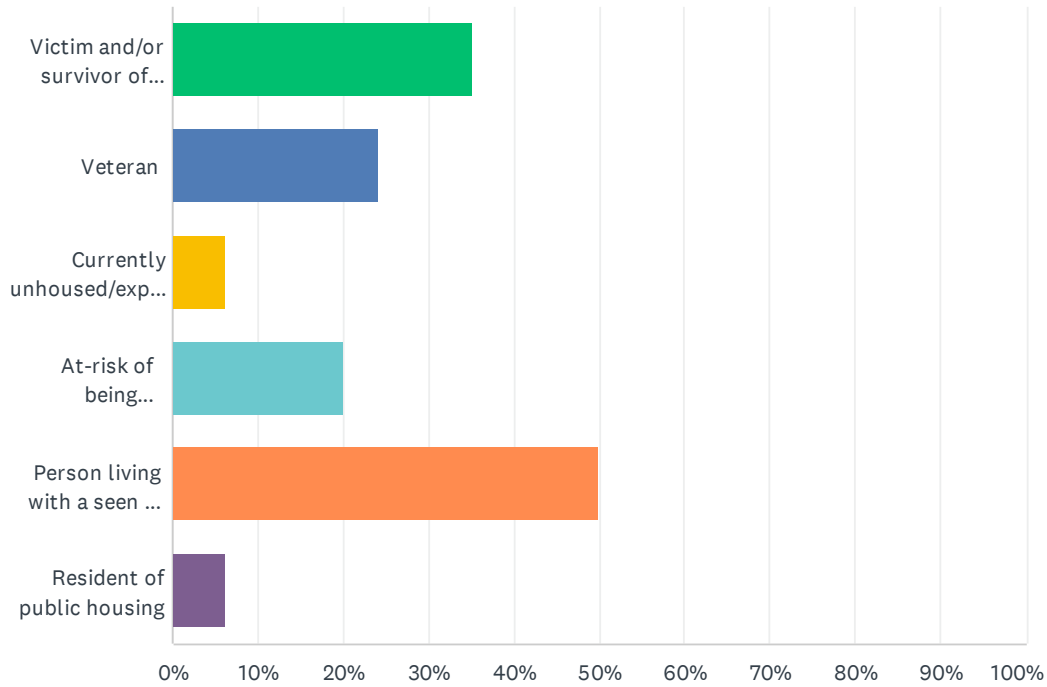


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White or Caucasian	71.68%	524
Black or African American	2.60%	19
Hispanic or Latino	0.00%	0
Asian	1.64%	12
Native American or Alaska Native	4.92%	36
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.41%	3
Another race	4.79%	35
I prefer not to answer	20.38%	149
Total Respondents: 731		



## Q21 Do you identify as any of the following: (check all that apply)

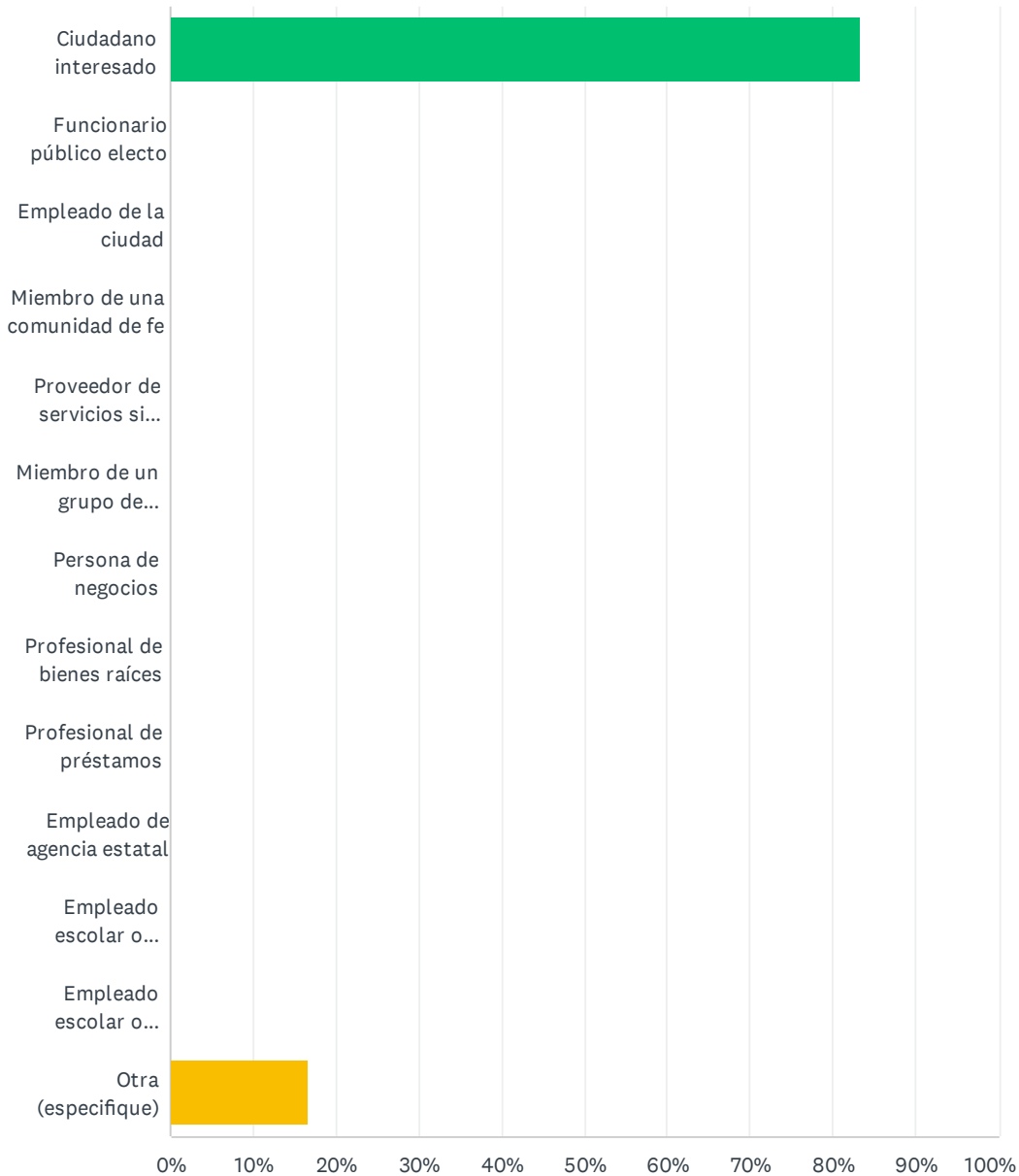
Answered: 373 Skipped: 648



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Victim and/or survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	35.12%	131
Veteran	24.13%	90
Currently unhoused/experiencing homelessness	6.17%	23
At-risk of being unhoused/homeless	20.11%	75
Person living with a seen or unseen disability	49.87%	186
Resident of public housing	6.17%	23
Total Respondents: 373		

## Q22 ¿Cuál de las siguientes opciones describe mejor su función al realizar la encuesta? (Marque todas las que correspondan)

Answered: 6 Skipped: 1,015

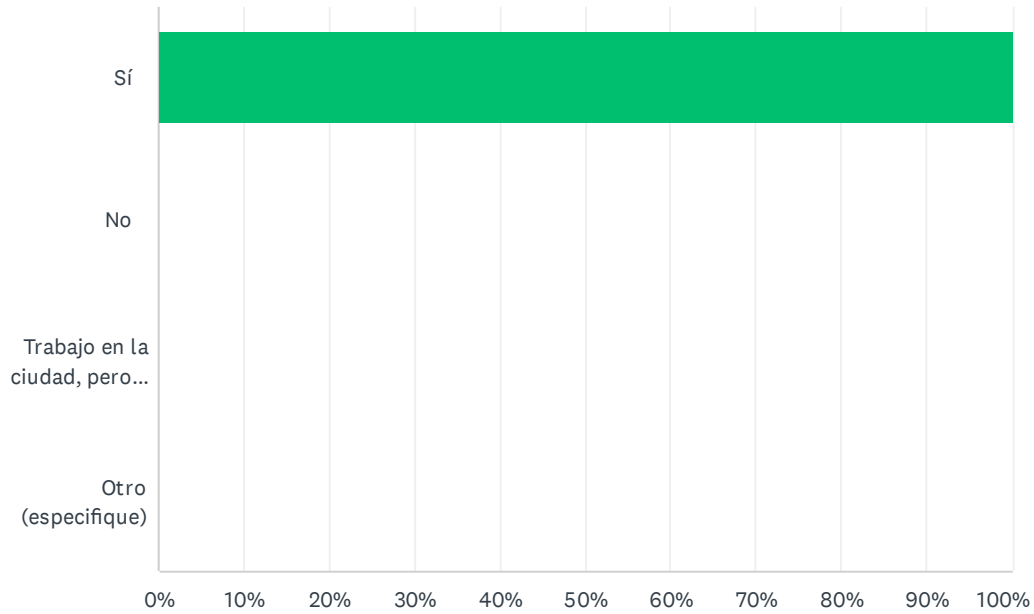


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ciudadano interesado	83.33%	5
Funcionario público electo	0.00%	0
Empleado de la ciudad	0.00%	0
Miembro de una comunidad de fe	0.00%	0
Proveedor de servicios sin fines de lucro	0.00%	0
Miembro de un grupo de defensa	0.00%	0
Persona de negocios	0.00%	0
Profesional de bienes raíces	0.00%	0
Profesional de préstamos	0.00%	0
Empleado de agencia estatal	0.00%	0
Empleado escolar o educador	0.00%	0
Empleado escolar o educador	0.00%	0
Otra (especifique)	16.67%	1
Total Respondents: 6		

## Q23 ¿Es residente de Las Cruces?

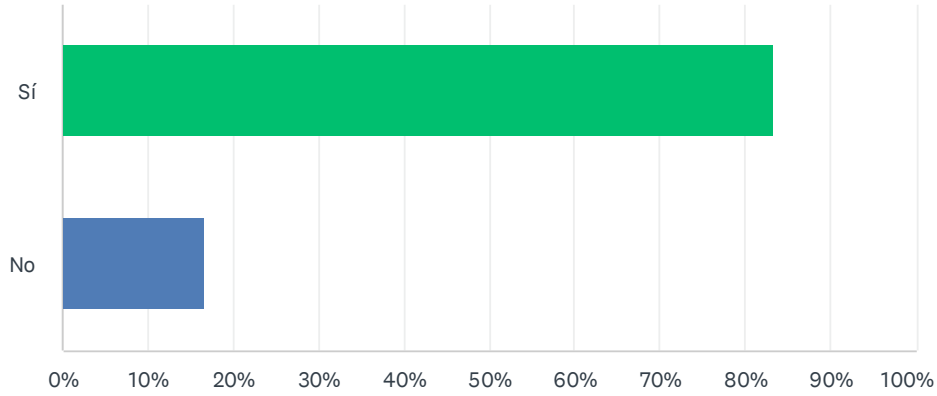
Answered: 5 Skipped: 1,016



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	100.00%	5
No	0.00%	0
Trabajo en la ciudad, pero no vivo aquí	0.00%	0
Otro (especifique)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>

### Q24 En los últimos dos meses, ¿ha estado viviendo en una vivienda estable que posee, alquila o vive como parte del hogar?

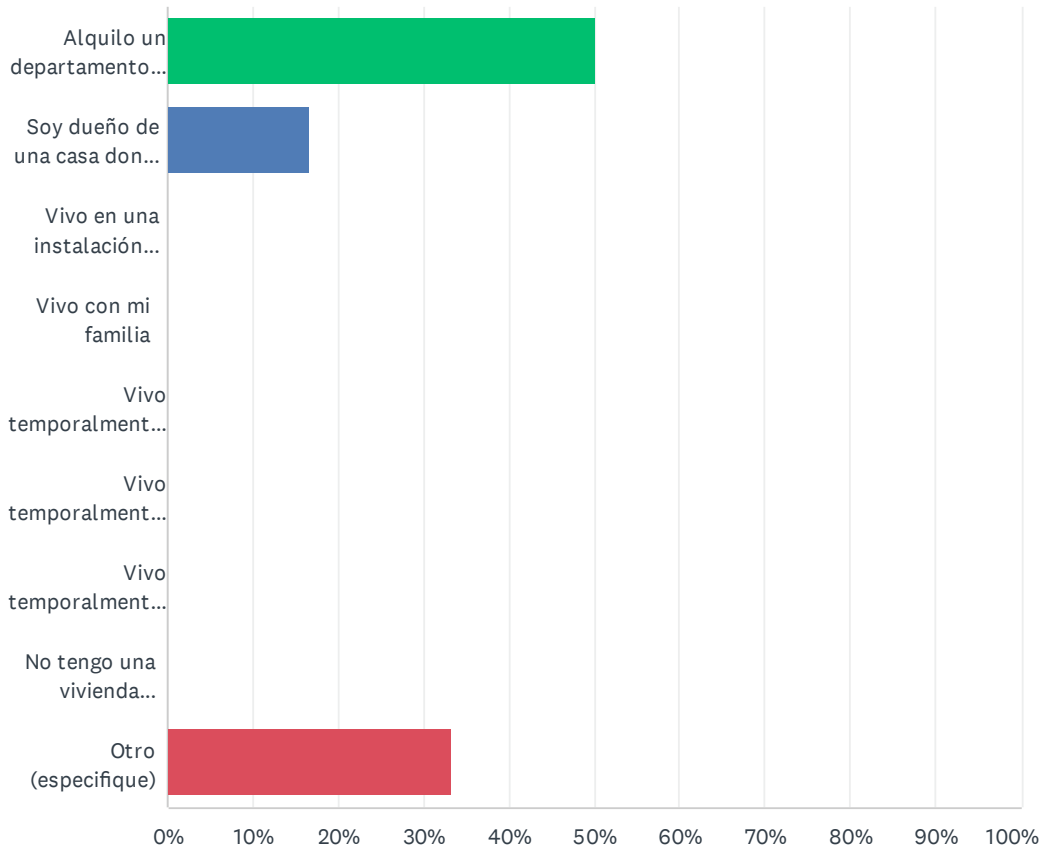
Answered: 6 Skipped: 1,015



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	83.33%	5
No	16.67%	1
TOTAL		6

## Q25 ¿Cuál de las siguientes opciones describe mejor el lugar donde vive?

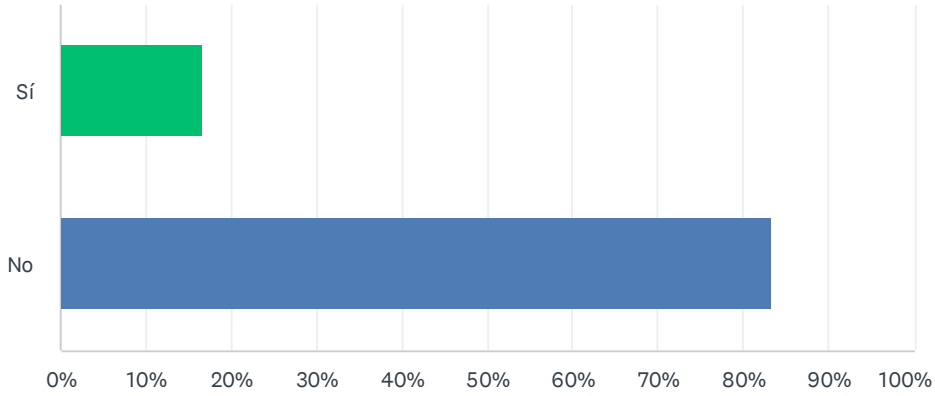
Answered: 6 Skipped: 1,015



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alquilo un departamento o casa	50.00%	3
Soy dueño de una casa donde vivo	16.67%	1
Vivo en una instalación grupal como un dormitorio universitario, un asilo para ancianos o un hogar transitorio	0.00%	0
Vivo con mi familia	0.00%	0
Vivo temporalmente con familiares o amigos	0.00%	0
Vivo temporalmente en mi auto	0.00%	0
Vivo temporalmente en un refugio	0.00%	0
No tengo una vivienda estable	0.00%	0
Otro (especifique)	33.33%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6</b>

Q26 ¿Le preocupa que en los próximos dos meses NO tenga una vivienda estable propia, alquilada o que se quede como parte de un hogar?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 1,015



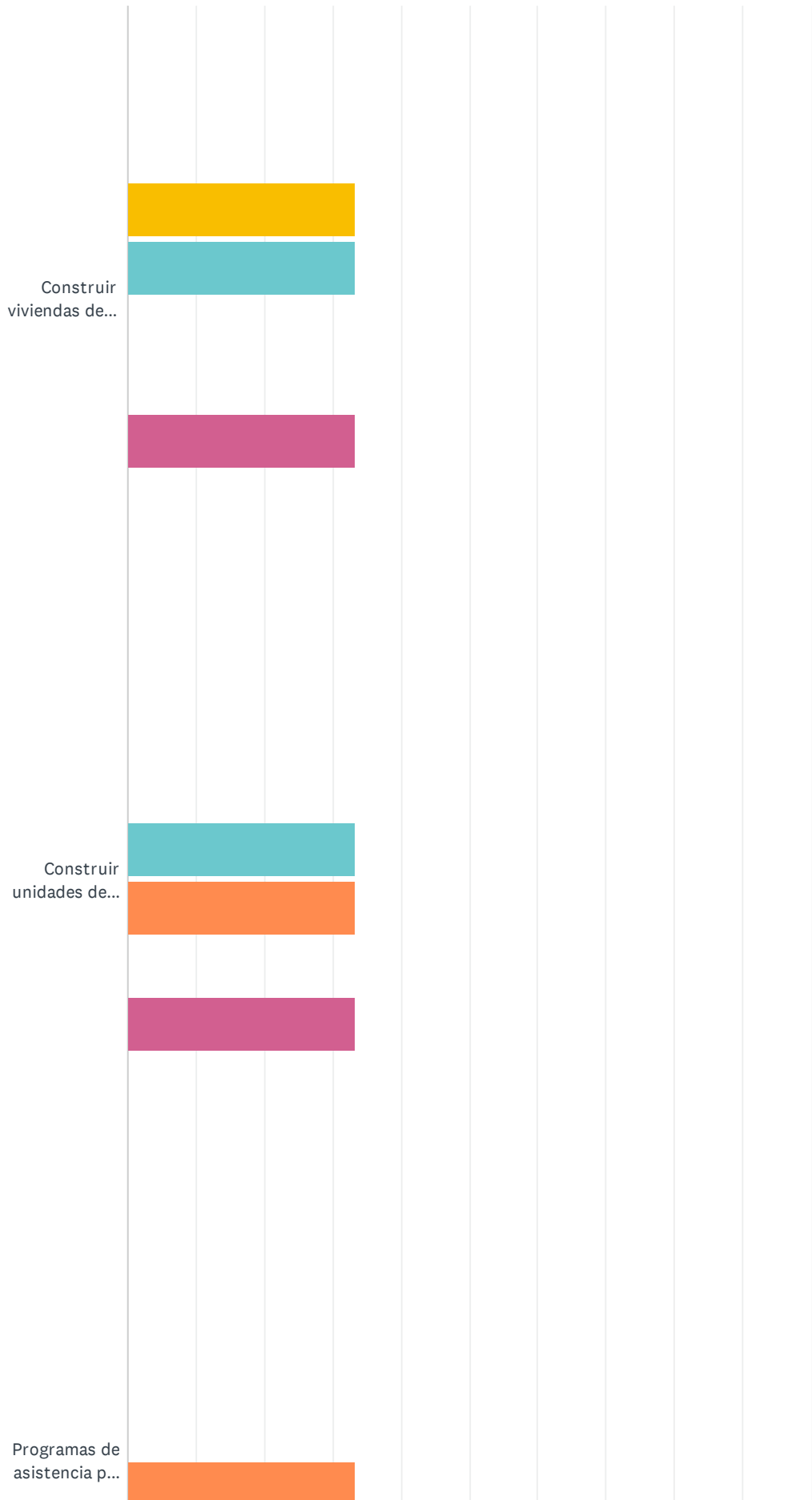
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	16.67%	1
No	83.33%	5
TOTAL		6

Q27 Califique la prioridad de las siguientes NECESIDADES DE VIVIENDA en una escala del 1 (necesidad de baja prioridad) al 7 (necesidad de alta prioridad)

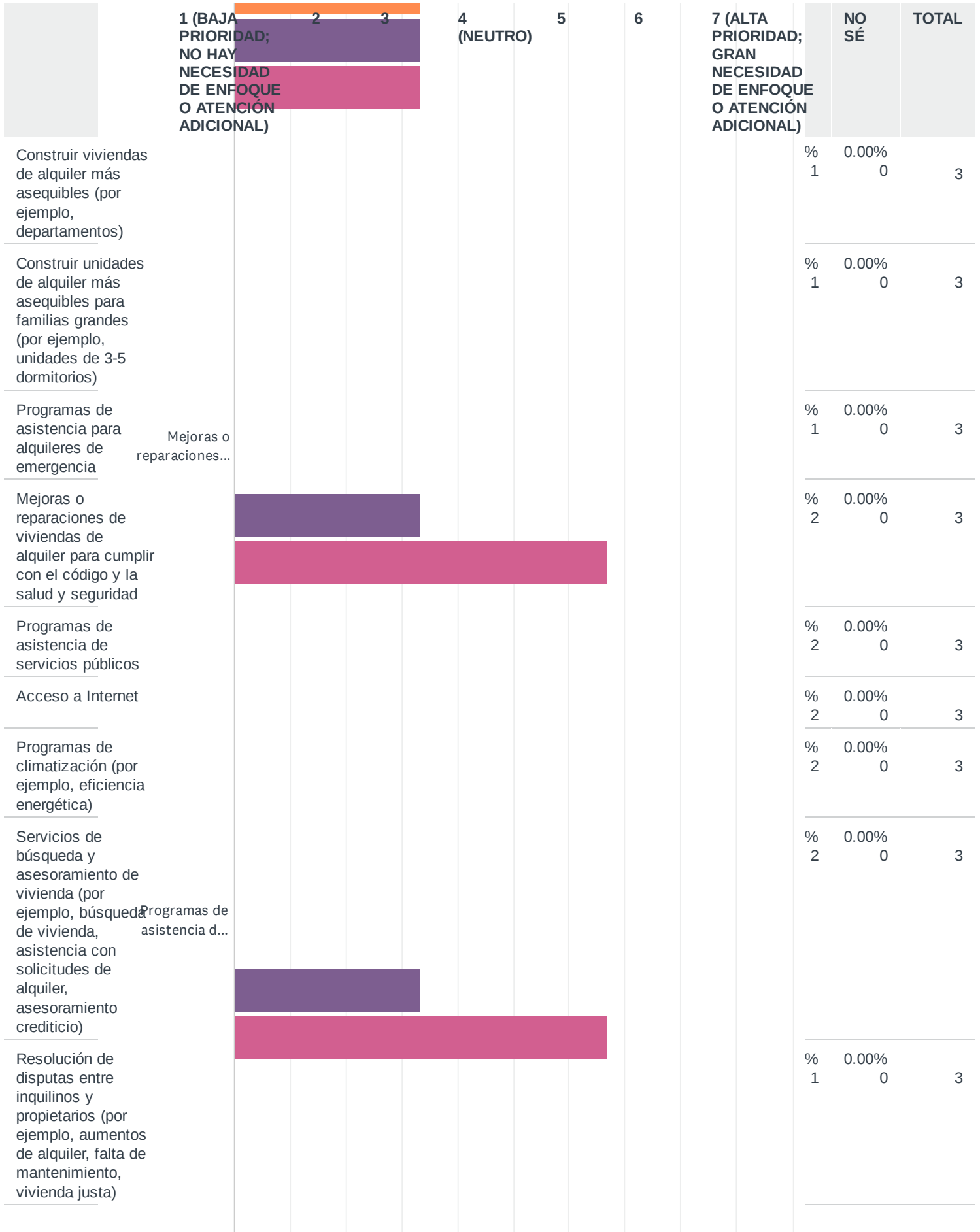
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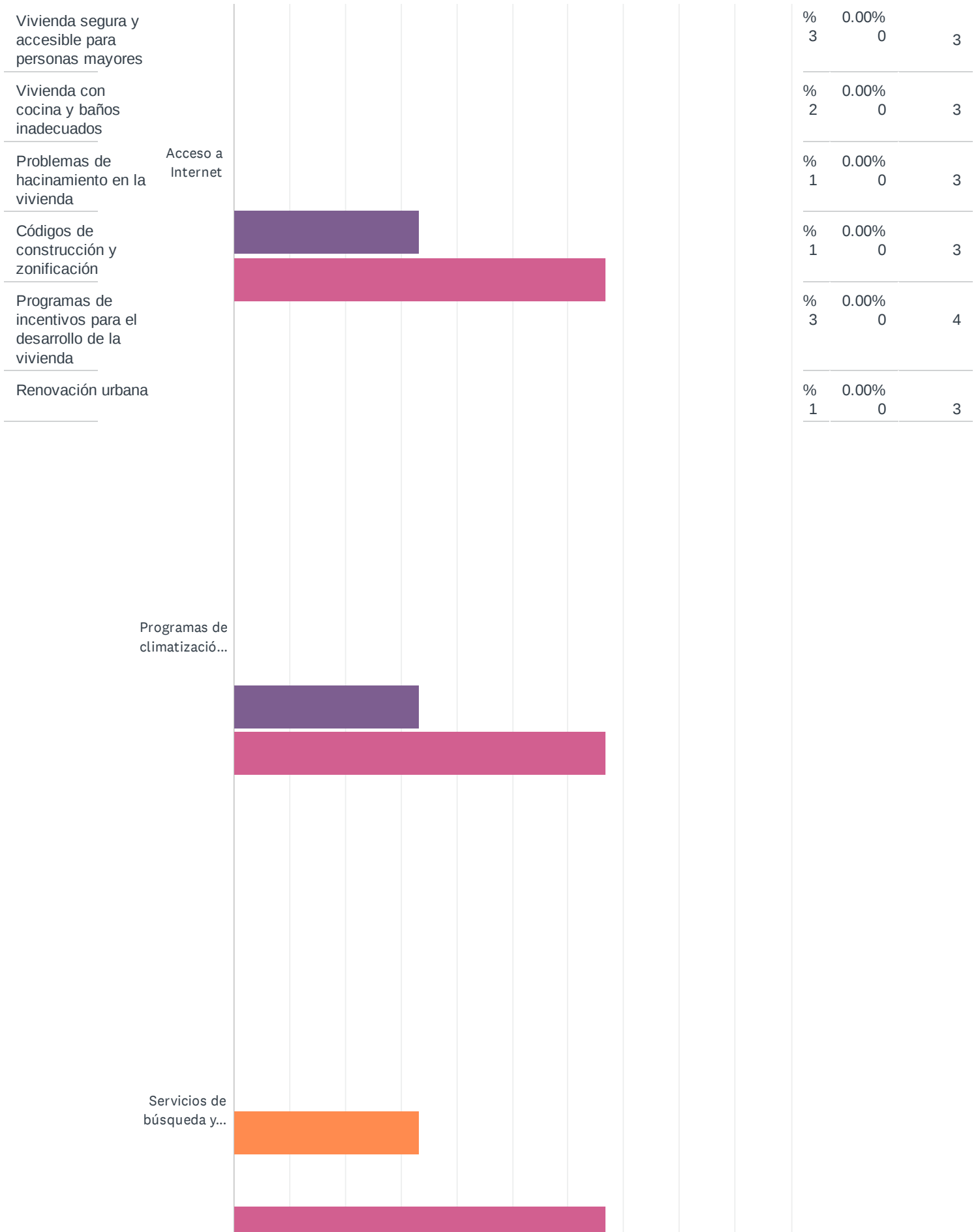
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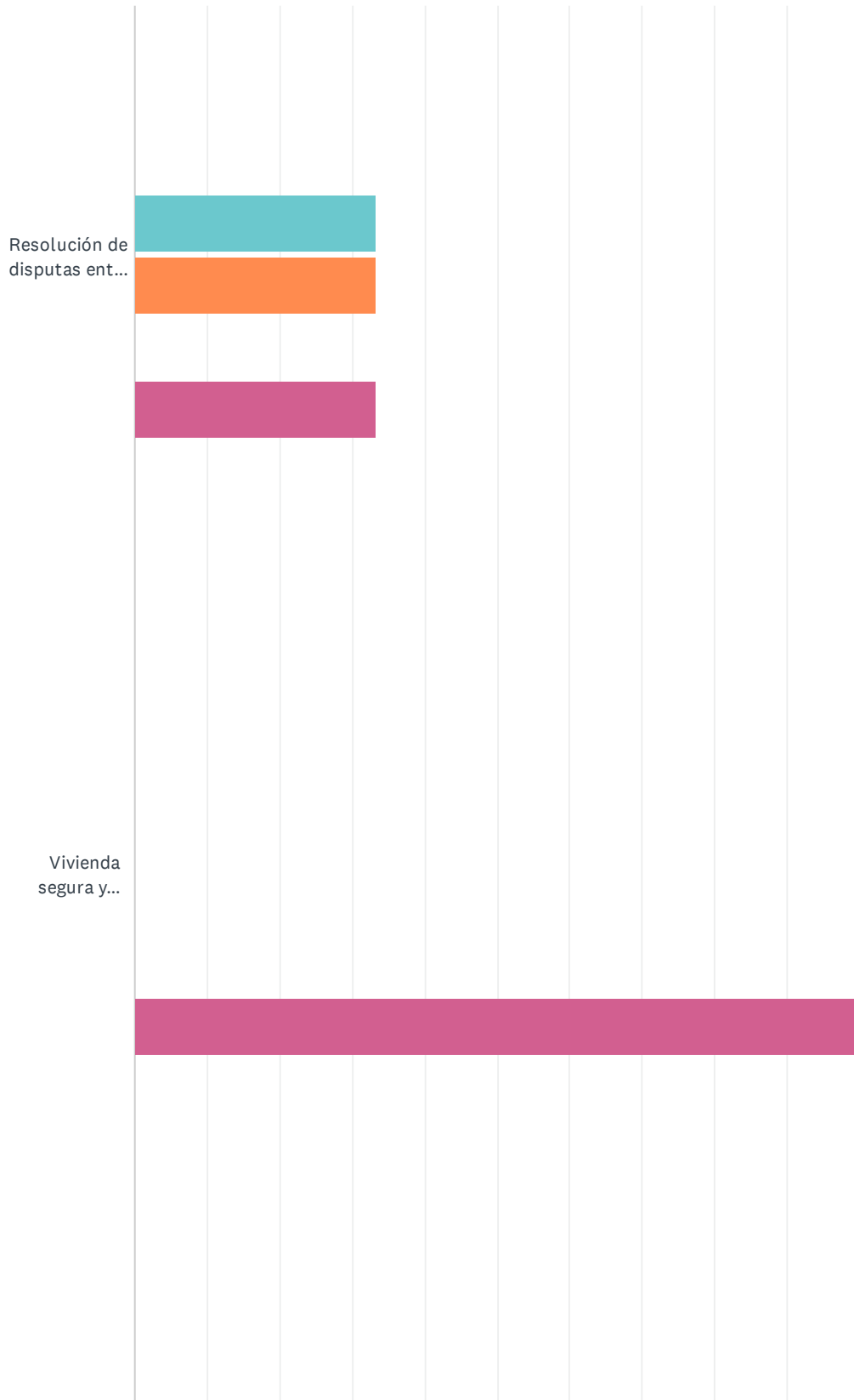


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## Q28 Si tuviera una varita mágica, ¿qué problema de vivienda arreglaría en Las Cruces?

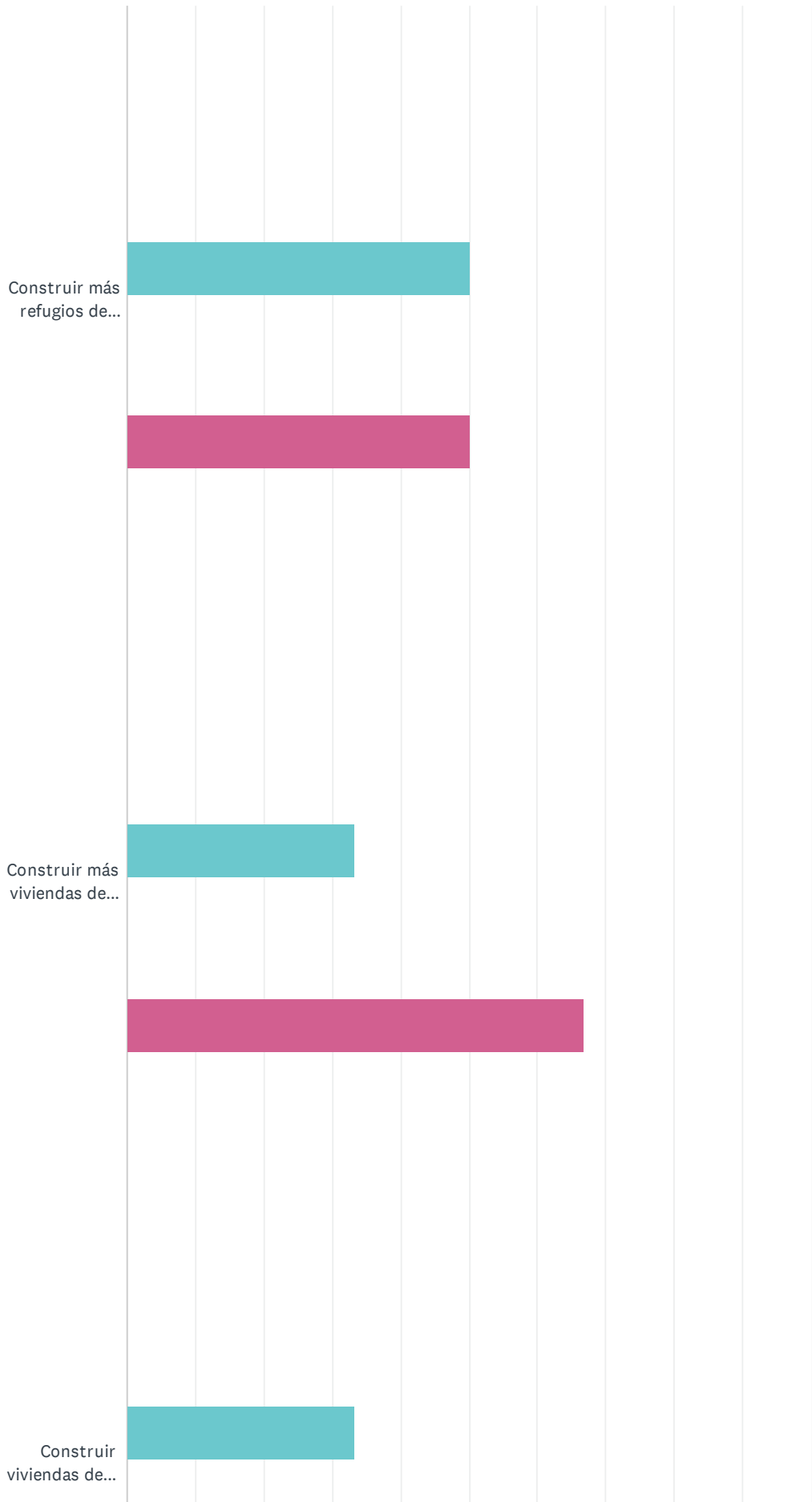
Answered: 3 Skipped: 1,018



**Q29 Califique la prioridad de las siguientes INSTALACIONES Y NECESIDADES DE SERVICIOS PARA PERSONAS SIN HOGAR en una escala del 1 (necesidad de baja prioridad) al 7 (necesidad de alta prioridad)**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 1,018

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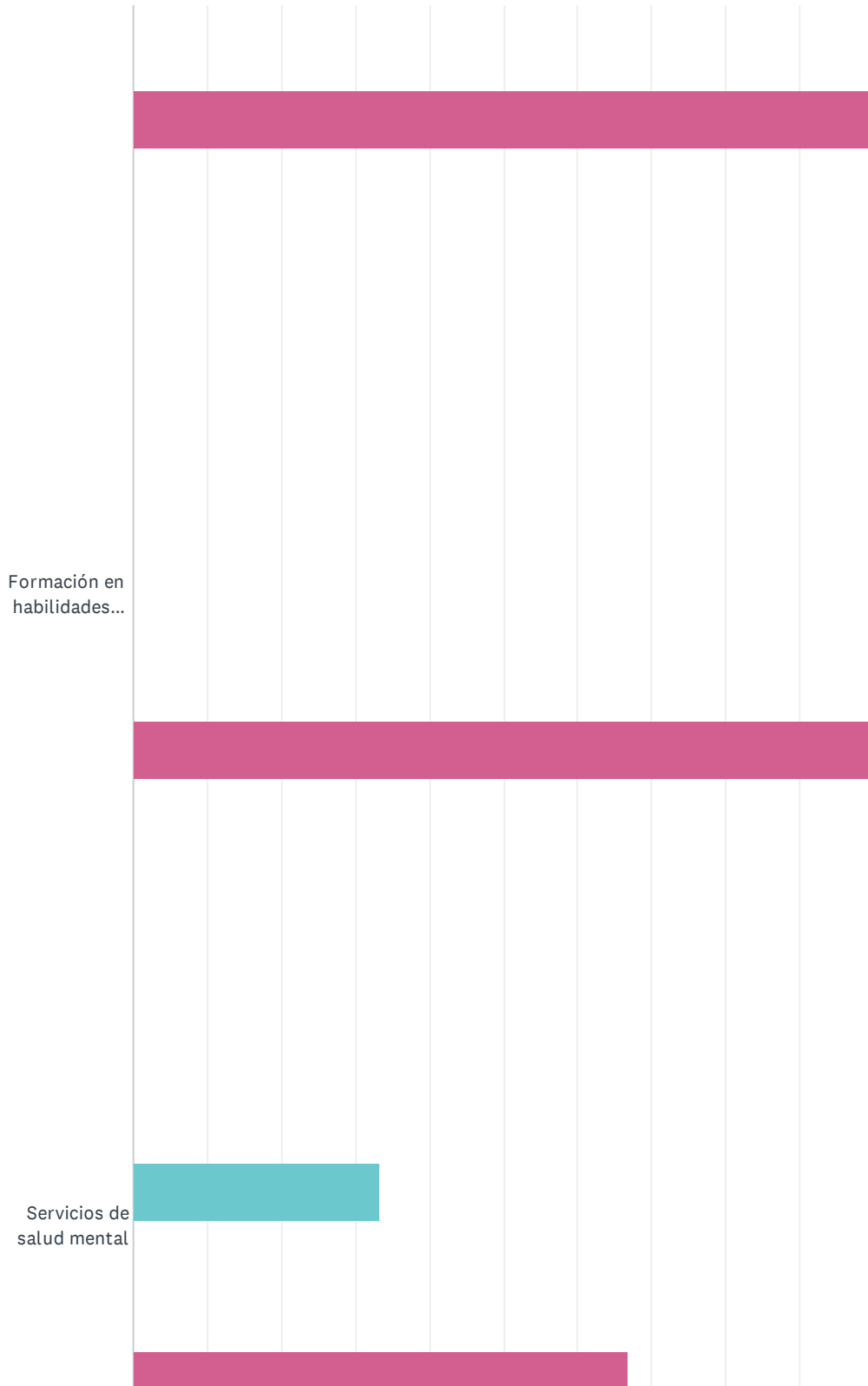


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	1 (BAJA PRIORIDAD; NO HAY NECESIDAD DE ENFOQUE O ATENCIÓN ADICIONAL)	2	3	4 (NEUTRO)	5	6	7 (ALTA PRIORIDAD; GRAN NECESIDAD DE ENFOQUE O ATENCIÓN ADICIONAL)	NO SÉ	TOTAL
Construir más refugios de emergencia								0.00%	2
Construir más viviendas de transición								0.00%	3
Construir viviendas de apoyo más permanentes								0.00%	3
Co-ubicación de servicios integrales (como salud mental, atención médica, capacitación laboral, etc.) con vivienda								0.00%	3
Asesoramiento / Gestión de casos y referencias								0.00%	3
Formación para el empleo								0.00%	3
Formación en habilidades para la vida								0.00%	3
Servicios de salud mental								0.00%	3
Tratamiento por consumo de sustancias								0.00%	3
Refugios para las víctimas de violencia doméstica								0.00%	3
Servicios de ducha / lavandería								0.00%	3
Reubicación rápida (por ejemplo, ayudar a las personas sin hogar a ser reubicadas y estabilizadas rápidamente)								0.00%	3
Programas de prevención para personas sin hogar								0.00%	3
Alcance para las personas sin hogar								0.00%	3

### Q30 Si tuviera una varita mágica, ¿qué servicios o programas crearía para ayudar a las personas en riesgo o que actualmente están sin hogar en Las Cruces?

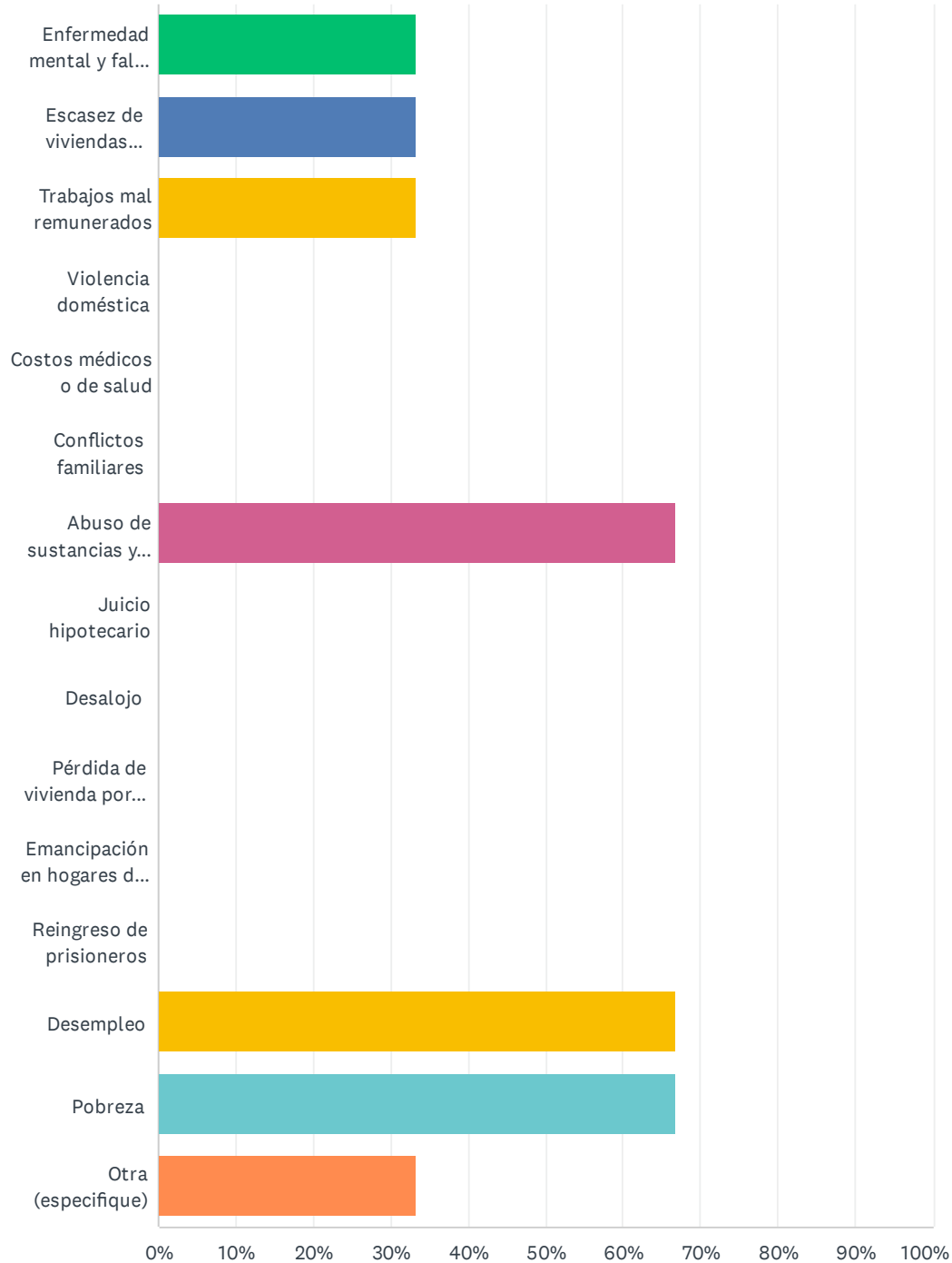
Answered: 1 Skipped: 1,020





### Q31 ¿Cuáles son las TRES causas principales de la falta de vivienda entre las personas en su comunidad? (Elija 3)

Answered: 3 Skipped: 1,018



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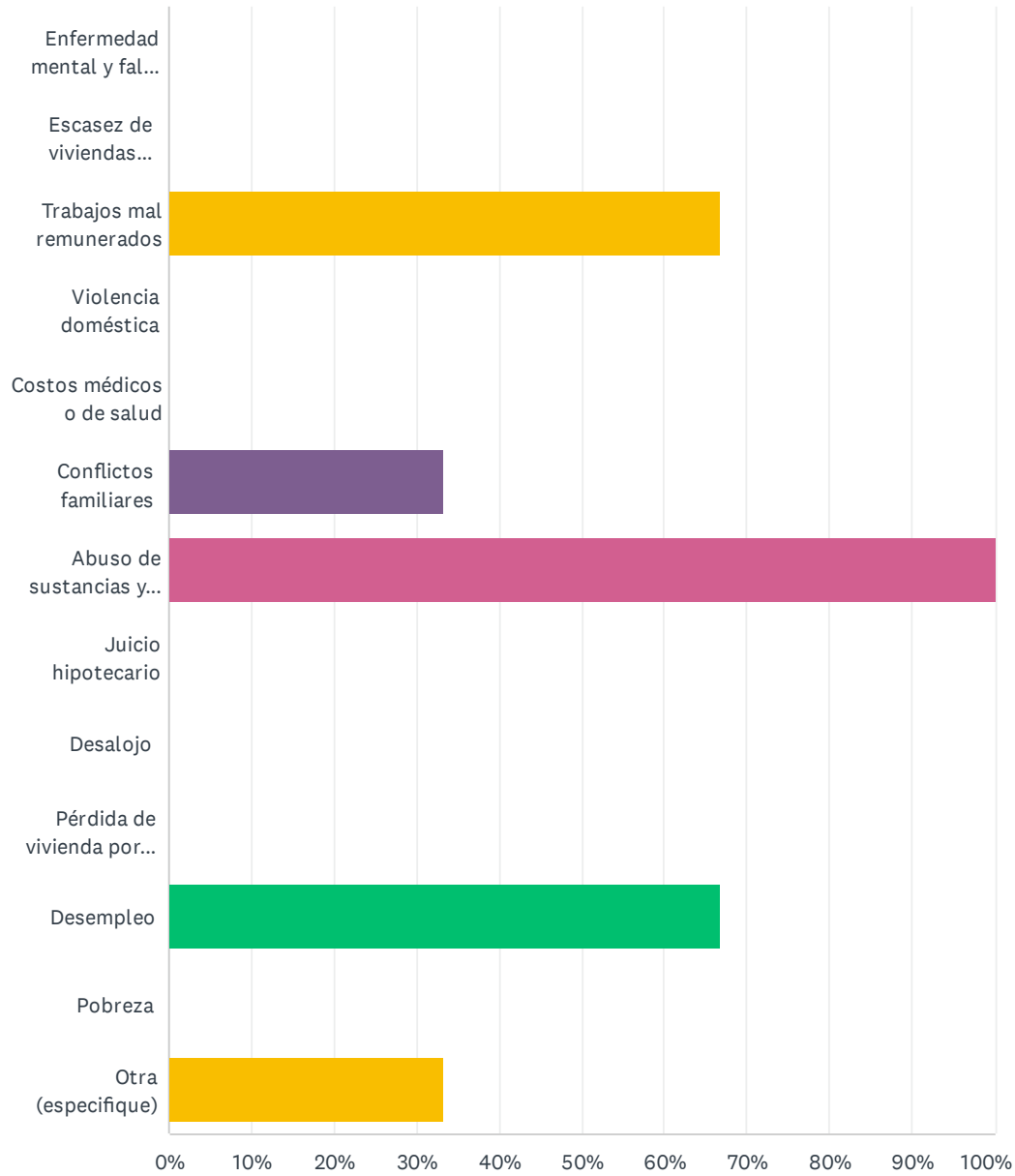
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Enfermedad mental y falta de servicios necesarios	33.33%	1
Escasez de viviendas asequibles	33.33%	1
Trabajos mal remunerados	33.33%	1
Violencia doméstica	0.00%	0
Costos médicos o de salud	0.00%	0
Conflictos familiares	0.00%	0
Abuso de sustancias y falta de servicios necesarios	66.67%	2
Juicio hipotecario	0.00%	0
Desalojo	0.00%	0
Pérdida de vivienda por incendio / otro desastre	0.00%	0
Emancipación en hogares de guarda	0.00%	0
Reingreso de prisioneros	0.00%	0
Desempleo	66.67%	2
Pobreza	66.67%	2
Otra (especifique)	33.33%	1
Total Respondents: 3		

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### Q32 ¿Cuáles son las TRES causas principales de la falta de vivienda entre las familias con niños en su comunidad? (Elija 3)

Answered: 3 Skipped: 1,018

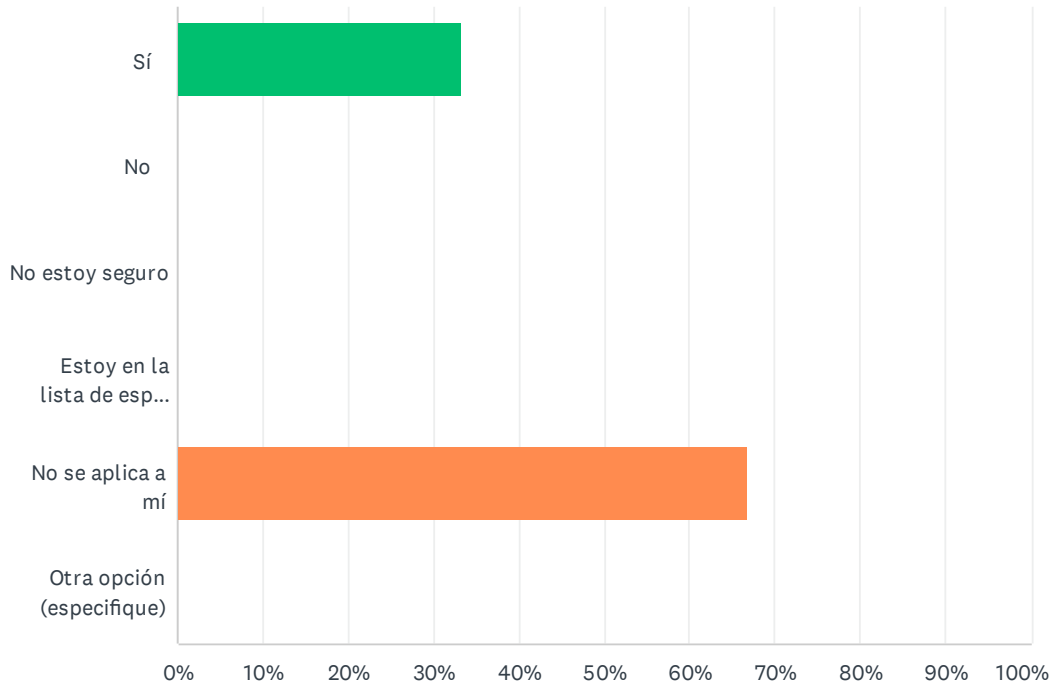


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Enfermedad mental y falta de servicios necesarios	0.00%	0
Escasez de viviendas asequibles	0.00%	0
Trabajos mal remunerados	66.67%	2
Violencia doméstica	0.00%	0
Costos médicos o de salud	0.00%	0
Conflictos familiares	33.33%	1
Abuso de sustancias y falta de servicios necesarios	100.00%	3
Juicio hipotecario	0.00%	0
Desalojo	0.00%	0
Pérdida de vivienda por incendio / otro desastre	0.00%	0
Desempleo	66.67%	2
Pobreza	0.00%	0
Otra (especifique)	33.33%	1
Total Respondents: 3		

### Q33 ¿Ha tenido usted o alguien que conoce dificultades para encontrar alojamiento debido a un cupón de vivienda?

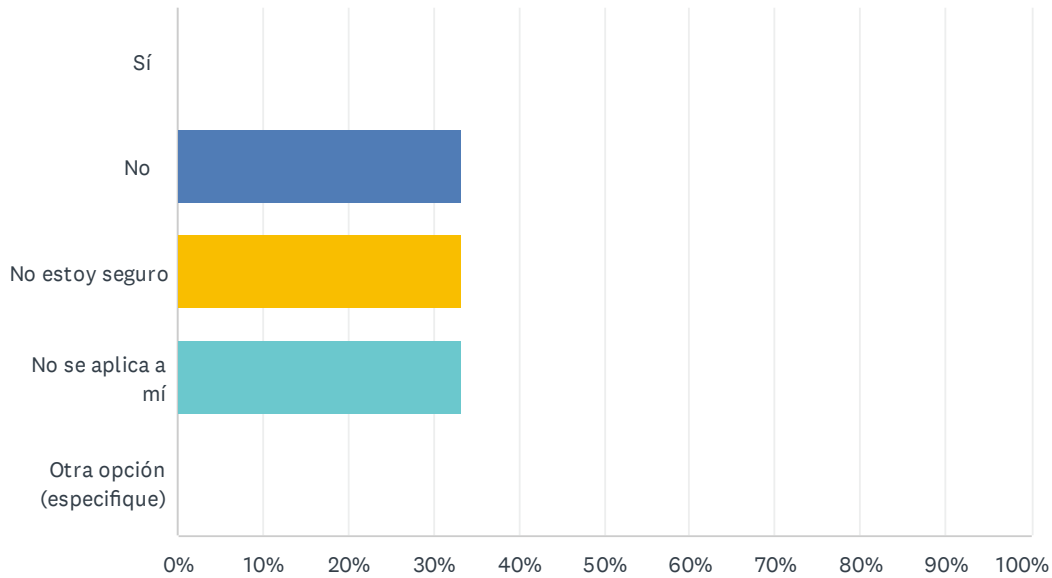
Answered: 3 Skipped: 1,018



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	33.33%	1
No	0.00%	0
No estoy seguro	0.00%	0
Estoy en la lista de espera para un vale	0.00%	0
No se aplica a mí	66.67%	2
Otra opción (especifique)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>

### Q34 ¿Necesita su residencia actual alguna reparación, modificación o cambio importante, como un techo nuevo, plomería o rampa para silla de ruedas, para permitirle permanecer allí el mayor tiempo posible?

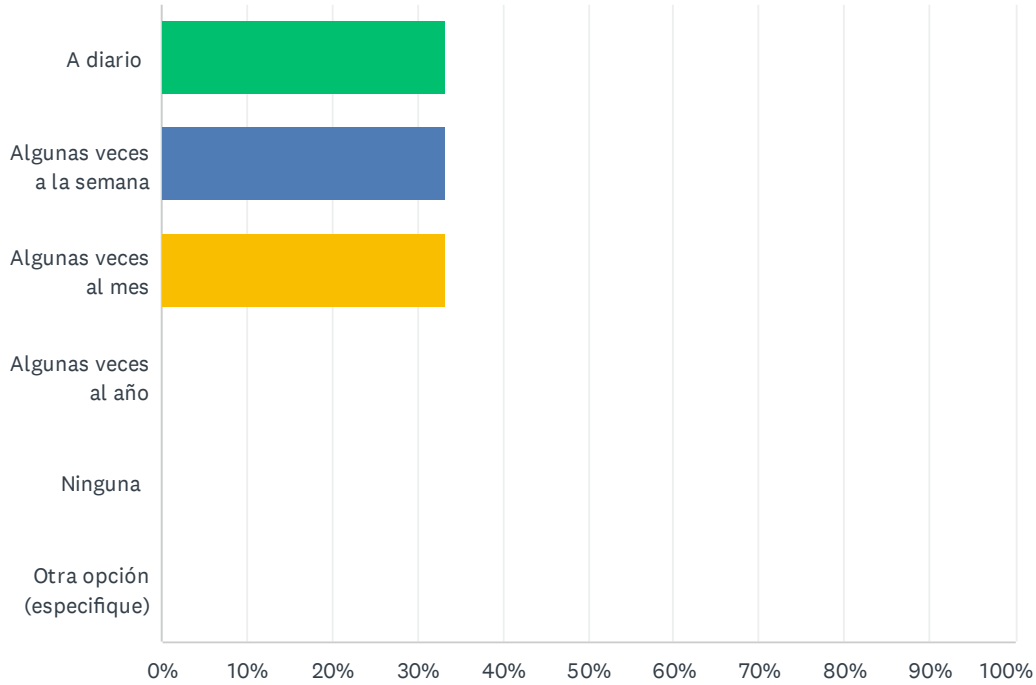
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	0.00%	0
No	33.33%	1
No estoy seguro	33.33%	1
No se aplica a mí	33.33%	1
Otra opción (especifique)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>

### Q35 ¿Con qué frecuencia tiene contacto con familiares, amigos o vecinos que no viven con usted?

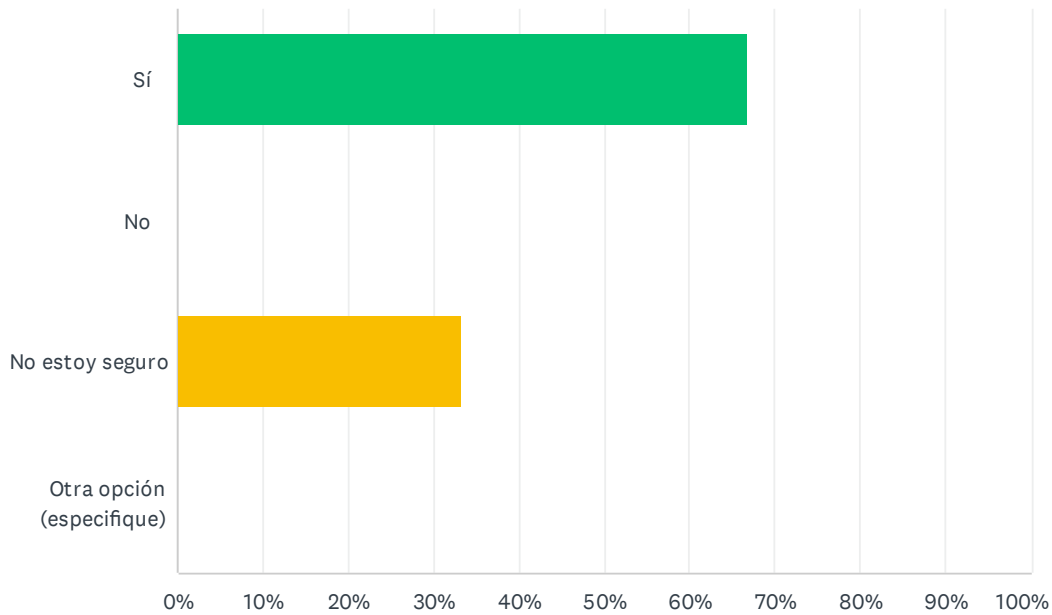
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A diario	33.33%	1
Algunas veces a la semana	33.33%	1
Algunas veces al mes	33.33%	1
Algunas veces al año	0.00%	0
Ninguna	0.00%	0
Otra opción (especifique)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>

### Q36 Si tuvo problemas, ¿tiene amigos o familiares que puedan ayudarle en cualquier momento del día o de la noche?

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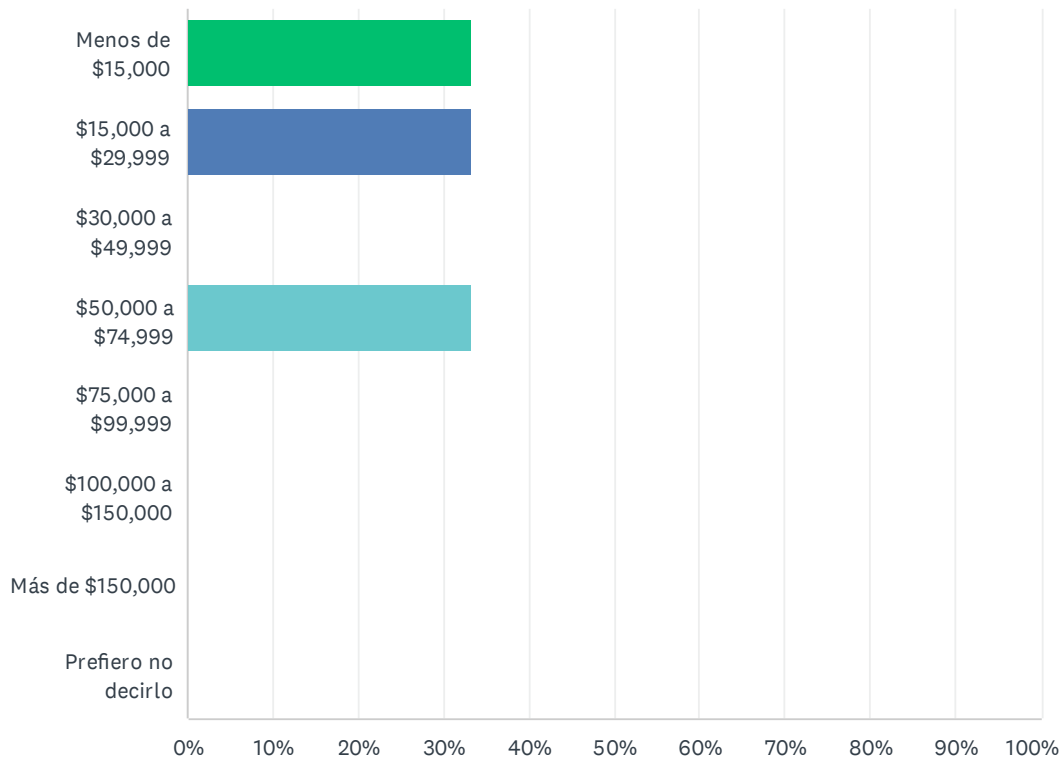


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	66.67%	2
No	0.00%	0
No estoy seguro	33.33%	1
Otra opción (especifique)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>



### Q37 ¿Cuáles son los ingresos anuales de su familia?

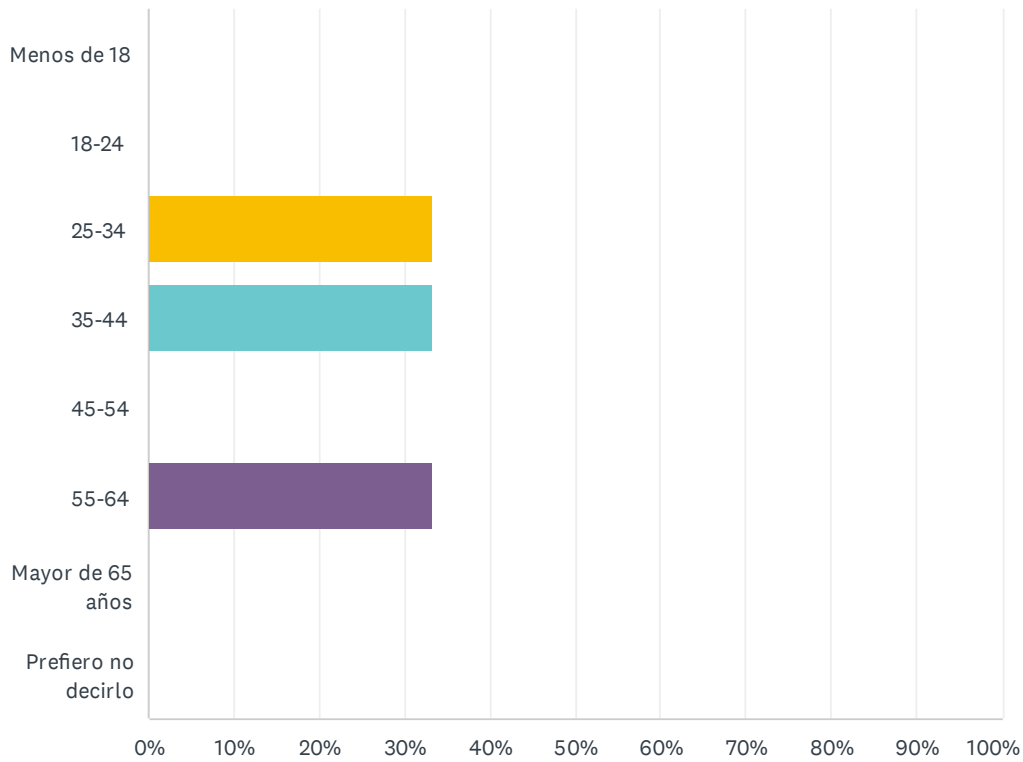
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Menos de \$15,000	33.33%	1
\$15,000 a \$29,999	33.33%	1
\$30,000 a \$49,999	0.00%	0
\$50,000 a \$74,999	33.33%	1
\$75,000 a \$99,999	0.00%	0
\$100,000 a \$150,000	0.00%	0
Más de \$150,000	0.00%	0
Prefiero no decirlo	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>

### Q38 ¿Qué edad tiene?

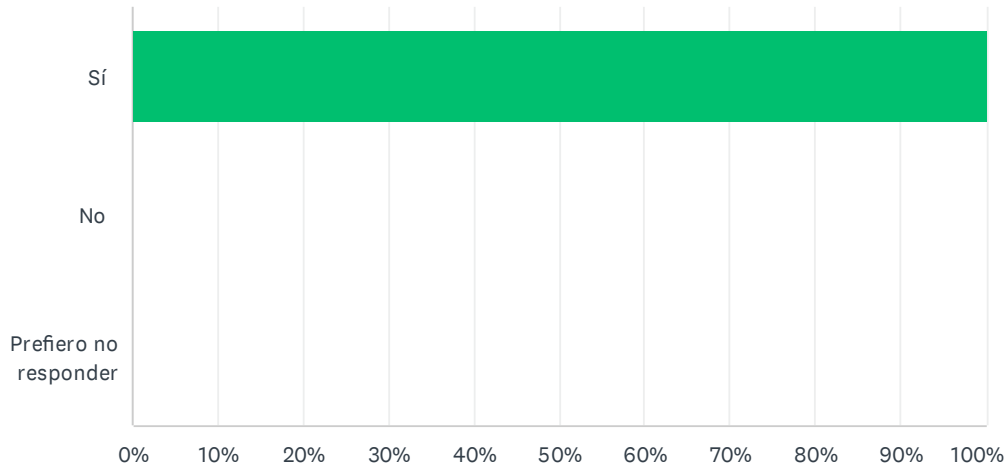
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Menos de 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.00%	0
25-34	33.33%	1
35-44	33.33%	1
45-54	0.00%	0
55-64	33.33%	1
Mayor de 65 años	0.00%	0
Prefiero no decirlo	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>

### Q39 ¿Es de origen hispano, latino, o español?

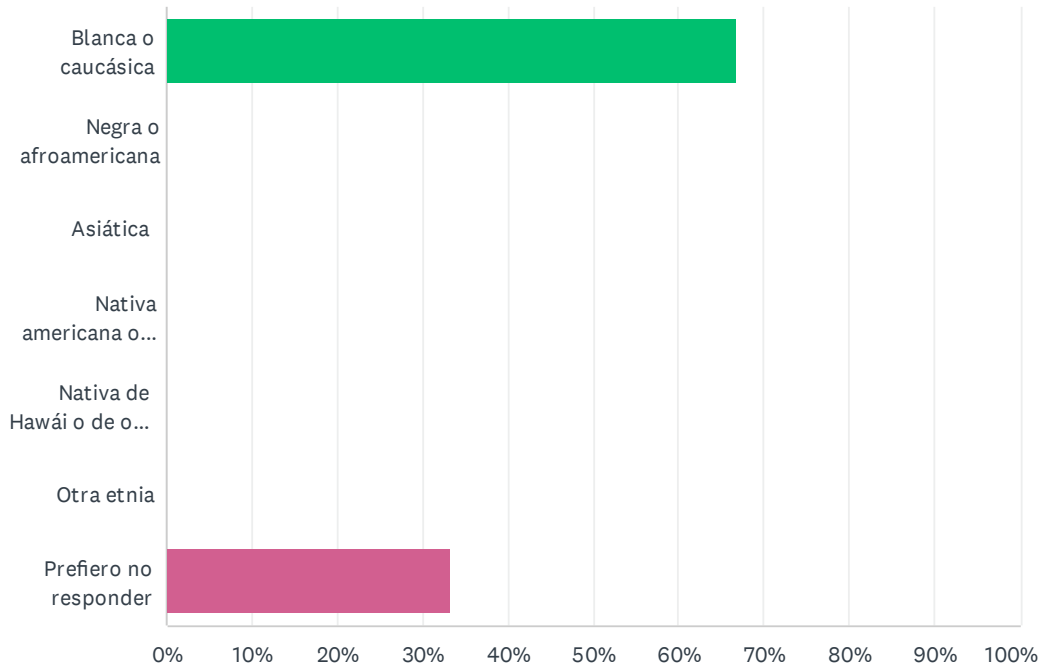
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	100.00%	3
No	0.00%	0
Prefiero no responder	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>

### Q40 ¿Cuál es tu raza? [Marca todas las que correspondan]

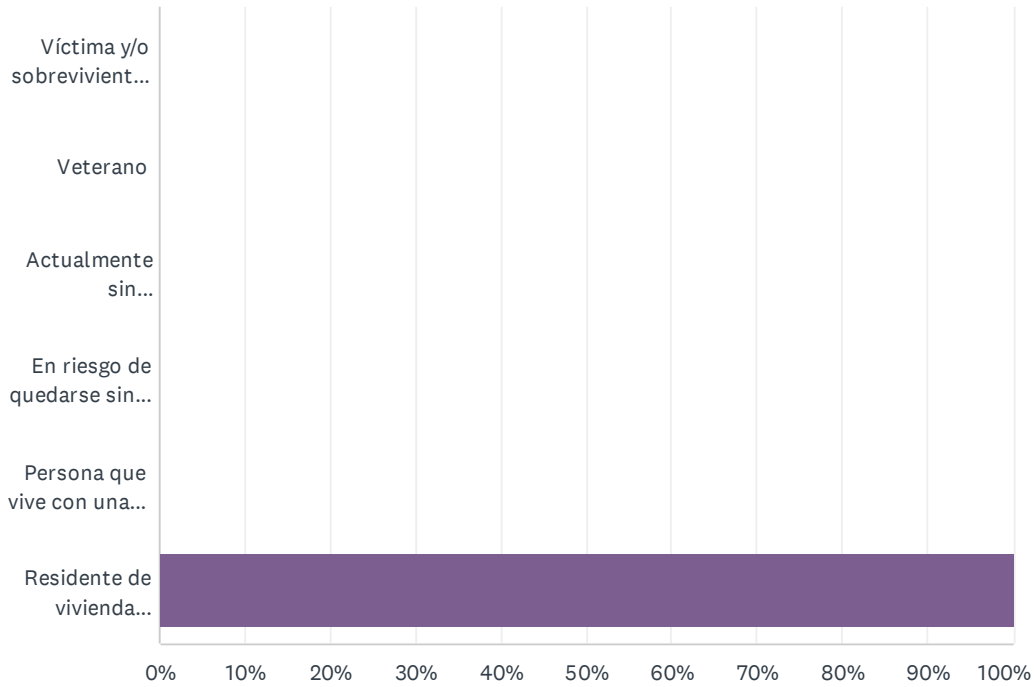
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Blanca o caucásica	66.67%	2
Negra o afroamericana	0.00%	0
Asiática	0.00%	0
Nativa americana o nativa de Alaska	0.00%	0
Nativa de Hawái o de otra isla del Pacífico	0.00%	0
Otra etnia	0.00%	0
Prefiero no responder	33.33%	1
Total Respondents: 3		

### Q41 ¿Se identifica como alguno de los siguientes? (marque todos los que correspondan)

Answered: 1 Skipped: 1,020



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Víctima y/o sobreviviente de violencia doméstica, violencia de pareja, agresión sexual, acoso o trata de personas	0.00%	0
Veterano	0.00%	0
Actualmente sin vivienda/experimentando la falta de vivienda	0.00%	0
En riesgo de quedarse sin vivienda/sin hogar	0.00%	0
Persona que vive con una discapacidad visible o no visible	0.00%	0
Residente de vivienda pública	100.00%	1
Total Respondents: 1		

If you had a magic wand, what housing issue would you fix in Las Cruces?

Open-Ended Response

1. Address the increase of crime and lawlessness that is seriously plaguing our city and making it unsafe for seniors to live alone. Many folks in my neighborhood are afraid to come out of their houses. They are living in total fear. 2. Use the model of the Port Townsend Writers/Artists Conference space to inform your decisions. They transformed an old military barracks in a conference center. Each attendee has a private room and shared bathroom & shower down the hall. This model would allow the city to charge modest rents, such as \$100 per month. The homeless person can keep more of their own money and not be trapped in a system that drains all of their money once a month. The homeless need a quiet, private, safe place to rest at night. They need a warm, comfortable room. Hot meals could be served cafeteria-style in a shared dining hall. The model I'm suggesting means: Keep it simple! The homeless do not need a full-sized kitchen and dishwasher. They would be well-served to have privacy and a hot shower and a bar of soap. 3. A demographic study needs to be conducted on the homeless population in Dona Ana County. We need to know these facts: --Where are these individuals being bussed from? Who is sending them? Why is Las Cruces their destination? --What countries are they from? --Are they alone or part of a particular group? --Do they have cell phones? --Do they have any monetary resources? --Are they trying to get "home"? If so, where is "home"? Can the City of Las Cruces provide them with a FREE bus ticket home? Help them get to their destinations. Make it easy for them to travel. --Where are they trying to go? Are they heading west for jobs? Are they trying to find work in Las Cruces? --How many are veterans? --How many don't have a reliable vehicle? --Should the City of Las Cruces provide FREE bicycle stations so these folks can get around? --Where are these folks using the restroom? If they have no facilities, perhaps the City should consider setting up more Portapotties for the homeless. Sanitation should be a high priority. --How are irrigation canals contributing to the homeless problem? Should all of the local canals be thoroughly cleaned up and fenced off? --Where can a person find up-to-date crime reports? Only 31 of 125 state police agencies actually send their crime information to the FBI database. When will the public see the remaining 94 missing reports? The New Mexico State Patrol is one of agencies failing to turn in its crime report to the FBI. Please post the updated crime statistics in the Las Cruces Sun News so everyone is accurately informed of crime. Note: New Mexico is #1 for kidnappings in the U.S. We come in second place in the country for violent crimes against people. This needs to be addressed. Thank you for your time.

1. Crime 2. Homelessness 3. Substance misuse

2 Things: I think experiencing homelessness and mental health go hand in hand. We have great organizations and resources to place people in houses but if they don't have the mental health support, they will not stay in the houses provided for very long. One magic wand solution would be to provide mental health support along with housing. The second magic wand solution would be to remove a lot of the red tape and barriers in creating and building affordable housing. Recently the city requested applications/bids from the private sector builders to build affordable housing. My understanding is not a lot of applications/ bids were given to the city. Why is this? Because the city has put so many barriers in place that the private sector can't and doesn't want to work on a joint project together. The private sector can build 20 houses for the same price that the Gouverneur can build 10 houses. The current regulations get in the way of achieving the desired result of affordable housing. One last item - the mayor needs to stop shaming those that are experiencing homelessness. Some of the actions he had taken under the guise of "helping" those experiencing homelessness is down right despicable. He's invaded their rights to privacy and furthered the toxic "us vs them (those experiencing homelessness)" mentality within the citizenry. He's not helping, it's actually hurting the situation.

A big increase in multi-family, mixed income rent subsidized housing. A large percentage of folks don't make enough to pay 1000 plus monthly for a 1 bedroom.

A good transition program for homeless people. There is a lot of labor needed (city clean up, agriculture, etc) and a lot of homeless people. A transition program to facilitate housing for work would benefit everyone.

Abandoned houses

Abandoned properties like First Baptist Church on Miranda Street will become safe, affordable housing for individuals, families, and seniors with on-site social services

Access

Access to internet

Access to Internet. Look over new internet options, encourage competition and require higher minimum bandwidth options for less money.

Accessible housing not just for seniors but for all people with disabilities.

Addl' housing for low-income residents and homeless residents.

Address the homeless issue. Address landlord accountability.

Adequate affordable housing for seniors, veterans, students, and families

Affordability

Affordability for everyone

Affordability for safe housing neighborhoods for minimum wage workers

Affordability. I have rented same house over 10 years door wont be repaired because we have a new air conditioner. Paint falling off walls no new carpet in 12 yrs ect my choice have a home to rent or be homeless also increased rent with no home improvements no one is held accountable

Affordable and safe housing for anyone who needs it, along with rent and mortgage assistance.

Affordable and safe housing for seniors, like small individual casitas.

Affordable available housing. The prices for rent are crazy high and there's a shortage.

Affordable housing for ALL.

Affordable housing for bigger families

Affordable housing for everyone as well as assistance to maintain/ repair existing homes

Affordable housing for everyone regardless of their financial situation

Affordable housing for everyone who needs it. I am afraid I am not going to be able to move out of my mother's house because of the increasing housing costs.

Affordable housing for families, assistance for them to find a place, help navigating the system

Affordable housing for first time buyers.

Affordable housing for indigent and poor

Affordable housing for people on a fixed income.

Affordable housing for people with disabilities and seniors.

Affordable housing for Seniors and house our Veterans... period.

Affordable housing for the low income workers with families.Rent in this town has gotten crazy.

Affordable housing for the lower incomes. Laborers, teachers, etc..Make it a requirement that developers need to pay for increased needs of law & fire. Make tiny home or container home communities. They're less expensive to built.

Affordable housing g for purchase

Affordable housing options, better access to mortgage help agencies, etc.

Affordable housing- rental prices have skyrocketed since the pandemic hit.

affordable housing that is clean and safe

Affordable housing!

Affordable housing. I had went to a few of the meetings for a bond that was being given away, many people said some extremely out of pocket things such as spending it on pickleball courts. However, I worked with teens and know that many of them are at risk. That can cause issues later on such as delinquency and crime rates to increase. It would be a good idea to have these kids off the streets in homes or in recreational centers. Our mall is bad, our downtown area is not meant a for teens at all. This results to kids finding other ways to enjoy their afternoons in the streets doing things they shouldn't be.

Affordable housing; enforcement of codes

Affordable low income housing for both renters and home buyers. Especially for families and seniors.

Affordable price range and housing performance and stability

affordable rent to own housing

Affordable rental homes/apartments for low income residents and families.

Affordable rentals for families and young adults

Affordable rentals for families and young people first starting out on their own

Affordable rentals, more investment into Tierra del sol home ownership areas or habitat for humanity homes

Affordable safe housing Transportation Job Opportunities for seniors

Affordable, clean, energy efficient housing for families.

All of the meth houses that are completely uninhabitable torn down, for example the four house on McClure (88007)

All of them

All the druggies to get help Get the homeless out of the middle of town And affordable housing

All the EMPTY SPACES IN THE OLD PARTS OF THE CITY. There is a lot of unused space here, and the City rarely focuses on infill and improving the old neighborhoods that people love. It's a shame to see so much urban sprawl and new building while so much that's already built here goes fallow and is ignored. This sprawl is also extremely bad for the environment, making people rely on vehicles which pollute our air, and disrupting native habitats for our plant and animal species, which even here are decreasing at alarming rates. STOP WITH THE SPRAWL, STOP IGNORING THE HEART OF THE CITY.

All the homeless vets

All the houses and apartments that are abandoned

Allocate necessary funding and zoning to build affordable housing, especially for homeless individuals, from refurbished storage units as seen on Downtown Main St. in order to remedy the homeless/houseless issue and to serve as a model for the rest of the state.

Allow ADU additions to existing homes. I would like a small, simple, basic, 1 story , detached house to live in. There are Not many here. Eliminate gross receipts tax on anything relating to building or maintaining a home.

An emergency shelter that does not have a religious affiliation.

Apartments need a handicapped bath real bad

Area for disabled persons to live in safe environment -

As a citizen from Las cruces I would talk to all business owners that rent to lower rentals . I'm saying these because they demand to much income to get a rental minimum rental wants for tenant to gross 3 times the rent in income so if rental is 1000 you have to gross 3,000 or more to get the rental that is crazy people in las cruces can bearly gross 2,000 a month with. Minimum wage so please sue something about it.

As a nurse ,I see a lot of seniors that worked their whole life, are collecting social security at the lowest rates, and cannot afford housing. A lot of them and up homeless, or living in cars. I think low cost housing, senior apartments,with income based, reduced rent, for the low income elderly, should be a top priority. It is something that is desperately needed in our community.

As much as I would like to help the homeless, the majority of them have shown that they do not care for what little they have and may be beyond bringing back to normal society. I would do bandaid fixes there, such as support community of hope and casa de perigrinos with providing food and and maintaining their current facilities and focus more on treating addiction, poor financial planning and other issues plaguing the community to create a long term solution to leave a better city for our children and grandchildren

At least a safe warm place for homeless people and children to live with warm food to eat

Availability

availability of affordable and accessible housing

Availability of decent homes for rent.

Availability of low cost rentals that are decent to live in.

Availability, and affordability of housing for middle, low and homeless/near homelessness community members. Housing is crucial for the continued growth and sustainability of the community in Las Cruces. Without access that is affordable or available to this basic human need is a barrier for all other areas of economic development.

Available housing for all who choose to have it

Ban roadside camping.

Be tough on crime and clean up the streets of Las Cruces!!!

Better access to long term mental health and drug rehab programs. Work on what's causing homelessness in the first place. Hand ups not hand outs. Thank you!



**Better updated homes for affordable pricing & clear homeless to bring down crime rate and weirdos entering residential homes or yards**

**Better zoning**

**Build "small house" communities**

**build a tiny home community on Amador as well as low income apartments throughout city**

**Build many homes around all parts of town that are affordable or available to low income households.**

**Build or renovate safe, affordable housing for singles, couples and small families in neighborhoods with good schools and access to recreation and shopping.**

**Build single family homes that a middle class working single or married parent can afford. The market is unattainable for the average middle class single income family can afford, which creates a culture where the children suffer great as a parent or parents spend countless hours working to buy a home they can't afford. Truth of the matter is when this happens take home incomes are low, food bought on lower take home incomes is not healthy, kids are less involved in community activities (ie sports, theater, art, etc) until high school when it's easier accessed. So to build a community with future it starts at find a way to build a home that is affordable for that family (one or both parents with children part or full time) who is living on take home income around 35k to 45K, that allows for time spent as a family enjoying this beautiful community we all call home. Townhouses 2 and 3 bedrooms that start at like 130k. There are not starter family homes here, we need that.**

**Build tiny homes for the homeless, all people, not just tent personal**

**Build tiny house communities for "screened and vetted" homeless people. Provide them with assistance for getting VA or disability benefits. Able-bodied residents would be expected to work or volunteer on a part-time basis, eventually gaining the skills to live independently.**

**Build tiny or prefab homes for the unhomed. Also have more emergency housing.**

**Bus tickets to Albuquerque**

**Cheaper rent,**

**Chronic homeless. Repeat homeless that is those who have been homeless more than two times in the past 3 years. Addressing the issues that cause them to become homeless.**

**Chronic homelessness**

**City Support of service agencies such as Gospel Rescue Mission that needs funding for building additional space to meet immediate shelter, food, and social services support to the homeless in the community. Funding is critical to complete their building program. This would help business areas around El Paseo and Avenida de Mesilla to clean up their areas after vandalization and build a bigger tax base for the City. Billboards advertising numbers to call for City assistance and referral to social services would also help as many people don't have internet access.**

**Clean safe affordable places for people to live when times are tough but provide encouragement and support for them to become self reliant. Clean up and repair the roads with attention to climate change and water reclamation. City beautification.**

**Clean up areas of existing housing in some of the central Las Cruces areas. These areas have high crime rates making areas unsafe and less desirable. Crack down on crime**

**Cleanup some of these housing units on Picacho**

**Codes on keeping yards clean and no cars parked on property if abandoned vehicle non drivable.**

**Communal housing like those in Malmö, Sweden. This offers co-housing, where residents have their own apartments. But there are shared communal areas and a community garden. People sign up for cleaning and even shared meals. This is great for people particularly elderly people who are on their own and have little to no family.**

**Community types for people with disabilities. In addition, people who are disabled, have vacant property suitable for building should be encouraged and given knowledge on how to develop with incentives.**

**Complete Lack of ADA housing and enforcement....rampant discrimination**

**Control the housing costs for veterans and seniors.**

**Cost**

**Cost.**

**Create a community with less restrictions and guidelines to sleep in a shelter but add mental health and drug rehabilitation into the guidelines, more shelters with beds, showers, access to laundry services and clothing assistance. Transition from unhoused to houses assistance and counseling**

Create a program for people that own homes but need to do repairs they can't afford that would allow them to borrow. most programs... the working middle class don't meet income guidelines. so where do they go for help? it's only the people with low income that qualify...that's frustrating It's almost like you're being punished because you work

Create moderate rental housing for young "families". A family is a mother, father and children. If they have moderate rentals they will stay together as a family when their housing is reasonable.

Create more affordable housing for people to purchase. Home ownership gets people into the middle class

Create more medium and high-density housing, and ensure it is affordable.

Create more units at a cheaper rate

Curb appeal

Cut back welfare programs force people to go back to work or leave the area. Giving them free stuff encourages free loading. People need to grow up.

Decent housing for all

Decent low-income housing; especially for people on SSI who have an income of less than \$900 a month to live off.

Design a program to help transition the homeless with assistance not just putting them in housing and walking away. They need counseling and rehabilitation along with a decent place to live.

Don't enable homelessness by simply giving away money. Educate so that it becomes less of a problem here.

Drug test and if positive have them go to classes. Volunteer to help community at least once a week. One more thing that if the parents are working or for single parents that are working instead of increasing their rent when they have full time jobs I think they should save money to buy their own home. I notice that me as a single mother I tried working hard to save money to get a home I even got a second job I would work from 10 p.m. till 7 a.m. and go in to my other job from 8a.m. till 1 and what happened my housing rent went up my food stamps decrease so whatever extra money that I was trying to do to build my home for my kids it went to buy groceries to pay for gas it's just frustrating. I'm literally in a room with 3 kids crowded. If I had that magic wand I would have housing save at least 50% of their income and if they come out dirty on their drug test use that money for repairs on housing.

Education to the public, it is their own responsibility to find and afford housing. Don't have dependants that you cannot provide for, especially if you cannot provide for yourself.

eliminate bail reform legislation so criminals that damage property, trespass and commit theft are held personally responsible

Eliminating reliance on natural gas as a fuel source and converting to renewable energy sources

Emergency housing programs and fixed rent housing for seniors.

Employment to be able to purchase a house.

Encourage mixed zoning affordable housing developments with walkable access to work and necessities

End homelessness

End involuntary homelessness with housing program

Energy efficiency

Enforce codes. Why build new when neighbors have trash everywhere, cars in yards, rv's never moving, glass all over street...get control of your city.

Enforce vagrancy laws

Enforcement of the State regulation for residency within 30 days and licensing in this State if the children attend school or live in assisted living within our city!

Enough truly affordable rental housing using universal design principles, whether in new construction or in renovations, to house everyone who needs a home.

Every person would have help keeping their homes livable.

Everybody could live in affordable and nice housing.

Everyone should have a home

Everyone would have a safe and stable place to call home

Expand and or duplicate Casa Peregrino.

Expand downtown and NMSU . Clean up El Paseo . Tear down or remodel abandoned buildings specifically the old movie theatre . Build new buildings in its place . Remove the ban on skyscrapers . Build skyscrapers in downtown.

Expand homeless shelters and tent city. Address vagrancy and corner begging. I don't know the answer. More job and housing programs. Better wages.

**Fair Housing**

Fair process of housing. I have lived my life in NM and the Hispanics get priority in any assistance, jobs, housing, etc. This has never been a fair state!

**Family and senior housing low income access, safety and quality**

Find ways to put more mixed income (including affordable) housing in multi-use development in the infill area. This makes transportation, infrastructure, and inclusion more accessible, affordable, and effective.

**Finding housing for the homeless.**

Fix rundown mobile home parks

For all people to have a home to live in.

For homeless or near homeless.-1-2bedroom studio apartment size

Free emergency adequate housing and food for homeless, with social workers.

Free housing for veterans, disabled & elderly & care for mentally unstable on the streets. Less homelessness.

**gated communities**

Get a job (plenty available) rent somewhere

get all these beggars of the street , homelessness is awful here.

Get homeless off sidewalks trashing our whole city! They need to be in shelters or tent city or getting mental health services! It is not fair to the working taxpayer to not be able to go shopping or feel safe going out because of all the homeless drug addicted causing problems! Also why are they allowed to litter and leave trash everywhere! If I thru out trash out of my car window I would be cited and pay a huge fine! There seems to be no law and order anymore! The homeless are taking over and ruining or businesses! Unbelievable that this is being allowed! Am seriously considering selling my properties and moving! So sad what is being allowed to happen in Las Cruces! 😞

Get homeless off the streets by helping folks in need with housing subsidies and affordable housing.

Get homeless-related crimes reduced

Get real about Vagrancy. Run the bums out of town with my magic wand. Stop spending time, money, and resources on people who are not here to become productive and responsible members of our community. My magic wand would send the mayor and council back to wherever they belong. Anywhere but city hall.

Get rid of corporate landlords

Get rid of the freeloaders !!!!

Get rid of the mayor and city councilors.

Get rid of the mayor and city counsel....amd elect people who do actually care....get rid of all the illegals that are here....we the citizens did not vote to be a sanctuary city....give our veterans first choice for these programs and then our regular homeless and have them go through a program for either education....work....or getting there lives back on track....that's what i would do of I had a "magic wand"

Get rid of the parole housing near schools and have it out by the prison. Having it in town has caused so many problems for homeowners.

get the homeless into something and out of the streets and parking lots bothering everyone

Get the homeless of the street into community housing with supervision.

Get the homeless off the streets

get the homeless off the streets

Get the homeless off the streets. I'm starting to feel like I'm back in NYC or Philly with the increased number of panhandlers in the past year or so.... Same people at off ramps, bugging ya in shopping centers. It's getting worse.

Get the vagrants, substance abusers, pan handlers, and "street" criminals either into rehab or jail. Tired of the petty vandalism and cars being broken into. FUND LCPD NOW!!! Stop the "equity" racism and "social" engineering B.S.

Getting homeless off the street and prosecuting vandals and thieves

Give more resources, home ownership education, credit and income counseling, and representation for very low income, non-english speakers, and immigrants so that they can also own their homes, not just rent from someone

else. I want more New Mexicans, especially lower income and marginalized people, to own their homes so they don't have to worry about the rent going up or getting kicked out.

Give young ppl an opportunity to rent because some of us have the money due to no prior experience we don't get the help!!

Have a housing authority that answers the phone and returns calls.

Have housing for homeless

Have many more simple, safe, efficient units built.

Have more affordable rentals available

Have more nice apartments and houses that take section 8 I myself couldn't find anything that would take section 8 and my voucher expired

Have shelter stations with heat and cots , showers , and coordinated kitchen/ meals from different community agencies. Assign people tasks to get them to help.

Having housing that is affordable and accommodates modern living standards and families.

Having more programs for residents to get educated on how to purchase a home, instead of wasting our money on renting.

Having people respect the properties and not trash them so people would want to build more apartments and not have the hassle of people trying to take advantage. Make it easier to get paid and have a decent wage with out tax I crease so they can afford to rent

Heating and cooling upgrades, demolition of unused/unfixable buildings/dwellings.....removed for new construction

Help for those with less than perfect credit access to housing

Help get a house dose who have us citizen children

Help homeless families with children and homeless that have mental health issues. We are a small community and I feel we could help all our homeless get into some type of good housing.

Help me with affordable housing so I'm not homeless.

Help our homeless more. Stop the red tape when qualifying for housing and rental assistance programs

Help people who are seniors or disabled low income with low cost or no cost to fix homes some are in need of desperate repair that have no windows falling roofs no heating no water no cooling but have no help with sometimes the only income they get are low benefits n food stamps.

help seniors

Help the homeless with housing. Get another Gospel Mission or something for both men and women. Have rehab classes for those who need it, counseling, and other classes to help them help themselves. Put them to work there to live there or something constructive.

Help veterans find affordable housing and help get grants to improve their falling apart homes. This is also important for seniors

Helping homeless that want shelter.

Helping low income families purchase homes

Helping the veterans and seniors and giving them a decent place to live. Many of them are homeless and on the streets which are starting to be over crowded in town. Another main issues is the homeless apartments that have a lot of people with mental issues that are causing issues to the community around them. A better safer place for individuals as such needs to be done for the protection of them as well as our community. The areas 1 of the apartments was placed at the neighborhood is flooded to the point our children cannot be outside comfortably.

High cost of housing

High rent

High rental costs that put low-income people in a difficult financial bind

High rents

Home ownership affordability

Homeless

Homeless added housing solutions, maybe tiny cottages like other cities, or these bigger empty buildings in town used for sleeping or some sort of help for them.

homeless and low income

Homeless citizens would have adequate shelter

Homeless due to mental health issues or drug abuse. They scare me downtown and it's not save for them to live on the streets.

Homeless housing with responsibility for the renters.

Homeless ness

Homeless people and veterans

Homeless support and support for dislocate children and families

Homeless there is not affordable housing

Homeless women and children

Homelessness

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Homelessness (and mental health care access)

Homelessness and people on section-8 housing

Homelessness especially for families. The State DOES NOT provide options for families ONLY single women with children encourages the division of the family unit which is the backbone of society.

Homelessness for the addicted

Homelessness leads to criminal activity. Homeless issue needs to be addressed PDQ

Homelessness, affordable housing for all.

Homelessness, offering outreach and support to find out why the current residents are homeless: addiction, mental health, lack of space/ affordable housing, domestic problems, etc. If we can find out why they're homeless we're better prepared to find the best solution for them and the city.

Homelessness, poverty, crime in housing projects

Homelessness. What a mes our great city has.

Homelessness. Start with tiny home parks to get these people off the street and away from businesses. These people drive down the growth of business and can stifle the economy.

homelessness/access to shelter

Homelessnesss

Homes/housing for the homeless specially for those coming out os skilled nursing facilities, they have no place to go after they complete their rehab/therapies

Homless

Honestly personally where one day I could get a home of my own for my family and call it my own. That's always been my dream

**Honestly the one thing I would definitely change would be.... The requirements alone to be able to rent anything is ridiculous. A lot of the places available require Deposit, 1st month and last month's rent all at once. I'll be homeless forever. I love paycheck to paycheck that in itself is hard trying to survive on.**

**House all the unhoused people**

**House Homeless people**

**House seniors.**

**house the homeless**

**House the homeless**

**House the homeless families**

**House the vagrants in a designated area**

**Housing and support for the homeless**

**Housing and utilities payments assistance to low income families, military veterans, and low income families with children or parent with disabilities.**

**Housing for all Cruceños**

**Housing for homeless and people without a job**

**Housing for homeless get them off the streets**

**Housing for homeless veterans or at least a shelter for them to sleep at night away from the weather elements**

**Housing for homeless, rehabilitation and jobs for homeless, get them off the streets asking for handouts and money**

**Housing for people with serious mental illness that helps them stay housed.**

**Housing for seniors**

**Housing for the homeless**

**Housing for the homeless families**

**Housing for the homeless and mentally challenged, and counseling for the same.**

**Housing for those under 50% AMI.**

**Housing for veterans**

**Housing for veterans in need of a stable housing condition. Housing capability for the ones living on the street.**

**Housing for vets**

**housing for vets**

**Housing for vets and seniors**

**Housing improvement to meet codes, health & safety in both public & landlord owned units.**

**Housing prioritized for Veterans & First Responders**

**Housing the unhoused without judgements! Free Internet and jobs or income assistance for qualified people. Hand Up Programs for those that desire them.**

**Housing would be treated as a human right, which it is under the UN Declaration of Human Rights. All would have access to housing. We would value humanity over profit for landlords and businesses.**

**How can there be a housing issue when there are numerous developments under construction along Sonoma Ranch, RoadRunner, Rinconada, Settlers Pass, Metro Verde, etc.. There's too many new homes on microscopic lots, it brings down the value of the neighborhood.**

**I am on section 8 and nobody will rent to me I have tried homes I've tried apartment I'm homeless now I have nowhere to go because they won't accept housing**

**I believe our city government stinks. They have been putting the wrong half the wrong ideas out for people to talk about it and yet they don't move very fast and I'm sick of this stuff that's going on in our city we have so many many many people that are desperate for housing. We have children that live under the bridges with their parents. Or eighth only at parent some of them can't get to school mini can't get to school they're fighting for food. We've got to change what's been going on**

**I don't have a suggestion here.**

**I don't know**

**I don't understand all the parts of the system, but I would like to see less people living on the street.**

I have been homeless before, I have attempted to hire homeless people at my biss before. The majority I interact with are either mentally ill, addicted to drugs or both. Homelessness is the visual representation of other problems

I have family members that are living in motels because they got evicted in 2020. Apartments here in Las Cruces are very expensive and all the managers charge an application fee which does not guarantee you the place. There needs to be more apartments/houses available here in Las Cruces that are affordable and safe.

I know it's complicated and difficult and it's a problem all over but, our country is in big trouble if we have so many people living on the streets.

I met Zeke Rodriguez when my sister and I were in Las Cruces in September. We both would be interested in 55+ modular home parks where you own the land your home sits on. Zeke indicated there is much red tape to get zoning done, etc. Make it easy and affordable for people like me that are older and can't pay cash for a home. That is a major hurdle for me in looking to move back next year. Townhouses that were selling for \$120,000, 5 years ago have now Risen to \$240,000 to \$260,000. That is out of my price range. A modular home would be an affordable option for me.

I need more information to answer this question

I think a lot of places that are considered "affordable" are 1) in unsafe areas or 2) are trashy and not up to code. I would fix those two. Realistically, the state provides SO MANY assistance programs. Unfortunately, they get taken advantage of and the people who actually need the help can't get it. Generally speaking, a good number (not all) of the people who are homeless do so by choice. I think it's also a person-problem, not just an availability-problem.

I think that with the increase of rain we have seen this season a lot of houses that people with fixed incomes own are struggling with leaks and mold. The City needs a program to help assist, financially, folks who don't have the means to fix their roofs and for mold abatement. Also, we do need more housing, overall.

I would Provide safe space for The outdoorsmen to live.

I would build rehab centers and transition living centers that assist homeless and families in need with affordable housing and social work that addresses the root of the problem - multiple people on the streets with mental health, substance abuse issues and poverty. Target the right type of support by focusing on knowing the need, meeting the needs but also holding these people accountable for helping them selves as well. Attacking the rampant drug issue and helping with basic needs to improve their lives and make our community safer and cleaner for our children and families.

I would build tiny houses because you could get more housing on the property. Some houses for parents with children.

I would cut the regulations and expenses put on private developers and builders so that the market can produce lower cost housing. I would also relax zoning rules to allow for housing in almost all zones.

I would find housing for seniors and veterans and also clear up the homelessness problem which is huge and ongoing

I would fix the homeless situation and the senior citizens and veterans nobody should be homeless

I would fix where tenants have rights to and the landlords or should they say bullying landlords that don't want to fix anything and wanting illegal evict you and then hire the rent and rent to somebody else that doesn't really care. I am still going through an illegal eviction and there is no help either in this town for anything not even the legal aid I made a complaint August 2nd and we're almost the end of October and I still haven't heard from anybody. So you need more advocates to help out people and the homeless people and the low-income people like getting all these little plugs whatever Michelle Lujan the governor got for to plug in the cars with the batteries like we need houses for these homeless people I gave somebody a jacket off my back for them to be warm and a tent and a blanket! I would never jeopardize losing my house and this landlord has violated so much from me! There's no help out there

I would focus on working with the homeless to determine those who want/needs help and those who is content where they are. Mental health plays a role in this as well. Government issued ID is required to get a job. In order to be issued, the applicant must provide proof of residency. We need to find a solution for that first. It's a losing situation for someone to receives a housing opportunity when they don't have any means to pay the bills.

I would get everyone off the street! One of the ways to do that is to put a stop to rapid rent increases. 34 months ago my apartment cost 720 a month. My rent just went up to 1325! No improvements have been done on my apartment.

**I would get the homeless off the streets. Check out Rhode Island's way of dealing with it. DO SOMETHING ANOUT THIS PLAGUE**

**I would give the low class an opportunity to buy a home with a mortgage as low as 300 dollars**

**I would have a homeless shelter built with treatment solutions, clean needle programs, mental health services, and harm reduction.**

**I would have affordable and easy access for drug users to get help. And a living picture why they want help.**

**I would have those currently I. Housing drug tested frequently. Anyone getting provided assistance especially with children need to be clean in order to help make a change for the future.**

**I would help first time home owners buy a house**

**I would hope that all school age children and their families have access to to affordable and decent housing.**

**I would house the homeless first.**

**I would increase the rentals that allow the added security of larger breed dogs for responsible tenants. Affordable rental properties are very often in higher crime areas and a well behaved watch dog is a great deterrent to becoming a victim.**

**I would keep rental properties in the hands or locals.**

**I would like for our elected officials to be honest and LISTEN to the community's concerns and work together to address these issues. As of yet all we hear is them saying hey are investing money. We need leaders to help clean up this situation.**

**I would like to find proper help for those with disabilities, mental health and substance abuse problems as they are the most likely to be homeless**

**I would make a success of the transitional housing invested in by the city before moving on to new projects and investments. Develop a good model and grow it.**

**I would make all the rental prices drop by at least \$300. No one should be paying over \$1k on housing.**

**I would make better affordable homes for families and make it easier for families to buy there homes not just rent.**

**I would make it harder for builders to profit greatly off of the homes they build. People are paying good money to builders like Hakes who use subpar contractors just so they can make the most money on the sale of a house. It's dishonest and many homeowners have no recourse bc most homes are built by the same builder.**

**I would make more housing areas for people with income and bad credit that isn't in bad areas and more affordable housing for families with a 4 or more members.**

**I would make sure everyone has a roof over their head.**

**I would make sure that every child had a home as well as seniors**

**I would make sure that every unhoused person that wanted it could get emergency assistance in the short term and then additional help for the long term. That everyone who wished to be housed could be housed.**

**I would make sure that everyone that needed a home could have one that fit their needs.**

**I would place restrictions on people receiving housing assistance. When monitoring of rules is done, there is less of a housing shortage. There is work for those who want to work but pay is low and rent is high. Priority should go to those trying. Many receive assistance for self induced problems such as drug addiction. Single mothers with children who work, should be a priority. I love to help people get help but not enable them to remain requiring assistance.**

**I would provide residential substance abuse treatment and upon completion with ongoing treatment and drug testing, housing for the homeless.**

**I would ration building permits with a larger number than previously going to affordable housing development.**

**I would remove the drugs from the city . Help mothers and children suffering abuse of any kind. .educate people , pay teachers and officers more money .**

**I would re-purpose empty housing developments south of NMSU (and others) as a fully-staffed and cared for development to house our unhoused community members.**

**I would require that newly-built houses have to be as energy-efficient as possible (e.g. utilizing solar, rainwater capture, greywater recycling for landscaping) with inbuilt chargers for EVs offered as a standard option. I would also put them on larger lots instead of crowding them together.**



I would require that residents be in the legal process of obtaining U.S. Citizenship in order to receive assistance of any kind. U.S. Citizens should be first in line to receive housing and other basic needs assistance. Continuing to fund non-citizens is not sustainable.

I would take local empty buildings and turn them into housing with job training programs onsite.

I would want inflation to stop increasing because I worry that home ownership will be out of reach for too many young people. The high cost of rent will keep them from being able to save enough for down payments.

I would worry less about the transients & focus on housing for working families. Folks need a hand UP, not a handout.

I'd have not allowed Monarch Realty and LCPD to "evict" me for being black. It's all documented in text and video (hate crimes w/ guns + stalking ... on video... included) Now they'll come for my house, but they've already used their token, and they won't get it, except over my dead body. Sounds like a nutjob rant, but the truth is what it is, and I can't help but feel a certain way about it, so there you go. And to think I actually once thought I could let the gov. rent out my house to someone needy (without having to kill me first). oh well

I'd help seniors and veterans find affordable housing.

I'd provide earth friendly, modest, sustainable Hempcrete or Rammed Earth, homes

I'd provide more housing units (apartments and "tiny houses") for singles, families, seniors, and I'd provide funding to staff centers to help them with other problems they may be facing.

If i had a "magic wand" i would trade it in for the ability to source and distribute the knowledge and tools needed to become self sufficient and restore or instill the "Pride of Ownership" and life long values gained through sweat equity.

If I had a magic wand, I would replace the Las Cruces City Counsel. Start taking our city back.

Immediate shelter for current homeless population. Rehabilitation resources and long term support program  
inadequate affordable housing for middle to low income persons

Incentives for landlords and or landlord list with adequate rentals and or create a list of affordable rental housing/landlords.

income based, home and utility repairs for seniors.

Increase affordable housing stock with development and improving current housing stock. Also increase more homeless prevention services and agencies addressing homelessness with funding for staff.

Increasing homelessness

Increasing rent payment

Inflated costs of goods and services, stagnant wages and high interest rates have made it almost impossible to purchase an affordable home

Instead of the city pouring money to help the drug addicts and beggars under the guise of homelessness when it's really a drug addiction/mental illness issue, help the people who REALLY need it because rents are skyrocketing and our utility costs are out of control!!!!

just because apartments are built, does NOT mean that the landlord will keep rent low, and keep the place clean and safe. we need to get current landlords to maintain their properties, safe living conditions, and keep rent decently priced. many places are owned by one or two groups, and dont take care of their places.

Just making it affordable

Keep homeless from camping on streets

Lack of affordable housing

Lack of affordable housing

Lack of affordable rental units.

Lack of housing for those who are already homeless. City Of Hope needs to be much bigger. Tiny homes are a good answer.

Lack of housing for those who really need it.

Landlord accountability with pesticides for clean and healthy environment, drinkable water in Mesilla with testing for carcinogens , EXTRA LOAD BASE MUSIC NOISE PATROL

Landlord greed

Large Homes in nice areas with an affordable monthly rent.

Less lease to suit buildings sitting empty for years waiting to be leased while people experiencing homelessness sleep on the sidewalk outside of them. Dozens of empty business suites in this town, some empty for years, some never even occupied since completion. Yet they keep springing up. Maybe some housing too? But then the rich wouldn't be able to claim all the tax deductions from business losses of all these office spaces sitting vacant.

Less zoning and coding rules More freedom.

Liberal focus needs to be attenuated. Focus on bringing industry here, limit immigration, build infrastructure, limit renewable focus, build adobe homes and offer 50-100 year mortgages to families and descendants (limit sheet rock wood frame homes - talk about carbon offsets).

Limit the amount of properties an individual or organization can own. Also, limit individuals buying up housing to use for Air BnBs.

low availability of rentals and starter homes

Low cost studio apartments

Low income

Low Income Housing

Low income housing for seniors and veterans and group home and programs for the widespread homeless and drug problem.

low income senior housing

Lower all rent in Las Cruces. Expand tent city. Make a community with mini homes. Hold landlords accountable for safety issues, non repair in their properties. For the addicted homeless population - have a program like WA that approaches people daily asking if they want to seek detox/rehab and assist them to get into those facilities. For elderly, homeless - assist in finding out what family they are from and help get them back to their families. ALOT of issues need programs that need to be implemented in Las Cruces.

Lower property taxes. End after 10 years of full ownership. Property tax is theft.

Lower rent

Lower rent costs.

Lower rent or a way for people with low or no credit to purchase a home.

Lower rent prices

Lower rent, and safer environment

Lower rents.

Lower the population of homeless people. They are everywhere. I don't believe giving them free housing is the answer, and I don't think current rental properties should be devalued by the city providing more inexpensive options. I think the biggest thing the city can do is help educate about credit, budgeting, working, saving money, etc. No free handouts. Teach necessary life skills so people can succeed.

Lower utilities

Lower utilities rates

Maintenance of outside the homes, such as yard, better windows, siding. Demolish abandoned homes, get the homeless off the streets and into some type of housing.

Make afford housing for low income people

Make all the homeless and criminal vagrants go away

Make buying a house easier for low income

Make certain areas revitalized to make a look attractive

Make home ownership affordable to everyone

Make housing available to people with disabilities

Make it where working families can own a home. Too many rentals, it seems like many in real estate are taking over. We were looking for property to build or buy a home and the cost was outrageous.

Make rent affordable prioritize seniors and incentives to go back to work

Make single person living affordable for students -- e.g. affordable studio apartments

Make sure every child has a safe and secure structure to live in.

Make sure that extreme low income housing has requirements that people need to meet in order to live there. Such as getting counseling, drug rehabilitation, and accountability for looking for work. If people are not meeting

these requirements, they should not be allowed to live in these apartments. These apartments should not be placed in near residential neighborhoods since most people who currently utilize housing like this attract crime. Or police need to be placed in areas with housing like this and they need to be empowered to do their job.

Make use of so many empty buildings

Make veterans and seniors a priority when implementing any plan.

Making affordable housing accessible for low income residents at < than 30% of income.

Making rental assistance money available without “experiencing homelessness” as a requirement. It should be available to families who are struggling to pay their rent TO STAY HOUSED.

Making sure people with housing aren’t struggling to keep their homes, gas/water, and electricity on. They may not qualify for programs because of the amount of money they make is too much but not enough.

Management

Massively increase rental housing (can we subsidize landlords to lower rents?) and increase Emergency assistance/first-time assistance.

Master planned communities which would require builders to allocate green space, complete sidewalks, and improve quality of life.

Maybe a program that would help me even though I work a full-time job and I still struggle financially to pay my rent and my utilities. Something that won't deny me just because I have a full-time job I still need help

Middle working class help with home buing

Mine

Money is poured into these projects, then 5 to 10 years later, they go to shit because the upkeep isn't there. Rules are always bent or discarded or changed and not for the better.

More accessible services and funding for homelessness

More affordable homes that are small family or single person (2 bedroom 1 or 2 bath). Many new homes are too big before my current needs. Also new homes seem to have terribly small yards despite us living in a desert with plenty of space to expand.

More affordable housing

More affordable housing

More affordable housing

More affordable housing and apartments for low income and homeless

More affordable housing and facilities to help the homeless

More affordable housing combined with wrap around social services to help move people to the next level of housing stability

More affordable housing for everyone.

more affordable housing for seniors and veterans; more penalties for affordable housing residents who are committing fraud

More affordable housing in high crime areas

More affordable housing, use incentives for builders to build infill or where blighted structures are

More affordable housing.

More affordable mid housing that isn't run down and infested.

More affordable newer housing!

More affordable rental housing.

More affordable rental units and more opportunities for younger people to buy starter homes.

More affordable rentals

More affordable rentals also for single, disabled, but not considered a senior, I'm 55 with a terminal disease. No drinking or drugs.

More affordable safe housing. If you need housing mandatory drug testing. Offer help for substance abuse mental health

More affordable small houses with access for seniors in cozy, safe, walkable neighborhoods

More affordable, first home, houses for families.

More affordable, low-rent housing

**More affordable, nice housing**

**More duplexes , triplexes**

**More family friendly affordable housing with spaces for kids to play safely**

**More funds allocated directly to the homeless population and non-profit organizations that work with them.**

**More help for seniors rather than young people who can work.**

**More high density living and commerical with walkable areas.**

**more houses or apartments with very low rent. Some seniors can not afford 5-7 hundred dollars a month . 1200-1500 rent is very expensive also.**

**More housing availability at low cost**

**More housing developments for unhoused populations that include the support they need to improve their overall well-being.**

**More housing for people with disabilities**

**MORE INCOME BASED HOUSING, FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY AND NEED IT...**

**More jobs that pay a living wage. More drug and alcohol programs. More extended education. Small cabin community living for homeless.**

**More landlords taking Section 8 vouchers**

**More low and mid income housing that is well built and is energy efficient.**

**More low income housing or renting. Like havitad community again with with less issues of the income**

**More mental health, drug rehab, job training services and facilities**

**More new developments for seniors and individuals needed purchase of new housing for their families. Have banks or incentives to help families purchase a new home that is well build.**

**More options for addicted homeless-of course this would require them to enter mandatory treatment, which does not seem to be an issue that any municipality is willing to address. The Crisis Triage Center is an expensive joke, sadly.**

**More programs from working class families**

**More programs to partner with investors to help build quality affordable housing**

**More resources need to be added to the building engineering and inspection office. Waiting 3 to 6 weeks for an house inspection is ridiculous.**

**More single resident occupancy housing**

**More supportive services and housing availability.**

**Most homeless are not from Las Cruces. Give them a bus ticket home. Start arresting people for loitering and living on the street. Jobs are available. Work and be a contributing member of the community or leave.**

**Move / require the unhomed to stay in shelters and create additional safe locations for those that prefer to reside in tents.**

**Move out of town**

**Moving the homeless OUT of Las Cruces. I know some are bussed from different towns. SEND them back!**

**My magic wand would make government and their regulations disappear. Let the free-market work and allow adults to go into contract with one another without government involvement. Government involvement should be limited to breach of contract issues only.**

**Need a family oriented homeless shelter. If I had a wand I would clean up the city.**

**Need more single family rent to own homes.**

**New city council**

**No comment**

**No more homeless people!**

**No people living out of grocery carts on the sidewalk. I don't know how it happens but it seems like we could do better**

**Non 'mixed use' housing (i.e. apartments within housing developments.) These do not help many at all, and only decrease the value of the affected house neighborhoods. It's a good idea, but apartments are never taken care of like an 'owned home' is. The stand alone housing then becomes rental housing, further depleting the value of the neighborhood and desirability of staying. I speak from experience.**

None

None

None, people need to work and get off of welfare programs, it is ridiculous how all social programs are generational and getting worse, tax payers are sick of paying for lazy people who don't want to work and have some integrity and self pride,

Not a housing issue but a lack of people wanting to work.

Not housing but roads & sewers vs. septic

Not letting people live in housing they do not take care and being harmful to the neighborhood.

Not sure

Not that easy.

Not to wait for 2 years to search for housing funds. You never know when your suddenly stranded looking for help to have a roof over your head.

Offer affordable housing in the form of rent to own not just capturing these people in the perpetual payment of rent that doesn't get them any closer to owning a home.

Open old unused buildings for use

Our veterans and seniors should be the priority.. they should come first before you GIVE AWAY EVERYTHING for the millions of ILLEGALS

Outrageous increase in rentals across the board.

People are living in old hotels with school age kids, while there are dangerous people around. Landlords have raised rent way too high, displacing families. More low-income housing needs to be built.

People need rent assistance, if the city assists rich business men, like me, to build more affordable housing your making rich people richer, and poor will still not be able to afford rent and utilities

People running businesses in residential areas, the city is missing revenue from these, that could be used for programs.

People should work and earn everything just like I had to.

People who live in hotels are not homeless but they do need help getting out of a room and into a house.

People with animals need more places to go to

Perhaps allowing for additional units to be built on existing parcels that already have homes but also have large enough land to accommodate an additional home, like a tiny home. However, hand in hand with that must be greater attention to streets and roads to accommodate increased density. I have a senior friend who has a state retirement but who cannot afford rent anywhere due to healthcare bills she's also paying off. She has a disposable income for rent of about \$450 per month. Maybe a tiny home subdivision to accommodate people like her. Not sure.

Place a cap on the skyrocketing rent. My one bedroom apartment has nearly doubled in price since I first moved in five years ago. Many of my long term neighbors have left the complex because they cannot afford to live here any longer.

Places that have available space ex retreat holy cathloic place during Covid they could had those rooms filled empty places can be setup for the homeless abandoned houses

Poor leadership, oversight, housing authority corruption, and the communication breakdown.

Predatory pricing on rent and inability to purchase homes based on credit. This whole system needs an overhaul

Pricing more affordable.

Probably the need for rent control.

Programs to help work towards home ownership

Proper housing for the homeless and seniors.

Provide affordable housing for eligible workforce residents earning low and moderate income access for first time homebuyers, neighborhood revitalization thru providing eligible owner occupied housing rehab, low cost rental housing for older semi-independent seniors on fixed income, neighborhoods clean-up, strength neighborhood security and address the several vacant deteriorated commercial buildings causing crime and deflating values of surrounding properties. City offer flexible incentives for new businesses to occupy vacant commercial buildings. City leaders improve procurement of new employers to provide jobs and use vacant buildings and in-fill land in

existing older neighborhoods. Use the planners and residents to initiate a revitalization strategic action plan with regular follow up.

Provide affordable, safe, drug-free apartments for senior citizens and homeless.

Provide another Tent City so the houseless will not be pitching tents everywhere.

Provide funding to build large tract mobile home villages for the needy. There's no shortage of land around Las Cruces. I'd make the lots large, 1/4 acres, two garages, so folks could feel like they had a life and space, not living stacked on top of each other. Mobile homes are inexpensive to purchase, especially if the city ordered 500 of them, even less money.

Provide more affordable rental units with utilities included

Put a cap on rent. I was paying 1100 at copperstone apartments when we moved in 8 years ago. It's now almost 1700.00 and no upgrades to justify such an increase.

rampant discrimination towards the disabled..no ADA compliance.....roll/walk in showers for all seniors

rebate on utilities for conservation - don't like paying for wasteful trash users.

Reduction of subdivisions that don't have required electrification of and gated communities unless they have public housing on the same street. NO public housing unless they have public transit within 1 block to help the large families that use the highest amount of public assistance.

Rehab existing housing.

Relocate all public housing for single occupants to the west side of town, off West Amador, closer to the Community of Hope, and closer to the Dona Ana Detention Facility, and OUT of established neighborhoods. They would be closer to the services that exist specifically for them, and unable or less able to destroy / inhibit the fundamental right to live peacefully of the families in areas within the vicinity of the public housing projects. There's much more available land / property opportunities to choose from, and would solve the main issue that everyone is having with these facilities. Move them OUT of ANY established neighborhoods. There's an abandoned gas station on the corner of Amador and Valley, develop on that property. Just move them away from already existing neighborhoods.

Remove stupid regulations

Remove tents from streets and city.

Renovating abandoned buildings making them accessible to homeless individuals with a minimum rental charge until they get back on their feet with accountability like drug/alcohol testing in conjunction with rehab services.

Making children/ seniors a priority.

Rent control Stop raising rents for seniors on a fixed income.

Rent control to help tenants with keeping affordable housing.

Rent control, landlords have no cap.

Rent control. My rent went up almost 25% when my lease renewed. The complex not only increased the rent but then cut security costs.

Rent controls

Rent controls, for profit speculators, predator landlords.

Rent prices and gentrifiers

Rent prices and having to use credit to buy a house. If I can afford a consistent 10 years of \$1200-\$1500 in rent then why wouldn't I be able to afford a mortgage? We fix most of the problems in our rental on our own anyway because we cannot depend on the landlord and our kids come first. Ugh! So frustrating.

Rent prices need to come down, rent is astronomical and it's putting average working citizens on the streets. I've always worked two jobs and have a retirement and am unable to find an affordable home to rent. Me and both my pups had to sleep in my truck for two weeks because of the emergency need for affordable rental houses! Shame on this city for not having solutions to so many issues happening here. This city is going to shit in a hand basket because there is no interest on anyone's part to get these issues under control. Get this Mayor out and anyone else that does not see the problems here!

Rent to high

Rent to own program for low income and bad credit so everybody could afford to have a home rent is way more than a mortgage payment all I got to say

Rental help for seniors. And getting homeless off the roads and private properties.

**Rental Housing, I would make more houses available for rent or build more complexes**

**Rental prices..purchase prices and reasonable rental criteria for the City of Las Cruces with reasonable income criteria**

**Rentals affordable**

**Renters shld be responsible for its upkeep**

**Rents would reflect actual income..\$1000 a month for one bedroom is ridiculous**

**Repair and make homes owned by seniors and low income working people more energy efficient and safer.**

**Repair the abandoned and run down houses within the city.**

**Research tiny homes at an affordable cost, making rental properties more affordable in safe areas.**

**Restore abandoned houses, build new housing in noncongested areas close to groceries and buslines. Use background checks of some sort to avoid rentals becoming drug or gang houses. Not that related to homelessness but on my street the landlords don't seem to care.**

**Rezoning conditions (use) to allow inclusion of Accessory Dwelling Units in traditional Single-family zoning districts.**

**Right to privacy, and better schools**

**Run down areas / empty commercial buildings rezoned / destroyed to make way for housing. Example: W.Picacho corridor. Too many owners allowing their commercial buildings to decay.**

**Run down areas. Renters and homeowners can do more to clean up and de-junk the property they live on. No excuses.**

**Safe affordable housing where homeowners have a stake in the game. Investment Incentives to make a great neighborhood**

**Safe homes for homeless and those in need**

**safe housing, for single women, affordable, with kitchens and bathrooms that work and have some style,**

**Safe temporary housing and public toilets for residents and transients who are unhoused and living on the streets and in irrigation ditches. Community of Hope and Gospel Rescue Mission cannot possibly care for ALL the recent influx of needy people. They are, however, a good example of what can be done. The City needs MORE places like these made available. I believe temporary housing is the most urgent need at this time. Whole families camping out in irrigation ditches is just not right. We can do better than this!**

**Safe, affordable housing for those in need.**

**Safe, affordable housing to buy and rent. Many of the overcrowding living conditions could be mitigated simply by having more affordable housing available.**

**Safe, clean, up to code homes for every resident, whether apartments, houses, duplexes, townhouses. It is heartbreaking to see so many people displaced and having to sleep wherever they can find space, never knowing where they will have to camp, if they'll be made to move, and always vulnerable to the potential for being robbed, mugged, or beaten. Times are hard, I wish for a safe home for everyone, a place to sleep, cook, have the opportunity to bathe and do other bathroom necessities. We all are in this together, we all need each other, and frankly, we all need a safe space to call home.**

**Security and safety of existing housing and family's.**

**Send homeless else where or prosecute for the crimes they commit ..stop giving free everything on tax payer dime**

**Senior**

**Senior housing.....**

**Seniors and vets. Handouts are nonproductive to the able bodied**

**Seniors housing/ living conditions**

**Seniors need assistance with housing issues. I lived and worked as a teacher here for 11 years and do not qualify for any assistance!**

**Seniors, veterans, and families should receive housing assistance. The unemployed homeless should be last on the list.**

**Shelter for homeless women and children**

**shelter for people living on the streets**

**Specifically for homeless men, women seem to have so many more resources available especially if they have children**

## **Stable, safe Housing for everyone who needs it**

**Start with the homeless problem. Allow more single person residences to be privately owned/rented. Right now the city/county/state spend millions on solving the homeless problem when simpler solutions are cheaper and more effective. New codes to allow this to prosper in Las Cruces. Call it tiny homes or whatever. 300-600 square feet units are needed. The target would be to have smaller dwellings available with new codes and not county/city owned. The city/county pay way too much to achieve simple housing. We have only 1500-2000 homeless in LC. We should not be paying millions to help. Next I would recommend removing the 3 bedroom requirements when a family has 2 kids. My understanding is when a family has two or more children the family must have 3 bedrooms. If this is true, this forces many out of the ability to fund the higher rent cost. The family should have a say on what is best for their family and not the state/city. I would try to mirror much of what Houston TX has done to solve the homeless problem in that city. Their focus is to place as many homeless as possible in their own place and not in camps/tent cities. Houston tries to know each homeless person and give a helper to that individual. Some are beyond help and should be removed from the streets as they create a threat to the community. Many simply need mental health help and some should be institutionalized. The number is not large but their affect is large and disturbing. The goal here would be to help make LC a better place. We have the funds to do this and a good start is to help those on the streets to get them off the streets and into care. It is cheaper to set up those in need of housing actual housing and not all the programs that are expensive and do not give a base. Many homeless need a base.**

**Start with the homeless which are increasing, then seniors who need assistance, then other low income-families First, then singlés. Migrants who crossed illegally last. We have to follow the law-they should too! Think down the Road at least 20 years as to what kind of Differences this will make in the community and plan toward the best options.**

**starter homes would be affordable for families to get them out of trailer parks**

**Stop allowing contractors to build houses with small lots and forcing them to clean up everyday after working as they are responsible for trash throughout neighborhoods.**

**Stop focusing on housing JUST for low income people. The housing developers will inevitably try to recuperate the costs by building two or three high-end homes for each "affordable home" that is being mandated to be built. This will leave the middle class with less choices. The middle class pay taxes too and deserve representation. Let the housing developers do their jobs. For example, don't mandate that new homes must be "green homes" these are expensive and the materials (for solar panels, for example) do more damage to the earth when the materials are mined.**

**Stop giving handouts to people who can work. There are several jobs available. Maybe a better program to help people apply for jobs and incentives for staying employed. Maybe then, people can afford housing.**

**Stop improving parts of las cruces that only benefit homeless people, help people that go to work every day and try and make a living. Improve those parts of town!**

**Stop landlords from raising rents \$200 or more. Tenants are being raped in rental costs. More affordable housing and financial assistance**

**Stop making Las Cruces an attractive destination for homeless people all over the country. Housing assistance should only be for NM residents with a veterans preference.**

**Stop paying and helping those that choose not to work or contribute to the betterment of Las Cruces.**

**Stop the greed and gouging on rental costs. Rentals should be cheaper than mortgages. This is how young people/couples get ahead. Live and let live.**

**Street improvements need more priority than housing. Too much emphasis on homeless who don't want help and want to live on the streets. Quit wasting time money and resources**

**Substance abuse programs to help homeless people with addictions**

**Sufficient options for emergency and short term shelter so that no one is ever completely unhoused.**

**Support for the unhomed and mentally ill. Drive down Picacho. It will be hard to attract business investment in our community if the housing and health needs of the poorest are not met.**

**Take better care of low/ fixed income homeowners who GET NO HELP FTOM THE CITY, but pay the lions share of the tax burden! Stop free housing to illegals!**

**Take the empty buildings and turn them into temporary housing and counseling for the homeless.**



Tear down Robert's Ruins on McClure. Three lots to build on or create a safe park for neighborhood. Or community gardens.

Tear down,

Temp/transitional communal housing. Employ tenants in clean-up, landscaping, tree stewardship to income-support the transition.

Temporary housing and assistance for the homeless, like the City of Hope.

Temporary housing for qualified homeless people so they can get a job and back on their own two feet. Perhaps businesses can sponsor corporate apartments for the program.

Temporary shelter for people camped on the streets

Tenants/housing agencies for the city and state. It's criminal that LC has no helpline for people facing homelessness or illegal behavior from landlords. We were taken advantage of by a predatory landlord when we moved here - turns out they have illegally evicted every tenant they've ever had and framed them for damages. We had to get a lawyer (as a couple of students) to defend ourselves even though they have multiple cases decided against them with prejudice. These people flourish here because the city does nothing and the local housing agencies that are responsible for educating tenants on rights and laws will not even pick up the phone or return a call or email here.

Tent cities along city roads.

Tents to rents

That they would offer some tickets for hotel to stay at or offer work to make some income

The ability to find low income housing for large families

The access to funding for people that have children and no drug decency because i cant get any help because im not a drug addict so none of the fee pla es ive been sent to for help refused to help me because i dont have a drug promblem so my son sits in a foster home then with me

The biggest issue is the politicians. Most of them were born with silver spoons and do not have a TRUE understanding or compassion to truly fix the problem. They have the power to initiate change, However keeping the wealthy residents happy is where their time is spent.

The blame and scrutinization of the low income and impoverished citizens of the community.

The city forcing the cost of extension of utilities and street lighting onto individuals who are trying to build affordable housing for themselves and their family. Also requiring the improvements in order to subdivide which puts the burden on one family trying to get subdivision approval. Housing is expensive as it is. Now building materials are expensive. And then individuals are expected to pay to extend utility services that the city will profit from. It's shameful to treat your community members this way.

The city won't waste its time to help its community. Magic Wand? I'd say to make affordable rent, more stress and squeeze put on land lords, allow incentive housing for homeless and rehabilitation services. If the homeless don't get employment after housing force community service via contract.

The city would immediately have about 2,500 units of affordable housing for single and multiple dwellers.

The cost of housing and the availability of it. We may need to put in rent freezes so that people aren't getting priced out or pushed into homelessness because of it.

The current homeless issues (and opinions of those who think it's people like "mentally deranged" who don't deserve housing).

The development of affordable housing through a combination of a non-profit with a profit developer with experience

The disproportionate amount of homelessness caused by a lack of mental health resources and/or substance use/abuse. People need access to supportive services that meet them where they are.

The excessive cost of rental housing in a city that cares more about plastic bags then it does about housing. This city is falling apart very quickly, worse and worse by the day. Rental homes are outrageously overpriced and the majority of this town is low income and cannot afford \$1800 for a 2/3 bedroom home, \$1400 for a 2 bedroom apartment, that's crazy. These people are driving people to homelessness, starvation and crime to survive. Something has to change now!

The fact that I can't afford to put my small family in an affordable home/apartment because of rent prices being so high.

The high cost of rent and lack of landlords that will take vouchers. If you get a voucher so you can get an affordable decent place you can't find a landlord that will take them.

**The high rent prices! This town has been overpopulated but not enough housing units! the fees for background checks!! In the meantime, because of illness's Open a center for homeless to wash and sleep, to keep us ALL healthy!**

**The Homeless**

**The homeless drug addicts. They don't need houses built for them-they need rehab and intense therapy. Spend More money on mental health resources.**

**The homeless issue is getting worse every day. According to most calculations, the homeless rate in Las Cruces is twice than that of El Paso.**

**The homeless population has tripled and with tent city being closed the loitering is out of control. Build a tent city away from downtown and residential neighborhoods. Tent city served its purpose when it was open without putting a financial burden on the taxpayers.**

**The homelessness**

**The homelessness issue in relation to the vagrants vandalizing businesses and stealing from homes. Just look at the Las Cruces community watch fb page. EVERYDAY someone has a stolen truck, car, people trying to break in and more. Then there is that pyro that was caught and then released just 24 hours later and then went on to light another building on fire. Housing alone will not fix this issue. It needs police, it needs mental health services, it needs a consistent response so that we do not end up like Albuquerque.**

**The housing On Picacho. Those places have so much trash outside of them, I can't imagine what it looks like inside. These are extreme fire hazards as well as eye sores to the community**

**The Hwy 70 entrance onto Picacho is absolutely an EYE SORE. Probably one of the UGLIEST parts of run down Las Cruces next to the transient home of vacant businesses on El Paseo. If we're trying to actually "recruit" businesses & new homeowners, those areas absolutely MUST BE CLEANED UP!!! We've already got the Federal Half-Way house, which by the way is probably the best maintained Bldg on Picacho. All the rest need to be torn down & affordable housing needs to be built there. El Oaseo is just pathetic. It makes us sad as property owners. My husband was born & raised in LC & I relocated in 1985. We've lived in the Alameda Depot Historic for 40 yrs. If all the City Council members can't come up with appropriate solutions & the budgets to support them, we SERIOUSLY need to look at our priorities!! A long standing problem that LC has had since the 80's is RECRUITING Businesses that will employ our college graduates with competitive pay. We own many rental properties, but we suffered terribly during COVID when Tenants figured out that "they didn't have to pay rent", & we couldn't evict them. All these recent decisions have created an absolutely DEPENDENT society depending on hand outs every month what ever happened to the two year Welfare limit?The longer we allow people to suck off the system, we are part of the problem, NOT the solution. We need to build more PUBLIC housing with NO TAX INCREASE. The state is absolutely FLUSH with COVID money. Write a big grant, get the \$\$, sun it out & build some shelters!!**

**The issue I would try to fix is the large number of homeless people in this city that desparately need help and appear to get ignored.**

**The key is that I am a private citizen. What I would fix should have NO standing in what the city should do. The city is NOT a nanny for the entire town. Almost everything on this survey list is things that a government entity has no business meddling in. Stay out of the business of saving the world and do your actual jobs. This is ridiculous**

**The lack of missing middle housing. We need a wider variety of housing types and price points in the housing market.**

**The over priced rents.**

**The price gouging and inflation, lack of affordable housing, create protections from landlords and application fraud.**

**The prices and rental owners/management raising a rent and taking advantage of people in a town that no longer tend to their community safety or apparently doesnt care anymore. Now we just have working class busting butt for money hungry people that won't give raises, trying to afford rent while watching people pile in houses in nice neighborhoods with multiple families because either it's too hard to live as a single family in one home now even with both working with inflation or theyre being paid by the government or because they qualify because they dont want to work or they are college kids, or refugees from the past two years somehow living in fancy parts of the neighborhood as a single family while the local family struggles. Then we get surprised with higher rent when it's already difficult even if we do work on the house and keep it spotless unlike some tenants based on "other people are raising it too" when in reality, it doesn't need to. And the town let's it be then gives us a program from the government that makes us rely on then even more when they have control of everything due to the passed few**

years already. So...what would I do? Make it affordable and stop trying to imitate California, this place only resembles it by the crime and now prices. Turn the other way, make living here affordable for single families something attainable and to look forward to, not a place where good families leave or stay away from because they don't have a chance and notice the crime forming in once nice neighborhood with the packed houses of criminals breaking up the huge rent bill. Unless this is being done on purpose...then by all means, I guess I filled this out for no reason. Do your thing.

The prices for homes are at a ridiculous high. Also, there are too many homeless persons on the street. They need mental/health/drug rehabilitation. As well as housing assistance. It's very evident when driving down Picacho Street, Main Street and Amador.

The prices of rentals. They are becoming unaffordable. Also rental history used as a factor for home loans. My husband makes more than enough money to buy a home but can't because of medical bills. Buying a home should be a basic right.

The problem does not have a solution because like Healthcare and Education, Housing has become the cash cow of Banks Wall Street and financial speculators

The State's refusal to give any incentives to builders/ investors who are willing to consider putting up affordable housing. The state wants market value prices for the state land AND refuses to give builders/investors any tax breaks!!! It seems the State of New Mexico is one of the biggest problems of the affordable housing issue!!!

The sudden increase in housing costs that has caused people who were able to maintain an adequate home to be evicted or unable to pay higher rents.

The tents all around town.

The truly needy will be taken care of!

The working poor should be a primary focus they're the ones that are paying the most in taxes. And senior citizens making sure they have an adequate safe and secure home.

There are a lot of abandoned/neglected properties around city center that could be rehabbed and rented or sold aimed at low income families. This along with more funding at Camp Hope for drug and financial counseling, bridging the gap for homeless to housed, job initiatives to help train and connect to jobs, and halfway housing until people can save enough to afford the costs of setting up an apartment. All of these programs are ways to lift up those who are struggling currently to get back their lives. So many of us are one paycheck away from homelessness, and it's even more true in New Mexico.

There are many options already for the homeless. Get them off the street and to the shelters.

There are many rentals listed as available on internet sites for Las Cruces. The city has a problem with attracting vagrants with drug and mental issues, people lacking work ethic and some taking advantage of freebies city and nonprofits offer. Need more than a wand to fix.. Just as many in detention center as animal service center ...crime is terrible no longer want to go downtown or east of 1 25 or even the mall now ...keep this up and won't have to worry about housing no longer a best place to retire Destination very sad was a nice place to live

There needs to be some immediate facility to house/counsel & assist the homeless.

They need to focus on helping people on the waitlists we've been on it for years and some of us have no choice but to wait when we are in actual need I've called in desperation with my baby and they've told me there was nothing they could do I just have to wait for them to go down the line .

This is a thing that requires a balance of empathy and enforcement that is really hard to manage. Do we have a homeless task force that is out there talking to people, guiding them toward help? What kind of outreach is being done with this community? All I can see on our city's website is a handful of local resources. Arresting them if they don't go to a shelter is not fixing the problem: it's putting them in a system that further dehumanizes the individual and breeds resentment while impacting their mental health. And everyone who says things like "let's force them out of the city." What about people with kids in school? What about people who have family nearby? Not everyone who's homeless is a junkie, tweaker, or freak. (Those are people too, by the way.) I'm not saying we need to do the full Helsinki "Give people a home when they need one immediately" thing, but there has to be a way to help these people while allowing citizens to feel more secure.

The housing not have to be on a two or longer year wait list. Work w the availability of the program better.

Tiny homes for homeless!

Tiny homes for the homeless including mental health / substance abuse treatment.

Tiny homes might work for more of the homeless population ...a tiny home community.

Tiny house communities for Veterans and Seniors. Tiny houses would be low cost, low maintenance, communities would make for a safer space. There could be healthcare and small grocery or Dollar stores in the community within walking distance. Provide incentives for builders to build these Tiny houses, and to use green resources.

To lower the rent for people who don't make enough money to live

To make more 1 and 2 bedroom apts. for disabled persons, veterans and seniors.

To provide mental, physical, emotional kick butt Doctor 🏥 s nurses to help the homeless people and there families as a unit or individual, and for them to have some sort of shelters, a section for single men, a section for single women, a section for family units, a away from drug addicted single men, a section for drug addicted women where they can have a schedule for Doctors 🏥 appointments that helps them with there problems. Shelter s like these small sheds with insulation a functional toilet 🚽, a shower 🚿 head with drain, a sink and a bed 🛏 like the inmates from jail would be great with a small A/C, and small heating system, 1 electrical cord. A kitchen facility like when we had in home economics in jr. High several sections of kitchen electric stoves with ovens a microwave pans, utilities placed were each item belongs, so they can wash clean after themselves afterwards and leave as they found the small kitchens. A table in the section kitchen so they can prepare there food and eat, with a schedule of times to use the kitchen and time and whom used the kitchens. A laundry 🧺 facility where they can wash there clothes. Of course family units do have to have larger dwellings because they are larger with children 👶. Off course every person should be monitored to check there progress, and should keep there dwellings clean organized well kept everyday. My magic wand ✨ would be something I can not afford to do to help them, and find places to volunteer to work and continue to learn new skills instead of just standing around asking for money, or laying around with junk around our streets. I don't know 🙏 wishful thinking. If they don't apply to the rules they can not live in las cruces, then they can live in another city because las cruces is of motivated people that want to be part of the community.

Too many apartment complexes with crime, and don't build apartments near single home neighborhoods.

Too much high density housing. Need to stop building apartments. Need to only permit single family homes or up to four-plexes. Also need better business environment to allow businesses to thrive here. Need jobs other than government jobs and service industry jobs.

Transient and homelessness

Understanding that tenants are kicking renters out during the pandemic and after to refurbish and get more money for rent. I've rented in the same building and my rent has nearly doubled since April 2020 \$645 to today at \$1200 Units for families, seniors and homeless teens, with close access to work, community and schools for reduced rent. The rents are skyrocketing and so many are close to homelessness.

unsure

update all housing that doesn't meet current code. Electrical, plumbing, etc for all the older homes if that was taken care of, then it would be more reasonable for people to focus on weatherization. It would allow us to consider heat pumps instead of natural gas heat and yet also give us cold air instead of evap cooler, and save the cost of the twice a year switch. It would open up the possibility of home charging for EVs. All the things that we can't currently do with the 70 yr old wiring. (Or if we can, can't charge the car and use the coffee maker without flipping a breaker.)

Upgrade standards and enforce apartment rental (the actual apartment that people will be living in) to include the AMOUNT/NUMBER OF PERSONS per SQUIRE FOOTAGE.

Urban renewal that includes housing the marginal clients in a safe, secure environment.

Urgent affordable housing for the homeless and people in highest risk of losing their shelter.

Utility needs and repair older apartments and houses

Veterans and Elderly

Veterans, seniors, homeless

Warm/cool sleeping housing separate from shared cooking, sleeping, toilet, shower, laundry facilities.

Water shortages which we are certain to experience in the very near future

We are a family of 7 (5 children) and we had to move temporarily to a family members home. I have been on the waiting list for Housing since June and my position is not moving any closer to find an affordable plce to live.

We are better off than Albuquerque, but we have a homeless crisis to address. The homeless need more than just a dwelling, they need help getting back into society to feel productive. Additionally, many of the homeless have

substance abuse issues that impede their ability to pursue these goals. Meanwhile, we seem to have immigration policies that treat invaders of our southern border better than we treat US Citizens. I have a problem with this.

We need a residential mental health facility that can accommodate our mentally ill citizens and families need to be able to commit those that cannot take care of themselves.

We need mental health services to go hand in hand with this concern

We need more assistance and programs that target low income single parent families

We need more shelters

We need to be able to provide people of low income more housing opportunities. Finding a house on section 8 doesn't exist in this city. And to rent something is impossible with the low income poverty in this city. No one can afford private rentals as landlords are price gouging. We need to give low income more opportunities of finding housing or possibly home buying.

We need to be focused on OWNING affordable houses. rental assistance is an absolute waste if people who need assistance aren't building wealth and assets.

We need to fix the problem with homelessness. Some want to stay in simple housing, and may do better in bunk house type situations. Or just a room and share kitchen and bathrooms.

Zoning, affordable, energy efficient to help minimize costs, keeping properties/neighborhoods in pristine condition. Safety for all.

If you had a magic wand, what services or programs would you create to help people at-risk or currently experiencing homelessness in Las Cruces?

Open-Ended Response

Again I don't have much faith in our city and terms of what they've done in the past what they said they would do they've ignored. Mitigation and needs to leave Mira get Shumark I'm sorry I can't I'm talking this and I but I want I want the head guy out. He's been there too long and he's wishy-washy and it's partly because of the Denmark democratic democratic crap from that group

Most homeless prefer being left alone. They want freedom to do as they want, when they want and don't want to be tied down by homeless facilities or shelters. They don't like 'rules'. Most have mental issues.

humane housing with services and support, integrated into neighborhoods to eliminate stigma of homelessness or poverty.

(Flying Fentanyl Vacuum.)

1. Building more emergency housing 2. If housing is covered, then co-locating wraparound services

100 year mortgages with adobe

A "day room" facility where houseless can go to shower, wash clothes, hang out and receive counseling on a rotating basis. Monday mental health services, Wednesday Medical services, Friday job assistance. Think Harley Davidson Building.

A brand new homeless shelter

A bus ticket

A bus ticket out of town

A case worker for every person that wants help. A limit on the number of cases a worker can be responsible for. A budget and solution that last longer than the current elected officials. A solution that is fostered from input from the general public and those experiencing homelessness, rather than business owners and realtors.

A central hub for information with advisors and counselors on hand to navigate the system when applying for whatever programs you have.

A community/co-op where all basic human rights to hygiene and warmth are provided, cafeteria, bunks to sleep, showers, dental, vision care, health classes, drug/mental rehab specialists, support animal vet care

A fast and easy housing for homeless families

A holistic approach that integrates all of the above strategies.

A job cleaning up streets or filling pot holes or babysitting peoples children that do go to work. Make them be a productive member of society before handing everything out for free to them.

A large open shelter for bad weather nights.

A mental health facility and counselors in every neighborhood. The inaccessibility of care that everyone needs is shamefully lacking not just here but across the country. But we can do this locally, we can work to make this care more accessible to everyone! Some facilities already exist, they just need more, such as the FYI building on Solano. This should be a community hub for all kinds of services but it's barely known about or used. Plus, their building needs a lot of work, it flooded through the front doors from the ground level this year!!! Help them out!!!!

A place where homeless or at risk could go in winter or high heat summer, without so many rules!

A privatized case management agency that would truly advocate for the person.

A program facility to help service the growing mentally ill homeless population and prevent homelessness

A program that helped the person transition from homelessness to a stable life; housing, employment, medical care (behavioral, mental, physical) and continue to be available to help them even after they started their life towards normalcy. Not just help them, and forget about them but have a program so that they don't feel alone or overwhelmed with the process.

A program that will go out locally to help those experiencing homelessness and provide hotel vouchers for them to stay at during their difficult time until a temporary residence is found.

A program with schedules, of what time to wake up, have 30 minutes to work out, go to there dwellings to shower 🚿 there sweat, dress 👗 with clean iron clothes clean shoes 🧦 clean clothes, made sure they are all well groomed for the day. To do there scheduled day with cooking classes, organization skills, behavior assistance programs, study 📖 certain work skills etc., to motivate them out of depression. I just noticed a park for them to read relax enjoy . I don't know maybe 🧐 some of them need practice how to read write 📖 Math 📊 I don't know because I never 🗣 really thought 🗣 about any of these things. Just wishful thinking.

A real living minimum wage, affordable child care services.

A relocation service for homeless people. Send them out of state. More free services attracts more homeless people. Defund Community of Hope.

A Renter's Life Skills program that teaches new renters "best practices" solutions for being renters and teaches old/current renters AND rental managers the same "best practices" solutions. Some of the people becoming newly housed lack the knowledge of good ways to cope with not being itinerant. And some of the people who manage rentals or provide rentals lack the knowledge of good ways to deal with tenants and maintenance.

A safe place to keep them off living in tents on picacho

A safety net housing system with a focus or reintegration into the work force.

A service that would build on a persons strengths and enhance their self-worth and confidence to promote a better life.

A service where the city is canvassed, maps, and interviews people. Perhaps a free meal coupon or something might incentivize participation. Then interview data can be used to determine who is most likely to accept help and willing to work to who is not as willing to try to get out of the situation. Then we can focus our attention on those who will actually benefit from it. And for those who do not seem as interested, maybe the data can be used to create opportunities that would get them to change their tune. Because once people feel safe and secure, turning to drugs to numb the pain is no longer necessary.

A shower facility, clean/new clothes, food & help to get employment with the support needed to continue employment. Continued support until person is strong enough to go on their own.

A temporary work facility with child care. Anybody that shows up could work and get paid with a minimum amount of training.

Abuse counseling and rehabilitation

Access to more shelters and outreach/access to mental health services

Add about 1000 more law enforcement officials AND skilled social workers to work together behind the scenes to come up with good solutions. Perhaps even have a few cops take shifts overnights at homeless shelters so that more homeless people are housed during bad weather, and that they aren't a threat to themselves or others while in housing. It's not fair to ask the underfunded shelters to take on the burden of housing people AND trying to fix the homeless issue going forward.

Addiction issue with homeless needs to be addressed.

Addiction services and assistance in getting placed in a stable shelter

Addiction, mental health, job SWEVICES training & retention & and healthy involvement in the community. A program

Affordable housing

Affordable housing for ALL

Again, I would build more housing units (apartments, "tiny houses" and provide funding to staff offices on site to help with the additional problems.

Again, provide affordable/free housing to homeless individuals from refurbished storage units, with close proximity to necessary facilities for eating/showering, and boost necessary funding for programs that provide substance abuse rehabilitation; also, to develop a facility that provides shelter and temporary housing for individuals escaping domestic violence situations, including women and children needing to leave immediately as well as runaway youth.

Again. Homelessness is a visual representation of other problems. Any local church or shelter will help these people. When I interact with them they choose not to accept the help

All above ideas implemented into a plan sound good. There is a homeless community, some are homeless by choice. We need to set a standard of living that we all can uphold, and help those that cannot help themselves by their own means to survive, to live with dignity. If we do not help them, they will corrupt our society. Stealing, drugs, crime increase, trashy areas, etc. We are as strong as our weakest link.

All of the above

all of the above cause they need alot of help!!

All of the above.

All of the items I checked above as high priority would help address the unhoused. We need to prevent as much homelessness as we can through education and counseling.

All of the things listed above. I work with this population and it's dead end after dead end. In every direction.

All services to help the homeless are very valuable

All supportive services to help get them housed and employed if possible

All the above mentioned. Also Church..have pastors go and preach to those who want it...maybe have different pastors volunteer..

All would be assisted in utilities and owning even tiny homes. So all would have a safe space of their own.

Allow them rehab, and housing. If they violate their contract of free services to help them, force them for community service. However that does not mean exploit them, which I'm sure the city will find away to fester corruption. Allow it as a disciplinary action if they do not get employed whilst having housing and rehab supplied to them.

Allowing people with homes to keep them so that they can be used to provide shelter

Already answered.

An assessment program to determine how to best support these folks. There maybe programs in place that I'm unaware of.

Another shelter where they can at least sleep

Any to help

Any/all of the above.

As I stated in my previous comment all of these issues are high priority

Ask the homeless what they want . Listen to them.

Avoid homeless with assistance

Ban tent city's ban panhandling

Basic housing and assistance for those who are willing to make the effort to become productive citizens of this community. Otherwise, they need to go elsewhere.

Basic life/work skills programs

Basic needs need to be met first. Safety, shelter, food, toilet and bathing facilities. All the rest ARE important... but are more long term solutions for ongoing problems which take long term committment and a lot of money. There are agencies already at work to meet those needs. No doubt, there is a need for more of them and more funding.

However, you can't even begin to address those long term needs when the basics of survival are not being met. Again... safety, shelter, food, toilet and bathing facilities.

Better long term mental health services.

Bring a new mayor that wants to help this city...this city is going to shit with all the issues and crime

build a homeless facility

Build a tiny home community for the homeless like they did in Alb.

Build a transitional community of tiny homes to help them get out of tents. Make something communal so they can feel a sense of community as well as contributing.

build emergency shelters

Build more complexes that are small apartments or efficiencies with a lower rent so it is more affordable.

Build more emergency shelters.

Build more houses/ apartments for them, specially for those coming out of the skilled nursing facilities

Build more housing and create more support services

Build small homes where they can stay basic needs met mini homes

Build tiny homes

build tiny houses for vets

build, build, build, build

Building of a variety of shelters that are NOT faith based or have rules that disqualify most homeless people!! Many of our homeless are not welcome at GS because due to their mental health they cannot follow the rules or they have "past" discretions

Bus or plane tickets to anywhere they want to go. A relocation program.

Bus them to New York

Buy them a bud ticket outta here

Case workers to help people who want to be independent with finances, programs available, etc. The Gospel Rescue Mission has a good program to help people retain their dignity while working and saving to return to an independent life.

Central information center

Centralization for services such as mental health, job training and assistance in finding a safe home.

Centralize services

Christian counseling helping the people to form a relationship with God to turn their lives around.

Clean affordable housing with the goal of moving people forward.

Co located services, additional community awareness avenues. Specific programs would include life skills support for after placements in housing, education, and employment. Placement is only a small portion of the tip of the iceberg. Long-term support services ie. Mentorships, peer to peer, financial stability food and health programs to support the "what next" and sustainability need to be considered on an extremely high priority.

Co-Locating wrap around services that combines all the basic services in one location seems ideal.

Co-locating wraparound services (such as mental health, health care, job training, etc.) with housing

Communal housing, expanding mental health programs as well as increasing pay for staff. Working in the mental health field is mentally draining with not enough compensation to remain in the job. We need more tiny homes and more programs and housing for people who are mentally impaired and refuse to abide by housing rules or are not medication compliant. These people need access to injection long lasting mental health meds.

Completion of treatment must be a requirement for housing.

Connecting people to services that assist them in meeting their own needs. Health, shelter, and stability in life through health care, employment, and other referrals.

Continued funding for COH. Outreach programs. Non religious shelters

Counciling services, over coming drug addiction services, & help with finding stable employment so people are able to pay for shelter & a place to live.

Counseling and health care

Counseling and life skills to get back on track in life.



**Counseling and mental health services.**

**Counseling and referral, transportation to appointments, central phone to make and receive calls. All applications ask for address and phone number-giving cell phones will not correct the situation.**

**Counseling for adjustment in life.**

**Counseling, job training and mental health Counseling**

**Counseling, substance abuse, and domestic violence resources**

**Counseling and help from medical community for the homeless**

**Create a program that families would get financial compensation for housing homeless persons.**

**Create enough places for homeless and make them not beg on the streets**

**Create good paying jobs for community advocates that respect people life experiences more than a formal education so that people who have this knowledge can get paid to help others.**

**Create more low income. Or no income housing**

**Create stricter laws around homeless people who break laws. More rules and consequences, but help if needed**

**Cut management costs to make more of the resources available actually available. Streamline programs to help the homeless.**

**Decent housing**

**Develop more affordable rental housing.**

**Dignified, safe housing.**

**Divide///the mentally ill needing halfway houses....the truly homeless down on their luck.....the professional homeless and panhandlers and treat accordingly**

**Domestic violence shelter**

**Domestic violence shelters**

**Domestic violence, drug rehab, mental health and family counseling, shelters and re-build life support services**

**Don't waste money on resources for people who don't want assistance**

**Don't know**

**Drug and alcohol rehab, access to job training and permanent housing.**

**Drug rehab centers**

**Drug rehabilitation programs for low income and no income persons that are homeless. Also specific housing for people with mental health issues that need more / additional supports**

**Drug rehabilitation with job and housing assistance homes**

**Easy employment and rehabilitation opportunities**

**Easy/fast access to find shelter**

**Educate the community about the homeless. Address giant problem of corporate food waste and greed. With the food that stores throw away, we could feed many more people.**

**Educate them and make them learn to support themselves.**

**Education for change not pressure to change.**

**Education to public Non New Mexican individuals, Do not come to NM. We will not pay for your living, housing, childcare, food!**

**Emergency housing for anyone who needs it**

**emergency housing, with medical and mental health coordination**

**Emergency resources - prevent the problem. If the people on the verge of homelessness are provided with resources before they experience homelessness, the problem may be averted entirely.**

**Emergency shelter with access to supportive services.**

**Emergency temporary housing of course. The process of getting back on track may be long and difficult but it needs to begin with a positive step forward. Housing facilities need to be sustainable to minimize tax payer burden and can be maintained partly through resident volunteers.**

**Emphasis on helping LEGAL residents.**

**Employment requirements**

**enforce drug-free rules within housing/shelters so residents can feel safe**

Everyday Access to showers, laundry facility and hair cuts in exchange for community service.

Everything

Expand on the Community of Hope model. We have an existing, nationally recognized program in town. Help fund their effort and expand their reach.

Expand the capacity of the Community of Hope.

Extended grace periods for late rent owed and payment plans

Facilitating resources

Fair housing

Families could stay together in one place

Family Homeless shelter. I lived in a motel for 5 months with 7 kids and 2 adults. We need to put our future generation first. Kids need a chance

Family housing

Faster services instead of a long wait list

FEMA is used in this country to provide temporary housing for individuals. A similar service could provide temporary solutions and then move on to whatever may be needed for those individuals

financial and job training

Find a way to actually be able to help on another get off the streets n to bettering themselves

Finish the Border Fence, focus on Homeless US Citizens and help them with substance abuse, life skills and job skills. The homeless need constructive guidance to re-enter society and boost their self esteem.

First we need to finish the wall and stop illegals from flooding into this country. The needs of US citizens MUST COME FIRST. Everyone should have an affordable place to live...especially our veterans. Cut the red tape for developers like Zeke Rodriquez to move forward with options that allows for affordable housing...tiny home communities would also be a great option for homeless, transitional housing

Food and clothing drives with help to find homes

For all to have a place to call home

For mentally ill and those with substance abuse, separate facilities than the working poor. Job training and placement is needed.

For those who do not want to be homeless I would give them priority and access to safe and quality housing along with education and financial assistance so they could stay housed. For those who wish to remain homeless I would like to see a designated space for them and services so that panhandling could be discouraged and avoided.

Free Drug prevention and access to drug intervention programs

Free emergency adequate shelter and food. Social services.

Free medical care and counseling

Funding for transitional homes

Get a job

Get churches involved in helping

Get off drugs Work

Get rid of the mayor and city counselors.

Get them off drugs that's 80 % on it let's get real that's problem it's a country issue

Get them all help and housing

Get them into some sort of housing

Get them off streets and get them to work.

Get them off the street but not having them in town they cause too many problems for homeowners and family's. Change the laws back and get our community back to how it was before 2017 get rid of this town being a sanctuary city. It's not fair to people who work hard for their things to be stolen or be harassed by these people clean it up Get them off the streets!

Get them off the streets. Ever since Ronald Reagan dismantled our mental institutions, our streets and jails have become their homes. They need to be housed in local institutions that are humanely run. Do the right thing, do the Christian thing and get these people off our streets so they can live with some sort of dignity

Give at risk people training and help to get on their feet — but set guidelines — they must meet requirements and follow guidelines set up or they are kicked out of program

Give them a second chance to make a new life

Give them housing, grocery allowance, a job working for the city doing something, and health care including mental health care.

Give them UBI.

Go back to enforcing the anti panhandling ordinance that used to be in effect. Stop releasing criminals without bail, keep them in jail until their court date.

Great question! We should use the model provided from history: the CCC. We need to have a special organization set up so that the homeless can work a 40-hour work week doing community improvement projects around the state. The homeless need STRUCTURE, disciplined leadership, and a fair wage. In addition, they require a consistent, predictable schedule in addition to regular meals so they can get fresh air, sunlight, and physical exercise. All of these will help the homeless deal with chronic insomnia. Right now the homeless tend to be up all night, wandering about on the streets and breaking into yards and homes. They have their days and nights mixed up. The workers in this modern CCC would have PRIDE in their work, and they could learn valuable carpentry skills and practical skills that will help them secure construction jobs. We need to also inform the public and the media that there are a significant number of jobs open right now in the Permian Basin. The oil and gas drilling companies are seriously short-handed. We need to send a message to our local young people that they can find jobs if they head to Texas. We should stop sending the message that "there are no jobs." That is simply not true. Patterson came to the Las Cruces Convention Center this summer, but I did not see any mention of this in the local newspaper. Rather than having the government try to do everything for its citizens, shouldn't we encourage a spirit of volunteerism? Young people could help the elderly. We also need to build our communities. Most people do not know their immediate neighbors.

Group homes with mentors and access to services for mental and physical health improvement. Residents would be required to attend job training and to apply for positions regularly while receiving support.

Have programs where you can help others

Have a police or special officer specifically assigned to getting homeless people that are considered missing back to their families. Our city officials to participate in lifting national privacy law so that people with schizophrenia will be mandated/ assisted to take their medications/ attend mental health programs with family assistance to those that are now considered missing. Have officials petition governor for money to be put into more rehab centers. Create city job positions of case management for at risk families and individuals.

Have more shelters too help homeless people

Have people go out into the community and get the homeless people off the streets

Help for the addicted

Help for those with less than perfect credit access to housing

Help people get low income homes help with first time home loans

Help people with children better .

Help the homeless more and people with mental disabilities I have a 28 year old daughter that did a drug one time and it affected her mental health and she is homeless my dad doesn't want her living with us I need my own place and she needs her own place

Help them figure out why they are at risk and try to solve the problem.

Help with job placement and safe housing

Help with rent

Homeless outreach would be improved

Homeless prevention

Homelessness

Homelessness isn't only hard luck situation (mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence), it is additionally a matter of finances; someone working at low wages can't make ends meet leaving them with difficult housing choices and not many options. Whatever you folks do I'd recommend streamlining it so folks aren't overwhelmed with red tape and endless qualification hurdles. Make the qualifications simple, and in terms of their financial contribution, use a sliding scale, plus a path to ownership.

**housing and clean needle program**

**Housing for and treatment of addicts**

**housing options that offer support services for substance abuse and mental health**

**Housing people that aren't substance abusers**

**I believe life/job skills with assistance in behavioral mental financial to help transition. Provide education if needed  
i don't know**

**I have people working for me that refuse to work full time because of their benefits. There should be a transition period to full time work and less benefits. Short term help to those on drugs and reinstitutionalization of those with mental health disorders which preclude them from successful employment.**

**I honestly don't know what is available and where we fall short. I just see and hear of so many people in need that it's clear we're falling short.**

**I really don't know what is needed so I rated everything as highest priority.**

**I think all these services should be provided, with strings attached. In other words, If someone is not willing to participate in drug rehab, employment training, they should not be eligible for help with housing.**

**I think co-locating wraparound services with housing would be amazing for the currently homeless but there should also be a place the at-risk can go for help as well (for things like job placement, counseling, financial advice,etc.).**

**I think i would focus on helping those that need services to keep families together and aid in raparound help as a priority because not everyone is using drugs for help**

**I think Las Cruces provides a lot of programs already. I guess something that would focus a little bit more on the mental health part to make sure that they're able to get to a good place where they're able to strategize to feel more empowered to want to be working and not homeless**

**I think we have plenty of services that attracts homeless populations from other areas. Red to to discourage any this.**

**I want to better understand homelessness. I really don't know what is best. I don't understand the causes of homelessness. A report seems like a poor substitute for help, but I think it's important to understand those you are trying to help.**

**I would bring in people from successful programs in other states to develop systems that would be effective in our community.**

**I would build a "Family homeless shelter" and "Teen to 21" Homeless Shelter" with wrap around services for treatment with resiliency reward promotion rewards.**

**I would build a safe, central place with 24 hour security/help that has bathrooms with showers, laundry facilities, and a sizable parking lot. A place for the temporarily homeless to use as a launchpad and the long term homeless and/or mentally ill to be gently targeted for service. Very difficult to maintain a place like this. Another job for the magic wand...**

**I would build emergency housing and treatment centers focused on helping with the core problems of those in need.**

**I would buy and convert old buildings to be shelters for the homeless**

**I would change the whole system to a time defined system, and incorporate college and/or technical school including**

**I would create a lovely family home where users and mentally ill adults could be loved and nurtured back to life**

**I would double the capacity of the Camp Hope housing/tent area, and increase mental health and substance abuse counselors (and training for them) to help those who can't meet the current requirements for Camp Hope.**

**I would emulate Huston's Housing First strategy. They have a very successful program that is worth copying and building off of.**

**I would fix the problem with section 8 landlords are saying it's too difficult and not worth the pay the pay if they would fix that problem then more places would rent and there would be less homeless people**

**I would focus on programs that help rehabilitate substance abusers and programs that help those with mental health problems get the care they need at little to no cost to them.**

**I would gather homeless people and ask them if they need a daily job by doing this they can obtain money and get there needs. Plus it makes them feel good and better as about themselves.**

**I would have a number of group homes, and apartment complexes, where they could get counseling, housekeeping training, and work out a budget for their spending...so they could keep their lives, and the places they leave**

clean...Also have specific housing for homeless who are addicted to drugs, and alcohol...and participating in these programs is their ticket off the street.

I would love to see Las Cruces become a housing first city. Meaning while substance abuse help and job training are important, making sure people have access to safe housing is more important.

I would lower to cost of living in general across the board not just for the homeless, but for those of us that bust our ass to make ends meet who get zero help.

I would make available some kind of housing arrangement. Something to get them off the street perhaps transitional

I would make it so that illicit substances were never used.

I would prioritize families with children and the elderly

I would provide them housing with access to the services and supports they need to help them stay housed and get back on their feet.

I'd create a relocation program and put people back in touch with their families and send them back with responsibility falling on family and not everyday citizens.

I'd make sure they all had access to the support and tools they need to rebuild their lives.

If I had a magic wand, I would encourage people to work.

If individuals in this program that you assist with housing, make at risk homelessness individuals training a requirement to sustain a home. Also mental health clinics accessible to everyone.

If they quit their job that's their issue....illness is something different....help medically....people are not at risk they put themselves in that position....

If they're not from here, Leave. If they are, they should get housing assistance, etc. that is provided through our welfare system already. If they don't have a high school diploma, a GED should be free to get.

I'm brand-new to this area, having moved from a suburb of Boston. I have no idea what services/support are already in place to help homeless people here, or what specific things would be needed in order to fill in the gaps.

I'm not sure

Immediate shelter and food.

Immediately restore Good Credit to Seniors affected by Bidenflation who are helpless on fixed incomes

Implement a work for housing program. Train them on a job and help them to work with dignity for their housing. This can be within the same housing system. And would keep them off the streets. Also, local farm work for food, etc.

In the Apostle Paul's teachings He said: Those who do not work do not eat. Which means everyone contributes something to earn their keep. I would register the homeless. Give them a picture ID and a work file. They show up for daily work assignments. Ex. Store mgr calls in. I need someone to clean up my parking lot. They show up, clean the lot, and the mgr. signs off when the job is done. I would stop the panhandling. It only enables. With soup kitchens and clothing/blankets freely obtained any \$\$ collected just goes to alcohol, drugs, and dog food. I got very worried when I heard this city wants to be a 'welcoming city' for immigrants. This will only work if the rich chip in. With all the money we spend on the homeless I would gather them all up and fly or bus them to southern Maryland and east Virginia. Let those counties foot the bill. How long can Washington DC turn a blind eye to that scenario? How about a sponsorship program for immigrants? The poor can't help the poor, but the rich can. The rich need nannies, housekeepers, landscapers, car washers, etc. Why can't they sponsor some homeless people and immigrants, house and feed them? They can afford English classes and skill building classes. They can afford to integrate immigrants into American society and reestablish the homeless. Give the Rich tax breaks for that! When Jesus said: Give to the poor, He wasn't talking to poor people. He was talking to people WITH MONEY. I do feel sorry for anyone who loses their job and becomes homeless. That's a combination of calloused, heartless, greedy landlords and no access to communal funds to help cover rents and expenses for these people until they can get back on their feet. Rich people could do that. The utility companies draw in more zeros in dollars each month than can be counted. Out of their insane profits they are well able to give poor homes FREE heat and electricity.

Incentives for going to work teach life skills, help build ownership

Incentivize and make accountable homeless persons that can work to become employed. Need a WPA type public improvement work tasks to start, assess identify skills and provide job training for transition into permanent jobs. For homeless persons with children have social workers integrate them into transitional housing with personal development action plan with accountability and have follow up.

**Income based housing should be considered for those who a trying to survive**

Increase partnership opportunities with businesses/organizations to find more Temporary housing (converting abandoned buildings to housing, build inexpensive places that would available showers, (partner with stylists to offer grooming), more programs for seniors (not meals on wheels), food assistance, utilities assistance, better local insurance plans!

Increase supportive services, mental health facilities, fund outreach

Instant access to information regarding resources available

instant homes for those who are on the street.

Intense effort and focus on homeless prevention programs (which really include every other area listed to some extent or another)

internships- that way you can some money. full time wages for employment lessens my chance to survive.

internships with businesses that supply work \$ but give housing \$ for work directly to lessor. STOP giving away resources that don't foster self esteem for live. Humans even those unsupported should not be kenneled for life.

Invest a lot into rapid re-housing and mental health services

Invest in mental health services and have more safe options for homeless citizens to stay.

Invest in one big building for the homeless with everything they need withing to succeed in getting a job to getting into a home

It depends upon the individual. Some had recent mental health breaks or issues recently emerged, without the services to catch them... they can fall really fast.

It's proven to be cheaper to just house people then get them services, than it is to try to get them services while they're homeless. There needs to be more housing for people that are already homeless, and housing assistance to help prevent people from becoming homeless. Rents are unaffordable.

Job and life skills training and assistance

Job Training

Job training

Job training - transportation to a place of employment

Job training, mental and health programs

Job training.

Jobs

Jobs Do the crime pay the time Stop enabling Work to rent

Just getting them the help they need.

Las Cruces had a huge problem with homelessness and widespread drug addiction. The city needs many programs from prevention, to transitional programs, mental health programs, healthcare, and a wealth of housing needs to be obtained.

Life skills and employment training is the only long term goals to solve problem if these are to top priority you only bandage a bullet hole.

Life skills training should have been done in school, substance abuse should not be fed by taxpayers money, I would have to do something for domestic abuse and child abuse and mental illness help, those are the main 3 that need the help the most desperate

Locating homeless persons and making them aware of all avenues of assistance.

Lower affordable housing and definitely showers

Make housing available for them like the immigrants

Make it MANDATORY to enter mental health & drug rehab counseling. Make it MANDATORY that they succeed. Then make those people mentors. Make it MANDATORY that graduates of the programs must therefore volunteer or give back time in the community. START MAKING IT MANDATORY!!

Make life skills classes a requirement to remain housed.

Make sure that extreme low income housing has requirements that people need to meet in order to live there. Such as getting counseling, drug rehabilitation, and accountability for looking for work. If people are not meeting these requirements, they should not be allowed to live in these apartments. These apartments should not be



placed in near residential neighborhoods since most people who currently utilize housing like this attract crime OR police need to be placed in areas with housing like this and they need to be empowered to do their job.

Make the able bodied "homeless" take jobs in out community that are available EVERYWHERE as a condition on receiving government assistance OF ANY KIND! Let them sweep the floor and clean restrooms at city buildings if they say the can't find work. Works in Australia.

Make the rent cheaper so the homeless can get a place too

Make them get a job

Many homeless prefer to be that way trying to force them into home is a losing proposition. With that said there are some who would like to get back on their feet. These people would benefit from some of the services above.

Many listed above. Emphasis on seniors and veterans

Many tend to live this way due to mental issues or drug use or both.

Massive drug problem in homeless groups. Enforce actual laws. Same couple been sitting at home depot for 2 years. If not taking services then it's loitering/trespassing etc

Medical services and identifying those who need them, access to medication that will help

mental health

Mental health

Mental health

Mental health

Mental health ,drugs treatment

Mental health and counseling services

Mental health and outreach programs to determine what is causing their homelessness and helping them achieve better healthy living accommodations.

Mental health and substance abuse help

Mental health and substance abuse programs.

Mental health and workforce skills.

Mental health assistance and drug intervention

Mental health care

Mental health care and substance abuse support.

Mental health counseling and drug rehab. Homeless = meth and heroin problem.

Mental health facilities in southern New Mexico.

Mental health housing

Mental Health programs

Mental health programs and in depth training for police, fire fighters and all first res9.

Mental health services

Mental health services

Mental health services and job training

Mental Health Services Outreach, Referral and Counseling

Mental health services THAT WORK

Mental health services to people experiencing homelessness. Find the root cause of why they are homeless.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. REHAB PROGRAMS.

Mental health that people can afford without insurance

Mental health treatment

Mental health treatment and transport (non- EMS) Substance abuse assistance Domestic Violence Shelters and resources Low income transport to medical care Safe harboring for victims of assault (all types) Low income medical care

Mental health, drug issues, training for work, maybe mentors?

Mental health, intense therapy, variety of therapy programs

**Mental I'll like schizophrenia should have assisted living housing maybe 4 patients 4 workers so if someone needs back up they have backup**

**Mental services**

**Mental, emotional, physical, medical, and financial counseling free of charge to provide guidance and support for homeless or on the verge.**

**Mini home transitional complex. Like hostel rooms or one room mini cabins. With the education those people need to become productive members of society.**

**Minimal housing program**

**More access to mental health treatment.**

**More accessible temporary shelter housing for people experiencing short-term homelessness**

**More case managers Referral system with ongoing outreach efforts and follow up**

**More cops. Or people like cops tending to homeless once you have all those systems up mentioned before in the questions 24-7 so cops can keep us safe rather than being nurses, we need both. 1 to clear up the aftermath of the economy in a true honest way, and 1 preventing it by making this a place where we're a city for jobs and affordable living to start that is attainable and makes them want to try and not give up on life and turn to other things. And pay those workers well since it's town's that start oppressing their people that started this to begin with out of greed, or pleasing a higher up, governor etc to do what they want for greed. Kick out the people that are causing this, have integrity and do what's right by God and call them out. I can't give a 100% answer but I do know this is based off greed that causes pain and to have to put this out there is evidence of the greed at work. If you're looking for bandages just cut the town down and get it overwith.**

**More emergency shelters**

**More employment opportunities...tie employment to housing.**

**More housing developments with built-in services for these people. Some sort of incentive for businesses to hire individuals experiencing house-less-ness and pay them a living wage.**

**More housing the waiting lists take years.**

**MORE HOUSING, AND TO LIVE IN IT, MANDATORY TRAININGS TO BE ACCLIMATED BACK INTO SOCIETY...MORE TRAINING AND INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYERS TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE ALSO...i ONCE ASKED A GROUP OF HOMELESS GUYS, "I THOUGHT YOU WERE GIVEN JOB TRAINING SKILLS IN PRISON FOR TRANSITIONING BACK INTO SOCIETY?" ALL OF THEM SAID AT THE SAME TIME...YES, THEY ACTUALLY DO A GOOD JOB, BUT THEY HAVEN'T TRANSITIONED THE EMPLOYERS TO GIVE US A CHANCE."**

**more housing-first programs**

**more information needed**

**More mental health and drug addiction services to help solve root causes**

**More outreach programs to educate homeless**

**More programs to help people get jobs and afford to pay for housing**

**More public toilets**

**More safe housing for domestic abuse victims.**

**More safe places for people to sleep and stay while receiving services.**

**More safe places to rest & transition.**

**More shelter space with case management services**

**More shelter that are not exclusive. shelters that are not faith based and require you to attend services to stay.**

**More Shelters and transitional housing**

**More shelters for people to go in and get warm and get a place to sleep at least**

**More shelters, more rental assistance, add rent caps, and home buying incentive programs.**

**More temporary shelters and permanent housing options and outreach services**

**More training for police in dealing with people with mental health issues and disabilities. Special team with City of Las Cruces Fire Department for basic health care and mental health with transportation services to transport people to locations**

**More transitional housing**

**Most of these people do not want to work. All they want is a Hand out**



Move them outside the city.

N/A

Neighborhood walk in assistance services

New city council

No Comment

No comment

No one should have to be homeless, but we should also monitor the places that we build for that to make sure they are safe. The one that was built here recently has just become a drug complex and isn't safe for anyone.

None. There plenty of resources already from the government as they are giving out taxpayer dollars for a universal income already.

None...Government has already created these programs through the Department of Education. If people aren't learning life skills, job skills, and how to find and be resourceful what is k-12 grade good for?

Not all domestic violence is perpetrated by men. Men also become homeless due to violence perpetrated by the women in their lives. Have a safe place for men also.

Not sure

Not sure all the above..it such a complex problem..

Of the course the homeless get them off the streets and away from tent city around businesses. It does look bad

One location where people can go to get appropriate referrals

Only way to deal with homelessness is to deal with the person and assist them with the issues that put them on the streets. There are limited resources to get out the hole, only to maintain them in the hole

Outreach and rapid rehousing

Outreach counselors, to talk people through the process and assist in connecting people to resources they need. Expanding foodstamps, creating a local open market that offers vouchers to come shop, perhaps an agrifood (like Chicago) to help in feeding the community. Job seeking programs that actively connect those who are looking for work with employers looking for staff (there is a widespread staffing shortage after all) would also be a boon, and while this exists to a limited degree, expanding it to be more inclusive of those with health impairments, neurodivergent thinkers, and other impediments would almost certainly benefit the community in a big way. Offering at least some mental health services for free or at least as inexpensive as possible to enable those who need help to seek help. Putting up a centralized community board with space for people to post employment opportunities, health and wellness information, upcoming events and job fairs, information about connecting to resources regarding assistance, ADA, and so forth would help anyone who may not have ready access to a computer, phone, or who may otherwise miss out on the information given online. Expanding the safelink program to include one phone AND one computer or tablet with internet service would help the accessibility of information as well. Adding shaded structures along main roads fitted with water fountains and fixing our sidewalks to be properly ADA accessible would also help many of our more vulnerable population. Expanding our programs for income based housing and transitional housing, drastically increasing the housing available for these programs (and making sure that at least some of them allow pets- I have known people who would rather be homeless than abandon their animal), offering low income financing options for those who are low income but would like to buy a home rather than rent. Set up at least two community bathing centers offering accessible shower stalls, mirrors, toilets and sinks. Set up three water distribution centers in key points within the city to offer a gallon of fresh water daily to residents to help ensure health, hydration, and survival. Setting up at least three low cost health clinics, that accept medicaid/Medicare, for general health needs, concerns, and education. Finally, offering more free classes regarding financial literacy, navigating insurance, cooking and life skills, and resume building at a convenient and accessible location may also help. We are dealing with a multi-faceted situation that will require several well thought out solutions, both long term and short term, in order to succeed together.

Outreach programs a educate the general public

Outreach to meet all their needs.

Part of the homeless issue that has plagued the USA for a number of decades is the push years ago by a bunch of bleeding heart liberals to close ALL the "homes" that for years sheltered people with mental illnesses and those unfortunates who had overwhelming arrested mental or physical development.

Pay them to clean up the streets

people living pay check to pay check are often radically hurt by emergency bills (car, health). should be a way they could receive emergency rent assistance, and be made to repay, so the next person can be helped. i know many would take advantage of church based help with no intention to fix their current problem.

People who have mental issues need treatment and a safe place to live while being treated before they get a house or apartment or hotel room.

People who sleep on the streets usually have mental illness. They are the ones that get a bad rap from business owners. But they are the ones that need the most help.

People who want the opportunity to change their lives help them with mental health care programs and housing so they can begin their lives to something better in their lives

People would have access to fast acting services that support them as a whole person. Long waits and services that penalize or criminalize people are not helpful and can be detrimental.

Permanent housing

Permit homeless to have no strings attached to live in homes set aside for them!!

Personal hygiene, nutrition

Personal responsibility starts early in education not CRT

Personally I feel they're in the situation because they don't push to better themselves and the ones who did get apartments over here off Idaho are constantly having drama there, trash everywhere, more homeless in the area makes me want to move out of the city!

Physical and mental healthcare

prevention services, wrap around services

professionally guided and administered emergency shelters

Program that address the individual's[family] needs, with a tough 'love' questions and answers that allow resources to be directed. Do you want to work? Are willing to have safe shelter that isn't in premium condition. Do you need to have a full stove and oven to eat daily?

Program to help with substance abuse a facility away from the city that will help people abstain from substance abuse, allow for mental health treatment, provide reintegration in society as a productive person, training for useful skills to aid the basic needs of the city/ community up keep i.e. weed control trash collection and transitional program to rehouse

Programs that require commitment to self, community, and helping the person behind are what is needed.

Programs to assist senior citizens to be able to afford housing, empty nesters

Programs with drug & alcohol tests. Offered housing for x period of time for free as long as they pass those tests, and look for work and prove they are applying. As well mental services, health services, and education are provided to them. After so long, they move to alternative affordable rent to own housing once they can get back on their feet transitioning back into society.

Prohibit panhandling and target panhandlers for housing, drug rehabilitation, medical (physical and mental) services...to include dental services

Provide additional/better mental health services. Drug addiction assistance.

Provide free housing and have the tenants complete community service nearby if they do not have a stable job. Help get them on their feet by providing them with bus vouchers, free taxi rides (5 times a month), employment opportunities etc.

Provide mental health services

Provide opportunities for people to learn useful skills and trades (for example, host coding camps-use NMSU students as a resource). Stop programs like guaranteed basic income. Create a sense of pride and self-sufficiency instead of promoting victimhood and creating dependency on the government. Be more business friendly. Stop increasing the minimum wage each year, business pass the costs to consumers. Stop forcing nonsense policies on businesses (plastic bag ban). Las Cruces has more problems than some plastic bag being tangled up in a bush.

Provide safe shelter from the elements

Provide shelter and food.

Provide temporary job opportunities

Providing mental health and employment training programs.

Put a cap on rent so we don't see families with children living in tents.

### **Quit selling them drugs**

Really invest in mental health care. Create MANDATORY, in facility drug treatment programs.

### **reasonable rent**

Reduce predatory rental increase policies for apartments. Criminalize substance abuse and actually do something about it.

### **Reestablish the family unit, jobs, faith, provide self worth and dignity**

refocus spending on housing the "homeless" to funding treatment for mental illness and addiction - move funding from government social services to faith - based entities

### **Rehab**

Rehab for all the drug and alcohol addicts just walking around the streets being a menace to society.

Rehabilitation centers. A lot of homeless need to adjust to society and be reintroduced to having purpose in their life.

Relocate them to where they came from if they are recent arrivals in Las Cruces!

Relocate to larger cities that have resources to deal with the displaced.

### **Remove the drugs**

### **Rent and utility assistance**

### **Rent subsidies**

Rental assistance is absolutely necessary. Or mortgage assistance. I would make food programs more readily available. Also showers and laundry available. But the city would need to keep them up daily.

Rental assistance to PREVENT eviction. EVICTION PREVENTION through LOW BARRIER rental assistance funds. (There should be no Covid or homelessness requirement to obtain funds)

### **Repent!**

Required rehab with the promise of housing when they complete the program

Resources to prevent homelessness in the first place. Education and training.

Reuse these empty building in town for homeless &/or temporary housing for low income people & families. Too many empty spaces in town for vandals to break in, hide, manufacture or sell drugs, create crime or even start fires.

Safe affordable housing Job opportunities Drug counseling Safe childcare

Safe and affordable mental health options for those who need help to gain or maintain stability; rent control measures to prevent pricing residents out of housing.

Safe housing combined with programs to empower people to move to more permanent living situations

Safe overnight temporary housing

Safe shelter and mental health services . There are people living in the streets/by motels etc that are in need of mental and physical help

Safe shelter for all who need it with social/medical services attached

Safe temporary housing and counseling

Scattered site permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing throughout the city with a Housing First approach; not a homeless shelter that you have to pray 3 times a day in order to get a meal and hide your sexuality in order to obtain shelter

Screen out and remove the die hard homeless from LC. They don't want to change their lifestyle. The program should be restricted to LC population and NOT the arriving migrants, illegals, out of state homeless looking for greener pastures, etc. Don't use this as an opportunity for building a bigger government and bigger salaries. No rent control or overseer programs. Don't cause more issues by dictating and forcing landlords to follow a set of regulations. If the rent is too high, look somewhere else.

Screen the qualified candidates and hire them as general laborers for the city (or job duty as qualified/appropriate) to do Street cleaning, homeless camp cleanings, landscaping street medians, etc...in exchange for housing and/or stipend.

See previous

see previous.

See prior answer

See prior comment. Teach them about how to work, budget, prioritize spending, sacrifice "extras", etc. to get on their feet.

semi-low density enclave housing; a small neighborhood of like-situated people offering housing and food security, transportation and access to wraparound services elsewhere. Think student or VA housing, but limited to 15 "family" units.

send them back where they came from; we can't afford any more raises in taxes to keep taking care of people who don't want to take care of themselves

Senior homeless housing assp

Services and access to public facilities

Shelter so they're not on the side of the road , and more help for those and more resources

Shelters and apartments and houses that are cheap for people with low income.

Shelters and services be strictly monitored and standards upheld; expect adherence to requirements for assistance. Non-compliance would disqualify recipients.

Shelters so I don't have to see the tents.

Ship the homeless to california

Small cabin community living areas.

Small house communities of mixed residents

Small houses with working plumbing and electricity where a person can feel safe and can keep their stuff without worry about it being stolen. Also, a nearby cafeteria so they don't have to wonder where their next meal is coming from. Larger houses for families to keep them together. First, their basic needs of food, shelter, and access to running water and electricity need to be met. Work on drug addiction, employment, etc. should not start until after the basic needs are met.

Social services help before a crisis.

Some are very leery, feeling that housing programs are somehow going to deprive them if assets—real or imagined. Have seen this first hand. Need ways to combat misconceptions about this.

Some need help and some just don't want ut

Some type of "safe" housing OFF THE STREETS! Out of tent cities OR better organized tent cities with rules and facilities. Treatment for mental illness and drugs.

Some type of screening to see if they are able and capable of getting a job and if not giving them proper medical attention

Someone to work one on one to help them improve their life's like a buddy system be there to help

Something similar to the halfway house that newly released inmates can go to - as in have services that have a STRUCTURED environment and mandatory compliance in order to receive housing assistance. Whatever course of action is decided upon, it is imperative that there be ON-SITE supervision, as well as established rules and enforcement of them. Make the participants aware of the obligatory expectations and requirements.

Somewhere to let some of us stay! The Gospel mission was unsafe for me, then some lady at community of hope offered me a tent at tent city, I had my baby granddaughter with me, I told them I couldn't cuz there's drugs and I'm a rape victim! I have anxiety cuz of the rapes and violence in my life!

Soup kitchen type assistance, actual food served not giving money for food that is used for things other than food

Stable housing, stable transportation, and stable above a living wage employment.

Start with enforcing the laws that alone will stop the drug problem, and low need for domestic violence aid. This state needs to do that and see how much the "need" for all of this will go down.

Stop bussing them in from outside of las cruces. And stop allowing panhandling

Stop enabling them. We offer plenty of services already for those who really want help.

Stop giving out FREE service, money and schooling to anyone how is not a legal document United State Citizen. NO one that holds a city government job receive more than \$80,00 yearly GROSS INCOME/PAY!

Stop GIVING TAX DOLLARS TO ILLEGALS!!

Stop inviting homeless with free handouts..

Stop panhandling. Stop the expansion of recreational marijuana. Focus on mental health and get people back to work with life skills to find permanent solutions.

Substance abuse and mental health programs, with beds.

Substance abuse programs so you can get housing

Substance abuse treatment

Substance use treatment.

Support the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope instead of standing against their efforts.

Support the police, so they can stop the drugs going to the homeless. Expand LCFD

Supportive group system to help them get back on their feet. To help them feel that their valued as humans in our society.

Survey this population to find out what they want and need. Too often these services and programs are developed by people who've never been homeless or at risk and while well-intentioned, they miss the mark.

Sustainable building trades internships

Sustainable housing with employment

Take a holistic approach to the ways people become homeless. Work to address the issues that occur when someone becomes homeless, but also work to prevent people from finding themselves homeless. A compassionate and pragmatic community can do this!

Take the Red pill

Talk to the homeless and question whether they need a hand up or hand out

Temporary 30 day modular homes, drug testing weekly to remain in housing, job placement with the program and referral to affordable housing.

Temporary housing for qualified homeless people so they can get a job and back on their own two feet. Perhaps businesses can sponsor corporate apartments for the program.

Temporary housing.

Temporary, safe places to stay - even in tents.

The Community of Hope does an excellent job serving the at-risk and those experiencing homelessness population. I think empowering them to expand services is a huge step in the right direction.

The development of a pathway from homelessness to home ownership through the provision of job training that focuses on higher level wages, such as IT, and healthcare

The homeless have caused chaos in my neighborhood due to transitional housing located nearby. Adding more would just spread and encourage them to do as they please consequence free. My magic wand would bring back police protection in neighborhoods against prowlers and those following our children home. There need to be consequences for those shooting up and using our neighborhood curbs or entry ways as their personal drug den. Our city needs to hop on the right direction and bud the homeless somewhere more prepared to deal with them. Our city is too small and has too many other logistical issues, building enabling homes for the homeless does nothing other than reward their behavior and life choices that got them there. Build one of the transitional living places close to the mayor's home so he can experience what he is forcing the rest of the citizens to deal with.

The homeless have over crowded the "lower" class neighborhood which has not been safe for our children or families. Something needs to be done regarding all the mentally instabled homeless. We see fights, people yelling and we cannot even be outside our own homes. The catch and realize is not helping when they commit a crime. Something and someone needs to take action and place these facilities where it cannot affect neighborhoods and the families

The mentally ill being an exception, I would bus the rest of the homeless "community" out of the city unless they could support themselves within a reasonable time frame.

The need is so great that I would not even be able to address this question without further consideration. This is a critical problem in our city and needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Thank you for allowing citizens input on this problem.

The permanent Supportive Housing should be on the Community of Hope Campus, not in a neighborhood. It needs a more controlled environment. Desert Hope should be converted to a transitional type housing for those persons that have a good chance to be independent again with a little help up.

The problem has been around for decades millions and millions of dollars have been poured into this issue and yet there has been no silver bullet. I would suggest looking outside of New Mexico and to research what states or

communities have somehow solve the problem of homelessness. I don't believe it can be done here in Las Cruces with what facilities we have.

The victim's services program in the police dept is broken. I volunteer for it and it's an unprofessional mess. The woman in charge expects people to respond to emails within minutes, even during their sleeping hours, or kicks them out. They have some seriously problematic male staff (who call trans citizens "it", or treat certain people as subhuman, for example). The police don't even refer local victims there a lot of the time, and I can see why. My neighbor was recently assaulted (nearly ended her life by strangulation) and she received no victim's services contact, no EMT inspection post-strangulation, no follow-up from the PD nor DA, no warning when her attacker was released, and no contact nor explanation for why her case was dropped. This was the first program of its kind in the nation, and it's a shame to see it flounder under unprofessional management.

The waiting lists are insane. Even with extra notice that the home we were renting would be sold, we were not able to get assistance through any of the existing programs. We had an alternative, but most people do not, so they will end up homeless. It also doesn't help to get homeless people into jobs if the jobs aren't paying enough to make it possible to afford housing. Housing prices have gone up more than wages.

There is no program to help people that don't want the help

There are so many homeless on the streets, but many of them want to be there. So help the homeless families first, then the ones who WANT housing.

There needs to be some combination of incentives and penalties to convince people who choose begging in front of Walgreens instead of seeking government help.

There should be a family shelter where an entire family can stay together and not have to separate. More attention should be placed on keeping families together.

There was never a homeless problem in Las Cruces in years past. Las Cruces was only a stop over on their way to California. Now, with all of the services offered, there is no incentive for them to move on. We are feeding them, housing them and taking care of them. Why in the world would these transient homeless move on? This is not the Las Cruces I moved to 27 yrs ago.

There would be clean facilities where the people who are homeless would participate in keeping the buildings clean and mental health professionals would work onsite.

There would be more mental health help available.

There would immediately be more services available in the community to whom those struggling with homelessness and behavioral health issues could be immediately referred for care and treatment.

They need a central place to go for services and they cannot be allowed to affect existing business

This is not my area of expertise and I know there's so many factors that lead to homelessness but outreach programs are lacking in this city. Outreach events are not being advertised properly. My husband is a veterans administration outreach officer, he's been invited to events and no one shows up. Pan-am is not where outreach events need to happen. These events need to happen in the areas where these people live, downtown, the streets, shelters, community centers, churches, places and areas that are accessible.

This seems to be a difficult question because the homeless population tends to be highly transient. People are moving from community to community for many different reasons, including the outdoor weather, which is better in the desert Southwest in the winter than in other parts of the U.S. ... Some have no desire to become housed, despite all the challenges being unhoused poses. In some ways, building more services helps, but one homeless man told me that more people came to Las Cruces who were homeless because of the services that did exist. It is good to help people in need but how to do it without simultaneously encouraging more transient people to relocate here due to the services that are created will be a big challenge.

Tiny houses with communal showers and food gardens

Tiny houses that they have to be responsible for so their pride and respect are honored.

To provide adequate mental health services. Also help people who are on drugs get off the street regardless of if they want to.

trade programs, mental health support, safe housing

Train the people how to keep from being homeless, job, county help

Train them to work and contribute to the betterment of Las Cruces. Enforce the laws for those vandalizing and destroying homes, businesses and vacant land.

Training



## Training

Training for new careers, job skills to become self sufficient

Training programs, are useless; they make government people feel good but the programs do not work. Example: Look at Uvalde police force had just completed "active shooter training " weeks before the shooting, and see how poorly effective the training was. Most things you listed are " feel good" things but waste of tax dollars. Drug addiction, is a serious issue in las cruces, but highly tough problem to solve, and "feel good" programs are waste of money

Transitional housing and job training/placement

transitional housing paired with 'wrap around' services.

Transitional housing that includes job training and life management skills

Try to help them help themselves.

Unit to respond with counselors not cops

## Unsure

Use lotto money to fund homelessness programs.

We need a long term (30-90 days) substance use rehab facility here in southern New Mexico, and it needs to use up to date, evidence based practices. We need more psychiatrists, especially ones knowledgeable about long acting injectable antipsychotics. We need the AOT and ACT programs that are running to be fully staffed. If I had a magic wand, I would make it so everyone had access to the the treatment they need at the time that they need it, and eliminate any and all barriers to them getting it. People need places to put their pets if they go to treatment. Etc.

We need more Mental Health Professionals and providers. More resources, such as training for LEO and EMT how recognize mental illness in a person. Our mental health system, most are not good, the city needs to find and hire more professionals mental doctors, counselors.

We need to get to the root of the problem. The majority need mental health and drug treatment. If that is not dealt with first, the problem will keep reoccurring

We need to take a carrot and stick approach so the resources we offer are not overwhelmed by migration of unhoused persons. Those who victimize others while unhoused, are unwilling to take steps to help themselves should be prosecuted or encouraged to leave Las Cruces. Bans on panhandling, public camping, public drug use all should be enforced while coupled with resources for those who want to get help.

We should stop encouraging homeless people to come and stay in Las Cruces. We should find ways to make Las Cruces less attractive to transients.

We used to arrest people for panhandling and put them in jail. Now they can make \$100 or more per day begging and have NO incentive to get a job and work.

What is "homeless outreach?" Undefined terminology and lack of substantive information in the "questions" tell me this is unprofessional research. Hire a professional researcher next time, or at least a better one.

Work for services provided.

Work training, basic life skills training, interview and resume building skills, felons helping felons program, neighborhood community gardens

Work with landlords to make housing affordable. Create programs that people can reach out to if close to losing home. Expect them to do their part with employment, going to appointments and meeting goals. STOP programs that pay to support a person's drug use and put that money into rehab and mental health programs

Work with landlords who seem only interested in making money, and instead make housing a person-focused adventure.

Zero tolerance for homeless who choose not to live in Camp Hope & instead squat on private property (including City property).

What are the THREE main causes of homelessness among families with children in your community? (Choose 3)

Other (please specify)

A LITTLE BIT OF ALL OF THE ABOVE...DEPENDS ON THE FAMILY...AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES GOING ON IN THEIR LIVES.

Again, if people are not in the process of obtaining U.S. Citizenship I do not feel that the residents of this city should be supporting them.

All should be checked not just 3

Almost all of these are reasons

Bad business polices

Childcare costs

Choice

Continuing to have more children when not enough resources to provide doe the ones already born.

Cost of living

Cost of living is too high. Taxes are too high.

counceling for women on how to establish a home, find resources, help with child care, busses that run when people need to get to or from work

Do not know

Don't want to work, drug abuse,

Don't you know!

Drugs

Drugs alcohol and socialism

expecting to be taken care of.

Expensive college debt

Gov dependence

have no idea

Having kids when they know they can't afford them. Oh wait, the government pays them. No worries. The taxpayers pay for it.

I did become homeless once, when family medical center closed down and lost my job and at the same time I was going thru a Divorce we separated. Since I did not have a job to support myself and he moved out of our apartment, I had to move to my mothers house. That was my homeless experience Divorce the company I worked for closing down.

I do not know these statistics

I don't know

I don't have data to answer this question

I don't know

I don't know

I don't know

I honestly have no idea.

I really do not know and because causes of homelessness are so varied and particular to individuals I cannot even hazard a guess.

Immature parents who are inadequately educated on how to raise a child. Some are indifferent to the pain of their own children.

Immigration

Inability to look to the future. Too much focus on here and now. I see people with high dollar cell phones getting in line for handouts.

Inflation with no pay increase

Lack of affordable childcare

Lack of affordable or free childcare

Lack of education

Lack of education and life skills

Lack of financial education

Lack of life skills, coping mechanisms and having children too young repeating the poverty cycle like the rest of their family.

Lack of needed services and help



**Lack of planning for a family. Ignorance of handling money & doing without!**

lack of rents because the state is mandating unreasonable remodeling codes

**Lack of responsibility & wanting society to take care of them**

Lack of work ethic

**Laziness**

Laziness

**Lazy dependent people on social service, getting out of hand**

Low cognitive abilities or learning disabilities

**Majority don't want to work because they will lose state assistance. And the ones that work can't afford food and medical because of rental prices**

**Many homeless access public income from SSI, veterans disability so chose not work, become lack of purpose, become depressed so resort to substance, lose personal confidence.**

**Migrants. Desire to work.**

**Most housed people in the community have no way of knowing about why people are unhoused.**

**Need more low paying jobs so people can work. Businesses cannot afford to pay unskilled workers the same as experienced workers. Workers cannot develop skills without jobs.**

**No data to support.**

none

**Not sure- ask them**

**Open border**

**Parents qualifying for things that they do need and abusing it**

**People being put on the street from jail or prison with nothing to eat and no place to go.**

**Rising inflation, faltering wages**

**Ronald Reagan's dismantling of the Mental Health Systems Act of 1980.**

**Same as answer to #11.**

**Same as number 11...but, add lack of taking responsibility for and not putting children 1st.**

**Shitty city government**

**Substance abuse**

**Substance abuse (not connected to 'needed services')**

**Substance abuse and no desire to better their family or want any help.**

**That's it. Substances, mental unwellness**

**The education system**

**These are just opinion questions**

**This is a poorly worded question. Question 11 and 12 should have the same options to choose from. This whole survey is very poorly written. The questions are leading, and vague .**

**They are legal USA citizen, if or when any person visits any homeless shelter you find that they are practically no-one that is NOT a US citizen in homeless shelters. Focus on spending money on LEGAL US citizens and we will be able to reduce are homelessness.**

**Unsure**

**Unwillingness of parents to do what it takes to support their family. Do you need to work 70 hours per week for awhile? Then do it. I did it for 3 years when my husband had cancer. People just expect others to help them instead of doing whatever they need to do.**

**We rarely see people who have children who are homeless.**

**Yes. Family is different from individual problems but all this is complicated.**

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



# City of Las Cruces<sup>®</sup>

## The City of Las Cruces Needs Your Input...

...to identify housing and homeless service needs in your neighborhood and the city.

### Why is the City Interested?

The City of Las Cruces needs your input about how to spend the HOME – American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation funding for housing and services for people experiencing homelessness in Las Cruces. Activities must generally benefit people currently or at risk of becoming homeless, and other qualifying populations defined by HUD. The City is starting a process called the HOME-ARP allocation plan, which will determine how the federal funds will be spent. Citizen participation is a vital step in determining the community's needs.

### What do we want to know?

- What do you consider to be the most critical housing needs in your neighborhood and for the City overall?
- What can the City do to improve housing opportunities and services for people experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless?

### How to Get Involved

#### Community Meetings

During the week of October 10th, three community meetings will be held to gather public input on housing and community development needs. During these forums, citizens, social service agencies, developers, homeless and housing providers, health professionals and advocates will come together to discuss the most pressing needs in the City. Please join us at one of the forums listed to the right.

#### Public Hearings

The draft HOME-ARP Plan will be available for review in November 2022. At least two public hearings will be held to take public comments on the draft Plan in the fall. Dates will be advertised in advanced.

### Questions?

Feel free to provide written comments about the HOME-ARP Plan to the contact below. For more information about the HOME-ARP Plan process, or to make disability accommodations for a meeting, contact:

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Phone: 575-528-3022 email: [fairhousing@las-cruces.org](mailto:fairhousing@las-cruces.org)

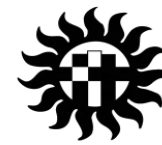
#### Community Meetings Schedule

October 11, 2022  
5:30 – 6:30 pm  
700 N Main St.  
City Hall Conference Rm 1158

October 12, 2022  
10:00 – 11:00 am  
Desert Hope  
1310 Pecos St.  
Community Room

October 12, 2022  
2:00 – 3:00 pm  
999 W. Amador Ave.  
Resource Room

**Note: All meetings will have a Spanish translator.**



# City of Las Cruces®

## La Ciudad de Las Cruces Necesita su Opinión...

...para identificar las necesidades de vivienda y desarrollo urbano para su vecindad y la ciudad.

### ¿Por qué necesita la Ciudad su respuesta?

La Ciudad de Las Cruces necesita su opinión acerca de cómo invertir los fondos federales de vivienda y desarrollo urbano que recibirá durante los próximos cinco años. Generalmente, las actividades seleccionadas deben beneficiar a personas que están experimentando o en riesgo de falta de vivienda y para otras personas que cumplan con los requisitos definidos por HUD. La Ciudad está empezando un proceso de distribución que se llama el HOME-ARP Plan Consolidado, que determinará como se invertirán estos fondos federales. La participación de los ciudadanos y su opinión es una parte muy importante en este proceso para determinar las necesidades de la comunidad.

### ¿Lo que necesitamos que nos diga?

- ¿Qué piensa usted es la necesidad más importante sobre viviendas en su vecindario y en la Ciudad en general?
- ¿Qué puede hacer la Ciudad para mejorar las oportunidades de viviendas y desarrollo urbano?

## Como Participar

### Reuniones Comunitarias

Habrà tres reuniones comunitarias en las semana del 10 de Octubre. El propósito es recibir respuestas de la comunidad acerca de las necesidades de la Ciudad respecto a viviendas y desarrollo urbano. Durante estas reuniones, ciudadanos, agencias de servicios sociales, constructores de viviendas, proveedores de servicios para personas experimentando falta de vivienda, profesionales de la salud, y otros representantes se reunirán para platicar acerca de las necesidades más críticas de la Ciudad. Por favor asista a una de las reuniones anotadas al lado derecho de este boletín.

### Reuniones de Evaluación Pública

El informe preliminar del Plan Consolidado estará disponible en Noviembre 2022. Después, Habrá dos Reuniones de Evaluación Pública para recibir comentarios sobre el informe. Fechas, horas y lugares estarán publicados en adelantado.

### ¿Preguntas?

Lo invitamos a mandar comentarios escritos acerca del Plan Consolidado a la persona anotada abajo. Para recibir más información acerca del Plano Consolidado o pedir arreglos para acomodar a personas incapacitadas, favor de llamar o escribir a:

### Horario de Reuniones Comunitarias

11 de Octubre, 2022  
5:30 – 6:30 pm  
700 N Main St.  
City Hall Conference Rm 1158

12 de Octubre, 2022  
10:00 – 11:00 am  
Desert Hope  
1310 Pecos St.  
Community Room

12 de Octubre, 2022  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
999 W. Amador Ave.  
Resource Room

*Nota: Todas las juntas  
tendrán una traductora en  
español.*

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**HOME-ARP Program**  
**October 11, 2022**

Following are the summary minutes of the HOME-ARP hearing held on October 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. *CITY HALL*

**Staff Present:** Natalie Green  
Jan Lauterbach  
Kevin Wilson  
Raymond Burchfield  
Isaias Amaya  
Becky Baum, Recording Secretary, RC Creations, LLC.

**Consultants/Interpreter:** Katelyn Michaud (Crescendo Consulting)  
Magdalena Giron (Intra Services)

**Public Present:** Greg Shervanick  
Arthur Crammer  
Scarlett Crammer  
Jonny Coker (KRWG)

Katelyn Michaud gave a PowerPoint presentation of the HOME-ARP Program. The City will be receiving almost \$1.8 million, which is to be obligated in 2024 and 2026 to spend. The following questions and/or comments were made:

What are the top two or three housing related needs right now?

Number of suggestions would be Community of Hope, Gospel Rescue Mission. The Community of Hope has a program that transitions individuals from homelessness to employment, to housing, a secure location. For spousal abuse it was suggested involving the sheriff's department and the police department and get some coordination, and La Casa as well. Outreach to community service groups in the Las Cruces area. Maslow's hierarchy of needs, and involve a lot of the community resources in planning. Get input and information from people who has been involved in this process long-term. Talk to employers within the Doña Ana County area to see if looking and need a lot of employees, then certainly the homeless maybe a target community for staffing, training. Also speak with the homeless in the community for their input, and also people who have transitioned from homelessness to home environment. The university here also could be a resource as well as local community church groups. Provide mental health resources, recovery programs for substance abusers.

There are people with leases ending soon and the new lease would include a 30% increase in rent. Also suggest some legal assistance in challenging that type of

situation. Also suggest informing the newspapers to do articles on people being thrown out of their houses and rent being increased. The district court once a month has a free legal clinic advice for criminal and civil matters, and tenant/landlord. Transitioning and support is very important.

Question was asked where to put the housing?

Open to near their home, but the question still came up of how to convince the public to get out of the "not in my neighborhood" mind set? In this area there is an interesting issue because of the mild winters, people will come versus the northern states. A motel in town is being torn down and it was suggested it might be utilized as a resource for temporary housing. It was suggested a study of housing vacancies in Las Cruces and what can be done to transition people into the housing unit. Suggested a good salesmanship campaign general to convince middle class individuals that what they need is to be a little more compassionate and a little more humanitarian with regard to homelessness.

A question was raised if property values would go down to have this type of housing nearby. Or would someone dislike having a more than one-story complex located near their single-story family home. Looking at the negative items might help find a positive. Problem comes when involving the entire neighborhood. A good public relations campaign convincing people, highlighting success stories. Get church officials to support.

A member of the public asked, Is there any interaction between you and the community of people attaining housing or in the state of homelessness?

Need more community involvement and more acceptance. How to communicate to the community at large and look for acceptance? There are stereotypes associated with homelessness of violence, substance abuse, mental health. There will always be a group of people that are "not in my back yard" type people. Most people do not realize how close they could be to homelessness, and if you can make people see that you can change their attitude.

If people are currently experiencing homelessness or at risk, what are other social services or other programs or resources that are currently available in the City might be missing from the City that people really need to keep a roof over their head?

Need involvement with existing programs. If someone came up and said, "I'm from the government I'm here to help," might tend to be suspicious. Hopefully, the community will get behind it after the funds run out to continue a program. Need trusted relationships in the community. Driving around Las Cruces you will see people with mental health issues, and how to approach/help someone like that. Might involve community policing to get them directed to a program to give them some assistance. Cannot help everyone, but those that were living paycheck to

paycheck and now are homeless, those might be the easiest group to house. If they lost their job they do have a skill, so working with the local employment agency to see to concentrate and place that person back into a job.

Public asked the question of where to acquire emotional services.

There is the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope have supportive services, trained case workers, who also know a lot of the people. The new trend in transitional and permanent housing is supportive housing, not just a roof, similar to Desert Gardens. It is becoming apparent that housing and services do need to go hand in hand. It was asked what the communication level is between various service agencies in Las Cruces and the county. There are multiple organizations and they are putting together a resource guide. These services agencies do communicate and cooperate very well.

Thinking of the community and subpopulations/subcommunities, are there any populations (race, ethnicity, age groups, income brackets, veteran status, family with you children) that are more vulnerable or at risk of becoming unhoused?

Domestic violence, mental health issues, generational poverty, becoming ill, losing jobs, not being able to care for yourself. If someone has already been homeless and tried to and failed, how do they get the will to try again. Desert Hope has permanent supportive housing, stay forever and have supportive services for as long as they are there. There is help transitioning out of Desert Hope if they are able. There is talk about veterans and seniors but how to help those that are not veterans or seniors. Doctors without borders to help provide medical care to those who cannot afford. The new Casa de Peregrinos foodbank is going to do more than just passing out food, but also do nutrition classes, how to make a good meal out the basics.

Is it good to have one location in a city, or should have multiple smaller campuses in different neighborhoods throughout the city?

Multiple smaller, satellite offices. Get bus service to provide free transportation. In Maryland state employees got a free bus pass for a month which was quite helpful.

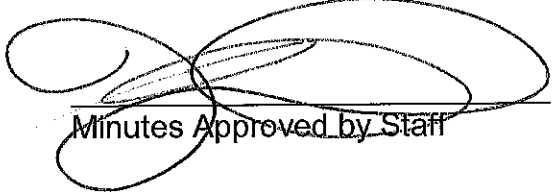
Is there anything that the City should offer, room for improvement?

Back to the people that do the work, Community of Hope, Gospel Rescue Mission, local church organizations are more able to tell the needs. Knowing where to go for help is sometimes the biggest issue.

If there was all the money, all the time, etc, what is the one thing to do for housing/homeless?

Continuous support, medical, mental, jobs, everything. Community outreach, let it be known that these are the services available and how to acquire those services. Rent control and ending income discrimination. Electrification and full solar options to any units that would help in the homelessness. Allow 30% of individuals income to be devoted to education, health. Affordable housing. Congratulations to the City on increasing the minimum wage as the Federal government can't seem to do that. Sanitary conditions, where to go take a shower. Landlord registration program where they have to be decent landlords.

Meeting ended at 6:27 p.m.



Minutes Approved by Staff



**HOME-ARP Program**  
**October 12, 2022**

Following are the summary minutes of the HOME-ARP hearing held on October 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. **DESERT HOPE**

**Staff Present:** Natalie Green  
Jan Lauterbach  
Kevin Wilson  
Raymond Burchfield  
Isaias Amaya  
Catrina Godinez  
Cynthia Vallanueva

**Consultants/Interpreter:** Katelyn Michaud (Crescendo Consulting)  
Magdalena Giron (Intra Services)

<b>Public Present:</b>	Jim Arrelano	Michael Gardeshire
	Diane Diaz	Alan Fisher
	Rick Reynaud	Jonny Coker
	Juan Garcia	Greg Shervanick
	Marisol Diaz	Phil Rogers
	Brian Lawell	Eldon Steelman
	Lorraine Zyllich	James Melendrez
	LaVonda Smith	Jeremiah Kruger
	Christopher Yee	

Katelyn Michaud gave a PowerPoint presentation of the HOME-ARP Program. The City will be receiving almost \$1.8 million, which is to be obligated in 2024 and 2026 to spend. The following questions and/or comments were made:

What are some of the top housing needs here in the community? What are people struggling with when it comes to keeping a roof over their head?

Questioned how many people really want housing? Good question. There needs to be rehabilitation built into the housing. Be sure there are supportive services. This facility is full right now, how many are housed here and how many continue to roam around.. The First Evangelical Church has people sitting on the doorstep. The last count had 154 people unsheltered across the county. This complex houses 40 individuals. Need places to put these people, but also need to decide how to deal with the neighborhoods too. It was mentioned that someone saw in a paper that there was housing here and so that person came. The more you provide the more you will get. People have had businesses and homes nearby and have found trash etc. in their yards. Even offered some food, but person wanted money. The migrant

issues and them being transported was mentioned and that the same thing is being done here. Although there has never really been a problem, now some people are seeing more problems, things stolen, strangers wandering around homes in the early morning hours. The Community of Hope is a good location, but at this location it is a very congested area, Idaho and Solano. The more you build the more they come, so why is the City continuing and what will be the end. This current building housed people experiences homelessness prior to the renovation. It was mentioned homeless has risen exponentially. Question of what is going to be done in the City within these areas because when places are built for the homeless it attracts people just hanging out on the street? There is an increase across the City of homelessness through various areas. Asked to not expand this location.

Since Desert Hope opened there have been safety concerns. Ladies groups are uncomfortable meeting at the church, the doors have to be locked at all times, fear walking to cars, fear getting into the church building before homeless men approach. It was mentioned that the problems aren't housing but other things.

What are the solutions? What do we do?

It was mentioned that is an unfair question because no communication with City staff about possible solutions. Councilors have been approached, but solutions are not good enough, not smart enough. These are complex issues with complex solutions. Since we have the Community of Hope and all the services, it does draw people to this area. Since there are these facilities, would it be possible to take the people from the streets and house them in the jail or Community of Hope or to missions therefore keeping both parts of the community happy.

The Community of Hope's philosophy is to get people housed and then to begin working on issues. That is not the solution that will fix all the problems. Obviously, we need the services. Wrong to put people that need major help in a neighborhood that's filled with everyday people, unless there is substantial, substantial vetting of these people. There is a lot of land outside of Las Cruces to place these types of people outside of the actual communities which puts the communities at risk. It was mentioned to use these funds to pool money and/or funding sources to provide support to businesses who have to payout to repair/replace, such as people that have rented to homeless and need to repair damage. Neighborhood people have had to spend money to put up fences, spend money to replace stolen items. And maybe some of the money to the police department to do their job.

It was mentioned that increased police presence was requested and has been done. Disagreement with that as people are seen running from the building, screaming.

Public question on what is the City's policy on how to deal with some of the problems the homeless are causing related to trespassing, urinating, defecating, drugs?

If people are committing a crime and dealing with housing status they can be arrested. You cannot hold someone in jail for the inability to pay. People have autonomy, the City/police cannot just pick people up and move them.

Back to the original question of how to spend the \$1.8 million via the specific areas that are allowed.

Cut off the food supply for the drug dealers and they will then move someplace else. Questioned if a mental health facility similar to what is in Las Vegas, New Mexico would be covered with that money. Could not build a hospital but some funds could be allocated to services to help. Need inpatient services not just outpatient services. This money can only go to outpatient treatment services and outpatient mental health. It was mentioned again about the City buying the church building and utilize that for outpatient services. This money can only be for the services, not the treatment center.

Are there other areas in the City to build affordable apartments? What type of alternative housing needs to be in Las Cruces that is maybe missing right now?


Housing based on a sliding scale. Housing is based on income level which is then based on the federal poverty level and median housing within this community. There is permanent supportive housing with vouchers tied to the project, but rent is based on income levels with onsite supportive services. Residents get help with substance abuse, food services that are living in this building. Prior, this building was rented, now the people have vouchers so it's "freebee" and drawing people from other parts of the state and the nation. They are concerned about their neighborhood, not about other parts of the City. This type of housing specifically, no. But there will be more affordable housing in the City. There seems to be a lack of mental health services for the people living in Desert Hope and the surrounding area. People cannot be forced to use and/or accept the services. There is some security on the weekends at night.

Public asked, is the Community of Hope the only organization that can receive these funds? This property is owned by the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, not by Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. The funds can go to different organizations. There will be some family housing off Walnut by Hadley. It is New Mexico State Tax Credit funding so it is monitored and managed by the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. Various funding for development can go to different organizations and to different types of housing, as long as they meet the qualifying populations. Extend the time period as it is hard to find an affordable place that meets the amount of the voucher. Could some of this money be used to fill up that foundation so before giving a lot more vouchers, build out the infrastructure better to provide that support and meet the demand. In some places there is a 10-20- year waiting list for the voucher, which goes back to the '70s when the government stopped building public housing. With a voucher people have a year to find a place,

but that sometimes is not enough time to locate housing. Question of permanent security, police officers 24/7 at this location. The residents were invited to this meeting but some feel it a large intimidation to them.

The online survey was mentioned for further public input.

Meeting ended at 11:10 a.m.



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**HOME-ARP Program  
October 12, 2022**

Following are the summary minutes of the HOME-ARP hearing held on October 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. M V C H

**Staff Present:** Natalie Green  
Jan Lauterbach  
Kevin Wilson  
Raymond Burchfield  
Isaias Amaya  
Catrina Godinez  
Cynthia Vallanueva

**Consultants/Interpreter:** Katelyn Michaud (Crescendo Consulting)  
Magdalena Giron (Intra Services)

**Public Present:**

John Dalan	Manny Munde
Marissa Butler	Jonathan Tapia
Tracy Vaughn	Hernando Puesto
Mark Oberdiek	Nichole Martinez
Jessica Collins	Hugo Garcia
Greg Shervanick	R. S. U.
Elizabeth Coyl	Andrew Campbell
James Schauer	

Katelyn Michaud gave a PowerPoint presentation of the HOME-ARP Program. The City will be receiving almost \$1.8 million, which is to be obligated in 2024 and 2026 to spend. The following questions and/or comments were made:

What are some of the housing related challenges right now in Las Cruces?

A person who signed up for housing two years ago is currently being called up but past experiences are affecting. Need to take into consideration some of the guidelines that are used at this point in time. There is a shortage of housing, long waiting lists, and lots and lots of people on the waiting lists. There are plenty of vouchers but still don't have the places to get to/go to. Preventing homelessness to begin with would be important too. Member of the public was on help before, people were going to his apartment, tore the shower, broke TV, broke window, and he had to replace from his own money, and now on the streets. People with mental challenge, there should be a place for them so they are not out there by themselves. \$1.8 million is not enough for a facility, train everybody to deal with the mental health problem. Police training for dealing with mental health issues. There are extreme drug issues at Desert Hope. There were people that got cleaned up but there does

not seem to be strict enforcement of cleanness as far as drugs and those types of activities. Possibly extra surveillance.

What type of housing would you like to live in? What would you build? And where in the City?

An NMSU student lost housing and dropped out of school, but noticed that there are a lot of vacant housing places on campus. Use people that want housing to help make the house ready for themselves/others. In California there was a welfare to work, get someone job ready, a guide to help. Desert Hope is a good idea and a good plan to begin with and more things like that can house more of a mass of people. Tent City is at capacity right now but so many people they could be helping but don't have the resources, the land, funds, permits. Desert Hope is great and maybe copy and enlarge it. Have everyone work towards their own house and help everyone build their own house or get it back to be livable. Hotels shut down and are condemned. Maybe upgraded instead of knocked down.

What about putting one bedroom apartments on the Community of Hope campus, would anyone be interested?

General agreement. Also when people are homeless some still have much of their belongings and would it be possible to put some of the money for storage. Otherwise many people lose their belongings, have it stolen, have it ruined due to being in the weather. Renovate a place and assist with security, basic remodel.

What do people feel about dormitory housing? May have a roommate, share a bathroom, a hostel type situation.

Part of the problem is the mindset of the process of getting out of homelessness, or some people just remaining homeless by choice. Have a dormitory and motel type mixed and there is an example in Williams, Arizona. There are lot of homeless that have no way to get services. A designated place at a designated time, buses, take you there and bring you back to the services. Homelessness can be solved in 20 years if everybody does what they need to do.

Where in Las Cruces else besides on the Community of Hope campus would the work/live situation work/dormitory?

Somewhere near the grocery stores, near bus stops, on Lohman, over by the Albertson's. The work for your keep, but also have it be multifaceted like either low income or medium income. The center in Williams, Arizona accommodated multiple people with multiple needs etc. Hostels are great, but not common anymore.

Thinking about a facility, what types of supportive services to be offered there?

Onsite severe mental, medical, extra food supply. Also because the Community of Hope has established itself and a lot of resources and trained staff, that maybe expanding their work force, doing outreach to these facilities, communities.

How to work around the stigma that is tied to people experiencing homelessness?

Getting housing is real complicated, too much red tape and causes a lot of frustration. People need lots of help with this process. The influx of migrants and the services they receive were mentioned and that they seem to be able to acquire it easier than people already citizens. Some people have decided that all people that are homeless are criminals. Water access is important. Some of the homeless population want to contribute to the communities in the City. How do we raise public awareness about that? Someone that has Social Security Disability it is impossible to continue rent for an extended period of time, usually just a couple of months due to the extreme low funds. Many people are in similar situations.

Gentleman speaking Spanish, translated. When someone is homeless before they enter Community of Hope they should go through a psychological examination/evaluation. Each person comes from different families, good, bad, drugs, so they have a different behaviors. If they have this evaluation, then there will be an idea on how they are, personality. According to the psychologist they are violent individuals and they have rights, this will help at Community of Hope what is observed. They help, get breakfast, lunch. That evaluation is needed to get to know the person, but it will help the Community of Hope. A person was let out of prison and the gentleman felt that he should not have been let out on the streets.

Some people see homelessness as all criminals and the way to help that image is to educate. Fundraisers for needs, such as coats, socks, etc, get many people involved. Another thing that would help would be incentives for a drug free environment.

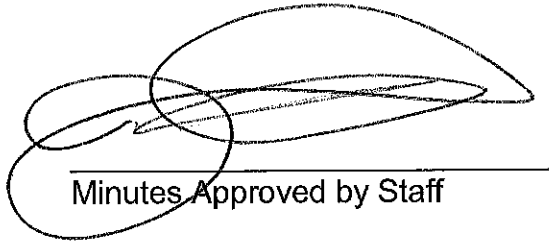
What are other services that if you have housing, what else do you need access to?

Counseling. Educating the people that there are a lot of resources, lot of counseling, but a lot of people do not have that information. A lot more of homeless prevention, funding come to the community as it has been very scarce. There are so many people on the streets and to add to that just further compounds the issue of trying to find enough units for people. So keep people in their homes to prevent them from becoming homeless. Also provide more housing stock, turning hotels into efficiency units that pass the standards. Permanent supportive housing.

Question on if there are issues with landlords accepting vouchers? There are landlords that refuse to work with people who have been living on the streets or who have a voucher, not able to prove that they have three months of read ahead of time available, not enough income. There income discrimination, rental discrimination

based on just the stigmatization of people and all the friends they bring with them. There are some incentive programs help pay security deposit and damages. Also provide helping landlords improve their units if they cannot pass inspection. Also looking into things like sign on bonuses. Help first and las months' rent, help with utilities, and incentive of staff going to homes and checking on people, if there are damages, bedbugs, address them.

Meeting ended at 2:56 p.m.



Minutes Approved by Staff



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**From:** Sam Rowan <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022 5:43 PM  
**To:** Fair Housing  
**Subject:** Fair Housing Questions

Dear Natalie Wood,

I was told that you were the person to respond to on these two questions:

1) What do you consider to be the most critical housing needs in your neighborhood and for the city overall?

I believe that my neighborhood is fairly representative of the rest of the city. We need affordable housing, and we also need transitional housing; and, we need to have a clear definition of what each of those things are. People who are transitioning from being un-housed to housed need a simple step up: a bedroom, bathroom, a desk, and someplace that they can go to eat. Similar to a dorm, low maintenance and low overhead so that they just need to worry about taking care of themselves.

Affordable housing would be for people who work and are capable of taking care of themselves, but whose wages have not grown with the cost of living. Two and three bedroom apartments and houses provided at a cost commensurate with wages.

In both of these cases, any wage caps that might disqualify a person from this sort of housing need to be high enough that a person can comfortably level up. Requiring a person to move up to more expensive housing before they are ready will just perpetuate our problems with poverty.

With all of that being said, we also need enough staffing and oversight to ensure that landlords and property managers are not tolerating criminal activity in any of these units.

2) What can the city do to improve housing opportunities and services for people experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless?

The first priority in this situation is the person, the second priority is the housing. First, the person needs to have the mental and physical health to be able to take care of themselves. Services for mental health, health, centers for recovery, those sorts of things are key.

When it comes to the actual housing, there needs to be a variety. Everything from dorm style living, and efficiency apartments to multiple bedroom houses and apartments. There needs to be a variety of options to fit a variety of needs; and again, they need to be staffed and managed. If we tolerate criminal activity, then nothing good will be accomplished.

The needs are many, but we should start with the smallest and easiest things to do, then work our way up from there.

Best,

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Sam Rowan

C: (575) [REDACTED]

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**From:** S B <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 12:23 AM  
**To:** Natalie Green  
**Cc:** City Manager  
**Subject:** input on new housing project

Hi,  
I'm hoping there will be an opportunity for public comment before any group is selected and contracted, and the inclusion of homeless people in the discussion and creation of the final plans and selection.  
It is clear that a major part of the problem with Desert Hope has been the lack of effective management by the Housing Authority, or whoever was responsible for management and oversight.  
I would highly suggest including homeless people in the planning and implementation of this project as a best practice for a clear and informed understanding of the needs, problems and suggestions of people from the representative group of tenants who will eventually be housed there, before the project is started. That is the respect they deserve, and the input you need to make sure this runs as smoothly as possible, and is successful for all parties involved.  
Remember: "NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US"  
Thank you.

Pattie Hartman  
Las Cruces Resident  
[REDACTED] Mountain Av  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Nancy Dionne <[REDACTED]@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 6, 2022 10:02 AM  
**To:** Natalie Green  
**Subject:** Dates

Would you provide dates for the housing meetings.

We have just formed a group that is determined to help the houseless.

People continue to constantly complain about them but offer no solutions. We really care about them and realize their needs are many. Mental, physical, and joblessness to name a few.

We need a second tent city with basics. 50 tents is a joke. It would be wonderful to find a building that they can go to to shower, do laundry and get rotating medical advice and just have a "day room" that they can watch TV, play games etc... a glimpse of "normal" life.

Are there statistics on the number of houseless in Las Cruces that are not receiving any services?

We are hopeful that we can make a difference in their lives. Looking forward to hearing city proposals.

Thank you,

Nancy Dionne

Nancy Dionne  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Pattie Hartman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 1:52 PM  
**To:** Natalie Green

Natalie,

I shared the survey about affordable housing, based on this statement i copied from the announcement:  
The draft HOME-ARP Plan will be available for public review in November 2022. At least two public hearings will be conducted so the public can comment on the draft plan. The dates of public hearings will be announced soon.

So, can you explain how and why people are finding that the survey CLOSED October 31??!

Pattie Hartman  
[REDACTED]

"Healing is never complete until we have been truly heard." Anthon St. Maarten

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## NEWS RELEASE

Date: Oct. 18, 2022

Contact: Natalie Green, Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager

Phone: 575/528-3086

### City of Las Cruces HOME-ARP Community Survey

The City of Las Cruces is conducting a HOME-American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan to identify how the funding should be spent to help people with affordable housing, for people at risk of being homeless, and for people currently experiencing homelessness in Las Cruces.

The City of Las Cruces needs community input to identify housing and homeless service needs in neighborhoods and throughout the city.

The community survey is available directly online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LasCrucesHOMEARPCCommunitySurvey>. It also can be accessed through the City's website, at <https://www.las-cruces.org/2227/Discover-Housing-and-Community-Resources>.

#### What does the City want to know?

- What do residents consider to be the most critical housing needs in their neighborhood and for the City overall?
- What can the City do to improve housing opportunities and services for people experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless?

The draft HOME-ARP Plan will be available for public review in November 2022. At least two public hearings will be conducted so the public can comment on the draft plan. The dates of public hearings will be announced soon.

#### Questions?

The public is encouraged to provide written comments about the HOME-ARP Plan. For more information about the HOME-ARP Plan process, to comment, or to make disability accommodations to attend a public hearing, contact: Natalie Green, Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager, at 575/528-3086, or by email at: [ngreen@las-cruces.org](mailto:ngreen@las-cruces.org).

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD  
FOR THE  
CITY OF LAS CRUCES HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ALLOCATION**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Las Cruces Economic Development Department has prepared the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

As part of the ARP, the City of Las Cruces was allocated \$1,778,071.00 in HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds to assist individuals or households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations. The purpose of HOME-ARP funds are to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The funds may be used to provide rental affordable housing development, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter. The purpose of the hearing is to present the City of Las Cruces Economic Developments HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and to provide an opportunity for City residents to provide feedback. A 30-day public comment period will begin on Monday, November 14, 2022, and end on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

The draft HOME Allocation Plan will be available for public review starting on Monday, November 14, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Las Cruces City Hall, Economic Development Department, 700 N. Main, Suite 1100 or City Clerk's Office, Suite 1200 and the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho. It will also be on the City's website at [www.lascruces.gov](http://www.lascruces.gov) under the "Discover Housing and Community Resources" section (this page is ADA compliant for the visually impaired).

The HOME Allocation Plan can be translated, upon request, for Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons for review during the public comment period. The HOME Allocation Plan can also be provided in alternate formats for the disabled (i.e. Braille, large print, audio tape) upon request.

Two public hearings to receive comments on the HOME Allocation Plan will be held. The first is Wednesday, December 07, 2022, from 5:30 at the City Hall, 700 N. Main St., room 1158. Another hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 08, 2022 at 2:30, at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Resource Room, 999 W Amador, Las Cruces, NM. The City also welcomes public participation from resident's computers, tablets, or smartphones. They can join the meeting by clicking on the following links:

December 7<sup>th</sup> - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81881660882?pwd=YnNtUmNvRklpZmlydlAwdG5qbSt5UT09>

December 8<sup>th</sup> -

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88447179450?pwd=eGc2RlhLTU4yT0dYUmZ3VTdyY2lmQT09>

These facilities meet the requirements for wheelchair accessibility. A Spanish interpreter will be available and, upon request, interpreters for other languages can also be made available during the hearings. Please make any language and format accommodation requests at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled hearings to the person of contact listed at the bottom of this announcement.

If you need an accommodation for a disability, to enable you to fully participate in this event, please contact us 72 hours before the event at 575-528-3022 or TTY at 575-528-3157. The City of Las Cruces does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender

identity, familial status, spousal affiliation, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

All residents, property owners, persons with disabilities, seniors, low-income, children and youth, homeless persons, and other stakeholders of the City of Las Cruces are encouraged to submit written comments or questions regarding the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. If the public is unable to attend the public hearing, they may submit written comments concerning the HOME Allocation Plan to the City of Las Cruces during the 30-day public comment period between November 14 and December 15, 2022.

Public comments must be submitted by Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Written comments may be submitted via any of the following methods:

By Mail:           Economic Development Department  
                      Housing and Neighborhood Services Section  
                      ATTN: HOME ARP Allocation Plan  
                      P.O. Box 20000  
                      Las Cruces, NM 88004  
By E-mail: [fairhousing@lascruces.gov](mailto:fairhousing@lascruces.gov)  
By Phone: 575-528-3022 (voice) or 575-528-3157 (TTY)

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3 **ARP FUNDING**  
4 **December 7, 2022**  
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7 Following are the summary minutes of the 2022 ARPA Funding Public Meeting held on  
8 December 7, 202 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 700 N. Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.  
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11 **PRESENT:** Natalie Green (Economic Development)  
12 Ray Burchfield (Economic Development)  
13 Jan Lauterbach (Economic Development)  
14 Kevin Wilson (Economic Development)  
15 Elizabeth Teeters (Economic Development)  
16 Catrina Godinez (Economic Development)  
17 Magdalena Giron (Interpreting and Translation Services)  
18 Becky Baum (Recording Secretary, Transcriptionist)  
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22 **No Public Present**  
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25 **Note:** Staff waited for 15 minutes to ensure ample opportunity for members of the  
26 public to attend.  
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3 **HOME-ARP FUNDING**  
4 **December 8, 2022**  
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6 Following are the summary minutes of the 2022 HOME-ARP Funding Public Meeting  
7 held on December 8, 2022 at 2:30 pm at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope  
8 Resource Room, 999 W. Amador, Las Cruces, New Mexico.  
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11 PRESENT: Natalie Green (Economic Development)  
12 Ray Burchfield (Economic Development)  
13 Jan Lauterbach (Economic Development)  
14 Kevin Wilson (Economic Development)  
15 Catrina Godinez (Economic Development)  
16 Magdalena Giron (Interpreting and Translation Services)  
17 Katelyn Michaud (Crescendo Consulting)  
18 Ken Koegel (Crescendo Consulting)  
19

20 Greg Shervanick- Member of the Public  
21

22 Katelyn Michaud gave the presentation on the HOME-ARP funding.  
23

24 What services are specific group in need of most and can that be determined by the  
25 survey?  
26

27 It was probably more quantitative like some of the stuff we heard from El Paso  
28 like how they do childcare services or they need workforce servicers.  
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30 Families with children are experiencing homelessness different than permanent  
31 supportive housing for single adults.  
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33 There were a few other questions, unfortunately inaudible on the recording.  
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
<b>* 1. Type of Submission:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		
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<b>* 3. Date Received:</b> _____		<b>4. Applicant Identifier:</b> _____
<b>5a. Federal Entity Identifier:</b> _____		<b>5b. Federal Award Identifier:</b> _____
<b>State Use Only:</b>		
<b>6. Date Received by State:</b> _____		<b>7. State Application Identifier:</b> _____
<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
<b>* a. Legal Name:</b> City of Las Cruces		
<b>* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):</b> 85-6000147		<b>* c. UEI:</b> J3ZLWA2K1X47
<b>d. Address:</b>		
<b>* Street1:</b> 700 N. Main St.		
<b>Street2:</b> _____		
<b>* City:</b> Las Cruces		
<b>County/Parish:</b> _____		
<b>* State:</b> NM: New Mexico		
<b>Province:</b> _____		
<b>* Country:</b> USA: UNITED STATES		
<b>* Zip / Postal Code:</b> 88001-1120		
<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>		
<b>Department Name:</b> Economic Development		<b>Division Name:</b> Housing & Neighborhood Services
<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>		
<b>Prefix:</b> Mrs.		<b>* First Name:</b> Natalie
<b>Middle Name:</b> _____		
<b>* Last Name:</b> Green		
<b>Suffix:</b> _____		
<b>Title:</b> Housing & Neighborhood Services Manager		
<b>Organizational Affiliation:</b> _____		
<b>* Telephone Number:</b> 575-528-3086		<b>Fax Number:</b> _____
<b>* Email:</b> ngreen@las-cruces.org		

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.W. Department of Housing & Urban Development

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME 14.239

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

M21-MP350222

\* Title:

HOME ARP ALLOCATION PLAN PY21

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

PY21 HOME ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,778,071.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,778,071.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes  No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

\*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:   
Middle Name:   
\* Last Name:   
Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

\* Date Signed:



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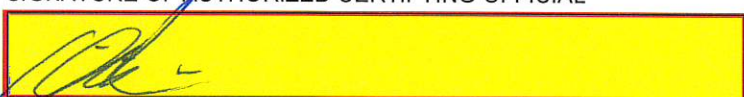
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Las Cruces	1/13/23

## HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the participating jurisdiction certifies that:

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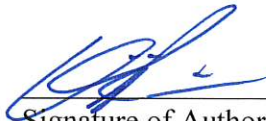
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official  
Ken Miyagishima

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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Title

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1/12/23  
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