



Project Homeless Connect

October 4, 2011

It takes a team effort to address homelessness.

We are now assembling that team for the next Project Homeless Connect, an annual one-day resource fair that provides health screenings, housing referrals, food, clothing and more for San Diego's homeless community.

The 6th Annual Project Homeless Connect will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Golden Hall at San Diego Concourse.

For the second year, the San Diego Housing Commission is the lead organizer for Project Homeless Connect, partnering with Family Health Centers of San Diego, St. Vincent de Paul Village, the Interfaith Shelter Network and other community organizations.

We are asking for your help. We need businesses, nonprofits and individuals to volunteer their time and talent to make the event a success.

Sign up now by visiting the San Diego Housing Commission's website at www.sdhc.org.

Gathering data on homeless people, especially those who live on the streets, is always challenging. Events like Project Homeless Connect allow us to collect information and helps service providers develop innovative programs to address homelessness.

The following report provides details about participants at the 5th Annual Project Homeless Connect, held at Golden Hall on January 5, 2011. At the event, 660 homeless individuals received care and many of them completed demographic surveys.

On behalf of our partners, we encourage you to read through this report, which provides a snapshot of the people who took part in Project Homeless Connect.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Gentry
President & Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Housing Commission



We Need Your Help

Businesses, nonprofit organizations and volunteers join us to provide vital services, including:

- Housing information
- Medical evaluations
- Dental screenings
- Mental health referrals
- Pastoral care
- Veterinary care
- Legal aid
- Substance abuse referrals
- Food service
- Child care
- Haircuts

We also need donations of gently used clothing, shoes and blankets, as well as new socks and toothbrushes, and non-perishable food items.

To participate in Project Homeless Connect, please visit www.sdhc.org.



Project Homeless Connect Report & Survey

This year, the San Diego Housing Commission was the lead organizer of Project Homeless Connect, a one-day resource fair that provided services to 660 homeless individuals and families in San Diego.

Held at Golden Hall on January 5, 2011, more than 240 volunteers came together to take part in the event, including 54 organizations.

With a line beginning to form at 6:00 a.m., hundreds of homeless individuals and families waited patiently for the doors of Golden Hall to open at 10:00 a.m. on that January morning. By the end of the day, 660 persons, living in both shelters or on the streets, received assistance ranging from clothing, blankets, haircuts, and toiletries, to on-site medical evaluations, housing referrals, legal aid, spiritual counseling and assistance with substance abuse.

Close to 125 dental exams were provided by the San Diego County Dental Society and Family Health Centers of San Diego. Providing dental evaluations for the fourth straight year was Dr. John E. Geis, the immediate past president of the San Diego County Dental Society.

"After last year's event, I cried all the way home because I encountered so many families who had lost homes and were living in their cars," remarked Geis, who also runs a dental clinic for the underprivileged in Pauma Valley.

Administering over 108 flu shots and taking blood pressures were the jobs of a team of 14 student nurses from the University of San Diego's (USD) nursing program and 10 from Pt. Loma Nazarene College. It was USD's fourth year participating and Pt. Loma Nazarene's first.

Family Health Centers conducted over 40 comprehensive medical evaluations. Included were flu shots, dental evaluations, screening for HIV, and any necessary triage.

St. Vincent de Paul provided meals while hair cuts for 300 individuals were provided by local hair stylists and the San Diego Rescue Mission.

These results are based on the surveys that were returned as participants left Project Homeless Connect on January 5, 2011. They provide a snapshot into the lives of 547 homeless people in San Diego. As you read through it, you will find important information about ethnicity, family status, military service, income and other demographics.



Project Homeless Connect Goals

- Connect the homeless with necessary services
- Provide resources and referrals to services
- Improve the system of care through collaboration among service providers
- Partner with the private sector, corporations and foundations to expand service capacity and funding support
- Engage a broad base of volunteers: nonprofits, businesses and individual community members
- Encourage and provide the homeless with access to services that will allow them to become permanently housed
- Expand awareness of homelessness, necessary services and potential solutions





Project Homeless Connect Statistics

Participants / Services Received

660	Completed intake form at start
547	Returned intake form at exit*
* Statistics that follow are based on this number	
125	Dental screenings
108	Flu vaccines
40	Medical screenings at mobile clinic
300	Haircuts provided by 5 hair stylists



Agencies & Volunteers

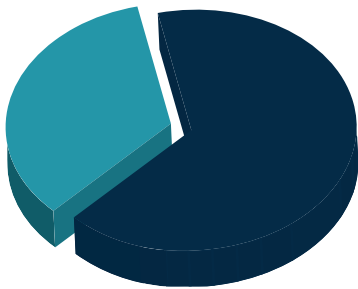
54	Health and Social Service Agencies
133	Agency staff at PHC
240	Volunteers
700+	Volunteers Hours





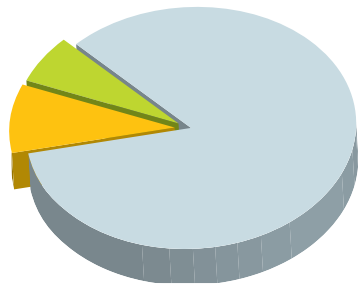
Demographics

Hispanic



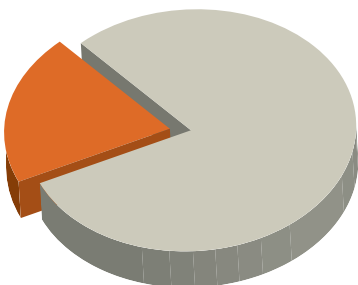
Yes	20.04%
No	79.96%

Marital



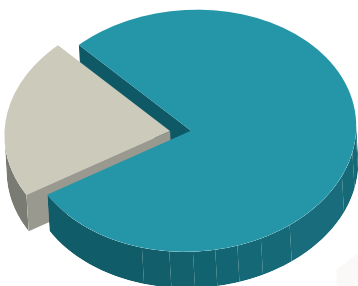
Married	9.20%
Partner	6.13%
Single	84.67%

Gender



Female	33.90%
Male	66.10%

Veterans

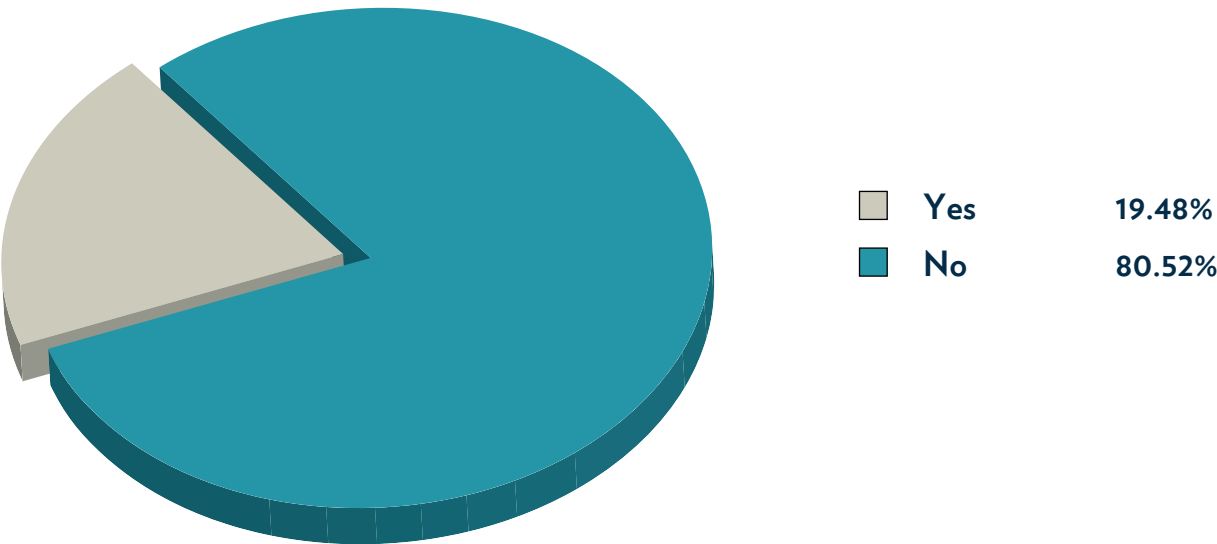


Yes	21.29%
No	78.71%

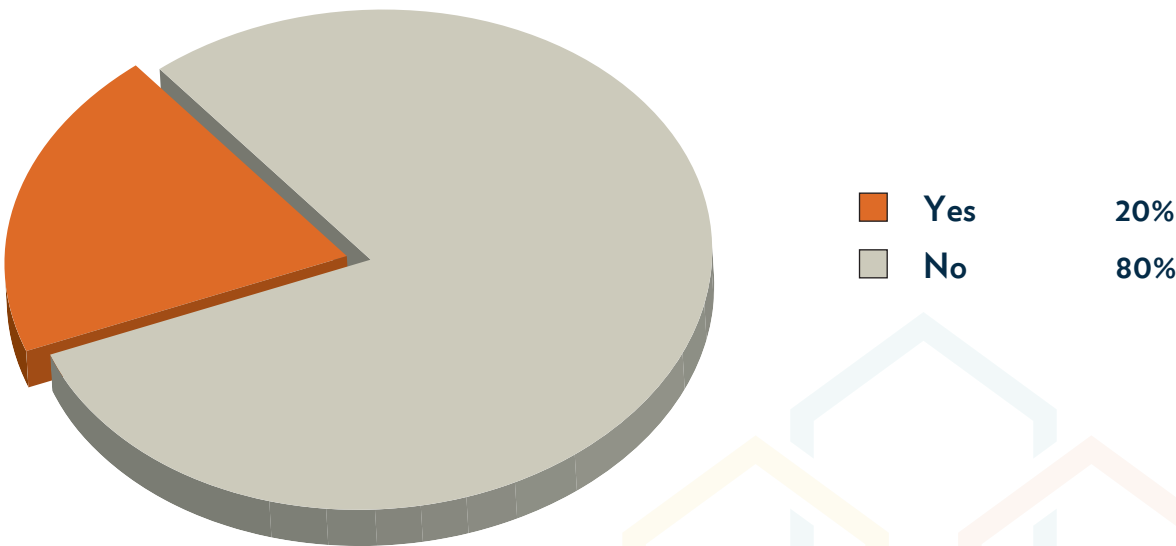


Dependants

Have Minor Children



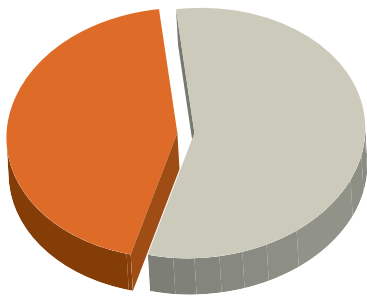
In Custody





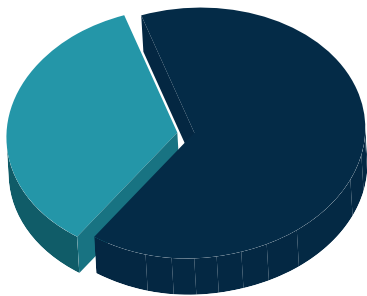
Medical Conditions

Medical Issues



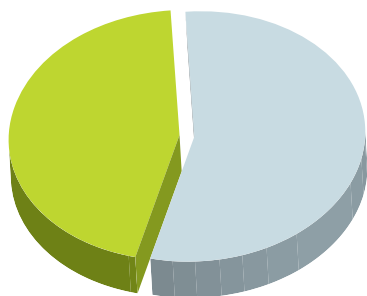
Yes	56.31%
No	43.69%

Mobility Limitations



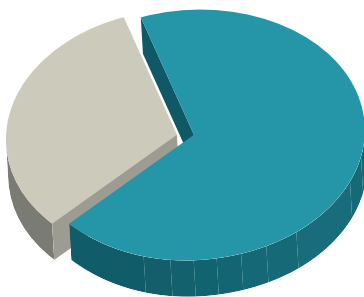
Yes	34.84%
No	65.16%

Mental Illness



Yes	44.88%
No	55.12%

Mental Health Treatment

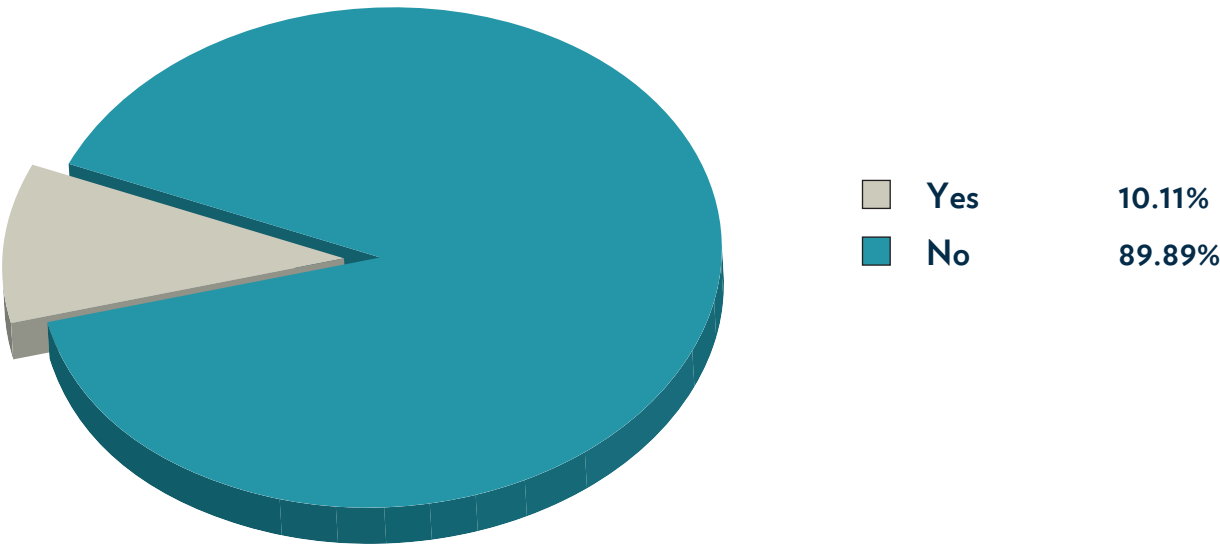


Yes	31.81%
No	68.19%

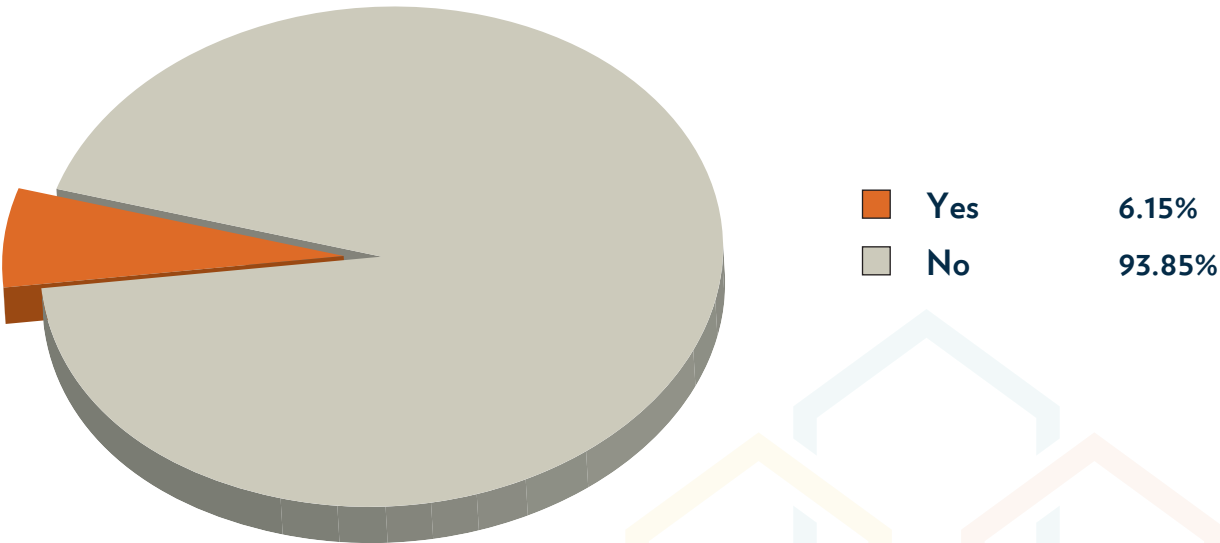


Substance Abuse

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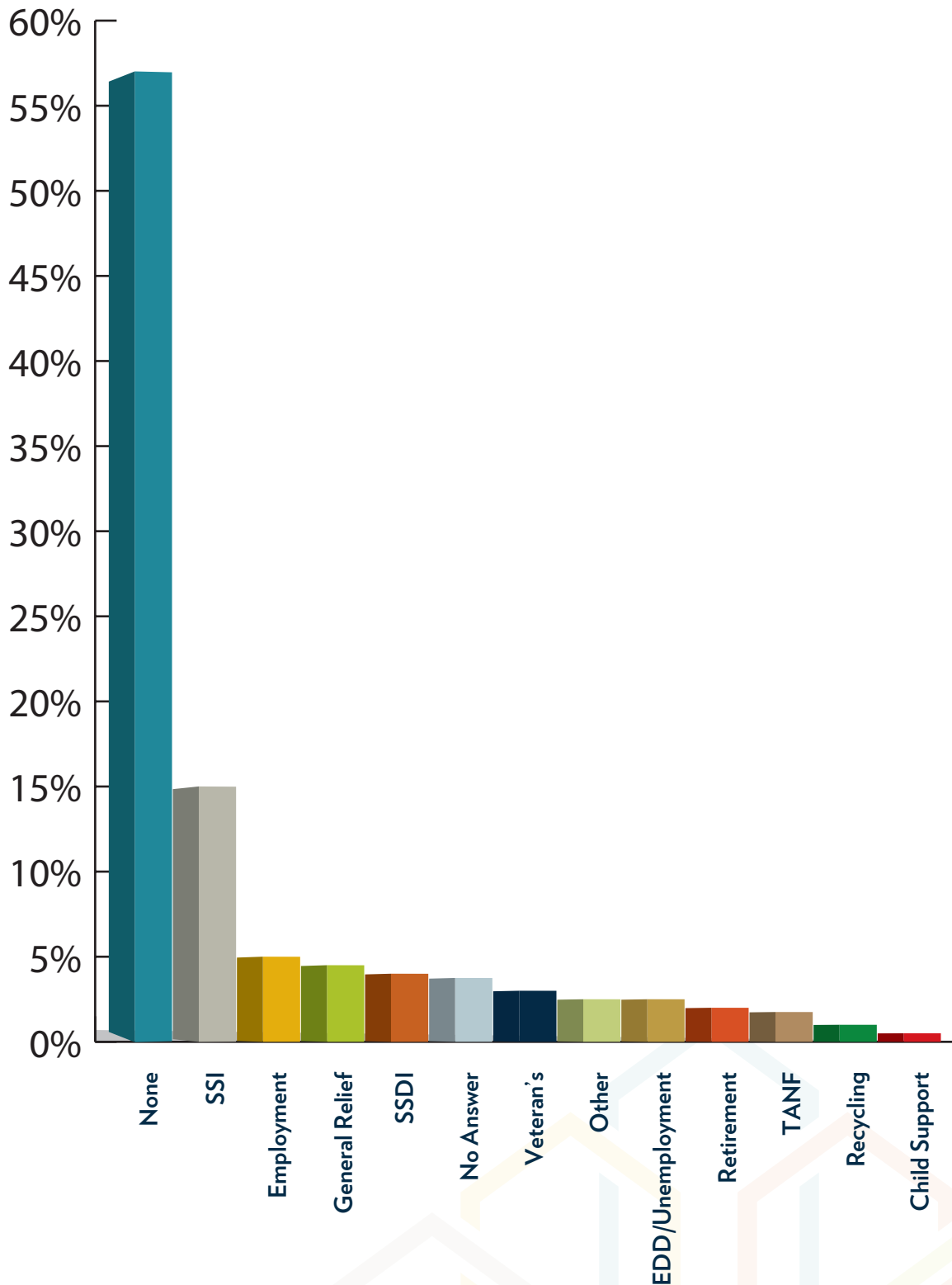


Substance Abuse Treatment



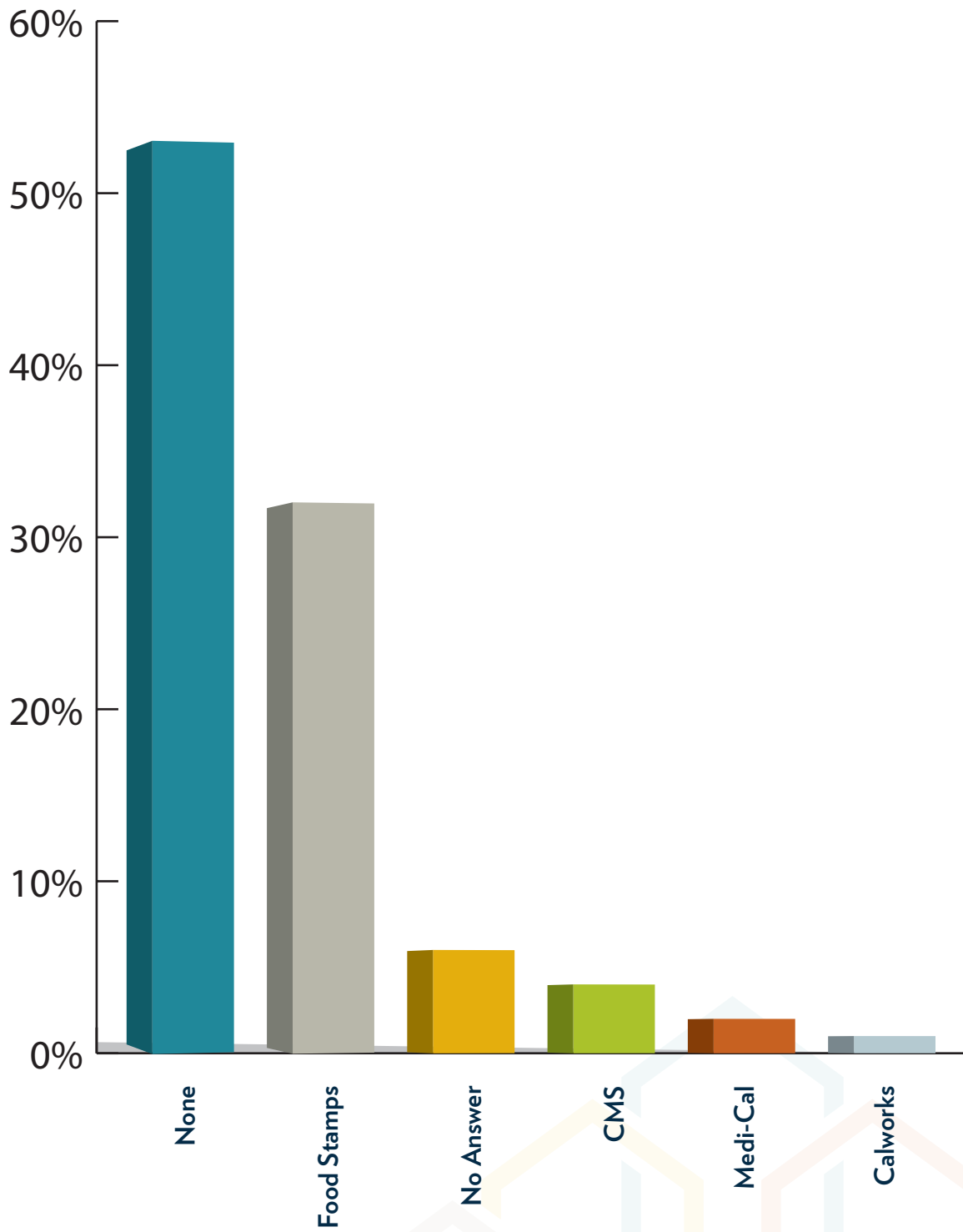


Primary Source of Income



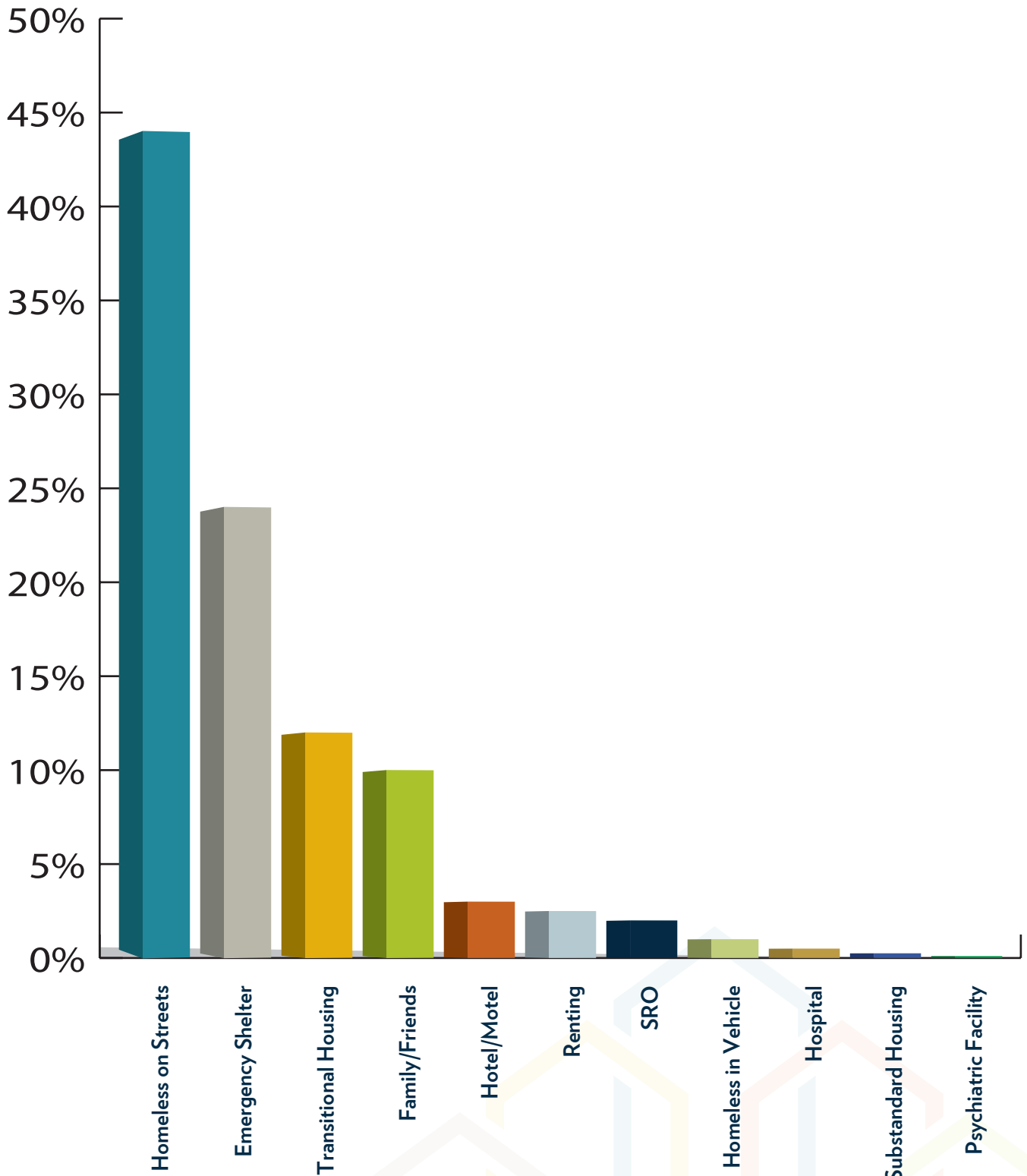


Benefits



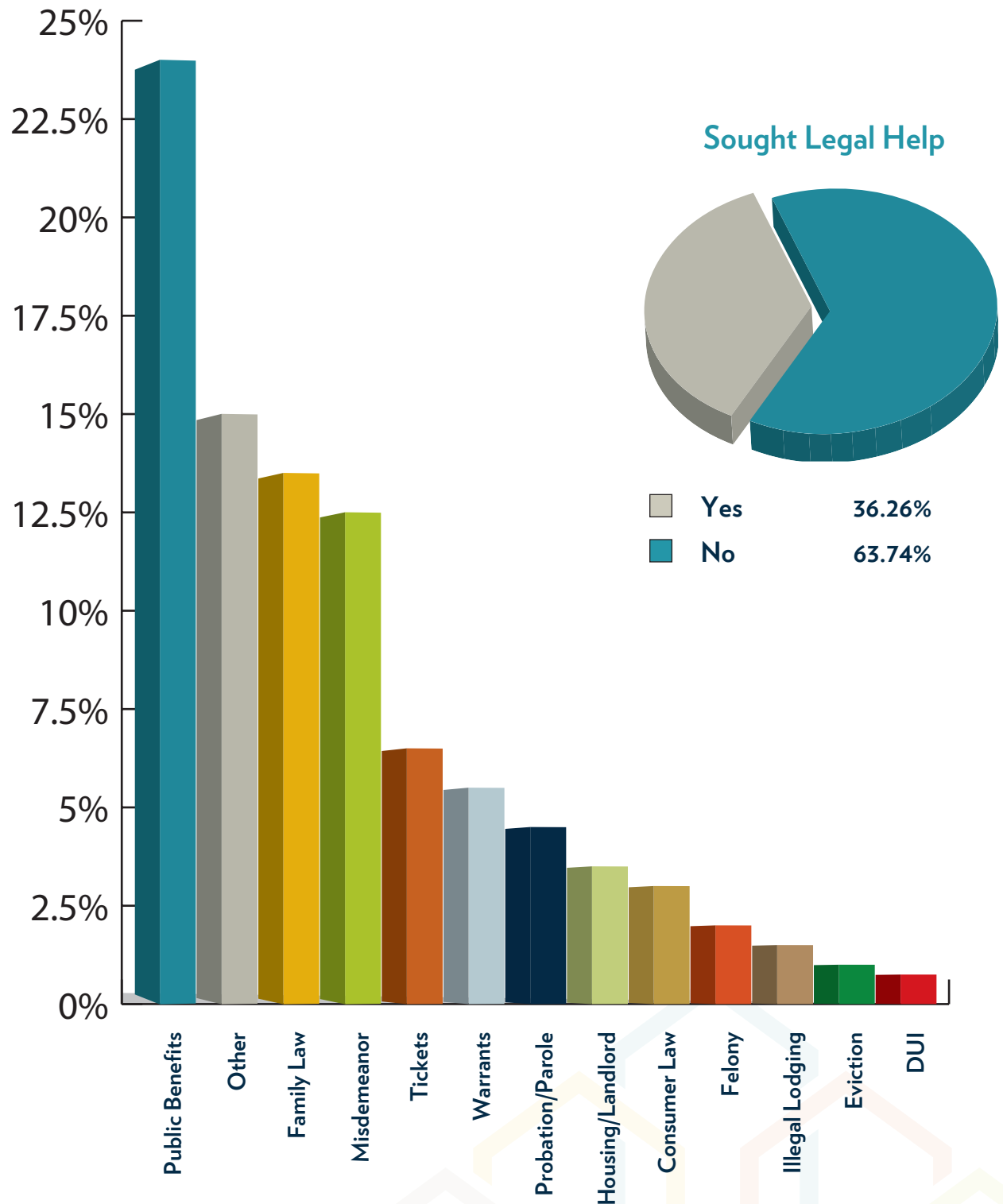


Living Situation





Legal Services Accessed





Partnering with the San Diego Housing Commission on Project Homeless Connect were Family Health Centers of San Diego, St. Vincent de Paul Village, and the Interfaith Shelter Network.

Contributing Partners

- 2-1-1 San Diego
- Alpha Project
- Children's Advocacy Institute
- City of San Diego Community Concourse at Golden Hall
- Co-Dependents Anonymous
- Community Research Foundation
- County Mental Health
- County of San Diego, HHSA
- Crossroads Foundation
- East County Transitional Living Center
- EDD - South County Career Center
- EDD - Local Veterans Employment
- EDD - Vets & CA Operation Welcome Home
- Episcopal Community Services
- FACE Your Future San Diego
- Heritage Clinic
- Housing Opportunities Collaborative
- Legal Aid Society of San Diego
- Mental Health Systems
- Metro Region Career Centers
- MiraCosta College
- NAMI San Diego
- Neighborhood House Association
- New Horizons - SDCCD
- North County Serenity House
- Point Loma Nazarene University (student RNs)
- PATH
- Providence Community Services
- Recovery Innovations of CA
- Regional Task Force on the Homeless
- Rock Church
- Serial Inebriate Program (SIP)
- San Diego Access & Crisis Line
- San Diego County Dental Society
- San Diego County Office of Education
- San Diego Rescue Mission
- San Diego Youth Services
- Second Chance
- TACHS
- UCSD Bridge to Recovery
- UCSD Co-Occurring Disorders
- University of San Diego (Student RNs)
- VA Healthcare for Homeless
- Veterans Village of San Diego
- VOA - Luhman
- YMCA
- YWCA

**Special thanks to the Regional Task Force on the Homeless
for preparing the Project Homeless Connect Report and Data Analysis.**

Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission provides a variety of award-winning affordable housing programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and help improve the lives of more than 125,000 San Diegans annually.