

Homelessness and Seniors in Rural Nevada

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The Rural Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC)



- Carson City
- Churchill County
- Douglas County
- Elko County
- Esmeralda County
- Eureka County
- Humboldt County
- Lander County
- Lincoln County
- Lyon County
- Mineral County
- Nye County
- Pershing County
- Storey County
- White Pine County

Population Aged 65 and Over in Nevada 2023-2033

Region/County	Population Aged 65 and Over		Change – 2023 to 2033	
	2023	2033	Number	Percent
Rural and Frontier				
Churchill County	4,502	4,935	433	9.6
Douglas County	15,022	16,632	1,610	10.7
Elko County	8,631	10,420	1,789	20.7
Esmeralda County	266	226	-39	-14.9
Eureka County	407	485	78	19.2
Humboldt County	2,743	3,376	632	23.0
Lander County	1,112	1,276	164	14.7
Lincoln County	1,171	1,171	-1	-0.1
Lyon County	12,643	14,538	1,895	15.0
Mineral County	1,131	1,015	-117	-10.3
Nye County	14,609	17,481	2,871	19.7
Pershing County	1,075	1,118	43	4.0
Storey County	1,347	1,480	133	9.9
White Pine County	2,214	2,459	245	11.1
Region Subtotal	66,873	76,610	9,737	14.6
Urban				
Carson City	13,404	14,360	956	7.1
Clark County	352,570	445,524	92,954	26.4
Washoe County	84,138	103,997	19,859	23.6
Region Subtotal	450,112	563,881	113,768	25.3
Nevada – Total				
	516,986	640,491	123,505	23.9

Source: Nevada State Demographer's Office (2022b).

Seniors in Rural and Frontier Areas Need



Housing



Health Care



Mental Health
Care



Food stability



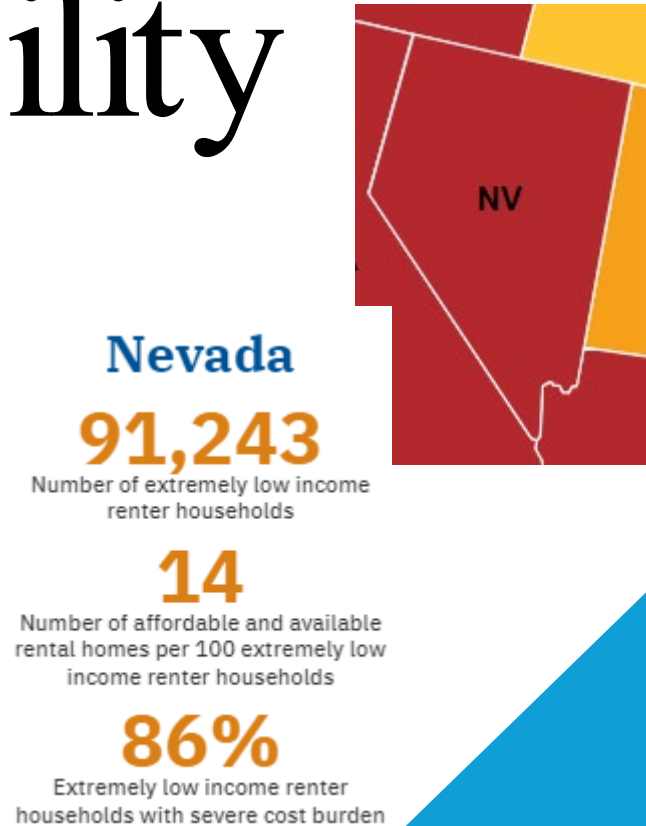
Transportation



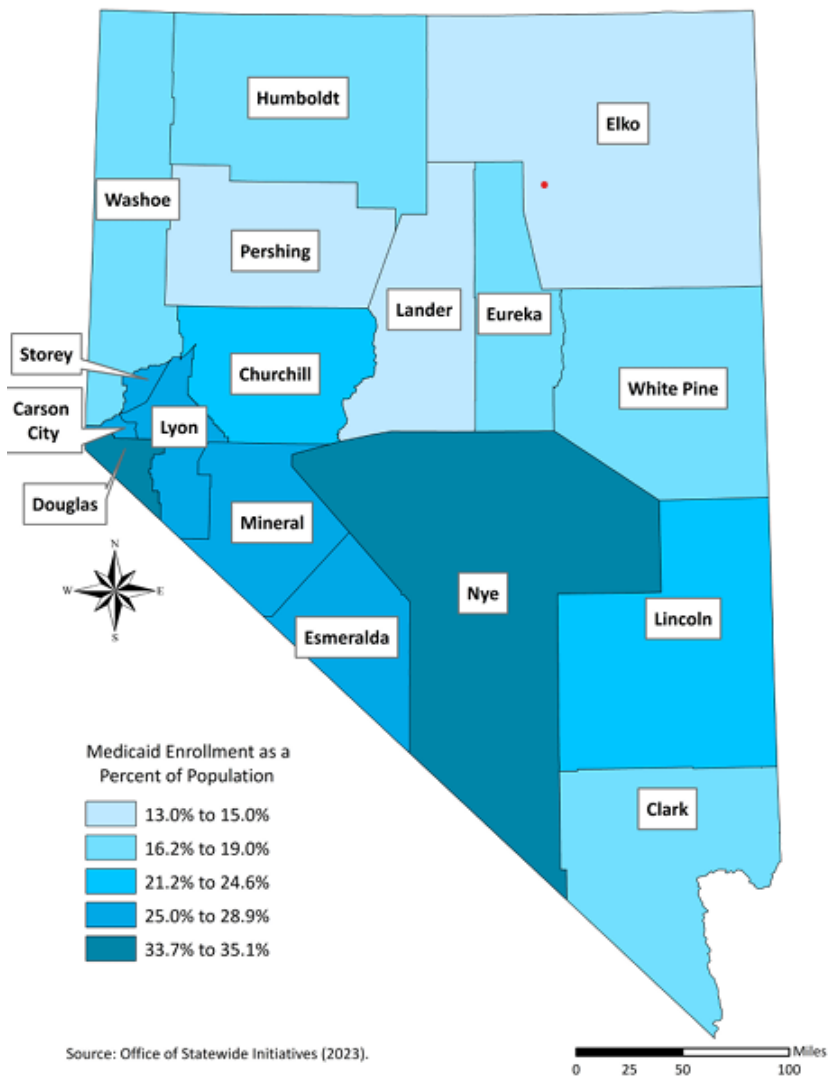
Socialization

Housing Affordability

- 31 % of Extremely Low Income are seniors
- 14 units per 100 renters available in the state
- Unit scarcity
- Rents are increasing
- Need to preserve every home possible.



SOURCE: <https://nlihc.org/gap>



Medicare Enrollment in Nevada by County - 2022

SOURCE: Office of Statewide Initiatives (2023) via
Nevada Rural and Frontier Health Data Book -11th Edition

Medicare Enrollment in Nevada – 2013 to 2022

Region/County	Medicare Enrollment		Change – 2013 to 2022		Percent of County Population
	2013	2022	Number	Percent	
Rural and Frontier					
Churchill County	4,791	5,855	1,064	22.2	21.9
Douglas County	12,021	16,900	4,879	40.6	33.7
Elko County	5,319	7,162	1,843	34.6	13.0
Esmeralda County	242	259	17	7.0	25.0
Eureka County	289	357	68	23.5	18.2
Humboldt County	2,205	3,035	830	37.6	17.3
Lander County	796	932	136	17.1	14.9
Lincoln County	987	1,079	92	9.3	21.2
Lyon County	11,507	14,961	3,454	30.0	25.3
Mineral County	1,248	1,365	117	9.4	27.9
Nye County	13,229	17,466	4,237	32.0	35.1
Pershing County	901	1,058	157	17.4	15.0
Storey County	951	1,294	343	36.1	28.9
White Pine County	1,688	1,925	237	14.0	18.4
Region Subtotal	56,174	73,648	17,474	31.1	24.6
Urban					
Carson City	11,557	14,484	2,927	25.3	25.2
Clark County	275,913	382,550	106,637	38.6	16.2
Washoe County	69,829	94,498	24,669	35.3	19.0
Region Subtotal	357,299	491,532	134,233	37.6	16.8
Nevada – Total	413,473	565,180	151,707	36.7	17.6

Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (2022).

Medicare Advantage (Part C) Enrollment In Nevada by County – 2013 to 2022

Region/County	Medicare Advantage Enrollment		Change – 2013 to 2022	
	2013	2022	Number	Percent
Rural and Frontier				
Churchill County	388	1,525	1,137	293.0
Douglas County	854	4,245	3,391	397.1
Elko County	113	307	194	171.7
Esmeralda County	27	15	-12	-44.4
Eureka County	0	15	15	100.0
Humboldt County	83	128	45	54.2
Lander County	22	22	0	0.0
Lincoln County	34	81	47	138.2
Lyon County	2,202	5,327	3,125	141.9
Mineral County	143	53	-90	-62.9
Nye County	5,928	10,088	4,160	70.2
Pershing County	27	29	2	7.4
Storey County	136	457	321	236.0
White Pine County	38	96	58	152.6
Region Subtotal	9,995	22,388	12,393	124.0
Urban				
Carson City	752	4,386	3,634	483.2
Clark County	98,763	197,364	98,601	99.8
Washoe County	19,952	39,274	19,322	96.8
Region Subtotal	119,467	241,024	121,557	101.7
Nevada – Total				
Nevada – Total	129,462	263,412	133,950	103.5

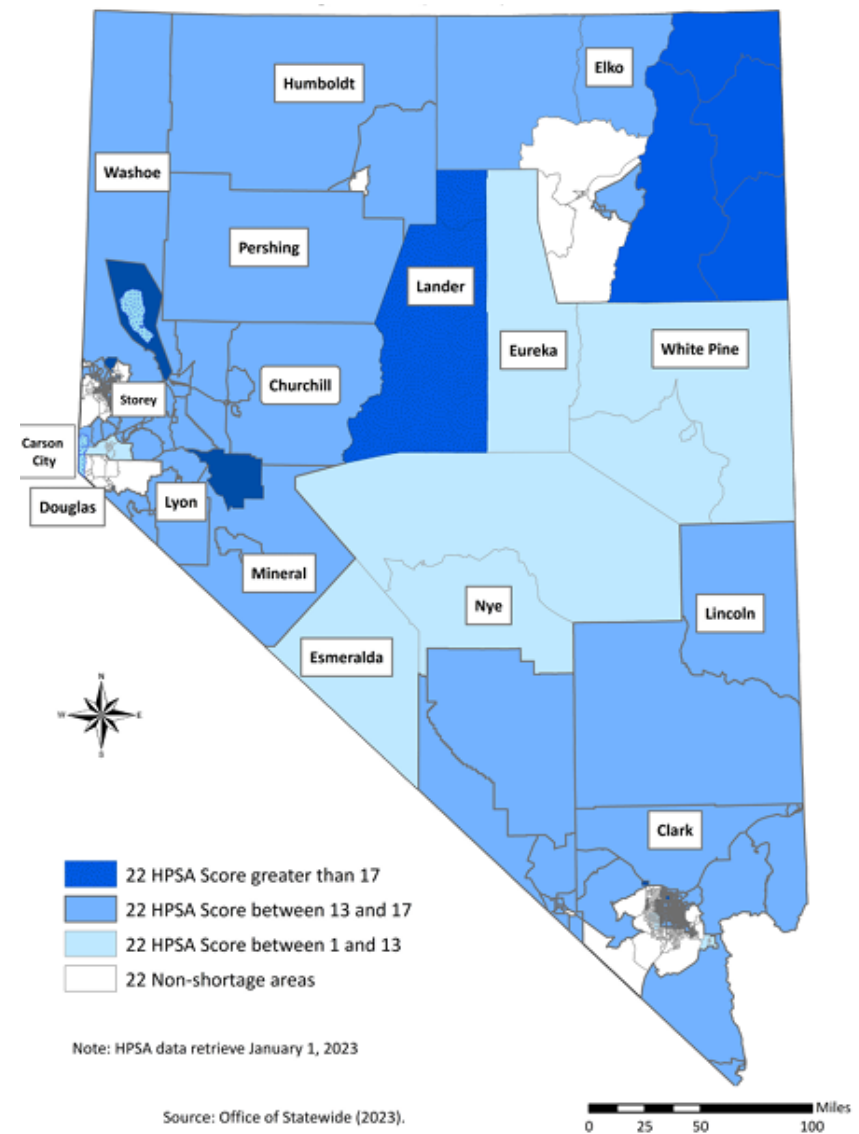
Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (2022).

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) Enrollment In Nevada 2013 to 2022

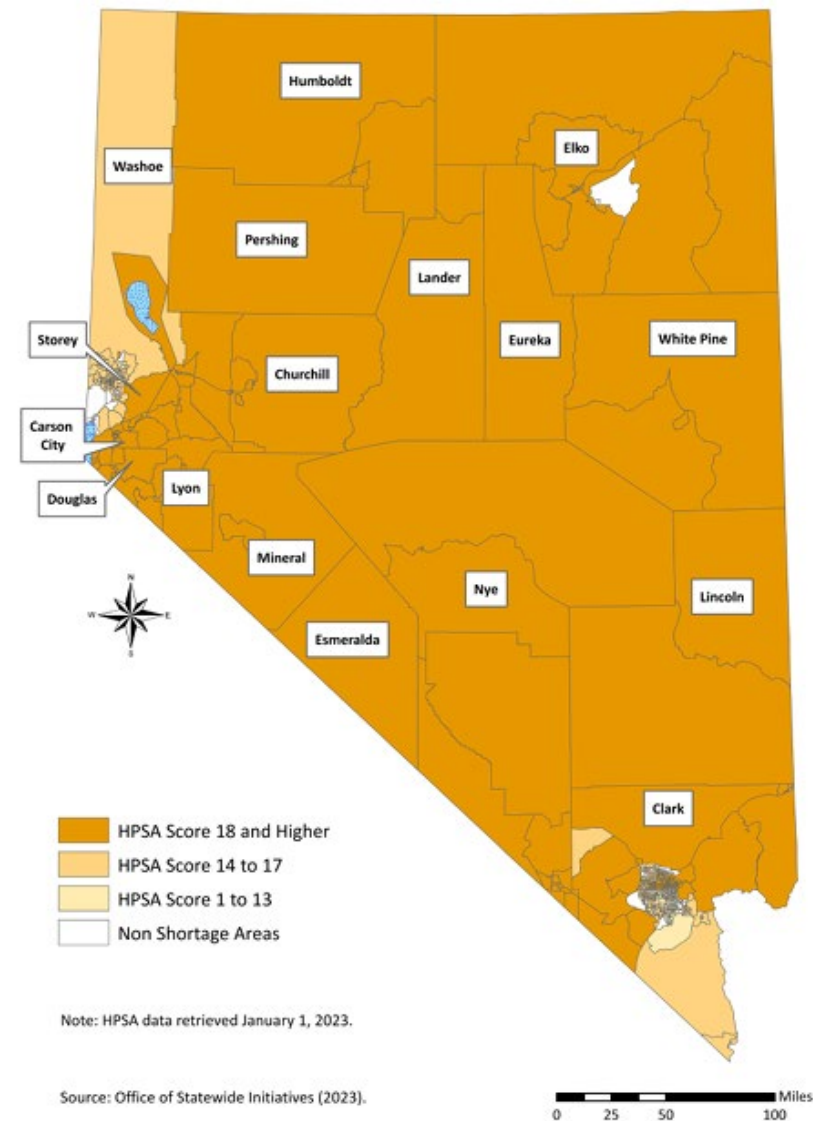
Region/County	Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Enrollment		Change – 2013 to 2022	
	2013	2022	Number	Percent
Rural and Frontier				
Churchill County	2,352	3,526	1,174	49.9
Douglas County	6,709	12,146	5,437	81.0
Elko County	2,760	4,255	1,495	54.2
Esmeralda County	128	143	15	11.7
Eureka County	137	207	70	51.1
Humboldt County	1,164	1,925	761	65.4
Lander County	396	535	139	35.1
Lincoln County	557	692	135	24.2
Lyon County	6,687	10,225	3,538	52.9
Mineral County	591	738	147	24.9
Nye County	8,796	13,073	4,277	48.6
Pershing County	512	673	161	31.4
Storey County	498	873	375	75.3
White Pine County	934	1,194	260	27.8
Region Subtotal	32,220	50,205	17,985	55.8
Urban				
Carson City	6,772	10,175	3,403	50.3
Clark County	178,604	287,231	108,627	60.8
Washoe County	42,929	68,924	25,995	60.6
Region Subtotal	228,305	366,330	138,025	60.5
Nevada – Total				
Nevada – Total	260,525	416,535	156,010	59.9

Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (2022).

Primary Medical Care Professional Shortage Areas



Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas



Health Workforce Supply by Region - 2022

Licensed Health Professionals	Number of Licensees per 100,000 Population		
	Rural and Frontier Counties	Urban Counties	Nevada
Medicine and Primary Care			
Allopathic Physicians (MDs)	70.8	200.1	188.0
Osteopathic Physicians (DOs)	21.1	36.8	33.5
Primary Care Physicians (MDs and DOs)	39.1	91.3	86.4
Physician Assistants (PAs)	25.4	37.9	36.7
Nursing			
Advanced Practitioners of Nursing (APNs)	43.8	93.5	88.9
Registered Nurses (RNs)	625.2	1,006.6	971.0
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs)	77.9	113.0	109.7
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)	6.3	3.8	4.1
Oral Health			
Dentists	29.7	61.3	58.4
Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs)	43.1	42.7	42.7
Mental and Behavioral Health			
Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors	30.1	24.0	24.6
Clinical Professional Counselors	5.5	15.1	14.6
Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs)	32.4	43.1	42.1
Marriage and Family Therapists	10.7	33.2	31.7
Psychiatrists	1.0	10.2	9.3
Psychologists	3.7	15.6	14.5
Allied Health and Other Health Professions			
Chiropractors	16.1	21.8	21.3
Registered Dietitians (RDs)	10.9	19.7	18.9
Medical Laboratory Assistants	297.3	359.1	353.4
Medical Laboratory Technicians	21.4	31.2	30.3
Medical Laboratory Technologists	18.7	42.7	41.5
Occupational Therapists (OTs)	16.0	38.0	36.0
Optometrists	11.7	14.5	14.2
Dispensing Opticians	3.0	10.9	10.5
Paramedics Licensed	59.2	78.3	76.5
Pharmacists	45.6	84.2	80.6
Physical Therapists (PTs)	38.4	59.7	57.7
Podiatrists	2.3	4.0	3.9
Respiratory Therapists (RTs)	12.7	40.7	38.1
Speech-Language Pathologists	14.4	30.3	28.9
Social Workers (LSWs)	33.1	33.7	33.6
Master Social Workers (MSWs)	25.0	29.5	29.1

Note: See Tables 5.7 through 5.46 for a complete list of data sources for the information contained in this table. Shaded cells highlight the region in Nevada with a per capita rate that is at or below the state average.

Access to Food



- USDA identified food deserts in 40 of 687 census tracts in Nevada.
- 154,623 Nevadans meet the criteria of living in a low-income food desert.
- The green census tracks = food desert low-income neighborhoods without easy access to a supermarket or large grocery store.

SOURCE: <https://extension.unr.edu/publication.aspx?PubID=2484>

Public Transportation in Rural Nevada

Has their own
transportation

Churchill

Pershing

Has their own Sr
Center
transportation &
SNTC

Carson

Eureka

Douglas

White
Pine

Elko

Storey

Humboldt

Esmeralda

Uses Southern
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Lander

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Lyon

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No Bus
Transportation



Mental Health Benefits



Physical Health Benefits

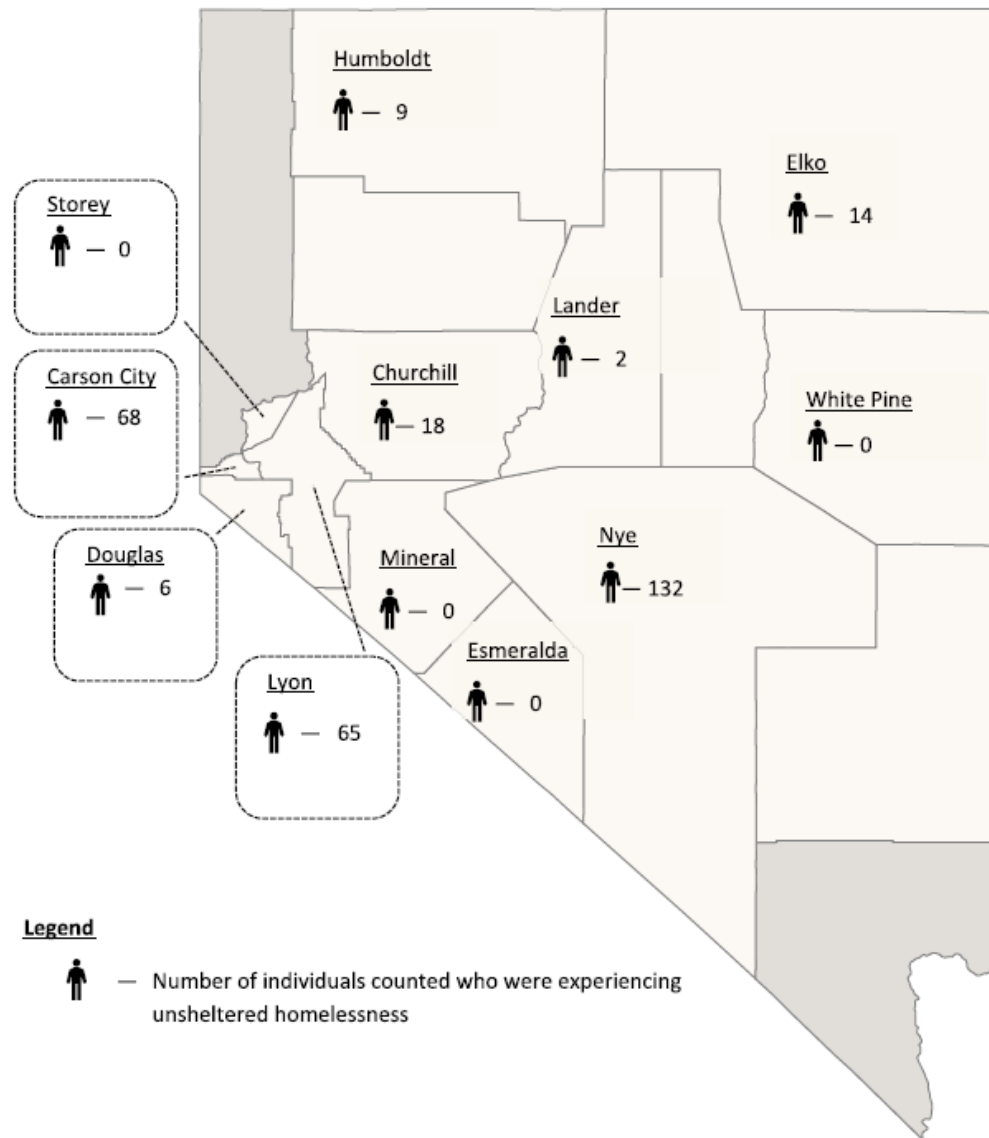


Emotional Health Benefits



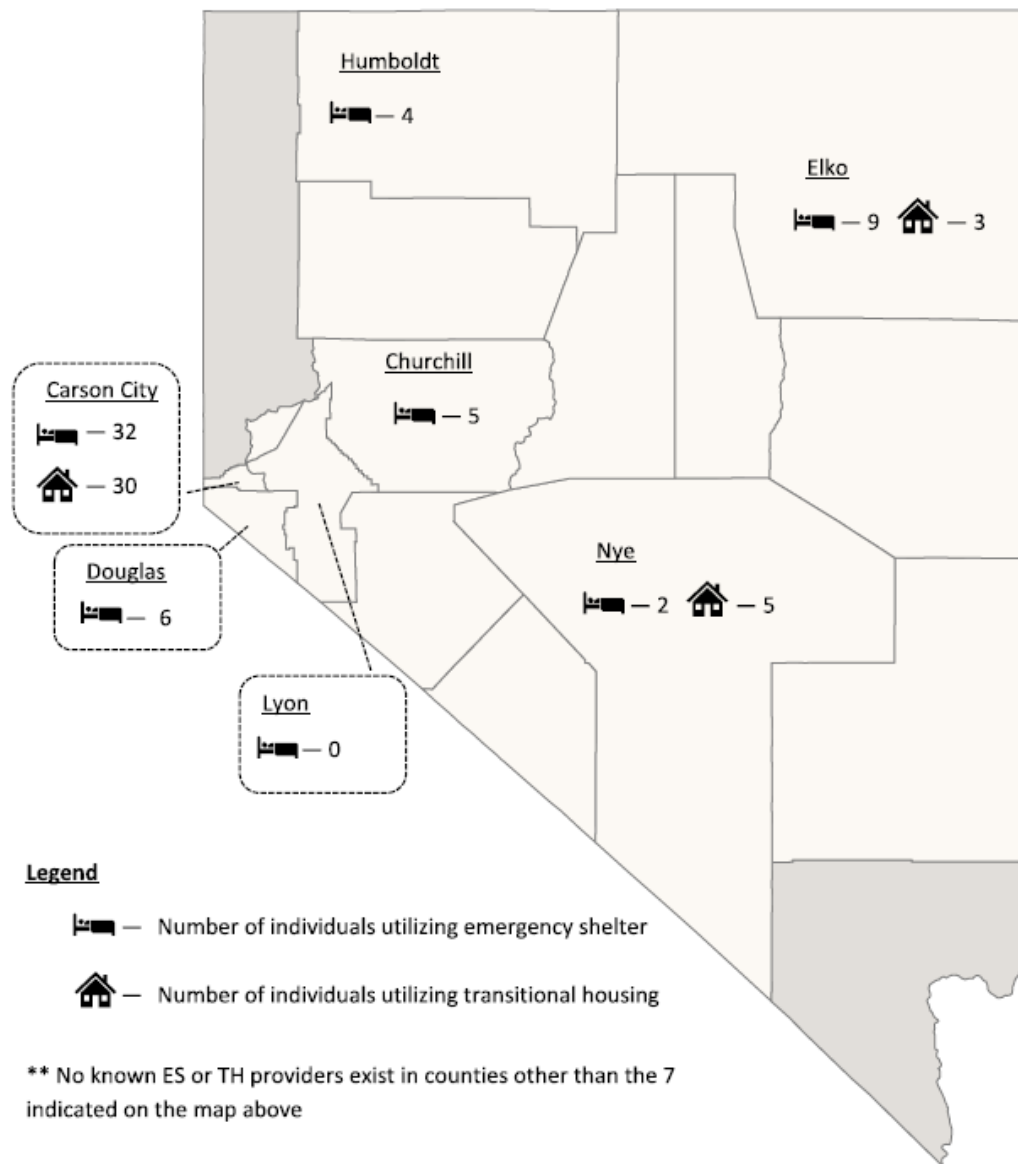
Improved Quality of Life:

Socialization



2023 Unsheltered PIT count

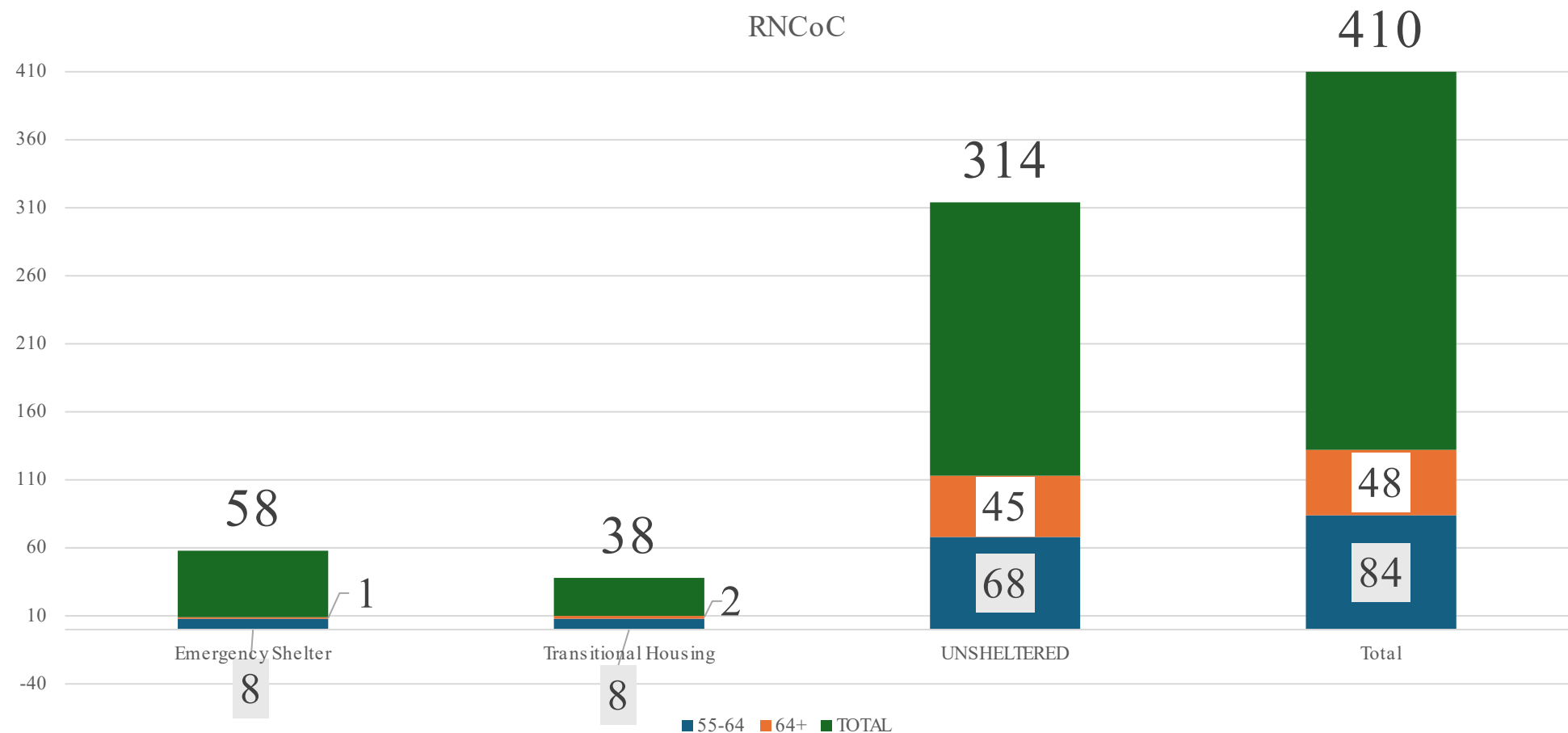
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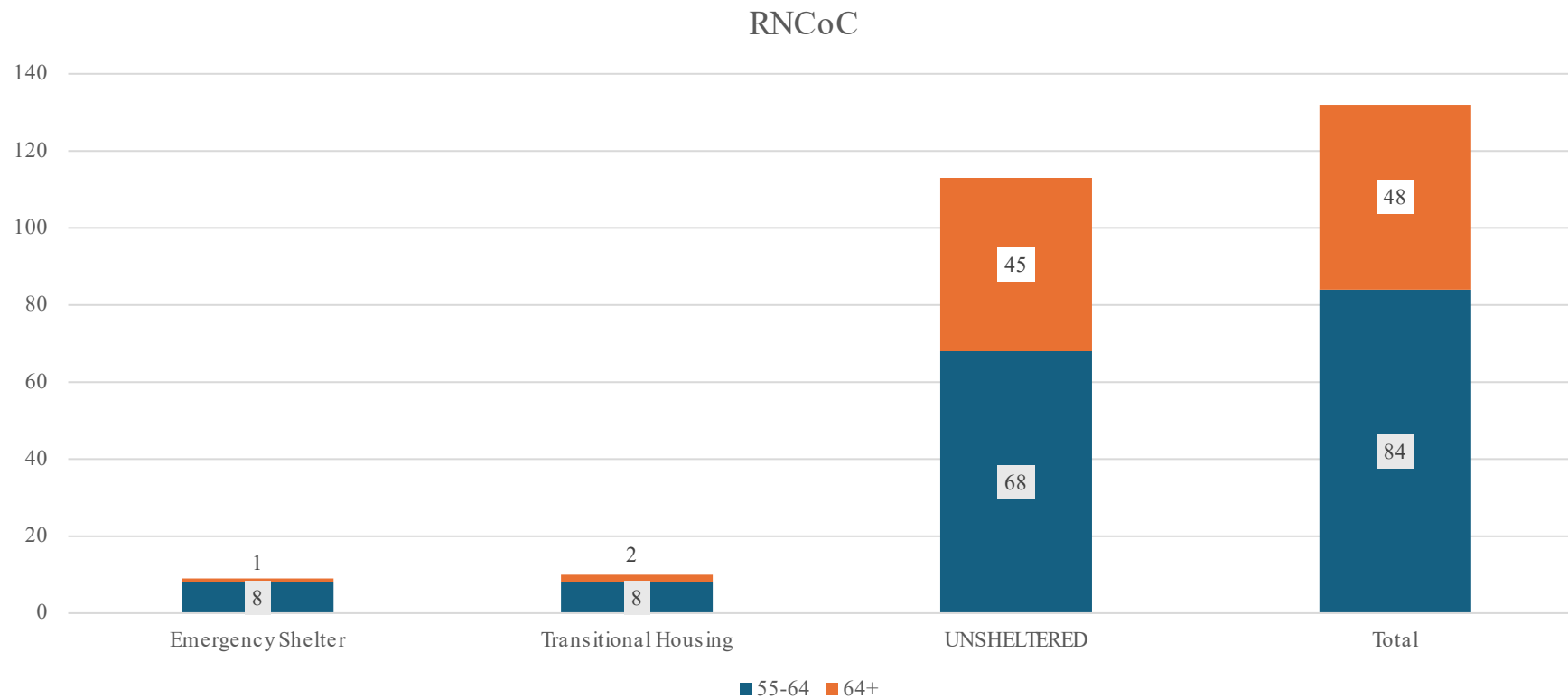
2023 Shelter PIT Count

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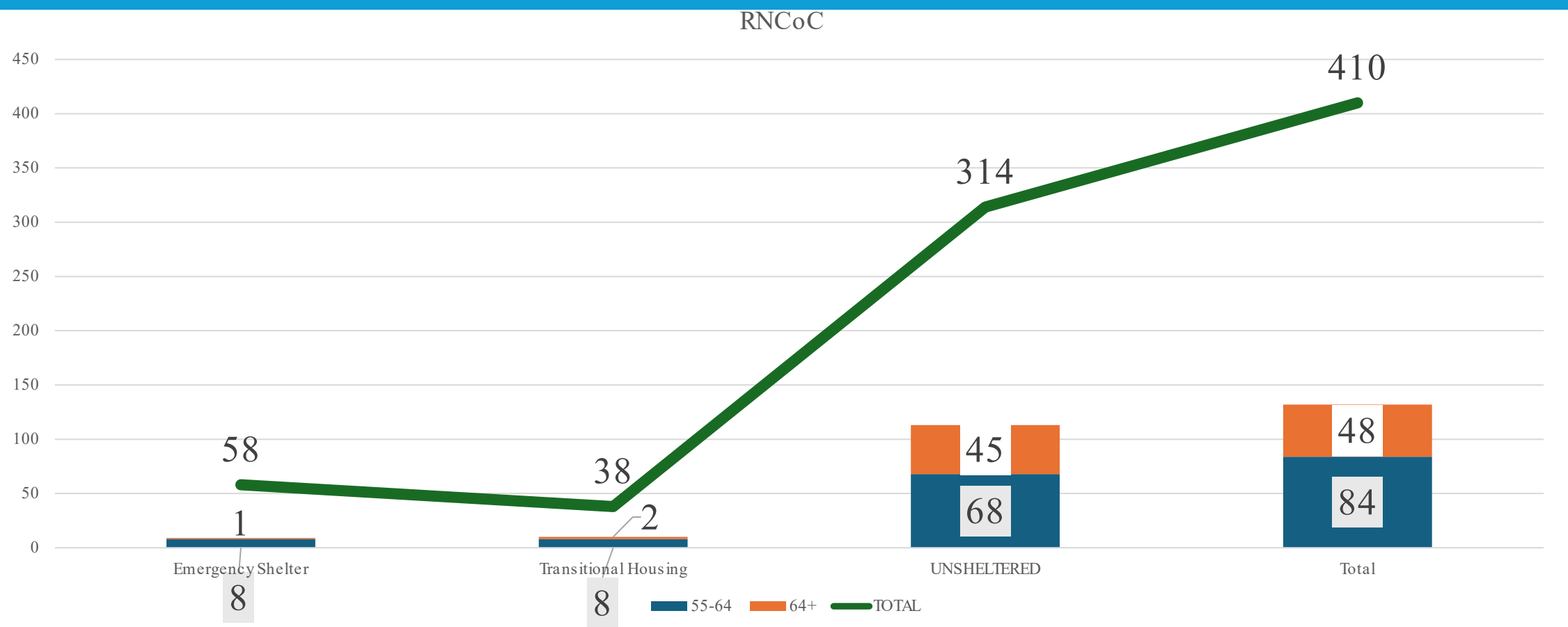
Seniors Experiencing Homelessness Compared to Overall Homeless Population



Seniors Experiencing Homelessness on night of PIT



Seniors Experiencing Homelessness Compared to Overall Homeless Population



Solutions

- Housing
 - Aging in Place-Homeless Prevention
 - Home repairs/rehabilitation
 - Utility Assistance
 - Shallow Subsidies
 - In-home services
 - Tenant protections for Seniors
 - PSH
 - Housing Choice Vouchers
 - Section 202/811
 - PACE Programs (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)
- Expand Medicaid
- Establish a multi-year Rent Stabilization Fund
- Develop a fee/tax for the big venues, sporting events, etc...to be given to homeless services.
- Food and Beverage tax to go to homeless services
- Ensure all Seniors are filing for Social Security benefits.

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