

# HOMELESSNESS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

## 2023 REPORT

### Number homeless

#### 396 people experienced homelessness in Franklin County in 2023

##### Household Type

- 149 individuals
- 247 people in families
  - including 124 children under 18

##### Subpopulations

- 9 Older adults (60+)
- 34 Young adults (18-24)
- 15 Veterans

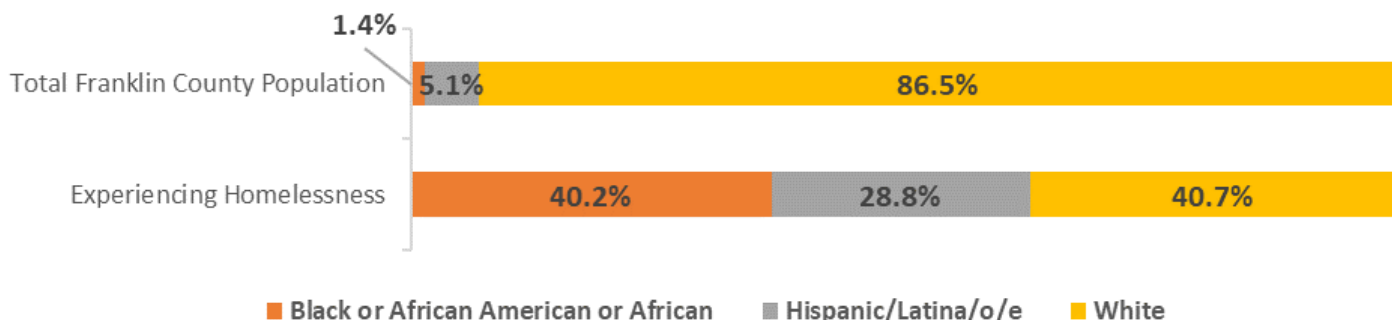
### A multi-year look\*

\*Based on data reported in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which does not include someone who might be couch surfing or otherwise experiencing homelessness in a way that does not fit the definition used by HUD

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 Year Increase
<b>Total # experiencing homelessness</b>	226	150	178	168	396	136%
<b>Individuals</b>	123	108	121	93	149	60%
<b>People in families</b>	103	42	58	78	247	217%
<b>60+</b>	12	9	7	6	9	50%
<b>18-24</b>	29	11	11	19	34	79%
<b>Black or African American</b>	38	9	18	29	159	448%
<b>Hispanic/Latina/o/e</b>	64	27	28	44	114	159%
<b>White</b>	154	118	123	100	161	61%

**The trend down and then up tracks the beginning of Covid eviction protections and resources, and the end of them.**

## Racial disparities



## Homeless response system

**Inflow: 332** people entered our homeless system for first time

**Outflow: 207** people exited our system; **89** of those reported an exit to permanent housing

## Preventing and ending homelessness

The Housing Consumer Education Center (HCEC) provided **housing assistance to almost 1,500 individuals** in 2023. **336 households received RAFT** to support their housing stability.

**Eviction filings are rising.** Following the end of pandemic protections and funding, eviction filings in western MA have grown from 3,638 residential eviction filings in 2021 to **5,832 filings in 2023**--a 60% increase. There were **362** filings in Franklin County alone in 2023.

Only **3% of tenants** have lawyers in eviction cases, while **over 90% of landlords** are represented.

**Housing ends homelessness.** Franklin County developers currently have **105 units of affordable rental housing** in the pipeline, including **36 units of permanent supportive housing**.

**Rents have skyrocketed.** Franklin County **median rent rose 13.6%** over the 3-year period 2019 to 2022.