Baltimore City Continuum of Care

GENERAL BODY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Board Election Kick Off
- Baltimore City Mayors Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA)
- Point in Time Count
- MOHS Updates
- Member Announcements and Questions
- Closing & Next Steps

BOARD ELECTION KICKOFF

11/4/2026

Board Election Purpose

Elections refresh leadership of the Continuum of Care, ensuring that the Board represents the community, includes diverse perspectives (especially people with lived experience), and guides strategy, policy, and priorities for ending homelessness in Baltimore.

Eligibility

- Eligible nominees must meet the criteria outlined in the CoC Charter & Bylaws. Generally, this includes:
  - Being affiliated with a CoC-member agency or being a person with lived experience of homelessness.
  - Willingness to fulfill Board responsibilities (meeting attendance, participation in committees, voting, etc.).
  - Compliance with the CoC Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies.

Available Board Positions

Members can nominate for all positions!

Voting Seat

At-Large Representatives (1 open seat; 1 re-election)

Individuals affiliated with agencies who do not primarily focus on homelessness but play a critical role and provide necessary resources to address homelessness.

Voting Seat

Homeless Service Provider (0 open seats; 3 re-elections)

Employees of a funded or non-funded provider agency that primarily serves individuals or families that are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

Voting Seat

Homeless or Formerly Homeless Individual (5 open seats)

Available Board Positions

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Voting Seat	System Leaders (1 open seat – Selected by the Board) *Representatives of public and private agencies with the authority to influence multiple resources and high-level decision-making to address structural issues that impact homelessness.*
Non-Voting Seats	City Agency Representatives (5 open seats- selected by the board)

Nomination Process

Who?

Any CoC member can self-nominate or nominate another individual.

Where?

Submit Form electronically through emailed survey link

MOHS, Governance Committee, LEAC, and YAB are responsible for managing nominations.

When?

A.) Nomination Form opens for 1 month : <u>September 11, 2026-October 15,2026</u>

B.) Weekly reminders are sent during the nomination period.

C.) MOHS contacts nominees on a rolling basis to confirm their nomination and collect required information.

How?

<u>The Governance Committee:</u>

A.) Reviews nominations

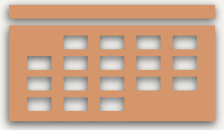
B.) Develops a recommended slate of proposed Board members

C.) Submits the recommended ballot to the Board for approval.

Voting Process



Once the recommended ballot is approved, the MOHS distributes nominee bios and manages the development and distribution of the election ballot on the CoC's member management system.



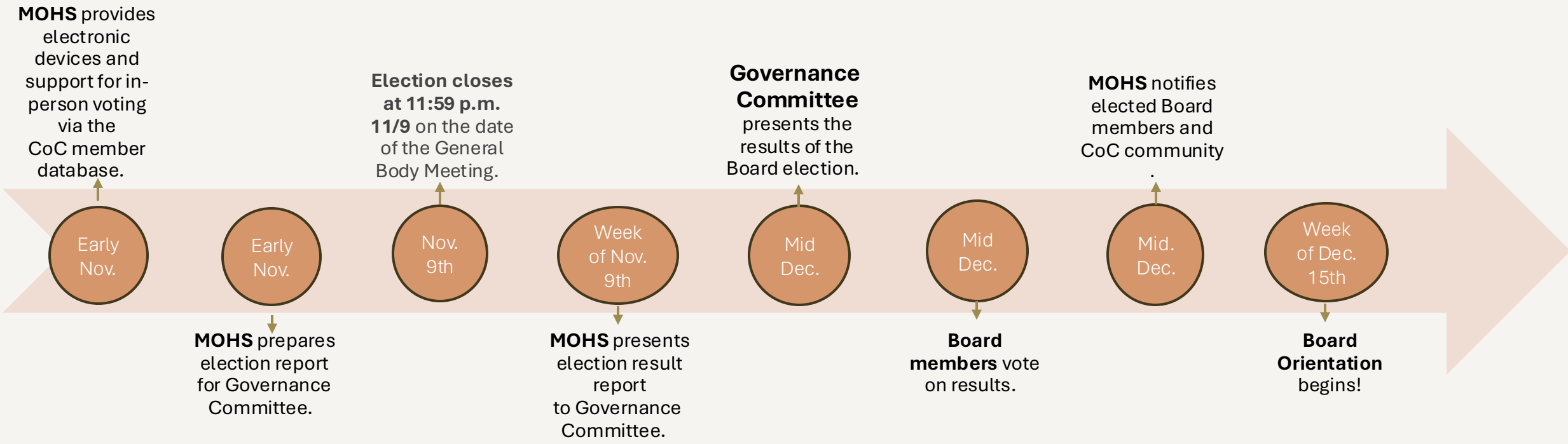
Important Dates To Note:

1.) October 23, 2026: Deadline for all new Individuals and Agency Representatives to be registered in the CoC member database to participate in the election.

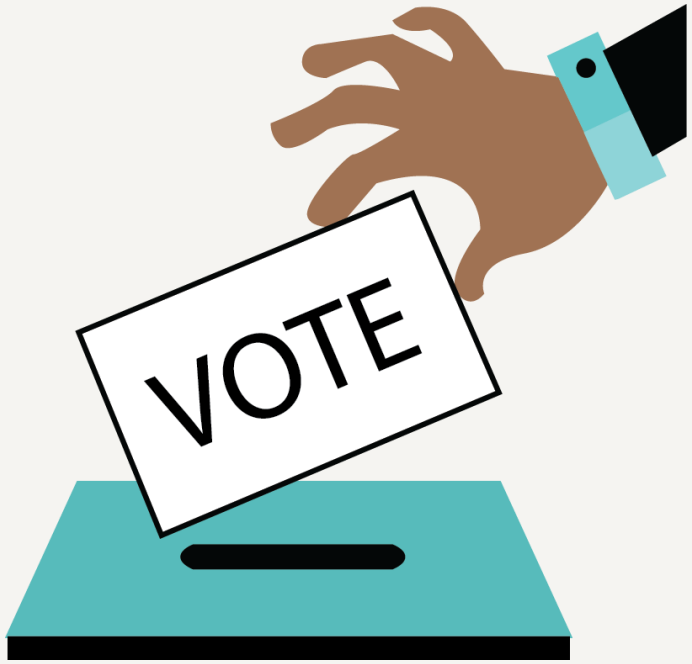
2.) October 30, 2026: MOHS distributes a notice of election via the CoC member database, sharing the Board nominee bios with the broad CoC community, resharing throughout the week.

3.) Monday November 2nd- Monday November 9th: Ballot available via the CoC member database for one week

Voting Process cont'd



Preview: Executive Voting Process Timeline



- **Mid December:** First Call for Chair + Vice Chair Nominations
- **Mid December:** Nomination Form Opens on CoC Member database.
- **Early January:** Support Entity releases Chair and Vice Chair nominee bios to the Board.
- **Mid January:** Governance Committee facilitates a Question and Answer session with Nominees.
- **Mid January:** Ballot becomes available to voting Board members on the CoC member database.
- **Mid January:** Board members vote on database, Support Entity presents results of results of election to the Governance Committee.
- **Mid January:** General public, board, and nominees are notified

Member 365 Registration

Sign up now using the QR Code handouts

Make sure you're registered ASAP! You can register as an:

1.) AGENCY

Agency membership should be completed by a designated “lead” at your agency. Ask your colleagues to determine if your organization has already been registered.

OR

2.) INDIVIDUAL

Individual membership is reserved for participants who are not affiliated with a participating member agency.

(agency is the preferred if you are affiliated with a relevant homeless or social services organization)

If you don't know, come to the front of the room and check after this meeting concludes.

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PRESENTATION

11/4/2026

MIMA Overview

September 10, 2026

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To promote the community well-being and inclusion of immigrants in Baltimore City

MISSION

BALTIMORE CITY MIMA Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

51k foreign-born residents

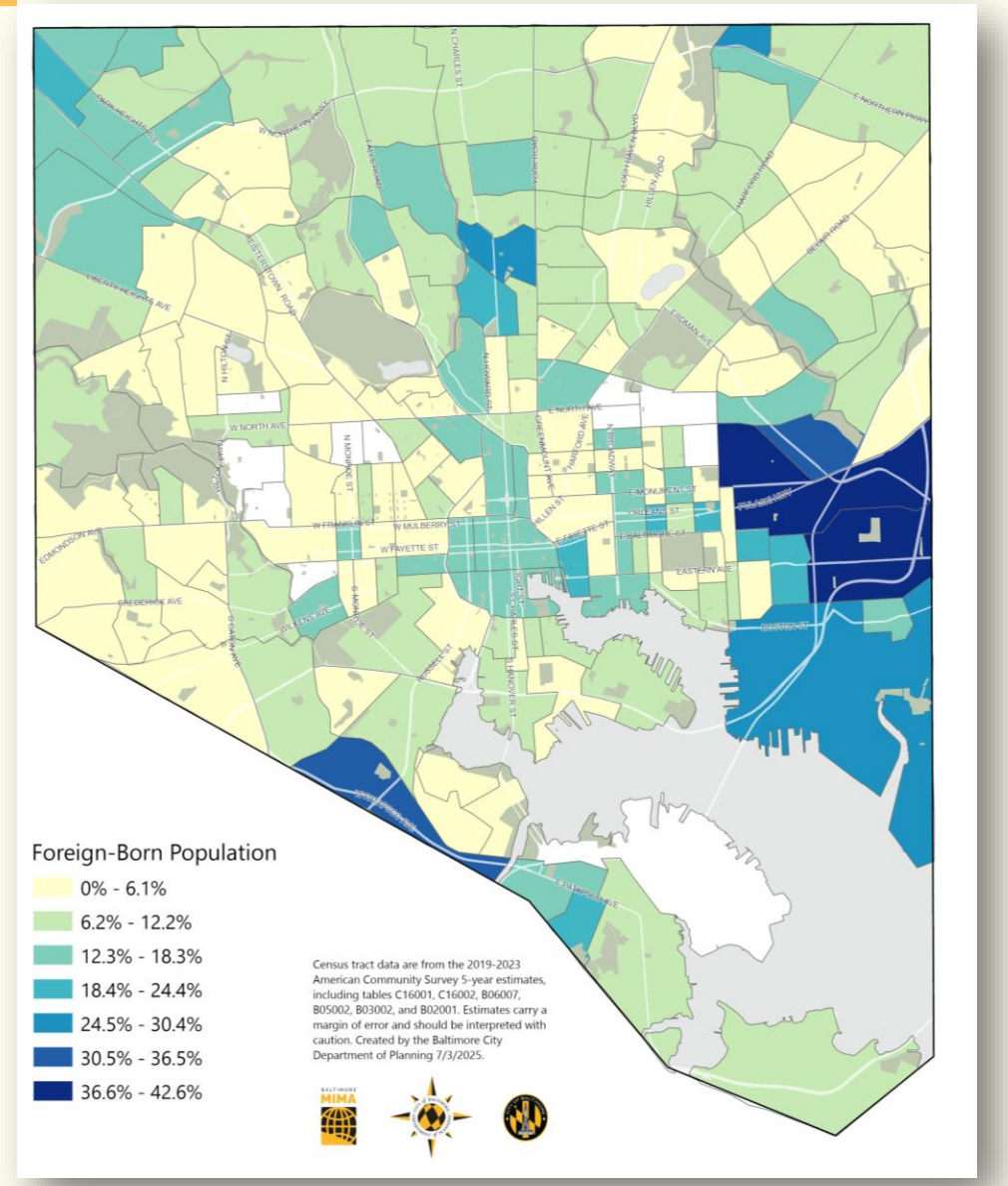
23k of foreign-born residents have Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

8.8% of the total population

63k residents speak a language that is not English at home

Top 5 languages spoken in Baltimore:

Spanish, Chinese, French, Korean, Arabic



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A Certified Welcoming place for all of us to call home.

The **top ranking cities** in 2021 were ....

1. Chicago, IL
2. Chula Vista & Fremont, CA (tie)
4. New York, NY
5. Baltimore, MD, Jersey City, NJ, & San Jose, CA (3-way tie)

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BALTIMORE CITY MIMA Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Roles and Responsibilities



Advise the Mayor, Cabinet, and Senior Staff



Technical Assistance and Comprehensive Support



Community Building and Civic Engagement



Advocacy and Policy Development



Language Access and Federal Compliance



Messaging and Communications

BALTIMORE CITY BNAAC
NEW AMERICAN ACCESS COALITION

SOUTHEAST community development corporation

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+ Minimizes the economic and social disparities faced by immigrant and refugee families living in Baltimore City
+ Increases equity in access to health and human services with the assistance of partner organizations that provide benefits navigation
+ The first ARPA-funded stage of the program served over 800 families through April 2025
+ The second stage of BNAAC was launched in October 2025 and is fully funded by Baltimore City

Program Eligibility



- Live in Baltimore City
- Be a member of an immigrant or refugee family, with a child who has a legal status
- Have limited English language ability
- Agree to meet regularly with a Case Manager over the course of three months

Program Structure



MIMA has developed a fully customized, BNAAC-specific case management platform

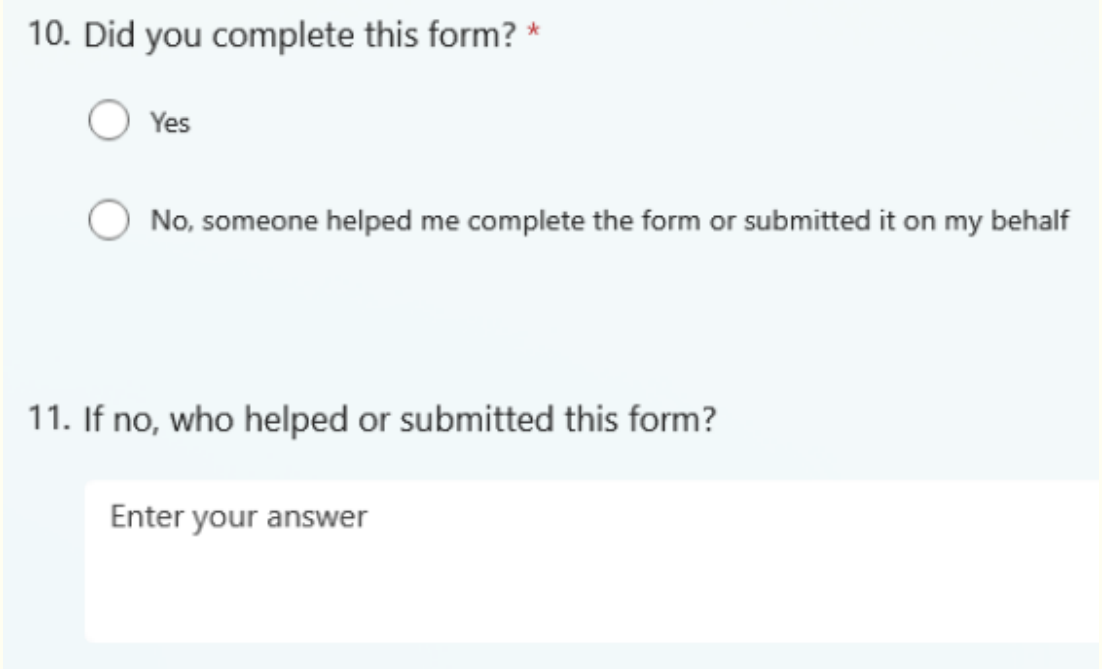
Referral Form

Anyone can refer someone, or themselves, to the BNAAC program using this link:

[MIMA BNAAC Referral Form]

If you refer someone, please enter your name and organization into the last field on the form.

Please remind your client we will be calling from a number they may not recognize, so check their voicemail and text messages.



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an initiative of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

- Launched in 2017 and reactivated by the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) in response to increasing threats to immigrant communities and family separations in Baltimore
- Three tiers of services:
  1) community education,
  2) legal screenings and representation for non-detained individuals, and
  3) deportation legal defense for detained individuals and case management support to those left behind.

Why this model?

- We believe in **universal representation** – that everyone has a right due process and representation, including immigrants.
- Immigrants with legal representation have significantly better case outcomes.

Source: Vera Institute for Justice, *Evaluation of the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project*

"I had no idea how to get a lawyer . . . I didn't have a job at all. I didn't have papers . . . Then one afternoon someone sent me a message on WhatsApp, and they said, 'I'm Caroline from CAIR Coalition and nice to meet you. I'm going to be your lawyer.'"

-Hacksel, Maryland

amicacenter.org/stories/hacksel

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Why this model?

- **Improving coordination** among providers
- **Limiting duplication** of services (e.g. individuals attending multiple legal consults for the same answer)
- Offering a **spectrum of services** that cover immigrants in all stages of interactions with immigration enforcement

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Tier 1:
Community Education

Partners:

ABA AMERICANBARASSOCIATION
Commission on Immigration

& many private attorneys and community partners – that's YOU!

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Tier 1: Community Education

Know Your Rights & Family Preparedness workshops cover:

- How to exercise your rights in different situations, for example, at home, at work, at school, or in public
- How to gather and prepare documents in the event of a detention by ICE (Standby Guardianship & Financial Power of Attorney, among other topics)

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CIUDAD SEGURA BALTIMORE

Taller de planificación para emergencias de inmigración

Venga a este taller virtual en español para conocer sus derechos y cómo puede preparar a su familia en caso de que usted o un ser querido sea detenido.

***Importante**: Por favor no comparta esta información en redes sociales para la seguridad de todos los participantes.*

Para asistir al taller virtualmente, escanee el código QR, o visite: **bit.ly/sept11casa**

¿CUÁNDO?
El viernes, 11 de septiembre, a las 4:00 PM

¿DÓNDE?
CASA Welcome Center
2706 Pulaski Hwy

Hablaremos sobre. . .

- los documentos que debe preparar en caso de que sea detenido
- cómo ejercer sus derechos en casa, en el trabajo, en la escuela y en público.
- qué hacer si usted o un ser querido sea detenido por ICE

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Personas que viven en la Ciudad de Baltimore:
*Llame al **202-662-8635** para una evaluación legal gratuita.*
*Si cree que un ser querido fue arrestado por ICE, llame al **888-214-6016**.*

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Immigration Emergency Planning Workshop

Come to this virtual workshop in Spanish to learn about your rights and how you can prepare your family in case you or a loved one is detained.

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Scan the QR code with your phone camera to join virtually, or go to: **bit.ly/sept11casa**

WHEN?
Friday, Sept. 11
at 4:00 PM

WHERE?
CASA Welcome Center
2706 Pulaski Hwy

We'll talk about . . .

- documents you should prepare in case you are detained.
- how to exercise your rights at home, work, school, and in public.
- what to do if you or a loved one is detained by ICE.

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*Baltimore City residents: Call **202-662-8635** for a free legal consult.*
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¿CUÁNDO?
El jueves, 17 de septiembre, a las 4:30 PM

¿DÓNDE?
Esperanza Center
430 S Broadway

Hablaremos sobre. . .

- los documentos que debe preparar en caso de que sea detenido.
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Esperanza Center
430 S Broadway

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Tier 1: Community Education

Eligibility

- No eligibility requirements, but we have asked that non-immigrants not attend and instead attend Service Provider and Ally KYRS
- While we do not verify residency to attend, the workshops do cover **resources that are only available to Baltimore City residents** (e.g. both hotlines)

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Tier 1: How YOU can support

- Encourage or help community members to **sign up for text alerts** about upcoming family preparedness sessions at baltimorecity.gov/mima/kyr
- If you serve a large immigrant population, complete the **apply to host a family preparedness workshop**! You may be a good fit to host a session if:
  - You have existing events serving immigration community members where a KYR could be held (e.g. parent meetings)
  - You are prepared to promote the event in the target community
  - You are able to facilitate a hybrid workshop

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Tier 2:
Legal Screening Hotline

Partners:

ABA AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION Commission on Immigration

LSS LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES National Capital Area

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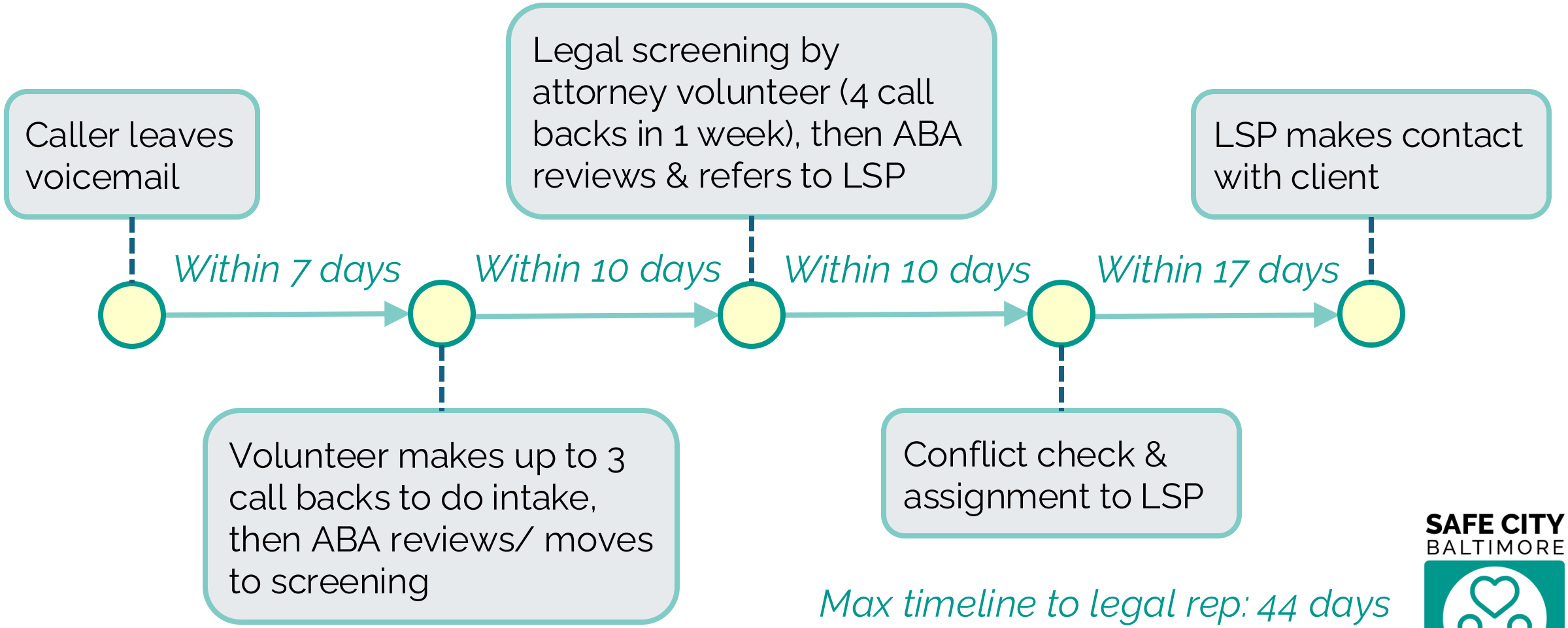
Tier 2: Legal Screening Hotline

- Process:
  - **Initial call** to 202-662-8635 (answered by volunteer if Monday or Wednesday 5-7 PM, voicemail at all other times)
  - **Return call** (if needed) from intake volunteer (30-40 min. for intake)
  - **Screening with an immigration attorney** at a time indicated by client during intake
  - **Assignment to legal service provider** based on screening by ABA OR **referral to a family preparedness workshop** if no legal relief
  - **Legal service provider (LSP) makes initial contact** within 2 weeks of assignment
- NOT an emergency line

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Tier 2: Hotline timeline (max time)

Please note that timelines are estimates and may change if, for example, immigration enforcement capacity increases.



Max timeline to legal rep: 44 days

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Tier 2: Legal Screening Hotline

Eligibility

- Baltimore City resident
- Household income within 200% of the federal poverty line
  Note: the ABA may direct individuals to some resources, such as pro se asylum workshops, that do not have income requirements.
- For legal representation
  - have a viable legal claim
  - be unrepresented by an attorney

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Tier 2: How YOU can support

- Request and share hotline cards.
- Allow someone to use your office to place the call and leave a voicemail or to participate in the intake/screening.
- Follow up and ask if they have completed each step
- **You CANNOT speak to the hotline or an attorney on behalf of someone else** – we do value your support!
- If someone does NOT have legal relief, help direct them to a workshop.

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Safe City Hotline Cards

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Safe City Baltimore helps immigrants learn about their rights, connect with lawyers, and get support if facing deportation. **The following services are only available for people living in the City of Baltimore.**

Classes to Prepare for Immigration Emergencies

Visit mima.baltimorecity.gov/KYR to sign up for text message alerts about upcoming classes. Trained lawyers will help you plan and prepare your family for immigration emergencies.

Legal Screening and Free Representation

Call 202-662-8635 if you are an immigrant living in Baltimore City to find out if you qualify for free legal help with your immigration case. If your call is not answered, leave a voicemail, and someone will call you back.

Deportation Defense and Family Support

Call 888-214-6016 if you believe your family member or friend was arrested by ICE. Baltimore City residents detained by ICE may qualify for free legal representation, and their families may qualify for additional support.

Program Partners: ABA American Bar Association Commission on Immigration; Amica Center for Immigrant Rights; CASA; Just Neighbors; LSS Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area; Maryland Pro Bono Resource Center In partnership with MSBA; Tahirih Justice Center

Standing with immigrants for a safer, stronger Baltimore

Safe City One-pager

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Tier 3:
Rapid Response & Detained Defense

Partners:

Amica

Center for Immigrant Rights

CASA

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Tier 3: Detained Defense & Rapid Response

- **Rapid response**:
  CASA accepts calls through their rapid response hotline and provides follow up. Follow up can look like confirming an ICE detention, providing support to the impacted family, using the opportunity to share Know Your Rights information with neighbors, and more.
- **Detained Defense**:
  Amica Center for Immigrant Rights (formerly CAIR Coalition) provides legal representation for eligible detained Baltimore City residents for the life of their case.

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Tier 3: Rapid Response Process & Timeline

Please note that timelines are estimates and may change if, for example, immigration enforcement capacity increases.

- CASA takes initial information from a hotline call or other form of contact. That information is then shared with the CASA Baltimore team.
- CASA contacts the family within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, for a complete intake and then shares information about the detained individual with Amica.
- Amica begins to make requests through ICE to speak to the detained individuals and offer representation. ICE is creating barriers and delays here – sometimes for over a week. Please note that Amica's relationship will primarily be with the detained individual, not the family.
- In the interim, CASA can offer financial assistance and support related to the detained individual's case as appropriate. A member of CASA's legal team will also call the family within 48 hours of the full intake to respond to their questions.

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Tier 3: Detained Defense & Rapid Response

Eligibility

- Be detained or have a loved one detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Detainee may not have another attorney
- Be a non-citizen immigrant living in Baltimore City for at least six (6) months prior to detention by ICE (priority will be given to parents of minor children and older adults)
- Household income at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines

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Tier 3: How YOU can support

- Ensure that the person closest to the detained individual has called CASA's hotline, and if you call and are NOT that person, do not expect a call back.
- Provide emotional support during the very difficult and traumatic waiting period between intake and any updates from Amica on representation.
- Do NOT contact Amica directly. CASA will update the family as appropriate.
- Encourage families to take advantage of case management resources and financial assistance while waiting for updates on legal representation from CASA/Amica.

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Other opportunities to support

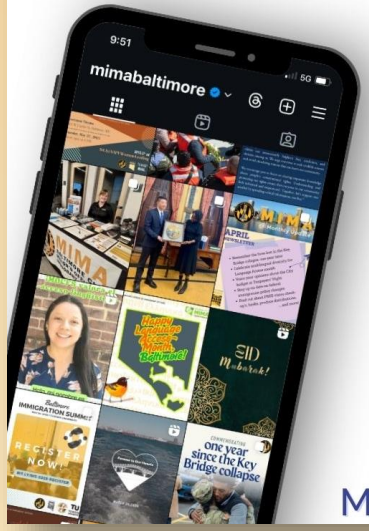
- Multilingual (especially Spanish-speaking!) paralegals, law students, & non-immigration attorneys: **Volunteer with the ABA hotline**
- Follow our partner orgs on social media to stay up-to-date on opportunities to help.
- **Donate** so that we can continue and expand this work, or host a fundraiser - $1,000 supports 1 family after detention of their loved one.
- Be a Safe City ambassador so that others understand how we work and what to expect from each tier.

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2027 POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT

PREVIEW

11/4/2026

P.I.T Overview



What is PIT Count?

- The Point in Time count is a Federally Required Survey that takes place once a year in the last 10 days of January to provide a snapshot of homelessness on a single night in every community. It includes:
  - **Sheltered Count:** People staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or safe havens
  - **Unsheltered Count:** People sleeping in streets, cars, parks, abandoned buildings, etc.

Why January/Winter?

- **Research based timing**: HUD and partner agencies found that late January often yields the highest number of people experiencing homelessness in a single night, partly because many individuals cannot access shelter during the coldest period of the year
- One of the ways to ensure **consistency in data collection**
- CoCs across the country conduct their PIT Count in alignment with this guidance

Why is PIT Count Important?

Federal Requirement: HUD requires Continuums of Care (CoCs) to conduct PIT cuts to remain for eligible federal homelessness funding.

Funding & Resources: The data influences how millions of dollars in funding are allocated nationwide and locally. It supports grant applications and advocacy for additional resources.

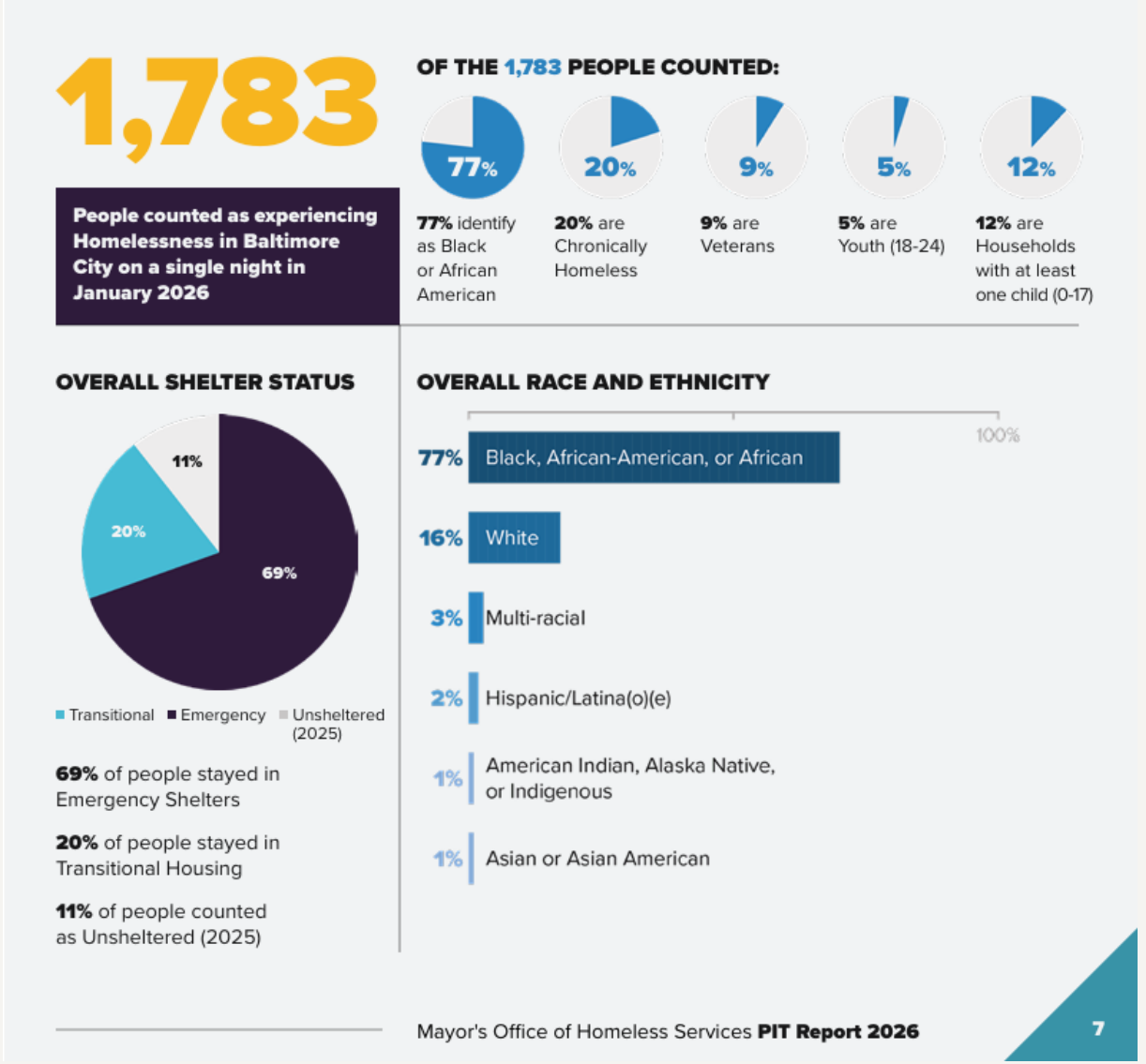
Policy & Planning: PIT results help identify trends in homelessness (increase or decrease, changes in demographics), and guide decisions on shelter capacity, outreach strategies, and housing investments.

Community Engagement: Brings together agencies, volunteers, and people with lived experience while raising public awareness and building stronger partnerships.

Accountability & Progress Tracking: It provides a measurable way to track the community's progress towards reducing and ending homelessness.

2026 PIT Count

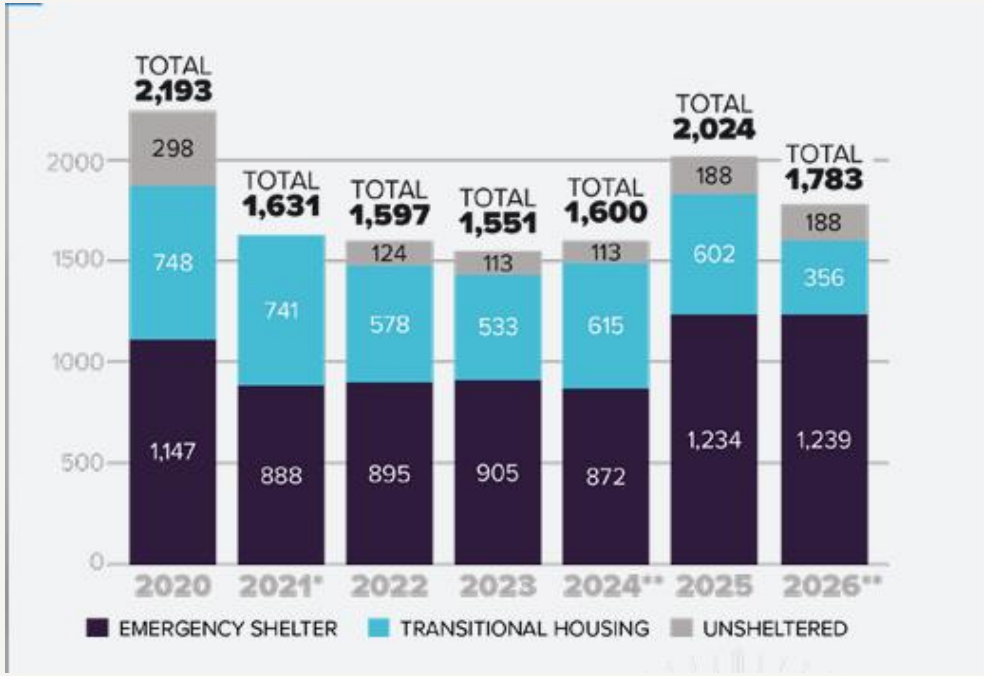
- <u>Key Findings:</u>
  - Of the *1,783 people* counted:
    - **1595** clients experienced sheltered homelessness
    - **188** clients experienced unsheltered homelessness (2025 count)
  - Of the *1,783 people* counted:
    - 69% people stayed in Emergency shelters
    - 20% people stayed in Transitional Housing
    - 11% of people counted as unsheltered (2025)

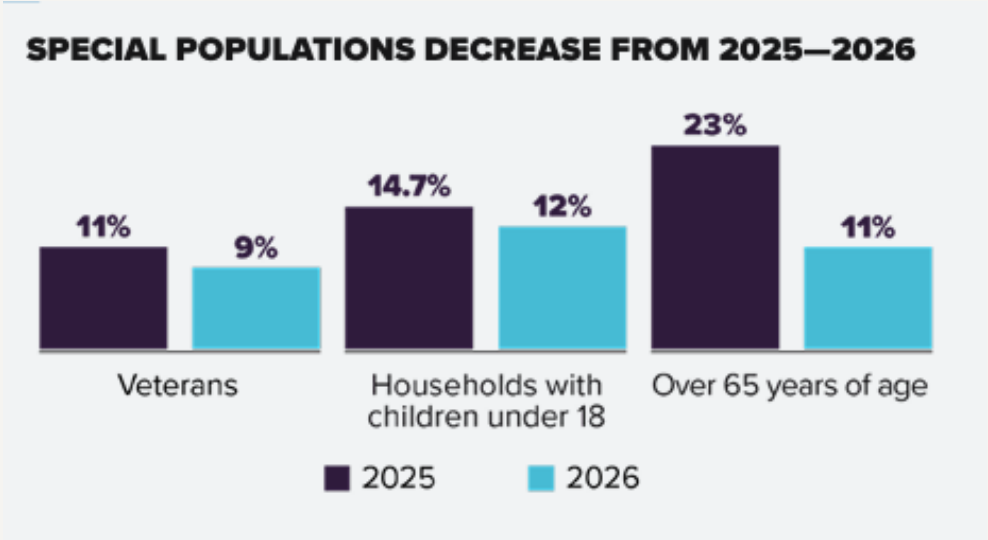


2026 PIT Count

The city has made significant investments in both permanent housing and to increase our emergency shelters capacity in response to the housing crises that continues to impact Baltimore City's residents.

- <u>Key Findings :</u>
  - Between **2025 and 2026**, the number of people counted as experiencing **homelessness declined by 12%.**
  - In 2026, Veterans accounted for **9%** of the total homeless population which is **2% decrease from 2025**
  - **12%** of households with children under 18 experienced homelessness. This is a **decrease by 2.7% from 2025** .
  - **11%** of our homeless population are seniors over the age of 65 years of age . This is a **decrease by 12% in 2025 .**







WHEN IS THE 2027 PIT COUNT?

SAVE THE DATES:

SUNDAY JANUARY 24TH & MONDAY
JANUARY 25TH IN THE EVENING

LOCATION:

OUR DAILY BREAD

ALTERNATIVE DATES:

TBD

MAYORS OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES

UPDATES

11/4/2026


MISSION IN ACTION
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES
627 Households exited homelessness
1,353 Formerly homeless households that are now stably housed
2,771 Unhoused clients served by Outreach Teams
3,190 Residents enrolled in Coordinated Access
2,156 Residents accommodated in City-funded shelters
01/01/2026 – 07/31/2026

MOHS Updates

- **Winter Shelter Planning** underway for 2026-2027 season

- **Wellness Center Soft Launch** on September 21 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at Weinberg Housing and Resource Center

- MOHS Outreach Team is collecting warm clothing and essential items for winter. Contact HomelessOutreach@baltimorecity.gov to schedule a drop-off.

MOHS Updates

- First affordable housing developments supported through the HOME-ARP initiative launches: **56 permanent supportive housing units at Beacon House Square**. Congrats Beacon Communities and Project PLASE!

- City Fiscal Year (CFY 26) MOHS **Agency Metrics** Report Launched

- **HMIS Refresher Training** from September 15th – 25th

- **Reminder: end of federal fiscal year is September 30th**

FY 26 CoC Funding Update

- The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on pause due to lawsuit against HUD
    - FFY 26 funding is for programming that ends in **2028**
- CoC funds are still part of the federal budget, and HUD is required to make awards by December 1, 2026
- However, still waiting for more information on *how* HUD will award funds, how CoCs must apply, and what program types will be prioritized
- FFY 2025 funding and contracts are underway

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