## Prison to Homelessness

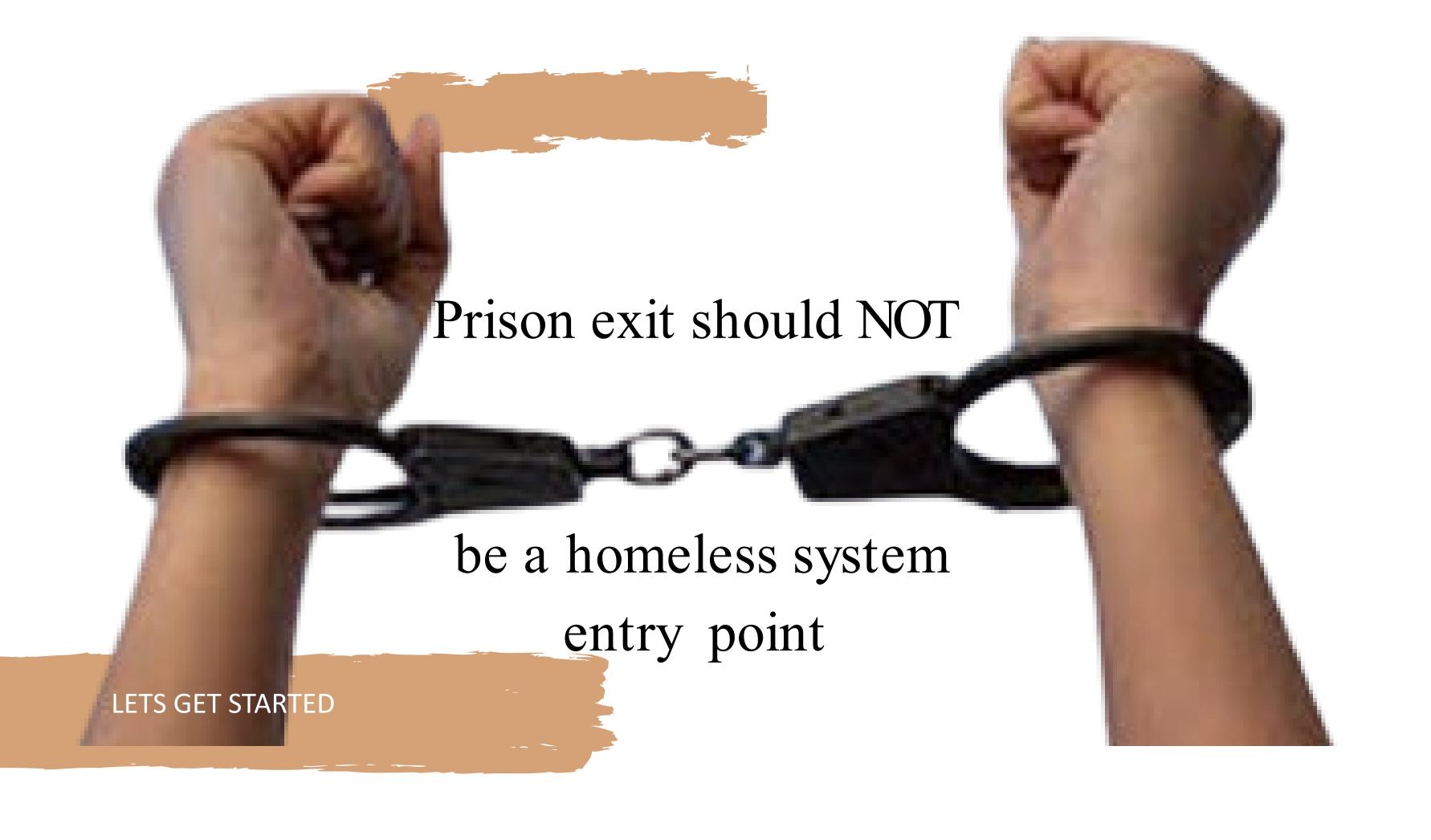
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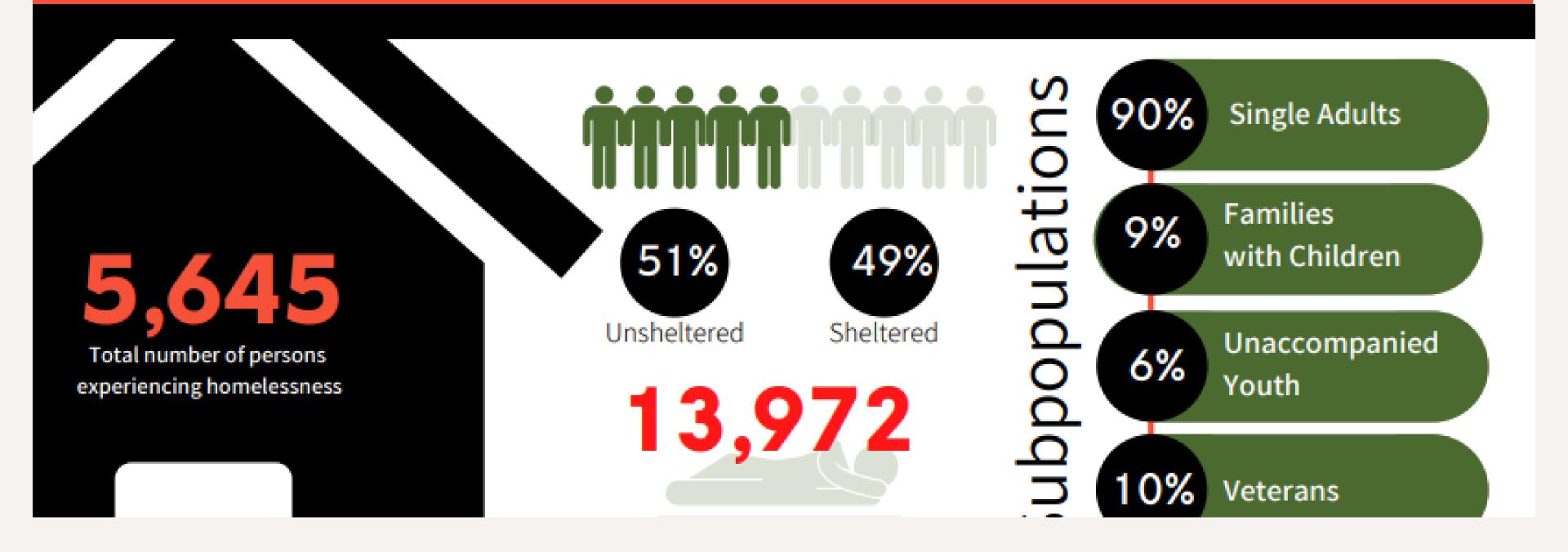


## Homelessness in Southern Nevada

2022 Homeless Point-In-Time Count & Survey

Every year during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care.

The 2022 Southern Nevada Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on February 23, 2022. Due to spikes in cases of COVID-19 leading up to the original January date, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development granted the CoC a date change to February.



Nevada has an incarceration rate of 713 per 100,000 people (including prisons, jails, immigration detention, and juvenile justice facilities), meaning that it locks up a higher percentage of its people than any democracy on earth

15%

Homeless in the year before prison

7 X

Higher than general population

13 X

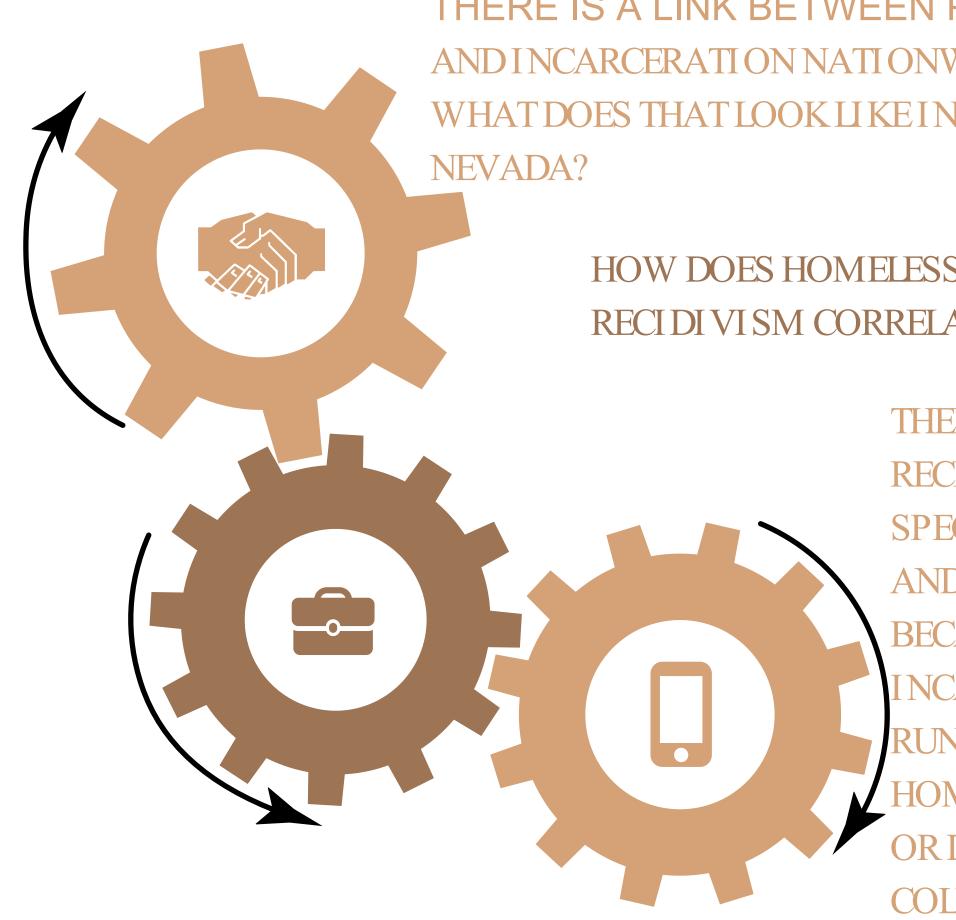
Those incarcerated ONCE



## Problem

City- and state-level studies of homeless shelters find that many homeless shelters find that many formerly incarcerated people rely on shelters, both immediately on shelters, both immediately after their release and over the long term





THERE IS A LINK BETWEEN POVERTY AND INCARCERATION NATIONWIDE. WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE IN

> HOW DOES HOMELESSNESS AND RECIDIVISM CORRELATE IN OUR STATE?

> > THERE IS NO DATA ABOUT RECIDIVISM RATES SPECIFI CALLY FOR POOR AND HOMELESS NEVADANS BECAUSE THE STATES INCARCERATION DATA ISN'T RUN AGAINST THE HOMELESS SERVICES DATA OR DATA IS SIMPLY NOT COLLECTED.

#### SENTENCING COMMISSION/ NDSP/ NLJRCC

- Data-driven
- Policy recommendations
- Matters that are important at the local level
- AB 236-Address NVs growing prison population and cost
  - Minimize barriers to successful reentry



#### NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Dedication to reduce recidivism
- Utilizing collaborative agency partnerships

#### **SUCCESS**

- Stable Housing
- Employment
- Effective Treatment

#### NV INTERAGENCY COUNCILON HOMELESSNESS

- Currently homeless, in danger of becoming homeless
- Collaborating to promote cooperation
- Reducing housing insecure populations

#### STRATEGICPLAN 2017

- Improve discharge planning and practices from prisons
- Connect to housing prior to discharge
- NOONE is discharged to the STREETS

- \$60B
- \$50,000
- **\$73,000**
- **\$69,000**
- \$32,000



## PUBLIC SAFETY

## TAXPAYERS

RESOURCES

Housing

Financial Support

Behavioral Health RETURNING CITIZEN

Social Supports

Employment

Family reunification





# WHAT SHOULD WEDO?







## HOW DO WE SOLVE PROBLEM

### **COMMUNICAITON**

#### COLLABORATION







## SUGGESTIONS

Reentry task force

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Data sharing and analysis

02 AB 236

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Inform returning citizens of options

# OUESTIONS?





