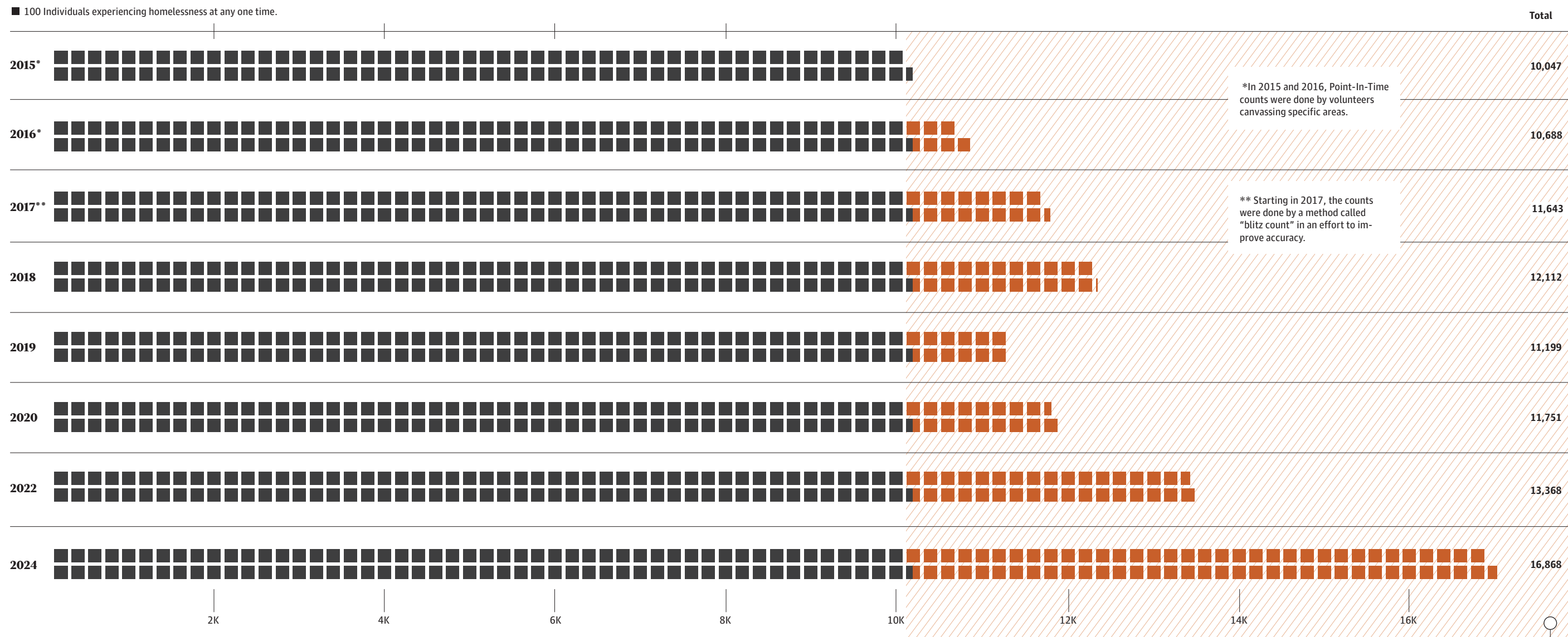


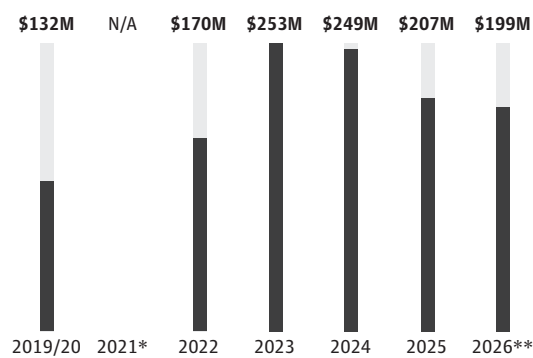
KING COUNTY POINT-IN-TIME COUNTS

A count of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations is conducted every two years in January.



KCRHA BUDGET

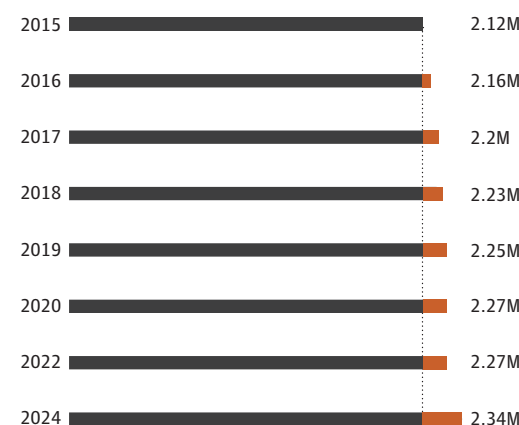
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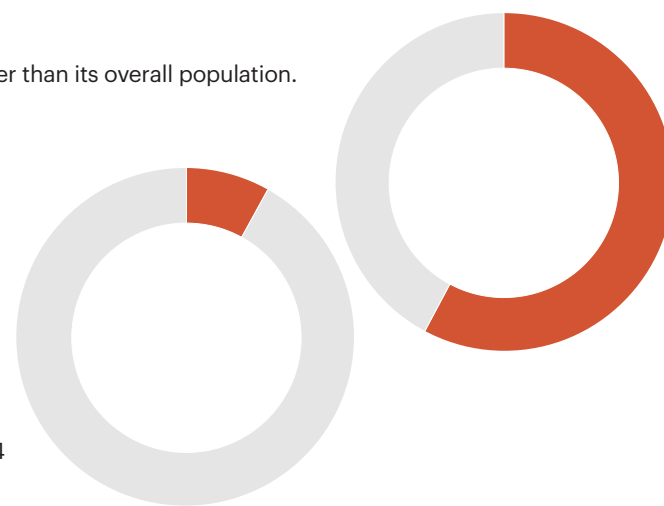
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POPULATION OF KING COUNTY

King County's homeless population has grown more than seven times faster than its overall population.



8% increase in King County population 2016 to 2024



57.8% Increase in unsheltered individuals in King County from 2016 to 2024

BUILDING PROGRESS

Since 2022, more than 59,000 housing units have been built or are in the construction pipeline in Seattle.



SOURCES: KCRHA, SEATTLE.GOV, PACIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, WASHINGTON STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION



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But in the past four years, KCRHA has had five CEOs, starting with Marc Dones, who left the organization in 2023. Kelly Kinnison has led KCRHA since August 2024 and she was the subject of an internal investigation earlier this year following employee complaints.

“To boil it down, our mission is to collaborate, facilitate and share information so that our shelter providers know what is happening,” Kinnison says. “But there is a lot more we can do to get money out to providers.”

KCRHA distributes city, county and state funds to housing providers. It also manages HUD continuum of care funds.

“Getting this organization started turned out to be much more complicated than folks realized,” she says. “Prior leaders of KCRHA made choices that one has to make when starting a new endeavor. Some were good. Some didn’t take us where we wanted to go.”

In October, KCRHA cut its staff by 22%. It is also removing 15 open roles, highlighting the agency’s efforts to rein in spending. In a board meeting on Oct. 27, Kinnison said the layoffs

were due to a budget shortfall of \$4.7 million for 2026.

Kinnison is now working to make the organization more efficient and streamline the process of finding housing for the unsheltered.

“We don’t control the number of people entering homelessness,” she says. “We run the emergency room.”

That means the county starts working with individuals once they find themselves unsheltered, but KCRHA doesn’t prevent homelessness from happening.

Despite the money that has flowed into the system to build more shelters, there is still only one bed for every two to three people who need one, Kinnison says.

In November, the Trump administration signaled plans to cut federal funding earmarked for permanent supportive housing. Washington Attorney General Nick Brown is leading a multistate lawsuit to prevent the cuts.

Aside from funding, one of the region’s biggest challenges is building community support for shelters.

“We haven’t done a great job of communicating to communities

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