

Downtown Homeless Taskforce

Austin Public Health Committee

October 1, 2025



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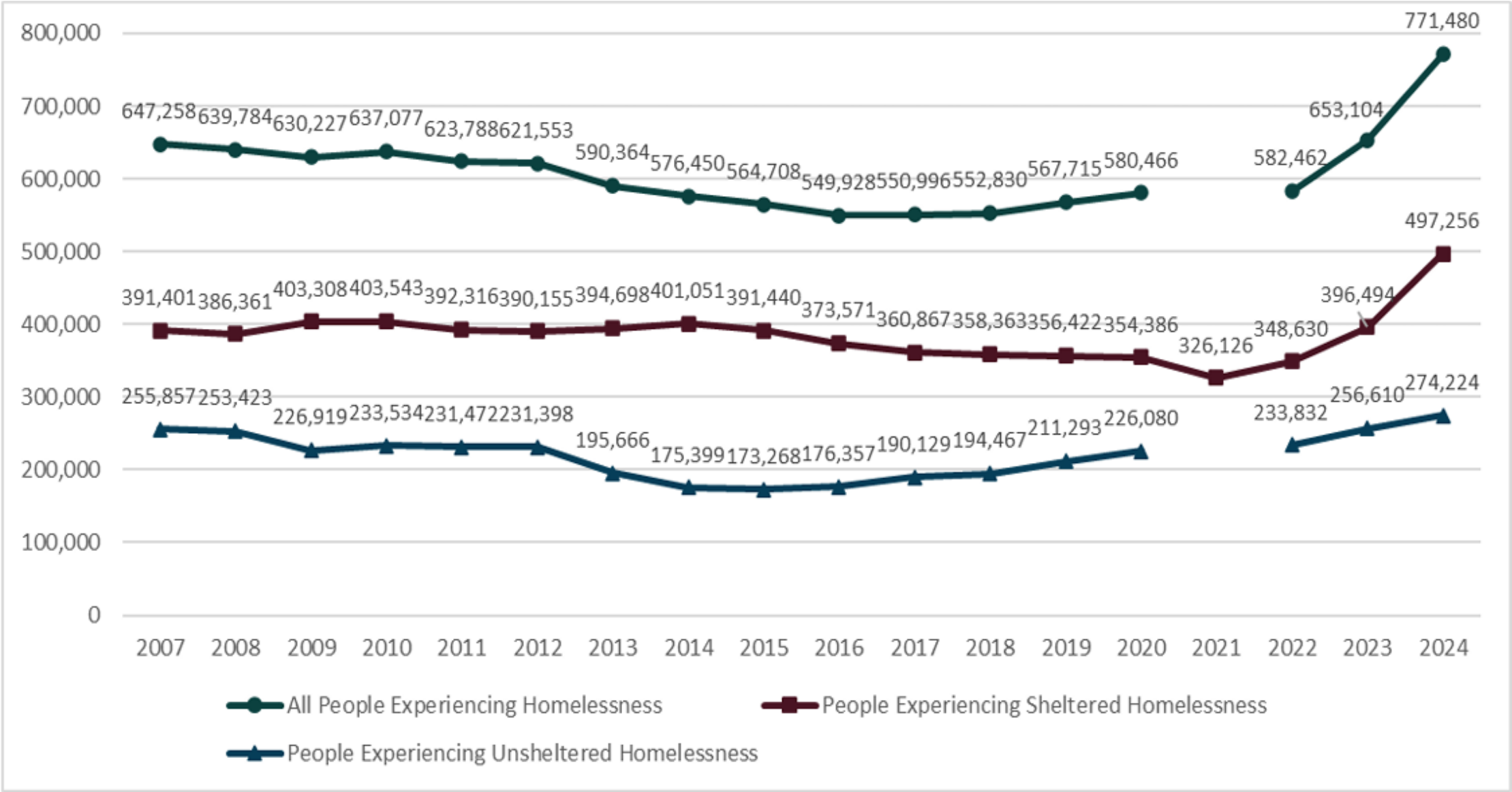
Taskforce Overview

- Taskforce Objectives
- Taskforce Participating Organizations
- Taskforce Meeting Timeline

Taskforce Objectives

Homeless Trends Nationwide

Exhibit 1-1: PIT Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness by Sheltered Status, 2007-2024

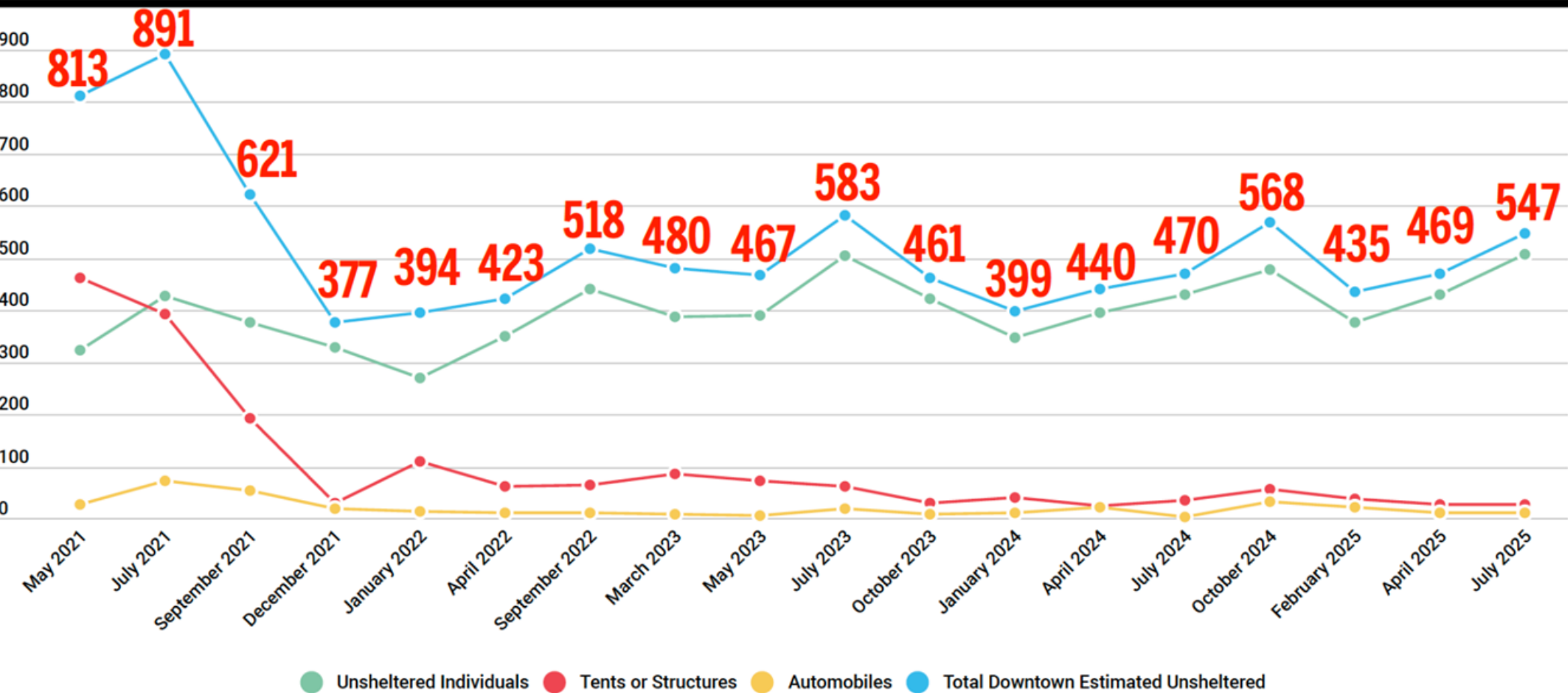


Source: 2024 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress, HUD, December 2024

Homeless Trends in Downtown Austin

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Total Downtown Estimated Unsheltered Homeless



Source: Downtown Austin Alliance

Taskforce Goal

- **Align on our common goals: Shape a robust policy and partnership framework that:**
 1. Curbs the inflow of new people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Downtown Austin, and
 2. Maximizes efforts to get people off Downtown Austin streets and into shelter, housing, or diversion programs.

Taskforce Objectives

Leverage our collective expertise so that, by the end of the year, partners will emerge with:

- A set of policy and partnership strategies – and owners of the strategies – that could reduce unsheltered homelessness and in Downtown Austin.
- A table of strategic partners who endorse the strategies developed through this project and will take action to advance them.
- A strategic timeline to implement policy and partnership strategies that are within Taskforce partners' control.

Taskforce Participating Organizations

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Austin Police Department

Ascension Seton

Austin Community Court

Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations

Austin-Travis County EMS

CapMetro

Caritas of Austin

Change 1

Austin Government Relations

Commissioner Ann Howard's Office

Dell Medical/Central Health

Downtown Austin Alliance

Ending Community Homeless Coalition

Home Now Austin

Integral Care

LifeWorks

Sunrise Homeless Navigation Center

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Texas Veterans Commission

Travis County Attorney's Office

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Travis County Government Relations

Trinity Center

Taskforce Meeting Timeline

Taskforce Timing and Impact Opportunities



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