

Local Approaches to Housing and Supportive Services

TOOLBOX Webinar

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Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Housing Strategy

Supply



Build more housing of different types

Stability



Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs

Subsidy

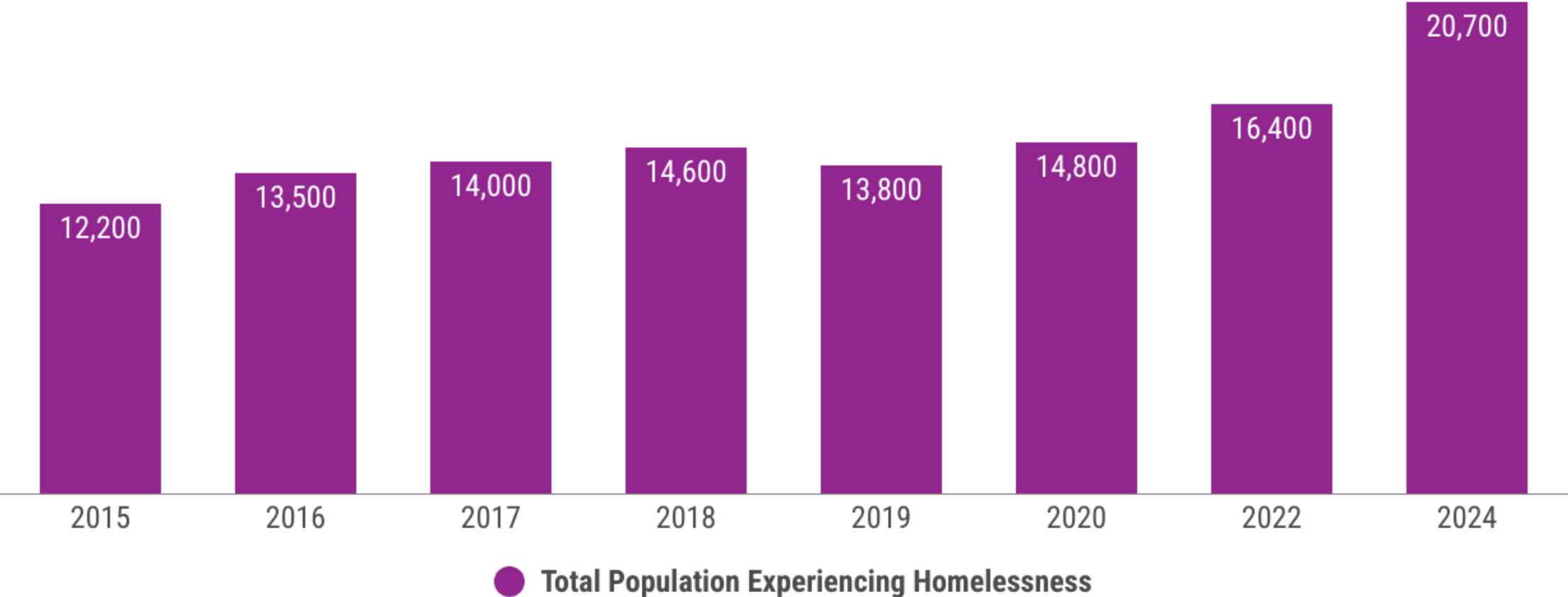


Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve housing for very low-income households and unhoused residents



Background – Homelessness Data

Homelessness has nearly doubled over the last 10 years in the PSRC region

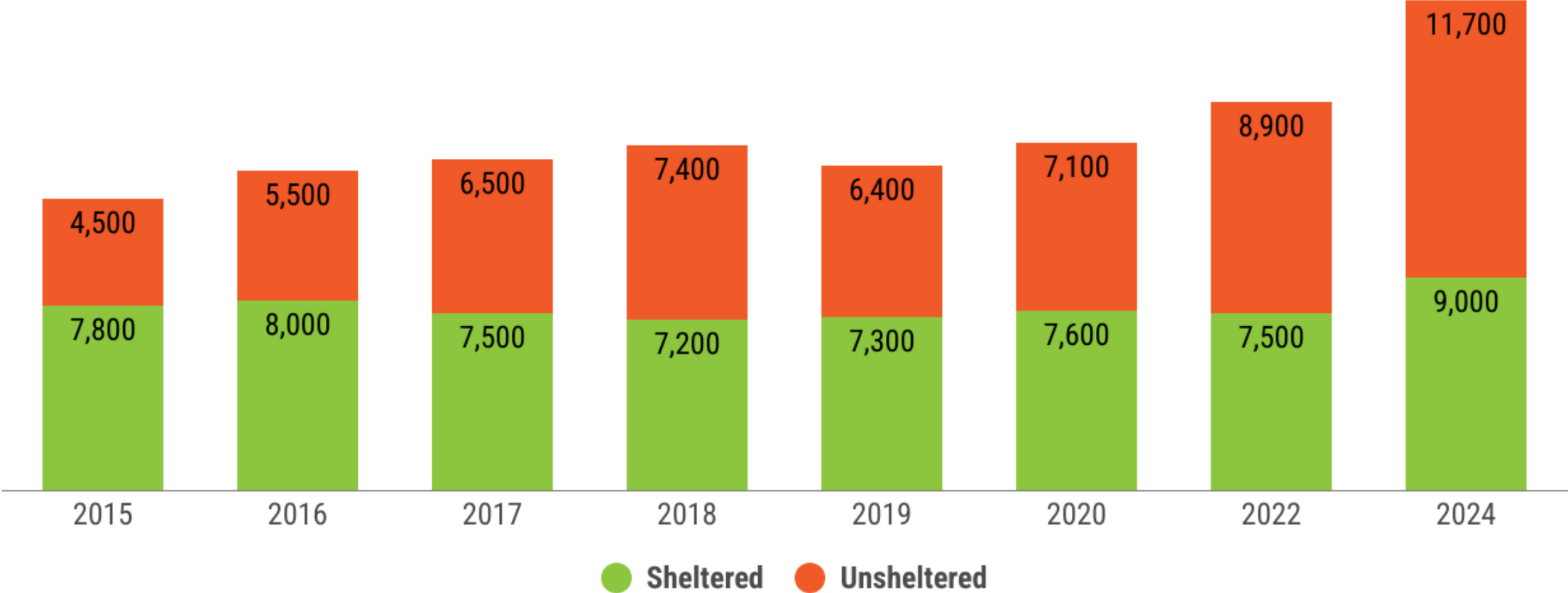


Source: HUD Point-in-time (PIT) Counts, 2015-2024 by Continuum of Care (CoC). King, Pierce, Snohomish Counties



Background – Homelessness Data (cont'd.)

Unsheltered homelessness is the most visible, and has almost tripled since 2015



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Background– Housing Targets

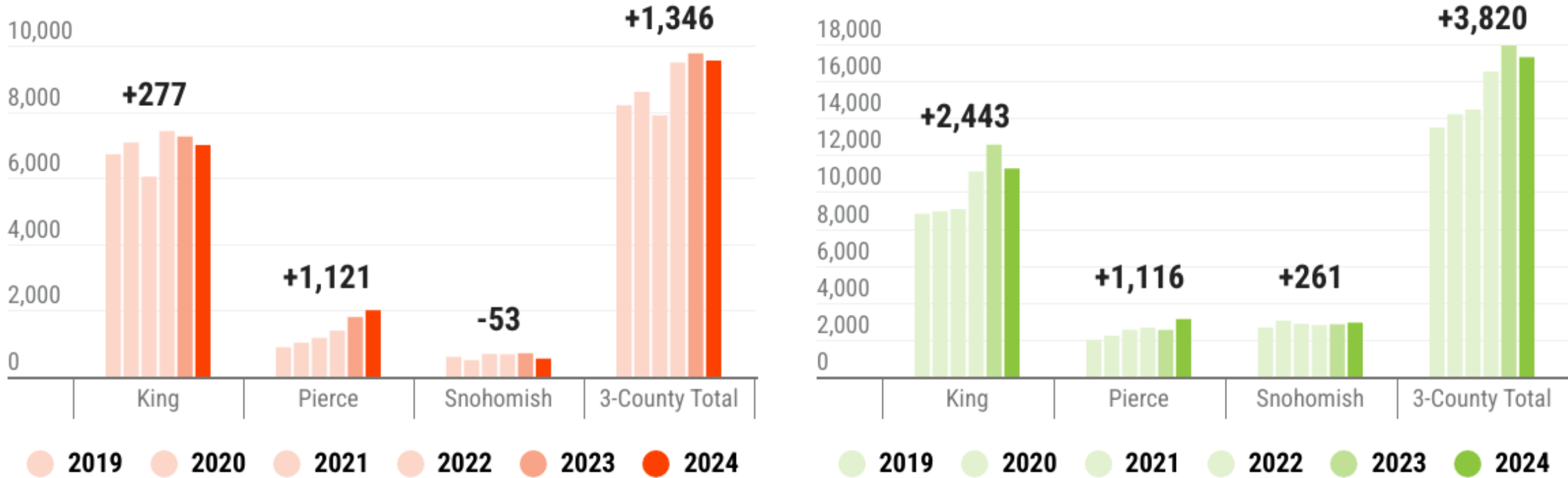
By 2044, jurisdictions across the region are planning for:

- **80,000** permanent supportive housing units (PSH)
- **77,000** emergency housing beds



Supportive Housing Data

Access to **emergency housing** (left) and **permanent supportive housing** (right) has expanded across much of the region



Source: HUD 2024 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs, Housing Inventory Count Report. Note: Emergency housing includes shelter beds, safe haven beds, and transitional housing. Permanent housing includes permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and other permanent housing.

Regulation and Legislation

Federal CoC Funding

- Legal uncertainty, delayed funding, and reduction in funding for permanent housing

WA HB 2266 (2026)

- Expands areas where shelters and supportive housing must be permitted



Questions to Address

- What is local government's role in supportive housing and homelessness services?
- How do you work with community members and service providers to achieve positive outcomes?
- How to build support and understanding for shelters and supportive housing?

