

Statement of Legislative Intent 104-2-A-1

SERVICES FOR “OUT OF CITY” HOMELESS

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Policy and program options concerning the provision of services for homeless individuals and families who have come from outside the city of Seattle.

- Data from Family Housing Connection, Safe Harbors HMIS, and social service providers.
- Information from other jurisdictions that implemented policies or programs to serve out of city residents.

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Context and Policy Recommendation

Recommendation: *Continue and strengthen our regional strategies and partnerships to best serve people in our communities.*

Context:

- Data Sources: HMIS Emergency Shelter, Coordinated Entry for Families, and Surveys
- Regional Homeless Service System: Goal is to match individuals and families with appropriate services to best meet their needs.
- Regional Resources and Investments: Seattle is one of many funders. City resources leverage substantial resources for Prevention/Diversion , Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, Permanent Housing and Rental Assistance, and Behavioral Health and other supportive services.

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“Out of City” is not a term used in our service system.

- People are not asked if they are “from” Seattle. Eligibility for emergency shelter services is not based on Seattle residency.
- Safe Harbors collects “Last Permanent” Address (zip code).

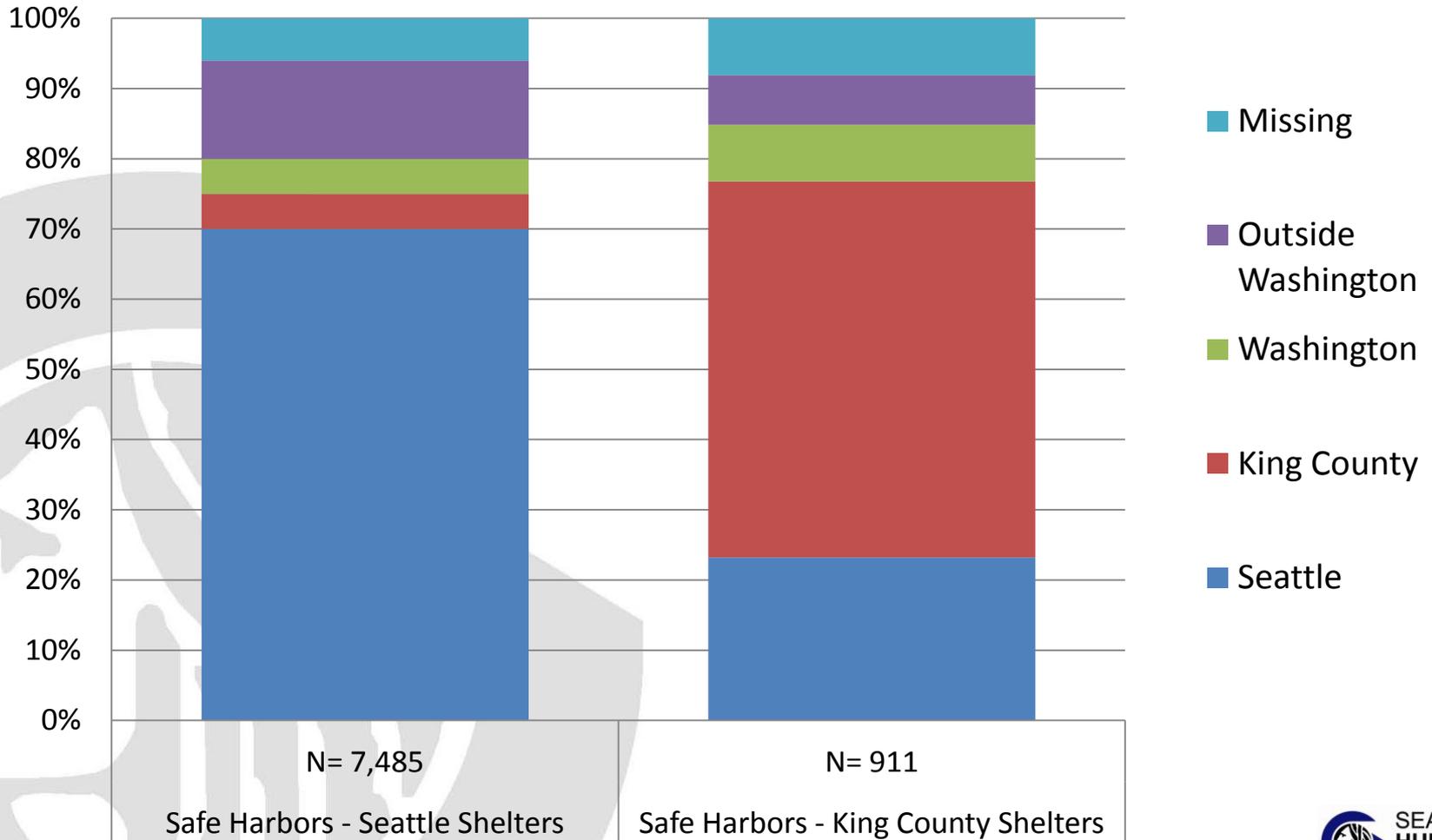
Regional shelters are primarily serving single adults and families from Seattle/ King County.

Shelters serve a large number of single adults over the course of the year, and the majority exit relatively quickly.

Regional Shelters Serve Local Needs

Last Permanent Address for Single Adults

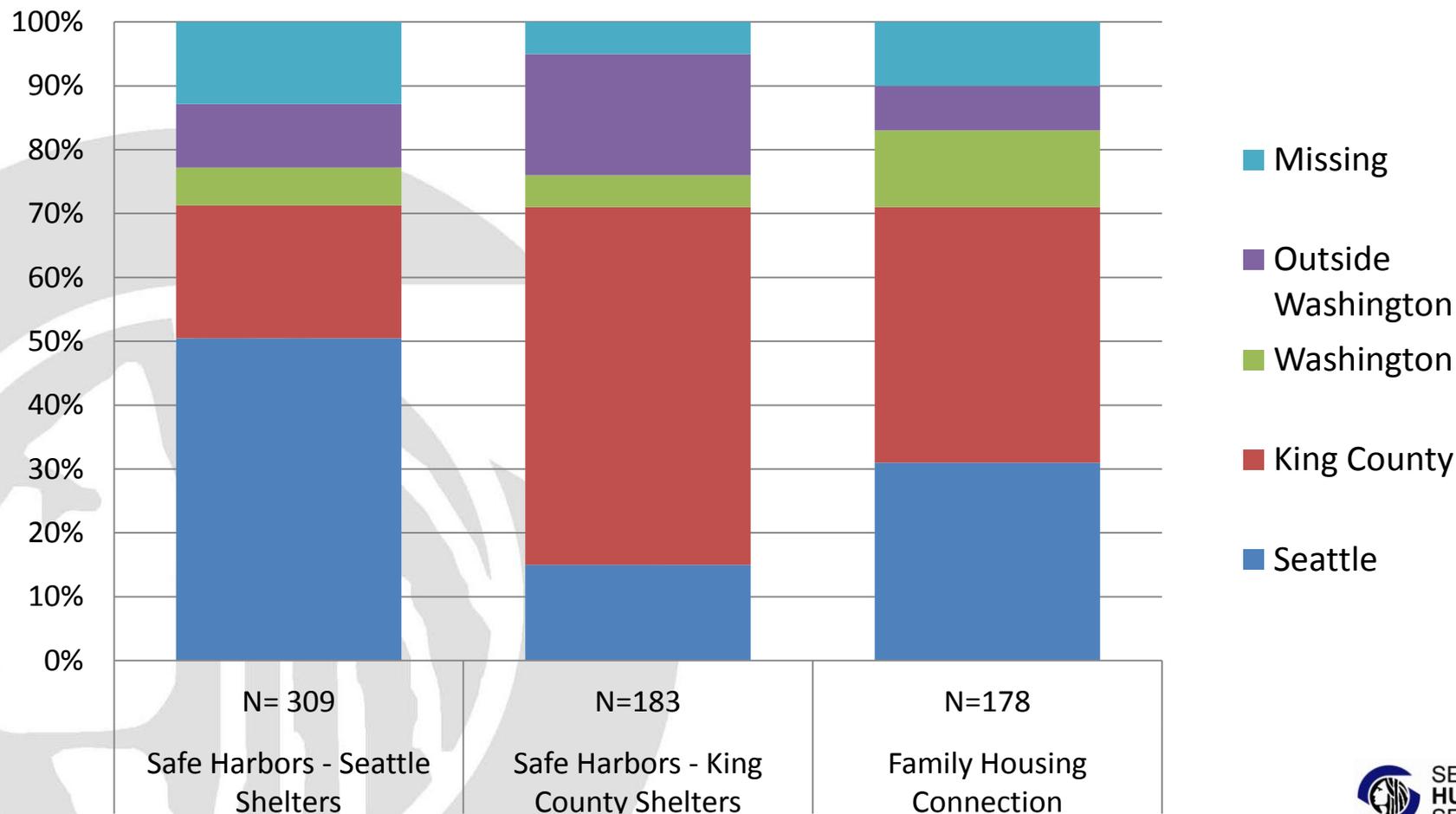
Source: Safe Harbors 2012 AHAR



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Last Permanent Address for Families

Source: Safe Harbors and Family Housing Connection



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Programs & Policies in Other Jurisdictions

HSD review of communities, including New York, Boston, San Francisco, Denver, and Columbus.

- Residency requirements: ranged from 0-90 days
- Robust prevention/diversion resources provided at the front door
- Assistance to return to “home” communities