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#hospice4homeless

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- Yearly Memorial
- Many have terminal illness and need Hospice care.
- Hospice care is difficult or impossible to meet.
- **Many will die on the streets, often in terrible pain, afraid, and alone.**



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- Hospice services in your home
- Hospice organizations struggle to provide care to unhoused
- Shelters aren't designed for this type of care

**Rocky Mountain Refuge is the only shelter in Colorado that fills this gap in care.**

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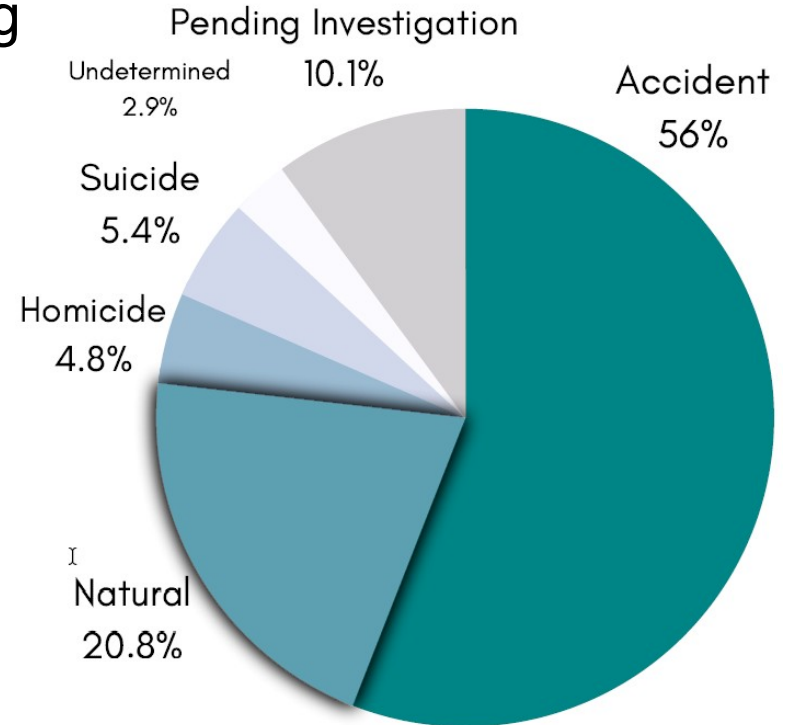


- Chronic diseases
- Unmet mental health needs
- Self medicate
- Cardiovascular disease, hypertension, brain damage, and diabetes
- 30 year shorter life expectancy

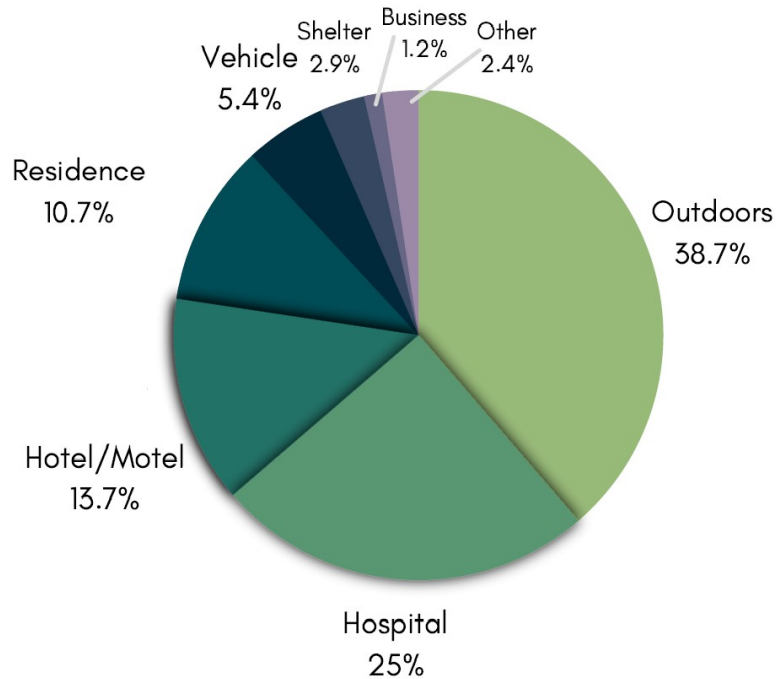
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## Causes of death among people experiencing homelessness.

- Approximately 269 people experiencing homelessness died in 2021
- Deaths from 'natural' causes nearly 21%



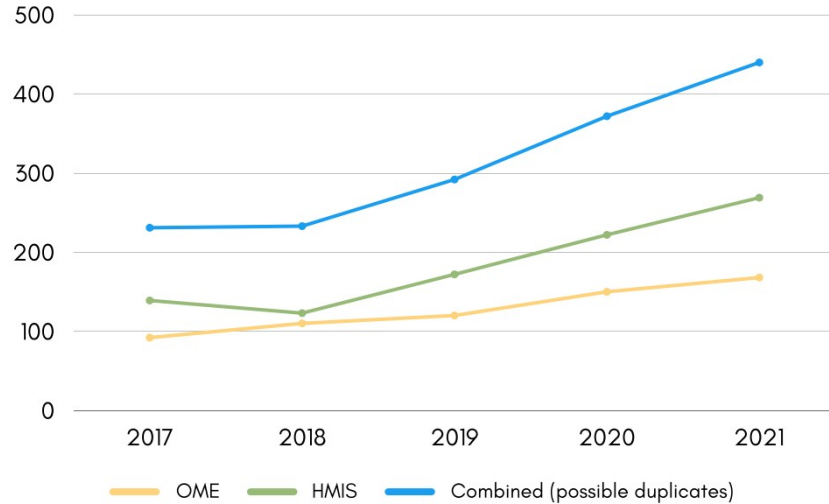
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## Where do homeless people die?

- Nearly 39% out of doors
- Almost 14% in hotels/motels
- Hospitals most expensive at 25%

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- Number of people experiencing homelessness grows
- Increased by 83-94% in last 5 years
- More hospice support needed

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- Innovative new shelter in Denver
- One of 4 shelters in the nation
- Offer family style care to unhoused folks
- Rent two rooms from DRM
- Resident room is dual occupancy





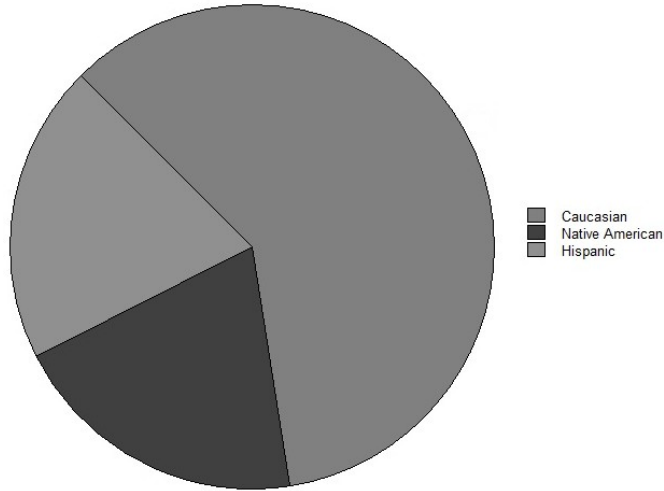
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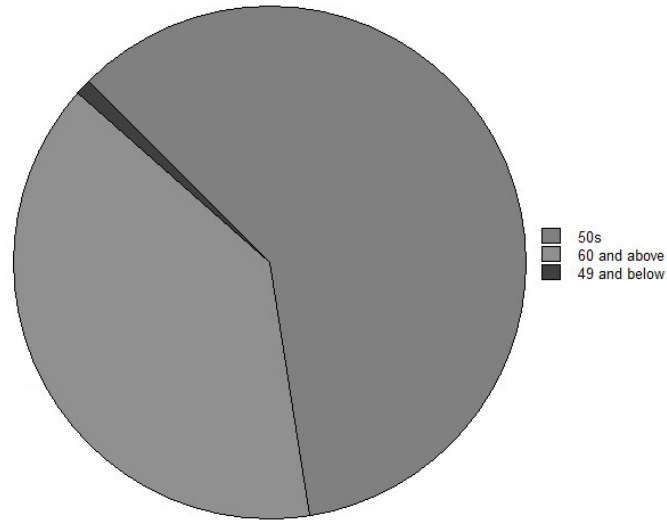
- 24/7 extension of someone's family
- Feeding, dressing, bathing, transferring and ambulating
- Hospice agency partners provide medical care
- We do not discriminate
- Maxfund takes care of Resident's pets

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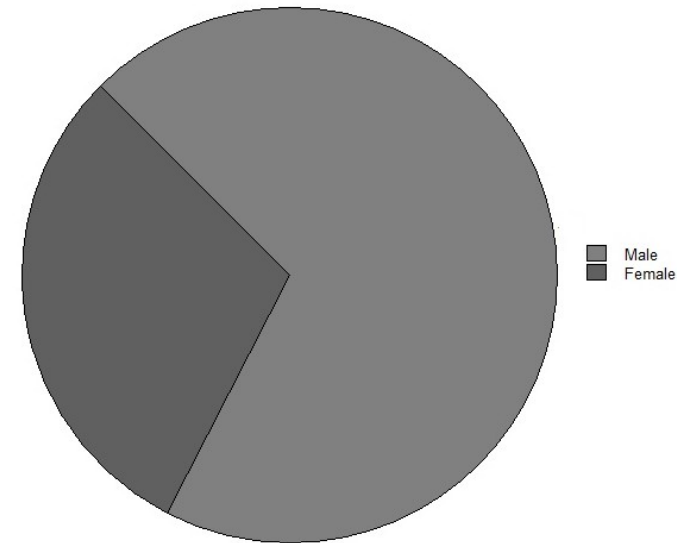
**Race**



**Age**



**Gender**



Our Resident's demographics are:

Race: 50% Caucasian, 30% Hispanic, 20% Native American  
Age Groupings: 15% are 49 and below, 60% 50-64, 25% 65+  
Gender: (self reported) 75% Male, 25% Female

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- Demographics don't tell the human story
- Sally Doe advanced degrees in Nursing and Psychology.
- Practiced for 35 years.
- Helped hundreds if not thousands deal with PTSD
- Succumbed to alcoholism
- Passed in comfort with us

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- Pilot project opened Feb. 2022
- Began serving one Resident
- Met primary goals
- Now serving 3 and a wait list
- Plans for next year and beyond



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- Colorado Hospital Association **\$9,131.64/Day**
- University of Colorado Hospital **\$12,000-\$20,000/Day**
- RMR 2023 Budget \$450,000.00
- RMR cost \$283-\$850/Day

