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2026 State of Homelessness Address



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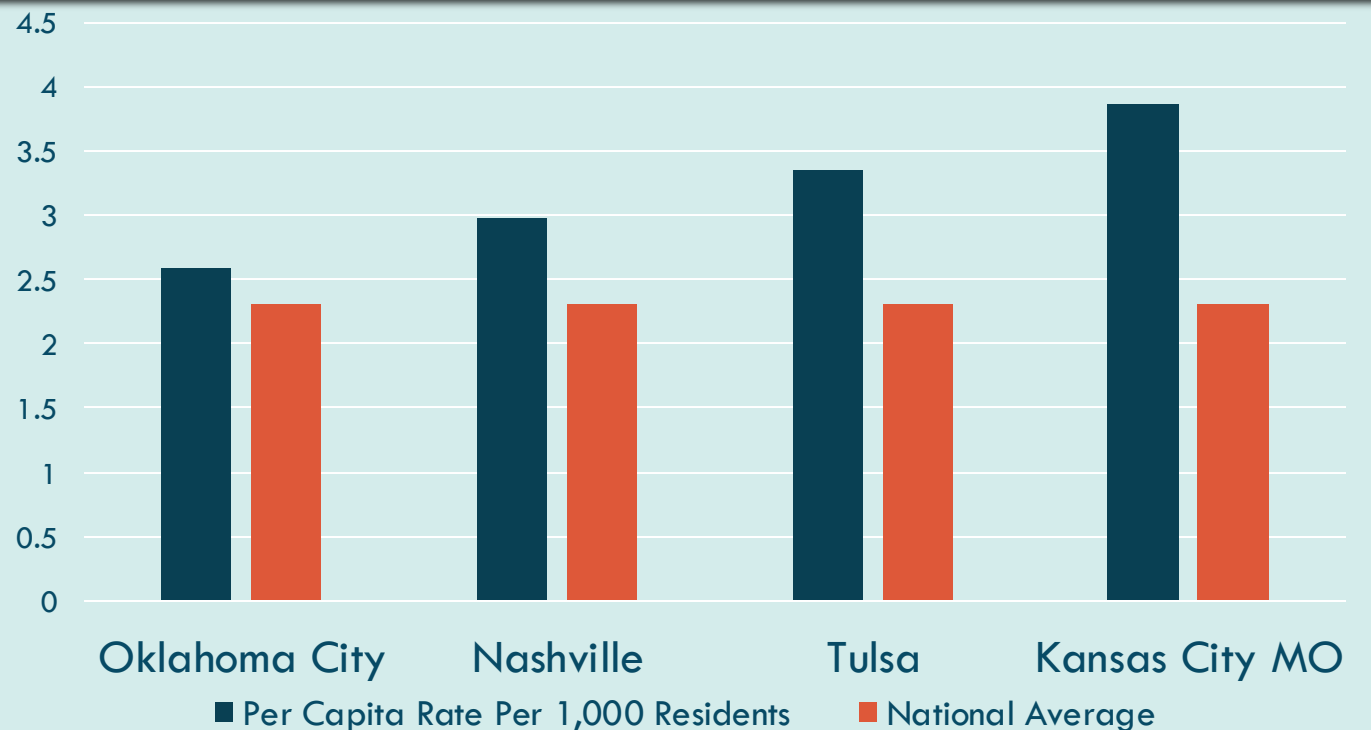
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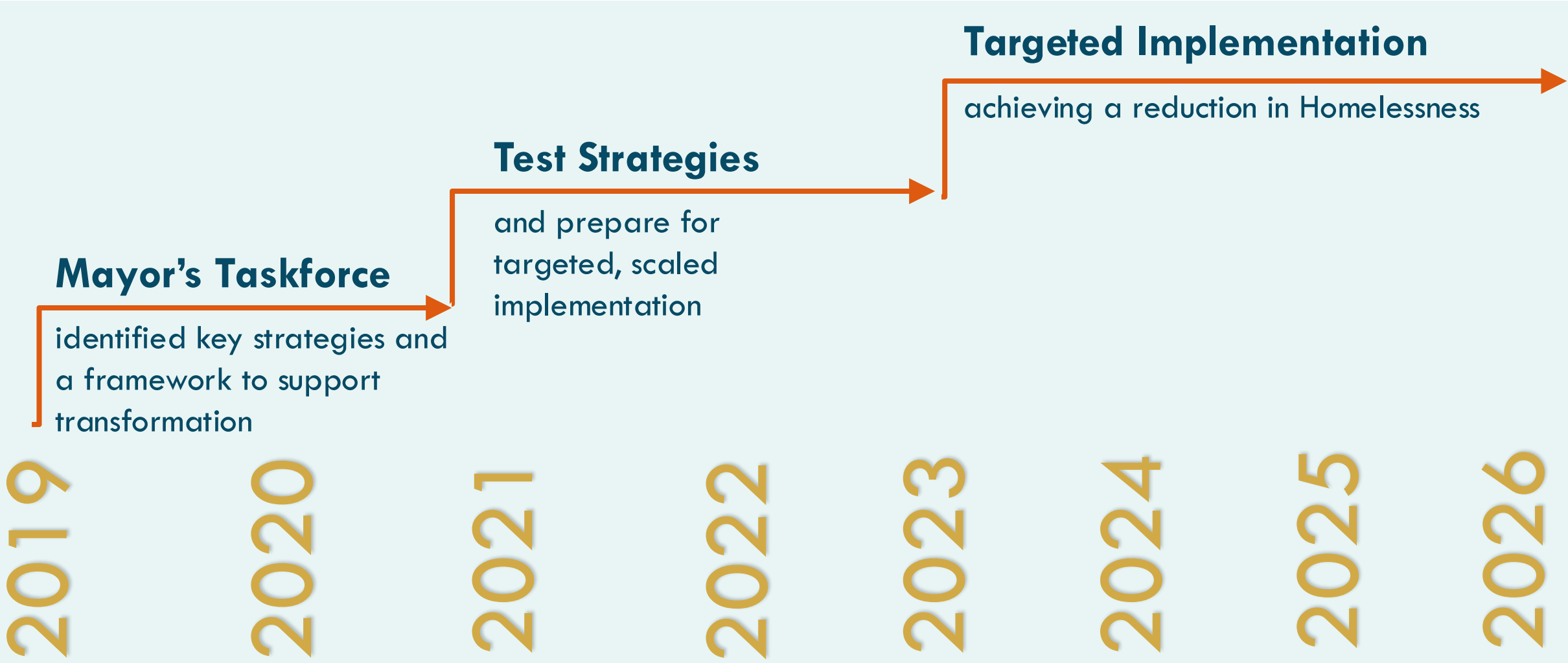
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OKC's Per Capita Rate of Homelessness Ranks Among the Lowest of Peer Cities



Path to Unlocking Results



For the first time since Key to Home launched —

Homelessness is declining.

1,867

People counted in 2026

—1%

Overall decline in
homelessness

LaShawn Thompson

Assistant City Manager,
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How the City of Oklahoma City is Showing Up

Embedded Staff

- Dedicated positions at City Hall
- Coordinating with the full response system

Mobile Integrated Health

- Right responders to mental health crises freeing 911 for other emergencies

High Utilizer Program

- Mobile Integrated Health provides proactive outreach to repeat callers
- Addressing root causes, not symptoms

Affordable Housing

- Dedicated position
- Strategic plan to expand housing access

MAPS4: Dorset Place

- 37 new supportive housing units for veterans opened
- 33 more coming online in phase 2

General Fund Commitment

- Foundational public dollars helped launch this work

Jamie Caves

Strategy Implementation Manager,
Key to Home

We've Met Every Goal We Set

513

**People rehoused from
encampments**

*Goal: 500 in first 2 years of
Encampment Rehousing Initiative*

93%

**Encampment residents
accepted housing & services**

*In first 2 years of Encampment
Rehousing Initiative*

30

**Encampment sites
closed**

*In first 2 years of Encampment
Rehousing Initiative*

43%

**Decline in chronic
unsheltered**

In first 2 years of Key to Home

3×

**Youth goal
exceeded**

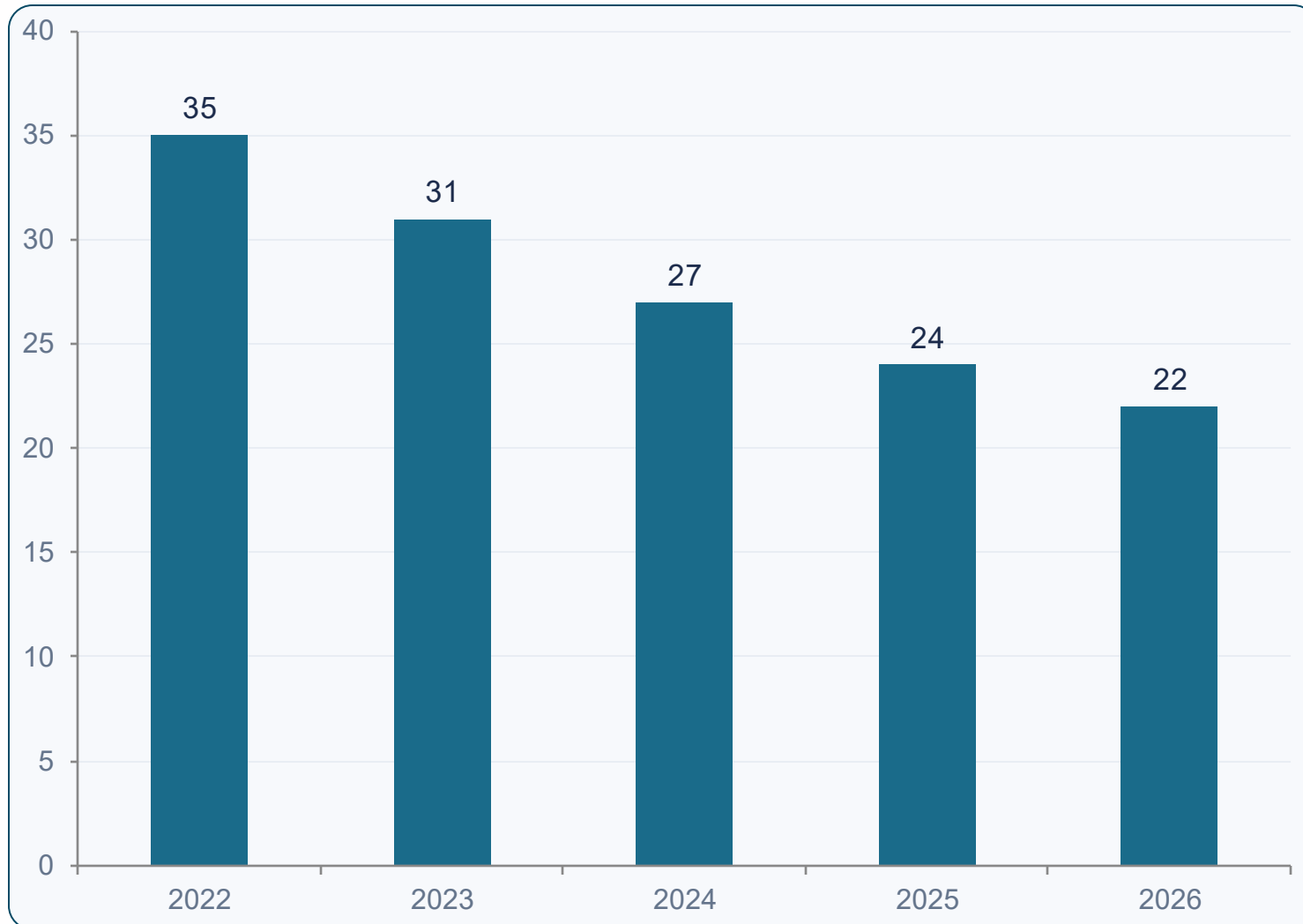
*300+ housed / diverted vs.
100 target*

3

**New strategic programs
underway**

Families, Early Intervention, CARE Team

Unsheltered Homelessness: A Sustained Decline



35%

→ **22%**

drop in the share of people without any shelter

- Most visible with biggest impact on unhoused and the community
- Sustained decline every year since 2022
- Progress achieved even as overall homelessness was rising
- Directly tied to the Encampment Rehousing Initiative

By Population: Progress & Challenges

Veterans



- 21% decline since 2022
- Lowest recorded count
- 16% decline Year over Year

Chronic Unsheltered



- 42% decline since 2022
- Single year uptick of 20%
- Watching closely

Families



- 71% increase since 2022
- Now a dedicated system priority

Youth



- 50% increase since 2022
- Increase partly due to service expansion

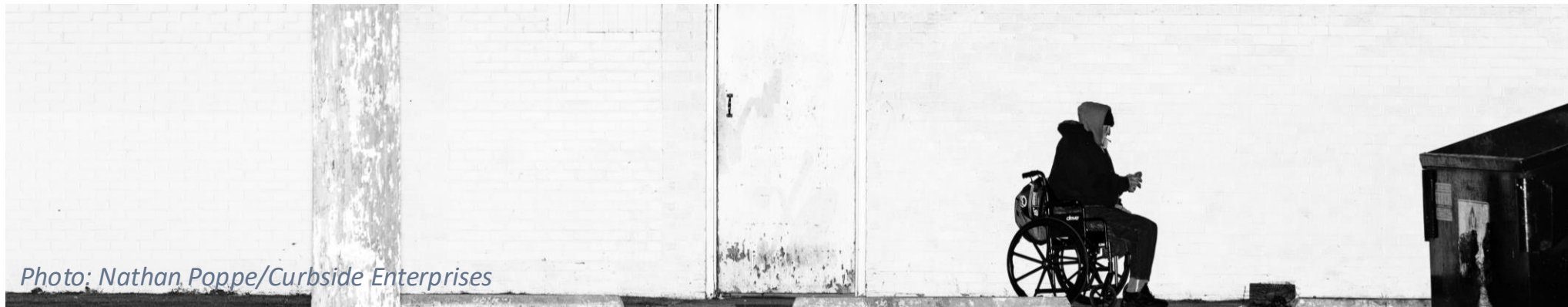


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Understanding Where We Are: The ER Analogy

Think of an ER waiting room:

- Waiting room is full before anyone new arrives; each day more people arrive needing care
- ER keeps pace but never empties
- To relieve pressure, the ER needs
 - triage at front door
 - add pathways to appropriate levels of care
 - focus capacity for doctors to serve most complex patients

Our Homeless Response System

- Providers match daily inflow, but the backlog stays full
- People with complex needs wait the longest
- System needs fewer people entering, more capacity AND expanded exits

Strategic Priorities

The path from turning the tide to sustaining it

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Priorities Driving the Next Phase

01

Early Intervention

Intervene early to divert people from entering shelter or rapidly exit them to prevent long-term stays. Problem-solving and diversion at entry — reconnecting people with family, resolving housing conflicts, bridging financial gaps.

- Reduces inflow of people entering the homeless response system
- Allows us to prioritize limited resources for people who have higher levels of need
- More efficient, human-centered and trauma informed
- Provides a more cost-effective alternative to long stays in emergency shelter

< \$1,500 per person

estimated cost — a fraction of
a shelter stay

Priorities Driving the Next Phase

Strategic Rehousing

- 02** Optimize our homeless response system to ensure every subpopulation has a direct pathway back to housing and long-term stability. Invest in multiple pathways to housing, each designed to meet a different need.

Complex Needs

- Rehousing pathway for those that fall outside what standard programs are equipped to address
- A Complex Adaptive Response & Engagement (CARE) Team to bring together expertise in housing, health, and crisis response.

Shelters

- Rehousing pathway for individuals and families stuck cycling through shelter without a clear path forward
- Focused on accelerating exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing

Encampment

- Rehousing pathway for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- A proactive, outreach-driven approach to connecting unsheltered individuals with housing and supportive services

Priorities Driving the Next Phase

03

Family Systems Redesign

Service providers came together to examine gaps and redesign more efficient pathways back to stable housing for parents and children. Now it's time for implementation.

Services Providers Collaborating

To implement shared vision of system redesign with a progressive engagement model

\$5 million over 5 years

Additional investment to build targeted supports to quickly move families back into housing



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PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A



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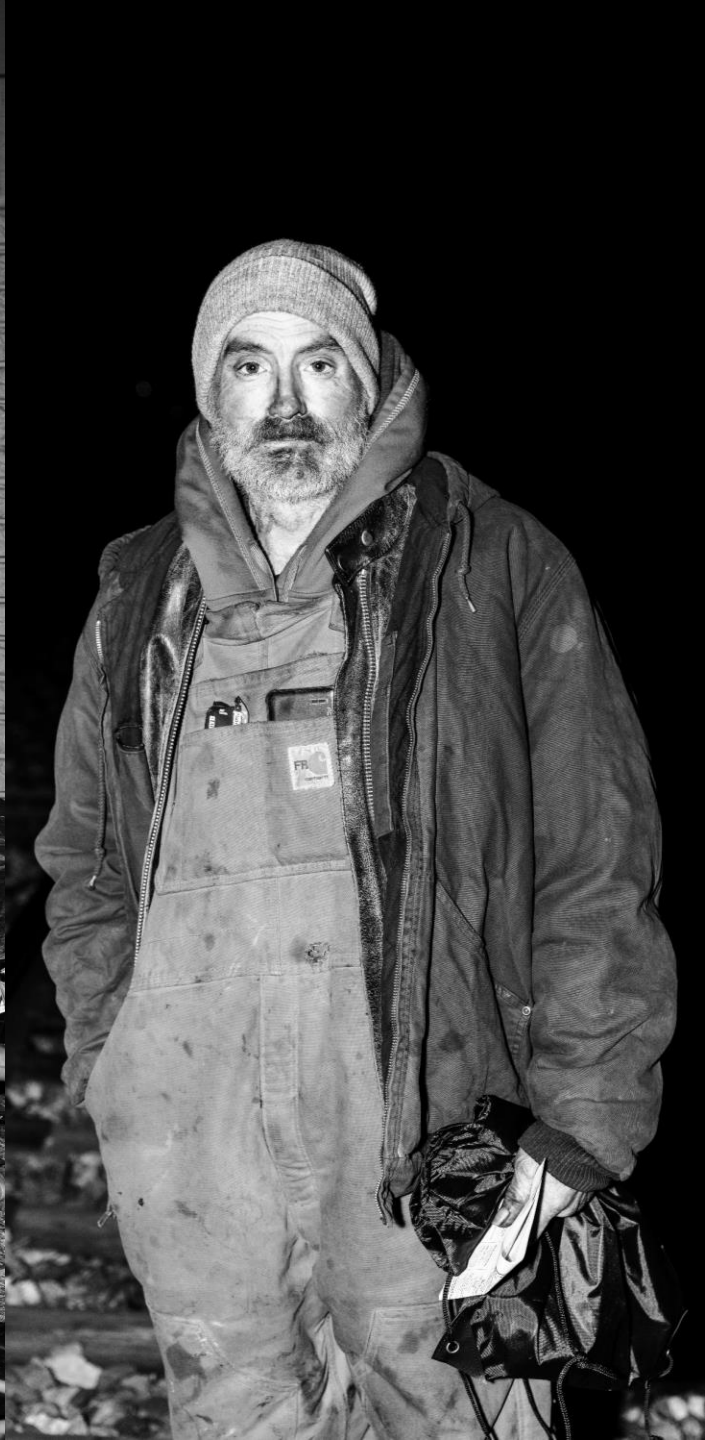
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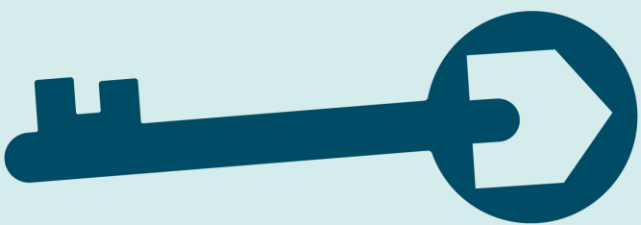
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