



Quarterly Briefing

Atlanta City Council
Public Safety & Legal
Administration Committee
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The PAD Initiative

PAD takes a comprehensive approach to **reduce arrest and incarceration** and **increase the accessibility of supportive services** to more effectively address quality-of-life concerns

Community First Response

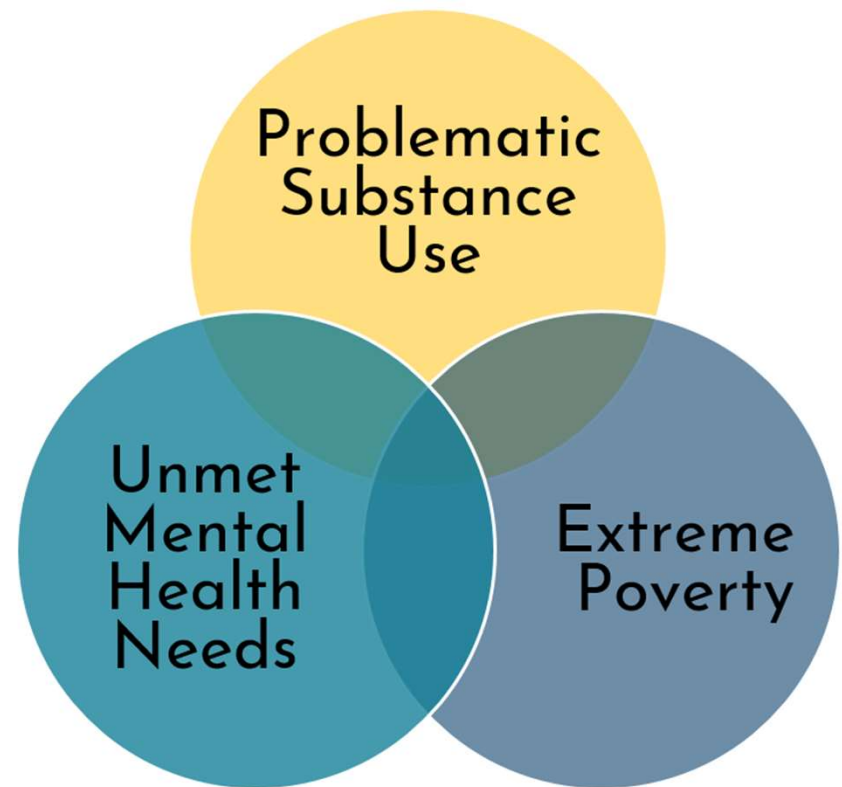
ATL311 line dispatches PAD community responder teams for concerns related to substance use, mental health or extreme poverty

Diversion

People with needs related to substance use, mental health or extreme poverty may be diverted to PAD by law enforcement or prosecutors

Care Navigation

Reduce barriers to stability and increase community connections through care navigation, emergency housing, and direct supports



Reducing police contact & incarceration

Reduce calls
to 911

- Community members have more options with 311
- Appropriate 911 calls transferred to 311
- Potential for 988 for 24/7 coverage

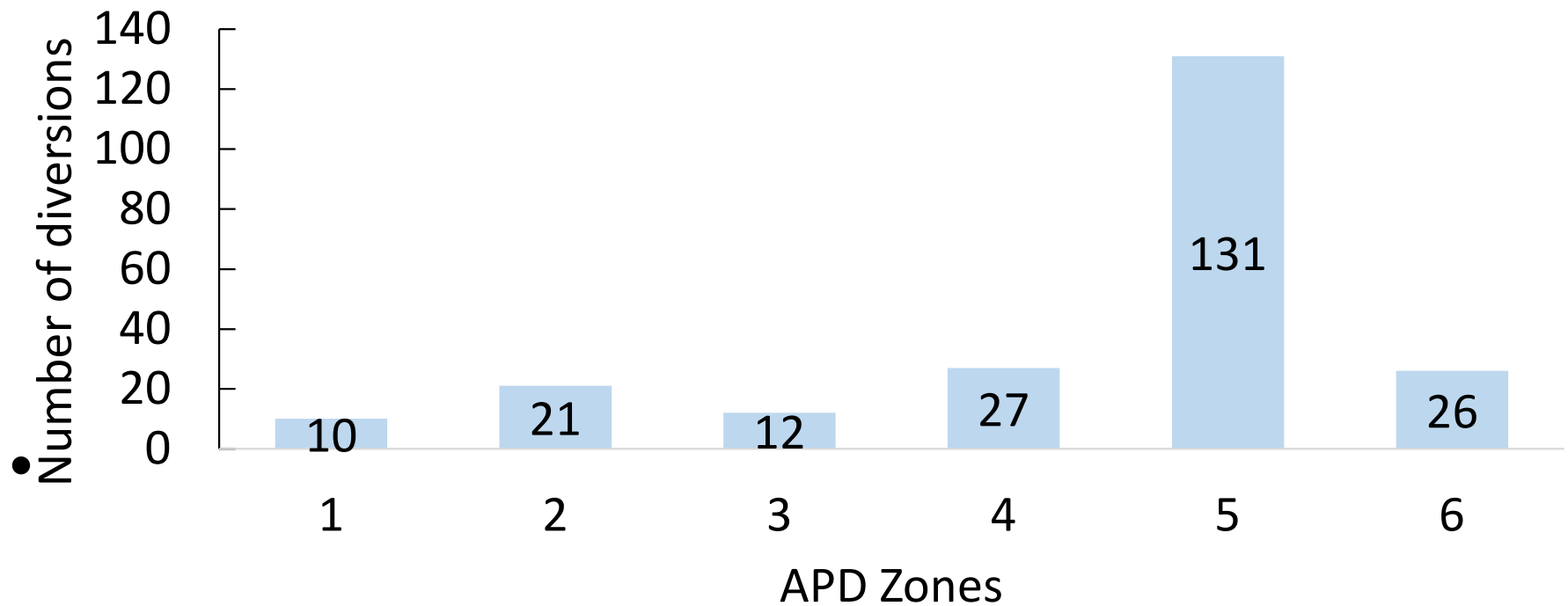
Reduce police
contact

- Calls to 311 and transfers from 911 reduce police dispatch
- Community responders offer appropriate support

Reduce
incarceration

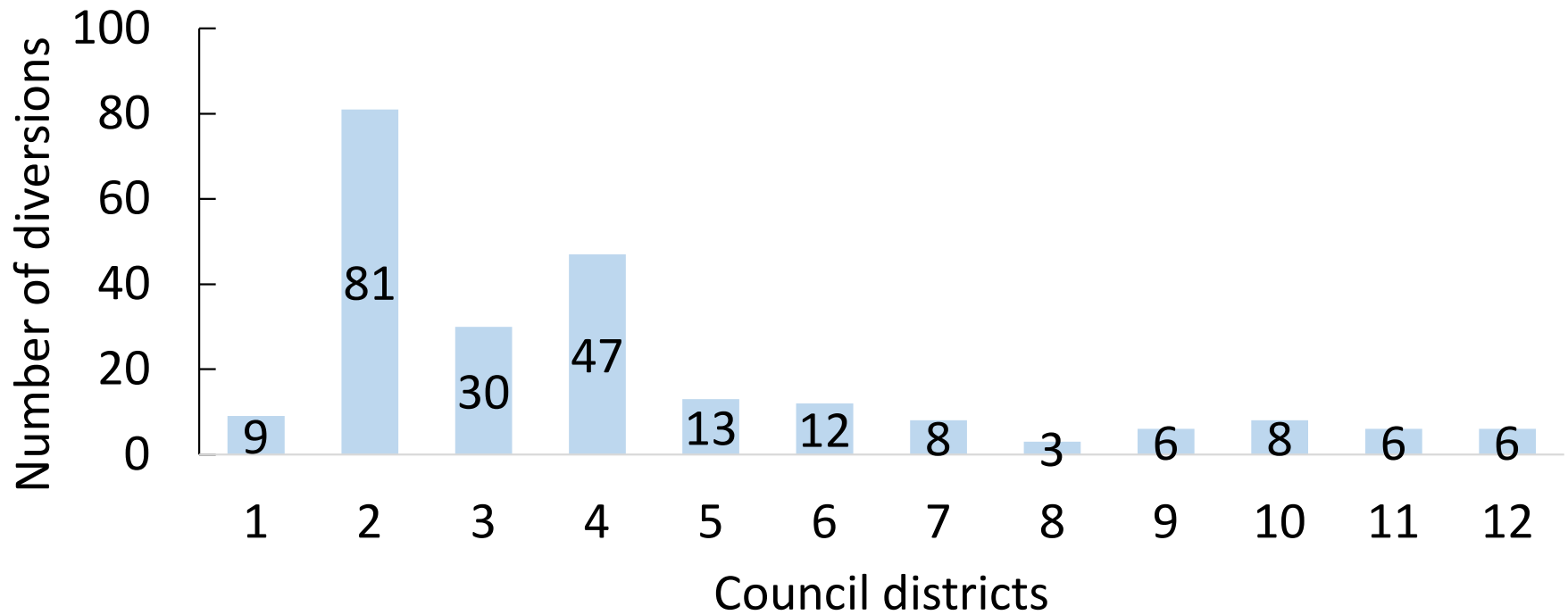
- People are connected to resources instead of arrest
- People are diverted from jail to resources

There were 227 pre-arrest diversions and 37 partner agency diversions last fiscal year

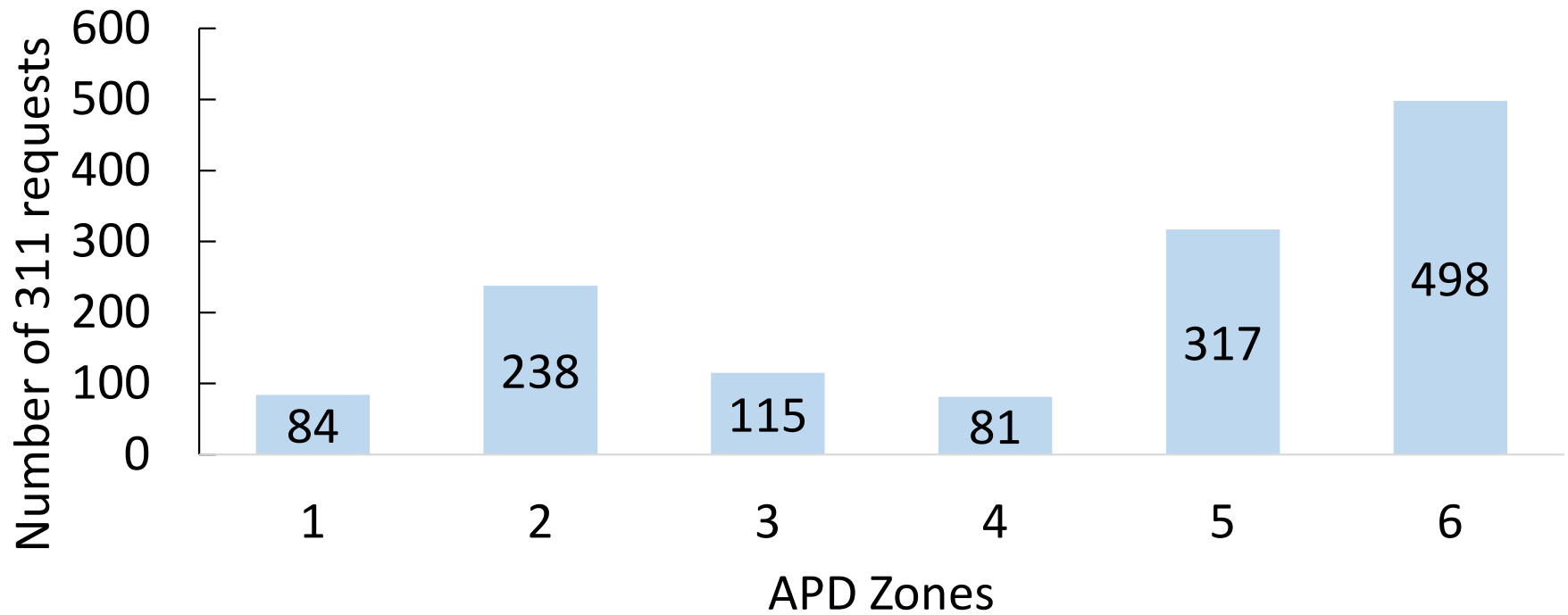


The average diversion response time was 21 minutes

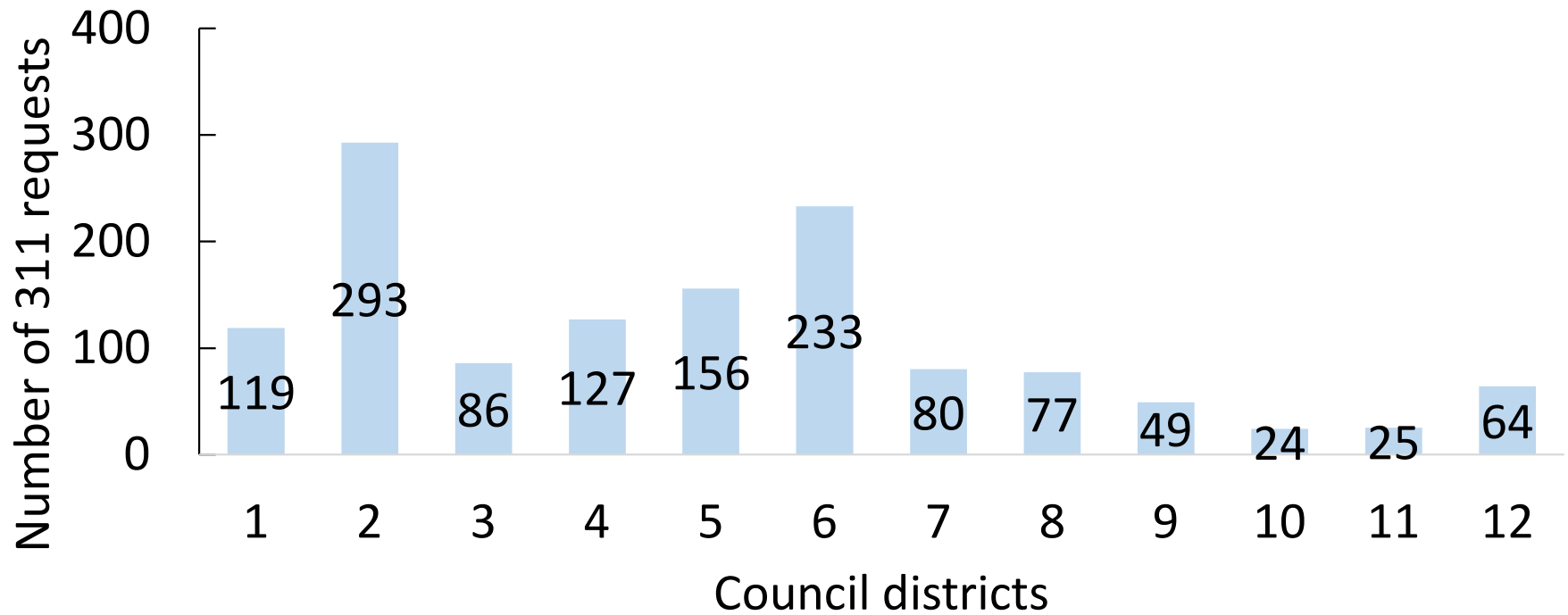
Most pre-arrest diversions come from council districts 2-4.



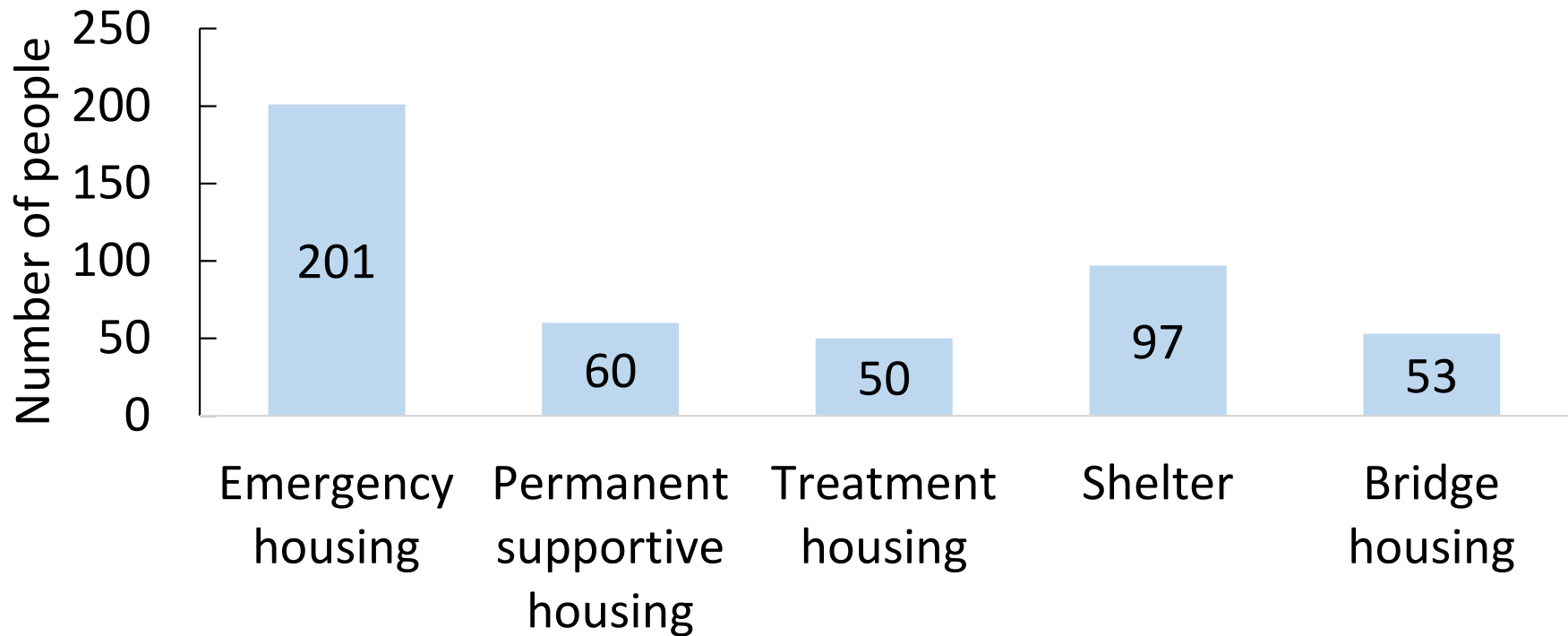
PAD received 1,333 requests through ATL 311 last fiscal year



311 requests came from all council districts



PAD made over 460 housing placements in the last fiscal year



Additionally, 6 people were placed in private housing over the course of the year, and 1 person was placed in transitional housing.

Community Engagement



2,297

Businesses engaged



119

**Community events
attended**

"Since last August I have been blessed because of PAD to get off the streets and have the opportunity to get into a motel. I've been blessed to go through the process of applying for Georgia Housing Voucher and getting accepted.

On the mental aspect, I have been blessed to be surrounded by the staff at PAD who have dedicated their lives to helping people like me and that alone has given me hope and courage to walk through the tough times and stay focused."

- Jeremy H., PAD participant

New federal funds for community awareness

PAD receives three-year grant to provide mental health awareness training to community members



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Thank you

