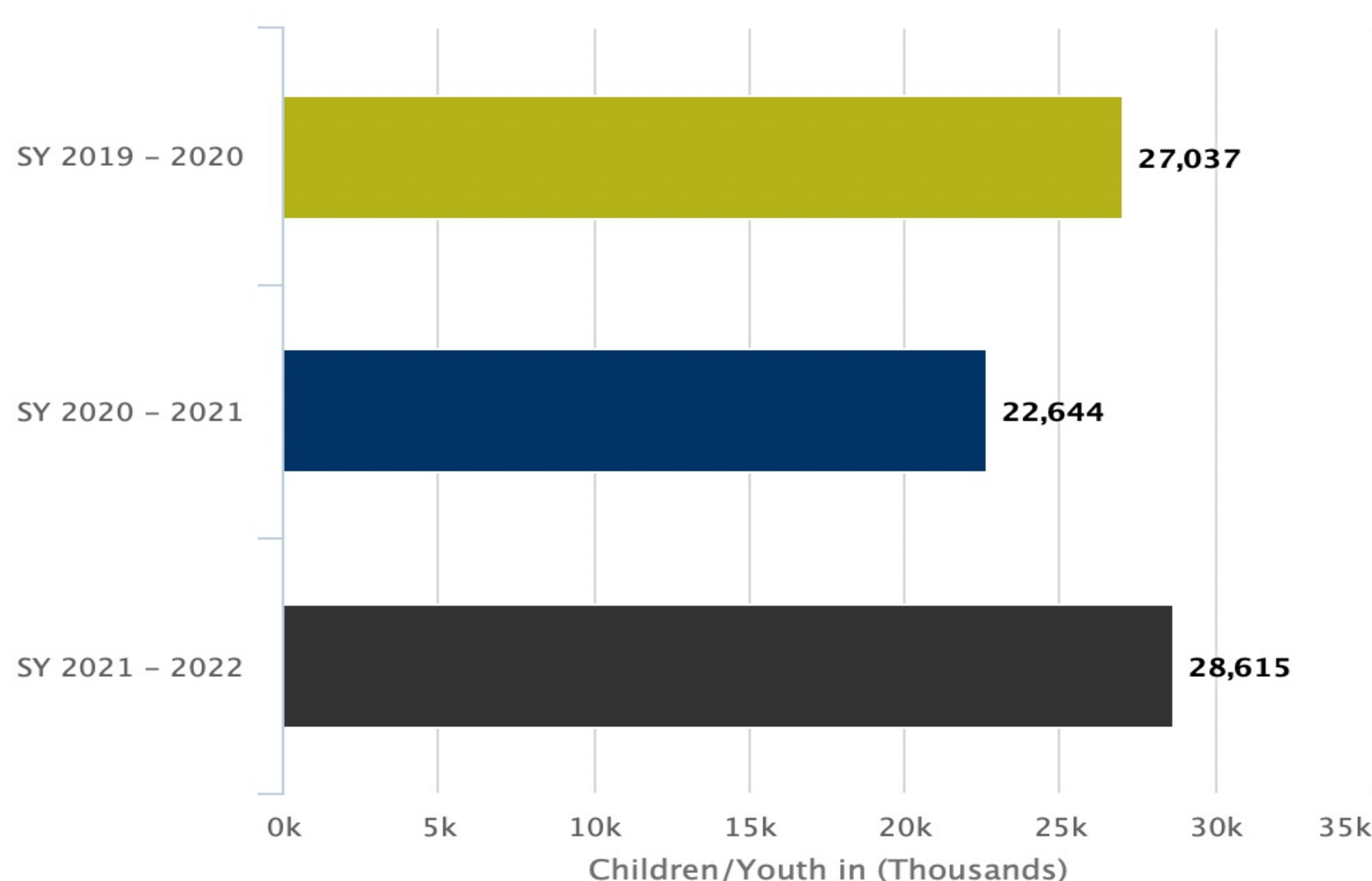


What?

- According to the North Carolina Housing Coalition, in 2022:
 - More than 28,000 homeless children/adolescents were enrolled in public schools
 - Families with children made up approximately 30% of the state's homeless population
 - 51,000 families in the state experienced homelessness on any given night
- Community Crossroads Center in Greenville, North Carolina, is the only homeless shelter in eastern North Carolina
 - Average of 15 school-aged residents at any given time
 - Current greatest service need are youth-centered educational programs

Number of Homeless Children/Youth Enrolled in Public School by Year

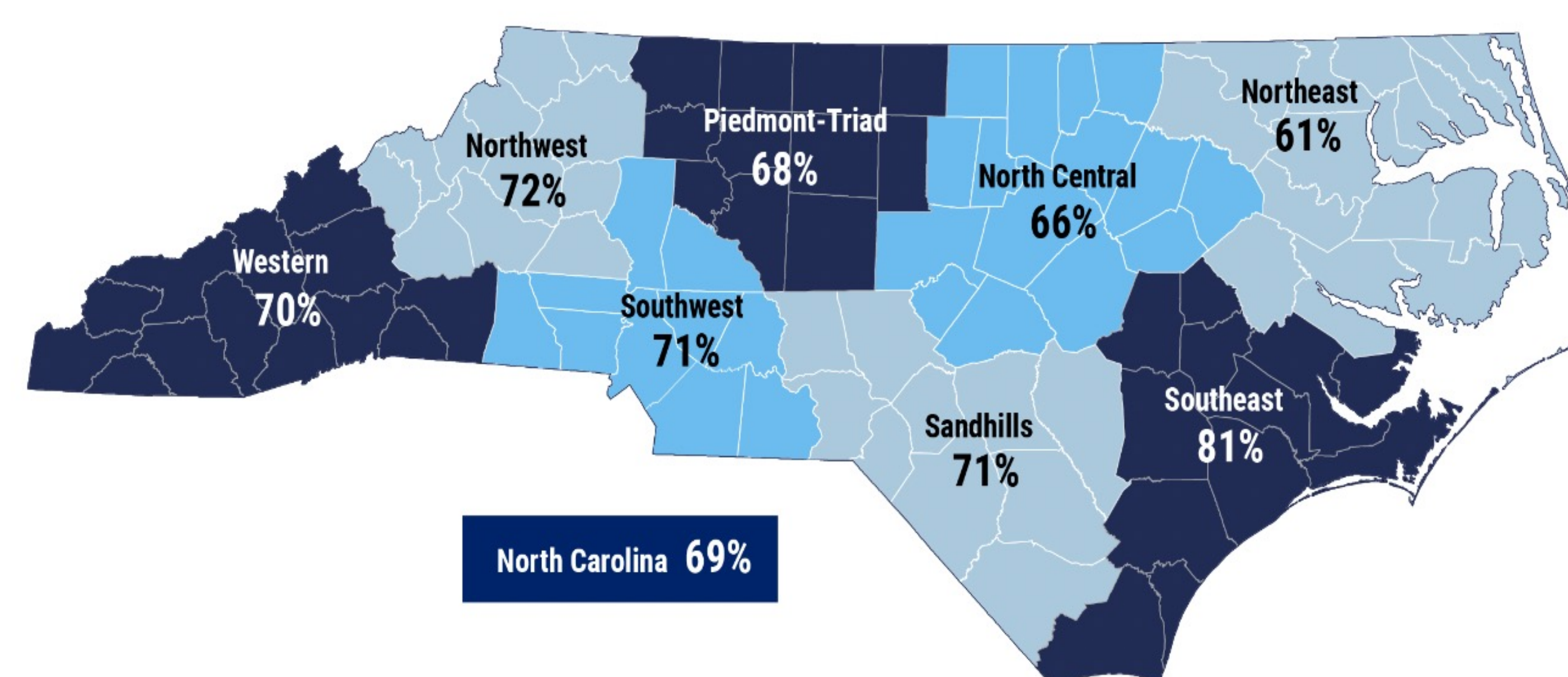


So What?

- Childhood homelessness can lead to frequent school changes, difficulty attending school regularly, and challenges in completing homework and studying
 - 52% of students experiencing homelessness during the school year are chronically absent
- Nationally, 75% of homeless children perform below grade-level in reading, 72% perform below grade-level in spelling, and 54% perform below grade-level in STEM courses
- The average high school graduation rate among homeless students in North Carolina is 69%
 - This 12% below other low-income students and 18% below the rate for students at-large
- Young adults without a high school diploma are 4.5 times more likely to experience homelessness in adulthood

Graduation rates among homeless high school students across Prosperity Zones

Southwest PZ has the highest homeless student graduation rate, whereas the Northeast PZ has the lowest



Now What?

- Establish an educational enrichment initiative for students at Community Crossroads Center
- Develop a sustainable project at Community Crossroads Center in which:
 - Volunteers tutor or assist students with schoolwork on a weekly basis
 - Hands-on enrichment activities are created to enhance gross motor and social development
 - STEM and public health education are emphasized



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