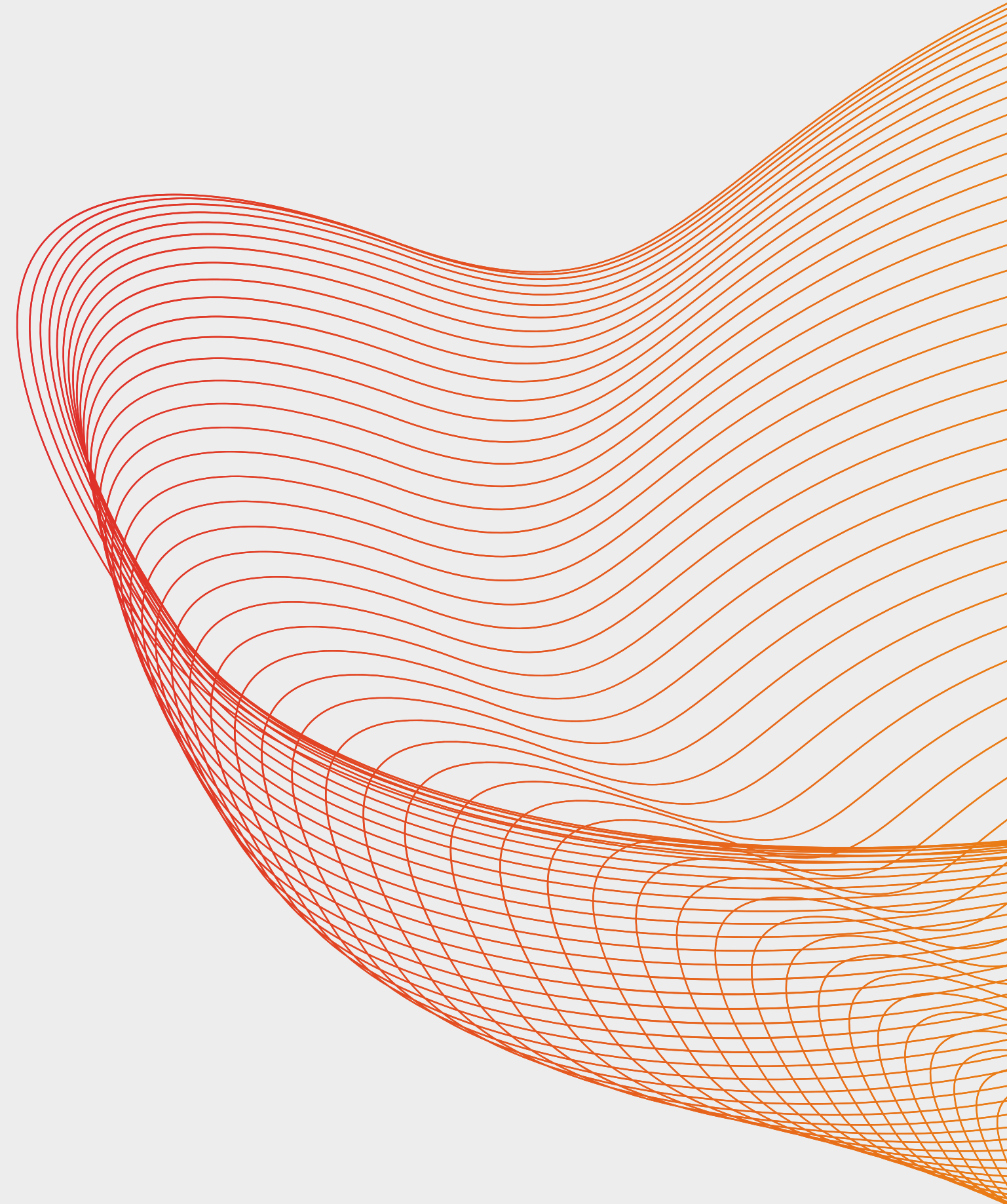




ENGAGEWINONA

Winona Area Kitchen Table





About Engage Winona



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Engage Winona is moving Winona forward, together.

Engage Winona is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that **drives equitable civic action and social change** by working to ensure everyone has **access, voice,** and **power** in community planning, decision-making and changemaking.

About the Kitchen Table



Winona Area Kitchen Table is a cohort of local community members throughout Winona County with lived experiences with housing instability or homelessness.

The team brings their own lived experience and invites stakeholders to work together on solutions to housing issues that will truly work in our community.





Program Goals



- **Building relationships** between people with lived experiences and key stakeholders
- **Collective visioning** and design of actionable solutions. Our group seems to be visioning towards increasing housing units and accessibility to County Health and Human Services
- **Motivating support** for tangible change in both policy and practice that advances housing justice



Kitchen Table demographic insights

- 40 people applied for the cohort
- 14 members were selected – 3 leaders identify as Black or African American, 2 as Hispanic, 1 as Native American, 8 as white or caucasian
- 13 out of 14 have experienced homelessness
- 60% rent an apartment or home
- Age range 20's-60's
- Lived experiences represented include having a background or a credit history that has affected housing, being a current Section 8 housing choice voucher holder, living in public housing, intimate partner violence, eviction, and other challenges.

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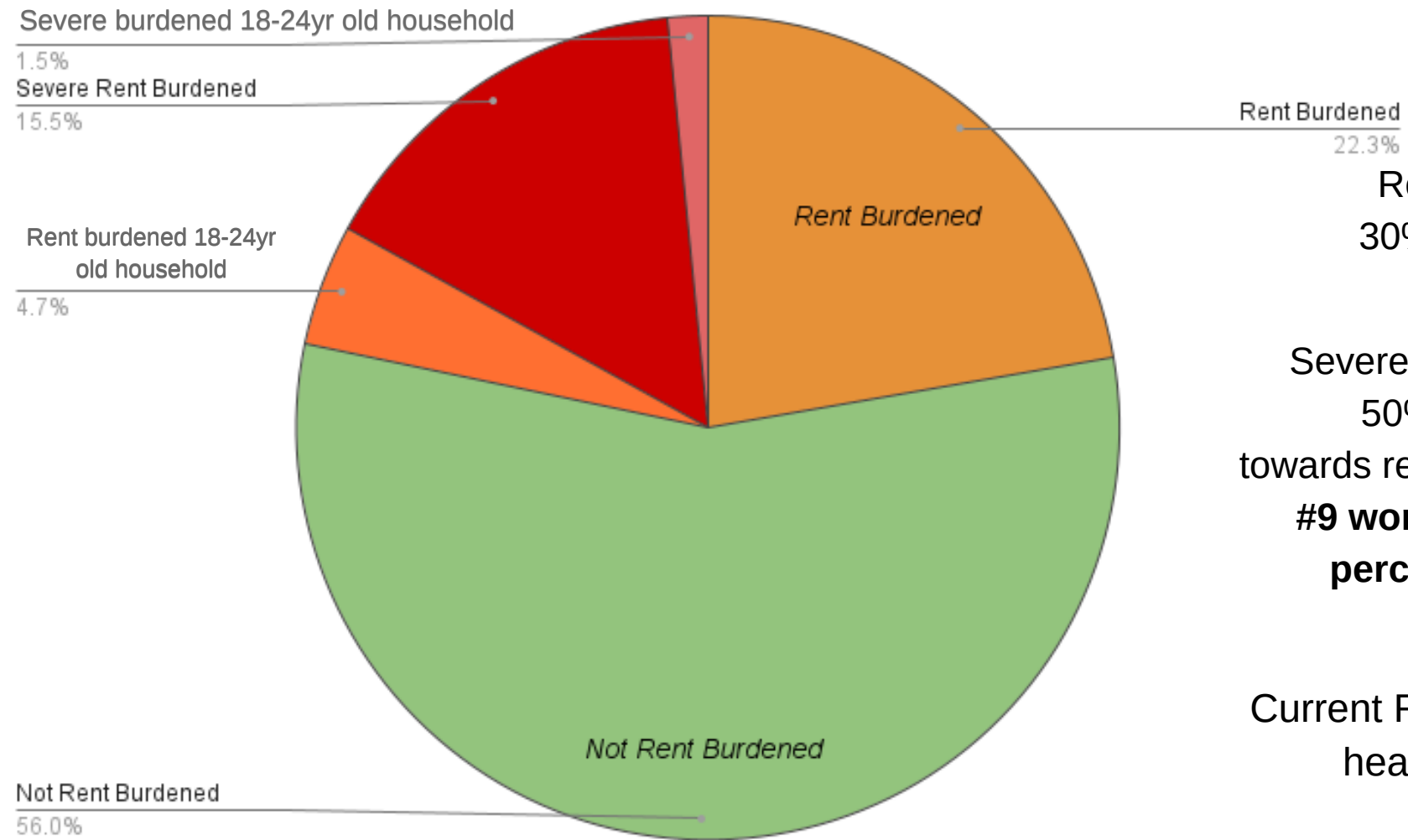
Supports

- We meet every other Saturday for 2.5 hours
- Participants are paid for their expertise
- We provide food and snacks
- We provide tech, childcare, gas cards, and interpretation services



From the draft Winona County Housing Study (LOCi Consulting)-Graphs my own

Renter Cost Burden

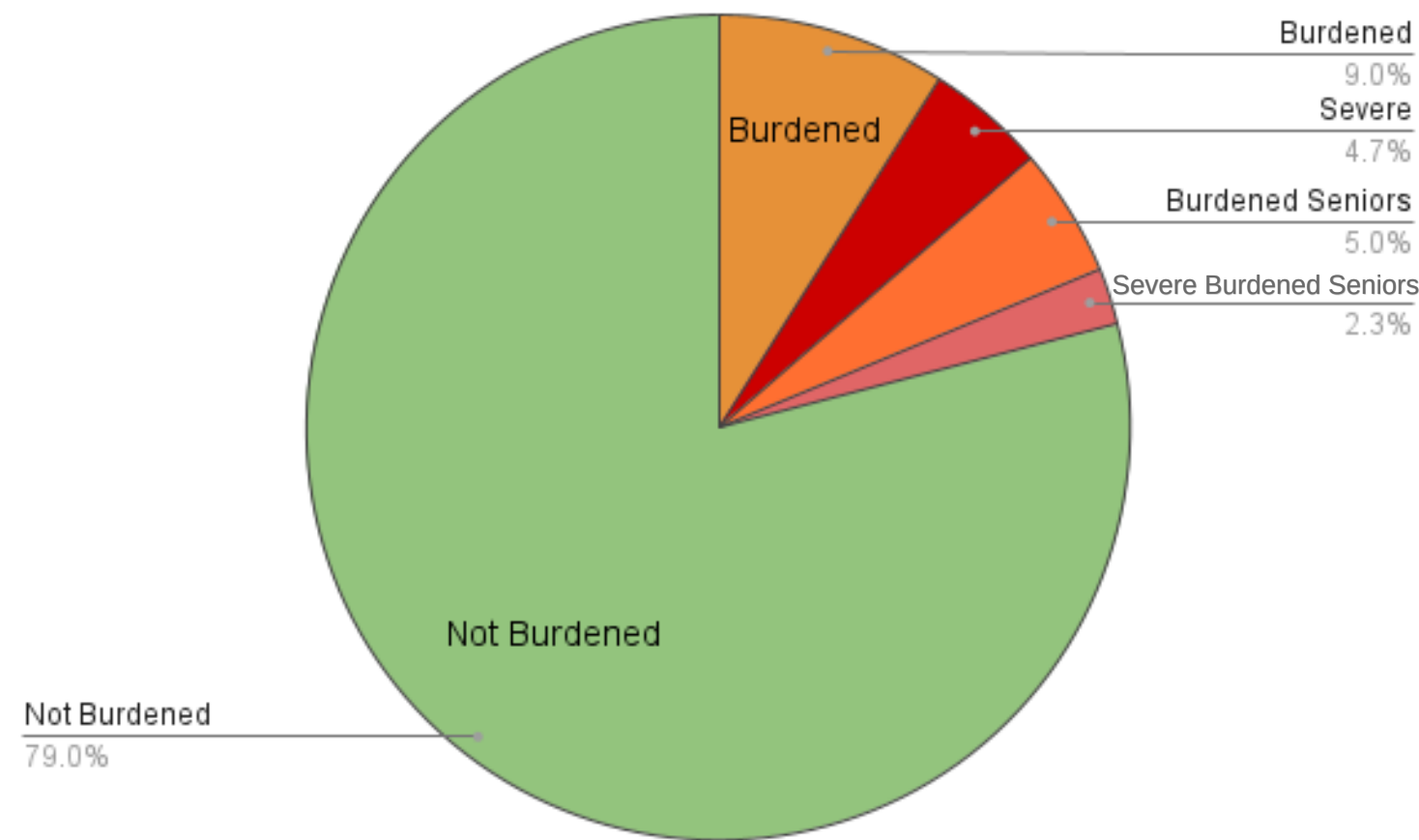


Rent Burdened is defined as 30% of income going towards rent

Severe Rent Burden is defined as 50% or more of income going towards rent. **Winona County is the #9 worst county in the state for percentage of rent-burdened households(MHP, 55)**

Current Rental Vacancy is **1.7%**, a health market should be **5%** (LOCi,58)

Homeowner Cost Burden



Homeowner cost burden is defined as 30% of income going toward costs associated with homeownership (mortgage, insurance). Severe is more than 50%

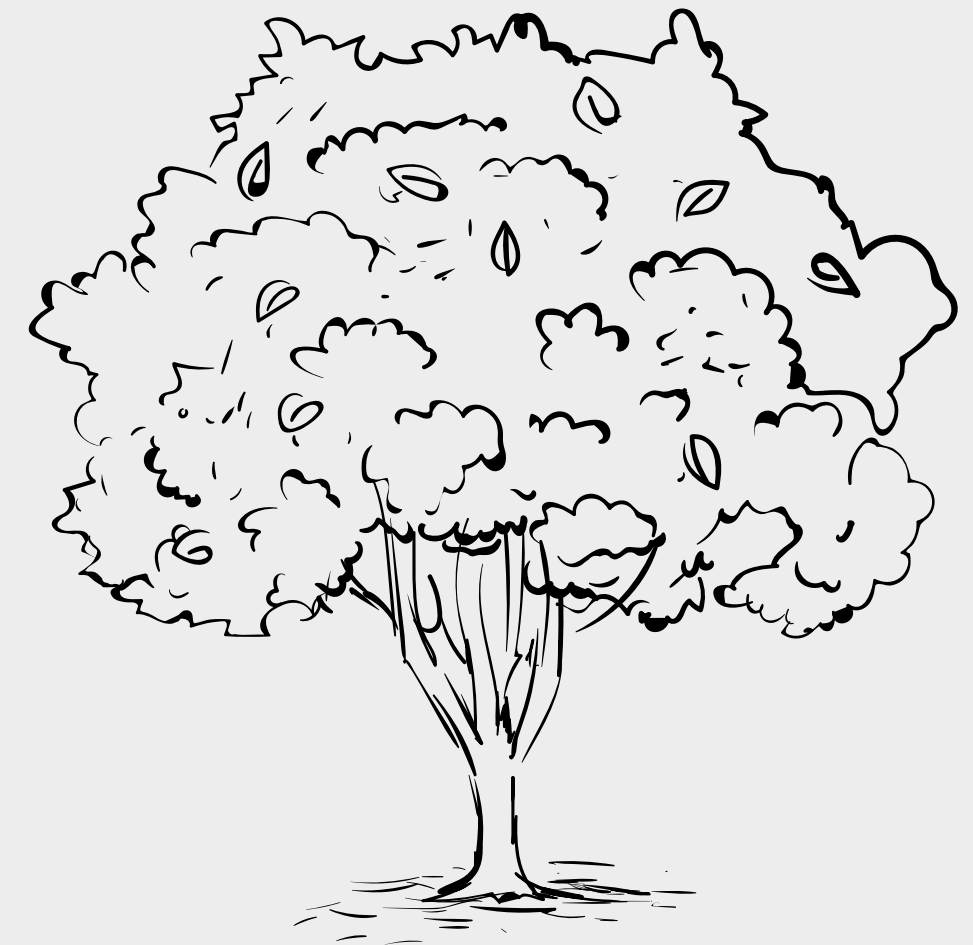
Close to a third of those experiencing homeownership burden are Senior Citizens

The current supply of homes for sale is **2.7months**, and a healthy market is **5-6 months** (LOCi, 52)

Key Takeaways From the Draft Winona County Housing Study

In the next 5 years the City of Winona needs to build:

- 100 units of subsidized senior housing, 120 subsidized housing units
- 500 additional housing units (single family homes, market rate rentals, etc)
- In the next 10 years, there will be an additional need for 60 units of subsidized housing, 250 market-rate units. (LOCi, ES4)
- **This will take a concerted effort across all levels of government, developers, businesses, and non-profits**



“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.”

What the cohort wants to see happen



- "How to reduce the stigma and help the community move forward."
- "Members wanting to take their advocacy to another level by: being involved in advisory boards using their voice and lived experience to start making tangible change ."
- City and County involvements – connect with decisionmakers and stakeholders
- Statewide policy change
- Members wanting to start advocating to create more subsidized affordable housing units and accessibility to County Health and Human Services.



Why is inviting people with lived experiences so important?

People with lived experiences are the ones that are **most affected by the issues**, and the **best experts of their experience**. Which gives them unique insights that can inform and improve policies, practices and programs.





Questions, Feedback, Comments





Thank You!

