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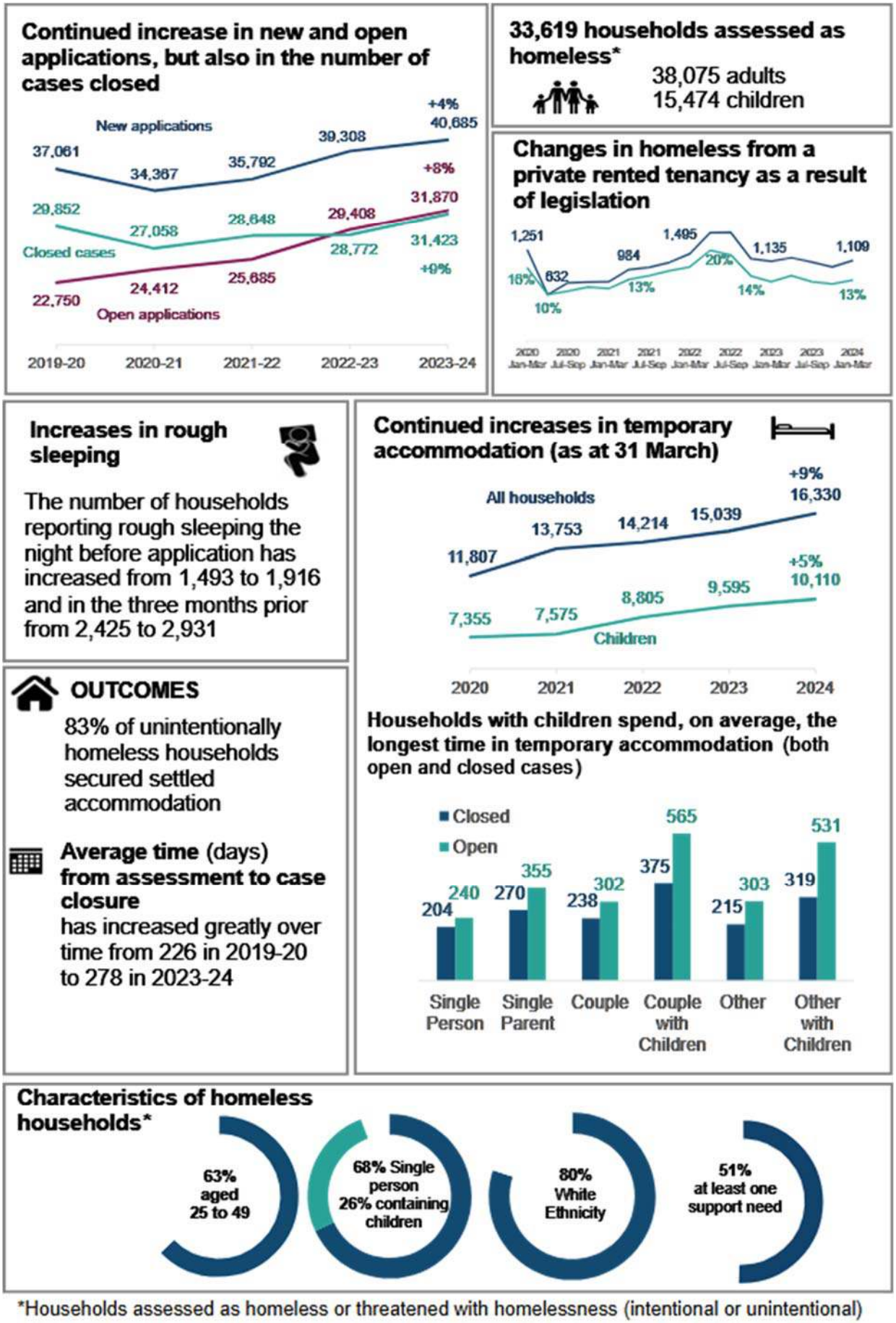

*Households assessed as homeless or threatened with homelessness (intentional or unintentional)

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Heavenly Father, my neighbour has nowhere to call home:
help me be aware.
My neighbour needs love and community:
help me be active.
My neighbour is crying out for justice:
help me to answer their plea.

The Homelessness Monitor Scotland 2024 *commissioned by the homelessness charity Crisis, prepared by researchers at The Social Policy, Housing and Equalities Research Institute of Herriot Watt University.*

Key research findings:

Most local authority homeless services are reporting **increased footfall from service users** in the past year, with more than half saying this has increased significantly.

The most severe and immediate forms of homelessness, e.g. rough sleeping, sofa surfing, staying in hostels, refuges or unsuitable forms of temporary accommodation, have risen by 11% since 2020 to an estimated 18,400 households.

Without action, these forms of homelessness are **predicted to increase by one-third** by 2026, driven by housing market pressures, a cost of living crisis, fixed Local Housing Allowance rates, low levels of social rented lettings and weak economic performance.

A comprehensive programme of measures could reduce core homelessness by 56% in four years' time and 50% against projected levels in the long term.

Most local authority survey respondents (22 of 30) believed that the **cost of living crisis had led to an increase in homelessness** in their area, despite UK and Scottish Government support initiatives, with an even higher number (26 of 30) expecting the crisis to drive further increases during 2023/24.

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