



NorCal
Continuum of Care™

2023

Point-in-Time Report



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The NorCal Continuum of Care (NorCal CoC) is a seven-county homeless consortium governed by an Executive Board. The NorCal CoC is charged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct a Point-In-Time (PIT) Count each year. This PIT Count develops important, person-specific data which helps communities to prioritize the most vulnerable and chronically homeless persons for rapid rehousing, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing or other permanent housing resources.

The PIT Count helps HUD and local Continuums of Care (CoCs) to understand the number and characteristics of homeless individuals sleeping in shelters or on the street or other places not meant for human habitation. This one-night, unduplicated count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless people within each CoC across the nation is reported using a standardized chart with various populations and subpopulations of homeless individuals and families. HUD requires the use of reliable methods to conduct the count and reserves the right to ask communities to verify their data. For more information on PIT Counts, please visit:

[PIT and HIC Guides, Tools, and Webinars - HUD Exchange](#)

The annual PIT Count of the homeless provides a statewide snapshot of homeless households in our communities; where they find shelter, what their needs are, and what factors contribute to making them homeless. The 2023 PIT Count reveals important demographics and other information relating to families and individuals who were homeless on the night of January 24, 2023. The count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally by the joint effort of government agencies, community-based organizations and numerous local volunteers. The information gathered enables each community to better allocate housing resources and services to prevent and end homelessness. The PIT Count is accompanied by the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) which details the number of beds available to meet the immediate housing needs of those without homes.

The data collected also serves as a measure for how the community is resolving homelessness and provides the federal and state government information to determine funding needs and eligibility. The PIT Count produces a standard set of data, comparable and available nationwide, which HUD provides to Congress in its Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA). Information regarding the LSA can be accessed here:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/lsa/>

Nationwide PIT and HIC Count Data is available to the public on the HUD Exchange website.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-homeless-populations-and-subpopulations-reports/>

The NorCal CoC Lead Agency, Shasta County Community Action Agency, prepared this report to provide comprehensive data from the NorCal CoC region's 2023 PIT Count. The NorCal CoC region encompasses the counties of Del Norte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, and Siskiyou, including all cities in those counties.



This report provides an in-depth look at the region's homelessness, including demographic information and county profiles which contain each county's snapshot of homelessness.

The goal of this report is to educate the community, elected officials and community stakeholders on the NorCal CoC's homeless population in hopes of improving community awareness and to provide data for local decision-makers. Any questions regarding this report can be directed to:

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Information regarding the NorCal CoC can be accessed here:

www.NorCalCoC.org

Federal Definitions of Homelessness

HUD's definition of homelessness is utilized each year for the annual PIT Count. According to HUD, a person/household is considered homeless only when they reside in one of the places described below at the time of the PIT Count.

An unsheltered homeless person/household resides in: A place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings or on the street.

A sheltered homeless person/household resides in: A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state or local government programs).

Why Do We Count in January?

HUD requires all CoCs nationwide to complete an annual PIT Count focusing on one night during the last 10 days of January.

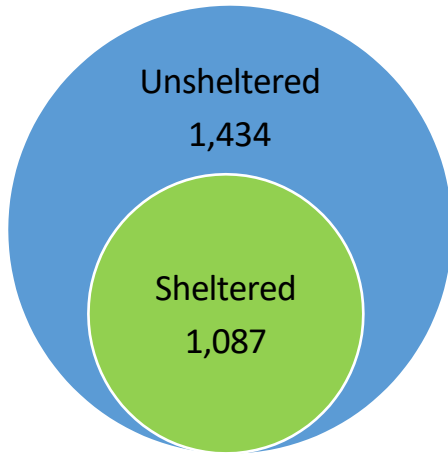
Counting and interviewing people sleeping in unsheltered locations during the winter months can provide a more precise count of people who are unable or unwilling to access emergency shelter or other crisis response assistance in fair weather months. By conducting the count in January, it allows CoCs sufficient time to compile data and report the information to HUD via the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) in advance of the annual CoC program competition. This timeframe also provides consistency with the data HUD receives from CoCs nationwide.

Conducting the count on a night when the shelters are most full provides a more accurate count. It is generally easier to count individuals in a shelter than to locate them on the street or in an environment not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for people. HUD recognizes that a January count is not intended to represent the extent to which people may be unsheltered at other times during the year or over more than a one-night period.

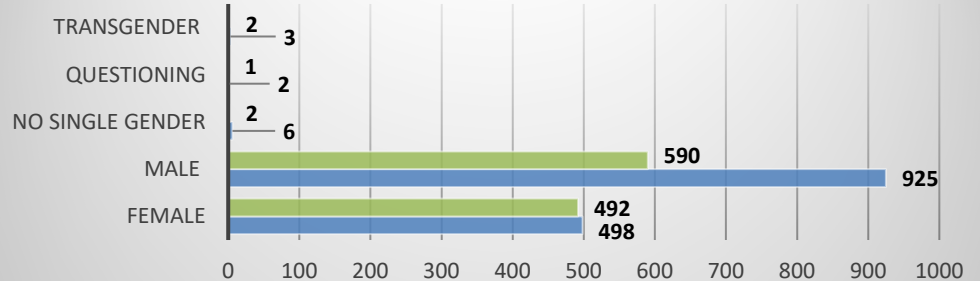
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2023 Point in Time Summary*

Total Count
2,521



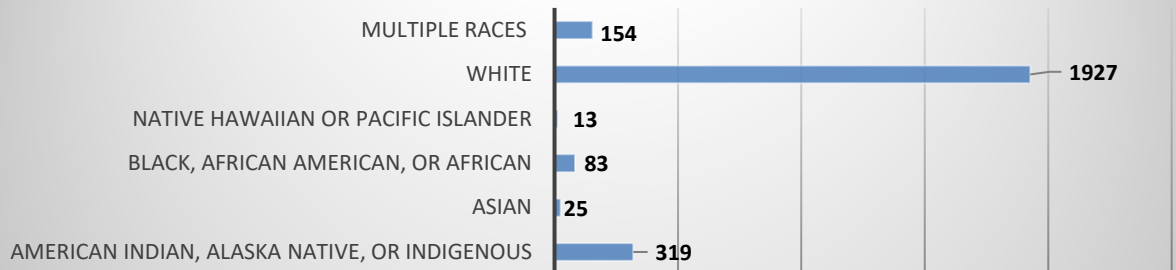
Gender



	Female	Male	No Single Gender	Questioning	Transgender
Sheltered	492	590	2	1	2
Unsheltered	498	925	6	2	3

Sheltered Unsheltered

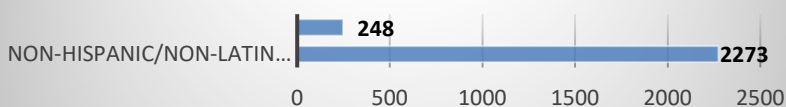
Total Persons By Race



	American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	Asian	Black, African American, or African	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White	Multiple Races
Total Persons	319	25	83	13	1927	154

Total Persons

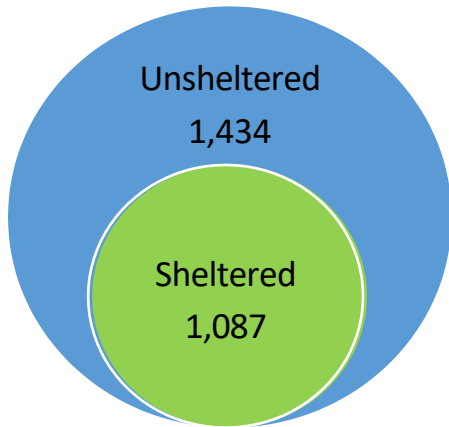
Ethnicity



	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin (a) (o) (x)	Hispanic/Latin (a) (o) (x)
Total Persons	2273	248

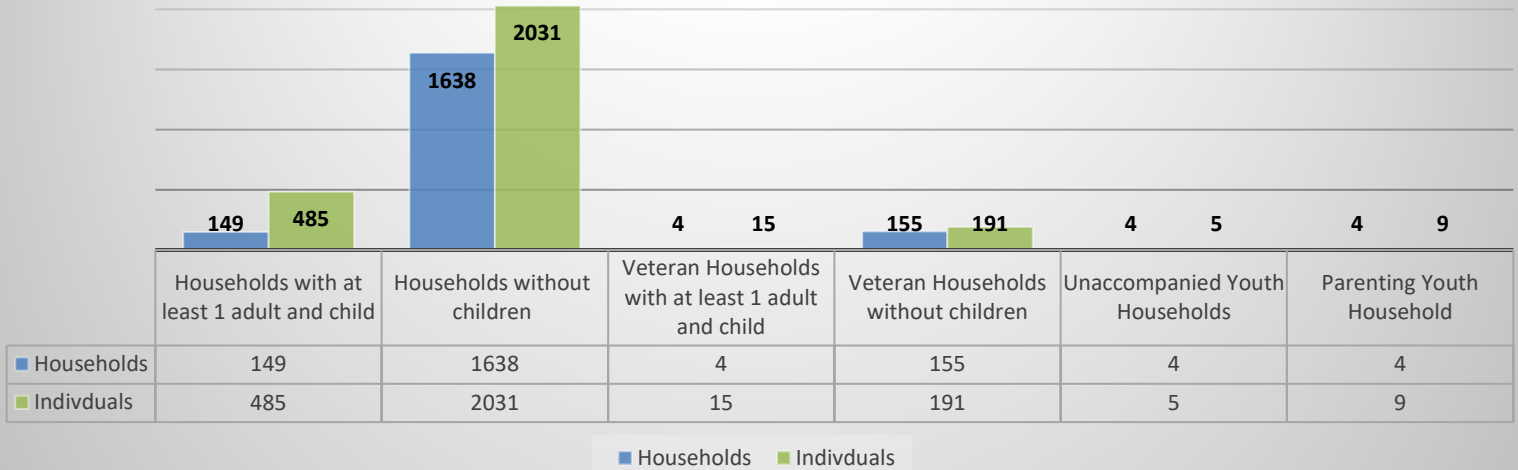
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**The "Additional Household Types" are a subset of "Household Types. Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.

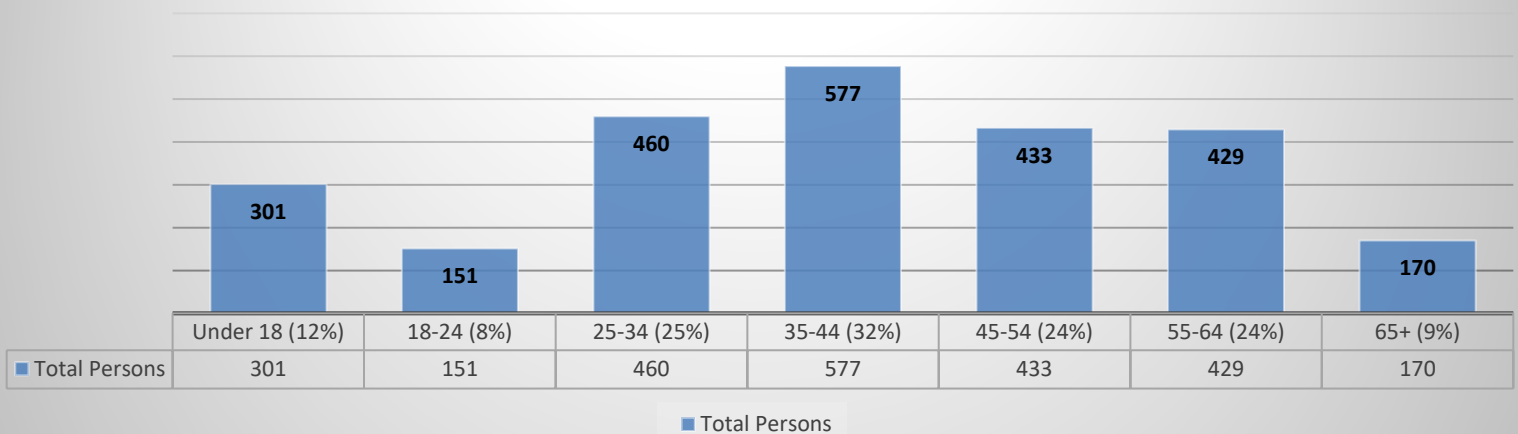


Total Count 2,521

Household Types



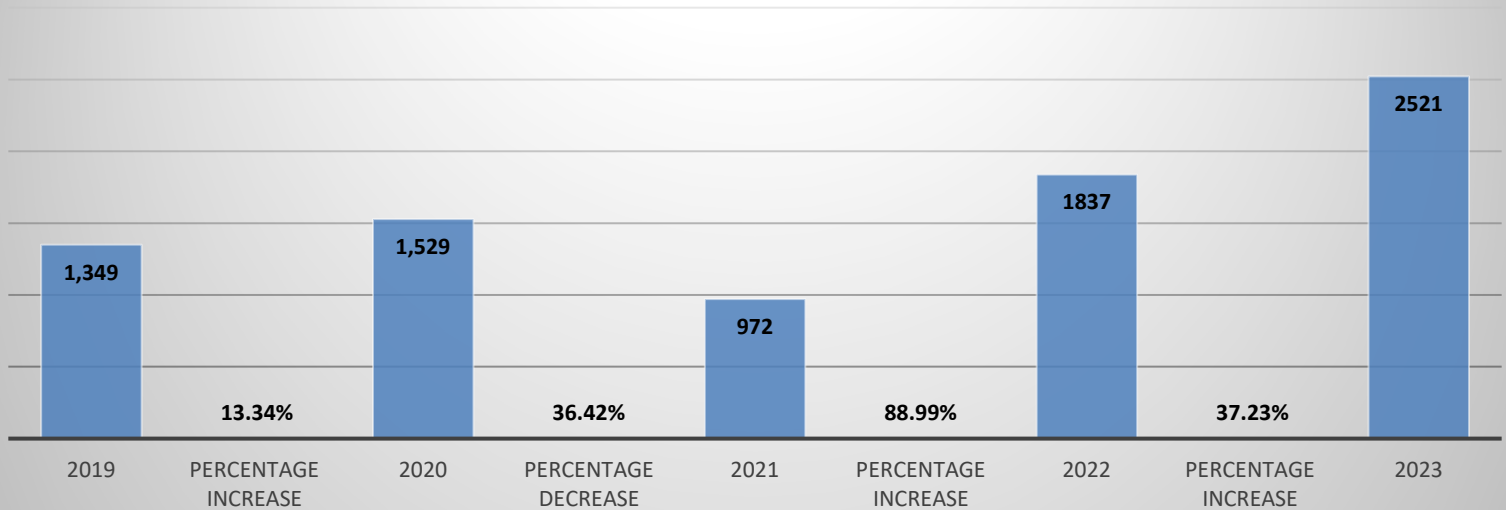
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5 Year Summary

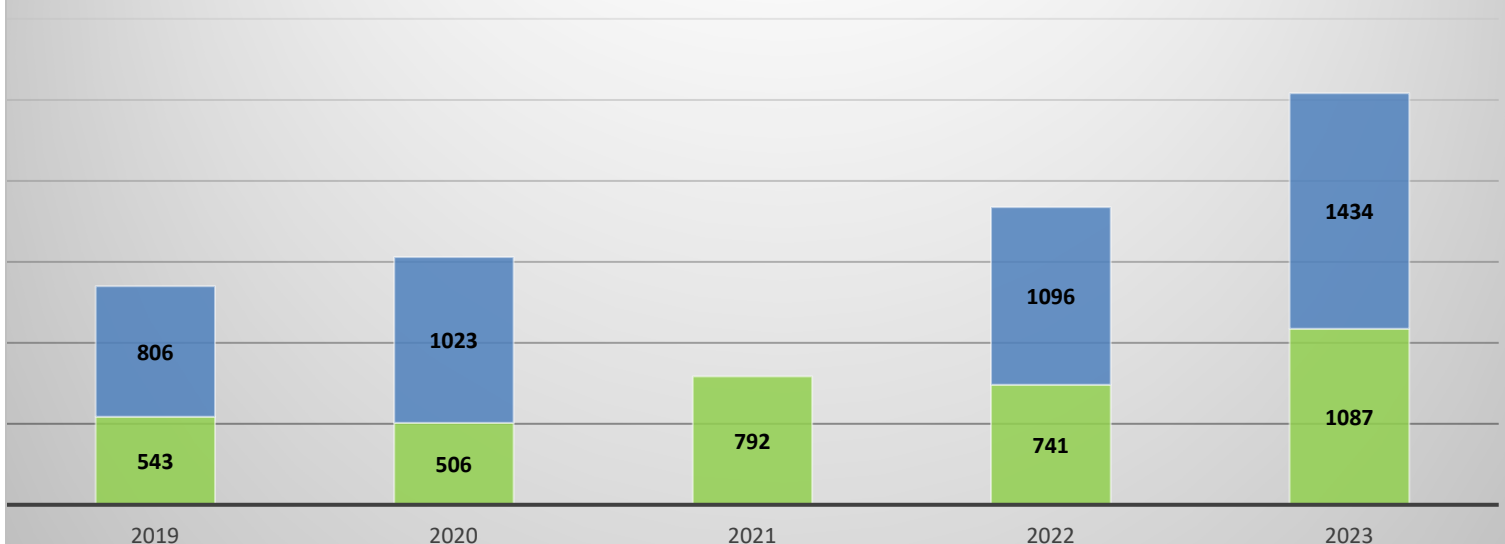
NorCal CoC wide, 2,521 homeless individuals were counted between the evening of January 24, and the entire day of January 25, 2023. Due to the demographics of the NorCal CoC, surveys were completed up to 7 days after the count to include service locations. Due to COVID-19, only a sheltered count was conducted for the 2021 PIT count.

Total PIT Count



Total PIT Count Unsheltered vs Sheltered

Sheltered Unsheltered



Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.

Sheltered Data Summary

Data is collected on individuals who are staying in shelters and transitional housing units to gain an accurate count of persons temporarily housed throughout the NorCal CoC region.

This effort resulted in 1,087 persons in the sheltered count.

This sheltered data is vital to gaining an accurate overall count of the homeless population and to understand where homeless people are receiving shelter. As per HUD guidelines, the number reported does not include homeless individuals in hospitals, residential rehabilitation facilities, jails or those sleeping on a friend or family's couch.

Throughout the region, shelters and facilities report the number of homeless individuals and families who occupied their facilities on the same day of the unsheltered enumeration effort for the night of January 24, 2023. This helps ensure individuals are not duplicated in the count.

HUD requires communities to report their bed inventory and utilization of those beds on the night of the count. The data is taken from the organizations within the NorCal CoC region that provide Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing beds. In 2023, there was a total of 1,764 beds reported to be available with a total number of 1,087 beds being utilized on the day of the count. This is a 63% utilization rate. **The Utilization chart below shows only Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing.**

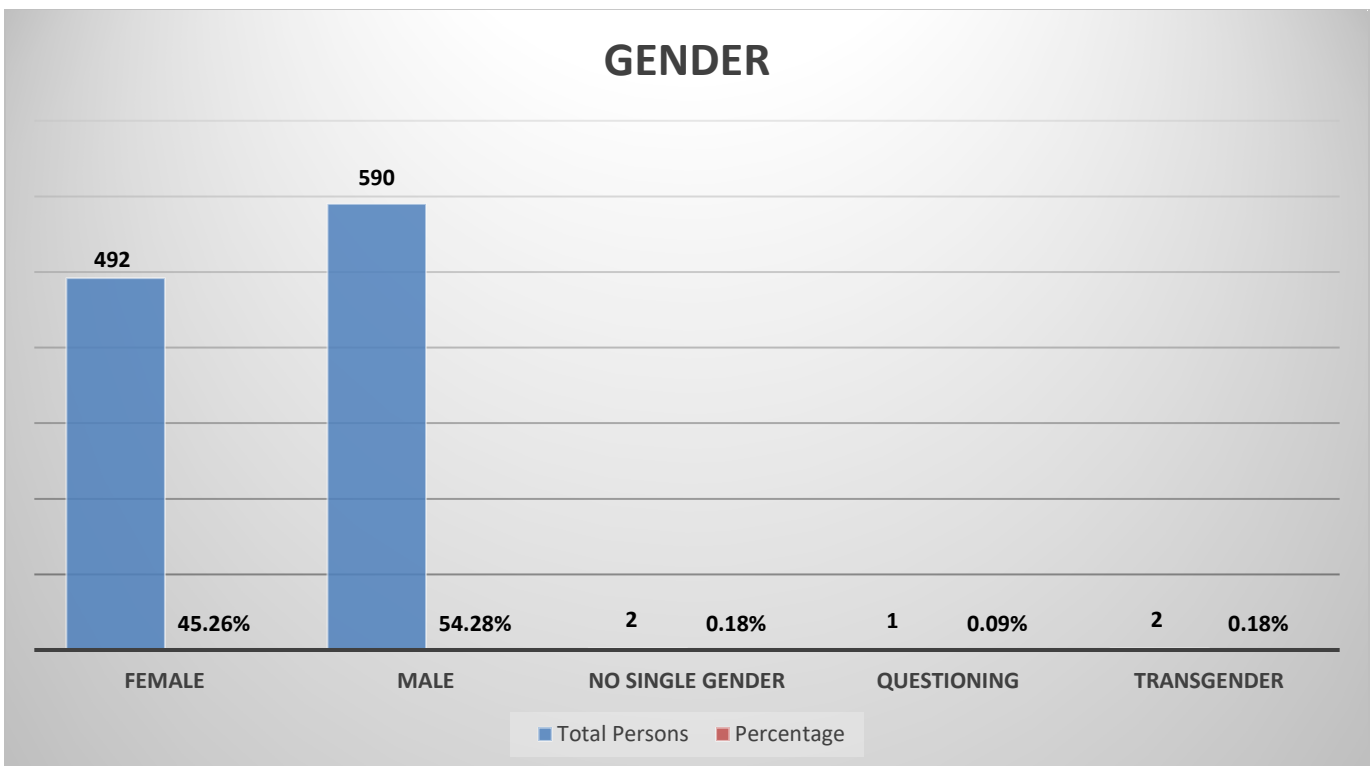
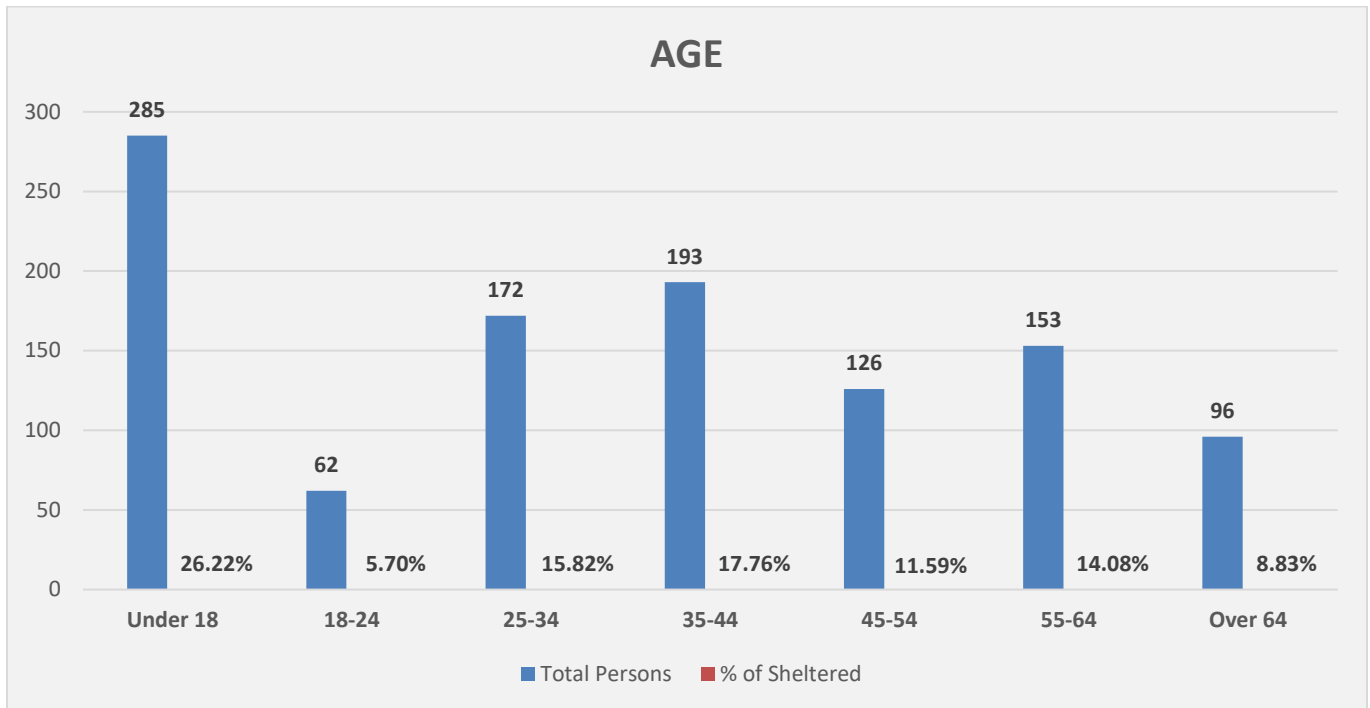
Utilization		
Year	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing
2018	248	211
2019	338	205
2020	358	148
2021	527	265
2022	449	292
2023	732	379

Emergency Shelter means any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.

Transitional Housing means a project designed to provide housing and appropriate supportive services to homeless persons to facilitate movement to independent living. The housing is short-term, typically less than 24 months. In addition to providing safe housing for those in need, other services are available to help participants become self-sufficient.

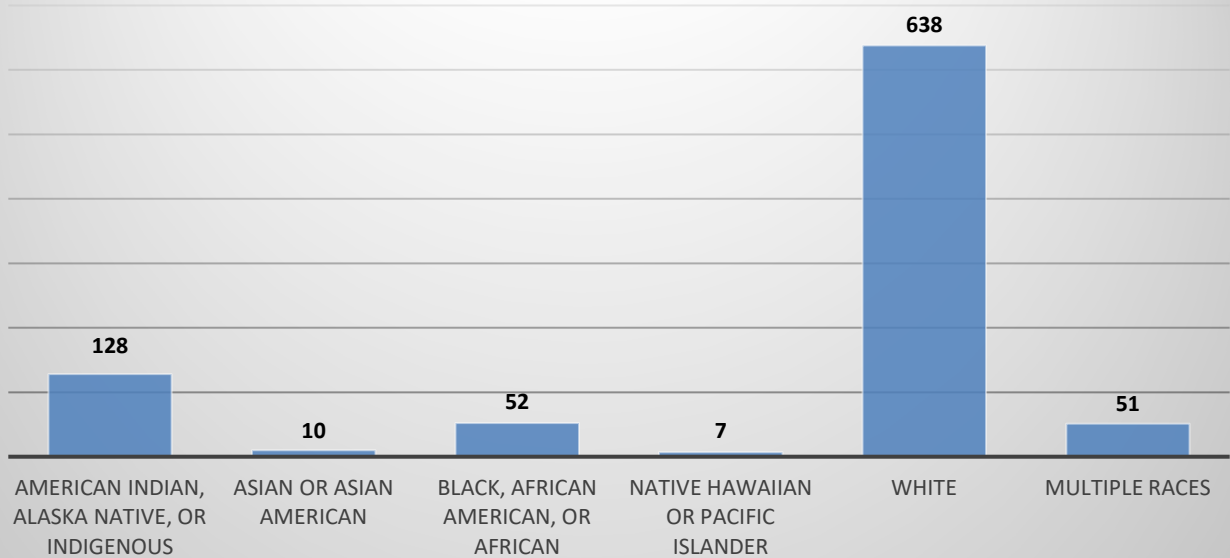
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Sheltered Demographic Data

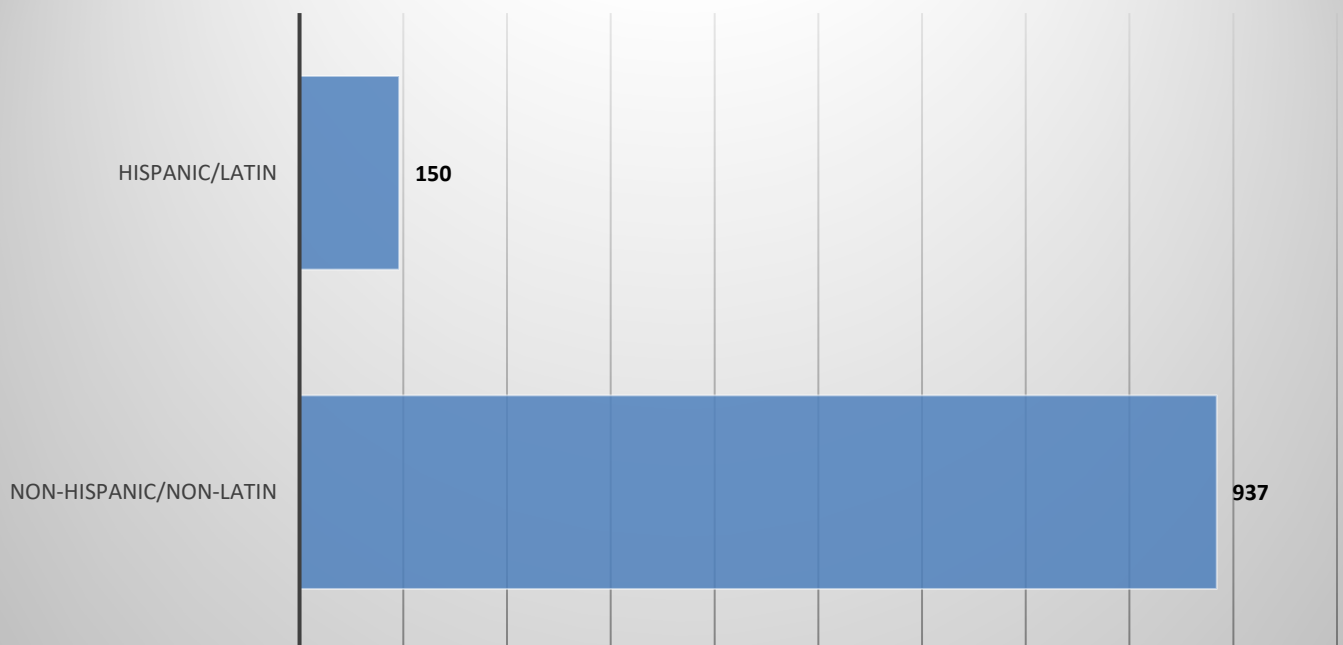


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Race



Ethnicity



Unsheltered Survey Results

The following section of this report provides an overview of the findings generated from the 2023 NorCal CoC Unsheltered Survey Count. Surveys were administered to homeless individuals January 24th through February 1st, 2023.

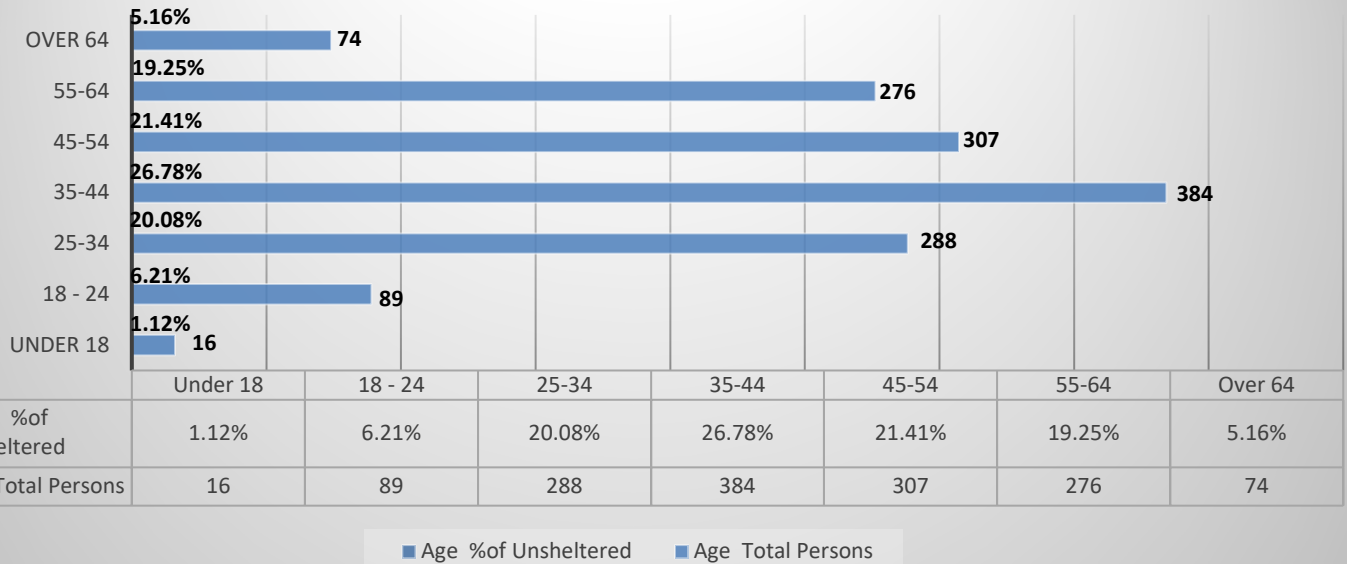
This effort resulted in 1,434 persons in the unsheltered count.

The PIT Count does not capture what homelessness looks like for every person or family. Many homeless individuals cycle between literal homelessness and “at-risk” of literal homelessness, such as those who are staying with friends or family, individuals that pay to stay in a hotel or are under the threat of an eviction. Per HUD guidelines, these individuals are not included in the PIT Count. Also, a snapshot of a single night’s count does not cover an entire season or year to show the full scope of homelessness in any given community.

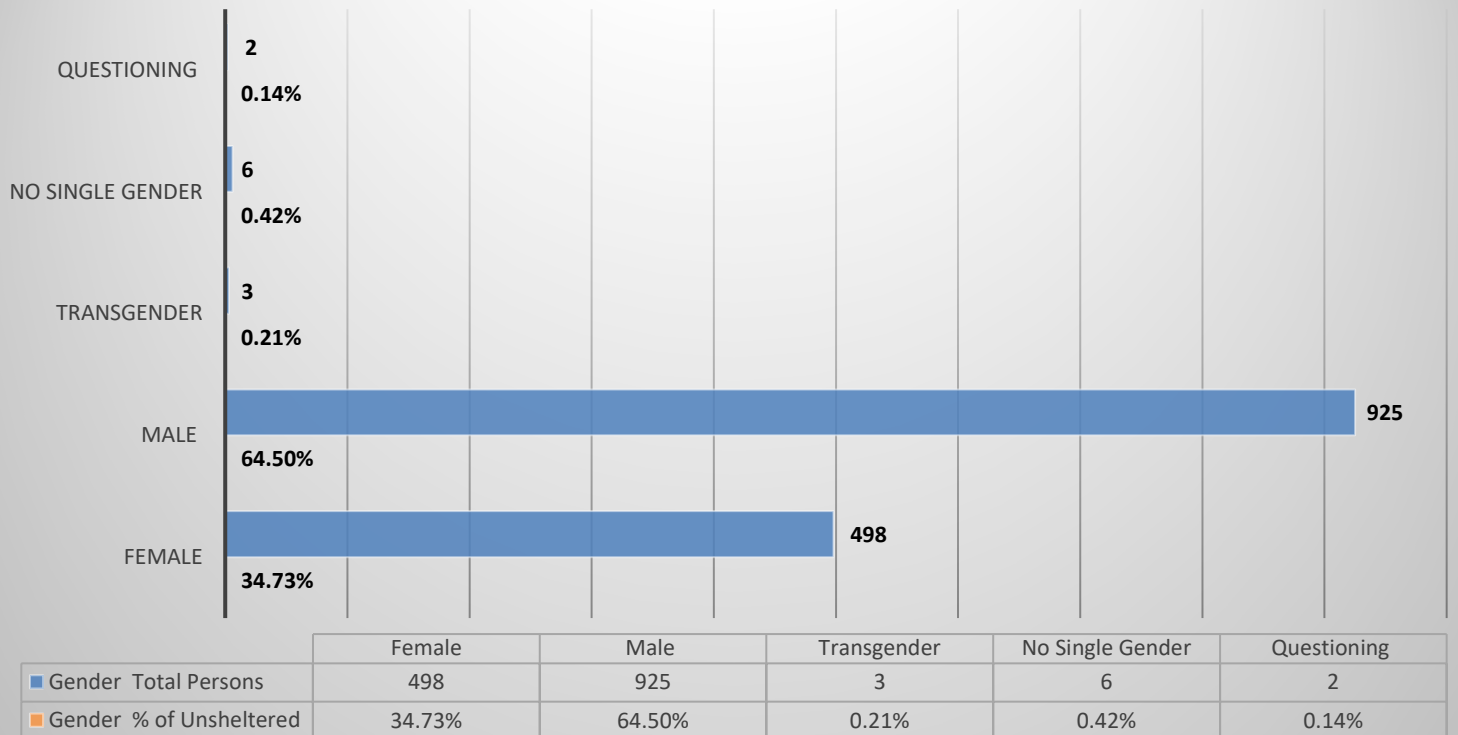
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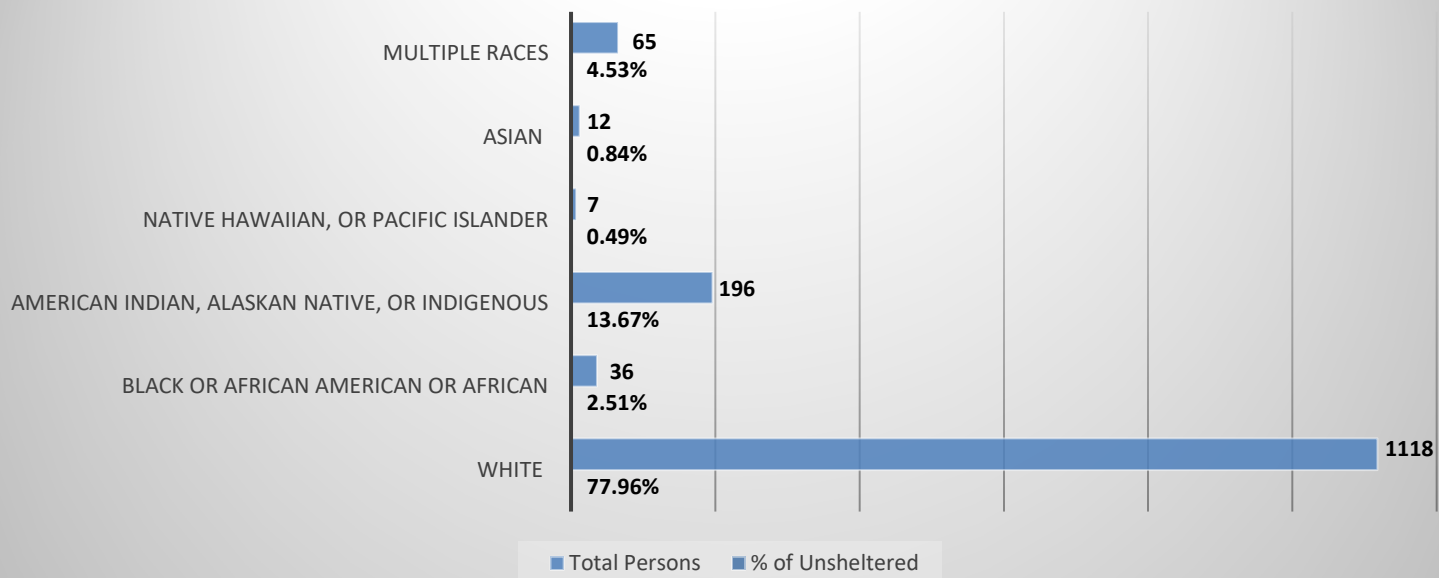
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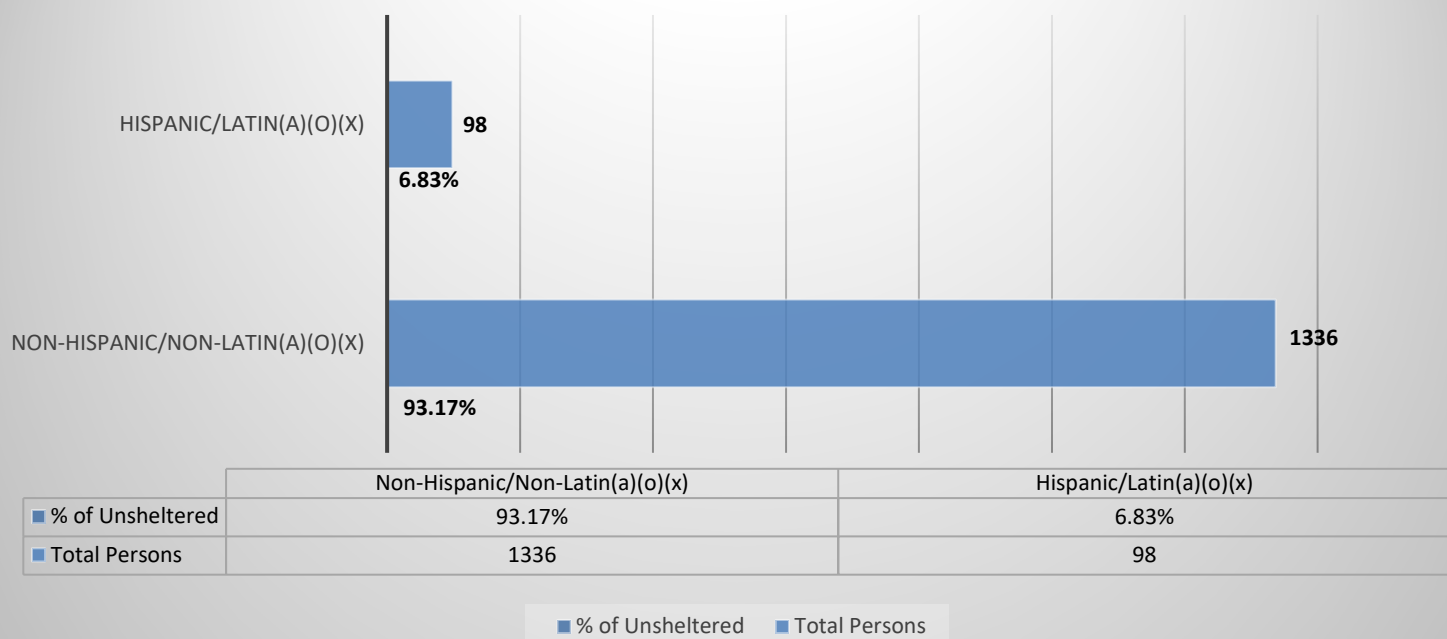
Gender Unsheltered



Race



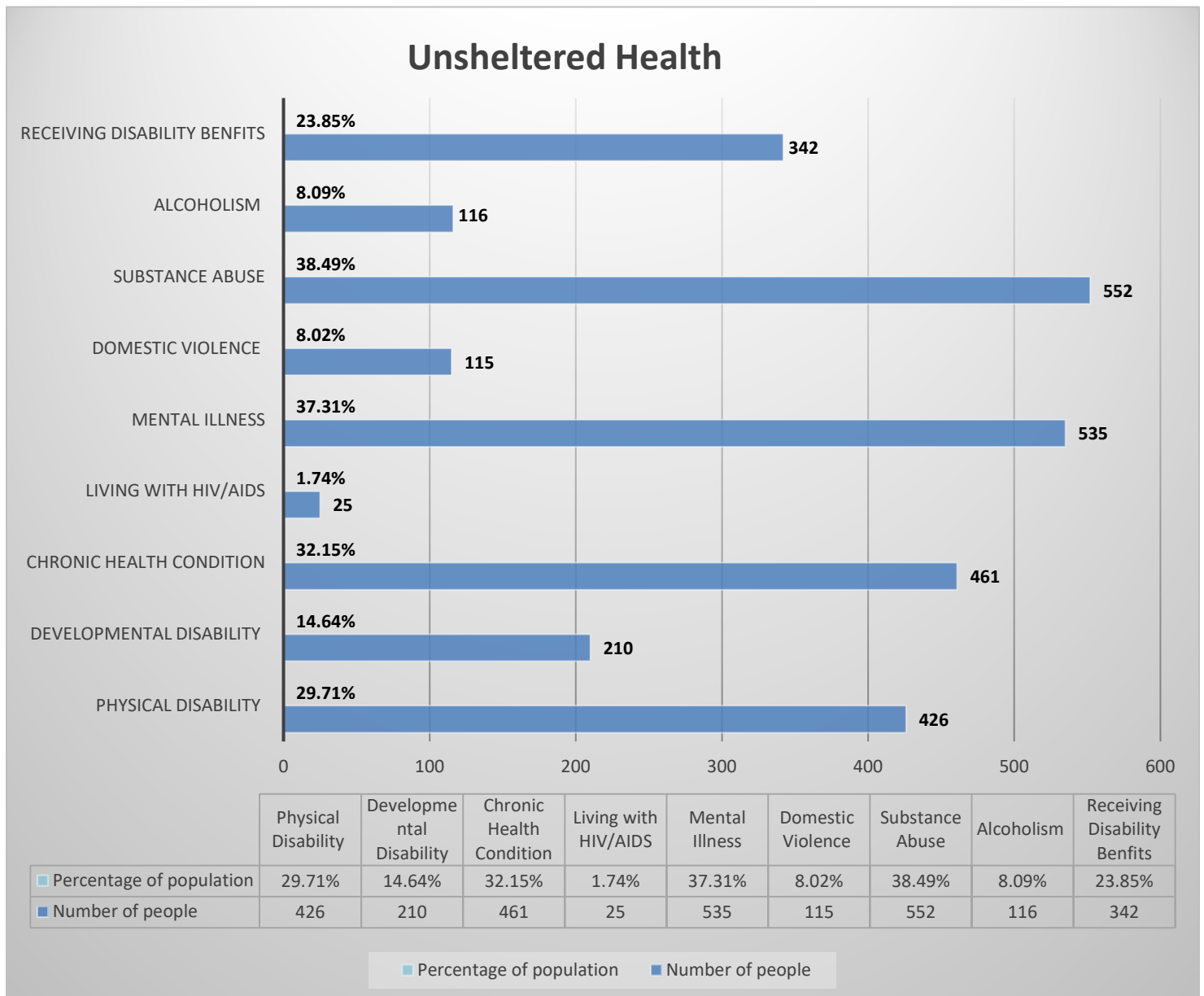
Ethnicity



Unsheltered Health Survey

One of the greatest challenges facing unsheltered homeless individuals is to avoid illness. Every year the survey seeks to estimate the prevalence of certain health characteristics and disabilities among those experiencing homelessness. A part of the survey process was to ask respondents health questions.

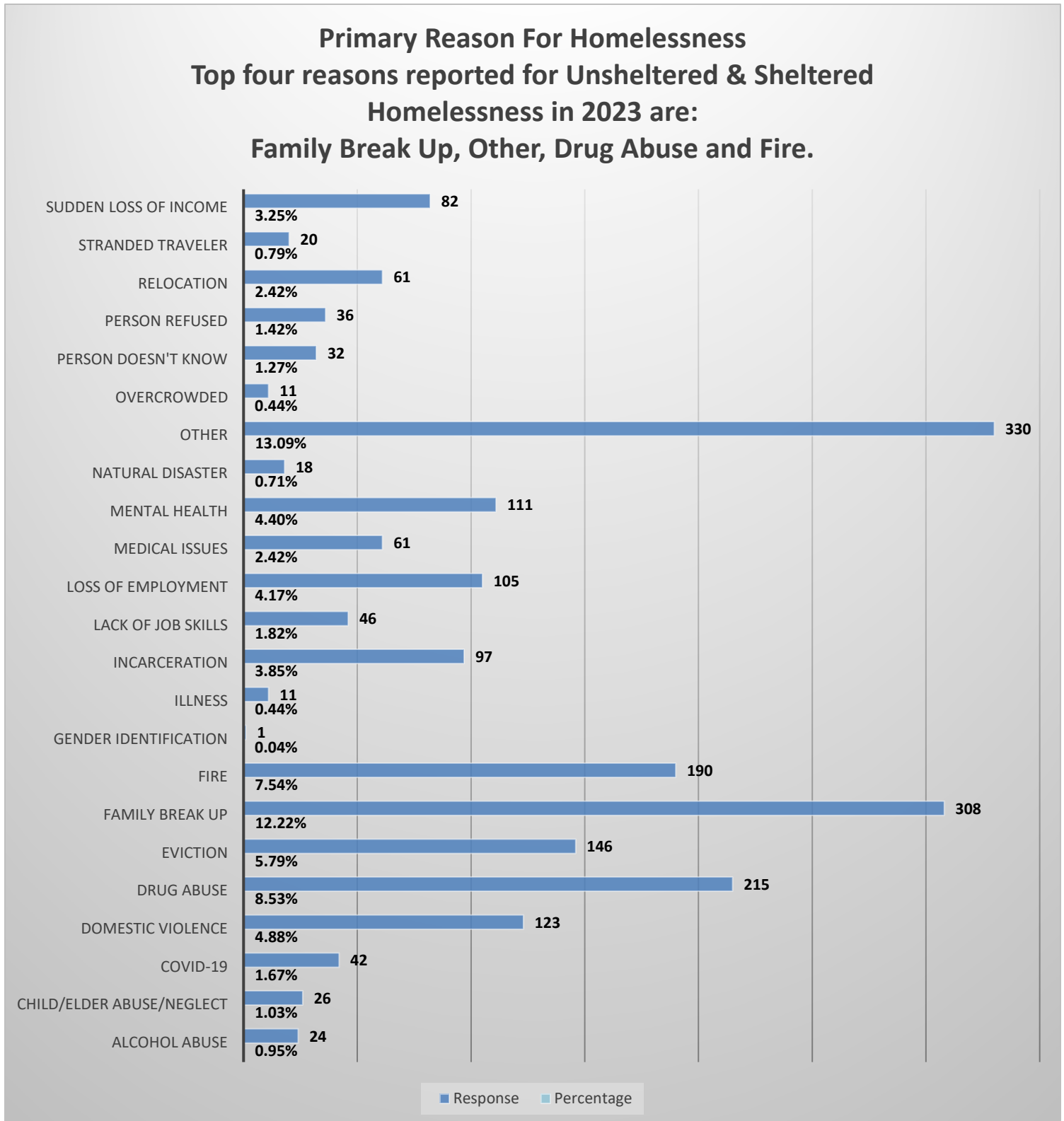
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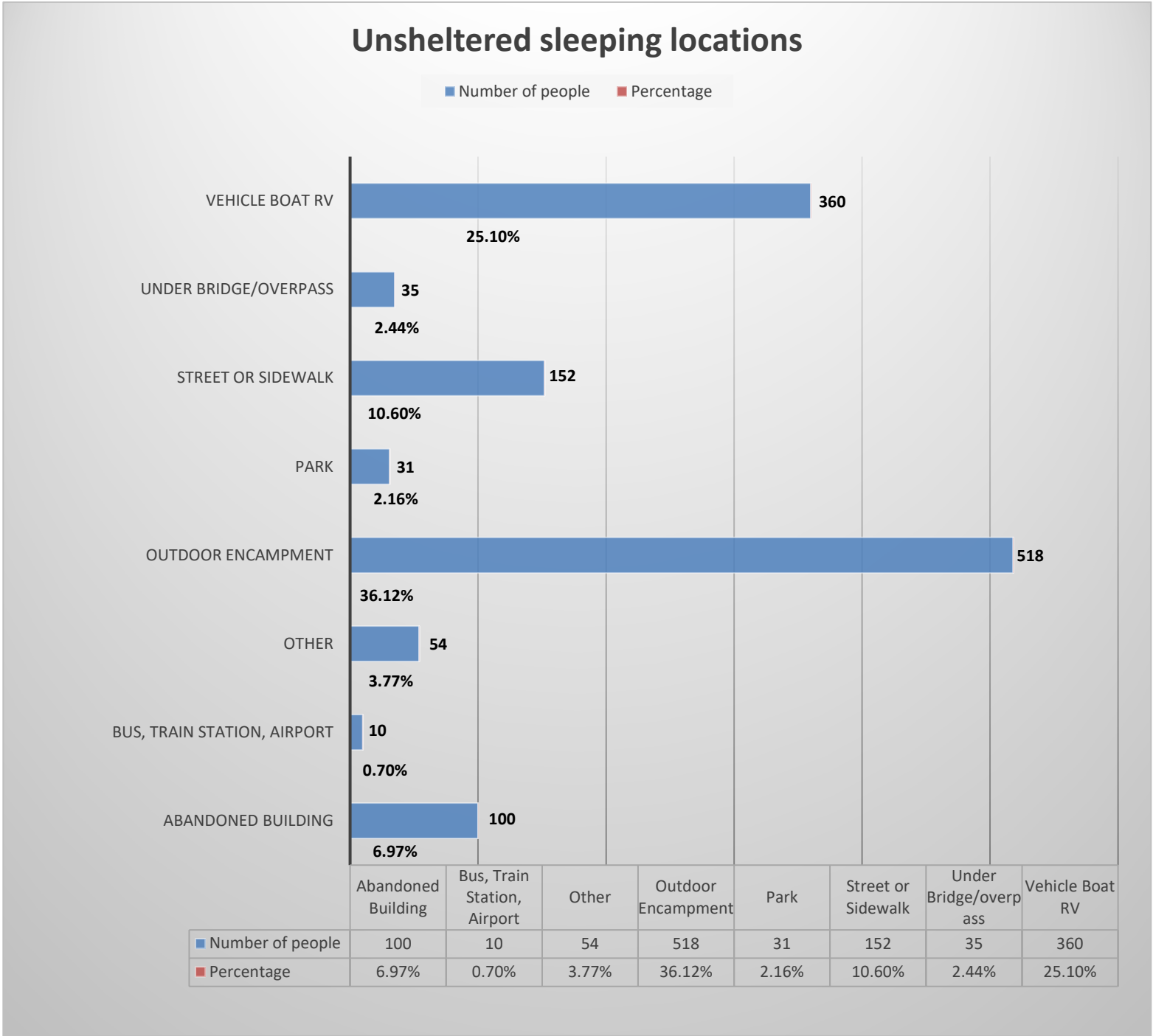
Primary Reason for Homelessness

The primary reason for homelessness was added this year to the 2023 Point in Time survey. This question was added to provide a better understanding of the causes of homelessness.



Unsheltered Sleeping Locations

In an effort to better understand the sleeping locations of the unsheltered population, respondents were asked to identify where they slept the night of January 24, 2023.



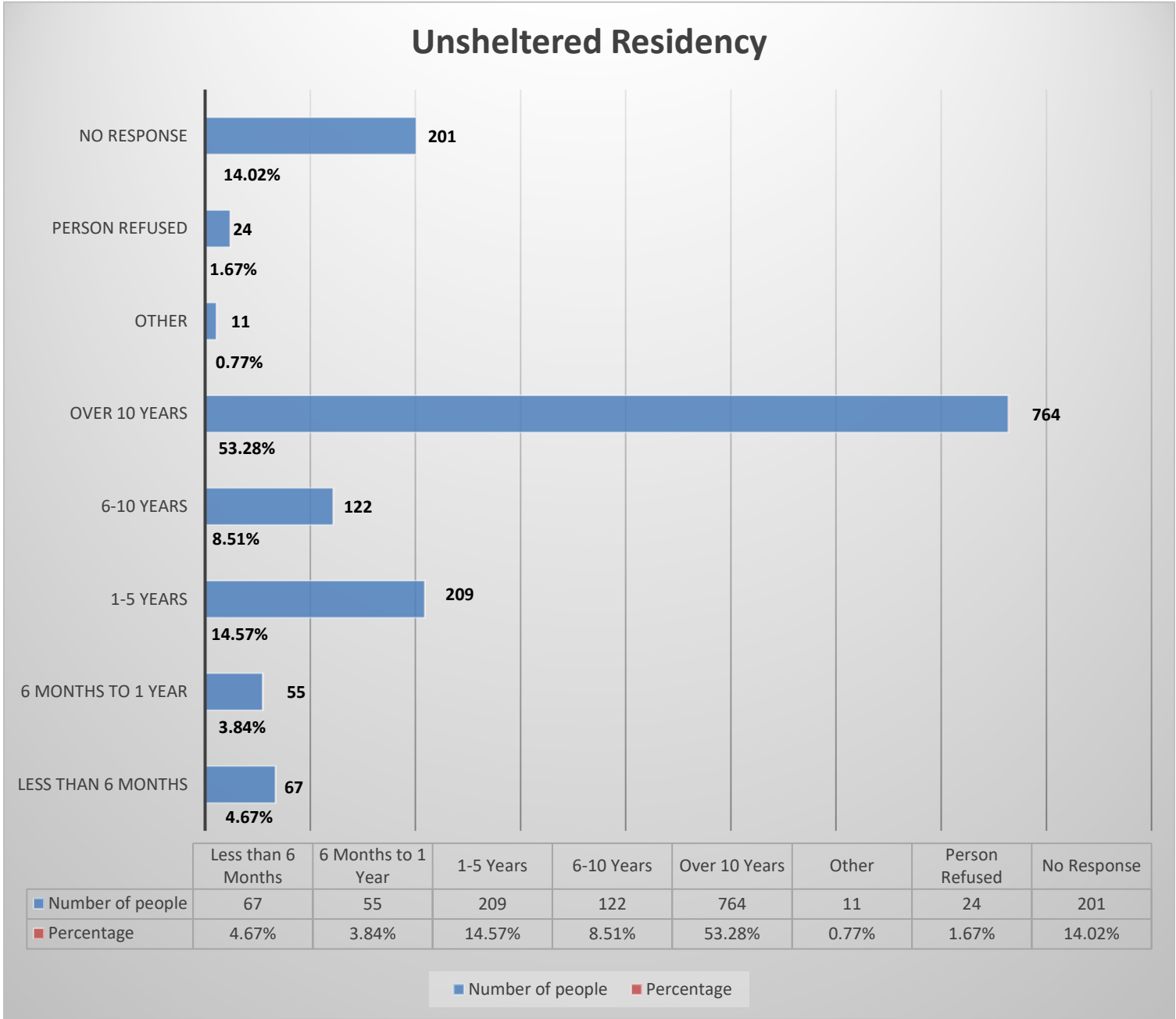
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Unsheltered Residency

Respondents were asked, “How long have you lived in this county?” This provides a better understanding of the transient nature of the homeless population.

The respondents that have been in their county of residence over six years is 53% of the total unsheltered. The respondents that have been in their county of residence between one and five years is 15% of the total unsheltered.

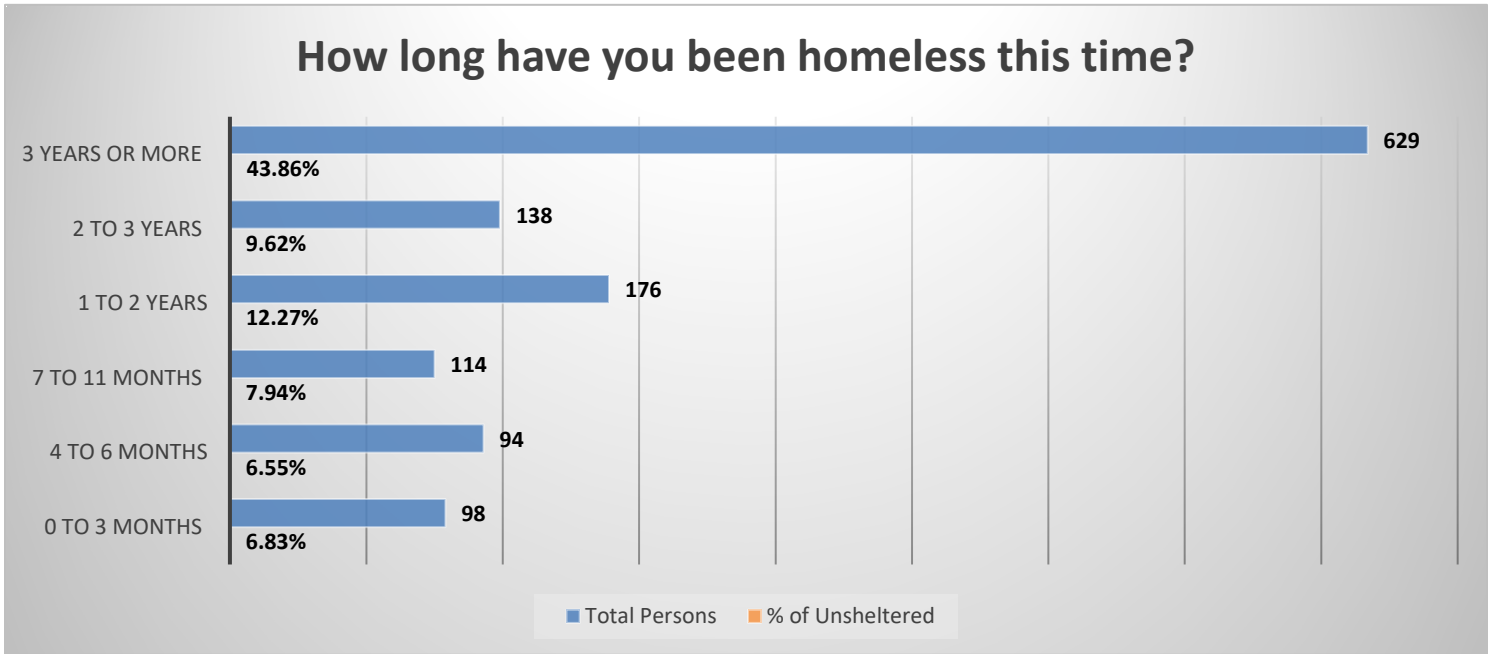
Length of Residency



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Unsheltered Reoccurrence of Homelessness

The unsheltered survey measures the duration of homelessness. This is a critical marker that indicates a person may become chronically homeless. The following questions were asked to help identify those who may be chronically homeless.



Chronic Homelessness Results

HUD defines a chronically homeless individual as an adult (persons 18 years or older) who has a disability and:

- Has either been continuously homeless for a year or more
- OR
- Has had at least four separate occasions of homelessness in the past three years where the combined total length of time is at least 12 months. Each period separating the occasions must include at least seven nights of living in a situation other than a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter or in a safe haven.

To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in an emergency shelter/safe haven during that time. For purposes of the PIT Count, persons living in transitional housing at the time of the PIT Count are not included in this subpopulation category. The chronic homeless population represents one of the most vulnerable populations and some of the hardest to house.

Chronic Homelessness in NorCal CoC Region

According to the 2023 PIT data, out of a total of 2,534 individuals who completed the PIT survey, 30% of NorCal CoC's homeless population reported being chronically homeless.

Chronic Homelessness Summary

Summary	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Increase from 2022
Unsheltered	259	376	0	495	618	24.84%
Sheltered*	62	59	18	79	140	43.57%
Total	321	435	18	574	758	32.05%

Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.

*Total Sheltered includes Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing reported by respondents.

Veterans

Veterans are more likely than civilians to experience homelessness. Like the general homeless population, veterans are at a significantly increased risk of homelessness if they are of low socioeconomic status, have a mental health disorder and/or a history of substance abuse.

Additionally, veterans experience a higher prevalence of traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), both of which have been found to be among the most substantial risk factors for homelessness.

Veterans face the same shortage of affordable housing options and living wage jobs as all Americans, and these factors, combined with the increased likelihood veterans will exhibit symptoms of PTSD, substance abuse or mental illness, can compound to put veterans at a greater risk of homelessness than the general population. A total of 73 chronically homeless persons were identified as a veteran.

The 2023 PIT Count identified an overall increase of 32% in veteran homelessness from 2022.

Based upon the total PIT Count of 2,434, 7% of the sheltered population and 7% of the unsheltered population identified as veterans.

Homeless Veteran Summary

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change from 2022
Unsheltered	58	80	0	64	98	53.12%
Sheltered*	28	49	79	68	76	11.76%
Total Homeless	86	129	79	132	174	31.81%

. Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.



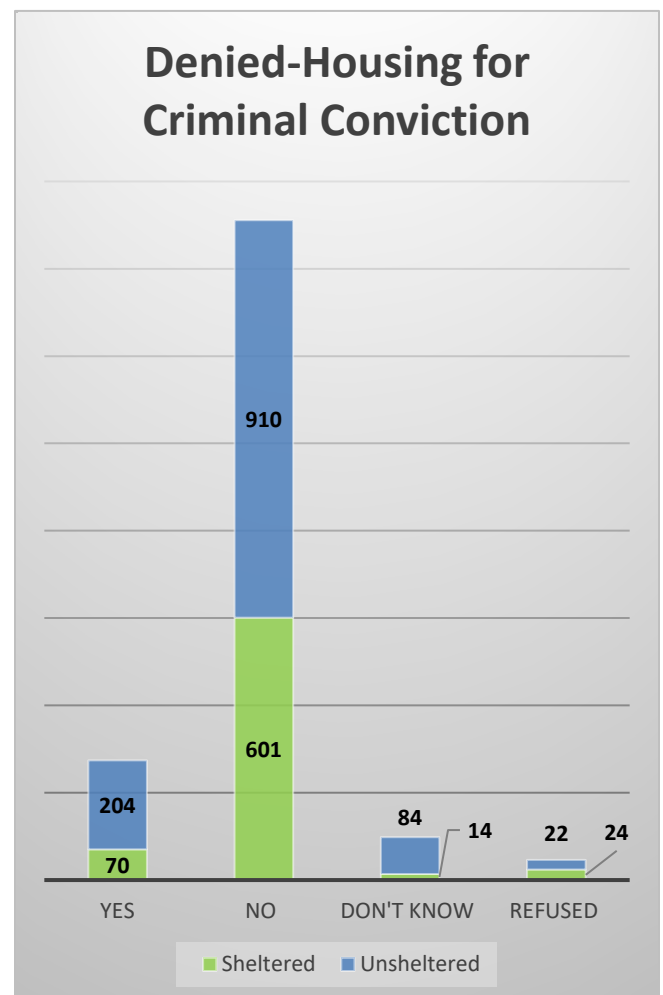
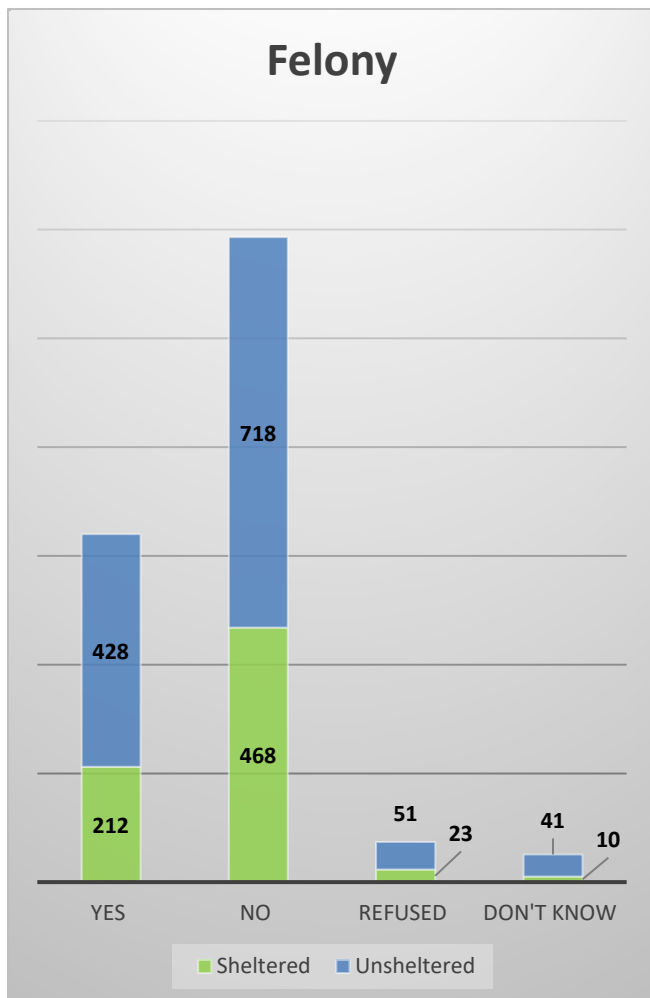
Incarceration and Homelessness

For many years, the NorCal CoC has collected data on the relationship between incarceration and homelessness. The question asked was “Do you have a felony conviction?” In more recent years, a follow up question was added, “Have you been denied housing due to a criminal conviction?”

Many members of the community and service providers have shared anecdotal evidence suggesting a high correlation of engagement with the criminal justice system and homelessness.

Data collection at a local level allows agencies to evaluate the needs for this segment of the population by connecting the dots between the cycles of incarceration and homelessness. Individuals recently released from the criminal justice system often face housing challenges that may contribute to their homelessness.

11% of the respondents stated they have been denied housing due to their felony convictions or criminal history.



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NorCal CoC includes 23,922 square miles and encompasses seven counties. The following section breaks down the 2023 PIT Count data by County to take a closer look at local trends.

Each county faces its own unique challenges with their homeless population. Two of the counties in the NorCal CoC are home to a state prison facility, while many of the counties are small rural counties, all with limited resources to address homelessness.

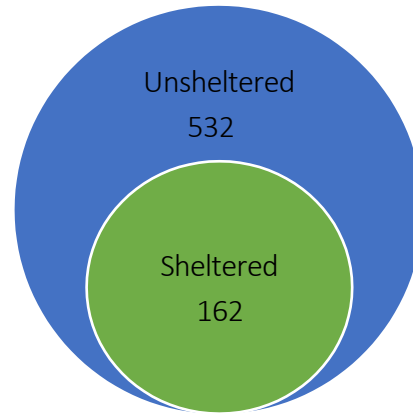
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Del Norte County



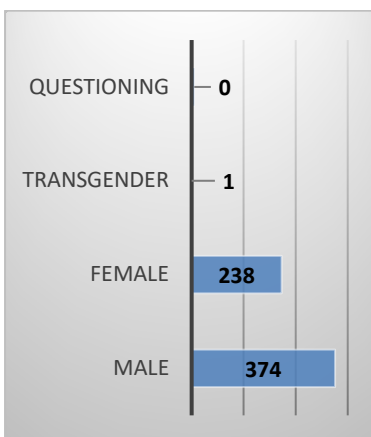
Total Homeless in Del Norte County 694



The total homeless count in Del Norte County represents 27.53% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Total
Male	374
Female	238
Transgender	1
Questioning	0
No Single Gender	2

Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions.



Additional Demographics		% of Total Del Norte County
Chronically Homeless	317	45.67%
Veteran	44	6.34%
Domestic Violence Victim	59	8.50%
Felony Conviction	211	30.40%
Fire	18	2.59%
COVID - 19	20	2.88%
Mental Health	49	7.06%
Drug Abuse	79	11.38%
Eviction	37	5.33%
Family Break Up	79	11.38%
Youth (18 to 24)	49	7.06%
Children (under 18)	25	3.60%

Additional Demographics provided are a subset of the total count and some respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless. The total is the number the respondents reported. Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.

Del Norte County

Population and Household Demographics [Del Norte County, California Population 2023 \(worldpopulationreview.com\)](https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/del-norte-county-california-population-2023/)

Del Norte County is a county in California with a population of 27,482. There are 9,805 households in the county with an average household size of 2.54 persons. 32% of households in Del Norte County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Del Norte County

The median gross income for households in Del Norte County is \$49,981 per year, or \$4,165 per month. The median rent for the county is \$999 per month.

Households who pay more than thirty percent of their gross income are considered to be Rent Overburdened. In Del Norte County, a household making less than \$3,330 per month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 54% of households who rent are overburdened in Del Norte County.

Area Median Income in Del Norte County

Affordable housing program eligibility is commonly determined by one's income. Each household's income is compared to the incomes of all other households in the area. This is accomplished through a statistic established by the government called the Area Median Income, most often referred to as AMI. The AMI is calculated and published each year by HUD. In Del Norte County, HUD calculates the Low (80%) Area Median Income (\$63,600) for a family of four as \$62,300. This data can be found at the following link:

[FY 2023 Income Limits Documentation System -- Summary for Del Norte County, California \(huduser.gov\)](https://huduser.gov/fy-2023-income-limits-documentation-system-summary-for-del-norte-county-california)

Fair Market Rents in Del Norte County [2023 Fair Market Rent in Del Norte County | RentData.org](https://rentdata.org/2023-fair-market-rent-in-del-norte-county/)

Fair Market Rents, often abbreviated as FMR, can be used to better understand the average housing costs of an area. Notably, Fair Market Rents are used to establish the payment standards for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, maximum rents in HOME financed rental projects and initial rents for Section 8 project-based assistance.

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$693	\$875	\$1,037	\$1,421	\$1,766

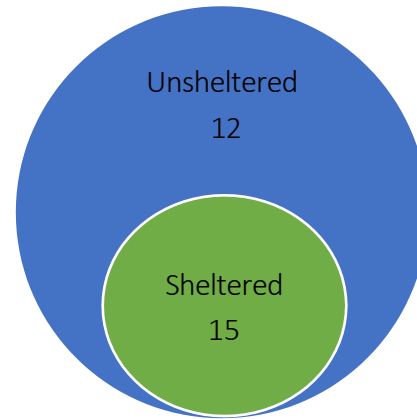


Modoc County



Total Homeless in Modoc County

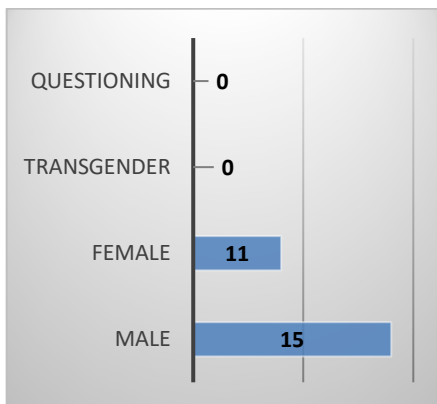
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The total homeless count in Modoc County represents 1.07% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Total
Male	15
Female	11
Transgender	0
Questioning	0
No Single Gender	0

Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions.



Additional Demographics		% of Total Modoc County
Chronically Homeless	4	14.81%
Veterans	0	0%
Domestic Violence Victim	1	3.70%
Felony Conviction	3	11.11%
COVID - 19	1	3.70%
Fire	0	0%
Sudden Loss of Income	4	4.35%
Family Break Up	4	4.35%
Alcohol Abuse	1	3.70%
Children (under 18)	8	29.63%
Youth (18-24)	1	3.70%

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Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.

Modoc County

Population and Household Demographics [Modoc County, California Population 2023 \(worldpopulationreview.com\)](#)

Modoc County is a county in California with a population of 8,403. There are 3,594 households in the county with an average household size of 2.33 persons. 23% of households in Modoc County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Modoc County

The median gross income for households in Modoc County is \$51,250 per year, or \$4,271 per month. The median rent for the county is \$748 per month.

Households who pay more than thirty percent of their gross income are considered to be Rent Overburdened. In Modoc County, a household making less than \$2,495 per month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 49% of households who rent are overburdened in Modoc County.

Area Median Income in Modoc County [FY 2023 Income Limits Documentation System – Summary for Modoc County, California \(huduser.gov\)](#)

Affordable housing program eligibility is commonly determined by one’s income. Each household’s income is compared to the incomes of all other households in the area. This is accomplished through a statistic established by the government called the Area Median Income, most often referred to as AMI. The AMI is calculated and published each year by HUD. In Modoc County, HUD calculates the Low (80%) Area Median Income (\$63,600) for a family of four as \$62,300.

Fair Market Rents in Modoc County [2023 Fair Market Rent in Modoc County | RentData.org](#)

Fair Market Rents, often abbreviated as FMR, can be used to better understand the average housing costs of an area. Notably, Fair Market Rents are used to establish the payment standards for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, maximum rents in HOME financed rental projects and initial rents for Section 8 project based assistance.

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$674	\$678	\$832	\$1,073	\$1,344



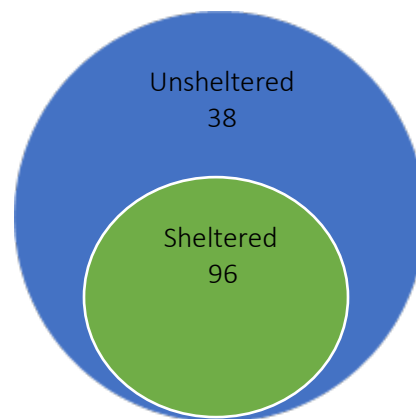
Lassen County

The sheltered homeless count in Lassen County represents 5.31% of the total sheltered homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.



Total homeless in Lassen County

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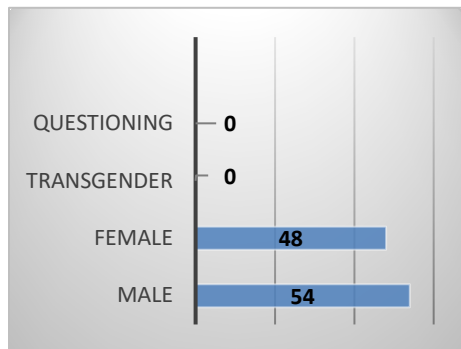
Homeless Profile	Total
Male	59
Female	48
Transgender	0
No Single Gender	0
Questioning	0

Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions.

Additional Demographics		% of Total Lassen County
Chronically Homeless	19	14.17%
Veteran	5	3.73%
Domestic Violence Victim	15	11.19%
Felony conviction	17	12.68%
COVID - 19	1	.74%
Fire	12	11.11%
Family Break Up	11	8.95%
Drug Abuse	5	3.73%
Sudden Loss of Income	6	4.47%
Children (under 18)	2	1.49%
Youth (18-24)	22	16.41%

Additional Demographics provided are a subset of the total count and some respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless.

The total is the number the respondents reported. Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.



Lassen County

Population and Household Demographics [Lassen County, California Population 2023 \(worldpopulationreview.com\)](#)

Lassen County is a county in California with a population of 32,082. There are 9,172 households in the county with an average household size of 2.26 persons. 31% of the occupied housing units in Lassen County are renter-occupied.

Income and Rent Overburden in Lassen County

The median gross income for households in Lassen County is \$56,971 per year, or \$4,748 per month. The median rent for the county is \$969 per month.

Households who pay more than thirty percent of their gross income are considered to be Rent Overburdened. In Lassen County, a household making less than \$3,227 per month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 46% of households who rent are overburdened in Lassen County.

Area Median Income in Lassen County [FY 2023 Income Limits Documentation System -- Summary for Lassen County, California \(huduser.gov\)](#)

Affordable housing program eligibility is commonly determined by one's income. Each household's income is compared to the incomes of all other households in the area. This is accomplished through a statistic established by the government called the Area Median Income, most often referred to as AMI. The AMI is calculated and published each year by HUD. In Lassen County, HUD calculates the 2023 Low (80%) Area Median Income (\$73,700) for a family of four as \$64,250.

Fair Market Rents in Lassen County [2023 Fair Market Rent in Lassen County | RentData.org](#)

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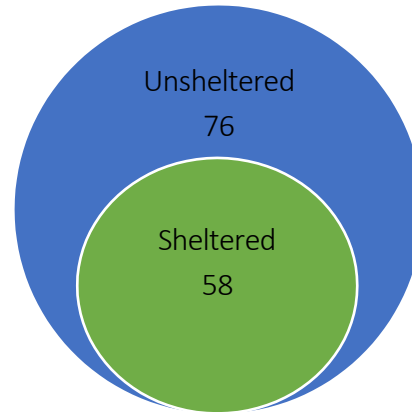
Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$650	\$738	\$972	\$1,381	\$1,424



Plumas County



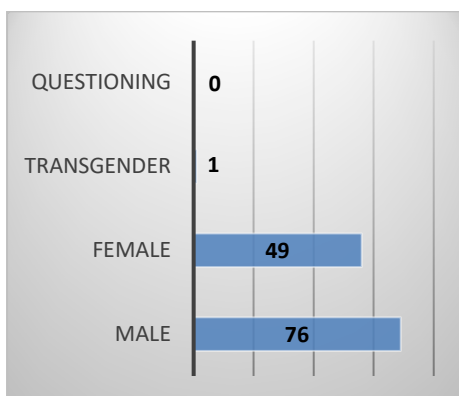
Total Homeless in Plumas County 134



The total homeless count in Plumas County represents 5.31% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Total
Male	76
Female	49
No Single Gender	0
Transgender	0
Questioning	0

Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions.



Additional Demographics		% of Total Plumas County
Chronically Homeless	13	9.70%
Veteran	3	2.23%
Domestic Violence Victim	5	3.73%
Felony Conviction	25	18.66%
COVID - 19	0	0%
Fire	29	21.64%
Mental Health	9	6.72%
Eviction	35	26.12%
Drug Abuse	8	5.97%
Family Break Up	15	11.19%
Youth (18 to 24)	4	2.99%
Children (under 18)	18	13.43%

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The total is the number the respondents reported. Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.

Plumas County

Population and Household Demographics [Plumas County, California Population 2023 \(worldpopulationreview.com\)](#)

Plumas County is a county in California with a population of 19,724. There are 8,332 households in the county with an average household size of 2.21 persons. 27% of households in Plumas County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Plumas County

The median gross income for households in Plumas County is \$57,233 per year, or \$4,769 per month. The median rent for the county is \$1,031 per month.

Households who pay more than thirty percent of their gross income are considered to be Rent Overburdened. In Plumas County, a household making less than \$3,433 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 44% of households who rent are overburdened in Plumas County.

Area Median Income in Plumas County: [FY 2023 Income Limits Documentation System -- Summary for Plumas County, California \(huduser.gov\)](#)

Affordable housing program eligibility is commonly determined by one's income. Each household's income is compared to the incomes of all other households in the area. This is accomplished through a statistic established by the government called the Area Median Income, most often referred to as AMI. The AMI is calculated and published each year by HUD. In Plumas County, HUD calculates the Low (80%) Area Median Income (\$82,400) for a family of four as \$65,350

Fair Market Rents in Plumas County: [2023 Fair Market Rent in Plumas County | RentData.org](#)

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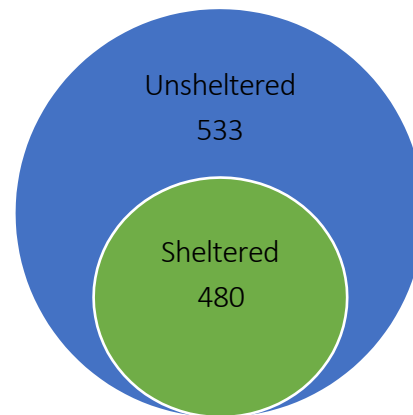
Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$681	\$772	\$1,000	\$1,421	\$1,634



Shasta County



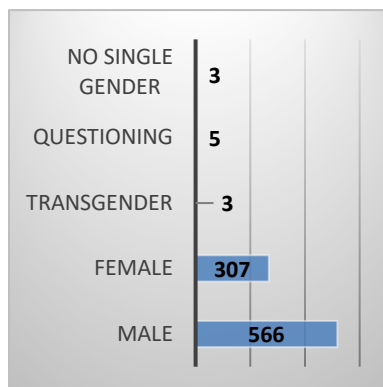
Total Homeless in Shasta County 1013



The total homeless count in Shasta County represents 40.18% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Total
Male	566
Female	307
Transgender	3
Questioning	5
No single Gender	3

Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions.



Additional Demographics		% of Total Shasta County
Chronically Homeless	138	13.62%
Veteran	96	9.47%
Domestic Violence Victim	59	5.82%
Felony Conviction	270	26.65%
Natural Disaster	7	.07%
COVID - 19	10	.99%
Fire	12	1.18%
Mental Health	37	3.65%
Drug Abuse	97	9.58%
Family Break Up	142	14.02%
Eviction	30	2.96%
Youth (18 to 24)	63	6.22%
Children (under 18)	87	8.59%

Additional Demographics provided are a subset of the total count and some respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless.

The total is the number the respondents reported. Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.

Shasta County

Population and Household Demographics: [Shasta County, California Population 2023 \(worldpopulationreview.com\)](https://worldpopulationreview.com/us/population/shasta-county-california/)

Shasta County is a county in California with a population of 183,634. There are 70,845 households in the county with an average household size of 2.47 persons. 34.7% of households in Shasta County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Shasta County

The median gross income for households in Shasta County is \$57,139 per year, or \$4,762 per month. The median rent for the county is \$1,140 per month.

Households who pay more than thirty percent of their gross income are considered to be Rent Overburdened. In Shasta County, a household making less than \$3,800 per month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 55% of households who rent are overburdened in Shasta County.

Area Median Income in Shasta County: [FY 2023 Income Limits Documentation System -- Summary for Shasta County, California \(huduser.gov\)](https://huduser.gov/fy2023-income-limits-documentation-system-summary-for-shasta-county-california/)

Affordable housing program eligibility is commonly determined by one's income. Each household's income is compared to the incomes of all other households in the area. This is accomplished through a statistic established by the government called the Area Median Income, most often referred to as AMI. The AMI is calculated and published each year by HUD. In Shasta County, HUD calculates the Low (80%) Area Median Income (\$89,800) for a family of four as \$63,500.

Fair Market Rents in Shasta County: [FY2023 FMR Schedule.pdf \(huduser.gov\)](https://huduser.gov/fy2023-fmr-schedule.pdf)

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Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$895	\$1,017	\$1,339	\$1,903	\$2,281

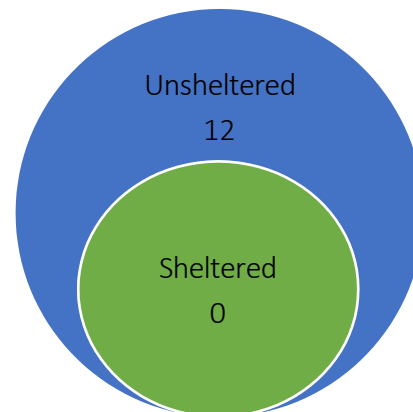


Sierra County



Total Homeless in Sierra County

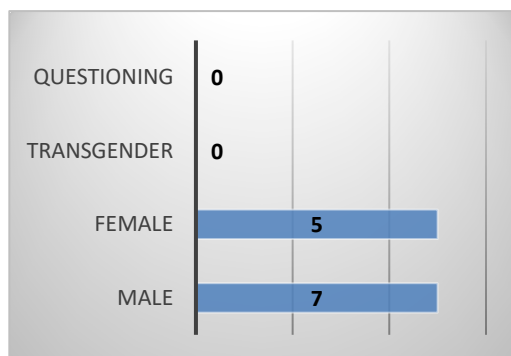
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The total homeless count in Sierra County represents 0.48% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Total
Male	7
Female	5
Questioning	0
No Single Gender	0
Transgender	0

Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions.



Additional Demographics		% of Total Sierra County
Chronically Homeless	2	16.67%
Veteran	0	0%
Domestic Violence Victim	0	0%
Felony Conviction	0	0%
COVID - 19	0	0%
Fire	1	8.33%
Mental Health	1	8.33%
Eviction	3	25.00%
Medical Issues	1	8.33%
Youth (18 to 24)	0	0%
Children (under 18)	0	0%

Additional Demographics provided are a subset of the total count and some respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless.

The total is the number the respondents reported. Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.

Population and Household Demographics: [Sierra County, California Population 2023 \(worldpopulationreview.com\)](https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/sierra-county-california-population-2023)

Sierra County is a County in California with a population of 3,236. There are 1,250 households in the county with an average household size of 2.29 persons. 25% of households in Sierra County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Sierra County

The median gross income for households in Sierra County is \$52,103 a year, or \$4,342 per month. The median rent for the county is \$978 per month.

Households who pay more than thirty percent of their gross income are considered to be Rent Overburdened. In Sierra County, a household making less than \$3,127 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 44% of households who rent are overburdened in Sierra County.

Area Median Income in Sierra County: [FY 2023 Income Limits Documentation System -- Summary for Sierra County, California \(huduser.gov\)](https://huduser.gov/fy2023-income-limits-documentation-system-summary-for-sierra-county-california)

Affordable housing program eligibility is commonly determined by one's income. Each household's income is compared to the incomes of all other households in the area. This is accomplished through a statistic established by the government called the Area Median Income, most often referred to as AMI. The AMI is calculated and published each year by HUD. In Sierra County, HUD calculates the Low (80%) Area Median Income (\$90,000) for a family of four as \$72,000.

Fair Market Rents in Sierra County: [FY2023 FMR Schedule.pdf \(huduser.gov\)](https://huduser.gov/fy2023-fmr-schedule.pdf)

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Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$774	\$866	\$1,138	\$1,479	\$1,838

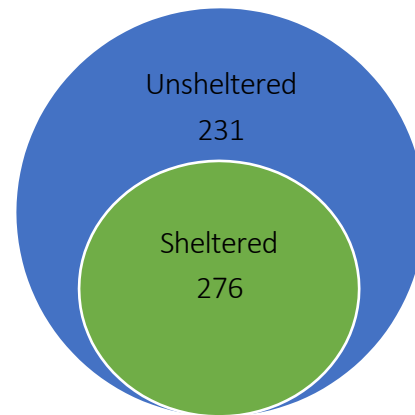


Siskiyou County



Total Homeless in Siskiyou County

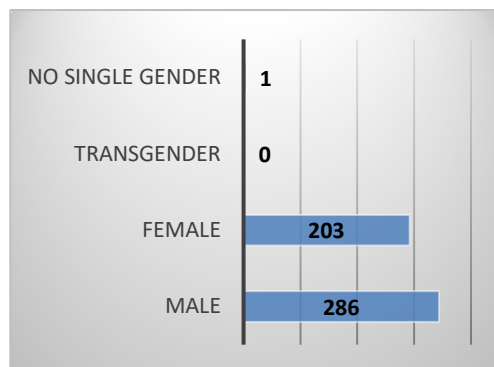
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The total homeless count in Siskiyou County represents 20.11% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Total
Male	286
Female	203
Transgender	0
No Single Gender	1
Questioning	0

Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions.



Additional Demographics		% of Total Siskiyou County
Chronically Homeless	119	23.47%
Veteran	21	4.14%
Domestic Violence Victim	31	6.11%
Felony Conviction	95	18.74%
COVID - 19	11	2.17%
Fire	118	23.27%
Mental Health	19	3.75%
Family Break Up	57	11.24%
Drug Abuse	26	5.13%
Eviction	33	6.50%
Youth (18 to 24)	21	4.14%
Children (under 18)	9	13.61%

Additional Demographics provided are a subset of the total count and some respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless.

The total is the number the respondents reported. Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/- .5%.

Siskiyou County

Population and Household Demographics: [Siskiyou County, California Population 2023 \(worldpopulationreview.com\)](https://worldpopulationreview.com/country/comparison/siskiyou-county-california/)

Siskiyou County is a county in California with a population of 43,830. There are 19,195 households in the county with an average household size of 2.24 persons. 34% of households in Siskiyou County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Siskiyou County

The average median gross income for households in Siskiyou County is \$47,403 per year, or \$3,950 per month. The median rent for the county is \$893 per month.

Households who pay more than thirty percent of their gross income are considered to be Rent Overburdened. In Siskiyou County, a household making less than \$2,975 per month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 55% of households who rent are overburdened in Siskiyou County.

Area Median Income in Siskiyou County: [FY 2023 Income Limits Documentation System -- Summary for Siskiyou County, California \(huduser.gov\)](#)

Affordable housing program eligibility is commonly determined by one's income. Each household's income is compared to the incomes of all other households in the area. This is accomplished through a statistic established by the government called the Area Median Income, most often referred to as AMI. The AMI is calculated and published each year by HUD. In Siskiyou County, HUD calculates the Low (80%) Area Median Income (\$62,700) for a family of four as \$62,300.

Fair Market Rents in Siskiyou County: [2023 Fair Market Rent in Siskiyou County | RentData.org](#)

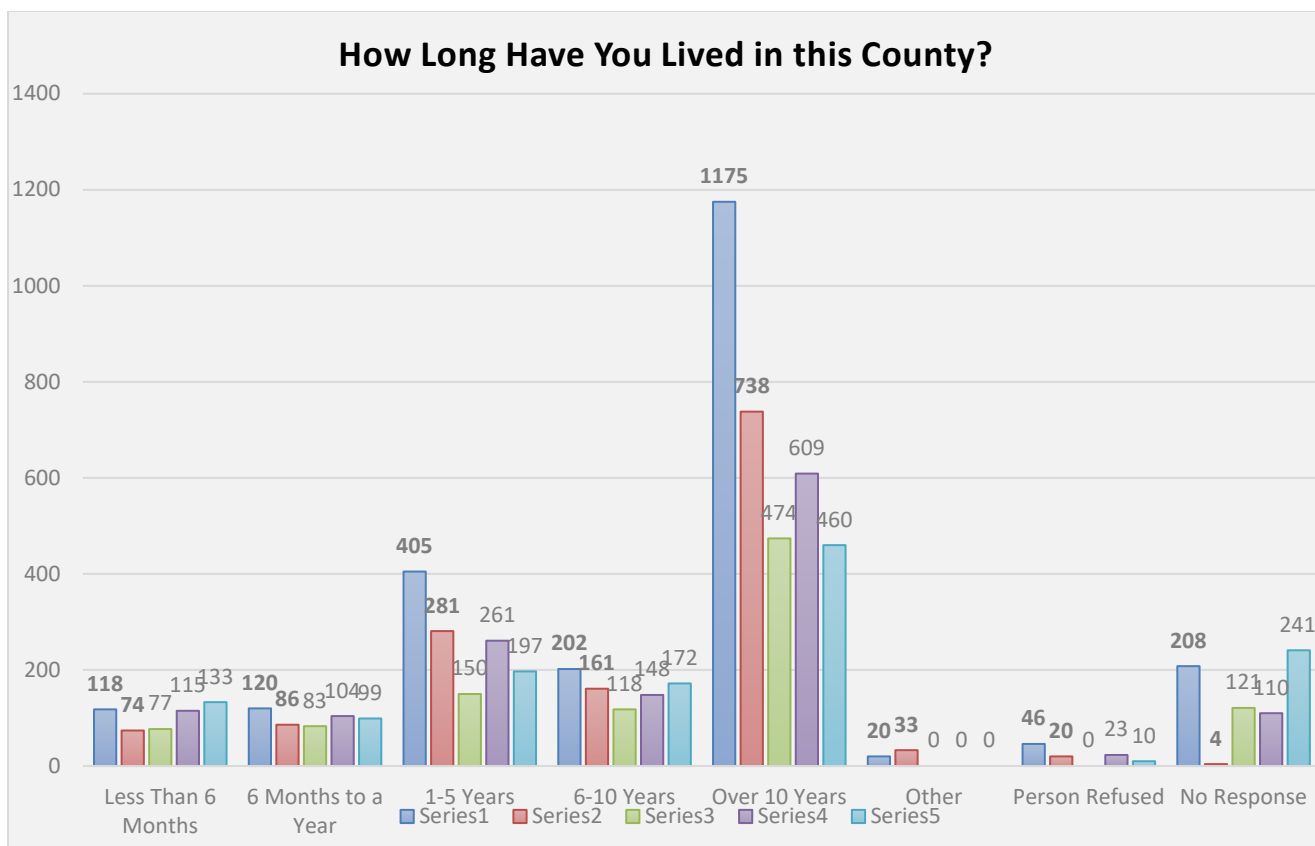
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Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$738	\$752	\$974	\$1,384	\$1,408



Residency

An examination of the reported length of time homeless individuals have lived in a county is included below. The PIT Count identifies that there is little validity to the common misconception that the homeless population in our region is not made up of residents but merely people passing through our area that have chosen to stay.



For this review the responses to the PIT question “How long have you lived in this County” were examined for the PIT counts conducted in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Previous PIT counts conducted did not include this question.

During the 2019 PIT Count 39.83% of people surveyed reported having lived within the county they were homeless in for over 10 years. 51.83% of all people surveyed reported that they have lived within the county for a length of time greater than 5 years.

During the 2020 PIT Count 46.33% of people surveyed reported having lived within the county they were homeless in for over 10 years. 57.87% of all people surveyed reported that they have lived within the county for a length of time greater than 5 years.

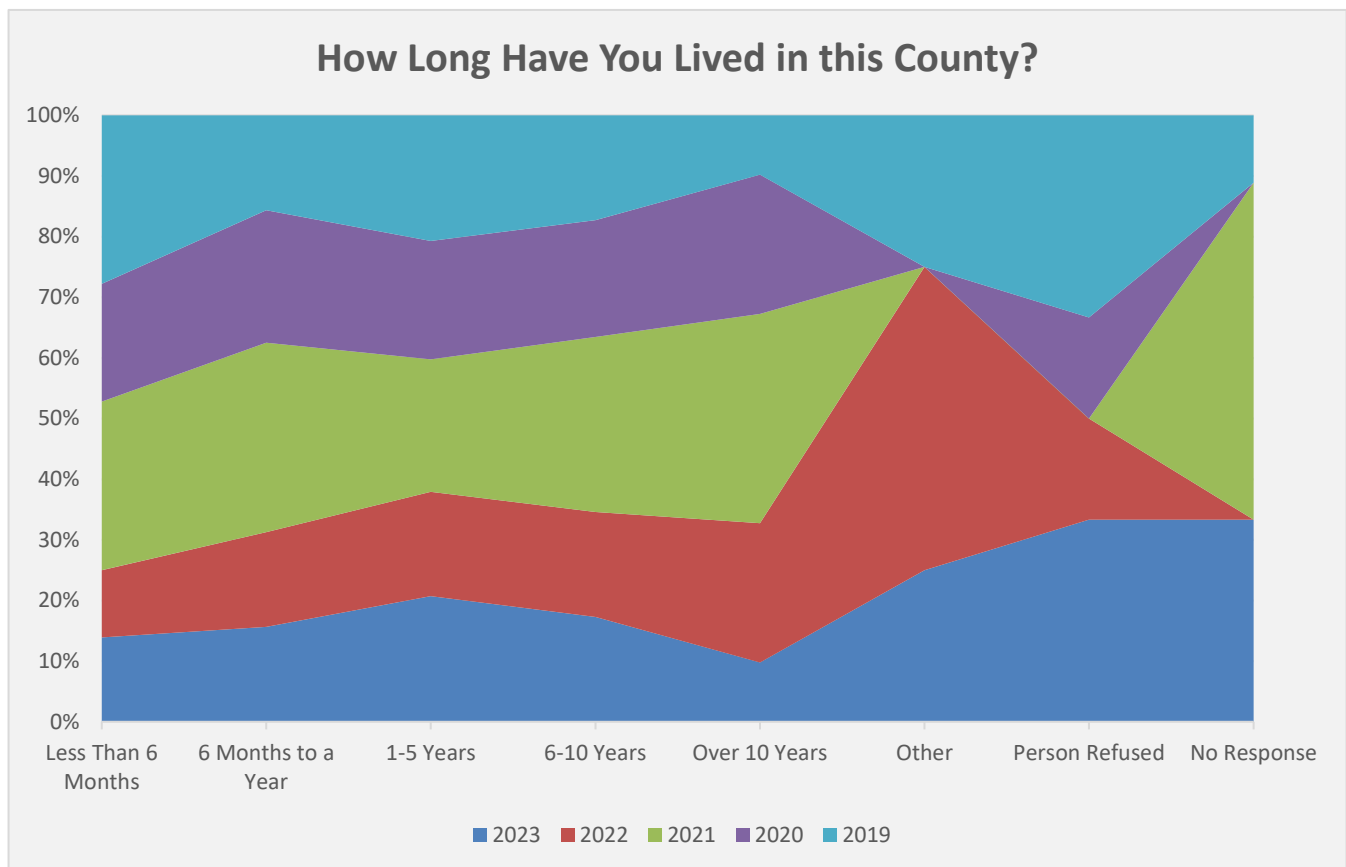
During the 2021 PIT Count 46.33% of people surveyed reported having lived within the county they were homeless in for over 10 years. 57.34% of all people surveyed reported that they have lived within the county for a length of time greater than 5 years.

Residency

During the 2022 PIT Count 56.39% of people surveyed reported having lived within the county they were homeless in for over 10 years. 66.74% of all people surveyed reported that they have lived within the county for a length of time greater than 5 years.

During the 2023 PIT Count 46.60% of people surveyed reported having lived within the county they were homeless in for over 10 years. 54.62% of all people surveyed reported that they have lived within the county for over 5 years.

The chart below uses the same data from the bar graph on page 38, but each year is stacked on top of each other to show year over year changes. The number of people experiencing homelessness who have resided within a county for longer than 10 years has remained steady.



Methodology

The NorCal Executive Board approved the Point in Time Methodology as required by HUD. A combination of HUD approved methods was used to create the most accurate count for the one-night count.

The NorCal CoC uses a census style approach to count unsheltered individuals. This approach provides a direct and complete count of all people and their characteristics. Local homeless service providers and advocates are active and valued partners in the planning and implementation of the PIT Count represented in this report, as well as previous PIT Counts. The planning team invited the public and law enforcement partners for their input on several aspects related to the PIT Count. Examples of this includes known locations of the homeless community, survey wording, additional data collected and volunteer recruitment. For the sheltered target population, the counting approach utilized a random sample.

The survey contained HUD required questions and local questions. The local questions came from community organizations that had specific areas of concern. The subsequent, in-depth qualitative survey was used to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the experiences and demographics of those counted in the counties.

Survey coordinators worked to ensure a representative sample of respondents, garnering information from subpopulations that are often hidden or hard to reach. As volunteers encountered unsheltered homeless persons, they were instructed to use HUD's Observational Tool if respondents declined to participate in the survey. Missing values are listed in this report as "did not respond" or values were extrapolated using HUD's extrapolation tool.

Extrapolation

The HUD Extrapolation Tool was used on portions of this report and in the final submission to HUD. The tool assists the CoC in extrapolation of gender, ethnicity, and race information within each household category for people whom the CoC was not able to collect this information. This tool may be used for extrapolation if reliable data exists for 80 percent or more of the clients. Extrapolation is needed to ensure the number of homeless individuals are not underestimated as a result of unreported data during the time of the count.

Volunteer Recruitment and Training

Many individuals who live and/or work in each county supported NorCal CoC's effort to count the local homeless population. To participate in the count, all volunteers were required to attend a training in the weeks preceding the survey process. Volunteers downloaded the Counting US Application on their cell phones in most counties with paper surveys in select counties and were trained on basics such as etiquette, safety and how to administer the survey. Volunteers canvassed routes in each county. In many instances, teams received maps which identified the area to be canvassed which clearly showed the boundaries of the counting area.

Data Quality Checks

The NorCal Lead Agency (Lead Agency), Shasta County Housing and Community Action Agency, oversaw the Point in Time data collection with the assistance of trained staff and volunteers. Due to the number of volunteers conducting surveys and completing the data entry, an audit of each survey was completed by the Lead Agency.

The audit included evaluating the surveys for data quality, checking the data entry for completeness and using data logic checks to identify duplicate clients. During the data quality review, it was determined some surveys submitted included people not meeting the definition of homeless or that had already been interviewed. The identified surveys were excluded from being counted in the NorCal CoC 2023 PIT Count.

Note: the NorCal 2023 Point in Time Summary’s missing values were extrapolated per HUD guidelines.

Summary of Data Quality Issues

Data Quality Issues	
Persons Missing Age Information	16
Person Missing Sleeping Location	0
Persons Missing Gender	43
Persons Missing Ethnicity	13
Persons Missing Race	85
Persons Missing Relationship to Head of Household	0
Persons with Unknown Household Type	33



Appendix A: Definitions and Abbreviations

Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)

HUD's annual report to Congress on the nature and extent of homelessness nationwide. The report details yearly homelessness counts, demographics, trends, and service usage; reports are compared and contrasted to data collected for previous years, helping to determine if homelessness is increasing or decreasing.

Bed Utilization

An indicator of whether shelter beds are occupied on a particular night or over a period of time.

Chronically Homeless Individual

A homeless adult individual (persons 18 years or older) with a disability who:

- Has been continuously homeless for a year or more
(OR)
- Has had at least four separate occasions of homelessness in the past three years where the combined total length of time is at least 12 months. Each period separating the occasions must include at least seven nights of living in a situation other than a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven.

Continuum of Care (CoC)

The primary decision-making entity defined in the funding application to HUD as the official body representing a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency.

Coordinated Entry System

A centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake assessment and provision of referrals. A centralized or coordinated assessment system covers the geographic area, is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.

Disabling Condition

For the purposes of this study, a disabling condition is defined as physical disability, mental illness, depression, alcohol or drug abuse, chronic health problems, HIV/AIDS, Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), or a developmental disability that impacts a person's ability to getting housing and/or remaining housed.

Emergency Shelter (ES)

A homeless program that is intended to provide short-term support and emergency housing to homeless individuals. Individuals who are staying in an Emergency Shelter are still considered literally homeless. Emergency shelter may take the form of a congregate shelter, motel voucher, or domestic violence shelter.

Family

Defined as a household with at least one adult and one child under 18.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

The information system designated by the CoC to process Protected Personal Information (PPI) and other data in order to create an unduplicated accounting of homelessness within the CoC. An HMIS may provide other functions beyond unduplicated accounting.

Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

The Point-in-Time inventory of provider programs within the CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serve persons who are homeless. It should reflect the number of beds and units available on the night designated for the count that are dedicated to serve persons who are homeless, per the HUD homeless definition.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

A federal organization aiming to increase homeownership, support community development, and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Long-term, community-based housing that has supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities. This type of supportive housing enables the special-needs populations to live as independently as possible in a permanent setting. Permanent housing can be provided in one structure or in several structures and at one site or in multiple structures at scattered sites.

Point-in-Time (PIT)

A snapshot of the homeless population taken on a given day. Since 2005, HUD requires all CoC applicants to complete this count every other year in the last week of January. This count includes a street count in addition to a count of all clients in emergency and transitional beds.

Rapid Re-Housing

Housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Eligible costs also include utilities, rental application fees, security deposits and last month's rent.

Sheltered Homeless

Sheltered homeless individuals are those who are living in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs.

Single Individual

Refers to an unaccompanied adult or youth.

Transitional Age Youth

Also known as TAY, refers to an unaccompanied youth aged 18-24 years.

Unaccompanied Children

Refers to children under the age of 18 who do not have a parent or guardian present.

Unsheltered Homeless

Homeless individuals unaccompanied by a child under the age of 18 who are living on the streets or in abandoned buildings, storage structures, vehicles, encampments, or any other place unfit for human habitation.

Data Sources

Statistical data on each county was gathered from the following sources:

[FY2023 FMR Schedule.pdf \(huduser.gov\)](#)

<https://www.rentdata.org>

[2023 World Population by Country](#)

[\(worldpopulationreview.com\)](https://www.worldpopulationreview.com)

<https://www.homearea.com>

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