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NorCal Continuum of Care's Annual Point-in-Time Count Executive Summary

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The NorCal CoC Lead Agency, Shasta County Community Action Agency, prepared this report to provide comprehensive data from the NorCal CoC region's 2019 Point-in-Time 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 Continuum of Care's homeless population in hopes of improving community awareness and to provide data for local decisions.

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Background

The Northern California Continuum of Care (NorCal CoC) is a seven-county homeless consortium, which consists of Del Norte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra and Siskiyou Counties governed by an executive board and seated in Redding, California. The NorCal CoC is charged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct a Point-In-Time (PIT) study each year allowing communities access to important, person-specific data that helps to prioritize the most vulnerable and chronically homeless persons for rapid rehousing, transitional housing, or permanent housing resources. The PIT helps HUD and local Continuum of Cares' (CoC) 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 is reported using a standardized chart with various populations and subpopulations of homeless individuals and families. HUD requires that each CoC use reliable methods to conduct its count and reserves the right to ask communities to verify their data. For more information on PIT counts, please visit: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/#general-pit-guides-and-tools.

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 2019 Count reveals important demographic and other information about families and individuals who were homeless on the night of January 22, 2019 and was carried out with the help of government agencies, community-based organizations, and many local volunteers.

The count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally, and the information gathered enables each community to better allocate housing resources and services in order to prevent and end homelessness. The data collected serves as a measure for how the community is resolving homelessness, and provides the federal and state government information to determine funding need and eligibility. The PIT is accompanied by the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) that details the number of beds that are available to meet the immediate housing needs of those without homes.

Shasta County Community Action Agency is responsible for conducting the count and submitting the data found in this report to HUD each year. Information regarding the CoC can be accessed here: www.norcalcoc.org.


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Federal Definitions of Homelessness for a Point-in-Time Count

HUD's definition of homelessness was utilized each year for the annual Point-In-Time 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 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).
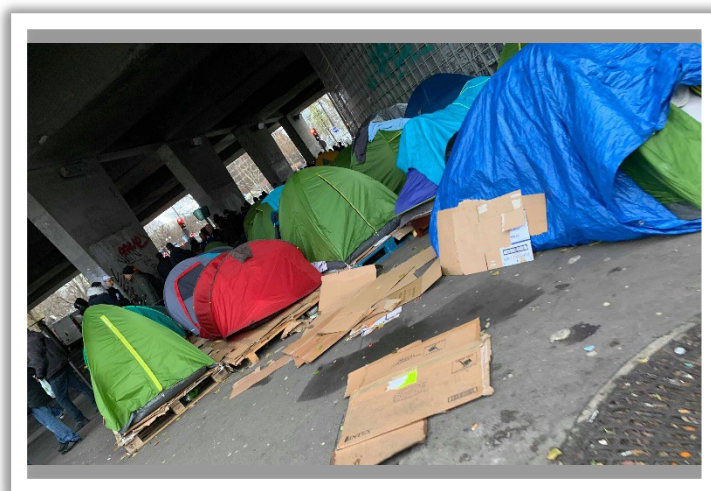
Why Do We Count in January?

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. By conducting counts in January, it ensures that CoC's have 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 time-frame also provides consistency with the data that HUD receives from CoC's nationwide. Conducting the count on a night when the shelters are most full provides a more accurate count. It is easier to count people in a shelter than to locate them on the street or in an environment not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. 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.

An important change to the demographic survey was in regard to domestic violence. Beginning in 2018, HUD required that "the data reported on survivors of domestic violence should be limited to reporting on those who are currently experiencing homelessness because they are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as opposed to reporting on survivors who have ever experienced these circumstances."

To ensure the safety and comfort of those who participated, respondents were not required to complete all survey questions. Missing values are listed as "did not respond."

Regional Summary

Continuum wide, 1,349 homeless individuals were counted between the evening of January 22 and the entire day of January 23, 2019. This is a 17.4% percent increase from the 2018 Annual Point-in-Time Count. This is the first year that all seven counties participated in the count, which contributes to the increase.

Sheltered	Unsheltered
543	806
1349	

Number of Homeless

- 2016: 1272
- 2017: 934
- 2018: 1149
- 2019: 1349
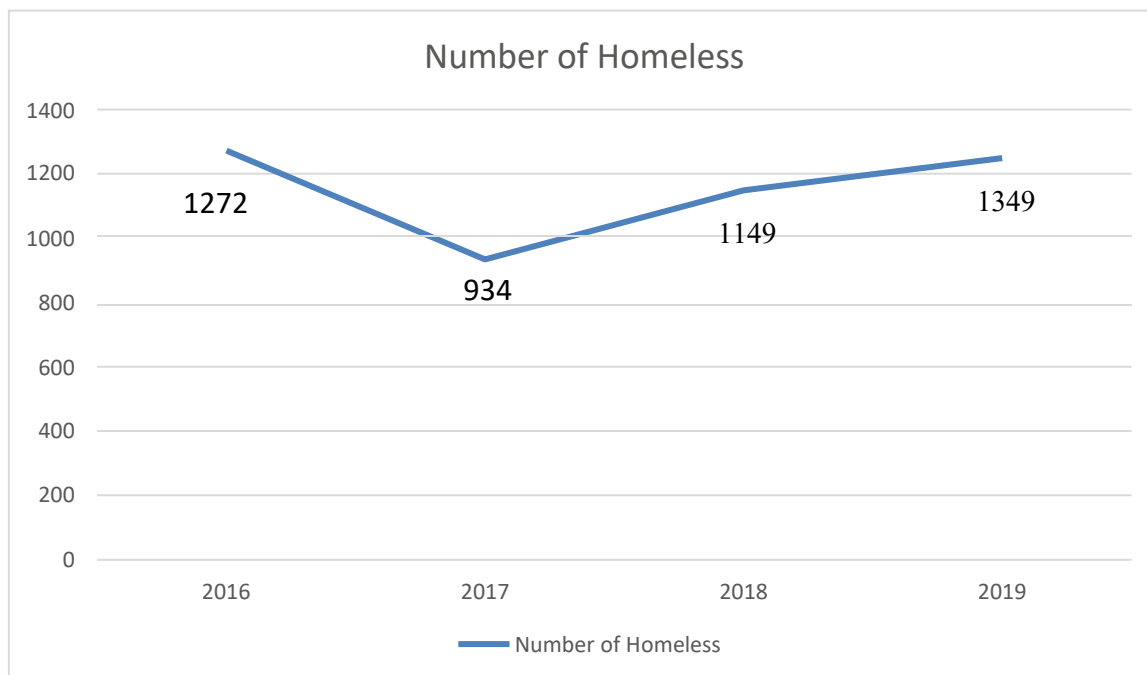
Note: Modoc County and Sierra County did not participate in the PIT count in 2018. In 2019, Modoc County and Sierra County totals 1.3% of the total count of 1,349 or 17 individuals.

Household Information

As a part of the survey process for the Point-in-Time Count, HUD requires that respondents are asked "How many adults and children are there in this household, who are sleeping in the same location?" This question determined if the respondent was an individual or a household. The 1,349 interviewed individuals made up 1,086 households.

Household Types

	Households	Individuals
Households w/ at least 1 adult & 1 child	53	205
Households without children	1029	1140
Households with only children	4	4
Additional Household Types*		
Veteran Households without children	90	99
Unaccompanied Youth Households	85	89

*The "Additional Household Types" are a subset of "Household Types."

Sheltered Data Summary

Data is collected on individuals who are staying in shelters or transitional housing units in order to gain an accurate count of persons temporarily housed throughout the NorCal CoC Region. This data is vital to gaining an accurate overall count of the homeless population and to understand where homeless people are receiving shelter. The number reported to HUD does not include homeless individuals in hospitals, residential rehabilitation facilities, or jails.

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, January 22, 2019. This helps ensure individuals are not duplicated in the count.

Sheltered Data Summary

HUD requires that communities report their bed inventory and utilization of those beds the night of the count. The data is taken from the different organizations in the CoC that have shelter beds. In 2019, there was a total of 787 beds available, with a total number of 543 beds being used on the day of the count. This is a 69% percent utilization rate.

Utilization Rates

Year	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing
2016	185	127
2017	264	266
2018	248	211
2019	338	205

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 that a project is 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.

Unsheltered Survey Results

This section provides an overview of the findings generated from the 2019 NorCal CoC Survey Count. Surveys were administered to homeless individuals between January 22 and January 30, 2019. This effort resulted in 806 persons (to include minors) in the unsheltered count.

To ensure the safety and comfort of those who participated, respondents were not required to complete all survey questions. Missing values are listed as "did not respond."
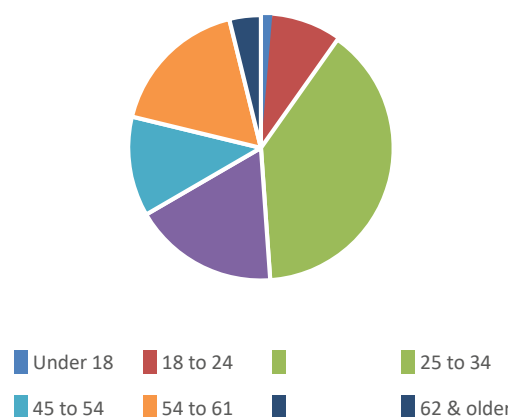
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Survey Results

AGE

	% of the Unsheltered	Total Persons
Under 18	1%	8
18-24	8%	68
25-54	69%	556
55-61	17%	140
62+	4%	31
Did Not Respond	.3%	3

Age Groups

Legend: Under 18, 18 to 24, 25 to 34, 45 to 54, 54 to 61, 62 & older

GENDER IDENTITY

Gender

Legend: Male, Female, Transgender, Did Not Respond
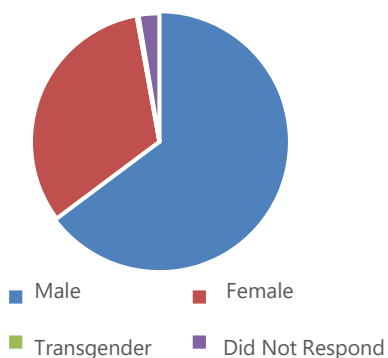
	% of the Unsheltered	Total Persons
Male	65%	522
Female	32%	261
Transgender	0.2%	2
Did Not Respond	3%	21

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

RACE & ETHNICITY

Respondents were asked to self-identify their race and ethnicity.
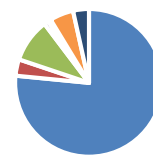
	% of the Unsheltered	Total Persons
White	77%	617
Black or African-American	4%	29
American Indian/Alaskan Native	10%	77
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1%	8
Asian	0.6%	5
Multiple Races	5%	42
Did Not Respond	3%	28

Race

- White
- Black or African-American
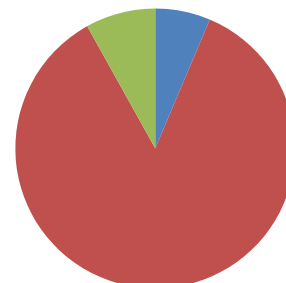- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Multiple Races
- Did Not Respond

	% of the Unsheltered	Total Persons
Hispanic	6%	52
Non-Hispanic	86%	697
Did Not Respond	7%	57

Ethnicity

- Hispanic
- Non-Hispanic
- Did Not Respond

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

HEALTH

One of the greatest challenges facing unsheltered homeless individuals is to avoid illness. A significant part of the survey process was to ask respondents health questions. Note: To ensure the safety and comfort of those who participated, respondents were not required to complete all survey questions. All responses were self-reported by those that agreed to respond.
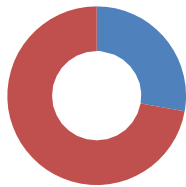
Physical Disability
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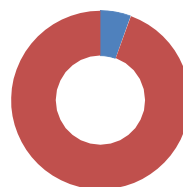
Developmental Disability
3%

Chronic Health Condition
21%

Living with HIV/AIDS
1%
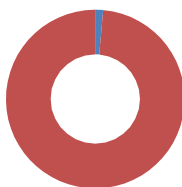
Mental Health Issue
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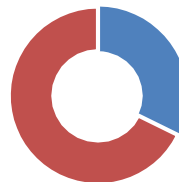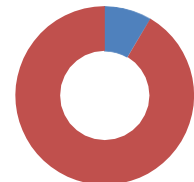
Domestic Violence
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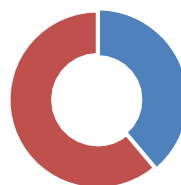
Substance Abuse
21%

SLEEPING LOCATION

Respondents were asked to identify where they slept the night before the survey. All responses were self-reported by those that agreed to respond. Respondents were not required to complete all survey questions.
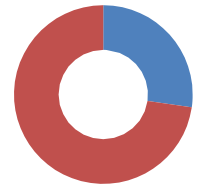
	% of the Unsheltered	Total Persons
Street/Sidewalk	17%	134
Vehicle (Car, Van, Truck)	13%	106
Outdoor Encampment	32%	260
Park	3%	21
Under Bridge/ Overpass	4%	36
Bus stop, Train Station,	0.2%	2
Abandoned Building	9%	71
Other	2%	13
Did Not Respond	20%	163

Sleeping Location

- Street/Sidewalk
- Vehicle
- Outdoor Encampment
- Park
- Under Bridge/Overpass
- Bus Stop/Train Station
- Abandoned Building
- Other
- Did Not Respond

Note: Calculated Percentages have been rounded +/-.5%.
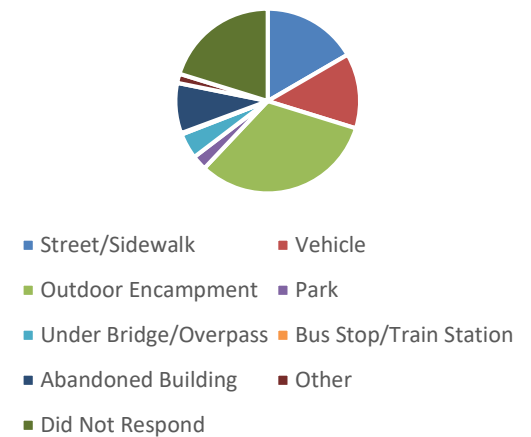
Respondents were asked, "How long have you lived in this county?" This provides a better understanding of the transient nature of the homeless population.

	% Unsheltered	Total Persons	% of Total Persons
0-6 Months	7%	58	7.2%
7-12 Months	4%	33	4.1%
Over 12 months to 5 years	14%	116	14.4%
Over 5 years to 10 years	12%	97	12%
More than 10 years	40%	321	40%
Did Not Respond	22%	181	22.5%

The respondents that have been here more than 5 years total 51.9% of the total unsheltered. The respondents that have been here between 1 year to 10 years total 26.4% of the total unsheltered.

Place of Origin
- 0-6 Months
- 7-12 Months
- Over 12 months to 5 years
- Over 5 years to 10 years
- More than 10 years
- Did Not Respond

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

The survey also measured the recurrence of homelessness. This is a critical marker that indicates a person may become chronically homeless.

The question asked – "How many times have you been homeless in the past three years?"

	% Unsheltered	Total Persons
Fewer than 4 times	21%	169
4 or more times	22%	174
Did Not Respond*	57%	463

*Note: The majority of the respondents did not answer this survey question.
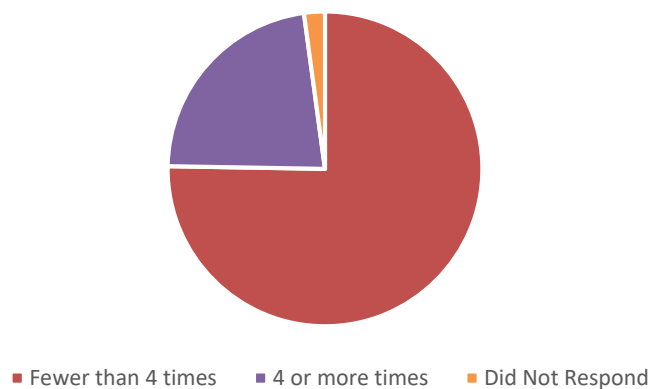
■ Fewer than 4 times   ■ 4 or more times   ■ Did Not Respond

Chronic Homelessness

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a chronically homeless individual as someone who has experienced homelessness for a year or longer, or who has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years **and** also has a diagnosed disability that prevents them from maintaining work or housing. This definition applies to individuals as well as household members. The chronic homeless population represents one of the most vulnerable populations on the street and some of the hardest to house.

Chronic Homeless Summary

The mortality rate for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness is four to nine times higher than the general population. Research indicates that people experiencing chronic homelessness consume a disproportionate amount of public resources through repeated use of publically funded services such as shelters, jails, emergency rooms, and psychiatric centers. Ending chronic homelessness means enabling people who are currently experiencing chronic homelessness to move into permanent housing with access to necessary services.

Definition Change

HUD changed the definition of who is considered chronically homeless in January of 2016. This new definition means it is possible that some who were considered chronically homeless before 2015 have not been included since 2016. The technical definition is in Appendix A of this report.

Chronic Homelessness in NorCal CoC Region

According to the 2019 PIT data, out of a total of 1,349 people surveyed, 23.8% percent of NorCal CoC's homeless population are considered chronically homeless. This is a 25.5% percent decrease from the 2018 PIT report.

Chronic Homelessness Breakdown

Breakdown	2018	2019	% Change
Unsheltered*	324	259	-20%
Sheltered	107	62	-42%
Total	431	321	-25.5%

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

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 that 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.

Veterans

The NorCal CoC region has historically had a small population of unsheltered veterans. The 2019 count identified an overall decrease of 16.5% in veteran homelessness from 2017.

Total Homeless Veterans Over-Time

	2017	2018	2019	% Change Since Last Year	% Change Since 2017
Unsheltered	60	68	58	-15%	-3%
Sheltered*	43	56	28	-50%	-34.9%
Total Homeless	103	124	86	-30.6%	-16.5%

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There was a 3% decrease in unsheltered homeless veterans and a 34.9% decrease in sheltered veterans from 2017 to 2019.

Sheltered 2.1%

Based on Total PIT Count of 1349

Unsheltered 4.3%

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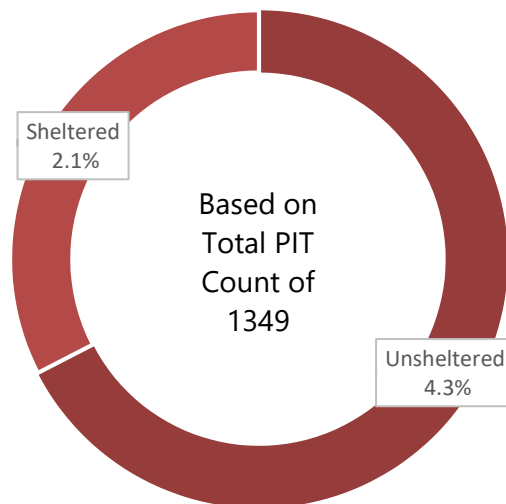
Incarceration and Homelessness

For many years, the NorCal CoC has been collecting data on the relationship between incarceration and homelessness with individuals who are incarcerated during the night of the Point-in-Time Count. 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. It is speculated that a significant segment of the homeless are individuals who recently exited the criminal justice system.

Collection data at a local level allows agencies to evaluation the needs for this segment of the population by connecting the dots between the cycles of incarceration and homelessness.

Incarceration and Homelessness

Individuals recently released from the criminal justice system often face housing challenges that may contribute to their homelessness.

Felony Conviction	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total
Yes	227	107	334
No	371	306	677
No Response	208	130	338
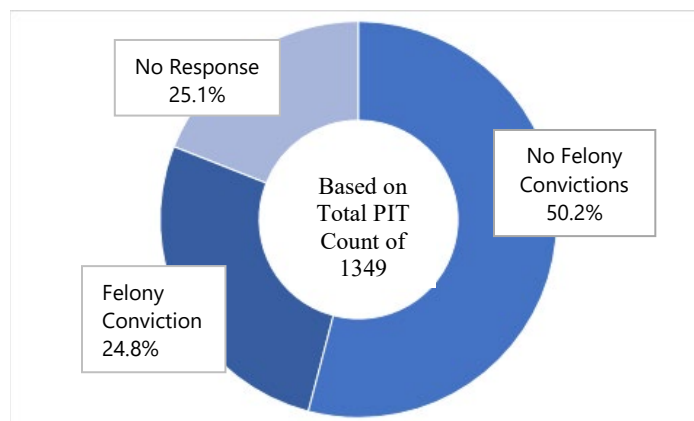
Survey results from respondents reporting that they have been denied housing due to a criminal history.

Denied Housing	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total
Yes	68	38	106
No	512	376	888
No Response	226	129	355

By report, 7.9% of the respondents were denied housing due to their criminal history. Programs have different eligibility requirements. For example, Section 8 rental assistance guidelines state that an applicant would be denied if they had a violent or drug related criminal activity, or if they are on parole, probation or community supervision in the last 3 years for a felony conviction or in the last 12 months for a misdemeanor. Registered sex offenders would be also denied.

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

County Profiles on Homelessness

NorCal Continuum of Care includes 23,922 square miles and encompasses seven counties. The following section breaks down the Point-In-Time Count data by County in the region in order to take a closer look at local trends.

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

Additional demographics provided are a subset of the total count. Due to a lack of response of demographic information, the HUD Data Extrapolation Tool was utilized to determine total person count.

NOTE: To ensure the safety and comfort of those who participated, respondents were not required to complete all survey questions. Missing values for each county are a result of those who did not respond.

Del Norte County
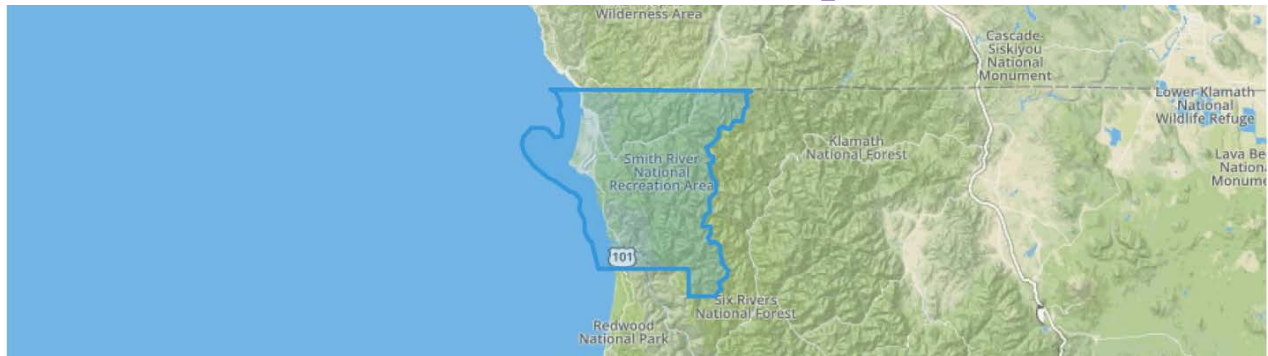
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Total homeless persons counted in Del Norte in 2019. This total figure represents 13.6% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Combined
Male	18	99	117
Female	21	45	66
Did Not Respond	0*	1	1
Additional Demographics			
Chronically Homeless	13	105	118
Veteran	1	20	21
Felony Conviction	2	51	53
Families	11	1	12
Youth (18 to 24)	0	7	7
Children	28	1	29

*Additional demographics provided are a subset of the total count and contain actual data collected by each county. Note: Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions. Respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless. *Extrapolation was used in the Homeless Profile.

Population and Household Demographics

Del Norte County is a County in California with a population of 27,788. There are 9,420 households in the county with an average household size of 2.55 persons. 39.45% 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 $40,847 a year, or $3,404 a month. The median rent for the county is $808 a month.

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

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 $2,693 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 47.63% of households who rent are overburdened in Del Norte County.

Area Median Income in Del Norte County

Affordable housing program eligibility is always 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 Area Median Income for a family of four as $57,000.

Most affordable housing programs determine eligibility based on the percent of AMI a given household's income is. Among the programs that determine eligibility based on the AMI are Section 8, HOME, LIHTC, Section 515, 202 and 811.

Rental Assistance in Del Norte County

Rental assistance is a type of housing subsidy that pays for a portion of a renter's monthly housing costs, including rent and tenant paid utilities. This housing assistance can come in the form of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, project-based Section 8 contracts, public housing, USDA Rental Assistance (in Section 515 properties) as well as HUD Section 202 and 811 properties for elderly and disabled households. There are 10 affordable apartment complexes; 572 low income apartments; and 204 apartments that are rent assisted in Del Norte County, California.

Fair Market Rents 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.

2019 Fair Market Rents

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
$643	$749	$945	$1,312	$1,516

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

Lassen County

46

Total homeless persons counted in Lassen in 2019.
This total figure represents 3.4% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Combined
Male	20	7	27
Female	15	4	19
Did Not Respond	0	0	0
Additional Demographics			
Chronically Homeless	0	0	0
Veteran	1	0	1
Felony Conviction	16	2	18
Families	1	0	1
Youth (18 to 24)	5	1	6
Children	3	0	3

*Additional demographics provided are a subset of the total count and contain actual data collected by each county. Note: Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions. Respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless.

Population and Household Demographics

Lassen County is a County in [California](#) with a population of 32,645. There are 9,707 households in the county with an average household size of 2.25 persons. 34.94% of households in Lassen County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Lassen County

The median gross income for households in Lassen County is $51,555 a year, or $4,296 a month. The median rent for the county is $882 a month.

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

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 $2,940 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 46.88% of households who rent are overburdened in Lassen

Area Median Income in Lassen County

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2019 Fair Market Rents

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
$577	$641	$848	$1,226	$1,356

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

Modoc County
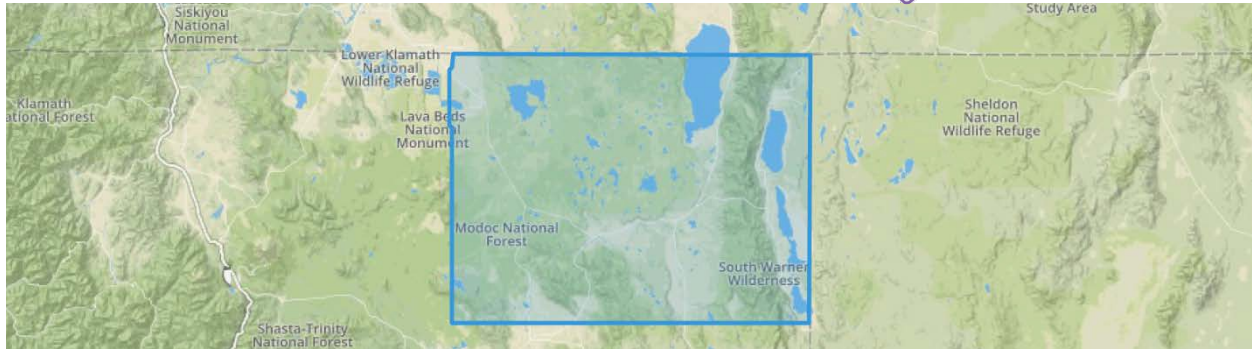
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Total homeless persons counted in Modoc in 2019
This total figure represents .4% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Combined
Male	0	1	1
Female	0	4	4
Did Not Respond	0	0	0
Additional Demographics			
Chronically Homeless	0	0	0
Veteran	0	0	0
Felony Conviction	0	0	0
Families	0	0	0
Youth (18 to 24)	0	0	0
Children	0	0	0

*Additional demographics provided are a subset of the total count and contain actual data collected by each county. Note: Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions. Respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless.

Population and Household Demographics

Modoc County is a County in California with a population of 9,184. There are 3,745 households in the county with an average household size of 2.32 persons. 26.11% of households in Modoc County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Modoc County

The median gross income for households in Modoc County is $37,860 a year, or $3,155 a month. The median rent for the county is $653 a month.

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

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 $2,177 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 52.86% of households who rent are overburdened in Modoc County.

Area Median Income in Modoc County

Affordable housing program eligibility is always 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 Area Median Income for a family of four as $55,600.

Most affordable housing programs determine eligibility based on the percent of AMI a given household's income is. Among the programs that determine eligibility based on the AMI are Section 8, HOME, LIHTC, Section 515, 202 and 811.

Rental Assistance in Modoc County

Rental assistance is a type of housing subsidy that pays for a portion of a renter's monthly housing costs, including rent and tenant paid utilities. This housing assistance can come in the form of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, project-based Section 8 contracts, public housing, USDA Rental Assistance (in Section 515 properties) as well as HUD Section 202 and 811 properties for elderly and disabled households. There are 4 affordable apartment complexes; 139 low income apartments; and 124 apartments that are rent assisted in Modoc County, California.

Fair Market Rents in Modoc 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.

2019 Fair Market Rents

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
$476	$529	$700	$1,012	$1,125

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

Plumas County

46

Total homeless persons counted in Plumas County in 2019.This total figure represents 3.4% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Combined
Male	13	13	26
Female	15	5	20
Did Not Respond	0*	0	0
Additional Demographics			
Chronically Homeless	4	7	11
Veteran	1	1	2
Felony Conviction	7	3	10
Families	2	1	3
Youth (18 to 24)	1	1	2
Children	8	2	10

*Additional demographics provided are a subset of the total count and contain actual data collected by each county. Note: Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions. Respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless. *Extrapolation was used in the Homeless Profile.

Population and Household Demographics

Plumas County is a County in [California](#) with a population of 18,966. There are 8,217 households in the county with an average household size of 2.26 persons. 27.69% of households in Plumas County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Plumas County

The median gross income for households in Plumas County is $47,333 a year, or $3,944 a month. The median rent for the county is $836 a month.

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

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 $2,787 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 47.38% of households who rent are overburdened in Plumas County.

Area Median Income in Plumas County

Affordable housing program eligibility is always 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 Area Median Income for a family of four as $70,700.

Most affordable housing programs determine eligibility based on the percent of AMI a given household's income is. Among the programs that determine eligibility based on the AMI are Section 8, HOME, LIHTC, Section 515, 202 and 811.

Rental Assistance in Plumas County

Rental assistance is a type of housing subsidy that pays for a portion of a renter's monthly housing costs, including rent and tenant paid utilities. This housing assistance can come in the form of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, project-based Section 8 contracts, public housing, USDA Rental Assistance (in Section 515 properties) as well as HUD Section 202 and 811 properties for elderly and disabled households. There are 8 affordable apartment complexes; 548 low income apartments; and 260 apartments that are rent assisted in Plumas County, California.

Fair Market Rents in Plumas 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.

2019 Fair Market Rents

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
$612	$744	$899	$1,181	$1327

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

Shasta County

827

Total homeless persons counted in Shasta County in 2019. This total figure represents 61.3% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region. The Point in Time Count for Shasta County for 2018 had a total sheltered and unsheltered count of 692. This is an increase of 19.5%.

Homeless Profile	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Combined
Male	238	277	515
Female	155	141	296
Did Not Respond	0*	16	16
Additional Demographics			
Chronically Homeless	36	120	156
Veteran	24	29	53
Felony Conviction	70	130	200
Families	18	3	21
Youth (18 to 24)	16	39	55
Children	40	4	44

*Additional demographics provided are a subset of the total count and contain actual data collected by each county. Note: Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions. Respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless. *Extrapolation was used in the Homeless Profile.

Population and Household Demographics

Shasta County is a County in California with a population of 178,942. There are 69,375 households in the county with an average household size of 2.54 persons. 37.54% of households in Shasta County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Shasta County

The median gross income for households in Shasta County is $44,620 a year, or $3,718 a month. The median rent for the county is $926 a month.

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

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 $3,087 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 55.94% of households who rent are overburdened in Shasta County.

Area Median Income in Shasta County

Affordable housing program eligibility is always 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 Area Median Income for a family of four as $61,900.

Most affordable housing programs determine eligibility based on the percent of AMI a given household's income is. Among the programs that determine eligibility based on the AMI are Section 8, HOME, LIHTC, Section 515, 202 and 811.

Rental Assistance in Shasta County

Rental assistance is a type of housing subsidy that pays for a portion of a renter's monthly housing costs, including rent and tenant paid utilities. This housing assistance can come in the form of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, project-based Section 8 contracts, public housing, USDA Rental Assistance (in Section 515 properties) as well as HUD Section 202 and 811 properties for elderly and disabled households. There are 44 affordable apartment complexes; 2,348 low income apartments; and 647 apartments that are rent assisted in Shasta County, California.

Fair Market Rents in Shasta 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.

2019 Fair Market Rents

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
$659	$758	$980	$1,417	$1,721

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

Sierra County

12

Total homeless persons counted in Sierra County in 2019
This total figure represents 0.9% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Combined
Male	0	7	7
Female	0	4	4
Did Not Respond	1	0	1
Additional Demographics			
Chronically Homeless	0	1	1
Veteran	0	1	1
Felony Conviction	0	3	3
Families	0	1	1
Youth (18 to 24)	0	0	0
Children	0	1	1

*Additional demographics provided are a subset of the total count and contain actual data collected by each county. Note: Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions. Respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless.

Population and Household Demographics

Sierra County is a County in California with a population of 3,021. There are 1,252 households in the county with an average household size of 2.38 persons. 21.65% of households in Sierra County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Sierra County

The median gross income for households in Sierra County is $42,833 a year, or $3,569 a month. The median rent for the county is $938 a month.

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

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. 60.89% of households who rent are overburdened in Sierra County.

Area Median Income in Sierra County

Affordable housing program eligibility is always 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 Area Median Income for a family of four as $71,500.

Most affordable housing programs determine eligibility based on the percent of AMI a given household's income is. Among the programs that determine eligibility based on the AMI are Section 8, HOME, LIHTC, Section 515, 202 and 811.

Rental Assistance in Sierra County

Rental assistance is a type of housing subsidy that pays for a portion of a renter's monthly housing costs, including rent and tenant paid utilities. This housing assistance can come in the form of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, project-based Section 8 contracts, public housing, USDA Rental Assistance (in Section 515 properties) as well as HUD Section 202 and 811 properties for elderly and disabled households. There are 2 affordable apartment complexes; 150 low income apartments; and 0 apartments that are rent assisted in Sierra County, California.

Fair Market Rents in Sierra 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.

2019 Fair Market Rents

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
$881	$984	$1,294	$1,848	$2,079

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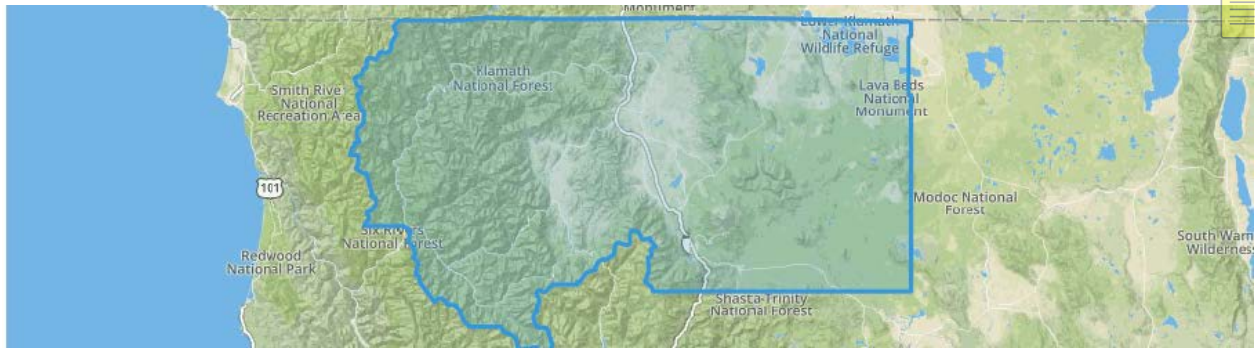
Siskiyou County

229

Total homeless persons counted in Siskiyou County in 2019. This total figure represents 17% of the total homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region.

Homeless Profile	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Combined
Male	25	118	143
Female	22	58	80
Did Not Respond	0*	6	6
Additional Demographics			
Chronically Homeless	9	26	35
Veteran	1	7	8
Felony Conviction	12	38	50
Families	8	2	10
Youth (18 to 24)	13	20	33
Children	14	3	17

*Additional demographics provided are a subset of the total count and contain actual data collected by each county. Note: Respondents were not required to answer all survey questions. Respondents may be included in more than one subset. For example: A respondent may be a Veteran and may also be Chronically Homeless. *Extrapolation was used in the Homeless Profile.

Population and Household Demographics

Siskiyou County is a County in California with a population of 43,895. There are 19,133 households in the county with an average household size of 2.26 persons. 36.24% of households in Siskiyou County are renters.

Income and Rent Overburden in Siskiyou County

The median gross income for households in Siskiyou County is $37,170 a year, or $3,098 a month. The median rent for the county is $806 a month.

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

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 $2,687 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 53.69% of households who rent are overburdened in Siskiyou County.

Area Median Income in Siskiyou County

Affordable housing program eligibility is always 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 Area Median Income for a family of four as $52,000.

Most affordable housing programs determine eligibility based on the percent of AMI a given household's income is. Among the programs that determine eligibility based on the AMI are Section 8, HOME, LIHTC, Section 515, 202 and 811.

Rental Assistance in Siskiyou County

Rental assistance is a type of housing subsidy that pays for a portion of a renter's monthly housing costs, including rent and tenant paid utilities. This housing assistance can come in the form of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, project-based Section 8 contracts, public housing, USDA Rental Assistance (in Section 515 properties) as well as HUD Section 202 and 811 properties for elderly and disabled households. There are 21 affordable apartment complexes; 831 low income apartments; and 425 apartments that are rent assisted in Siskiyou County, California.

Fair Market Rents in Siskiyou 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.

2019 Fair Market Rents

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
$540	$635	$840	$1,156	$1,349

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

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

An unaccompanied homeless adult individual (persons 18 years or older) with a disability who 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, persons living in transitional housing at the time of the PIT count should not be included in this subpopulation category.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

Appendix B: Methodology

Purpose

The purpose of the 2019 NorCal CoC Homeless Point-in-Time Count is to produce a point-in-time estimate of people who experience homelessness in the NorCal CoC Region during one night in January. NorCal CoC is a region that covers approximately 23,922 square miles encompassing seven counties. The results of the street count were combined with the results from the shelter count to produce the total number of individuals experiencing homelessness in any of the counties on January 22, 2019. 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.

Community Involvement

Local homeless service providers and advocates have been active and valued partners in the planning and implementation of this and previous homeless counts. The planning team invited public input on a number of aspects of the count such as survey wording volunteer recruitment, and data entry of paper surveys.

General Street Count Methodology

For the purposes of this study, the HUD definition of unsheltered homeless persons was used:
> An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.

Volunteer Recruitment and Training

Many individuals who live and/or work in each county turned out to support NorCal CoC's effort to count the local homeless population. More than 300 community volunteers and county staff participated in the 2019 count. To participate in the count, all volunteers were required to attend an in-person training in the weeks preceding the survey process. Volunteers used a combination of "Counting Us" application on mobile devices and paper surveys and were trained on basics such as homeless etiquette, safety, and how to administer the survey.

Overview Safety Precautions

Every effort was made to minimize potentially hazardous situations for volunteers involved in the count. Volunteers were briefed on safety in the training and encouraged

to bring flashlights for the early hours. There were no official reports received in regard to unsafe or at-risk situations occurring during the street count in any area of the NorCal CoC Region.

Logistics of Counting

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. As volunteers encountered unsheltered homeless persons, a comprehensive 28 question survey was administered with the homeless person.

The HUD Extrapolation Tool was used on portions of this report. The tool assists the CoC in extrapolation of gender, ethnicity and race information within each household category for people for whom the CoC was not able to collect this information. Extrapolation is needed to ensure that the number of homeless individuals is not underestimated due to missing data that was have not provided at the time of the count.

Survey Methodology

To ensure the safety and comfort of those who participated, respondents were not required to complete all survey questions. Survey coordinators worked to ensure a representative sample of respondents, garnering information from subpopulations that are often hidden or hard to reach.

The survey was a collection of HUD required questions and local questions. The local questions came from community organizations that had specific areas of concern. For example, the number of respondents 62 years old and older.

Data Sources

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

- https://affordablehousingonline.com
- https://en.wikipedia.org

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