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**2021**  
**POINT IN TIME**  
**REPORT**

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## Background

The NorCal Continuum of Care (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 every odd 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, or permanent housing resources.

The PIT helps HUD and local 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. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the NorCal CoC received an exemption from HUD and did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2021 for safety reasons. 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: <https://www.hudexchange.info>

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 2021 PIT Count reveals important demographics and other information relating to families and individuals who were homeless on the night of January 25, 2021. 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 in order 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 found here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/lسا>

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/>

## Introduction

The NorCal CoC Lead Agency, Shasta County Community Action Agency, prepared this report to provide comprehensive data from the NorCal CoC region's 2021 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 in 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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Email: [hmis@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:hmis@co.shasta.ca.us)

Information regarding the NorCal CoC can be found here:

[www.NorCalCoC.org](http://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 sheltered 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 a biennial PIT Count focusing on one night during the last ten days in the month of January.

Counting and interviewing people sleeping in sheltered 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). This timeframe also provides consistency with the data HUD receives from CoCs nationwide.

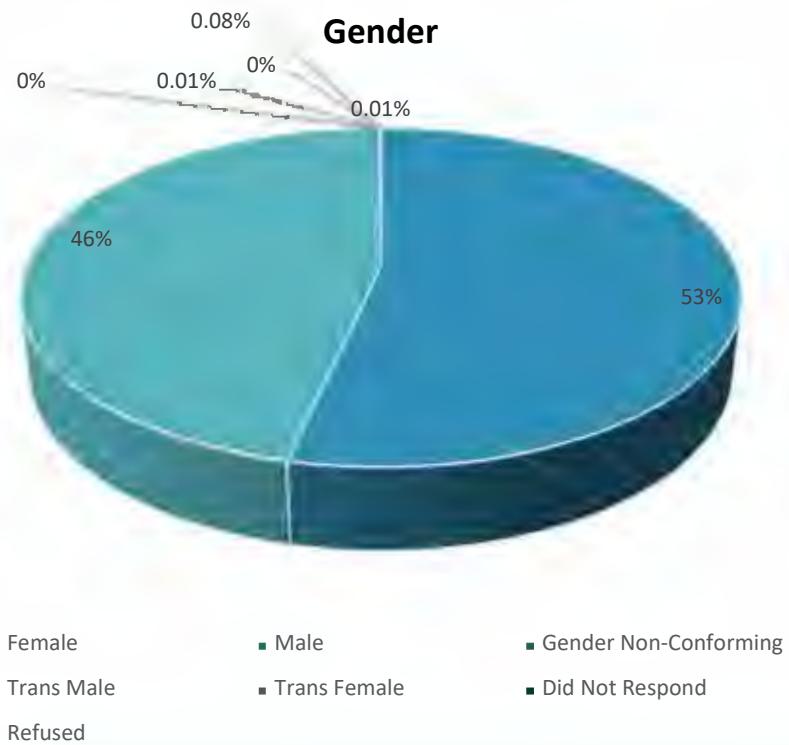
Conducting the count during the month of January when shelters are more heavily utilized provides a more accurate count. It is generally easier to count individuals in a shelter than to locate them on the street or in an environment not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for people. HUD recognizes 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.

*Note: 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" or values were extrapolated per HUD guidelines.*

## 2021 Point in Time Summary

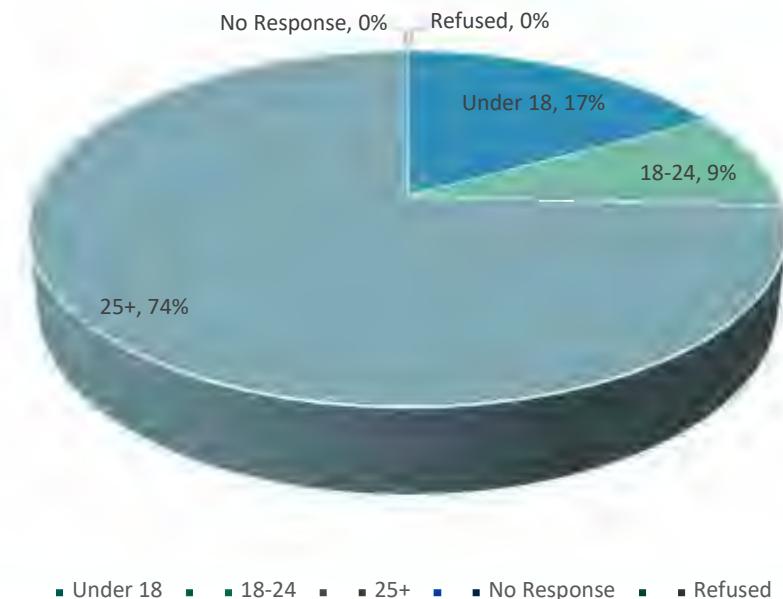
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Total NorCal Continuum of Care Sheltered Count = 792



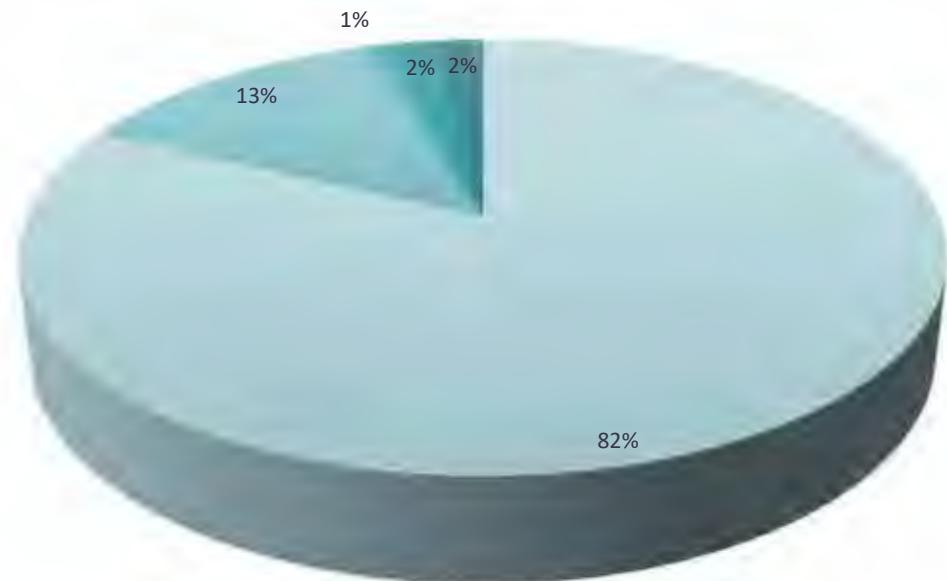
Gender	Percentage	Total Persons
Female	53%	421
Male	46%	362
Gender Non-Conforming	.01%	1
Trans Male	0%	0
Trans Female	0%	0
Did Not Respond	.08%	7
Refused	.01%	1

## Age



Age	Percentage	Total Persons
Under 18	17%	134
18-24	9%	71
25+	74%	587
Did Not Respond	0%	0
Refused	0%	0

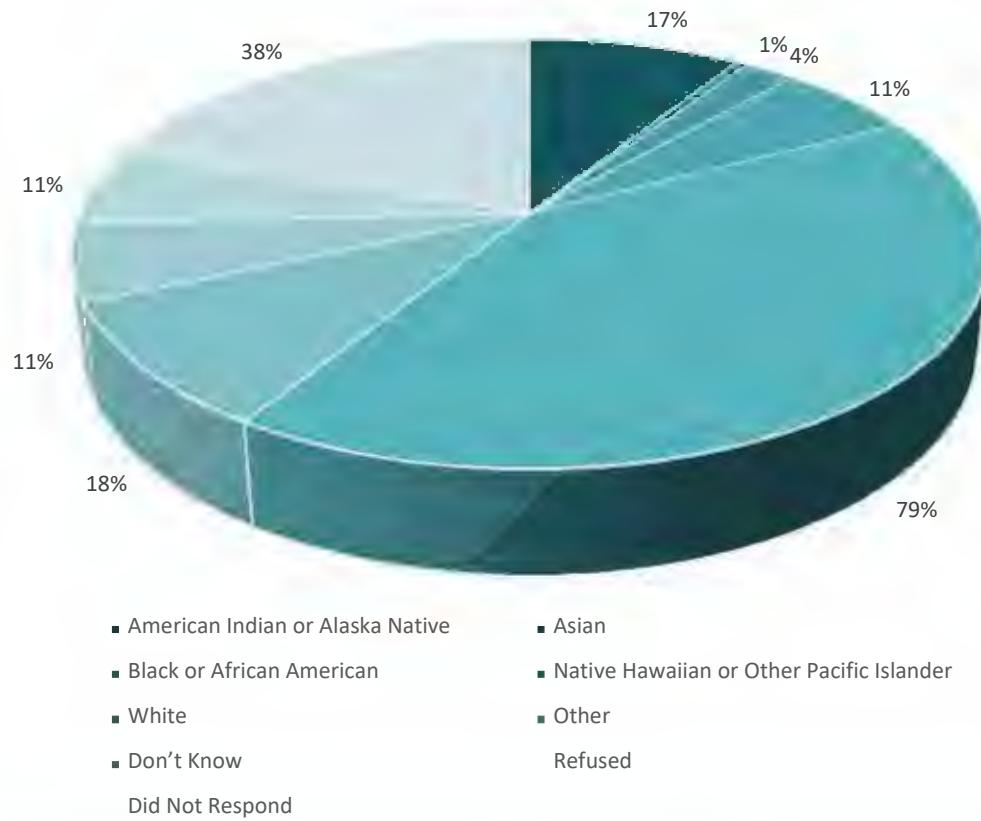
## Ethnicity



Not Hispanic/Latino    Hispanic/Latino    Don't Know    Refused    Did Not Respond

Ethnicity	Percentage	Total Persons
Not Hispanic/Latino	82%	652
Hispanic/Latino	13%	103
Don't Know	1%	7
Refused	2%	13
Did Not Respond	2%	15

### Race\*



Race	Percentage	Total Persons
American Indian or Alaska Native	17%	133
Asian	1%	7
Black or African American	4%	29
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1.5%	11
White	79%	624
Other	18%	36
Don't Know	1.5%	12
Refused	1.5%	13
Did Not Respond	38%	75

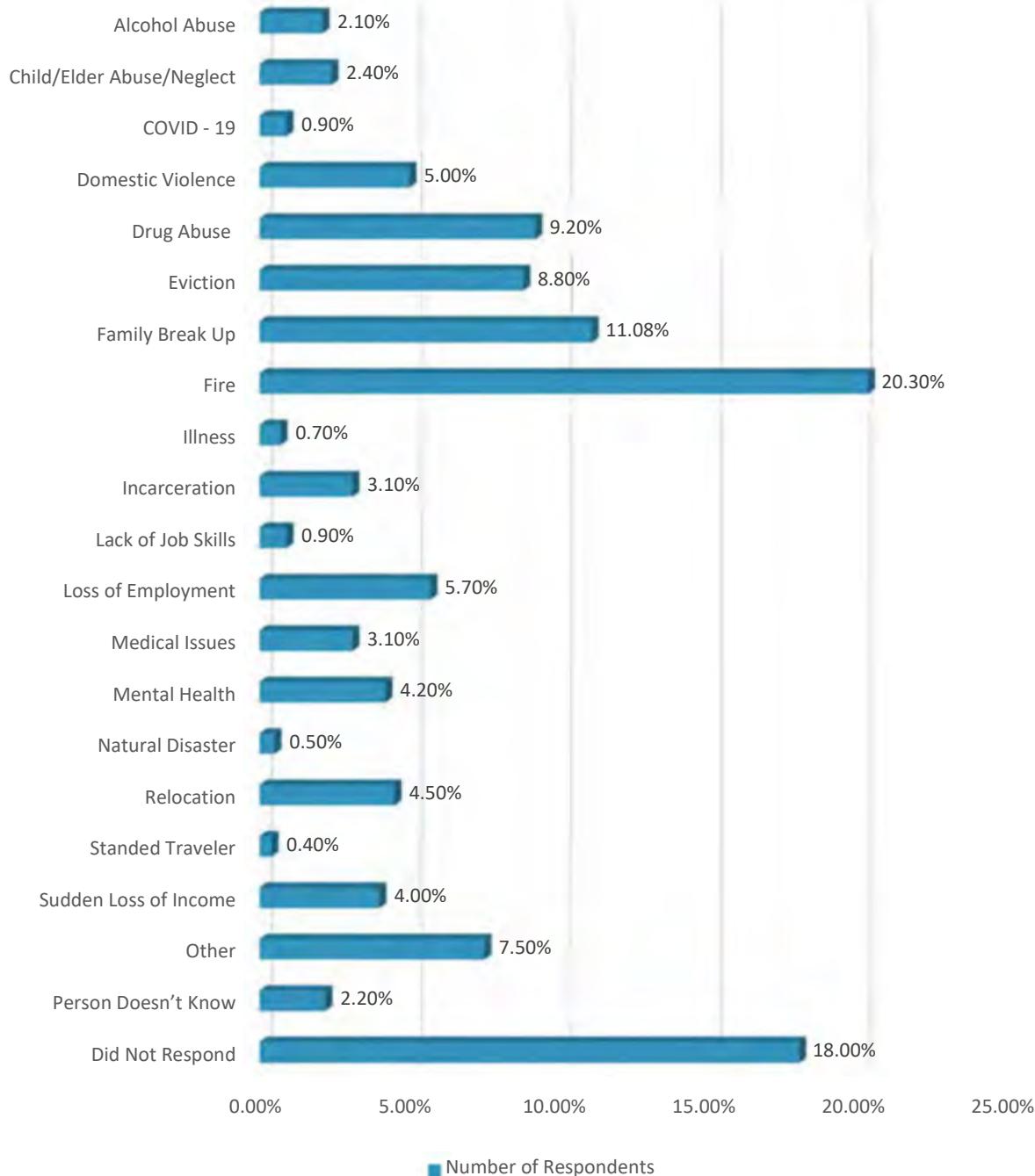
\*Some Respondents may have selected more than one Race.

## Primary Reasons for Homelessness

The top three reasons reported for sheltered homelessness in 2021 in the NorCal Region are:

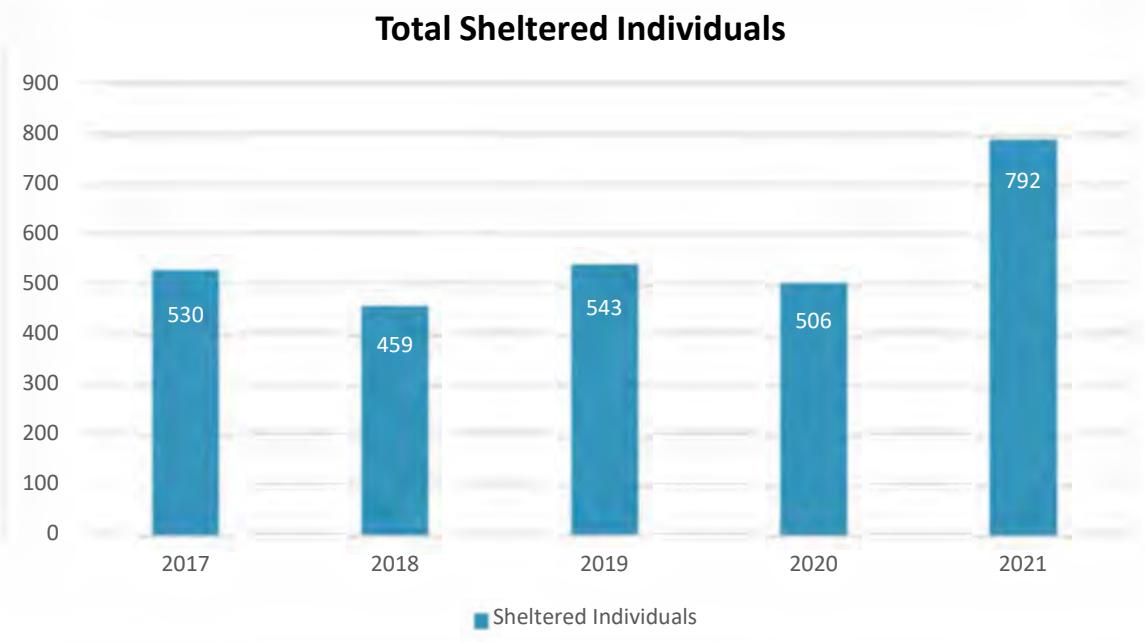
*Fires, Family Break-Up, and Drug Abuse.*

**Primary Reason for Homelessness**



## 5 Year Summary

Due to the demographics of the NorCal CoC, surveys were completed up to 7 days after the count to include service locations.



## Sheltered Data Summary

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

**This effort resulted in 792 persons in the sheltered count.**

This sheltered data is vital to gaining an accurate overall count of the sheltered homeless population and to understand where unhoused 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 member's couch.

Throughout the region, shelters and facilities reported the number of homeless individuals and families who occupied their facilities on the night of January 25, 2021. 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 in the NorCal CoC region that provide shelter beds. In 2021, there was a total of 747 emergency beds available and 404 transitional housing unit beds, with a total number of 792 beds being used on the day of the count. This is a 69% percent utilization rate.

Year	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing
2021	747	404
2020	358	148
2019	338	205
2018	248	211
2017	264	266

Per HUD, an 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.

Per HUD, Transitional Housing is a project designed to provide housing and appropriate supportive services to homeless person 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 more self-sufficient.

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

## Household Types

Sheltered respondents were asked if they were living with family members or alone. The majority of individuals in the NorCal CoC stated that they did not have minor children living with them at the time. There were 56 households who had at least one minor child living with them, one household where a child was not accompanied by a parent and 37 households where youth (ages 18-24) were not accompanied by an adult.

*Household Types	Households	Total Persons
Households w/at least 1 adult and 1 child	56	192
Households without children	406	458
Households with only children	1	1
Veteran households without children	59	72
Unaccompanied Youth households	37	42
Did not respond	0	133

## Unsheltered Survey Results

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, HUD provided an exemption from conducting the unsheltered count for CoCs located in regions severely impacted by the Pandemic. During the 2021 PIT Count, two of the seven NorCal CoC countites were identified as being subject to a regional stay-at-home order imposed by the State of California. Furthermore, many of the other impacted counties were rated as being substantially impacted by COVID-19 due to the high case positivity rates in those areas. Similar to many of the other major jurisdictions in California, the NorCal CoC received an exemption from HUD and did not conduct an unsheltered PIT Count in 2021. HUD has indicated that there would be no negative impact to any Continuum of Care for not conducting the unsheltered PIT count in 2021 if an exemption was granted by HUD.

The PIT Count does not capture what homelessness looks like for every person or family. Many 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 homeless in any given community.

## Sleeping Locations

In an effort to better understand the sleeping locations of the homeless population, respondents were asked to identify where they slept on the night of January 25, 2021.

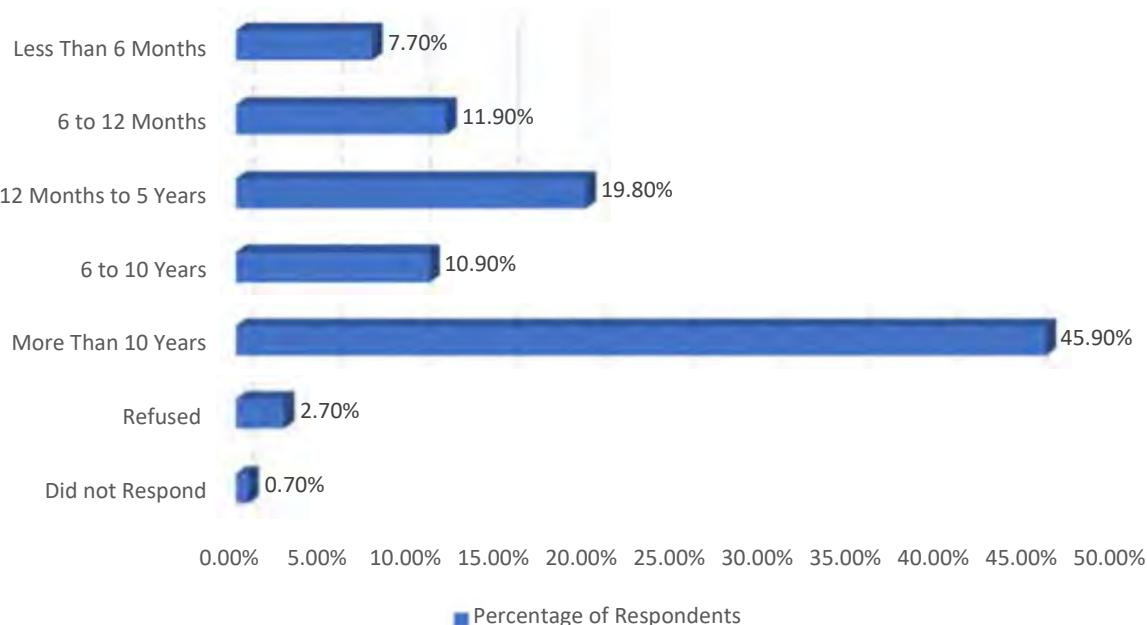
Location	Total Persons	Percentage
Emergency Shelter	511	65%
Transitional Housing	281	35%
Did Not Respond	0	0%
Refused	0	0%

## 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.

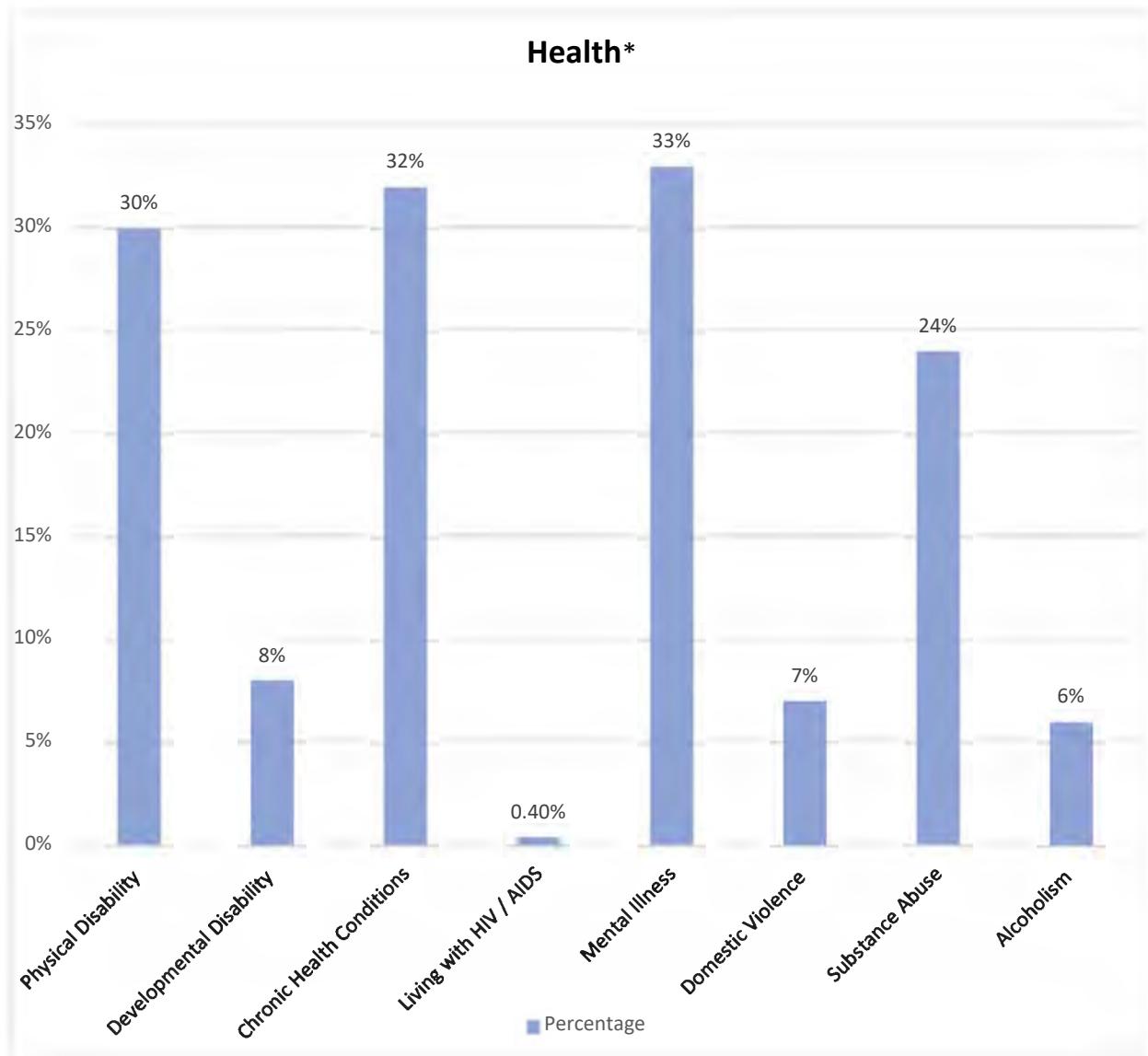
The respondents that have been in their county of residence greater than six years total 57% of the total sheltered homeless population. The respondents that have been in their county of residence between one year and ten years total 31% of the total unsheltered population.

### Length of Residency



## Health Survey

One of the greatest challenges facing 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. Many sheltered respondents indicated they are living with chronic health conditions, physical disabilities, mental illness and substance abuse. Only 181 individuals stated that they are currently receiving any disability benefits.



\*Some respondents may have selected more than one health condition.

## Reoccurrence of Homelessness

The sheltered 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.

*How long have you been homeless this time?*

Length of Time	Total Persons	Percentage
0-3 Months	112	14%
4-6 Months	192	24%
7-11 Months	101	13%
1-2 Years	128	16%
2-3 Years	51	6%
3+ Years	71	9%
Did Not Respond	137	17%
Refused	0	0%

*Have you been homeless at least 12 months over the last 3 years?*

Response	Total Persons	Percentage
Yes	169	21%
No	486	61%
Did Not Respond	133	17%
Refused	4	.5%

## 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 twelve 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 street) 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 2021 PIT data, out of a total of 792 people surveyed, 12% of the NorCal CoC homeless population are considered chronically homeless.

Year	Total Persons	Percentage of Sheltered Population
2021	95	12%
2020	59	12%
2019	62	11%

Overall, the number of sheltered individuals has not significantly increased or decreased during this three-year period.

## Unaccompanied Youth

HUD categorizes youth in two ways; minors who are 17 years old and younger, and older youth who are between the ages of 18 and 24 years old. 42 Respondents stated they were between the ages of 18-24 and were not accompanied by an adult. One individual was under the age of 18 and was not accompanied by an adult.

Total Unaccompanied Youth (18-24 years old)	Unaccompanied Youth Households	Unaccompanied Minors (under age 18)
42	37	1

Gender	Percentage	Total Persons
Female	43%	18
Male	55%	23
Gender Non-Conforming	2%	1
Trans Male	0%	0
Trans Female	0%	0
Did Not Respond	0%	0
Refused	0%	0



Ethnicity	Percentage	Total Persons
Not Hispanic/Latino	69%	29
Hispanic/Latino	29%	12
Don't Know	0%	0
Refused	0%	0
Did Not Respond	2%	1

*Race	Percentage	Total Persons
American Indian or Alaska Native	17%	7
Asian	5%	2
Black or African American	5%	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
White	57%	24
Other	7%	3
Don't Know	0%	0
Refused	0%	0
Did Not Respond	10%	4

## Parenting Youth

Of the 42 youth who were unaccompanied, 7 of them also identified as parents. Among those 5 households, 6 minor children were sheltered with their parent(s).

Total Parenting Youth (18-24 years old)	Total Parenting Youth Households	Minors (under age 18) in Parenting Youth Households
7	5	6

*\*Some Respondents may have selected more than one Race.*

## **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 have 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. In 2021 a total of 66 homeless persons in the NorCal region identified as a Veteran.

The 2021 PIT Count identified an overall increase of 61% in sheltered homeless Veterans.

Based upon the total PIT Count of 792 individuals, approximately 10% of the sheltered population identified as Veterans in 2021.

Year	Total Persons	Percent Change Since From Year
2021	79	61%
2020	49	75%
2019	28	N/A

## Incarceration and Homelessness

For many years, the NorCal CoC has collected data on the relationship between incarceration and homelessness with individuals who are incarcerated during the night of the PIT Count. The question asked was “Do you have a felony conviction?” 147 individuals or 22% of respondents stated they have been convicted of a felony.

### Felony Conviction

Response	Total Persons	Percentage
Yes	147	19%
No	403	50%
Don't Know	5	.5%
Refused	5	.5%
Did Not Respond	232	30%

In more recent years, a follow up question was added, “Have you been denied housing due to a criminal conviction?” 47 individuals or 7% of respondents stated they have been denied housing due to their felony convictions or criminal history.

### Denied Housing

Response	Total Persons	Percentage
Yes	47	6%
No	495	62%
Don't Know	12	1.5 %
Refused	3	.5%
Did Not Respond	235	30%

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 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.

## County Profiles on Homelessness



NorCal CoC includes 23,922 square miles and encompasses seven counties. The following section breaks down the 2021 PIT Count data by County 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 the NorCal CoC are home to a state prison facility, while a majority of the counties are small rural counties, all with limited resources to address homelessness.

## Del Norte County



### Total Sheltered Homeless in Del Norte County = 110

The sheltered homeless count in Del Norte County represents 14% of the total sheltered homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region

*Additional Demographics	Total Persons	Percentage
Chronically Homeless	3	2%
Veteran	5	4%
Domestic Violence Survivor	7	6%
Families	0	0%
Chronic Health Condition	16	14%
Mental Disability	12	10%
Physical Disability	14	13%
Developmental Disability	8	7%



\*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

Gender	Total Persons	Percentage
Male	54	49%
Female	56	51%
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0%
Trans Male	0	0%
Trans Female	0	0%
Did Not Respond	0	0%
Refused	0	0%

Age	Total Persons	Percentage
Under 5 years	8	7%
5-12 years	10	9%
13-17 years	3	3%
18-24 years	6	5%
25-34 years	25	23%
35-44 years	20	18%
45-54 years	11	11%
55-61 years	16	16%
61+ years	11	11%

## Del Norte County

Race	Percentage	Total Persons
American Indian or Alaska Native	9%	16
Asian	1%	1
Black or African American	1%	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
White	79%	92
Other	1%	1
Don't Know	0%	0
Refused	2%	2
Did Not Respond	0%	0

Ethnicity	Percentage	Total Persons
Not Hispanic/Latino	82%	97
Hispanic/Latino	11%	12
Don't Know	1%	0
Refused	1%	1
Did Not Respond	2%	0

## Del Norte County

### Population and Household Demographics

Del Norte County is a county in California with a population of 27,495. There are 9,945 households in the county with an average household size of 2.47 persons. 36.9% of the occupied housing units in Del Norte County are renter-occupied.

### *Income and Rent Overburden in Del Norte County*

The median gross income for households in Del Norte County is \$45,283 a year, or \$3,773 a month. The median rent for the county is \$878 a 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 \$2,926 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 37% 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 2020 Area Median Income for a family of four as \$70,700.

### *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.

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$677	\$827	\$1,000	\$1,387	\$1,702

Del Norte County	Emergency Shelter Beds	Transitional Housing Beds
2021	28	101

## Lassen County



**Total Sheltered Homeless  
in Lassen County =80**

The sheltered homeless count in Lassen County represents 10% of the total sheltered homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region

Additional Demographics	Total Persons	Percentage
Chronically Homeless	12	15%
Veteran	7	9%
Domestic Violence Survivor	12	15%
Families	10	13%
Chronic Health Condition	14	17%
Mental Disability	14	17%
Physical Disability	16	20
Developmental Disability	6	7%



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Gender	Total Persons	Percentage
Male	40	50%
Female	39	49%
Gender Non-Conforming	1	1%
Trans Male	0	0%
Trans Female	0	0%
Did Not Respond	0	0%
Refused	0	0%

Age	Total Persons	Percentage
Under 5 years	8	10%
5-12 years	8	10%
13-17 years	1	1%
18-24 years	4	5%
25-34 years	14	17%
35-44 years	16	18%
45-54 years	10	12%
55-61 years	10	12%
61+ years	8	10%

Race	Percentage	Total Persons
American Indian or Alaska Native	5%	4
Asian	1%	1
Black or African American	1%	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1.5%	1
White	90%	72
Other	18%	0
Don't Know	1.5%	0
Refused	2%	2
Did Not Respond	1%	1

Ethnicity	Percentage	Total Persons
Not Hispanic/Latino	91%	73
Hispanic/Latino	9%	7
Don't Know	0%	0
Refused	9%	7
Did Not Respond	0%	0

## Lassen County

### Population and Household Demographics

Lassen County is a county in California with a population of 30,818. There are 9,280 households in the county with an average household size of 2.26 persons. 32.4% 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 \$56,352 a year, or \$4,696 a month. The median rent for the county is \$956 a 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 \$3,186 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 27% of households who rent are overburdened in Lassen County.

### *Area Median Income in Lassen 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 Lassen County, HUD calculates the 2020 Area Median Income for a family of four as \$70,700.

### *Fair Market Rents in Lassen 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
\$673	\$709	\$935	\$1,338	\$1,439

Lassen County	Emergency Shelter Beds	Transitional Housing Beds
2021	82	29

## Modoc County



### Total Sheltered Homeless in Modoc County = 3

The sheltered homeless count in Modoc County represents .5% of the total sheltered homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region

Additional Demographics	Total Persons	Percentage
Chronically Homeless	0	0%
Veteran	0	0%
Domestic Violence Survivor	1	33.3%
Families	0	0%
Chronic Health Condition	3	0%
Mental Disability	0	0%
Physical Disability	2	67%
Developmental Disability	0	0%



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## Modoc County

Gender	Total Persons	Percentage
Male	1	33%
Female	2	67%
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0%
Trans Male	0	0%
Trans Female	0	0%
Did Not Respond	0	0%
Refused	0	0%

Age	Total Persons	Percentage
Under 5 years	0	0%
5-12 years	0	0%
13-17 years	0	0%
18-24 years	0	0%
25-34 years	0	0%
35-44 years	0	0%
45-54 years	2	67%
55-61 years	1	33%
61+ years	0	0%

## Modoc County

Race	Percentage	Total Persons
American Indian or Alaska Native	67%	2
Asian	0%	0
Black or African American	0%	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
White	33%	1
Other	0%	0
Don't Know	0%	0
Refused	0%	0
Did Not Respond	0%	0

Ethnicity	Percentage	Total Persons
Not Hispanic/Latino	67%	2
Hispanic/Latino	0%	0
Don't Know	0%	0
Refused	0%	0
Did Not Respond	33%	1

## Modoc County

### *Population and Household Demographics*

Modoc County is a county in California with a population of 8,907. There are 3,616 households in the county with an average household size of 2.33 persons. 25.1% of the occupied housing units in Modoc County are renter-occupied.

### *Income and Rent Overburden in Modoc County*

The median gross income for households in Modoc County is \$45,507 a year, or \$3,792 a month. The median rent for the county is \$717 a 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 \$2,390 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 29% of households who rent are overburdened in Modoc County.

### *Area Median Income in Modoc 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 Modoc County, HUD calculates the 2020 Area Median Income for a family of four as \$70,700.

### *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.

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$546	\$612	\$807	\$1,090	\$1,281

Modoc County	Emergency Shelter Beds	Transitional Housing Beds
2021	7	15

## Plumas County



### Total Sheltered Homeless in Plumas County = 34

The sheltered homeless count in Plumas County represents 4% of the total sheltered homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region

Additional Demographics	Total Persons	Percentage
Chronically Homeless	12	35%
Veteran	0	0%
Domestic Violence Survivor	1	1%
Families	3	9%
Chronic Health Condition	1	1%
Mental Disability	25	74%
Physical Disability	4	12%
Developmental Disability	4	12%



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## Plumas County

Gender	Total Persons	Percentage
Male	19	57%
Female	15	40%
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0%
Trans Male	0	0%
Trans Female	0	3%
Did Not Respond	0	0%
Refused	0	0%

Age	Total Persons	Percentage
Under 5 years	3	9%
5-12 years	1	2%
13-17 years	0	0%
18-24 years	2	6%
25-34 years	13	38%
35-44 years	3	9%
45-54 years	3	9%
55-61 years	3	9%
61+ years	2	6%

## Plumas County

Race	Percentage	Total Persons
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	0
Asian	0%	0
Black or African American	0%	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2%	1
White	98%	33
Other	0%	0
Don't Know	0%	0
Refused	0%	0
Did Not Respond	0%	0

Ethnicity	Percentage	Total Persons
Not Hispanic/Latino	82%	28
Hispanic/Latino	13%	3
Don't Know	1%	0
Refused	2%	0
Did Not Respond	2%	0

## Plumas County

### *Population and Household Demographics*

Plumas County is a county in California with a population of 18,660. There are 8,450 households in the county with an average household size of 2.16 persons. 27.1% of the occupied housing units in Plumas County are renter-occupied.

### *Income and Rent Overburden in Plumas County*

The median gross income for households in Plumas County is \$55,359 a year, or \$4,613 a month. The median rent for the county is \$916 a 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 \$3,053 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 34% of households who rent are overburdened in Plumas County.

### *Area Median Income in Plumas 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 Plumas County, HUD calculates the 2020 Area Median Income for a family of four as \$72,200.

### *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.

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$618	\$722	\$937	\$1,318	\$1,569

* Plumas County	Emergency Shelter Beds	Transitional Housing
		Beds
2021	7	35

\* The number of emergency shelter beds and transitional housing beds reflect the total beds available or the bed capacity on the night of the PIT Count (January 25, 2021).

\* Note - emergency shelter beds reflect motel vouchers and are not part of a traditional emergency shelter model

## Shasta County



**Total Sheltered Homeless in Shasta County: =351**

The sheltered homeless count in Shasta County represents 44% of the total sheltered homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region

Additional Demographics	Total Persons	Percentage
Chronically Homeless	53	15%
Veteran	37	11%
Domestic Violence Survivor	20	7%
Families	18	5%
Chronic Health Condition	120	34%
Mental Disability	118	33%
Physical Disability	117	33%
Developmental Disability	28	8%



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## Shasta County

Gender	Total Persons	Percentage
Male	204	58%
Female	147	40.5%
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0%
Trans Male	0	0%
Trans Female	0	0%
Did Not Respond	2	1%
Refused	1	.5%

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Age	Total Persons	Percentage
Under 5 years	15	4%
5-12 years	23	6%
13-17 years	4	1%
18-24 years	39	11%
25-34 years	39	11%
35-44 years	51	14%
45-54 years	43	12%
55-61 years	62	17%
61+ years	73	21%

## Shasta County

Race	Percentage	Total Persons
American Indian or Alaska Native	11%	37
Asian	1%	5
Black or African American	6%	23
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2%	7
White	82%	288
Other	1%	4
Don't Know	1.5%	6
Refused	1%	5
Did Not Respond	0%	0

Ethnicity	Percentage	Total Persons
Not Hispanic/Latino	81%	284
Hispanic/Latino	12%	41
Don't Know	.5%	4
Refused	1%	10
Did Not Respond	0%	0

## Shasta County

### *Population and Household Demographics*

Shasta County is a county in California with a population of 179,212. There are 71,181 households in the county with an average household size of 2.47 persons. 36% of the occupied housing units in Shasta County are renter-occupied.

### *Income and Rent Overburden in Shasta County*

The median gross income for households in Shasta County is \$54,667 a year, or \$4,556 a month. The median rent for the county is \$1,039 a 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 \$3,463 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 40% of households who rent are overburdened in Shasta County.

### *Area Median Income in Shasta 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 Shasta County, HUD calculates the 2020 Area Median Income for a family of four as \$70,700.

### *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.

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$804	\$924	\$1,218	\$1,743	\$2,109

Del Norte County	Emergency Shelter Beds	Transitional Housing Beds
2021	414	200

## Sierra County



### Total Sheltered Homeless in Sierra County: =0

The sheltered homeless count in Sierra County represents 0% of the total sheltered homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region

Additional Demographics	Total Persons	Percentage
Chronically Homeless	0	0%
Veteran	0	0%
Domestic Violence Survivor	0	0%
Families	0	0%
Chronic Health Condition	0	0%
Mental Disability	0	0%
Physical Disability	0	0%
Developmental Disability	0	0%



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## Sierra County

Gender	Total Persons	Percentage
Male	0	0%
Female	0	0%
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0%
Trans Male	0	0%
Trans Female	0	0%
Did Not Respond	0	0%
Refused	0	0%

Age	Total Persons	Percentage
Under 5 years	0	0%
5-12 years	0	0%
13-17 years	0	0%
18-24 years	0	0%
25-34 years	0	0%
35-44 years	0	0%
45-54 years	0	0%
55-61 years	0	0%
61+ years	0	0%

## Sierra County

### *Population and Household Demographics*

Sierra County is a County in California with a population of 3,040. There are 1,319 households in the county with an average household size of 2.28 persons. 24.6% of the occupied housing units in Sierra County are renter-occupied.

### *Income and Rent Overburden in Sierra County*

The median gross income for households in Sierra County is \$52,148 a year, or \$4,345 a month. The median rent for the county is \$972 a 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 \$3,240 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 37% of households who rent are overburdened in Sierra County.

### *Area Median Income in Sierra 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 Sierra County, HUD calculates the 2020 Area Median Income for a family of four as \$80,500.

### *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.

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$837	\$949	\$1,237	\$1,770	\$1,963

Sierra County	Emergency Shelter Beds	Transitional Housing Beds
2021	0	0

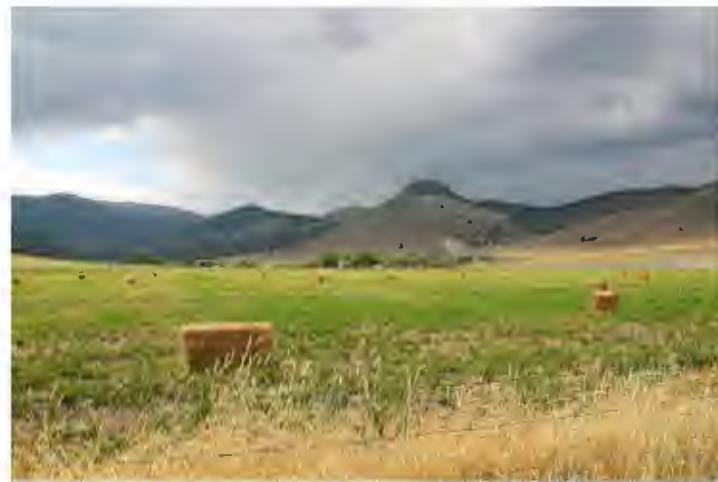
## Siskiyou County



### Total Sheltered Homeless in Siskiyou County: =214

The sheltered homeless count in Siskiyou County represents 27% of the total sheltered homeless count in the NorCal CoC Region

Additional Demographics	Total Persons	Percentage
Chronically Homeless	18	8%
Veteran	16	7%
Domestic Violence Survivor	12	6%
Families	22	10%
Chronic Health Condition	33	15%
Mental Disability	46	21%
Physical Disability	27	13%
Developmental Disability	4	2%



*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

Gender	Total Persons	Percentage
Male	100	47%
Female	112	52%
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0%
Trans Male	0	0%
Trans Female	0	0%
Did Not Respond	2	1%
Refused	0	0%

Age	Total Persons	Percentage
Under 5 years	19	8%
5-12 years	117	55%
13-17 years	12	6%
18-24 years	19	8%
25-34 years	26	12%
35-44 years	37	17%
45-54 years	21	10%
55-61 years	22	10%
61+ years	36	17%

## Siskiyou County

Race	Percentage	Total Persons
American Indian or Alaska Native	17%	75
Asian	1%	0
Black or African American	4%	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1.5%	1
White	79%	137
Other	18%	9
Don't Know	1.5%	2
Refused	1.5%	2
Did Not Respond	38%	0

Ethnicity	Percentage	Total Persons
Not Hispanic/Latino	82%	173
Hispanic/Latino	13%	24
Don't Know	1%	2
Refused	2%	1
Did Not Respond	2%	10

## **Siskiyou County**

### *Population and Household Demographics*

Siskiyou County is a county in California with a population of 43,468. There are 19,240 households in the county with an average household size of 2.23 persons. 35% of the occupied housing units in Siskiyou County are renter-occupied.

### *Income and Rent Overburden in Siskiyou County*

The median gross income for households in Siskiyou County is \$45,241 a year, or \$3,770 a month. The median rent for the county is \$856 a 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 \$2,853 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 35% of households who rent are overburdened in Siskiyou County.

### *Area Median Income in Siskiyou 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 Siskiyou County, HUD calculates the 2020 Area Median Income for a family of four as \$70,700.

### *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.

Studio	One BR	Two BR	Three BR	Four BR
\$661	\$694	\$914	\$1,308	\$1,381

Siskiyou County	Emergency Shelter Beds	Transitional Housing Beds
2021	209	24

## **Appendix A: Definitions and Abbreviations**

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 get 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.

## **Methodology**

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

The NorCal CoC uses a census style approach to count sheltered individuals. This approach provides a direct and complete count of all sheltered people and their characteristics. Local homeless service providers and advocates are active and valued partners in the planning and implementation of PIT Count represented in this report, as well as previous PIT Counts. The Point in Time Committee invited the public and law enforcement partners for their input on a number of aspects related to the PIT Count. Examples of this includes locations of emergency shelter and transitional housing units, survey wording, additional data collected, and volunteer recruitment.

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. As volunteers encountered sheltered homeless persons, they were instructed to discontinue the respondent 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 used the Counting Us App on their mobile device and were trained on basics such as etiquette, safety and how to administer the survey.

### **Data Quality**

The NorCal 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 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.

### Summary of Excluded Data

Missing Data	Total Persons	Percentage
Missing Gender	138	17%
Missing Ethnicity	146	18%
Missing Race	158	20%
Missing Relation to Head of Household	147	18%
Unknown Household Type	140	17%

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” or values were extrapolated per HUD guidelines. 42 surveys were removed from the total count as the individual being interviewed indicated they were either not literally homeless or had already been interviewed.

## **Data Sources**

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

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets>

<https://www.census.gov>

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