
**BUTTE COUNTYWIDE
HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE
Butte County, California**



**2010 Point-In-Time
Homeless Census & Survey Report**



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Executive Summary

The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care conducted the fifth annual Point-In-Time Homeless Census and Survey on January 27, 2010. Over 150 volunteers collected survey data at designated sites around Butte County. The effort yielded 1,136 surveys, which contained information about 1,422 total individuals who were experiencing homelessness in Butte County, CA on the day of the census. This is a 3% increase over the number of homeless individuals surveyed in 2009.

The number of additional homeless individuals tallied (unable to be contacted for full survey information) was 541 for a total count of 1,963 homeless individuals. Tallies were not collected in 2009.

Some notable results from the 2010 survey are as follows:

- *14% of the homeless respondents reported having children,*
- *28% were unsheltered (living outdoors),*
- *31% were sharing the housing of family and friends,*
- *59% reported having lived in Butte County for five years or longer,*
- *32% were “chronically homeless”,*
- *26% reported having some college level education,*
- *34% reported having no financial resources,*
- *22% reported having a pet,*
- *11% reported military service,*
- *25% reported having a physical disability,*
- *21% reported having a mental illness,*
- *38% reported “employment/ financial reasons” as the cause of homelessness, and*
- *51% reported “no job or income” as a barrier to accessing housing.*

The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care is a collaborative planning and networking group made up of Butte County local homeless services organizations and interested individuals. Established in 2003, the Continuum of Care works to identify the county’s homeless populations, facilitate the coordinated provision of services to the homeless, identify gaps in services, and seek additional resources in addressing unmet need and insufficient services.

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Overview

On January 27, 2010 the Butte County, California Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) conducted a “point-in-time” homeless census and survey. This effort yielded 1,136 complete surveys and an additional 541 tallied individuals (no survey data) for a total count of 1,963 homeless individuals.

Approximately 215,881 people live in Butte County, California. Butte’s southern border is located about 50 miles north of Sacramento. The total area of the county is 1,639 square miles. Most of this land area is sparsely populated, at an average of 124 people per square mile. There are four main population centers located around the county. These are the Cities of Oroville and Gridley in the south and the City of Chico and Town of Paradise in the north. The city of Chico is home to 84,396 residents, with an urban area estimated to be about 105,000. This number represents nearly half of the county’s entire population. Chico is 28 square miles of land area with 2,161 people per square mile living within that area. Chico is obviously the metropolitan center of the county and, as expected, most of the county’s services available to the homeless are located there. The greater Oroville area is home to about 30,000 people and the Town of Paradise is home to about 27,000 people. There are approximately 5,450 persons living in the City of Gridley and 1,799 living in the neighboring City of Biggs. The remainder of Butte’s population is spread out around other rural areas. Chico is the only population cluster in Butte County that falls under the U.S. Census classification of urban. Oroville, Paradise, Gridley, Biggs, and other unincorporated county areas are all classified as rural (U.S. Census Bureau).

Methods

A sub-committee of the Butte CoC developed a 23 question survey that sought information both required by HUD and designed for local purposes. The survey instrument asked for responses about age, gender, race/ethnicity, family make-up, military service, type and length of homelessness, disability and substance abuse, chronic homelessness, type, length, and frequency of homelessness, cause of homelessness, jail/prison and probation/parole, work and income, and education level. Two new questions were added to the 2010 survey: 1) What barriers prevent you from accessing housing, and 2) Do you have a pet? A unique identifier was created for each survey respondent in order to avoid duplication.

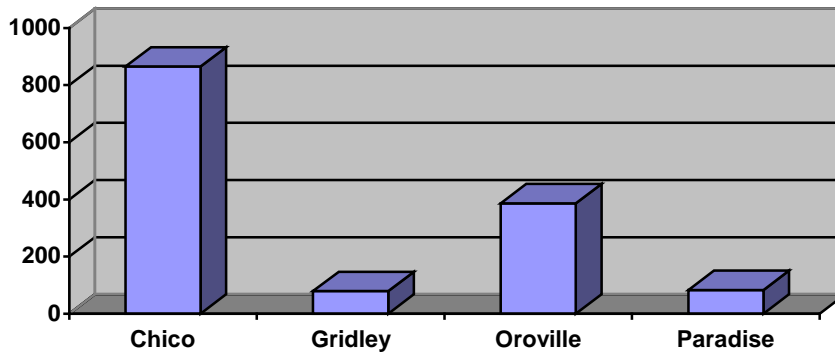
Over 150 volunteers were trained and went out in teams on January 27, 2010 between 6 AM and 6 PM to survey and/or tally homeless people at key locations. Some of the locations included shelters, soup kitchens, churches, parks, riverbanks, bridges, welfare offices, libraries, recycling centers, drop-in centers, and family resource centers. Coordinators relied on the staff persons working in agencies providing services to homeless and low income people to help with the outreach efforts. More rain fell during the ten days leading up to the survey than at any other time during the winter season. This factor may have made it difficult for volunteer to locate and survey unsheltered individuals and families, possibly resulting in an undercount of those living outdoors and/or in places not normally meant for human habitation. Each individual who

completed a survey was given resource information and a grocery card in the amount of five dollars and as a thank-you for participating. The intention of this count was to capture a snapshot of how many people were homeless in Butte County on that one day. The surveys were collected and entered into a Point-In-Time module created by the CoC's HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) vendor, Client Services Network, Bell Data Systems.

Results

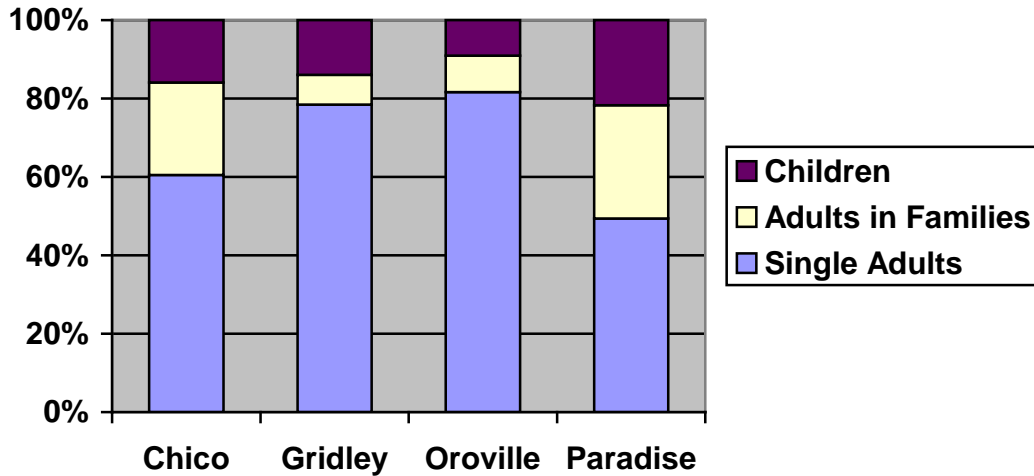
GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
# of Homeless Persons	865	79	386	83	9	1422
Percentage	57.5%	6%	31%	5%	.5%	100%



The geographic locations where the 2010 homeless surveys were taken generally align with the overall population distribution of the county, with some notable differences. The City of Gridley makes up a small 2.5% of the county's population, yet 6% of the total homeless surveys were taken in the greater Gridley area. The majority of the Gridley area survey respondents reported being doubled up (sharing housing). They also reported recent immigration as a cause of homelessness at more than double the rate reported in other areas of the county. Although the Chico area is home to just fewer than 50% of the county's population, a higher rate, 57.5%, of the homeless surveys were collected there. This is not surprising, considering the majority of shelters and other homeless services are located there. It may also be easier to identify the homeless in Chico than in the rural cities and towns as many people congregate in the downtown parks and near the California State University, Chico campus. While the Town of Paradise comprises 12.5% of the county's population, only 5% of the total homeless surveys were taken there. This is likely due to the challenge in locating people in a community that is rural and offers limited social services. The rates of homelessness are probably underreported in rural areas because it is difficult to count people that are not easily seen, self-identified as homeless, or using shelter services.

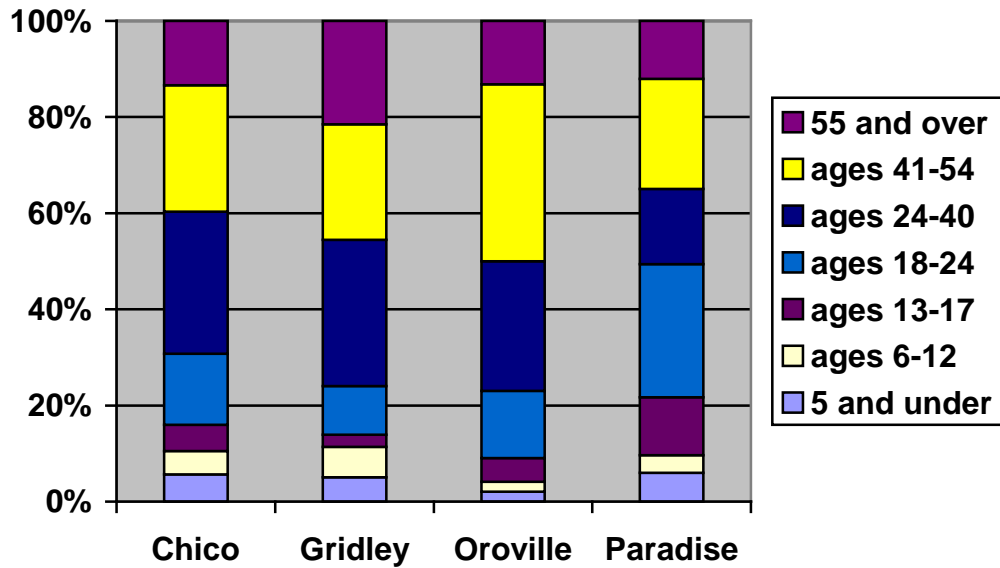
AGE AND FAMILY MAKE-UP



<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Single Adults	523	62	315	41	4	945
<i>Percentage</i>	60.5%	78.5%	81.6%	49.4%	44.4%	66.5%
Adults in Families	204	6	36	24	3	273
<i>Percentage</i>	23.6%	7.6%	9.3%	28.9%	33.3%	19.2%
Children	138	11	35	18	2	204
<i>Percentage</i>	16.0%	13.9%	9.1%	21.7%	22.2%	14.3%
Total	865	79	386	83	9	1422

The family make-up was similar across the communities of Chico, Oroville, and Gridley, consistently showing that the majority of homeless individuals counted were single adults. In Paradise, survey respondents were nearly evenly split between individuals and those in families. The number of children reported overall is likely low, considering that the Butte County Office of Education has collected data from 2005-2009 which reflect between 400-600 school aged children experiencing homelessness in Butte throughout one academic year. One reason for this discrepancy could be the difference in methodology (i.e. point-in-time versus year long data collection); other reasons could be the difference between the HUD and Department of Education definitions of homelessness and/or the unwillingness of survey respondents to share information about their children because of fear of child welfare involvement or similar reasons.

AGE DISTRIBUTION



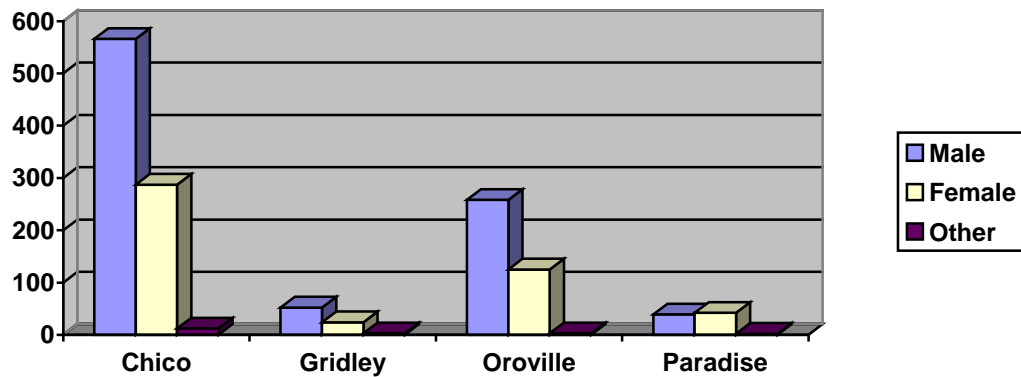
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5 and under	49	4	8	5	0	66
	5.7%	5.1%	2.1%	6.0%	0.0%	4.6%
6-12	42	5	8	3	0	58
	4.9%	6.3%	2.1%	3.6%	0.0%	4.1%
13-17	47	2	19	10	2	80
	5.4%	2.5%	4.9%	12.0%	22.2%	5.6%
18-24	128	8	54	23	1	214
	14.8%	10.1%	14.0%	27.7%	11.1%	15.0%
25-40	256	24	104	13	2	399
	29.6%	30.4%	26.9%	15.7%	22.2%	28.1%
41-54	227	19	142	19	1	408
	26.2%	24.1%	36.8%	22.9%	11.1%	28.7%
55 and over	116	17	51	10	3	197
	13.4%	21.5%	13.2%	12.0%	33.3%	13.9%
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The age distribution among survey respondents clearly shows that most of Butte's homeless individuals are adults between the ages of 25-55. Some notable differences in age distribution are: 1) the Paradise area survey respondents fall into the 18-24 age

category at almost double the rate of the other communities, 2) the Oroville area survey respondents reported fewer young children (0-12) compared to the other communities, 3) the Gridley area survey respondents fall into the 55 and over age category at a higher rate than the other communities.

GENDER

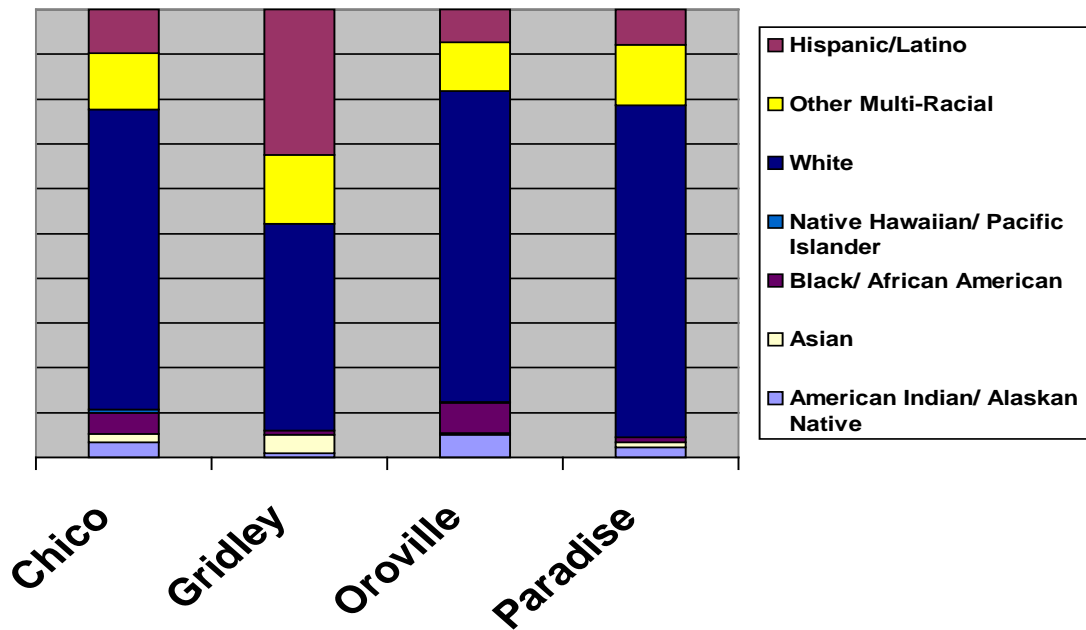
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Male	566	52	258	39	5	920
	65.4%	65.8%	66.8%	47.0%	55.6%	64.7%
Female	287	24	125	42	3	481
	33.2%	30.4%	32.4%	50.6%	33.3%	33.8%
Other	12	3	3	2	1	21
	1.4%	3.8%	0.8%	2.4%	11.1%	1.5%
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Of the overall countywide survey respondents, 64.7% were male, 33.8% were female, and 1.5% reported gender as other. This finding is consistent with national estimates of gender frequencies among homeless populations. One significant difference seen here is that the Paradise area collected surveys from female respondents at a higher rate than in the other communities. The Paradise area actually had a higher percentage, 50.6%, of female survey respondents than of male respondents.

RACE/ ETHNICITY

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	32	1	22	2	0	57
	3.7%	1.3%	5.7%	2.4%	0.0%	4.0%
Asian	19	5	2	1	0	27
	2.2%	6.3%	0.5%	1.2%	0.0%	1.9%
Black/ African American	45	1	29	1	0	76
	5.2%	1.3%	7.5%	1.2%	0.0%	5.3%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	7	0	1	0	0	8
	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
White	650	54	301	66	8	1079
	75.1%	68.4%	78.0%	79.5%	88.9%	75.9%
Other Multi-Racial	121	18	47	12	1	199
	14.0%	22.8%	12.2%	14.5%	11.1%	14.0%
Hispanic/ Latino	95	38	32	7	1	173
	11.0%	48.1%	8.3%	8.4%	11.1%	12.2%



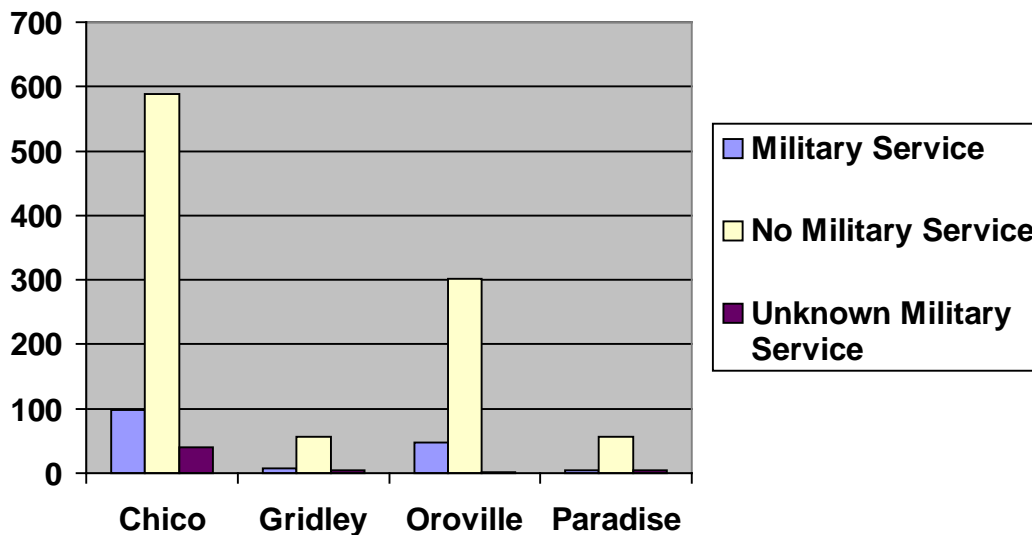
When asked about race, 75.9% of Butte survey respondents answered White, 5.3% answered Black/African American, 1.9% answered Asian, 0.6% answered Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, 4% answered American Indian, and 14% answered Other Multi-racial. When asked about ethnicity, 12.2% of Butte survey respondents answered Hispanic. According to U.S. Census data, Butte County is 89% White, 1.6% Black, 12% Hispanic, 4.2% Asian, 0.2% Pacific Islander, and 2.1% American Indian (U.S. Census Bureau).

The survey results indicate that the homeless population in Butte is disproportionately made up of people of color, which fits with other research findings about the “new homeless”. The American Indian and Black/ African American homeless population is significantly larger than would be expected based on the general population census data. The data also reflects a lower rate of Asian respondents than expected. One reason that the Asian count is low is surely because there were no surveys translated into Hmong or other Asian languages, which are spoken in many homes in Butte County. Another reason could be that these groups may choose to share housing for cultural rather than strictly economic reasons and may not self-identify as homeless.

The overall percentage of respondents who said they were Hispanic or Latino increased from 9% to 12% from 2009 to 2010. The 2010 percentage of Hispanic or Latino survey respondents is closely aligned with the general population census data. The reason for this increase could be because the surveys were translated into Spanish for the first time and/or because outreach efforts were improved, particularly into the city of Gridley, where 48% of the respondents answered yes when asked if they were Hispanic or Latino.

MILITARY SERVICE

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Military Service	98	8	47	4	0	157
	11.3%	10.1%	12.2%	4.8%	0.0%	11.0%
No Military Service	589	56	302	56	6	1009
	68.1%	70.9%	78.2%	67.5%	66.7%	71.0%
Unknown Military Service	40	4	2	5	1	52
	4.6%	5.1%	0.5%	6.0%	11.1%	3.7%
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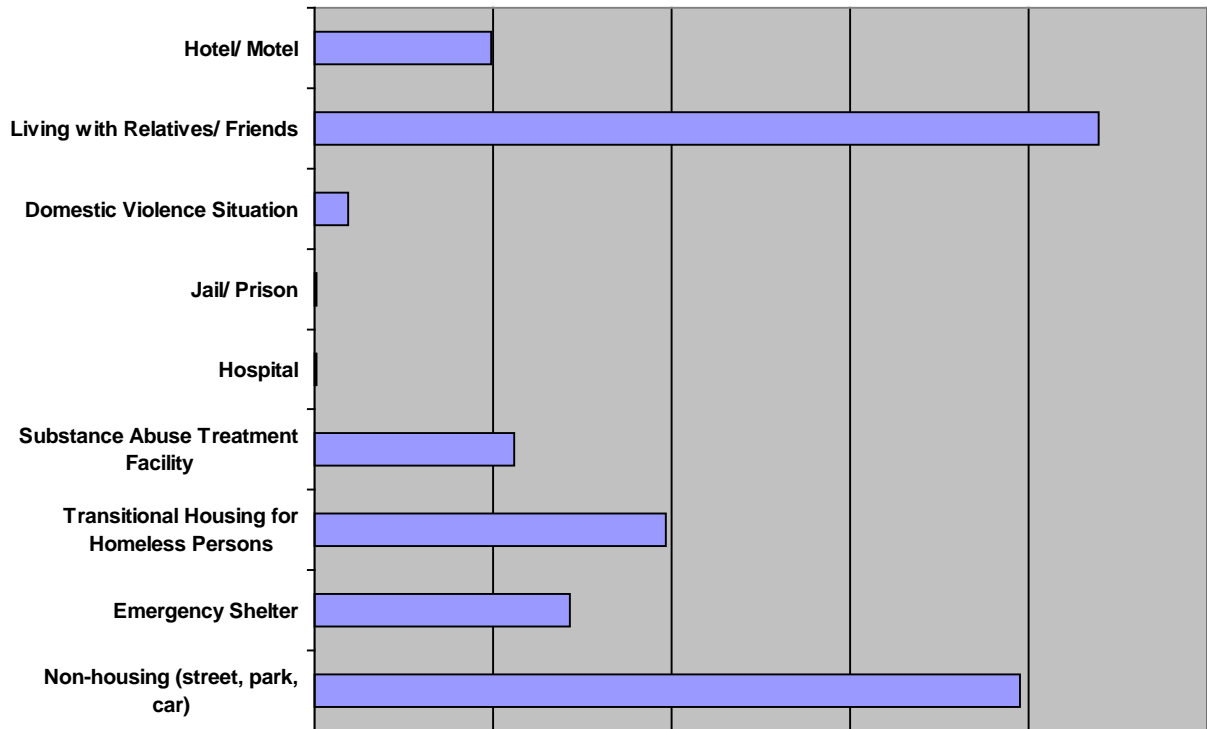


In Butte County, 11% of homeless survey respondents reported military service. In Chico, 11.3%, in Gridley, 10.1%, and in Oroville, 12.2% reported military service. In Paradise, a lower rate, 4.8%, reported military service. This difference may be explained by the correlation between higher rates of female respondents and lower rates of reported military service.

The Butte County rate of homeless veterans is lower than the national estimate, which is 23% according to a recent Urban Institute study.

TYPE OF NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Hotel/ Motel	86	1	12	0	0	99
	9.9%	1.3%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	7.0%
Non-housing (street, park, car)	228	21	131	15	0	395
	26.4%	26.6%	33.9%	18.1%	0.0%	27.8%
Emergency Shelter	106	0	37	0	0	143
	12.3%	0.0%	9.6%	0.0%	0.0%	10.1%
Transitional Housing for Homeless Persons	157	1	25	13	1	197
	18.2%	1.3%	6.5%	15.7%	11.1%	13.9%
Substance Abuse Treatment Facility	47	0	53	9	3	112
	5.4%	0.0%	13.7%	10.8%	33.3%	7.9%
Hospital	0	0	1	0	0	1
	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Jail/ Prison	1	0	0	0	0	1
	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Domestic Violence Situation	19	0	0	0	0	19
	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
Living with Relatives/ Friends	212	53	124	45	5	439
	24.5%	67.1%	32.1%	54.2%	55.6%	30.9%
Other	9	3	3	1	0	16
	1.0%	3.8%	0.8%	1.2%	0.0%	1.1%
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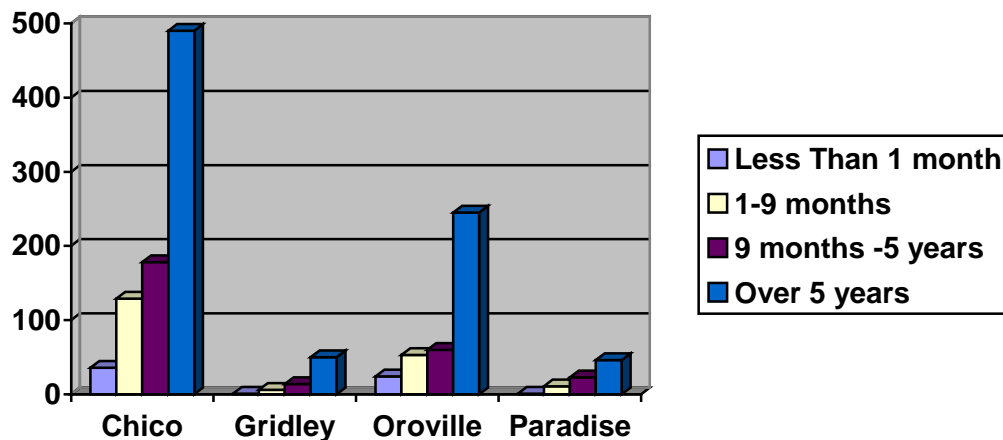
The type of nighttime residence reported most often by Butte survey respondents was “living with relatives/friends” at 31%, followed by “non-housing” at 28%. Other categories frequently reported were “transitional housing” at 14%, “emergency shelter” at 10%, “hotel/motel” at 7%, and “substance abuse treatment facility” at 8%. It is important to note that 3 out of the top 6 most reported types of nighttime residence would not meet HUD homeless definition eligibility. Those 3 living situations are “living with relatives/friends”, “hotel/motel”, and “substance abuse treatment facility”. These situations are certainly examples of “precarious housing”, but do not fit the “literally homeless” categories of street or shelter.

Two reported type of nighttime residence categories increased from 2009 to 2010: “living with relatives/ friends”, from 25 to 31%, and “emergency shelter”, from 8 to 10%. These swells could be indicating that more people are experiencing homelessness for the first time, necessitating the help of friends and family members and/or emergency shelters for housing.

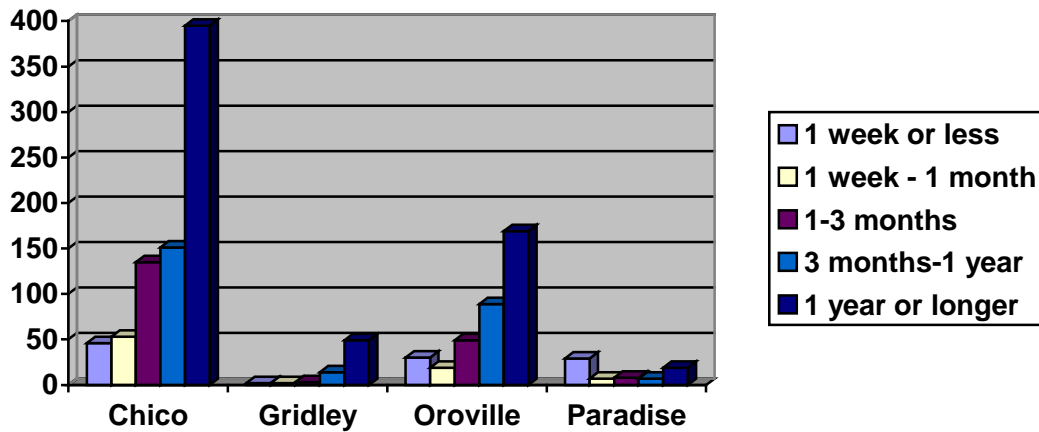
LENGTH OF STAY IN BUTTE COUNTY

The majority of Butte homeless survey respondents, 59%, reported living in the county for 5 years or longer. Only a fraction of respondents, 4.4%, reported living in Butte for less than one month. This is an important finding because it dispels the popular myth that the county's homeless population is transient. The data here illustrates that the homeless in Butte County are largely long-standing members of the community.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Less Than 1 month	36	1	24	1	0	62
	4.2%	1.3%	6.2%	1.2%	0.0%	4.4%
1-9 months	129	6	53	11	0	199
	14.9%	7.6%	13.7%	13.3%	0.0%	14.0%
9 months - 5 years	178	14	60	23	5	280
	20.6%	17.7%	15.5%	27.7%	55.6%	19.7%
Over 5 years	490	50	245	46	4	835
	56.6%	63.3%	63.5%	55.4%	44.4%	58.7%
Refused to Answer	32	8	4	2	0	46
	3.7%	10.1%	1.0%	2.4%	0.0%	3.2%
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LENGTH OF HOMELESSNESS

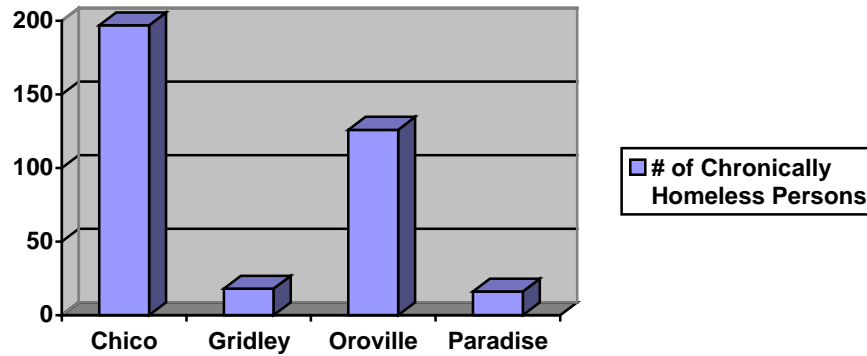


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1 week or less	46	2	30	29	5	112
	5.3%	2.5%	7.8%	34.9%	55.5%	7.9%
1 week - 1 month	53	2	19	7	1	82
	6.1%	2.5%	4.9%	8.4%	11.1%	5.8%
1-3 months	135	3	49	8	0	195
	15.6%	3.8%	12.7%	9.6%	0.0%	13.7%
3 months-1 year	151	14	89	7	0	261
	17.5%	17.7%	23.1%	8.4%	0.0%	18.4%
1 year or longer	395	49	169	19	3	635
	45.7%	62.0%	43.8%	22.9%	33.3%	44.7%
Refused to answer	57	6	20	11	0	94
	6.6%	7.6%	5.2%	13.3%	0.0%	6.6%
Unknown	28	3	10	2	0	43
	3.2%	3.8%	2.6%	2.4%	0.0%	3.0%
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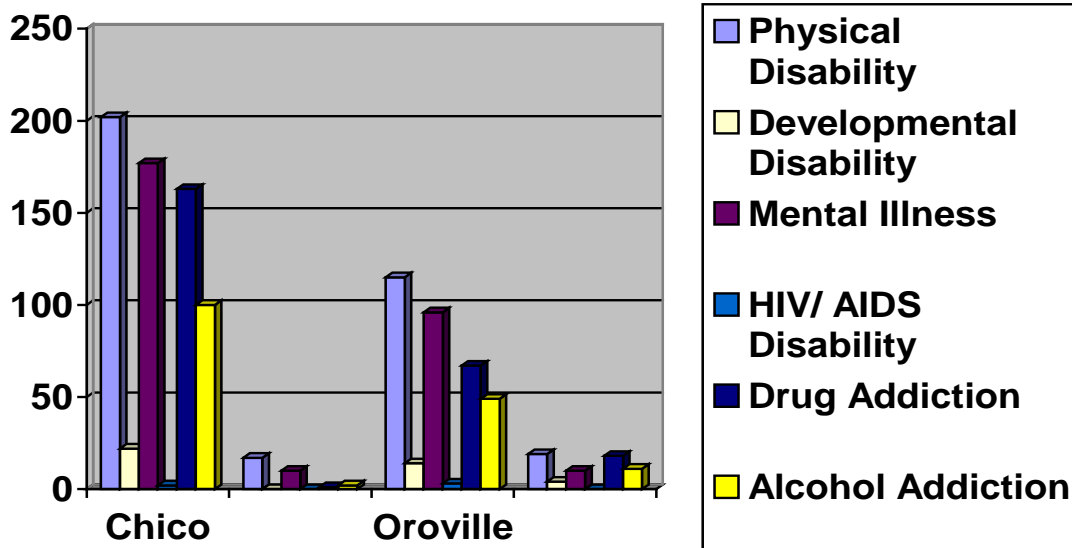
The results showed that the majority of survey respondents, 45%, reported that they have been homeless for one year or longer.

DISABILITY & CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
# of Chronically Homeless Persons	197	18	126	16	3	360
<i>Percentage</i>	30.2%	26.5%	35.8%	27.6%	60.0%	31.7%



The overall percentage of Butte homeless individuals who would be considered “chronically homeless” was 32%. While this represents a 18% decrease in chronic homeless numbers, it is still above national estimates of 15-20%. Some studies in urban areas have shown that although the “chronically homeless” population may make up less than a quarter of the homeless population, these individuals use over half of the local homeless resources. If that trend is repeated in Butte, the data here suggests that the county is home to a disproportionately large number of the neediest individuals (National Alliance to End Homelessness).



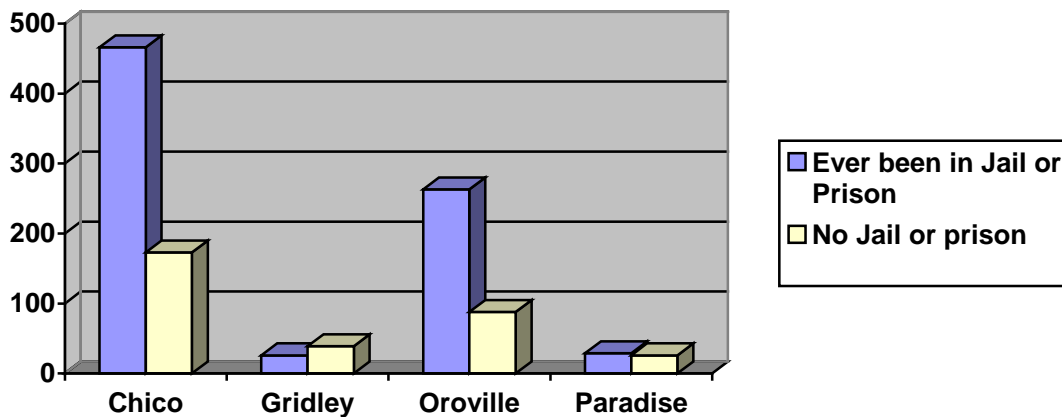
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Physical Disability	202	17	115	19	0	353
	23.4%	21.5%	29.8%	22.9%	0.0%	24.8%
Developmental Disability	22	0	14	4	0	40
	2.5%	0.0%	3.6%	4.8%	0.0%	2.8%
Mental Illness	177	10	96	10	1	294
	20.5%	12.7%	24.9%	12.0%	11.1%	20.7%
HIV/ AIDS Disability	2	0	3	0	0	5
	0.2%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
Drug Addiction	163	1	67	18	4	253
	18.8%	1.3%	17.4%	21.7%	44.4%	17.8%
Alcohol Addiction	100	2	49	11	1	163
	11.6%	2.5%	12.7%	13.3%	11.1%	11.5%
Unknown	28	3	10	2	0	43
	2.5%	0.3%	0.9%	0.2%	0.0%	3.8%

A total of 1108 persons, or 79% of survey respondents reported having a disability.

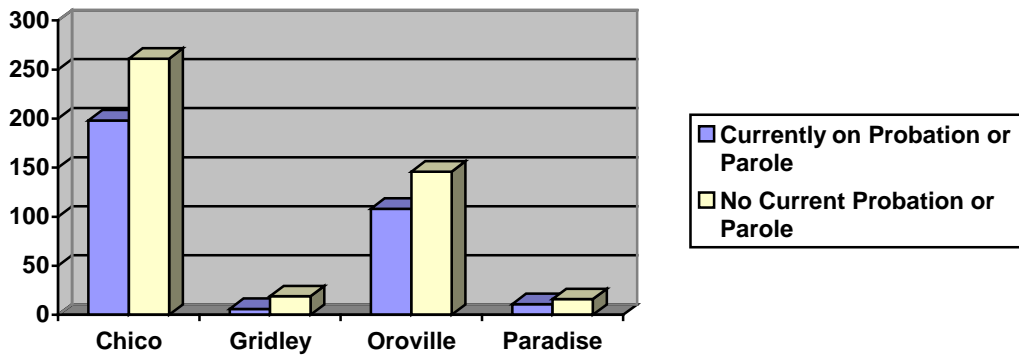
Physical disability was reported by 25% of the survey respondents, while 2.8% of survey respondents said they had a developmental disability. Mental Illness was reported by 20.7% of the respondents. HIV/ AIDS disability was reported by less than 1% of the respondents. Drug Addiction was reported by 17.8% of respondents and Alcohol addiction was reported by 11.5% of respondents.

INCARCERATION & SUPERVISION

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Ever been in Jail or Prison	466	26	263	29	4	788
	71.4%	38.2%	74.7%	50.0%	80.0%	69.4%
No Jail or prison	173	39	88	26	26	327
	26.5%	57.4%	25.0%	44.8%	520.0%	28.8%
Unknown Jail or Prison	14	3	1	3	0	21
	2.1%	4.4%	0.3%	5.2%	0.0%	1.8%
Total	653	68	352	58	5	1136



<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Currently on Probation or Parole	198	6	108	11	4	327
	42.5%	23.1%	41.1%	37.9%	100.0%	41.5%
No Current Probation or Parole	261	19	146	16	0	442
	56.0%	73.1%	55.5%	55.2%	0.0%	56.1%
Unknown Probation or Parole	7	1	9	2	0	19
	1.5%	3.8%	3.4%	6.9%	0.0%	2.4%
Total	466	26	263	29	4	788



The connection between incarceration and homelessness has been documented around the U.S. and is reflected in the Butte county survey responses. 70% of the overall survey respondents reported having been in jail or prison and 41% reported current probation or parole status. One significant difference between communities is that the city of Gridley respondents reported jail or prison time at a much lower rate, nearly ½ as often, as Chico and Oroville. The town of Paradise also collected fewer surveys from those who had been in jail or prison than did Chico or Oroville.

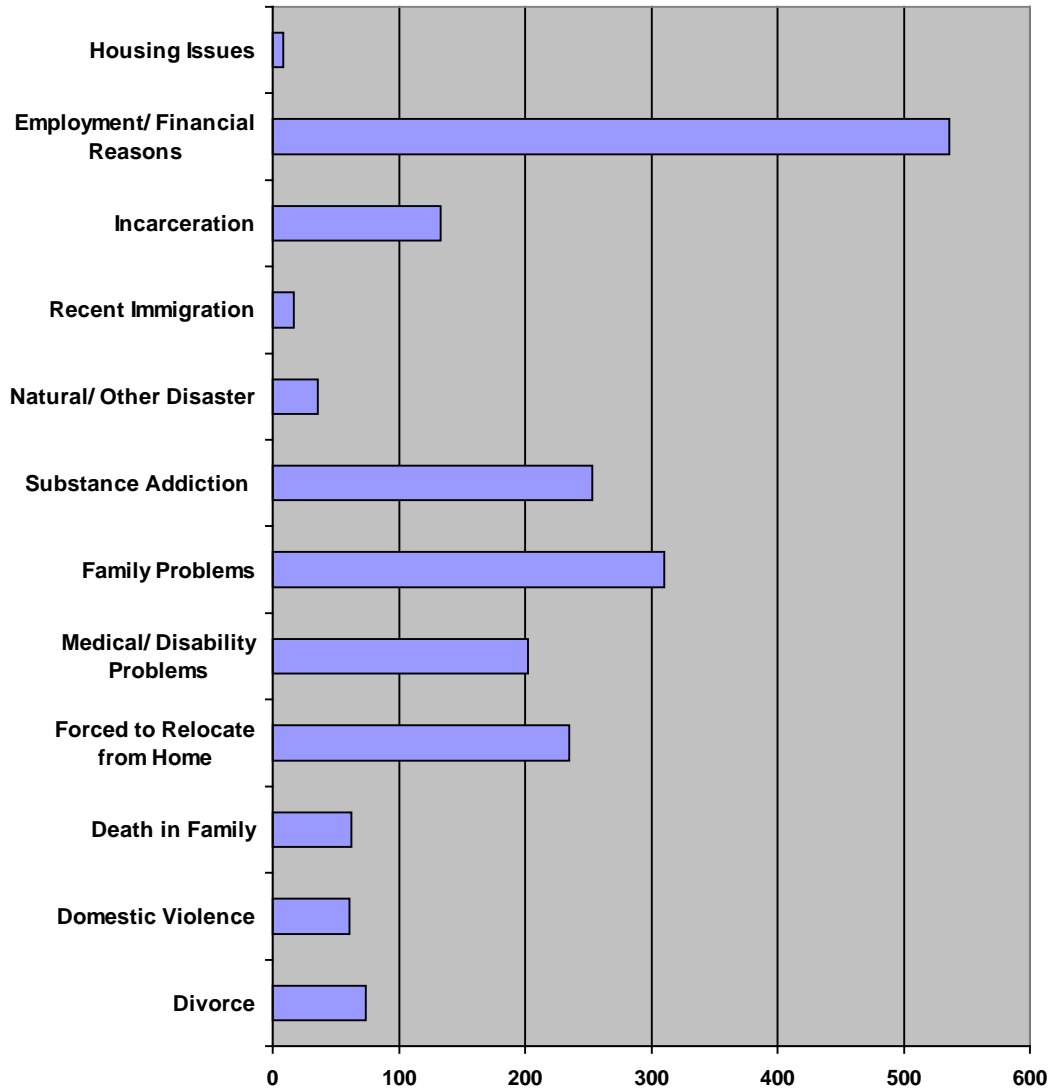
HOMELESSNESS & FOSTER CARE

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Ever been in foster care	134	6	60	6	3	209
	20.5%	8.8%	17.0%	10.3%	60.0%	18.4%
No Foster Care	501	59	291	50	2	903
	76.7%	86.8%	82.7%	86.2%	40.0%	79.5%
Unknown Foster Care	18	3	1	2	0	24
	2.8%	4.4%	0.3%	3.4%	0.0%	2.1%
Total	653	68	352	58	5	1136

Most studies that have looked at the relationship between foster care and homelessness have found that anywhere from 9-30% of the homeless population are former foster youth. In Butte County, 19% of homeless survey respondents reported that they had been in foster care, with Chico and Oroville at significantly higher rates than Gridley or Paradise.

REASONS FOR HOMELESSNESS

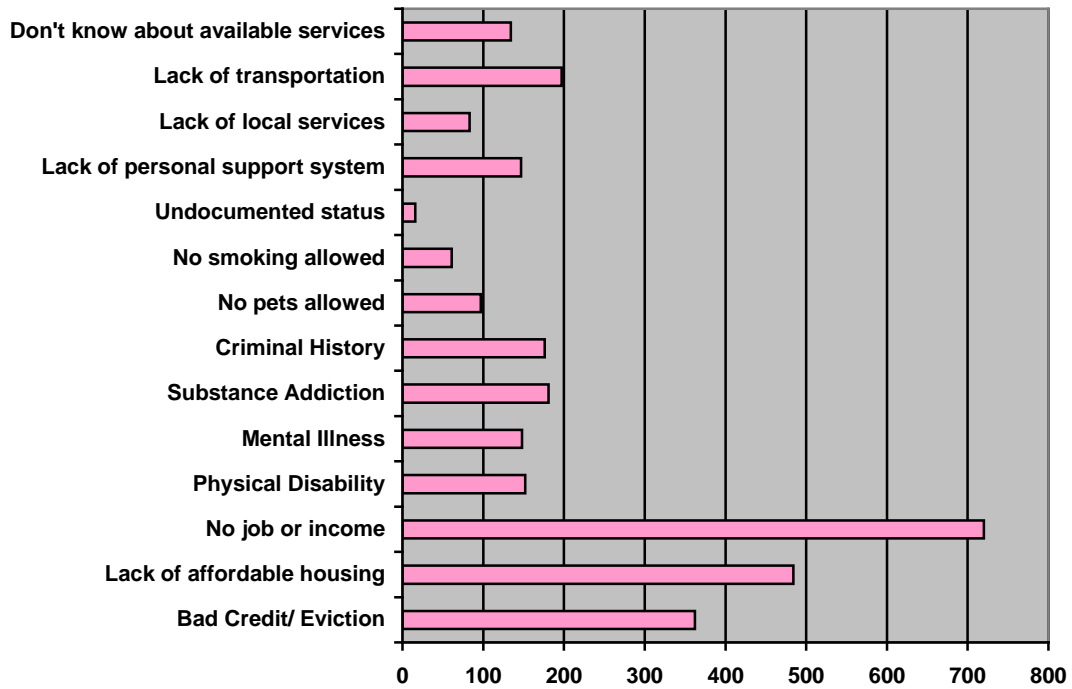
<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Employment/ Financial Reasons	315	51	148	22	0	536
	36.4%	64.6%	38.3%	26.5%	0.0%	37.7%
Housing Issues	5	0	3	0	0	8
	0.6%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Divorce	57	3	12	2	0	74
	6.6%	3.8%	3.1%	2.4%	0.0%	5.2%
Domestic Violence	52	2	3	4	0	61
	6.0%	2.5%	0.8%	4.8%	0.0%	4.3%
Death in Family	47	5	5	5	0	62
	5.4%	6.3%	1.3%	6.0%	0.0%	4.4%
Forced to Relocate from Home	156	8	64	7	0	235
	18.0%	10.1%	16.6%	8.4%	0.0%	16.5%
Medical/ Disability Problems	132	6	53	11	0	202
	15.3%	7.6%	13.7%	13.3%	0.0%	14.2%
Family Problems	203	7	83	16	1	310
	23.5%	8.9%	21.5%	19.3%	11.1%	21.8%
Substance Addiction	198	0	40	12	3	253
	22.9%	0.0%	10.4%	14.5%	33.3%	17.8%
Natural/ Other Disaster	26	0	9	1	0	36
	3.0%	0.0%	2.3%	1.2%	0.0%	2.5%
Recent Immigration	6	10	1	0	0	17
	0.7%	12.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
Incarceration	103	2	24	4	0	133
	11.9%	2.5%	6.2%	4.8%	0.0%	9.4%
Other	63	6	129	19	0	217
	7.3%	7.6%	33.4%	22.9%	0.0%	15.3%
Total	865	79	386	83	9	1422



The most common reason Butte homeless respondents gave for their current homelessness was “employment/ financial reasons” at 37.7%. The next three most common reasons given for current homelessness were “family problems” at 21.8%, “substance addiction” at 17.8%, and “forced to relocated from home” at 16.5%.

BARRIERS TO ACCESSING HOUSING

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bad Credit/ Eviction Record	243	33	73	13	0	362
	28.1%	41.8%	18.9%	15.7%	0.0%	25.5%
Lack of affordable housing	274	48	141	21	0	484
	31.7%	60.8%	36.5%	25.3%	0.0%	34.0%
No job or income	431	22	236	27	4	720
	49.8%	27.8%	61.1%	32.5%	44.4%	50.6%
Physical Disability	95	6	44	7	0	152
	11.0%	7.6%	11.4%	8.4%	0.0%	10.7%
Mental Illness	91	4	45	7	1	148
	10.5%	5.1%	11.7%	8.4%	11.1%	10.4%
Substance Addiction	111	0	59	10	1	181
	12.8%	0.0%	15.3%	12.0%	11.1%	12.7%
Criminal History	119	2	45	10	0	176
	13.8%	2.5%	11.7%	12.0%	0.0%	12.4%
No pets allowed	71	2	21	3	0	97
	8.2%	2.5%	5.4%	3.6%	0.0%	6.8%
No smoking allowed	49	1	11	0	0	61
	5.7%	1.3%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%
Undocumented status	14	0	1	1	0	16
	1.6%	0.0%	0.3%	1.2%	0.0%	1.1%
Lack of support system	89	2	46	10	0	147
	10.3%	2.5%	11.9%	12.0%	0.0%	10.3%
Lack of local services	53	5	22	3	0	83
	6.1%	6.3%	5.7%	3.6%	0.0%	5.8%
Lack of transportation	126	7	52	12	0	197
	14.6%	8.9%	13.5%	14.5%	0.0%	13.9%
Don't know about services	90	4	31	9	0	134
	10.4%	5.1%	8.0%	10.8%	0.0%	9.4%

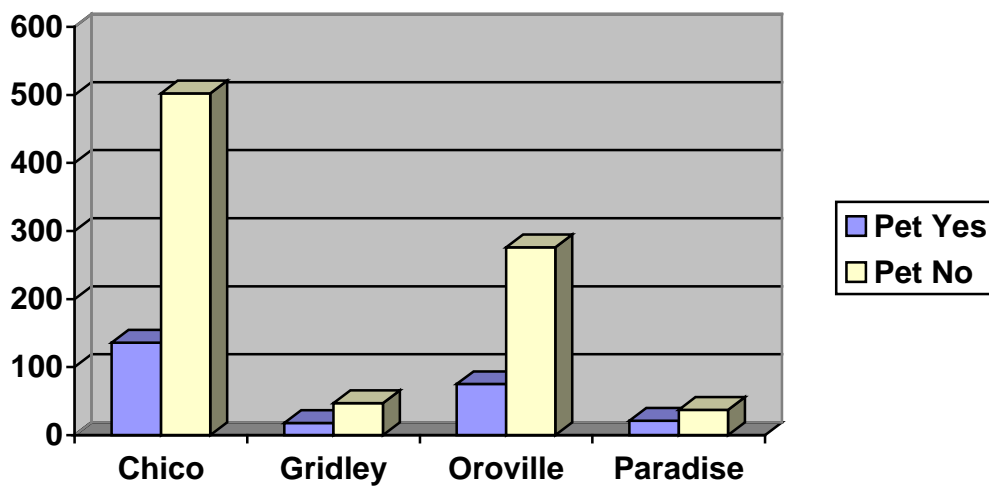


The most common reason Butte homeless respondents gave as a barrier to accessing housing was “no job or income” at an overwhelming 50.6%. The next three most common barriers to accessing housing were “lack of affordable housing” at 34%, “bad credit/ eviction record” at 25.5%, and “lack of transportation” at 13.9%.

PETS

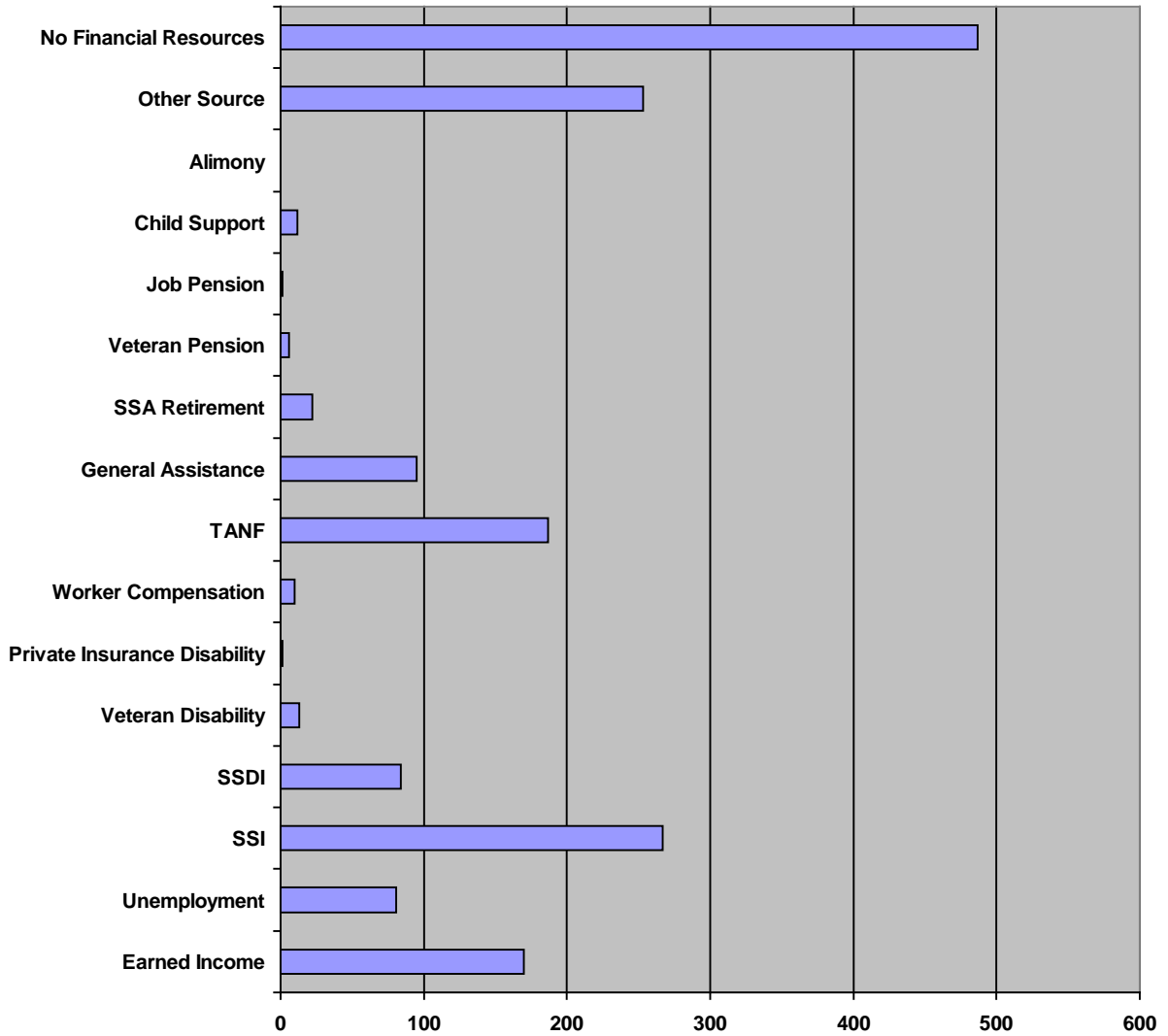
Butte County homeless survey respondents reported having pets with them at a rate of 22%. The Paradise area had the highest percentage of respondents with pets at 36.2%.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Pet Yes	136	18	75	21	0	250
	20.8%	26.5%	21.3%	36.2%	0.0%	22.0%
Pet No	502	47	276	37	5	867
	76.9%	69.1%	78.4%	63.8%	100.0%	76.3%



HOMELESSNESS & INCOME

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Earned Income	117	21	9	22	1	170
	13.5%	26.6%	2.3%	26.5%	11.1%	12.0%
Unemployment	56	8	13	4	0	81
	6.5%	10.1%	3.4%	4.8%	0.0%	5.7%
SSI	141	14	86	20	6	267
	16.3%	17.7%	22.3%	24.1%	66.7%	18.8%
SSDI	45	6	22	11	0	84
	5.2%	7.6%	5.7%	13.3%	0.0%	5.9%
Veteran Disability	9	1	3	0	0	13
	1.0%	1.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%
Private Disability Insurance	1	0	0	0	0	1
	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Worker Compensation	10	0	0	0	0	10
	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
TANF	134	2	34	16	0	186
	15.5%	2.5%	8.8%	19.3%	0.0%	13.1%
General Assistance	41	7	40	7	0	95
	4.7%	8.9%	10.4%	8.4%	0.0%	6.7%
SSA Retirement	10	3	8	1	0	22
	1.2%	3.8%	2.1%	1.2%	0.0%	1.5%
Veteran Pension	4	0	1	1	0	6
	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	1.2%	0.0%	0.4%
Child Support	11	0	0	0	1	12
	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.8%
Alimony	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Source	183	0	64	6	0	253
	21.2%	0.0%	16.6%	7.2%	0.0%	17.8%
No Financial Resources	290	15	162	18	2	487
	33.5%	19.0%	42.0%	21.7%	22.2%	34.2%

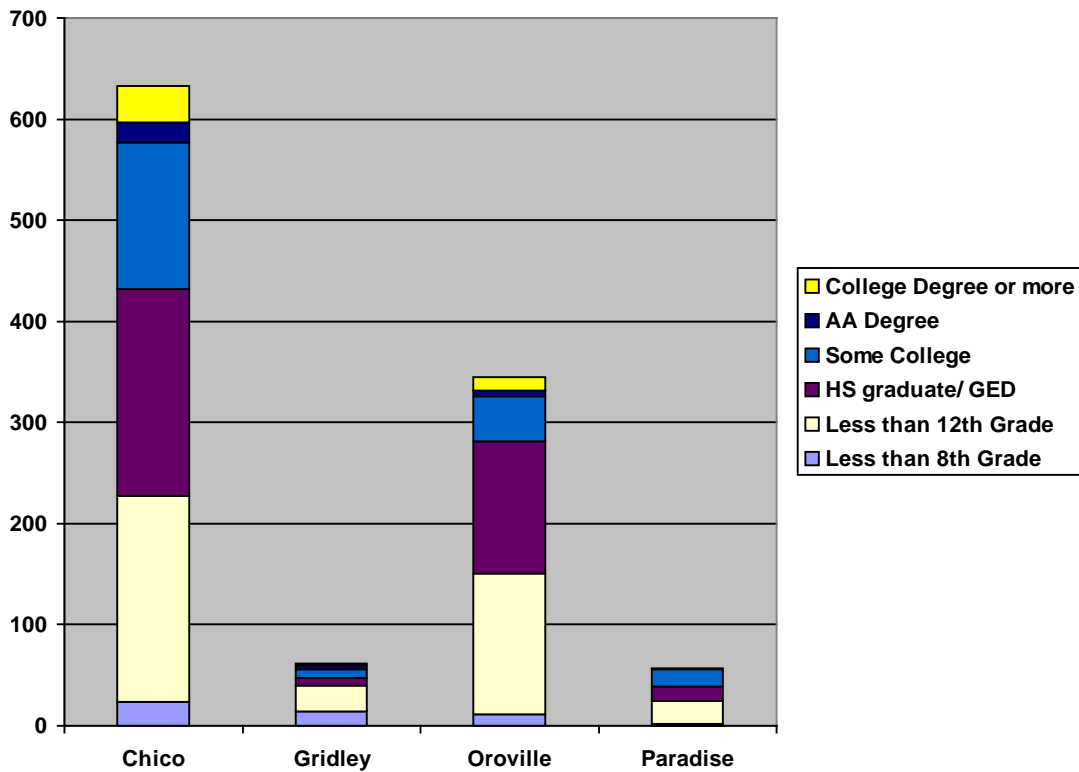


<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
No Income	117	21	9	22	1	170
	13.5%	26.6%	2.3%	26.5%	11.1%	12.0%
Income 1-150	56	8	13	4	0	81
	6.5%	10.1%	3.4%	4.8%	0.0%	5.7%
Income 151-250	141	14	86	20	6	267
	16.3%	17.7%	22.3%	24.1%	66.7%	18.8%
Income 251-500	45	6	22	11	0	84
	5.2%	7.6%	5.7%	13.3%	0.0%	5.9%
Income 501-1000	9	1	3	0	0	13
	1.0%	1.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%
Income 1501-2000	1	0	0	0	0	1
	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Income 2000 or more	10	0	0	0	0	10
	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
Total	865	79	386	83	9	1422

A significant number of Butte homeless survey respondents, 34.2%, reported having “no financial resources”. This finding is consistent with that of 2009, and continues to be concerning, considering the shortage of available housing for people who have low or no income.

EDUCATION LEVEL

<i>Location</i>	<i>Chico</i>	<i>Gridley</i>	<i>Oroville</i>	<i>Paradise</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Less than 8 th Grade	24	14	11	2	0	51
	3.7%	20.6%	3.1%	3.4%	0.0%	4.5%
Less than 12 th Grade	203	26	140	23	2	394
	31.1%	38.2%	39.8%	39.7%	40.0%	34.7%
HS graduate/ GED	205	7	130	14	2	358
	31.4%	10.3%	36.9%	24.1%	40.0%	31.5%
Some College	145	9	45	17	1	217
	22.2%	13.2%	12.8%	29.3%	20.0%	19.1%
AA Degree	20	4	6	1	0	31
	3.1%	5.9%	1.7%	1.7%	0.0%	2.7%
College Degree or more	36	2	13	0	0	51
	5.5%	2.9%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%
Unknown Education Level	20	6	7	1	0	34
	3.1%	8.8%	2.0%	1.7%	0.0%	3.0%
Total	653	68	352	58	5	1136



Of Butte homeless survey respondents, 4.5% reported less than an 8th grade education level, 34.7% reported less than a 12th grade education level, 31.5% reported that they had reached high school graduation or equivalent, 19.1% reported some college, 2.7% reported earning an AA degree, 4% reported earning four-year college degree or higher, and 4.5% reported an unknown education level. One notable difference between the communities is that the Gridley area survey respondents reported having “less than an 8th grade education” at a much higher rate, 21%, as compared to the average of 3.4% for the rest of the county.

2010 Point-in-Time Survey

Interviewer Name: _____		Gift Card # _____	
Survey Location: <input type="checkbox"/> Chico <input type="checkbox"/> Oroville <input type="checkbox"/> Paradise <input type="checkbox"/> Gridley <input type="checkbox"/> Biggs <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Have you completed survey earlier today?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (end survey) <input type="checkbox"/> No	
First Name/Initial	Last Name/Initial	Date of Birth <small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>	Last 4 SSN
		//_/____	____
Race:		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American		<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native & White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian and White <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American & White <input type="checkbox"/> Other Multi-Racial <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
Are you Hispanic or Latino?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
1. What was your last completed grade level in School?		<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 8th grade <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 12th grade <input type="checkbox"/> HS grad/GED <input type="checkbox"/> Some College <input type="checkbox"/> AA Degree <input type="checkbox"/> College Degree or More	
2. Have you ever served in the military?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
If yes in what conflicts?		<input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War <input type="checkbox"/> Other Please Specify _____	
3. Where did you stay last night?		<input type="checkbox"/> Chico <input type="checkbox"/> Oroville <input type="checkbox"/> Paradise <input type="checkbox"/> Gridley <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
4. What type of housing did you stay in last night?		<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric facility <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse treatment facility <input type="checkbox"/> Jail/prison <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing program for homeless persons <input type="checkbox"/> Living with relatives/friends <input type="checkbox"/> Non-housing (streets, park, car, bus station, camps, vacant buildings etc.)	
5. How long have you been in Butte County? (Check one)			
<i>Note: If in & out, what is the TOTAL amount of time you've been in Butte County?</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than one month <input type="checkbox"/> 1-9 months <input type="checkbox"/> 9 months-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> Over 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> Refused to answer			
6. Do you have a disabling condition?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
If yes, please select all that apply:		<input type="checkbox"/> Physical <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Addiction <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Addiction	
7. How many times in the past 3 years have you been without a regular place to stay (including right now)?			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 time <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 times <input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more times			
8. Do you have a pet?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. Were you ever in foster care?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
10. Have you ever been to jail or prison?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Refused	
If yes, are you currently on probation or parole?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Refused	

Definitions

HUD HOMELESS (Sheltered or Unsheltered)

Title 42, Chapter 119, Subchapter I of United States code:

§11302. General definition of homeless individual(a) In general For purposes of this chapter, the term “homeless” or “homeless individual or homeless person” includes—

1. an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and
2. an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is —
 - A. a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
 - B. an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

HUD CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

An unaccompanied adult with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for over one year or 4 or more times in the past 3 years.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOMELESS

Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Title X, Part C, of the No Child Left Behind Act) defines "homeless" as follows:

The term "homeless children and youths"--(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and (B) includes—

- (i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- (ii) children and youths who have 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 (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));
- (iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- (iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the

purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

HUD defines transitional housing as a project that is designed to provide housing and appropriate support services to homeless persons to facilitate movement to independent living within 24 months.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Any facility with overnight sleeping accommodations, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of homeless persons.

Appendix

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE LIST OF MEMBERS

2009-2010 Funding Agencies

Caminar, Inc.
City of Chico
City of Gridley
City of Oroville
Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc.
County of Butte
Northern Valley Catholic Social Services

Continuum of Care Council Members

Bob Michels, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services
Brad Montgomery, Greater Chico Homeless Task Force
Carol Zanon, Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Marlena Sparks, City of Gridley
Nicole Jenkins-Bateman, Caminar, Inc.
Rick Reynolds, Butte County Department of Behavioral Health
Sarah Frohock, Paradise Ridge Homeless Coalition
Sherry Morgado, City of Chico
Thil Wilcox, City of Oroville
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc.

Full Continuum of Care

Butte County Children's Services Department
Butte County Department of Behavioral Health
Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services
Butte County Office of Education
Butte County Probation Department
Butte County Public Guardian
Butte County Public Health
Butte County Sheriff's Department
Butte County Veteran's Service Office
California State University, Chico
Caminar
Caring Choices
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Catholic Ladies Relief Society
Chico Area Interfaith Council
Chico Chamber of Commerce
Chico Community Shelter Partnership
Chico Downtown Business Association
Chico Housing and Credit Counseling Center
City of Chico
City of Gridley
City of Oroville
Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc.
Enloe Medical Center
Feather River Tribal Health
Food Not Bombs
Greater Oroville Family Resource Center
Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition
Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Independent Living Services of Northern California
Jesus Center
Legal Services of Northern California
NAMI of Butte County
Northern Valley Catholic Social Services
Orchard House
Oroville Rescue Mission
Paradise Ridge Family Resource Center
Paradise Ridge Homeless Coalition
Private Industry Council
Salvation Army
Shalom Free Clinic
Skyway House
Social Security Administration
Stairways Recovery Programs
State of California Parole Board
The Well Ministry
VA Chico Outpatient Clinic
VECTORS
Youth and Family Programs
Youth for Change