

2019 Butte County Point in Time Data Tables: Chico

The primary quantitative data source on homelessness is the CoC Point-in-Time Survey (PIT) that was most recently conducted in March 2019. The survey included questions about demographics, sleeping location, residency, length of time homeless and certain disabling conditions. It is recognized nationally that PIT efforts and the resulting data generally undercounts the number of individuals experiencing homelessness, simply due to the challenges of having enough community volunteers, finding those who are unsheltered on any given day, and their willingness to participate. In addition, not every question was necessarily answered by those who were counted. Sometimes, volunteers only complete a “tally” sheet when they observe someone who appears to be homeless, but do not engage the individual in the completion of a survey. Also, not all individuals necessarily feel comfortable answering all the questions, or the volunteer may be unable to finish a survey for a variety of reasons. Where such data gaps exist, in some cases, the preponderance of responses provide a fair picture of homelessness, given the community’s demographics. Missing or refused responses were omitted from final tables, and for some questions, respondents were able to check more than one answer, thus denominators on each table are not consistent. These data act as a general representation of the population when statistical significance is found.

The data set was audited to ensure data integrity and remove anomalies. Individual survey responses were removed if the participant indicated that they had completed the survey already or if they indicated they were living in permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing, as they don’t meet the definition of homeless for the survey tool used.

>>SURVEY TYPES

Survey Type by Sheltering Status	Total	Percent
Unsheltered Homeless Survey	454	53%
Sheltered Homeless Survey	293	34%
Homeless Observation Tally	117	14%
Total	864	100%

Survey Type by Household Makeup	Total	Percent
Individual Only	664	77%
Households With More Than One Person	200	23%
Total	864	100%

Household Type	Total	Percent
Single Adults No Children	711	87%
Adults With Children	87	11%
Children Without Adults	15	2%
Total	813*	100%

*Visual tallies were used in data collection and are responsible for the lack of data on household types.

>>DEMOGRAPHICS

What age range do you fall into?	Total	Percent
Under 5	34	4%
5 to 12	20	2%
13-17	17	2%
18-24	62	7%
25-34	178	21%
35-44	172	21%
45-54	174	21%
55-61	107	13%
62+	72	9%
Total	836	100%

What is your gender?	Total	Percent
Female	322	40%
Male	478	59%
Trans Female (M2F)	0	0%
Trans Male (F2M)	2	>0%
Gender Non-Conforming	2	>0%
Don't Know	11	1%
Total	815	100%

Which best represents your sexual orientation? (Check all that apply)	Total	Percent
Straight	585	93.2%
Bisexual	24	3.8%
Lesbian or Gay	8	1.3%
Other	7	1.1%
Don't Know	4	0.6%
Total	628	100%

What is your race? (select all that apply)	Total	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	84	10%
Asian	8	1%
Black/African American	37	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	16	2%
White	626	74%
Other	47	6%
Don't Know	23	3%
Total	841	100%

Are you Hispanic/Latino?	Total	Percent
Hispanic/Latino	97	13%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	615	81%
Don't Know	45	6%
Total	757	100%

What was the last grade level you completed in school?	Total	Percent
High school grad/GED	248	40%
Some college/AA	159	25%
More than 8th but less than 12th grade	138	22%
College degree	43	7%
Less than 8th grade	35	6%
Don't know	2	0%
Total	625	100%

Are you a veteran? (served in the US Armed Forces OR been called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist)	Total	Percent
Yes	50	8%
No	554	92%
Don't Know	3	0%
Total	604	100%

>>NIGHTTIME HABITATION

Sheltering Status	Total	Percent
Unsheltered	571	66%
Sheltered	293	34%
Total	864	100%

If sheltered, by which organization?	Total	Percent
Torres Shelter	150	51%
Jesus Center	65	22%
CAA - Community Action	63	22%
Catalyst	11	4%
Youth for Change	4	1%
Total	293	100%

Shelter or Transitional Housing Project Name	Total	Percent
Torres Emergency Shelter	142	48.5%
Esplanade - TH Phase 1	63	21.5%
Sabbath House	27	9.2%
Haven - Emergency Shelter	9	3.1%
Friends House	8	2.7%
House of Hope	8	2.7%
Birch House	7	2.4%
Mrytle House	7	2.4%
Lily House	6	2.0%
Holly House	5	1.7%
Sage House	5	1.7%
6th Street TH	4	1.4%
Transitional Housing Cottage Program	2	0.7%
Total	293	100%

Projects by Shelter or Housing Model Type	Total	Percent
Emergency Shelter	178	61%
Transitional Housing	115	39%
Total	293	100%

If unsheltered, where did you sleep last night?	Total	Percent
Street or Sidewalk	143	43%
With a friend or family in their house/apartment	53	16%
Park	51	15%
Under bridge/overpass	34	10%
Outdoor encampment	25	8%
Other	15	5%
Bus, train station, airport	5	2%
Motel / Hotel - Paid for with your own funds	4	1%
Total	330	100%

>>CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, FREQUENCY, & DURATION OF HOMELESSNESS

Chronically Homeless	Total	Percent
Yes	138	16%
No	726	84%
Total	864	100%

Is this the first time you've been homeless?	Total	Percent
Yes	321	48%
No	342	52%
Total	663	100%

How many months did you stay in shelters or on the streets during the past 3 years?	Total	Percent
0-5	58	39%
6 to 11	32	21%
12 to 23	27	18%
24 to 35	15	10%
36 +	17	11%
Total	149	100%

How many months have you been homeless this time?	Total	Percent
0-5	153	43%
6 to 11	62	18%
12 to 23	43	12%
24 to 35	7	2%
36 +	88	25%
Total	353	100%

>>CAMP FIRE IMPACTS

Do you consider yourself a Camp Fire survivor?	Total	Percent
Yes	200	31%
No	440	69%
Total	640	100%

Camp Fire survivor sheltering status	Total	Percent
Unsheltered Camp Fire Survivors	160	80%
Sheltered Camp Fire Survivors	40	20%
Total	200	100%

Where unsheltered Camp Fire survivors are sleeping	Total	Percent
With a friend or family in their house/apartment	38	38%
Street or Sidewalk	30	30%
Park	14	14%
Outdoor encampment	8	8%
Under bridge/overpass	5	5%
Other	3	3%
Motel / Hotel - Paid for with your own funds	1	1%
Bus, train station, airport	1	1%
Total	100	100%

>>HEALTH & DISABILITIES

Are you vaccinated against Hep A?	Total	Percent
Yes	339	54%
No	133	21%
Don't Know	151	24%
Total	623	100%

Do you have a chronic health condition?	Total	Percent
Yes	293	47%
No	323	52%
Don't Know	11	2%
Total	627	100%

Do you have a developmental disability?	Total	Percent
Yes	93	15%
No	499	80%
Don't know	30	5%
Total	622	100%

Do you have a mental health condition?	Total	Percent
Yes	276	44%
No	338	54%
Don't know	16	3%
Total	630	100%

Do you have a physical disability?	Total	Percent
Yes	244	39%
No	367	59%
Don't know	12	2%
Total	623	100%

Do you have AIDS or an HIV related illness?	Total	Percent
Yes	7	1%
No	599	97%
Don't know	9	1%
Total	615	100%

Do you have any substance abuse issues?	Total	Percent
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Alcohol Abuse	59	9%
Drug Abuse	101	16%
Both Alcohol and Drug	61	10%
No	411	65%
Don't Know	3	0%
Total	635	100%

Do you have health insurance?	Total	Percent
Yes	544	85%
No	96	15%
Don't know	10	2%
Total	640	100%

If you do not have insurance, did you try and apply?	Total	Percent
Yes	37	40%
No	52	56%
Don't know	4	4%
Total	93	100%

Do you receive disability benefits?	Total	Percent
Yes	196	32%
No	421	68%
Don't Know	5	1%
Total	622	100%

In the last year, how many times have you gone to the Emergency Room?	Total	Percent
0	234	37%
1 to 2	214	33%
3 to 6	143	22%
7 to 11	23	4%
12+	27	4%
Total	641	100%

In the last year, how many total days have you spent in the hospital?	Total	Percent
0	360	56%
1 to 2	86	13%
3 to 6	77	12%
7 to 11	42	7%
12+	79	12%
Total	644	100%

When did you last see a doctor other than in the hospital?	Total	Percent
Less than a year ago	352	56%
1-2 years ago	108	17%
2-3 years ago	44	7%
3+ years ago	130	21%
Total	634	100%

Where do you go most often to access health care services for yourself and your family?	Total	Percent
Clinics/ Health Centers	263	41%
Hospital	225	35%
Doctor's Office	92	14%
Other	44	7%
Street Doctor/Self-Medicare	12	2%
Veterans Affairs	3	0%
School/ University Health Center	2	0%
Alcohol/ Drug Dependency Programs	1	0%
Health Fair	1	0%
Mobile Medical Health / Dental Vans	1	0%
Total	644	100%

>>CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS & BARRIERS TO HOUSING

Are you currently experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking?	Total	Percent
Yes	73	12%
No	529	87%
Don't Know	5	1%
Total	607	100%

How do you get money?	Total	Percent
SSI	105	24%
Job / Paid Internship	58	13%
recycling	52	12%
other	47	11%
SSDI	28	7%
General Assistance	25	6%
TANF	24	6%
Do not know	17	4%
Panhandling	17	4%
Temporary Employment	14	3%
Friends/ Family	12	3%
Unemployment	10	2%
Social Security	9	2%
Retirement / Pension	7	2%
Student Aid / Grants	3	1%
Veteran's Benefits	2	0%
Total	430	100%

What is your approximate monthly income?	Total	Percent
\$1 - \$250	67	11%
\$251- \$500	57	9%
\$501 - \$1000	181	30%
\$1001 - \$1500	60	10%
\$1500 - \$2000	23	4%
\$2000 +	25	4%
No income	200	33%
Total	613	100%

What is your biggest challenge in ending your homeless situation? (Check all that apply)	Total	Percent
Finding affordable housing	392	23%
No money for rent	219	13%
Finding a job	210	13%
No money for deposit	179	11%
Poor/No credit	148	9%
Rental history	121	7%
Substance use	74	4%
Managing my mental health	54	3%
Finding services to help me	50	3%
Criminal History	41	2%
Other	51	3%
Transportation to services	38	2%
Lack of an ID Card	36	2%
Pets	23	1%
Age discrimination	17	1%
Nothing, I prefer to be homeless	11	1%
Racial discrimination	9	1%
Sexual orientation or gender identity discrimination	6	0%
Total	1679	100%

What do you think led to your homelessness? (Check all that apply)	Total	Percent
Fire/Flood or Other Natural disasters	126	26%
Family Crisis such as death, serious illness in the family, divorce, family conflict or other family problem	93	19%
Employment/Financial Reasons	53	11%
Alcohol or substance use/abuse	41	9%
Other	35	7%
Evicted	34	7%
Kicked Out / Pushed Out / Runaway	29	6%
Domestic violence/partner abuse	24	5%
Medical/disability problems	13	3%
Incarceration	11	2%
Personal choice to be homeless	8	2%
Mental Illness	7	1%
Parent/foster parent abuse	3	1%
Substandard Housing	3	1%
Age out of foster/group home	1	0%
Total	481	100%

>>LOCAL ISSUES & SERVICES

How often do you find yourself without access to a bathroom to relieve yourself?	Total	Percent
Daily, Only during night hours	46	7%
Daily, During both day and night hours	253	39%
Weekly	28	4%
Monthly	9	1%
Rarely	89	14%
Never	216	34%
Total	641	100%

How long have you lived in Butte County?	Total	Percent
Less than one month	7	1%
More than a month but less than a year	70	11%
1-2 years	58	9%
3-5 years	100	15%
6-9 years	48	7%
10- 19 years	119	18%
20+ years	256	39%
Total	658	100%

Were in living in Butte County when you became homeless?	Total	Percent
Yes	538	84%
No	104	16%
Total	642	100%

What physical means brought you to Chico?	Total	Percent
Friends / Family	272	44%
Lived here before I become homeless	178	29%
Greyhound or Train	71	12%
Regional Transit Bus from Other Butte County Town	37	6%
Hitchhiked	29	5%
Social Service Provider	28	5%
Total	615	100%

Have you been approached by law enforcement because of laws about sitting, laying, camping, storing property, and other public actions which impact people who are homeless?	Total	Percent
Yes	303	47%
No	339	53%
Don't Know	3	0%
Total	645	100%

If yes, what was the result of that interaction?	Total	Percent
Warned	71	43%
Asked to Move Along	50	30%
Ticketed	16	10%
Arrested	10	6%
Nothing	8	5%
Property Seized	4	2%
Incarcerated	3	2%
Other	3	2%
Total	165	100%

What type of law enforcement official?	Total	Percent
Park Ranger	16	5%
City/Town Police	245	82%
County Sheriff	29	10%
Parole	2	1%
Other	7	2%
Total	299	100%

Approximately, how many times have you been in contact with law enforcement this past year?	Total	Percent
0	212	51%
1 to 3	58	14%
4 to 6	40	10%
7 to 9	6	1%
10+	83	20%
Daily	5	1%
Several	8	2%
Weekly	4	1%
Monthly	1	0%
Total	417	100%

Which services do you use, check all that apply:	Total	Percent
Butte 211	227	56%
Homeless Disaster Evacuation System	53	13%
Resource Connect Butte	50	12%
For your Minor Children: First Five Program/ Services for those under 5	31	8%
For your Minor Children: School Services / Benefits for Homeless Kids	26	6%
For your Minor Children: After School Programs	20	5%
	407	100%

Which one of these services would you find most useful for you to use in the next year?	Total	Percent
Mobile Shower (available weekly)	122	22%
Safe Medicine Storage	6	1%
Life Coach/Case Manager/Mentor	108	19%
Other:	74	13%
Safe Personal Storage	178	32%
Detox Center	25	4%
Mobile Medical Van	52	9%
Total	565	100%

Would you use any of these options, should they be provided to you in your local town? (Check all that apply)	Total	Percent
Small House/Tiny House Village	518	23%
Shared Room in House/Apartment	362	16%
Authorized Encampments	303	14%
Dorm Style Housing	294	13%
Large Room Shelter (Pets Allowed)	288	13%
Large Room Shelter (No Pets)	235	11%
Designated and monitored parking spaces	227	10%
Total	2227	100%