

**BUTTE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE**  
**2023 Point-In-Time Executive**  
**Summary**



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## Overview

The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) biennially leads a homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Study to collect information over a 24-hour period of time about those experiencing homelessness. Historically, the federal Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has mandated that local CoCs conduct the PIT during the last week of January. The 2023 PIT was conducted on January 25, 2023, and asked the respondents questions pertaining to their status on the night of January 24, 2023.

The data collected through the PIT is reported to HUD and is also used to prepare this Executive Summary. A detailed discussion of the methodology used to carry out the PIT Study is provided in the “Overview and Methodology” section of this document.

The PIT is a community-driven study, led by a CoC steering committee, and facilitated by service professionals and community members. Surveys are developed to gather HUD-required, as well as community-prioritized, data. Those surveys are administered by service providers and volunteers to residents without homes who are sleeping in places not meant for human habitation (parks, creek beds, etc.), emergency shelters, and transitional housing projects. Because it is a community-driven survey, the availability of service-provider staff and volunteers is a significant factor in the quality and coverage of the survey.

## Purpose

The Executive Summary’s overarching goal is to help the community better understand the state of being unhoused (homelessness) in their area. It is used by the CoC, public officials and governmental housing departments to meet reporting requirements and to guide public funding priorities. Service providers use the Community Report to inform their practices and develop timely and effective housing and services that are responsive to local needs. Community members access the findings to gain insights into local homelessness and establish a baseline of common knowledge with their community leaders.

## 2023 PIT Study Highlights

The Butte County Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Study collected informational surveys from 1,237 individuals experiencing homelessness on Tuesday January 24, 2023. Some of the notable highlights from the data, which is further detailed in this document, are as follows:

**Household Type:** In the 2023 PIT, households without children accounted for 84% of the households, adults with children accounted for 12% of households, and 4% households consisting only of children were counted. It should be noted that parents whose children were in school and not present at the time the survey was completed were categorized as single adults with no children, pursuant to HUD guidelines. This HUD guidance tends to result in an undercount of families with children who are unhoused. In order to address this, the CoC PIT Steering Committee connected with the Butte County Office of Education to capture students that reported being unsheltered on the date of the PIT count.

**Count by Community:** Chico had the highest count (925 people or 75% of the total), followed by Oroville (277 people or 22% of the total), The Ridge Area (11 people or 1% of the total) and The Gridley and Biggs Area (24 people or 2% of the total).

**Sheltering Status:** Unsheltered houselessness refers to situations in which individuals are not regularly accessing shelters or transitional housing programs and are instead often sleeping in encampments, under underpasses, in their vehicles, or other locations not meant for human habitation. Countywide, 47% of respondents or 580 people were unsheltered on January 24, 2023. In the Gridley and Biggs area and The Ridge Area, 100% of respondents were unsheltered. In addition, 65% of those counted in Oroville were unsheltered. In Chico, 40% of respondents were unsheltered, a figure that has dropped from 44% in 2022. This shows the need for additional shelter options in communities where the majority of unhoused individuals are completely unsheltered.

**Chronic Homelessness:** People who are chronically homeless (unhoused) have experienced homelessness for at least a year – or repeatedly – while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, or physical disability. There are 379 individuals who are chronically unhoused, or 31% of the total count. This reflects an ongoing decrease from what was reported in 2017, when 49% of respondents met the definition, but a slight increase from 2022 when 28% of respondents met the definition. This may be a reflection of the efforts that have been made to implement Housing First principles and rapidly rehouse individuals, especially in Chico. Service providers in recent years have focused on master lease programs in shared housing models which have moved many people into housing that had been chronically unhoused and more affordable and supportive housing is being built.

**First-Time Unhoused:** Survey responses show that 368 people or 30% of respondents were unhoused for the first time. The figures were especially pronounced in The Ridge Area and Gridley/Biggs, where of the total potential respondents, 64% and 42%, respectively, indicated this was their first time homeless. In 2022, Countywide, 42% of respondents indicated that this episode of being unhoused is their first time. In The Ridge Area, the figure was 67%, and in Gridley/Biggs, 62%. In 2019, 23% of respondents responded that this was their first time homeless and in 2017, 39% reported first-time homelessness status. The overall increase may be attributed to both the on-going impacts of the Camp and North Complex fires (households still not housed after those events) and the impacts of COVID-19.

**Race:** Countywide, 7% of respondents identified themselves as American Indian/Alaskan Native (Indigenous People of Color). This group is disproportionately impacted by homelessness relative to their overall proportion of the population countywide, which is 2.7% according to the U.S. Census 2022 Population estimates. As for other races, 77% of respondents identified as White, while 6% identified as Black, 1% Asian, and 1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

**Youth Homelessness:** There were 157 individuals ages 0-24 surveyed, of which 64 were transition-aged youth (ages 18-24). Forty-three children under the age of 5 were counted, along with 34 children ages 5-12, and 16 children ages 13-17. Of all youth counted, 85% were in Chico.

# OVERVIEW AND METHODOLOGY

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## Disclaimer Regarding the Variability in PIT Reports

It is important to remember that each PIT study is always a “snapshot” of a moment in time, and is subject to numerous variables, many of which are impossible to control. This means that while attempts are made to keep the methodology as consistent as possible across all PIT counts, other external factors create variables unique to each PIT Study. This should be kept in mind when reviewing the data and comparing it to previous years.

## Methodology

The PIT Committee began meeting in August 2022 to revise methodology and survey questions. At its November 14, 2022 meeting, the Butte CoC adopted its methodology for the 2023 PIT. This included:

- *Establishing January 25, 2023 as the date for the PIT to be conducted, with the count capturing the characteristics of persons experiencing homelessness for the prior night of January 24, 2023.*
- *The use of a census count method.*
- *The establishment of HUBs to cover specific geographic locations and to station staff and serve volunteers in that area.*
- *The use of the “Counting Us” application provided by Simtech, which is a software program that allowed surveys to be administered on mobile electronic devices. This was the third time this application has been used for the PIT. This software was only used to collect unsheltered survey data.*
- *The use of HMIS to collect sheltered survey data.*
- *Conducting the PIT and HIC (Housing Inventory Count) at the same time.*
- *Surveyors were able to use the Observation Survey if a potential participant was not able to be approached or declined to participate.*
- *Surveyors attended trainings via Zoom and in person, with additional training for HUB leads.*

Included in the Appendices is the CoC memo outlining the adopted methodology (Appendix A) and the surveys that were uploaded to the Counting Us application (Appendix B and Appendix C).

Volunteers were recruited from across the County, utilizing both service provider staff and community members. Training in how to administer the survey and use the software was conducted online using the Zoom meeting format and in person. Volunteers were assigned to HUBs, depending upon their geographic location, and provided with phone numbers for CoC staff at the HUB locations in case they had questions or concerns to report. While initially 191 people registered to be volunteers, on the day of the event, a total of 132 people participated the day of the survey.

After January 25, Simtech removed any test or practice surveys and any noticeable duplicate surveys. The CoC’s consultant, Housing Tools, then downloaded the resulting raw data and sorted each question and its potential answer combinations by geographic location. Any lingering data quality or coherence issues were resolved by CoC staff and Housing Tools prior to producing this document.

# PIT CENSUS COUNT

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## Regarding the Data in This Report

As discussed earlier, each PIT Study is subject to a variety of factors that can affect the data that is collected and reported. Given this, these items should be noted for the 2023 report:

- In general, it is always appropriate to assume for any PIT Study that it undercounts those experiencing homelessness. There are simply too many uncontrollable factors involved with any type of census count, including the number of volunteers available on the given day to canvas the entire county and the willingness of those who are unhoused to take the survey. For example, the impacts of recent wildfires also make it very difficult to find people in the mountainous region of the county who are camping.
- Limited comparisons are drawn between the 2023 PIT data and previous PIT Studies. The reason for this is two-fold: 1) the Butte CoC has produced a 10-year Longitudinal Study which provides this retrospective and trend data for the years 2009-2022; this study will be updated with 2023 PIT data; and 2) the PIT conducted in 2019 was significantly affected by the November 2018 Camp Fire, and standing on its own, does not provide the best comparative information.
- It should be noted that advocates and researchers are now more frequently using the term “unhoused” to describe someone who lacks permanent housing. This language change is encouraged to help shed longstanding stigmas around the term “homeless” and encourage people to see those who are unhoused beyond one temporary trait. This term is used throughout this report. However, State and Federal governments continue to use the term "homeless". Due to this, you will see Federal terms such as "chronic homelessness" used in this Executive Summary. The terms "homeless", "houseless" and "unhoused" are interchangeable throughout this Executive Summary.

## PIT Census Count

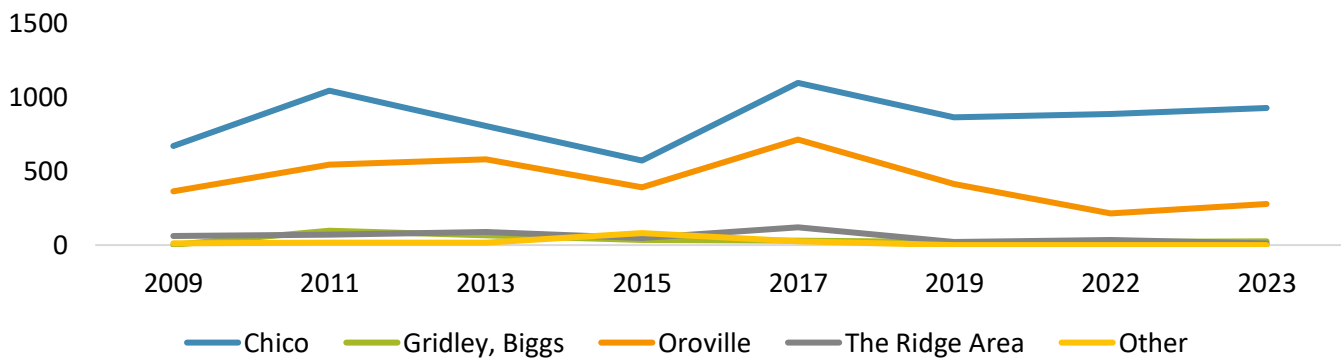
The 2023 PIT Study identified 1,237 individuals living without safe, adequate housing. This is not the highest PIT count recorded; in 2017, 1,983 people were counted. For the purposes of this report, individuals are grouped by community, based on the location which they slept on the night of January 24, 2023. This allows municipalities to understand and plan for their community’s needs, as well as the county at large. As shown in Figure 1, Chico, as the largest city in Butte County, had 925 surveys, the highest number in the county. This is followed by Oroville with 277 surveys, The Ridge Area (Paradise/Magalia) with 11 surveys, and Gridley/Biggs with 24 surveys.

**Figure 1: Total Number of Unhoused People Counted During PIT, By Year and Community, 2009-2023**

Community	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2022	2023
Chico	668	1043	804	571	1096	864	885	925
Gridley, Biggs	2	97	65	36	28	23	21	24
Oroville	364	545	579	390	713	415	214	277
The Ridge Area	62	71	89	49	120	21	36	11
Other	10	16	16	81	26	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>1772</b>	<b>1553</b>	<b>1127</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>1156</b>	<b>1237</b>

The change across biennial PIT Studies by community is listed numerically in Figure 1 and illustrated in Figure 2. These Figures show significant variations over the years. As discussed in the Overview and Methodology section, there are many social, political and environmental factors that affect both the number of people who are unhoused and how many of them can actually be counted on the chosen day.

**Figure 2: Total Number of People Who Are Unhoused Counted During PIT, By Year and Community, 2009-2023**



## HOUSEHOLD MAKE-UP

Household make-up consists of three types: households with only adults (adults with no children present), households with adults and children and households with only children (minor-age unaccompanied youth). Household make-up data provides information about what type of housing options might adequately meet the needs of those who are precariously housed or unhoused. In the 2023 PIT, households without children accounted for 84% of the households, adults with children accounted for 12% of households, and 4% households consisting only of children were counted. Per HUD guidance, if an adult indicated they were unhoused with children, but the children were not physically present at the time the survey was taken (such as the children were in school), those individuals were categorized as single adults with no children. This tends to result in an undercount of unhoused families with children. In order to address this, CoC PIT Steering Committee connected with the Butte County Office of Education to capture students that reported being unsheltered on the date of the PIT count.

**Figure 3: Total Number of People Who Are Unhoused Counted During 2023 PIT, By Household Type**

Household Type	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Single Adults No Children	752	81%	23	96%	249	90%	11	100%	1035	84%
Adults with Children	125	14%	0	0%	18	6%	0	0%	143	12%
Children without Adults	43	5%	1	4%	7	3%	0	0%	51	4%
Data Not Collected	5	1%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	8	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>



# DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics offer a snapshot of those living unhoused by age, gender identification, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity.

## Age

Of those surveyed, adults are more frequently unhoused than youth or children, with the highest percentage, 24%, between ages 35-44, followed by 21% between ages 45-54. The total number of adults counted in 2023 is 1,079 (those ages 25 and up); of that total, 329 are seniors over the age of 55. There were 62 transition-aged youth (ages 18-24) and 93 children ages 0-17. As mentioned in the Household Make-Up section, it is likely that there are more unhoused children with their parent(s) than reported, due to HUD guidance on how to count adults taking a survey without their children present.

Figure 4: Age of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

Age Range	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Under 5	40	4%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	43	3%
5 to 12	29	3%	0	0%	5	2%	0	0%	34	3%
13-17	13	1%	1	4%	2	1%	0	0%	16	1%
18-24	51	6%	2	8%	9	3%	0	0%	62	5%
25-34	149	16%	2	8%	40	14%	2	18%	193	16%
35-44	218	24%	6	25%	70	25%	4	36%	298	24%
45-54	183	20%	7	29%	63	23%	2	18%	255	21%
55-64	169	18%	4	17%	62	22%	2	18%	237	19%
65+	67	7%	2	8%	22	8%	1	9%	92	7%
Unknown Age - believed to be: Adult under 25	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Unknown Age - believed to be: Adult 25+	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	0%
Data not collected	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Gender Identity

People who identify as Male continue to be the majority of those who are unhoused, at 63%. People who identify as Female comprise 35% of those surveyed. Three individuals identified as “A gender that is not singularly ‘Female’ or ‘Male’”, six individuals identified as Transgender, and zero identified as Questioning. Gender identity data was not collected for 6 individuals who refused.

Figure 5: Gender Identity of Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

What is your gender? (select all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Female	312	36%	6	27%	80	32%	5	56%	403	35%
Male	528	62%	16	73%	166	66%	4	44%	714	63%
Transgender	6	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	1%
A gender that is not singularly ‘Female’ or ‘Male’	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Questioning	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Person Doesn't Know	4	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	6	1%
Person refused	4	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	6	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: People were able to choose more than one gender and data was not collected from all participants. Missing data is not represented in this chart.

## Sexual Orientation

The sexual orientation of the adults who completed the surveys was primarily Heterosexual at 86% of respondents. Bisexual or pansexual was reported at 2% and Lesbian, Gay, Homosexual or Same Gender Loving at reported at 4%.

Figure 6: Sexual Orientation of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

How do you identify your sexual orientation? (choose all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Straight or heterosexual	454	84%	18	90%	196	91%	6	75%	674	86%
Bisexual or pansexual	10	2%	0	0%	5	2%	1	13%	16	2%
Lesbian, gay, homosexual, or same gender loving	27	5%	2	10%	4	2%	0	0%	33	4%
Other (please specify)	3	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	4	1%
Person doesn't know	17	3%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	18	2%
Person refused	28	5%	0	0%	9	4%	1	13%	38	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: People were able to choose more than one orientation and data was not collected from all participants. Missing data is not represented in this chart.

## Race and Ethnicity

The 2023 data shows that disparities among certain racial groups are growing relative to their incidence in the Butte County population in general. It is noted that those who identify as Native American/Alaskan Native (Indigenous People of Color) comprise 7% of the unhoused population, but only 2.7% of the county's overall population. In addition, those who identify as Black comprise 6% of the unhoused population but only 2% of the county's overall population. Those who are unhoused are predominantly White (77%), while 84.8% of the County population identifies as White.

Figure 7: Race of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

What is your race? (select all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	67	8%	0	0%	17	7%	0	0%	84	7%
Asian	10	1%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	13	1%
Black/ African American	47	5%	2	9%	23	9%	0	0%	72	6%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2	0%	0	0%	4	2%	0	0%	6	1%
White	677	78%	19	83%	187	72%	9	100%	892	77%
Other	64	7%	2	9%	18	7%	0	0%	84	7%
Don't Know	2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	4	0%
Refused	4	0%	0	0%	5	2%	0	0%	9	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: People were able to choose more than one race and data was not collected from all participants. Missing data is not represented in this chart.

Figure 8: Ethnicity of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

Are you Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Hispanic/Latino	127	14%	1	4%	31	11%	0	0%	159	13%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	708	77%	19	79%	206	74%	9	82%	942	76%
Don't Know	2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	4	0%
Refused	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Data not collected	87	9%	4	17%	37	13%	2	18%	130	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

# NIGHTTIME HABITATION

This data provides respondent information broken down consecutively as follows:

**Sheltered versus unsheltered status the night of January 24, 2023:** Countywide, 47% of respondents or 580 people were unsheltered on January 24, 2023. In the Gridley and Biggs area, 100% of respondents were unsheltered. The Ridge Area also has a high unsheltered rate with 100% of respondents reporting living unsheltered, as there are currently no shelter options in those communities. In addition, 65% of those counted in Oroville were unsheltered, reflecting the limited shelter options in Oroville. In Chico, 40% of respondents were unsheltered, a figure that has dropped from 44% in 2022. These figures point to the need for increased sheltering efforts in The Ridge Area, Gridley/Biggs and Oroville.

Figure 9: Sheltering Status of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

Sheltering Status	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Unsheltered	366	40%	24	100%	179	65%	11	100%	580	47%
Sheltered	559	60%	0	0%	98	35%	0	0%	657	53%
Total	925	100%	24	100%	277	100%	11	100%	1237	100%

**For those sheltered, what type of shelter or housing model they were in the night of January 24, 2023:** This data shows whether respondents were in Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing on the night of January 24, 2023.

Figure 10: Shelter/Housing Model of People Who Are Unhoused and Sheltered, By Region, 2023

Projects by Shelter or Housing Model Type	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Emergency Shelter	435	78%	0	0%	71	72%	0	0%	506	77%
Transitional Housing	124	22%	0	0%	27	28%	0	0%	151	23%
Total	559	100%	0	0%	98	100%	0	0%	657	100%

Notes: Data was collected only from those who were sheltered at the time of the survey and as such, totals match sheltering status.

For those unsheltered, a description of where they slept the night of January 24, 2023: This lists the unsheltered locations not meant for human habitation where people slept.

Figure 11: Sheltering Location of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

If unsheltered, where did you sleep last night?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Abandoned Building	6	2%	0	0%	4	3%	0	0%	10	2%
Bus, train station, airport	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	3	1%
Other	18	7%	1	5%	8	6%	1	11%	28	6%
Outdoor encampment	114	41%	8	40%	63	44%	2	22%	187	42%
Park	25	9%	2	10%	15	11%	1	11%	43	10%
Street or Sidewalk	49	18%	6	30%	17	12%	2	22%	74	17%
Under bridge/overpass	12	4%	0	0%	10	7%	1	11%	23	5%
Vehicle / Boat / RV	50	18%	3	15%	24	17%	2	22%	79	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: Data was intended to only be collected from those who were identified as unsheltered and were surveyed, not tallied. Missing data is not represented in this chart.

## CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

HUD requires CoCs to monitor the number of people who are chronically unhoused, based on duration, frequency and recidivism of housing loss, coupled with the existence of a disabling condition (see definition flowchart in Appendix D). HUD expects those who are chronically unhoused with high vulnerability to be prioritized for placement in permanent supportive housing units when they become available. There are 379 individuals who are chronically unhoused, or 31% of the total count. This reflects a marked decrease from what was reported in 2017, when 49% of respondents met the definition, but a slight increase from 2022 when 28% of respondents met the definition. This may be a reflection of the continued efforts that have been made to use Housing First principles and rapidly rehouse individuals, especially in Chico. Service providers in recent years have focused on master lease programs in shared housing models which have moved many people into housing that had experienced being chronically unhoused. When comparing the communities, a larger percentage of people in the smaller communities such as Oroville, Gridley/Biggs and The Ridge have been unhoused for 2 or more years.

Figure 12: Chronic Unhoused Status, By Region 2023

Chronically Homeless	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	261	28%	8	33%	106	38%	4	36%	379	31%
No	574	62%	12	50%	134	48%	5	45%	725	59%
Data not collected	90	10%	4	17%	37	13%	2	18%	133	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 13: Duration Unhoused Status, By Region, 2023

How long have you been homeless this time? (Only include time in shelters and/or streets)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
0 to 3 months	86	9%	1	4%	30	11%	0	0%	117	9%
4 to 6 months	74	8%	4	17%	12	4%	1	9%	91	7%
7 to 11 months	52	6%	3	13%	28	10%	1	9%	84	7%
1 to 2 years	84	9%	3	13%	36	13%	3	27%	126	10%
2 to 3 years	58	6%	0	0%	21	8%	0	0%	79	6%
3 years or more	178	19%	9	38%	93	34%	4	36%	284	23%
Don't Know	4	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Refused	9	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	9	1%
Data not collected	380	41%	4	17%	56	20%	2	18%	442	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

# FIRST TIME UNHOUSED

Survey responses show that 368 people or 30% of respondents were unhoused for the first time. The figures were especially pronounced in The Ridge Area and Gridley/Biggs, where of the total potential respondents, 64% and 42%, respectively, indicated this was their first time homeless.

Figure 14: First Time Unhoused, By Region, 2023

Is this the first time you've been homeless?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	266	29%	10	42%	85	31%	7	64%	368	30%
No	289	31%	10	42%	133	48%	2	18%	434	35%
Don't know	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Refused	8	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	9	1%
Data not collected	357	39%	4	17%	58	21%	2	18%	421	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>



## DISABLING CONDITIONS

Adults identified the existence of four disabling conditions that are long-term and impair the respondent's ability to hold a job or live independently, as well as if they have a Developmental Disability and their HIV status. Of those who responded, Substance Use Disorders were indicated as having the most impact on a person's life, while Chronic Health Conditions, Mental Health Disorders and Physical Disabilities followed closely behind.

Figure 15: Substance Abuse, By Region, 2023

Do you have any Substance Abuse Issues?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
No	460	50%	9	38%	113	41%	5	45%	587	47%
Alcohol abuse	63	7%	1	4%	20	7%	1	9%	85	7%
Drug abuse	168	18%	7	29%	55	20%	3	27%	233	19%
Both alcohol and drug	90	10%	2	8%	41	15%	0	0%	133	11%
Don't Know	6	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	8	1%
Refused	17	2%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	20	2%
Data not collected	121	13%	5	21%	43	16%	2	18%	171	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 15.1: Substance Abuse Impact, By Region, 2023

If "yes") is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	178	19%	4	17%	61	22%	1	9%	244	20%
No	128	14%	6	25%	54	19%	3	27%	191	15%
Don't Know	4	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Data not collected	615	66%	14	58%	161	58%	7	64%	797	64%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 16: Chronic Health Condition, By Region, 2023

Do you have a Chronic Health Condition?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	317	34%	10	42%	114	41%	4	36%	445	36%
No	487	53%	9	38%	119	43%	5	45%	620	50%
Don't Know	10	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	11	1%
Refused	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Data not collected	106	11%	5	21%	43	16%	2	18%	156	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 16.1: Chronic Health Condition Impact, By Region, 2023

If “yes”) is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	165	18%	0	0%	30	11%	0	0%	195	16%
No	31	3%	0	0%	11	4%	0	0%	42	3%
Don’t Know	1	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	3	0%
Data not collected	728	79%	24	100%	234	84%	11	100%	997	81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 17: Mental Health Condition, By Region, 2023

Do you have a Mental Health Problem?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	355	38%	10	42%	96	35%	3	27%	464	38%
No	434	47%	8	33%	131	47%	6	55%	579	47%
Don’t Know	26	3%	0	0%	6	2%	0	0%	32	3%
Refused	5	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Data not collected	105	11%	6	25%	43	16%	2	18%	156	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 17.1: Mental Health Condition Impact, By Region, 2023

If “yes”) is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	170	18%	0	0%	19	7%	0	0%	189	15%
No	60	6%	0	0%	10	4%	0	0%	70	6%
Don’t Know	6	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Data not collected	689	74%	24	100%	248	90%	11	100%	972	79%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 18: Physical Disability, By Region, 2023

Do you have a Physical Disability?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	309	33%	4	17%	91	33%	5	45%	409	33%
No	497	54%	14	58%	143	52%	4	36%	658	53%
Don’t Know	8	1%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	9	1%
Refused	6	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Data not collected	105	11%	5	21%	43	16%	2	18%	155	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 18.1: Physical Disability Impact, By Region, 2023

If “yes”) is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	150	16%	0	0%	31	11%	0	0%	181	15%
No	38	4%	0	0%	9	3%	0	0%	47	4%
Don’t Know	3	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	4	0%
Refused	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Data not collected	732	79%	24	100%	236	85%	11	100%	1003	81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 19: Developmental Disability, By Region, 2023

Do you have a Developmental Disability?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	124	13%	3	13%	45	16%	1	9%	173	14%
No	675	73%	15	63%	184	66%	8	73%	882	71%
Don’t Know	12	1%	1	4%	6	2%	0	0%	19	2%
Refused	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Data not collected	109	12%	5	21%	42	15%	2	18%	158	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 20: HIV Status, By Region, 2023

Do you have HIV/AIDS?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	6	1%	1	4%	3	1%	1	9%	11	1%
No	804	87%	18	75%	221	80%	7	64%	1050	85%
Don’t Know	4	0%	0	0%	5	2%	1	9%	10	1%
Refused	6	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	7	1%
Data not collected	105	11%	5	21%	47	17%	2	18%	159	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

## CAUSES OF HOUSELESSNESS

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Houselessness may be prevented if people and families are offered the support they need during a housing, personal or financial crisis. Prevention and diversions services can be improved by a better understanding among specialized and mainstream service providers of the causes of homelessness in the community. In addition, public and private entities with financial resources can invest wisely when they understand the tipping points that lead to homelessness.

Figure 21 reports the causes that those completing the survey felt led to being unhoused. People could select more than one cause. Therefore, the figures add up to more than the total number of respondents. The top four causes reported were:

- *Employment or financial (31% of responses)*
- *Family crisis such as death, serious illness in the family, divorce, family conflict or other family problem (27% of responses)*
- *Forced to relocate from home or evicted (21% of responses)*
- *Alcohol or substance use (19% of responses)*

Figure 21: What Led to Loss of Housing, Butte County, 2023

What do you think led to your homelessness? (Choose all that apply)	Total	
	Age out of foster or group home	25
Alcohol or substance use or abuse	240	19%
Domestic violence or partner abuse	147	12%
Direct result of COVID-19	84	7%
Employment or financial reasons	381	31%
Family crisis such as a death or serious illness in the family, divorce, family conflict, or another family problem	339	27%
Forced to relocate from home or evicted	254	21%
Incarceration	90	7%
Leaving your house due to intolerance of your sexual orientation or gender identity	14	1%
Medical or disability problems	128	10%
Mental illness	142	11%
Natural or other disasters	115	9%
Are you survivor of the 2017 Wall Fire?	4	0%
Are you a survivor of the 2018 Camp Fire?	78	6%
Are you a survivor of the 2020 Bear/North Complex Fire?	10	1%
Are you a survivor of another disaster? Please state:	79	6%
Parent or foster parent abuse	32	3%
Personal choice to be homeless	101	8%
PRCS (Post Release Controlled Supervision)	8	1%
Recent immigration	2	0%
Substandard housing	31	3%
Other: _____	79	6%
Person Doesn't Know	38	3%
Person Refused	49	4%
Note: People were able to choose more than one reason and data was not collected from all participants. Missing data is not represented in this chart. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed (n=1237)		

## BARRIERS TO PERMANENT HOUSING

Simultaneous to preventing homelessness, it is important that the community understand and remove barriers to securing permanent housing. Adults who participated in the survey offered insight into what they believe to be their greatest barriers. People could select more than one barrier. Therefore the figures add up to more than the total number of respondents. The top five causes reported were:

- *Finding affordable housing (49% of responses)*
- *No money for rent or deposit (43% of responses)*
- *Poor/no credit (34% of responses)*
- *Finding a job (29% of responses)*
- *Rental history (21% of responses)*

Figure 22: Barriers Preventing Access to Permanent Housing, Butte County, 2023

What barriers prevent you from accessing permanent housing (choose all that apply)?	Total	
Criminal History	111	9%
(If yes) Were you convicted of 290 offense?	18	1%
Finding affordable housing	600	49%
Finding a job	359	29%
Finding services to help me	156	13%
I don't like the housing options available to me	100	8%
Lack of an ID card	159	13%
Lack of local services	196	16%
Managing my mental health	171	14%
No money for rent or deposit	528	43%
Pets	109	9%
Poor/no credit	424	34%
Rental History	256	21%
Substance Use	155	13%
Transportation to services	223	18%
Nothing, I prefer to be homeless	22	2%
Other: _____	61	5%
Person Doesn't Know	37	3%
Person Refused	37	3%
Note: People were able to choose more than one barrier and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed (n=1237)		

## RESIDENCY

PIT Study respondents were asked how long they have been in Butte County, and if they were living in Butte County when they became unhoused. Their responses are noted in Figures 23 and 24. The majority of those who responded indicated they were living in Butte County when they became homeless (66%). The greatest percentage of respondents (35%) have lived in Butte County for 20+ years, and 12% have lived in Butte County 10 to 19 years.

Figure 23: Duration of Residency in Butte County, By Region 2023

How long have you been in Butte County? If in and out, what is the TOTAL amount of time?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
More than a month, but less than a year	50	5%	0	0%	24	9%	0	0%	74	6%
1-2 years	89	10%	0	0%	18	6%	1	9%	108	9%
3-5 years	69	7%	1	4%	23	8%	0	0%	93	8%
6-9 years	77	8%	4	17%	22	8%	2	18%	105	8%
10-19 years	117	13%	5	21%	24	9%	3	27%	149	12%
20+ years	309	33%	10	42%	107	39%	3	27%	429	35%
Don't Know	7	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	9	1%
Refused	32	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	32	3%
Data not collected	175	19%	4	17%	57	21%	2	18%	238	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 24: Butte County Residency During Housing Loss, By Region, 2023

Were in living in Butte County when you became homeless?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	612	66%	14	58%	177	64%	9	82%	812	66%
No	115	12%	6	25%	43	16%	0	0%	164	13%
Don't know	3	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	4	0%
Refused	24	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	24	2%
Data not collected	171	18%	4	17%	56	20%	2	18%	233	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

# EDUCATION

Academic achievement is correlated with employment, self-sufficiency and financial stability. In Butte County, 90.3% of the residents have at least a high school education and some amount of college. Based on the survey responses collected, only 26% of those who are unhoused have that level of educational attainment. Furthermore, 29.8% of Butte County residents have a Bachelor’s Degree or higher, while 4% of the total respondents report having a college degree.

Figure 25: Educational Attainment, By Region, 2023

What was the last grade level you completed in school?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Less than 8th grade	47	5%	3	13%	8	3%	1	9%	59	5%
More than 8th but less than 12th grade	75	8%	5	21%	35	13%	3	27%	118	10%
Less than 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	113	12%	0	0%	23	8%	0	0%	136	11%
High school grad/GED	228	25%	7	29%	80	29%	2	18%	317	26%
AA	30	3%	0	0%	9	3%	1	9%	40	3%
Some college	163	18%	3	13%	51	18%	1	9%	218	18%
College degree or more	42	5%	2	8%	10	4%	0	0%	54	4%
Currently in School	13	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	15	1%
Person doesn't know	10	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	11	1%
Person refused	34	4%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	35	3%
Data not collected	170	18%	4	17%	57	21%	3	27%	234	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>



## INCOME AND HOUSING

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For those who are unhoused, their most basic missing need is housing. While other services and supports are needed for those who have multiple and complex barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing, everyone needs housing that is affordable to them, based upon their income. Figure 26 shows the monthly income levels for those who answered this question on the survey. Of those who answered, the most chosen response was “\$1,001-\$2,000” (17%) followed by those who report “no income” (12%), and “\$1-\$150” (12%). Someone who earns \$12,000 per year or \$1,000 per month is making 21.8% of median household income in Butte County (\$54,972 according to the U.S. Census estimates for 2021). An affordable housing cost for people earning \$1,000 per month would be to pay no more than 30% or \$300 for rent and utilities. There continues to be a drastic shortage of units with rents that are anywhere near this level, due to the amount of subsidy needed to make up the difference between the rent the owner/operator charges and what the household can afford. This points to the ongoing need for affordable housing funding throughout the community that subsidizes the cost of construction and operations.

While there had been a very low rental housing inventory in Butte County for many years, it became especially low after the string of devastating wildfires, including Camp Fire and North Complex fires in 2018 and 2020, hovering at 1% vacancy or less. The receipt of CDBG-DR (Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery) funding for housing has begun to address this low vacancy rate, with numerous projects now in construction or ready to start construction soon. These units are essential to address the scope of affordable housing needs for low-income households who cannot afford market rents, to provide units where Housing Choice Vouchers can be used, and to protect low-income households who are vulnerable to housing displacement by higher income households. Even a slight change in income, due to illness for example, can result in a loss of housing. At the end of the housing availability line, those who are trying to end their homelessness have historically competed for a very limited number of affordable housing units.

Figure 26: Income of Those Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

What is your household's approximate monthly income? (choose one)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
No income	119	13%	3	13%	27	10%	2	18%	151	12%
\$1-\$150	106	11%	6	25%	30	11%	4	36%	146	12%
\$151-\$250	30	3%	4	17%	15	5%	0	0%	49	4%
\$251-\$500	60	6%	2	8%	13	5%	0	0%	75	6%
\$501-\$1,000	98	11%	3	13%	38	14%	0	0%	139	11%
\$1,001-\$1,500	40	4%	1	4%	17	6%	2	18%	60	5%
\$1,501-\$2,000	6	1%	1	4%	2	1%	0	0%	9	1%
\$1,001-\$2,000	171	18%	0	0%	40	14%	0	0%	211	17%
Over \$2,000	27	3%	0	0%	7	3%	0	0%	34	3%
Person Doesn't Know	9	1%	0	0%	6	2%	0	0%	15	1%
Person Refused	34	4%	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%	38	3%
Data Not Collected	225	24%	4	17%	78	28%	3	27%	310	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 27: Source of Income of Those Who Are Unhoused, Butte County, 2023

How do you get money? (Choose all that apply)	Total	
Child support or alimony	7	1%
Food Stamps (CalFresh)	524	42%
Friends or family	72	6%
General Assistance (GA)	46	4%
Job or paid internship	83	7%
Odd jobs	144	12%
Panhandling or busking (street performance)	59	5%
Pension or retirement	17	1%
Social Security Retirement	18	1%
Recycling	160	13%
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	161	13%
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	105	8%
Student aid or grants	5	0%
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF or CalWORKs)	47	4%
Temporary or seasonal (harvest) employment	7	1%
Unemployment benefits	9	1%
Veteran's benefits	15	1%
Other: _____	50	4%
Note: People were able to choose more than one source of income and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed (n=1237)		

Figure 27 provides data on the sources of income reported by respondents. Food Stamps (CalFresh) was reported as a source of income for 42% of respondents.

# VETERANS

The 2023 data indicates that 72 (6%) of the 1,237 respondents reported being a Veteran. For this data element, it should be noted that 236 people did not answer the question, so the number of veterans may be higher. In recent years, HUD has increased its funding directed to ending homelessness for Veterans, especially through the VA Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH). HUD-VASH is a collaborative program which pairs HUD’s Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services for unhoused Veterans. These services are designed to help unhoused Veterans and their families find and sustain permanent housing and access health care, mental health treatment, substance use counseling, and other supports necessary to help them recover and maintain housing in the community.

Figure 28: Veterans Status, By Region, 2023

Are you a Veteran?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	51	6%	1	4%	17	6%	3	27%	72	6%
No	695	75%	18	75%	210	76%	6	55%	929	75%
Don't know	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Refused	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Data not collected	179	19%	5	21%	50	18%	2	18%	236	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

There is a distinct connection between domestic violence and homelessness. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, between 22% and 57% of women and children who are unhoused attributed this to domestic violence, with 38% of all domestic violence victims experiencing homelessness at some point in their lives due to domestic violence. Victims who leave their abusive partner multiple times due to domestic violence often experience multiple events of being unhoused. There were 148 respondents who indicated they were unhoused due to fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.

Figure 29: Loss of Housing due to Domestic Violence for Those Who are Unhoused, 2023

Are you experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	124	13%	2	8%	20	7%	2	18%	148	12%
No	695	75%	17	71%	214	77%	7	64%	933	75%
Don't know	2	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Refused	5	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Data not collected	99	11%	5	21%	41	15%	2	18%	147	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

An additional survey question asked “Are you a victim of Domestic Violence?”, referring to experiencing this at any point now or in the past. This was answered affirmatively by 385 people (25%), but it should be noted that 407 people did not answer this question and the impact could be higher.

Figure 30: Domestic Violence Survivors Experiencing Homelessness, 2023

Are you a victim/survivor of Domestic Violence?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	277	30%	7	29%	62	22%	3	27%	349	28%
No	448	48%	12	50%	160	58%	6	55%	626	51%
Don't know	10	1%	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%	14	1%
Refused	6	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	7	1%
Data not collected	184	20%	5	21%	50	18%	2	18%	241	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

# YOUTH

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Unhoused youth can typically fall into one of three categories: minors who are unhoused with a parent(s) or guardian; minors who are unhoused entirely on their own; and individuals who are “transition-aged youth” ages 18-24 who are technically “adults” but continue to be subject to the same vulnerabilities as minors. Especially for any youth who is unaccompanied by an adult, their survival on the street often results in them choosing harmful situations such as survival sex, human trafficking, substance use, and being more vulnerable to violence. Housing and service interventions that serve unhoused youth are especially important in curtailing generational and chronic homelessness.

Figure 29 shows the age breakdown of those counted who were ages 0-24.

**Figure 29: Age Range of Unhoused Youth, 2023**

Age Range	Total	
Under 5	43	27%
6 to 12	34	22%
13 to 17	16	10%
18 to 24	62	39%
Unknown Age - Believe to be adult under 25	2	1%
Data not collected	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>100%</b>

The majority of unhoused youth (80%) surveyed identified Chico as the community they live in. Figure 30 shows the community where the youth slept on the night of January 24, 2023

**Figure 30: Community of Unhoused Youth, 2023**

Community	Total	
Chico Area	134	85%
Oroville Area	20	13%
Biggs/Gridley Area	3	2%
The Ridge Area	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 31 shows the breakdown of household type for unhoused youth.

**Figure 31: Household Type of Unhoused Youth, 2023**

Household Type	Total	
Parenting Youth	13	8%
Unaccompanied Youth	53	34%
Children of Parenting Youth	6	4%
Note: Percentages are out of total number of youth surveyed (n=157)		

Figure 32 shows the breakdown of youth who are unsheltered and sheltered.

**Figure 32: Sheltering Status for Unhoused Youth, 2023**

Sheltering Status	Total	
Sheltered	119	76%
Unsheltered	38	24%
Total	<b>157</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 33 shows the type of shelter unhoused youth slept in on the night of January 24, 2023

**Figure 33: Sheltered Program Type for Unhoused Youth, 2023**

Household Type	Total	
Emergency Shelter	51	43%
Transitional Housing	68	57%
Total	<b>157</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 34 shows that in Butte County, twenty youth met the definition of chronically unhoused. While living unhoused for any length of time is devastating to any individual, it is especially important to consider what this means for youths or young adults who are just starting out in life and are already significantly impacted by disability and housing instability.

**Figure 34: Chronically Unhoused Youth, 2023**

Chronically Unhoused	Total	
Yes	20	13%
No	125	80%
Data not collected	12	8%
Total	<b>157</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 35 shows the responses that those who took the Youth survey provided as to the causes of their loss of housing. Youth were able to choose as many causes as applicable. Family Crisis and Employment/Financial were the most cited reasons.

**Figure 35: Causes of Houselessness for Youth 2023**

What do you think led to your homelessness? (Choose all that apply)	Total	
	Age out of foster or group home	5
Alcohol or substance use or abuse	17	11%
Domestic violence or partner abuse	19	12%
Direct result of COVID-19	3	2%
Employment or financial reasons	25	16%
Family crisis such as a death or serious illness in the family, divorce, family conflict, or another family problem	28	18%
Forced to relocate from home or evicted	18	11%
Incarceration	4	3%
Leaving your house due to intolerance of your sexual orientation or gender identity	2	1%
Medical or disability problems	2	1%
Mental illness	10	6%
Natural or other disasters	4	3%
Are you survivor of the 2017 Wall Fire?	0	0%
Are you a survivor of the 2018 Camp Fire?	4	3%
Are you a survivor of the 2020 Bear/North Complex Fire?	0	0%
Are you a survivor of another disaster? Please state:	3	2%
Parent or foster parent abuse	5	3%
Personal choice to be homeless	2	1%
PRCS (Post Release Controlled Supervision)	0	0%
Recent immigration	0	0%
Substandard housing	1	1%
Other: _____	3	2%
Person Doesn't Know	28	18%
Person Refused	7	4%
Note: People were able to choose more than one reason and data was not collected from all participants. Missing data is not represented in this chart. Percentages are out of total number of youth surveyed (n=157)		



## LEGAL SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT

Being unhoused and involved with the legal system (aka criminal justice system) are known to have a significant connection. Being involved with the legal system increases a person's risk of becoming unhoused after incarceration, due to being disconnected from supports and services, as well as dealing with housing and job discrimination. Once a person is unhoused, the chances that they experience encounters with law enforcement and incarceration increases the longer they remain unhoused, mostly because living outside can lead to citations for loitering and illegal camping. The 2023 PIT Study asked respondents if they are currently on probation and/or parole and if they exited into homelessness. Similar to other sensitive questions in the survey, a significant number of respondents did not answer this question. A total of 93 people indicated they were on probation and/or parole with 67 of those individuals exiting into homelessness.

Figure 36: Currently on Probation or Parole for Those Who are Unhoused, 2023

Are you currently on probation and/or parole? (Only asked if over 18 yrs old)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Yes	60	6%	3	13%	29	10%	1	9%	93
No	599	65%	16	67%	184	66%	7	64%	806	65%
Don't know	5	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Refused	30	3%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	32	3%
Data not collected	231	25%	5	21%	61	22%	3	27%	300	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 36.1: Currently on Probation or Parole, Exited into Houselessness, 2023

(If "yes") Were you released from custody into homelessness?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Yes	40	4%	0	0%	26	9%	1	9%	67
No	18	2%	3	13%	3	1%	0	0%	24	2%
Don't know	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Data not collected	867	94%	21	88%	248	90%	10	91%	1146	93%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

# MOVING FORWARD AS A COMMUNITY

## The Voices of Those Who Are Unhoused

One of the primary purposes of the PIT Study and the resulting Executive Summary is to learn from those who are unhoused what they believe would be helpful to them as they seek to stabilize their lives through housing and services. To this end, the 2023 PIT survey included some specific questions to gather this input. This information is provided in the figures below.

Figure 37: Interest in Housing and Shelter Options, 2023

What housing and/or sheltering options would you be interested in? (Check all that apply)	Total	
A parking lot with security where you can safely sleep in your car or RV	293	24%
Large shelter with individual rooms for each person	464	38%
Outside space that is legal to camp	397	32%
Sharing a room in a house or apartment	454	37%
Shelter with large shared sleeping space with pets allowed	307	25%
Shelter with large shared sleeping space without pets	234	19%
Tiny house	687	56%
Your own room in a shared house or apartment	619	50%
Your own house or apartment	819	66%
Person doesn't know	24	2%
Person refused	55	4%
Note: People were able to choose more than one housing or sheltering option and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed (n=1237) Because of the way the data was collected, missing data is not represented in this chart.		

Respondents could choose as many of the housing and shelter options as they were interested in. The top three options selected (each was chosen by at least 600 people) were:

- *Your own house or apartment (819 people)*
- *Tiny house (687 people)*
- *Your own room in a shared house or apartment (619 people)*

These results are indicative of the fact that most people would prefer a space of their own (at least the bedroom), versus something shared. The community has in fact been prioritizing these housing types with recent efforts to take advantage of increased affordable housing financing to produce new multi-family apartments; the efforts of local organizations to produce tiny houses and to purchase or rent homes which are then leased/sub-leased to individuals in a shared housing model, where each person has their own room. Offering this variety of options moving forward will be beneficial to address the unique needs and wants of each household.

Figure 38: Service Usage for Those Who are Unhoused, 2023

Which of these services would you use? (Check all that apply)	Total	
Access to electricity	674	54%
Court transportation and support	308	25%
Detox center	185	15%
Drop in center for clothes, computer use, food, mail, and support	636	51%
Free laundry service	717	58%
Life coach/case manager/mentor	474	38%
Mobile shower	636	51%
Needle exchange program	161	13%
Phone charging stations	586	47%
Safe kennel provided for pets	278	22%
Safe medicine storage	336	27%
Safe personal property storage	566	46%
Temporary housing when sick	532	43%
Warming/cooling centers	564	46%
Other:	49	4%
Person doesn't know	54	4%
Person refused	41	3%
<p>Note: People were able to choose more than one service option and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed (n=1237) Because of the way the data was collected, missing data is not represented in this chart.</p>		

Respondents could choose as many of the services as they were interested in. The top four services selected (each was chosen by at least 600 people) were:

- *Free laundry service (717 people)*
- *Access to electricity (674 people)*
- *Mobile shower (636 people)*
- *Drop in center (636 people)*

These answers indicate that services which support hygiene, safety, and physical/mental health are the most important to those who answered the survey questions. Local organizations are providing a mobile laundry service and showering service throughout the county, and have recently opened a medical respite program. The supportive housing programs provide case management services, which includes life skills. While not currently adequately funded, day center services could assist with addressing the issues of access to electricity (assuming this is for charging devices, and not wanted for camping), personal property storage, and serving as a warming or cooling center.

Figure 39: Reasons for Avoiding Emergency Shelters, 2023

If you don't use Emergency Shelters, why not? (Choose all that apply)	Total	
I don't like the staff	51	11%
I don't like where it is located. "It's difficult for me to get there"	50	10%
I don't need to	79	17%
I feel overwhelmed being around so many people	158	33%
I feel unsafe	82	17%
I have been kicked out of the shelters and have not asked to go back	27	6%
I have too much stuff to store there	48	10%
I'm afraid of getting sick with all the people in one place	59	12%
I prefer to camp outside	77	16%
I think my children would be unsafe	13	3%
It's too noisy	68	14%
The shelter is low-barrier and it triggers me.	35	7%
There are too many rules	81	17%
They don't allow medicinal Marijuana	29	6%
They don't allow my family to stay together	20	4%
They don't allow people to use drugs or alcohol before signing in	24	5%
They don't allow pets	65	14%
They don't know how to shelter transgender people	6	1%
There is somebody else in shelter that I cannot be around.	31	6%
They require religious participation to stay	26	5%
Other:	81	17%

Note: People were able to choose more than one reason and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of unsheltered people surveyed (n=580)

Respondents could choose as many reasons that apply. The top four reasons selected (each was chosen by at least 80 people) were:

- *I feel overwhelmed being around so many people (158 people)*
- *I feel unsafe (82 people)*
- *There are too many rules (81 people)*
- *Other reason (81 people)*

Many of the reasons cited speak to the impacts of trauma and other mental health issues that make it difficult to be in close proximity to other people, health and safety concerns. While congregate shelters continue to play an important role in the homelessness response system, it must be acknowledged that the state and federal governments are increasingly de-emphasizing funding for congregate shelters and encouraging non-congregate shelter models or rapid rehousing whenever possible. The State of California has recently been providing funding under the "Pet Assistance and Support Program" (PAS). The intent of the PAS program is to allow homeless shelters to reduce barriers for those individuals experiencing homelessness with their pets. While it is unclear for how long the State will provide this funding opportunity, it is worthwhile to consider, since having

pet-friendly shelters could increase the use of the shelters and support the considerable mental health benefits that animals can provide.

## **Conclusion**

The 2023 PIT Study findings remain consistent with national research, indicating that increasing the affordable housing stock and offering individualized support in areas of key need is fundamental to ending homelessness. Health problems and other disabling conditions are pervasive for those who are unhoused, and without at least a minimal level of housing stability and safety, it is likely these conditions will worsen. Butte County has been especially impacted in recent years by numerous devastating wildfires which displaced thousands of people, many of whom still have not been able to obtain stable and affordable housing. The impacts of these wildfires on the housing market are likely to continue for a number of years. Concerted efforts are being made by local jurisdictions to access CDBG-DR and other available funding to build new affordable housing units. Without these efforts, the number of unhoused individuals and families is likely to only increase, especially when the impact of disaster-related trauma is considered.

The Butte CoC and its partner agencies are actively pursuing every potential funding source available to support street outreach, case management, housing navigation, shelter and permanent housing options. It is hoped that the community will pause to consider the complexity of the problem and participate in ways that improve the homelessness response system, with the goal of making homelessness a situation that is rarely experienced by community members, and when it does happen, to make it as brief as possible.

## **APPENDICES**

**Appendix A: CoC Memo on 2023 PIT Methodology**

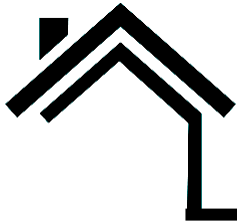
**Appendix B: 2023 PIT Survey Questions**

**Appendix C: HUD Definitions of “Homeless” per HEARTH Act**

**Appendix D: HUD Definition of “Chronically Homeless” Flow Chart**

**Appendix E: 2023 PIT Data Tables**





## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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DATE: November 14, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR: CoC Council, Members and participating Agencies

FROM: Briana Harvey-Butterfield  
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Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services

SUBJECT: 2023 Point in Time (PIT) Methodology

Under section 578.7 of the CoC Program interim rule, CoCs must plan and conduct, at least biennially, a PIT count of homeless persons within the geographic area. Section 578.3 of the CoC Program interim rule states that PIT counts are “carried out on one night in the last 10 calendar days of January or at such other time as required by HUD.” CoCs will submit their count data via HUD’s Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) in the spring following the count.

HUD requires CoCs to collect reliable data on the total number and characteristics of all people (i.e., sheltered and unsheltered) residing in the CoCs’ geographic area who are homeless on a single night and report the data to HUD.

The PIT Committee for the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care intends to proceed with a 2023 sheltered and unsheltered count as encouraged by HUD and recommends the following methodology:

### **Date and Time**

The unsheltered count is to be conducted beginning at sunrise Wednesday, January 25, 2023, and continuing throughout the day. The count will capture the characteristics of homeless persons for the prior night.

### **Methodology**

Consistent with previous years, a census count method, or an enumeration of all homeless people, is recommended by the PIT Committee. The proposed method would include the entire CoCs’ geography and provide a direct and complete count of all people and their characteristics.

The committee intends for volunteers to conduct complete coverage by canvassing the geographical area. Locations, called HUBs, will be identified throughout the Continuum to provide known areas for people who are experiencing homelessness a place to drop in and be included in the count. These HUBs also serve to assist volunteers as a meeting place throughout the day. The identified HUB’s will be noted on flyers and shared with the community in the coming weeks.

### **Counting Us Application**

To ensure reliable and accurate data quality, the Counting Us application, as provided through software company Simtech will be used. This is the same software that was used to complete the 2022 PIT and will allow volunteers to download a convenient application to their mobile or electronic devices.

<http://www.buttehomelesscoc.com>

*Note: Registration and Known Location demonstration to be presented during December meeting.*

### **Sheltered PIT and HIC Count**

The PIT count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) are integrally related. The sum total number of persons reported in emergency shelter, Safe Haven, and transitional housing projects in the PIT count fields of the HIC must match the sum total of sheltered persons reported in the PIT count. Since the PIT and HIC data must match, it is critical that CoCs conduct their PIT count and HIC at the same time. The Counting Us application will contain a Sheltered Survey in order to obtain the demographics and collect responses to the community questions contain within the Unsheltered Survey.

### **Survey**

Please find attached, the survey that will be uploaded to the Counting Us application in preparation for the 2023 count. This survey include a combination of HUD required questions and local community questions as recommended by the PIT Committee.





Legend

HUD Required Question

HUD/Software Question

Local Questions

1. **What is your name?**
  - a. First Name (or Initial): [free fill text box]
  - b. Last Name (or Initial): [free fill text box]
  - c. If hesitant, ask “What are your initials?” [free fill text box]
  - d. Person refused
2. **Have you already been interviewed for the 2023 PIT Count? (If yes, STOP)**
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
3. **What area did you stay in last night?**
  - a. Biggs
  - b. Chico
  - c. Gridley
  - d. Oroville
  - e. Paradise
  - f. Magalia
  - g. Other location in Butte County: [free fill text box]
  - h. Outside Butte County: [free fill text box]
4. **Where did you sleep the night before the Count? (If option in bold is selected, continue with the survey)**
  - a. **Abandoned building**
  - b. **Under bridge/ overpass**
  - c. **Bus/ train station**
  - d. **Vehicle/ boat/ RV**
  - e. **Outdoor encampment**
  - f. **Park**
  - g. **Street or sidewalk**
  - h. Emergency shelter (Torres, Sabbath House, Safe Space, ORM, Etc.)
  - i. Transitional housing
  - j. Hospital
  - k. Treatment program
  - l. Jail
  - m. Hotel/Motel paid for with own money
  - n. Hotel/Motel paid for by an agency
  - o. Temporarily with friends or family (couch surfing)
  - p. House or apartment-rent/own
  - q. In a place being evicted from
  - r. Other location: [free fill text box]
5. **What is your gender? [Select One]**
  - a. Male
  - b. Female
  - c. A gender that is not singularly ‘Female’ or ‘Male’
  - d. Transgender
  - e. Questioning
  - f. Person doesn’t know
  - g. Person refused

**6. How do you identify your sexual orientation? (choose all that apply)**

- a. Straight or heterosexual
- b. Lesbian, gay, homosexual, or same gender loving
- c. Bisexual or pansexual
- d. I identify as: [free fill text box]
- e. Person doesn't know
- f. Person refused

**7. What is your date of birth?**

- a. [mm/dd/yyyy]
- b. Person doesn't know
- c. Person refused

**7a. If refused to answer date of birth, ask "How old are you?"**[free fill date box]

**7b. If refused to answer age, ask "What age range do you fall into?"**

- a. Under 18
- b. 18-24
- c. 25-34
- d. 35-44
- e. 45-54
- f. 55-64
- g. 65+

**8. What is your race?**

- a. American Indian or Alaska native
- b. Asian
- c. Black or African American
- d. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- e. White
- f. Multiple races
- g. Person doesn't know
- h. Person refused

**9. Are you Hispanic/Latino?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**10. Is this the first time you have been homeless?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**11. How long have you been homeless this time? (Only include time in shelters and/or streets)**

- a. 0 to 3 months
- b. 4 to 6 months
- c. 7 to 11 months
- d. 1 to 2 years

- e. 2 to 3 years
- f. 3 years or more

**12. How many months did you stay in shelters or on the streets over the past 3 years?**

- a. 0 to 3 months
- b. 4 to 6 months
- c. 7 to 11 months
- d. 1 to 2 years
- e. 2 to 3 years
- f. 3 years or more

**13. How many separate times have you stayed in shelters or on the streets in the past 3 years?**

- a. Fewer than 4 times
- b. 4 or more times
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**14. Do you have any Substance Abuse Issues?**

- a. No
- b. Alcohol abuse
- c. Drug abuse
- d. Both alcohol and drug
- e. Person doesn't know
- f. Person refused

**14a. If yes, is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**15. Do you have a Chronic Health Condition?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**15a. If yes, is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**16. Do you have a Mental Health Problem?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**16a. If yes, is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**17. Do you have a Physical Disability?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**17a. If yes, is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**18. Do you have a Developmental Disability?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**19. Do you have HIV/AIDS?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**20. Are you experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**21. Are you a victim/survivor of Domestic Violence?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**22. Are you a veteran?** (served in the US Armed Forces OR been called into a duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist)

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**23. What was the last grade level you completed in school?**

- e. Less than 8<sup>th</sup> grade

- f. Less than 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- g. High School Graduate or GED
- h. AA Degree
- i. Some College
- j. College Degree or More
- k. Currently in school
  - i. (if currently in school) Name of school [free fill text box]
- l. Person doesn't know
- m. Person refused

**24. Were you ever in foster care or stayed in a group home?**

- a. Yes
  - i. (If "yes") Were you exited into homelessness?
    - 1. Yes
    - 2. No
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**25. Are you currently on probation and/or parole? Note: Question only shows up if individual is 18+**

- a. Yes
  - i. (If "yes") Were you released from custody into homelessness?
    - 1. Yes
    - 2. No
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**26. Were you living in Butte County when you became homeless?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Person doesn't know
- d. Person refused

**27. How long have you been in Butte County? If in and out, what is the TOTAL amount of time?**

- a. More than a month but less than 1 year
- b. 1-2 years
- c. 3-5 years
- d. 6-9 years
- e. 10-19 years
- f. 20+ years
- g. Person doesn't know
- h. Person refused

**28. What housing and/or sheltering options would you be interested in? (Check all that apply)**

- a. A parking lot with security where you can safely sleep in your car or RV
- b. Large shelter with individual rooms for each person

- c. Outside space that is legal to camp
- d. Sharing a room in a house or apartment
- e. Shelter with large shared sleeping space with pets allowed
- f. Shelter with large shared sleeping space without pets
- g. Tiny house
- h. Your own room in a shared house or apartment
- i. Your own house or apartment
- j. Person doesn't know
- k. Person refused

**29. What do you think led to your homelessness? (choose all that apply)**

- a. Age out of foster or group home
- b. Alcohol or substance use or abuse
- c. Domestic violence or partner abuse
- d. Direct result of COVID-19
- e. Employment or financial reasons
- f. Family crisis such as a death or serious illness in the family, divorce, family conflict, or another family problem
- g. Forced to relocate from home or evicted
- h. Incarceration
- i. Leaving your house due to intolerance of your sexual orientation or gender identity
- j. Medical or disability problems
- k. Mental illness
- l. Natural or other disasters
  - i. If yes, are you survivor of the 2017 Wall Fire?
  - ii. Are you a survivor of the 2018 Camp Fire?
  - iii. Are you a survivor of the 2020 Bear/North Complex Fire?
  - iv. Are you a survivor of another disaster? Please state. [Text box]
- m. Parent or foster parent abuse
- n. Personal choice to be homeless
- o. PRCS (Post Release Controlled Supervision)
- p. Recent immigration
- q. Substandard housing
- r. Other: [free fill text box]
- s. Person Doesn't Know
- t. Person Refused

**30. What barriers prevent you from accessing permanent housing (choose all that apply)?**

- a. Criminal History
  - i. If yes, where you convicted of 290 offense?
- b. Finding affordable housing
- c. Finding a job
- d. Finding services to help me
- e. I don't like the housing options available to me
- f. Lack of an ID card
- g. Lack of local services

- h. Managing my mental health
- i. No money for rent or deposit
- j. Pets
- k. Poor/no credit
- l. Rental History
- m. Substance Use
- n. Transportation to services
- o. Nothing, I prefer to be homeless
- p. Other: [free fill text box]
- q. Person Doesn't Know
- r. Person Refused

**31. How do you get money? (choose all that apply)**

- a. Child support or alimony
- b. Food Stamps (CalFresh)
- c. Friends or family
- d. General Assistance (GA)
- e. Job or paid internship
- f. Odd jobs
- g. Panhandling or busking (street performance)
- h. Pension or retirement
- i. Recycling
- j. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- k. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- l. Student aid or grants
- m. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF or CalWORKs)
- n. Temporary or seasonal (harvest) employment
- o. Unemployment benefits
- p. Veteran's benefits
- q. Other: [free fill text box]
- r. Person Doesn't Know
- s. Person Refused

**32. What is your household's approximate monthly income? (choose one)**

- a. No income
- b. \$1-\$150
- c. \$151-\$250
- d. \$251-\$500
- e. \$501-\$1,000
- f. \$1,001-\$1,500
- g. \$1,501-\$2,000
- h. Over \$2,000
- i. Person Doesn't Know
- j. Person Refused

**33. Which of these services would you use? (Check all that apply)**

- a. Access to electricity
- b. Court transportation and support
- c. Detox center



- d. Drop in center for clothes, computer use, food, mail, and support
- e. Free laundry service
- f. Life coach/case manager/mentor
- g. Mobile shower
- h. Needle exchange program
- i. Phone charging stations
- j. Safe kennel provided for pets
- k. Safe medicine storage
- l. Safe personal property storage
- m. Temporary housing when sick
- n. Transportation to appointments
- o. Warming/cooling centers
- p. Other: [free fill text box]
- q. Person doesn't know
- r. Person refused

**34. If you don't use Emergency Shelters, why not? (Check all that apply)**

- a. I don't like the staff
- b. I don't like where it is located. "It's difficult for me to get there"
- c. I don't need to
- d. I feel overwhelmed being around so many people
- e. I feel unsafe
- f. I have been kicked out of the shelters and have not asked to go back
- g. I have too much stuff to store there
- h. I'm afraid of getting sick with all the people in one place
- i. I prefer to camp outside
- j. I think my children would be unsafe
- k. It's too noisy
- l. The shelter is low-barrier and it triggers me.
- m. There are too many rules
- n. They don't allow medicinal Marijuana
- o. They don't allow my family to stay together
- p. They don't allow people to use drugs or alcohol before signing in
- q. They don't allow pets
- r. They don't know how to shelter transgender people
- s. There is somebody else in shelter that I cannot be around.
- t. They require religious participation to stay
- u. Other: [free fill text box]

Appendix C: HUD Definitions of "Homeless" per HEARTH Act

## Definitions of Homelessness for Federal Program Serving Children, Youth, and Families

The two major definitions of homelessness in use by federal agencies are the education definition in Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Act, and the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) definition in Section 103 of Subtitle I of the McKinney-Vento Act. The following chart illustrates the similarities and differences between federal agencies' definitions of homeless. In December 2011, HUD issued complex regulations on the HEARTH definition of homelessness.

	EDUCATION DEFINITION	HUD DEFINITION – PRIOR TO 2009	HUD DEFINITION – HEARTH ACT - CURRENT	RHYA DEFINITION
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	Section 725 of Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Act	Section 103 of Subtitle I of the McKinney-Vento Act	Section 103 of Subtitle I of the McKinney-Vento Act	Section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act
<b>Federal Programs and Agencies Using This Definition:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elementary and Secondary Education (ED)</li> <li>- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (ED)</li> <li>- Higher Education Act (ED)</li> <li>- Head Start Act (HHS)</li> <li>- Child Nutrition Act (USDA)</li> <li>- Violence Against Women Act (DOJ)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homeless Assistance Programs (HUD)</li> <li>- Emergency Food and Shelter (Homeland Security)</li> <li>- Department of Veterans Affairs (all programs)</li> <li>- Department of Labor (all programs)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homeless Assistance Programs (HUD)</li> </ul>	Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Programs (HHS)
<b>LIVING SITUATIONS COVERED BY THESE DEFINITIONS</b>				
<b>Unsheltered Locations</b>	<p><b>Yes:</b></p> <p>“(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));</p> <p>(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings”</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b></p> <p>“an individual who has 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.”</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b></p> <p>“an individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;”</p>	<p><b>Yes, if the youth cannot live with relatives and has no other safe place to go:</b></p> <p>“a youth... for whom it is not possible to live in a safe environment with a relative, and who has no other safe alternative living arrangement.”</p>
<b>Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing</b>	<p><b>Yes:</b></p> <p>“children and youth who are living in emergency or transitional shelters”</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b></p> <p>“a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations”</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b></p> <p>“an individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements”</p>	<p><b>Yes, if the youth cannot live with relatives and has no other safe place to go:</b></p> <p>“a youth... for whom it is not possible to live in a safe environment with a relative, and who has no other safe alternative living arrangement.”</p>

	EDUCATION DEFINITION	HUD DEFINITION – PRIOR TO 2009	HUD DEFINITION – HEARTH ACT - CURRENT	RHYA DEFINITION
<b>Motels and Hotels</b>	<p><b>Yes, if there are no appropriate alternatives:</b></p> <p>“children and youth who are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds <u>due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations</u>”</p> <p>(emphasis added)</p>	<p><b>No, except for “welfare hotels”:</b></p> <p>“an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is 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);”</p>	<p><b>Generally, no, except for the following situations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “hotels and motels paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations”</li> <li>- “an individual or family who has a primary nighttime residence that is a room in a hotel or motel and where they lack the resources necessary to reside there for more than 14 days, who has no subsequent residence identified; and lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing;”</li> <li>- “any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life threatening conditions in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized, and who have no other residence and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing”</li> <li>- “unaccompanied youth and homeless families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes who have experienced a long term period without living independently in permanent housing; and have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period; and can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or multiple barriers to employment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes, if the youth cannot live with relatives and has no other safe place to go:</b></p> <p>“a youth... for whom it is not possible to live in a safe environment with a relative, and who has no other safe alternative living arrangement.”</p>

	EDUCATION DEFINITION	HUD DEFINITION – PRIOR TO 2009	HUD DEFINITION – HEARTH ACT - CURRENT	RHYA DEFINITION
<b>Staying with Others (“Doubled-Up”)</b>	<p><b>Yes, if it is due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar situation (within the definition of lacking fixed, regular, and adequate situations):</b></p> <p>“...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;”</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p><b>Generally, no, except the following situations:</b></p> <p>“an individual or family who will imminently lose their housing, including housing they are sharing with others, as evidenced by credible evidence indicating that the owner or renter of the housing will not allow the individual or family to stay for more than 14 days, and who has no subsequent residence identified; and who lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life threatening conditions in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized, and who have no other residence and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing”</li> <li>- “unaccompanied youth and homeless families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes who have experienced a long term period without living independently in permanent housing; and have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period; and can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or multiple barriers to employment.”</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes, if the youth cannot live with relatives and has no other safe place to go:</b></p> <p>“a youth... for whom it is not possible to live in a safe environment with a relative, and who has no other safe alternative living arrangement.”</p>

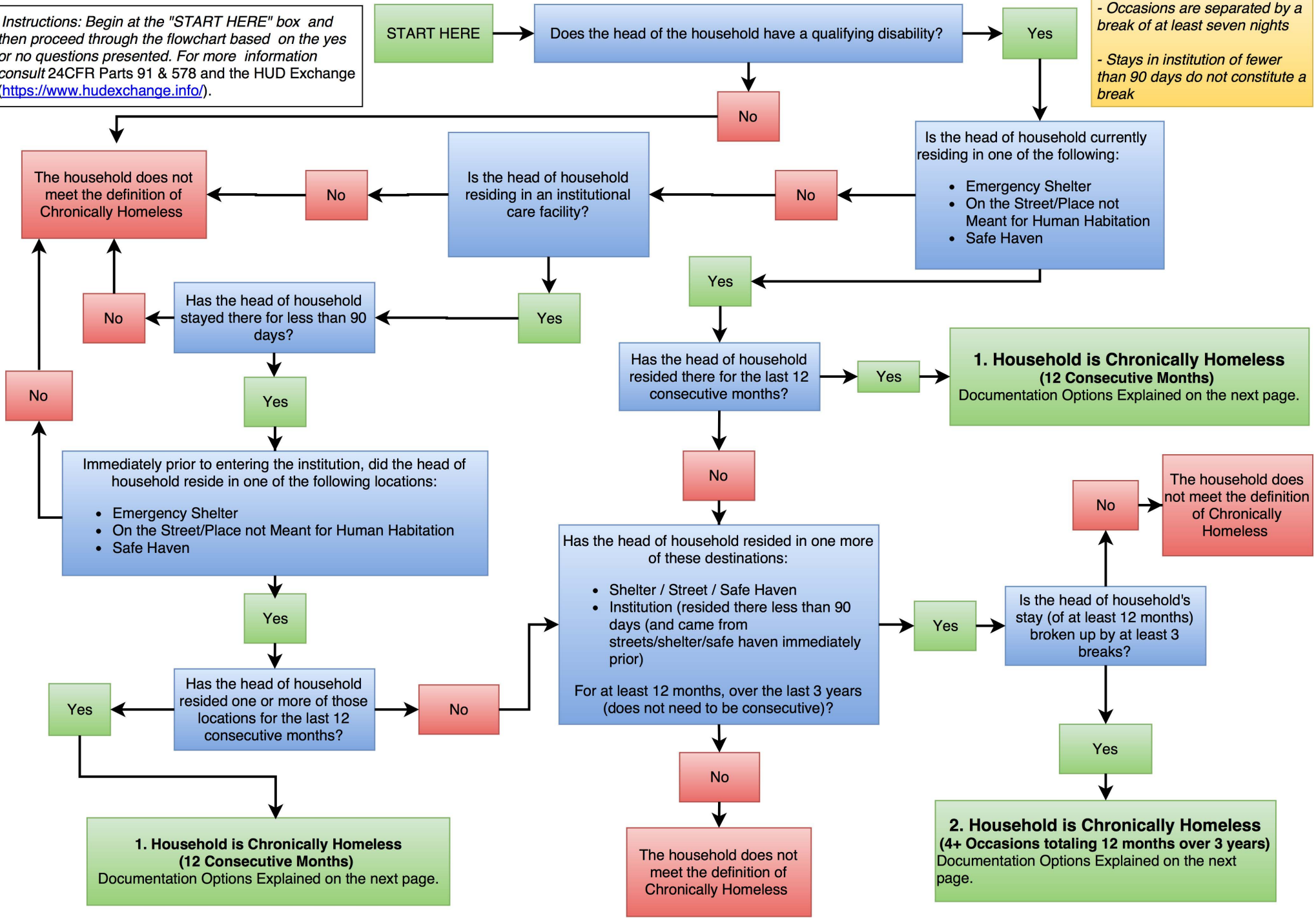
	EDUCATION DEFINITION	HUD DEFINITION – PRIOR TO 2009	HUD DEFINITION – HEARTH ACT - CURRENT	RHYA DEFINITION
<b>“At Risk of Homelessness”</b>	No such definition.	No such definition.	<p><b>Defines “at risk of homelessness” to include <u>all</u> families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes.</b></p> <p>(1) AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.-The term ‘at risk of homelessness’ means, with respect to an individual or family, that the individual or family-</p> <p>(A) has income below 30 percent of median income for the geographic area;</p> <p>(B) has insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability; and</p> <p>(C)(i) has moved frequently because of economic reasons;</p> <p>(ii) is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;</p> <p>(iii) has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated;</p> <p>(iv) lives in a hotel or motel;</p> <p>(v) lives in severely overcrowded housing;</p> <p>(vi) is exiting an institution; or</p> <p>(vii) otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Such term includes all families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes.</p>	<p><b>No such definition. However, RHYA does define “youth at risk of separation from family:”</b></p> <p>YOUTH AT RISK OF SEPARATION FROM THE FAMILY.—The term ‘youth at risk of separation from the family’ means an individual—</p> <p>(A) who is less than 18 years of age; and</p> <p>(B) (i) who has a history of running away from the family of such individual;</p> <p>(ii) whose parent, guardian, or custodian is not willing to provide for the basic needs of such individual; or</p> <p>(iii) who is at risk of entering the child welfare system or juvenile justice system as a result of the lack of services available to the family to meet such needs.</p>

Appendix D: HUD Definition of “Chronically Homeless” Flow Chart

# Flowchart of HUD's Definition of Chronic Homelessness

*Instructions: Begin at the "START HERE" box and then proceed through the flowchart based on the yes or no questions presented. For more information consult 24CFR Parts 91 & 578 and the HUD Exchange (<https://www.hudexchange.info/>).*

**Remember:**  
 - Occasions are separated by a break of at least seven nights  
 - Stays in institution of fewer than 90 days do not constitute a break







# Documentation Standards for Chronic Homelessness

**Instructions:** Based on your navigation of the flowchart on the previous page, locate the appropriate numbered situation on this page and follow the documentation standards noted. This tool summarizes the criteria for the new Chronically Homeless Definition. To review the exact language, please refer to 24 CFR Parts 91 & 578 and the HUD Exchange (<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-chronic-homelessness/>)

Situation	Documentation of Homelessness	Documentation of Disability
<p><b>1. Household is Chronically Homeless</b></p> <p>(12 Consecutive Months)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> HMIS record or record from a comparable database; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written observation by an outreach worker of the conditions where the individual was living; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written referral by another housing or service provider; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Where the evidence above is unavailable, there must be a certification by the individual seeking assistance, accompanied by the intake worker's documentation of the living situation and the steps taken to obtain the evidence listed above.</li> </ul> <p>If the head of household is currently staying in an institution where they have been for less than 90 days (and were in a shelter/street/safe haven immediately prior) their Institutional Stay can be documented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discharge paperwork or written/oral referral from a social worker or appropriate official of the institutional facility, with start/end dates of client's residence, or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Where the evidence above is unavailable, there must be a certification by the individual seeking assistance, accompanied by the intake worker's documentation of the living situation and the steps taken to obtain the evidence listed above.</li> </ul>	<p>Documentation of the head of household's disability, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written verification of the disability from a licensed professional;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written verification from the Social Security Administration;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The receipt of a disability check; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Intake staff-recorded observation of disability that, no later than 45 days from the application for assistance, accompanied by supporting evidence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Household is Chronically Homeless</b></p> <p>(4+ Occasions totaling 12 months over 3 years)*</p> <p><i>*May include institution stays of &lt;90 days</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> HMIS record or record from a comparable database; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written observation by an outreach worker of the conditions where the individual was living; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written referral by another housing or service provider; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discharge paperwork or written/oral referral from a social worker or appropriate official of the institutional facility, with start/end dates of client's residence (for institutional stays of less than 90 days)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Where the evidence above is unavailable, there must be a certification by the individual seeking assistance, accompanied by the intake worker's documentation of the living situation and the steps taken to obtain the evidence listed above.</li> </ul> <p><i>* Each separate occasion MUST be documented (minimum of 3 breaks). 100% of the breaks can be documented by self- report.</i></p>	<p>Documentation of the head of household's disability, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written verification of the disability from a licensed professional;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written verification from the Social Security Administration;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The receipt of a disability check; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Intake staff-recorded observation of disability that, no later than 45 days from the application for assistance, accompanied by supporting evidence.</li> </ul>

**Important Notes:**

- Each individual occasion needs to be fully documented.
- Breaks can be documented by self-report.
- For each Project:
  - 100% of households served can use self-certification for 3 months of their 12 months,
  - 75% of households served need to use 3<sup>rd</sup> Party documentation for 9 months of their 12 months, and
  - 25% of households served can use self-certification as documentation for any and all months.



## Butte County PIT Regional Tables

Figure 1: Total Number of Unhoused People Counted During PIT, By Year and Community, 2009-2023

Community	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2022	2023
Chico	668	1043	804	571	1096	864	885	925
Gridley, Biggs	2	97	65	36	28	23	21	24
Oroville	364	545	579	390	713	415	214	277
The Ridge Area	62	71	89	49	120	21	36	11
Other	10	16	16	81	26	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>1772</b>	<b>1553</b>	<b>1127</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>1156</b>	<b>1237</b>

Figure 3: Total Number of People Who Are Unhoused Counted During 2023 PIT, By Household Type

Household Type	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Single Adults No Children	752	81%	23	96%	249	90%	11	100%	1035	84%
Adults with Children	125	14%	0	0%	18	6%	0	0%	143	12%
Children without Adults	43	5%	1	4%	7	3%	0	0%	51	4%
Data Not Collected	5	1%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	8	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 4: Age of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

Age Range	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Under 5	40	4%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	43	3%
5 to 12	29	3%	0	0%	5	2%	0	0%	34	3%
13-17	13	1%	1	4%	2	1%	0	0%	16	1%
18-24	51	6%	2	8%	9	3%	0	0%	62	5%
25-34	149	16%	2	8%	40	14%	2	18%	193	16%
35-44	218	24%	6	25%	70	25%	4	36%	298	24%
45-54	183	20%	7	29%	63	23%	2	18%	255	21%
55-64	169	18%	4	17%	62	22%	2	18%	237	19%
65+	67	7%	2	8%	22	8%	1	9%	92	7%
Unknown Age - believed to be: Adult under 25	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Unknown Age - believed to be: Adult 25+	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	0%
Data not collected	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 5: Gender Identity of Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

What is your gender? (select all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Female	312	36%	6	27%	80	32%	5	56%	403	35%
Male	528	62%	16	73%	166	66%	4	44%	714	63%
Transgender	6	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	1%
A gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Questioning	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Person Doesn't Know	4	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	6	1%
Person refused	4	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	6	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: People were able to choose more than one gender and data was not collected from all participants. Missing data is not represented in this chart.

Figure 6: Sexual Orientation of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

How do you identify your sexual orientation? (choose all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Straight or heterosexual	454	84%	18	90%	196	91%	6	75%	674	86%
Bisexual or pansexual	10	2%	0	0%	5	2%	1	13%	16	2%
Lesbian, gay, homosexual, or same gender loving	27	5%	2	10%	4	2%	0	0%	33	4%
Other (please specify)	3	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	4	1%
Person doesn't know	17	3%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	18	2%
Person refused	28	5%	0	0%	9	4%	1	13%	38	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: People were able to choose more than one orientation and data was not collected from all participants. Missing data is not represented in this chart.

Figure 7: Race of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

What is your race? (select all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	67	8%	0	0%	17	7%	0	0%	84	7%
Asian	10	1%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	13	1%
Black/ African American	47	5%	2	9%	23	9%	0	0%	72	6%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2	0%	0	0%	4	2%	0	0%	6	1%
White	677	78%	19	83%	187	72%	9	100%	892	77%
Other	64	7%	2	9%	18	7%	0	0%	84	7%
Don't Know	2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	4	0%
Refused	4	0%	0	0%	5	2%	0	0%	9	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: People were able to choose more than one race and data was not collected from all participants. Missing data is not represented in this chart.

Figure 8: Ethnicity of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

Are you Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Hispanic/Latino	127	14%	1	4%	31	11%	0	0%	159	13%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	708	77%	19	79%	206	74%	9	82%	942	76%
Don't Know	2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	4	0%
Refused	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Data not collected	87	9%	4	17%	37	13%	2	18%	130	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 9: Sheltering Status of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

Sheltering Status	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Unsheltered	366	40%	24	100%	179	65%	11	100%	580	47%
Sheltered	559	60%	0	0%	98	35%	0	0%	657	53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 10: Shelter/Housing Model of People Who Are Unhoused and Sheltered, By Region, 2023

Projects by Shelter or Housing Model Type	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Emergency Shelter	435	78%	0	0%	71	72%	0	0%	506	77%
Transitional Housing	124	22%	0	0%	27	28%	0	0%	151	23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100%</b>

Notes: Data was collected only from those who were sheltered at the time of the survey and as such, totals match sheltering status.

Figure 11: Sheltering Location of People Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

If unsheltered, where did you sleep last night?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Abandoned Building	6	2%	0	0%	4	3%	0	0%	10	2%
Bus, train station, airport	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	3	1%
Other	18	7%	1	5%	8	6%	1	11%	28	6%
Outdoor encampment	114	41%	8	40%	63	44%	2	22%	187	42%
Park	25	9%	2	10%	15	11%	1	11%	43	10%
Street or Sidewalk	49	18%	6	30%	17	12%	2	22%	74	17%
Under bridge/overpass	12	4%	0	0%	10	7%	1	11%	23	5%
Vehicle / Boat / RV	50	18%	3	15%	24	17%	2	22%	79	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: Data was intended to only be collected from those who were identified as unsheltered and were surveyed, not tallied.

Figure 12: Chronic Unhoused Status, By Region 2023

Chronically Homeless	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	261	28%	8	33%	106	38%	4	36%	379	31%
No	574	62%	12	50%	134	48%	5	45%	725	59%
Data not collected	90	10%	4	17%	37	13%	2	18%	133	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 13: Duration Unhoused Status, By Region, 2023

How long have you been homeless this time? (Only include time in shelters and/or streets)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
0 to 3 months	86	9%	1	4%	30	11%	0	0%	117	9%
4 to 6 months	74	8%	4	17%	12	4%	1	9%	91	7%
7 to 11 months	52	6%	3	13%	28	10%	1	9%	84	7%
1 to 2 years	84	9%	3	13%	36	13%	3	27%	126	10%
2 to 3 years	58	6%	0	0%	21	8%	0	0%	79	6%
3 years or more	178	19%	9	38%	93	34%	4	36%	284	23%
Don't Know	4	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Refused	9	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	9	1%
Data not collected	380	41%	4	17%	56	20%	2	18%	442	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 14: First Time Unhoused, By Region, 2023

Is this the first time you've been homeless?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	266	29%	10	42%	85	31%	7	64%	368	30%
No	289	31%	10	42%	133	48%	2	18%	434	35%
Don't know	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Refused	8	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	9	1%
Data not collected	357	39%	4	17%	58	21%	2	18%	421	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 15: Substance Abuse, By Region, 2023

Do you have any Substance Abuse Issues?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
No	460	50%	9	38%	113	41%	5	45%	587	47%
Alcohol abuse	63	7%	1	4%	20	7%	1	9%	85	7%
Drug abuse	168	18%	7	29%	55	20%	3	27%	233	19%
Both alcohol and drug	90	10%	2	8%	41	15%	0	0%	133	11%
Don't Know	6	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	8	1%
Refused	17	2%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	20	2%
Data not collected	121	13%	5	21%	43	16%	2	18%	171	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>



Figure 15.1: Substance Abuse Impact, By Region, 2023

If “yes”) is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	178	19%	4	17%	61	22%	1	9%	244	20%
No	128	14%	6	25%	54	19%	3	27%	191	15%
Don’t Know	4	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Data not collected	615	66%	14	58%	161	58%	7	64%	797	64%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 16: Chronic Health Condition, By Region, 2023

Do you have a Chronic Health Condition?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	317	34%	10	42%	114	41%	4	36%	445	36%
No	487	53%	9	38%	119	43%	5	45%	620	50%
Don’t Know	10	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	11	1%
Refused	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Data not collected	106	11%	5	21%	43	16%	2	18%	156	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 16.1: Chronic Health Condition Impact, By Region, 2023

If “yes”) is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	165	18%	0	0%	30	11%	0	0%	195	16%
No	31	3%	0	0%	11	4%	0	0%	42	3%
Don’t Know	1	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	3	0%
Data not collected	728	79%	24	100%	234	84%	11	100%	997	81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 17: Mental Health Condition, By Region, 2023

Do you have a Mental Health Problem?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	355	38%	10	42%	96	35%	3	27%	464	38%
No	434	47%	8	33%	131	47%	6	55%	579	47%
Don’t Know	26	3%	0	0%	6	2%	0	0%	32	3%
Refused	5	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Data not collected	105	11%	6	25%	43	16%	2	18%	156	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 17.1: Mental Health Condition Impact, By Region, 2023

If “yes”) is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	170	18%	0	0%	19	7%	0	0%	189	15%
No	60	6%	0	0%	10	4%	0	0%	70	6%
Don’t Know	6	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Data not collected	689	74%	24	100%	248	90%	11	100%	972	79%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 18: Physical Disability, By Region, 2023

Do you have a Physical Disability?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	309	33%	4	17%	91	33%	5	45%	409	33%
No	497	54%	14	58%	143	52%	4	36%	658	53%
Don’t Know	8	1%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	9	1%
Refused	6	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Data not collected	105	11%	5	21%	43	16%	2	18%	155	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 18.1: Physical Disability Impact, By Region, 2023

If “yes”) is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	150	16%	0	0%	31	11%	0	0%	181	15%
No	38	4%	0	0%	9	3%	0	0%	47	4%
Don’t Know	3	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	4	0%
Refused	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Data not collected	732	79%	24	100%	236	85%	11	100%	1003	81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 19: Developmental Disability, By Region, 2023

Do you have a Developmental Disability?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	124	13%	3	13%	45	16%	1	9%	173	14%
No	675	73%	15	63%	184	66%	8	73%	882	71%
Don’t Know	12	1%	1	4%	6	2%	0	0%	19	2%
Refused	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Data not collected	109	12%	5	21%	42	15%	2	18%	158	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 20: HIV Status, By Region, 2023

Do you have HIV/AIDS?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	6	1%	1	4%	3	1%	1	9%	11	1%
No	804	87%	18	75%	221	80%	7	64%	1050	85%
Don't Know	4	0%	0	0%	5	2%	1	9%	10	1%
Refused	6	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	7	1%
Data not collected	105	11%	5	21%	47	17%	2	18%	159	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 21: What Led to Loss of Housing, Butte County, 2023

What do you think led to your homelessness? (Choose all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Age out of foster or group home	15	2%	0	0%	10	4%	0	0%	25	2%
Alcohol or substance use or abuse	177	19%	3	13%	59	21%	1	9%	240	19%
Domestic violence or partner abuse	122	13%	2	8%	22	8%	1	9%	147	12%
Direct result of COVID-19	60	6%	1	4%	22	8%	1	9%	84	7%
Employment or financial reasons	275	30%	8	33%	95	34%	3	27%	381	31%
Family crisis such as a death or serious illness in the family, divorce, family conflict, or another family problem	242	26%	8	33%	85	31%	4	36%	339	27%
Forced to relocate from home or evicted	192	21%	7	29%	53	19%	2	18%	254	21%
Incarceration	50	5%	4	17%	36	13%	0	0%	90	7%
Leaving your house due to intolerance of your sexual orientation or gender identity	11	1%	1	4%	2	1%	0	0%	14	1%
Medical or disability problems	99	11%	0	0%	27	10%	2	18%	128	10%
Mental illness	108	12%	3	13%	29	10%	2	18%	142	11%
Natural or other disasters	82	9%	2	8%	29	10%	2	18%	115	9%
Are you survivor of the 2017 Wall Fire?	2	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	9%	4	0%
Are you a survivor of the 2018 Camp Fire?	59	6%	0	0%	17	6%	2	18%	78	6%
Are you a survivor of the 2020 Bear/North Complex Fire?	5	1%	0	0%	5	2%	0	0%	10	1%
Are you a survivor of another disaster? Please state:	51	6%	2	8%	25	9%	1	9%	79	6%
Parent or foster parent abuse	24	3%	3	13%	5	2%	0	0%	32	3%
Personal choice to be homeless	75	8%	3	13%	22	8%	1	9%	101	8%
PRCS (Post Release Controlled Supervision)	4	0%	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%	8	1%
Recent immigration	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Substandard housing	21	2%	3	13%	6	2%	1	9%	31	3%
Other: _____	51	6%	2	8%	25	9%	1	9%	79	6%
Person Doesn't Know	37	4%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	38	3%
Person Refused	48	5%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	49	4%

Note: People were able to choose more than one reason and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed: Total (n=1237), Chico (n=925), Gridley, Biggs (n=24), Oroville (n=277), The Ridge Area (n=11) Because of the way the data was collected, missing data is not represented in this chart.

Figure 22: Barriers Preventing Access to Permanent Housing, Butte County, 2023

What barriers prevent you from accessing permanent housing (choose all that apply)?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Criminal History	80	9%	1	4%	30	11%	0	0%	111	9%
(If yes) Were you convicted of 290 offense?	7	1%	0	0%	11	4%	0	0%	18	1%
Finding affordable housing	440	48%	15	63%	139	50%	6	55%	600	49%
Finding a job	266	29%	9	38%	80	29%	4	36%	359	29%
Finding services to help me	93	10%	8	33%	51	18%	4	36%	156	13%
I don't like the housing options available to me	70	8%	2	8%	27	10%	1	9%	100	8%
Lack of an ID card	110	12%	6	25%	41	15%	2	18%	159	13%
Lack of local services	141	15%	6	25%	47	17%	2	18%	196	16%
Managing my mental health	136	15%	3	13%	31	11%	1	9%	171	14%
No money for rent or deposit	390	42%	12	50%	120	43%	6	55%	528	43%
Pets	92	10%	3	13%	14	5%	0	0%	109	9%
Poor/no credit	332	36%	6	25%	84	30%	2	18%	424	34%
Rental History	202	22%	2	8%	50	18%	2	18%	256	21%
Substance Use	111	12%	4	17%	39	14%	1	9%	155	13%
Transportation to services	166	18%	6	25%	50	18%	1	9%	223	18%
Nothing, I prefer to be homeless	17	2%	0	0%	5	2%	0	0%	22	2%
Other: _____	46	5%	0	0%	13	5%	2	18%	61	5%
Person Doesn't Know	37	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	37	3%
Person Refused	37	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	37	3%

Note: People were able to choose more than one barrier and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed: Total (n=1237), Chico (n=925), Gridley, Biggs (n=24), Oroville (n=277), The Ridge Area (n=11)  
 Because of the way the data was collected, missing data is not represented in this chart.

Figure 23: Duration of Residency in Butte County, By Region 2023

How long have you been in Butte County? If in and out, what is the TOTAL amount of time?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
More than a month, but less than a year	50	5%	0	0%	24	9%	0	0%	74	6%
1-2 years	89	10%	0	0%	18	6%	1	9%	108	9%
3-5 years	69	7%	1	4%	23	8%	0	0%	93	8%
6-9 years	77	8%	4	17%	22	8%	2	18%	105	8%
10-19 years	117	13%	5	21%	24	9%	3	27%	149	12%
20+ years	309	33%	10	42%	107	39%	3	27%	429	35%
Don't Know	7	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	9	1%
Refused	32	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	32	3%
Data not collected	175	19%	4	17%	57	21%	2	18%	238	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 24: Butte County Residency During Housing Loss, By Region, 2023

Were in living in Butte County when you became homeless?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	612	66%	14	58%	177	64%	9	82%	812	66%
No	115	12%	6	25%	43	16%	0	0%	164	13%
Don't know	3	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	4	0%
Refused	24	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	24	2%
Data not collected	171	18%	4	17%	56	20%	2	18%	233	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 25: Educational Attainment, By Region, 2023

What was the last grade level you completed in school?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Less than 8th grade	47	5%	3	13%	8	3%	1	9%	59	5%
More than 8th but less than 12th grade	75	8%	5	21%	35	13%	3	27%	118	10%
Less than 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	113	12%	0	0%	23	8%	0	0%	136	11%
High school grad/GED	228	25%	7	29%	80	29%	2	18%	317	26%
AA	30	3%	0	0%	9	3%	1	9%	40	3%
Some college	163	18%	3	13%	51	18%	1	9%	218	18%
College degree or more	42	5%	2	8%	10	4%	0	0%	54	4%
Currently in School	13	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	15	1%
Person doesn't know	10	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	11	1%
Person refused	34	4%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	35	3%
Data not collected	170	18%	4	17%	57	21%	3	27%	234	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 26: Income of Those Who Are Unhoused, By Region, 2023

What is your household's approximate monthly income? (choose one)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
No income	119	13%	3	13%	27	10%	2	18%	151	12%
\$1-\$150	106	11%	6	25%	30	11%	4	36%	146	12%
\$151-\$250	30	3%	4	17%	15	5%	0	0%	49	4%
\$251-\$500	60	6%	2	8%	13	5%	0	0%	75	6%
\$501-\$1,000	98	11%	3	13%	38	14%	0	0%	139	11%
\$1,001-\$1,500	40	4%	1	4%	17	6%	2	18%	60	5%
\$1,501-\$2,000	6	1%	1	4%	2	1%	0	0%	9	1%
\$1,001-\$2,000	171	18%	0	0%	40	14%	0	0%	211	17%
Over \$2,000	27	3%	0	0%	7	3%	0	0%	34	3%
Person Doesn't Know	9	1%	0	0%	6	2%	0	0%	15	1%
Person Refused	34	4%	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%	38	3%
Data Not Collected	225	24%	4	17%	78	28%	3	27%	310	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 27: Source of Income of Those Who Are Unhoused, Butte County, 2023

How do you get money? (Choose all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Child support or alimony	6	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	7	1%
Food Stamps (CalFresh)	405	44%	11	46%	106	38%	2	18%	524	42%
Friends or family	48	5%	6	25%	17	6%	1	9%	72	6%
General Assistance (GA)	31	3%	4	17%	11	4%	0	0%	46	4%
Job or paid internship	64	7%	0	0%	19	7%	0	0%	83	7%
Odd jobs	109	12%	5	21%	25	9%	5	45%	144	12%
Panhandling or busking (street performance)	41	4%	6	25%	11	4%	1	9%	59	5%
Pension or retirement	14	2%	1	4%	2	1%	0	0%	17	1%
Social Security Retirement	12	1%	0	0%	6	2%	0	0%	18	1%
Recycling	108	12%	8	33%	41	15%	3	27%	160	13%
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	117	13%	1	4%	42	15%	1	9%	161	13%
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	72	8%	1	4%	31	11%	1	9%	105	8%
Student aid or grants	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	0%
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF or CalWORKs)	34	4%	0	0%	13	5%	0	0%	47	4%
Temporary or seasonal (harvest) employment	3	0%	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%	7	1%
Unemployment benefits	5	1%	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%	9	1%
Veteran's benefits	12	1%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	15	1%
Other: _____	31	3%	0	0%	18	6%	1	9%	50	4%

Note: People were able to choose more than one barrier and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed: Total (n=1237), Chico (n=925), Gridley, Biggs (n=24), Oroville (n=277), The Ridge Area (n=11)  
 Because of the way the data was collected, missing data is not represented in this chart.



Figure 28: Veterans Status, By Region, 2023

Are you a Veteran?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	51	6%	1	4%	17	6%	3	27%	72	6%
No	695	75%	18	75%	210	76%	6	55%	929	75%
Don't know	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Refused	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Data not collected	179	19%	5	21%	50	18%	2	18%	236	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 29: Loss of Housing due to Domestic Violence for Those Who are Unhoused, 2023

Are you experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	124	13%	2	8%	20	7%	2	18%	148	12%
No	695	75%	17	71%	214	77%	7	64%	933	75%
Don't know	2	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Refused	5	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Data not collected	99	11%	5	21%	41	15%	2	18%	147	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 30: Domestic Violence Survivors Experiencing Homelessness, 2023

Are you a victim/survivor of Domestic Violence?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	277	30%	7	29%	62	22%	3	27%	349	28%
No	448	48%	12	50%	160	58%	6	55%	626	51%
Don't know	10	1%	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%	14	1%
Refused	6	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	7	1%
Data not collected	184	20%	5	21%	50	18%	2	18%	241	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 36: Currently on Probation or Parole for Those Who are Unhoused, 2023

Are you currently on probation and/or parole? (Only asked if over 18 yrs old)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	60	6%	3	13%	29	10%	1	9%	93	8%
No	599	65%	16	67%	184	66%	7	64%	806	65%
Don't know	5	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Refused	30	3%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	32	3%
Data not collected	231	25%	5	21%	61	22%	3	27%	300	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 36.1: Currently on Probation or Parole, Exited into Houselessness, 2023

(If "yes") Were you released from custody into homelessness?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	40	4%	0	0%	26	9%	1	9%	67	5%
No	18	2%	3	13%	3	1%	0	0%	24	2%
Don't know	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Data not collected	867	94%	21	88%	248	90%	10	91%	1146	93%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 37: Interest in Housing and Shelter Options, 2023

What housing and/or sheltering options would you be interested in? (Check all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
A parking lot with security where you can safely sleep in your car or RV	208	22%	10	42%	70	25%	5	45%	293	24%
Large shelter with individual rooms for each person	347	38%	7	29%	105	38%	5	45%	464	38%
Outside space that is legal to camp	275	30%	16	67%	99	36%	7	64%	397	32%
Sharing a room in a house or apartment	326	35%	8	33%	115	42%	5	45%	454	37%
Shelter with large shared sleeping space with pets allowed	225	24%	8	33%	70	25%	4	36%	307	25%
Shelter with large shared sleeping space without pets	154	17%	6	25%	71	26%	3	27%	234	19%
Tiny house	510	55%	16	67%	153	55%	8	73%	687	56%
Your own room in a shared house or apartment	454	49%	9	38%	151	55%	5	45%	619	50%
Your own house or apartment	610	66%	16	67%	186	67%	7	64%	819	66%
Person doesn't know	15	2%	0	0%	9	3%	0	0%	24	2%
Person refused	50	5%	0	0%	5	2%	0	0%	55	4%

Note: People were able to choose more than one housing or sheltering option and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed: Total (n=1237), Chico (n=925), Gridley, Biggs (n=24), Oroville (n=277), The Ridge Area (n=11).  
Because of the way the data was collected, missing data is not represented in this chart.

Figure 38: Service Usage for Those Who are Unhoused, 2023

Which of these services would you use? (Check all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Access to electricity	513	55%	17	71%	136	49%	8	73%	674	54%
Court transportation and support	236	26%	4	17%	62	22%	6	55%	308	25%
Detox center	134	14%	6	25%	41	15%	4	36%	185	15%
Drop in center for clothes, computer use, food, mail, and support	477	52%	15	63%	138	50%	6	55%	636	51%
Free laundry service	541	58%	17	71%	150	54%	9	82%	717	58%
Life coach/case manager/mentor	366	40%	11	46%	93	34%	4	36%	474	38%
Mobile shower	473	51%	16	67%	139	50%	8	73%	636	51%
Needle exchange program	123	13%	6	25%	29	10%	3	27%	161	13%
Phone charging stations	441	48%	15	63%	125	45%	5	45%	586	47%
Safe kennel provided for pets	217	23%	8	33%	51	18%	2	18%	278	22%
Safe medicine storage	255	28%	6	25%	71	26%	4	36%	336	27%
Safe personal property storage	434	47%	14	58%	113	41%	5	45%	566	46%
Temporary housing when sick	413	45%	9	38%	105	38%	5	45%	532	43%
Warming/cooling centers	424	46%	11	46%	124	45%	5	45%	564	46%
Other:	36	4%	0	0%	12	4%	1	9%	49	4%
Person doesn't know	31	3%	0	0%	23	8%	0	0%	54	4%
Person refused	40	4%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	41	3%

Note: People were able to choose more than one service option and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of people surveyed: Total (n=1237), Chico (n=925), Gridley, Biggs (n=24), Oroville (n=277), The Ridge Area (n=11). Because of the way the data was collected, missing data is not represented in this chart.

Figure 39: Reasons for Avoiding Emergency Shelters, 2023

If you don't use Emergency Shelters, why not? (Choose all that apply)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
I don't like the staff	28	10%	3	15%	16	11%	4	44%	51	11%
I don't like where it is located. "It's difficult for me to get there"	31	11%	3	15%	14	10%	2	22%	50	10%
I don't need to	46	17%	4	20%	24	17%	5	56%	79	17%
I feel overwhelmed being around so many people	85	31%	10	50%	58	41%	5	56%	158	33%
I feel unsafe	46	17%	5	25%	26	18%	5	56%	82	17%
I have been kicked out of the shelters and have not asked to go back	16	6%	2	10%	8	6%	1	11%	27	6%
I have too much stuff to store there	29	11%	1	5%	17	12%	1	11%	48	10%
I'm afraid of getting sick with all the people in one place	38	14%	1	5%	19	13%	1	11%	59	12%
I prefer to camp outside	42	15%	5	25%	29	20%	1	11%	77	16%
I think my children would be unsafe	7	3%	1	5%	5	4%	0	0%	13	3%
It's too noisy	42	15%	4	20%	19	13%	3	33%	68	14%
The shelter is low-barrier and it triggers me.	21	8%	2	10%	12	8%	0	0%	35	7%
There are too many rules	51	18%	4	20%	25	18%	1	11%	81	17%
They don't allow medicinal Marijuana	18	7%	2	10%	8	6%	1	11%	29	6%
They don't allow my family to stay together	11	4%	1	5%	7	5%	1	11%	20	4%
They don't allow people to use drugs or alcohol before signing in	12	4%	2	10%	9	6%	1	11%	24	5%
They don't allow pets	38	14%	3	15%	24	17%	0	0%	65	14%
They don't know how to shelter transgender people	3	1%	0	0%	2	1%	1	11%	6	1%
There is somebody else in shelter that I cannot be around.	17	6%	1	5%	12	8%	1	11%	31	6%
They require religious participation to stay	16	6%	3	15%	7	5%	0	0%	26	5%
Other:	57	21%	3	15%	21	15%	0	0%	81	17%

Note: People were able to choose more than one reason and data was not collected from all participants. Percentages are out of total number of unsheltered people surveyed Total (n=447), Chico (n=276), Gridley, Biggs (n=20), Oroville (n=142), The Ridge Area (n=9)

Figure 40: Ever in Foster Care or Group Home for Those Who are Unhoused, 2023

Are you currently on probation and/or parole? (Only asked if over 18 yrs old)	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	196	21%	7	29%	60	22%	3	27%	266	22%
No	519	56%	13	54%	156	56%	6	55%	694	56%
Don't know	4	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	6	0%
Refused	36	4%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	37	3%
Data not collected	170	18%	4	17%	58	21%	2	18%	234	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 40.1: Ever in Foster Care or Group Home, Exited into Houselessness, 2023

(If "yes") Were you released from custody into homelessness?	Chico		Gridley, Biggs		Oroville		The Ridge Area		Total	
Yes	46	5%	2	8%	15	5%	0	0%	63	5%
No	134	14%	5	21%	44	16%	3	27%	186	15%
Don't know	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Data not collected	744	80%	17	71%	217	78%	8	73%	986	80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>100%</b>