



Executive Summary Report 2019 Point in Time Count

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Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care
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Introduction:

The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care conducted the bi-annual Point in Time (PIT) Count on March 28, 2019. Prior to this year, all counts happened in the last 10 days of January. Due to the Camp Fire and the effects on Social Services providers a waiver was requested and granted to move to the date to the end of March.

The Homeless Point in Time Count is federally-mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to count and survey the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population in cities and counties throughout the nation, including Butte County. HUD defines sheltered homeless persons as adults, children, and unaccompanied children who, on the night of the count, are living in shelters or transitional housing for the homeless; unsheltered homeless are defined as those who reside in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, or on the street. The sheltered count consists of data extracted from the countywide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and the unsheltered count consists of a street-based count. The PIT Count provides a snapshot of the County's visible homeless and is not intended to represent a complete accounting of the homeless population.

The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care coordinated the PIT Count held on March 28, 2019. Multiple county and city departments participated in escorting volunteers, counting at unincorporated areas and covering hard to reach encampments. Over 250 volunteers from our communities, including Chico State Students interviewed those who were willing to engage and take the survey.

The 2019 PIT Count identified a total of 2,304 sheltered, unsheltered and FEMA housed homeless adults and children county wide (891 unsheltered, 420 sheltered, and 993 people sheltered with FEMA support), which is 16% higher than the count in 2017 (1,983). The significant increase in the 2019 PIT Count can be attributed to: Camp Fire related homeless in FEMA provided housing (temporary), increased survey efficiency through use of a mobile web-based technology instead of paper surveys, implementation of revised survey questions to follow HUD guidelines (e.g., chronic homeless, domestic violence), planned targeting of encampment sites, and broad participation from the community.

The 2019 PIT survey count identified 1,551 homeless households countywide. 201 households resided in Emergency Shelter, 65 in Transitional Housing, 397 in FEMA housing, and 888 unsheltered. Despite these efforts to improve the accuracy of the count, the actual number of





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homeless individuals is estimated to be higher than PIT Count Results due to ongoing challenges in locating homeless individuals, especially those who are displaced and unhoused due the Camp Fire.

Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc. the Continuum of Care Collaborative Applicant, submitted the Butte County's final PIT Count Report to HUD by the deadline of April 30, 2019. The PIT Count is a requirement to receive federal funding for HUD homeless assistance programs; the data is also used by the state to establish funding formulas, and facilitates development of targeted strategies to help homeless individuals and families.

Later in 2019 additional statistically information will be presented to the public with a greater breakdown of the questions asked on the survey and the responses. As there were over 30 questions, additional outside analytical resources will be utilized assist with data analysis.

Locations: On the day of the count there were static locations throughout the County.

Oroville:

Hope Center, Butte County Library, Department of Employment and Social Services

Gridley:

Gridley Lions Den

Chico:

Downtown Plaza, Jesus Center, Avenida Apartments, Torres Shelter and Butte County Library

The Ridge:

CMA Church and Red Lion Pizza

In addition to the static locations, persons could call 2-1-1 for a survey and all jurisdictions and county area had trained volunteers who went out into the community to engage those experiencing homelessness.

Additional Factors: The night before the event it was raining and the day of, the rain continued sporadically. Oroville experienced an afternoon filled with thunderstorms.

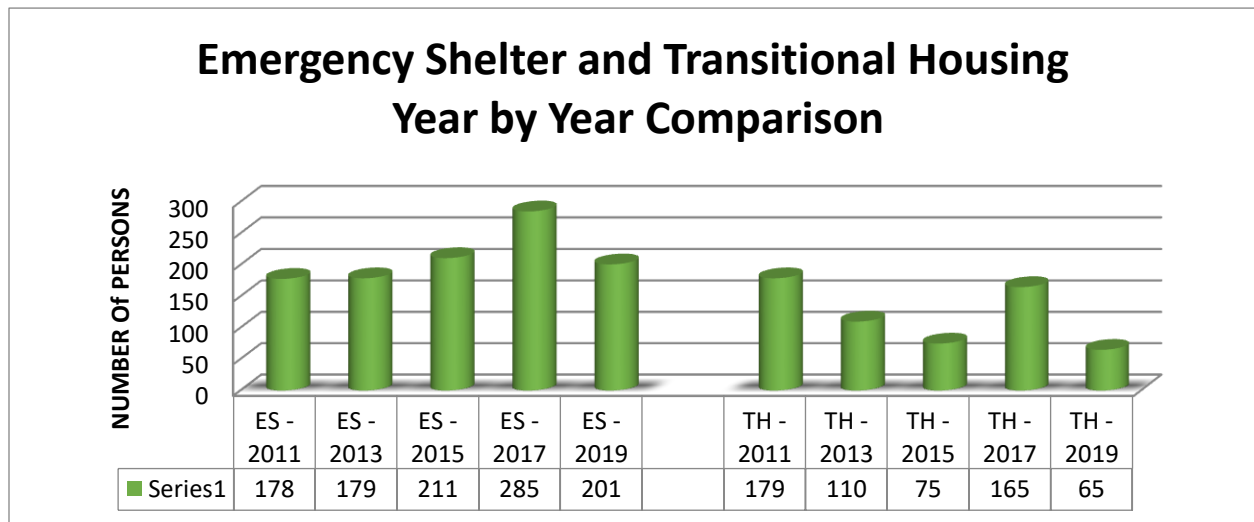
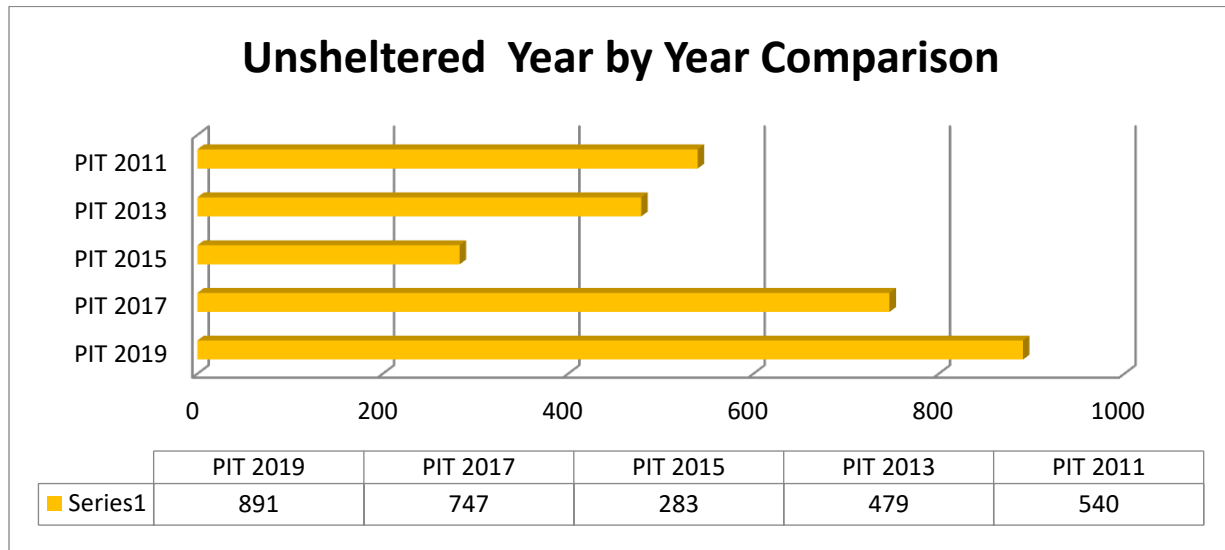




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The below demographics are based on the information that was collected when interviewing our sheltered and unsheltered persons. This data does not include information about the 397 FEMA temporary housed households.

ALL GRAPHICAL INFORMATION IS ONLY FROM THE COLLECTED SURVEYS.

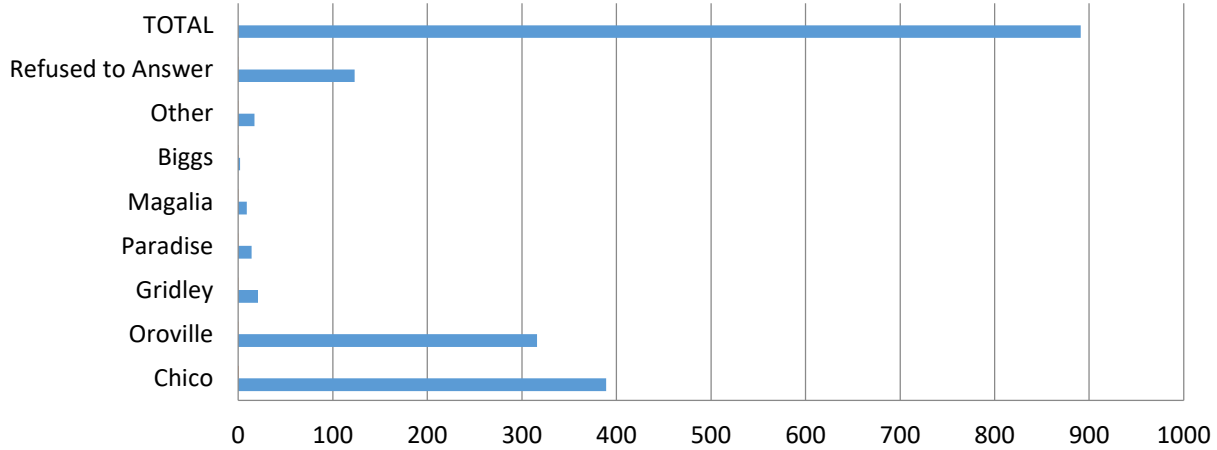


The 2019 numbers are lower than expected because the following organizations did not provide data for the Point in Time. These are: Stairways (No Longer in Business was Transitional Housing) and Oroville Rescue Mission (Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing). The Continuum of Care will continue to strive to have all of our homeless service providers report information, so we may accurately count those who are the most vulnerable.





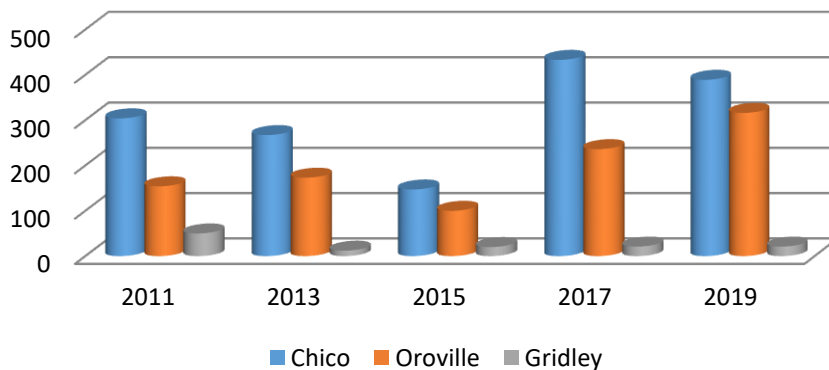
Unsheltered - Where Did You Sleep Last Night



	Chico	Oroville	Gridley	Paradise	Magalia	Biggs	Other	Refused to Answer	TOTAL
■ Percent	43.66%	35.47%	2.36%	1.57%	1.01%	0.22%	1.91%	13.80%	
■ Count	389	316	21	14	9	2	17	123	891

The below graphic depicts the last 5 years of the Point in Time Count in each geographic area. As shown, Chico has seen a slight decrease, whereas Oroville has seen a growth in their unsheltered population.

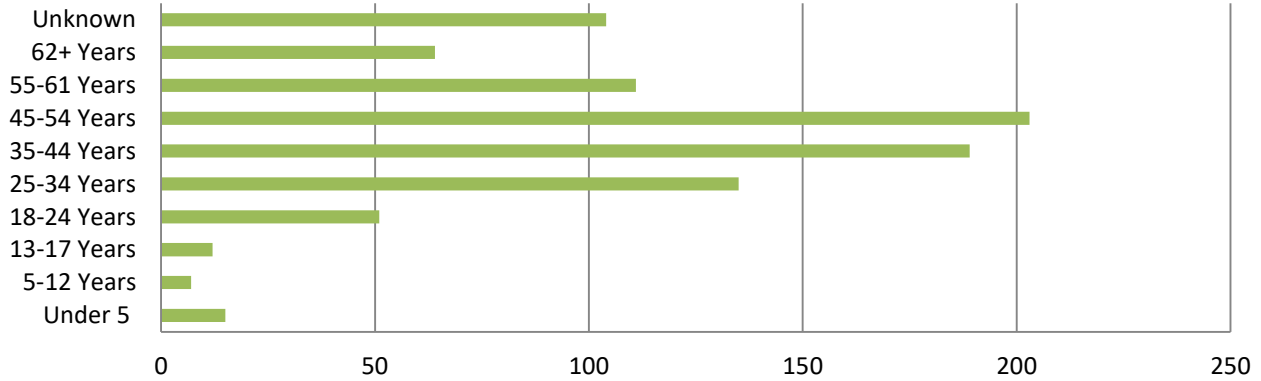
Sleeping in a Place Not Meant for Habitation





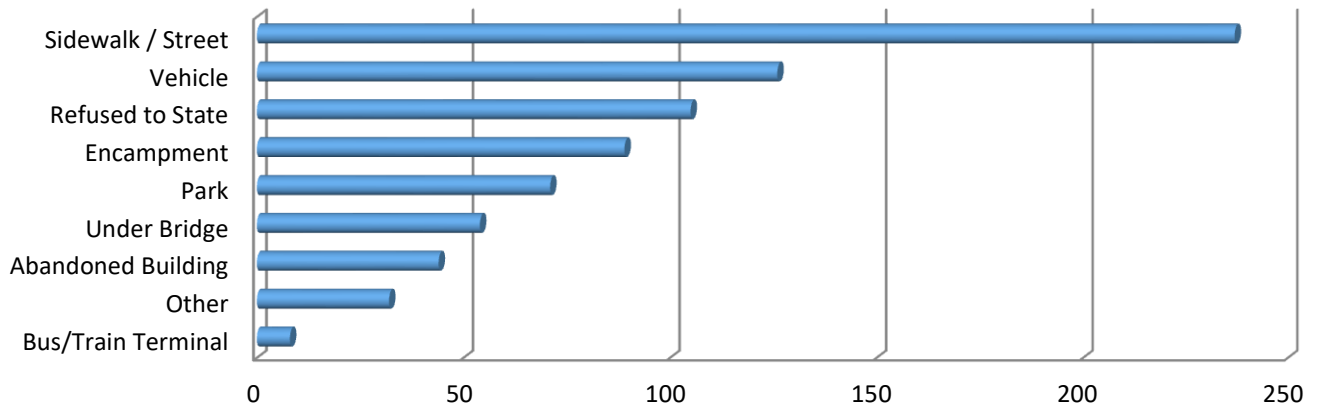
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Unsheltered Age Groups



	Under 5	5-12 Years	13-17 Years	18-24 Years	25-34 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-61 Years	62+ Years	Unknown
Series1	15	7	12	51	135	189	203	111	64	104

Unsheltered Self-Disclosed Sleeping Location

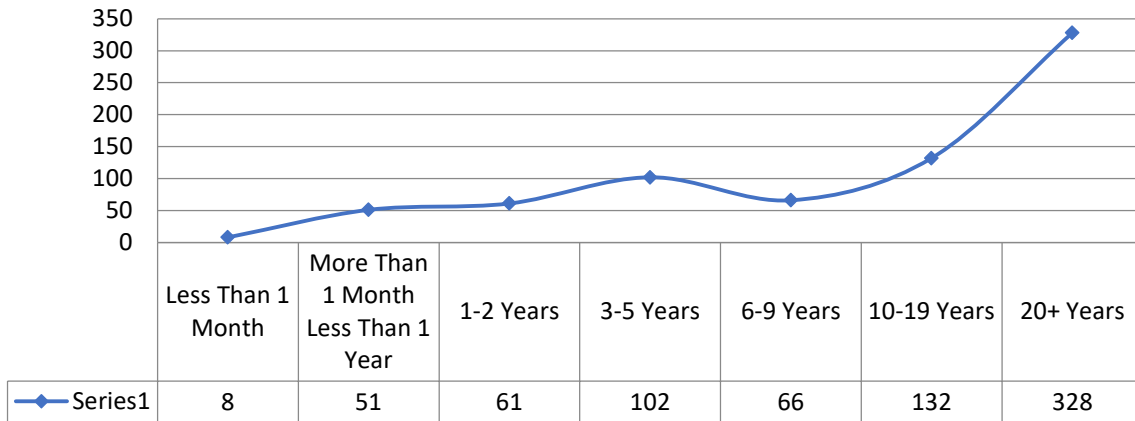


	Bus/Train Terminal	Other	Abandoned Building	Under Bridge	Park	Encampment	Refused to State	Vehicle	Sidewalk / Street
Series1	8	32	44	54	71	89	105	126	237



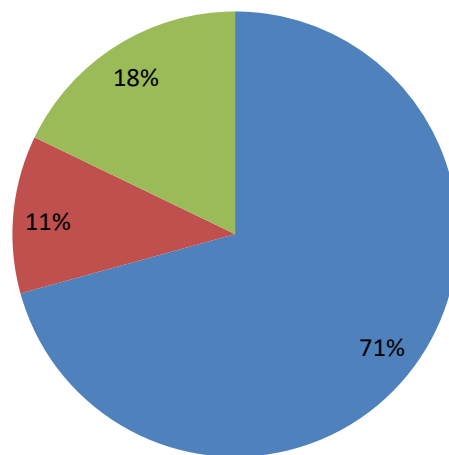


Unsheltered Responses How Long Have You Lived in Butte County



Unsheltered Responses Were You Living In Butte County When you Became Homeless?

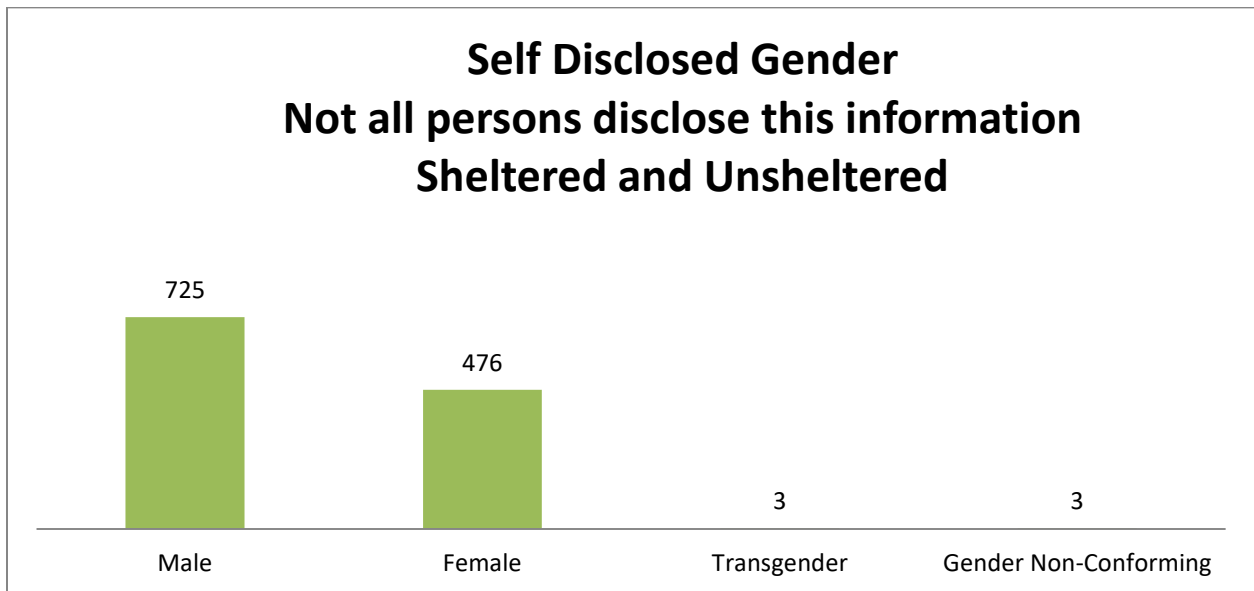
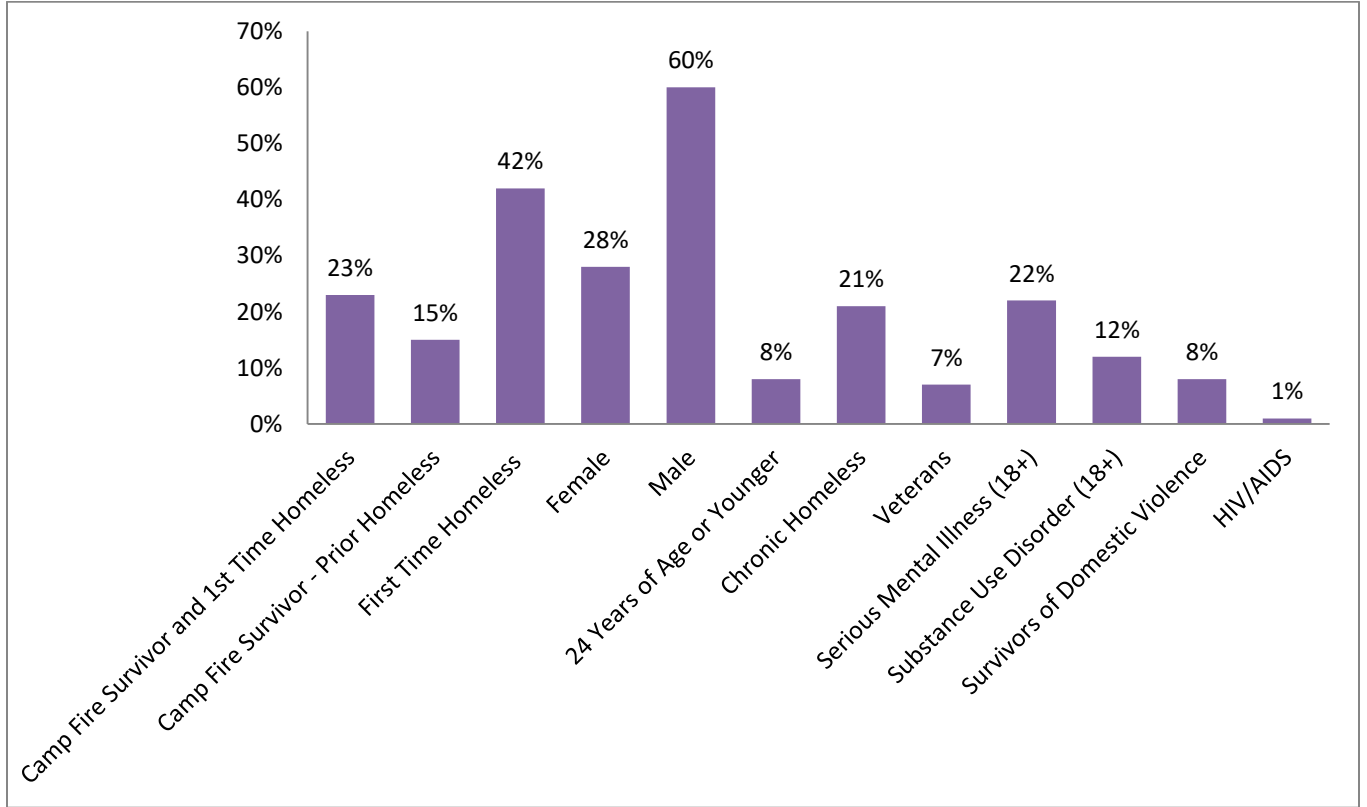
■ YES ■ NO ■ Refused to Answer





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This below graph is data from those who are unsheltered and self-disclosed the information





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We acknowledge that no Point in Time Count is perfect, as it is just a snap shot in a 24 hour period. The PIT is only one piece of the puzzle that gives perspective on number of those who are unstably housed or living in places not mean for habitation. This report should be reviewed in conjunction with similar reports from Butte County Office of Education, Butte College, and many others.

We also acknowledge our communities are looking for these numbers, to try and understand who our homeless population is, where did they come from and how long have they been homeless. This report is a start of a deeper dive into the 30 plus questions asked of our unsheltered population. Additional information and breakdowns per jurisdiction will be forthcoming.

We want to thank the following organizations for their assistance in making sure this Point in Time Count happened. They provided location, volunteers and treats.

Butte County Behavioral Health
Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services
Butte County Libraries
Butte Humane Society – For Pet Food
Caminar
City of Chico
City of Oroville
CMA Church – Paradise
Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc.
Gridley Lion’s Club

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition
Hope Center
Jesus Center
NAMI
Red Lion Pizza – Magalia
Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Torres Shelter
Veterans Resource Center
Verizon Wireless
Youth for Change

Most Importantly, our Volunteers, who gave of their time on a wet March day, without whom this Point in Time would not have been possible.

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