

2019 Butte County Point in Time Data Tables: The Ridge

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

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

>>SURVEY TYPES

Survey Type by Sheltering Status	Total	Percent
Unsheltered Homeless Survey	15	71%
Sheltered Homeless Survey	0	0%
Homeless Observation Tally	6	29%
Total	21	100%

Survey Type by Household Makeup	Total	Percent
Individual Only	12	57%
Households With More Than One Person	9	43%
Total	21	100%

Household Type	Total	Percent
Single Adults No Children	11	61%
Adults With Children	7	39%
Children Without Adults	0	0%
Total	18*	100%

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

>>DEMOGRAPHICS

What age range do you fall into?	Total	Percent
Under 5	1	6%
5 to 12	0	0%
13-17	0	0%
18-24	1	6%
25-34	3	18%
35-44	6	35%
45-54	2	12%
55-61	2	12%
62+	2	12%
Total	17	100%

What is your gender?	Total	Percent
Female	5	31%
Male	8	50%
Trans Female (M2F)	0	0%
Trans Male (F2M)	0	0%
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0%
Don't Know	3	19%
Total	16	100%

Which best represents your sexual orientation? (Check all that apply)	Total	Percent
Straight	12	92%
Bisexual	1	8%
Lesbian or Gay	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%
	13	100%

What is your race? (select all that apply)	Total	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0%
Asian	0	0%
Black/African American	0	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	5%
White	12	63%
Other	0	0%

Don't Know	6	32%
Total	19	100%

Are you Hispanic/Latino?	Total	Percent
Hispanic/Latino	0	0%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	13	68%
Don't Know	6	32%
	19	100%

What was the last grade level you completed in school?	Total	Percent
Less than 8th grade	0	0%
More than 8th but less than 12th grade	0	0%
High school grad/GED	2	25%
Some college/AA	6	75%
College degree	0	0%
Don't know	0	0%
	8	100%

Are you a veteran? (served in the US Armed Forces OR been called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist)	Total	Percent
Yes	1	10%
No	9	90%
Don't Know	0	0%
	10	100%

>>NIGHTTIME HABITATION

Sheltering Status	Total	Percent
Unsheltered	21	100%
Sheltered	0	0%
	21	100%

If unsheltered, where did you sleep last night?	Total	Percent
With a friend or family in their house/apartment	4	57%
Street or Sidewalk	2	29%
Outdoor encampment	1	14%
Park	0	0%
Under bridge/overpass	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Bus, train station, airport	0	0%
Motel / Hotel - Paid for with your own funds	0	0%
	7	100%

>>CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, FREQUENCY, & DURATION OF HOMELESSNESS

Chronically Homeless	Total	Percent
Yes	0	0%
No	21	100%
	21	100%

Is this the first time you've been homeless?	Total	Percent
Yes	13	62%
No	8	38%
	21	100%

How many months did you stay in shelters or on the streets during the past 3 years?	Total	Percent
0-5	0	0%
6 to 11	1	100%
12 to 23	0	0%
24 to 35	0	0%
36 +	0	0%
	1	100%

How many months have you been homeless this time?	Total	Percent
0-5	11	92%
6 to 11	1	8%
12 to 23	0	0%
24 to 35	0	0%
36 +	0	0%
	12	100%

>>CAMP FIRE IMPACTS

Do you consider yourself a Camp Fire survivor?	Total	Percent
Yes	13	100%
No	0	0%
	13	100%

Camp Fire survivor sheltering status	Total	Percent
Unsheltered Camp Fire Survivors	13	100%
Sheltered Camp Fire Survivors	0	0%
	13	100%

Where unsheltered Camp Fire survivors are sleeping	Total	Percent
With a friend or family in their house/apartment	6	100%
Street or Sidewalk	0	0%
Park	0	0%
Outdoor encampment	0	0%
Under bridge/overpass	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Motel / Hotel - Paid for with your own funds	0	0%
Bus, train station, airport	0	0%
	6	100%

>>HEALTH & DISABILITIES

Are you vaccinated against Hep A?	Total	Percent
Yes	2	50%
No	1	25%
Don't Know	1	25%
	4	100%

Do you have a chronic health condition?	Total	Percent
Yes	3	30%
No	7	70%
Don't Know	0	0%
	10	100%

Do you have a developmental disability?	Total	Percent
Yes	0	0%
No	10	100%
Don't know	0	0%
	10	100%

Do you have a mental health condition?	Total	Percent
Yes	3	30%
No	7	70%
Don't know	0	0%
	10	100%

Do you have a physical disability?	Total	Percent
Yes	3	30%
No	7	70%
Don't know	0	0%
	10	100%

Do you have AIDS or an HIV related illness?	Total	Percent
Yes	3	30%
No	7	70%
Don't know	0	0%
	10	100%

Do you have any substance abuse issues?	Total	Percent
Alcohol Abuse	0	0%
Drug Abuse	0	0%
Both Alcohol and Drug	0	0%
No	10	100%
Don't Know	0	0%
	10	100%

Do you have health insurance?	Total	Percent
Yes	11	92%
No	1	8%
Don't know	0	0%
	12	100%

If you do not have insurance, did you try and apply?	Total	Percent
Yes	0	0%
No	0	0%
Don't know	1	100%
	1	100%

Do you receive disability benefits?	Total	Percent
Yes	1	11%
No	8	89%
Don't Know	0	0%
	9	100%

In the last year, how many times have you gone to the Emergency Room?	Total	Percent
0	1	20%
1 to 2	3	60%
3 to 6	1	20%
7 to 11	0	0%
12+	0	0%
	5	100%

In the last year, how many total days have you spent in the hospital?	Total	Percent
0	3	60%
1 to 2	0	0%
3 to 6	0	0%
7 to 11	2	40%
12+	0	0%
	5	100%

When did you last see a doctor other than in the hospital?	Total	Percent
Less than a year ago	4	100%
1-2 years ago	0	0%
2-3 years ago	0	0%
3+ years ago	0	0%
	4	100%

Where do you go most often to access health care services for yourself and your family?	Total	Percent
Hospital	1	25%
Clinics/ Health Centers	1	25%
Doctor's Office	1	25%
Other	1	25%
Street Doctor/Self-Medicare	0	0%
Veterans Affairs	0	0%
Health Fair	0	0%
Mobile Medical Health / Dental Vans	0	0%
School/ University Health Center	0	0%
Alcohol/ Drug Dependency Programs	0	0%
	4	100%

>>CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS & BARRIERS TO HOUSING

Are you currently experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking?	Total	Percent
Yes	0	0%
No	10	100%
Don't Know	0	0%
	10	100%

How do you get money?	Total	Percent
Job / Paid Internship	5	71%
SSI	1	14%
SSDI	1	14%
Temporary Employment	0	0%
Social Security	0	0%
TANF	0	0%
Unemployment	0	0%
General Assistance	0	0%
Do not know	0	0%
Recycling	0	0%
Panhandling	0	0%
Friends/ Family	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Veteran's Benefits	0	0%
Retirement / Pension	0	0%
Student Aid / Grants	0	0%
	7	100%

What is your approximate monthly income?	Total	Percent
\$1 - \$250	0	0%
\$251- \$500	0	0%
\$501 - \$1000	2	33%
\$1001 - \$1500	3	50%
\$1500 - \$2000	0	0%
\$2000 +	0	0%
No income	1	17%
	6	100%

What is your biggest challenge in ending your homeless situation? (Check all that apply)	Total	Percent
Finding affordable housing	5	100%
No money for deposit	0	0%
Transportation to services	0	0%
Finding a job	0	0%
Other	0	0%
No money for rent	0	0%
Managing my mental health	0	0%
Criminal History	0	0%
Poor/No credit	0	0%
Finding services to help me	0	0%
Pets	0	0%
Racial Discrimination	0	0%
Rental history	0	0%
Substance use	0	0%
Lack of an ID Card	0	0%
Age discrimination	0	0%
Nothing, I prefer to be homeless	0	0%
Sexual orientation or gender identity discrimination	0	0%
	5	100%

What do you think led to your homelessness? (Check all that apply)	Total	Percent
Fire/Flood or Other Natural disasters	12	92%
Kicked Out / Pushed Out / Runaway	1	8%
Family Crisis such as death, serious illness in the family, divorce, family conflict or other family problem	0	0%
Employment/Financial Reasons	0	0%
Personal choice to be homeless	0	0%
Incarceration	0	0%
Evicted	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Alcohol or substance use/abuse	0	0%
Domestic violence/partner abuse	0	0%
Mental Illness	0	0%
Medical/disability problems	0	0%
Age out of foster/group home	0	0%
Parent/foster parent abuse	0	0%
Substandard Housing	0	0%
	13	100%

>>LOCAL ISSUES & SERVICES

How often do you find yourself without access to a bathroom to relieve yourself?	Total	Percent
Daily, Only during night hours	0	0%
Daily, During both day and night hours	1	8%
Weekly	0	0%
Monthly	0	0%
Rarely	0	0%
Never	11	92%
	12	100%

How long have you lived in Butte County?	Total	Percent
Less than one month	0	0%
More than a month but less than a year	1	8%
1-2 years	3	23%
3-5 years	0	0%
6-9 years	2	15%
10- 19 years	1	8%
20+ years	6	46%
	13	100%

Were in living in Butte County when you became homeless?	Total	Percent
Yes	12	92%
No	1	8%
	13	100%

Have you been approached by law enforcement because of laws about sitting, laying, camping, storing property, and other public actions which impact people who are homeless?	Total	Percent
Yes	0	0%
No	12	100%
Don't Know	0	0%
	12	100%

Approximately, how many times have you been in contact with law enforcement this past year?	Total	Percent
0	8	80%
1 to 3	1	10%
4 to 6	0	0%
7 to 9	0	0%
10+	1	10%
Daily	0	0%
Several	0	0%
Weekly	0	0%
Monthly	0	0%
	10	100%

Which services do you use, check all that apply:	Total	Percent
Butte 211	0	0%
Homeless Disaster Evacuation System	0	0%
Resource Connect Butte	1	8%
For your Minor Children: First Five Program/ Services for those under 5	3	25%
For your Minor Children: School Services / Benefits for Homeless Kids	4	33%
For your Minor Children: After School Programs	4	33%
	12	100%

Which one of these services would you find most useful for you to use in the next year?	Total	Percent
Safe Personal Storage	2	67%
Other:	1	33%
Mobile Shower (available weekly)	0	0%
Mobile Medical Van	0	0%
Life Coach/Case Manager/Mentor	0	0%
Detox Center	0	0%

Safe Medicine Storage	0	0%
	3	100%

Would you use any of these options, should they be provided to you in your local town? (Check all that apply)	Total	Percent
Small House/Tiny House Village	4	36%
Designated and monitored parking spaces	2	18%
Large Room Shelter (Pets Allowed)	2	18%
Shared Room in House/Apartment	1	9%
Authorized Encampments	1	9%
Dorm Style Housing	1	9%
Large Room Shelter (No Pets)	0	0%
	11	100%