



2024 Stanislaus County Homeless Point-In-Time Count

Executive Summary

Background

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities to conduct a Point-In-Time (PIT) count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night during the last 10 days of January.

The sheltered count must occur on an annual basis, and include clients in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Safe Haven projects.

Continuums of Care (CoCs) must also conduct a count of unsheltered homeless persons every other year. Stanislaus County conducts both annually, as the goal is to measure the prevalence of homelessness in communities across the country.

The PIT count is an unduplicated count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness. With the help of volunteers, the count is organized by the Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC) made up of local governments, non-profit organizations, and homeless providers.

The 2024 Point-in-Time Count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons was implemented and fully executed with support from the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden, City Managers, Public Officials, Police, Fire, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services, United Way and hundreds of community volunteers.

The count data is critical to determine the scope of homelessness, define existing resources, and identify any gaps in services in Stanislaus County.

When was the PIT Count?

The Sheltered count was conducted on the evening of Wednesday, January 24, 2024, and the Unsheltered count on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

The Sheltered count is a count of individuals or families under temporary living arrangements that include congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels/motels paid for by charitable organizations or federal, state, and local government programs.

The Unsheltered count is a count of individuals experiencing homelessness out on the streets who are unsheltered. These are people staying outdoors in streets, parks, abandoned buildings, or in their vehicles.

What are the 2024 PIT Count Findings?

The PIT count identified 1,828 households totaling 2,052 homeless individuals in Stanislaus County. Out of the 2,052 individuals, 48% (980) were unsheltered, living on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation, compared to last year's unsheltered 949.

The unsheltered count showed 980 individuals. The sheltered count showed 1,072 individuals in Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing, of which 880 stayed in Emergency Shelters, including Hotel/Motel's paid by non-profit organizations.

The count found 192 individuals staying in Transitional Housing units, which is very consistent compared to the 220 we reported last year.

The number of veterans counted was 79, a 22% decrease from last year.

More information collected from this 2024-snapshot survey can be found on the attached Homeless Point-In-Time Count Data Summary.

The PIT Count and Volunteers

The CSOC Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) HMIS Team trained 361 PIT volunteers, and we only had a 50% participation rate, as 199 volunteers completed surveys for both the shelter and unsheltered counts.

What are the Next Steps?

The data has been submitted to HUD and will be shared with community stakeholders in Stanislaus County.

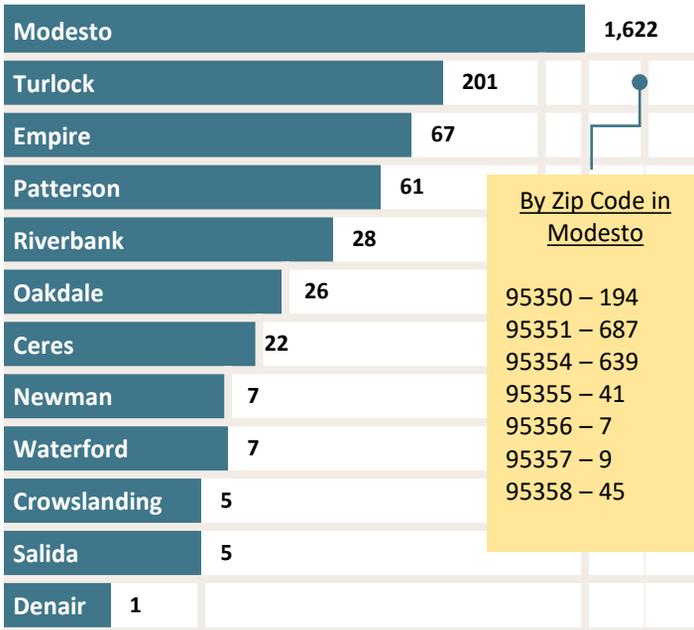
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Homeless Point-in-Time Count/Executive Summary



Every two years, during the last 10 days of January, the U.S. Department of Housing & Community Development asks communities across the country to conduct a comprehensive count of people experiencing homelessness in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local community. Stanislaus County conducts the count every year. The 2024 Stanislaus County Point-in-Time (PIT) Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 24, 2024. Questionnaires were administered to unsheltered and sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness to profile their experience and characteristics. A total of 2,052 people, including children, experienced homelessness in Stanislaus County.

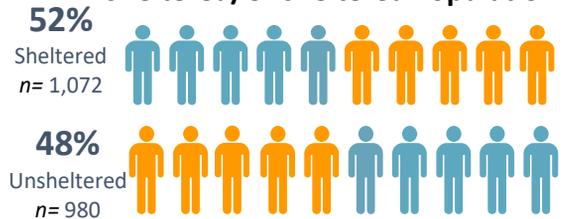
Sheltered/Unsheltered Population by City



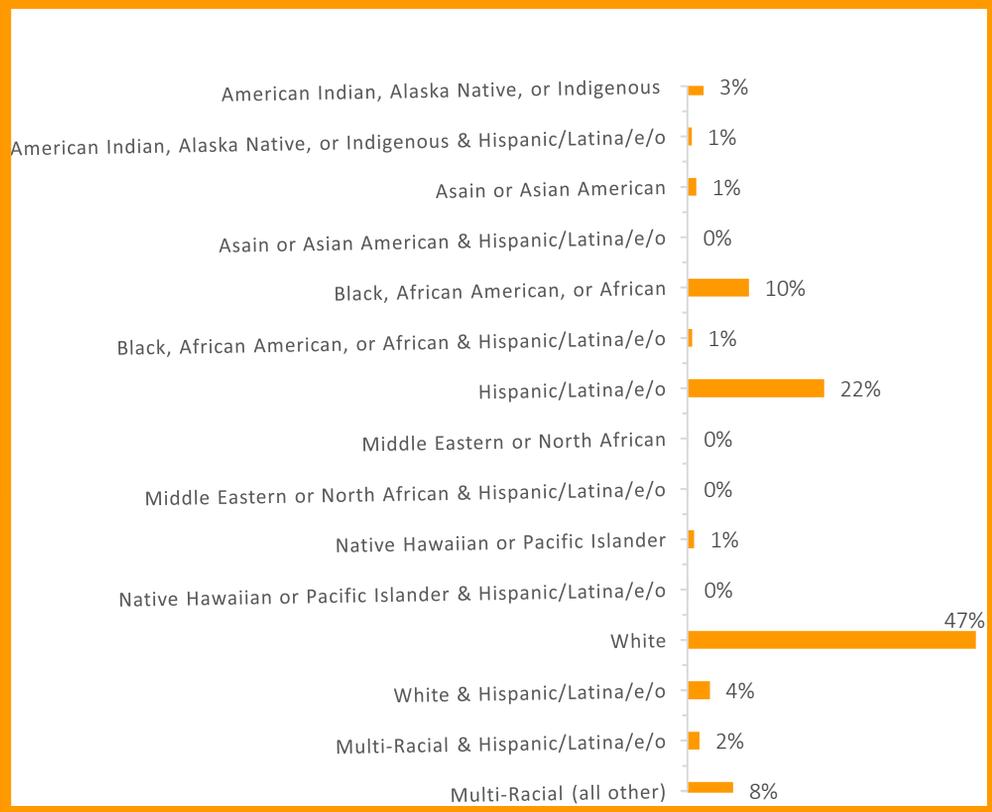
PIT Count Longitudinal Trend



Sheltered/Unsheltered Population



Race/Ethnicity



Age

Under 18	153
18-24	115
25-34	340
35-44	503
45-54	411
55-64	409
Over 64	121

Gender

Woman (Girl)	721
Man (Boy)	1,308
Culturally Specific (e.g., Two Spirit)	0
Transgender	1
Non-Binary	10
Questioning	1
Different Identity	2
Multiple Genders	9

n = 1,516 = Total Number of Adults Interviewed

n = 1,476 = Clients Unsheltered and in Emergency Shelter, does not include those in Transitional Housing

Household Breakdown



Reasons for Becoming Homeless

Top 3 Responses



Chronically Homeless Population

n=1,476

37%

554 Emergency Shelter/Unsheltered



Other Homeless Populations



26% Adults with a Mental Health Disorder



16% Adults with a Substance Use Disorder



11% Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence

(Currently experiencing homelessness and fleeing from Domestic Violence)



<1% Adults with HIV/AIDS

How Long Homeless in our Community



First Became Homeless



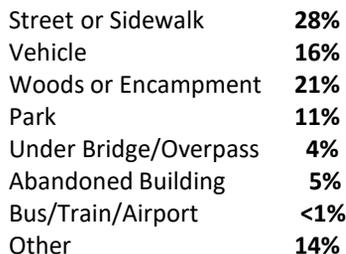
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Reasons Came to Community

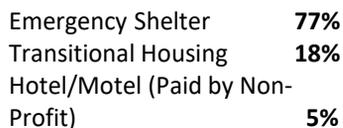


Count of Sleeping Location

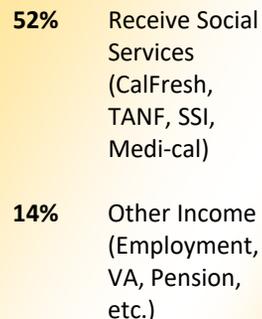
596 Unsheltered



1,072 Sheltered



Income & Benefits



Have Ever Been In....

Top 3 Responses



50%

Jail/Prison



46%

Overnight Hospital



23%

Treatment Center

Reasons Declined Shelter Services

Top 3 Responses



4%

Shelter rules



3%

Pets



2%

Substance abuse

Obstacles Accessing Services

Top 3 Responses



11%

Did Not Have ID or Documents



14%

Lack of Transportation



11%

Did Not Know Where to Go