



HOMELESSNESS IN THE CCASSC REGION

Much of the data we rely on comes from a point in time survey of homeless individuals. This method of trying to determine the number of homeless results in an under-report of these persons. Volunteers are not able to locate those individuals living on the streets, in boarded up homes, under bushes or in vehicles throughout the counties. Further, the count is limited in that some people may not cooperate when located. Other data can be found by contacting non profit organizations that serve the homeless. Some of our counties have established workgroups to try to serve the homeless and reduce the number of persons who do not have permanent shelter.

The MHSA Housing Program provides funding for the development of permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness and their families, as appropriate, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who otherwise meet the MHSA Housing Program target population description

CALAVERAS COUNTY....., According to The Resource Connection an estimated 165 residents qualify as traditionally homeless. Further, many more individuals are without traditional housing but couch surf and the Resource Connection has estimated that number to total up to 500 county residents. There are no homeless shelters in operation in the county.

FRESNO COUNTY.....The Point In Time (PIT) in 2014 indicated that there were 128 unsheltered homeless in the county and 1534 in the city of Fresno. Fresno County has several shelters serving both men and women. Further, Fresno First Steps Home reports that the 2015 PIT for Fresno/Madera showed that there were a total of 1,183 unsheltered with 814 of those residing in Fresno county. Another 539 individuals were staying in a homeless shelter. 13% of the homeless in the Fresno/Madera 2015 survey were veterans and 62% of these were not residing in shelters. Agencies serving the homeless include Poverello House, Rescue Mission, Holy Cross Center for Women along with the county agencies and veteran's agencies.

KERN COUNTY.....The Point in Time (PIT) in 2014 indicated that there were a total of 1002 persons counted who were homeless. Of that number, 306 were unsheltered in the city and another 109 in the county area. Further, 587 of those counted were actually in a shelter during the count. The 2015 PIT found that there were 953 homeless with 809 of those residing in the metro Bakersfield area. 9% of the homeless individuals were veterans. Kern County Homeless Collaborative is comprised of many different non- profit organizations committed to ending homelessness.

KINGS COUNTY.... According to the Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance there are 862 sheltered (in emergency or transitional programs) and unsheltered (living on the streets) homeless persons in the bi-county region. Of this amount 445 are considered unsheltered. The 2015 PIT found that the total number of homeless individuals in Kings County increased from 173 in 2014 to 226 of which 202 were from the city of Hanford. The Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance began utilizing a prioritization system in order to create a central list of people in need of housing and using the list to triage who gets housing first.

MADERA COUNTY....The Point in Time (PIT) in 2014 indicated that there were 28 unsheltered homeless in the county and 193 in the city of Madera. There were other homeless persons residing in shelters. Further, Fresno First Steps Home reports that the 2015 PIT for Fresno/Madera showed that there were a total of 1,183 unsheltered. The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) is the organization that helps conduct the survey and writes a summary of the findings.

MARIPOSA COUNTY... On January 28, 2015, a total of 42 persons in Mariposa were counted as homeless. 12 individuals were found unsheltered in the 2015 point-in-time count. Mariposa county has both emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities.

MERCED COUNTY..... The Point in Time (PIT) in 2014 indicated that there were 768 homeless including 21 children. Of this number 699 were unsheltered. The 2015 PIT found that there were 899 persons homeless with 743 of those unsheltered. In 2014 neither Atwater or Winton were counted so if you subtract those individuals from the 2015 count, it would be 837. Either way the 2015 homeless in Merced increased over 2014. At a Homeless Summit held February 2016, it was reported that homelessness in Merced County was down 50% in 2016 over the previous year and they currently reported that there were 519 homeless.

SAN BENITO COUNTY.... The Point In Time (PIT) in 2015 indicated that there were 651 homeless with 477 of this amount being unsheltered. Of those surveyed in Jan. 2015, 8% reported that they had at one time been in foster care. 77 of those surveyed were Transition Age Youth. The Homeless Coalition of San Benito County offers shelter services Nov.-March.

SAN JUAQUIN COUNTY.... The Point in Time survey conducted in January 2015 found that there were a total of 515 unsheltered homeless adults and 26 children in the county. The majority of these were counted in the largest city (Stockton). Further, county reports showed that there were 1,209 homeless individuals living in some type of transitional living or shelter. Another finding was that many had either a substance abuse or mental health reported issue. There are emergency shelters, homeless shelters, day shelters, transitional housing, shared housing, residential drug alcohol rehabilitation programs as well as permanent affordable housing that can be accessed to house the homeless.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY... Luis Obispo County Point in Time homeless count and follow-up survey found that there were 1,515 homeless persons with 1, 123 of these unsheltered. Of this group, there were 112 families with children. The largest number of unsheltered individuals were counted in the two cities of San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. One finding was that 16% of those homeless surveyed indicated that at some point in their lives they had been in foster care. The Community Action Partnership's Homeless Services program operates to meet the needs of the homeless in this county by working with other government/non- profit organizations.

STANISLAUS COUNTY.... Stanislaus County Point in time homeless count conducted in 2015 found that there were 1,408 individuals who identified themselves as homeless. 6.7 percent of the homeless adults reported to having children who were also homeless. 786 of those surveyed were unsheltered and over half of these lived in the downtown area of Modesto. Stanislaus county has a System of Care that the homeless can access but not all choose to do so. The county office of education found that there were 6,899 homeless or imminently homeless students in 2014-2015. The county has emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing options for the homeless.

TULARE COUNTY

The city of Visalia had 357 homeless counted in the Point in time homeless count in 2015; the city of Tulare had 135 homeless; Porterville had 123 homeless counted; and Dinuba had 13 homeless counted. There are a few emergency and transitional shelters operating in the county some of which are run by faith based organizations. The Kings/Tulare Continuum of Care on Homelessness (KTCOC) includes homeless service providers, advocacy groups, government agencies as well as some homeless individuals who together are trying to address the needs of the homeless population in the county.

TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH (TAY) ...KIDS DATA PIT HOMELESS 2015

CALAVERAS, MARIPOSA (ALONG WITH AMADOR AND TUOLUMNE).....34

FRESNO/MADERA....92

KERN....43

KINGS/TULARE...23

MERCED....59

SAN BENITO (ALONG WITH MONTEREY) ...226 WITH 46 UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

SAN JUAQUIN...13

SAN LUIS OBISPO...382 WITH 14 UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

STANISLAUS....51 WITH 4 UNACCOMPANIED MINORS