

Overview of the 2018 Placer County Homeless Count

A point-in-time count is only a snapshot reflecting those persons identified as homeless for one night and is not an absolute number. Many people move in and out of homelessness throughout a year.

Background: The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that each Homeless Continuum of Care conduct a point-in-time homeless count, using HUD-approved methodology in order to qualify for Continuum of Care (CoC) funds. HUD specifies that a full count of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless must be done at least biennially for one night during the last ten days of January. The Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS), the Continuum of Care for Nevada and Placer Counties, has chosen to conduct both a sheltered and unsheltered count every year to gain the best understanding of the homeless population.

Persons were counted based on where they slept the night of January 24, 2018. **Included in the Count:** Unsheltered Homeless - people living outside, in cars, or other places not meant for human habitation and Sheltered Homeless - people living in emergency shelters, motels paid for by an agency and transitional housing for the homeless. **Not included in the Count:** those temporarily living with family or friends (doubled up or couch surfing), those living in permanent supportive housing or Rapid Rehousing, and those in institutions – such as jails, foster care, or hospitals.

The table below contains data collected for Placer County only, including the North Tahoe area. Limited information was collected for 31 sheltered people at Acres of Hope as well as 65 people who appeared to be unsheltered but could not be interviewed. Percentages in the categories marked with an asterisk (*) below are calculated on the total number (n) of responses received to the associated question(s) on the survey.

Total people	Number	% of Total
Total Number of Persons	584	100%
Total Individuals/Couples with no children	474	81.2%
Total Persons living in families	110	18.8%
Total number of families	35	n/a
Where they slept the night of the Count		
Total Sheltered Homeless	313	53.6%
Total Unsheltered Homeless	271	46.4%
Ages* n=481		
Total Children under 18	40	8.3%
Total Adults 18 - 24 years of age	19	4.0%
Total Adults 25 - 59 years of age	346	71.9%
Total Adults 60 years old and older	76	15.8%
Gender* n=447		
Total Adult Males	280	62.6%
Total Adult Females	167	37.4%
Chronically Homeless* n=488		
Chronically Homeless Individuals (includes only adults)	190	38.9%
Total Persons in Chronically Homeless Families	4	0.8%
Other Homeless Subpopulations*		
Veterans (includes only adults)	36	8.2%
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	176	40.6%
Adults with a Substance Abuse Disorder	100	23.3%
Adults Currently Fleeing a DV/SA/HT/Stalking Situation ⁽¹⁾	54	12.4%
Adults who have lived in Foster Care or Group Homes	78	18.1%

(1) In 2018, HUD is requiring that data reported on survivors of domestic violence be limited to adults experiencing homelessness because they are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as opposed to reporting on survivors who have ever experienced these circumstances.