Homelessness in Placer County

Survey Data and Observations

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Activity to Date – We Have:

- Visited direct service agencies.

- Reviewed agency web sites.

- Conducted "street level" observations throughout Placer County (PC).

- Toured 4 regions within PC with LEOs.

- Experienced homelessness.

- Visited with dozens of individuals experiencing homelessness.

- Analyzed all known recent data sets.

- Conducted a survey of individuals experiencing homelessness.

Triggers of Homelessness:

Males-

- 50-60% of individuals have a major mental health issue.
- 70-80% of individuals have a substance abuse issue.
- Over 90% of individuals have at least one or both of these issues.
- Job retention.

Females-

- Add domestic violence.
- Add financial hardship caused by divorce/breakup.

Placer County at First Glance:

- Lacks strategic interaction and connectivity (there is no "Placer System").
- Usable/Actionable data in Placer County is very sparse.
- Decisions are based on anecdotes, not strategies.
- "Policy" is tactical, not strategic.
- Roseville, Auburn and Tahoe have very different issues.
- Relative to the USA, homelessness is low per capita.
- Relative to the USA, families with children that are in crisis is low.
- Adult chronic street homelessness is a major problem and is getting worse.
- There are major gaps in services for adults.

Placer County Homeless Count 2015 (PITC): Preliminary Count

- **540 Individuals**
- **Chronically homeless 40%**
- **Severely mentally ill 30%**
- Chronic substance abuse 32%
- Domestic violence victims 28%
- **Veterans 8%**
- Prior foster care 7%
- Males 61% : Females 39%
- Single Adults 86% : Children 14%

Critical Research Questions that Need to be Answered:

- "Homegrown" vs. "Imported"?

- Is the rail yard to blame?

- How chronic is the homelessness population?

- How mobile is the population intra-county?

- One-site vs. Multi-site Solution?

Survey:

- We should never make policy decisions based on anecdotes.
- Anecdotes can be used to develop research questions.
- Hard data should drive strategic decision making.
- Yet, the data in Placer County is very sparse.
- Analysis should be conducted using national best practices.

➤ Survey conducted at key gathering points.
➤ December 2014 to January 2015.
➤ Survey sampling.

Homegrown vs. Imported?

Q5 **Where did you go to High school?**

Answered: 95   Skipped: 2

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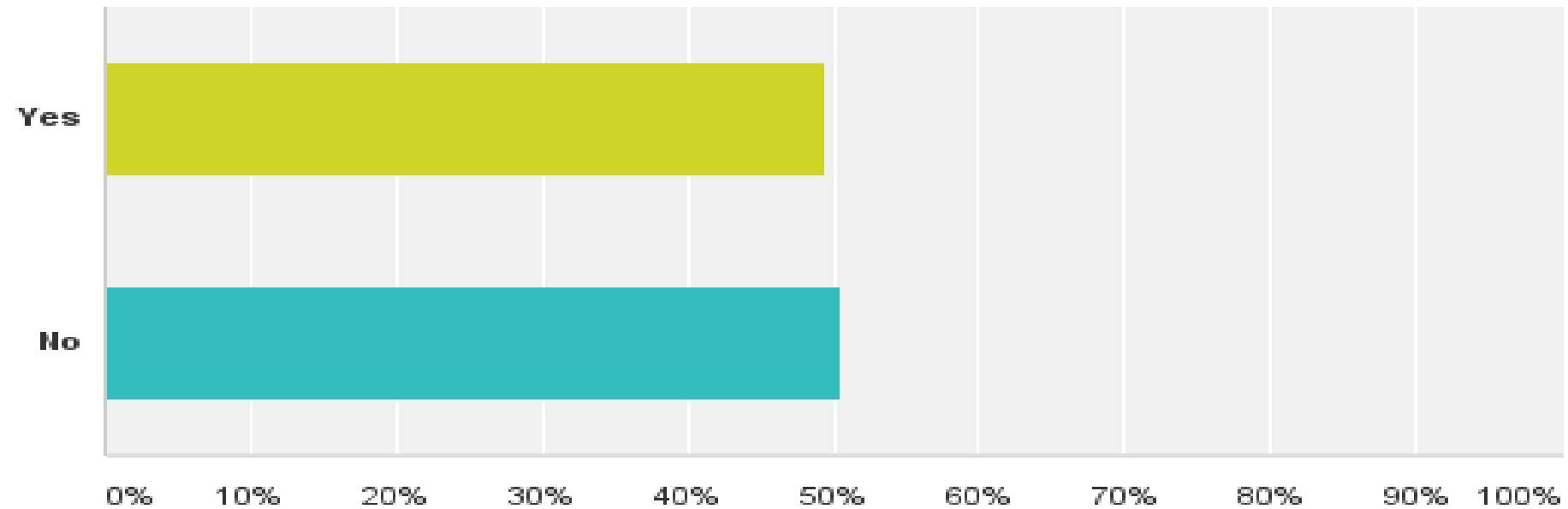

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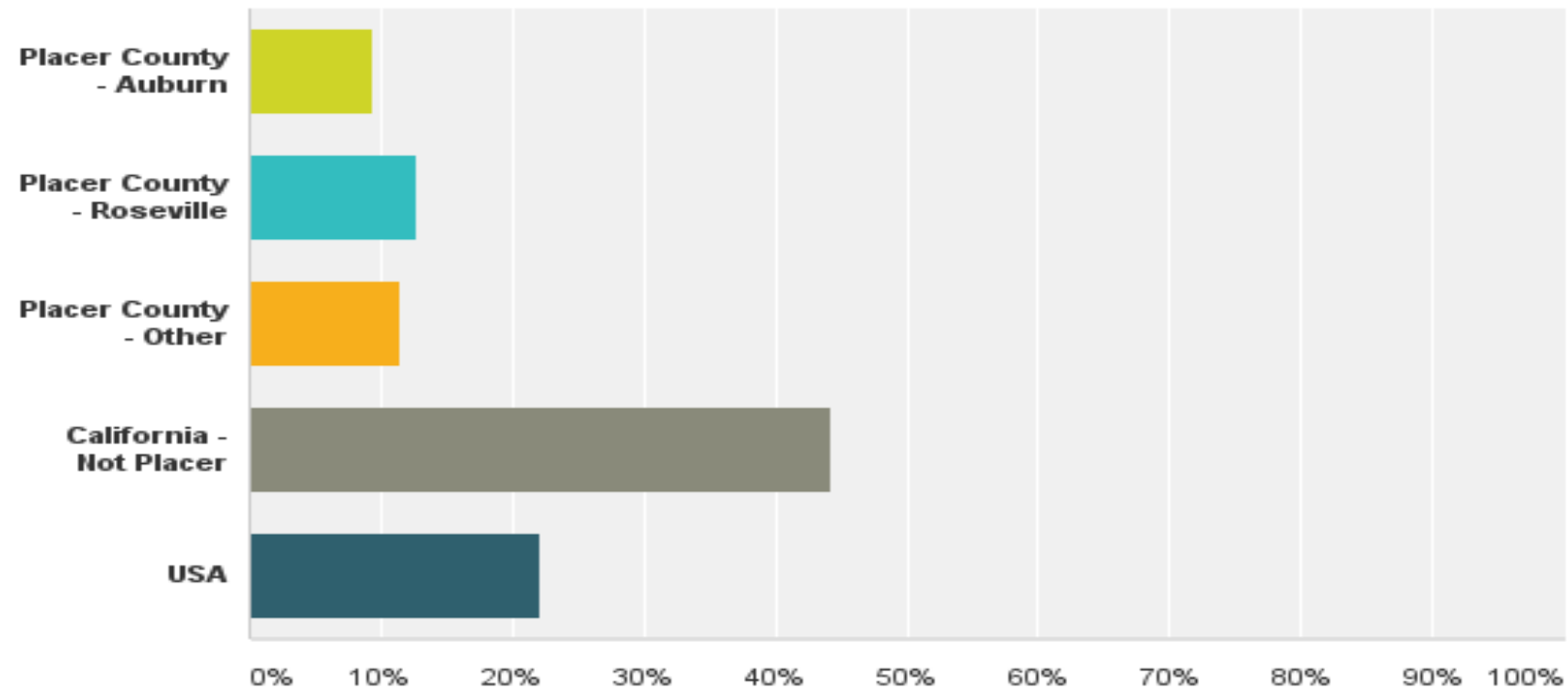
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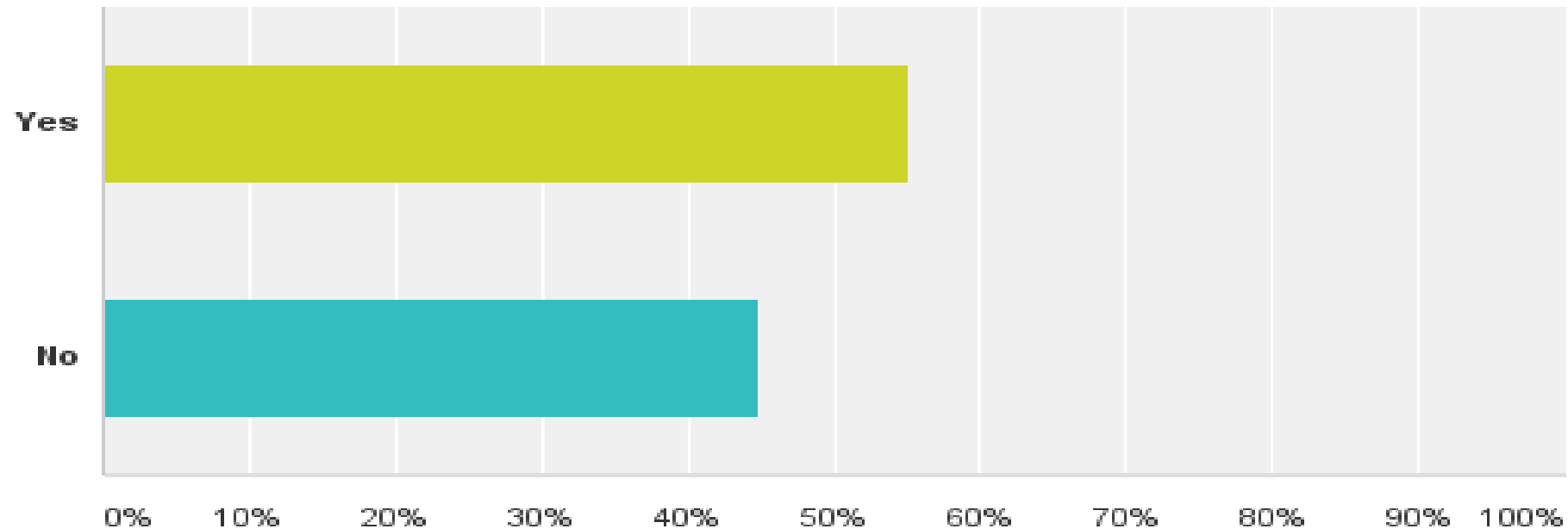Q8 Is your family from Placer County?

Answered: 97   Skipped: 0

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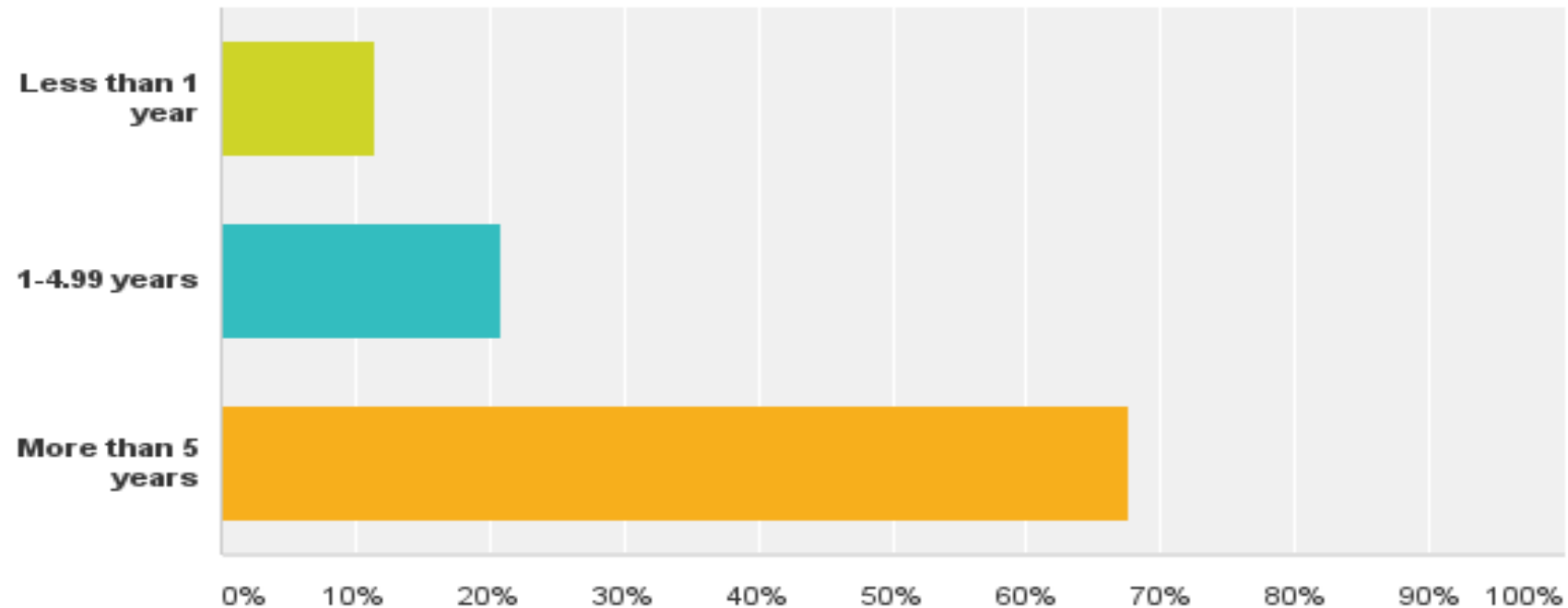## Q10 Before You Became Homeless, Did You Have a Job in Placer County?

Answered: 96   Skipped: 1

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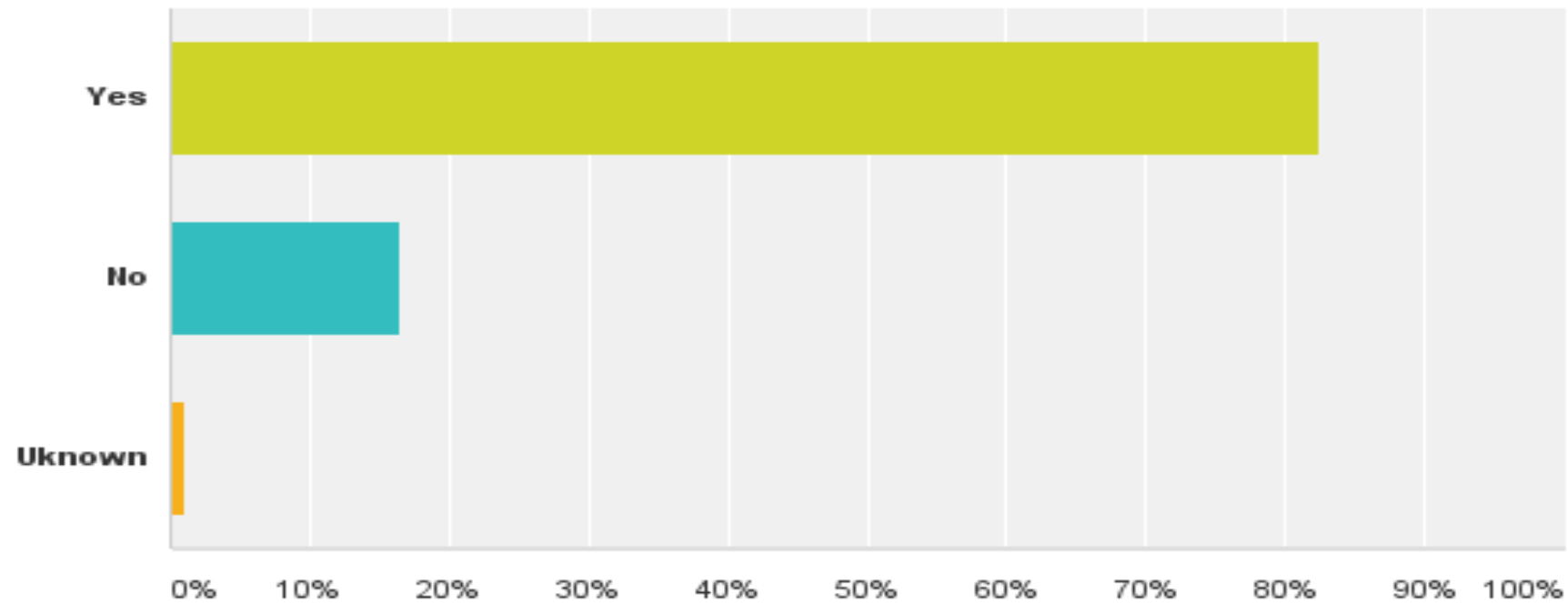## Q7 How long have you lived in Placer County

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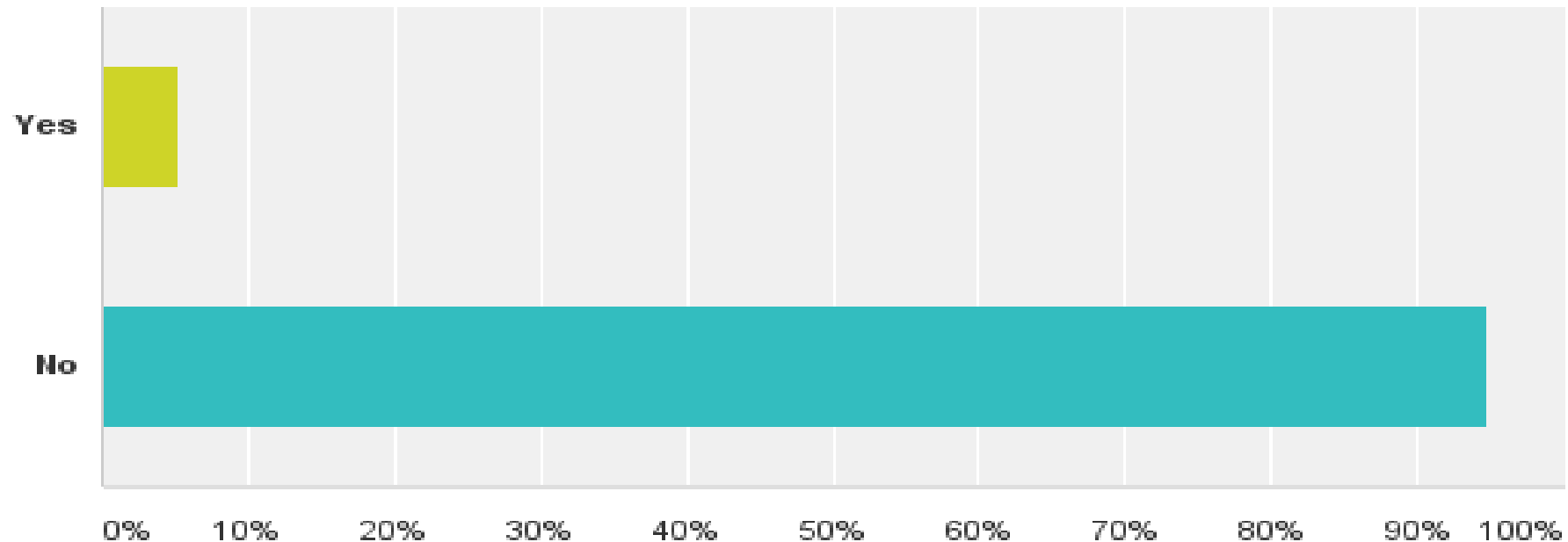Q15 **Did Individual Become Homeless in Placer County?**

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Is the Rail Yard to Blame?

Q9 Did you first come to Placer County by Train through the Rail Yard in Roseville?
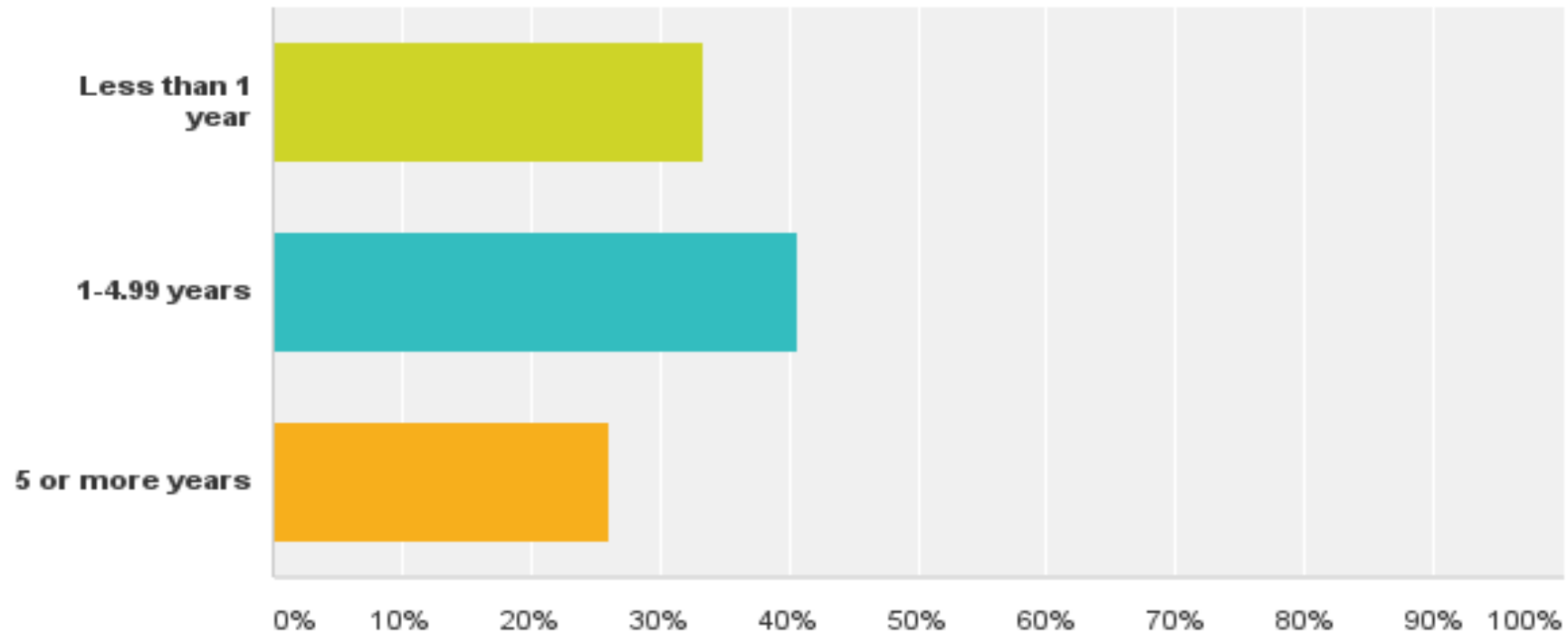
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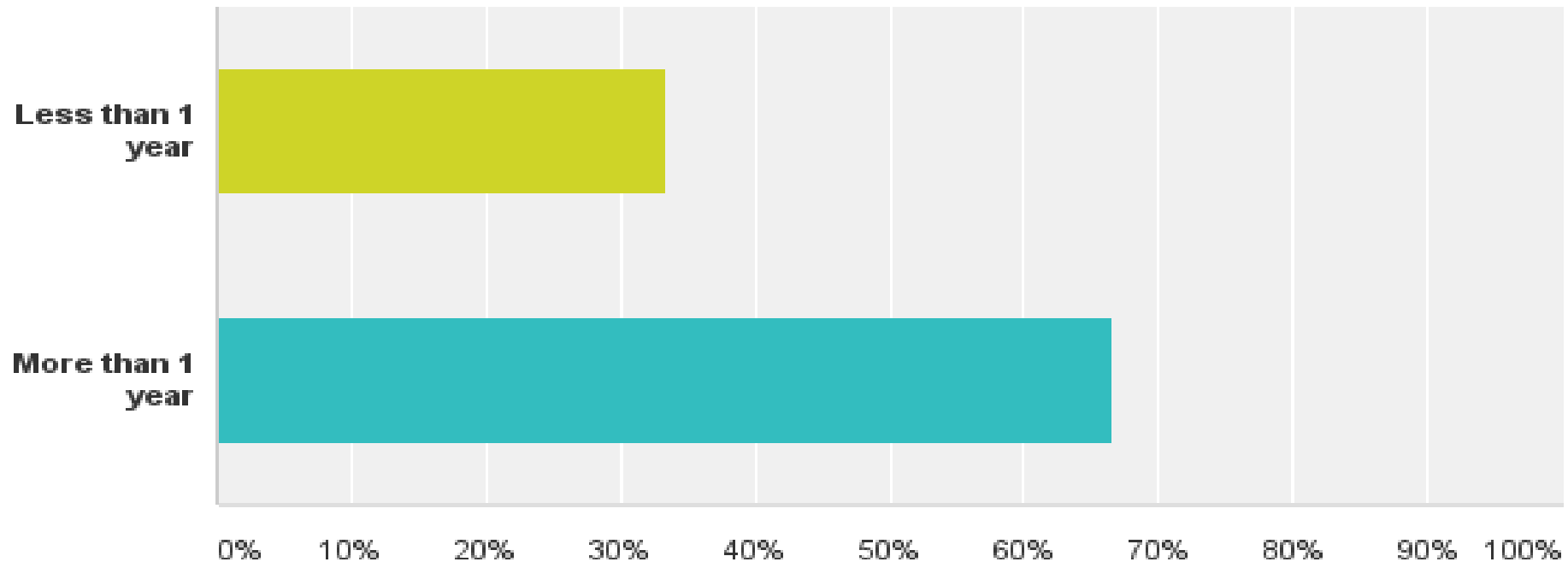

Q6 How long have you been homeless ?

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How Chronic is the Population in Placer? HUD Matrix

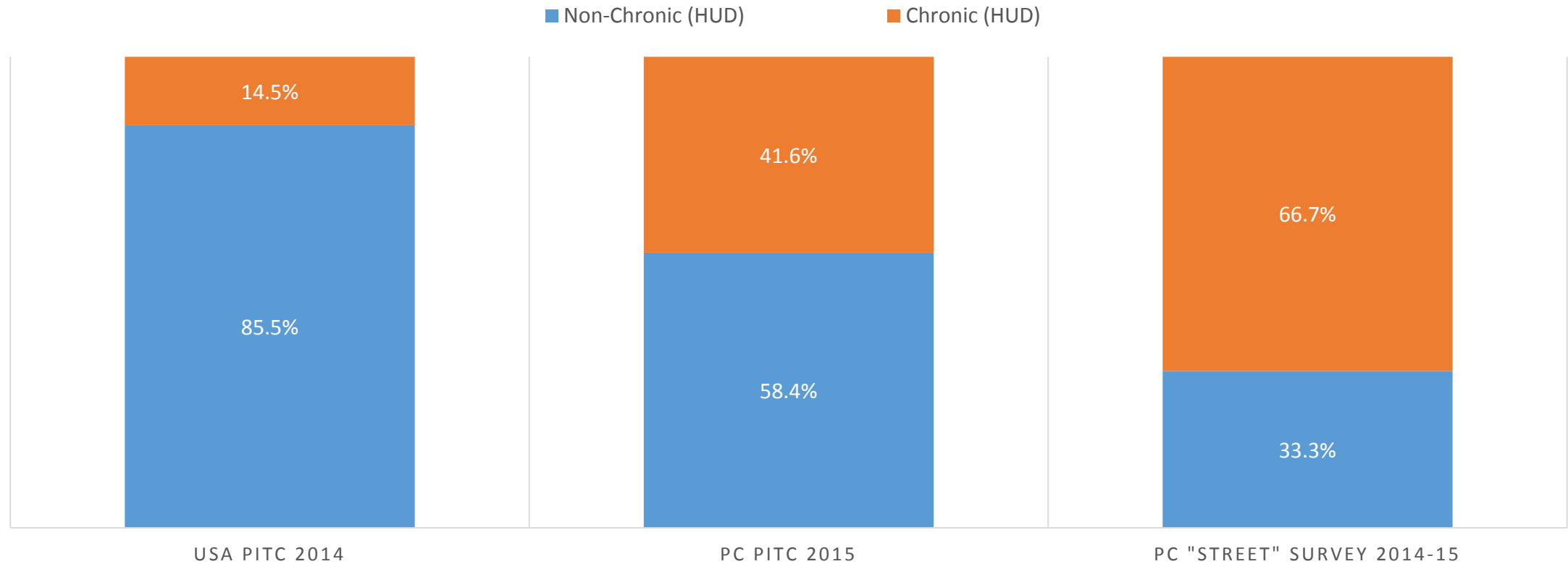## Q6 How long have you been homeless ?
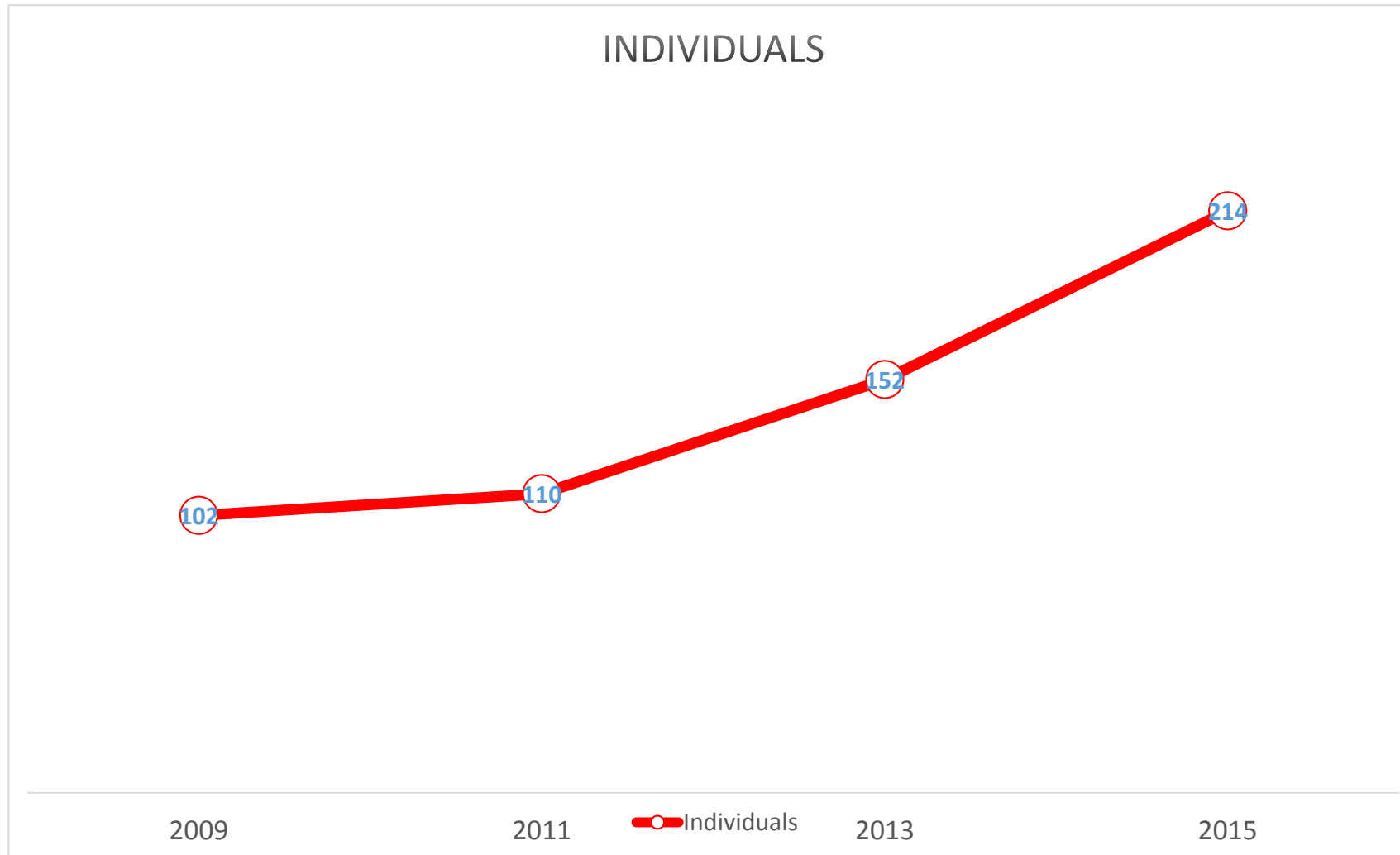
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Chronic Adult Homelessness: USA vs. Placer HUD Definition

RATE OF ADULT CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Non-Chronic (HUD)   Chronic (HUD)

	USA PITC 2014	PC PITC 2015	PC "STREET" SURVEY 2014-15
Chronic (HUD)	14.5%	41.6%	66.7%
Non-Chronic (HUD)	85.5%	58.4%	33.3%

PITC 2009-2015 Change in Chronic Homelessness:

INDIVIDUALS

102
110
152
214

2009   2011   ⚪Individuals   2013   2015

How Mobile is the Population Intra-county?
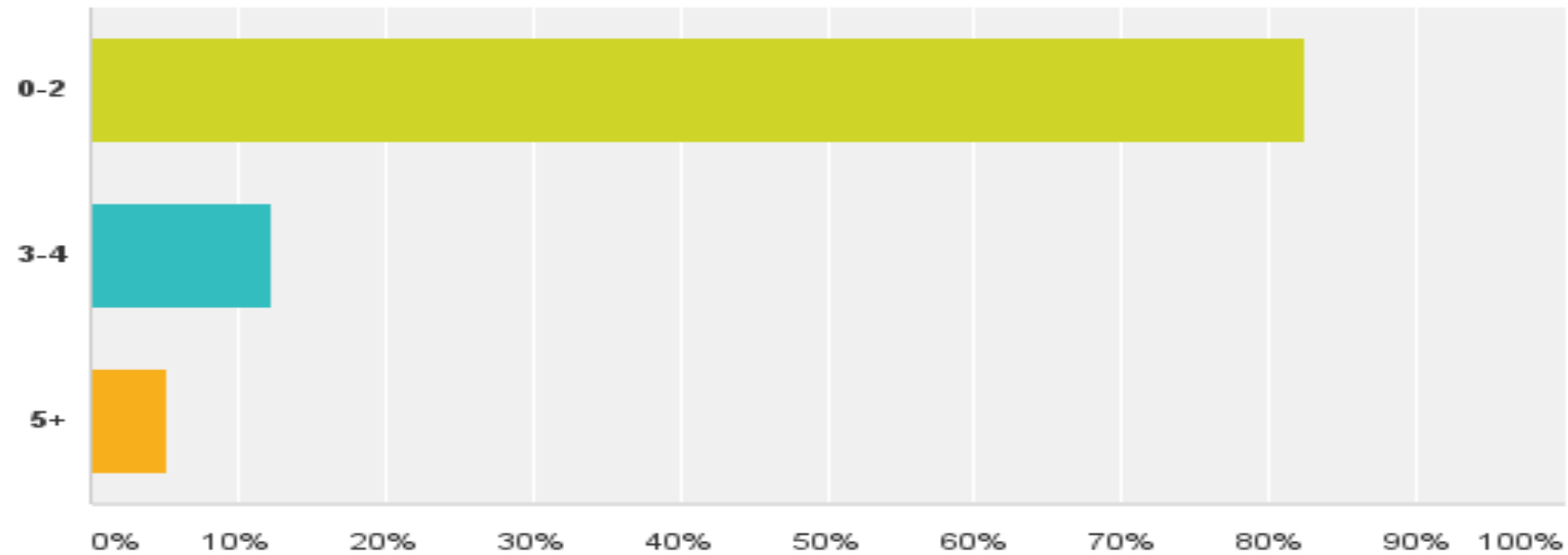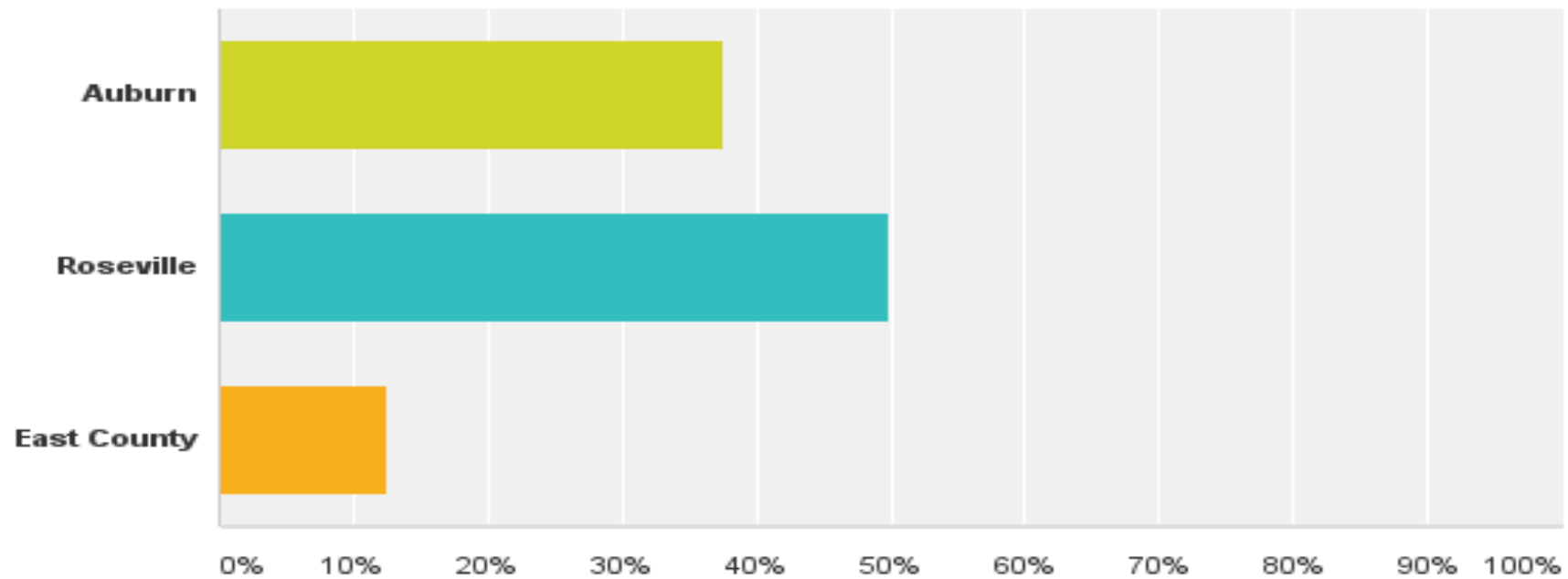
Overnight Sleeping Location:

Q11 **Where do you primarily sleep at night?**

Answered: 97   Skipped: 0

Big Takeaways from the Survey and PITC:

- Homelessness in PC is <u>not</u> imported . . .

   (34% HS .. 50% family .. 55% had Job in PC .. 82% became homeless in PC)

- The rail yard is not to blame.

- Mobility is limited.

- Need operations in Roseville and in Auburn.

- Homelessness in PC is significantly more chronic than the nation.

- Overall homeless population has decreased . . .

   However the homeless population is becoming significantly more chronic.

Macro Observations (beyond the survey):

1. There is no strategic level policy making . . .
   Instead, "policy" is a net of independent tactical activities.
2. Services are not integrated and seldom coordinated.
3. Quality data is sparse and HMIS is not universal/real-time.
4. Un-validated myths have become fact.
5. Placer County lacks a 24/7 emergency center.
6. Auburn lacks emergency and portal services.
7. The Roseville "operational model" is not a national best practice.
8. There is a lack of transitional services and affordable housing.
9. Challenge of homeless families with children is minor relative to adults.

What's Next:

- Get input tonight.
- Continue to analyze data.
- Draft the Action Plan.
- Present the Action Plan.

Q & A