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I. Key Findings

- On Thursday, January 25, 2024, the day of the homeless count, 830 individuals were counted. In 2023, 784 individuals were counted. A comparison of these two counts reveals that 46 more individuals counted in 2024, which represents an increase of 5.9%.
- Of the 830 individuals counted, 427 adults and 1 child, under age 18, were unsheltered and 346 adults and 56 children, under age 18, were sheltered.
- The number of adults and children under age 18 who were unsheltered increased from 390 individuals in 2023 to 428 individuals in 2024 representing an increase of 38 individuals or 9.7%.
- The number of sheltered adults and children in families increased from 394 in 2023 to 402 in 2024 representing an increase of 8 individuals or 2.0%.
- The number of sheltered children experiencing homelessness decreased from 77 in 2023 to 56 in 2024 representing a decrease of 21 children or 27.3%.
- 43% of sheltered persons and 26% of unsheltered persons were female.
- 22% of sheltered adults and 24% of unsheltered adults were age 55+.
- 36% of sheltered individuals and 43% of unsheltered individuals were chronically homeless.
- 19% of sheltered individuals and 46% of unsheltered individuals identified as Hispanic/Latino/Latina.
- More than two-thirds (68.0%) of individuals counted as sheltered and unsheltered were in the City of Merced.
- 51.7% of unsheltered individuals are aware of the housing and homeless services available in Merced County.
- 19.7% of unsheltered individuals were told by a doctor or other medical professional that they had a chronic health condition that is life-threatening such as heart, lung, liver, kidney or cancerous disease.
- 15.8% of unsheltered individuals became homeless for the first time during the past 12 months.
- More than half (55.7%) of unsheltered adults had no income.

II. Background Information Concerning the Homeless Count

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Continuum of Care's (CoCs) that receive CoC Program funding to conduct an unsheltered "one night point-in-time" homeless count every other year during the last 10 days of January. HUD also requires CoCs to complete a sheltered count, annually, of people experiencing homelessness who reside in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. Merced CoC has elected to conduct both a sheltered and unsheltered point-in-time on an annual basis.

1. When Was the Count Conducted?

The unsheltered count was conducted on Thursday, January 25, 2024. The sheltered count was conducted overnight on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, in shelters and transitional housing programs.

2. Who was Counted?

Utilizing the HUD definition of [literally homelessness under Category 1](#), a person was counted if they were observed living within one of the following places described below:

- In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings;
- In an emergency shelter; and
- In transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelter.

Individuals considered to be At Risk of Homelessness were not included within the Point-in-Time Count. HUD defines individuals that are "near homelessness" or individuals that are "doubled up" as [At Risk of Homelessness](#) and not literally homeless. signifies

Households living below the poverty level are at risk of becoming homeless. Because of their limited income, they frequently have to choose between paying their rent, mortgage, and other daily living costs such as childcare, food, clothing, healthcare, and transportation. The generally accepted standard for housing affordability is that households should not spend more than 30% of their incomes on rent and utilities.

The Merced CoC geographical area, which includes the County of Merced, has a substantial number of households that are at-risk of homelessness. Approximately 18.8% of Merced County residents were living below the poverty level according to the July 1, 2023 [U.S. Census Bureau](#)

[QuickFacts](#) data. This means that of the 290,014 Merced County residents approximately 54,523 individuals, representing 17,000 households, were at risk of becoming homeless.

Many households can become homeless because of challenges such as increases in rent, job loss, and rising healthcare costs. In addition, personal experiences such as domestic violence, physical disability, mental illness, and substance abuse are also contributing factors to homelessness. Often, one or more of these experiences play a role in a household's experience of homelessness.

3. Who Conducted the Count?

There were 91 volunteers that carried out the unsheltered count on January 25th, of which 20 were persons with lived experience. This group consisted of a wide range of local representatives from various public and private organizations that included:

- Businesses;
- Faith-based organizations;
- Homeless and Formerly Homeless individuals;
- Local governments; and
- Non-profit organizations.

In addition, staff from shelters and transitional housing programs counted residents in their respective programs.

III. Total Number of Homeless Persons

There were 830 individuals who were counted as homeless on Thursday, January 25, 2024. In 2023, 784 individuals were counted. A comparison of these two counts reveals that 46 more people were counted in 2024, which represents an increase of 5.9%.

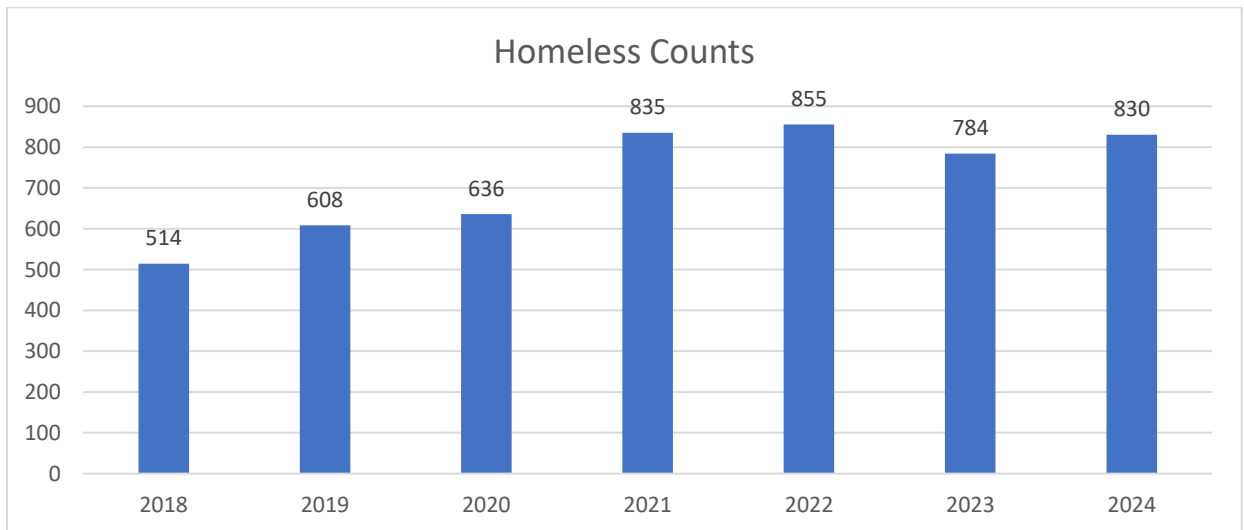
Table 1. Comparison of 2023 and 2024 Homeless Counts

Year	Sheltered			Unsheltered			Total
	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	
2023 Homeless Count	317	77	394	389	1	390	784
2024 Homeless Count	346	56	402	427	1	428	830
Difference:	+29 (9.1%)	-21 (27.3%)	+8 (2.0%)	+38 (9.8%)	0 (0%)	+38 (9.7%)	+46 (5.9%)

Of the 830 persons counted in 2024, 427 adults and one child were unsheltered, and 346 adults and 56 children were sheltered.

The following chart illustrates the increase of the number of persons experiencing homelessness between 2018 and 2024. There were 830 individuals counted in 2024, which is an increase of 316 persons or 61.5% when compared to the total number of 514 individuals counted in 2018.

Chart 1.



The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of adults and children by race.

Table 2. Adults and Children by Race/Ethnicity

Race	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	5	1.2	16	3.7	21	2.5
Asian or Asian American	7	1.7	4	0.9	11	1.3
Black, African American, or African	58	14.5	66	15.4	124	14.9
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	77	19.2	197	46.0	274	33.0
Middle Eastern or North African	0	0.0	2	0.5	2	0.2
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	0.7	4	1.0	7	0.8
White	131	32.6	136	31.8	267	32.2
More than One Race	121	30.1	3	0.7	124	14.9
Total:	402	100	428	100	830	100

The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of adults and children by gender.

Table 3. Adults and Children by Gender

Gender	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Woman (Girl if child)	175	43.5	112	26.2	287	34.6
Man (Boy if child)	226	56.2	315	73.6	541	65.2
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Transgender	1	0.3	1	0.2	2	0.2
Non-Binary	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Questioning	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Different Identity	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total:	402	100	428	100	830	100

It is important to note that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) limits the count to persons who are defined as

- Homeless persons living in a place not designed or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for humans (these persons must be counted as unsheltered); and
- Persons living in emergency shelters and transitional housing projects (these persons must be counted as sheltered).

Regarding sheltered homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) states that

- *CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families “living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)” on the night designated for the count. This includes individuals residing in Safe Haven projects.*

Regarding unsheltered homelessness, HUD states that

- *CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(i) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families “with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground” on the night designated for the count. RRH-assisted households who are still unsheltered on the night of the count (e.g., staying in an encampment and being assisted by an RRH project to obtain housing) must be included as part of the unsheltered count.*

Table 4 provides a breakdown of total number of unsheltered and sheltered persons counted in 2024 by jurisdiction. More than two-thirds (68.2%) of people counted were in the City of Merced.

Table 4. Total Number of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons Counted in 2024 by Jurisdiction

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Sheltered Count		Unsheltered Count		Total Count	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Atwater	0	0%	53	12%	53	6%
Cressey	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Delhi	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Dos Palos	0	0%	5	1%	5	1%
El Nido	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Gustine	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hilmar	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Le Grande	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Livingston	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Los Banos	28	7%	121	28%	149	18%
Merced	369	92%	197	46%	566	68%
Planada	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Santa Nella	0	0%	16	4%	16	2%
Snelling	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
South Dos Palos	0	0%	8	2%	8	1%
Stevinson	0	0%	2	0%	2	0%
Winton	3	1%	23	5%	26	3%
County-wide (including DV programs)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total:	402	100	428	100	830	100

Table 5 provides a 2023 and 2024 comparison of unsheltered and sheltered persons by jurisdiction. The City of Merced had the largest total number. The total number of persons counted as unsheltered was lower (13%) in 2024. The total number of sheltered persons, however, increased by 7%. The total number of persons counted as unsheltered and sheltered in 2023 was 1% lower when compared to 2023.

Table 5. 2023 - 2024 Comparison of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons by Jurisdiction

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Total Number of Sheltered Persons				Total Number of Unsheltered Persons				Total Number			
	2023	2024	Difference		2023	2024	Difference		2023	2024	Difference	
	#	#	#	%*	#	#	#	%*	#	#	#	%*
Atwater	9	0	-9	*	27	53	26	96	36	53	+17	+47
Cressey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	0	0	0	0	3	1	-2	-67	3	1	-2	-67
Dos Palos	2	0	-2	*	15	5	-10	-67	17	5	-12	-71
El Nido	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gustine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hilmar	2	0	-2	*	0	1	1	100	2	1	-1	-50
Le Grande	0	2	2	*	0	0	0	0	0	2	+2	*
Livingston	0	0	0	0	6	1	-5	-83	6	1	-5	-83
Los Banos	35	28	-7	-20	78	121	27	53	113	149	+36	+32
Merced	344	369	25	7	227	197	-30	-13	571	566	-5	-1
Planada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Nella	0	0	0	0	13	16	3	23	13	16	+3	+23
Snelling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dos Palos	0	0	0	0	6	8	2	33	6	8	+2	+33
Stevinson	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	*	0	2	+2	*
Winton	2	3	1	50	15	23	8	53	17	26	+9	+53
County-wide***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	394	402	8	2	390	428	22	6	784	830	+46	+6

*Percentages were only provided for differences that were less than 200%.

**Includes proportional distribution of households who received motel vouchers, but whereabouts unrecorded.

***DV programs.

IV. Unsheltered Persons

1. Methodology

A homeless count and subpopulation survey instrument was used to gather unsheltered data by the volunteers. The survey data was gathered primarily by utilizing Simtech Solutions, Inc.'s "Counting Us" mobile app. Volunteers entered survey questions on their mobile devices where survey data was instantly submitted to a regional command center. The survey questions were focused on gathering demographic and subpopulation information as required by HUD. The survey instrument focused on gathering responses to determine the number of individuals observed for each subpopulation required by HUD. The survey instrument also gathered responses to other questions that were used to create a unique identifier that was used to determine if any persons were counted more than once. Each person was only included once in the total number of people counted. All information gathered through the survey instrument remains confidential.

HUD requires the total number of unsheltered adults and children under age 18 to be broken down by the following subpopulation categories:

- Age;
- Gender; and
- Race/Ethnicity

Of the 428 unsheltered persons counted, 427 were adults and were asked to respond to the survey questions. Of the 427 adults, 203 individuals or 47.5%, were directly surveyed and 224 individuals or 52.5%, were counted by observation. Thus, extrapolation was used, to determine certain results. For example, if 12.8% of the adults surveyed were age 25 – 34 years old it was also assumed that 12.8% of the adults who were counted by observation were also age 25 – 34 years old.

Of the 428 individuals counted as unsheltered, 427 were adults and one was a child under age 18. The one unsheltered family included two adults and one child.

2. Age

Table 6. Unsheltered Adults and Children by Age

Age	#	%
Under Age 18	1	0.0
Ages 18 - 24	8	2.0
Age 25 - 34	55	12.8
Age 35 - 44	126	29.6
Age 45 - 54	137	32.0
Age 55 - 64	86	20.2
Age 65+	15	3.4
Total:	428	100

3. Gender

The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of unsheltered adults and children by gender.

Table 7. Unsheltered Adults and Children by Gender

Gender:	#	%
Woman (Girl if child)	112	26.2
Man (Boy if child)	315	73.6
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	0	0.0
Transgender	1	0.2
Non-Binary	0	0.0
Questioning	0	0.0
Different Identity	0	0.0
Total:	428	100

4. Race/Ethnicity

The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of unsheltered adults and children by race/ethnicity.

Table 8. Unsheltered Adults and Children by Race/Ethnicity

Race	#	%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	16	3.7
Asian or Asian American	4	0.9
Black, African American, or African	66	15.4
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	197	46.0
Middle Eastern or North African	2	0.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	4	1.0
White	136	31.8
More than One Race	3	0.7
Total:	428	100

5. Families

HUD requires the following information regarding the total number of families, chronically homeless families, and the total number of individuals within a family:

- One (1) family included three people, of which two were adults and one was a child under age 18.
- The family was chronically homeless.

6. Subpopulations

HUD requires the total number of unsheltered adults to be broken down by the following homeless subpopulations, which are noted in Table 9:

- Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence (optional);
- Adults with HIV/AIDS;
- Adults with a Serious Mental Illness;
- Adults with a Substance Use Disorder;
- Chronically Homeless Individuals;
- Single Individuals; and
- Veterans.

Table 9 also provides the breakdown of the total number of unsheltered adults by:

- Developmental Disability
- Physical Disability

Table 9 breaks down the total number of unsheltered adults by subpopulation based on the information gathered by the homeless count App, which included questions that were asked of each unsheltered adult.

Table 9: Estimates of Unsheltered Subpopulations

Subpopulation (Adults Only):	#	%
Total Unsheltered Adults:	427	100
Chronically Homeless Persons	183	42.9
Persons with Developmental Disabilities	48	11.3
Persons with HIV/AIDS	4	1.0
Persons with Serious Mental Health Problems	86	20.2
Persons with Physical Disabilities	88	20.7
Substance Users (on-going problem)	124	29.1
Veterans	17	3.9
Victims of Domestic Violence	38	8.9
Currently experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking	*	*

*These persons are included under victims of domestic violence

7. Local Survey Questions

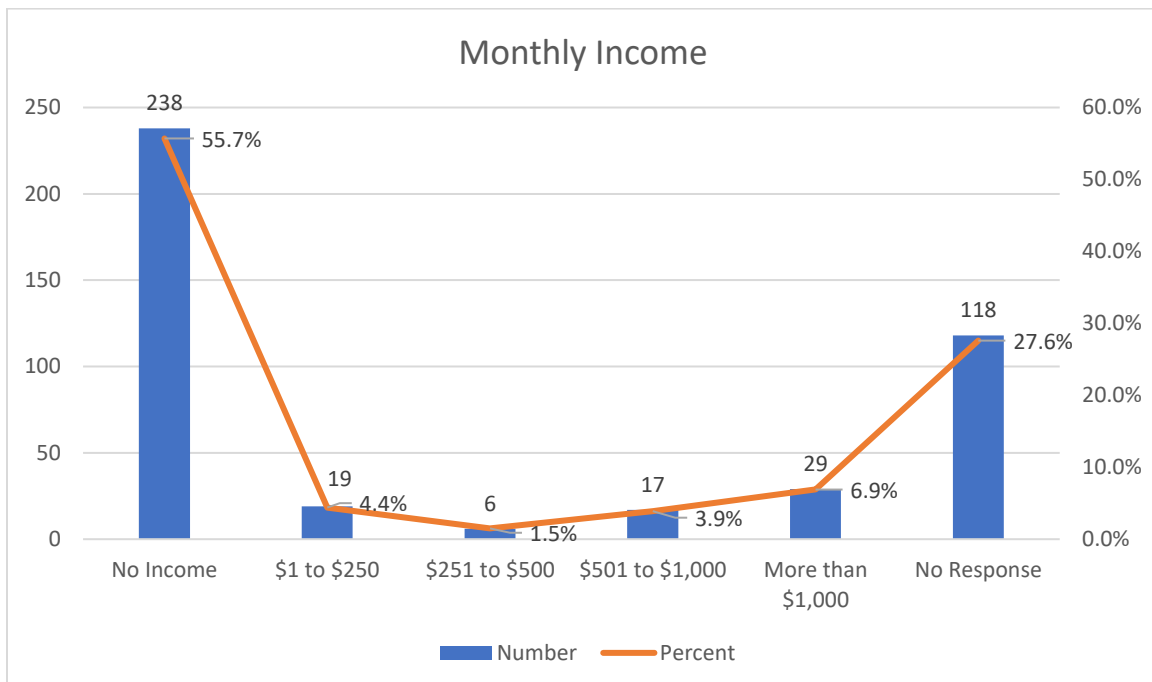
The next table breaks down the total number of unsheltered adults by local survey questions that were asked of each unsheltered adult counted. Local survey questions are not required by HUD but prioritized by the local CoC.

Table 10: Merced CoC Local Survey Questions

Local Survey Questions	#	%
	n=427	
Is this the first time you have been homeless?	139	32.5
Did you become homeless for the first time during the past 12 months?	67	15.8
Has a doctor or other medical professional ever told you that you have a chronic health condition that is life-threatening such as heart, lung, liver, kidney, or cancerous disease?	84	19.7
Do you receive disability benefits?	46	10.8
Are you aware of the housing and homeless services available in Merced County?	221	51.7
Have you ever been placed in foster care?	4	1.0
Are you currently in foster care?	2	0.5
Have you ever lived in a group home?	2	0.5
Are you currently living in a group home?	2	0.5
Are you currently enrolled in school trade school/vocational program or college?	2	0.5

One other local question included asked “How much is your monthly income”.

The following chart notes that more than half (55.7%) of the 427 unsheltered adults had no income. Nearly two-thirds (61.6%) of this population had a monthly income of \$500 or less.



8. Unsheltered Subpopulation Data by City

Appendix A includes a detailed breakdown of individuals by subpopulation for cities with an unsheltered population of 50 or more individuals. This includes the City of Los Banos with 121 unsheltered individuals and the City of Merced with 197 unsheltered individuals.

V. Sheltered Persons

As required by HUD, the sheltered count records the number of persons and households residing in emergency shelters (including seasonal shelters), transitional housing, and Safe Haven programs (of which the Merced CoC has none) that were listed on the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC). In addition, any persons staying in a hotel or motel as a result of a voucher from a social service agency were included in the sheltered count per HUD’s instructions. The voucher program was listed within the HIC.

1. Methodology

HUD encourages the use of Homeless Management Information Services (HMIS) data to generate sheltered counts and subpopulation data for programs that have 100% of their project beds in HMIS. Thus, HMIS was used to gather the total number of occupied beds and a breakdown of the number of sheltered adults and children by subpopulation (see Tables 11 – 15 below) for nearly all sheltered programs. Program managed shelter data was used for projects that do not participate in HMIS.

2. Total Shelter Count by Program

Table 11 provides the total number of individuals counted by shelter program.

Table 11. Total Shelter Count by Program

Facility	Program:	Total # of Persons
Shelters:		
Merced County Community Action Agency	D Street Shelter	44
Merced County Human Services Agency	Motel Vouchers	87
Merced County Rescue Mission	Pathway to Wellness	4
Merced County Rescue Mission	Hope Respite Care Merced	26
Merced County Rescue Mission	Hope Respite Care - Los Banos	5
Merced County Rescue Mission	B Street Navigation Center	75
Merced County Rescue Mission	Bridge Housing - Merced	21
Merced County Rescue Mission	Bridge to Hope – Los Banos	10
Merced County Rescue Mission	Bridging Housing- Los Banos	10
Merced County Rescue Mission	Unincorporated Bridge Homes	8
Valley Crisis Center	Domestic Violence Shelter	14
Sub-Total:		304
Transitional Housing:		
Merced County Rescue Mission	Hope for Women	9
Merced County Rescue Mission	Hope for Men	20
Merced County Rescue Mission	Transition to Hope – Merced	64
Valley Crisis Center	Domestic Violence Transitional	5
Sub-Total:		98
Total:		402

HUD requires the total number of sheltered adults and children under age 18 to be broken down by the following homeless subpopulations:

- Age;
- Gender; and
- Race/Ethnicity

Of the 402 sheltered individuals counted, 346 were adults and 56 were children under 18 years of age.

3. Age

The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of sheltered adults and children by age.

Table 12. Sheltered Adults and Children by Age

Adults:	#	%
Under Age 18	56	13.9
Subtotal:	56	13.9
Ages 18 – 24	24	6.0
Age 25 – 34	56	13.9
Age 35 – 44	105	26.1
Age 45 – 54	72	17.9
Age 55 – 64	57	14.2
Age 65+	32	8.0
Unknown	0	0.0
Subtotal:	346	86.1
Total:	402	100

4. Gender

The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of sheltered adults and children by gender.

Table 13. Sheltered Adults and Children by Gender

Gender:	#	%
Woman (Girl if child)	175	43.5
Man (Boy if child)	226	56.2
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	0	0.0
Transgender	1	0.3
Non-Binary	0	0.0
Questioning	0	0.0
Different Identity	0	0.0
Total:	402	100

5. Race/Ethnicity

The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of sheltered adults and children by race.

Table 14. Sheltered Adults and Children by Race/Ethnicity

Race	#	%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	5	1.2
Asian or Asian American	7	1.7
Black, African American, or African	58	14.5
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	77	19.2
Middle Eastern or North African	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	0.7
White	131	32.6
Multiple Races	121	30.1
Total:	402	100

6. Subpopulations

HUD requires the total number of sheltered persons to be broken down by the following homeless subpopulations for unsheltered adults except for families and chronically homeless families:

- Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence (optional);
- Adults with HIV/AIDS;
- Adults with a Serious Mental Illness;
- Adults with a Substance Use Disorder;

- Chronically Homeless Individuals;
- Veterans; and
- Youth Age 18 – 24.

Table 15: Sheltered Adults by Selected Subpopulations

Subpopulation (Adults Only):	#	%
Total Sheltered Adults:	402	100
Chronically Homeless Persons	146	36.3
Persons with HIV/AIDS	2	0.1
Persons with Serious Mental Health Problems	151	37.6
Substance Users (on-going problem)	161	40.0
Veterans	6	1.5
Victims of Domestic Violence	22	5.5

7. Families

HUD also requires the following information regarding the total number of families, chronically homeless families, and the total number of individuals in families:

- 29 families included 83 individuals of which 35 were adults and 48 were children under 18 years of age.
- 2 chronically homeless families included 4 individuals of which 2 were adults and 2 children under 18 years of age.

VI. Appendix A: Subpopulation Data for Cities with 50+ Unsheltered Persons

1. Los Banos

Total Number of Unsheltered Individuals: 121

Total Unsheltered Adults: 121

n = total number of people surveyed

Demographic Information	n=121	
	Number	Percent
Age:		
18 to 24	3	2.5
25 - 34	31	25.1
35 – 44	46	37.9
45 – 54	34	28.7
55 - 64	7	5.8
65+	0	0.0
Total:	121	100
Gender:		
Women (Girl if child)	45	36.9
Man (Boy if child)	76	63.1
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	0	0.0
Transgender	0	0.0
Non-Binary	0	0.0
Questioning	0	0.0
Different Identity	0	0.0
Total:	121	100
Race/Ethnicity:		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	5	4.3
Asian or Asian American	0	0.0
Black, African American, or African	3	2.2
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	82	67.5
Middle Eastern or North African	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	26	21.7
Multiple Races or Other	5	4.3
Total:	121	100

Merced CoC Survey Questions	n=121	
	Number	Percent
Aware of Housing and Homeless Services Available in Merced County	111	91.4
Chronic Health Condition That Is Life-Threatening Such as Heart, Lung, Liver, Kidney, or Cancerous Disease	14	11.8
Chronic Homelessness	34	28.3
Developmental Disability	10	8.6
Disability Benefits	7	5.7
Enrolled in Trade School	0	0.0
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	10	8.6
First Time Homeless	44	36.5
Became Homeless for First Time During Last 12 Months	47	38.9
Foster Care – Ever Placed	0	0.0
Foster Care – Currently In	0	0.0
Group Home – Ever lived In	0	0.0
Group Home – Currently Living	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS	0	0.0
Monthly Income		
No Income	100	82.8
\$1 - \$250	13	11.4
\$251 - \$500	4	2.9
\$501 - \$1,000	4	2.9
More than \$1,000	0	0.0
Total:	121	100
Mental Health Problem	17	14.3
Physical Disability	28	22.8
Substance Use Problem	31	25.7
Veterans	0	0.0

2. Merced

Total Number of Unsheltered Persons: 197

Total Unsheltered Adults: 196

n = total number of people surveyed

Demographic Information	n=133	
	Number	Percent
Age:		
18 to 24	5	2.3
25 - 34	24	12.0
35 – 44	54	27.8
45 – 54	62	31.5
55 - 64	44	22.6
65+	7	3.8
Total:	196	100
Gender:		
Women (Girl if child)	46	23.6
Man (Boy if child)	148	75.5
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	0	0.0
Transgender	2	0.9
Non-Binary	0	0.0
Questioning	0	0.0
Different Identity	0	0.0
Total:	196	100
Race/Ethnicity:		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	9	4.6
Asian or Asian American	3	1.5
Black, African American, or African	40	20.3
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	77	39.3
Middle Eastern or North African	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	1.5
White	59	30.3
Multiple Races or Other	5	2.5
Total:	196	100

Merced CoC Survey Questions	n=133	
	Number	Percent
Aware of Housing and Homeless Services Available in Merced County	163	83.2
Chronic Health Condition That Is Life-Threatening Such as Heart, Lung, Liver, Kidney, or Cancerous Disease	49	24.8
Chronic Homelessness	97	49.6
Developmental Disability	26	13.5
Disability Benefits	28	14.3
Enrolled in Trade School	16	0.8
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	22	11.3
First Time Homeless	69	35.3
Became Homeless for First Time During Last 12 Months	25	12.8
Foster Care – Ever Placed	16	0.8
Foster Care – Currently In	16	0.8
Group Home – Ever lived In	16	0.8
Group Home – Currently Living	16	0.8
HIV/AIDS	3	1.5
Monthly Income		
No Income	132	67.7
\$1 - \$250	12	6.0
\$251 - \$500	6	3.0
\$501 - \$1,000	12	6.0
More than \$1,000	34	17.3
Total:	196	100
Mental Health Problem	46	23.3
Physical Disability	47	24.1
Substance Use Problem	69	35.3
Veteran	12	6.0