

## 2018 Nevada County Point In Time Count Overview

**Background:** The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that each Homeless Continuum of Care conduct a point-in-time count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness, using HUD-approved methodology in order to qualify for Continuum of Care (CoC) funds. HUD specifies that this count must be performed during the last ten days of January. While HUD only requires the full count every other year, Nevada County’s CoC has decided to perform the count annually, starting this year in 2018. On the night of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras – representing the joint Continuum of Care for Placer and Nevada Counties – conducted a Point In Time (PIT) Count to measure the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community.

**2018 Count:** Individuals and families 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.

2018 POINT IN TIME COUNT	Number	Percentage of Answers
<b>Total People</b>		
Total Number of Persons	272	100%
Total Individuals/Couples with no children	208	76%
Total Persons with at least one child	64	24%
Total Number of families	18	
<b>Where they slept the night of the count</b>		
Total Sheltered Homeless	180	66%
Total Unsheltered Homeless	92	34%
<b>Age</b>		
	<b>Survey Answers</b>	<b>% of Answers</b>
Total Children under 18	29	12%
Total Adults 18-24 years of age	13	5%
Total Adults 25 – 59 years of age	169	70%
Total Adults 60 years old and older	30	13%
<b>Gender</b>		
	<b>Survey Answers</b>	<b>% of Answers</b>
Adult Males	139	65%
Adult Females	74	35%
<b>Chronically Homeless</b>		
	<b>Survey Answers</b>	<b>% of Answers</b>
Chronically Homeless Individuals (only adults)	107	44%
Total Persons in Chronically Homeless Families	20	8%
<b>Other Subpopulations</b>		
	<b>Survey Answers</b>	<b>% of Answers</b>
Veterans (adults only)	25	13%
Adults with Serious Mental Illness	73	35%
Adults with Substance Use Disorder	47	22%
Adults Currently Fleeing DV/SA/HT Stalking	25	12%
Adults who have lived in Foster Care or Group Homes	43	22%

## Year-over-Year Trend:

The 2018 Point In Time results demonstrated a **27% decrease as compared to 2017**. However, various factors can affect these results since they are performed on a single night - such as weather (this year the count was performed on a cold and snowy day), location of the event, etc. This year's count results are relatively in line with previous years' count results.

Year of Count	Number experiencing homelessness in Nevada County
2009	345
2011	190
2013	314
2015	279
2017	371
2018	272

## Reason for Staying & Length of Time

Over 65% of those who responded to the survey are originally from Nevada County or stay in Nevada County to be close to family. Furthermore, 54% of survey respondents lived in Nevada County for five or more years prior to becoming homeless.

What is the main reason you stay here?	Count	Percentage
Originally from here/grew up here	78	34%
To be close to family	72	31%
Enjoy the community/environment	42	18%
Access to services/transportation/doctors	21	9%
Job opportunities/employment	8	3%
Fled Dangerous situation	3	1.3%
Sobriety	2	0.9%
Circumstances	1	0.4%
Support System	1	0.4%
Traffic fines	1	0.4%

How long did you live in this county prior to your homelessness?	Count	Percentage
Five years or longer	126	54%
One year to five years	53	23%
90 days or more, but less than one year	18	8%
One month or more, but less than 90 days	3	1%
One week or more, but less than one month	4	2%
Less than one week	28	12%

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