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I. Key Findings

- On Thursday, January 23, 2025, the day of the Point-in-Time Count, 717 individuals were counted. In 2024, 837 individuals were counted. A comparison of these two counts reveals that 120 less individuals were counted in 2025, which represents a decrease of 14.3%.

- Of the 717 individuals counted, 343 adults and 3 children, under age 18, were unsheltered and 330 adults and 41 children, under age 18, were sheltered.

- The number of adults and children under age 18 who were unsheltered decreased from 428 individuals in 2024 to 346 individuals in 2025 representing a decrease of 82 individuals or 19.2%.

- The number of sheltered adults and children under age 18 decreased from 409 in 2024 to 371 in 2025 representing a decrease of 38 individuals or 9.3%.

- The number of sheltered children experiencing homelessness decreased from 56 in 2024 to 41 in 2025 representing a decrease of 15 children or 26.8%.

- 37.2% of sheltered persons and 32.1% of unsheltered persons identified as a Woman (Girl if child).

- 29.9% of sheltered adults and 19.1% of unsheltered adults were age 55+.

- 28.6% (106) of sheltered adults and 30.6% (106) of unsheltered adults were between the age 50-64. This equals a total of 210 adults between the ages of 50-64.

- 47.6% of sheltered individuals and 50.1% of unsheltered individuals were chronically homeless.

- 47.7% of sheltered individuals and 46.8% of unsheltered individuals identified as Hispanic/Latino/Latina alone or with another race.

- Nearly three-fourths (72.5%) of individuals counted as sheltered and unsheltered were in the City of Merced.

- 58.9% of unsheltered individuals are aware of the housing and homeless services available in Merced County.

- 19.2% 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.

- 17.2% of unsheltered individuals became homeless for the first time during the past 12 months.

- More than half (56.6%) of unsheltered adults had no income.

II. Background Information Concerning the Point-in-Time 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" Point-in-Time (PIT) 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 Count on an annual basis.

1. When Was the Count Conducted?

The unsheltered count was conducted on Thursday, January 23, 2025. The sheltered count was conducted overnight on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 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.

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 18.6% of Merced County residents were living below the poverty level according to the July 1, 2024 U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts data. This means that of the 296,774 Merced County residents approximately 55,200

individuals, representing nearly 17,000 households based on the 3.32 persons per household census calculation for Merced County 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 114 volunteers that carried out the unsheltered count on January 23rd, of which 15 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.

4. Reporting the Count – Rounding Errors

Please note that some of the values presented in this report may be subject to rounding errors. Due to the use of rounding to present data in a more accessible format, the sum of individual components may not exactly match the reported totals. These discrepancies are minimal and should not significantly impact the overall analysis or conclusions drawn from the data. We advise reviewing the data with an understanding of the rounding process, and if precise values are needed for further analysis, the raw, unrounded figures are available upon request.

III. Total Number of Homeless Persons

There were 717 individuals who were counted as homeless on Thursday, January 23, 2025. In 2024, 837 individuals were counted. A comparison of these two counts reveals that 120 less people were counted in 2025, which represents a decrease of 14.3%.

Table 1. Comparison of 2024 and 2025 Point-in-Time Counts

Year	Sheltered			Unsheltered			Total
	Adults	*Children*	*Sub-Total*	*Adults*	*Children*	*Sub-Total*	
2024 Point-in-Time Count	353	56	409	427	1	428	837
2025 Point-in-Time Count	330	41	371	343	3	346	717
Difference:	-23 (-6.5%)	-15 (-26.8%)	-38 (-9.3%)	-84 (-19.7%)	2 (200%)	-82 (-19.2%)	-120 (-14.3%)

Of the 717 persons counted in 2025, 330 adults and 41 children were sheltered and 343 adults and 3 children were unsheltered.

The following chart illustrates the increase of the number of persons experiencing homelessness between 2018 and 2025. There were 711 individuals counted in 2025, which is an increase of 197 persons or 38.3% when compared to the total number of 514 individuals counted in 2018.

Chart 1. 2018 – 2025 Merced CoC Point-in-Time Counts
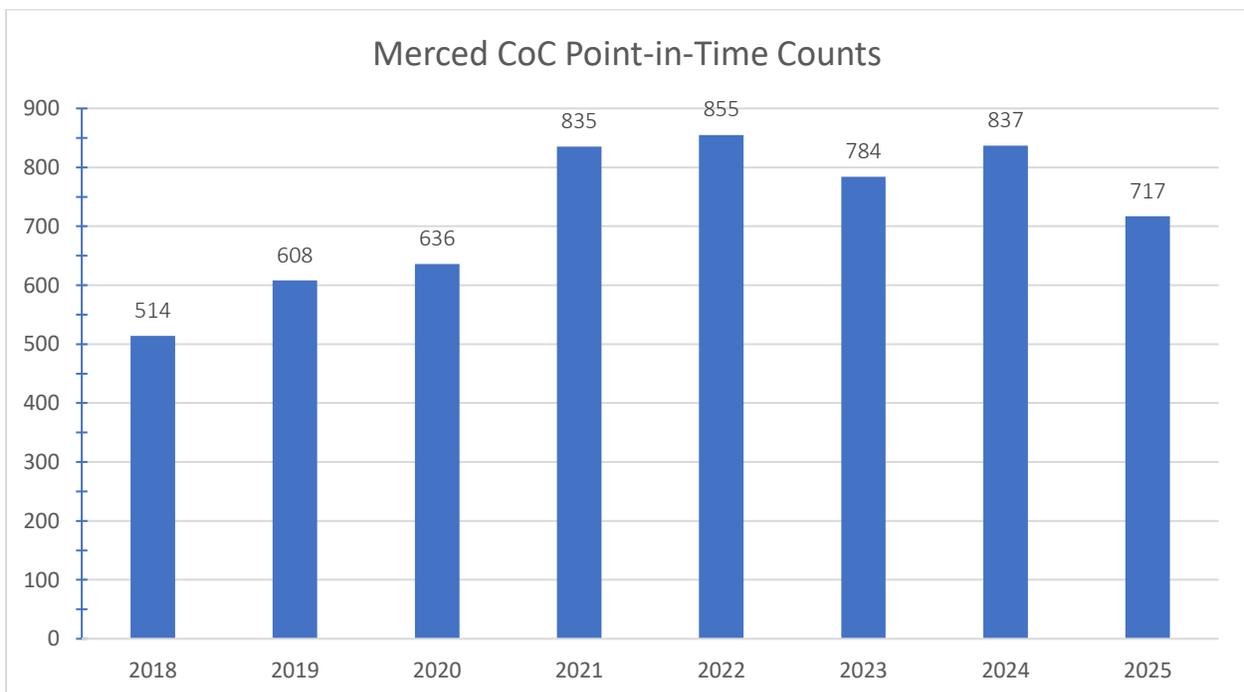
Merced CoC Point-in-Time Counts

Year	Count
2018	514
2019	608
2020	636
2021	835
2022	855
2023	784
2024	837
2025	717

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

Table 2. Adults and Children by Race/Ethnicity

Race	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (Only)	3	0.8	7	2.0	10	1.4
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	4	1.1	0	0.0	4	0.6
Asian or Asian American (Only)	15	4.0	2	0.6	17	2.4
Asian or Asian American & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Black, African American, or African (Only)	33	8.9	20	5.8	53	7.4
Black, African American, or African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	6	1.6	0	0.0	6	0.8
Hispanic/Latina/e/o (Only)	133	35.8	158	45.7	291	40.6
Middle Eastern or North African (Only)	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1
Middle Eastern or North African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Only)	4	1.1	0	0.0	4	0.6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1
White (Only)	133	35.8	136	39.3	269	37.5
White & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	32	8.6	4	1.2	36	5.0
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1
Multi-Racial (All Other)	5	1.3	19	5.5	24	3.3
Total:	371	99.9*	346	100.1*	717	99.9*

*Percentage equals more or less than 100 percent due to rounding.

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

Table 3. Adults and Children by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	177	47.7	162	46.8	339	47.3
Non-Hispanic/Latina/e/o	194	52.3	184	53.2	378	52.7
Total:	371	100	346	100	717	100

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

Table 4. Adults and Children by Gender

Gender	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Woman (Girl if child)	138	37.2	111	32.1	249	34.7
Man (Boy if child)	231	62.3	233	67.3	464	64.7
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Transgender	1	0.3	2	0.6	3	0.4
Non-Binary	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1
Questioning	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Different Identity	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
More Than One Gender	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total:	371	100.1*	346	100	717	99.9*

*Percentage equals less than or more than 100 percent due to rounding.

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

Table 5. Adults and Children by Age

Age	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under Age 18	41	11.1	3	0.9	44	6.1
Ages 18 - 24	17	4.6	6	1.7	23	3.2
Age 25 - 34	53	14.3	55	15.9	108	15.1
Age 35 - 44	77	20.8	111	32.1	188	26.2
Age 45 - 54	74	19.9	105	30.3	179	25.0
Age 55 - 64	74	19.9	53	15.3	127	17.7
Age 65+	35	9.4	13	3.8	48	6.7
Total:	371	100	346	100	717	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.*

The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of unsheltered and sheltered persons counted in 2025 by jurisdiction. Nearly three-fourths (72.5%) of people counted were in the City of Merced.

Table 6. Total Number of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons Counted in 2025 by Jurisdiction

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Sheltered Count		Unsheltered Count		Total Count	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Atwater	17	4.6	19	5.5	36	5.0
Cressey	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Delhi	0	0.0	1	0.3	1	0.1
Dos Palos	0	0.0	4	1.2	4	0.6
El Nido	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gustine	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hilmar	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Le Grande	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Livingston	0	0.0	9	2.6	9	1.3
Los Banos	28	7.5	86	24.9	114	15.9
Merced	320	86.3	200	57.8	520	72.5
Planada	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Santa Nella	0	0.0	5	1.4	5	0.7
Snelling	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
South Dos Palos	0	0.0	12	3.5	12	1.7
Stevinson	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Winton	6	1.6	10	2.9	16	2.2
County-wide (including DV programs)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total:	**371**	**100**	**346**	**100.1***	**711**	**100**

*Percentage equals more than 100 percent due to rounding.

The following table provides a 2024 and 2025 comparison of unsheltered and sheltered persons by jurisdiction. The City of Merced has the largest total population of individuals experiencing homelessness. The total number of people counted as unsheltered was nearly the same in 2025. However, the total number of sheltered people decreased by 14.9%. The total number of people counted as sheltered in 2024 was 376 and 320 in 2025.

Table 7. 2024 - 2025 Comparison of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons by Jurisdiction

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Total Number of Sheltered Persons				Total Number of Unsheltered Persons				Total Number			
	2024	2025	Difference		2024	2025	Difference		2024	2025	Difference	
	#	#	#	%*	#	#	#	%*	#	#	#	%*
Atwater	0	17	17	*	53	19	-34	-64.2	53	36	-17	-32.1
Cressey	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*
Delhi	0	0	0	*	1	1	0	0.0	1	1	0	0.0
Dos Palos	0	0	0	*	5	4	-1	-20.0	5	4	-1	-20.0
El Nido	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*
Gustine	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*
Hilmar	0	0	0	*	1	0	-1	-100.0	1	0	-1	-100.0
Le Grande	2	0	-2	-100.0	0	0	0	*	2	0	-2	-100.0
Livingston	0	0	0	*	1	9	8	800.0	1	9	8	800.0
Los Banos	28	28	0	0.0	121	86	-35	-28.9	149	114	-35	-23.5
Merced	376	320	-56	-14.9	197	200	3	1.5	573	520	-53	-9.2
Planada	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*
Santa Nella	0	0	0	*	16	5	-11	-68.8	16	5	-11	-68.8
Snelling	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*
South Dos Palos	0	0	0	*	8	12	4	50.0	8	12	4	50.0
Stevinson	0	0	0	*	2	0	-2	-100.0	2	0	-2	-100.0
Winton	3	6	3	100.0	23	10	-13	-56.5	26	16	-10	-38.5
County-wide**	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	*
Total:	**409**	**371**	**-38**	**-9.3**	**428**	**346**	**-82**	**-19.2**	**837**	**717**	**-120**	**-14.3**

*This value is not able to be calculated due to the denominator being zero.

**Domestic Violence programs.

1. Methodology

A survey instrument was used to gather unsheltered data by the volunteers. The survey data was gathered primarily by utilizing the Simtech Solutions, Inc "Counting Us" mobile application. 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 counted 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 346 unsheltered persons counted, 343 were adults and were asked to respond to the survey questions. Of the 343 adults, 178 individuals or 51.9%, were directly surveyed and 165 adults or 48.1%, were counted by observation. Adults were counted by observation because for various reasons they were unable to be surveyed such as refusing to be surveyed or the person was sleeping. Thus, extrapolation was used, to determine certain results. For example, 24.4% of the adults surveyed answered that they had a physical disability, it was assumed that 24.4% of the adults who were counted by observation also had a physical disability.

2. Age

Of the 346 individuals counted as unsheltered, 343 were adults and 3 were children under age 18. One unsheltered family included two children, and one included one child.

Table 8. Unsheltered Adults and Children by Age

Age	#	%
Under Age 18	3	0.9
Ages 18 - 24	6	1.7
Age 25 - 34	55	15.9
Age 35 - 44	111	32.1
Age 45 - 54	105	30.3
Age 55 - 64	53	15.3
Age 65+	13	3.8
Total:	346	100

3. Gender

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

Table 9. Unsheltered Adults and Children by Gender

Gender	#	%
Woman (Girl if child)	111	32.1
Man (Boy if child)	233	67.3
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	0	0.0
Transgender	2	0.6
Non-Binary	0	0.0
Questioning	0	0.0
Different Identity	0	0.0
More Than One Gender	0	0.0
Total:	346	100

4. Race/Ethnicity

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

Table 10. Unsheltered Adults and Children by Race/Ethnicity

Race	#	%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (Only)	7	2.0
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Asian or Asian American (Only)	2	0.6
Asian or Asian American & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Black, African American, or African (Only)	20	5.8
Black, African American, or African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Hispanic/Latina/e/o (Only)	158	45.7
Middle Eastern or North African (Only)	0	0.0
Middle Eastern or North African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Only)	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
White (Only)	136	39.3
White & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	4	1.2
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Multi-Racial (All Other)	19	5.5
Total:	**346**	**100.1***

*Percentage equals more than 100 percent due to rounding.

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.

There were two unsheltered families and both of them were not chronically homeless.

6. Subpopulations

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

- 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.

The following table also provides the breakdown of the total number of unsheltered adults by:

- Developmental Disability
- Physical Disability

Table 11 breaks down the total number of unsheltered adults by subpopulation based on the information gathered by the Counting Us application, which included questions that were asked of each unsheltered adult.

Table 11: Estimates of Unsheltered Subpopulations for Adults

Subpopulation (Adults Only):	#	%
Total Unsheltered Adults:	343	100
Chronically Homeless	172	50.1
Developmental Disabilities	29	8.3
Physical Disabilities	84	24.4
Veterans	28	8.2
Serious Mental Illness	88	25.7
Substance Use Disorder	134	39.1
HIV/AIDS Diagnosis	2	0.6
Survivors of Domestic Violence*	26	7.6

*This category includes individuals experiencing homelessness as a result of fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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 12: Merced CoC Local Survey Questions for Adults

Local Survey Questions	#	%
	n=343	
Do you identify as Southeast Asian? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
Is this the first time you have been homeless? (*Yes Responses*)	125	36.4
Did you become homeless for the first time during the past 12 months? (*Yes Responses*)	59	17.2
Where did you sleep last night?		
Abandoned Building	22	6.4
Bus, Train Station, Airport	2	0.6
Outdoor Encampment	165	48.1
Park	2	0.6
Street or Sidewalk	59	17.2
Under Bridge/Overpass	15	4.4
Vehicle/Boat/RV	50	14.6
Other	26	7.6
Unknown	2	0.6
Sub-Total:	343	100.1*
In what state were you born? (*California Responses Only*)	263	76.7
During your current experience of homelessness were you transferred or dropped off to Merced County from somewhere else? (*Yes Responses*)	39	11.4
Are you aware of the housing and homeless services available in Merced County? (*Yes Responses*)	202	58.9
Have you ever been placed in foster care? (*Yes Responses*)	2	0.6
Are you currently in foster care? (*Yes Responses*)	2	0.6
Have you ever lived in a group home? (*Yes Responses*)	2	0.6
Are you currently living in a group home? (*Yes Responses*)	2	0.6
Are you currently enrolled in school trade school/vocational program or college? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
How much is your monthly income?		
No Income	194	56.6
$1 to $250	44	12.8
$251 to $500	9	2.6
$501 to $1,000	15	4.4
More than $1,000	26	7.6
Unknown	55	16.0
Sub-Total:	343	100

Local Survey Questions	#	%
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? (*Yes Responses*)	66	19.2
Do you receive disability benefits? (*Yes Responses*)	33	9.6

*Percentage equals more than 100 percent due to rounding.

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 adults. This includes the City of Los Banos with 84 unsheltered adults and the City of Merced with 200 unsheltered adults.

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 13 – 17 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

The following table provides the total number of individuals counted by shelter program.

Table 13. Total Shelter Count by Program

Facility	Program:	Total # of Persons
Shelters:		
Merced County Community Action Agency	D Street Shelter	26
Merced County Human Services Agency	Motel Vouchers – CW Temp HA	58
Merced County Office of Education	Motel Vouchers	1
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Navigation Center	76
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Hope Respite Care – Merced	25
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Hope Respite Care – Los Banos	5
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Bridge Housing – Los Banos	10
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Bridge Housing – Merced	25
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Bridge to Hope – Los Banos	11
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Pathway to Wellness	10
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Unincorporated Distributive Housing	18
Valley Crisis Center	Domestic Violence Shelter	5
Valley Crisis Center	Human Trafficking Shelter	1
	Sub-Total:	**271**
Transitional Housing:		
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Hope for Men, Merced	15
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Hope for Women, Merced	2
Mission Merced Inc (aka Merced Rescue Mission)	Transition to Hope – Merced	76
Valley Crisis Center	Domestic Violence Transitional	5
Valley Crisis Center	Human Trafficking Shelter	2
	Sub-Total:	**100**
	Total:	**371**

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 371 sheltered individuals counted, 330 were adults and 41 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 14. Sheltered Adults and Children by Age

Age	#	%
Under Age 18	41	11.1
Ages 18 – 24	17	4.6
Age 25 – 34	53	14.3
Age 35 – 44	77	20.8
Age 45 – 54	74	19.9
Age 55 – 64	74	19.9
Age 65+	35	9.4
Total:	**371**	**100**

4. Gender

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

Table 15. Sheltered Adults and Children by Gender

Gender	#	%
Woman (Girl if child)	138	37.2
Man (Boy if child)	231	62.3
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	0	0.0
Transgender	1	0.3
Non-Binary	1	0.3
Questioning	0	0.0
Different Identity	0	0.0
More Than One Gender	0	0.0
Total:	**371**	**100.1***

*Percentage equals more than 100 percent due to rounding.

5. Race/Ethnicity

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

Table 16. Sheltered Adults and Children by Race/Ethnicity

Race	#	%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (Only)	3	0.8
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	4	1.1
Asian or Asian American (Only)	15	4.0
Asian or Asian American & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Black, African American, or African (Only)	33	8.9
Black, African American, or African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	6	1.6
Hispanic/Latina/e/o (Only)	133	35.8
Middle Eastern or North African (Only)	1	0.3
Middle Eastern or North African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Only)	4	1.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	1	0.3
White (Only)	133	35.8
White & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	32	8.6
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	1	0.3
Multi-Racial (All Other)	5	1.3
Total:	**371**	**99.9***

*Percentage equals less than 100 percent due to rounding.

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 17: Sheltered Adults by Selected Subpopulations

Subpopulation (Adults Only):	#	%
Total Sheltered Adults:	330	100
Chronically Homeless	157	47.6
Veterans	5	1.5
Serious Mental Illness	131	39.7
Substance Use Disorder	162	49.1
HIV/AIDS Diagnosis	3	0.9
Survivors of Domestic Violence*	24	7.3

*This category includes individuals experiencing homelessness as a result of fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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:

- 22 families included 66 individuals of which 25 were adults and 41 were children under 18 years of age.
- 2 chronically homeless families included 6 individuals of which 3 were adults and 3 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: <u>86</u>

Total Unsheltered Adults: <u>84</u> (two children were not surveyed[±])

Demographic Information	n=84	
	Number	**Percent**
Age:		
Under Age 18	0	0.0
18 – 24	2	2.4
25 – 34	13	15.5
35 – 44	35	41.7
45 – 54	29	34.5
55 – 64	5	6.0
65+	0	0.0
Total:	**84**	**100.1***
Gender:		
Women (Girl if child)	31	36.9
Man (Boy if child)	53	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
Unknown	0	0.0
Total:	**84**	**100**
Race/Ethnicity:		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (Only)	5	6.0
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Asian or Asian American (Only)	0	0.0
Asian or Asian American & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Black, African American, or African (Only)	5	6.0
Black, African American, or African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Hispanic/Latina/e/o (Only)	51	60.7
Middle Eastern or North African (Only)	0	0.0

Middle Eastern or North African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Only)	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
White (Only)	20	23.8
White & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	2	2.4
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Multi-Racial (All Other)	1	1.2
Total:	**84**	**100.1***
Chronically Homeless	51	60.7
Veterans	4	4.8
Serious Mental Illness	33	39.3
Substance Use Disorder	51	60.7
HIV/AIDS Diagnosis	0	0.0
Survivors of Domestic Violence	2	2.4
Local Questions:		
Is this the first time you have been homeless? (*Yes Responses*)	27	32.6
Did you become homeless for the first time during the past 12 months? (*Yes Responses*)	11	13.0
During your current experience of homelessness were you transferred or dropped off to Merced County from somewhere else? (*Yes Responses*)	20	23.9
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? (*Yes Responses*)	13	15.2
Do you receive disability benefits? (*Yes Responses*)	11	13.0
Are you aware of the housing and homeless services available in Merced County? (*Yes Responses*)	75	89.1
Have you ever been placed in foster care? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
Are you currently in foster care? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
Have you ever lived in a group home? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
Are you currently living in a group home? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
Are you currently enrolled in school trade school/vocational program or college? (*Yes Responses*)	2	2.2
How much is your monthly income?		
No Income	55	65.5
$1 to $250	16	19.0

$251 to $500	0	0.0
$501 to $1,000	2	2.4
More than $1,000	11	13.1
Unknown	0	0.0
Total:	**84**	**100**
Where did you sleep last night?		
Abandoned Building	5	6.0
Outdoor Encampment	70	83.3
Street or Sidewalk	7	8.3
Under Bridge/Overpass	0	0.0
Vehicle/Boat/RV	0	0.0
Other	2	2.4
Unknown	0	0.0
Total:	**84**	**100**
Do you identify your race as Southeast Asian? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
In what state were you born? (*California Responses Only*)	75	89.1

‡Two male children were both age 16 and part of a family with two parents and one youth age.

*Percentage equals more than 100 percent due to rounding.

2. Merced City

Total Number of Unsheltered Individuals: <u>200</u>

Total Unsheltered Adults: <u>200</u> (no children were counted as unsheltered)

Demographic Information	n=200	
	Number	**Percent**
Age:		
Under Age 18	0	0.0
18 – 24	3	1.5
25 – 34	28	14.0
35 – 44	58	29.0
45 – 54	56	28.0
55 – 64	48	24.0
65+	7	3.5
Total:	**200**	**100**
Gender:		
Women (Girl if child)	69	34.5
Man (Boy if child)	129	64.5
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
Unknown	2	1.0
Total:	**200**	**100**
Race/Ethnicity:		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (Only)	3	1.5
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Asian or Asian American (Only)	3	1.5
Asian or Asian American & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Black, African American, or African (Only)	23	11.5
Black, African American, or African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Hispanic/Latina/e/o (Only)	64	32.0
Middle Eastern or North African (Only)	0	0.0
Middle Eastern or North African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Only)	0	0.0

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
White (Only)	98	49.0
White & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	4	2.0
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0.0
Multi-Racial (All Other)	5	2.5
Total:	**200**	**100**
Chronically Homeless	99	49.5
Veterans	18	9.0
Serious Mental Illness	51	25.5
Substance Use Disorder	58	29.0
HIV/AIDS Diagnosis	3	1.5
Survivors of Domestic Violence	25	12.5
Local Questions:		
Is this the first time you have been homeless? (*Yes Responses*)	91	45.5
Did you become homeless for the first time during the past 12 months? (*Yes Responses*)	48	24.0
During your current experience of homelessness were you transferred or dropped off to Merced County from somewhere else? (*Yes Responses*)	13	6.5
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? (*Yes Responses*)	46	23.0
Do you receive disability benefits? (*Yes Responses*)	13	6.5
Are you aware of the housing and homeless services available in Merced County? (*Yes Responses*)	109	54.5
Have you ever been placed in foster care? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
Are you currently in foster care? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
Have you ever lived in a group home? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
Are you currently living in a group home? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
Are you currently enrolled in school trade school/vocational program or college? (*Yes Responses*)	4	2.0
How much is your monthly income?		
No Income	112	56.0
$1 to $250	15	7.5
$251 to $500	10	5.0

$501 to $1,000	10	5.0
More than $1,000	10	5.0
Unknown	43	21.5
Total:	**200**	**100**
Where did you sleep last night?		
Abandoned Building	10	5.0
Outdoor Encampment	76	38.0
Street or Sidewalk	46	23.0
Under Bridge/Overpass	15	7.5
Vehicle/Boat/RV	30	15.0
Other	23	11.5
Unknown	0	0.0
Total:	**200**	**100**
Do you identify your race as Southeast Asian? (*Yes Responses*)	0	0.0
In what state were you born? (*California Responses Only*)	149	74.5