# RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

| Definitions | Data | |
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### HOMELESS

| | *Point-in-Time (PIT) Count*[1] | *Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Count*[2] |
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| The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) identifies individuals as HOMELESS across four categories of experience:<br><br>1. Literal homelessness;<br>2. At-risk of imminent homelessness;<br>3. Youth defined as experiencing homelessness under other federal statutory definitions *including the definition used by school districts, 42 USC 11434a(2)*; OR<br>4. Survivors who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, have no other residence, and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing. | **322** | **1076** |

### UNSHELTERED VS SHELTERED HOMELESS

| | *Point-in-Time (PIT) Count* | *Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Count* |
|---|---|---|
| Among those in category 1, individuals experiencing homelessness are further identified as either unsheltered or sheltered:<br><br>• An UNSHELTERED individual is one whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not meant for human habitation. | UNSHELTERED<br>**154** | UNSHELTERED<br>**592** |
| • A SHELTERED individual is one living in a designated publicly- or privately-operated emergency shelter providing temporary, safe living arrangements. | SHELTERED<br>**168** | SHELTERED<br>**484** |

### CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

| | *Point-in-Time (PIT) Count* | *Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Count* |
|---|---|---|
| An individual experiencing homelessness is further identified as CHRONICALLY HOMELESS when:<br><br>• The individual has experienced unsheltered or sheltered homelessness for more than 12 of the previous 36 months, and has a disability. | **158** | **405** |

### AT-RISK OF EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

| | *Point-in-Time (PIT) Count* | *Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Count* |
|---|---|---|
| Individuals who have sought help from service providers to avoid experiencing homelessness. | *NOT INCLUDED in PIT* | **624** |

[1] *Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: January 23, 2018*　　　　[2] *Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Count: July 1, 2017—June 29, 2018*

# DATA SOURCES FOR QUANTIFYING HOMELESSNESS

## Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each Continuum of Care (CoC) to conduct a census of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness.  The count is conducted over the course of one day/night within the last ten days of January. The collected data is a one-time count, called the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, and therefore is not meant to represent the number of individuals who experience homelessness over the course of a year.

- With limited exceptions, HUD-funded housing programs do not serve individuals in categories 2 or 3 (above).  The mandated PIT count *specifically excludes from the count individuals in categories 2 and 3* of its own definition of homeless.

## Homeless Information Management System (HMIS)

Napa County homeless assistance providers use a shared, confidential database called the Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) to centralize information and create a more coordinated and effective housing and service delivery system. Work initiated in 2015 to expand the number of trained HMIS system users and improve the quality of data entry has led to significant improvements in data accuracy and reporting.

- The collected data is a cumulative count of unduplicated individuals.

## California Department of Education (www.Kidsdata.org)

The California Department of Education collects data on students experiencing homelessness each school year.  This data is publicly available online at www.Kidsdata.org.  Kidsdata.org presents the number and percentage of public school students experiencing homelessness at any point during the school year, by grade level, and by nighttime residence. Data collected is based on McKinney-Vento Act definitions, and includes students whose nighttime residence is (1) shared housing with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason, (2) a hotel or motel, (3) a temporary shelter, or (4) unsheltered.

- The data collected may include duplicate counts of students experiencing homelessness; as students move frequently, it is possible the same student will be recorded by several school districts. The data presented is a cumulative, final-year of school count (e.g. 2015-2016 is shown as 2016).