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REPORT**

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El Dorado County Homeless Count & Survey Results

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I. Totals and Data Summary

The data presented in this report were gathered from the following sources: 1) a point-in-time count of people who were homeless and unsheltered conducted on June 16, 2008; 2) a point-in-time count of people staying at emergency shelters and transitional housing programs on June 16, 2008; and 3) a survey of homeless people conducted at 23 housing and services sites throughout the County on June 15-21, 2008. [For information on sites which participated in the homeless count and survey, see Appendices A & B.

The best and most comprehensive picture of homelessness in the County can be developed by synthesizing the data from these sources. The following nightly homeless count and annual homelessness estimate were developed by combining the point-in-time count of unsheltered homeless with the survey data of people using shelter, transitional housing and services in the County. These are the figures that should be used for reporting total number of homeless in El Dorado County.¹

Nightly Homeless Count

- On any given night, **108** people are homeless, staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs or living unsheltered in places not meant for human habitation, including cars, parks, abandoned buildings and the streets.²

60 people (identified in the unsheltered point in time count)
+ 48 people (45 people surveyed & 3 children homeless with them)
108 Total

- On any given night, **186** people are homeless or without stable housing, including those covered by the preceding definition of homelessness as

¹ The number of homeless people identified in the point-in-time count and survey are an undercount due to the difficulty of locating people who are homeless and not staying in emergency shelter or transitional housing. Encampments are especially hard to locate in the summer months when people go deeper into the forests. In addition, many people who are homeless are less likely to access services/more able to survive without them in the warm weather and so were not found at the services sites where surveys were conducted. Also, at least one faith-based organization that participated in the surveying encourages its clients not to identify as "homeless" but simply as "poor". Known areas of undercount include people living on federal lands, people in hospitals, mental health facilities, substance abuse treatment programs, and jails; and people who are living temporarily doubled up with friends or family.

² This is HUD's definition of homelessness.

well as people in jail, substance abuse treatment programs and other residential or custodial facilities who have no home to go to upon release; people staying in a motel/hotel paid for by themselves, but who self-declare as homeless; and people who are doubled up, temporarily living with friends or family.³

60 people (identified in the unsheltered point in time count)
+ 126 people (95 people surveyed & 31 children homeless with them)
186 Total

Annual Estimate of Homelessness

Formula For Calculating An Annual Homelessness Estimate

$$A + ((B * 51) * (1-C)) = \text{annual estimate}^4$$

A = PIT count of currently homeless (CH) people - including adults and children

B = number of CH adults and children who 1) became homeless within last 7 days, whether for the first time or not, or 2) were already homeless, but just entered the boundaries of the community within the past 7 days

C = proportion (expressed in decimals - i.e., 15% = .15) of CH adults and children in A who have had a previous homeless episode within the past 12 months.

- Each year, an estimated **301** people experience homelessness, staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs or living unsheltered in places not meant for human habitation, including cars, parks, abandoned buildings and the streets. (HUD Definition)

$$108 + ((9^5 * 51) * (1-.58^6)) = 301$$

- Each year, an estimated **451** people experience homelessness or are without stable housing, including those covered by the preceding

³ El Dorado County requested that data be gathered broader than the HUD definition of homelessness to include people in temporary/precarious living situations such as those described above. In this report, this is referred to as the El Dorado County definition of homelessness.

⁴ Formula from: Burt, Martha & Wilkins, Carol. "Estimating the Need: Projecting from Point-in-Time to Annual Estimates of the Number of Homeless People in a Community and Using this Information to Plan for Permanent Supportive Housing", Corporation for Supportive Housing, March 2005.

⁵ Survey data indicate that 8% of the homeless population (adults and children) based on the HUD definition have been homeless less than seven days or have been in El Dorado County for a week or less.

⁶ Survey data indicate that 58% of the homeless population (adults and children) based on the HUD definition have had a previous homeless episode within the past 12 months.

definition of homelessness as well as people in jail, substance abuse treatment programs and other residential or custodial facilities who have no home to go to upon release; people staying in a motel/hotel paid for by themselves, but who self-declare as homeless; and people who are doubled up, temporarily living with friends or family. (El Dorado Definition)

$$186 + ((13^7 * 51) * (1-.60^8)) = 451$$

Homeless Population Characteristics

The point-in-time count and the client surveys compliment each other and together provide useful information on the characteristics and needs of homeless people in El Dorado County. The subsequent sections of this report provide a detailed analysis of the data from both sources. The following is an overview of a few areas where the data from the point-in-time count and the client surveys overlap.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

- Over 60% of homeless people are persons in households without children, including single adults, couples without children and youth.

[64% of those identified in the point-in-time count were persons in households without children, including single adults and youth, and 80% of those surveyed using the HUD definition of homelessness fell into this category.]

- 68% of people who are homeless or without stable housing are single adults or couples without children.

[From the survey using the El Dorado County Definition.]

⁷ Survey data indicate that 7% of the homeless population (adults and children) based on the El Dorado County definition have been homeless less than seven days or have been in El Dorado County for a week or less.

⁸ Survey data indicate that 60% of the homeless population (adults and children) based on the El Dorado County definition have had a previous homeless episode within the past 12 months.

LIVING SITUATION

- Over half of people who are homeless are unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.

[57% of those identified in the point-in-time count were unsheltered and 75% of those surveyed using the HUD definition of homelessness were unsheltered.]

- 35% of people who are homeless or without stable housing are unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.

[From the survey using the El Dorado County Definition.]

GENDER

- More than 40% of people who are homeless are male.

[42% of those identified in the point-in-time count were male, including adults and unaccompanied youth. 66% of those surveyed using the HUD definition of homelessness were male and 50% of those surveyed using the El Dorado County definition were male.]

Comparison with Data from the January 2008 Homeless County and Survey

The data from the June 2008 homeless count and survey identify fewer people homeless or with unstable housing than were identified in the January 2008 homeless count and survey.

- **SHELTERED POINT-IN-TIME COUNT COMPARISON:** Fewer people were counted at emergency shelter and transitional housing sites in the June 2008 count: 45 people were counted in June as compared to 75 counted in January 2008. However, despite the lower overall numbers, more families and children were counted in the June 2008 count: 12 families, including 23 children were counted in June vs. 7 families, including 14 children in January 2008.

The overall lower numbers counted in the June 2008 count are due in part to the lack of year round emergency shelter in El Dorado County. In January, 49 people were counted at emergency shelter locations (winter shelter and domestic violence shelters), including 39 single adults, couples without children and unaccompanied youth, and 10 people in families. However, in June only 16 were counted, all families at domestic

violence shelters. Without the winter shelter in operation, homeless single adults, couples without children and unaccompanied youth are likely living in encampments and other unsheltered locations or doubled up with friends and family in temporary and unstable living situations, thus making it more difficult to find and count them.

- **UNSHeltered POINT-IN-TIME COUNT COMPARISON:** 60 people were counted in the unsheltered count in June 2008 as compared to 75 counted in January 2008. This decrease in numbers is in spite of the fact that a significant portion of the sub-populations who utilized the winter shelter were likely unsheltered in June.

The lower count is due to difficulties in locating unsheltered homeless people. Volunteers reported that it was more difficult to find people as, during the warm weather, many encampments were deeper in the woods, and since people were not needing to escape the cold, many were less willing to come forward to be counted. Since most of the counters were in cars, people in encampments that could not be easily seen were not counted. In addition, though the count started at the same time (6:00 am) as in January, since it was summer, it was already light out and volunteers thought that people might have already been up and out of their encampments. Also, in January, the Sheriffs Department, City Police and Forest Service staff helped to find the encampments deeper in the woods, while in June, only the Sheriffs Department participated in the count. In addition, in the winter, smoke from campfires helped guide Sheriffs Department officers to encampments, and in the warmer weather, this was no longer the case.

- **HOMELESS SURVEY COMPARISON:** Of those who completed surveys in June 2008, 45 people were homeless according to the HUD definition. Comparatively, 75 people met HUD's homeless definition in January 2008. 95 people were homeless or in unstable housing according to the El Dorado County definition, according to the June 2008 survey. In January 2008, 125 people were homeless according to the El Dorado County definition.

The decrease in numbers surveyed is due to several factors, including that the lack of emergency shelter in the summer months reduced the number of people easily available for surveying and that people in encampments seem to be less likely to access services than in the winter months.

Despite the lower overall numbers, there was still substantial agreement between the two surveys. Key areas of agreement include:

- ✓ The majority of people who are homeless have been homeless previously during the past year.
- ✓ Over 2/3 of people who are homeless are single individuals, and most are alone and not with relatives. More than half are male, and the vast majority are white.
- ✓ Most people who are homeless are not newcomers; they have been living in El Dorado County for extended time periods. A significant percentage have been living here for more than 10 years.
- ✓ At least two-thirds of homeless people self-identify as having some type of disability or special needs.
- ✓ Approximately 1/3 of people who are homeless are not receiving any type of government benefits.
- ✓ The reasons most often cited as causing homelessness are: high housing costs, employment problems, relationship or family break-up or death, and medical problems.
- ✓ Significant percentages identified rental assistance as something that could have prevented their homelessness and more than one-third identified employment assistance.
- ✓ The vast majority (more than three-quarters) of homeless households have used services in the past year. A majority have accessed food services and over 40% have accessed medical care. Other highly used services include employment assistance and emergency shelter.
- ✓ More than two-thirds of homeless households needed services that they were unable to access. Significant percentages needed housing-related assistance, including rent or utility assistance and assistance in finding Section 8 or other permanent housing. Other highly needed services include employment assistance, transportation/bus passes, and dental care.

There were also some differences between the two surveys. The following is an overview of some of the key areas of change that can be seen in the June 2008 survey:

- ✓ The percentage of the unsheltered homeless population increased. [From 33% in January to 75% in June, according to the HUD definition and from 20% in January to 35% in June, according to the El Dorado definition]
- ✓ The number of people who spent the night in emergency shelters decreased. [From 45% in January to 0% in June, according to the HUD definition]
- ✓ The percentage of homeless people who have been homeless four or more times in the past three years increased. [From 25% in January to 35% in June, according to the HUD definition and from 25% in January to 30% in June, according to the El Dorado definition]
- ✓ The percentage of homeless people who are alone /not with relatives increased. [From 73% in January to 88% in June, according to the HUD definition and from 61% in January to 69% in June, according to the El Dorado definition]
- ✓ The percentage of veterans decreased. [From 15-21% in January depending on how you define homelessness to 10% in June]
- ✓ The percentage of people self-identifying with a serious mental illness, a substance abuse problem or a serious medical or physical condition increased. [Mental illness – from 20% in January to 27% in June, according to the HUD definition and from 17% in January to 31%, according to the El Dorado definition; Substance abuse – from 25% in January to 38% in June, according to the HUD definition and from 25% in January to 34% in June according to the El Dorado definition; and Medical/physical condition – from 34% in January to 38% in June, according to the HUD definition and from 25% in January to 34% in June, according to the El Dorado definition]

II. El Dorado County Homeless Point-In-Time Count Results

The Point-In-Time Count identified 102 people who are homeless on any given night in El Dorado County⁹.

64% were persons in households without children, including single adults and youth.

Over half (57%) were unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
# of Family Households with Children	5	7	0	12
1. # of Persons in Families with Children	16	19	3	38
2. # of Single Individuals and Persons in Households w/o Children	0 (singles, couples, youth)	10	57	67
Total (1 + 2)	16	29	60	105

⁹ The number of homeless people identified the point-in-time count are an undercount due to the difficulty of locating people who are unsheltered and not staying in emergency shelter or transitional housing. Encampments are especially hard to locate in the summer months when people go deeper into the forests. Known areas of undercount include people living on federal lands, people in hospitals, mental health facilities, substance abuse treatment programs, and jails; and people who are living temporarily doubled up with friends or family.

42% of people who are homeless are male, including adults and unaccompanied youth.

24% are children in families. 9% are unaccompanied youth.

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Adult Male	0	3 (all individuals w/o children)	40	43
Adult Female	5 (all in families)	10 (7 in families and 3 individuals w/o children)	5	20
Unaccompanied Youth (14-24) - Male	0	1	5 (gender unknown)	9
Unaccompanied Youth (14-24) - Female	0	3		
Children in Families (gender unknown)	11	12	2	25
Unknown	0	0	8	8
Total	16	29	60	105

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Chronically Homeless¹⁰	2	N/A	10	12
Severely Mentally Ill	0	0	Unknown	0
Chronic Substance Abuse	0	8	Unknown	8
Veterans	0	0	Unknown	0
Persons with HIV/AIDS	0	0	Unknown	0
Victims of Domestic Violence	11	8	Unknown	19
Unaccompanied Youth	0	4	5	9

¹⁰ The number of people who are chronically homeless is taken from the survey data based on the HUD definition of chronic homelessness. It includes unaccompanied homeless individuals who self-declared a disability, are in an emergency shelter or are unsheltered, and have been continuously homeless for a year or more or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. Using a broader definition that in addition to those covered by the HUD definition also includes those who were experiencing extended or repeated homelessness but were staying in jail, transitional housing, a medical hospital or temporarily staying with friends; did not self-declare a disability; and/or were living as part of a couple with or without children, 37 people are chronically homeless.

The number reported here of chronically homeless is an undercount, because most chronically homeless people were probably counted in the unsheltered point-in-time count but were not surveyed to find out if they meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.

Unsheltered Point-In-Time Count By Region

Region	Men	Women	Unknown	Under 16	16-24	Total
1. El Dorado Hills / Clarksville	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Cameron Park / Shingle Springs	2	0	0	0	0	2
3. N. Placerville / Coloma	1	1	2	0	0	4
4. S. Placerville / Coloma	7	1	4	0	5	17
5. Cedar Grove / Camino / Pollock Pines	0	0	2	0	0	2
6/7. South Lake Tahoe I & II	10	0	0	0	0	10
County Sheriff	20	3	0	2	0	25
TOTALS	40	5	8	2	5	60

Provider Response Rate

- Overall Provider Response Rate: 10/12 or 83%
- Emergency Shelter Response Rate (family and individuals): 4/4 or 100%

Participating shelters included:

1. El Dorado Women’s Center Shelter for Battered Women and Children
2. South Lake Tahoe Women’s Center
3. H.E.L.P Motel Vouchers
4. Center for Violence Free Relationships Shelter

- Transitional Housing Response Rate (youth, men, women, women & children): 6/8 or 75%

Participating transitional housing programs included:

1. THP Plus
2. South Lake Tahoe Women's Transitional Program
3. H.E.L.P. Mentor House
4. Sierra Recovery Center Men's Transitional Program
5. Sierra Recovery Center Women's Transitional Program
6. Hope House

[For more information on participating and non-participating shelter and transitional housing sites, see Appendix A.]

III. El Dorado County Homeless Survey Results¹¹

N = 102 survey respondents

- 45 homeless respondents meeting HUD's definition of homeless¹²
- 95 respondents who are 1) homeless according to HUD's definition or 2) do not have stable housing, including people who spent the night in a medical hospital or substance abuse treatment program and who have no home to go to upon release; people staying in a motel/hotel paid for by themselves, but who self-declare as homeless; people who are on the verge of being evicted, and people who are doubled up, temporarily living with friends or family. In this report, this is referred to as the El Dorado County definition of homelessness.
- 7 people were not homeless

Surveys were conducted at 23 housing and service sites in the County during June 15-21, 2008. [See Appendix B for a list of survey sites.]

¹¹ The survey results are not fully representative of the homeless population in El Dorado County due to the difficulty of locating people who are homeless and not staying in emergency shelter or transitional housing. Many people who are homeless are less likely to access services/more able to survive without them in the warm weather and so were not found at the services sites where surveys were conducted. Also, at least one faith-based organization that participated in the surveying encourages its clients not to identify as "homeless" but simply as "poor". Known areas of undercount include people living on federal lands, people in hospitals, mental health facilities, substance abuse treatment programs, and jails; and people who are living temporarily doubled up with friends or family.

¹² The federal definition of homeless includes people sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency housing, and in transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the street or an emergency shelter.

Where did you spend the night of Monday, June 16, 2008?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 44

- 75% (33) -- Unsheltered / On the street, under a bridge, abandoned building, public building, car, camping, etc.
- 14% (6) -- Transitional Housing
- 5% (2) -- Domestic Violence Shelter
- 7% (3) -- Hotel paid for by voucher

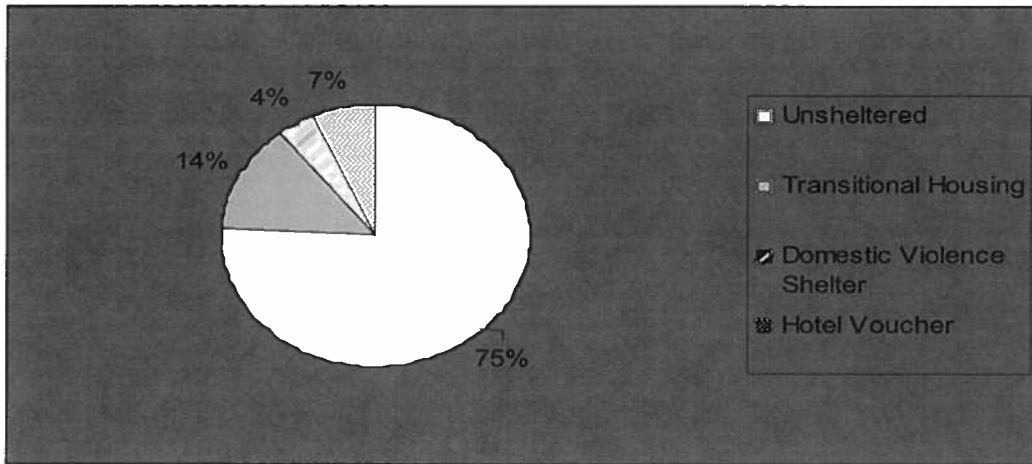
Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 94

- 35% (33) -- Unsheltered / On the street, under a bridge, abandoned building, public building, car, camping, etc
- 6% (6) -- Transitional Housing
- 2% (2) -- Domestic Violence Shelter
- 7% (7) -- Hotel paid for by self or voucher
- 7% (7) -- Substance Abuse Treatment Program
- 2% (2) -- Medical Hospital
- 35% (33) -- Doubled Up / Temporarily with family or friends
- 4% (4) -- Somewhere Else

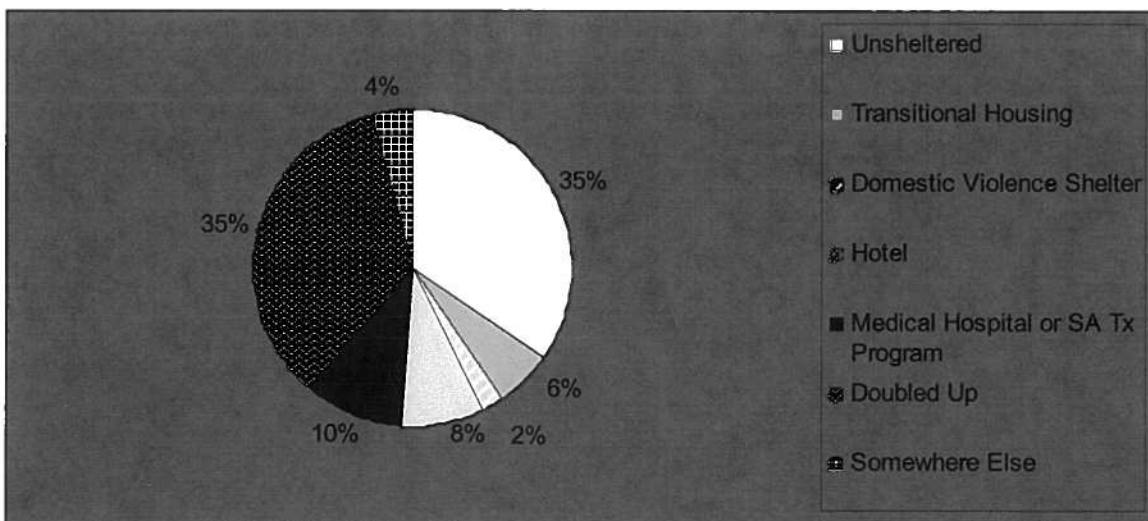
Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

Three-fourths (75%) of people who are homeless in El Dorado County are unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.



Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

More than one-third (35%) of people who are homeless in El Dorado County are living doubled up with friends or family, and another 35% are unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.



In the next week, are you being evicted, asked to leave or thrown out of the place you are living?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 45

- Yes -- 16% (7 people)
- No -- 70% (32)
- Don't Know - 13% (6)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 95

- Yes - 16% (15 people)
- No - 62% (59)
- Don't Know - 22% (21)

16% of people who are homeless will be evicted or asked to leave where they are currently living during the next week.

If you have been homeless more than once, have you been homeless before in the last 12 months? How many times?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 43

- Yes -- 60% (26 people)
- No -- 40% (17)

How many times homeless?

N=19

- One Time - 42% (8 people)
- Two Times - 16% (3)
- Three Times - 11% (2)
- Four or More Times - 32% (6)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 92

- Yes - 59% (54 people)
- No - 41% (38)

How many times homeless?

N=39

- One Time - 49% (19 people)
- Two Times - 18% (7)
- Three Times - 18% (7)
- Four or More Times - 15% (6)

Approximately 60% people who are homeless have been homeless previously during the past year.

Depending on how you define homelessness, 42-49% have been homeless once before and 15-32% have been homeless four or more times in the past year.

Including now, what is the total number of times you have been homeless in the last three years?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 43

- One – 35% (15)
- Two – 16% (7)
- Three – 14% (6)
- Four – 7% (3)
- Five or More – 28% (12)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 81

- One – 36% (29)
- Two – 19% (15)
- Three – 16% (13)
- Four – 9% (7)
- Five or More – 21% (17)

Approximately one-third of people who are homeless have been homeless four or more times in the last three years.

How long have you been homeless this time?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 39

- Less than 7 days - 5% (2)
- More than 7 days but less than 1 month -- 15% (6)
- More than 1 month but less than 1 year -- 38% (15)
- 1-3 years - 23% (9)
- More than 3 years - 13% (5)
- Don't Know - 5% (2)

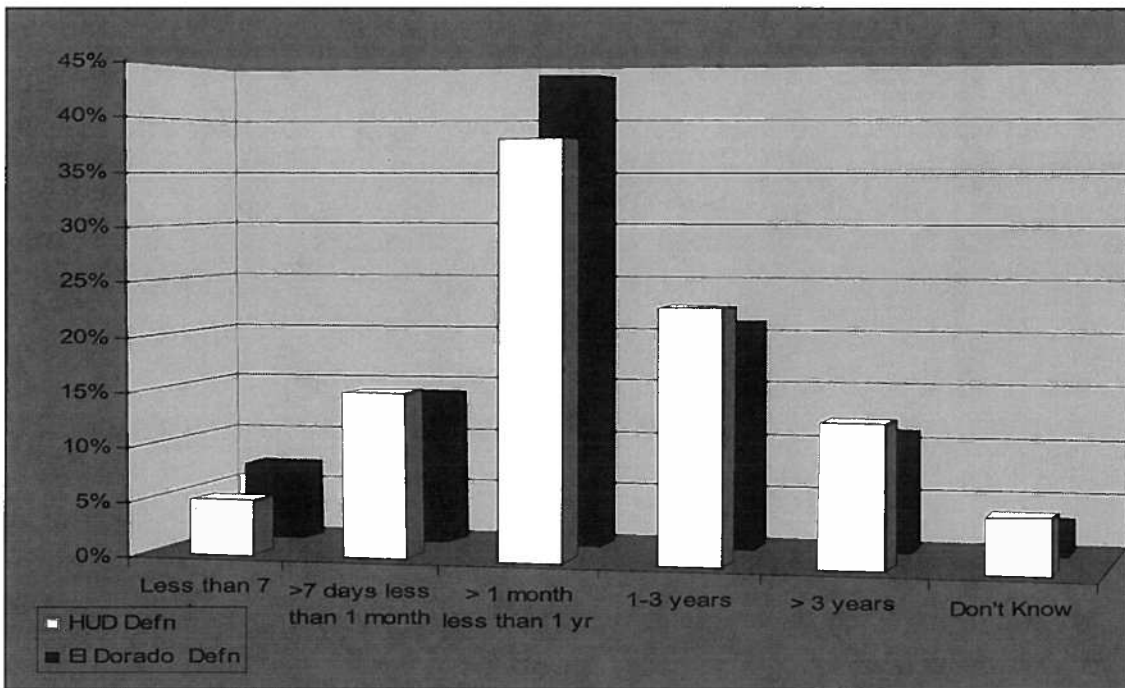
Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 72

- Less than 7 days - 7% (5)
- More than 7 days but less than 1 month -- 14% (10)
- More than 1 month but less than 1 year -- 44% (32)
- 1-3 years - 21% (15)
- More than 3 years - 11% (8)
- Don't Know - 3% (2)

More than one-third (38-44%) of people who are homeless have been homeless for more than one month but less than one year.

Approximately one-third (32-36%) of people who are homeless have been homeless for a year or longer.



Chronic Homelessness

HUD's Chronic Homeless Definition

The federal definition of chronically homeless is a person who is "either (1) an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more, OR (2) an unaccompanied individual with a disabling condition who has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years." In its definition of a chronically homeless person, HUD defines the term "homeless" as "a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g. living on the streets, for example) OR living in a homeless emergency shelter."¹³

12 people or 27% of the homeless people surveyed¹⁴ are chronically homeless according to HUD's definition. This includes unaccompanied homeless individuals who were homeless for a year or longer or had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years; who self-declared a health, mental health or addiction disability; and were staying in either an emergency shelter or on the streets.

Using a broader definition that in addition to those included in the HUD definition of chronic homelessness also includes those who were experiencing extended or repeated homelessness but were staying in jail, transitional housing, a medical hospital or temporarily staying with friends; did not self-declare a disability; and/or were living as part of a couple with or without children, *37 people or 39%* of those surveyed¹⁵ are chronically homeless.

It is very likely that the number reported here of chronically homeless is an undercount, because most chronically homeless people were probably counted in the unsheltered point in time count but were not surveyed to find out if they meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.

¹³ Office of Community Planning and Development, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs. "Defining Chronic Homelessness: A Technical Guide for HUD Programs", September 2007, p.3.

¹⁴ Refers to the 45 survey respondents who meet HUD's definition of homelessness.

¹⁵ Refers to the 95 survey respondents who meet the El Dorado definition of homelessness.

Can you tell me the reasons that you became homeless this time?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 43

- Lost job/can't find work – 21% (9)
- Have work but wages are too low – 12% (5)
- Relationship or family break-up/death in family – 30% (13)
- Abuse or violence in your home – 5% (2)
- Discharged from jail, prison or halfway house – 9% (4)
- Medical problems including physical or developmental disability – 23% (10)
- Eviction/foreclosure – 12% (5)
- Housing costs too high – 35% (15)
- Utility costs too high – 9% (4)
- Alcohol or drug abuse problems – 19% (8)
- Mental illness – 7% (3)
- Emotional problems – 7% (3)
- Other reasons – 14% (6)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 83

- Lost job/can't find work – 33% (27)
- Have work but wages are too low – 13% (11)
- Relationship or family break-up/death in family – 27% (22)
- Abuse or violence in your home – 6% (5)
- Discharged from jail, prison or halfway house – 11% (9)
- Medical problems including physical or developmental disability – 22% (18)
- Eviction/foreclosure – 16% (13)
- Housing costs too high – 34% (28)
- Utility costs too high – 9% (8)
- Alcohol or drug abuse problems – 16% (15)
- Mental illness – 10% (8)
- Emotional problems – 12% (10)
- Other reasons – 13% (11)

The five reasons most often cited as the reason for homelessness are:

- 1 High housing costs*
- 2 Employment problems – can't find work or wages too low*
- 3 Relationship or family break-up or death*
- 4 Medical problems*
- 5 Alcohol or drug abuse problems*

What is your situation?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 45

- 76% (34 people) -- A single person)
- 16% (7) -- A single parent with children under 18
- 0% (0) -- Part of a couple with children under 18
- 4% (2) -- Part of a couple without children under 18
- 4% (2) -- Other

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

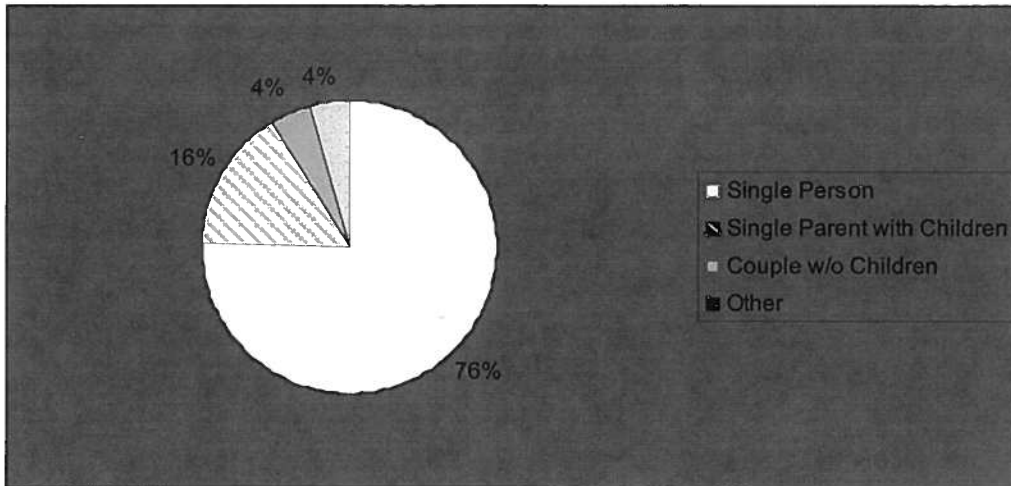
N = 94

- 65% (61 people) -- A single person)
- 19% (18) -- A single parent with children under 18
- 8% (7) -- Part of a couple with children under 18
- 3% (3) -- Part of a couple without children under 18
- 5% (5) -- Other

Depending on how you define homelessness, two-thirds to three-fourths of people who are homeless are single individuals.

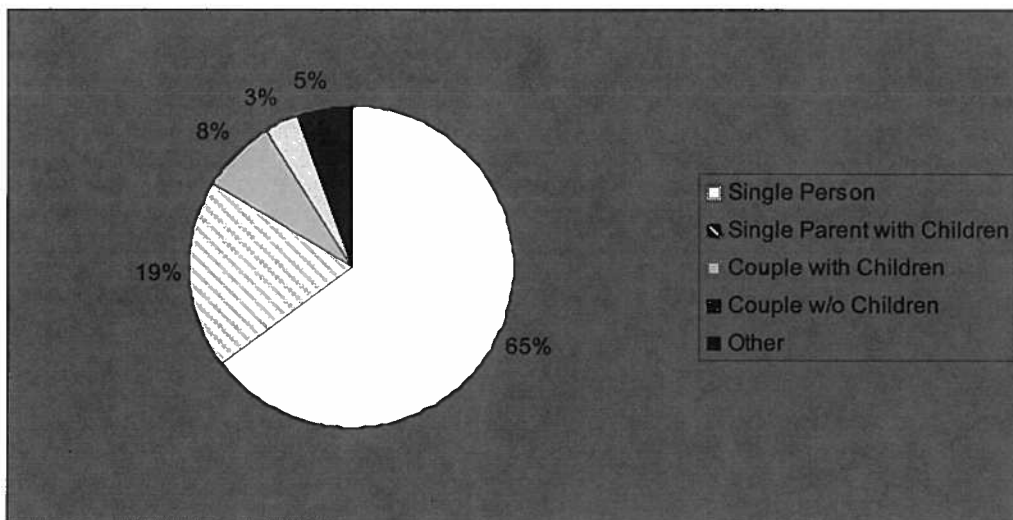
Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

16% of homeless households include children.



Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

27% of homeless households include children.



Not including yourself, how many relatives were with you last night?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 42

- 88% (37 people) were alone / not with relatives
- 5% (2) were with their spouse and no children
- 5% (2) were with children under 18
- 8 relatives were listed, including 3 children under age 18 and 2 spouses over age 60

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 88

- 69% (61 people) were alone / not with relatives
- 3% (3) were with their spouse and no children
- 6% (5) were with their spouse and children under 18
- 9% (8) were with children under 18
- 8% (7) were with other relatives and friends
- 93 relatives or friends were listed, including 31 children under age 18
- Note: While 93 relatives and friends were identified, it is impossible to say which were homeless with the survey respondent and which were part of the household in which the respondent was temporarily staying.

Most homeless people (69-88%) are alone and not with relatives.

How long have you been in El Dorado County?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 41

- 17% (7 people) -- Less than 1 year
- 34% (14) -- 1-5 years
- 7% (3) -- 6-10 years
- 17% (7) -- 11-20 years
- 24% (10) -- Over 20 years

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 88

- 20% (18 people) -- Less than 1 year
- 26% (23) -- 1-5 years
- 13% (11) -- 6-10 years
- 22% (19) -- 11-20 years
- 18% (17) -- Over 20 years

Most people who are homeless are not newcomers; they have been living in El Dorado County for extended time periods. 40% have been living here for more than 10 years.

Gender

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 41

- 66% (27 people) -- Male
- 34% (14) -- Female

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 90

- 50% (45 people) -- Male
- 50% (45) -- Female

Depending on how you define homelessness, one-half to two-thirds of people who are homeless are male.

Have you served in the US Military?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 40

- Yes -- 10% (4 people)
- No -- 90% (36)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 82

- Yes -- 10% (8 people)
- No -- 90% (74)

10% of homeless adults are veterans.

Do you think you have, or have you been told you have:

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 37

- Serious mental illness – 27% (10 people)
- Developmental disability – 11% (4)
- Serious medical or physical condition – 38% (14)
- Alcohol or drug abuse – 38% (14)
- Victim of domestic violence – 11% (4)
- None of these --- 19% (7)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 83

- Serious mental illness – 31% (26 people)
- Developmental disability – 8% (7)
- Serious medical or physical condition – 35% (29)
- Alcohol or drug abuse – 34% (28)
- Victim of domestic violence – 16% (13)
- None of these --- 24% (20)

Two-thirds of the homeless people surveyed self-identified as having some type of disability or special needs.

Approximately 30% of homeless people self-identify as having a serious mental illness, 34-38% as having a problem with alcohol or drug abuse and 35-38% as having a serious medical or physical condition.

Are you are anyone else in your immediate family receiving ANY of the following government benefits?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N=45

- 67% (30 individuals or their relatives) are receiving government benefits
- ✓ SSI/SSDI/SSA – 22% (10 ppl)
- ✓ TANF/CalWORKS/AFDC -- 7% (3)
- ✓ VA Pension/benefits – 2% (1)
- ✓ MediCal/Medicare – 22% (10)
- ✓ Food Stamps – 36% (16)
- ✓ CMSP/GA – 18% (8)
- ✓ Other government benefit – 2% (1)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 95

- 67% (64 individuals or their relatives) are receiving government benefits
- ✓ SSI/SSDI/SSA – 27% (26 ppl)
- ✓ TANF/CalWORKS/AFDC – 5% (5)
- ✓ VA Pension/benefits – 3% (3)
- ✓ MediCal/Medicare – 24% (23)
- ✓ Food Stamps – 32% (30)
- ✓ CMSP/GA – 16% (15)
- ✓ Other government benefit – 1% (1)

Approximately 1/3 of people who are homeless are not receiving any type of government benefits.

What could have prevented your homelessness?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 36

- Eviction prevention – 19% (7)
- Rental assistance – 58% (21)
- Employment assistance – 36% (13)
- Assistance in accessing benefits – 28% (10)
- Emergency benefits – 36% (13)
- Mental health services – 19% (7)
- Other – 33% (12)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 71

- Eviction prevention – 25% (18)
- Rental assistance – 59% (42)
- Employment assistance – 42% (30)
- Assistance in accessing benefits – 20% (14)
- Emergency benefits – 31% (22)
- Mental health services – 15% (11)
- Other – 27% (19)

Other services identified that could have prevented homelessness include: drug and alcohol treatment and medical care and benefits.

Almost 60% of respondents identified rental assistance as something that could have prevented their homelessness and more than one-third (36-42%) identified employment assistance.

In the past year, what services did you or anyone in your family use?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 45

- 84% (38 people) identified services they or their family used in the past year
- Help finding work/employment assistance – 24% (11)
- Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing – 16% (7)
- Emergency shelter – 31% (14)
- Food – 76% (34)
- Rent or utility assistance – 20% (9)
- Transportation/bus passes – 31% (14)
- Medical care – 47% (21)
- Dental care – 24% (11)
- Mental health care – 22% (10)
- Alcohol or drug abuse treatment – 18% (8)
- Help getting a California ID or driver’s license – 27% (12)
- Help getting government benefits – 16% (7)
- Child care – 7% (3)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 95

- 79% (75 people) identified services they or their family used in the past year
- Help finding work/employment assistance – 26% (25)
- Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing – 19% (18)
- Emergency shelter – 19% (18)
- Food – 63% (60)
- Rent or utility assistance – 21% (20)
- Transportation/bus passes – 32% (30)
- Medical care – 42% (40)
- Dental care – 19% (18)
- Mental health care – 20% (19)
- Alcohol or drug abuse treatment – 19% (18)
- Help getting a California ID or driver’s license – 15% (14)
- Help getting government benefits – 14% (13)
- Child care – 7% (7)

The vast majority of homeless households (79-84%) have used services in the past year. Depending on how you define homelessness, 63-76% have accessed food services and 42-47% have accessed medical care. Other highly used services include employment assistance and emergency shelter.

In the past year, what services did you or anyone in your family need but could not get?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 45

- 69% (31 people) identified services they or their family needed but could not get in the past year
- Help finding work/employment assistance – 20% (9)
- Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing – 27% (12)
- Emergency shelter – 31% (14)
- Food – 16% (7)
- Rent or utility assistance – 31% (14)
- Transportation/bus passes – 22% (10)
- Medical care – 22% (10)
- Dental care – 24% (11)
- Mental health care – 18% (8)
- Alcohol or drug abuse treatment – 2% (1)
- Help getting a California ID or driver’s license – 16% (7)
- Help getting government benefits – 18% (8)
- Child care – 4% (2)
- Other – 7% (3)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 95

- 74% (70 people) identified services they or their family needed but could not get in the past year
- Help finding work/employment assistance – 25% (24)
- Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing – 39% (37)
- Emergency shelter – 27% (26)
- Food – 22% (21)
- Rent or utility assistance – 39% (37)
- Transportation/bus passes – 37% (35)
- Medical care – 19% (18)
- Dental care – 22% (21)
- Mental health care – 15% (14)
- Alcohol or drug abuse treatment – 4% (4)
- Help getting a California ID or driver’s license – 16% (15)
- Help getting government benefits – 21% (20)
- Child care – 1% (1)
- Other – 7% (7)

Other needed services identified by survey respondents include showers and legal services, including landlord/tenant assistance.

More than two-thirds (69-74%) of homeless households needed services that they were unable to access.

31-39% needed rent or utility assistance, 27-39% needed assistance in finding Section 8 or other permanent housing, and 27-31% needed emergency shelter. Other highly needed services include employment assistance, transportation/bus passes, and dental care.

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 38

- Yes -- 8% (3 people)
- No -- 92% (35)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 82

- Yes -- 18% (15 people)
- No -- 82% (67)

Depending on how you define homelessness, 8-18% of the homeless population is Hispanic/Latino.

Which one category best describes your racial background?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 38

- White – 89% (34)
- Mixed Race – 11% (4)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 73

- White – 89% (65)
- Black/African American – 1% (1)
- American Indian/Alaska Native – 3% (2)
- Mixed Race – 7% (5)

The vast majority (89%) of people who are homeless are white.

Appendix A
June 2008 Homeless Point-In-Time Count
Participating Emergency Shelter &
Transitional Housing Sites

Emergency Shelter Providers

Provider Name	Facility Name	Participate in Provider's Survey (Y/N)?	Number Reported
1. El Dorado Women's Center	Women's Shelter	Yes	3 (persons in families)
2. SLT Women's Center	Women's Center	Yes	10 (persons in families)
3. H.E.L.P.	Motel Vouchers	Yes	0
4. Center for Violence Free Relationships	Shelter	Yes	3 (persons in families)

Transitional Housing Providers

Provider Name	Facility Name	Participate in Provider's Survey (Y/N)?	Number Reported
1. El Dorado County Mental Health	THP+	Yes	4 (unaccompanied youth)
2. SLT Women's Center	Women's Transitional	Yes	3 (persons in families)
3. H.E.L.P.	Mentor House	Yes	2 (persons in families)
4. Sierra Recovery Center	Men's Transitional	Yes	3 (individuals w/o children)
5. Sierra Recovery Center	Women's Transitional	Yes	3 (individuals w/o children)
6. Emerging Hope	Hope House	Yes	14 (persons in families)
7. Sierra Recovery Center	Women & Children's Transitional	No	NA
8. Mother Theresa Maternity	Maternity House	No	NA

Appendix B
June 2008 Homeless Survey
Participating Housing & Service Sites

Program Type	Facility Name	Provider Name	Location (City)
1. Food Program	SHARE Food Closet		Placerville
2. Food Program	Upper Room Dining Hall		Placerville
3. Health Program	El Dorado County Public Health Department Clinic		Placerville
4. Other		El Dorado County Veteran Affairs	Placerville
5. Other	El Dorado County Human Services (Community Services, Social Services)		Placerville
6. Shelter	The Center	El Dorado Women's Center	Placerville
7. Trans. Hsg.	Mentor House	H.E.L.P.	Placerville
8. Trans. Hsg.	Transitional Housing Program for Emancipated Foster Youth (THP-Plus)	El Dorado County Human Services	Placerville
9. Food Program	Bread & Broth	Multiple providers but hosted at St. Theresa's Catholic Church	South Lake Tahoe
10. Food Program	Christmas Cheer Food Closet		South Lake Tahoe
11. Other		Job One - One-Stop Employment Resource Center	South Lake Tahoe

Program Type	Facility Name	Provider Name	Location (City)
12. Shelter	Women's Center	South Lake Tahoe Women's Center	South Lake Tahoe
13. Trans. Hsg.	Women's Transitional	South Lake Tahoe Women's Center	South Lake Tahoe
14. Trans. Hsg.	Men's Transitional	Sierra Recovery Center	South Lake Tahoe
15. Trans. Hsg.	Women's Transitional	Sierra Recovery Center	South Lake Tahoe
16. Trans. Hsg.	Hope House	Emerging Hope	Diamond Springs
17. Shelter	Motel Voucher Program	H.E.L.P.	Entire County
18. Food Program	Green Valley Community Church	GVCC Pastoral Partners	Placerville
19. Other	Recycling Center	N/A	Placerville
20. Other	Tahoe Youth & Family Services	Family Resource Center	South Lake Tahoe
21. Health Program	Marshall Hospital	N/A	Placerville
22. Shelter	Shelter	Center for Violence Free Relationships	Placerville
23. Food Program	Light of the Hills Lutheran Church	N/A	Diamond Springs

El Dorado County Continuum of Care Strategic Plan to End Homelessness –
Appendix 2

**WINTER 2008
COUNT & SURVEY RESULTS**

EL DORADO 2008

El Dorado County Homeless Count & Survey Results*

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I. Totals and Data Summary

The data presented in this report was gathered from the following sources: 1) a point in time count of people who were homeless and unsheltered conducted on January 29, 2008; 2) a point in time count of people staying at emergency shelters and transitional housing programs on January 29, 2008; and 3) a survey of homeless people conducted at 21 housing and services sites throughout the County January 28- February 1, 2008. [For information on participating count and survey sites, see Appendices A & B.]

Given that each of these data sources has its own particular limitations¹, the best and most comprehensive picture of homelessness in the County can be developed by synthesizing the data from the three sources. The following nightly homeless count and annual homelessness estimate were developed in this way, and thus should be used for reporting total number of homeless in El Dorado County.

Nightly Homeless Count

- On any given night, **164** people are homeless, staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs or living unsheltered in places not meant for human habitation, including cars, parks, abandoned buildings and the streets.²

75 people (identified in the unsheltered point in time count)
+ 89 people (75 people surveyed & 14 children homeless with them)
164 Total

- On any given night, **231** people are homeless or without stable housing, including those covered by the preceding definition of homelessness as

1 The number of homeless people identified in the point-in-time counts are an undercount due to lack of full provider participation and bad weather resulting in low turnout and program closure, particularly in the South Lake Tahoe area. Known areas of undercount include people living on national forest lands, people in hospitals, mental health facilities, substance abuse treatment programs, and jails; and families staying in motels with vouchers in South Lake Tahoe. The surveys were collected from 21 housing and service locations throughout the County, however the results are not fully representative of the County's homeless population as certain sub-populations were missed due to difficulties in collecting surveys from these groups, lack of provider participation, and bad weather which caused low turnouts and program closures, particularly in the South Lake Tahoe area. Sub-populations that are not fully represented in the survey include people who are unsheltered, living in encampments, on the streets, etc; people in hospitals, mental health facilities, substance abuse treatment programs, and jails; and families staying in motels with vouchers in South Lake Tahoe.

2 This is HUD's definition of homelessness.

well as people in jail, substance abuse treatment programs and other residential or custodial facilities who have no home to go to upon release; people staying in a motel/hotel paid for by themselves, but who self-declare as homeless; and people who are doubled up, temporarily living with friends or family.³

75 people (identified in the unsheltered point in time count)
+ 156 people (125 people surveyed & 31 children homeless with them)
231 Total

Annual Estimate of Homelessness

Formula For Calculating An Annual Homelessness Estimate

$$A + ((B * 51) * (1-C)) = \text{annual estimate}^4$$

A = PIT count of currently homeless (CH) people – including adults and children

B = number of CH adults and children who 1) became homeless within last 7 days, whether for the first time or not, or 2) were already homeless, but just entered the boundaries of the community within the past 7 days

C = proportion (expressed in decimals – i.e., 15% = .15) of CH adults and children in A who have had a previous homeless episode within the past 12 months.

- Each year, an estimated **344** people experience homelessness, staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs or living unsheltered in places not meant for human habitation, including cars, parks, abandoned buildings and the streets

$$164 + ((8^5 * 51) * (1-.56^6)) = 344$$

- Each year, an estimated **724** people experience homelessness or are without stable housing, including those covered by the preceding

3 El Dorado County requested that data be gathered broader than the HUD definition of homelessness to include people in temporary/precarious living situations such as those described above. In this report, this is referred to as the El Dorado County definition of homelessness.

4 Formula from: Burt, Martha & Wilkins, Carol. "Estimating the Need: Projecting from Point-in-Time to Annual Estimates of the Number of Homeless People in a Community and Using this Information to Plan for Permanent Supportive Housing", Corporation for Supportive Housing, March 2005.

5 Survey data indicates that 0.05% of the homeless population based on the HUD definition has been homeless less than seven days or has been in El Dorado County for a week or less.

6 Survey data indicates that 56% of the homeless population based on the HUD definition has had a previous homeless episode within the past 12 months.

definition of homelessness as well as people in jail, substance abuse treatment programs and other residential or custodial facilities who have no home to go to upon release; people staying in a motel/hotel paid for by themselves, but who self-declare as homeless; and people who are doubled up, temporarily living with friends or family

$$231 + ((23^7 * 51) * (1-.58^8)) = 724$$

Homeless Population Characteristics

The point in time count and the client surveys compliment each other and together provide useful information on the characteristics and needs of homeless people in El Dorado County. The subsequent sections of this report provide a detailed analysis of the data from both sources. The following is an overview of a few areas where the data from the point in time count and the client surveys overlap.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

- Over 80% of homeless people are single adults and persons in households without children.

[85% of those identified in the point in time count were single adults and persons in households without children and 83% of those surveyed using the HUD definition of homelessness fell into this category.]

- 77% of people who are homeless or without stable housing are single adults and persons in households without children.

[From the survey using the El Dorado County Definition.]

LIVING SITUATION

- Between one-half and one-third of people who are homeless are unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.

[Half of those identified in the point in time count were unsheltered and one-third of those surveyed using the HUD definition of homelessness were unsheltered.]

7 Survey data indicates that 0.1% of the homeless population based on the El Dorado County definition has been homeless less than seven days or has been in El Dorado County for a week or less.

8 Survey data indicates that 58% of the homeless population based on the El Dorado County definition has had a previous homeless episode within the past 12 months.

- One-fifth of people who are homeless or without stable housing are unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.

[From the survey using the El Dorado County Definition.]

GENDER

- Over half of people who are homeless are male.

[59% of those identified in the point in time count were male, including adults and unaccompanied youth. 59% of those surveyed using the HUD definition of homelessness were male and 55% of those surveyed using the El Dorado County definition were male.]

II. El Dorado County Homeless Point In Time Count Results

The Point In Time Count identified 150 people who are homeless on any given night in El Dorado County⁹.

85% were single adults and persons in households without children.

Half were unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
# of Family Households with Children	3	4	0	7
1. # of Persons in Families with Children	10	12	0	22
2. # of Single Individuals and Persons in Households w/o Children	39 (singles, couples, youth)	14	75	128
Total (1 + 2)	49	26	75	150

⁹ Note: The number of homeless people identified in this point-in-time count are an undercount due to lack of full provider participation and bad weather resulting in low turnout and program closure, particularly in the South Lake Tahoe area. Known areas of undercount include people living on national forest lands, people in hospitals, mental health facilities, substance abuse treatment programs, and jails; and families staying in motels with vouchers in South Lake Tahoe.

Almost 60% of people who are homeless are male, including adults and unaccompanied youth.

9% are children in families. 12% are unaccompanied youth.

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Adult Male	20 (6 in couples w/o children, and 14 individuals)	3 (1 in a family and 2 individuals)	62	85
Adult Female	17 (3 in families, 6 in couples w/o children, and 8 individuals)	9 (4 in families and 5 individuals)	3	29
Unaccompanied Youth (14-24) - Male	3	1	6 (male & female)	18
Unaccompanied Youth (14-24) - Female	2	6		
Children in Families	7	7	0	14
Unknown	0	0	4	4
Total	49	26	75	150

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Chronically Homeless¹⁰	7	N/A	5	12
Severely Mentally III	1	0	Unknown	1
Chronic Substance Abuse	13	9	Unknown	22
Veterans	4	0	Unknown	4
Persons with HIV/AIDS	0	0	Unknown	0
Victims of Domestic Violence	9	3	Unknown	12
Unaccompanied Youth	5	7	6	18

10 The number of people who are chronically homeless is taken from the survey data based on the HUD definition of chronic homelessness. It includes unaccompanied homeless individuals who self-declared a disability, are in an emergency shelter or are unsheltered, and have been continuously homeless for a year or more or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. Using a broader definition that in addition to those covered by the HUD definition also includes those who were experiencing extended or repeated homelessness but were staying in jail, transitional housing, or temporarily staying with friends; did not self-declare a disability; and/or were living as part of a couple with or without children, 46 people are chronically homeless.

The number reported here of chronically homeless is an undercount, because most chronically homeless people were probably counted in the unsheltered point in time count but were not surveyed to find out if they meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.

Unsheltered Point In Time Count By Region

Region	Men	Women	Unknown	16-24	Total
South Lake Tahoe	20	0	0	4	24
County Sheriff	22				22
Placerville (inc those identified by Police)	20	0	3	1	24
Diamond Springs	0	3	1	0	4
Garden Valley	0	0	0	1	1
El Dorado Hills	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron Park	0	0	0	0	0
Shingle Springs	0	0	0	0	0
Georgetown	0	0	0	0	0
Coloma	0	0	0	0	0
Camino	0	0	0	0	0
Pollock Pines	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	62	3	4	6	75

Provider Response Rate

- Overall Provider Response Rate: 10/12 or 83%
- Emergency Shelter Response Rate (family and individuals): 4/4 or 100%

Participating shelters included:

1. Grace Place
2. El Dorado Women's Center Shelter for Battered Women and Children
3. South Lake Tahoe Women's Center
4. H.E.L.P Motel Vouchers

- Transitional Housing Response Rate (youth, men, women, women & children): 6/8 or 75%

Participating transitional housing programs included:

1. THP+
2. South Lake Tahoe Women's Transitional Program
3. H.E.L.P. Mentor House
4. Sierra Recovery Center Men's Transitional Program
5. Sierra Recovery Center Women's Transitional Program
6. Sierra Recovery Program Women & Children's Transitional Program

[For more information on participating and non-participating shelter and transitional housing sites, see Appendix A.]

III. El Dorado County Homeless Survey Results¹¹

N = 138 survey respondents

- 75 homeless respondents meeting HUD's definition of homeless
- 125 respondents who are homeless or do not have stable housing, including people in jail, substance abuse treatment programs and other residential or custodial facilities who have no home to go to upon release; people staying in a motel/hotel paid for by themselves, but who self-declare as homeless; and people who are doubled up, temporarily living with friends or family. In this report, this is referred to as the El Dorado County definition of homelessness.
- 13 people were not homeless

Surveys were conducted at 21 housing and service sites in the County during January 28- February 1, 2008. [See Appendix B for a list of survey sites.]

¹¹ Surveys of people who are homeless were collected from the 21 locations on the attached list. The survey results are not fully representative of the homeless population in El Dorado County, as certain sub-populations were missed due to difficulties in collecting surveys from those groups, lack of provider participation, and bad weather which caused low turnouts and program closures, particularly in the South Lake Tahoe area. Sub-populations that are not fully represented in the survey include people who are unsheltered, living in encampments, on the streets, etc; people in hospitals, mental health facilities, substance abuse treatment programs, and jails; and families staying in motels with vouchers in South Lake Tahoe.

Where will you/did you spend the night of Monday, January 28, 2008?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 72

- 45% (32 people) -- Emergency Shelter
- 33% (24) -- Unsheltered / On the street, under a bridge, abandoned building, public building, car, camping, etc.
- 11% (8) -- Transitional Housing
- 10% (7) -- Domestic Violence Shelter
- 1% (1) -- Hotel paid for by voucher

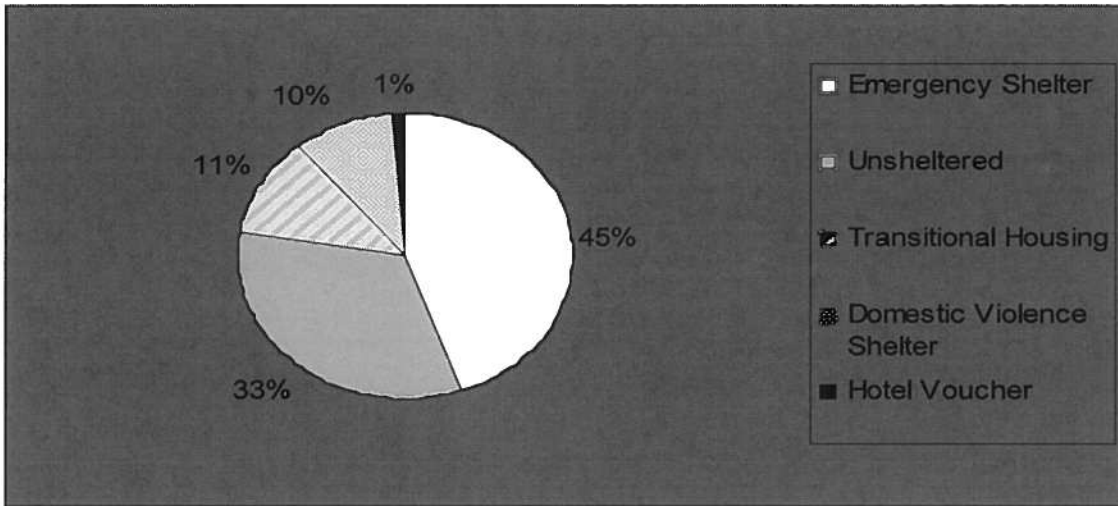
Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 122

- 26% (32 people) -- Emergency Shelter
- 20% (24) -- Unsheltered / On the street, under a bridge, abandoned building, public building, car, camping, etc
- 7% (8) -- Transitional Housing
- 6% (7) -- Domestic Violence Shelter
- 4% (5) -- Hotel paid for by self or voucher
- 2% (3) -- Substance Abuse Treatment Program
- 2% (2) -- Jail
- 33% (41) -- Doubled Up / Temporarily with family or friends

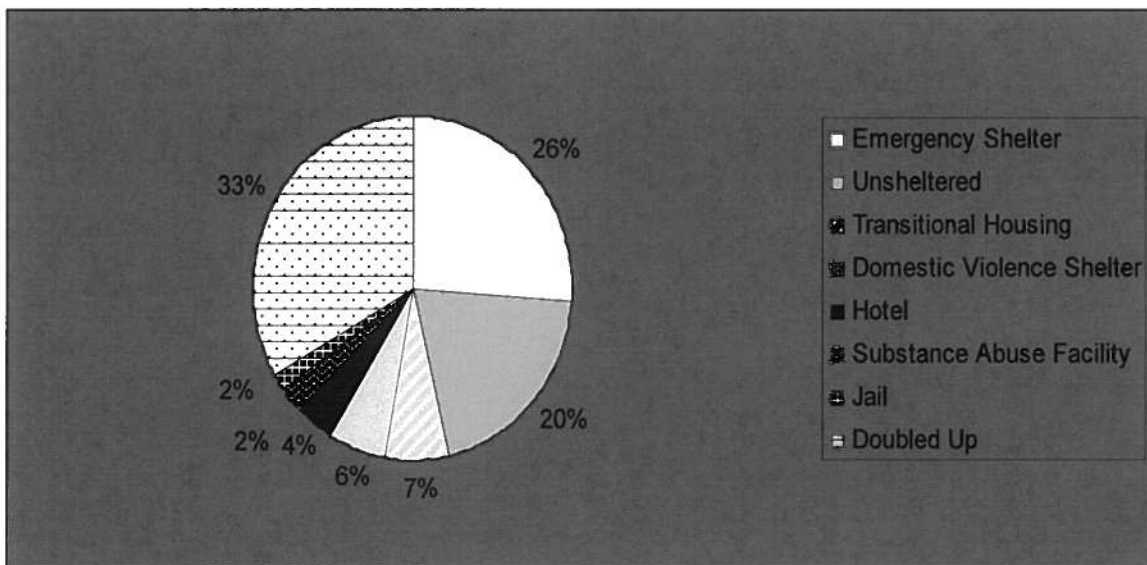
Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

One-third (33%) of people who are homeless are unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.



Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

1/3 of people who are homeless are living doubled up with friends or family, and 1/5 are unsheltered, living on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned or public building, in a car, camping, etc.



In the next week, are you being evicted, asked to leave or thrown out of the place you are living?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 74

- Yes -- 8% (6 people)
- No -- 82% (61)
- Don't Know - 9% (7)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 124

- Yes - 10% (12 people)
- No - 77% (95)
- Don't Know - 14% (17)

Approximately 10% of people who are homeless will be evicted or asked to leave where they are currently living during the next week.

If you have been homeless more than once, have you been homeless before in the last 12 months? How many times?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 70

- Yes -- 56% (39 people)
- No -- 41% (29)
- Don't Know - 3% (2)

How many times homeless?

N=25

- One Time - 32% (8 people)
- Two Times - 36% (9)
- Three Times - 12% (3)
- Four or More Times - 20% (5)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 119

- Yes - 58% (69 people)
- No - 39% (46)
- Don't Know - 3% (4)

How many times homeless?

N=46

- One Time - 35% (16 people)
- Two Times - 33% (15)
- Three Times - 17% (8)
- Four or More Times - 15% (7)

More than half of people who are homeless have been homeless previously during the past year.

Around 1/3 have been homeless once before, 1/3 twice before and 1/3 three or more times.

Including now, what is the total number of times you have been homeless in the last three years?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 73

- Never – 14% (10 people)
- One – 40% (29)
- Two – 12% (9)
- Three – 10% (7)
- Four – 7% (5)
- Five or More – 18% (13)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 120

- Never – 13% (15 people)
- One – 32% (38)
- Two – 17% (20)
- Three – 14% (17)
- Four – 8% (10)
- Five or More – 17% (20)

1/4 of people who are homeless have been homeless four or more times.

How long have you been homeless this time?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 74

- Not Homeless – 9% (7 people)
- Less than 7 days – 4% (3)
- More than 7 days but less than 1 month -- 11% (8)
- More than 1 month but less than 1 year -- 45% (33)
- 1-3 years – 22% (16)
- More than 3 years – 8% (6)
- Don't Know – 1% (1)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

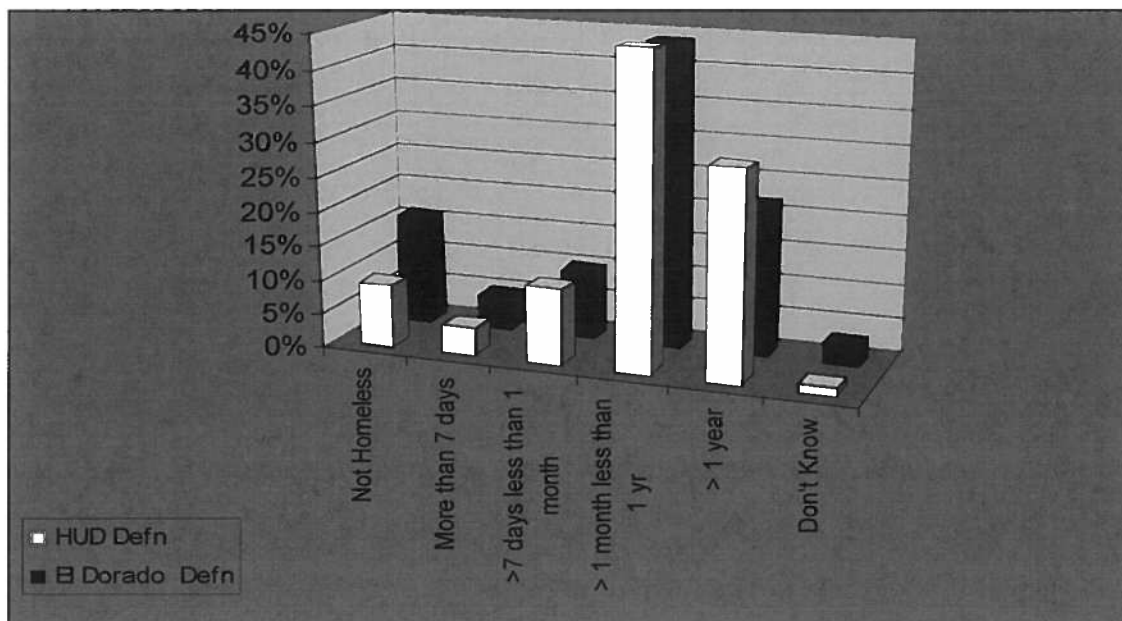
N = 123

- Not Homeless – 16% (20 ppl)
- Less than 7 days – 5% (6)
- More than 7 days but less than 1 month -- 10% (12)
- More than 1 month but less than 1 year -- 44% (54)
- 1-3 years – 16% (20)
- More than 3 years – 6% (7)
- Don't Know – 3% (4)

Almost half of people who are homeless have been homeless for more than one month but less than one year.

Of people homeless according to the HUD definition, 30% have been homeless for more than one year. Of people homeless according to the

broader El Dorado County definition, 22% have been homeless for more than one year.



Chronic Homelessness

HUD's Chronic Homeless Definition

The federal definition of chronically homeless is a person who is "either (1) an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more, OR (2) an unaccompanied individual with a disabling condition who has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years." In its definition of a chronically homeless person, HUD defines the term "homeless" as "a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g. living on the streets, for example) OR living in a homeless emergency shelter."¹²

12 people or 17% of those surveyed are chronically homeless according to HUD's definition. This includes unaccompanied homeless individuals who were homeless for a year or longer or had at least four episodes of

¹² Office of Community Planning and Development, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs. "Defining Chronic Homelessness: A Technical Guide for HUD Programs", September 2007, p.3.

homelessness in the past three years; who self-declared a health, mental health or addiction disability; and were staying in either an emergency shelter or on the streets.

Using a broader definition that in addition to those included in the HUD definition of chronic homelessness also includes those who were experiencing extended or repeated homelessness but were staying in jail, transitional housing, or temporarily staying with friends; did not self-declare a disability; and/or were living as part of a couple with or without children, *46 people or 37%* of those surveyed are chronically homeless.

It is very likely that the number reported here of chronically homeless is an undercount, because most chronically homeless people were probably counted in the unsheltered point in time count but were not surveyed to find out if they meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.

Can you tell me the reasons that you became homeless this time?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 74

- Not homeless – 8% (6 people)
- Lost job/can't find work – 31% (22)
- Have work but wages are too low – 9% (7)
- Relationship or family break-up/death in family – 26% (19)
- Abuse or violence in your home – 16% (12)
- Discharged from jail, prison or halfway house – 12% (9)
- Medical problems including physical or developmental disability – 24% (18)
- Eviction/foreclosure – 15% (11)
- Housing costs too high – 31% (23)
- Utility costs too high – 18% (13)
- Alcohol or drug abuse problems – 15% (11)
- Mental illness – 12% (9)
- Emotional problems – 22% (16)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 121

- Not homeless – 11% (13 ppl)
- Lost job/can't find work – 36% (43)
- Have work but wages are too low – 11% (13)
- Relationship or family break-up/death in family – 26% (31)
- Abuse or violence in your home – 14% (17)
- Discharged from jail, prison or halfway house – 11% (13)
- Medical problems including physical or developmental disability – 21% (25)
- Eviction/foreclosure – 16% (19)
- Housing costs too high – 32% (38)
- Utility costs too high – 16% (19)
- Alcohol or drug abuse problems – 17% (20)
- Mental illness – 11% (13)
- Emotional problems – 18% (22)
- Runaway/discharged from foster care – 0.8% (1)

The five reasons most often cited as the reason for homelessness are:

- 1 Lack of employment
- 2 High housing costs
- 3 Family break-up or death
- 4 Medical problems
- 5 Emotional problems

What is your situation?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 74

- 72% (53 people) -- A single person
- 5% (4) -- A single parent with children under 18
- 9% (7) -- Part of a couple with children under 18
- 11% (8) -- Part of a couple without children under 18
- 3% (2) -- Other

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

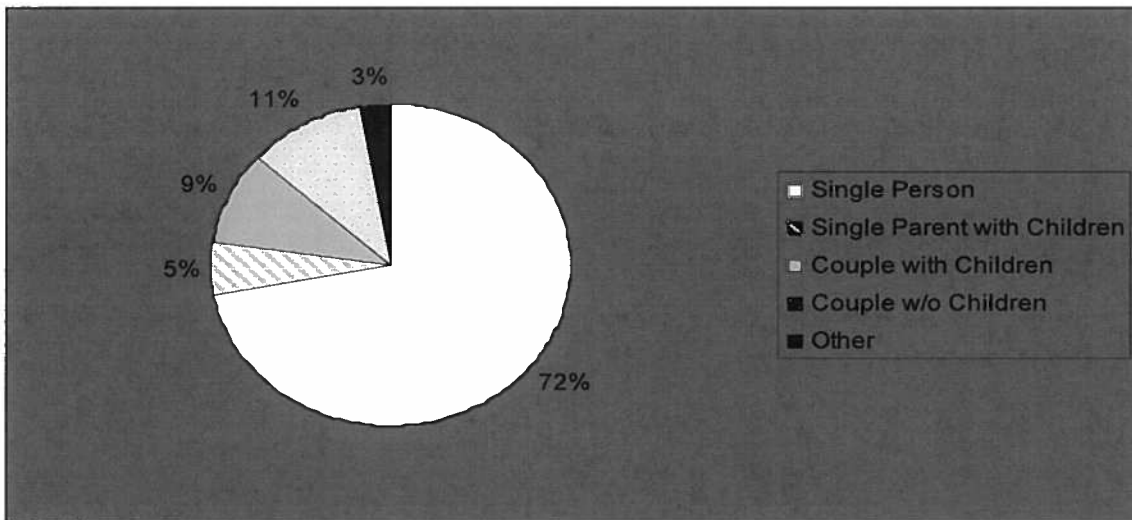
N = 123

- 67% (82 people) -- A single person
- 7% (9) -- A single parent with children under 18
- 14% (17) -- Part of a couple with children under 18
- 10% (12) -- Part of a couple without children under 18
- 2% (3) -- Other

At least 2/3 of people who are homeless are single individuals.

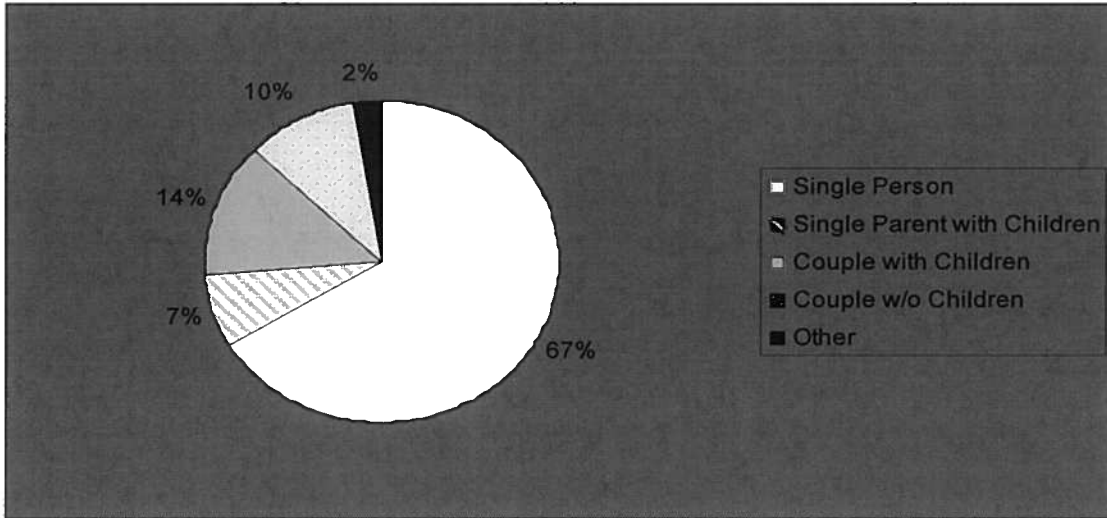
Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

14% of homeless households include children.



Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

21% of homeless households include children.



Not including yourself, how many relatives were with you last night?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 64

- 73% (47 people) were alone / not with relatives
- 11% (7) were with their spouse and no children
- 3% (2) were with their spouse and children under 18
- 6% (4) were with children under 18
- 6% (4) were with other relatives
- 26 relatives were listed, including 14 children under age 18
- 71% (12) identified 1 other relative who was with them; 29% (5) identified multiple relatives

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 114

- 61% (69 people) were alone / not with relatives
- 12% (14) were with their spouse and no children
- 6% (7) were with their spouse and children under 18
- 7% (8) were with children under 18
- 14% (16) were with other relatives
- 115 relatives were listed, including 31 children under age 18
- Note: While 115 relatives were identified, it is difficult to say which were homeless with the survey respondent and which were part of the household in which the respondent was temporarily staying.

Most homeless people are alone and not with relatives.

How long have you been in El Dorado County?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 68

- 9% (6 people) -- Less than 1 year
- 35% (24) -- 1-5 years
- 9% (6) -- 6-10 years
- 18% (12) -- 11-20 years
- 29% (20) -- Over 20 years

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 117

- 15% (18 people) -- Less than 1 year
- 29% (34) -- 1-5 years
- 10% (12) -- 6-10 years
- 22% (26) -- 11-20 years
- 23% (27) -- Over 20 years

Most people who are homeless are not newcomers; they have been living in El Dorado County for extended time periods. At least 45% have been living in the county for over 10 years.

Gender

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 73

- 59% (43 people) -- Male
- 41% (30) -- Female

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 122

- 55% (67 people) -- Male
- 45% (55) -- Female

More than half of people who are homeless are male.

Have you served in the US Military?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 68

- Yes -- 21% (14 people)
- No -- 79% (54)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 115

- Yes -- 15% (17 people)
- No -- 85% (98)

Depending on how you define homelessness, 15-21% of the population are veterans.

Do you think you have, or have you been told you have:

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 64

- Serious mental illness – 20% (13 people)
- Developmental disability – 9% (6)
- Serious medical or physical condition – 34% (22)
- Alcohol or drug abuse – 25% (16)
- Victim of domestic violence – 16% (10)
- None of these --- 30% (19)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 112

- Serious mental illness – 17% (19 people)
- Developmental disability – 7% (8)
- Serious medical or physical condition – 25% (28)
- Alcohol or drug abuse – 25% (28)
- Victim of domestic violence – 20% (22)
- None of these --- 32% (36)

Approximately 70% of homeless people responding to this question self-identified as having some type of disability or special needs.

Approximately 1/5 of homeless people self-identify as having a serious mental illness and 1/4 as having a problem with alcohol or drug abuse.

Are you are anyone else in your immediate family receiving ANY of the following government benefits?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N=75

- 67% (50 individuals or their relatives) are receiving government benefits
- ✓ SSI/SSDI/SSA – 23% (17 ppl)
- ✓ TANF/CalWORKS/AFDC -- 7% (5)
- ✓ VA Pension/benefits – 5% (4)
- ✓ MediCal/Medicare – 23% (17)
- ✓ Food Stamps – 25% (19)
- ✓ CMSP/GA – 23% (17)
- ✓ Other government benefit – 3% (2)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 125

- 63% (79 individuals or their relatives) are receiving government benefits
- ✓ SSI/SSDI/SSA – 21% (26 ppl)
- ✓ TANF/CalWORKS/AFDC – 10% (12)
- ✓ VA Pension/benefits – 5% (6)
- ✓ MediCal/Medicare – 27% (34)
- ✓ Food Stamps – 25% (31)
- ✓ CMSP/GA – 18% (22)
- ✓ Other government benefit – 2% (3)

Approximately 1/3 of people who are homeless are not receiving any type of government benefits.

What could have prevented your homelessness?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 59

- Not Homeless – 12% (7 ppl)
- Eviction prevention – 10% (6)
- Rental assistance – 53% (31)
- Employment assistance – 37% (22)
- Assistance in accessing benefits – 22% (13)
- Emergency benefits – 22% (13)
- Mental Health services – 5% (3)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 97

- Not Homeless – 14% (14 ppl)
- Eviction prevention – 12% (12)
- Rental assistance – 46% (45)
- Employment assistance – 40% (39)
- Assistance in accessing benefits – 20% (19)
- Emergency benefits – 25% (24)
- Mental Health services – 10% (10)

Other services identified include: drug and alcohol treatment, domestic violence services, medical care, and utility assistance.

Approximately half of respondents identified rental assistance as something that could have prevented their homelessness and close to 40% identified employment assistance.

In the past year, what services did you or anyone in your family use?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 75

- 88% (66 people) identified services they or their family used in the past year
- Help finding work/employment assistance – 35% (26)
- Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing – 12% (9)
- Emergency shelter – 65% (49)
- Food – 72% (54)
- Rent or utility assistance – 16% (12)
- Transportation/bus passes – 40% (30)
- Medical care – 49% (37)
- Dental care – 25% (19)
- Mental health care – 12% (9)
- Alcohol or drug abuse treatment – 8% (6)
- Help getting a California ID or driver’s license – 8% (6)
- Help getting government benefits – 17% (13)
- Child care – 5% (4)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 125

- 85% (106 people) identified services they or their family used in the past year
- Help finding work/employment assistance – 27% (34)
- Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing – 10% (13)
- Emergency shelter – 48% (60)
- Food – 67% (84)
- Rent or utility assistance – 10% (13)
- Transportation/bus passes – 32% (40)
- Medical care – 42% (53)
- Dental care – 20% (25)
- Mental health care – 10% (13)
- Alcohol or drug abuse treatment – 8% (10)
- Help getting a California ID or driver’s license – 6% (8)
- Help getting government benefits – 13% (16)
- Child care – 6% (7)

The vast majority of households (at least 85%) who are homeless have used services in the past year. Approximately 70% have used food services, 48-65% have used emergency shelter, and over 40% have used medical care. Other highly used services include transportation/bus passes and employment assistance.

In the past year, what services did you or anyone in your family need but could not get?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 75

- 75% (56 people) identified services they or their family needed but could not get in the past year
- Help finding work/employment assistance – 23% (17)
- Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing – 32% (24)
- Emergency shelter – 20% (15)
- Food – 16% (12)
- Rent or utility assistance – 39% (29)
- Transportation/bus passes – 25% (19)
- Medical care – 29% (22)
- Dental care – 21% (16)
- Mental health care – 13% (10)
- Alcohol or drug abuse treatment – 11% (8)
- Help getting a California ID or driver’s license – 20% (15)
- Help getting government benefits – 17% (13)
- Child care – 1% (1)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 125

- 73% (91 people) identified services they or their family needed but could not get in the past year
- Help finding work/employment assistance – 27% (34)
- Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing – 29% (36)
- Emergency shelter – 14% (18)
- Food – 17% (21)
- Rent or utility assistance – 35% (44)
- Transportation/bus passes – 24% (30)
- Medical care – 29% (36)
- Dental care – 23% (29)
- Mental health care – 11% (13)
- Alcohol or drug abuse treatment – 12% (15)
- Help getting a California ID or driver’s license – 22% (28)
- Help getting government benefits – 18% (22)
- Child care – 3% (4)

Three quarters of homeless households needed services that they were unable to access.

More than 35% needed rent or utility assistance and around 30% needed

assistance in finding Section 8 or other permanent housing. Almost 30% needed medical care and over 20% needed dental care. Other highly needed services include employment assistance, transportation/bus passes, and assistance getting a California ID card or drivers license.

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 69

- Yes -- 9% (6 people)
- No -- 91% (63)

Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition

N = 115

- Yes -- 13% (15 people)
- No -- 87% (100)

Around 10% of people who are homeless are Hispanic/Latino.

Which one category best describes your racial background?

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness

N = 66

- White – 85% (56)
- Black/African American – 3% (2)
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander – 3% (2)
- Mixed Race – 9% (6)

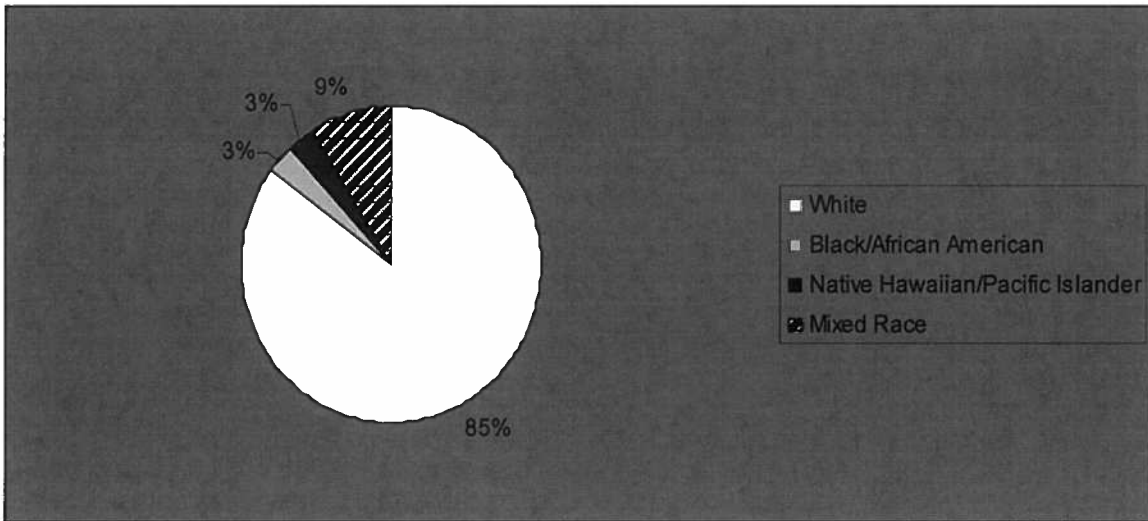
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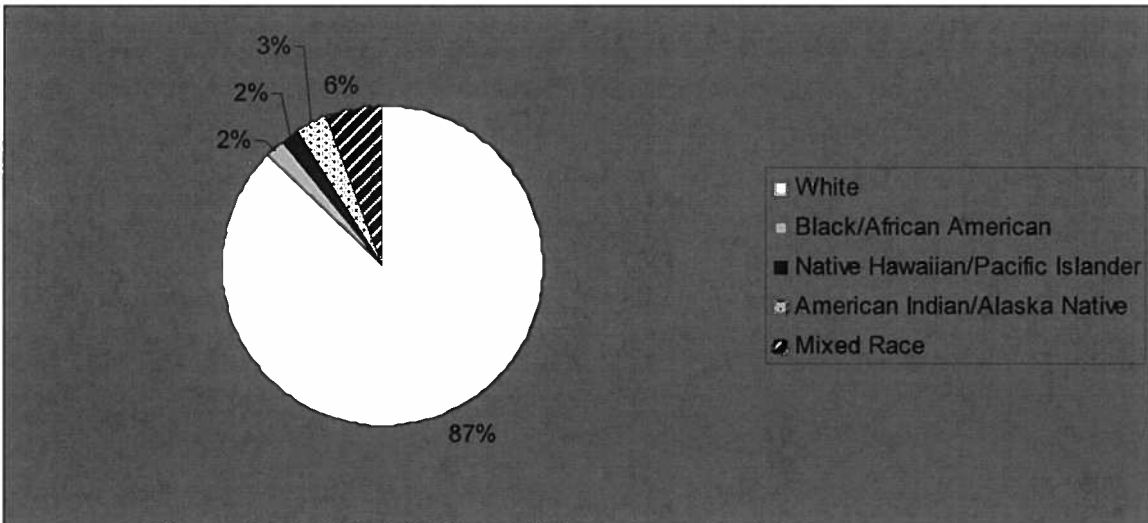
- White – 87% (89)
- Black/African American – 2% (2)
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander – 2% (2)
- American Indian/Alaska Native – 3% (3)
- Mixed Race – 6% (6)

The vast majority (85-87%) of people who are homeless are white.

Data According To HUD Definition of Homelessness



Data According to Broader El Dorado County Definition



Appendix A: Point In Time Count Sites

The following charts list the housing providers participating in the point in time count. Those providers shaded in grey were not appropriate for the count based on the reasons listed. Additionally, even though some service providers were appropriate for the count, they did not encounter homeless clients on the specified days.

Emergency Shelter Providers

Provider Name	Facility Name	Participate in Provider's Survey?	Number of Persons in Families Served January 29	Number of Individuals Served January 29
1. United Outreach	Grace Place	Yes	3	36
2. El Dorado Women's Center	Women's Shelter	Yes	7	1
3. SLT Women's Center	Women's Center	Yes	0	2
4. H.E.L.P.	Motel Vouchers	Yes	0	0
New Morning	Youth Shelter	No: Do not serve homeless		
Tahoe Youth and Family Services	Youth Shelter	No: Not appropriate because of ages served		

Transitional Housing Providers

Provider Name	Facility Name	Participate in Provider's Survey?	Number of Persons in Families Served January 29	Number of Individuals Served January 29
1. El Dorado County Mental Health	THP+	Yes	0	7
2. SLT Women's Center	Women's Transitional	Yes	5	0
3. H.E.L.P.	Mentor House	Yes	7	0
4. Sierra Recovery Center	Men's Transitional	Yes	0	2
5. Sierra Recovery Center	Women's Transitional	Yes	0	5

Provider Name	Facility Name	Participate in Provider's Survey?	Number of Persons in Families Served January 29	Number of Individuals Served January 29
6. Sierra Recovery Center	Women & Children	Yes	0	0
7. Gates Recovery	Sisters' Cottages	No: Sent info, but too busy to complete. Will try to participate in summer count		
8. Emerging Hope	Hope House	No: Wrong contact information; will participate in summer count		
9. Mother Theresa Maternity	Maternity House	No: No response		
Gates Recovery	Spring Street House	No: Do not serve homeless		
Gates Recovery	Rising Hope	No: Do not serve homeless		
Progress House	Transitional Living	No: Do not serve homeless		

Appendix B: Client Survey Housing & Service Sites

The following chart lists housing and service sites that interviewed clients and submitted completed client surveys.

Program Type	Facility Name	Provider Name	Location (City)
Shelter	Grace Place	United Outreach	Camino
Food Program	SHARE Food Closet		Placerville
Food Program	Upper Room Dining Hall		Placerville
Health Program	Public Health Department Clinic	El Dorado County	Placerville
Other		El Dorado County Veteran Affairs	Placerville
Other	Community Services, Social Services	El Dorado County Human Services	Placerville
Shelter	Women's Shelter	El Dorado Women's Center	Placerville
Trans. Hsg.	Mentor House	H.E.L.P.	Placerville
Trans. Hsg.	Transitional Housing Program for Emancipated Foster/Probation Youth (THP-Plus)	El Dorado County Human Services	Placerville
Food Program	Bread & Broth	Multiple providers but hosted at St. Theresa's Catholic Church	South Lake Tahoe
Food Program	Christmas Cheer Food Closet		South Lake Tahoe
Health Program		El Dorado County Mental Health Dept.	South Lake Tahoe
Health Program		Sierra Recovery Center	South Lake Tahoe
Other		Job One - One-Stop Employment Resource Center	South Lake Tahoe
Other	South Lake Tahoe Women's Center		South Lake Tahoe
Other	The Attic		South Lake Tahoe
School District		Lake Tahoe Unified	South Lake Tahoe
Shelter	Women's Center	South Lake Tahoe Women's Center	South Lake Tahoe
Trans. Hsg.	Women's Transitional	South Lake Tahoe Women's Center	South Lake Tahoe

Program Type	Facility Name	Provider Name	Location (City)
Trans. Hsg.	Men's Transitional	Sierra Recovery Center	South Lake Tahoe
Trans. Hsg.	Women's Transitional	Sierra Recovery Center	South Lake Tahoe

The following service sites participated in the survey process, but for a variety of reasons (i.e., weather conditions in South Lake Tahoe) did not have client surveys to submit.

Program Type	Facility Name	Provider Name	Location (City)
Church	Motherlode Church	Same	Coloma
Health Program	Snowline Hospice	Same	Diamond Springs
Health Program	Divide Wellness Center	Same	Georgetown
Hospital	Marshall Hospital	Same	Placerville
Other	El Dorado Women's Center	Same	Placerville
Shelter	Motel Vouchers	H.E.L.P.	Placerville
Trans. Hsg.	Sisters' Cottages	Gates Recovery Foundation	Placerville
Health Program	Shingle Springs Native American Healthcare Center	Same	Shingle Springs
Church	St. Theresa's	Same	South Lake Tahoe
Drop-In Center	Family Resource Center	Same	South Lake Tahoe
Food Program	Lake Tahoe Christian Fellowship	Same	South Lake Tahoe
Food Program	Sierra Community Church	Same	South Lake Tahoe
Other	Senior Center	Same	South Lake Tahoe
Other	Salvation Army	Calvary Chapel	South Lake Tahoe
Trans. Hsg.	Women & Children	Sierra Recovery Center	South Lake Tahoe
Other	California Youth Connection	Same	
Forest Service	Forest Service Law Enforcement	El Dorado National Forest Supervisor's Office	El Dorado National Forest

WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

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**El Dorado County
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Unsheltered Public Places Count

El Dorado County will be using the public places method for counting unsheltered homeless people. There will be no interview component to this public places count.

Who Should be Counted?

For the purposes of the public places county, a person is considered homeless **only** when he/she resides in one of the places described below at the time of the count.

- In a place not meant for habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings (on the street)

Where Should You Look?

- Parks
- Alleys
- Parking lots
- Transportation depots and other parts of transportation systems
- Campgrounds
- Encampments, shantytowns, and tent cities
- Under overpasses and bridges
- All-night commercial establishments (e.g., movie theaters, laundromats, restaurants)
- Behind large buildings such as supermarkets

Our most important concern is your safety. Please do not get out of your car or speak to anyone to find out if they are homeless.

Count Schedule

We will be counting from 6:00-8:00 am on the morning of Tuesday, January 29. We will be at the check-in centers at 5:30 and ask that you check in anytime before 6:00 and return to check out when you have finished canvassing your assigned area or at 8:00, whichever comes first. When you check in we will have additional tally sheets and maps. We ask that when you check out you hand us your tally sheets and your maps.

Check-in Sites

The Placerville check-in site is:
El Dorado County Community Services (dining room)
937 Spring Street, Placerville

The Placerville contact is:
Danielle Crowell
Cell phone number (415) 867-8604

The South Lake Tahoe check-in site is:
SLT Senior Center
3050 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe

The South Lake Tahoe contact is:
Joni Canada
Cell phone number (646) 269-8764

If you have any trouble or questions, please call your area contact person. If for any reason you cannot reach your contact person, please call

Piper Ehlen
Cell phone number (970) 281-9884

Checklist of Items Needed on the morning of the count

- Flashlights (with fresh batteries)
- Replacement batteries
- A method of communication (cell phone) and the contact number for your area
- Clip boards
- Sufficient number of tally sheets
- Pens and pencils

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**Interviewer Introduction Sample Script,
Suggestions and Question Guidance**

Suggestions for the Interviewer:

- 1) Ask the respondent the questions and record the answers while they follow along on a blank survey that they do not mark in any way.
- 2) If the respondent completes the survey on their own, be available and offer to help. Make sure to collect and review all surveys.
- 3) Do not say anything more than is necessary in your introduction. For example, Do not say "this is the second year we have done this count;" or "this is a different point-in-time survey than was done last year;" This additional information only serves to confuse the respondent.
- 4) Try not to feel rushed – each respondent is the "center of attention" for the time period they are being interviewed.
- 5) If the respondent does not want to participate, explain the importance of the count and tell them that, unless they do a survey they and members of their family will not be counted. If they still decline, be gracious and say "ok" and "thank you."

Interviewer Sample Script:

Hello, my name is _____. I am helping El Dorado County learn more about the needs of persons who are homeless or may soon be homeless. We need your help so that the county can develop programs and services to better meet your needs. All of your answers will be private. The survey will take only a few minutes. Can we start now? Would you like a copy of the survey so you can follow along?

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Agency: Enter the name of your agency (if blank)

Program: Enter the specific program name within your agency (if blank)

City/Town/Community: Enter the name of the city, town or community (if blank)

Did you or another family member already complete a survey like this anytime this week?

Hearing the survey questions may jog his/her memory. Obviously, if respondent is sure that s/he or another family member already completed a survey, either on their own or with an interviewer, politely end the interview and throw out the survey.

Are you currently without a place to stay, living in a temporary place, couch surfing, living with friends or family or homeless?

If they are not sure, go ahead and conduct the interview. If they say "no", politely end the interview and throw out the survey.

Q1 Initials: Enter the respondent's first and middle initial and the first 2 letters of their last name

Enter this information before you ask any questions so that you don't forget. If the respondent refuses to give you their initials, politely move on to the next question.

Date of Birth:

Enter the month, day and year the respondent was born

Q2 Where will you / where did you spend the night of Monday, January 28th?

If the respondent can't remember where they stayed Monday night, January 28th, ask them where they stayed last night.

This question offers a number of options. If the respondent volunteers a location, the interviewer should look for the response, confirm with the respondent that it is accurate, and check it. Only read the responses if the respondent does not volunteer a location. Since this question is critical to determining if someone is homeless, be sure that it is completed accurately. If you are not sure where to put someone's response, check "something else" and write in their response in as much detail as possible. If the respondent is unsure where they spent last night – e.g., they don't know if they were in prison or jail – check "somewhere else" and write in that they were either in prison or jail.

If the respondent indicates they were staying temporarily with family or friends, it is critical that they also answer the rest of that option to document if the arrangement is permanent or temporary.

Q3 In the next week, are you being evicted, asked to leave or thrown out of the place you are staying?

This question is important because, even if someone is living in an apartment/house/trailer at this time, if they will be thrown out in the next week they are counted as homeless. It also helps to define the newly homeless.

Q4 If you have been homeless more than once, have you been homeless before in the last 12 months? How many times?

This question is necessary to estimate the annual homeless population.

If the respondent isn't sure of the answer, help them review the past twelve months and try to come up with an accurate response. If respondent still isn't sure, write in their best guess, e.g., 3-4 times.

Q5 Including now, what is the total number of times you have been homeless in the last three years?

This question is necessary to determine chronic homelessness.

If the respondent isn't sure of the answer, help them review the past three years and try to come up with an accurate response. If respondent still isn't sure, write in their best guess, e.g., 3-4 times.

Q6 How long have you been homeless this time?

We want to know the length of this spell of homelessness.

If someone does not define themselves as homeless, check "I am NOT homeless." If they do define themselves as homeless, it is important that they think about this homeless spell and give the best estimate of the length of time they have been homeless.

Q7 Can you tell me the reason that you became homeless this time?

This question offers a number of options. If the respondent volunteers a reason (or several reasons), the interviewer should look for the response, confirm with the respondent that it is accurate, and check it. Read all the possible responses even if the respondent volunteers one or several reasons. If you are not sure where to put someone's response, check "other reason" and write in their response in as much detail as possible.

Q8 What is your situation?:

*This question refers to **household** situation.*

*This question offers five responses: single person, single parent with children, part of a couple **with** children, part of a couple **without** children, and other.*

The purpose of this question is to identify persons who fit into the first four

categories. For that reason, the question is interpreted as follows: if someone fits any of the first four categories, even if there are extended family members in their group, you check the category where they fit. For example, if a woman identifies herself as a single parent with children, but is staying temporarily with her sister, she is still a single parent with children. If a couple without children is traveling with their extended family, who also are homeless, they are identified as a couple without children. **If you are not sure which category to check, check "in another situation" and describe their situation.**

Single person – A single person is someone who is living alone or living with anyone **other than a spouse/partner or with his/her children**. This category includes any person who is alone, including a child, teenager, adult or senior; any person who is with one or more siblings; someone who is living with an extended family member/members such as aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. If a single person has children **but is not living with his/her children**, then they are counted as a single person. Similarly, if a single person has a spouse **but is not living with their spouse**, then they are counted as a single person.

Single parent with children – This category includes anyone who is a single parent with children, even if he/she is living with other family members as well. For example, if a woman is living with her two children and also with her parents, she is counted as a single parent with children.

Part of a couple with children – This category includes any couple – married or otherwise – that is living with their children, even if the couple is living with other family members as well. A couple includes a spouse or a same or opposite sex partner. A person who is living with his/her stepchildren or partners' children is counted as being part of a couple with children. For example, a couple with children that is also living with siblings, aunts, uncles, or other relatives is counted as a couple with children.

Part of a couple without children – This category includes any couple – married or otherwise – who do not have children. A couple includes a spouse or a same or opposite sex partner. A person who has children – or whose spouse or partner has children – is counted in this category if they have adult children **or if their children usually stay somewhere else**. A couple without children who is living with siblings, aunts, uncles, or other relatives is counted as a couple without children.

In another situation – This category includes people who don't fit into the first four categories. For example, it includes a grandparent or grandparents with children. If the grandparent were alone, he/she would be considered a "single person." If the grandparent were with a spouse or partner, he/she would be considered "part of a couple **without** children."

Q9 Not including yourself, how many relatives were with you last night?

This question asks for total number of family members with respondent last night, NOT including respondent.

Please complete this table for all the relatives who were with you last night. INCLUDE any children who are usually with you but who spent last night some place else. DO NOT INCLUDE YOURSELF.

This question asks for age and relationship to respondent for each of the OTHER persons in respondent's family.

Spouse/partner includes opposite or same-sex partner – and it doesn't matter if they are married or just living together. The "other relative" category includes any family member that isn't listed – for example, uncle, aunt, sister, brother, sister's husband, brother's wife, stepparent, etc. – someone who is related to respondent in any way.

Often, single parents who are somewhere unsheltered try to find a temporary place for their children to spend the night. These children should be included in the family group as homeless, even if they were NOT WITH the respondent the night of January 28.

Note that we are only asking about FAMILY MEMBERS, so there is no category for friends (as opposed to partners). Therefore, do not list friends in the chart. And make sure that the number listed for "relatives" only includes relatives; do not include the respondent or any friends (other than same or opposite sex partners).

Q10 How long have you been in El Dorado County?

An estimate here is fine.

Q11 Are you Male, Female, Transgender?

Self-explanatory.

Q12 Have you served in the US Military?

We only need to know if they served – not where they served or how they were discharged.

Q13 Do you think you have, or have you been told you have: (mental illness, medical or physical condition, etc.):

This question asks if respondent has various "conditions" or problems. Be sure to read each condition and check all that apply. If someone says "yes" to one condition, continue reading all the other conditions. If someone is not sure if they have a specific condition e.g., they don't know if they have a serious mental illness, ask them to describe their illness/symptoms/problem. See below for how to categorize.

Serious mental illness – if someone isn't sure if they have a serious mental illness but they mention depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorder (or say that they are anxious), or say they "hear voices," then check "serious mental illness."

Serious medical or physical condition – if someone isn't sure if they have a serious medical or physical condition but they mention cancer, brain tumor, diabetes, blindness, vision problems, emphysema, severe asthma, etc., then check "serious medical or physical condition." Also check "serious medical or physical condition" if the person mentions problems with mobility such as bad back, bad knees, loss of limb, broken limb, arthritis, rheumatism, inability to walk, etc. Do NOT check "serious medical or physical condition" if someone has a problem that is not serious such as needing glasses or dental work, or if he/she has a temporary problem like a bad cold or other short-term illness. Also do NOT check "serious medical or physical condition" if someone has recovered from a major illness, such as being a cancer survivor.

Alcohol or drug abuse – if someone isn't sure if they abuse alcohol or drugs, but say that it has been a problem or that they stopped using in the last day/week/month, then check "alcohol or drug abuse." Also check "alcohol or drug abuse" if someone mentions an addiction to any kind of prescription drugs such as painkillers.

Developmental disability – only check if someone says they have this.

HIV/AIDS – If someone is HIV positive but says he/she does not have AIDS, check "HIV/AIDS."

Victim of Domestic Violence – check if someone has been a victim of domestic violence.

If someone isn't sure if they have one of the first six problems and, after describing their problem you don't know how to categorize their situation, check "other" and describe the problem in as much detail as possible. In addition, if someone mentions a problem that we didn't specifically ask about, check "other" and describe the problem in as much detail as possible.

Q14 Are you or anyone else in your immediate family receiving ANY of the following government benefits?

Be sure to read each type of assistance and check all that apply. If someone says "yes" to one type of assistance, continue reading all the other types of assistance. If someone is not sure if they are receiving a specific type of assistance, e.g., they don't know if they are getting money from SSI/SSDI,

check "other" and describe the type of benefit they are receiving in as much detail as possible. Obviously, not all government benefits are listed, so be sure they understand that if they are receiving some other benefit, that it should be indicated under "other." If someone is receiving a benefit that you didn't mention, check "other" and describe it in as much detail as possible.

For your benefit, the acronyms stand for:

SSI: Supplemental Security Income

SSDI: Social Security Disability Benefits

TANF: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

Q15 What could have prevented your homelessness?

This question offers a number of options. If the respondent volunteers a prevention (or several preventions), the interviewer should look for the response, confirm with the respondent that it is accurate, and check it. Read all the possible responses even if the respondent volunteers one or several reasons. If you are not sure where to put someone's response, check "other reason" and write in their response in as much detail as possible.

Q16 In the past year (12 months), what services did you or anyone in your family use?

Again, this question offers a number of options. If the respondent volunteers a service (or several services), the interviewer should look for the response, confirm with the respondent that it is accurate, and check it. Read all the possible responses even if the respondent volunteers one or several responses. If you are not sure where to put someone's response, check "other" and write in their response in as much detail as possible. The response category "Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing" includes help getting vouchers or money to pay for eligible housing

Q17 In the past year (12 months), what services did you or anyone in your family need but could not get?

Again, this question offers a number of options. If the respondent volunteers a service (or several services), the interviewer should look for the response, confirm with the respondent that it is accurate, and check it. Read all the possible responses even if the respondent volunteers one or several responses. If you are not sure where to put someone's response, check "other" and write in their response in as much detail as possible. The response category "Help finding Section 8 or other permanent housing" includes help getting vouchers or money to pay for eligible housing

Q18 Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino?:

This question is independent of racial identification and is modeled after HUD's question regarding race and ethnicity.

Q19 Which one category best describes your racial background?:

Hispanics can be white, black or mixed. We want respondents to give the single best answer. If it isn't listed, they can put their race under "other." However, this question is intended to get at race, not ethnicity; for example, "Italian" or "Mexican" are ethnicities, not races.

EL DORADO COUNTY POINT-IN-TIME SHELTERED HOMELESS COUNT
CLIENTS SHELTERED FROM NOON, JUNE 16, 2008 TO NOON, JUNE 17, 2008

El Dorado County is conducting a count of all sheltered homeless persons (i.e., people without permanent housing) on the **night of June 16**. You can count any client sheltered at any time from June 16th, 12pm (noon) to June 17th, 12pm (noon). Please complete the following information for **all** of your programs that house homeless persons (i.e., people without permanent housing), and please complete **1 form per program**.

Note: This count conducted Monday night is in addition to the client surveys that will be conducted for the entire week, from June 15 (Sunday) through June 21 (Saturday).

Organization _____ Program _____

Type of Service Provided (Please check the one service that's most applicable):

- Emergency Housing Transitional Housing
 Alcohol/Other Drug Treatment

How many beds does your facility have that are dedicated to homeless people?

_____ Total beds for Single Adults
_____ Total beds for Adults (singles and those in families)

How many homeless people were served on the night of June 16th?

_____ Number of homeless families with children

_____ Number of persons in homeless families with kids

_____ Total number of adults

_____ Adult Males _____ Adult Females

_____ Total number of children (do not need to provide gender)

_____ Number of adult individuals (not in a couple) without children

_____ Adult Males _____ Adult Females

_____ Number of adult couples without children

_____ Adult Males _____ Adult Females

_____ Number of unaccompanied youth (14-24 years old)

Others (not included above):

How many people served on the night of June 16 fall into the following categories?

(1 person can count in more than 1 category. Count client in all categories that apply)

_____ Severely Mentally Ill _____ Chronic Substance Abuse _____ Veterans

_____ Persons with HIV/AIDS _____ Victims of Domestic Violence

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO DANIELLE@HOMEBASECCC.ORG OR FAX TO (415) 788-7965 BY JUNE 25, 2008.

Thank You for Your Cooperation!!

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WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR HOUSING INVENTORY

EL DORADO 2008

EL DORADO COUNTY PROVIDERS' SURVEY

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Agency name: _____

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Person who completed this survey: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

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HOUSING and SHELTER CURRENTLY PROVIDED or PLANNED

Who Should Complete This Section: Everyone who provides, or plans to provide shelter/housing for homeless people: including any emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent affordable and/or permanent supportive housing beds for HOMELESS people.

1. What housing or shelter project do you have ***under development?*** (Under development = projects that are *fully funded* but are not yet serving homeless people) Please provide the following information:

a. Provider Name

- b. Facility name
- c. City
- d. Population you intend to serve (see list below)
- e. Bed capacity
- f. Anticipated occupancy date for the project

2. What **New** housing or shelter beds do you have for homeless people? (New = new beds that became operational between February 1, 2006 and January 31, 2007). Please provide the following information:

- a. Provider Name
- b. Facility name
- c. City
- d. Population (see list below)
- e. Bed capacity (added between February 1, 2006 and January 31, 2007)
- f. If this project is permanent supportive housing, how many beds are designated for chronically homeless individuals or occupied by persons who met the definition of chronic homelessness at the time of placement in the PSH beds?
- g. If this project is permanent supportive housing, identify the cost of the new chronically homeless beds from each funding source.
 Federal: \$_____ from (please list source): _____
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SUBPOPULATIONS OF PEOPLE SHELTERED/ TRANSITIONALLY HOUSED

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Victims of Domestic Violence	
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**MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF
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Meetings for El Dorado Counts

Continuum of Care Meeting—12.13.08

Meeting with Sheriff, Placerville PD, and South Lake Tahoe Police—1.8.08

Cameron Park Training—1.15.08

Continuum of Care Meeting—1.15.08

South Lake Tahoe Training—1.16.08

Placerville Training—1.16.08

South Lake Tahoe—6.2.08

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Meetings to Discuss Homeless Count Results

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