

Community Health Improvement Plan | Addressing Homelessness

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ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

Vision: Ensure a safe place to live for everyone in our community

Background: Homelessness is defined as not having a regular nighttime residence; staying in a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or staying in a publicly-or-privately operated shelter.¹ Homelessness affects both physical and mental health and makes accessing health care more difficult.¹ As a result, people experiencing homelessness face significantly higher rates of poor health outcomes than those who are housed.²

Why This Is Important: As of 2022, 30% of all people in the United States experiencing homelessness resided in California, including half of all unsheltered people (115,491 in California; 233,832 in the United States).³

Renters in Sutter County need to earn \$21.25 per hour 1.4 times the state minimum wage to afford the average monthly asking rent of \$1,105.⁴

People experiencing homelessness are more likely to have substance use problems, mental and behavioral health conditions, physical disabilities, or chronic medical conditions and are more likely to be hospitalized and stay longer in the hospital.⁵



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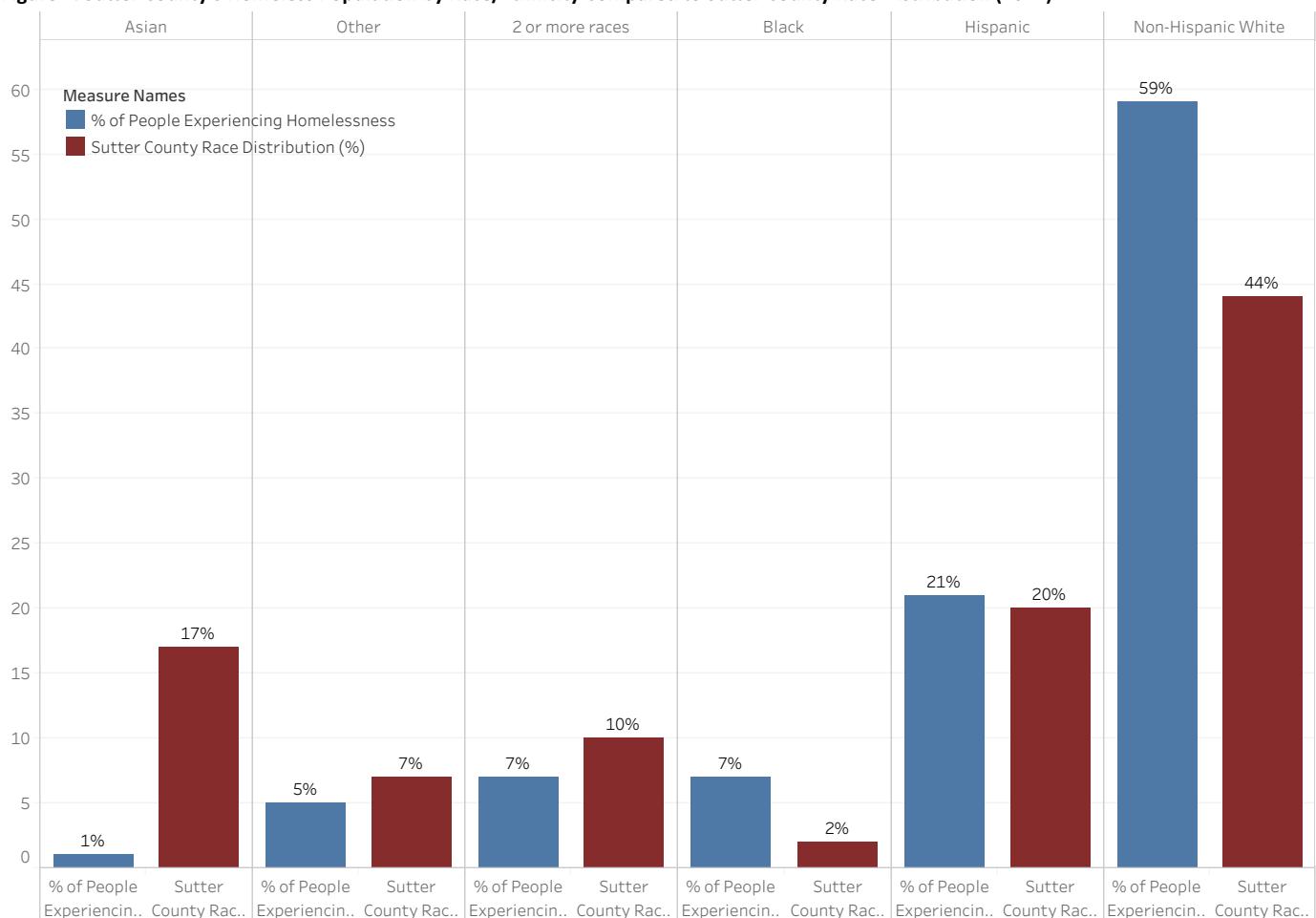
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Figure 1: Sutter County's Homeless Population by Race/Ethnicity Compared to Sutter County Race Distribution (2021)



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WORKGROUP PLAN: OBJECTIVE 1

Objective 1: By January 30, 2027, reduce the number of unsheltered individuals by 20% from the 2023 Point-in-Time Unsheltered Count

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS	LEAD ENTITIES	TARGET DATE	ANTICIPATED PRODUCT OR RESULT
Increase shelter bed capacity by at least 25%	Identify funding opportunities for additional shelter beds	Ampla Health, Harmony Health, Sutter Medical Foundation, Pea..	June 30, 2024	Funding to implement additional shelter beds identified
	Coordinate with Project Hope to implement sheltering services in Sutter County	Sutter-Yuba Homeless Consortium, Adventist Healt..	January 30, 2025	Number of shelter beds at Project Hope designated for Sutter County residents experiencing homelessness
	Develop sheltering services at Hands of Hope Day Center in Yuba City	Hands of Hope	January 30, 2026	Hands of Hope capacity is expanded to include shelter b..
	Expand the REST (Regional Emergency Shelter Team) program to offer year-round sheltering services and shelter beds	Regional Emergency Shelter Team (REST)	January 30, 2026	REST provides year-round shelter beds
Increase the utilization of existing shelter programs	Conduct outreach through the Homeless Engagement and Resolution (HEaRT) Team to increase the amount of engagement opportunities	Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health Homeless Engagement and Resolution Team ..	January 30, 2024	Increase in the number of engagement opportunities to those experiencing homelessness
	Reinstate Open Doors, or similar program, in Sutter County to provide services, resources, and additional engagement opportunities to increase utilization of shelter services	Sutter County Public Health	June 30, 2025	Open Doors, or similar program, reestablished to increase the number of events held for people experiencing homelessness

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WORKGROUP PLAN: OBJECTIVE 2

Objective 2: By January 30, 2027, decrease the number of people entering homelessness by 25% ..

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS	LEAD ENTITIES	TARGET DATE	ANTICIPATED PRODUCT OR RESULT
Increase prevention funding	Expand use of CalAIM funding to provide wrap-around services for those who are living in supportive housing to promote housing sus..	Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter	January 30, 2024	Increase in number of clients receiving CalAIM wrap around services
	Develop data collection system within Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) prevention program to collect prevention data that will inform future fundin..	Sutter-Yuba Homeless Consortium	January 30, 2024	HMIS program will collect data related to homelessness prevention including prevention need and utilizati..
	Seek and identify innovative or funding for pr..	Sutter-Yuba Homeless Consortium	June 30, 2025	Funding for prevention servic..
Advocate for housing vouchers available for prevention	Advocate to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the federal level to implement housing stability vouchers in Sutter County	Regional Housing Authority of Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, and Colusa Counties	December 30, 2023	Voucher advocacy is included as legislative priority
Enhance coordination between code enforcement and homeless services providers	Establish policy and process for engagement between homeless services providers and cod..	Creating Safe and Informed Communities Committee	June 30, 2024	Increase coordination between code enforcement and homel..
	Increase timely coordination between code enforcement and homeless service providers before individuals become homeless		January 30, 2025	Reduced timeline between initial contact by code enforcement and contact to h..
Promote resources to prevent homelessness	Provide outreach to the community regarding Sutter County homeless services programs	Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health, Creating Safe and Informed Commun..	September 30, 2023	Number of outreach activities conducted throughout the community
	Coordinate with California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) to develop resources and ad..	Sutter-Yuba Homeless Consortiu..	January 30, 2025	Strategy to promote resources to tenants' rights and legal re..

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Objective 3: By December 31, 2028, increase the number and variety of affordable permanent housing options in Sutter County by at least 100 units

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS	LEAD ENTITIES	TARGET DATE	ANTICIPATED PRODUCT OR RESULT
Ensure development of affordable housing units in Sutter County	Construct 32 affordable housing units in Live Oak	Regional Housing Authority of Sutter, Yuba..	December 1, 2023	32 affordable housing units are established
	Construct 217 unit affordable housing project "Merriment Villag..	Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter	Phase I: December 2024 ; Phase II: De..	217 units of Multi-Family Low Income Housing
	Construct 20 unit Senior Center "Tranquil Harbor Estates" in Yuba ..	Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter	June 30, 2025	20 unit Senior Center
	Identify funding to develop planned affordable housing units in Yuba City	Regional Housing Authority of Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, and Colu..	January 30, 2025	Funds are secured to develop planned affordable housing units
Advocate for development of alternative affordable housin..	Advocate for developing alternative housing types (mobile home parks, tiny houses, etc.) during countywide homeless planning meetings	Sutter-Yuba Homeless Consortium, RegionalHousing Authority, Yuba-Sutter..	September 30, 2023	Identify alternative affordable housing types is established as standing agenda item during countywide homeless planning me..
Implement housing trust and matching funds program	Identify mechanism for development fees to be allocated into a trust for developing afforda..	Regional Housing Authority of Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, and Colusa Counties	December 1, 2024	Mechanism for establishing housing trust program is identified to increase funding for affordable ho..
	Identify matching funds for housing trust funds in Sutter County throug..		December 1, 2025	Matching fund program is identified and implemented to increase fundi..
	Meet with Nevada County for best practices in identifying housing trust funds and matching programs		January 30, 2024	Hold meeting with Nevada County and identify their process for implementing housing trust funds ..