



Yolo County Homeless Count 2026

Homeless Count Report

January 27, 2026

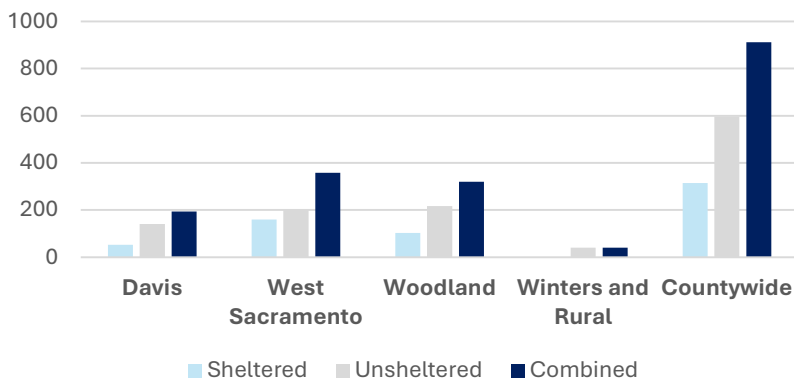
The Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition in collaboration with Yolo County and key Community Stakeholders conducted its 2026 Homeless Count on January 27, 2026. The Homeless Count, also known as the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, is a survey of individuals and families identified as experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness within the boundaries of Yolo County on a single night in January.

The 2026 count identified **912 people** experiencing homelessness on January 27, 2026. When considering the numbers in this report, it is important to recognize that they reflect only those persons identified as homeless within the county on a single day. Many individuals and families move in and out of homelessness during a year, meaning that the actual number of people experiencing homelessness in 2026 will be much higher than those included in this report.

Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Final Numbers by Jurisdiction

	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total Countywide
Sheltered	53	159	103	0	315
Unsheltered	141	199	217	40	597
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Homelessness by Comparison



Experiencing Homelessness per 10,000 Residents

Jurisdiction	2019	2022	2024	2026
Davis	27.2	27.9	24.9	29.8
West Sacramento	35.6	53.8	53.2	65.5
Woodland	39.5	44.4	68.6	52.6
Winters and Rural	9.06	3.2	18.0	9.6
Total Countywide	29.4	33.7	42.5	41.1

Homelessness Over Time (2009-2026)

Jurisdiction	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2022	2024	2026
Sheltered									
Davis	80	69	91	79	83	76	67	39	53
West Sacramento	29	19	39	87	87	107	185	105	159
Woodland	93	117	146	138	80	75	113	165	103
Winters and Rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Sheltered Total	202	205	276	304	250	258	368	309	315
Unsheltered									
Davis	34	48	23	52	63	114	114	123	141
West Sacramento	201	173	126	80	87	85	99	184	199
Woodland	52	34	40	54	51	163	154	251	217
Winters and Rural	2	8	9	8	8	35	11	75	40
Unsheltered Total	289	263	198	194	209	397	378	633	597
Combined									
Davis	114	117	114	131	146	190	181	162	194
West Sacramento	230	192	165	167	174	192	284	289	358
Woodland	145	151	186	192	131	238	267	416	320
Winters and Rural	2	8	9	8	8	35	14	75	40
Combined Total	491	468	474	498	459	655	746	942	912

Homelessness trends across Yolo County jurisdictions from 2009 to 2026. While the 2026 count shows a slight decrease from 2024 (942 to 912, down 3.2%), the overall trend since 2019 demonstrates a 39.2% increase in total homelessness countywide.

Demographics

Age

Age Group	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total Countywide
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Children 0-17	15	10	11	0	36
Young Adults 18-24	3	11	8	0	22
Adults 25-34	12	13	10	0	35
Adults 35-44	12	27	20	0	59
Adults 45-54	7	33	12	0	52
Older Adults 55-64	3	32	30	0	65
Older Adults 65+	1	9	12	0	22
Unknown	0	24	0	0	24
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Children 0-17	0	2	0	0	2
Young Adults 18-24	0	1	1	1	3
Adults 25-34	84	146	24	5	259
Adults 35-44	30	46	52	11	139
Adults 45-54	0	0	64	6	70
Older Adults 55-64	0	0	38	7	45
Older Adults 65+	0	0	22	3	25
Unknown	27	4	16	7	54
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597

Age (cont.)

Combined

Children 0-17	15	12	11	0	38
Young Adults 18-24	3	12	9	1	25
Adults 25-34	96	159	34	5	294
Adults 35-44	42	73	72	11	198
Adults 45-54	7	33	76	6	122
Older Adults 55- 64	3	32	68	7	110
Older Adults 65+	1	9	34	3	47
Unknown	27	28	16	7	78
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Age distribution of homeless population in 2026

Key findings:

- Children (0-17): **38** individuals (**4.2%**)
- Young Adults (18-24): **25** individuals (**2.7%**)
- Adults (25+): **771** individuals (**84.5%**)
- Unknown: **78** individuals (**8.6%**)

Household Status

Household Type	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total Countywide
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Sheltered - Persons

In Households w Children	25	18	21	0	64
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Household Status (Cont.)

In Households wo Children	28	141	82	0	251
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered - Persons</u>					
In Households w Children	0	9	0	0	9
In Households wo Children	141	190	217	40	588
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined - Persons</u>					
In Households w Children	25	27	21	0	73
In Households wo Children	169	331	299	40	839
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Household composition by persons

Household Type	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total Countywide
<u>Sheltered - Households</u>					
Households of 1 wo Children	24	141	81	0	246
Households of 2+ w Children	15	18	22	0	55
Households of 2+ wo Children	14	0	0	0	14
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered - Households</u>					
Households of 1 wo Children	136	182	197	40	555
Households of 2+ w Children	0	2	0	0	2
Households of 2+ wo Children	5	15	20	0	40
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597

Household Status (Cont.)

Combined - Households

Households of 1 wo Children	160	323	278	40	801
Households of 2+ w Children	15	20	22	0	57
Households of 2+ wo Children	19	15	20	0	54
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Household composition by household type

Gender Identity

Gender	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total Countywide
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Female	18	86	42	0	146
Male	33	70	61	0	164
Transgender	1	1	0	0	2
Non-Binary	1	1	0	0	2
Questioning	0	1	0	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Female	26	60	51	12	149
Male	82	117	145	21	365
Transgender	0	2	1	0	3
Non-Binary	0	1	2	1	4
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	33	19	18	6	76
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Female	44	146	93	12	295

Gender Identity (Cont.)

Male	115	187	206	21	529
Transgender	1	3	1	0	5
Non-Binary	1	2	2	1	6
Questioning	0	1	0	0	1
Unknown	33	19	18	6	76
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Gender identity distribution (2026)

Key findings:

- Female: **295 (32.3%)**
- Male: **529 (58.0%)**
- Transgender: **5 (0.5%)**
- Non-Binary: **6 (0.7%)**
- Questioning: **1 (0.1%)**
- Unknown: **76 (8.3%)**

Veteran Status

Veteran Status	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total Countywide
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	1	2	2	0	5
No	30	147	90	0	267
Unknown	22	10	11	0	43
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	6	11	8	4	29
No	104	184	195	30	513
Unknown	31	4	14	6	55
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597

Veteran Status (Cont.)

Combined

Yes	7	13	10	4	34
No	134	331	285	30	780
Unknown	53	14	25	6	98
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Veteran status among homeless population

Veterans represent 3.7% of the total homeless population (34 individuals).

Pregnancy Status

Pregnant	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total Countywide
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	1	0	2	0	3
No	52	159	101	0	312
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	0	3	3	2	8
No	108	196	190	32	526
Unknown	33	0	24	6	63
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	1	3	5	2	11
No	160	355	291	32	838
Unknown	33	0	24	6	63
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Pregnancy status of homeless individuals

Eleven (11) pregnant individuals were identified during the count (1.2% of total population).

Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Combined
American Indian/Alaska Native	6 (1.9%)	21 (3.5%)	27 (3.0%)
Asian or Asian American	6 (1.9%)	14 (2.3%)	20 (2.2%)
Black, African American, or African	55 (17.5%)	68 (11.4%)	123 (13.5%)
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	49 (15.6%)	134 (22.4%)	183 (20.1%)
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2 (0.6%)	11 (1.8%)	13 (1.4%)
White	140 (44.4%)	273 (45.7%)	413 (45.3%)
White Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0 (0.0%)	4 (0.7%)	4 (0.4%)
Multiple Races	52 (16.5%)	23 (3.9%)	75 (8.2%)
Unknown	5 (1.6%)	49 (8.2%)	54 (5.9%)
Total	315	597	912

Racial and ethnic composition of homeless population in 2026

Ethnicity	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Combined
Hispanic/Latino	49 (15.6%)	134 (22.4%)	183 (20.1%)
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	261 (82.9%)	417 (69.8%)	678 (74.3%)
Unknown	5 (1.6%)	46 (7.7%)	51 (5.6%)
Total	315	597	912

Ethnicity distribution

Homeless Status and Location

Sleeping Location

Location Type	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Emergency Shelter (Year-Round)	36	159	81	0	276
Emergency Shelter (Seasonal)	7	0	0	0	7
Emergency Shelter (Hotel/Motel)	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing	10	0	22	0	32
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Abandoned Building	1	0	0	1	2
Building not meant for Sleeping	5	0	0	1	6
Outside	71	170	150	18	409
Car, Camper, RV (no hookups)	14	13	33	8	68
Someone Else's Home (outside)	10	0	15	8	33
Institution (released after midnight)	0	0	2	0	2
Hospital	0	0	1	0	1
Motel (agency paid, homeless)	0	0	1	0	1
Motel (self paid)	0	0	2	0	2
Unknown	40	16	13	4	73
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597

Primary sleeping locations on count night

Sleeping Locations (Cont.)

Key findings:

- **68.5%** living outside in locations not meant for human habitation
- **34.5%** in emergency shelters
- **3.5%** in transitional housing
- **7.5%** in vehicles (cars, RVs, campers)

History of Homelessness in Yolo County (Unsheltered Only)

Reason for Coming to Yolo County

Reason	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
Affordable Housing	1	5	2	2	10
Family Here	20	64	51	6	141
Friends Here	15	39	7	1	62
Good Social Services	3	4	12	2	21
Grew Up Here	51	40	78	9	178
School	2	0	2	0	4
Work	2	9	2	3	16
Other	19	38	47	10	114
Unknown	28	0	16	7	51
Total	141	199	217	40	597

Primary reasons unsheltered individuals came to Yolo County

The most common reasons were:

- Grew up here: **178 (29.8%)**
- Family here: **141 (23.6%)**
- Friends here: **62 (10.4%)**

Where Lived Immediately Prior to Yolo County

Prior Location	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
Lived in Yolo County All Life	30	4	10	3	47
Sacramento	28	97	27	8	160
Other CA	49	59	92	19	219
Other State	6	24	26	3	59
Other Country	1	4	6	0	11
Unknown	27	11	56	7	101
Total	141	199	217	40	597

Where unsheltered individuals lived immediately before coming to Yolo County

Key findings:

- **36.7%** came from other California locations
- **26.8%** came from Sacramento
- **7.9%** lived in Yolo County their entire life

Length of Stay in Yolo County

Length of Stay	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
Less than 1 Year	9	22	13	5	49
1-3 years	15	42	19	4	80
4-6 years	9	25	29	7	70
7-10 years	10	12	17	7	46
11-13 years	2	7	12	0	21
14-20 years	28	40	49	3	120
21-29 years	0	0	0	0	0
30+ years	35	33	63	7	138
Unknown	33	18	15	7	73
Total	141	199	217	40	597

Length of Stay (Cont.)

Length of time unsheltered individuals have lived in Yolo County

Key findings:

- **23.1%** have lived in Yolo County for 30+ years
- **20.1%** have lived in Yolo County for 14-20 years
- Only **8.2%** have been in Yolo County less than 1 year

Chronic Homelessness (Adults Only)

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers an individual to be Chronically Homeless when: (1) the individual has been homeless for at least 12 consecutive months, or homeless on at least 4 separate occasions, totaling 12 months or more, within the last 3 years; AND (2) can be diagnosed with PTSD, a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, a developmental disability, or a cognitive or physical illness or disability.

Long-Term Homeless (at least 1 year)

Long-Term Homeless	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	4	3	1	0	8
No	8	133	80	0	221
Unknown	41	23	22	0	86
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	52	102	92	11	257
No	3	1	19	29	52
Unknown	86	96	106	0	288
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	56	105	93	11	265
No	11	134	99	29	273
Unknown	127	119	128	0	374
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Frequently Homeless (at least 4 occasions in last 3 years)

Frequently Homeless	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	5	3	1	0	9
No	35	147	93	0	275
Unknown	13	9	9	0	31
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	60	103	98	12	273
No	49	76	96	23	244
Unknown	32	20	23	5	80
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	65	106	99	12	282
No	84	223	189	23	519
Unknown	45	29	32	5	111
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Chronically Homeless per HUD Definition

Chronically Homeless	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	31	96	33	0	160
No	14	54	70	0	138
Unknown	8	9	0	0	17
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315

Chronically Homeless (Cont.)

Unsheltered

Yes	93	171	139	29	432
No	16	10	62	4	92
Unknown	32	18	16	7	73
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597

Combined

Yes	124	267	172	29	592
No	30	64	132	4	230
Unknown	40	27	16	7	90
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

592 individuals (64.9%) meet HUD's definition of chronic homelessness, indicating significant long-term challenges and disabilities among the homeless population.

Health Status (Adults Only)

Questions related to Health Status were only asked of adults experiencing both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. It is important to note that since the data is self-reported, percentages likely underestimate true prevalence for all health status categories.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

PTSD	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	4	1	0	0	5
No	34	12	13	0	59
Unknown	15	146	90	0	251
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	40	75	59	19	193
No	69	101	132	21	323

PTSD (Cont.)

Unknown	32	23	26	0	81
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	44	76	59	19	198
No	103	113	145	21	382
Unknown	47	169	116	0	332
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

198 adults (21.7%) self-reported having PTSD.

Serious Mental Illness (SMI)

SMI	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	9	67	46	0	122
No	26	74	43	0	143
Unknown	18	18	14	0	50
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	21	65	39	9	134
No	75	112	147	23	357
Unknown	45	22	31	8	106
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	30	132	85	9	256
No	101	186	190	23	500
Unknown	63	40	45	8	156
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

256 adults (28.1%) self-reported having a serious mental illness.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

SUD	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
Sheltered					
Yes	13	57	26	0	96
No	24	87	65	0	176
Unknown	16	15	12	0	43
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
Unsheltered					
Yes	47	83	63	17	210
No	58	92	130	15	295
Unknown	36	24	24	8	92
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
Combined					
Yes	60	140	89	17	306
No	82	179	195	15	471
Unknown	52	39	36	8	135
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

*Self-reported substance use disorder among homeless adults
306 adults (33.6%) self-reported having a substance use disorder.*

Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (COD)

COD	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
Sheltered					
Yes	3	34	21	0	58
No	17	54	38	0	109
Unknown	33	71	44	0	148

COD (Cont.)

Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	15	37	27	7	86
No	15	67	114	12	208
Unknown	111	95	76	21	303
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	18	71	48	7	144
No	32	121	152	12	317
Unknown	144	166	120	21	451
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

144 adults (15.8%) self-reported having co-occurring disorders.

Developmental Disability

Developmental Disability	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	12	29	6	0	47
No	23	113	84	0	220
Unknown	18	17	13	0	48
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	22	52	23	12	109
No	84	125	168	20	397
Unknown	35	22	26	8	91
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	34	81	29	12	156

Developmental Disability (Cont.)

No	107	238	252	20	617
Unknown	53	39	39	8	139
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

156 adults (17.1%) self-reported having a developmental disability.

Physical Illness or Disability

Physical Illness/Disability	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	10	54	33	0	97
No	27	89	58	0	174
Unknown	16	16	12	0	44
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	36	66	42	13	157
No	73	110	150	20	353
Unknown	32	23	25	7	87
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	46	120	75	13	254
No	100	199	208	20	527
Unknown	48	39	37	7	131
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

254 adults (27.9%) self-reported having a physical illness or disability.

Disability Benefits

Disability Benefits	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	1	34	21	0	56
No	30	113	71	0	214
Unknown	22	12	11	0	45
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	15	36	25	6	82
No	94	143	168	27	432
Unknown	32	20	24	7	83
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	16	70	46	6	138
No	124	256	239	27	646
Unknown	54	32	35	7	128
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

138 adults (15.1%) reported receiving disability benefits.

Personal Information and Barriers to Housing (Adults Only)

Income

Has Income	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	19	60	39	0	118

Income (Cont.)

No	19	85	53	0	157
Unknown	15	14	11	0	40
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	24	39	27	7	97
No	85	140	165	26	416
Unknown	32	20	25	7	84
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	43	99	66	7	215
No	104	225	218	26	573
Unknown	47	34	36	7	124
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Only 23.6% (215 individuals) reported having any income.

Eviction History

Eviction	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	3	1	2	0	6
No	28	16	12	0	56
Unknown	22	142	89	0	253
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	36	50	42	11	139
No	73	129	159	22	383
Unknown	32	20	16	7	75
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597

Eviction (Cont.)

Combined

Yes	39	51	44	11	145
No	101	145	171	22	439
Unknown	54	162	105	7	328
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

145 adults (15.9%) reported having been evicted.

Criminal Conviction History

Criminal Conviction	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	12	0	2	0	14
No	19	17	12	0	48
Unknown	22	142	89	0	253
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	66	80	86	20	252
No	43	99	115	13	270
Unknown	32	20	16	7	75
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	78	80	88	20	266
No	62	116	127	13	318
Unknown	54	162	105	7	328
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

266 adults (29.2%) reported having a criminal conviction history.

Foster Care History

Foster Care	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	4	0	0	0	4
No	27	17	14	0	58
Unknown	22	142	89	0	253
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	13	38	19	4	74
No	96	141	182	29	448
Unknown	32	20	16	7	75
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	17	38	19	4	78
No	123	158	196	29	506
Unknown	54	162	105	7	328
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

78 adults (8.6%) reported having been in foster care.

Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence (Ever)	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	7	59	26	0	92
No	29	86	66	0	181
Unknown	17	14	11	0	42
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315

Domestic Violence (Cont.)

Unsheltered

Yes	22	60	36	11	129
No	87	119	157	22	385
Unknown	32	20	24	7	83
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597

Combined

Yes	29	119	62	11	221
No	116	205	223	22	566
Unknown	49	34	35	7	125
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Homeless Due to Fleeing DV	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	2	18	7	0	27
No	34	129	85	0	248
Unknown	17	12	11	0	40
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	9	20	19	6	54
No	98	157	174	27	456
Unknown	34	22	24	7	87
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	11	38	26	6	81
No	132	286	259	27	704
Unknown	51	34	35	7	127
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

Fleeing DV (Cont.)

Key findings:

- **221 adults (24.2%)** reported ever experiencing domestic violence
- **81 adults (8.9%)** reported being homeless specifically because of fleeing domestic violence

Animal Ownership

Has Pet/Animal	Davis	West Sacramento	Woodland	Winters and Rural	Total
<u>Sheltered</u>					
Yes	6	0	0	0	6
No	32	17	14	0	63
Unknown	15	142	89	0	246
Sheltered Total	53	159	103	0	315
<u>Unsheltered</u>					
Yes	24	76	28	17	145
No	85	103	173	16	377
Unknown	32	20	16	7	75
Unsheltered Total	141	199	217	40	597
<u>Combined</u>					
Yes	30	76	28	17	151
No	117	120	187	16	440
Unknown	47	162	105	7	321
Combined Total	194	358	320	40	912

151 individuals (16.6%) reported having pets or animals with them.

Appendix A: Background and After-Action Report

Background

The Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition conducted its 2026 Homeless Count on January 27, 2026. The Homeless Count, also known as the Point-in-Time Count, is a survey of individuals and families identified as experiencing sheltered or unsheltered homelessness within the boundaries of Yolo County on a single night in January.

In 2026, both sheltered and unsheltered counts were conducted as required by HUD. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that CoCs conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens. CoCs must also conduct a count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in even-numbered years.

Reasons for Conducting the Count

The PIT Count helps inform federal, state, and local decision-making and resource allocation to effectively address homelessness. In addition to allowing the community to secure grant funding from HUD, the count data can be used when applying for funding from other sources, provides detailed information on the demographics and needs of people experiencing homelessness in Yolo, and allows homeless service providers in Yolo to target their services to meet the specific needs of those they serve.

Scheduling the Count

HUD requires that all communities conduct the count on a single night during the last ten days of January, to allow for consistency in comparing count data across communities. Yolo County selected January 27, 2026, within the required timeframe.

Definition of Homelessness

HUD has developed a definition of homelessness that guides our count activities. A person is considered homeless only when they are:

- Living in places not meant for human habitation (streets, cars, parks, abandoned buildings)
- Living in an emergency shelter
- Living in transitional housing for the homeless but originally came from the streets or an emergency shelter
- Staying in a motel paid for by a public or private agency because the person or family is homeless

Anyone who does not meet this definition cannot be included in the count data reported to HUD.

Count Date and Methodology (Census Counting/Surveying)

The Count is a nationwide count of people experiencing homelessness conducted by Continuums of Care (CoCs) in the United States. It aims to estimate the size of the homeless population on a single night, with CoCs required to conduct both sheltered and unsheltered counts. The **Census Counting/Surveying** aspect involves using various methodologies, including inperson surveys and administrative data, to gather accurate data on homelessness. CoCs must ensure their PIT count practices meet HUD's minimum standards and regularly review their methodologies to improve data quality and consistency.

Most individuals counted this way were those who had been sheltered in Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing on the night of January 27, 2026.

To avoid double counting, enumerators collected initials as well as birth month and year of each participant. While not personally identifying, the information helps to flag potential duplicates post-count.

Methodology:

Yolo County's approach consisting of:

- **Complete Census Count:** Teams of enumerators canvassed Yolo County's entire geography and searched for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- **Known Location Count:** Identified locations where there were known encampments and sent enumerators there
- **Service-Based Count:** Placed enumerators at social service centers and other locations where persons experiencing homelessness may access assistance

Survey, Forms, and Data

In 2026, HPAC utilized electronic survey forms completed using Survey 123. Yolo County's geographic information system (GIS) manager worked with HPAC to create the electronic survey and offer training on how to complete the surveys.

Sheltered data from the survey was combined with sheltered data from HMIS to complete the required HUD PIT report. The intent was to decrease work time for providers and enumerators and to negate duplication of efforts by not requiring surveys for data that can be obtained through HMIS reports.

For 2026, the data represented in the Winters and Rural area includes any geocode that falls outside the city limits within Yolo County. Therefore, any individual survey completed outside the three major jurisdictions' city limits would be considered in the Winters/Rural count. The Winters/Rural count includes all small cities in Yolo County.

County staff completed data review, cleanup, and created and submitted the HUD count report. The reports required by HUD were reviewed by HPAC prior to submission.

Communications and Training

Training was provided to individuals assisting with conducting the 2026 Homeless Count to ensure consistent messaging among providers and enumerators about the count purpose and to secure assistance in the count effort.

Appendix B: Data Tables

All detailed data tables are presented in the body of this report above.

Conclusion

The 2026 Yolo County Homeless Count identified 912 individuals experiencing homelessness on January 27, 2026. While this represents a slight decrease from the 2024 count (942 individuals), it demonstrates the ongoing significant need for homeless services and housing solutions in Yolo County.

Key findings include:

- 65.4% of individuals were unsheltered (597 people)
- 34.6% were in sheltered locations (315 people)
- 64.9% meet HUD's definition of chronic homelessness (592 people)
- West Sacramento saw a significant increase (289 in 2024 to 358 in 2026, up 23.9%)
- Woodland experienced a decrease (416 in 2024 to 320 in 2026, down 23.1%)
- Davis increased moderately (162 in 2024 to 194 in 2026, up 19.8%)
- Winters and Rural areas decreased significantly (75 in 2024 to 40 in 2026, down 46.7%)

The count demonstrates the critical need for continued investment in homeless prevention, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing solutions across Yolo County. The high percentage of chronically homeless individuals with disabilities underscores the importance of coordinated mental health, substance use treatment, and supportive services.

The innovative approaches used in West Sacramento, including extensive pre-planning with GIS mapping, coordinated team deployment, and technology-assisted methods, provide a model for future counts and ongoing homeless outreach efforts.