

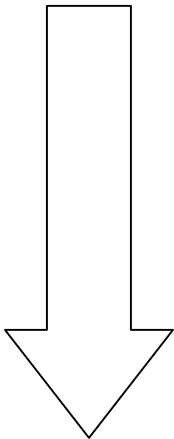
January 30, 2008 Annual Homeless Survey

Purpose: To gather data about the nature of Merced's homeless population. This helps the area non-profits, churches and government agencies to determine what types of services are most necessary for our area. Gathering this data is also necessary for Merced County's service providers to apply for grants. It is a requirement for the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care grant program.

Methodology: Volunteers from churches, non-profits, and Merced County Association of Governments spread out at service locations (Sierra Presbyterian, Salvation Army breakfast, the Rescue Mission and COTS) on January 30th and sat down to interview 104 homeless individuals. The interviews were voluntary and anonymous.

Estimated number of homeless in Merced County: 2,641. This number is based on a formula developed by the Urban Institute.

Survey Results are located on the next page – Please scroll down to the next page.



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Queries	Results	Estimate	2008	2007	2006	2005 (est.)
	104					
Estimated number of homeless in Merced County		2641				
How many of the respondents are chronically homeless?	39	990	38%	29%	26%	21%
Gender						
How many of the respondents are female?	22	559	21%	19%	36%	
How many of the respondents are male?	82	2082	79%	81%	63%	
How many of the respondents are transgender female?	0	0	0%			
How many of the respondents are transgender male?	0	0	0%			
Age						
How many of the respondents are 18-24	3					
How many of the respondents are 25-35	18	457	17%	17%	23%	
How many of the respondents are 36-50	54	1371	52%	44%	52%	
How many of the respondents are 51-64	27	686	26%	33%	18%	
How many of the respondents are 65 and over?	0	0	0%	5%	2%	
Children						
How many respondents have minor children?	38	965	37%	34%	24%	
# of minor children homeless in Merced County?	4	102	4%		6%	27%
How many of the total are veterans?	7	178	7%	15%	17%	9%
How many stayed in Emergency, Transitional or Permanent Supportive Housing?	56	1422	54%	47%	66%	
Education						
Level of education - Grade School	10	254	10%	15%	24%	
Level of education - Some High School	29	736	28%			
Level of education - High School/GED	34	863	33%	56%	51%	
Level of education - Some College	24	609	23%	14%	18%	
Level of education - College Graduate	6	152	6%	9%	3%	
Level of education - Never Attended School	0	0	0%	2%	0%	
Disabilities						
Disability - Physical	29	736	28%	34%	38%	
Disability - Mental	20	508	19%	18%	27%	
Disability - Substance Abuse	13	330	13%	11%	21%	
Disability - PTSD	10	254	10%	11%	11%	
Disability - HIV	0	0	0%	1%		
Disability - Dual Diagnoses	4	102	4%	6%	13%	
Disability - None	33	838	32%	40%	34%	
Disability - Other	5	127	5%	12%	6%	
More than one disability reported	17	432	16%	24%	32%	
Victim of Domestic Violence						
Female DV victim	17	432	16%	3%	13%	
Male DV victim	1	25	1%	5%	5%	
How many of the respondents have been incarcerated?	78	1981	75%	58%	57%	

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Factors contributing to homelessness? (Descending order)						
Lost job/unemployment	55	1397	53%	57%	52%	
High cost of housing/rent	39	990	38%	51%	63%	
Physical disability	28	711	27%	28%	27%	
Housing eviction	22	559	21%	18%	19%	
Poor credit	21	533	20%	22%		
Released from jail or prison	21	533	20%	18%	18%	
Alcohol or drug problems	20	508	19%	26%	28%	
Illness/medical problem	20	508	19%	19%	27%	
Lost or can't obtain welfare or disability	19	482	18%	14%	28%	
Break up, divorce or separation	18	457	17%	19%	25%	
Mental health problems	13	330	13%	12%	14%	
Family violence	13	330	13%	10%	12%	
Left/ran away from home	11	279	11%	5%	7%	
Parolee with restrictions	11	279	11%			
Foreclosure	5	127	5%			
Choose to be homeless	5	127	5%			
Released from hospital	4	102	4%	6%	2%	
Other	0	0	0%	10%		
Left foster care	0	0	0%	0%	1%	
Services Needed? (Descending order)						
Food/hot meals	76	1930	73%	78%	71%	
Housing assistance	73	1854	70%	68%	58%	
Health care	65	1651	63%	66%	57%	
Dental care	61	1549	59%	61%	71%	
Transportation	51	1295	49%	59%	47%	
Employment assistance	48	1219	46%	52%	51%	
Vision care	47	1194	45%	48%		
Job training	41	1041	39%	37%	42%	
Education	25	635	24%	27%	24%	
Life skills training	23	584	22%	20%	22%	
Legal	22	559	21%	17%	21%	
Mental health care	14	356	13%	17%	15%	
Substance abuse treatment	12	305	12%	13%	20%	
Child care	5	127	5%	2%	1%	
Prenatal care	3	76	3%	1%	2%	
Services unable to access? (Descending order)						
Housing assistance	44	1117	42%	46%	55%	
Dental care	37	940	36%	45%	47%	
Vision care	30	762	29%	41%	37%	
Employment assistance	26	660	25%	39%		
Job training	25	635	24%	29%	34%	
Transportation	24	609	23%	40%	40%	
Health care	17	432	16%	48%	43%	
Legal	15	381	14%	19%	24%	
Food/hot meals	9	229	9%	34%	35%	
Life skills training	8	203	8%	11%	16%	
Education	5	127	5%	19%	21%	
Substance abuse treatment	5	127	5%	12%	14%	
Mental health care	5	127	5%	10%	15%	
Child care	3	76	3%	1%	1%	
Prenatal care	3	76	3%	1%	0%	
How many of the respondents are employed?	10	254	10%	9%	15%	
Monthly income?						
\$0	67	1701	64%			
\$1-\$850	24	609	23%	87%	89%	
\$851-\$1400	8	203	8%	8%	5%	
\$1401-\$2290	1	25	1%	1%	1%	
over \$2291	0	0	0%	0%	0%	

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Queries	Results	Estimate	2008	2007	2006	2005 (est.)
Race / Ethnicity						
White / Caucasian	47	1194	45%			
Black	15	381	14%			
Hispanic	33	838	32%			
Asian / Pacific Islander	1	25	1%			
American Indian / Alaskan Native	8	203	8%			
Medical						
How many respondents would access a mobile medical clinic?	86	2184	83%			
How many respondents are sexually active?	50	1270	48%			
How many respondents have access to protection?	40	1016	38%			
How many respondents suffer from asthma?	17	432	16%			
How many respondents suffer from diabetes?	5	127	5%			
How many respondents suffer from high blood pressure?	24	609	23%			
How many respondents do not have access to clean needles for drug use?	27	686	26%			
How many respondents use tobacco?	70	1778	67%			
How many respondents use tobacco and wish to quit?	43	1092	41%			