



Tuesday October 13, 2026, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

NEW MEETING PLACE

Adelanto Stadium. 12000 Stadium Way,
Adelanto, CA 92301.

To address the High Desert Regional Committee (Committee) regarding an item on the agenda, or an item within its jurisdiction but not on the agenda, please complete and submit a Public Comment Request form. Requests must be submitted before the item is called for consideration. Speakers may address the committee for up to three (3) minutes on Public Comment, up to three (3) minutes on each item on the Discussion agenda, and up to three (3) minutes on the Consent Calendar.

MEETING AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Roll Call D. Round Table Introductions (Name and Organization)	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson and Amanda Uptegrove Co-Chairs
PUBLIC COMMENT	
E. Any member of the public may address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.	
CONSENT CALENDAR	
F. Approve Special Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026.	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson
PRESENTATIONS (15 mins)	
G. Receive a presentation and update on the Family Assistance Program Transitional Age Homes (TAY). H. Receive a presentation and discuss the Homeless Strategic Plan for the High Desert region. I. Receive a presentation and update from the following regional providers on their Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Rounds 4 and 5 awards: 1. City of Victorville (HHAP 4 & 5) 2. Go-Go Barstow 3. Family Assistance Program – High Desert Homeless Services – (HHAP 5) 4. Symba Center –(HHAP 4) 5. New Life Fellowship - 6. Inland Housing Solutions (HHAP 5)	Darryl Evey Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson 1. William Lamas 2. Elizabeth Givins 3. Jimmy Waldron 4. Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson 5. Ron/Rose Bearshear 6. Marisela Manzo
DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)	
No Discussion Items	

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CLOSING

J. Individual Committee Member Comments (3 mins. each) or at the end of the agenda under closing.

- a. City of Adelanto
- b. Town of Apple Valley
- c. City of Barstow
- d. City of Hesperia
- e. 1st Board of Supervisor District Representative
- f. Family Assistance program
- g. GoGo Barstow
- h. High Desert Homeless Services
- i. Moses House
- j. Symba Center
- k. Victor Valley Family Resource Center (VVFRC)

- a. Amanda U.
- b. Kanisha W.
- c. Maribel H./D
- d. Melinda S.
- e. Samuel S.
- f. Shannon W.
- g. Elizabeth G.
- h. Michael G./D
- i. Dawn Q.
- j. Antoinette J.
- k. Sharon G

K. Adjournment

Next Meeting will be on

November 10, 2026

2:00pm – 4:00pm

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Minutes for High Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting

September 8, 2026

2:00pm – 4:00pm

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Minutes were recorded the City of Victorville and transcribed by Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson, Co-Chair Special Projects Advisor, Symba Center

TOPIC	PRESENTER	OPENING REMARKS
Call to Order	Amanda Uptergrove	The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm
Roll Call		The following Committee Members or their alternates were present at the meeting: ➤ Amanda Uptergrove, City of Adelanto ➤ Terry Harmon, GoGo Barstow ➤ Sam Shoup, Supervisor Paul Cook's Office ➤ Dawn Quigg, Moses House Ministries ➤ Jimmy Waldron, High Desert Homeless Services ➤ Shannon Waldron, Family Assistance Program ➤ Kanisha Withers – Town of Apple Valley ➤ Antoinette Jackson – Symba arrived 30 minutes late. Members absent:, Melinda Sayers, City of Hesperia, Mike Catalano – Sheriff's HOPE Team/INNROADS, Sharon Green, VVFR
		ROOL CALL & INTRODCUTIONS
		The Chair opened the floor introductions of all members: ➤ William Lamas, City of Victorville ➤ Kim Williams, Step Up on Second ➤ Israel Riley, O'Reilly Auto Salvage ➤ Gail Maddox, United Way 211 ➤ Nancy Mercer – Inland Housing Solutions ➤ Eugene Butticci, Desert Manna ➤ Za Zette Scott, Family Assistance Program ➤ Demarius Carmichael, San Bernardino County Veterans Affairs ➤ Angela Pascoe, New Hope Village

		➤ Izamar Garcia-Betancourt, Children's Fund ➤ Red Lob, River's Edge Ranch ➤ Aziza Manuel, CES Program Manager ➤ Liliamara Marzette, Chosen Voices Nonprofit ➤ Georgina Mata, River's Edge Ranch ➤ Benjamin Jones – Benjamin E Jones Community Resource Center ➤ Rose/Ron Beardshear – New Life Fellowship Organizations provided brief updates regarding services and programs: ➤ Youth Empowerment Center (YES Center), Barstow announced its upcoming launch, offering youth-focused programs including job readiness, culinary skills, computer access, financial literacy, and therapeutic services. ➤ US VETS reported successfully housing several veterans experiencing homelessness. ➤ Hurting Women's Ministry/Alice's Closet shared available domestic violence and human trafficking advocacy, housing, clothing, and resource services. ➤ Chosen Voices Nonprofit highlighted crisis intervention, family advocacy, medical enrollment, food distribution, and harm reduction services. ➤ Seed and Shelter (Barstow) reported ongoing food distribution and housing support services. ➤ Benjamin E. Jones Community Resource Center announced an upcoming food distribution event in Hesperia. ➤ Lighthouse Social Service Centers reported accepting referrals for family stabilization services, including rental assistance and security deposits.
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		PUBLIC COMMENT
	Amanda Uptergrove	The Chair opened the floor to Public Comments: No public comments
		CONSENT ITEMS
Meeting Minutes	Amanda Uptergrove	➤ Jonathan Shelton" corrected to Jonathan Corral, representing Seed and Shelter.
Nomination of Secretary	Nettie Jackson	➤ Apple Valley representative name corrected from "Yvette" to Evette. ➤ Nettie Jackson opened nominations for Secretary.

		❖ Kenisha (Town of Apple Valley) was nominated. No further nominations were received. Vote Motion carried unanimously. Result: Kenisha was appointed as the new HDRSC Secretary.
	PRESENTER	PRESENTATIONS
CARE Court	William Lamas – City of Victorville	Mr. Lamas provided an overview of California's Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court program. Highlights • CARE Court serves adults experiencing serious mental illness, primarily schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. • Family members, first responders, hospitals, homeless service providers, and outreach workers may petition the court. • CARE Court is intended as a proactive intervention before an individual reaches crisis levels requiring a 5150 hold. • The process creates a pathway for: ○ Behavioral health assessments ○ Housing assistance ○ Mental health treatment ○ Medication management ○ Wraparound supportive services Mr. Lamas emphasized that: • CARE Court is not punitive. • Participation is collaborative and supported by legal representation and peer support. • Court proceedings may be attended virtually. • Cases receive increased prioritization from Behavioral Health. Community Discussion Questions and concerns were raised regarding: ➤ Barriers to engaging individuals with severe mental illness. ➤ The practicality of requiring court involvement. ➤ Potential burdens on family members and providers. ➤ Accountability within Behavioral Health services. ➤ Administrative complexities are associated with filing petitions. Mr. Lamas acknowledged the concerns and shared that: ➤ Victorville has submitted six CARE petitions.

		➤ Several individuals have obtained housing or enhanced services through the process. ➤ Most successful petitions involve extensive advocacy by providers and outreach workers. Upcoming CARE Court Community Event Date: October 9, 2026 Location: Victorville Activity Center The event will include: ➤ Superior Court representatives ➤ Public defenders ➤ Department of Behavioral Health staff ➤ CARE Court information and enrollment assistance ➤ Community education and eligibility guidance
TOPIC	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION ITEM ACTION/UPDATES
	Eugene Butticci	Desert Manna Presented by Eugene Butticci ➤ HHAP-5 contract clarification discussions with the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) have been completed. ➤ Final contract remains under County Counsel review and awaiting execution.
	Terry Harmon	GoGo Barstow ➤ Began providing HHAP-funded services in July 2026. ➤ Acquired: ○ One 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home ○ One 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom home ➤ One bed remains available for a single female participant. ➤ More than \$20,000 has been invested in housing operations and eviction prevention. ➤ Program participants are receiving employment readiness support, including Guard Card and Food Handler certification opportunities.

	Jimmy Waldron	High Desert Homeless Services Reported progress on facility renovation project: ➤ Exterior painting completed. ➤ Existing roof removed. ➤ Additional repairs identified due to water damage. ➤ HVAC installation preparation underway. ➤ Parking lot improvements scheduled.
	Nettie Jackson	Symba Center Presented by Nettie Jackson HHAP-4 Updates: ➤ Final quarter of funding will focus on housing education. ➤ New emphasis on: ○ Housing applications ○ Shared housing education ○ Housing navigation skills Additional Updates: ➤ Continuing rapid rehousing partnership with Family Assistance Program and the City of Victorville through ERF-3 funding. ➤ Ongoing operation as the High Desert Coordinated Entry System (CES) Regional Access Point. ➤ Introduced new CES Case Manager, Deborah Odom. ➤ Reminded all HHAP-funded agencies to maintain HMIS compliance and data entry requirements. ➤ Symba Center has been selected as: ○ Recuperative Care Provider for the City of Ontario ○ Upcoming Recuperative Care Provider for the City of Redlands
	Rose Beardshear	New Life Fellowship ➤ Funding was received in February/March 2026. ➤ Assumed services for approximately 12 former Desert Manna motel voucher clients.

	Amanda Uptergrove	➤ Program outcomes: ○ 3 family reunifications ○ 8 clients housed ○ 4 clients enrolled in Rapid Rehousing ➤ Continued outreach and reporting efforts are underway.
		City of Adelanto
		Thanked attendees and City IT staff for supporting meeting operations. Discussed improving directional signage for future meetings.
		City of Barstow
		• Continued development of the city's Homeless Strategic Plan in partnership with Homebase. • Community survey forthcoming.
	Dawn Quigg	Moses House Ministries
		Successfully completed first Marriage and Parenting Cohort. Planning to launch a second cohort.
	Shannon Waldron	Family Assistance Program
		➤ Construction project nearing completion. ➤ Anticipated occupancy: November 1, 2026. ➤ Grand Opening planned for October 2026.

ADJOURNMENT		
Adjournment	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson	The committee adjourned 3:40pm The next meeting for the Desert Regional Steering Committee October 13, 2026 Adelanto Stadium 12000 Stadium Way, Adelanto, CA 92301

Homelessness in San Bernardino County

IN 2025

8,657[†] people
were served by the CoC



Representing
5,429[†] individual households

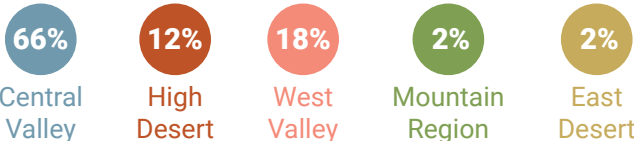


3,837^{*} people were experiencing homelessness
in San Bernardino County on any given night.

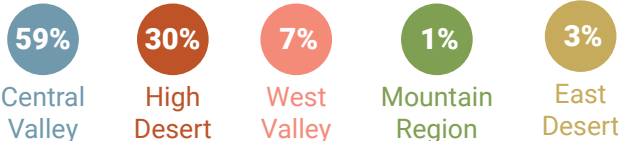
69%^{*} were unsheltered, living in places not meant for human habitation
such as on the streets and in tents, vehicles and makeshift shelters.



Of those who were living unsheltered^{*}



Of those who were living sheltered^{*}



45%[†]
were people
in families
with children.



38%[†]
had a disabling
condition



20%[†]
had experienced
domestic violence



14%[†]
were
Veterans



38%^{*}
were chronically
homeless
meaning that they
experienced homelessness
for at least a year — or
repeatedly — while struggling
with a disabling condition



57%[†]
of households
were experiencing
homelessness for
the first time

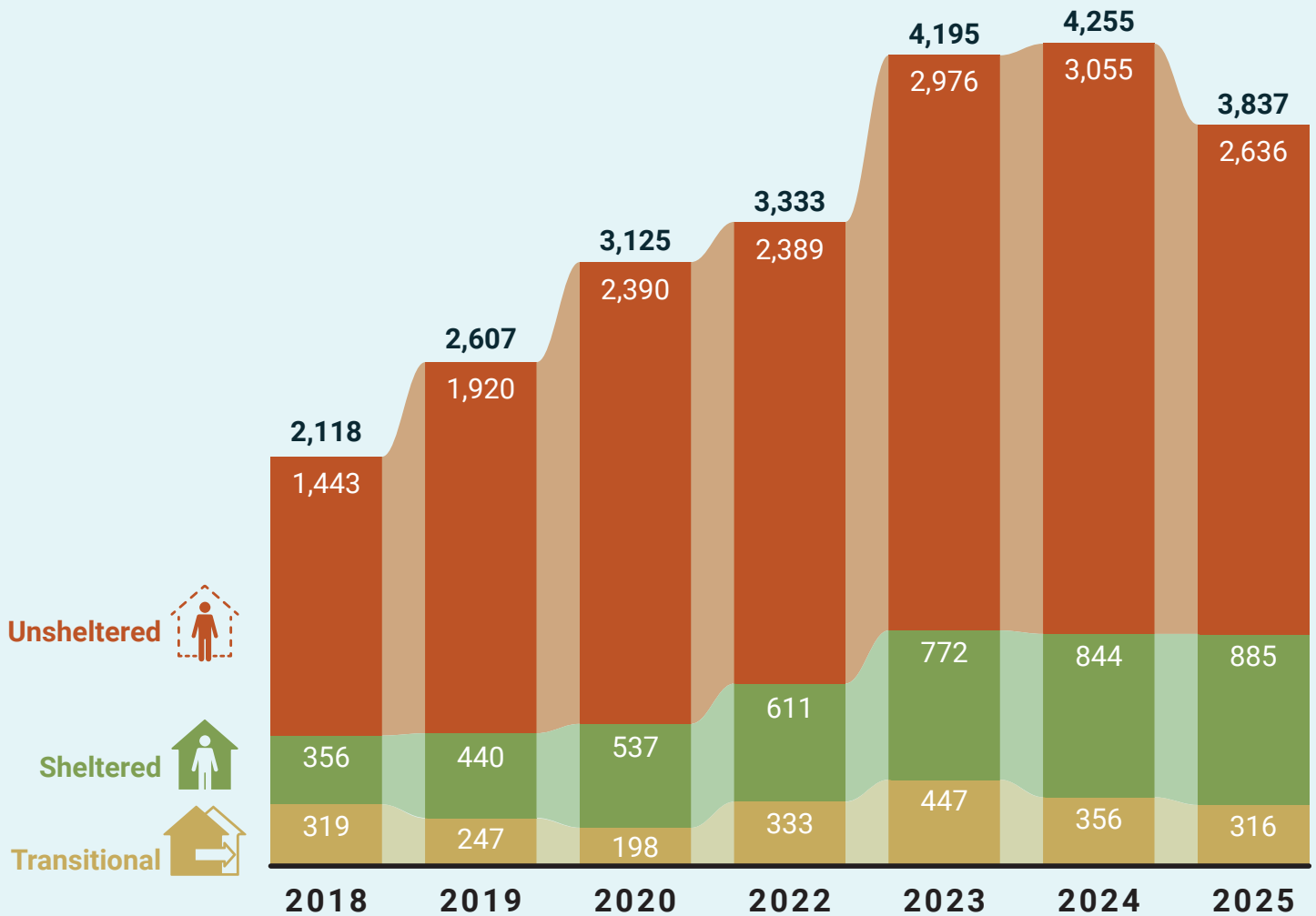
A Note About Data

This report draws on a range of data sources, including the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Point-in-Time Count (PITC), and data from the U.S. Census Bureau, among others. Each source provides a different lens on homelessness: HMIS offers ongoing, service-based data of individuals who interacted with the homeless system of care, PITC captures a snapshot of homelessness on a single night, and Census data provides broader demographic and housing context. Because homelessness is complex and often undercounted, no single dataset can fully represent its scope or characteristics.

To present a more complete and accurate picture, this report integrates information from these varied sources. It is important to note that these datasets may cover different time periods, use distinct methodologies, or define key terms differently. As a result, comparisons across sources should be interpreted with care. Together, however, they offer a more comprehensive understanding of homelessness trends, needs, and gaps within the community.

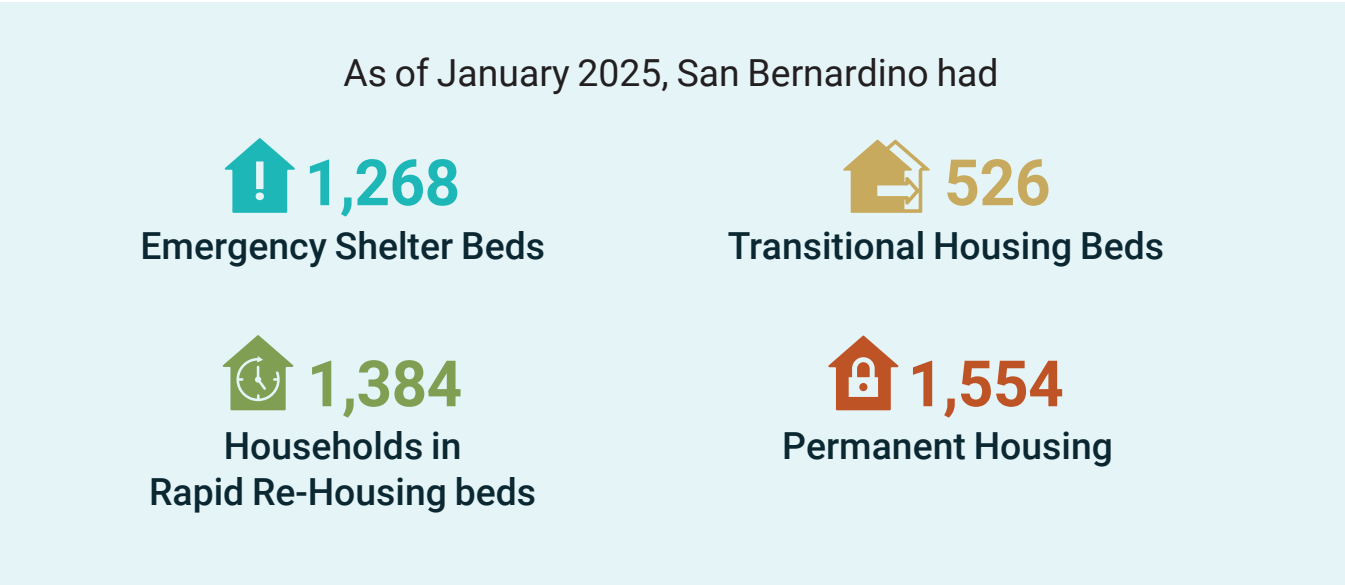
^{*} from the 2025 PITC (PIT count) [†] from HMIS data from the 2025 fiscal year

PITC 2018-2025



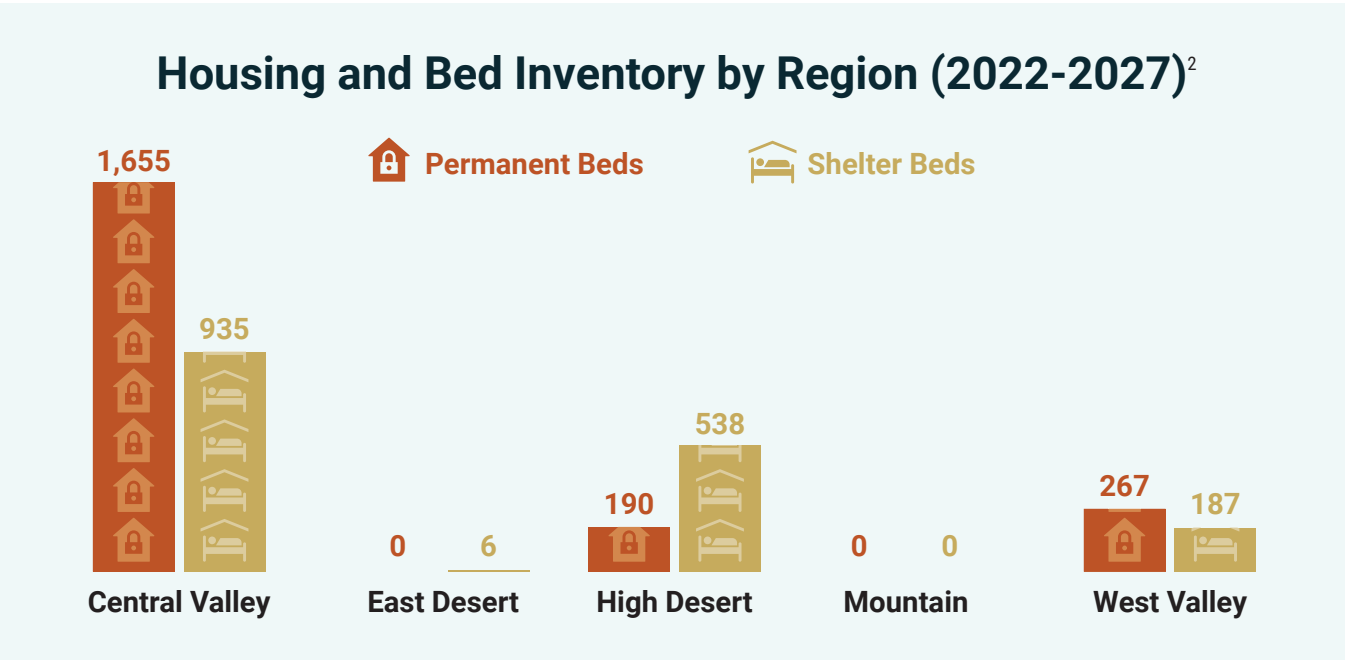
The 2025 PITC showed a 10% decrease from 2024, including a 14% decrease in people living unsheltered. Despite this recent decrease, the most recent PITC results still represent a significant upward trend in recent years, with homelessness increasing 47% since 2019.

By 2025, however, the county increased the number of beds available for every type, except permanent housing, which declined 6%, resulting in a 2025 total bed count close to 90% of 2023 levels.



Regional Patterns of Need and Capacity

Just as bed availability and system capacity fluctuate over time at the county level, inventory is also unevenly distributed across regions. This reflects important differences in regional population, local needs, service patterns, and resource availability.



² The data in this chart is based on voluntary self-reporting by individual cities about the number of permanent and shelter beds built or in the pipeline from 2022-2027 and may be incomplete or inaccurate. Nevertheless, it is included because it provides a useful illustration of the trends in housing inventory across the county.



High Desert RSC Regional Implementation Plan



The High Desert region covers an expansive, largely rural area that also includes cities like Victorville, Barstow, Apple Valley, and Hesperia. Over recent years, the population has grown, especially in the region's more urban areas. The geography experiences extreme temperatures and limited water resources, which presents significant challenges for people experiencing housing instability and homelessness. The expansiveness of the region also leads to access challenges to health care, behavioral health services, housing and other supportive services, especially in its more rural and isolated areas.

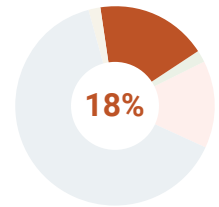
According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the High Desert region comprises 20% of the county's total population. The median rent is \$1,476 and the median income is \$68,171. While 18.7% of the population is below the poverty line, the region has the highest percentage of severely cost burdened households (spending more than 50% of income on housing) at 33.4%. The vacancy rate in the region is 5%.

Homelessness in the High Desert Region

311 UNSHELTERED



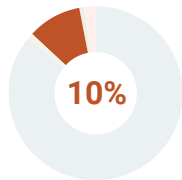
365 SHELTERED



of the CoC's total PITC

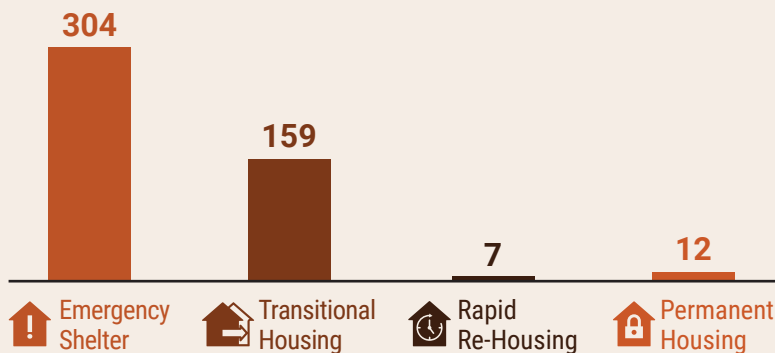
The High Desert is the only region with a higher sheltered count than unsheltered count.

The High Desert Region's Homeless Service System



The High Desert had **10% of the total beds** in the CoC in 2025.

Breakdown of beds in the High Desert Region (2025 HIC)



The High Desert RSC has a high level of trust and collaboration among local partners and innovative partnerships related to food security and the local court system. Since 2023, it has had an increase in shelter and interim housing beds. However, the region still has limited permanent supportive housing options, a high cost of living, low employment opportunities, and high transportation and utility costs – all of which make it challenging to find sustainable housing. The area also has challenges retaining staff at the provider agencies. A member of the RSC noted that “The low wages make it a revolving door. We are using our lowest-paid staff to do the highest-trauma work.” The vast geography requires mobile and flexible outreach, which local providers do not have the capacity or staff to fully resource. RSC members shared that there also are significant gaps in the local system for families and youth. They identified the need for a regional pilot safe parking program in the High Desert that includes mobile behavioral health access, especially for veterans and families

The High Desert RSC identified the following action steps as a priority for the region over the next five years.

 GOAL 1 : Permanent and Affordable Housing	
STRATEGY	HIGH DESERT RSC ACTION STEP
Strategy 1.2: Expand access to affordable housing in underserved regions.	Convene a pro-housing designation exploratory committee made up of cross-sector partners to assess the feasibility and requirements of obtaining a Pro-Housing Designation for Cities in the region.
	Launch a working group to research the feasibility of using Yes In God's Backyard (YIGBY) regulations to partner with institutions to streamline affordable housing development, including identifying potential partners and sites, and assessing opportunities to pursue property development.
 GOAL 2 : Coordination	
STRATEGY	HIGH DESERT RSC ACTION STEP
Strategy 2.3: Strengthen cross-sector partnerships for resource optimization.	Establish a formal partnership with the Family Assistance Program to coordinate case management, training, and warm handoffs for transition age youth (TAY) aging out of services to ensure connection to housing, supportive services and prevention resources.
 GOAL 3 : Shelter and Services	
STRATEGY	HIGH DESERT RSC ACTION STEP
Strategy 3.2: Secure dedicated funding for year-round and seasonal emergency shelters.	Conduct a regional assessment of the need for warming and seasonal shelters, including identifying potential sites and exploring funding opportunities, such as Community Resilience Center funding through the California Strategic Growth Council.
 GOAL 4 : Prevention and Diversion	
STRATEGY	HIGH DESERT RSC ACTION STEP
Strategy 4.1: Establish a clear and accessible low-barrier pathway at all access points.	Utilize a structured lived experience feedback process (Strategy 5.3) to solicit input about gaps and needs in the current regional structure and identify opportunities for improvement.
 GOAL 5 : Data and Performance	
STRATEGY	HIGH DESERT RSC ACTION STEP
Strategy 5.3: Ensure lived experience is integrated at all levels of decision-making.	Develop and implement a structured process to solicit, integrate, and compensate for feedback from people experiencing homelessness on all regional decisions, using the Wellness Center, regional hubs, and partner organizations as engagement points.