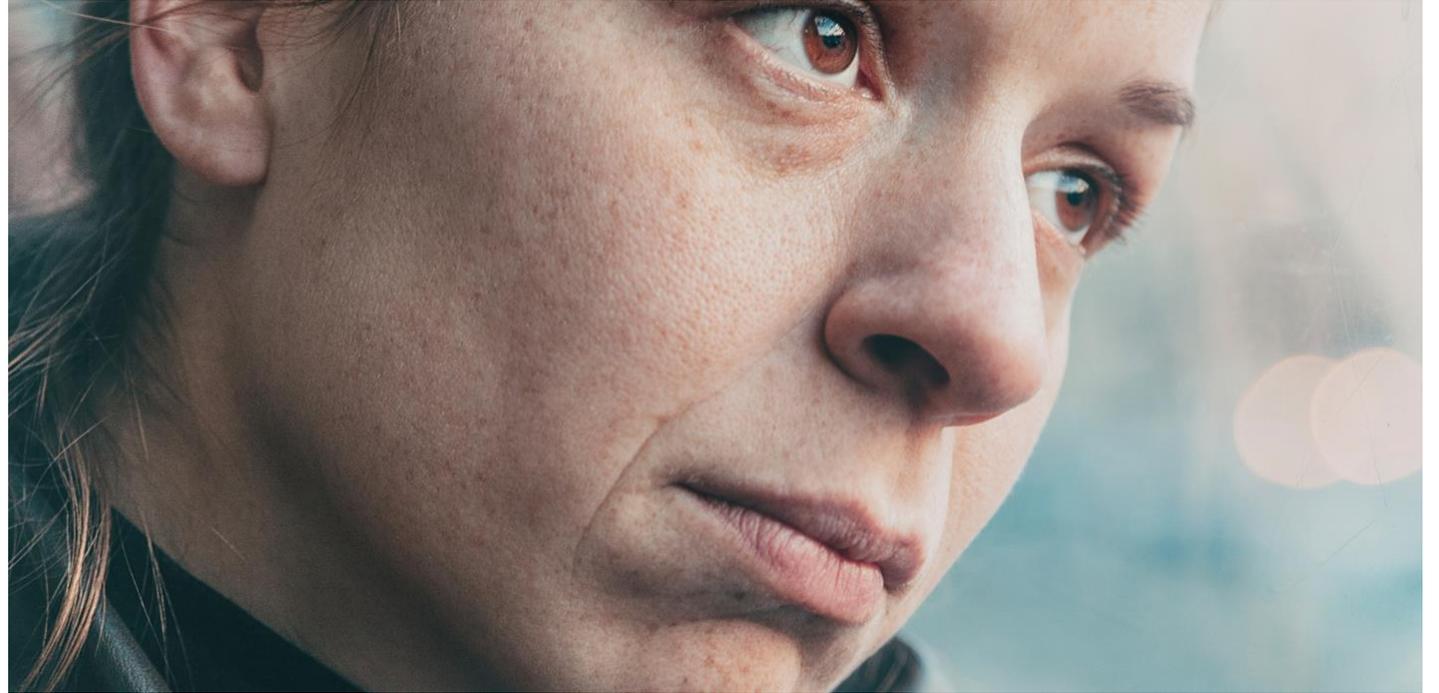
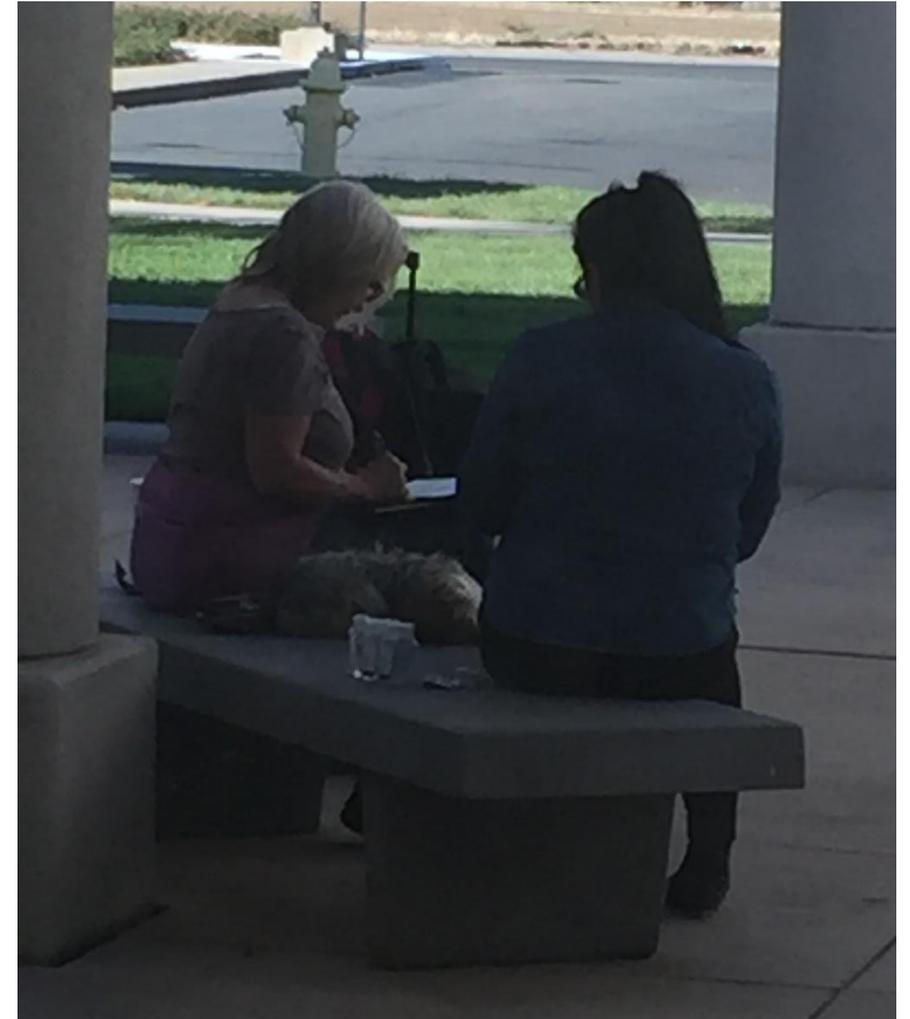


# Who Is Experiencing Homelessness in Sutter County?



# Where did we get our information?

- **Point in Time Counts**
  - Federally mandated census of those experiencing homelessness
  - Conducted once every two years
  - Last was on January 25, 2017
- **Sutter County Homeless Project**
  - In-depth interviews by the Outreach Team with people experiencing homelessness
  - In person and over the phone
  - Began in October 2016, are ongoing



# How many people are experiencing homelessness in Sutter County?

*On January 25, 2017*

**760**

*people were counted as homeless.*

**331**

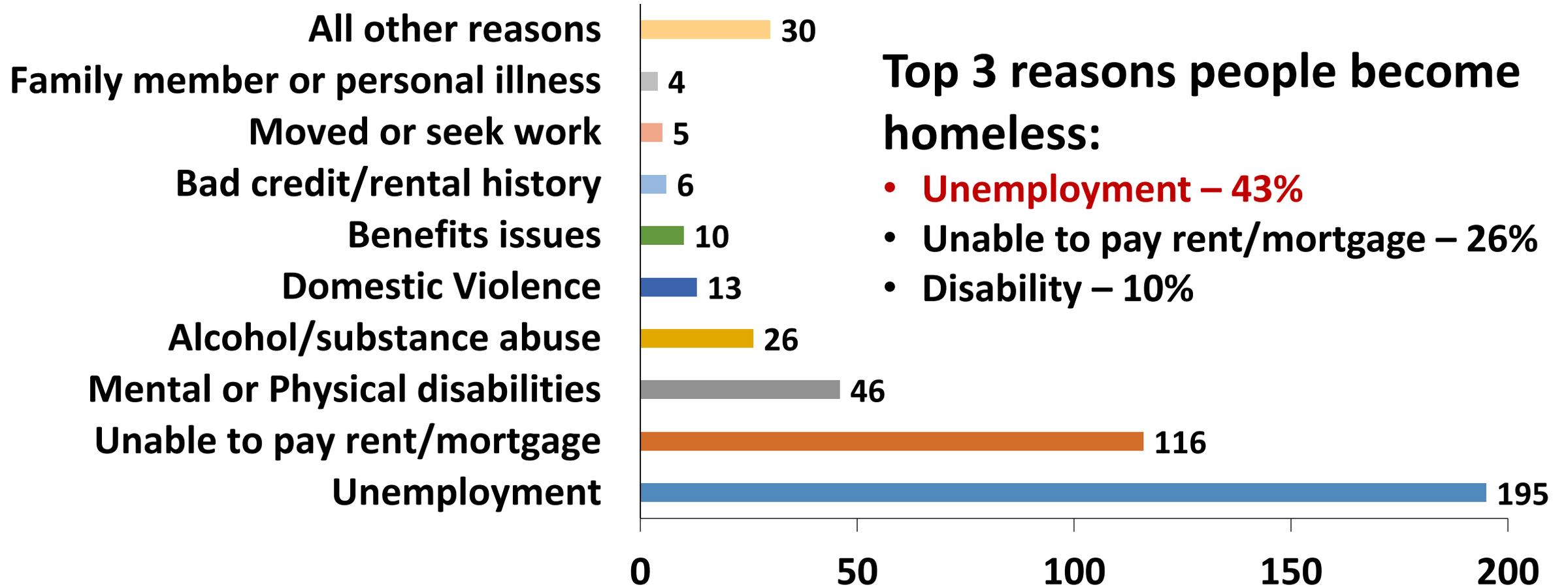
*were in Sutter County.*

*This is probably an underestimate.*

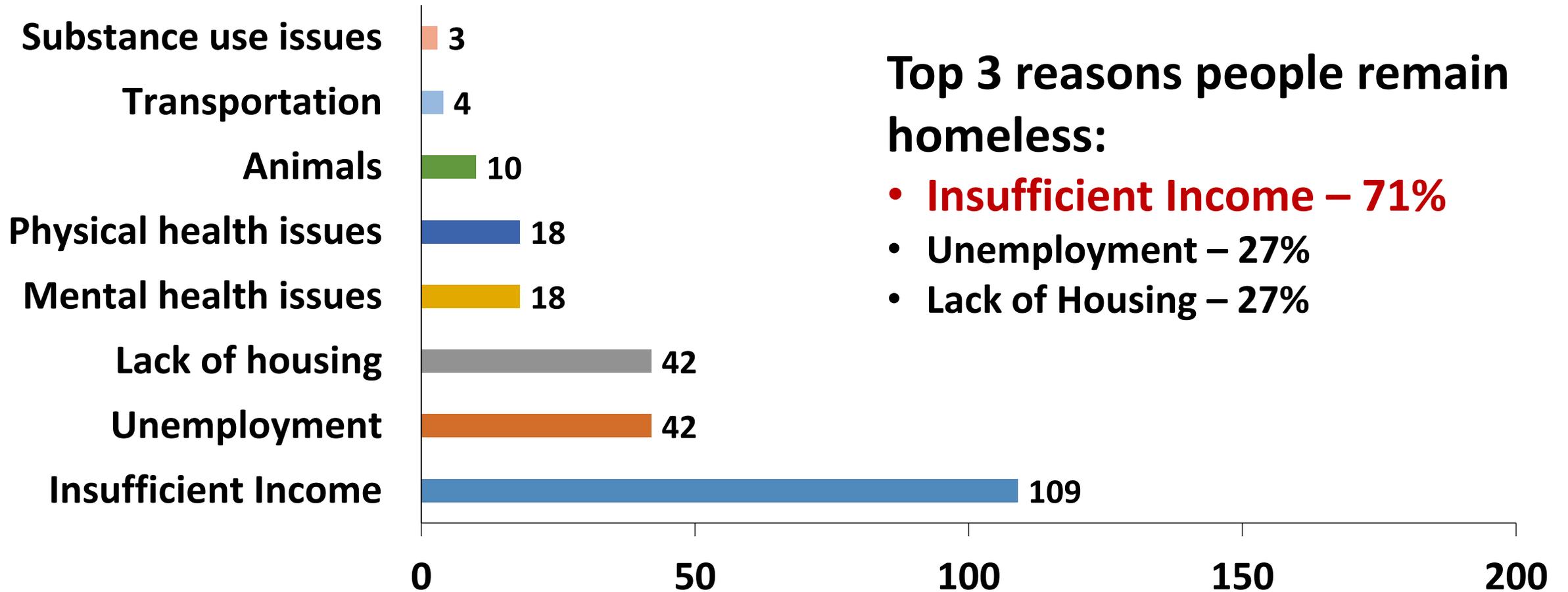
# The “Average Homeless” Person in Sutter County

- Is female
- Is 46 years old
- Is Caucasian
- Is non-Hispanic
- Is not a veteran
- Lives in an encampment
- Does not have children living with them
- Been homeless for 3 years
- Is a single adult
- Has a high school diploma or less
- Earns \$441.82/month
- Has pets
- Has health insurance
- Is from the Yuba-Sutter area
- Has at least one chronic medical condition

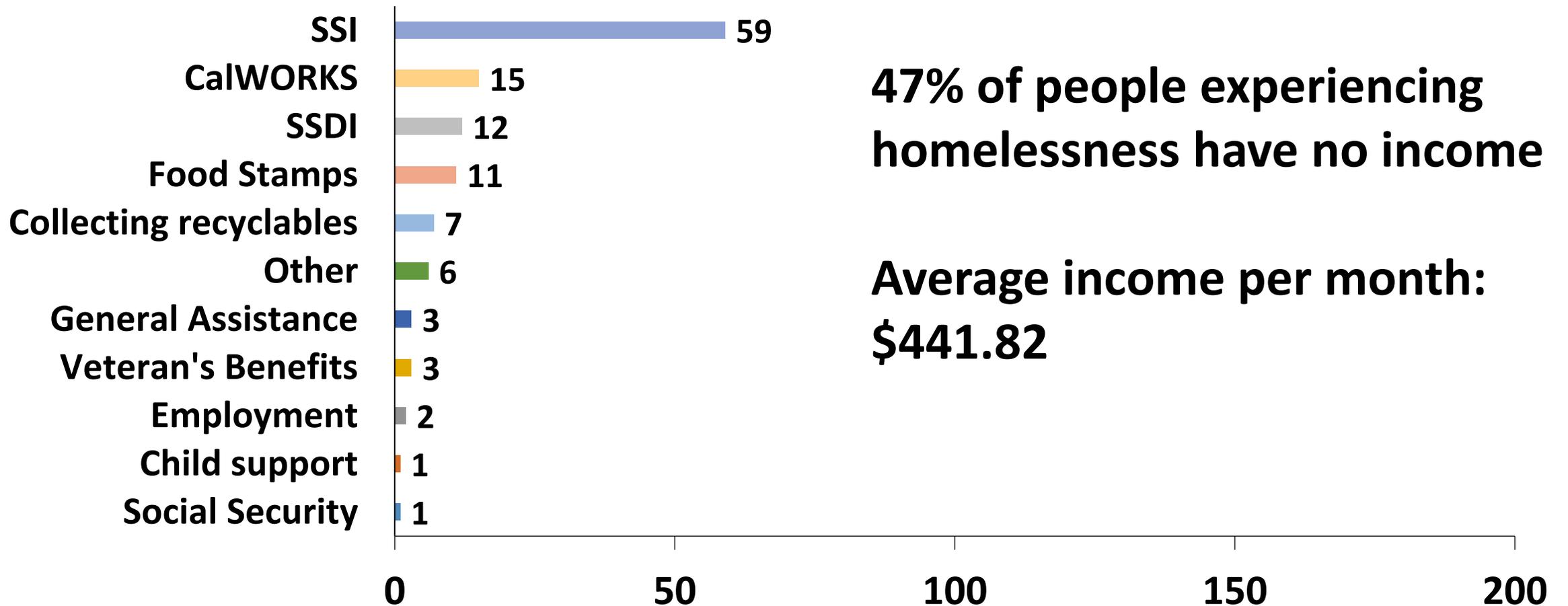
# How do people become homeless in Sutter County?



# Why are people still homeless in Sutter County?



# Income source for people experiencing homelessness



# What does insufficient income mean?

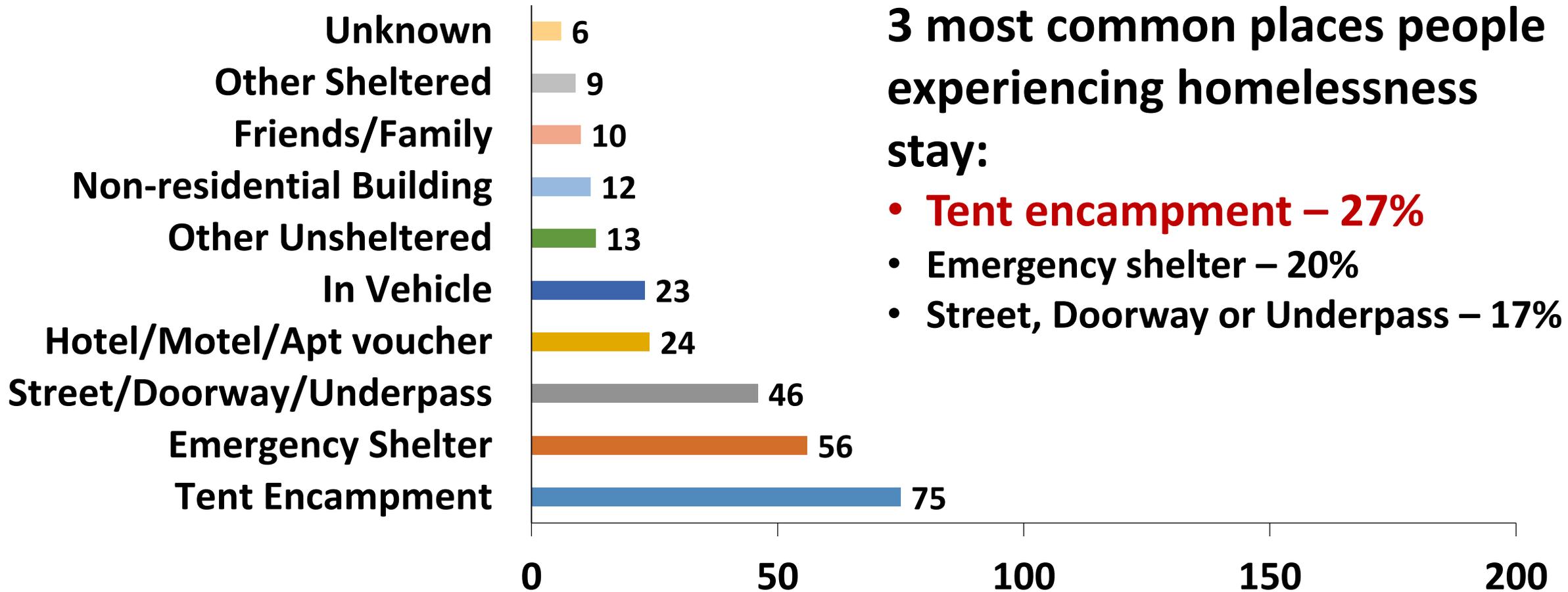
## Average rental information for Yuba / Sutter of available units

	Size (sq ft.)	Monthly Rent	Security Deposit	Application Fees	Pet Fees	Payment on Move In	Payment on Move In with pets
<b>Average</b>	810	\$846.77	\$665.07	\$26.36	\$395.40	\$1,399.57	\$1,707.14
<b>1 bedroom</b>	630	\$692.30	\$566.02	\$25.38	\$368.46	\$1,187.13	\$1,620.58
<b>2 bedroom</b>	904	\$880.95	\$668.49	\$26.72	\$430.38	\$1,449.00	\$1,661.16
<b>3 bedroom</b>	1374	\$1,239.88	\$1,083.91	\$29.00	N/A	\$2,007.07	\$2,357.50

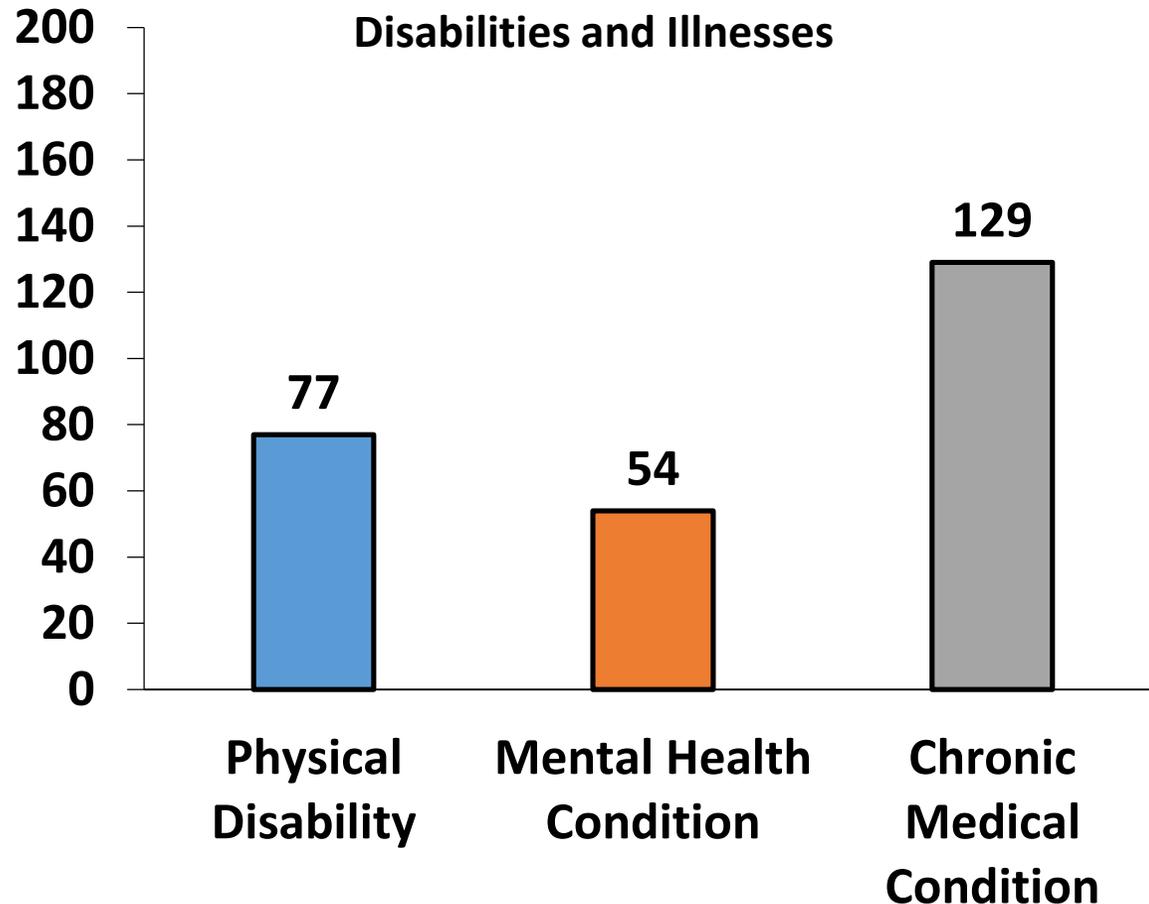
Approximately 50% of households in Sutter County are rent overburdened (rent is more than 1/3 of a paycheck).

***A household making less than \$2,993/mth would be rent overburdened***

# Where do people experiencing homelessness live?



# What other burdens do people experiencing homelessness have?

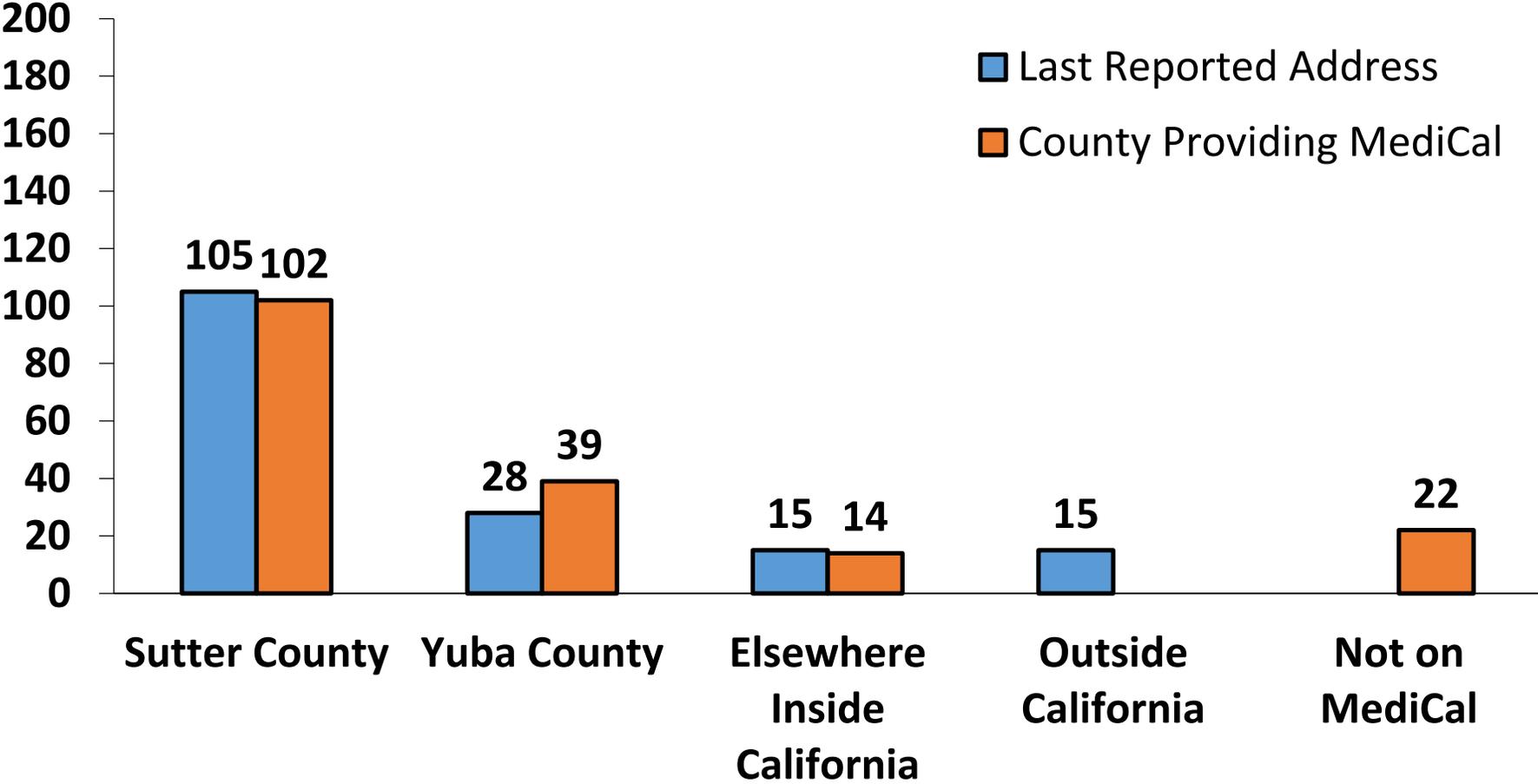


## Common chronic medical conditions:

- 19% have arthritis
- 16% have asthma
- 23% have hypertension
- 16% have heart disease
- 8% have cancer
- 15% have diabetes
- 22% have depression

**Only 9 people experiencing homelessness get regular medical care for their illnesses**

# Where do people experiencing homelessness come from?



**75% of people experiencing homelessness last lived in the Yuba Sutter area.**

# ***But who is experiencing homelessness in Sutter County?***

***Most people aren't affected by homelessness. Until you are.***

Homelessness appears simple. No money equals no home. How one becomes homeless, how one gets stuck there, and what one experiences while homeless is far more complex.

Each path into and out of homelessness is unique.

An artist, a veteran, a musician, a medical worker

I will be sharing stories of people whose paths into homelessness may not be what you were expecting.



Pan, (75) had lived on the river for 50 years with no income. Pan had never applied for any benefits. As a young man he was an artist and was featured in Rolling Stone magazine; his work was shown in San Francisco and other cities.

Pan, evacuated from the river during January storms, participated in the Sutter County Homeless Project. Pan was able to attain an income through SSI, he was so appreciative of the help he received and the income though he only received this benefit for a few months before he passed away.





I am Lee R. and this is my story. I have been homeless for a number of years, with my very small income. It's been impossible to get off the streets. I saw no way out, so I went off my medication for mental illness. Things were so bad on the streets for finding places where I could clean up, finding bathrooms that business would let me use. Also it was really hard to find a place to sleep that I could feel safe at. Regular people were nasty like a lot of homeless people. The police would run me out of a lot of places I thought I was safe.

Then I met Roberta from the Homeless Outreach program and I was told I can join this program and they would help me get some housing I can afford. I just have to do a program designed for me. Part of my program was to keep taking medications for my mental illness and have a medical doctor, which in turn saved my life. I owe my life to Sutter County Homeless Outreach Program.

The PATH program helped me pay my deposit.

I almost didn't keep my doctor's appointment. The only reason I kept my doctor's appointments is fear of getting kicked off the program. My doctor had to call 911 on me because of my health.

**Lee, a Vietnam Veteran, is now permanently housed.**

I am thankful to the people that helped me.

(James, 51 years has lifelong profound hearing loss and is mute) January, 2017 Jon {a friend of James} told me that a program was offering 10 days in a motel for homeless. I said “Yes”! I was very sick and my health was bad. After 5 days in hotel, 4 women came in my room begging me to go to ER. I looked at Ymelda and told her to “Call 911 I feel so sick and not good”. I went to ER, the doctor saved me. I had been in pain for a long time, I was so happy that the pain was gone. They (Ymelda and Roberta) don’t want me to go back to the river. So I stayed at the motel. Slowly pain goes away. I told myself not to ignore what Roberta offered me, to find a place to live instead being a camper. Also Roberta helped me to fix my SSI and it was about to get cut. Sometimes I think about the two ladies helping me with my troubles, SSI, hospital, hotel, I cried that I am getting better. True, river is not good place to stay. I rent my own room now, my home is better than the river. I want to thank Ymelda and Roberta for helping me get through all my suffering. Whew, I’m okay. I want to be healthy and happy. I have learned a lot, not to go back, just keep moving forward.

Thank you very much!

**James is now permanently housed.**



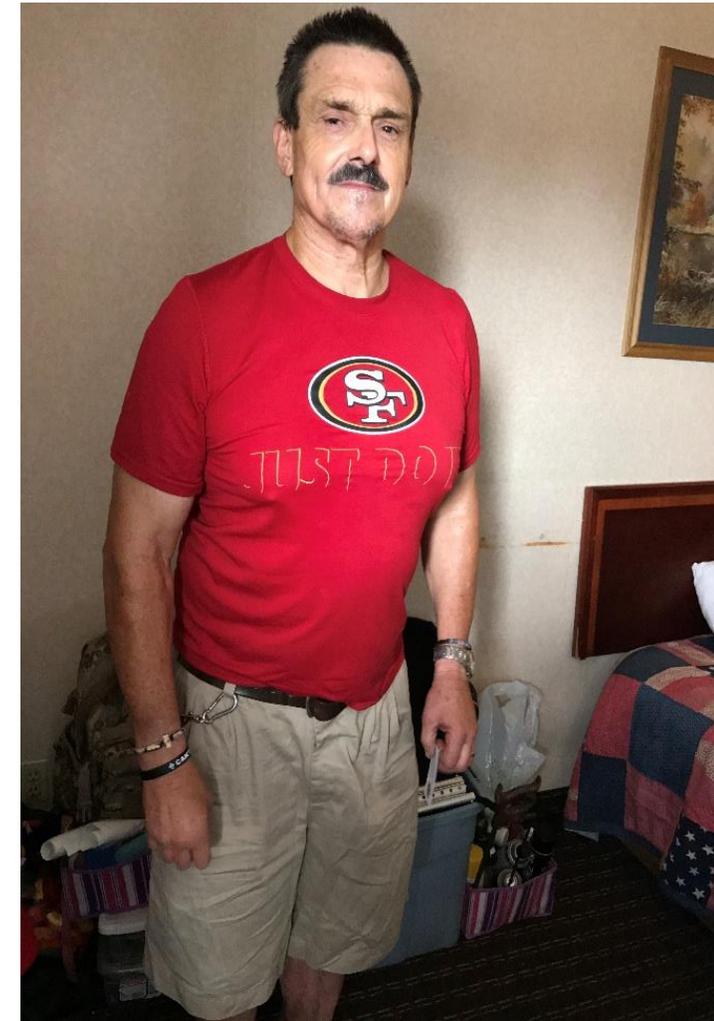
James H. 51 year and Roberta D’Arcy, PHN

I am 66 years old Vietnam Vet that did two tours in 1969 and 1973. I received the Bronze star and two Purple Hearts. That doesn't make me any better than the many homeless people on the streets. But it does show I was serious about serving my country which I did with honor. When I returned in 1973 I was lost to say the least. Ron Brasier who is the Pastor of the River Bottoms church in Yuba City, was sitting on the seat next to me, on the way home as we landed in Oakland, people were throwing bottles at us and calling us "baby killers".

We were not expecting that kind of welcome; I began a life of ups and downs that included painting jobs, alcohol, drugs and homelessness. I did get my contractor's license and am a 40 year journeyman painter. I continued to make bad decisions eventually was sentenced to the California Department of Corrections. After my release I was homeless and had been at the river bottoms for 3 years when the storm hit. We were told that the county was handing out 10 day motel vouchers.

The voucher was given to a man who was down on his luck and was offered the opportunity by the Homeless Project with Ymelda and Roberta to better himself and do something about his failures and step up to succeed. I am more plugged into the VA now, I have a wonderful caseworker "Lisa Welch" who got me a section 8 voucher and I am now moving into my own apartment in July for the first time since 1993., also I am taking my medicines and I am plugged into VA Mental Health and regular medical help that I desperately needed.

**Rodney, Vietnam Veteran, permanently housed.**



On December 24, 2014 our life changed for the worse, the place that we called home in Marysville for 15 years was sold in a short sale after the owner passed away. We had no idea on where and what we would do! We ended up putting all our belongings from a 3 bedroom home into a storage thinking it would be for a short time. We had been staying in a van with a small dog at Sam Brannan Park during the day and about sunset we would move to the Walmart parking lot in Yuba City. We didn't realize how hard it was to find a place. We need to make three times the amount of the rent; it is hard rent when you're on SSI and get only \$1,271.

Thank God for Jim {Leonard} for serving the free lunches 3 times a week, towards the end of the December 2016 two woman came to one of the free lunches. They were Ymelda and Roberta. When Ymelda sat down with my husband and I, I felt she really cared about our needs. My husband has stage four liver disease and I have breast cancer. So just for someone to sit down and hear our story was very comforting to know someone could help us. She helped us in January by putting us in a motel and we stayed until the end of April. On April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, I had an emergency surgery on my left breast. We were so thankful to have a room at the motel to come back to given that I had an open wound.

**Ted worked for the Appeal Democrat for 11 years and was an accomplished musician. Ted and Dana were permanently housed in May 2017. Ted passed away September 19,2017**



I lived 10yrs at my apartment until the my place of employment closed down. I worked as a pharmacy tech. I received unemployment for 6 months in that time I was not able to find a new job. When the unemployment ran out I couldn't pay my rent and had to leave.

I then became homeless for 3yrs. {Pat lived in her car for 3 years}. In 2017, I met the workers for the homeless (Ymelda and Roberta) who helped me get a place to live. I am very thankful for their help.

**Patricia (75 years old), permanently housed**



I had a nervous breakdown between my job and caring for my mother. I took a leave of absence per my doctor's orders. When I was released I no longer had a job. Because of no money coming in and no job I lost my home (lived in low income senior housing). Then I had two small strokes. I went to Hands of Hope and participated in the REST program (open from Dec-April). When it ended for the year I went on the street. After 2 months on the street I got sick with a bacterial skin infection, was hospitalized, and spent 3 weeks in ICU. When I was released from the hospital I was transferred to a skilled nursing facility where I spent 8 months and had to learn to walk again. I still have problems walking and I was given an electric wheelchair because I kept falling. Per doctor's orders I am to stay off the streets, so this program has been a godsend for me.

**Christine, 62, continues to search for housing.**



My name is Sandra and I'm 75 years old. We lost our house to a fire Aug 30th and have living in a motel since then. When I say we I mean my son Franklin who is 57. Our funds were limited (\$1600 SSI for both), we had to choose between living on the street or having food. We didn't have money for both.

I used to wonder how people landed on the street was it by choice or circumstances and it had to have been circumstances. I'm crying and my son is upset and here comes our angels from PATH and Homeless Outreach Project. The programs and these amazing people saved our lives. They are here to help and told us it's going to be fine.

**Sandra and Franklin continue to search for housing.**



***A painter, a Purple Heart recipient, an artist, a medical field worker, a writer....These are the faces of those experiencing homelessness in Sutter County.***

