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2026 Point-in-Time Count Data for San Joaquin County ***Updated data shows reduction in unsheltered homelessness in the County***

Stockton, CA – On April 30, 2026, the San Joaquin Continuum of Care (SJCoC) submitted its 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count data to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PIT Count data is required by HUD every two years and provides a snapshot of the number of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single day in January.

This year's PIT Count reported 1,468 sheltered individuals and 1,838 unsheltered individuals throughout San Joaquin County. Compared to the 2024 PIT Count, the number of sheltered individuals increased by 205 (16%) and the number of unsheltered individuals decreased by 1,631 (47%). Since the last count in 2024, a blend of roughly 1,300 permanent housing options were brought online.

"We believe the main reason for the increase in sheltered individuals is the increase in the number of emergency shelter and transitional housing beds in our community," said Jon Mendelson, Executive Director of Central Valley Low Income Housing Corporation (CVLIHC). "These additional units were made possible by local and state investments, along with improved utilization of existing beds. The data also indicates that our community made significant progress reducing unsheltered homelessness. Investments in permanent housing projects and low-barrier emergency shelter beds contributed to a dramatic reduction of unsheltered individuals throughout San Joaquin County."

Hundreds of trained volunteers participated in the one-day count, which occurred on the morning of January 27 between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. from deployment centers in Lodi, Manteca, Stockton, and Tracy. Efforts were overseen by Applied Survey Research, who designed the data collection methodology for the unsheltered count in alignment with current HUD guidance. The sheltered count was provided by CVLIHC using data from the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). CVLIHC maintains and oversees the HMIS on behalf of the SJCoC, with data entered by homeless service providers throughout the County.

City specific and demographic data is anticipated to be released by the SJCoC in June 2026 and will also be posted on the SJCoC website: <http://www.sanjoaquincoc.org/>



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About the San Joaquin Continuum of Care:

“Continuum of Care” is a program developed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 1994 to promote community-wide discussion and commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. SJCoC strives to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring, supported by a robust homeless crisis response system. People experiencing homelessness will be empowered through a responsive system that provides effective and supportive services and housing, efficiently leveraging public and private resources.