

## Data Snapshot on Homelessness Trends Since 2022

### Mendocino County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)<sup>1</sup>

- ✓ 304 literally homeless individuals were housed in 2021. 351 literally homeless individuals were housed in 2022. 314 literally homeless individuals were housed in 2023.
- ✓ **Over past three years, 969 literally homeless individuals were housed in permanent housing in Mendocino County.**
- ✓ *Note – The data set ONLY includes those individuals previously living on the streets or in shelter. Thus, households living in substandard housing, doubled up or couch surfing, are NOT included in this data. Some households living in housing specifically for those experiencing severe mental illness are also not included.*

### Heads Up Project<sup>2</sup>

- ✓ In 2022, 52% of referrals received from law enforcement (UPD and MCSO) were for homeless individuals. In 2024, 23% of referrals received from law enforcement were for homeless individuals. ( Annual number of referrals received has remained steady.)
- ✓ **Heads Up referrals for homeless clients has declined from 52% to 23% since 2022.**
- ✓ From a data set sample of 100 referred clients, 72% received follow-up support from an agency more suited to their needs (housing, mental health, primary care, adult services, etc.) 86% of clients contacted by an appropriate social service or mental health professional had no further arrests or bookings into jail.

### Ukiah Valley Fire Department<sup>3</sup>

- ✓ In 2021, 15.9% of calls for service were for homeless individuals. In 2024 to date, 11.4% of calls for services are for homeless individuals. This **represents a 28% reduction in calls for service to UVFD for homeless individuals.**

### Front Door for Families – Mendocino County<sup>4</sup>

- ✓ This program provides housing support specifically for families with children experiencing housing instability and/or homelessness.
- ✓ 427 households provided services and assistance in FY 23.24.
- ✓ **175 homeless or at-risk families with children were housed or stabilized in Fiscal Year 2023-2024** through Front Door for Families.

### Low-Income Rental Assistance– Community Development Commission (Section 8 Vouchers)<sup>5</sup>

- ✓ In 2022, the success rate for rental assistance voucher “issue to lease” was around 35%. **In 2024, the success rate is around 64%. This is an exceptionally high rate for a public housing authority.**
- ✓ In 2024, 60% of the people housed with rental assistance were homeless at the point of admission.

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<sup>1</sup> As compiled and distributed by State of California's System Performance Measures – CA-509

<sup>2</sup> Source: Database of client-level information that tracks every referral submitted from UPD and MCSO

<sup>3</sup> Information provided by Captain Buckingham of UVFD by email on 9/25/2024

<sup>4</sup> Data compiled by Special Projects Team at DSS to submit to State of California on quarterly basis

<sup>5</sup> Data provided by Teresa Desimone at Community Development Commission by email on 10/18/24

## New Housing Projects in Mendocino County since 2021

Permanent Housing	Year Opened	Location	Total Number of Units	Number of Units Specific to Homeless
Project Homekey - Live Oak Apartments	2021	Ukiah	48	48
The Plateau	2022	Fort Bragg	68	20
Orr Creek I	2021	Ukiah	40	10
Orr Creek II	2022	Ukiah	40	19
Millview Apartments	2023	Ukiah	48	0
Ukiah Senior Apartments	2022	Ukiah	31	0
Bush Street Apartments	2023	Ukiah	7	7
Acorn Valley Plaza	2024	Ukiah	71	0
			<b>353</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Specialty Mental Health Housing</b>				
Cypress - Crisis Respite Beds	2022	Fort Bragg	4	
Phoenix - Crisis Residential Treatment	2022	Ukiah	8	
Blue House - Permanent Housing	2022*	Ukiah	12	
Valley House - Permanent Housing	2022*	Redwood Valley	10	
Willow Terrace - Permanent Housing	2019	Ukiah	38	
Madrone - Crisis Respite Beds	2018	Ukiah	8	
Harmony - Transitional Housing	2017	Willits	6	
Haven - Transitional Housing	2015	Ukiah	7	
Redwood Creek - Board and Care	2013	Willits	16	
HS - Permanent Housing	pre 2010	Ukiah	6	
GS - Permanent Housing	pre 2010	Ukiah	16	
			<b>131</b>	
<i>*new operators and population focus</i>				

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Updates, additions, or corrections? Please email Megan. Thank you!

## Homeless Programs Overview - Mendocino County

Homelessness Related Programs - County	Population of Focus / Description
<b>HomeSafe</b>	targeted to elderly residents in need of housing support to gain housing or stay housed.
<b>Homeless Disability Assistance Program (HDAP)</b>	targeted to persons with disabilities who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, and who have not yet successfully enrolled in relevant Social Security benefit programs
<b>CalWorks Housing Support Program</b>	targeted to households with children, eligible for CalWorks, and at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.
<b>Temporary and Permanent Housing Assistance</b>	provides limited motel stays and direct financial assistance (through security deposits and one-time housing needs) to CalWorks-eligible households with children experiencing homelessness
<b>Bringing Families Home</b>	provides housing guidance and financial assistance to families involved with child welfare services and experiencing housing instability.
<b>Project Homekey - Live Oak Apartments</b>	County-owned former hotel providing 48 units of housing to households experiencing homelessness. (Total housed to date: 170 - 109 adults, 61 child)
<b>Front Door for Families</b>	Grant-funded project providing housing navigation and direct financial assistance to families with children
<b>Various Specialty Programs</b>	County receives small allocations of housing support funds for former foster youth (Housing Navigation Maintenance Program, Housing Navigation Program)
<b>Behavioral Health Bridge Housing</b>	Provides housing support through various pathways to persons experiencing severe mental illness

## Homeless Programs Overview - Community

Homelessness Related Services - Community	Contracted Providers	Population of Focus / Description
<b>Rapid Rehousing</b>	North Coast Opportunities Redwood Community Services Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center	Provides short-term rental assistance and services for literally homeless households.
<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	RCS Building Bridges Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center City of Fort Bragg (winter shelter only)	Provides emergency congregate or non-congregate shelter to literally homeless individuals
<b>Emergency Shelter - specialty population</b>	Ford Street Project Project Sanctuary Mendocino County Youth Project Redwood Community Services	Provides emergency shelter to specialty population, e.g. domestic violence victims, youth, etc.
<b>Transitional Housing</b>	Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center Project Sanctuary	Provides short-term housing to households experiencing homelessness
<b>Street Outreach</b>	Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center Contractors via Dept Social Services	Provides limited outreach and engagement in the field
<b>Homeward Bound</b>	Redwood Community Services Various County programs	Multiple County programs provide transportation to homeless individuals returning to their home communities.
<b>Housing Navigation via CalAIM</b>	Numerous throughout county	Provides housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness.
<b>Tribal Focused Homelessness Programs</b>	Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority	Provides various housing programs with a priority given to Tribal members. Programs may vary by tribal affinity.
<p>Note: Most, but not all, of these services are partially supported through service contracts with County of Mendocino, through grant funding from state and federal sources. No County General Fund dollars are currently used to specifically support homeless services.</p>		