

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Survey 2022
Community Program Planning Process (CPPP)
FY 22-23 MHSA Annual Update

Unhoused, Displaced, Temporary Housing Situation Responses

An analysis of survey data from respondents who identified as Unhoused, Displaced or living in a Temporary Housing Situation was conducted to understand this populations specific needs when it comes to mental health services and supports. A total of 18 respondents identified as Unhoused, Displaced or Living in a Temporary Housing Situation.

Of those who identified as being Unhoused, Displaced or in a Temporary Housing Situation:

- 71% identified as Consumers of Behavioral Health
- 18% identified as Family Members of a Consumer
- 42% identified as Community Members
- 6% identified as a contracted service provider, community based organization staff or volunteer

This aligns with the overall survey responses.

61% of respondents in this population category were adults and 39% were seniors (60+).

This aligns with the overall survey responses.

English was the only preferred language identified among this group.

Not only were respondents Unhoused, Displaced or living in a Temporary Housing Situation but 17% stated they were on probation/parole and 22% stated they were a victim of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

This differs from the overall survey responses where probation/parole ranked #11 and domestic violence and/or sexual assault victims ranked #5. This is the only population group that identifies as also being on probation/parole.

58% live in Jackson *(Aligns with overall survey results)*

12% live in Pine Grove *(Aligns with overall survey results)*

6% live in Plymouth *(Differs from overall results—Plymouth ranked #7 in locations)*

6% live in Fiddletown *(Differs from overall results—Fiddletown ranked #10 in locations)*

‘Other’ responses stated multiple towns and counties and mentioned ‘living in car.’

51% felt MHSA-funded programs were doing poor or fair in serving the Unhoused/Homeless community. 25% felt MHSA was doing good or excellent.

This aligns with the overall survey results.

60% felt MHSA-funded programs were doing poor or fair in serving those who are Displaced or Living in a Temporary Housing Situation. 20% felt MHSA was doing good or excellent.

This aligns with the overall survey results.

When asked about barriers to mental health services and supports, 58% stated they weren't sure where to go for help and stigma while 35% said there is a lack of providers.

This aligns with the overall survey results.

Of those who responded to this question, 55% have Medi-Cal and 36% have Medicare. **This is different from the overall survey responses which identified when there is a lack of providers, it was predominately Medicare and Private/Commercial Insurance providers, not Medi-Cal providers like this response suggests.**

This response also differs because Medi-Cal is highly represented as the primary insurance when in the overall responses, Medi-Cal was ranked #3.

When asked if the COVID-19 pandemic was still impacting Unhoused, Displaced and those in Temporary Housing Situations, the answers were quite different from the overall survey responses. The overall survey responses stated that the majority were NOT still impacted by the pandemic. However, this populations responses were closely split with 55% stating no, and 45% stating yes, they are still impacted by the pandemic. When asked to explain further, the respondents stated:

- Lost job
- No housing
- Isolate to stay out of trouble
- Work restrictions and housing
- Not sure what I will be affected with, ultimately
- Homeless
- Isolation

Unique needs exist for the Unhoused, Displaced and those living in Temporary Housing Situations and differ greatly from the general population. This data is insightful and will be used for programing and service delivery purposes.