PERCEPTIONS of HOMELESSNESS
in the Greater Sacramento Region

August 2025 | Representative Survey of Households

SACRAMENTO STATE

Residents in Our Region...

63% rate the overall **quality of life** offered by their local communities as **good/excellent**
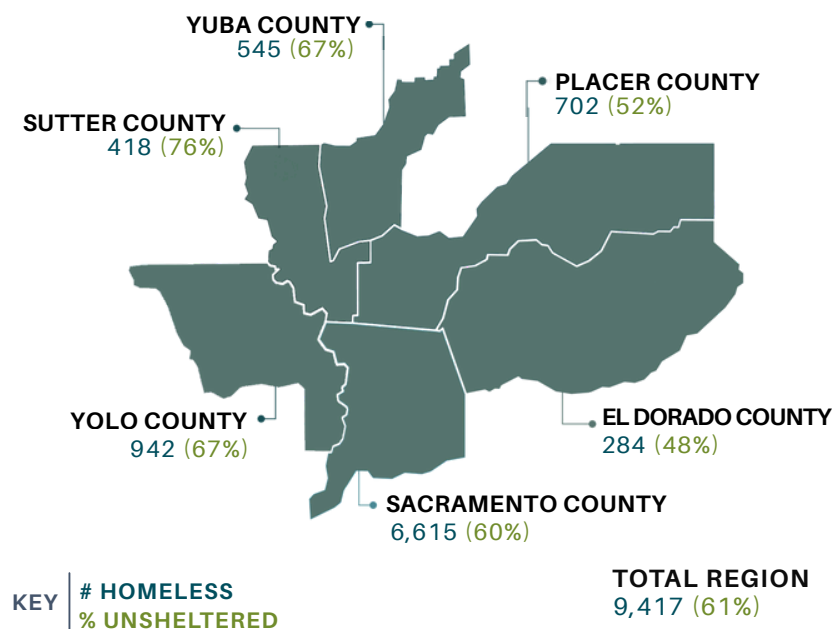
38% rate **housing** availability/ affordability in their local communities as **poor**

89% are very/somewhat **concerned** about **homelessness** in their local communities
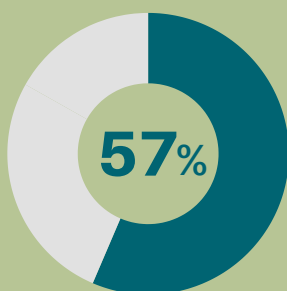
Homelessness in Our Region

A Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is conducted regularly by each county to understand how many people are experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness on a given night. The latest counts[1] estimated there were almost 9,500 individuals experiencing homelessness across the region with 61% of the individuals unsheltered at the time (i.e., living outside, in a tent, or car).
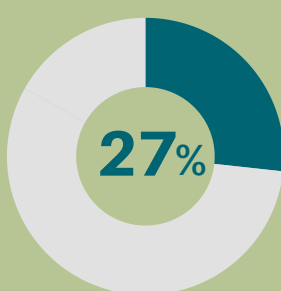
YUBA COUNTY
545 (67%)

SUTTER COUNTY
418 (76%)

PLACER COUNTY
702 (52%)

YOLO COUNTY
942 (67%)

EL DORADO COUNTY
284 (48%)

SACRAMENTO COUNTY
6,615 (60%)

TOTAL REGION
9,417 (61%)

KEY | # HOMELESS
% UNSHELTERED

[1] As reported in 2024 County PIT Counts. Sutter and Yuba PIT Counts are from 2023.

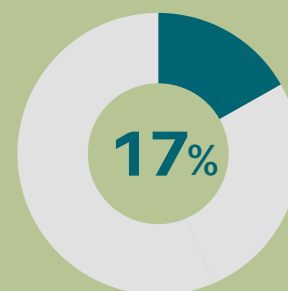## Residents routinely see signs of homelessness in their local communities.

Over the past year, a majority of residents (57%) saw **signs of homelessness and unhoused individuals** almost everyday.

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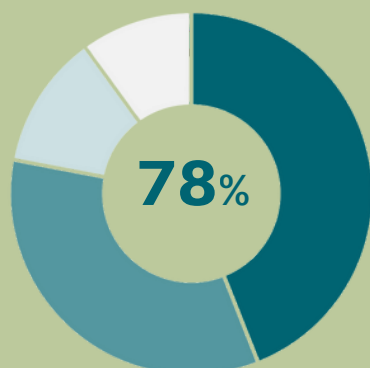Almost **everyday**

27%
At least **once a week**

17%
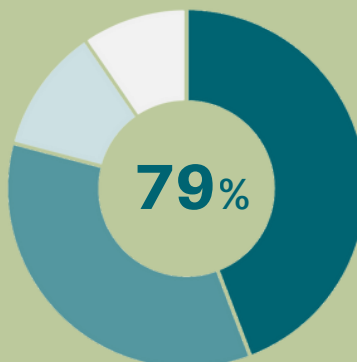Few **times a month** or less

Homelessness was a key voting issue in the last election.

A large majority of residents reported that they **strongly** considered or **somewhat** considered the issue of homelessness when voting.
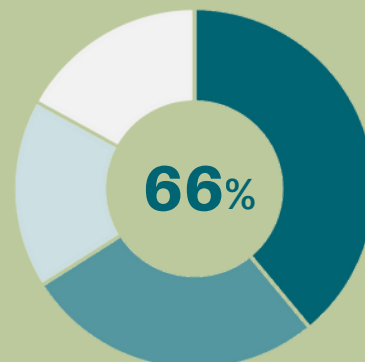
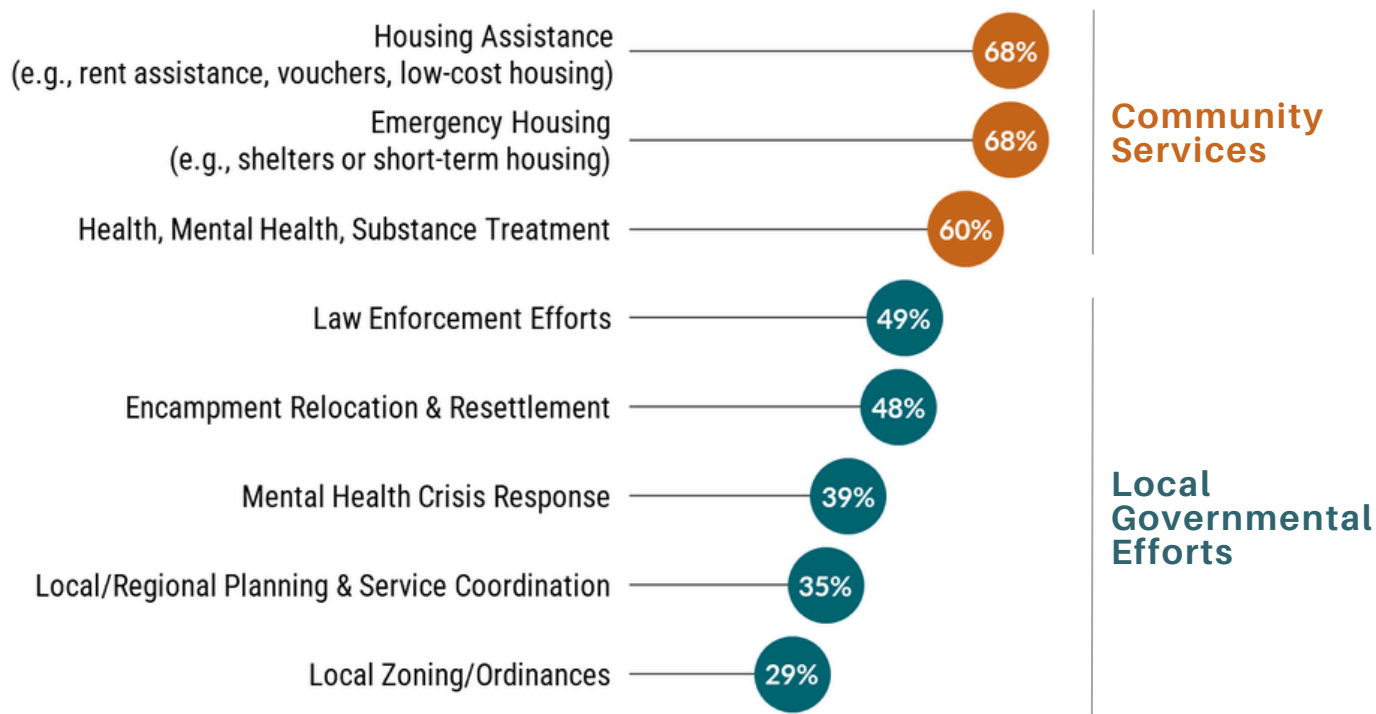in **local** elections

78%

in **state** elections

79%

in **federal** elections

66%

LEGEND | ■ **Strongly** Considered ■ **Somewhat** Considered ■ **Mildly** Considered □ **Not** Considered

There is a gap between residents' awareness of community services vs. local governmental efforts.

For example, while **79%** of residents in our region are aware of local **Housing Assistance**, about half as many (**43%**) know of **Local/Regional Planning & Service Coordination** to address homelessness.

Housing Assistance
(e.g., rent assistance, vouchers, low-cost housing) ——— 68%

Emergency Housing
(e.g., shelters or short-term housing) ——— 68%

Health, Mental Health, Substance Treatment ——— 60%

Community Services

Law Enforcement Efforts ——— 49%

Encampment Relocation & Resettlement ——— 48%

Mental Health Crisis Response ——— 39%

Local/Regional Planning & Service Coordination ——— 35%

Local Zoning/Ordinances ——— 29%

Local Governmental Efforts