

PERCEPTIONS of HOMELESSNESS in Sacramento County



SACRAMENTO
STATE

August 2025 | Representative Survey of Households

Residents in Our County...

54%

rate the overall **quality of life** offered by their local communities as **good/excellent**

40%

rate **housing** availability/affordability in their local communities as **poor**

96%

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 count¹ estimated there were 6,615 individuals experiencing homelessness in Sacramento County with 60% of the individuals unsheltered at the time (i.e., living outside, in a tent, or car).



● **SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

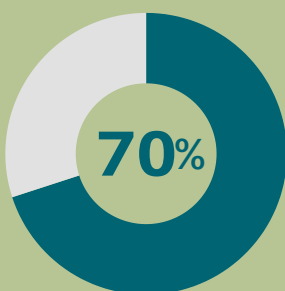
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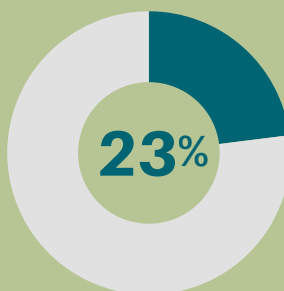
¹ As reported in 2024 County PIT Counts.

Residents routinely see signs of homelessness in their local communities.

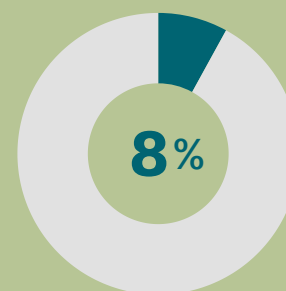
Over the past year, a majority of residents (70%) saw **signs of homelessness and unhoused individuals** almost everyday.



Almost **everyday**



At least **once a week**

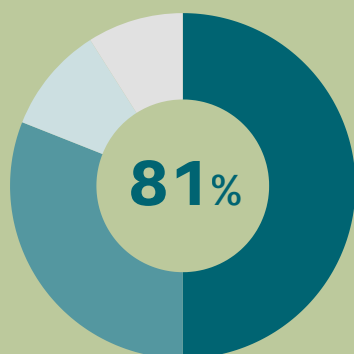


Few **times a month** or less

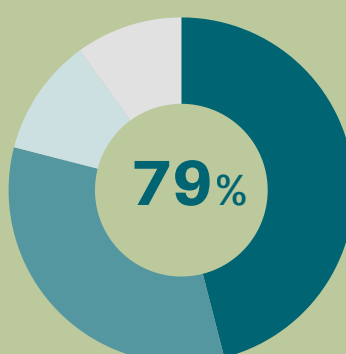
Homelessness was a key voting issue in the last election.

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

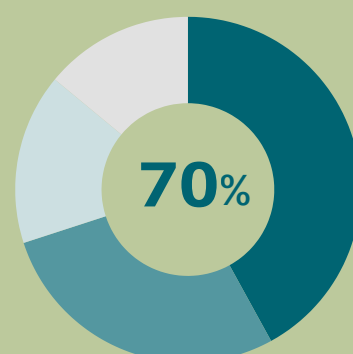
in **local** elections



in **state** elections



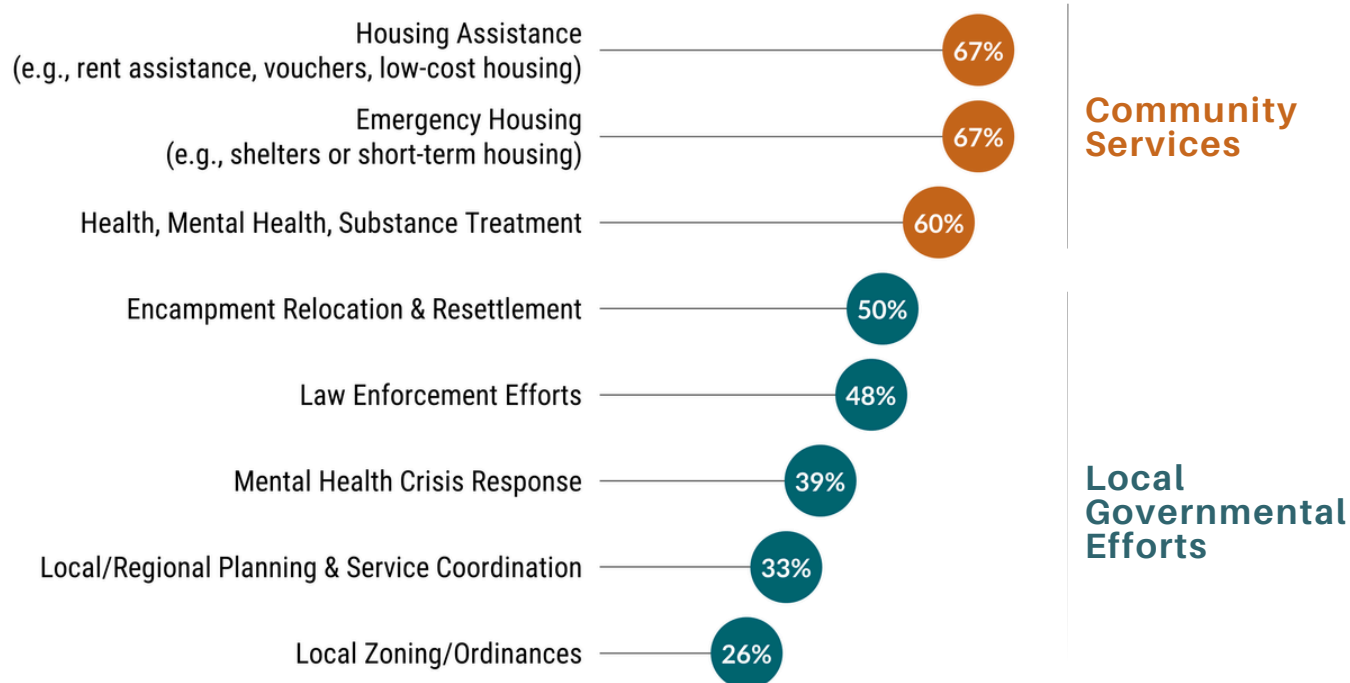
in **federal** elections



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 **67%** of residents in Sacramento County are aware of local **Housing Assistance**, about half as many (**33%**) know of **Local/Regional Planning & Service Coordination** to address homelessness.



The Institute for Social Research at Sacramento State surveyed 1,750 households across the Greater Sacramento Region to better understand residents' awareness and perceptions related to the issue of homelessness. Findings in this brief are based on the 1,041 households in Sacramento County. This poll was conducted during March-April 2025 and has a margin of error of 2.3%. Scan here for the regional summary report and data tables.

