

HOMELESSNESS IN YUBA AND SUTTER COUNTIES – BY THE NUMBERS

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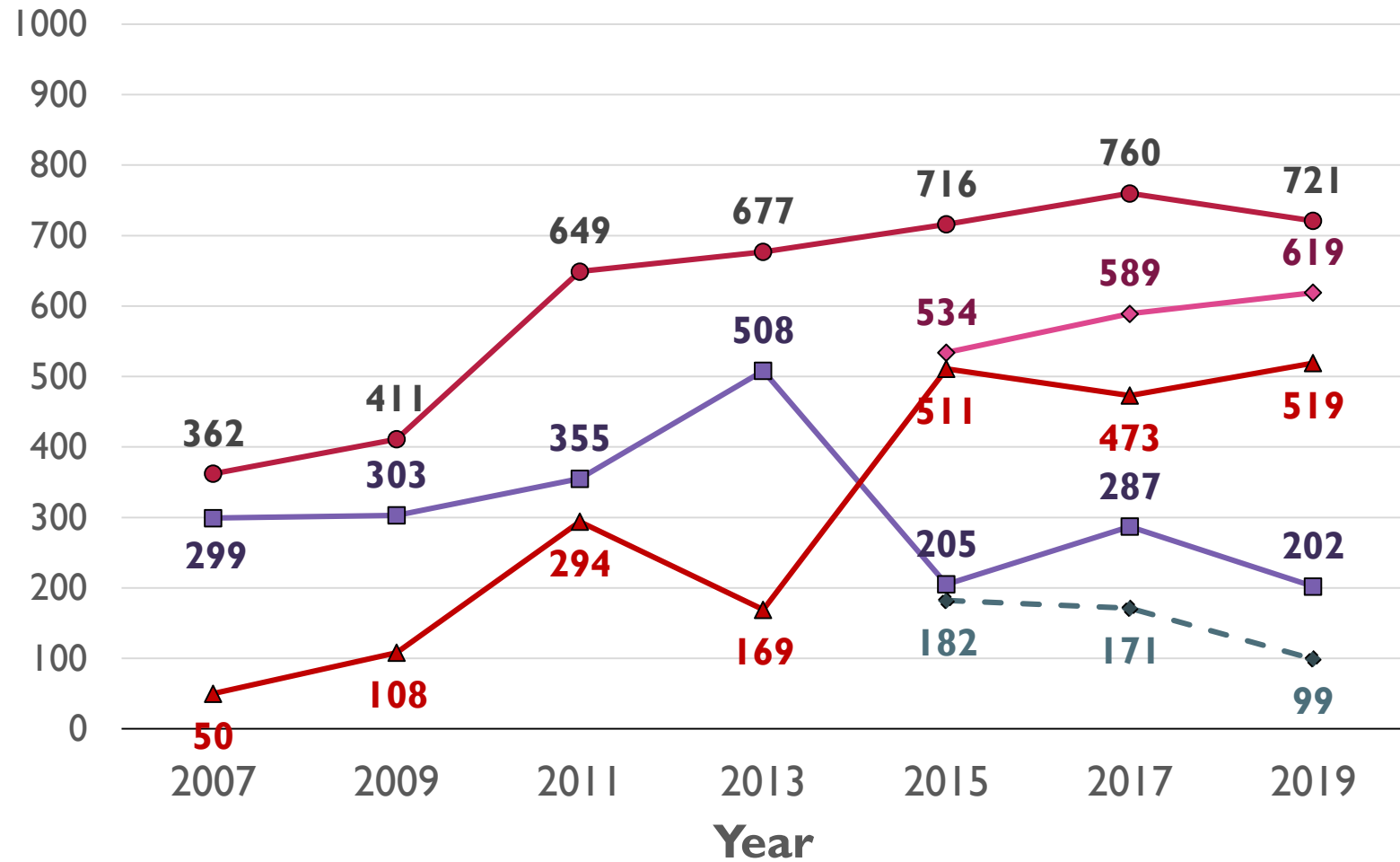
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WHERE DO THESE NUMBERS COME FROM?

- Anyone receiving money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development is required to conduct a census of people experiencing homelessness
 - Survey everyone in shelters every year
 - Survey everyone experiencing homelessness every odd number year
- The Point-in-Time Count is a **nationwide** count of everyone experiencing homelessness on a single night during the last ten days in January.
- This year's census was a joint operation between Sutter County, Yuba County, Yuba City, Marysville, Live Oak, Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health, Adventist Rideout, non-profit organizations and faith based organizations

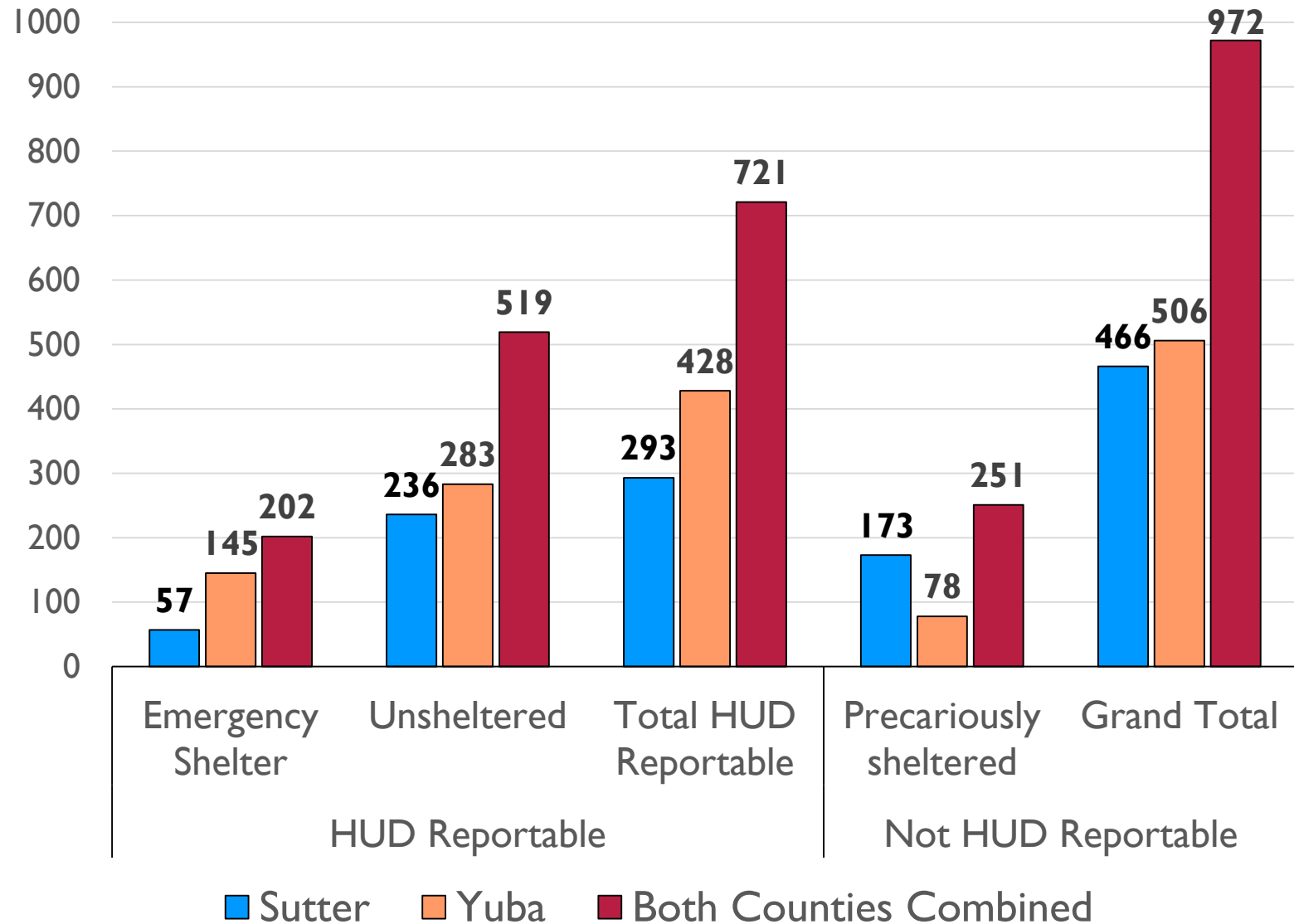
HOMELESSNESS— 2007 TO NOW



● Total ◆ Adults -◆- Children ■ Sheltered ▲ Unsheltered

- Total reported to HUD comparable to 2015 and 2017
- Number of homeless adults has increased
- Number of homeless children has decreased
- Sheltered and unsheltered are comparable to 2015

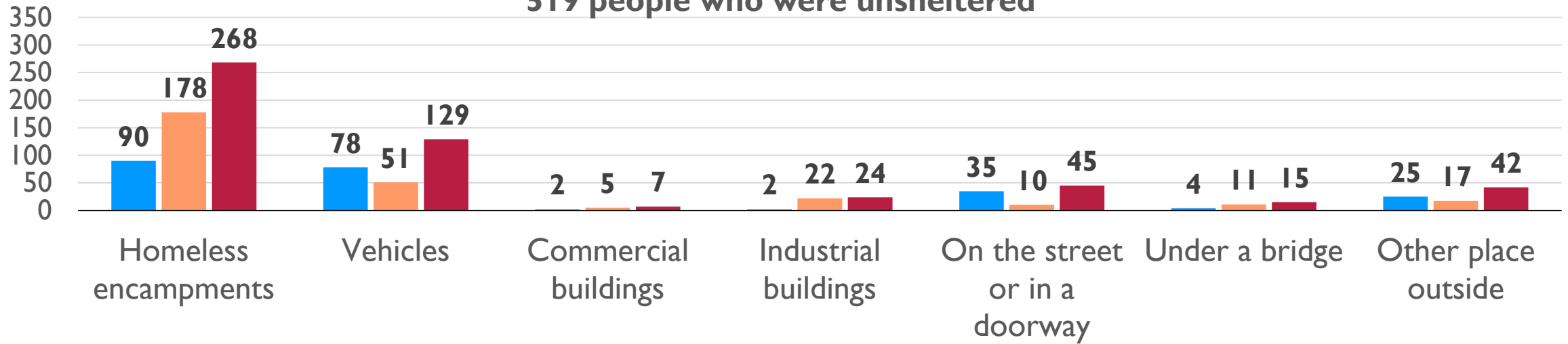
HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS RIGHT NOW?



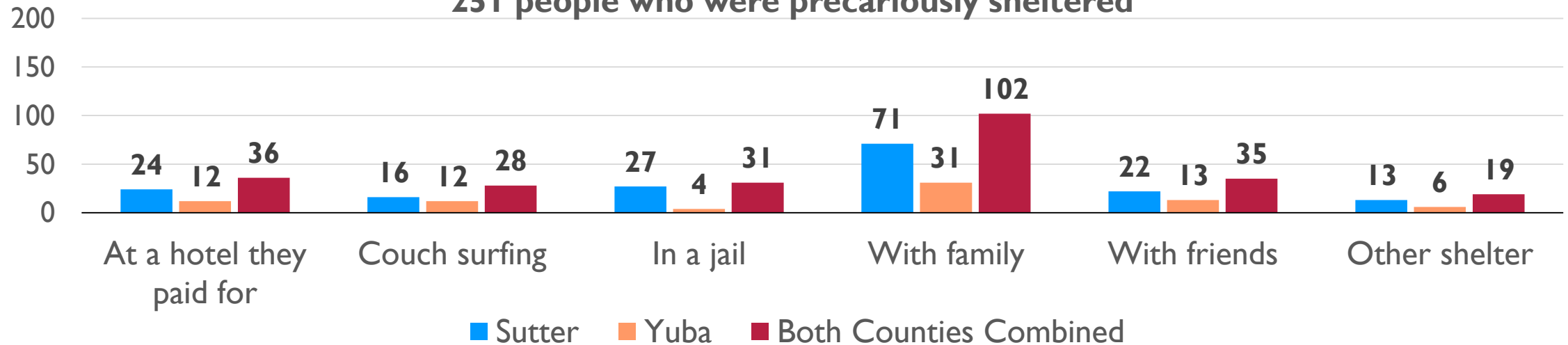
- Total reported to HUD: 721
- 251 additional people were identified who are precariously sheltered
- HUD does not consider these persons to be homeless

WHERE DO HOMELESS PEOPLE STAY?

519 people who were unsheltered

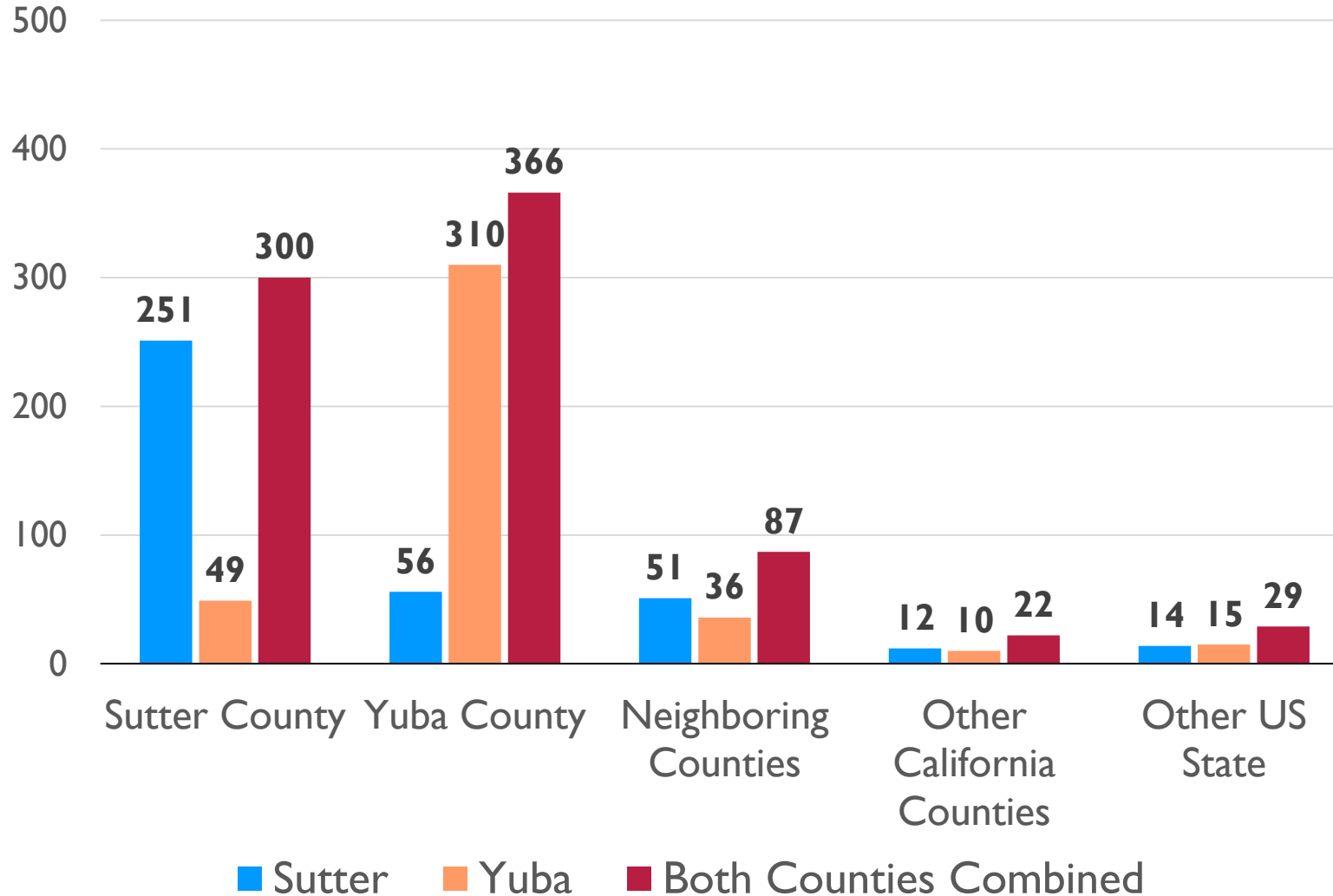


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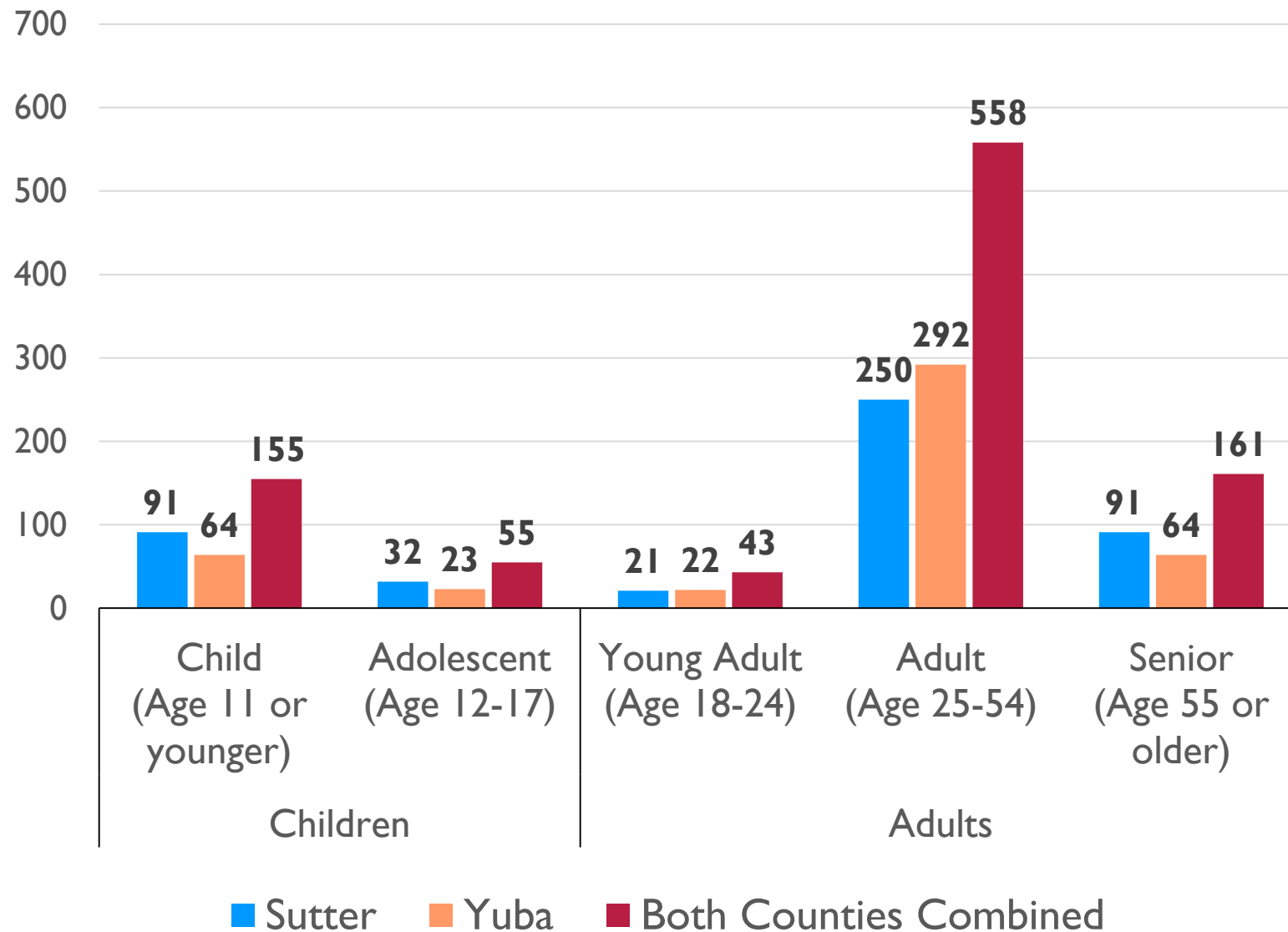
WHERE ARE THEY FROM?

County of last address



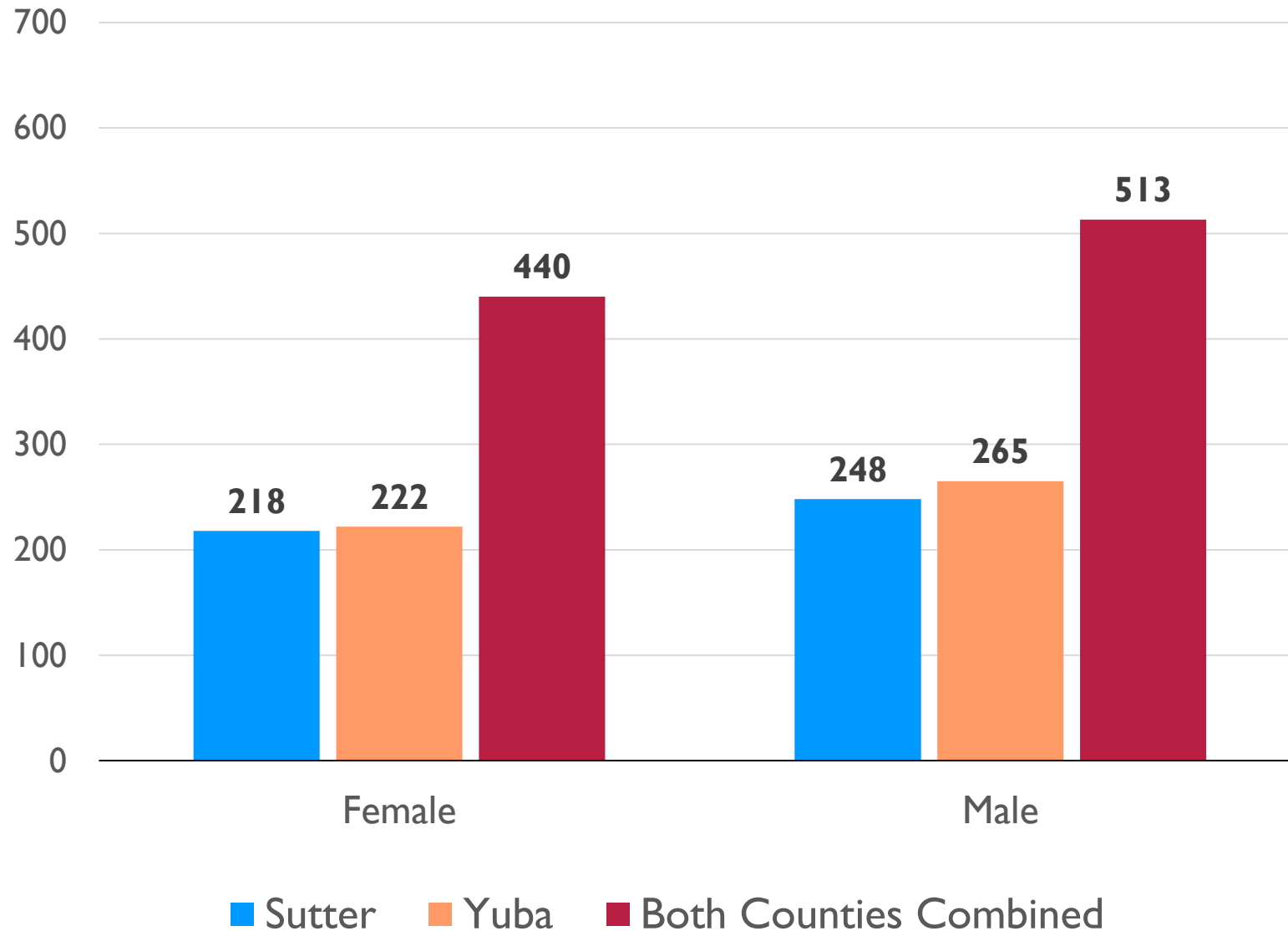
- Sutter County: 37%
- Yuba County: 46%
- Neighboring counties: 11%
- Other parts of California: 3%
- Outside California: 4%
- **Homelessness is a local problem**

HOW OLD ARE THEY?



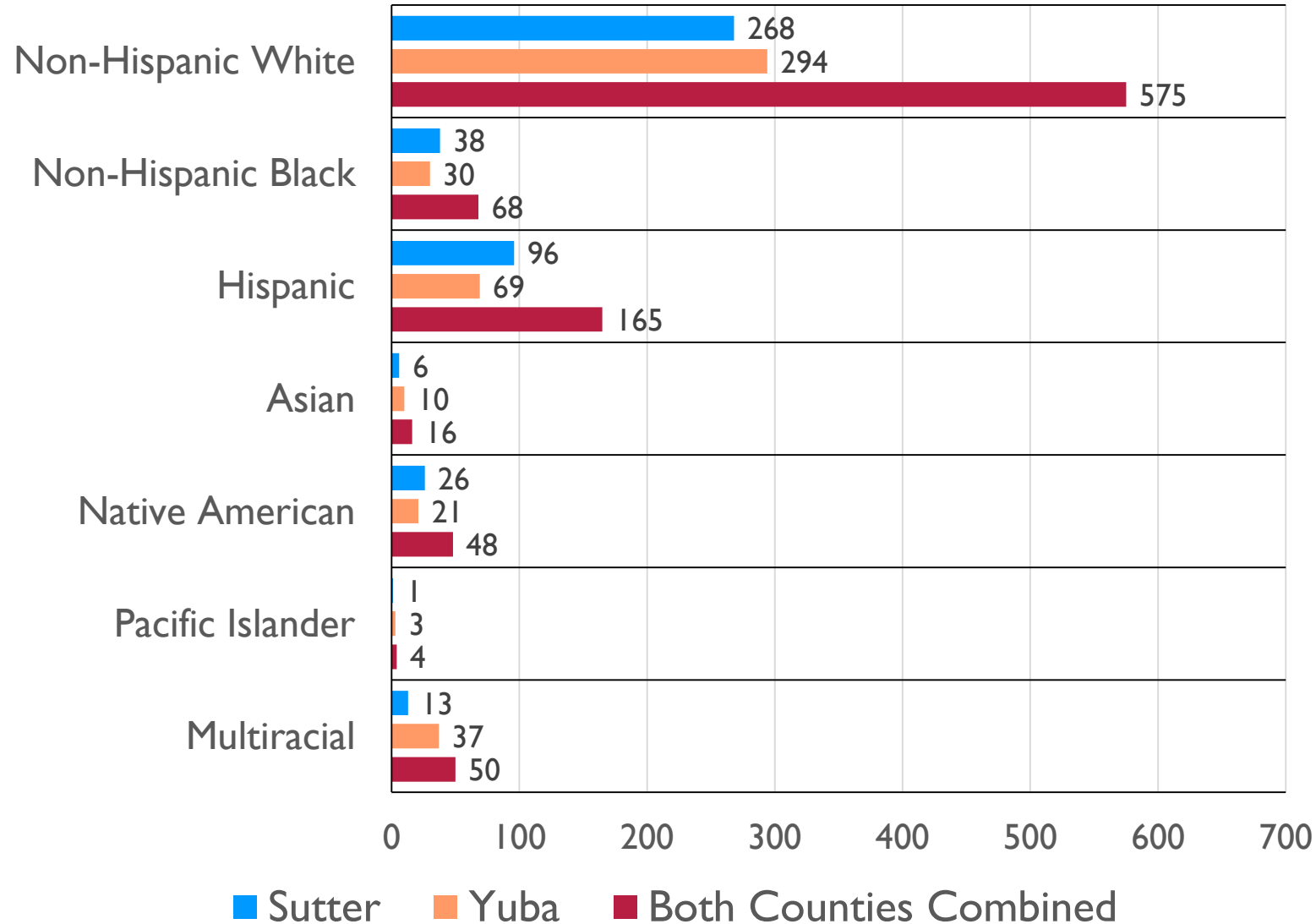
- **Most are 25 and older**
 - 22% are under 18
 - 26% are under 25
 - 17% are 55 and older
- Only 17% of children are unsheltered
- **60% of adults 25-54 are unsheltered**
- **79% of seniors 55 and older are unsheltered**

HOW MANY ARE MALE, HOW MANY ARE FEMALE?



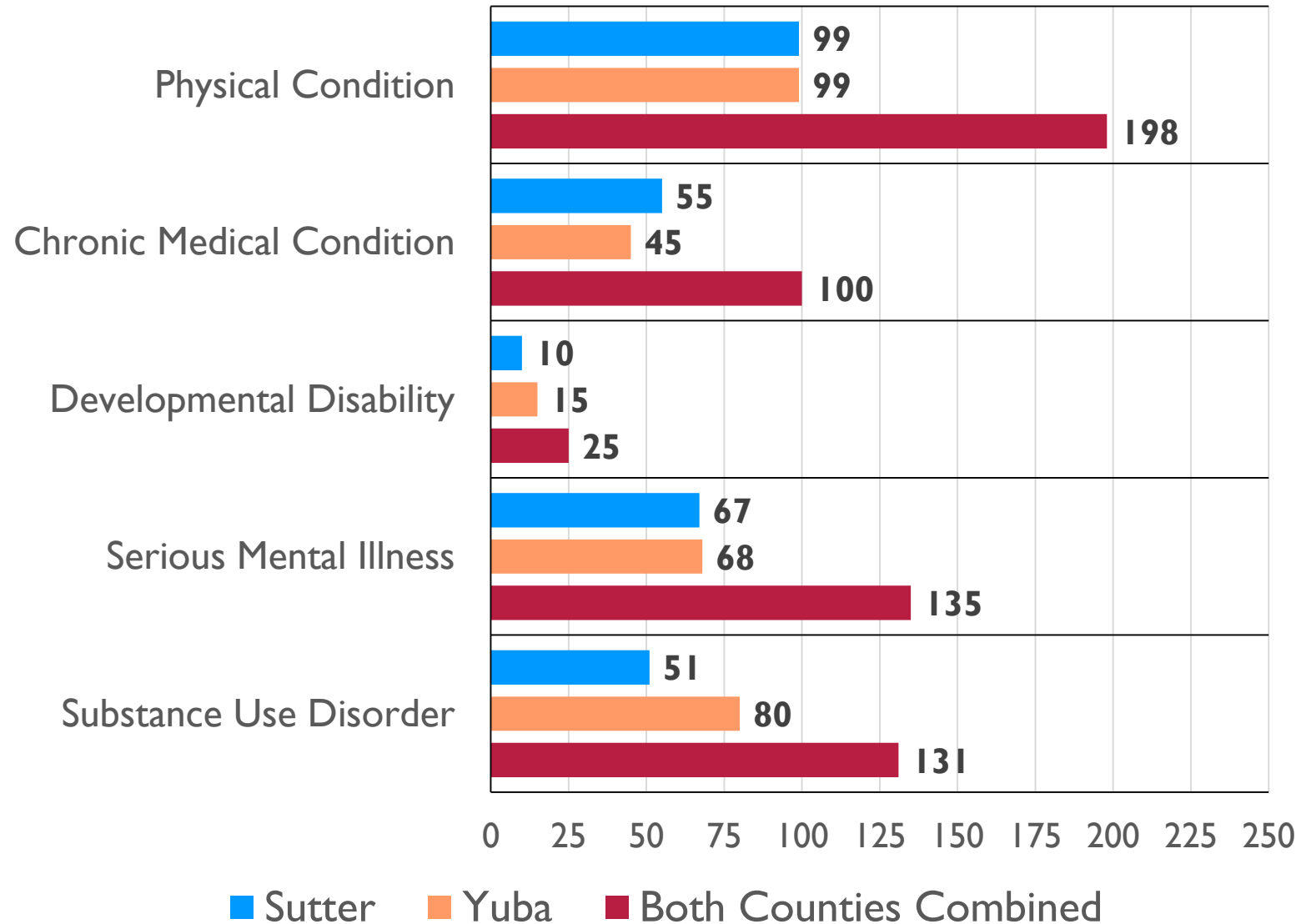
- **More men than women are homeless**
 - 45.6% are female
 - 54.1% are male
 - 0.3% are transgender or gender non-conforming
- **47% of women are unsheltered**
- **57% of men are unsheltered**

WHAT IS THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION?



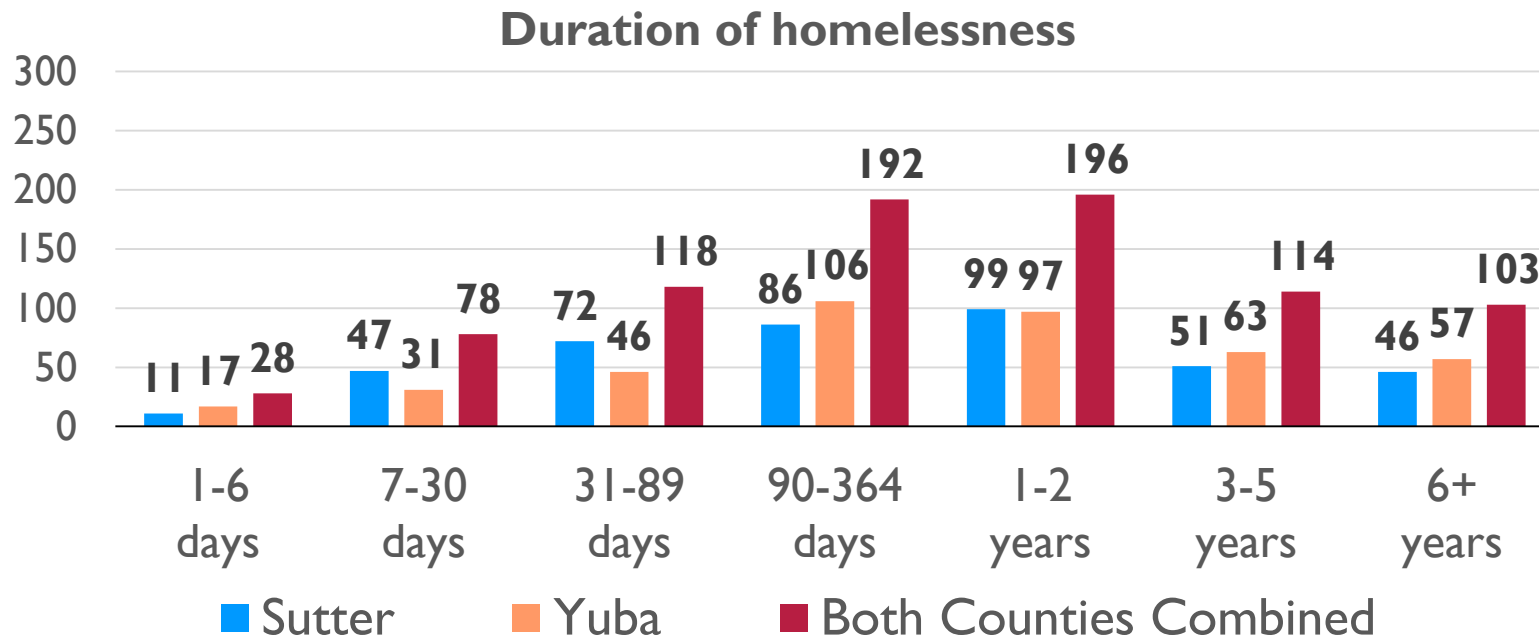
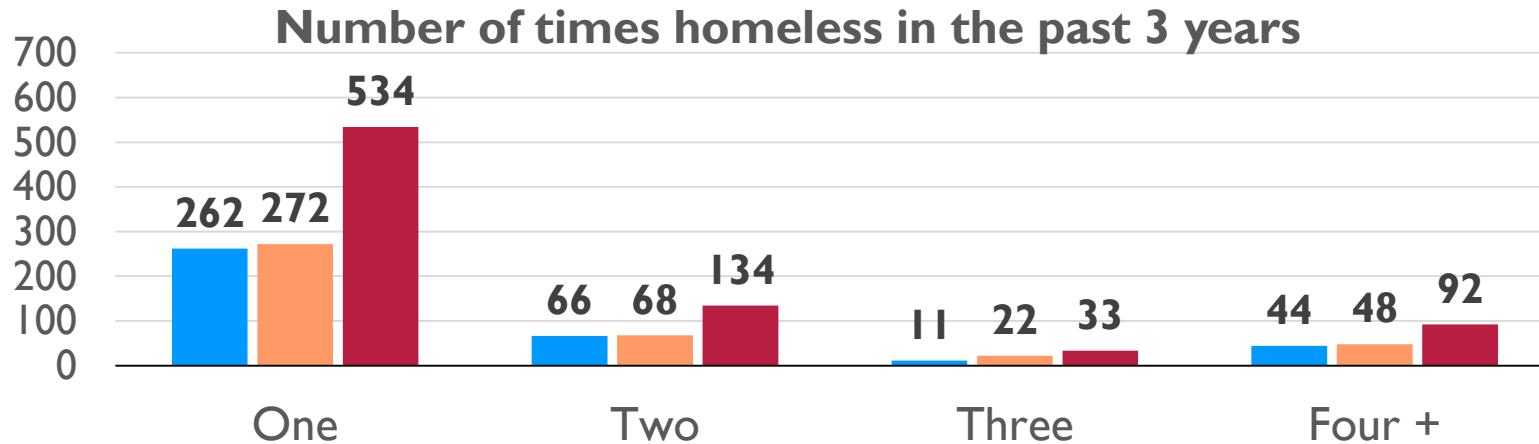
- Persons experiencing homelessness are predominantly non-Hispanic and White
- They are disproportionately White, Black or Native American than the overall populations of Sutter or Yuba County

WHAT MAKES WORKING, LIVING INDEPENDENTLY OR FINDING HOUSING DIFFICULT?



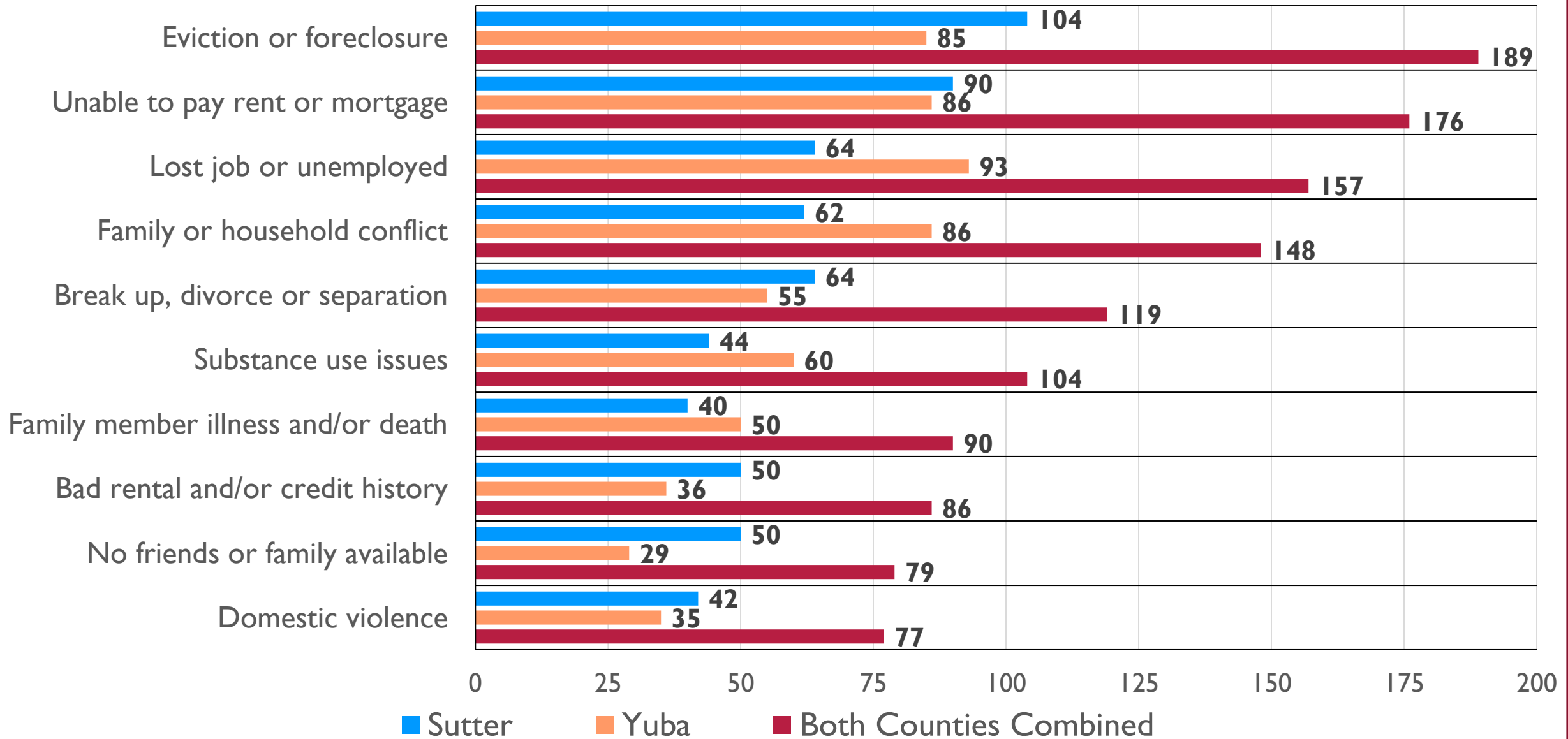
- 27% of adults reported having a physical condition
- 13% reported a chronic medical condition
- 18% reported a serious mental illness
- 18% reported a substance use disorder
- These are both have a condition and make it hard to work or live independently

HOW LONG HAVE PEOPLE BEEN HOMELESS?

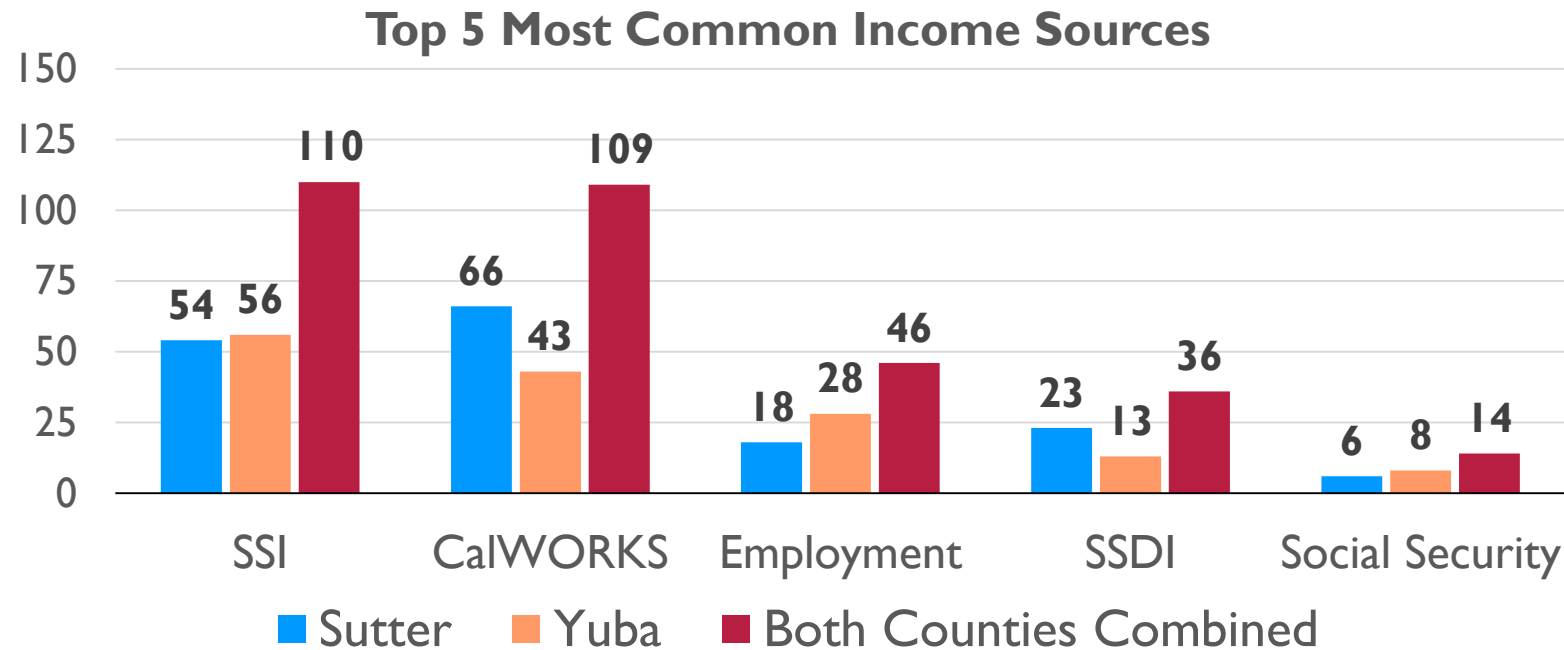
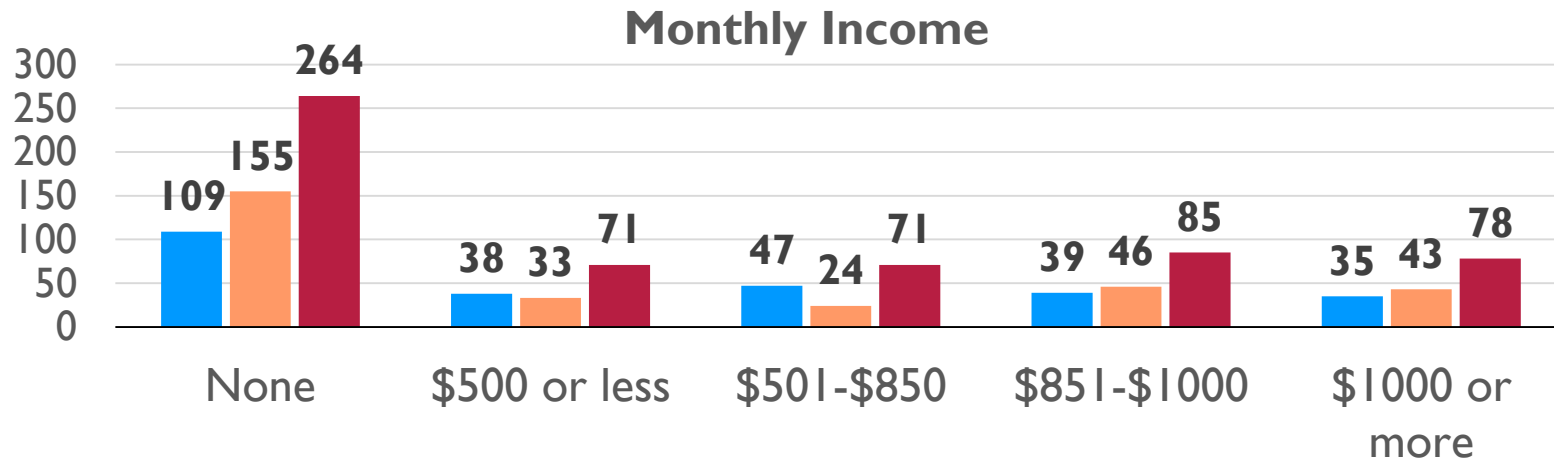


- 27% have been homeless more than once
- 43% have been homeless longer than 1 year
- 31% are chronically homeless:
 - Working or living independently is difficult
 - Homeless 1 year or 4+ times totaling 1 year

WHY ARE PEOPLE HOMELESS?



WHAT IS THEIR INCOME? DO THEY RECEIVE BENEFITS?



- Median monthly income: **\$197.50**
- 46% of homeless adults have no income
- 38% receive non cash benefits
 - Mostly food stamps
- 71% have health insurance
 - Mostly MediCal

WHAT DOES THIS INCOME MEAN?

What is **Affordable Housing**?



The government says housing is “affordable” if a family spends **no more than 30%** of their income to live there.



- Sutter County median income: \$4,588.50/month
- Median income for people experiencing homelessness: \$197.50/month
- Sutter County Median Rent: \$980.00/month
- **A household making less than \$3,267/month is rent overburdened.**
- **Approximately 53% of households in the Sutter area are rent overburdened.**

HOW MUCH HOUSING IS AVAILABLE?



- Total housing units in 2018: 34,622
- Total number of apartment parcels: 399
- Increase in housing stock since 2010:
 - Sutter County 1%
 - California: 2.3%
 - United States: 4.1%
- **Pre Camp Fire** 2018 Vacancy Rate:
 - Sutter County 6.5%
 - California: 7.2%
 - United States: 11.2%

WHAT DO THE NUMBERS SAY?

- About 1,000 people in Sutter and Yuba Counties are homeless
- Most are local
- Many have serious medical needs
- Homelessness is generally caused by economic stress and then collapse of support systems
- Shelters are at capacity – long waiting lists for beds and programs
- Many people experiencing homelessness are already receiving government benefits
- Benefits and/or wages are often insufficient to pay rent
- Very little available housing, most are single family homes, not apartments