



Shortchanged: Health Workforce Gaps in the Greater Sacramento Area

An estimated **289,994** people in the Greater Sacramento Area live in an area that has a shortage of primary care providers. Approximately **7,455** people are experiencing homelessness and in need of housing, health, and social services.

Almost a third of Californians are in a Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), including people who are experiencing homelessness — many of whom have extensive health needs. Those who live on the streets die an average 20 years earlier than people who are housed. Primary care providers (including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives) can develop sustained relationships with patients and practice in the context of family and community. Having a usual primary care provider is associated with a higher likelihood of receiving appropriate care and lower mortality. Having greater access to primary care providers of all kinds can save lives.



2,345,210
Total Population

County	Total Population	People Experiencing Homelessness	People in a HPSA
El Dorado	190,678	613	66,867
Placer	393,149	617	47,216
Sacramento	1,540,975	5,570	175,911
Yolo	220,408	655	-



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Notes: A dash indicates that the geographic area does not meet federal qualifications for designation as a primary care shortage area. For primary medical care, the population-to-provider ratio must be at least 3,500 to 1. Please visit the [Health Resources & Services Administration website](http://www.chcf.org/providershortages) for more information about primary care shortage area designation. For detailed definitions and methods, as well as the full set of maps in this series, visit www.chcf.org/providershortages.

Data Sources: [Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas \(HPSA\) - Census Detail \(July 2014\)](#), California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, n.d.; ["2018: ACS 1-Year Estimates Detailed Tables."](#) US Census Bureau, n.d.; [2019 El Dorado County Homeless Point-In-Time Count & Survey \(PDF\)](#), El Dorado County, n.d.; [2019 Point-In-Time Count Results \(PDF\)](#), Placer County, March 19, 2019; Arturo Baiocchi et al., [Homelessness in Sacramento County: Results from the 2019 Point-in-Time Count \(PDF\)](#), Institute for Social Research and Sacramento Steps Forward, June 2019; and [Yolo County Homeless Count, 2019 \(PDF\)](#), Yolo County, n.d.