

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Goals for Fiscal Years 2022-2025

Outcome Goal #1a: Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness.			
<p>Goal Statement: By the end of the performance period, HDIS data for Nevada County/CA531 will show 550 or less total people accessing services who are experiencing homelessness annually, representing no change or a reduction in the number of people accessing services, and no change or a reduction from the baseline.</p>			
<p>Goal Narrative: Use of coordinated entry is a key service to preventing and addressing homelessness. Increased numbers in the coordinated entry system represent people getting needed services to address their shelter and housing needs. Even when moved to permanent housing, individuals and families may continue to access coordinated entry services for housing supports designed to stabilize the household in their new housing placement. This measure for performance ending June 30, 2024 stated an increase of 100 people using coordinated entry for a total of at least 509 people accessing services for housing and shelter needs. For the performance period extending through June 30, 2025, Nevada County would like to continue to see people accessing services, with either no change, or a decrease from the 2021 HDIS baseline of 550. The current number of 550 shows a correlation between the PIT count, which counted 527 people. As PIT counts improve, coordinated entry numbers will parallel PIT numbers to show a more accurate count of homeless individuals in the County.</p>			
Baseline Data: Annual estimate of number of people accessing services who are experiencing homelessness	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025		
	Change in # of People	Change as % of Baseline	Target Annual Estimate of # of people accessing services who are experiencing homelessness
550	0	0	550 or less.
Underserved Populations and Populations Disproportionately Impacted by Homelessness			
<p>Describe any underserved and/ or disproportionately impacted population(s) that your community will especially focus on related to this Outcome Goal and how this focus has been informed by data in your landscape assessment:</p>		<p>Describe the trackable data goal(s) related to this Outcome Goal: <i>Note: Meeting the trackable data goals for the underserved populations is not required for eligibility for Bonus Funds.</i></p>	
<p>Native Americans represented 4% of Nevada County's homeless population in the 2021 PIT count, and Latinos represented 12%. However, Native Americans and Latinos access services at a lower rate than other groups. According to 2021 baseline data, Latinos represented only 7% of those accessing services and the percentage of Native Americans accessing services is either 0 or is undeterminable because the number is so small. Nevada County aims to increase outreach to these groups and increase entry into the coordinated entry system to better provide homelessness assistance.</p>		<p>Increase Native American and Latino representation in the coordinated entry system to 4% and 10% by 2025, respectively.</p>	

Outcome Goal #1b. Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness on a daily basis.

Goal Statement:

By the end of the performance period, data for **Nevada County/CA 531** will show **211** total people experiencing unsheltered homelessness daily, representing 35 fewer people and a 14% reduction from the baseline.

Goal Narrative:

The 2022 PIT count showed a 27% increase in the total number of homeless individuals since 2019, but a 2% decrease in unsheltered homelessness. Between 2019 and 2022 Nevada County nearly doubled shelter capacity through utilizing COVID funding to expand hotel-based operations and using Medi-Cal ODS waiver funds and other grant sources to expand transitional housing programs. Overall shelter capacity went from just under 100 beds county wide to over 200 beds with more beds for emergency shelter during the winter months. For the performance period ending June 30, 2025, Nevada County has set an ambitious goal of decreasing unsheltered homelessness by an additional 14%, which is a reduction of 35 people from the current baseline of 246 unsheltered individuals. To do so, Nevada County will need to expand shelter by an additional 35 beds with no identified funding for expansion and no identified gap funding to replace expended emergency COVID funds.

Baseline Data: Daily Estimate of # of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025		
	Change in # of People	Change as % of Baseline	Target Daily Estimate of # of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness
246	35	-14%	211

Underserved Populations and Populations Disproportionately Impacted by Homelessness

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Describe the trackable data goal(s) related to this Outcome Goal:
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Increase Native American and Latino representation in the coordinated entry system and access to shelter to 4% and 10% by 2025, respectively. Reduce unsheltered homelessness for unaccompanied youth by 50% from the 2020 baseline of 28.

Outcome Goal #2. Reducing the number of persons who become newly homeless.

Goal Statement:

By the end of the performance period, HDIS data for the **Nevada County/CA-531** will show **305** total people become newly homeless each year, representing 34 fewer people and a **10% reduction** from the baseline.

Goal Narrative:

Nevada County saw a 27% increase in the overall homeless population from the 2019 to 2022 PIT counts. The amount of people that were newly homeless more than doubled. Factors such as loss of income from COVID, changes in the housing market, and the increasing gap between income and rents, particularly those with a fixed income, contributed to the increase in households becoming homeless for the first time. With the current baseline data, Nevada County can expect to reasonably decrease first time homelessness by 10% June 30, 2025.

Baseline Data: Annual Estimate of # of people who become newly homeless each year	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025		
	Change in # of People	Change as % of Baseline	Target Annual Estimate of # of people who become newly homeless each year
339	34	10%	305

Describe Your Related Goals for Underserved Populations and Populations Disproportionately Impacted by Homelessness

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Internal data suggests that families, transitional age youth, and unaccompanied minors, are underrepresented in shelter and services likely due to a lack of shelter resources specific to the needs of these groups. Overall, a focus on these groups utilizing stepped up and resourced prevention and diversion programs is required.	Reduce by 20% the number of families with children, transitional age youth, and minors entering the homeless system by 2025.

Outcome Goal #3. Increasing the number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing.

Goal Statement:

By the end of the performance period, HDIS data for the **Nevada County/CA-531** will show **105** people exiting homelessness into permanent housing annually, representing 32 **more** people and a **50% increase** from the baseline.

Goal Narrative:

While Nevada County continues to make progress on housing projects, landlord liaison efforts, master leasing, and rental assistance programs, the challenge of available affordable housing remains and is affected by many variables outside of our influence. This goal is currently making progress for the performance period ending June 30, 2024. Nevada County aims to see a 50% increase from the baseline of 70 for the performance period ending June 30,2025.

Baseline Data: Annual Estimate of # of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025		
	Change in # of People	Change as % of Baseline	Target Annual Estimate of # of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing
70	32	50%	105

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Native Americans and Latinos access housing placement programs at a far lower rate than other demographic groups. Although Native Americans make up 4% of the homeless population and Latinos make up 12% according to the 2021 PIT count, the 2021 baseline data shows the number of Native Americans and Latinos that exit homelessness is either undeterminable because the numbers are so small, or is 0.	Increase engagement with Native American and Latino communities and ensure access and enrollment in housing programs so that representation in the coordinated entry system increases to 4% and 10% by 2025, respectively, and increase the number of exits to permanent housing for these groups to at least 5 cumulatively, which would be 7% of the total exits to permanent housing.

Outcome Goal #4. Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless.

Goal Statement:

By the end of the performance period, HDIS data for the **Nevada County/CA-531** will show **112** days as the average length of time that persons are enrolled in street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, safehaven projects and time prior to move-in for persons enrolled in rapid rehousing and permanent housing programs annually, representing 28 **fewer** days and a **20% reduction** from the baseline.

Goal Narrative:

Nevada County saw an increase in the length of time individuals remain homeless from the 2020 to the 2021 baseline. Affordable housing options are very limited, and the completion of housing development projects was delayed in 2021 and 2022 because of supply chain issues. Detailed data shows that people remain in transitional housing longer than any other type of shelter. Nevada County sets an ambitious goal of reducing the length of time homeless by 20%, or 28 days, while continuing progress on housing projects, landlord liaison efforts, master leasing, and rental assistance programs.

Baseline Data: Average length of time (in # of days) persons enrolled in street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, safehaven projects and time prior to move-in for persons enrolled in rapid rehousing and permanent housing programs	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025		
	Change in # of days	Change as % of Baseline	Target Average length of time (in # of days) persons enrolled in street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, safehaven projects and time prior to move-in for persons enrolled in rapid rehousing and permanent housing programs
140	28	20%	112

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Exits to permanent housing, length of time homeless, and return to homelessness can be intricately connected. Based on 2020 HDIS data, those with substance use disorders or those fleeing domestic violence have the highest rate of return to homelessness within 6 months of exiting to permanent housing of all subpopulations, even considering that these populations have a small number of exits to permanent housing and an average length of time to housing placement.	Maintain a median average length of time homeless of 112 days for those with substance use disorders and those fleeing from domestic violence to eliminate any bottleneck while reducing the return to homelessness rate.

Outcome Goal #5. Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness within two years after exiting homelessness to permanent housing.

Goal Statement:

By the end of the performance period, HDIS data for the **CA-531** will show **13.16%** of people return to homelessness within 2 years after having exited homelessness to permanent housing, representing **7 more** people and a **9.16% increase** from the baseline.

Goal Narrative:

The baseline percentage represents the rate of return to homelessness within 6 months of exiting to permanent housing. Because six month returns data are not yet available in HDIS for all people who exited during CY 2021, the baseline return may not be representative of the returns for all people who exited during the year. Baseline data for 2020 shows a 13.16% rate of return to homelessness within 6 months after exiting to permanent housing; coordinated entry data for 2021 indicates this rate is 23%, which is a 10% increase. Because the 2020 baseline of 13% return rate is actually a very low rate, the goal is to regain and maintain the 2020 13.16% rate of returning to homelessness within 6 months (a decrease of 10% from 2021 coordinated entry data). Furthermore, this 2020 baseline metric looks at only a 6-month period between lease up and return to homelessness. The County and the CoC, while dedicated to reducing this rate at 6-months, are also looking to improve housing retention rates at 12 and 24 months.

Baseline Data: % of people who return to homelessness within 2 years after having exited homelessness to permanent housing	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025		
	Change in % of People	Change as % of Baseline	Target % of people who return to homelessness within 2 years after having exited homelessness to permanent housing
4%	9.16%	229.00%	13.16%

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Outcome Goal #6. Increasing successful placements from street outreach.

Goal Statement:

By the end of the performance period, HDIS data for the **Nevada County/CA-531** will show **100** total people served in street outreach projects exit to emergency shelter, safe haven, transitional housing, or permanent housing destinations annually, representing **98 more** people and a **98% increase** from the baseline.

Goal Narrative:

A data collection error resulted in 0 placements to housing from street outreach for the 2020 baseline data. This error has been corrected and placements are accurately being counted. Corrected data for 2020 shows 50 exits from street outreach to transitional housing, shelter, permanent housing. Nevada County's goal is to double that number to 100 placements by June 30, 2025.

Baseline Data: Annual # of people served in street outreach projects who exit to emergency shelter, safe haven, transitional housing, or permanent housing destinations.	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025		
	Change in # of People	Change as % of Baseline	Target Annual Estimate of # of people served in street outreach projects who exit to emergency shelter, safe haven, transitional housing, or permanent housing destinations.
2	98	98%	100

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Although Latinos make up an average of 10% of the homeless population (PIT counts from 2019-2021), only about 3% are engaged in outreach services (2020-2021 HMIS data).	By 2025, Increase street outreach for Latinos by 10% proportional to their representation in the homeless system.
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