



# Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)

Community Listening Sessions

Housing Interventions

10/16/25

# Community Engagement Activities

**30+ Stakeholder Groups:** Expanded engagement, including people with lived experience, community-based and cultural organizations, service providers, and public systems partners (government, education, workforce development)

## Focus Groups

Sessions with people with lived experience and priority communities (online & in-person, English and Spanish) to gather firsthand insights



## Listening Sessions

Sharing performance outcomes for FSPs, BHSS, and housing interventions, informed by community insights



## Community Behavioral Health Survey

Gathers broad feedback, available online & paper in English, Spanish, Russian, and Farsi, with tailored versions for youth, caregivers, and system partners



## Key Informant Interviews

One-on-one conversations with system partners to understand technical expertise, organizational capacity, and identify collaboration opportunities



## COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS (CPP)

## Community Engagement Work Group

Interactive informational sessions providing space for community questions and dialogue



## Public Comment Period

Community review and feedback period (30 days) on the proposed Behavioral Health Integrated Plan, programs, and budget before state submission on March 31, 2026



# Our Purpose Today

- **Listen** to and learn from community members, providers, and system partners
- **Gather** insights and feedback on Housing Interventions—identifying needs and barriers to access
- **Center** diverse voices to inform strategies for the 2026-2029 Behavioral Health Integrated Plan



**Demographic Form:** Please complete the short survey in the chat to help us understand who are we hearing from today

# Session Outline (90 Minutes)

- Consent & Ground Rules
- BHSA, Housing Interventions, and Statewide Behavioral Health Goals Overview
- Yolo County Housing Services Overview
- Housing Interventions: County Performance Data
- October 2 Session – Key Takeaways
- Community Discussion
- Next Steps & Engagement Opportunities

# Consent & Ground Rules

## Your Participation

- **Voluntary:** Share what you're comfortable sharing
- **Confidential:** Names will not be linked to responses
- **Flexible:** Speak aloud or type in chat
- **Safe:** Won't affect your access to services

## Creating a Respectful Space

- **No right or wrong answers** - All insights are important
- **You don't have to agree** - Different perspectives welcome
- **Everyone has a chance to speak** - One person at a time
- **Participation is your choice** - We won't call on anyone
- **You can pause or stop** - At any time



**Recording:** We will be recording this session to ensure that we accurately capture your insights. All personal information will be de-identified.

# BHSA Overview

- **Legislative Evolution:** Voters approved Proposition 1 in March 2024, transforming MHSA into BHSA to modernize behavioral health services
- **Funding Mechanism:** 1% tax on income over \$1 million
- **Service Access:** Expands coverage for substance use disorders and housing interventions to support those who need the most critical care
- **New Planning and Reporting Requirements:** Counties must update how they plan and report on required key behavioral health indicators
- **Expanded Community Involvement:** Counties engage with expanded community groups and specific populations in the planning process
- **Comprehensive Funding Plans:** Counties must create Integrated Plans that outline all services and programs funded by any county's behavioral health funding sources

# BHSA Housing Interventions Overview (I)

## Housing Interventions

30%

Provide sustainable housing solutions for eligible individuals with behavioral health needs

### Key Services:

- Rental & Operating Subsidies
- Housing Supports
- Capital Development

### Housing Settings:

- Permanent
- Interim (time-limited)

**Target:** Individuals needing housing stability as foundation for behavioral health recovery

## Full-Service Partnership (FSP)

35%

Comprehensive, intensive services for highest-need individuals at risk of homelessness, justice involvement, or hospitalization

### Evidence-Based Models:

- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Forensic ACT (FACT)
- Individual Placement & Support (IPS)
- High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW)

### Substance Use Disorder Focus:

- Primary SUD FSPs and assertive field-based SUD treatment initiation
- Mobile outreach programs and same-day medication-assisted treatment access

**Approach:** Whole-person, trauma-informed care with family/natural supports partnership

## Behavioral Health Services & Supports (BHSS)

35%

Comprehensive system of care services across all age groups

### System of Care Services:

- Children's System (non-FSP)
- Adult & Older Adult System (non-FSP)

### Early Intervention Programs (EI; 51% of BHSS)

- Outreach
- Access and Linkages
- Treatment Services and Supports
- EI funding 51% to serve 25yrs and under

### Infrastructure & Capacity Building:

- Workforce Education & Training (WET)
- Capital Facilities & Technology (CFTN)
- Outreach & Engagement (O&E)

**Innovation (INN)** and Evidence-building

# BHSA Housing Interventions Overview (II): Program Models

- ✓ **Rental Subsidies**
  - Rental Assistance
  - Project-Based Housing Assistance
  - Master Leasing
  
- ✓ **Capital Development Projects** (max 25% of funds)
  
- ✓ **Operating Subsidies**
  
- ✓ **Other Housing Supports** (max 7% of funds)
  - Landlord Outreach & Mitigation
  - Participant Assistance
  - Housing Navigation & Tenancy Sustaining Services
  - Outreach & Engagement

# BHSA Housing Interventions Overview (III): Allowable Settings

## **Temporary Support (Time-Limited)**

- Hotels/motels, non-congregate interim housing
- Small congregate settings (not dormitories or treatment facilities)
- Recuperative care, post-hospitalization housing
- Tiny homes, emergency cabins, stabilization units, peer respite
- Other Transitional Rent benefit settings

## **Permanent Support**

- Supportive housing, apartments (master-lease), homes
- SROs, ADUs/JADUs, mobile home communities, tiny homes
- Recovery/sober living housing
- Assisted living, board and care facilities
- License-exempt room and board
- Other Transitional Rent benefit settings

# Yolo County Housing Services Overview

Region	Entry Point	Services Overview
<b>Yolo County</b>	County Outreach Team	Street outreach, ECM, case management for medically fragile individuals, linkages
<b>Davis</b>	Community Meals & Housing	Housing (transitional, family, PSH), day services, meals, employment, prevention
	Respite Center	Day respite, showers, meals, case management, linkage
<b>West Sacramento</b>	Former Rodeway Inn	Interim shelter, barrier reduction, housing search, walk-up services (food, water, clothing)
	Children's Alliance	Family support, housing navigation, move-in costs, eviction prevention, food vouchers, transportation
	BH Bridge Housing	Emergency shelter (SMI/SUD), case management, housing navigation
	Mercy Coalition	Jobs and Mentoring (JAM) Academy, School for Recovery, developing permanent housing with supportive services
<b>Woodland</b>	Fourth & Hope	Emergency shelter, medical respite, BH Bridge Housing-housing navigation, ECM, Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional Housing, linkage to outpatient treatment
	Empower Yolo	Crisis support, safety shelter, legal/counseling services, youth programs
	Haven House	Medical respite (4 beds)

# Statewide Population Behavioral Health Goals



## Goals for Improvement

- Access to Care\*
- Care Experience
- Prevention and Treatment of Co-Occurring Physical Health Conditions
- Quality of Life
- Social Connection
- Engagement in School
- Engagement in Work

## Goals for Reduction

- Untreated Behavioral Health Conditions
- Institutionalization
- [Homelessness](#)
- Justice-Involvement
- Removal of Children from Home
- Suicides\*
- Overdoses\*



\*Goals Related to Housing covered in today's presentation

# Data Sources & Context



**Sources** Data from DHCS County Performance Workbook integrating state and federal systems. Access at: <https://www.calmhsa.org/data-explainer-series/>



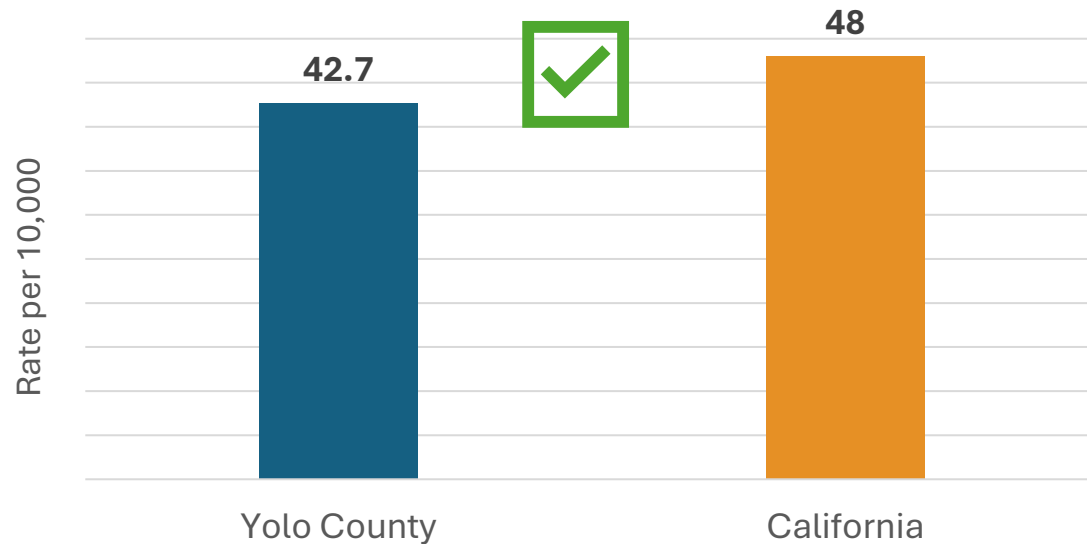
**Understanding the Data** This data offers a valuable snapshot but cannot capture the full complexity of behavioral health services, community needs, social determinants, or lived experiences.



**Use as a starting point** – supplement with local knowledge, community input, and lived experience for comprehensive understanding.

# Homelessness

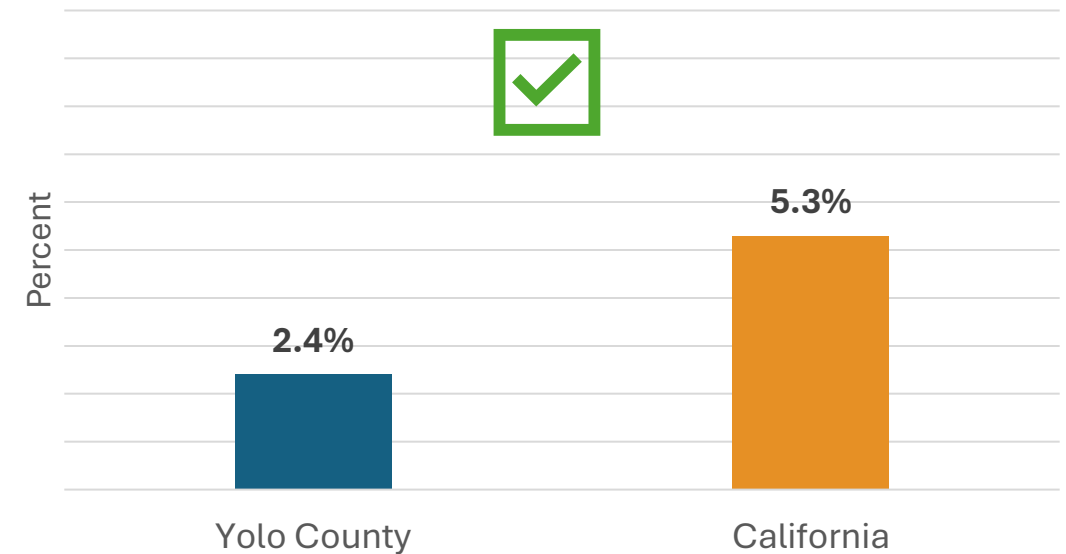
Point-In-Time (PIT) Rate of People Experiencing Homelessness



In 2024, **Yolo County** had **42.7** people experiencing homelessness per 10,000 residents, which is **less** than the **state** average of **48.0**.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

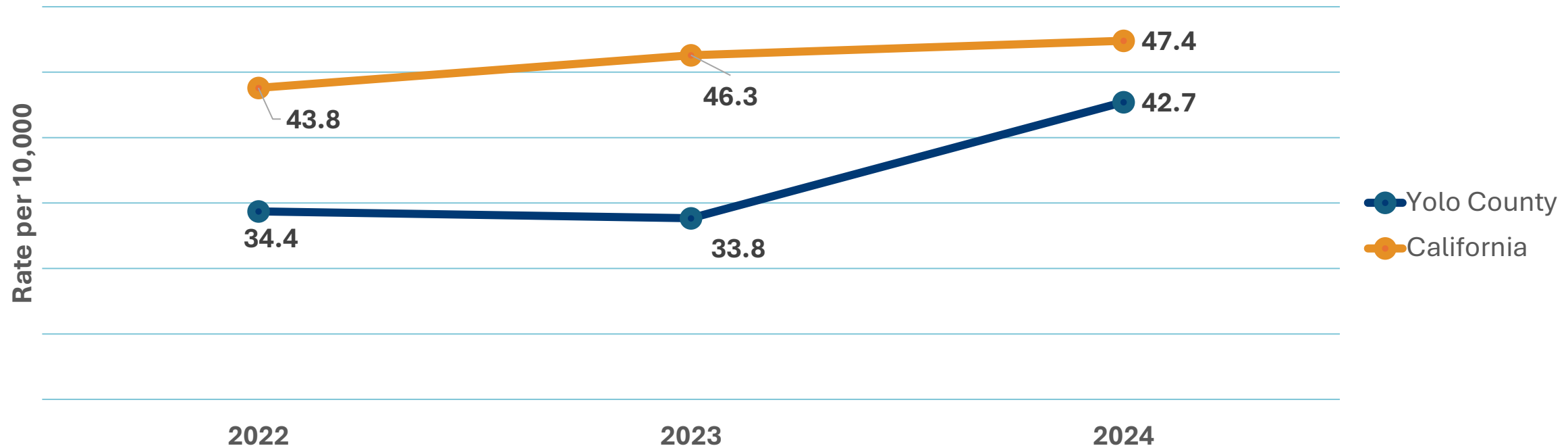
Percent of K-12 Public School Students Experiencing Homelessness



The percent of K-12 students experiencing homelessness during 2023-2024 was **smaller** in **Yolo County**, at only **2.4%**, compared to **5.3%** **statewide**.

Source: California Department of Education

# Point-In-Time (PIT) Rate of People Experiencing Homelessness Over Time

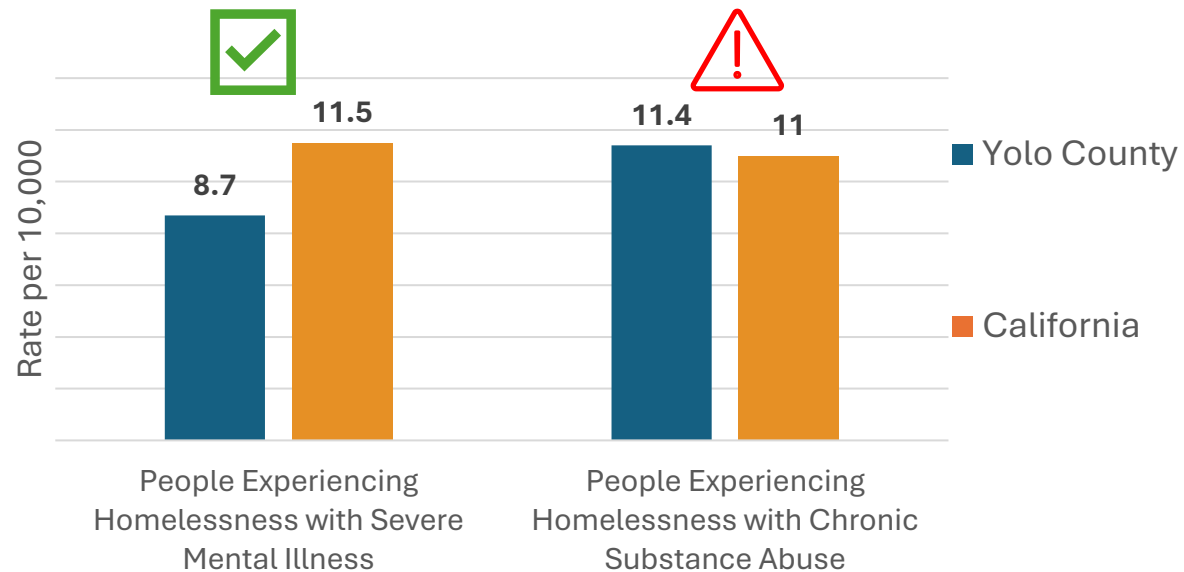


Over the last three years, rates of homelessness in **Yolo County** have **increased**, coming closer than previously recorded to the **statewide** average in 2024.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

# Homelessness

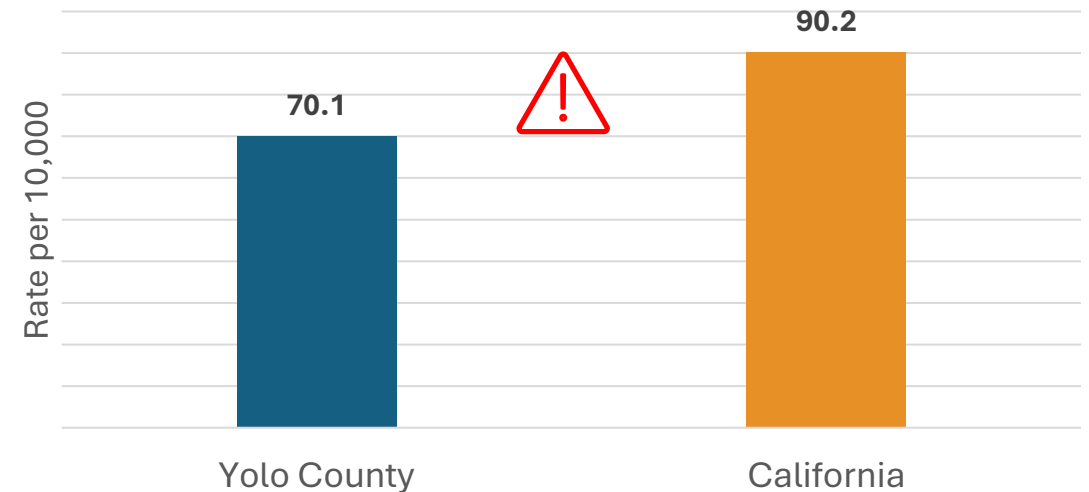
Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Rate of People Experiencing Homelessness



**Yolo County** has **fewer** people experiencing homelessness with severe mental illness (**8.7** per 10,000 compared to **11.5**), but **more** people experiencing homelessness with chronic substance abuse (**11.4** per 10,000 compared to **11.0**) in comparison to **California**.

**Source:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Rate of People Experiencing Homelessness Who Accessed Services from a Continuum of Care (CoC)



In **Yolo County**, **70.1** people per 10,000 accessed homelessness services through the Continuum of Care in 2023, which was **fewer** than the **statewide** rate of **91.2**.

**Source:** California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency

# Understanding Homelessness Disparities

## Groups with the Highest Rates of Homelessness

(Point-In-Time Count Rate per 10,000 people by CoC Region)

- **Age Groups:** 35-44 and 45-54
- **Sex Assigned at Birth:** Men
- **Race:** Individuals identifying as Alaskan Native/American Indian and/or Black

## Groups with the Highest Rates of Student Homelessness

(Percent of K-12 Public School Students Experiencing Homelessness)

- **Grade Level:** Transitional Kindergarten and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **Race:** Individuals identifying as Alaskan Native/American Indian and/or Black

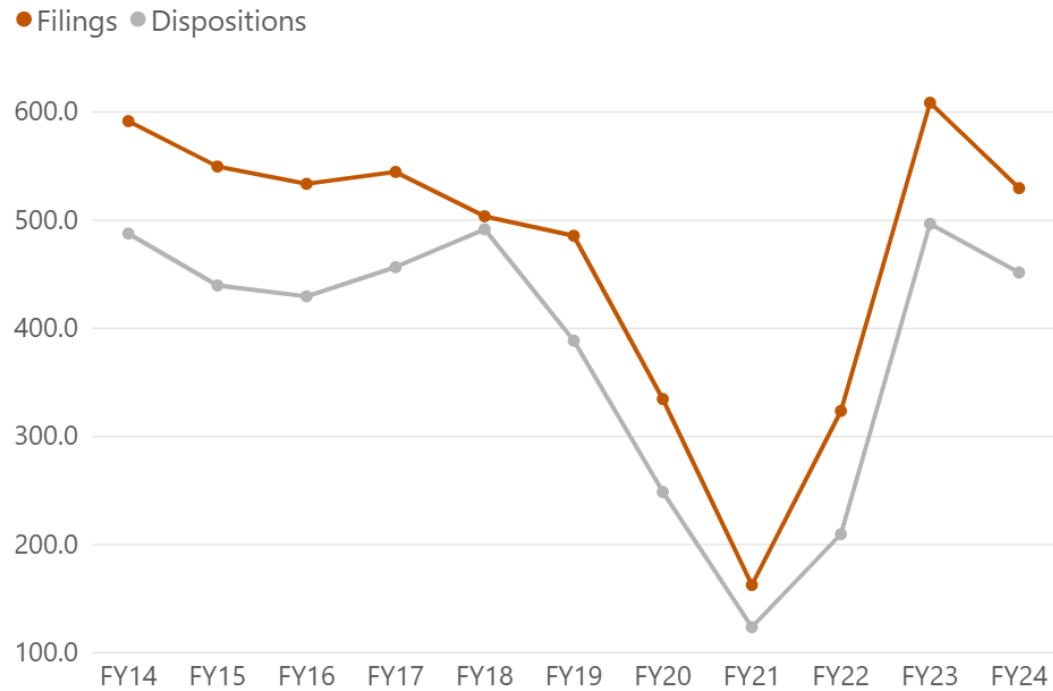
# Service Gap Issues

## Out-of-County Placement Data

- As of 2019, **23 consumers** were living in Board and Care homes outside Yolo County due to lack of local capacity:
  - 8 in augmented Board and Care home placements
  - 15 in Sacramento Board and Care homes
- **59 consumers** were living in higher levels of care with limited local step-down housing options available
- **50-75 beds** would be needed to sustainably reduce individuals living in insecure or substandard housing conditions

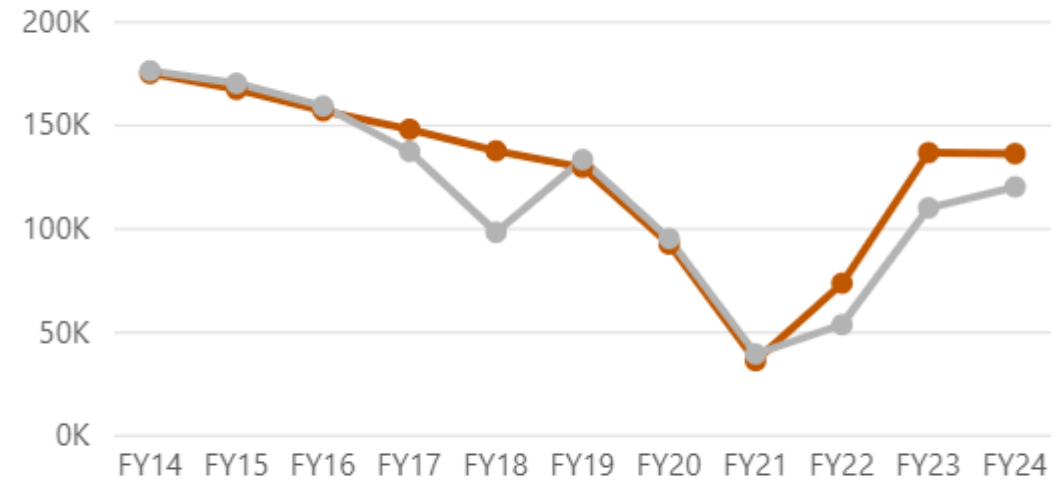
# Evictions: Unlawful Detainer Filings

Filings and dispositions for Yolo



% Change in Filings 10-year: **-10%** 1-year: **-13%**

Statewide



10-year: **-22%** 1-year: **-0%**

# October 2 Session: Key Takeaways

- Data limitations and community reality gaps
- Infrastructure preservation crisis
- Systemic coordination and navigation barriers
- Financial sustainability and administrative inadequacies
- Population-specific housing gaps

*Preliminary analysis of October 2 Community Listening Session feedback reveals that while county performance meets state metrics, participants identified underlying operational challenges that warrant attention to maintain system sustainability and service quality.*

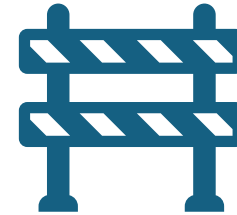
# Community Discussion



Understanding  
community reality



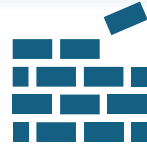
Identifying solutions



Addressing barriers

# CPPP Moving Forward

## Next Steps and Engagement Opportunities:



- **Community Behavioral Health Survey** (Open through November 21) Please take 10 minutes to complete and share widely with friends, family, consumers, and colleagues
- **Focus Groups and Key Informant Interviews.** We're currently scheduling and conducting interviews/sessions
- **CPP Report Draft** summarizing all data collection findings will be available for public comment in **January-February 2026**
- **CPP Questions or Additional Feedback?** Contact: [mdesantibanes@evalcorp.com](mailto:mdesantibanes@evalcorp.com)

### Community Behavioral Health Survey

<https://tinyurl.com/u7dsd4hp>



# How To Get Help In Yolo

## **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**

Call, text, or TTY 988

Web Chat: [www.988lifeline.org](http://www.988lifeline.org)

## **Yolo County HHSA**

Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency Phone Line

Toll Free: (833) 744-HHSA (4472)

## **Access & Crisis Lines**

24/7 Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Line

Toll Free: (888) 965-6647

TDD: (800) 735-2929

<https://www.yolocounty.org/government/general-government-departments/health-human-services/mental-health>

*Deaf and Hard-Of-Hearing callers will need to call the toll-free number for behavioral health.  
California Relay Services: 711*

# Questions?

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# Thank You!