



# COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: AT A GLANCE

2024/2025

## PURPOSE

The Community Action Plan (CAP) is a comprehensive study of the causes and conditions of poverty in Sacramento County. Beginning with an assessment of risk factors, the document identifies priority needs and the populations which would most benefit from intervention and support in attaining self-sufficiency.

## SETA AND THE CSBG PROGRAM

The Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) is a public agency that aims to build self-sufficiency by addressing barriers to success and creating opportunities in education and work. As a designated Community Action Agency, SETA oversees Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding and services for Sacramento County.

CSBG was established as a national program in the 1960s with the goal of reducing the incidence and effects of poverty and empowering low-income families and individuals to become self-sufficient.

SETA's CSBG program works with local community-based organizations to provide a network of resources and services. Our goal is to produce measurable impacts on the causes and conditions of poverty experienced by individuals and families. CSBG provides a range of services to assist low-income persons with employment, housing, training and other services that promote self-sufficiency. CSBG funding also provides eligible participants with immediate life necessities such as emergency food, shelter, rental assistance, transportation and access to available community resources.

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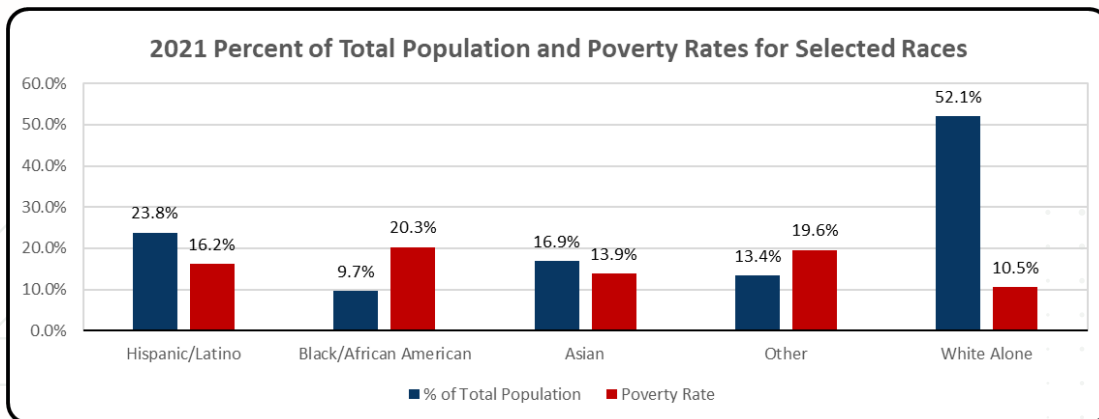
# METHODOLOGY

SETA has gathered both qualitative and quantitative data, within Sacramento County, to complete the Community Needs Assessment (CNA). Data from the CNA has formed the basis for the proposed Community Action Plan. The following sources were used for data collection purposes:

- Community Forum
- Community Service Gap Survey
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Dept. of Education
- Various Online Data Resources
- Local Employers
- Local Labor Market
- Community Action Partnership Data Hub
- 2022 Point-In-Time Count
- National Low-Income Housing Coalition

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

With a total population of 1,157,767, Sacramento County encompasses urban, suburban and rural environments. As of 2021, 13.3% of the total population (205,590) were living below the federal poverty line. While the poverty rate has decreased for most age groups in Sacramento County, a larger number of people over the age of 65 are living in poverty. As demonstrated in the chart below, the poverty rate is also highest among people of color.



There continues to be a high number of people in poverty who are experiencing extreme poverty, or living below 50% of the federal poverty level. As of the most recent statistics available, 86,057 people are living in extreme poverty -- at risk of not meeting daily needs, much less achieving self-sufficiency. Key takeaways from the needs assessment are:

- \* 13.3% of Sacramento County residents are living in poverty
- \* Of the adult population 65 years and older, 9.8% are living in poverty
- \* 17.4% of youth under the age of 18 are living in poverty
- \* Of the single parent households with children under the age of 18, 28.7% are living in poverty
- \* 31.9% of the children in families headed by single mother are living in poverty
- \* In October 2022, there were 1,674 children in the Sacramento County foster care system: 28% exited without a high school diploma or equivalent, and 39% had no employment
- \* Despite making up 9.7% of the population, Black/African American youth represented 47.5% of male felony arrests and 68.3% of female felony arrests in 2021
- \* On average, the hourly wage needed to afford a one-bedroom apartment is 30% more than minimum wage and 70% more for a two-bedroom apartment
- \* 64% of renters are paying more than 50% of their income towards rent
- \* From the 2022 PIT count, 9,278 people were experiencing homelessness
- \* 8.8% (89,700) adults, and 7.8% (27,500) children are experiencing food insecurity

# IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY NEEDS

SETA recognizes that there are barriers to equity, along racial, gender and other identities stemming from historical and systemic structures that have implemented racist practices. Applying and embedding an equity lens allows SETA to accurately prioritize the needs within the community to promote long-standing change and stabilization. With marginalized communities being more disproportionately represented across all categories addressed in the CNA, funding will prioritize programs that address these concerns. SETA has identified the following needs within the community and has prioritized them accordingly below:

#	SETA Identified Priorities
1	Persons experiencing homelessness need shelter and permanent housing, as well as supportive services for substance use and physical and mental health concerns to reduce chronic homelessness.
2	Disadvantaged communities are in need of economic and social equity focused support systems.
3	Low-income people need financial assistance with rent, utilities, food, shelter/housing, transportation, and obtaining a driver's license, clothing, and employment.
4	Single parents, especially female-led households, need help attaining self-sufficiency for themselves and their families.
5	Opportunity youth, especially those of color, need mentoring and support in attaining healthy behaviors and stability.
6	Older adults, especially those of color, need support to maintain healthy and independent lives.
7	Persons with disabilities need help attaining self-sufficiency in work and housing.
8	Youth need support in regaining and maintaining educational attainment that was lost during the pandemic.
9	Refugees and New Americans need guidance and support in adjusting to American Society through language competency and employment.

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