Public transportation in Paradise is quite limited, with no train lines and only two bus routes operated by Butte Regional Transit. These bus routes cover only those areas to the west of Clark Road, leaving half the town without public transportation. This is perhaps due to the lower density of occupation in the eastern half of town. Regardless, wider public transportation coverage should be a priority.

Healthcare in Paradise was dominated by a single provider, Adventa Health. The largest facility, Feather River Hospital, is on the east side of the town. Scattered throughout the rest of the town are smaller clinics, under the same system as the larger hospital.

Most of the clinics did not survive the fire. The hospital, however, sustained little damage, but it is uncertain if the hospital will reopen.

There is only one police station in Paradise. In addition, about five miles north is a county sheriff station. From data gathered between 2011-2013, most crimes reported to police are burglary or theft, followed by about 150 reports of assault per year. The department receives an average about 10-12 calls per day.

Firefighting stations are fairly evenly scattered among the town, with four different stations in total. The town resources are also reinforced by those of Cal Fire, whose headquarters are 20 miles south of the town. During the Camp Fire, firefighters from up to 160 miles away (i.e. Reno) responded to the disaster.

The town of Paradise currently relies on over 11,000 individual septic tanks to treat and dispose wastewater generated by homes and businesses. The amount of use for each property in the community is limited to the capacity to solely dispose of wastewater on its own site. There is certainly a need for a new, more sustainable, and more economical alternatives, although this might come at a greater upfront cost.

Residents of Paradise have a choice between two waste management services, one public and one private. The private service, Northern Recycling & Waste, has its facility off Clarke Road in the south part of town. The public service, Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility, is located off of Skyway Road, about five miles outside of town near Highway 99. This site hosts recycling facilities as well as a landfill.

Water in Butte County mainly comes from rainfall and a little from snow that is collected in the Little Butte Creek Watershed. Water here will flow to either Paradise Lake or Magalia Reservoir to await distribution to the county’s occupants.

AT A GLANCE

- 26,682 residents
- 4 fire stations
- 1 hospital, 5 clinics
- 2 bus routes
- 1 police station
- 14 schools