Monterey County

Homeless Census & Survey

2019 Executive Summary

Every two years, during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care.

The 2019 Monterey County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 31st, 2019. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 450 unsheltered and sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

Census Population: Longitudinal Trend



Age







Gender





35% Female

Sexual Orientation

93% Straight

4% Bisexual



1% Lesbian 1% Gay

Other

Ethnicity

36%

Latinx/

Hispanic

Race Top Responses[△]

50% White

20% Multi-racial

25%

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Residence Prior to Homelessness



Length of Time in Monterey County

11% < 1 Year

21% 1-4 Years

14% 5-9 Years

54% 10 Years+

Foster Care

of survey respondents have been in the foster system.

Justice System Involvement



18% of survey respondents spent one or more nights in jail/ prison/juvenile hall in the past year.

2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population

24% Sheltered

76% Unsheltered

Subpopulation* Data

Chronically Homeless | 562 Individuals



Veterans | 172 Individuals





Unaccompanied Children & Transitional-Age Youth | 324 Individuals





Accomodation on Count Night



22%

Outdoors/

Streets/Parks



19%

Vehicle



18%



12%

Emergency

Work







86% Unsheltered

12% Transitional Motel/ Housing

Employment Status

18% **Employed**

82% Unemployed

Unemployment **Status**

32% Unable to

48% Looking for Work

20% Not Looking for Work



Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness*

Top 6 Responses^a



59% Financial Issues (Job Loss, Eviction, Etc.)

18%

Legal Issues

40% Alcohol or Drug Use

> 11% Fight or Conflict

10% Incarceration

23%

Divorce/

Seperation/ Breakup

First Episode of Homelessess



55% of survey respondents indicated their current episode of homelessness was their first.

Age at First Episode of Homelessess

8% 0 - 17

20%

Ways to Obtain Permanent Housing⁺

Top 4 Responses[△]



76% Rental

Job/ More

Money for Moving Costs

More Housing Available

Duration of Current Episode of Homlessness

5% 30 Days or Less

32% 1-11 Months

63% 1 Year or More

Self-Reported Health⁺

Current health conditions that may affect the housing stability or employment of those experiencing homelessness.



Depression



Alcohol & **Drug Use**



Physical Disability



25%

Chronic Health **Problems**



Post-**Traumatic Stress** Disorder



19%

Other Psychiatric/ **Emotional Conditions**

10%

Traumatic Brain **Injury**

HIV/ AIDS Related Illness

Disabling **Conditions**

58% of survey respondents reported having at least one disabling condition.



A disabling condition is defined by HUD as a developmental disability, HIV/ AIDS, or a long-term physical or mental impairment that impacts a person's ability to live independently, but could be improved with stable housing.

Services and Assistance



61% of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits.

Reasons for Not Receiving Any Government Assistance⁺

Top 6 Responses

27%

Never Applied

19% No ID

26% No Permanent

18%

Don't Think I'm Eliaible

20% Paperwork Too Difficult

17%

Don't Want Goverment Assistance

Services Currently Accessing⁺

Top 6 Responses[△]

57%

17%

Shelter Day

Services

25% Meal Services

Emergency Shelter

16% Transitional Housing

16% Mental Health Services

24%

Bus Passes

*Subpopulation Definitions

Chronically Homeless

An individual with one or more disabling conditions or a family with a head of household with a disabling condition who:

» Has been continuously homeless for 1 year or

- Has experienced 4 or more episodes of homelessness within the past 3 years.

Veterans

Persons who have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty.

Families

A household with at least one adult member (persons 18 or older) and at least one child member (persons under 18).

Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults

Youth under the age of 18 and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 years old (TAY) who are experiencing homelessness and living without a parent or legal guardian.

+ Multiple response question, results may not add up to 100%.

Δ Only displaying top responses, all response data will be available in full report. Note: Some percentages have been rounded so total percentage will equal 100%.

The complete comprehensive report includes a more detailed profile of the characteristics of those experiencing homelessness in Monterey. It will be available summer 2019. Source: Applied Survey Research, 2019, Monterey County Homeless Census & Survey, Watsonville, CA.

