SAN BENITO COUNTY

2022 HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT & SURVEY

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 2022 San Benito County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 27th, 2022. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 112 unsheltered and sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in order to profile their experience and characteristics.



75% UNSHELTERED



RESIDENCE AT TIME



LENGTH OF TIME IN SAN BENITO COUNTY



85% YEAR

7% 1-4 YEARS

0% 5-9 YEARS

8% 10+ YEARS



AGE

12% UNDER 18

10%

78%

GENDER







SEXUAL ORIENTATION

70% **3**% 2% BISEXUAL STRAIGHT OTHER

10% 9% **6**% LESBIAN GAY QUEER

ETHNICITY



70% LATINX/ HISPANIC

RACE

TOP 4 RESPONSES△

29% WHITE

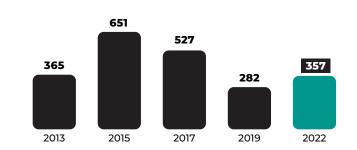
17% MULTI-RACIAL

29% ΔΜΕΡΙζΔΝ INDIAN OR

14% BLACK

ALASKAN NATIVE

CENSUS POPULATION: LONGITUDINAL TREND



UNSHELTERED POPULATION BY LOCATION



56% RV



Tent



11% Car/Van



Outdoors/ Streets/Parks



Abandoned

SUBPOP* DATA:

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS



52%

48% Sheltered Unsheltered 58 Individuals

VETERANS



33% Sheltered Unsheltered

6 Individuals

FAMILIES



97%

Sheltered Unsheltered 16 Families with 61 Members

EMPLOYMENT STATUS



HAD SOME FORM OF **EMPLOYMENT**

OF UNEMPLOYED...

42% WFRF TO WORK

40% WFRF

18% WERE NOT LOOKING FOR WORK

FOSTER CARE



of survey respondents have been in the foster care system

COVID-19





SAID COVID-19 WAS RELATED TO THE CAUSE OF THEIR HOMELESSNESS

PRIMARY CONDITION THAT **LEAD TO HOMELESSNESS+**

| TOP 5 RESPONSES ^A | 37% FINANCIAL ISSUES (JOB LOSS EVICTION, ETC.) |
|--|---|
| 31% DIVORCE/ SEPARATION/ BREAK-UP | 30% FIGHT OR CONFLICT |
| 26% LEGAL ISSUES | 24% PHYSICAL/ EMOTIONAL/ SEXUAL ABUSE |

FIRST EPISODE OF **HOMELESSNESS**



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

AGE AT FIRST EPISODE OF HOMELESSNESS



12% 15% 73% 0-17

18-24 25+

DURATION OF CURRENT EPISODE OF HOMELESSNESS



6% 30 DAYS OR LESS

33%

61% A YEAR OR MORE

1-11 MONTHS

WAYS TO OBTAIN PERMANENT HOUSING+

TOP 4 RESPONSES△

72%

64%

60%

60%

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

JOB/MORE INCOME

MONEY FOR MOVING COSTS

HELP FINDING HOUSING

SELF REPORTED HEALTH+

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



51% DEPRESSION



47% CHRONIC **HEALTH** CONDITION



45% PTSD



PHYSICAL DISABILITY



36% **PSYCHIATRIC** OR EMOTIONAL

CONDITIONS



32% **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**



20%

ALCOHOL & DRUG USE



HIV/ AIDS RELATED **ILLNESS**

DISABLING CONDITIONS



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.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE



Of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits.

REASONS FOR NOT RECEIVING ANY **GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE+** Top 5 Responses



19% **NEVER** APPLIED

38% DON'T WANT GOVERNMENT **ASSISTANCE**

DON'T THINK I'M FLIGIBLE

19% **BENEFITS** WERE CUT OFF

19%

19% NO ID

SERVICES CURRENTLY ACCESSING+ Top 6 Responses

| 48 % | 26% | 21% |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| EMERGENCY SHELTER | CONTACT WITH OUTREACH WORKER | SHELTER DAY SERVICES |
| 16% | 16% | 15% |
| HOUSING NAVIGATION | ALCOHOL/DRUG COUNSELING | LEGAL ASSISTANCE |

*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 more and/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).

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

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2022, San Benito County Homeless Census & Survey, Watsonville, CA.

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