City of San José

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 City of San José Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 29th and 30th, 2019. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 908 unsheltered and sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

Census Population: Longitudinal Trend 6,097 4,770 4,350 4,309 4,193 4,034 4,063 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019



6% 20% 74% Under 18

Gender



65%



Transgender

Sexual Orientation

88% Straight

6% Bisexual



Ethnicity

41%

Latinx/

Hispanic

3% Lesbian

Race Top Responses[△]

25% 41% Multi-racial White

9% 20% Black

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Foster Care

Residence Prior

83%

Length of Time

14%

< 1 Year

13%

5-9 Years

in Santa Clara County

to Homelessness

18%

of survey respondents have been in the foster system.

Encampments

1,782 individuals were observed living in encampments.



2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population

16% Sheltered n=980



84% Unsheltered

85%

Unsheltered

Subpopulation* Data

Chronically Homeless | 1,553 Individuals



Veterans | 476 Individuals





Sheltered







99%

30%

Unsheltered



15% 1-4 Years

58%

10 Years+

Santa Clara

County

Unaccompanied Young Adults | 1.175 Individuals



93%

Current Accomodation



Streets/Parks/ Encampments

38% Outdoors/



17% Shelter Vehicle



13% Structure not

Habitiation



11%



Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness*

Top 6 Responses^a

14%

Eviction



25% 30% Lost Job

Alcohol or Drug Use

12%

Argument with Family/Friend

12% Incarceration

16% Divorce/ Seperation/

First Episode of Homelessess



39% of survey respondents indicated their current episode of homelessness was their first.

Interest in Permanent Housing

88% of survey respondents said yes when asked if they would accept affordable permanent housing if it became available soon.

Obstacles to Permanent Housing*

Top 4 Responses[△]

68% Couldn't Afford Rent

60% Not Enough Income

No Housing

No Money for

Duration of Current Episode of Homlessness

7% 30 Days or Less

26% 1-11 Months

67% 1 Year or More



Self Reported Health+

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



Psychiatric/ **Emotional Conditions**



36%

Alcohol & Drug Use



Post-**Traumatic Stress** Disorder



Physical Disability



23%

Chronic Health **Problems**



Traumatic Brain Injury

HIV/ AIDS Related Illness

Disabling Conditions

47% 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



66%

of survey respondents reported receiving

Employment Status

Employed Full-Time

12% **Employed** Part-Time/

81% Unemployed

If Unemployed Currently...

24%

Unable to Work

48% Looking for Work

28% Not Looking for Work

Services Currently Accessing

Top 6 Responses[△]

42%

Food Stamps/ SNAP/WIC/ CalFresh

35% Medi-Cal/ Medicare

20% General Assistance/

13% SSI/SSDI/ Disability

10% Social Security

3% CalWorks/ TANF

*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 the City of San José. It will be available in late summer 2019

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2019, Santa Clara County Homeless Census & Survey, Watsonville, CA.

