Every two years in January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of their homeless populations to gain a better understanding of the individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness and to apply for federal funding for homeless programs.

The 2015 Santa Clara County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 27 and 28, 2015. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 952 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals, in order to profile their experiences and characteristics.

### Homeless Census Eleven-Year Trend

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### Shelters Includes:
- Emergency Shelter: 12%
- Transitional Housing: 17%
- Safe Haven: >1%

### Unsheltered Includes:
- On the Street: 30%
- Abandoned Buildings: 4%
- Cars/Vans/RVs: 23%
- Encampment Areas: 14%

### Gender
- Men: 63%
- Women: 36%
- Transgender: 1%

### Race/Ethnicity (Top 4 Responses)
- White: 32%
- Latino: 39%
- Black or African American: 16%
- Multi-racial: 8%

### Foster Care
- (Respondents who have ever been in the system) 16%

### Domestic Violence (Currently Experiencing)
- 4%

### First Time Homelessness
- Yes (33%)
- No (67%)
- 51% of those experiencing homelessness for the first time had been homeless for one year or more.

### Duration of Homelessness
- 30 days or less: 7%
- 1-11 months: 30%
- 1 year or more: 63%

### Occupations to Obtaining Permanent Housing
- Couldn’t afford rent: 68%
- No job/income: 57%
- No money for moving costs: 37%
- No housing available: 38%
What is a health condition?

A health condition is defined here as a physical disability, mental illness, chronic depression, alcohol or drug abuse, chronic health problems, HIV/AIDS, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), or a developmental disability. 65% of survey respondents reported a health condition.

HEALTH CONDITIONS
- Drug or alcohol abuse (38%)
- Psychiatric or emotional conditions (39%)
- Physical disability (30%)
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) (25%)
- Chronic health problems (22%)
- Traumatic brain injury (12%)
- AIDS/HIV related (1%)

INCARCERATION
30% spent at least 1 or more nights in jail or prison in the past 12 months.

INCOME
$449 is the amount that 56% of respondents reported as their total monthly income.

PREVENTION
34% responded that employment assistance might have prevented them from becoming homeless.

SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE
75% of respondents reported receiving government benefits. 25% reported NOT receiving any government benefits.

Reasons for NOT Receiving Government Services (Top 3 Responses)
- No Permanent Address (25%)
- Don't Think You are Eligible (24%)
- Don't Want Government Assistance (19%)

Food Stamps (40%), General Assistance (29%), Medi-Cal/Medicare (27%)

Services/Assistance Currently being Utilized (Top 3 Responses)

SUBPOPULATION DATA

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS
- 2,169 Individuals
- 8% Sheltered, 92% Unsheltered
- 13 Families with 38 Family Members

VETERANS
- 683 Individuals
- 31% Sheltered, 69% Unsheltered
- 20 Families with 44 Family Members (20 Veterans, 24 Non-veterans)

FAMILIES
- 266 Families with 908 Family Members
- 94% Sheltered, 6% Unsheltered

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN
- 59 Individuals
- 31% Sheltered, 69% Unsheltered

TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH
- 824 Individuals
- 10% Sheltered, 90% Unsheltered

PARENTING TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH
- 40 Individuals
- 85% Sheltered, 15% Unsheltered

SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

An adult with a disabling condition or a family with at least one adult member 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 are 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 are a household with at least one adult member (persons 18 or older) and at least one child member (persons under 18).

"Unaccompanied Children" are children under the age of 18 who are homeless and living independent of a parent or legal guardian.

Homeless youth are defined as individuals between the ages of 18 and 24 years old.

A youth who identifies as the parent or legal guardian of one or more children who are present with or sleeping in the same place as that youth parent, where there is no person over age 24 in the household.

SUMMARY

These data provide a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in Santa Clara County on January 27 and 28, 2015. It provides a basic estimation of the number and characteristics of those experiencing homelessness on any given night in order to inform future service planning and provisioning efforts.