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

The 2015 Monterey County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 28, 2015. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 444 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

**HOMELESS CENSUS FOUR-YEAR TREND**

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>1,402</td>
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**SHELTERED INCLUDES:**
- Emergency Shelter: 9%
- Transitional Housing: 21%

**UNSHELTERED INCLUDES:**
- On the street: 30%
- Abandoned buildings: 2%
- Cars/vans/RVs: 24%
- Encampment Areas: 14%

**AGE**
- Under 18: 19%
- 18-24: 50%
- 25+: 90%
- Transgender: 1%

**GENDER**
- Men: 49%
- Women: 50%
- Transgender: 1%

**RACE/ETHNICITY (TOP 4 RESPONSES)**
- White: 47%
- Latino: 35%
- Multi-racial: 32%
- Black or African American: 15%

**FOSTER CARE**
- (respondents that have ever been in the system)
- 16%

**FIRST TIME HOMELESSNESS**
- Yes (40%)
- No (60%)

**DURATION OF HOMELESSNESS**
- 30 days or less: 11%
- 1-11 months: 39%
- 1 year or more: 50%

**RESIDENCE AT TIME OF HOMELESSNESS**
- Monterey County: 78%

**LENGTH OF TIME IN MONTEREY COUNTY**
- Less than 1 year: 7%
- 1-4 years: 21%
- 5-9 years: 14%
- 10 years or more: 57%

**OBSTACLES TO OBTAINING PERMANENT HOUSING**
- Couldn't afford rent: 74%
- No job/income: 53%
- Bad Credit: 20%
- No money for moving costs: 16%
### 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.

### Services and Assistance

59% of respondents reported receiving government benefits.

35% reported were NOT receiving any government benefits.

#### Reasons for NOT receiving government services
- Don’t think you are eligible (25%)
- Don’t want government assistance (17%)
- Never applied (13%)

#### Services/assistance currently being utilized
- Free meals (42%)
- Shelter day services (26%)
- Transitional housing (23%)

### Health Conditions

- Drug or alcohol abuse (29%)
- Psychiatric or emotional conditions (28%)
- Physical disability (16%)
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) (17%)
- Chronic health problems (19%)
- Traumatic brain injury (8%)
- AIDS/HIV related (1%)

Note: Multiple response question, numbers will not total to 100%.

### Subpopulation Data

#### Chronically Homeless
- 603 Individuals
  - 6% Sheltered
  - 94% Unsheltered

#### Veterans
- 141 Individuals
  - 34% Sheltered
  - 66% Unsheltered

#### Families
- 117 Families with 343 Family Members
  - 98% Sheltered
  - 2% Unsheltered

#### Unaccompanied Children
- 50 Individuals
  - 8% Sheltered
  - 92% Unsheltered

#### Transition-Age Youth
- 220 Individuals
  - 24% Sheltered
  - 76% Unsheltered

### Summary

These data provide a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in Monterey County on January 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.