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

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### 2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population

- **Sheltered**: 16% (n=980)
- **Unsheltered**: 84% (n=5,117)

### Residence Prior to Homelessness

- **83%** Santa Clara County

### Age

- **6%** Under 18
- **20%** 18-24
- **74%** 25+

### Gender

- **65%** Male
- **34%** Female
- **1%** Transgender

### Sexual Orientation

- **88%** Straight
- **6%** Bisexual
- **3%** Lesbian
- **2%** Gay
- **1%** Other

### Race

- **41%** White
- **25%** Multi-racial
- **20%** Black
- **9%** American Indian or Alaskan Native

### Ethnicity

- **41%** Latinx/Hispanic

### Length of Time in Santa Clara County

- **14%** < 1 Year
- **15%** 1-4 Years
- **13%** 5-9 Years
- **58%** 10 Years+

### Foster Care

- **18%** of survey respondents have been in the foster system.

### Current Accommodation

- **38%** Outdoors/Streets/Parks/Encampments
- **21%** Shelter
- **17%** Vehicle
- **13%** Structure not Meant for Habitation
- **11%** Other

### Encampments

- 1,782 individuals were observed living in encampments.

### Subpopulation Data

- **Chronically Homeless**: 1,553 Individuals
  - **15%** Sheltered
  - **85%** Unsheltered
- **Veterans**: 476 Individuals
  - **60%** Sheltered
  - **40%** Unsheltered
- **Families**: 98 Families with 313 Members
  - **70%** Sheltered
  - **30%** Unsheltered
- **Unaccompanied Youth**: 216 Individuals
  - **99%** Unsheltered
  - **1%** Sheltered
- **Unaccompanied Young Adults**: 1,175 Individuals
  - **93%** Unsheltered
  - **7%** Sheltered

### Ethnicity Encampments

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**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).

- **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.

- **Self Reported Health**: Current health conditions that may affect the housing stability or employment of those experiencing homelessness.
  - Psychiatric/Emotional Conditions: 42%
  - Alcohol & Drug Use: 36%
  - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: 31%
  - Physical Disability: 24%
  - Chronic Health Problems: 23%
  - Traumatic Brain Injury: 11%
  - HIV/AIDS Related Illness: 2%

- **Services and Assistance**: 66% of survey respondents reported receiving benefits.

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**Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness**

Top 6 Responses:
- Lost Job: 30%
- Alcohol or Drug Use: 25%
- Divorce/Seperation/Breakup: 16%
- Eviction: 14%
- Argument with Family/Friend: 12%
- Incarceration: 12%

**First Episode of Homelessness**

- 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:
- Couldn’t Afford Rent: 68%
- Not Enough Income: 60%
- No Housing Available: 47%
- No Money for Moving Costs: 42%

**Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness**

- 7% 30 Days or Less
- 26% 1-11 Months
- 67% 1 Year or More

**Services Currently Accessing**

Top 6 Responses:
- Food Stamps/SNAP/WIC/CalFresh: 42%
- Medi-Cal/Medicare: 35%
- General Assistance/CAAP: 20%
- SSI/SSDI/Disability: 13%
- Social Security: 10%
- CalWorks/TANF: 3%

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

△ 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.