Every two years, during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of people experiencing homelessness in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local community.

The 2019 Alameda County EveryOne Home Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 30th, 2019. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered across Alameda County. In the city of Berkeley, 257 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals were surveyed in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

**Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population**

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<th>City</th>
<th>Sheltered</th>
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<td>132</td>
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<td>Albany</td>
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<td>Oakland</td>
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<td>Livermore</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>1,710</td>
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**Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness**

- 3% 30 Days or Less
- 26% 1-11 Months
- 64% 1 Year or More

**Primary Causes of Homelessness**

- 18% Lost Job
- 17% Eviction/Foreclosure
- 15% Mental Health Issues
- 12% Substance Use Issues
- 10% Family/Friends Couldn’t Afford to Let Me Stay
- 10% Incarceration

**What Might Have Prevented Homelessness**

- 27% Benefits/Income
- 27% Employment Assistance
- 26% Rent Assistance
- 21% Mental Health Services

**How New Money Should Be Spent**

- 58% Affordable Rental Housing
- 43% Employment Training/Job Opportunities
- 29% Permanent Help with Rent/Subsidies
- 28% Substance Use/Mental Health Services
- 22% Housing with Supportive Services
- 19% 24/7 Basic Sanitation

**Residence Prior to Homelessness**

- 73% Alameda County
- 9% Contra Costa County
- 8% Other Counties

**Length of Time in Alameda County**

- 48% 10 Years+
- 16% 5-9 Years
- 18% 1-4 Years
- 14% < 1 Year

**Unsheltered Population by Location**

- 31% Tent (251)
- 28% Street/Outside (231)
- 20% RV (161)
- 19% Car/Van (157)
- 2% Abandoned Building (13)
**Race and Ethnicity Compared to General Population**

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<th>2017 General Population</th>
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<td>9%</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>American Indian/Alaska Native</td>
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<td>1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asian</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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**Ethnicity**

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<td>12%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-Binary</td>
<td>11%</td>
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**Gender**

- Male: 66%
- Female: 33%
- Transgender: 1%
- Gender Non-Binary: 1%

**LGBTQ+ Status**

14% of survey respondents identified as LGBTQ+.

**Disabling Conditions**

41% of survey respondents 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.

**Age at First Episode of Homelessness**

- 0-17: 11%
- 18-24: 15%
- 25-39: 31%
- 40-49: 23%
- 50-64: 8%
- 65+: 1%

**Health Conditions**

- Psychiatric/Emotional Conditions: 42%
- Alcohol & Drug Use: 32%
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: 31%
- Chronic Health Problems: 28%
- Physical Disability: 28%
- Traumatic Brain Injury: 15%
- HIV/AIDS Related Illness: 6%

**First Episode of Homelessness**

- Yes: 28%

25% of those experiencing homelessness for the first time were homeless for one year or more.

**Not Interested in Housing**

2% of survey respondents said they were not interested in Independent, Affordable Rental Housing or Housing with Supportive Services.

**Source:** Applied Survey Research, 2019, Alameda EveryOne Home Homeless Count & Survey, Watsonville, CA.