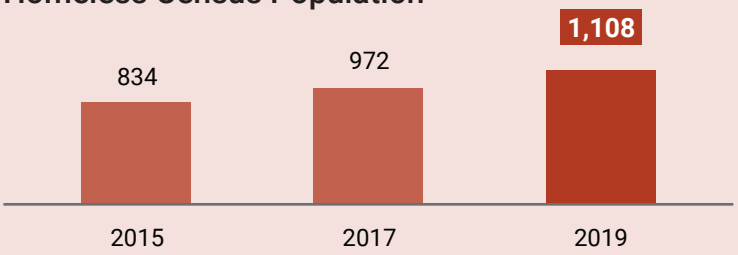
City of Berkeley

2019 EveryOne Counts
Homeless Point-in-Time Count & Survey

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.

Homeless Census Population



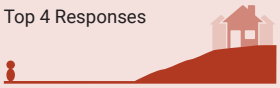
Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population

Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness

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

What Might Have Prevented Homelessness

Top 4 Responses



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

Primary Causes of Homelessness

Top 6 Responses

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

Sheltered/Unsheltered Population by City

	Sheltered	Unsheltered
Alameda	99	132
Albany	0	35
Berkeley	295	813
Dublin	0	8
Emeryville	0	178
Fremont	123	485
Hayward	115	372
Livermore	85	179
Newark	30	59
Oakland	861	3,210
Piedmont	0	0
Pleasanton	0	70
San Leandro	74	344
Unincorporated	28	321
Union City	0	106
Total	**1,710**	**6,312**

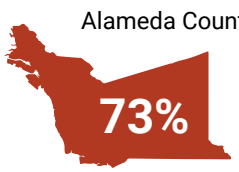
Unsheltered Population by Location

31%	28%	20%	19%	2%
Tent (251)	Street/ Outside (231)	RV (161)	Car/Van (157)	Abandoned Building (13)

How New Money Should Be Spent

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

Residence Prior to Homelessness



Length of Time in Alameda County

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

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Household Breakdown

Single Adults | 1,056 People in 1,008 Households

23% Sheltered — 77% Unsheltered

Families | 51 People in 19 Households

100% Sheltered — 0% Unsheltered

Unaccompanied Youth | 1 Person

0% Sheltered — 100% Unsheltered

Subpopulations

Chronically Homeless | 387 People

41% Sheltered — 59% Unsheltered

Veterans | 81 People

26% Sheltered — 74% Unsheltered

Unaccompanied Youth and Young Adults | 82 People

29% Sheltered — 71% Unsheltered

Age

- 3% Under 18
- 8% 18-24
- 73% 25-59
- 17% 60+

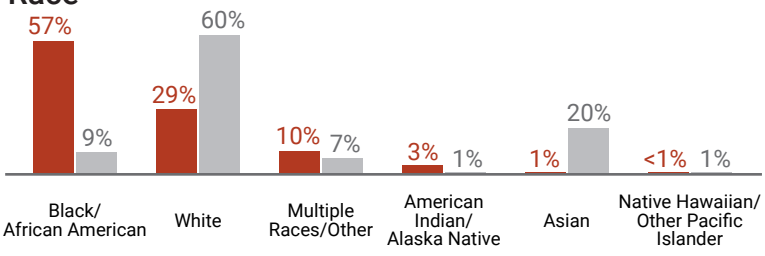
LGBTQ+ Status

14% of survey respondents identified as LGBTQ+.

Race and Ethnicity Compared to General Population

2019 Homeless Population | 2017 General Population

Race



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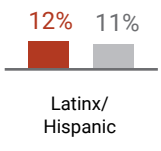

Gender

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

First Episode of Homelessness

28% Yes

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

Age at First Episode of Homelessness

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

Not Interested in Housing

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

Health Conditions

Current health conditions reported by survey respondents.

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

Disabling Conditions

41% 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.

For definitions, additional information on methodology or efforts to address homelessness, visit www.everyonehome.org.
Alameda County will release a comprehensive report of the 2019 EveryOne Home Homeless Count and Survey in Summer 2019. For more information about EveryOne Home and efforts to address homelessness in Alameda County please visit www.EveryOneHome.org

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