

MONTEREY COUNTY

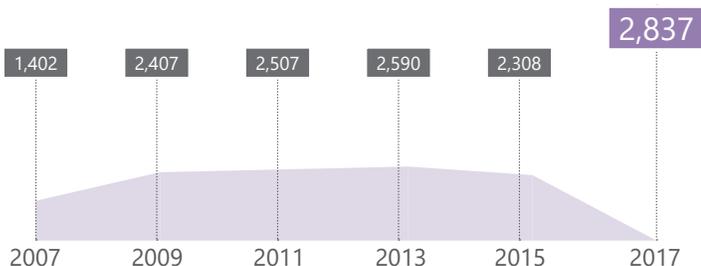
2017 HOMELESS CENSUS & SURVEY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

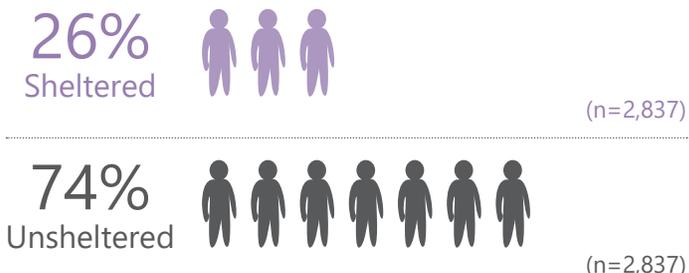
Every two years, during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care.

The 2017 Monterey County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 24, 2017. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 654 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

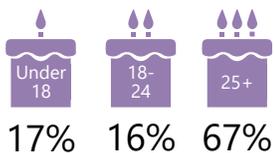
Census Population: Longitudinal Trend



2017 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population



Age



Gender

(Top 3 Responses)



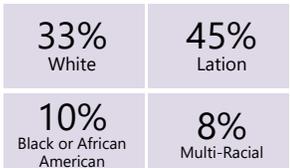
Sexual Orientation

(Top 4 Responses)

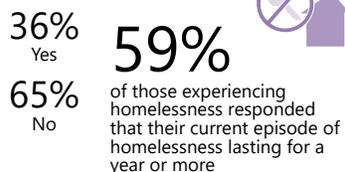


Race/Ethnicity

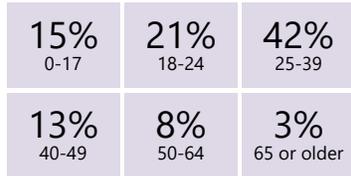
(Top 4 Responses)



First Homelessness Episode



Age at First Episode of Homelessness



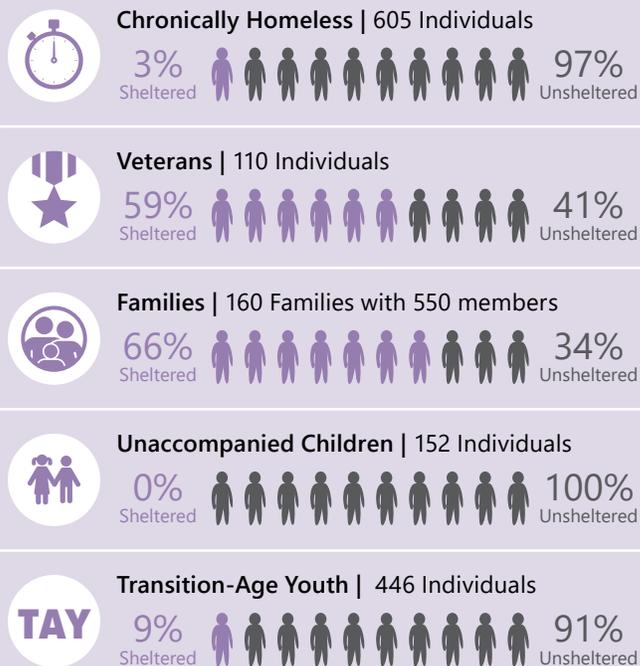
Parents With Children Under Age 18



Foster Care



Subpopulation Data*



Residence Prior to Homelessness



Length of Time in Monterey County

(of those living in Monterey County prior to becoming homelessness)



Employment

Employment Status

25%
Employed full-time

75%
Unemployed



If Unemployed, Currently...

28% Unable to work
47% Looking for work
25% Not looking for work

Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness

(Top 6 Responses)



43% Financial issues	38% Alcohol/drug use	24% Fight or conflict
20% Divorce/separation	20% Legal issues	15% Mental issues

Interest in Permanent Housing

82%

of survey respondents said YES when asked if they would want to move into safe, affordable permanent housing were it available



Obstacles to Permanent Housing

(Top 4 Responses)

68% Couldn't Afford Rent	55% No Job/Income
28% No Transportation	35% No Money for Moving Costs

What is a Disabling Condition?



36%

of survey respondents reported a disabling condition

A disabling 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.

Health Conditions

Current health conditions affecting housing stability or employment.

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



28%

Other Emotional or Mental Health Conditions



18%

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder



8%

Traumatic Brain Injury



12%

Physical Disability



14%

Chronic Health Problems



2%

AIDS/HIV Related



34%

Drug or Alcohol Abuse

Current Accommodation

78%

Outdoors



24%

Shelter



14%

Vehicle



13%

Structure/Indoor Area Not Meant for Habitation



Services and Assistance



52%

of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits

Reasons for Not Receiving Any Government Assistance

(Top 6 Responses)

46% Free Meals	20% Bus Pass
18% Shelter Day Services	16% Transitional Housing
16% Health Services	14% Emergency Shelter

Services Currently Accessing

(Top 6 Responses)

33% Don't Think They are Eligible	23% Don't Have ID
21% No Permanent Address	12% Never Applied
11% Don't Want It	9% Immigration Issues

*Subpopulation Definitions

Chronically Homeless

An individual with a disabling condition 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 Children

Children under the age of 18 who are homeless and living without a parent or legal guardian.

Transition-Age Youth

Young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 years old.

The complete comprehensive report includes a more detailed profile of the characteristics of those experiencing homelessness in Monterey County. It can be found at chspmontereycounty.org

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2017). Monterey County Homeless Census & Survey. Watsonville, CA.