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 City and County of San Francisco Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 26, 2017. The entire county was canvassed by teams of volunteers. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 1,104 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

### 2017 Homeless Count Population

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### 2017 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population

- **42%** Sheltered (n=3,146)
- **58%** Unsheltered (n=4,353)

#### Age

- **18**
- **18-24**
- **25-40**
- **41-60**
- **61+**

#### Race/Ethnicity (Top Responses)

- **35%** White
- **34%** Black
- **22%** Hispanic/Latino
- **22%** Multi-racial
- **75%** Not Hispanic/Latino
- **3%** Don’t know/Refuse

#### Gender

- **61%** Male
- **33%** Female
- **5%** Transgender
- **1%** Genderqueer/Gender Non-Binary

#### LGBTQ Status

- **30%** Yes
- **70%** No

#### Residence Prior to Homelessness

- **69%** San Francisco County

#### Length of Time in San Francisco County

- **8%** < 1 YEAR
- **19%** 1-4 YEARS
- **17%** 5-9 YEARS
- **55%** 10 YEARS +

### Subpopulations

#### Chronically Homeless | 2,138 Individuals

- **27%** Sheltered
- **73%** Unsheltered

#### Chronically Homeless Veterans | 137 Individuals

- **17%** Sheltered
- **83%** Unsheltered

#### Families | 198 Families with 618 members

- **97%** Sheltered
- **3%** Unsheltered

#### Unaccompanied Youth | 1,363 Individuals

- **18%** Sheltered
- **82%** Unsheltered

#### Total

- **42%** Sheltered
- **58%** Unsheltered
**First Homelessness Episode**

- 39% Yes
- 61% No

**Primary Cause of Homelessness**
(Top 6 Responses)

- 22% Lost job
- 15% Drug or alcohol abuse
- 13% Argument/family or friend asked to leave
- 12% Eviction
- 10% Divorce or separation
- 7% Illness or medical problem

**Foster Care**

- 19% of respondents have been in the foster system.

**Unemployment**

- 87% of respondents were currently unemployed.

**Justice System Involvement**

- 20% of respondents spent one or more nights in jail/prison/juvenile hall in the past year.

**Contributing Causes to Youth Homelessness**
(Top 5 Responses)

- 29% Emotional abuse
- 26% Financial issues
- 24% Mental health issues
- 23% Physical abuse
- 38% of youth report having a supportive adult in the Bay Area

**Self Reported Health**

- Drug or alcohol abuse (41%)
- Psychiatric or emotional conditions (39%)
- Chronic health problems (31%)
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (29%)
- Physical disability (23%)
- Traumatic brain injury (12%)
- AIDS/HIV related (11%)

**Disabling Conditions**

Respondents reported the number of conditions that limited their ability to maintain work or housing. Many reported multiple conditions.

- 53% of survey respondents reported having one disabling condition.

**Services and Assistance**

- 73% of survey respondents reported receiving benefits

**Services Currently Accessing**
(Top 6 Responses)

- 35% Food Stamps/SNAP/WIC/CalFresh
- 25% GA/CAAP/CAPI
- 20% SSI/SSDI
- 19% MediCa/Medicare
- 8% Social security
- 5% CalWorks/TANF

*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 Children & Youth**

- Children under the age of 18 and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 years old who are homeless and living without a parent or legal guardian.

For more information about the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and efforts to address homelessness in San Francisco, please visit HSH.SFGov.org