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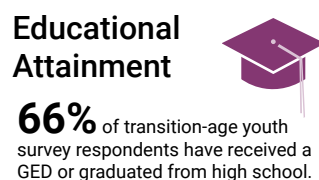
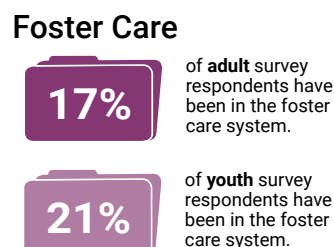
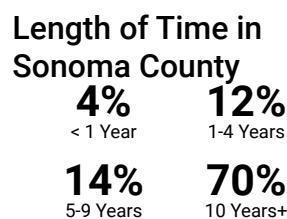
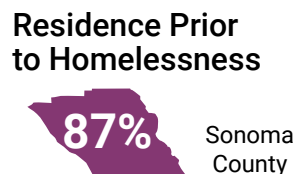
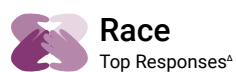
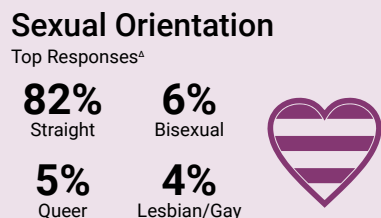
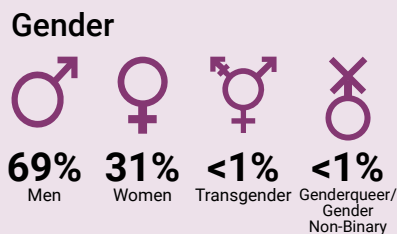
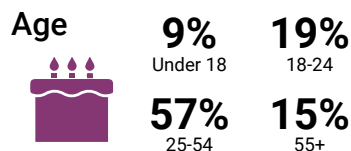
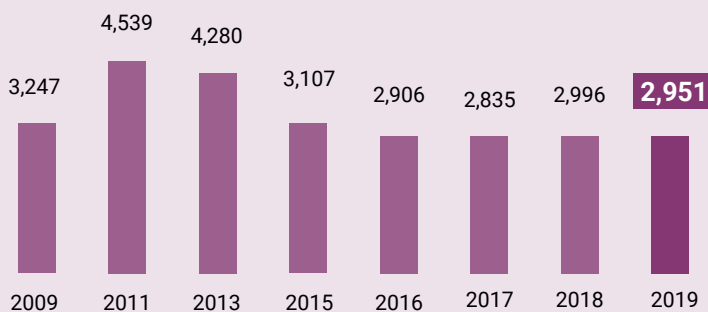
Homeless Census & Survey

2019 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 2019 Sonoma County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 25th, 2019. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 2,951 unsheltered and sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

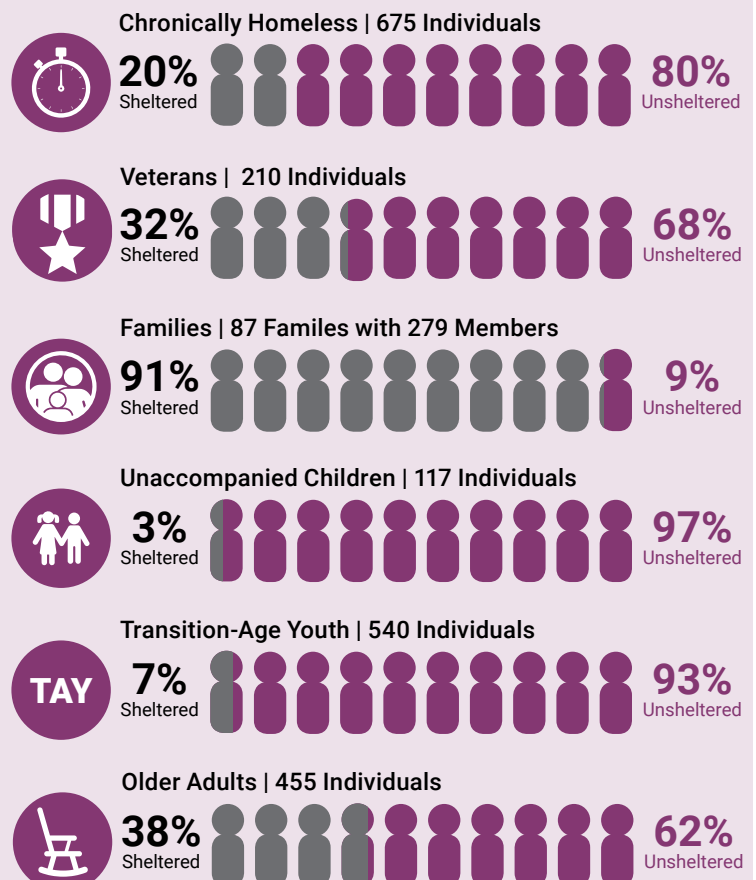
Census Population: Longitudinal Trend



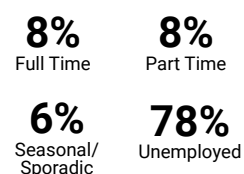
2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population



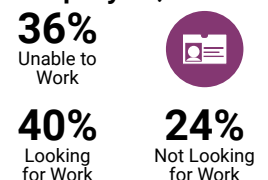
Subpopulation* Data



Employment Status



If Unemployed, Currently...



First Episode of Homelessness

30% indicated their current episode of homelessness was their first.

44% of those respondents were homeless for one year or more.

History of Domestic Violence

34% reported they had experienced domestic violence.



Sex Trade Involvement

16% traded sex for money or a place to stay.

7% have a history of being trafficked.

Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness*

Top 4 Responses^Δ

19% Lost Job
18% Argument with Family/Friend
16% Alcohol or Drug Use
12% Eviction

Age at First Episode of Homelessness



17% 0-17
33% 18-24
36% 25-49
14% 50+

Obstacles to Permanent Housing*

Top 4 Responses^Δ

68% Can't Afford Rent
48% No Job/Not Enough Income
25% No Money for Moving Costs
24% No Housing Available

Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness

9% 30 Days or Less
34% 1-11 Months
57% 1 Year or More



Self-Reported Health*

Current health conditions that may affect the housing stability or employment of those experiencing homelessness.



38%
Alcohol & Drug Abuse



35%
Psychiatric/Emotional Conditions



25%
Physical Disability



25%
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder



23%
Chronic Health Problems



9%
Traumatic Brain Injury



3%
HIV/AIDS Related Illness

Disabling Conditions

42% 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.

Interest in Permanent Housing



89% of survey respondents said they would like affordable permanent housing if it became available soon.

Government Services and Assistance

71% of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits.

Reasons for Not Receiving Any Government Assistance*

Top 6 Responses^Δ

31% Don't Think I'm Eligible
24% Don't Want Government Assistance
15% No Permanent Address
12% Don't Have ID
11% Applied and Waiting for Response
11% Never Applied

Non-Government Services Currently Accessing*

Top 6 Responses^Δ

60% Free Meals
44% Bus Passes
40% Emergency Shelter
27% Shelter Day Services
26% Health Services
18% Mental Health Services

*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 & Transition-Age Youth (TAY)

Children 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.

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

Δ Only displaying top responses.

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 Sonoma County. It will be available in summer 2019.

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2019, Sonoma County Homeless Census & Survey, San Jose, CA.

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Community-Wide Telephone Survey

2019 Executive Summary



In January 2019, Sonoma County and ASR implemented a representative, telephone-based household survey to understand the impacts of the fall 2017 fires. A total of 1,132 valid surveys were conducted in this additional assessment of unstably housed and fire-affected populations.

These data are intended to assist service providers, policy makers, funders, and local and state governments in gaining a better understanding of how the 2017 fires affected the county at large and the characteristics of those who are not homeless but lack a residence of their own.

Temporarily Housed Population

Temporarily Housed | 21,725 Individuals



Temporary Residents by Age



19%
Under 18

15%
18-24

47%
25-54

19%
55+



Temporary Residents by Gender



44%
Women/
Girls



56%
Men/
Boys

28%
of households
were impacted
by the fires.



How Housing Situations Were Impacted by the Fires

60%
Evacuated and
Allowed to Return

16%
Other



14%
Home/Apartment
Burned

8%
Home/Apartment
Damaged by
Smoke

3%
Could No
Longer Afford
Home/Apartment

Temporary Residents and Connection to Housing Assistance

7%
Section 8
Housing Voucher

3%
Another
Subsidized
Housing Program



1%
Low Income Unit,
Not Section 8

79%
Not Connected

10%
Don't Know

Primary Causes of Temporary Residence



25%
Rent Raised

24%
Home Burned

15%
Don't Know

10%
Health Issues

6%
Home Damaged
by Smoke

5%
Landlord
Repurposed Property

Sonoma County Housing Supply

Housing Prior to Fires

Occupied Housing Units | 189,043

40%
Renter
Occupied



60%
Owner
Occupied

Housing Destroyed in Fires

Destroyed Housing Units | 5,297 (3% of Total)

39%
Renter
Occupied



61%
Owner
Occupied

Temporary Residents Access to Homeless Assistance

8% of respondents
said they were accessing
homeless assistance.