Every two years in January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of their homeless population to gain a better understanding of the individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness, and to apply for federal funding for homeless programs.

The 2015 Marin County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 29, 2015. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 360 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

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**Homeless Census**

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**Sheltered Includes:**
- 16% Emergency Shelter
- 21% Transitional Housing

**Unsheltered Includes:**
- 25% On the street
- 2% Abandoned buildings
- 18% Cars/ vans/ RVs
- 5% Encampment Areas
- 14% Anchor-Outs

**Age**
- Under 18: 11%
- 18-24: 29%
- 25+: 60%

**Gender**
- Men: 66%
- Women: 32%
- Transgender: 2%

**Race/Ethnicity (Top 4 Responses)**
- White: 57%
- Black or African American: 17%
- Latino: 14%
- Multi-racial: 7%

**First Time Homelessness**
- Yes (35%)
- No (65%)

56% of those experiencing homelessness for the first time had been homeless for one year or more.

**Duration of Homelessness**
- 30 days or less: 13%
- 1-11 months: 37%
- 1 year or more: 51%

**Length of Time in Marin County**
- Less than 1 year (12%)
- 1-4 years (30%)
- 5-9 years (19%)
- 10 years or more (39%)

**Residence at Time of Homelessness**
- Marin County: 71%

**What Might Have Prevented Respondents’ Homelessness (Top 4 Responses)**
- Employment Assistance (31%)
- Alcohol/Drug Counseling (20%)
- Rent/ Mortgage Assistance (21%)
- Help accessing benefits (15%)
What is a health condition?

A health 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.

37% of survey respondents reported a health condition.

HEALTH CONDITIONS
- Drug or alcohol abuse (28%)
- Psychiatric or emotional conditions (30%)
- Physical disability (17%)
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) (24%)
- Chronic health problems (22%)
- Traumatic brain injury (6%)
- AIDS/HIV related (5%)

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

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SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

Services/assistance currently being utilized (Top 3 Responses)
- Free meals: 43%
- Emergency shelter: 36%
- Health services: 36%

Reasons for NOT receiving government services (Top 3 Responses)
- Don’t have identification: 21%
- Don’t think you are eligible: 19%
- Never applied: 17%

46% of respondents reported receiving government benefits

45% reported were NOT receiving any government benefits

INCARCERATION

21% spent at least 1 or more nights in jail or prison in the past 12 months.

INCOME

59% of survey respondents said YES when asked if they would want safe, affordable permanent housing were it available.

YES!

SUMMARY

These data provide a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in the Marin County on January 29, 2015. It provides a basic estimation of the number and characteristics of those experiencing homelessness on any given night in order to inform future service planning and provisioning efforts.