

MARIN COUNTY

2017 HOMELESS COUNT & SURVEY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

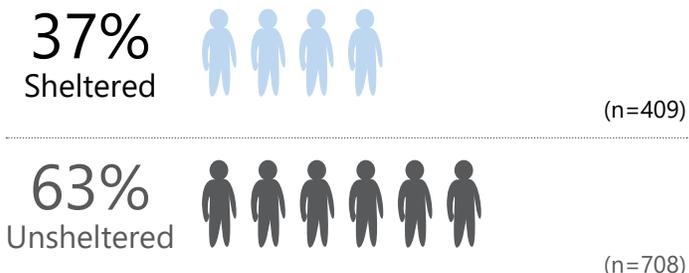
Every two years, during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care.

The 2017 Marin County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 27, 2017. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 457 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

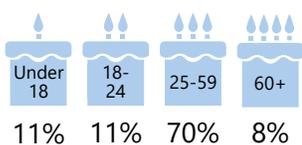
Census Population: Longitudinal Trend



2017 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population



Age



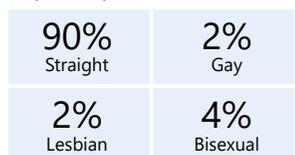
Gender

(Top 3 Responses)



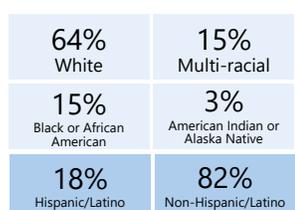
Sexual Orientation

(Top 4 Responses)



Race/Ethnicity

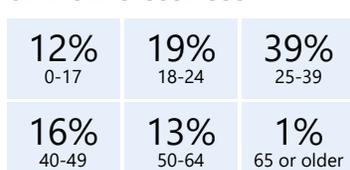
(Top 4 Responses)



First Homelessness Episode



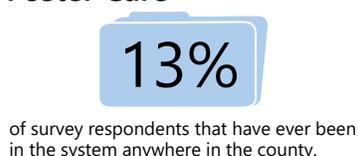
Age at First Episode of Homelessness



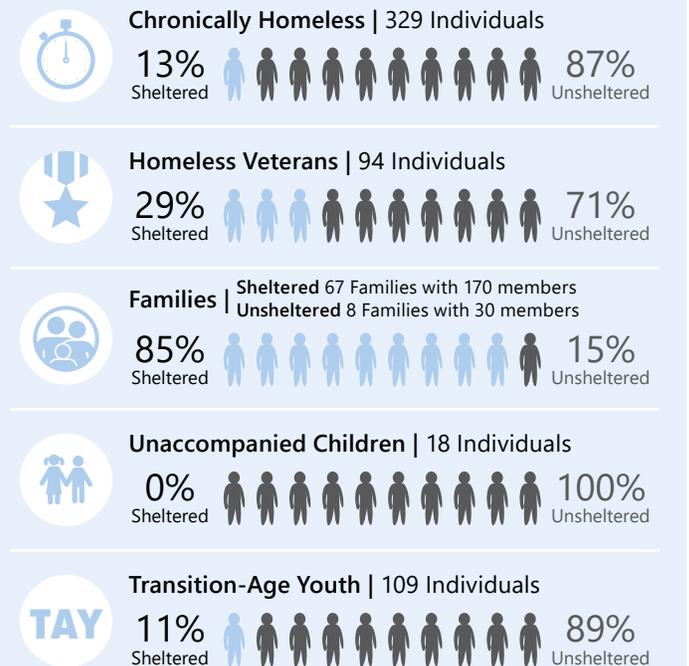
Have Children Under Age 18



Foster Care



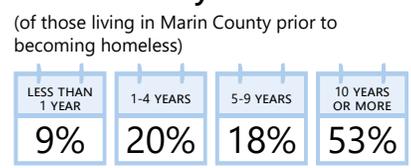
Subpopulation Data*



Residence Prior to Homelessness



Length of Time in Marin County



Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness



4%
30 days or less

32%
1-11 months

64%
1 year or more

Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness

(Top 6 Responses)



What is needed to obtain permanent housing?

(Top 4 Responses)



60%

of survey respondents reported a disabling condition



What is 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%)



44%

Psychiatric or emotional conditions



28%

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder



7%

Traumatic brain injury



26%

Physical disability



27%

Chronic health problems



2%

AIDS/HIV related



35%

Drug or alcohol abuse

Educational Attainment



19%
Less than high school

42%
High school /GED

29%
Some college or Associate's Degree

8%
Bachelor's degree

2%
Graduate degree (Master's or Ph.D.)

Services and Assistance

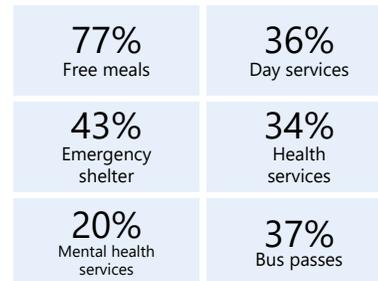


69%

of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits such as SSI, GA, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, etc.

All Types of Services Currently Accessing

(Top 6 Responses)



Services Interested in Accessing

(Top 6 Responses)



*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 with the combined homeless episodes totaling a year or more.

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 Marin County. It can be found at marinhhs.org/point-time-count-Marin.

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