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

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<th>Sheltered</th>
<th>Unsheltered</th>
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<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>1,309</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>1,117</td>
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### 2017 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population

- **37%** Sheltered (n=409)
- **63%** Unsheltered (n=708)

### Age

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<td>Under 18</td>
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<td>Men</td>
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<td>Women</td>
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### Sexual Orientation

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<td>Straight</td>
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<td>Gay</td>
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### First Homelessness Episode

- **35%** Yes
- **65%** No

Those experiencing homelessness for the first time who were homeless for one year or more: **58%**

### Age at First Episode of Homelessness

- **12%** 0-17
- **19%** 18-24
- **39%** 25-39
- **16%** 40-49
- **13%** 50-64
- **1%** 65 or older

### Have Children Under Age 18

- **18%** Yes
- **82%** No

Fewer than a third of those with children under 18 (27%) have all of their children currently living with them.

### Foster Care

- **13%** of survey respondents that have ever been in the system anywhere in the county.

### Subpopulation Data*

- **Chronically Homeless**: 329 Individuals
  - **13%** Sheltered (87% Unsheltered)
- **Homeless Veterans**: 94 Individuals
  - **29%** Sheltered (71% Unsheltered)
- **Families**: 85% Sheltered (15% Unsheltered)
- **Unaccompanied Children**: 100% Unsheltered
- **Transition-Age Youth**: 89% Unsheltered

### Residence Prior to Homelessness

- **71%** in Marin County

### Length of Time in Marin County

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### 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)
- 42% Economic issues (lost job, eviction, etc.)
- 26% Substance use issues
- 20% Mental health issues
- 19% Personal health issues
- 13% Physical health issues
- 6% Other

### What is needed to obtain permanent housing? (Top 4 Responses)
- 67% Rental Assistance
- 65% More affordable housing
- 46% Money for moving costs
- 34% Transportation

### Health Conditions
- 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.
- 77% Free meals
- 43% Emergency shelter
- 20% Mental health services
- 4% Rent Assistance
- 46% More affordable housing

### 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.

### Services Interested in Accessing (Top 6 Responses)
- 46% Bus passes
- 45% Free meals
- 42% Housing placement assistance
- 41% Day shelter services
- 35% Emergency shelter
- 34% Job training/employment services

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### *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.