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 Marin County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 28th, 2019. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 360 unsheltered and sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

### Census Population: Longitudinal Trend

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### Residence Prior to Homelessness

- Total: 68%
- Male: 67%
- Female: 33%
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### Sexual Orientation

- Straight: 84%
- Bisexual: 7%
- Lesbian or Gay: 4%
- Other: 4%

### Age

- Under 18: 9%
- 18-24: 10%
- 25-49: 50%
- 50+: 31%

### Race

- White: 66%
- Black: 17%
- Latinx/Hispanic: 19%
- Multi-race/Other: 11%
- American Indian or Alaskan Native: 3%

### Ethnicity

- Top Responses: 66% White, 17% Black, 19% Latinx/Hispanic

### Educational Attainment

- 39% of survey respondents have at least some college education.

### Employment Status

- 66% Unemployed
- 15% Part Time
- 12% Full Time
- 7% Seasonal/Sporadic

### Subpopulation Data

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### Foster Care

- 14% of survey respondents have been in the foster care system.

### Justice System Involvement

- 28% of survey respondents spent one or more nights in jail/prison in the past year.

### Children

- 19% of survey respondents have children under age 18.
**Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness**

Top 6 Responses:
- 49% Economic Issues
- 36% Personal Relationship Issues
- 16% Mental Health Issues
- 14% Substance Use Issues
- 11% Physical Health Issues
- 7% Other

**Domestic Violence**

7% reported they were currently experiencing domestic violence.

**First Episode of Homelessness**

- 30% indicated their current episode of homelessness was their first.
- 55% of those respondents were homeless for one year or more.

**Age at First Episode of Homelessness**

- 12% Under 18
- 18% 18-24
- 58% 25-49
- 11% 50+

**Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness**

- 6% 30 Days or Less
- 24% 1-11 Months
- 70% 1 Year or More

**Services Requested**

- 42% Housing Placement Assistance
- 38% Free Meals
- 38% Bus Passes
- 34% Emergency Shelter
- 33% Day Services
- 32% Legal Assistance

**Services Currently Accessing**

- 55% Free Meals
- 31% Day Services
- 29% Health Services
- 27% Bus Passes
- 22% Emergency Shelter
- 16% Housing Placement Assistance

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**Self-Reported Health**

- 42% Psychiatric/Emotional Conditions
- 35% Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- 29% Chronic Health Problems
- 28% Alcohol & Drug Use
- 25% Physical Disability
- 14% Traumatic Brain Injury
- 1% HIV/AIDS Related Illness

**Disabling Conditions**

38% of survey respondents reported having at least one disabling condition.

**Ways to Obtain Permanent Housing**

- 73% Rental Assistance
- 69% More Affordable Housing
- 55% Money for Moving Costs
- 37% Help Finding an Apartment

**Interest in Permanent Housing**

92% of survey respondents said they would like affordable permanent housing if it became available soon.

**Government Services and Assistance**

- 58% of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits.

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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.

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A household with at least one adult member (persons 18 or older) and at least one child member (persons under 18).

**Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults**

Youth under the age of 18 and young adults ages 18 through 24 (TAY) who are experiencing homelessness and living without a parent or legal guardian.

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*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.

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△ Only displaying top responses, all response data will be available in full report.

Note: Some percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

The complete comprehensive report includes a more detailed profile of the characteristics of those experiencing homelessness in Marin County. It is available at housingfirst.marinhhs.org