Methodology

HSH contracts with Applied Survey Research to conduct the count and uses federally recognized best-practice methodologies, including:

- Biennial count
- Blitz method
- Total coverage
- Survey (1,104 people)
- Youth Count
- 750 Volunteers
Unique Youth Count Methodology

- Dedicated outreach effort to count unsheltered unaccompanied children (under 18) and transition age youth (18-24)

- SF has conducted a dedicated youth count since 2013. 2017 is the baseline year for youth data for HUD

- Youth providers and currently or recently homeless youth conduct both the street count and survey with unaccompanied children and youth

- 229 number of surveys were conducted by youth peers
## 2015-2017 PIT Comparisons

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<th>Community</th>
<th>2017 PIT Total (HUD Definition)</th>
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<td>Los Angeles County</td>
<td>57,749</td>
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<td>Seattle/King County</td>
<td>11,643</td>
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<td>Alameda County</td>
<td>5,629</td>
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<td>Portland/Multnomah County</td>
<td>4,177</td>
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<td>Sacramento County</td>
<td>3,665</td>
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<td>Orange County</td>
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Most Bay Area counties see an unsheltered rate of nearly 70%:
- Santa Clara County = 74%
- Alameda County = 69%

Counties have increases in the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness due to increases in lengths of homelessness.

Alameda, Santa Clara, Seattle and San Francisco now use the same PIT Count methodology.
HUD Definition of Homelessness

HUD Definition

People experiencing homelessness include:

• People living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement; or

• People with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.
The SF definition includes people “doubled-up” in the homes of family or friends, staying in jails, hospitals, and rehabilitation facilities, and families living in Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units.

For the purposes of the PIT Count the SF definition expands on the HUD definition to include people residing in jails, hospitals, and rehabilitation facilities.
San Francisco Response 2015-2017

- Launch of the Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing

- 3,481 people rehoused (PSH, RRH & Homeward Bound)
  - 367 families rehoused with rapid re-housing
  - 1,702 people reunited with family & friends via Homeward Bound
  - 1,412 people housed in PSH

- San Francisco opened approximately 625 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing

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San Francisco Response 2015-2017: Housing Placements

Between 2015-2017, 3,481 people were moved out of homelessness through City programs.

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San Francisco Response 2015-2017: Expansion of Temporary Shelter

Between 2015-2017 SF Opened 222 New Temporary Shelter Beds

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## Strategic Investments: Family & Youth Homelessness

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<td>TAY</td>
<td>$9M</td>
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<td>$23M</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Homelessness in SF is Down by <1%
58% of people experiencing homelessness in SF are unsheltered.
Distribution of Homeless Population

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Place of Residence at Time of Housing Loss

- San Francisco County: 69%
- Other County in California: 21%
- Out of State: 10%

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Demographics: Age

Survey Respondents by Age

- Under 18: 1%, 1%, 2%
- 18-24: 15%, 17%, 19%
- 25-30: 10%, 13%, 11%
- 61 or Older: 3% (2013), 8% (2015), 11% (2017)

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Demographics: Race

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Demographics: Ethnicity

HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY

- Don't Know/Refuse: 3% (2017 Homeless Survey Population), 0% (2017 San Francisco General Population Estimates)

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Demographics: Gender & Sexual Orientation

30% of Respondents Identify as LG BTQ

Breakout of Respondents Answering Yes

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<td>82</td>
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<td>Lesbian</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Queer</td>
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<td>Bisexual</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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Male | Female | Transgender | Gender Queer
68% of respondents report one or more health conditions
Causes of Homelessness

PRIMARY CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS (TOP FIVE RESPONSES IN 2017)

- Alcohol or Drug Use: 11% (2013), 18% (2015), 15% (2017)
- Eviction: 10% (2013), 13% (2015), 12% (2017)
- Argument/Family or Friend Asked You to Leave: 16% (2013), 12% (2015), 13% (2017)

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Key Subpopulations: Youth (Youth Count)

Between 2013-2017 youth homelessness decreased by 28%

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**Key Subpopulations: Youth (Youth Count)**

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<td><strong>7% Sheltered</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Population of Unaccompanied Transitional-Age Youth:</strong> 1,259</td>
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Key Subpopulations: Youth

PRIMARY CAUSE OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS (TOP FIVE RESPONSES)

- Alcohol or Drug Use: 8% Homeless Youth Under 25, 17% Homeless Adults 25+
- Lost Job: 16% Homeless Youth Under 25, 23% Homeless Adults 25+
- Eviction: 10% Homeless Youth Under 25, 13% Homeless Adults 25+
- Family/Domestic Violence: 9% Homeless Youth Under 25, 4% Homeless Adults 25+
- Argument with Family or Friend Who Asked You to Leave: 18% Homeless Youth Under 25, 12% Homeless Adults 25+

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Geographic Distribution of Homeless Youth (Youth Count)

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Key Subpopulations: Families (HUD Definition)

- 2017: 190 families with 601 people

Between 2013-2017:
- Family homelessness decreased by 17%
- Chronic homelessness among families decreased by 77%
- Unsheltered family homelessness decreased by 45%

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Since 2011 the SFUSD homeless student population has decreased by 21%
Key Subpopulations: Families (HUD Definition)

FAMILES ENUMERATED DURING THE POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT

2017 = 190 families with 601 people
Between 2013-2017 family homelessness decreased by 17%

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Key Subpopulations: Families (HUD Definition)

Between 2013-2017 Unsheltered family homelessness decreased by 45%
Key Subpopulations: Adults (SF Definition)

- 5,518 people
- 58% unsheltered
- Between 2015-2017 = 4% increase
- Jail population = 299 people (24% increase from 2015)
- Hospital population = 112 people (387% increase from 2015 – Improved methodology)

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Key Subpopulations: People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness (HUD Definition)

Chronic Homelessness (2013-2017) = 7%
Chronic Family Homelessness (2013-2017) = 77%

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Key Subpopulations: People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness (HUD Definition)

CHRONIC HOMELESS POPULATION ESTIMATES BY SHELTER STATUS

TOTAL POPULATION OF CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS: 2,112 SINGLE INDIVIDUALS
- 25% Sheltered
- 75% Unsheltered

TOTAL POPULATION OF CHRONICALLY HOMELESS FAMILIES: 9 FAMILIES WITH 26 FAMILY MEMBERS
- 87% Sheltered
- 13% Unsheltered

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Key Subpopulations: Veterans (HUD Definition)

Between 2013-2017 chronic homelessness among veterans decreased by 47%
Key Subpopulations: Veterans (HUD Definition)

Homelessness among veterans increase by 23% between 2015-2017
PIT: Analysis

- SF is decreasing homelessness in areas with strategic investments

- Homelessness disproportionately impacts people of color and LGBTQ people

- Homelessness is dynamic and the population moves around the city due to various factors

- People in SF have significant lengths of homelessness

- It is remarkable that our numbers have stayed steady in the face of significant increases in other west coast cities

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Thank You!

The PIT would not have been possible without the HSH staff, City family, provider partners, & volunteers!

Thank you to the following partners:

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- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Department of Public Health
- Human Services Agency
- SF Police Department
- SF Recreation & Parks Department
- SF Municipal Transportation Agency
- SF Public Utilities Commission
- SF Unified School District
- Applied Survey Research
- Local Homeless Coordinating Board

Thank you to the youth providers who contributed greatly to the youth count:

- At the Crossroads
- Homeless Youth Alliance
- Larkin Street Youth Services
- LYRIC
- Third Street Youth Center and Clinic

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