2019 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

JUNE 2019
What is the PIT Count?

Why do we conduct the PIT Count?

Findings
WHAT IS THE PIT COUNT?

- An effort to measure homelessness in our community.
- Impacts funding for homeless services and meets federal data reporting requirements.
- Generates data regarding individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community.
- Is a HUD requirement for Continuum of Care (CoC) grantees.
- HSH contracts with Applied Survey Research to conduct the count and uses federally recognized best-practice methodologies, including: Biennial Count, Blitz Method, Total Coverage, Youth Count.
- Is comprised of: Sheltered Count, Street Count, Survey.
Overall, there was a 17% increase in the Point-In-Time Count between 2017 and 2019.
In 2019, 35% of individuals were sheltered and 65% were unsheltered.
The age distribution has remained fairly consistent in the past three counts.
Racial disparities exist between those experiencing homelessness and the general population.
27% of people experiencing homelessness and 46% of TAY identify as LGBTQ compared to 12% of the city’s population.
Consistent with 2017, D6 and D10 have the highest numbers of individuals experiencing homelessness.
PLACE OF RESIDENCE AT HOUSING LOSS

70% of survey respondents indicated living in SF at the time they mostly recently became homeless.
The percentage of people who report being homeless for a year or more has increased from 59% in 2017 to 65% in 2019.
### PRIMARY CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS

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The primary causes of homelessness have remained relatively consistent since 2015.
Individuals increasingly cite that the largest barrier to obtaining permanent housing is that they cannot afford rent.
The percentage of survey respondents who indicated that they were on probation or parole at the onset of homelessness has remained fairly constant from 2017.
The number of homeless families has remained relatively flat and the number of homeless youth has continued to decline while single adult homelessness has increased by 33% since 2015.
The number of chronically homeless individuals has increased since 2015 and represents 38% of the homeless population in 2019.
Family homelessness remained relatively flat between 2017 and 2019.
Veteran homelessness decreased between 2017 and 2019, but 81% of veterans are unsheltered.
Youth homelessness has declined by 22 percent since 2015.
REGIONAL CONTEXT

Santa Clara: 9706 (7394)↑31%
Alameda: 8022 (5629)↑43%
San Francisco: 8011 (6858)↑17%
Sonoma: 2951 (2835)↑4%
Contra Costa: 2295 (1607)↑43%
San Mateo: 1512 (1253)↑21%
Solano: 1151 (1232)↓7%
Marin: 1034 (1117)↓7%
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

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

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