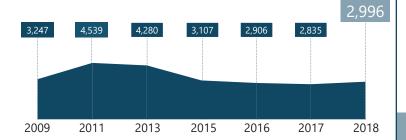
SONOMA COUNTY 2018 HOMELESS CENSUS & SURVEY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Every year, 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 2018 Sonoma County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on February 23, 2018. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 519 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals to profile their experience and characteristics.

Census Population: Longitudinal Trend



Age







Gender









Sexual Orientation



82%	9%
Straight	Bisexual
6%	3%
Gay or Lesbian	Other

Race/Ethnicity

(Top 4 Responses)

(10)	
62% White	21% Multi-racial
8% Black or African American	7% Amer Indian or Alaska Native

28%

First Homelessness **Episode**

35%

65% No

of those experiencing homelessness for the first time who were homeless for one year or more

Age at First Episode of Homelessness

14% ₀₋₁₇	27 % 18-24
45% 25-49	15%

Foster Care

of adult survey respondents report a history of foster care

of youth survey respondents report a history of foster care

Educational **Attainment**



48% of transition-age-youth survey respondents have received a GED or graduated from high school

2018 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population

36% Sheltered

(n=1,067)

Unsheltered



(n=1,929)

Subpopulation Data*



Chronically Homeless | 747 Individuals 85% Unsheltered



Veterans | 207 Individuals



Families | 104 Families with 339 members



Unaccompanied Children | 34 Individuals

Unsheltered



Unaccompanied Transition-Age Youth | 481 Individuals

12% 88% Unsheltered



Older Adults | 409 Individuals

65%

Residence Prior to Homelessness



Sonoma County

Length of Time in Sonoma County

(of those living in Sonoma County prior to becoming homelessness)



1-4 YEARS

5-99YEEARS

Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness



30 days or less

56% 1 year or more

Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness

(Top 6 Responses)



22% Lost job

12%

Eviction

17% Alcohol or Drug Use

11% Divorce/Separation/ Breakup

15% Argument with Familiy/Friend

8% Landlord Raised Rent

Obstacles to **Permanent Housing** (Top 4 Responses) 72% 54% No Job/Not Enough Can't Afford Rent Income 30%

History of Domestic Violence



34%

54% No

13% Decline to State

Interest in Permanent Housing

of survey respondents said YES when asked if they would want to move into safe, affordable permanent housing were it available

31%

No Housing Available



No Money for Moving

Costs

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%)



35%

Psychiatric or **Emotional Conditions**



33%

Drug or Alcohol Abuse



28%

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder



27%

Chronic Health **Problems**



Physical Disability



Traumatic

Brain Injury

AIDS/HIV Related

Employment

Employment Status

Employed

Seasonal/Sporadic

7%	9%
Employed	Employed
Full-Time	Part-Time
60/	

78%

Unemployed

If Unemployed, Currently...

26% 40% 34% Unable Looking Not to Work for Work Looking For Work

Services and Assistance



of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits

Reasons for Not Receiving Any **Government Assistance** (Top 6 Responses)

48%	16%
Don't Want	Don't Think Eligible
14%	12%
Never Applied	Don't Have ID
9% No Permanent Address	7% Paperwork Too Difficult

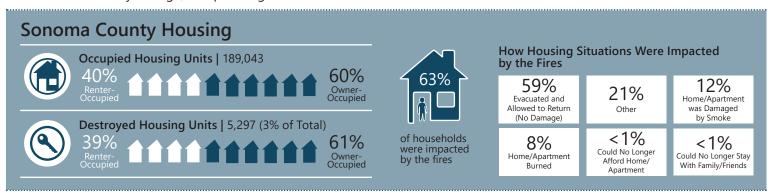
Services Currently Accessing (Top 6 Responses)

53%	Food Stamps/SNAP/
Free Meals	Wic/CalFresh
33%	33%
Emergency Shelter	Medi-Cal/Medicare
29%	28%
Bus Passes	Health Services

·2018 SONOMA COUNTY TELEPHONE SURVEY—

In March 2018, Sonoma County and ASR implemented a representative, telephone-based household survey to understand the impacts of the fall 2017 fires. A total of 1,191 valid surveys were conducted in this additional assessment of unstably housed and fire-affected populations.

These data are intended to assist service providers, policy makers, funders, and local and state government in gaining a better understanding of the population of individuals who are not homeless but who lack a residence of their own, how the 2017 fires affected the county at large, and planning for the future.



Temporarily Housed Population

Precariously Housed | 21,482 Individuals



Temporary Residents and Connection to Housing Assistance by Cause



Directly Fire Related

4% 7% Yes, Low Income Unit Not Sec. 8 Yes, Section 8 Housing

4% Yes, Another Subsidized Housing

63% Not Connected Indirect and Non-Fire Related

8% Yes, Section 8 Housing

6% Yes, Low Income Unit, Not Sec. 8

0% Yes, Another Subsidized Housing Program

69%

Primary Causes of Temporary Residence (Top 4 Responses)

37% Financial

Home/Apartment

18% ivorce, Separation, Parer Moved, Asked to Leave

3% Home/Apartment Damaged by Smoke

Temporary Residents Access to **Homeless Assistance by Cause**

Directly Fire Related

78% Not Accessing Homeless Assistance

82% Not Accessing Homeless Assistance

Non-Fire Related

Indirect and

Temporary Directly Residents Fire by Gender Related and Cause

49%

Indirect and Non-Fire Related

Temporary Residents by

Age and Cause

Directly Fire Related

4%

Indirect and Non-Fire Related

20% 15% 43%

39%

43%

14%

47%

22%

*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 quardian.

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 Sonoma County. It can be found at http://www.sonoma-county.org/cdc/cdhomeless.htm

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2018). Sonoma County Homeless Census & Survey. Watsonville, CA.