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2017 REPORT

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Executive Summary: 2017 Report on Homelessness in Santa Barbara County

This report illustrates the findings from the biennial Point-in-Time Count (PIT) mandated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The PIT count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continuums of Care conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. Continuums of Care also must conduct a count of unsheltered homeless persons every other year (odd numbered years). Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally.

It is important to note that this count does not include people living in overcrowded conditions, “couch surfing” with friends, or those in jails, treatment facilities, or hospitals. The focus is on sheltered and unsheltered homeless people on a specific night to get a snapshot of homelessness for Santa Barbara County.

Data for 2017 reflects a one-night count across Santa Barbara County on January 26, 2017 from 6:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. The count included homeless shelters, care and referral centers, and public locations where homeless people were known to reside.

Summary of Findings

The overall number of homeless people (sheltered and unsheltered) reported during the PIT counts has remained remarkably consistent in Santa Barbara County over the past six years (1,536 in 2011 vs. 1,489 in 2017). There have however been significant shifts in the regions where homeless people were living over time.

The largest increases in numbers of homeless people were observed in Lompoc, Goleta, and Isla Vista when compared to previous counts. The count does not provide enough information to determine why these increases occurred but several hypotheses can be posed:

- Better Methods. This year’s methodology relied on recruiting homeless people to participate in a more direct way than previous years. Particularly in Lompoc, C3H staff and partners developed trusting relationships among the homeless community and created new incentives for participation in the count.

- Trusted Volunteers. Similarly in Isla Vista and Goleta, C3H has cultivated a group of volunteers who have ongoing contact with homeless people in the community, and it is possible that the count was more effective this year at finding people.

- Migration of Homeless People. South County (Carpinteria and Santa Barbara in particular) has continued to become more expensive to live in, with rental markets that have near-zero vacancy rates. It is likely that some of the observed increases in Lompoc and Santa Maria may be because housing and cost of living is more affordable in these cities.

Additional Data

Throughout 2016, more than 500 homeless people were also surveyed using the Vulnerability Index and Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). This tool collects data on biopsychosocial health and provides a measure of vulnerability allowing for triage of services throughout the community. The information collected from the VI-SPDAT surveys is stored in a secure C3H database called Vertical Change. People who are homeless received this survey at shelters, community events, communal meals, on the street, and at care and referral centers as part of an ongoing county-wide effort to better understand the individual needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Sincerely,

Chuck Flacks
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Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H)
Methods: 2017 Report on Homelessness in Santa Barbara County

The 2017 Santa Barbara County Point In Time Count was designed to meet or exceed the standards contained in the following references from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development:

1) Notice CPD-16-060: 2017 HIC and PIT Data Collection for CoC and ESG Programs
2) Point In Time Count Methodology Guide (2014)
3) 2017 Housing Inventory Count and Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Persons: Data Submission Guidance

The information contained in the 2017 Santa Barbara County Point In Time Count is the combination of written reports from homeless service providers (see list below) and information collected by volunteers in public spaces including parks and on the street.

Data Collection

The anonymous 2017 Point In Time Count Sheltered Homeless report form (4) was collected from the following organizations:

- Domestic Violence Solutions
- Freedom Warming Centers
- Good Samaritan
- New Beginnings Counseling Center - Safe Parking Program
- Noah’s Anchorage
- PATH Santa Barbara
- Salvation Army Hospitality House
- Santa Barbara Rescue Mission
- Transition House

An anonymous survey was used by 136 volunteers across the county to collect information from unsheltered homeless people. Volunteers were distributed throughout areas where homeless people are known to have been located in the past. The geographic regions selected for volunteer surveyors were determined using geocoded information and volunteer feedback from the 2015 Point In Time Count and suggestions from local homeless service providers and community members. The survey used (5) was the “Unsheltered Count Form for the Night of Count” created by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Based on requests from local stakeholders, two additional questions were added:

1) How many months have you lived in Santa Barbara County?
2) Do you have health insurance?

The surveys (5) were administered through an app on mobile phones or tablets.

Due to safety concerns and logistics limitations in some remote regions, paper forms (4) were used to collect observational information about homeless people in encampments. One specific group of volunteers was permitted to use a paper version of the survey form (5) due to the lack of mobile technology available.

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A convenience sample of youth was surveyed using the anonymous PIT Count Youth Survey (Comprehensive) (6) created by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Based on requests from local stakeholders, two additional questions were added:

1) How many months have you lived in Santa Barbara County?

2) Do you have health insurance?

Data Analysis

The information collected from the 2017 Point In Time Count Sheltered Homeless report forms (4), paper observational data collection forms (4), paper survey forms (5), electronic survey forms (5), and youth survey forms (6), was initially compiled into separate spreadsheets based on the data source using Microsoft Excel 2011.

The information collected via mobile app was sorted and de-duplicated using Open Refine version 2.6 and Microsoft Excel 2011. The interview survey data was de-duplicated by comparing initials and year of birth for all participants in each region.

All information was then aggregated into regional spreadsheets. Using the final versions of the regional spreadsheets, descriptive statistics and graphs were created using IBM SPSS Statistics version 22 and Graphical Analysis version 3.8.4. In depth data analysis by sub-region (Downtown Santa Barbara and Milpas Area) was completed using Tableau version 10.2.

Duplication of individuals was minimized by conducting the Point In Time Count county-wide simultaneously, restricting the count to one night only, and limiting the surveying time. The surveying in public spaces began at 6:30PM, which is after most of the homeless shelter curfews. The shelters completed the 2017 Point in Time Count Sheltered Homeless report form (4) at 7:00PM, shortly after street outreach began.

Summary

2017 Point In Time Count Information Sources:

388 electronic survey forms

36 paper interview survey forms

26 forms completed by homeless service providers

5 paper observational survey forms

8 paper youth survey forms

(End of methods section)
### 2017 Point In Time Count

**Total:** 338 people

- Compared to 2015: + 4%
- Compared to 2013: + 13%
- Compared to 2011: + 39%

**Total Unsheltered:** 85 (25%)

**Total Sheltered:** 253 (75%)

25 unsheltered people consented to be surveyed, including 1 veteran.

### Known Ages of People Counted

- Under 18 (24%)
- 18 - 65 (67%)
- Over 65 (9%)

### Race / Ethnicity of People Counted

- Hispanic / Latino (45%)
- White (37%)
- African American (9%)
- Asian (1%)
- American Indian (0%)
- Native Hawaiian (0%)
- Other Race (0%)
- Unknown (8%)

### Programs Included

- Good Samaritan:
  - Family Shelter
  - Emergency Shelter
- Project PREMIE
- Hermosa House
- Freedom Warming Center
- Domestic Violence Solutions Shelter

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53% Males (178)
- 33% unsheltered (59)

37% Females (125)
- 17% unsheltered (21)

Unsheltered People:
- 64% (16) report having health insurance
- 64% (16) report having a disability

32% (8) of unsheltered people sleep in a vehicle.

100% of people surveyed who sleep in a vehicle are between 25 - 65 years old and 63% are male.
**Lompoc: 2017 Report on Homelessness in Santa Barbara County**

**2017 Point In Time Count**

- Total: 219 people
- Compared to 2015: + 89%
- Compared to 2013: + 111%
- Compared to 2011: + 99%
- Total Unsheltered: 67 (31%)
- Total Sheltered: 152 (69%)
- 67 unsheltered people consented to be surveyed, including 9 veterans

### Known Ages of People Counted

- Under 18 (29%)
- 18 - 65 (66%)
- Over 65 (5%)

### Race / Ethnicity of People Counted

- Hispanic / Latino (32%)
- White (39%)
- African American (7%)
- Asian (1%)
- American Indian (6%)
- Native Hawaiian (1%)
- Other Race (0%)
- Unknown (14%)

### Programs Included

- Good Samaritan:
- Bridge House
- Mark’s House
- Hope House
- Harvey House
- Recovery Way
- Freedom Warming Center
- Domestic Violence Solutions Shelter

### Other Information

- **49% Males (107)**
  - 43% unsheltered (46)
- **45% Females (98)**
  - 21% unsheltered (21)

### Unsheltered People:

- 70% (47) report having health insurance
- 51% (34) report having a disability

- **18% (12) of unsheltered people sleep in a vehicle**
  - 100% of people who sleep in a vehicle are between 25 - 65 years old
  - 67% are female
C3H worked with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office to find people experiencing homelessness in the Santa Ynez Valley on January 26th, 2017. They were able to find one person who was homeless. He was an adult and did not want assistance at that time.

Point In Time Count Totals:

2011: 6 people
2013: 24 people
2015: 4 people
2017: 1 person
**2017 Point In Time Count**

- Total: 26 people
- Compared to 2016: + 37%
- Compared to 2015: + 100%
- Compared to 2013: - 31%
- Total Unsheltered: 11 (42%)
- Total Sheltered: 15 (58%)
- 9 unsheltered people consented to be surveyed, including 0 veterans

**Known Ages of People Counted**
- Under 18 (0%)
- 18 - 65 (92%)
- Over 65 (8%)

**Race / Ethnicity of People Counted**
- Hispanic / Latino (15%)
- White (65%)
- African American (4%)
- Asian (4%)
- American Indian (0%)
- Native Hawaiian (0%)
- Other Race (0%)
- Unknown (12%)

**Programs Included**
- Freedom Warming Center
2017 Point In Time Count
Total: 99 people
Compared to 2015: + 15%
Compared to 2013: + 111%
Compared to 2011: + 21%
Total Unsheltered: 99 (100%)
15 unsheltered people consented to be surveyed, including 1 veteran

60% Males (59)
• 100% unsheltered (59)
33% Females (33)
• 100% unsheltered (33)

Unsheltered People: 73% (11) report having health insurance
60% (9) report having a disability

53% (52) of unsheltered people sleep in a vehicle
12% of people surveyed who sleep in a vehicle are over 65 years old and 50% are male

Known Ages of People Counted
Under 18 (4%)
18 - 65 (82%)
Over 65 (14%)

Race / Ethnicity of People Counted
Hispanic / Latino (12%)
White (64%)
African American (6%)
Asian (1%)
American Indian (8%)
Native Hawaiian (0%)
Other Race (0%)
Unknown (9%)

Programs Included
New Beginnings Counseling Center
Safe Parking
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2017 Point In Time Count

Total: 790 people
Compared to 2015: - 12%
Compared to 2013: - 16%
Compared to 2011: - 24%
Total Unsheltered: 363 (46%)
Total Sheltered: 427 (54%)
144 unsheltered people consented to be surveyed, including 36 veterans

69% Males (546)
- 45% unsheltered (243)
27% Females (214)
- 42% unsheltered (90)

Unsheltered People:
- 66% (95) report having health insurance
- 42% (61) report having a disability

36% (130) of unsheltered people sleep in a vehicle
17% of people who sleep in a vehicle are over 65 years old and 51% are male

Known Ages of People Counted
- Under 18 (9%)
- 18 - 65 (83%)
- Over 65 (8%)

Race / Ethnicity of People Counted
- Hispanic / Latino (22%)
- White (55%)
- African American (7%)
- Asian (1%)
- American Indian (4%)
- Native Hawaiian (1%)
- Other Race (2%)
- Unknown (8%)

Programs Included
- Rescue Mission
- PATH
- Hospitality House
- Transition House
- Safe Parking
- Domestic Violence Solutions
- Freedom Warming Center
- Noah’s Anchorage
**Santa Barbara, Downtown: 2017 Report on Homelessness in Santa Barbara County**

**Unsheltered People:**
- 84% Males
- 16% Females

**Unsheltered People:**
- 67% report having health insurance
- 33% report having a disability

**63 Total Unsheltered People**
- Age Range: 20 - 79 years old
- Average Age: 45 years old

- 23% have a consistent income
- 72% sleep on public sidewalks

- Time Lived Homeless Range: less than 1 month - 28 years
- Average Time Lived Homeless: 4 years
- Time Lived in Santa Barbara County Range: less than 1 month - 60 years
- Average Time Lived in Santa Barbara County: 8 years
- 22% have lived in Santa Barbara County for 6 months or less

**Salvation Army Hospitality House**
- Sheltered People: 43
- Males: 34 people
- Females: 9 people
- Between 18 - 65 Years Old: 40 people
- Older Than 65 Years Old: 3 people
Santa Barbara, Milpas Area: 2017 Report on Homelessness in Santa Barbara County

Unsheltered People:
- 71% Males
- 29% Females

Unsheltered People:
- 74% report having health insurance
- 47% report having a disability

26 Total Unsheltered People
- Age Range: 29 - 62 years old
- Average Age: 50 years old
- 14% have a consistent income
- 36% sleep on public sidewalks
- Time Lived Homeless Range: 3 months - 15 years
- Average Time Lived Homeless: 3 years
- Time Lived in Santa Barbara County Range: 5 months - 33 years
- Average Time Lived in Santa Barbara County: 10 years
- 12% have lived in Santa Barbara County for 6 months or less

PATH Santa Barbara
- Sheltered People: 180
  - Males: 136 people
  - Females: 44 people
  - Between 18 - 65 years old: 166 people
  - Older Than 65 Years Old: 10 people
  - Unknown Age: 4 people
Noah’s Anchorage staff members hosted a special event for 9 homeless people ages 18 - 24. At the event the following information was collected:

- 6 males, 3 females
- 4 binge drink alcoholic beverages
- 7 use marijuana
- 1 uses other drugs
- 2 have previously been enrolled in special education programs
- 4 completed high school
- 7 are currently employed
- 5 were previously in foster care
- 4 were physically, emotionally, or sexually abused by a relative or another person they have stayed with, such as a spouse, partner, brother, sister, or parent
- 3 have felt like they needed help with their mental health
2017 Point In Time Count

Total: 16 people
Compared to 2015: - 11%
Compared to 2013: + 60%
Compared to 2011: + 7%
Total Unsheltered: 3 (19%)
Total Sheltered: 13 (81%)

2 unsheltered people consented to be surveyed, both people are veterans

69% Males (11)
- 27% unsheltered (3)
31% Females (5)
- 0% unsheltered (0)

Unsheltered People:
100% (2) report having health insurance
100% (2) report having a disability
0% (0) of unsheltered people sleep in a vehicle

Known Ages of People Counted

Under 18 (0%)
18 - 65 (94%)
Over 65 (6%)

Race / Ethnicity of People Counted

- Hispanic / Latino (19%)
- White (63%)
- African American (12%)
- Asian (6%)
- American Indian (0%)
- Native Hawaiian (0%)
- Other Race (0%)
- Unknown (0%)

Programs Included

Freedom Warming Center
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**2017 Point In Time Count**

Total: 1489 people
- Compared to 2015: + 2%
- Compared to 2013: + 2%
- Compared to 2011: - 3%

Total Unsheltered: 629 (42%)
Total Sheltered: 860 (58%)

262 unsheltered people consented to be surveyed, including 49 veterans

- 62% Males (924)
  - 45% unsheltered (418)
- 32% Females (476)
  - 35% unsheltered (166)

Unsheltered People:
- 67% (175) report having health insurance
- 48% (125) report having a disability

32% (202) of unsheltered people sleep in a vehicle
7% of people who sleep in a vehicle are over 65 years old and 49% are male

Known Ages of People Counted

- Under 18 (15%)
- 18 - 65 (77%)
- Over 65 (8%)

Race / Ethnicity of People Counted

- Hispanic / Latino (28%)
- White (49%)
- African American (8%)
- Asian (1%)
- American Indian (4%)
- Native Hawaiian (1%)
- Other Race (1%)
- Unknown (8%)

Regions Included

- Santa Maria
- Lompoc
- Santa Ynez Valley
- Isla Vista
- Goleta
- Santa Barbara
- Carpinteria

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Report Limitations: 2017 Report on Homelessness in Santa Barbara County

The 2017 Santa Barbara County Point In Time Count was a census style survey of locations where homeless people have been known to live and/or seek shelter. Remote areas such as the Los Padres National Forest were not included due to the absence of information to indicate that those areas sustain a stable homeless population and the lack of local surveyors. It is also likely that some unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in regions that did have street outreach surveying were not included in the count because they were not encountered by a volunteer that night. While every effort was made to cover the public areas where homeless people have been known to live, it is not reasonable to believe that every person experiencing homelessness in the region was found. Homeless people often spend time on private property and in hidden encampments, which are difficult or illegal for volunteer surveyors to enter. Finally, it is well known that at any given time in Santa Barbara County there are homeless people in hospitals, detox / substance use treatment facilities, or incarcerated. Due to HUD regulations, those people were not included in the Point In Time Count.

The data collected in the observational surveys is subjective, especially with regard to demographics such as race or ethnicity. Similarly, the information obtained from the interview-based surveys is entirely self report, which may be affected by biases such as social desirability. The surveys were all conducted anonymously as an attempt to minimize intentional self report error.

Recommendations for Future Point In Time Counts

Conducting the count on a single night improved data quality and simplified logistics.

Care and referral centers with incentives effectively attracted homeless participants, especially in North County.

Data collection via de-identified aggregated forms worked well to get information from homeless shelters and other homeless service providers. This method improved data quality and accuracy.

Coordination with Law Enforcement Officers, especially to safely access remote homeless encampments, was extremely helpful and resulted in people being counted who would otherwise not have been included.

Conducting volunteer training quickly, immediately before the count was simple and effective.

In the future it would be beneficial to have the surveys available in Spanish in addition to English.

(End of report limitations section)
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(2) Point In Time Count Methodology Guide (2014)

(3) 2017 Housing Inventory Count and Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Persons: Data Submission Guidance

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Thank you for your assistance in providing a count of people at your shelter. We hope to get an accurate count of all homeless people in Santa Barbara County for the night of January 26, 2017. By recording the following information, you are helping Santa Barbara County receive funding to continue services for people who are homeless.

**Facility / Program Information**

Program Name: __________________________________________ (Example: Santa Barbara Rescue Mission)

Address:_________________________________________________

City and Zip Code:_________________________________________

*NOTE: If your shelter or program operates in multiple cities, please fill out a separate form for each city.*

You can record this information either by physically counting the people in the shelter at 7:00PM on 1/26/2017, using your facility / program records, or by using sign-in records for the night of January, 26th.

If you do not have some of the information requested below, please write “unknown” for the answer. The most important information is the total count for your facility / program.

Please record the number of people who fit the following characteristics:

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Staff Member Name: (please print)______________________________

Signature:_________________________
Survey Name: PIT 2017
Description:
Introduction: Point in Time Count Survey Santa Barbara County, 2017
Conclusion: Thank you for completing the survey
Survey Created on: 1/25/2017 1:28:25 AM

Q 1 Date and Time
Question Text

Q 2 Information
Question Text
Hello, my name is_____________ and I’m a volunteer for the 2017 Santa Barbara Point in Time Count. We are conducting a survey to count homeless people to provide better programs and services to them. Your participation is voluntary and your responses to questions will not be shared with anyone outside of our team. Your name will not be included in the survey, it is completely anonymous, and takes about 10 minutes. If you choose to participate you will get a $5 Starbucks gift card after the survey. Would you like to participate?

Q 3 Single Select
Question Text
Did the person consent to participate?

Answers
A 1 Yes
A 2 No Next: Q 30
A 3 Unsafe or unable to survey

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(5) Unsheltered Count Form for the Night of Count (Page 2/9)

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<td>Where are you sleeping tonight?</td>
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### Answers

- **A 1** Street or sidewalk
- **A 2** Car, van, or truck (not in the safe parking program)
- **A 3** RV (not in the safe parking program)
- **A 4** In a vehicle in the safe parking program  
  - Next: Conclusion
- **A 5** Abandoned building
- **A 6** Bus, train station, airport
- **A 7** Park
- **A 8** Under bridge/overpass
- **A 9** Woods or outdoor encampment
- **A 10** Other location outside
- **A 11** Emergency shelter  
  - Next: Conclusion
- **A 12** Transitional housing  
  - Next: Conclusion
- **A 13** Motel/hotel  
  - Next: Conclusion
- **A 14** House or apartment  
  - Next: Conclusion
- **A 15** Jail, hospital, treatment program  
  - Next: Conclusion

Next: Q 5
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(5) Unsheltered Count Form for the Night of Count (Page 3/9)

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<td>A 2</td>
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Q 19  Single Select

Question Text
Do you drink alcoholic beverages or use drugs (illegal or prescription for non-medical reasons)? Note: non-medical reasons means because of the experience or feeling the drug caused

Answers
A 1  Yes
A 2  No

Next: Q 20

Q 20  Single Select

Question Text
Do you have psychiatric or emotional conditions such as depression or schizophrenia?

Answers
A 1  Yes
A 2  No

Next: Q 21

Q 21  Single Select

Question Text
Do you have a physical disability? This could include something that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying?

Answers
A 1  Yes
A 2  No

Next: Q 22

Q 22  Single Select

Question Text
Do any of the situations we just discussed (substance use, a mental health condition, or physical disability) keep you from holding a job or living in stable housing?

Answers
A 1  Yes
A 2  No

Next: Q 23

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Q 23  Multi Select

Question Text
Which ones keep you from holding a job or living in stable housing?

Answers
A 1  Alcohol use / Illegal drug use
A 2  Psychiatric / emotional condition
A 3  Physical disability

Next: Q 24

Q 24  Information

Question Text
Just a few more questions ...

Next: Q 25

Q 25  Single Select

Question Text
Have you ever received special education (or special ed.) services for an extended period of time?

Answers
A 1  Yes
A 2  No

Next: Q 26

Q 26  Single Select

Question Text
Do you have AIDS or an HIV-related illness?

Answers
A 1  Yes
A 2  No

Next: Q 27

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Q 27  Single Select

Question Text
Have you ever been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused by a relative or another person you have stayed with, such as a spouse, partner, brother or sister, or parent?

Answers
A 1  Yes
A 2  No

Next: Q 28

Q 28  Single Select

Question Text
Do you have health insurance?

Answers
A 1  Yes
A 2  No

Next: Q 29

Q 29  Numeric

Question Text
How many MONTHS have you lived in Santa Barbara County?

Next: Q 30

Q 30  Single Select

Question Text
What is this person's age?

Answers
A 1  Under 18
A 2  18-24
A 3  25+

Next: Q 31

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### Q 31  Single Select

**Question Text**  
Is this person Hispanic or Latino?

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**Next: Q 32**

### Q 32  Multi Select

**Question Text**  
What race is this person? You can select one or more races.

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**Next: Q 33**

### Q 33  Single Select

**Question Text**  
What gender best describes this person?

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**Next: Conclusion**
PIT Count Youth Survey (Comprehensive)

Hello, my name is ____. Today we are asking youth some questions to better understand their housing status. It is up to you whether you want to participate, and your answers will not be shared with anyone outside of our team. Can I have about 10 minutes of your time? □ Yes [Go to Q1] □ No [Thank respondent; go to observation tool]

1. How old are you?
   □ Under 18 □ 18-24 □ 25 and older [Switch to Adult survey; begin with Q3]

2. Where did you sleep on the night of [NIGHT OF COUNT]?
   □ Street or sidewalk
   □ Vehicle (car, van, RV, truck)
   □ Park or other public outdoor space
   □ Abandoned or empty building/squatting
   □ Bus, train station, airport
   □ Under bridge/overpass
   □ Outdoor encampment
   □ Other location (specify): ____________________________
   □ UNSHELTERED
   □ SHELTERED
   □ Emergency shelter
   □ Transitional housing
   □ Runaway Homeless Youth Program (TLP/MGH)
   □ Youth shelter
   □ Motel/hotel
   □ House or apartment
   □ Jail, hospital, treatment program
   □ Not homeless

3. Can you tell me all the places you slept in the past week?
   □ Street or sidewalk
   □ Vehicle (car, van, RV, truck)
   □ Park or other public outdoor space
   □ Abandoned/empty building/squatting
   □ Bus, train station, airport
   □ Under bridge/overpass
   □ Outdoor encampment
   □ Other location (specify below): ____________________________
   □ Emergency shelter
   □ Transitional housing
   □ Runaway Homeless Youth Program (TLP/MGH)
   □ Youth shelter
   □ Motel/hotel
   □ House or apartment
   □ Jail, hospital, treatment program

4. Did another volunteer or survey worker already ask you these same questions about where you are staying tonight?
   □ No □ Yes [Thank you! Those are all the questions I have]

5. What is your race? You can select one or more races. [Read all except please specify]
   □ American Indian or Alaska Native □ Asian
   □ Black or African American □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   □ White □ Other (specify below): ____________________________
   □ Don't know / Refuse to answer

6. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
   □ Yes, Hispanic/Latino
   □ No, not Hispanic/Latino
   □ Don't know / Refuse to answer

7. How would you define your gender?
   □ Male □ Female □ Transgender (M→F) □ Transgender (F→M)
   □ Don't identify as male, female, or transgender
   □ Don't know / Refuse to answer

8. How long have you been homeless this time? Think about only time spent staying in shelters and/or on the streets.
   □ _____ Days □ _____ Weeks □ _____ Months □ _____ Years
   □ Don't know / Refuse to answer

9. Is this the first time that you have been living on the street, in a shelter, or transitional housing program?
   □ Yes [Skip to Q12] □ No □ Don't know / Refuse to answer

10. Including this time, how many separate times have you been homeless (living on the street or in a shelter) in the past three years, that is, since January 2014? Was it 4 or more times or less than 4 times?
    □ Less than 4 times □ 4 or more times □ Don't know / Refuse to answer

11. If you add up all the times you have been homeless in the last 3 years, about how long have you been homeless? Your best guess is fine.
    □ _____ Days □ _____ Weeks □ _____ Months □ _____ Years
    □ Don't know / Refuse to answer

12. Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?
    □ Lesbian or gay □ Straight □ Bisexual
    □ Something else □ I don't know □ I'd rather not say

13. [If female] Are you currently pregnant? [If male or 'other'] Are you expecting to become a parent in the next 9 months?
    □ Yes □ No □ Don't know / Refuse to answer
14. Have you ever served in the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard)?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

15. Were you ever called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

16. Have you ever received health care or benefits from a Veterans Administration Medical Center?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

17. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 4 or more drinks of alcohol in a row?
   - 0 days
   - 1 day
   - 2 days
   - 3 to 5 days
   - 6 to 9 days
   - 10 to 19 days
   - 20+ days
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

18. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana on your own?
   - 0 days
   - 1 day
   - 2 days
   - 3 to 5 days
   - 6 to 9 days
   - 10 to 19 days
   - 20+ days
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

19. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use other illicit drugs or substances on your own?
   - 0 days
   - 1 day
   - 2 days
   - 3 to 5 days
   - 6 to 9 days
   - 10 to 19 days
   - 20+ days
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

20. Do you have any physical disabilities?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

21. Have you ever received special education services from school at any point for more than 6 months?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

22. Have you ever received services, or felt like you needed help with your mental health?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

23. Do you have HIV/AIDS or have you had any related illness?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

24. Have any of the issues we just discussed (alcohol or drug use, physical or mental disabilities, your mental health, learning difficulties, or HIV/AIDS) ever kept you from getting a job or obtaining or staying in stable housing?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

25. Do you receive a disability check, such as a Social Security check (SSI or SSDI) or a Veteran Disability Compensation check?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

26. Have you ever been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused by a relative or another person you have stayed with, such as a spouse, partner, brother or sister, or parent?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

27. Have you ever been placed in foster care or stayed in a group home?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

28. Have you stayed overnight or longer in jail, prison, or a juvenile detention facility?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

29. Have you stayed overnight or longer in a treatment or healthcare facility?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know / Refuse to answer

30. Are you currently enrolled in school?
   - Yes, and attend regularly
   - Yes, and attend irregularly
   - Yes, suspended
   - No, obtained GED
   - No, graduated from high school
   - No, expelled
   - No, dropped out of high school
   - No, dropped out within last 6 months
   - No, dropped out more than 6 months ago or more
   - Don't know
   - Refused
31. What is the highest grade or level of schooling you completed?
- Less than 5th grade
- 5th to 8th grade
- 9th to 11th grade
- 12th grade
- School program does not have grade levels
- GED completion
- Some post-secondary education/college
- Don’t know
- Refuse to answer

32. In the past year, in what ways did you make money? [Select all that apply]
- Full-time job
- Part-time job including on-call or irregular hours
- Working under the table
- Money from friends or family
- Hustling
- Panhandling
- Sex work
- Government program (disability, welfare, food stamps, unemployment, etc.)
- Other (specify):
- Don’t know / Refuse to answer

33. Think about the last time you felt that you were living in safe and stable housing. How long ago was that?
- Less than 1 month ago
- 1 month to less than 3 months ago
- 3 months to less than 6 months ago
- 6 months to 1 year
- More than 1 year
- Never felt stably housed [Skip to Q36]
- Don’t know / Refuse to answer

34. Who did you live with the last time you lived in stable housing?
- Family member
- Partner/significant other
- Friend(s)/roommate(s)
- Alone
- Don’t know / Refuse to answer

35. What is the primary reason you left or lost your last stable housing situation?
- Chose to leave
- Forced to leave
- Don’t know
- Refuse to answer

36. In order to stay in any housing situation, have you ever...? [Select all that apply]
- Stayed with someone you didn’t know or trust
- Stayed somewhere that didn’t feel safe
- Stayed with a sexual partner that you would not have otherwise
- Stayed on a couch or floor for longer than one week
- None of the above
- Refuse to answer

37. In the past year, what services or supports, for example from government programs or charities, have you accessed? [Select all that apply]
- Free meals
- Transportation assistance or bus passes
- Job training or employment services
- Drop-in/day services
- Legal assistance
- Health services
- Mental health services
- Substance abuse treatment/services
- Housing services
- Education services
- Other (specify):
- Don’t know / Refuse to answer

38. In the past year, what issues have you encountered in trying to get help or access services? [Select all that apply]
- Lack of transportation
- Did not have ID/personal documents
- Did not know where to go for help
- Did not qualify for service
- Placed on a waitlist and never heard back
- Language barrier
- Could not access because of age
- No issues accessing services/assistance
- Other (specify): __________________________
- Don’t know / Refuse to answer

Those are all the questions we have for you. We realize that some of the topics covered are personal and can be difficult to talk about. As a reminder your responses will not be shared with anyone outside of our team. Thank you for taking the survey and for being a part of this important data collection effort.