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Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey

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There were 1,299 adults and children who were homeless during the point-in-time count according to the Ventura County 2018 Homeless Count and Survey. This number represents a 147 person or 12.8% increase when compared to the number of homeless persons who were counted in 2017, which was 1,152. The 1,299 persons counted in 2018 represents the first homeless count increase when compared to the previous year since 2009 (see Table 3).

The cities of Oxnard and Ventura account for nearly two-thirds (65.4%) of the 1,299 homeless persons (515 persons representing 40.0% and 335 persons representing 26%, respectively). The City of Simi Valley again had the third highest population of homeless (143 persons representing 11%) followed by the City of Thousand Oaks (80 persons representing 6%). Table 4 lists the total number of unsheltered and sheltered persons for each city.

> There was a 12.8% increase in the number of homeless adults and children between the 2017 and the 2018 homeless counts.

As noted in the table below, of the 1,299 homeless adults and children counted in 2018, 821 or 63.2% were unsheltered and 478 or 36.8% were sheltered, whereas 57.6% were unsheltered and 42.4% sheltered in 2017.

Table 1. Comparison of 2017 and 2018 Homeless Counts

	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	
2017 Homeless Count	488	42.4	664	57.6	1,152
2018 Homeless Count	478	36.8	821	63.2	1,299
Difference:	-10 -(2.0%)	-5.6	+157 +(23.6%)	+5.6	+147 +(12.8%)

Section IV. Unsheltered Subpopulation Summaries provides a breakdown by various unsheltered subpopulations for 2018. A breakdown by various unsheltered subpopulations for each jurisdiction for 2018 is provided in Appendix A.

Table 2 shows that from 2017 to 2018 there was a slight increase (2.1%) in the percentage of sheltered people staying in emergency shelters and a decrease (8.7%) in the percentage of people staying in transitional housing. The Safe Haven population stayed nearly the same.

Table 2. Comparison of 2017 and 2018 Sheltered Homeless Counts

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Safe Haven		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2017 Homeless Count	283	58.0	195	40.0	10	2.0	488	100
2018 Homeless Count	289	60.5	178	37.2	11	2.3	478	100
Variance:	+6 (+2.1%)	+2.5	-17 (-8.7%)	-2.8	+1 (+10%)	-0.3	-10 (-2.0%)	

Comparative Data

Ventura County first conducted a homeless count and subpopulation survey in 2007. The homeless count and survey, however, was conducted every year beginning in 2009. The following table compares the homeless counts since 2007. The 1,299 persons counted in 2018 represents the first homeless count increase when compared to the previous year since 2009

Table 3: Ventura County Homeless Counts from 2007 – 2017.

Year	Total # of Homeless Persons	% of Increase or Decrease from Previous Year
2007	1,961	-
2009	2,193	+12
2010	1,815	-17
2011	1,872	+3
2012	1,936	+3
2013	1,774	-8
2014	1,449	-18
2015	1,417	-2
2016	1,271	-10
2017	1,152	-9
2018	1,299	+12.8

The next table provides the number of homeless persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area.

Table 4. Comparison of the total number of unsheltered and sheltered persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area

Jurisdiction	2007	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Camarillo	10	13	15	29	30	27	38	35	24	27	49
Fillmore	5	4	5	10	16	13	6	7	6	0	2
Moorpark	13	7	1	7	5	9	15	7	4	7	3
Ojai	82	60	52	40	41	43	62	40	29	19	31
Oxnard	671	679	520	638	522	645	379*	603	584	461	335
Port Hueneme	9	1	9	6	12	17	13	22	7	18	19
Santa Paula	97	91	54	50	60	34	31	20	56	35	44
Simi Valley	163	303	229	226	284	211	194	202	99	105	143
Thousand Oaks	81	147	106	87	90	121	130	83	104	102	80
Ventura	588	623	601	570	701	519	495	334	300	301	516
Unincorporated	242	265	223	209	175	135	86	64	58	77	77
Total:	1,961	2,193	1,815	1,872	1,936	1,774	1,449	1,417	1,271	1,152	1,299

*This number was artificially low due to an unresolved reporting discrepancy and the winter warming shelter being located in Ventura.

Unsheltered Persons

Of the 1,299 persons counted in 2018, 821 or 63.2% were unsheltered, which is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as

> "An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) An individual or family 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."

Gender

The following table provides a breakdown by gender for adults, unaccompanied youth under age 18, and children in families under age 18. HUD requires the summary to consist of men, women, and transgender.

Table 5. Breakdown by Gender

	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%
Male	582	72.0	0	0.0
Female	219	27.1	1	100
Transgender	2	0.3	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming	5	0.6	0	0.0
Missing Data	0	0.0	0	0.0
	808	100	1	100

Ethnicity

Table 6 offers a breakdown by ethnicity. HUD requires the summary to consist of Hispanics or Latinos and non-Hispanics or Latinos.

Table 6. Ethnicity

	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%
Hispanic or Latino	258	31.9	0	0.0
Non-Hispanic or Latino	478	59.2	1	100
Don't Know	26	3.2	0	0.0
Refused	4	0.5	0	0.0
Missing Data	42	5.2	0	0.0
Total:	808	100	1	100

Race

Table 7 provides a breakdown by race. It is important to note that instructions from HUD were to include Hispanics or Latinos in the race categories listed below because the designation "Hispanic or Latino" does not denote race.

Table 7. Race

	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	21	2.6	0	0.0
Asian	8	1.0	0	0.0
Black or African American	40	5.0	1	100
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	0.9	0	0.0
White	645	79.8	0	0.0
Other	31	3.8	0	0.0
More Than One	9	1.1	0	0.0
Don't Know	42	5.2	0	0.0
Refused	4	0.5	0	0.0
Missing Data	1	0.1	0	0.0
Total:	808	100	1	100

Age

The next table offers a breakdown by age for adults.

Table 8. Breakdown by Age for Adults and Unaccompanied Children Under Age 18

Adults:	#	%
Under Age 18	1	0.1
Ages 18 - 24	31	3.8
Age 25 - 34	144	17.8
Age 35 - 44	171	21.1
Age 45 - 54	241	29.8
Age 55 - 61	146	18.1
Age 62+	75	9.3
Missing Data	0	0.0
Total:	809	100

Other Subpopulations

Table 9 provides a breakdown of other subpopulations for adults.

Table 9. Other Subpopulations

Subpopulations:	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	229	28.3
Families including Chronically Homeless Families*	6	**
Persons Released from Prisons & Jails During Past 12 Months	230	28.4
Persons w/Chronic Health Conditions	213	26.3
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	10	1.2
Persons w/Mental Health Problems	228	28.2
Substance Users	213	26.3
Unaccompanied Women	214	26.4
Veterans***	39	4.8
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	51	6.3

*Of the six families, 1 family was chronically homeless with two adults and three children living In Camarillo
**The total number of adults in the six families was nine and represents 1.1% of the total adult population of 808.
*** 46.1% or 18 veterans were chronically homeless Individuals.

There were additional questions that were added to the survey that were not required by HUD. The questions are listed in the next table.

Table 10. Additional Survey Questions

Survey Question	#	%
Did You Become Homeless Because of the Recent Fires?	15	1.9
Do You Receive Disability Benefits?	83	10.3
Is this the first time you've been homeless?	228	28.2

There was one additional question, which is listed below.

Table 11. How Many Months Have You Been in the Community?

Question	#	%
1 Year or Less	67	8.3
Between 1 Year and 2 Years	25	3.1
Between 2 Years and 5 Years	75	9.3
Between 5 Years and 10 Years	70	8.6
More Than 10 Years	167	20.6
Missing Data	405	50.1
Total:	809	100

Next Steps: Implementing Recommendations to End Homelessness

Trying to end homelessness for 821 unsheltered adults and children collectively can be overwhelming and discouraging. Focusing on specific subpopulations can elicit confidence because the number of a given subpopulation is much less and is more manageable. Thus, for example, building upon the recent success towards ending homelessness among veterans can be inspiring.

Recommendation 1: Finish the job of ending homelessness among unsheltered veterans

As noted below, the number of unsheltered veterans has decreased significantly over the past several years—from 118 in 2013 to 39—according to past homeless counts.

Year	# of Unsheltered Veterans
2013	118
2014	88
2015	85
2016	57
2017	50
2018	39

In order to finish the job, the public and private partners should continue to implement the best practices of

- Permanent supportive housing and a Housing First approach through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, which combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA medical centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics.
- Rapid rehousing and a Housing First approach through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program, which provides supportive services to very low-income Veteran families that are currently in or transitioning to permanent housing. SSVF is designed to rapidly re-house homeless Veteran families and prevent homelessness for those at imminent risk due to a housing crisis.

Public and private partnerships should also include local cities. A breakdown by city of the 39 unsheltered veterans is below, which can further elicit confidence that ending homelessness among veterans cab be achieved, especially if concerted efforts continue.

City	# of Unsheltered Veterans
Camarillo	1
Oxnard	9
Port Hueneme	1
Santa Paula	2
Simi Valley	4
Thousand Oaks	5
Ventura	17
Total:	39

Recommendation 2: Further the efforts to end homelessness among unsheltered youth

The total number of youth age 18 – 24 increased in 2018 reversing a trend of decreases for the previous two years.

Year	# of Unsheltered Youth Age 18 - 24
2013	67
2014	68
2015	95
2016	43
2017	25
2018	31

As a result, public and private partners of the VC CoC Youth Collaborative should convene and determine next steps. A breakdown by city of the 31-unsheltered youth age 18 – 24 follows:

City	# of Unsheltered Youth Age 18 - 24
Camarillo	2
Oxnard	8
Santa Paula	2
Simi Valley	5
Thousand Oaks	4
Ventura	10
Total:	31

Recommendation 3: Develop, adopt, and implement a zero-tolerance policy for children living on the streets, in vehicles, and other places not meant for human habitation

The number of unsheltered families counted each year continues to decrease. The lowest number in recent years was six (6) families in 2018 as noted below.

Year	# of Unsheltered Families
2013	47
2014	61
2015	43
2016	22
2017	12
2018	6

Continuing to implement a Rapid Rehousing approach for non-chronically homeless persons is imperative. There was one family counted in 2018 that was chronically homeless and the recommended intervention is permanent supportive housing.

Rapid re-housing is an approach that focuses resources on helping families and individuals quickly move out of homelessness and into permanent housing. Priority is placed on helping individuals and families move into permanent housing as rapidly as possible and providing services to help them maintain housing. Services to support rapid re-housing include housing search and landlord negotiation, short-term financial and rental assistance, delivery of home-based housing stabilization services and connection to community support services as needed.

Recommendation 4: Encourage each city to adopt their unsheltered homeless count numbers as baseline numbers.

Each city should be encouraged to adopt the results of the unsheltered homeless count in their jurisdiction, which can be found in this report in Appendix A. Each city should be encouraged to implement recommendations 1 – 3 above to end homelessness among unsheltered veterans, youth age 18 – 24, and families within their jurisdiction.

Recommendation 5: Participate in the development of an updated Ventura County Regional Plan to address homelessness.

An updated regional plan is needed to set priorities and guidance on strategically addressing homelessness. Participation and input from all jurisdictions and community partners will be critical in developing a plan that can be implemented. A regional plan is required for upcoming state funding opportunities including No Place Like Home funding.

II.   Background Information

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as part of its requirements for local jurisdictions to continue to receive Continuum of Care funding for homeless persons, has asked local jurisdictional applicants to conduct a "one-day point-in-time" unsheltered and sheltered homeless count every other year since 2005 during the last 10 days of January. However, since 2012, HUD requires a sheltered count every year, which includes emergency shelters and transitional housing programs, including safe havens.

In addition, HUD requires local jurisdictional applicants to gather data for the following subpopulations: chronically homeless individuals, chronically homeless families, persons with mental illness, persons with HIV/AIDS, substance users, veterans, victims of domestic violence, unaccompanied youth under age 18, and youth ages 18 – 24.

A.   When were the 2018 Count and Subpopulation Survey conducted?

The homeless count and subpopulation survey were conducted on February 22, 2018. HUD granted Ventura County a waiver to authorize the delay of the count after the Thomas Fire incident in late 2017, early 2018. The delay allowed the community to have time to plan, recruit and train volunteers post-disaster. Identifier information was collected to prevent duplication.

The local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) was used to complete the sheltered count on the same day. Those agencies that operate an emergency shelter or transitional housing program and do not participate in HMIS completed a survey instrument with the "Counting Us" app that asked the same information as collected HMIS.

B.   Who was counted and surveyed in 2018?

Only those persons who met HUD's definition of homelessness were counted and surveyed. HUD considers a person homeless only when he/she lives:

- In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings;
- In an emergency shelter; and
- In transitional housing including safe havens.

HUD does not consider the following persons to be homeless—persons who are "doubled up," or persons who are "near homelessness"—but considers them to be at risk of becoming homeless. Such persons were not included in the homeless count.

The Census Bureau noted that 9.8% or approximately 84,000 of the 854,223 residents of the County were living below the poverty level as reported in the 2017 American Community Survey. These persons are at risk of becoming homeless. Many of these persons can become homeless because of social structural issues such as increases in rent, loss of job, and rising health care

costs. In addition, personal experiences such as domestic violence, physical disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse can cause members of a low-income household or an entire household to become homeless. Often, one or more of these experiences factor into a household's homeless experience as suggested Table 9.

The Ventura County Continuum of Care service system implemented Pathways to Home, the local coordinated entry system in October 2016. In the first year of implementation, the system saw 1,541 persons including 1,459 singles and 82 persons in families. A total of 1,697 referrals were made to programs including homeless prevention assistance, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing. According to CoC System Performance Data in the same time frame, 513 persons were served through year-round emergency shelter and transitional housing programs. In all programs that work to connect persons with permanent housing (emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing) 57% of persons served were assisted with permanent housing. Persons in permanent housing programs (rapid re-housing and permanent housing) saw a 99.55% success rate in retaining permanent housing.

Again, in 2017, Ventura County 2-1-1 saw the highest request for housing assistance resulting in the top unmet need category.

The County of Ventura Healthcare for the Homeless reported 14,521 persons enrolled that meet the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) definition of homeless (includes doubled up and at-risk persons). Of this number, 4,456 or 30% of persons were literally homeless (on the streets, emergency shelter or transitional housing).

Ventura County Office of Education also tracks the number of homeless students through a broader definition of homelessness set by the federal Department of Education. Data collected in the 2017 school year showed 4,400 students temporarily doubled-up or at-risk of homelessness, 569 or 13% of students met the HUD definition of homelessness. This data includes all public K-12 schools in Ventura County.

C. Who carried out the count and subpopulation survey?

Over 150 volunteers helped with the count and subpopulation survey. Each city had volunteer teams that were coordinated by a team leader(s). In addition, volunteer teams were coordinated by a team leader(s) to count in unincorporated areas of the county. Teams counted on the streets, in encampments, at non-residential program sites that served homeless persons such as food programs, health care centers, and public assistance sites, and shelters and transitional housing programs.

Volunteer efforts were coordinated by the County Executive Office (CEO), which is responsible to the Board of Supervisors for the general administration and coordination of all County operations and programs (see http://www.ventura.org/county-executive-office). The CEO consulted with

the Institute for Urban Initiatives and Simtech Solutions, Inc. to complete the count and subpopulation survey.

Urban Initiatives is a community-based research and development agency that has completed many housing and homeless assessments including several homeless counts for cities and counties throughout Southern California. It consists of several agencies that respond to the economic, housing, and social needs of neighborhoods, cities, and counties from community, regional, national, international, and faith-based perspectives (see www.urban-initiatives.org).

Simtech Solutions, Inc. is a cause driven technology services provider with a passion for developing innovative technologies and enhancing the impact of existing ones to help people experiencing homelessness. Simtech Solutions is the developer of the Counting Us mobile app to help communities across the county automate their annual Point in Time homeless census. The goal is to save time and effort and produce more accurate results. Simtech Solutions uses survey questions to help communities gather the information required by HUD while allowing the ability to customize questions for local use. (see www.simtechsolutions.com)

The CEO also consulted with the Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance (VCCCA), whose mission is to facilitate an end to homelessness in Ventura County by coordinating funding, housing, and service strategies that prevent and end homelessness to plan and coordinate the count. The VCCCA is made up of individuals and representatives who support the mission, including those from the service sector (mental health agencies, health care agencies, social service providers, victim advocates, and educational institutions), housing agencies (non-profit and for-profit developers, housing authorities), law enforcement, and advocates (faith community, formerly homeless and neighborhood groups). For more information about VCCCA, visit www.venturacoc.org.

III. Methodology

A homeless count and subpopulation survey instrument was used to gather unsheltered data by counters (see page 61). The survey data was gathered primarily by utilizing Simtech Solutions, Inc.'s "Counting Us" mobile app. Volunteers entered survey questions on their mobile devices where survey data was instantly submitted to a regional command center. The survey questions were focused on gathering demographic information and subpopulation as required by HUD. The instrument focused on gathering responses that were used to create an identifier and to determine the number of persons for each subpopulation required by HUD. All information gathered through this instrument remains confidential.

During the count, volunteers were required to collect the following information concerning every homeless person counted: first initial of first name, first initial of last name, gender, race[1], age by code[2], and state born. The information for each encounter was input into a data base. The information was used to create an identifier for each person. For example, a homeless person may have the following code of "WTMW6CA." This means that this person's first name began with "W", last name began with "T", he was male "M", he was White "5", in the age range of 50-61, and said "yes" when asked if they first became homeless during the past 12 months.

First Initial	Last Initial	Gender	Race	Age	First Time Homeless
W	T	M	5	6	Yes

If the same identifier appeared more than once, it was assumed that this was the same person and the person would only be counted once. An example to illustrate how this process worked is noted in the table below. Numbers 6 and 7 (shaded in gray) would be considered the same person. If for some reason there was doubt that numbers 6 and 7 were the same person, other data collected on the same two people would be used to address the doubt.

Number of Person	First Initial	Last Initial	Gender	Race	Age	First Time Homeless
1	J	H	F	5	6	No
2	H	T	M	4	7	No
3	R	K	F	4	5	No
4	K	N	M	1	4	Yes
5	F	A	M	3	3	No
6	J	F	M	5	5	Yes
7	J	F	M	5	5	Yes

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[1] The code for race was 1=African American or Black; 2=American Indian or Alaskan Native; 3=Asian; 4=Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; 5=White; 6=Multiple Races or Other, 7= Don't Know; and 8= Refused to Answer.
[2] The code for age included: 0=under 5; 1=5-12; 2=13-17; 3=18-24; 4=25-34; 5=35-44; 6=45-54; 7=55-61; and 8=62+.

The obtained data also provided the opportunity to break down the number of homeless persons counted by gender, ethnicity, age range, and state born. Thus, the questions served two purposes—basic demographic information and the prevention of duplication.

The instrument also focused on gathering responses to several questions to determine the number of persons for each of the eight subpopulations required by HUD, which include:

- Chronically Homeless Individuals;
- Chronically Homeless Families;
- Persons with HIV/AIDS;
- Persons with Chronic Substance Abuse;
- Persons with Severe Mental Illness;
- Unaccompanied Youth under Age 18;
- Veterans;
- Victims of Domestic Violence; and
- Youth Ages 18 to 24.

Other subpopulation data was also collected for

- Persons released from a Correctional Institution during past 12 months after serving a court-ordered sentence;
- Persons with a Physical Disability;
- Persons with a Developmental Disability;
- Persons with Chronic Health Conditions; and
- Seniors age 62+.

Sheltered Count and Subpopulation Survey

As required by HUD, the sheltered count included the number of persons and households sleeping in emergency shelters (including seasonal shelters) and transitional housing, including safe haven programs, which were listed on the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) (see Appendix B). In addition, any persons staying in hotels or motels as a result of receiving a voucher from a social service agency were included in the sheltered count per HUD's instructions if the voucher program was listed on the HIC.

The HIC is updated and submitted to HUD in May of each year, as part of the annual Point-in-Time count process. Prior to the homeless count, the HIC was updated by CEO staff to include any new programs or exclude any programs no longer operational.

HUD encourages the use of HMIS data to generate sheltered counts and subpopulation data for programs with 100% of beds participating in HMIS. Thus, HMIS was used to gather the total number of occupied beds and the number of persons for each subpopulation. The "Counting Us" mobile app from Simtech Solutions, Inc. was used to collect the total number of occupied beds

and the number of persons for each subpopulation for non-participating HMIS programs. The same questions used to collect subpopulation data through HMIS were used for the data collection instrument. Thus, sheltered count data for all sheltered programs was gathered either through a mobile survey or HMIS.

See Appendix C for a sheltered report for all emergency shelter, safe haven and transitional housing programs. The report includes a breakdown of demographic and subpopulation information.

IV. Unsheltered Subpopulation Summaries

I. Unsheltered Subpopulation Summaries

This section provides a breakdown of each of the following unsheltered subpopulations (only adults are included because many of the questions asked to gather this information do not relate to children):

- Veterans;
- Chronically homeless; and
- Youth ages 18 – 24.

Veterans

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>39</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	1	2.6
25 - 34	3	7.7
35 – 44	6	15.4
45 – 54	10	25.6
55 – 61	10	25.6
62+	9	23.1
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	1	2.6
Chronic Homelessness:	18	46.2
Chronic Health Conditions:	22	56.4
Developmental Disabilities:	7	17.9
Disability Benefits	8	20.5
Ethnicity:		
Hispanic or Latino	9	23.1
First Time Homeless:	18	46.2
Gender:		
Male	34	87.2
Female	5	12.8
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	1	2.6
Mental Health Problem:	14	35.9

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	17	43.6
$1 - $250	3	7.7
$251 - $500	3	7.7
$501 - $1,000	6	15.4
More Than $1,000	8	20.5
No Recorded Answer	2	5.1
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	8	20.5
Physical Disability:	21	53.8
Race:		
African American or Black	1	2.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	2.6
Asian	1	2.6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	35	89.7
Multiple Races or Other	0	0.0
Don't Know	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	1	2.6
Substance Use Problem:	15	38.5
Victims of Domestic Violence:		
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	3	7.7

Chronically Homeless

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>229</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	5	2.2
25 - 34	34	14.8
35 – 44	41	17.9
45 – 54	75	32.8
55 – 61	51	22.3
62+	23	10.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	2	0.9
Chronic Health Conditions:	125	54.6
Developmental Disabilities:	47	20.5
Disability Benefits	50	21.8
Ethnicity:		
Hispanic or Latino	85	37.1
First Time Homeless:	79	34.5
Gender:		
Male	180	78.6
Female	47	20.5
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	2	0.9
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	8	3.5
Mental Health Problem:	135	59.0

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	101	44.1
$1 - $250	30	13.1
$251 - $500	16	7.0
$501 - $1,000	57	24.9
More Than $1,000	11	4.8
No Recorded Answer	14	6.1
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	56	24.5
Physical Disability:	116	50.7
Race:		
African American or Black	12	5.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	3.1
Asian	3	1.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	173	75.5
Multiple Races or Other	13	5.6
Don't Know	19	8.3
No Recorded Answer	2	0.9
Substance Use Problem:	113	49.3
Veteran:	18	7.9
Victims of Domestic Violence:		
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	19	8.3

Youth Age 18 - 24

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>31</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	0	0.0
Chronic Homelessness:	5	16.1
Chronic Health Conditions:	3	9.7
Developmental Disabilities:	3	9.7
Disability Benefits:	0	0.0
Ethnicity:		
Hispanic or Latino	11	35.5
First Time Homeless:	8	25.8
Gender:		
Male	18	58.1
Female	13	41.9
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	0	0.0
Mental Health Problem:	9	29.0
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	17	54.8
$1 - $250	2	6.5
$251 - $500	0	0.0
$501 - $1,000	2	6.5
More Than $1,000	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	10	32.3
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	3	9.7
Physical Disability:	5	16.1

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Race:		
African American or Black	2	6.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	6.5
Asian	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	23	74.1
Multiple Races or Other	2	6.5
Don't Know	2	6.5
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Substance Use Problem:	6	19.3
Veteran:	1	3.2
Victims of Domestic Violence:		
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	1	3.2

V. Next Steps: Implementing Recommendations to End Homelessness

Trying to end homelessness for 821 unsheltered adults and children collectively can be overwhelming and discouraging. Focusing on specific subpopulations can elicit confidence because the number of a given subpopulation is much less and is more manageable. Thus, for example, building upon the recent success towards ending homelessness among veterans can be inspiring.

Recommendation 1: Finish the job of ending homelessness among unsheltered veterans

As noted below, the number of unsheltered veterans has decreased significantly over the past several years—from 118 in 2013 to 39—according to past homeless counts.

Year	# of Unsheltered Veterans
2013	118
2014	88
2015	85
2016	57
2017	50
2018	39

In order to finish the job, the public and private partners should continue to implement the best practices of

- Permanent supportive housing and a Housing First approach through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, which combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA medical centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics.
- Rapid rehousing and a Housing First approach through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program, which provides supportive services to very low-income Veteran families that are currently in or transitioning to permanent housing. SSVF is designed to rapidly re-house homeless Veteran families and prevent homelessness for those at imminent risk due to a housing crisis.

Public and private partnerships should also include local cities. A breakdown by city of the 39 unsheltered veterans is below, which can further elicit confidence that ending homelessness among veterans cab be achieved, especially if concerted efforts continue.

City	# of Unsheltered Veterans
Camarillo	1
Oxnard	9
Port Hueneme	1
Santa Paula	2
Simi Valley	4
Thousand Oaks	5
Ventura	17
Total:	39

Recommendation 2: Further the efforts to end homelessness among unsheltered youth

The total number of youth age 18 – 24 increased in 2018 reversing a trend of decreases for the previous two years.

Year	# of Unsheltered Youth Age 18 - 24
2013	67
2014	68
2015	95
2016	43
2017	25
2018	31

As a result, public and private partners should convene and determine next steps. A breakdown by city of the 31-unsheltered youth age 18 – 24 follows:

City	# of Unsheltered Youth Age 18 - 24
Camarillo	2
Oxnard	8
Santa Paula	2
Simi Valley	5
Thousand Oaks	4
Ventura	10
Total:	31

Recommendation 3: Promote a zero-tolerance policy for children living on the streets, in vehicles, and other places not meant for human habitation

The number of unsheltered families counted each year continues to decrease. The lowest number in recent years was six (6) families in 2018 as noted below.

Year	# of Unsheltered Families
2013	47
2014	61
2015	43
2016	22
2017	12
2018	6

Continuing to implement a Rapid Rehousing approach for non-chronically homeless persons is imperative. There was one family counted in 2018 that was chronically homeless and the better intervention is permanent supportive housing.

Rapid re-housing is an approach that focuses resources on helping families and individuals quickly move out of homelessness and into permanent housing. Priority is placed on helping individuals and families move into permanent housing as rapidly as possible and providing services to help them maintain housing. Services to support rapid re-housing include housing search and landlord negotiation, short-term financial and rental assistance, and the delivery of home-based housing stabilization services, as needed.

Recommendation 4: Encourage each city to adopt their unsheltered homeless count numbers as baseline numbers.

Each city should be encouraged to adopt the results of the unsheltered homeless count in their jurisdiction, which can be found in this report in Appendix A. Each city should be encouraged to implement recommendations 1 – 3 above in order to end homelessness among unsheltered veterans, youth age 18 – 24, and families within their jurisdiction.

Recommendation 5: Participate in the development of an updated Ventura County Regional Plan to address homelessness.

An updated regional plan is needed to set priorities and guidance on strategically addressing homelessness. Participation and input from all jurisdictions and community partners will be critical in developing a plan that can be implemented. A regional plan is required for upcoming state funding opportunities including No Place Like Home funding.

Appendix A: Findings for Each City Concerning Unsheltered Adults and Families

Camarillo

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>34</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	1	2.9
18 to 24	1	2.9
25 - 34	2	5.9
35 – 44	4	11.8
45 – 54	13	38.2
55 – 61	8	23.5
62+	5	14.7
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	0	0.0
Chronic Health Conditions:	7	20.6
Chronic Homelessness:	5	14.7
Developmental Disabilities:	1	2.9
Disability Benefits:	5	14.7
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	17	50.0
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	0	0.0
First Time Homeless:	11	32.4
Gender:		
Male	25	73.5
Female	9	26.5
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	0	0.0
Mental Health Problem:	10	29.4

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	18	52.9
$1 - $250	1	2.9
$251 - $500	0	0.0
$501 - $1,000	4	11.8
More Than $1,000	3	8.8
No Recorded Answer	8	23.5
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	11	32.3
Physical Disability:	3	8.8
Race:		
African American or Black	6	17.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	2.9
White	21	61.8
Multiple Races or Other	1	2.9
Don't Know	4	11.8
No Recorded Answer	1	2.9
Substance Use Problem:	8	34.8
Veteran:	1	2.9

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Total Unsheltered Number: 2

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	0	0.0
25 - 34	0	0.0
35 – 44	0	0.0
45 – 54	2	100
55 – 61	0	0.0
62+	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	0	0.0
Chronic Health Conditions:	0	0.0
Chronic Homelessness:	0	0.0
Developmental Disabilities:	0	0.0
Disability Benefits:	0	0.0
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	0	0.0
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	1	50.0
First Time Homeless:	0	0.0
Gender:		
Male	0	0.0
Female	0	0.0
Transgender	2	100
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	0	0.0
Mental Health Problem:	1	50.0

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	0	0.0
$1 - $250	0	0.0
$251 - $500	1	50.0
$501 - $1,000	1	50.0
More Than $1,000	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	0	0.0
Physical Disability:	0	0.0
Race:		
African American or Black	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	2	100
Multiple Races or Other	0	0.0
Don't Know	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Substance Use Problem:	0	0.0
Veteran:	0	0.0

Moorpark

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>3</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	0	0.0
25 - 34	0	0.0
35 – 44	1	33.3
45 – 54	2	66.7
55 – 61	0	0.0
62+	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	0	0.0
Chronic Health Conditions:	0	0.0
Chronic Homelessness:	0	0.0
Developmental Disabilities:	0	0.0
Disability Benefits:	0	0.0
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	3	100
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	1	33.3
First Time Homeless:	0	0.0
Gender:		
Male	3	100
Female	0	0.0
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	0	0.0
Mental Health Problem:	0	0.0

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	0	0.0
$1 - $250	0	0.0
$251 - $500	1	33.3
$501 - $1,000	0	0.0
More Than $1,000	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	2	66.7
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:		
Physical Disability:	0	0.0
Race:		
African American or Black	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	3	100
Multiple Races or Other	0	0.0
Don't Know	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Substance Use Problem:	0	0.0
Veteran:	0	0.0

Ojai

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>8</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	0	0.0
25 - 34	0	0.0
35 – 44	1	12.5
45 – 54	2	25.0
55 – 61	1	12.5
62+	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	4	50.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	0	0.0
Chronic Health Conditions:	0	0.0
Chronic Homelessness:	1	12.5
Developmental Disabilities:	0	0.0
Disability Benefits:	1	12.5
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	3	37.5
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	0	0.0
First Time Homeless:	0	0.0
Gender:		
Male	7	87.5
Female	1	12.5
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	0	0.0
Mental Health Problem:	2	25.0

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	2	25.0
$1 - $250	0	0.0
$251 - $500	0	0.0
$501 - $1,000	2	25.0
More Than $1,000	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	4	50.0
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	3	37.5
Physical Disability:	0	0.0
Race:		
African American or Black	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	8	100
Multiple Races or Other	0	0.0
Don't Know	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Substance Use Problem:	2	25.0
Veteran:	0	0.0

Oxnard

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>241</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	8	3.3
25 - 34	42	17.4
35 – 44	61	25.3
45 – 54	61	25.3
55 – 61	42	17.4
62+	27	11.2
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	5	2.1
Chronic Health Conditions:	67	27.8
Chronic Homelessness:	66	27.4
Developmental Disabilities:	24	10.0
Disability Benefits:	25	10.4
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	122	50.6
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	8	3.3
First Time Homeless:	72	29.9
Gender:		
Male	177	73.4
Female	64	26.6
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	5	2.1
Mental Health Problem:	66	27.4

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	72	29.9
$1 - $250	15	6.2
$251 - $500	19	7.9
$501 - $1,000	25	10.4
More Than $1,000	11	4.6
No Recorded Answer	99	41.1
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	55	22.8
Physical Disability:	60	24.9
Race:		
African American or Black	17	7.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	12	5.0
Asian	2	0.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	158	65.6
Multiple Races or Other	28	11.6
Don't Know	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	24	9.9
Substance Use Problem:	52	21.6
Veteran:	9	3.7

Port Hueneme

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>19</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	0	0.0
25 - 34	0	0.0
35 – 44	4	21.
45 – 54	5	26.3
55 – 61	4	21.1
62+	4	21.1
No Recorded Answer	2	10.5
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	0	0.0
Chronic Health Conditions:	8	42.1
Chronic Homelessness:	5	26.3
Developmental Disabilities:	1	5.3
Disability Benefits:	2	10.5
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	5	26.3
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	3	15.8
First Time Homeless:	4	21.1
Gender:		
Male	4	21.1
Female	14	73.7
Transgender	1	5.3
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	0	0.0
Mental Health Problem:	7	36.8

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	9	47.4
$1 - $250	0	0.0
$251 - $500	0	0.0
$501 - $1,000	2	10.5
More Than $1,000	1	5.3
No Recorded Answer	7	36.8
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	2	10.5
Physical Disability:	5	26.3
Race:		
African American or Black	2	10.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	15.8
White	13	68.4
Multiple Races or Other	1	5.3
Don't Know	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Substance Use Problem:	7	36.8
Veteran:	1	5.3

Santa Paula

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>44</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	2	4.5
25 - 34	10	25.7
35 – 44	8	18.2
45 – 54	20	45.5
55 – 61	1	2.3
62+	3	6.8
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	0	0.0
Chronic Health Conditions:	16	36.4
Chronic Homelessness:	25	56.8
Developmental Disabilities:	5	11.4
Disability Benefits:	1	2.3
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	32	72.7
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	5	11.4
First Time Homeless:	14	31.8
Gender:		
Male	30	68.2
Female	13	29.5
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	1	2.3
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	1	2.3
Mental Health Problem:	8	18.2

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	24	54.5
$1 - $250	2	4.5
$251 - $500	3	6.8
$501 - $1,000	8	18.2
More Than $1,000	1	2.3
No Recorded Answer	6	13.6
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	6	13.6
Physical Disability:	12	27.3
Race:		
African American or Black	1	2.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	1	2.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	2.3
White	24	54.5
Multiple Races or Other	2	4.5
Don't Know	14	31.8
No Recorded Answer	1	2.3
Substance Use Problem:	24	54.5
Veteran:	2	4.5

Simi Valley

Total Unsheltered Number: 113

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	5	4.4
25 - 34	20	17.7
35 – 44	21	18.6
45 – 54	34	30.1
55 – 61	25	22.1
62+	8	7.1
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	1	0.9
Chronic Health Conditions:	36	31.9
Chronic Homelessness:	39	34.5
Developmental Disabilities:	10	8.8
Disability Benefits:	17	15.0
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	15	13.3
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	11	9.7
First Time Homeless:	40	35.4
Gender:		
Male	75	66.4
Female	38	33.6
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	2	1.8
Mental Health Problem:	40	35.4

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	37	32.7
$1 - $250	15	13.3
$251 - $500	4	3.5
$501 - $1,000	24	21.2
More Than $1,000	13	11.5
No Recorded Answer	20	17.7
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	40	35.4
Physical Disability:	26	23.0
Race:		
African American or Black	4	3.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	106	93.8
Multiple Races or Other	3	2.7
Don't Know	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Substance Use Problem:	33	29.2
Veteran:	4	3.5

Thousand Oaks

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>62</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	4	6.5
25 - 34	12	19.4
35 – 44	8	12.9
45 – 54	14	22.6
55 – 61	15	24.2
62+	9	14.5
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	1	1.6
Chronic Health Conditions:	18	29.0
Chronic Homelessness:	20	32.3
Developmental Disabilities:	7	11.3
Disability Benefits:	4	6.5
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	9	14.5
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	5	8.1
First Time Homeless:	19	30.6
Gender:		
Male	48	77.4
Female	13	21.0
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	1	1.6
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	1	1.6
Mental Health Problem:	18	29.0

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	28	45.2
$1 - $250	2	3.2
$251 - $500	2	3.2
$501 - $1,000	10	16.1
More Than $1,000	7	11.3
No Recorded Answer	13	21.0
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	22	35.5
Physical Disability:	12	19.4
Race:		
African American or Black	2	3.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	3.2
Asian	3	4.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	53	85.5
Multiple Races or Other	1	1.6
Don't Know	1	1.6
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Substance Use Problem:	11	17.7
Veteran:	5	8.1

Ventura

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>267</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	10	3.7
25 - 34	45	16.9
35 – 44	45	16.9
45 – 54	92	34.5
55 – 61	54	20.2
62+	21	7.9
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	8	3.0
Chronic Health Conditions:	60	22.5
Chronic Homelessness:	66	24.7
Developmental Disabilities:	23	8.6
Disability Benefits:	28	10.5
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	57	21.3
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	18	6.7
First Time Homeless:	64	24.0
Gender:		
Male	195	73.0
Female	70	26.2
Transgender	1	0.4
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	1	0.4
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	1	0.4
Mental Health Problem:	74	27.7

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	70	18.2
$1 - $250	27	10.1
$251 - $500	12	4.5
$501 - $1,000	33	12.4
More Than $1,000	11	4.1
No Recorded Answer	114	42.7
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	90	33.7
Physical Disability:	46	11.2
Race:		
African American or Black	9	3.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	2.6
Asian	2	0.7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2	0.7
White	242	90.6
Multiple Races or Other	4	1.4
Don't Know	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	1	0.4
Substance Use Problem:	74	27.7
Veteran:	17	6.4

Unincorporated

Total Unsheltered Number: <u>16</u>

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Age:		
Unaccompanied under Age 18	0	0.0
18 to 24	0	0.0
25 - 34	4	25.0
35 – 44	4	25.0
45 – 54	7	43.8
55 – 61	1	6.3
62+	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Became Homeless Because of the Recent Fires:	0	0.0
Chronic Health Conditions:	1	6.3
Chronic Homelessness:	2	12.5
Developmental Disabilities:	1	6.3
Disability Benefits:	0	0.0
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	5	31.3
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	0	0.0
First Time Homeless:	2	12.5
Gender:		
Male	8	50.0
Female	8	50.0
Transgender	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0.0
Don't Know or No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
HIV/AIDS:	0	0.0
Mental Health Problem:	2	12.5

Demographic Information	Number	Percent
Monthly Income:		
No Monthly Income	2	12.5
$1 - $250	0	0.0
$251 - $500	0	0.0
$501 - $1,000	2	12.5
More Than $1,000	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	12	75.0
Persons Released from Correctional Institutions During Past Year:	1	6.3
Physical Disability:	1	6.3
Race:		
African American or Black	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	15	93.8
Multiple Races or Other	0	0.0
Don't Know	1	6.2
No Recorded Answer	0	0.0
Substance Use Problem:	2	12.5
Veteran:	0	0.0

Appendix B: Housing Inventory Chart

Color Key

(yellow)	Not in HMIS
(green)	New program in 2017
(blue)	In HMIS
(purple)	Domestic Violence Program

Population Key

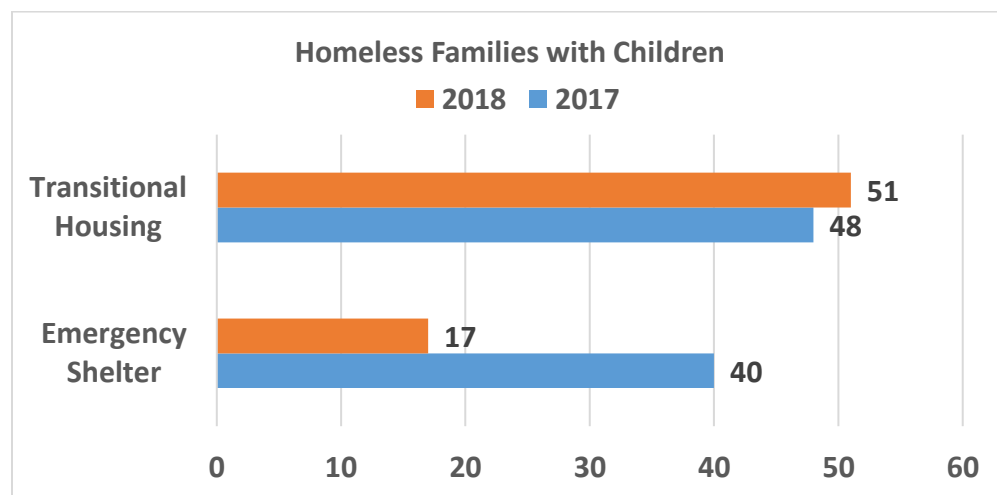|	
Single Male/Female + Households w/Children	SMFHC
Single Male/Female	SMF
Households (Families) with children	HC

Year	Proj. Type	Organization Name	Project Name	Target Pop. A	Year-Round Beds	Total Seasonal Beds	PIT Count	Total Beds	Utilization Rate
2018	PSH	City of Ventura Housing Authority	HUD Vash Vouchers	SMF+HC	102		78	102	76%
2018	PSH	City of Ventura Housing Authority	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	SMF+HC	9		9	9	100%
2018	PSH	City of Ventura Housing Authority	VASH	SMF	25			25	
2018	PSH	Community Action of Ventura County	Community Action PSH	SMF	8		8	8	100%
2018	RRH	County of Ventura Human Services Agency	CH Singles	SMF	2		2	2	100%
2018	RRH	County of Ventura Human Services Agency	Homeless Services--Choices	HC	42		42	42	100%
2018	ES	County of Ventura Human Services Agency	Thomas Fire Motel Vouchers	SMF+HC	14		14	14	100%
2018	PSH	Human Services Agency	Choices Permanent Supportive Housing	SMF	25		15	25	60%
2018	RRH	Human Services Agency	HSA CHSP CALWORKS RRH 144	HC	253		253	253	100%
2018	RRH	Human Services Agency	HSA HPRP-BOS RRH 136	SMF+HC	128		128	128	100%
2018	RRH	Human Services Agency	HSA OXNARD ESG RRH 14/17 147	SMF+HC	19		19	19	100%
2018	RRH	Human Services Agency	HSA RRH FAMILIES	SMF+HC	33		33	33	100%
2018	TH	Human Services Agency	RAIN Transitional Living Center	SMF+HC	65		59	65	91%
2018	ES	Interface Children and Family Services	HEART Human Trafficking {HT} Shelter	SF	6	0	0	6	0%
2018	ES	Interface Children and Family Services	Safe Haven Emergency Shelter	SMF+HC	18		5	18	28%
2018	TH	Interface Children and Family Services	Safe Journey Transitional Shelter	SF	12		4	12	33%
2018	ES	Kingdom Center	Kingdom Center Emergency Shelter - 1450	SFHC	39		38	39	97%
2018	TH	Kingdom Center	Kingdom Center Transition House - 1450	SFHC	18		11	18	61%
2018	ES	Lighthouse Women and Children	Safe Harbor Shelter	SFHC	22		14	22	64%
2018	ES	Lutheran Social Services	Conejo Valley Meal and Shelter Program	SMF+HC	0	36	18	0	
2018	RRH	Lutheran Social Services	Its A New Day LSS Rapid ReHousing Project	SMF	39		39	39	100%
2018	PSH	Many Mansions	Casa de Paz	SMF	13		13	13	100%
2018	PSH	Many Mansions	D Street	SMF	7		7	7	100%
2018	PSH	Many Mansions	Esseff Village	SMF	15		15	15	100%
2018	PSH	Many Mansions	Esseff Village	SMF	5			5	
2018	PSH	Many Mansions	Hillcrest Villas	SMF+HC	30		27	30	90%
2018	PSH	Many Mansions	La Rahada Apartments	SMF	8		8	8	100%
2018	PSH	Many Mansions	Peppertree Apartments	SMF+HC	29		29	29	100%
2018	PSH	Many Mansions	Richmond Terrace	SMF	13		13	13	100%
2018	ES	National Health Foundation	Pathways Recuperative Care	SMF	12		12	12	100%
2018	ES	Ojai Valley	Family Shelter	SMF+HC	0	35	23	0	
2018	PSH	Oxnard Housing Authority	VASH Vouchers	SMF	52		50	52	96%
2018	PSH	Project Understanding	E Street	SMF+HC	27		27	27	100%
2018	PSH	Project Understanding	Shore at WAV	HC	51		51	51	100%
2018	TH	Project Understanding	Tender Life	SF	12		11	12	92%
2018	RRH	Salvation Army	ESG Rapid Re-Housing	HC	25		25	25	100%
2018	ES	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Emergency Shelter	SMF+HC	12	0	12	12	100%
2018	RRH	Salvation Army	SSVF Rental Assistance	SMF+HC	11		11	11	100%
2018	TH	Salvation Army	TLC	SFHC	5		4	5	80%
2018	ES	Samaritan Center	PADS Winter Shelter	SMF+HC	0	30	27	0	
2018	RRH	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	SVDPLA Rapid ReHousing	SMF+HC	27		27	27	100%
2018	RRH	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	SVDPLA Rapid ReHousing	SMF+HC	13		13	13	100%
2018	TH	The City Center	Transitional Living Program	SMF+HC	67		67	67	100%
2018	ES	The Coalition for Family Harmony	Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter	SFHC	13		2	13	15%
2018	RRH	Turning Point Foundation	H2H Rapid ReHousing	SMF	25		25	25	100%
2018	SH	Turning Point Foundation	Our Place Shelter	SMF	10		11	10	110%
2018	TH	Turning Point Foundation	River Haven	SMF	15		13	15	87%
2018	PSH	Turning Point Foundation	Stevenson Place	SMF	10		10	10	100%
2018	TH	Turning Point Foundation	Veterans Transitional Housing	SMF	10		9	10	90%
2018	PSH	Turning Point Foundation	Wooley House Permanent Housing	SMF	7		7	7	100%
2018	PSH	Turning Point Foundation	Wooley House Permanent II	SMF	8		8	8	100%
2018	PSH	Ventura County Behavorial Health Department	Castillo Del Sol	SMF	18		18	18	100%
2018	PSH	Ventura County Behavorial Health Department	East County and Oxnard Tenant Based Rental Assistance	SMF+HC	22		22	22	100%
2018	PSH	Ventura County Behavorial Health Department	El Patio Hotel	SMF	16		16	16	100%
2018	PSH	Ventura County Behavorial Health Department	Harvard Place	SMF	12		12	12	100%
2018	PSH	Ventura County Behavorial Health Department	Paseo De Luz	HC	24		24	24	100%
2018	PSH	Ventura County Behavorial Health Department	Paseo Santa Clara/Paseo Del Rio	HC	15		15	15	100%
2018	PSH	Ventura County Behavorial Health Department	Santa Paula CoC	SMF	3		3	3	100%
2018	PSH	Ventura County Behavorial Health Department	Villa Calleguas	SMF	23		23	23	100%
2018	ES	Ventura County Rescue Mission	Emergency Shelter	SM	35		27	35	77%
2018	ES	Winter Warming Shelter	Winter Warming Shelter	SMF+HC	0	110	97	0	
					Sum : 1579	Sum : 211	Sum : 1603		

Appendix C: Sheltered Report for all Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing programs

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN				
	Emergency Shelter		**Transitional Housing**	
	17 Households		**51 Households**	
Gender				
	#	%	#	%
Male	27	75%	58	41%
Female	9	25%	84	59%
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Total Persons:	**36**		**142**	
Age				
	#	%	#	%
Under age 18	19	53%	86	60%
18-24 (TAY)	3	8%	8	6%
Over Age 24	14	39%	48	34%
Race				
	#	%	#	%
White	30	83%	122	86%
Black/African American	0	0%	7	5%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	6%	1	1%
Multiple Races	4	11%	12	8%
Ethnicity				
	#	%	#	%
Hispanic/Latino	24	67%	92	65%
Non-Hispanic	12	33%	50	35%
Disabled/Chronically Homeless families				
	#	%	#	%
Total:	0	%	0	0

Homeless Families with Children
2018 2017

The number of homeless families with children in Emergency Shelters has decreased significantly since 2017 due to the successful implementation of Rapid Re-Housing programs.
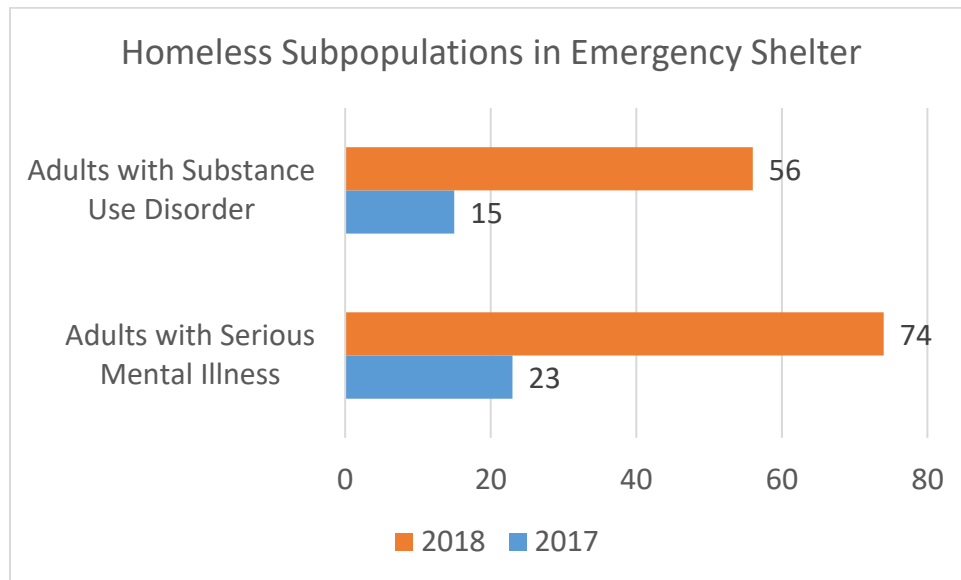
SINGLE ADULTS				
	Emergency Shelter		**Transitional Housing**	
Gender				
	#	%	#	%
Male	176	67%	20	56%
Female	88	33%	16	44%
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Total Persons:	**264**		**36**	
Age				
	#	%	#	%
18-24 TAY	7	3%	2	5%
Over Age 24	257	97%	34	95%
Race				
	#	%	#	%
White	237	90%	28	78%
Black/African American	8	3%	5	13%
Asian	4	1.5%	0	%
American Indian/Native Alaskan	1	.3%	0	%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	5	1.9%	0	0
Multiple Races	9	3.3%	3	9%
Ethnicity				
	#	%	#	%
Hispanic/Latino	96	36%	10	28%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	168	64%	26	72%
Disabled/Chronically Homeless				
	#	%	#	%
Total:	51	19%	0	0

There has been a decrease in the number of single adults in Transitional Housing, from 115 in 2017 to 36 in 2018, as federal funding priorities shifted to permanent housing projects. Several privately-funded transition housing programs serve persons with substance use challenges and are not dedicated to those that are homeless. This sheltered count only include projects that have beds dedicated to those who were literally homeless at program entry.

VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS				
	Emergency Shelter		**Transitional Housing**	
Gender				
	#	%	#	%
Male	13	87%	7	88%
Female	2	13%	1	12%
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Total Persons:	**15**		**8**	
Race				
	#	%	#	%
White	14	94%	7	88%
Black/African American	1	6%	1	12%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	%	0	0
Ethnicity				
	#	%	#	%
Hispanic/Latino	4	27%	2	25%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	11	73%	6	75%
Disabled/Chronically Homeless				
	#	%	#	%
Total:	5	33%	0	0

UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH HOUSEHOLDS				
	Emergency Shelter		**Transitional Housing**	
Gender				
	#	%	#	%
Male	1	14%	0	%
Female	6	86%	2	100%
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Total Persons:	**7**		**2**	
Age				
	#	%	#	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-24	7	100%	2	100%
Race				
	#	%	#	%
White	6	86%	2	100%
Black/African American	1	14%	0	%
Ethnicity				
	#	%	#	%
Hispanic/Latino	1	14%	2	100%
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	6	86%	0	%
Disabled/Chronically Homeless				
	#	%	#	%
Total:	0	%	0	0

HOMELESS SUBPOPULATIONS				
	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing	
	#	%	#	%
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	74	28%	12	33%
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	56	21%	8	26%
Adults with HIV/AIDS	0	0	1	3%
Survivors of Domestic Violence	11	4%	0	%
Total single adults	**264**		**36**	

Homeless Subpopulations in Emergency Shelter

Adults with Substance Use Disorder: 2018 = 56, 2017 = 15

Adults with Serious Mental Illness: 2018 = 74, 2017 = 23

2018 2017

Ventura County 2018 Homeless Count
Questions for Electronic Survey

Questions: (NOTE: if person is sleeping or you feel unsafe complete all gray shaded questions based on observation)	Person 1	Spouse/ Partner
1. Did you sleep outdoors in an abandoned building, park, tent, canopy, box, or vehicle last night? (note: if answer is "no," STOP and do not ask other questions)	Y N	Y N
2. Select if you are surveying an individual or household		
3. First initial of first name only		
4. First initial of last name only		
5. Gender: M=Male; F=Female; T=Transgender; O=Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	M F T O	M F T O
6. What is Your race (read race code at bottom of page)		
7. Are you Hispanic or Latino?	Y N	Y N
8. Age: record # for group: 1=(under 18) 2=(18-24) 3=(25-39) 4=(40-49) 5=(50-54) 6=(55-61) 7=(62+)		
9.Did you become homeless because of the recent fires?	Y N	Y N
10. Are you a U.S. Veteran?	Y N	Y N
11. Is this the first time you have been homeless?	Y N	Y N
12. How many months have you been homeless this time?		
13. How many months have you been living in a shelter and/or on the streets in the past three years?		
14. How many separate times have you been living in a shelter and/or on the streets in the past three years?		
15. How long, in months, have you been in this community (Ventura County)?		
16. What city/town were you living in when you became homeless this time?		
17. Do you have a long-lasting physical disability?	Y N	Y N
18. Do you have a long-lasting developmental disability?	Y N	Y N
19. Do you have an on-going drug or alcohol problem that limits your ability to live independently?	Y N	Y N
20. If yes, has it continued for a long time or indefinitely?	Y N	Y N
21. Do you feel you have a serious mental health problem that limits your ability to live independently?	Y N	Y N
22. If yes, has it continued for a long time or indefinitely?	Y N	Y N
23. Do you have a chronic health condition such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis?	Y N	Y N
24. Ever been diagnosed w/AIDS or tested positive for HIV?	Y N	Y N
25. Are you currently experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking?	Y N	Y N
26. Were you released from prison or jail after serving 90 days or less?	Y N	Y N
27. If yes, were you released on probation or parole? (circle probation or parole)		
28. If no to #25, were you released from prison or jail during the past 12 months?	Y N	Y N
29. If yes, were you released on probation or parole? (circle probation or parole)		
30. How much is your monthly income? 1=no income; 2=$1 to $250; 3=$251 to $500; 4=$501 to $1,000; 5=more than $1,000		
31. How many kids under Age 18 are living with you today?		
32. How many children are female?		
33. How many children are male?		
34. How many children are Hispanic or Latino?		
35. How many children are African American or Black?		
36. How many are American Indian or Alaskan Native?		
37. How many are Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander?		
38. How many children are White?		
39. How many children are multiple races or other?		
Race: 1=African American or Black; 2=American Indian or Alaskan Native; 3=Asian; 4=Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; 5=White 6=Multiple Races or Other; 7=don't know; and 8=refused to answer		