

VENTURA COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

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Welcome to this latest edition of the **Ventura County Continuum of Care Chronicle**.

We're glad to have you as part of our community dedicated to ending homelessness and improving access to housing and supportive services. This newsletter is your regular update on the work happening across our Ventura County Continuum of Care—featuring news, upcoming events, funding opportunities, data insights and partner highlights. Whether you're a partner, service provider, advocate, policymaker, or community member, we hope you'll find valuable information and inspiration here as we work together to build a more connected and compassionate countywide system of care.

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- Project Room Key Completion
 - Encampment Resolution Funding Awards
 - Preliminary Homeless Count Data
 - CoC Staff attends NAEH in Los Angeles
 - Housing Team attends Housing CA
 - CoC Program Director Jennifer Harkey to present at NAEH Conference in Washington D.C.
 - Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention (HHAP) Round 6 needs your input

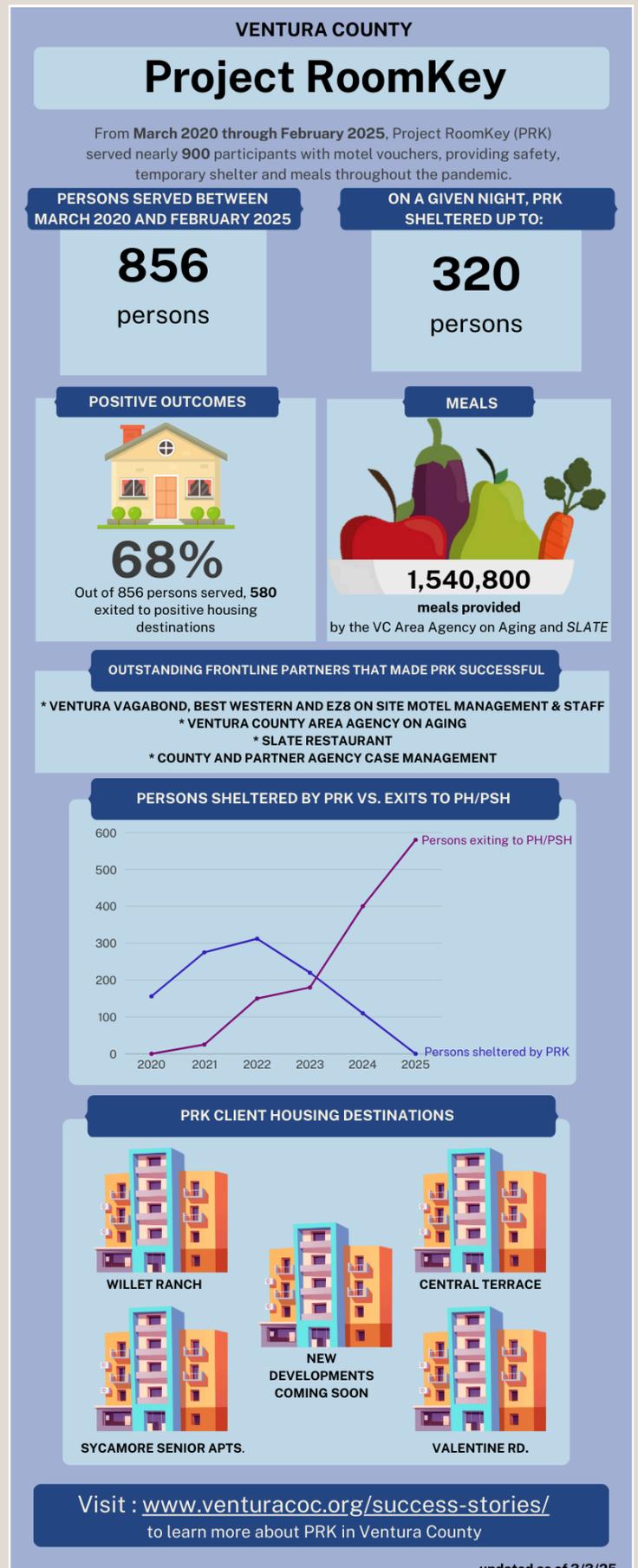
PROJECT ROOM KEY

5 YEAR PROJECT COMES TO A CLOSE

As of February 28, 2025, which marked the official conclusion to the County's Project RoomKey Program (PRK), a total of **850 people were sheltered and 580 people or 68% were exited to successful destinations**, including permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing programs.

The majority of clients were connected to the County Health Care Agency's Whole Person Care team for support with chronic health conditions as well as Ventura County Behavioral Health to serve those with behavioral health needs. Homeless service providers continue to explore all housing options with clients served by PRK. United Way of Ventura County's Landlord Engagement Program has been supporting the housing location and navigation efforts by securing rental units when available, as well as offering bonus funding and holding deposits to landlords.

There are numerous supportive housing units coming online within the next several months, including Casa Aliento Phase II in Oxnard, Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments in Camarillo, Valentine Road Homekey in Ventura, Dolores Huerta Gardens in Oxnard, and Casa de Carmen in Oxnard. The VC CoC staff continues to work closely with partner agencies who are supporting clients who are prioritized for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).



ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUNDING

SIX VENTURA COUNTY CITIES AWARDED!

The State of California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on November 27, 2023 for the third and final round of Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) to solicit proposals that resolve unsheltered homelessness for people residing in encampments.

The cities of **Oxnard**, **Thousand Oaks**, and **Ojai** were previously awarded in prior ERF rounds, based on their high scoring proposals with pathways to permanent housing. And in hopes of continuing this great success, the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) authorized Letters of Support to the Cities who applied in the third round of ERF.

CalICH recently published their final list of ERF awardees and the CoC is pleased to announce that the following cities and their ERF proposals have been successfully awarded grants by the State:

- **City of Camarillo** – \$7.3M to support the relocation of approximately 21 individuals in 3 area encampments to 12 units of interim housing and 9 new units of permanent supportive housing through the Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura;
- **City of Fillmore** – \$1.5M to provide temporary emergency shelter with an expansion at the Spirit of Santa Paula and 20 new units of permanent supportive housing through Peoples Self Help Housing Fillmore Terrace for 20 individuals in 2 area encampments with Caltrans support;
- **City of Ventura** – \$9.8M to provide 45 new permanent supportive housing units through the Housing Authority of San Buenaventura’s Valentine Road property and expanded emergency shelter for approximately 60 individuals in 4 targeted river bottom encampments.

With this round of awards, 60% of the County’s incorporated cities have been awarded ERF.

Each jurisdiction has full support of local law enforcement, including CoC homeless service providers. The City of Camarillo plans to offer relocation to non-congregate shelter through motel vouchers and prioritize chronically homeless individuals to a new Permanent Supportive Housing development when completed. The City of Fillmore plans to utilize emergency shelter beds while People’s Self-Help Housing develops new housing units at Fillmore Terrace. The City of Ventura plans to offer non-congregate sheltering and prioritize supportive housing units through the Housing Authority of San Buenaventura. Congratulations to these cities and for their continued dedication to ending homelessness!



TEAM TRAVELS

CONFERENCES ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

In February, the CoC Team attended the **2025 National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference** (NAEH) on Innovations and Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness. Team members attended workshops on best practices, coordinated entry, encampment resolution, harm reduction, and on creating strategic partnerships with the justice system, healthcare, public health and behavioral health. *Learn more about the conference [HERE](#).*

We are very excited to share that our very own CoC Program Director, Jennifer Harkey, has been invited to present on developing partnerships and integrating justice system services in coordinated entry at the NAEH Conference in Washington D.C. from June 30th - July 2nd.

Learn more and register for the conference [HERE](#).



In March, the County of Ventura's Housing Team attended **Housing CA's annual conference in Sacramento**. Team members attended diverse workshops focusing on housing advocacy, policy, trends in funding, state and federal funding updates and more.

Learn more about the conference [HERE](#).

Save the date for the 2026 conference!

March 18-20 2026

PRELIMINARY HOMELESS COUNT REPORT

18.5% DECREASE IN HOMELESSNESS SINCE 2023!

FINAL REPORT TO BE RELEASED IN MAY 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. Executive Summary

There were 1,990 adults and children who were counted as homeless during the point-in-time (PIT) count as noted in the chart below. This number represents a decrease of 368 persons or -15.6% when compared to the 2,358 persons who were counted as homeless in 2024. Since 2023, there has been an 18.5% decrease overall.

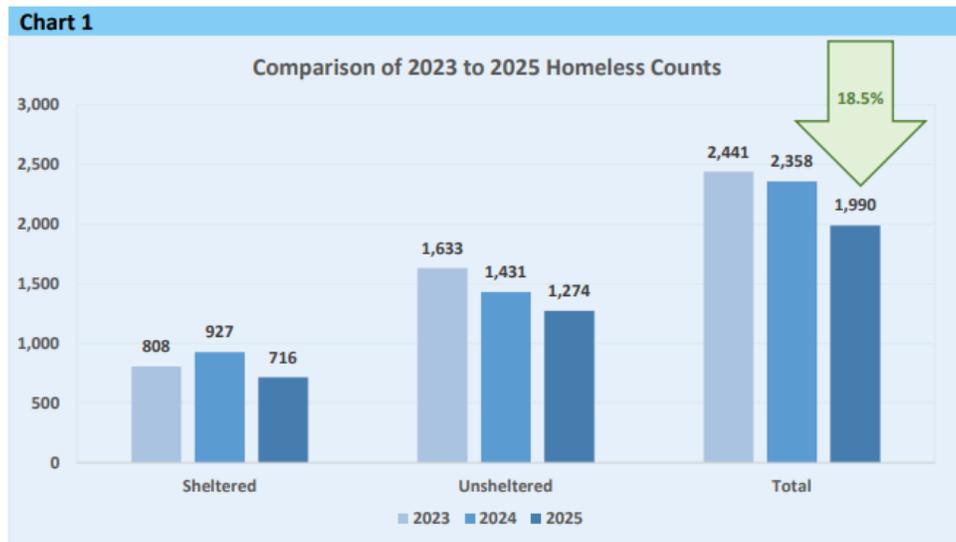


Table 1. Comparison of 2024 and 2025 Homeless Counts

Year	Sheltered			Unsheltered			Total
	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	
2024 Homeless Count	736	191	927	1,412	19	1,431	2,358
2025 Homeless Count	607	109	716	1,257	17	1,274	1,990
Difference:	-129 (17.5%)	-82 (-42.9%)	-211 (22.8%)	-155 (10.9%)	-2 (10.5%)	-157 (10.9%)	-368 (15.6%)

The total number of persons counted as sheltered and unsheltered decreased:

- The total number of persons counted as sheltered decreased from 927 in 2024 to 716 in 2025, which represents a decrease of 211 persons or 22.8%.
- The total number of persons counted as unsheltered decreased from 1,431 in 2024 to 1,274 in 2025, which represents a decrease of 157 persons or 11%.

VIEW THE FULL PRELIMINARY REPORT : [HERE](#)

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

HHAP 6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

As we prepare to apply for the State Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6, we are offering stakeholder engagement meetings and requesting feedback on goals and areas of need.

Please review the Presentation [HERE](#) and provide feedback by completing the [SURVEY](#).

We appreciate your participations as we work together to prevent and end homelessness in our community.

SAVE THE DATE!

- COC BOARD MEETING | 5/14/2025
- COC BOARD MEETING | 6/11/2025
- COC BOARD MEETING | 7/9/2025
- COC ALLIANCE MEETING | 7/17/2025
- VETERANS STAND DOWN | 8/1/2025
- COC DATA COMMITTEE MEETING | 8/6/2025
- SHARED HOUSING WORKGROUP | TBD

A special thank you everyone who volunteered for this year's PIT Count! This countywide effort would not be possible without you!

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