

Meeting Agenda
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Ventura County Office of Education
Conference & Educational Services Center – Oxnard Room
5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo

Zoom Meeting ID: 161 663 1166
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1. Call to Order
2. Board Comments
3. CoC Staff Comments
4. Public Comments: An opportunity for the public to participate in public meetings by addressing the Ventura County Continuum of Care Board in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person during the opening part of the meeting and per item. The time allotment can be increased or decreased by the Chair depending on the number of speakers. This meeting is subject to the Brown Act and public comments may be submitted by using one of the following options:

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During the meeting: Participants attending online may use the chat function in zoom to indicate they would like to make a comment. Participants attending in-person can complete a public comment card indicating which item they would like to comment on and submit to the Board Chair. Staff will call on participants during the public comment section of the meeting or during specific items following staff presentation of the item.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. Review and Approval of Ventura County CoC Board Minutes from March 11, 2026
6. Receive and file the submittal of the annual System Performance Measures Report for 2024-25 to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. *(Presented by: Jenn Harkey / Kimberlee Albers)*
7. Receive a presentation on the 2026 Homeless Point In Time Count in Ventura County. *(Presented by: Jenn Harkey)*
8. Approve Changes to the 2026 VC CoC Board Meeting Calendar. *(Presented by: Jenn Harkey)*
9. Receive and file a report on VC CoC Committees, Workgroups and Staff Updates. *(Presented by: Alicia Morales-McKinney)*



Meeting Minutes
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1. **Call to Order:** Dawn Dyer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02pm
Board Members: Dawn Dyer, Edward Caliento, Jack Edelstein, Daniel Frates, Manuel Minjares, Gabe Teran, Pauline Preciado, Vianey Lopez, Brenda Lopez, Dr. Sevet Johnson, John Hajducko, Tie Gutierrez, Paul Drevenstedt, Ingrid Hardy, Dennise Avila (proxy representative for Carrie Sabatini)
Absent: Stefany Gonzalez, Mara Malch, Carrie Sabatini, Juliana Gallardo, Jeff Lambert
Staff: Jennifer Harkey, Alicia Morales-McKinney, Morgan Saveliff
2. **Board Comments:** Dawn Dyer shared that tickets are available for the Housing Trust Fund Compassion Campaign on May 7th at Walnut Grove in Moorpark. Tickets can be found on the Housing Trust Fund website.
3. **CoC Staff Comments:** Jenn Harkey recently attended the NAEH 2026 Leadership Summit and shared some key takeaways emphasizing trust-based leadership, shared understanding of guiding principles, use of outcome-driven strategies, public communication of successes, inclusive and diversion-focused outreach, centering lived experience, system-wide accountability, and stronger coordination with elected officials.
4. **Public Comments:** None.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. **Review and Approval of Ventura County CoC Board Minutes from February 11, 2026**
Manuel Minjares moved to approve; Pauline Preciado was second; Ingrid Hardy and Dennise Avila abstained; the balance of the Board was in favor.
6. **Review and Approval of one Ventura County CoC Board Member Appointment from the City of Oxnard (presented by: Jenn Harkey)**
Jenn Harkey shared that the City of Oxnard has appointed Council Member Gabe Teran, with Mayor Luis A. McArthur as alternate, to fill the West County elected official Board seat.
Jack Edelstein moved to approve; Tie Gutierrez was second; all in favor.
7. **Receive an update from the Partnership for Safe Families (presented by: Dr. Kathleen VanAntwerp)**
Dr. Kathleen Antwerp and Senta Green provided the Board with an update on their efforts to engage individuals with lived experience, leveraging their insights to strengthen our homelessness system. The Partnership maintains two ongoing workgroups: Youth Voices, for young people ages 16 to 24, and Adults with Lived Experience in Homelessness.

Together, the workgroups and Partnership staff developed a four-part training series, written and led by individuals with lived experience, focusing on best practices for serving people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity using a trauma-informed, compassionate approach. The Partnership presented the first session of this series to the CoC Board. Additionally, two impact reports for FY 25-26 Quarter 2 were shared and are available on the CoC website.

Supervisor Vianey Lopez and Councilmember Gabe Teran expressed their gratitude for the Partnership's work, highlighting positive experiences and successful collaborations on various projects and events.

8. Review and Approval of State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Rehousing Reallocation (presented by: Jenn Harkey)

Jenn Harkey shared a proposed reallocation of State ESG Rapid Rehousing funds due to the City of Camarillo's inability to fully expend its allocation due to time needed to build and launch the program and build rapport with landlords to secure affordable rental placements for households at 30% AMI. Staff reported that Harbor House serves east county and has successfully utilized its funding and has capacity to administer additional funds. The Board was asked to approve reallocating \$26,956 to Harbor House to support additional households through the current grant term ending September 26, 2026.

Tie Gutierrez moved to approve, Dr. Sevet Johnson was second; all in favor.

9. Approval of recommendations for State of California Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 6 grant funding as developed by the VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee (presented by: Alicia Morales-McKinney)

Alicia presented the funding recommendations for HHAP Round 6, totaling \$5.14 million, to the Board. She reported that 27 proposals were received, reviewed, ranked, and scored by CoC staff, and that the funding recommendations were reviewed and approved by the VC CoC Data Committee. Alicia noted that this round of funding will be performance-based, with specific expenditure timeframes. Subrecipients must meet system performance metrics; otherwise, the CoC could be placed on a performance correction plan by the State, in which funding could be withheld or reallocated.

Alicia further highlighted that 50% of the total funding must be dedicated to permanent housing solutions, and a minimum of 10% must support youth-set aside activities. The Board was asked to approve the recommended allocations and authorize staff to execute subrecipient agreements for the 2026–2029 grant term. The full funding recommendations can be found on the CoC website under news and announcements.

Board members asked whether, if Ventura Housing's capital project experiences construction delays or other unforeseen challenges that prevent timely use of funds, those funds could be reassigned to another project. CoC staff confirmed that while they are hopeful the project will be completed timely, the funds could be reallocated if necessary to another capital or permanent housing project, such as rapid rehousing or homelessness prevention.

Manuel Minjares moved to approve; Gabe Teran was second; all in favor.

10. Receive and file the Ventura County Homeless Management Information System and Pathways to Home Coordinated Entry System report (presented by: County Human Services Agency Representative)

The Board received an update on the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES) programs. Staff reported ongoing process improvements to enhance data timeliness, accuracy, and user support, including updated policies, expanded training, and online "Just-in-Time" modules. Key initiatives include elimination of user license fees, onboarding of new partner agencies, strategic plan alignment, and continuous assessment of the Vulnerability Assessment Tool. Data sharing agreements remain active with multiple County and CoC partners to better connect individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness to services. FY 2024–25 statistics indicate growth in participating agencies (51), licensed users (274), trainings provided, and referrals entered (3,105 year-to-date), with 229 clients matched to housing opportunities. The report highlights ongoing efforts to improve data quality, system utilization, and inter-agency coordination.

Additional items not on the agenda: none

Next meeting set for April 8, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 3:18pm

April 8, 2026

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive and file the submittal of the annual System Performance Measures Report for 2024-25 to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

BACKGROUND: Continuums of Care across the country are responsible for submitting the System Performance Measures (SPMs) report annually to HUD. The SPMs report includes primarily residential projects types* which collect data in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) including Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funded programs from October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025. Programs that receive State or local funding are also included in the overall system performance evaluation.

DISCUSSION: The System Performance metrics include the following measures:

- 1. Length of time persons remain homeless** (ES, SH and TH programs)
- 2. Returns to homelessness** (exits from permanent housing destinations within 2 years);
- 3. Total number of homeless persons** (Point in Time Count compared to annual counts of persons utilizing shelter and transitional housing programs);
- 4. Employment and Income Growth** for homeless persons in CoC funded programs;
- 5. Number of persons who become homeless for the first time;**
- 6. Housing Placements** from Street Outreach and other programs;
- 7. HMIS Data Quality**


System Performance is a key scoring factor in the annual HUD CoC competition and continues to be an area of focus for both federal and state grants. The Ventura County CoC continues to onboard new providers with the expansion of new programs, including the State Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program, State Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) projects, Medi-Cal Community Supports, and Homekey Permanent Supportive Housing. There has also been increased participation from providers that have not traditionally participated in HMIS and coordinated entry to improve the overall utilization and system performance.

The VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee reviews system performance and has been tracking outcomes to guide future funding recommendations to align with the VC CoC Board priorities. In addition to HUD System Performance Measures, the State of California is tracking system performance metrics (SPMs) through the California Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS). These SPMs are used to ensure compliance with the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program. In order for our community to receive new HHAP grant funding, our CoC must show improvement in at least half of the performance measures through HDIS. A key difference between HUD and CA SPMs is that CA uses a broader set of project types* than HUD SPMs. CA is incorporating all project types but heavily relying on the entered Current Living Situation to establish whether a person is experiencing homelessness. These along with other minor differences, lead to variations in the data when comparing State to HUD reporting.

VC CoC staff review monthly data reports for grants compliance. VC HMIS staff send out quarterly data quality reports to HMIS service providers for updates. The annual HMIS System Performance Measures were submitted to HUD on March 4, 2026.

*The HUD SPMs only include one of the non-residential projects types, Street Outreach (SO), in two of the measures (2a and b. Returns to Homelessness After an Exit to Permanent Housing and 7a. Successful Placement from Street Outreach). CA SPMs include data from Street Outreach (SO), Coordinated Entry (CE), Day Shelter (DS), Services Only (SSO), and Other projects (which are referred to as “non-residential projects”).



 **HDX**
Homelessness Data Exchange 2.0

 **HDIS**
Homeless Data Integration System



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April 2026 System Performance Measures

2024-25 HUD System Performance Measures

System Performance Overview



Total number of households and people served in the homeless system and performance overview for 10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025 for 2025 Ventura County LSA - First Official Upload

 **1,806**
HOUSEHOLDS


 **2,241**
PEOPLE

231 

Days Homeless

Average cumulative days homeless


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35% 

Exits

Exits to permanent destinations

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2% 

Returns

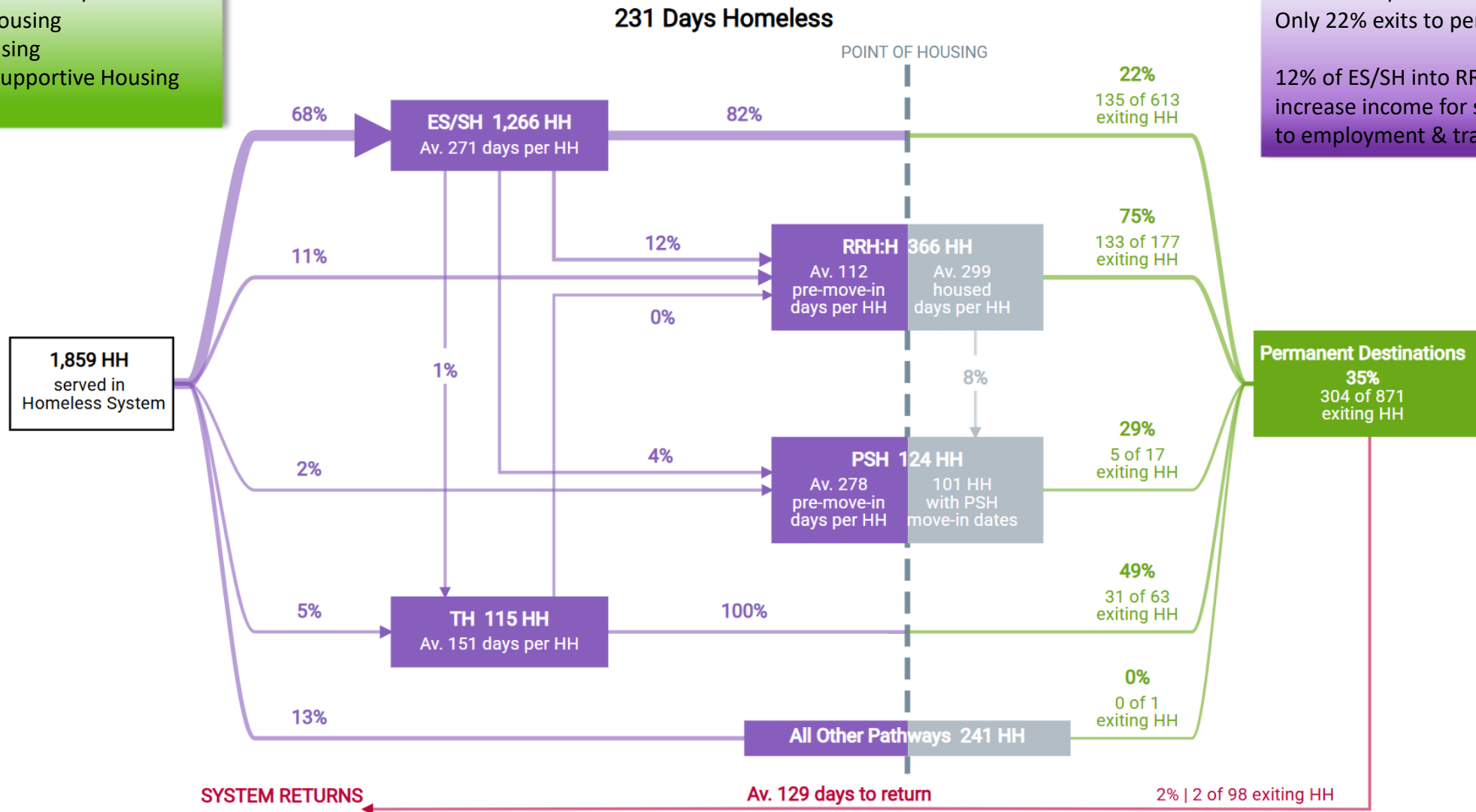
Returns after exits to permanent destinations

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2024-25 HUD System Performance Measures

■ Days Homeless
 ■ Rapid Re-Housing: Housing with or without services (RRH:H), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 ■ Exits to Permanent Destinations
 ■ Returns

ES/SH = Emergency Shelter / Safe Haven
 TH = Transitional Housing
 RRH = Rapid Rehousing
 PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing
 HH = Household



68% into ES/SH with 271 day average;
 Only 22% exits to permanent housing.

 12% of ES/SH into RRH; Need to
 increase income for stability with links
 to employment & training programs.

2024-25 HUD System Performance Measures

- Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless in Emergency Shelter (ES) and Transitional Housing (TH)

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in HMIS system.

	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	1436	276.70	133.00
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	1544	271.50	131.00

2024-25 ES/SH = 276.70 and TH = 271.50

2023-24 ES/SH = 295.60 and TH = 300.80

2022-23 ES/SH = 304.50 and TH = 307.00

Average Length of Time (LOT) Homeless Goal: 90 days in ES and 180 days in TH

2024-25 HUD System Performance Measures

- Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness once exited to Permanent Housing

	Total # of persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 years prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0-180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181-365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366-730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 years	
		Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns	Count
Exit was from SO	61	4	6.56%	4	6.56%	2	3.28%	10	16.39%
Exit was from ES	245	15	6.12%	10	4.08%	17	6.94%	42	17.14%
Exit was from TH	30	1	3.33%	1	3.33%	1	3.33%	3	10%
Exit was from SH	23	4	17.39%	4	17.39%	0	0%	8	34.78%
Exit was from PH	450	8	1.78%	7	1.56%	16	3.56%	31	6.89%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	809	32	3.96%	26	3.21%	36	4.45%	94	11.62%

2023-24 = 13.86% and 2022-23 = 11.78%. Returns to Homelessness Goal: 5% or less.

2024-25 HUD System Performance Measures

- Measure 3: Number of homeless persons

	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total Sheltered Homeless Persons	1562
Emergency Shelter Total	1425
Safe Haven Total	47
Transitional Housing Total	123

2024-25 = 1,562
2023-24 = 1,457
2022-23 = 1,458

- Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for homeless persons

	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	172
Number of adults with increased total income	60
Percentage of adults who increased total income	34.88%

2024-25 = 34.88%
2023-24 = 25.27%
2022-23 = 18.52%

Employment and Income Growth Goal: 55% or more

2024-25 HUD System Performance Measures

- Measure 5: First Time Homelessness

	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	1115
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	297
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	818

2024-25 = 818
 2023-24 = 701
 2022-23 = 684

- Measure 7: Successful Placements from Street Outreach

	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	437
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	100
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	131
% Successful exits	52.86%

2024-25 = 52.86%
 2023-24 = 34.4%
 2022-23 = 22.1%

Note: There is no Measure 6 (Category 3) for VC CoC. HUD Category 3 covers families with children and youth under the age of 25 who are considered homeless under other federal statutes because of their living situation but not literally homeless.

2024-25 HUD System Performance Measures

- Measure 7b1: Exits to Permanent Housing

	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1220
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	579
% Successful exits	47.46%

2024-25 = 47.46%
2023-24 = 52.95%
2022-23 = 52.02%

- Measure 7b2: Retention in Permanent Housing

	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	469
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	461
% Successful exits/retention	98.29%

2024-25 = 98.29%
2023-24 = 96.42%
2022-23 = 97.24%

Data Quality Issues May Impact Funding

HUD CoC Measure 4 – Employment and income growth is tracked by entries and updates by providers in each HMIS case. Updates are not being made consistently or during annual assessments.

Impact: Low number of increased earned or unearned income may result in low performance outcomes for federal CoC programs.

HUD CoC Measure 7 - Street Outreach providers must enter homeless status (unsheltered) during each engagement or at least every 60 days.

Impact: Successful exits from street outreach projects are significantly under-represented.

HUD CoC Measure 7b1 - Move in dates are missing or not entered for current PH program entry.

Impact: Missing permanent housing placements and lengthens the days experiencing homelessness.

April 8, 2026

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive a presentation on the 2026 Homeless Point In Time Count in Ventura County.

Background: This presentation includes data from the 2026 Homeless Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory Count. The reports are submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the requirements of receiving Continuum of Care grant funding. This data helps to inform the VC CoC Board and stakeholders in our community about the needs as well as trends in the populations experiencing homelessness. A copy of the 2026 Homeless Count Executive Summary is posted on the VC CoC website at www.venturacoc.org.

Discussion: The 2026 Homeless Count shows an overall decrease of 11.8% from the prior year. Conducted on January 28, 2026, the count identified 1,755 individuals experiencing homelessness, a reduction of 235 people compared to 2025. Since 2023, the overall decrease stands at 28%. This progress reflects successful investments in permanent supportive housing, homelessness prevention programs, and enhanced supportive services across the county to provide housing retention. The count includes those living unsheltered, in emergency shelters, and transitional housing, as defined by HUD.

Additionally, the Housing Inventory Count shows a decreased number of people served in emergency shelters, as Project Roomkey and Encampment Response motel voucher programs have ended with a transition to Homekey permanent supportive housing units.

A copy of the 2026 Preliminary Homeless Count Executive Summary is attached. The final written report is being developed in partnership with Dr. Joe Colletti at Urban Initiatives and will include subpopulation data and detailed information for each jurisdiction.

Presentation materials will be provided at the VC CoC Board meeting on April 8, 2026 and posted on the VC CoC website at www.venturacoc.org.



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2026 PRELIMINARY HOMELESS COUNT Executive Summary

FINAL REPORT TO BE RELEASED IN MAY 2026



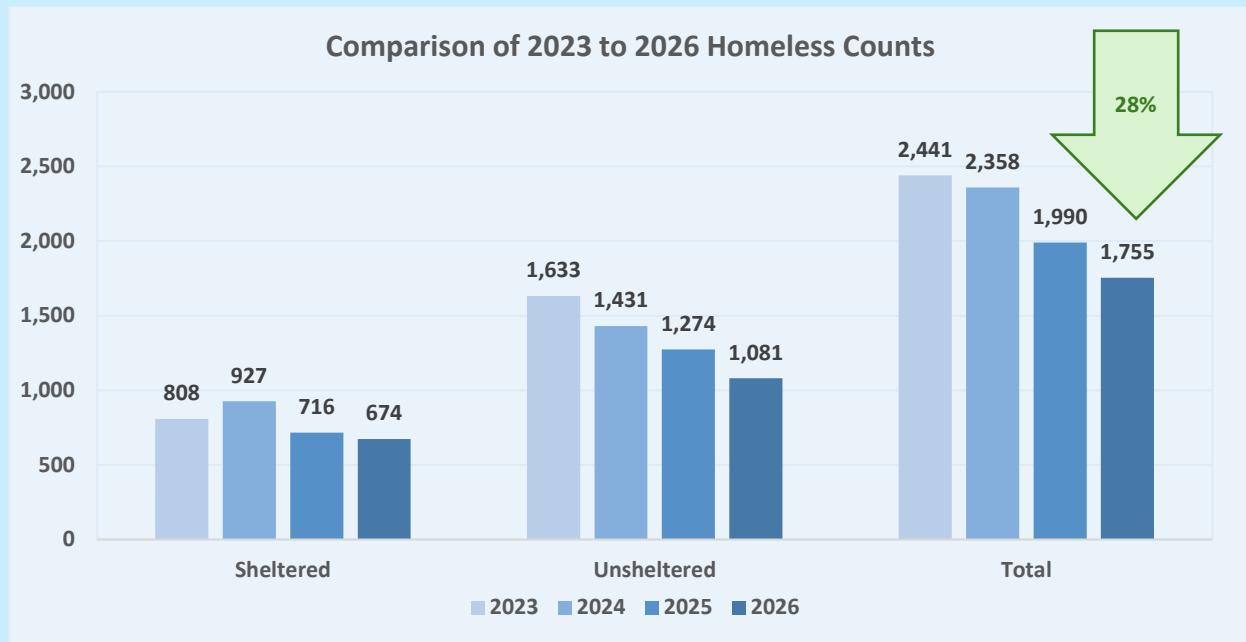
I. Executive Summary

There were 1,755 adults and children counted as experiencing homelessness during the 2026 Point-in-Time Count, as shown in Table 1 below. This represents a decrease of 235 people, or 11.8%, compared to the 1,990 individuals counted in 2025. Since 2023, overall homelessness has decreased by 28%, as reflected in Chart 1. Within this overall reduction, unsheltered homelessness declined by 34%.

Table 1. Comparison of 2025 and 2026 Homeless Counts

Year	Sheltered			Unsheltered			Total
	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	
2025 Homeless Count	607	109	716	1,257	17	1,274	1,990
2026 Homeless Count	584	90	674	1,072	9	1,081	1,755
Difference:	-23 (-3.8%)	-19 (-17.4%)	-42 (-5.9%)	-185 (-14.7%)	-8 (-47.1%)	-193 (-15.1%)	-235 (-11.8%)

Chart 1



A decrease in the number of unsheltered people continues as new permanent supportive housing units are occupied and homelessness prevention services help people retain housing. A decrease in shelter beds has occurred due to the reduced use of motel rooms for shelter such as Project Roomkey and Encampment Resolution Programs. Many sheltered in motels transitioned to permanent housing with the opening of Valentine Road Apartments and Casa De Carmen as well as other projects.

The annual Homeless Count data helps our community identify trends and gaps which guide local leaders to make data-driven funding decisions and identify current needs. The key takeaways include:

- 1) **Permanent Housing Solutions:** 274 permanent supportive housing units dedicated to people experiencing homelessness opened in 2024 and 2025. These units have supportive services to provide ongoing wrap around services for housing stabilization.
- 2) **Prevention Efforts:** Rental assistance funds for homelessness prevention and landlord engagement incentives continue to make a positive impact by helping low-income households retain housing.
- 3) **Veteran and Youth Subpopulations:** Investments in transitional and permanent housing as well as housing-focused street outreach have contributed to a 35.9% decrease in unsheltered Veterans. The number of unsheltered young adults ages 18 to 24 also declined, dropping from 39 in 2025 to 18 in 2026.
- 4) **Encampment Response:** Multidisciplinary outreach teams provide behavioral health services, health care, public safety, homeless resources, and connect people living unsheltered to shelter, housing programs, and supportive services. State Encampment Resolution Funding has supported the development of new housing and shelter beds.

Regarding sheltered homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) states that

- CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families ***“living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)”*** on the night designated for the count. This includes individuals residing in Safe Haven projects.

Regarding unsheltered homelessness, HUD states that

- CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(i) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families ***“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, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground”*** on the night designated for the count.

Table 2 provides a breakdown of the 2026 homeless count by sheltered and unsheltered persons for each jurisdiction. Among cities, Oxnard had the largest number of unhoused persons (532) and Ventura had the second largest number of unhoused persons (464).

Table 2. Total Number of Sheltered and Unsheltered Individuals by Jurisdiction in 2026

Jurisdiction	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Shelter	Transitional Housing		
Camarillo	1	0	68	69
Fillmore	0	0	18	18
Moorpark	0	0	1	1
Ojai	10	0	62	72
Oxnard	172	2	358	532
Port Hueneme	0	0	13	13
Santa Paula	45	0	39	84
Simi Valley	11	0	116	127
Thousand Oaks	29	0	58	87
Ventura	108	76	280	464
Countywide*	188	32	68	288
Total:	564	110	1,081	1,755

*Programs categorized as “Countywide” include domestic violence (DV) programs, scattered-site housing programs operating in multiple areas of the County, shelter programs serving residents from across the County, and projects located in unincorporated areas.

Table 3 compares the total number of unsheltered persons, sheltered persons and the total number of persons counted in 2026 to the same totals for 2025.

Table 3. 2025 - 2026 Comparison of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons by Jurisdiction

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Total Number of Unsheltered Persons				Total Number of Sheltered Persons*				Total Number					
	2025		2026		Difference		%		2025		2026		Difference	
	#	#	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#	#	%		
Camarillo	79	68	-11	-13.9	11	1	-10	-90.9	90	69	-21	-23.3		
Fillmore	10	18	+8	+80	0	0	0	0	10	18	+8	+80		
Moorpark	2	1	-1	-50	0	0	0	0	2	1	-1	-50		
Ojai	54	62	+8	+14.8	6	10	+4	+66.7	60	72	+12	+20		
Oxnard	379	358	-21	-5.5	255	174	-81	-31.8	634	532	-102	-16.1		
Port Hueneme	21	13	-8	-38	0	0	0	0	21	13	-8	-38.1		
Santa Paula	60	39	-21	-35	47	45	-2	-4.3	107	84	-23	-21.5		
Simi Valley	142	116	-26	-18.3	10	11	+1	+10	152	127	-25	-16.4		
Thousand Oaks	162	58	-104	-64.2	0	29	+29	**	162	87	-75	-46.3		
Ventura	281	280	-1	0	241	184	-57	-23.7	522	464	-58	-11.1		
County-wide***	84	68	-16	-19	146	220	+74	+50.7	230	288	+58	+25.2		
Total:	1,274	1,081	-193	-15.1	716	674	-42	-5.9	1,990	1,755	-235	-11.8		

*Sheltered persons include emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens.

**percentages are only provided for differences that were 200% or less.

***Programs categorized as “Countywide” include domestic violence (DV) programs, scattered-site housing programs operating in multiple areas of the County, shelter programs serving residents from across the County, and projects located in unincorporated areas.

Unsheltered Survey Details

Of the 1,755 persons counted in 2026, 1,081 or 61.6% were unsheltered, which is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an individual or family who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, such as a vehicle, encampment, or street.

Of the 1,081 unsheltered persons, 1,072 were adults and 9 were children under age 18 who were accompanied by a family, with an adult. A total of seven families with children under age 18 were identified across the following jurisdictions:

- Camarillo: One family with two adults and two children
- Ojai: One family with one adult and one child
- Oxnard: Two families, one family with one adult and one child and another family with one adult and one child
- Port Hueneme: One family with two adults and two children
- Ventura: One family with one adult and one child
- Unincorporated County: One family with two adults and one child

Surveyed vs Observation of Unsheltered Persons

The goal of the survey was to interview as many adults as possible who were counted during the Point-in-Time Count, gathering information about themselves and any children living unsheltered with them. Survey questions addressed both HUD-required data elements and locally prioritized information identified by the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC). The number and percentage of adults surveyed are shown in Table 4. The survey rate was higher in 2026 compared to the rates from 2020 through 2025. To support improved full survey completion, training was provided in January 2026 to review the mobile data collection app and emphasize the importance of completing full surveys whenever possible. Full surveys result in more accurate counts and provide richer subpopulation data.

HUD requires Continuums of Care to report on several subpopulations, including chronically homeless individuals and families, persons with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and veterans. The VC CoC also sought additional local data related to chronic health conditions, first-time homelessness, foster youth, income, veterans, and involvement with the justice system.

Counters surveyed 758 adults who answered questions about themselves and their households. The survey included items about gender/sex, age, race, ethnicity, and length of time homeless for both adults and children. Additional questions—such as those related to disability, health status, mental health, substance use, income, and veteran status—applied only to adults. Individuals were observed rather than surveyed if volunteers felt unsafe approaching them or if the person was sleeping. In these situations, volunteers recorded estimated gender/sex, age, race, and ethnicity. Of the 323 persons observed, 322 were adults and one was a child accompanied by an adult.

Table 4. Total Number and Percent of Unsheltered Adults Surveyed and Observed

Year	Surveyed		Observed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
2019	907	72.1	351	27.9	1,258	100
2020	874	69.1	391	30.9	1,265	100
2022	741	54.6	615	45.5	1,356	100
2023	683	42.2	937	57.8	1,620	100
2024	933	66.2	479	33.8	1,412	100
2025	838	66.7	419	33.3	1,257	100
2026	758	70.7	314	29.3	1,072	100

Table 5 provides a breakdown of the total number and percentage of adults surveyed and observed by jurisdiction. Of the 1,081 people counted as unsheltered in 2026, 1,072 were adults. The remaining nine (9) people were accompanied children under age 18.

Table 5. Total Number and Percent of Unsheltered Adults Surveyed and Observed by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Surveyed		Observed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Camarillo	65	95.6	1	4.4	68	100
Fillmore	13	72.2	5	27.8	18	100
Moorpark	1	100	0	0.0	1	100
Ojai	48	77.4	13	22.6	62	100
Oxnard	199	55.6	157	44.4	358	100
Port Hueneme	10	76.9	1	23.1	13	100
Santa Paula	34	87.2	5	12.8	39	100
Simi Valley	104	89.7	12	10.3	116	100
Thousand Oaks	35	60.3	23	39.7	58	100
Ventura	195	69.6	84	30.4	280	100
Unincorporated	54	79.4	13	20.6	68	100
Total	758	70.7	314	29.3	1072	100

The following tables focus on gender/sex, ethnicity, race, and age for the 1,081 unsheltered adults and children who were surveyed and observed.

Sex

Table 6 provides a breakdown by sex for the 1,072 adults and 9 children under age 18 in families. HUD requires the summary to consist of male (boy if child) and female (girl if child).

Table 6. Sex of Unsheltered Adults and Children

	Adults		Children in Families	
	#	%	#	%
Male (Boy if child)	735	68.6	5	55.6
Female (Girl if child)	337	31.4	4	44.4
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total:	1,072	100	9	100

Race and Ethnicity

Table 7 provides a breakdown by race and ethnicity for the 1,072 adults and 9 children under age 18 in families. HUD requires the summary to consist of Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) and Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x).

Table 7. Race and Ethnicity for Unsheltered Adults and Children

	Adults		Children in Families	
	#	%	#	%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	50	4.7	0	0.0
Asian or Asian American	12	1.1	0	0.0
Black, African American or African	74	6.9	3	33.3
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	408	38.1	4	44.5
Middle Eastern or North African	1	0.1	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	8	0.7	0	0.0
White	500	46.6	2	22.2
Multiple Races or Other	19	1.8	0	0.0
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total:	1,072	100	9	100

Age

Table 8 provides a breakdown by age of 1,072 adults and 9 children under age 18 in families. Compared to the prior year, the number of children in families experiencing unsheltered homelessness decreased from 17 in 2025 to 9 in 2026. The number of Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 to 24) also declined, dropping from 39 in 2025 to 18 in 2026. New transitional housing programs for Transitional Age Youth have expanded the number of available beds for unsheltered youth.

Table 8. Unsheltered Adults and Children by Age

Adults:	#	%
Under Age 18	9	100
Subtotal:	9	100
Ages 18 – 24	18	1.7

Age 25 – 34	129	12.0
Age 35 – 44	271	25.3
Age 45 – 54	247	23.0
Age 55 – 64	288	26.9
Age 65+	119	11.1
Subtotal:	1,072	100
Total:	1,081	100

Table 9 only includes self-reported responses from the 1,072 adults. The most notable findings show a decrease in the number of unsheltered Veterans as well as domestic violence survivors. A 35.9% decrease in the number of Veterans and a 31.8% decrease in those experiencing homelessness as domestic violence survivors. These two subpopulations have dedicated resources to support the transition into permanent housing solutions.

Table 9. Unsheltered Adults by Subpopulations

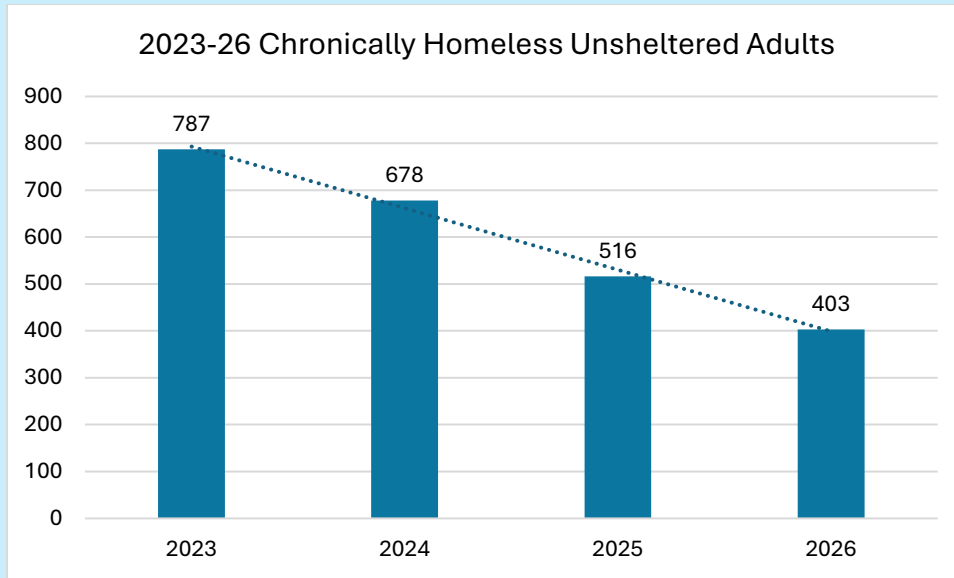
Subpopulations:	2025		2026		Difference	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	453	36.0	403	37.6	-50	-11.0
Families including Chronically Homeless Families	10*	--	9**	--	-1	-10
Persons w/Chronic Health Conditions	393	31.3	335	31.3	-58	-14.8
Persons w/a Developmental Disability	103	8.2	82	7.7	-21	-20.4
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	9	0.7	9	0.8	0	0.0
Persons w/Mental Health Problems	341	27.1	292	27.2	-49	-14.4
Persons w/a Physical Disability	331	26.3	270	25.2	-61	-18.4
Substance Users	422	33.6	333	31.1	-89	-21.9
Veterans	64	5.1	41	3.8	-23	-35.9
Experiencing Homelessness Because of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	245	19.5	167	15.6	-78	-31.8

*In 2025, 10 families consisted of 36 persons of which 19 were adults and 17 were children. Of the 10 families, 3 were chronically homeless and included 6 adults and 5 children.

** In 2026, 7 families consisted of 19 persons of which 10 were adults and 9 were children. Of the 7 families, none (0) were chronically homeless

Chart 2 illustrates a 48.8% decrease in the number of unsheltered adults experiencing chronic homelessness from 2023 to 2026. Chronic homelessness is defined as individuals who have been homeless for at least 12 months and who have a disabling condition. The addition of new permanent supportive housing units developed and occupied between 2023 and 2026 has contributed significantly to this reduction.

Chart 2



Other Survey Questions

Table 10 shows demographic details of the 1,072 unsheltered adults surveyed.

Table 10. Other Survey Questions for Adults

Demographic Information	n=1,072	
	Number	Percent
Are you a current or former foster youth?	59	5.5
Are you working with a service provider or case manager?	273	25.5
Do you have any pets with you?	263	24.5
Do you receive disability benefits?	115	10.7
Do you remember the address of the place you were living before you became homeless this time?	471	43.9
Have you been released from jail or prison in the last 12 months?	230	21.5
How long have you been homeless this time?		
0 to 3 months	53	4.9
4 to 6 months	41	3.8
7 to 11 months	50	4.7
12 to 23 months	86	8.0

24 to 35 months	88	8.2
36 months or more	655	61.1
Unknown	99	9.2
Total:	1,072	100
How long in months have you been in this community?		
0 to 3 months	74	6.9
4 to 6 months	32	3.0
7 to 11 months	48	4.5
12 to 23 months	68	6.3
24 to 35 months	43	4.0
36 months or more	697	65.0
Unknown	110	10.3
Total:	1,072	100
How much is your monthly income?		
No Income	531	49.5
\$1 - \$500	128	11.9
\$501 - \$1,000	75	7.0
More than \$1,000	157	14.7
Unknown	181	16.9
Total:	1,072	100
Where were you sleeping on the night of the Count?		
Abandoned building	13	1.2
Bus, train station, airport	12	1.1
Outdoor encampment	363	33.9
Park	59	5.5
Street or sidewalk	244	22.8
Under bridge/overpass	23	2.1
Vehicle/boat/RV	317	29.6
Other	41	3.8
Unknown	0	0.0
Total:	1,072	100

April 8, 2026

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Approve Time and Location Changes to the 2026 VC CoC Board Meeting Calendar

The Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) conference center has limited availability for the remainder of 2026. We are grateful to Cathi Nye, VCOE Homeless Education Program Coordinator, for providing the conference rooms for our VC CoC Board meetings for the past several years. Please see the following dates, times, and locations with changes marked in red font.

Date	Time	Location
May 13, 2026	3pm to 4:30pm	VCCF Board Room
June 10, 2026	3pm to 4:30pm	VCCF Board Room
July 8, 2026	2pm to 3:30pm	HOA Multi-Purpose Room
August 12, 2026	2pm to 3:30pm	VCOE Oxnard Room
September 9, 2026	2pm to 3:30pm	HOA Multi-Purpose Room
October 14, 2026	2pm to 3:30pm	HOA Multi-Purpose Room
November 18, 2026	2pm to 3:30pm	TBD
December 9, 2026	2pm to 3:30pm	VCOE Oxnard Room

VCCF = Ventura County Community Foundation, 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Camarillo

HOA = Hall of Administration, County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the time and location changes to the 2026 VC CoC Board meeting calendar.

April 8, 2026

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive and file a report on VC CoC Committees, Workgroups and Staff Updates

Housing and Services Committee: The Housing & Services Committee reconvened on September 16, 2025, with a diverse membership representing healthcare, shelter and transitional housing providers, supportive services, outreach teams, behavioral health professionals, individuals with lived experience, and city partners. The committee reviewed the Point in Time Count implementation plan. Additionally, the committee provided input on Youth Case Conferencing Special Populations subcommittee workflow. The next Housing and Services Committee Meeting is scheduled on **April 16, 2026 at 9:30am to 11am** and will focus on post-homeless count efforts.

HMIS Steering Committee: Additional service providers of CalAIM Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports services have onboarded. Also, the Ventura County Rescue Mission (46 men's shelter beds) and the Lighthouse (21 women's & children's shelter beds) have submitted documents to onboard HMIS and assist with the increased HMIS utilization for all emergency shelter beds across our CoC. HMIS staff completed training on recent HUD required system changes and have been sending out data quality reporting for provider updates. The HMIS Steering Committee agreed with changes to the administrative policy to remove licensing fees and hold users accountable for data quality. Policy updates were approved by the VC CoC Board in March 2026.

Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee: The Data Committee continues to review and analyze the latest quarterly System Performance Measures Report from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to determine areas for improvement prior to the next annual HUD reporting deadline. On 11/5/25, the committee reviewed HUD and CA System Performance Measures with areas for improvement and recommendations for provider training. The committee is scheduled to meet on 12/17/25 to review HHAP-6 proposals and make recommendations for funding. The next Data Committee Meeting is scheduled on **May 6, 2026 at 10am to 11:30am**.

Public Information and Outreach (PIO) Committee: Continued its expanded outreach through VC CoC social media to educate the public on homelessness. The committee provided support with content for the quarterly VC CoC Chronicle newsletter and published its latest edition on 2/4/2026, which highlighted the homeless count volunteer efforts, homelessness prevention programs, and the Hope Now Ventura County program for middle income homebuyers. Infographics are in development to highlight the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) dollars and successful outcomes by our community partners. Social media pages continue to provide updates on local programs as well. The next PIO Committee Meeting is scheduled on **April 22, 2026 at 1:30pm to 2:30pm**.

Veterans One Team Subcommittee: Focused on preventing and ending Veteran homelessness in Ventura County by ensuring referrals are being made to the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and other local housing providers. This workgroup regularly reviews the Homeless Veterans By Name List (BNL) with Veteran service providers to coordinate connections to housing and services. Referrals to the VASH program are being prioritized through this workgroup to ensure the most vulnerable homeless Veterans are connected to housing resources. The Veterans Workgroup continues to meet in person on a bi-monthly basis or as needed utilizing a One Team approach to safeguard continuity of care and coordination.

Youth Subcommittee: Focused on preventing and ending youth homelessness in Ventura County by ensuring referrals are being made to drop-in centers, street outreach programs, interim housing and Supportive housing for youth. Meetings occurred on 11/6/2025 and 2/26/2026, which have provided the fundamental element of building a youth CES subcommittee. VC CoC reviewed the scope of work for this new subcommittee and have been working closely with youth providers to improve data quality for the By-Name List of youth experiencing homelessness. This subcommittee will directly connect youth to services, including street outreach, emergency shelter, and transitional housing. All participating youth providers have signed agreements on file to participate in case conferencing.

Staff: VC CoC staff have completed the de-duplication of survey data from January 28, 2026 and finalized the unsheltered and sheltered count. The 2026 Homeless Count Executive Summary was released on March 19, 2026. The final report is now being developed with data from various sources, including Ventura County Office of Education, Interface 2-1-1, Healthcare for the Homeless, and more.

Staff visited the Thrive Grove Navigation Center in Thousand Oaks on February 10, 2026 with City staff to ensure State compliance for emergency shelter habitability and operations. Staff visited the Oxnard Permanent Supportive Housing units at Casa Aliento and Casa de Carmen on March 25, 2026, where many of our clients transitioned out of homelessness from encampments, motel programs, or emergency shelter. Also, staff met with the Partnership for Safe Families on March 26, 2026 to see their renovated meeting space for the workgroups incorporating people with lived experience and discussed the rollout of trainings to be provided to homeless service providers in 2026.