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**2016 HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT RESULTS**

The annual count of San Diego County’s homeless population found that there were 8,692 people living on the streets or in shelters, a 0.6 percent decrease from last year.

The WeAllCount Campaign, also known as the Point-in-Time Count, was held in the early morning hours on January 29, 2016. This annual effort helps determine the number and location of homeless individuals in the San Diego region and is critical in securing more than \$15 million dollars in federal funding for needed housing and services.

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless is charged with completing this important count each year on behalf of the San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC).

“Communities around the country who are declaring an end to homelessness are doing so with a focus on real solutions like Housing First and permanent supportive housing,” said San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria, who chairs the Regional Continuum of Care Council. “These results show promise, particularly with our efforts to end Veteran homelessness, and I applaud all of our partners working to make this happen. We must stay focused on a regional and collaborative approach and advocate for San Diego’s fair share of federal funding to address the complex issue of homelessness. I will not be satisfied until all San Diegans have a place to call home.”

The Point-in-Time Count found that the number of unsheltered homeless individuals in San Diego County was 4,940, an increase of 18.9 percent from last year, while the number of homeless persons in shelters was 3,752, a decrease of 18.2 percent. There was an increase of 69 percent region-wide in tents and hand built structures.

Although there was an increase of 18.9 percent in the unsheltered population, San Diego saw a decrease of 16.2 percent in all veteran homelessness, a 12.6 percent decrease in unsheltered homeless families, and a decrease of 13 percent in unsheltered chronic homelessness.

Of those living on the street, over 70 percent reported that they became homeless while living in San Diego.

Dolores Diaz, Executive Director of the Regional Task Force the Homeless, which coordinates the WeAllCount event on behalf of the RCCC, said it was a record-breaking year in terms of community engagement with 1,676 volunteers working out of 73 count and survey sites throughout San Diego County to help count and survey homeless individuals.

“While the increase in the number of unsheltered homeless persons is disappointing we are seeing reductions in veteran, family and chronic homeless in our community. These reductions would not have been possible without the partnership of homeless service providers and targeted federal, local, state and private resources.” Diaz said.

The 2016 Summary of WeAllCount results are attached, and can be found on our web site at: <http://www.rtfhsd.org/publications/>.

The next Point-in Time count is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. It is anticipated that hundreds of volunteers will once again canvas the County to count and survey the homeless. For more information on the Point-In-Time count visit [www.rtfhsd.org](http://www.rtfhsd.org).

# 2016 WeALLCount

## Data & Results: General



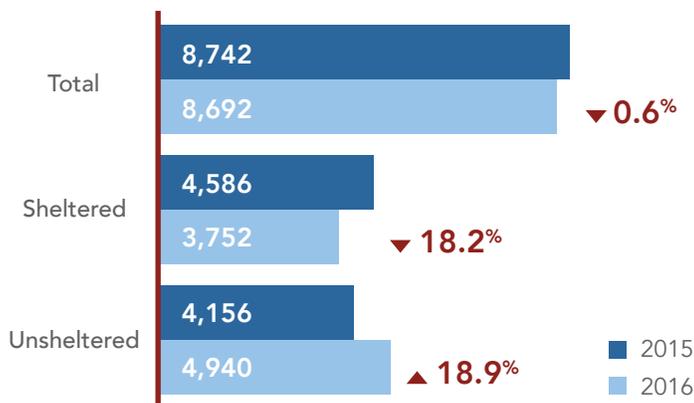
### Homelessness IS solvable.

The Homeless Point-in-time Count, led by the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH), is how we determine how many homeless individuals and families we have in the San Diego Continuum of Care (CoC) on any given night. This snapshot allows the region to make informed decisions about our county and work toward sustainable solutions to homelessness.

The count results in approximately \$16 Million in federal funding (HUD) for local homeless services. These organizations provide services for the thousands of individuals and families who experience homelessness annually in our region.

### HOMELESS SUMMARY

Point-in-Time Count



### WeALLCount VOLUNTEERISM

	2015	2016
Total Volunteers	1,488	1,676
Count and Interview Sites	48	73
Eligible Surveys Conducted	814	1,173

### UNSHeltered HOMELESS SUMMARY – Point-in-Time Count\*

	2016	% of unsheltered
Men	3,550	71.9
Women	1,356	27.5
Transgender	34	0.7
Veterans**	573	12.3
Chronically Homeless Individuals**	1,087	22.0
Mental Health Issues**	674	14.4
Substance Abuse**	392	8.4
Became Homeless in San Diego	3,470	70.2
Became Homeless Elsewhere	1,183	23.9



\*Estimates are extrapolated from a sample of 1,173 general surveys and 1,109 adult surveys. \*\*Adults only

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Final PITC data for WeALLCount 2016



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