Data & Results: Youth Count

Homeless youth are part of a hidden population that have historically been undercounted in enumerations. In recent years, the Regional Task Force on the Homeless has worked to emphasize homeless youth as a distinct sub-population of the homeless by conducting a Youth Count separate from the general Point-in-Time Count efforts. In 2017, there was an effort to include sheltered and unstably housed youth as well as unaccompanied unsheltered youth in order to see the bigger picture.

2017 WeALLCount

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<th>HOMELESS YOUTH SUMMARY</th>
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<td>Sheltered</td>
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<td>Unsheltered</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>842</td>
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<td>HUD Totals (sheltered + unsheltered)</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>1082</td>
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<td>Unstably Housed</td>
<td>57</td>
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**Sexual Orientation**
- Straight, 65%
- Bisexual, 11%
- Lesbian or Gay, 4%
- Something else, 4%
- Non-response, 17%

**Gender Identity**
- Female, 36%
- Male, 57%
- Transgender, 1%

**Ethnicity**
- Hispanic/Latino, 35%
- Non-Hispanic, 50%
- Non-response, 15%

Parenting Youth *
- Parenting Youth Households: 17
- Youth Parents Under 18: 4
- Youth Parents 18-24: 17
- Number of Children With Parenting Youth: 17

Other Youth Data**
- Currently Employed or in School: 35%
- Self-Reported Mental Health Issues: 36%
- Jail/Prison/Juvenile Hall: 50%
- Kicked out/ran away: 24%

All Homeless Youth - Location Slept

*from unaccompanied, unsheltered youth survey data
** From surveys of all homeless youth including unstably housed
The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a no-wrong door, countywide system that connects participants with services as quickly and effectively as possible, and ensure critical data is collected at each point through the system. The CES is made up of four key components: the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT), housing navigation, housing referral, and data sharing and communication.

The HMIS is a data collection tool managed by RTFH that is designed to capture client-level information over time on the characteristics and service needs of people experiencing homelessness. HMIS is integral in coordinating case management, tracking service progress, referring individuals and families to critical resources, measuring results, and producing accurate and timely reporting.

Our Leadership

We provide leadership for a collaborative, region-wide effort on preventing and ending homelessness. We partner closely with public and private partners to address homelessness, and serve as the HUD Continuum of Care Collaborative Applicant, to bring funds into the San Diego region to address homelessness.

Our Work

The RTFH has played a central role in our region’s efforts to address homelessness for over 30 years. In 2004, the RTFH became an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit, and in January we merged with the San Diego Regional Continuum of Care (RCCC). Together, our new combined organization will continue pursuing our shared goal of engaging stakeholders to drive solutions for ending homelessness in our region. The RTFH operates under a current annual budget of $2.1M, and additionally plays a critical role in helping the San Diego region secure approximately $18M in federal homelessness funding each year.

1,750
RTFH Volunteers

9,116
Homeless Persons Counted

1,362
Homeless Persons Interviewed

50+
Agencies Using HMIS

350+
Unique Programs

550+
Individual System Users

$18 million
Federal Funds Allocated to San Diego

COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

More information can be found on the 2017 PITC Comprehensive Report.