

2020 WEALLCOUNT *Report*



SAN DIEGO
Regional Task Force
on the Homeless

2020 Point-in-Time Count Results

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is conducted annually in San Diego County during the last week of January. As a community we do a physical count of all people experiencing homelessness who are living in emergency shelters, transitional housing, safe havens and on the street, vehicles, encampments or parks on a single night. The count is a snapshot of homelessness on a single night and provides a base or minimum number of those experiencing homelessness in our region. In 2019, the methodology was updated to a more engaged count and people were surveyed where they are experiencing homelessness on the night of the count. There were no additional changes to the methodology for the 2020 PIT.

Elements of the 2020 Count



Introduction of a mobile app that enabled volunteers to write notes on surveys and for the data to be seen in real time during the count.



301 trained outreach staff that led teams of volunteers and engaged people where they were experiencing homelessness the night of the count.



Increased used of drones and thermal imaging to help target hard to reach areas so that outreach staff could find people more efficiently.



Community engagement with 1782 volunteers, of which 562 were County staff members.



Housing Inventory Count (HIC) updated and entered by providers that provided beds and units dedicated to serving persons who are homeless.

2020 Regional Homelessness Count

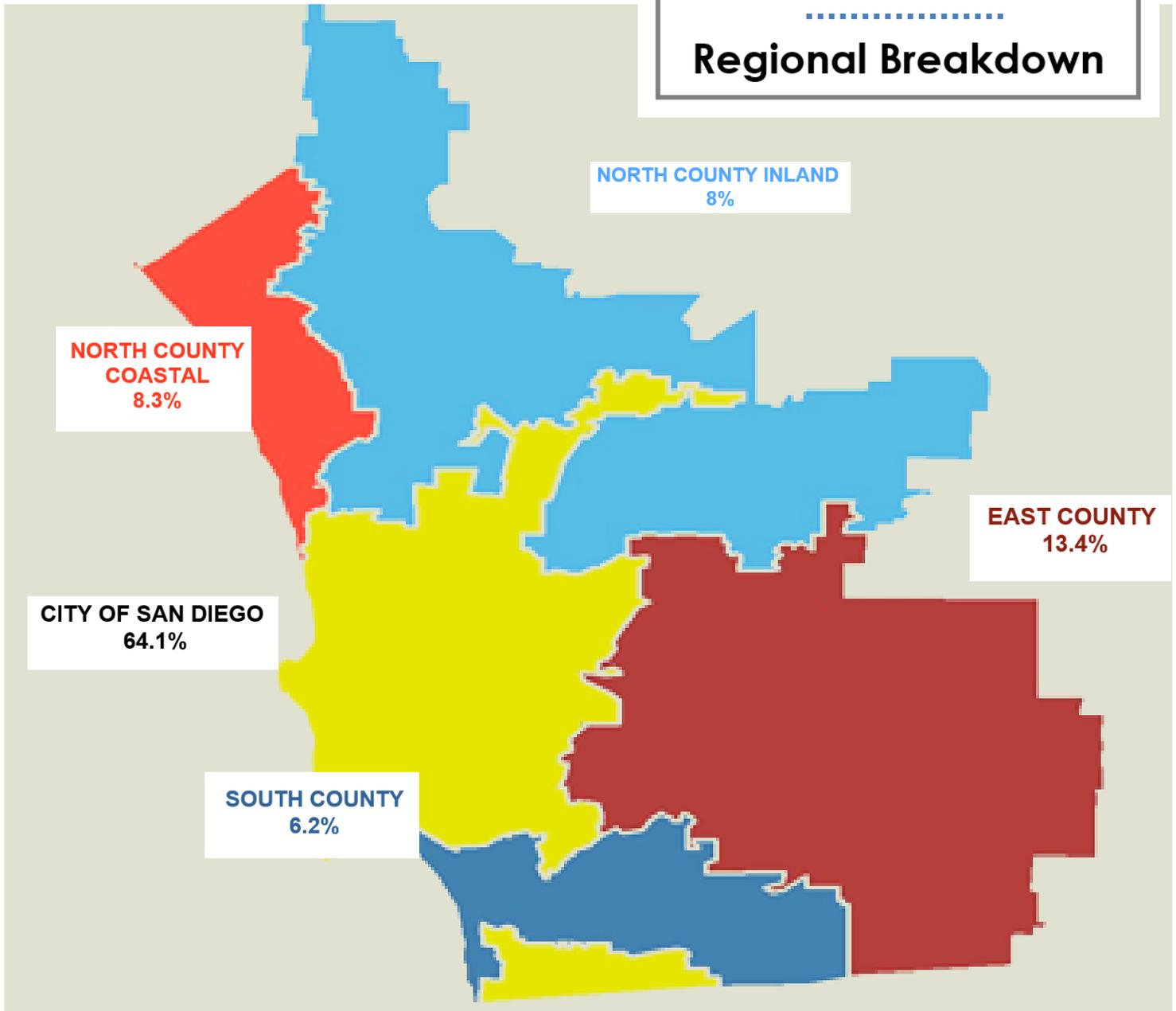
	2019	2020	% Change from 2019
UNSHELTERED	4,476	3,971	-11%
SHELTERED	3,626	3,667	+1%
TOTAL HOMELESS	8,102	7,638	-6%

Subpopulation: Total of Sheltered and Unsheltered

	2019	2020	% Change from 2019
 Veterans	1,068 Sheltered= 644 Unsheltered= 424	940 Sheltered= 623 Unsheltered= 317	-12%
 Chronically Homeless	1,712 Sheltered= 747 Unsheltered= 965	1,519 Sheltered= 854 Unsheltered= 665	-11%
 Families	461* Sheltered= 375 Unsheltered= 86 *total individuals 1,419	381* Sheltered= 366 Unsheltered= 15 *total individuals 1,216	-17%
 Unaccompanied Youth	614 Sheltered= 209 Unsheltered= 405	513 Sheltered= 216 Unsheltered= 297	-16%

2020 Point-in-Time Count

Regional Breakdown



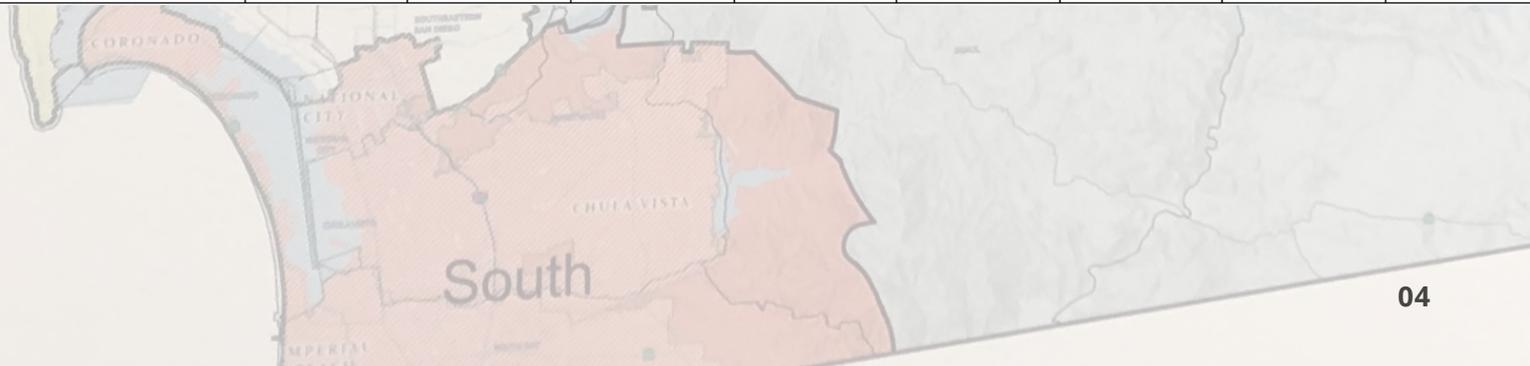
COUNTY REGION	People Experiencing Homelessness				
	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	% by Region	% Change
City of San Diego	2,587	2,283	4,870	63.7%	-4.0%
North County Inland	232	338	570	7.5%	-27.4%
North County Coastal	238	383	621	8.1%	-18.6%
South County	118	369	487	6.4%	13.8%
East County	492	598	1,090	14.3%	3.6%
TOTAL	3,667	3,971	7,638	100%	-5.7%



When asked "Did you become homeless in San Diego County?", 78% of respondents said yes.

Regional Breakdown by City

City	Sheltered				Unsheltered	2020	2019	Change
	ES	TH	SH	Total	Indiv	Total	Total	% of Total
San Diego City	1,836	715	36	2,587	2,283	4,870	5,082	-4.2%
Carlsbad	54	0	0	54	94	148	161	-8.1%
Chula Vista (Sweetwater)	53	65	0	118	212	330	321	-2.8%
Coronado	0	0	0	0	16	16	1	1500%
El Cajon	164	301	0	465	310	775	787	-1.5%
Encinitas (San Deiguito, Solana Beach & Del Mar)	10	8	0	18	47	65	120	-45.3%
Escondido (NC Metro & Hidden Meadows)	73	99	11	183	264	447	350	27.7%
Imperial Beach	0	0	0	0	16	16	12	33.3%
La Mesa	0	0	0	0	52	52	46	13%
Lemon Grove	0	0	0	0	18	18	35	-48.6%
National City	0	0	0	0	125	125	94	33%
Oceanside	41	125	0	166	242	408	483	-15.5%
Poway	0	0	0	0	15	15	9	66.7%
San Marcos	0	0	0	0	8	8	46	-82.6%
Santee	0	0	0	0	25	25	35	-28.6%
Vista (Bonsall)	49	0	0	49	51	100	296	-66.2%
Unincorporated	27	0	0	27	0	27	0	N/A
Alpine (Crest-Dehesa)	0	0	0	0	1	1	10	-90%
Fallbrook	0	0	0	0	51	51	61	-16.4%
Lakeside	0	0	0	0	24	24	72	-66.7%
Ramona	0	0	0	0	20	20	14	42.9%
Spring Valley (Casa de Oro)	0	0	0	0	97	97	67	44.8%
TOTAL	2,307	1,313	47	3,667	3,971	7,638	8,102	-5.7%

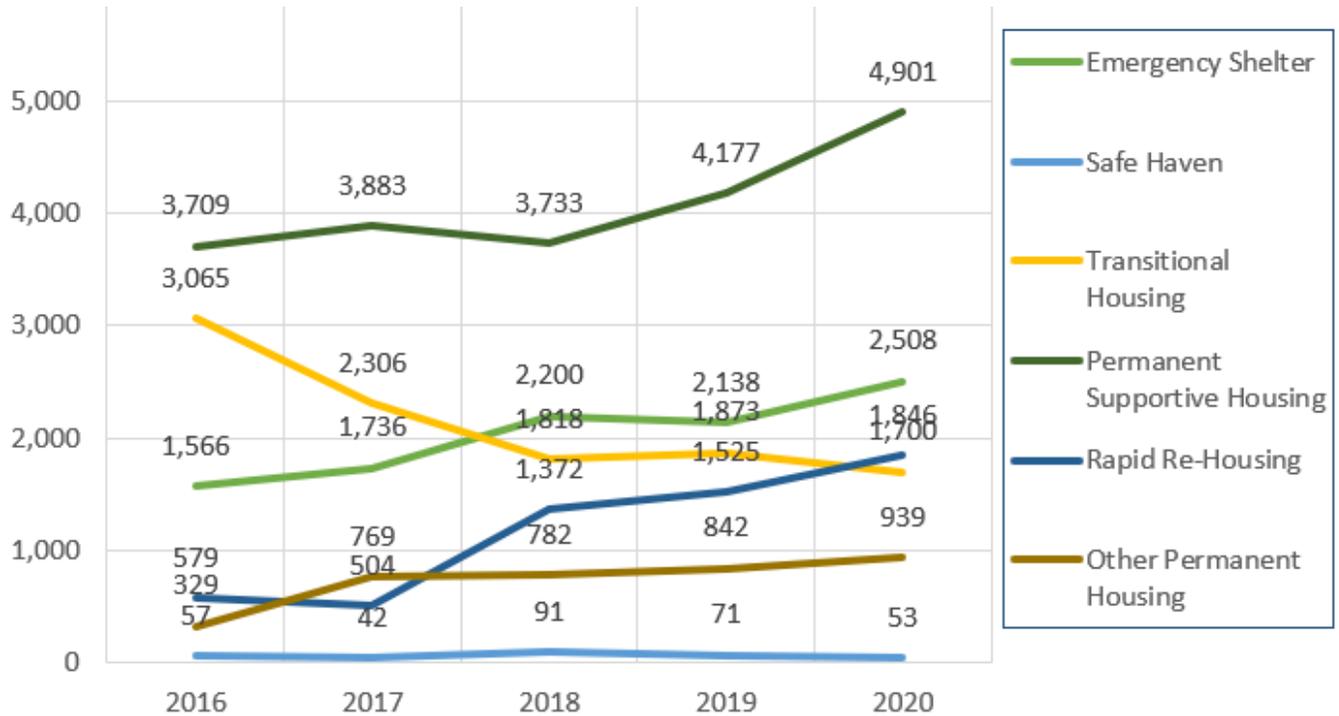


Sheltered: Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

Bed Inventory the Night of the Count



This chart provides an overview of changes in the number of total beds/units for homelessness-dedicated housing interventions such as Emergency Shelter (ES), Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), Transitional Housing (TH), and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).



Utilization Rates the Night of the Count



Utilization rates are based on the total number of beds available in San Diego County and the percentage of those beds that are in use the night of the Point-in-Time Count. The percentages below show a snap shot of how effectively shelter programs are matching people with beds on any given night.

Year	Emergency Shelter	Safe Haven	Transitional Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Rapid Re-Housing	Other Permanent Housing
2016	71%	89%	80%	87%	100%	45%
2017	90%	10%	82%	87%	100%	32%
2018	89%	70%	87%	85%	100%	91%
2019	86%	88%	89%	86%	100%	91%
2020	92%	89%	77%	81%	100%	93%
Acceptable Utilization Rates*	75%-105%		80%-105%	85%-105%		

*As determined by HUD's recommended methodology.

Unsheltered Demographics: Race and Ethnicity

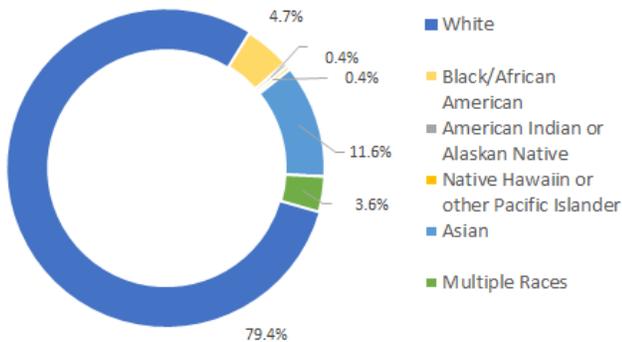
When comparing the homeless population to the general population it is evident that racial disparities exist. The most striking disproportionality can be found among Black/African Americans, who make up 21 percent of the homeless population despite only representing 4.7 percent of the general population.

Hispanics make up a significant share of the general population in San Diego at 34 percent but notably they make up only 28 percent of the homeless population.

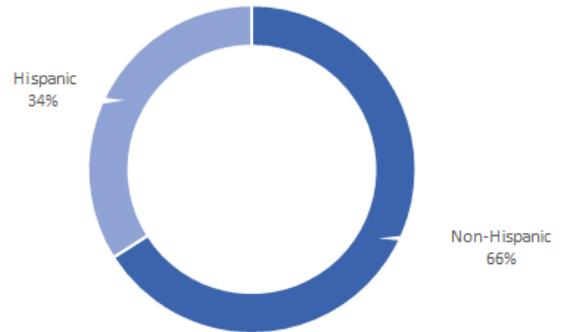
RACE

ETHNICITY

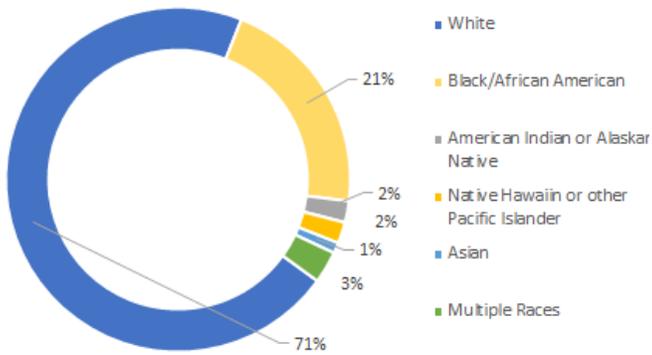
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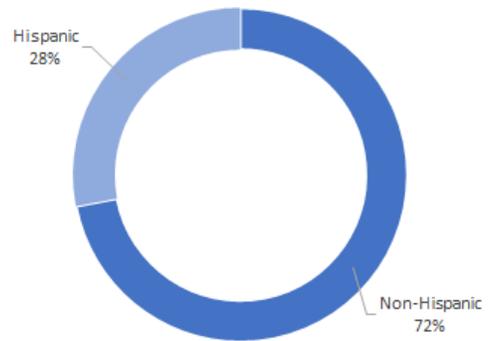
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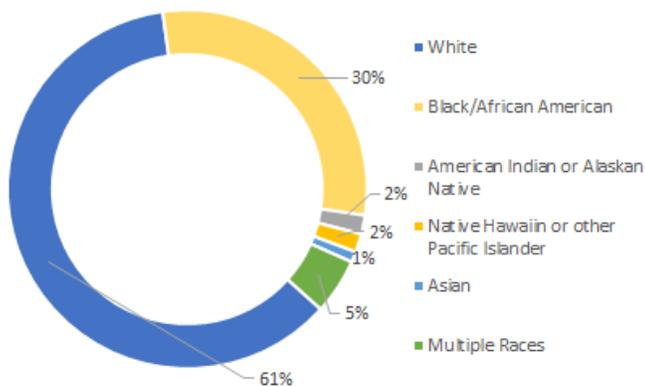
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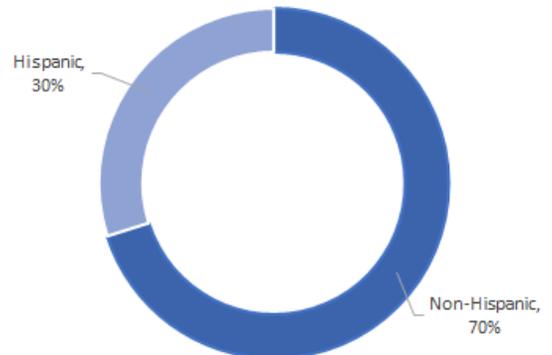
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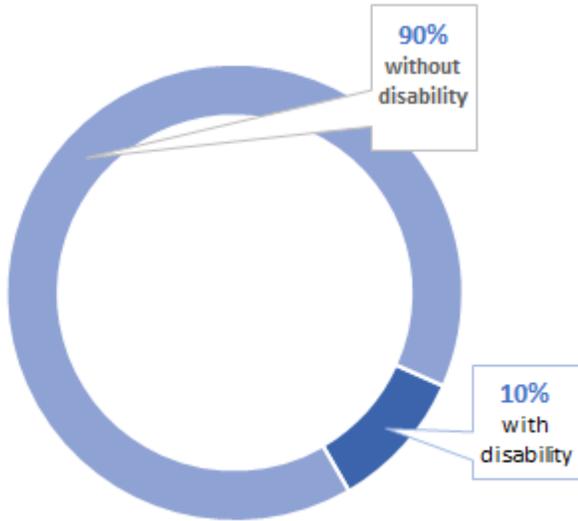


*U.S. Census Bureau; 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S1810

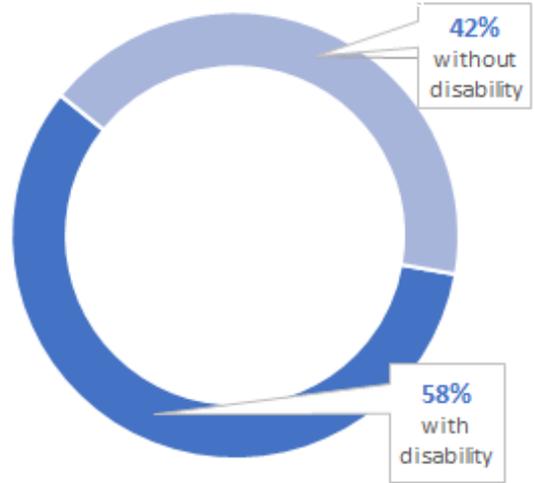
Unsheltered Demographics: Health Disparities

Individuals with disabilities including chronic illness, physical disabilities, learning and developmental disabilities, and mental health and substance use disorders are overrepresented in San Diego's unsheltered population. Disabilities can pose challenges for individuals seeking to access and remain stable in housing, find employment, and perform activities of daily living.

San Diego County Population *



Unsheltered Homeless Population



58%
of San Diego's homeless population reports having a disability. Of those...



32%
Chronic Health



37%
Mental Health



35%
Physical Health



31%
Substance Abuse

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Subpopulation: **Veterans**



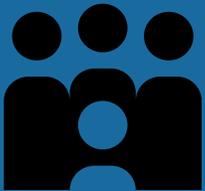
17% of people living in shelters the night of the count were veterans



9% of unsheltered veterans are female. Of the 29 females counted: 11 are 62+ years old, 21 have a chronic disability, and 5 are fleeing domestic violence



28% of unsheltered veterans were born in 1958 or earlier. This group (those 62 and older) makes up the highest percentage of veterans not in shelter



27% of unsheltered veterans identify as Black or African American
24% of sheltered veterans identify as Black or African American



29% of veterans, both sheltered and unsheltered, are chronically homeless

youth count

The week-long youth count was focused on street outreach utilizing youth service providers. During this count, 659 youth were counted and took the youth survey. Of those youth, 146 were unstably housed. 30% of the time this meant they were couch surfing. 25 of the 146 unstably housed youth stated that they were formally in foster care, compared to zero of the sheltered and unsheltered youth who took the survey.

Breakdown	Under 18	18-24	Total	% Change from 2019
Unsheltered	18	279	297	-27%
Sheltered	24	192	216	3%
HUD Totals*	42	471	513	-16%
Unstably Housed	55	91	146	
Total**	97	562	659	

*HUD totals include the total of unsheltered and sheltered youth

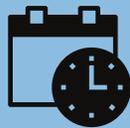
**Total includes the summation of unsheltered, sheltered, and unstably housed youth

Youth Count Demographics



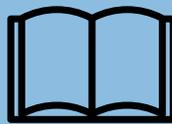
12%

Reported having a mental health issue



41%

Reported being homeless for a year or longer



35%

of 18-24 year olds are attending school



14%

Reported exchanging sexual acts as a commodity*



31%

Have been to jail or prison

*Reported exchanging sexual acts for money, drugs, food, place to stay, clothing, or protection

Sexuality and Gender Identity

As part of the youth survey process, youth were asked this question on sexuality:

"How would you best describe your sexuality?"

Youth provided 11 different responses in descending order to the question:

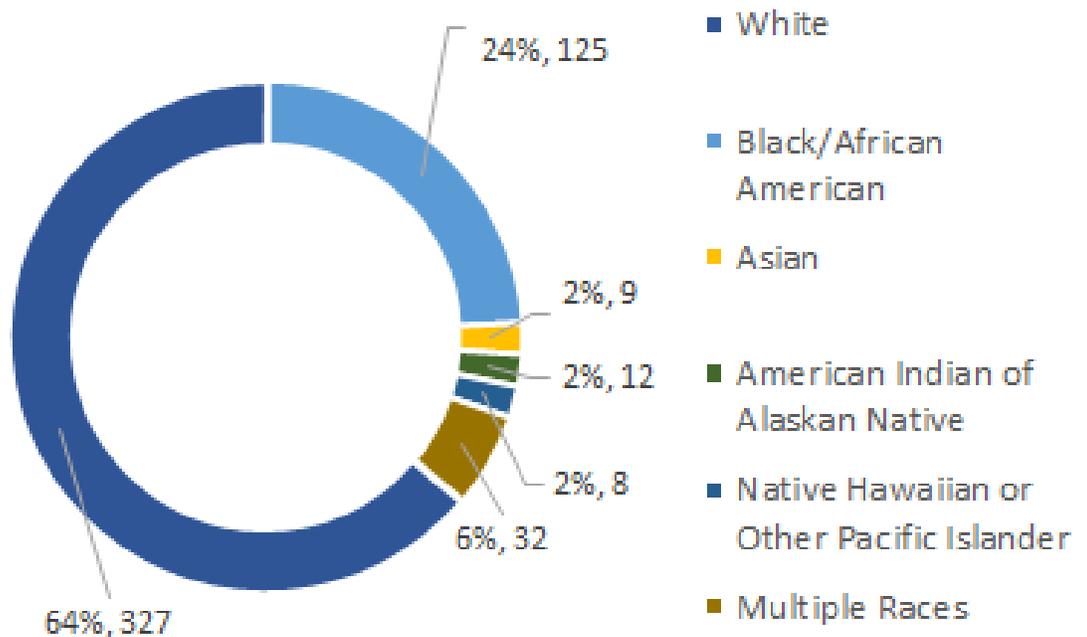
Heterosexual/Straight, Bisexual, Gay or Lesbian, Heterosexual/Straight but somewhat attracted to the same sex, Other, Pansexual, Refuse to Answer, Don't Know, Questioning, Asexual and Gay or Lesbian but somewhat attracted to the opposite sex.

"I was kicked out due to coming out to my parents as being gender fluid. My parents are very religious and kicked me out from home."

In asking youth about gender we found that, compared to the general unsheltered population, unsheltered youth are more likely to identify as female, transgender, or gender non-conforming.

RACE: Unaccompanied Youth

Consistent with the general count, we found that Black or African American youth are disproportionately experiencing homelessness



There are 46 homeless parenting youth households ages 18-24. In those households there are 67 children. 45 of those parents are female and 15 of them are Black/African American.

Unsheltered Seniors (55+)

Of those 55+ years old who completed the unsheltered survey:

55%

reported having a physical disability

88%

became homeless in San Diego

43%

stated they were homeless for the first time

54%

were sleeping on the street or sidewalk

50%

reported having a chronic health condition

19%

have been homeless 4 or more times in the past 3 years

58%

have been homeless for less than one year in the past three years

22%

were sleeping in a vehicle

Additional Concerns:

27% of those unsheltered were 55+ years old

24% of those in shelter on a given night are 55+ years old (as shown by HMIS data)

12% of those 55+ are chronically homeless and unsheltered

24% of unsheltered 55+ years old are Female

Incarceration and Homelessness:

Beginning in 2017, the RTFH began collaborating with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department to survey individuals residing in jail on the night of the count. On that night, 1,017 inmates, representing 19% of the total jail population, were asked, "Where did you sleep the night before you were arrested?"

25%

Reported that they were experiencing homelessness at the time of their arrest

27%*

Identified as being Black/African American

37%*

Have been experiencing homelessness for 12 months or longer

84%*

Became homeless in San Diego County

19%*

Were currently employed or in school at the time of arrest

*Total is representative of the 25% of those that were experiencing homelessness at the time of their arrest.

Thank you!

San Diego's annual WeAllCount would not be possible without the incredible support of our many volunteers. This year over 1,700 people, including 300 outreach workers and 562 county staff members, showed up at 4:00 am on January 23rd prepared to engage and count our homeless neighbors. The count is truly a regional effort, it takes the coordination of all 18 cities across the county. Cities provided 35 spaces to deploy the count, staff to support the 3 days of counting, and in some cases, the use of their drones and helicopters to make the count more efficient. A special thank you to Downtown San Diego Partnership for successfully coordinated the VIP count for downtown San Diego. The downtown site provided our elected officials, including Governor Newsom and Mayor Faulconer, the opportunity to volunteer on the morning of the count. RTFH would like to acknowledge that this is a yearlong effort and that the support of our board members and service providers region-wide is what makes the count successful.



**Save the date:
#WeAllCount
January 21, 2021**



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