# Solano County

## Homeless Census & Survey

2019 Executive Summary

Every two years, during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care.

The 2019 Solano County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 23rd, 2019. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 432 unsheltered and sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

# **Census Population: Longitudinal Trend**





5% 18% 77%

Gender



74%

26% Women



Transgender

#### Sexual Orientation

Race

Top Responses<sup>△</sup>

14%

Multi-racial

5%

Native Hawaiian

or Pacific Islander

81% Straight

9% Bisexual

7% Lesbian or Gay

39%

White

**37%** 

Black

4% Other



#### **Residence Prior** to Homelessness



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#### Length of Time in Solano County

7% < 1 Year 22% 1-4 Years

18% 5-9 Years

**53%** 10 Years+

#### **Foster Care**



of survey respondents have been in the foster system.

**Ethnicity** 

16% Hispanic/ Latinx

### Children Under 18

16% of survey respondents have children under age 18.



**9%** of those with children under age 18 who have all of their children currently living with them.

#### 2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population

Sheltered Unsheltered

#### Subpopulation\* Data

Chronically Homeless | 179 Individuals



Veterans | 147 Individuals



Families | 30 Families with 79 Members



Unaccompanied Children | 5 Individuals



Transition-Age Youth | 204 Individuals



#### **Employment Status**

9% Full Time 11% Part Time

6% Seasonal/ Sporadic

75% Unemployed

#### If Unemployed...

36% Unable to



79%

Unsheltered

10%

22% Not Looking for Work

Looking



#### **Primary Event or Condition** That Led to Homelessness\*

Top 6 Responses

19% Lost Job 13% Eviction

13% Incarceration

11% Argument with Family/Friend 11%

9% Other

Substance Use Issues



#### **History of Domestic Violence**

**10%** of survey respondents reported they had experienced domestic violence.

#### Interest in Permanent Housing

**93%** of survey respondents said they would like affordable permanent housing if it became available soon.



#### Age at First Episode of Homelessness

12% 0-17

20% 18-24

**68%** 

#### What Might Have Prevented Homelessness\*

Top 4 Responses<sup>4</sup>

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**30%** Employment

Alcohol/Drug Rent/Mortgage Mental Health

Counseling

#### **Duration of Current Episode of** Homelessness

11% 30 Days or 1-11 Months

1 Year or More



#### Self-Reported Health+

**Current health** conditions that may affect the housing stability or employment of those experiencing homelessness.



29%

Psychiatric/ Emotional **Conditions** 



Traumatic **Stress** Disorder



Alcohol & Drug **Abuse** 



Chronic Health **Problems** 



18%

**Physical** Disability



10%

**Traumatic** Brain **Injury** 

**HIV/AIDS** Related Illness

#### Disabling **Conditions**

31% of survey respondents reported having at least one disabling condition.



A disabling condition is defined by HUD as a developmental disability, HIV/ AIDS, or a long-term physical or mental impairment that impacts a person's ability to live independently but could be improved with stable housing.

#### Assessment with **Resource Connect** Solano



6% of survey respondents had completed an assessment with Resource Connect Solano.

#### Government Services and **Assistance**

65% HMH

of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits.

#### Reasons for Not Receiving Any Government Assistance+

Top 6 Responses

25% Don't Want

Government Assistance

13% **Never Applied** 

20% Don't Think I'm Eligible

13% Paperwork Too Difficult

11% No Permanent Address

**20%** 

Other

#### Non-Government Services Currently Accessing

Top 6 Responses

43% Free Meals

16% Day Services

13% Mental Health Services

13% Emergency Shelter

10% **Bus Passes** 

8% Health Services

### \*Subpopulation Definitions

#### **Chronically Homeless**

An individual with one or more disabling conditions or a family with a head of household with a disabling condition who:

» Has been continuously homeless for 1 year or

- Has experienced 4 or more episodes of homelessness within the past 3 years.

#### Veterans

Persons who have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty.

#### **Families**

least one adult member (persons 18 or older) and at least one child member (persons under 18).

#### Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults

Youth under the age of 18 and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 years old (TAY) who are experiencing homelessness and living without a parent or legal guardian.

- + Multiple response question, results may not add up to 100%.
- Δ Only displaying top responses.

Note: Some percentages have been rounded so total percentage will equal 100%.

The complete comprehensive report includes a more detailed profile of those experiencing homelessness in Solano County. Source: Jaross, M., Kwak, Y., Gallant, J. (2019). Solano Homeless Count and Survey 2019. Applied Survey Research.

