

SOLANO COUNTY

2017 HOMELESS CENSUS & SURVEY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

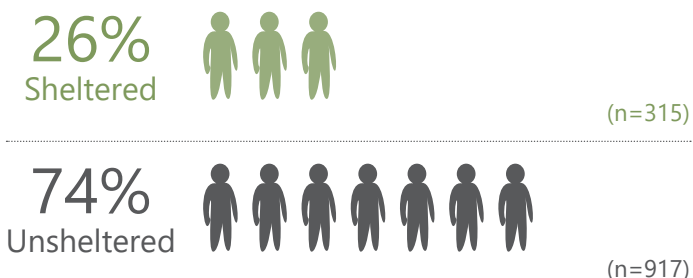
Every two years, during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care.

The 2017 Solano County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 24, 2017. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 439 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

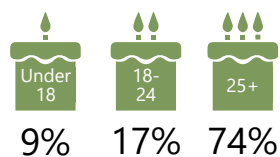
Census Population: Longitudinal Trend



2017 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population

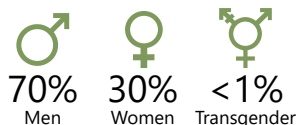


Age



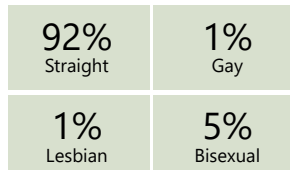
Gender

(Top 3 Responses)



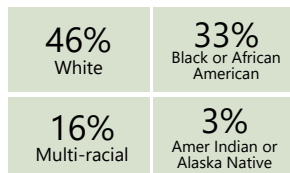
Sexual Orientation

(Top 4 Responses)



Race/Ethnicity

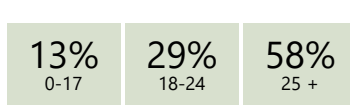
(Top 4 Responses)



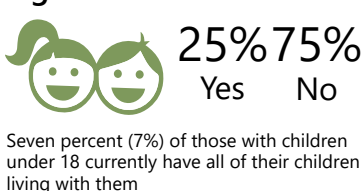
First Homelessness Episode



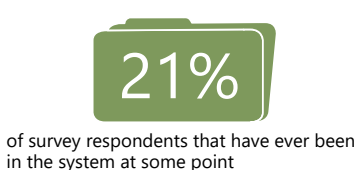
Age at First Episode of Homelessness



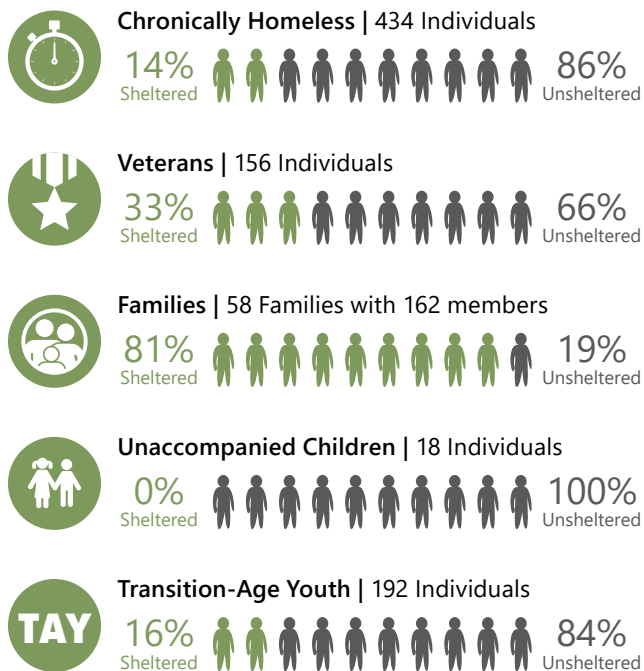
Have Children Under Age 18



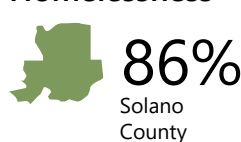
Foster Care



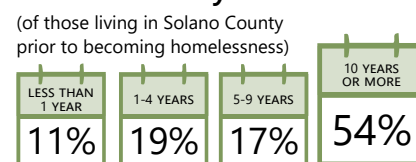
Subpopulation Data*



Residence Prior to Homelessness



Length of Time in Solano County



Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness



7%
30 days or less

35%
1-11 months

59%
1 year or more

Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness

(Top 6 Responses)



20% Lost job	17% Eviction	15% Substance Use Issues
12% Mental Health Issues	10% Argument with Family or Friend	9% Illness/Medical Problem

Interest in Permanent Housing

91%

of survey respondents said YES when asked if they would want to move into safe, affordable, permanent housing were it available



What Might Have Prevented Homelessness

(Top 4 Responses)

47% Employment Assistance	46% Rent/Mortgage Assistance
31% Alcohol/Drug Counseling	27% Mental Health Services

What is a disabling condition?



62%

of survey respondents reported a disabling condition

A disabling condition is defined here as a physical disability, mental illness, chronic depression, alcohol or drug abuse, chronic health problems, HIV/AIDS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), or a developmental disability.

Health Conditions

Current health conditions affecting housing stability or employment.

(Note: Multiple response question, numbers will not total to 100%)



48%

Psychiatric or emotional conditions

PTSD

24%

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder



8%

Traumatic brain injury



26%

Physical disability



32%

Chronic health problems



2%

AIDS/HIV related



41%

Drug or alcohol abuse

Employment



Employment Status

3% Employed full-time

12% Employed part-time

2% Employed seasonal/ sporadic

84% Unemployed

If Unemployed, Currently...

43% Unable to work

46% Looking for work

12% Not looking for work

Services and Assistance



70%

of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits

Reasons for Not Receiving Any Government Assistance (Top 6 Responses)

26% Don't Think I'm Eligible	21% Don't Want Government Assistance
17% No Permanent Address	15% Applied and Waiting for a Response
14% Never Applied	12% Don't have ID

Other Services Accessed (Top 6 Responses)

58% Free Meals	43% Emergency Shelter
37% Day Services	37% Health Services
22% Bus Passes	22% Mental Health Services

*Subpopulation Definitions

Chronically Homeless

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

- » Has been continuously homeless for 1 year or more and/or;
- » Has experienced 4 or more episodes of homelessness within the past 3 years with the total time equaling a year or more.

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

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

Unaccompanied Children

Children under the age of 18 who are homeless and living without a parent or legal guardian.

Transition-Age Youth

Young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 years old.

The complete comprehensive report includes a more detailed profile of the characteristics of those experiencing homelessness in Solano County. It can be found at housingfirstsolano.org.

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2017). Solano County Homeless Census & Survey. Watsonville, CA.