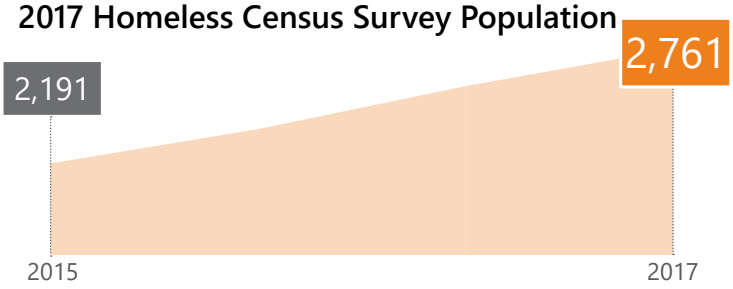
CITY OF OAKLAND
2017 EVERYONE COUNTS
HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT AND SURVEY

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 Alameda County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 30, 2017. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered across Alameda County. In the city of Oakland, 457 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals were surveyed, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

2017 Homeless Census Survey Population



2017 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population

Age

7% 22% 63% 8%

Gender

59% Men ♂ 40% Women ♀ 1% Transgender ⚧

Race/Ethnicity

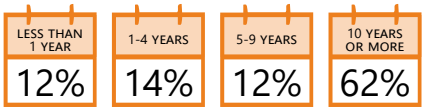
(Top Responses)

13% Latino	68% Black or African American	15% White
87% Non-Latino	13% Multi-ethnic	2% American Indian or Alaskan Native

Residence Prior to Homelessness

Alameda County

Length of Time in Alameda County



Subpopulations

Chronically Homeless | 898 Individuals

Veterans | 258 Individuals

Unaccompanied Transitional Age Youth | 556 Individuals

2017 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population by City

	Sheltered	Unsheltered		Sheltered	Unsheltered
OAKLAND	859	1,902	UNION CITY	0	40
BERKELEY	308	664	EMERYVILLE	0	29
HAYWARD	84	313	NEWARK	42	28
FREMONT	19 7	282	DUBLIN	0	21
LIVERMORE	102	141	PLEASANTON	0	18
ALAMEDA	94	110	PIEDMONT	0	0
ALBANY	0	66	UNINCORPORATED	26	194
SAN LEANDRO	54	55	TOTAL	1,766	3,863

Household Breakdown

Single Adults | 2,357 Households with 2,449 members

Families | 98 Households with 262 members

Unaccompanied Children | 50 Individuals

Foster Care

14% of survey respondents have been in the foster system.

Justice System Involvement

13% of respondents spent one or more nights in jail/prison/ juvenile hall in the past year.

Post K-12 Education

11% of respondents were currently enrolled in a vocational program or college.

Health Conditions

Current health conditions affecting housing stability or employment.

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

46%	45%	36%	32%	31%	12%	7%
Chronic health problems	Psychiatric or emotional conditions	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	Physical disability	Drug or alcohol abuse	Traumatic brain injury	AIDS/HIV related

Disabling Conditions

Respondents reported the number of condtions that limited their ability to maintain work or housing. Many reported multiple conditions.

18% of survey respondents reported having one disabling condition.

12% of survey respondents reported having two disabling conditions.

22% of survey respondents reported having three or more disabling conditions.

First Homelessness Episode

30% Yes 70% No

35% of those experiencing homelessness for the first time were homeless for one year or more

Age at First Episode of Homelessness

10% 0-17	19% 18-24	38% 25-39
16% 40-49	16% 50-64	1% 65+

Primary Cause of Homelessness

(Top 6 Responses)

58% Money Issues	14% Personal Relationships	14% Mental Health Issues
12% Physical Health Issues	10% Substance Use Issues	6% Incarceration

What Might Have Prevented Homelessness

(Top 4 Responses)

48% Rent Assistance	36% Employment Assistance
25% Food Assistance	25% Mental Health Services

Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness

4%	36%	60%
30 days or less	1-11 months	1 year or more

Not Interested in Housing

1%

Only 1% of survey respondents said they were not interested in **Independent, Affordable Rental Housing or Housing with Supportive Services.**

Services and Assistance

66% of survey respondents reported receiving benefits or support

Services Currently Accessing

(Top 6 Responses)

68% Free Meals	49% Emergency Shelter	32% Health Services
17% Transitional Housing	16% Drop-In Center	14% Mental Health Services

Reasons for Not Accessing Shelter Services

(Top 6 Responses)

41% Bugs and germs	40% They are full	28% They are too crowded
18% There are too many rules	16% Concerns for personal safety	14% They are too far away

*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.

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.

Oakland County will release a comprehensive report of The EveryOne Home 2017 Homeless Count and Survey in Summer 2017. For more information about EveryOne Home and effort to address homelessness in Alameda County please visit www.EveryOneHome.org

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