

San Francisco

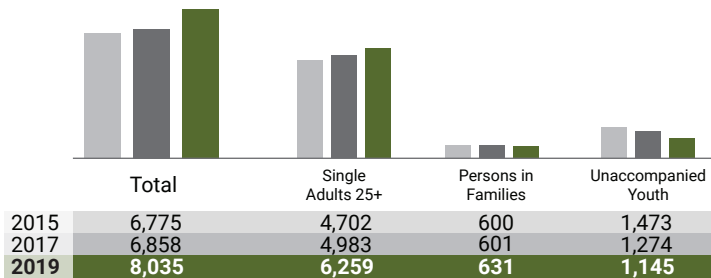
Homeless Count & Survey

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 City and County of San Francisco Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 24, 2019. The entire county was canvassed by teams of volunteers. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 1,054 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals in order to profile their experiences and characteristics.

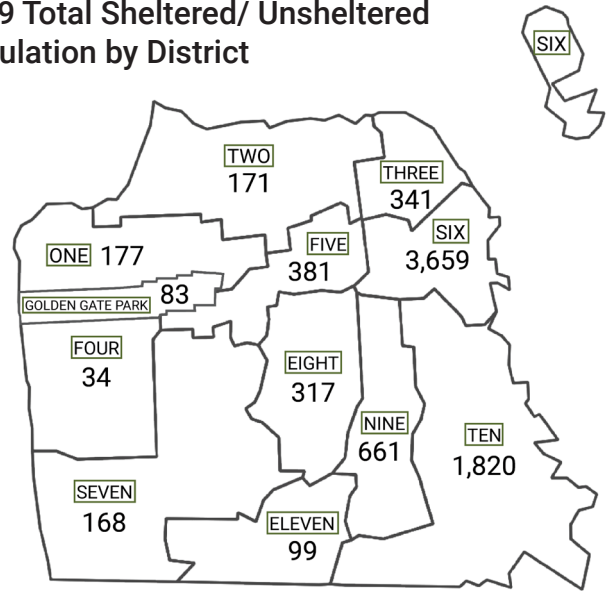
2015-19 Homeless Count Population



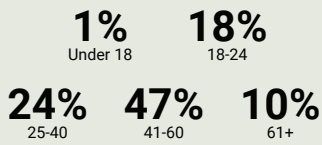
2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population



2019 Total Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population by District

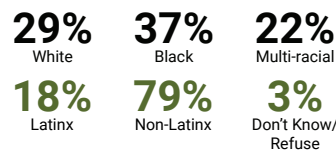


Age

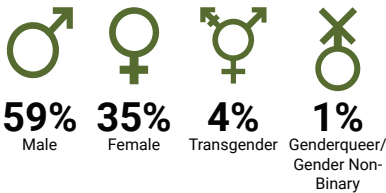


Race/ Ethnicity

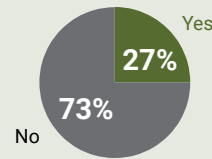
Top Responses*



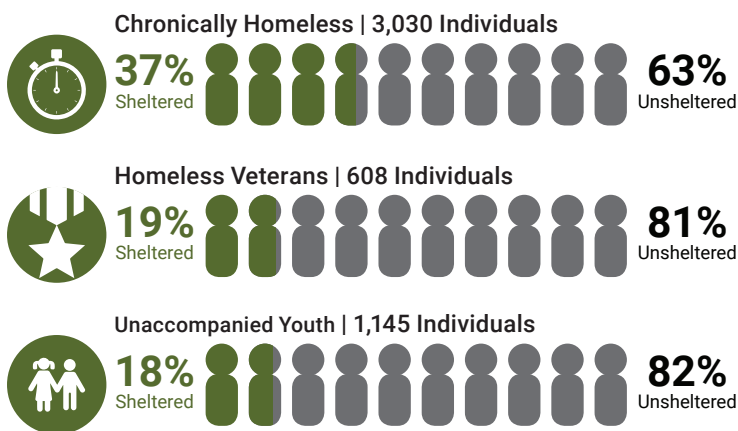
Gender



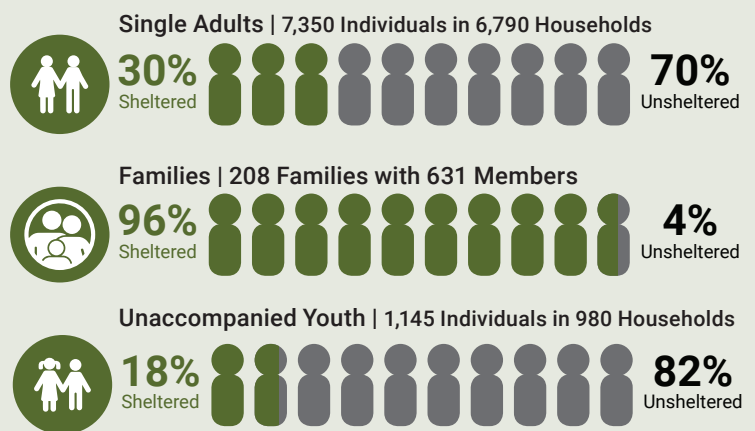
LGBTQ+ Status



Subpopulations*

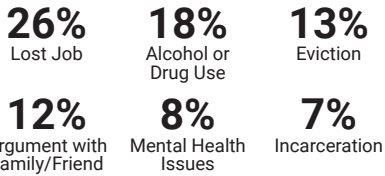


Household Breakdown



Primary Cause of Homelessness⁺

Top 6 Responses^Δ



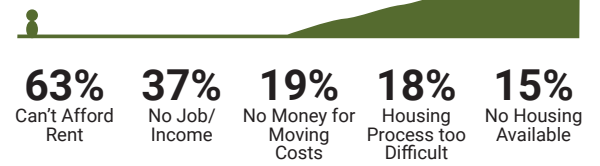
First Episode of Homelessness



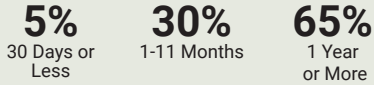
31% of survey respondents reported currently experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Obstacles to Permanent Housing⁺

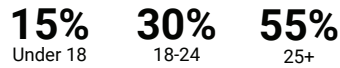
Top 5 Responses^Δ



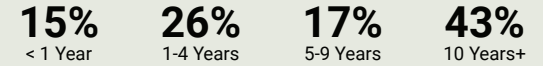
Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness



Age at First Episode of Homelessness



Length of Time in San Francisco



Self-Reported Health⁺

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



42%
Alcohol & Drug Use



39%
Psychiatric/Emotional Conditions



37%
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder



31%
Chronic Health Problems



27%
Physical Disability



15%
Traumatic Brain Injury



7%
HIV/ AIDS Related Illness

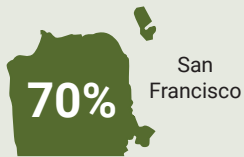
Disabling Conditions

69% of survey respondents reported that at least one of their health conditions was disabling.



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.

Residence Prior to Homelessness



Foster Care



of survey respondents have been in the foster system.

Services & Assistance



73% of survey respondents reported receiving benefits.

Justice System Involvement



25% of survey respondents spent one or more nights in jail/prison/juvenile hall in the past year.

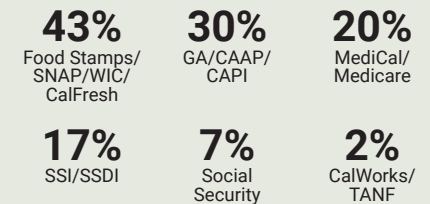
Unemployment



89% of survey respondents were currently unemployed.

Benefits Currently Accessing⁺

Top 6 Responses^Δ



*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 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 Youth

Youth under the age of 18 and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 years old 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, all response data are available in the full report.

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

For more information about the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and the efforts to address homelessness in San Francisco, please visit HSH.SFGov.org

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2019, San Francisco Homeless Count & Survey, Watsonville, CA.