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 San Benito County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 25, 2017. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 121 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

### Census Population: Longitudinal Trend

- **2011**: 193
- **2013**: 365
- **2015**: 651
- **2017**: 527

### 2017 Sheltered/Unsheltered Population

- **Sheltered**
  - 23%
  - (n=527)
- **Unsheltered**
  - 77%
  - (n=527)

### Subpopulation Data*

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<th>Count</th>
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<td>Veterans</td>
<td>14</td>
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### First Homelessness Episode

- **Yes**: 22%
- **No**: 78%

41% of those experiencing homelessness had experienced homelessness 6 or more times in their lifetime.

### Age at First Episode of Homelessness

- **10%**: 0-17
- **28%**: 18-24
- **27%**: 25-39
- **23%**: 40-49
- **9%**: 50-64
- **3%**: 65 or older

### Foster Care

- **5%** of survey respondents that have ever been in the system

### Justice System Involvement

- **9%** were currently on probation or parole
- **21%** of survey respondents had spent a night in jail in the previous 12 months

### Sexual Orientation

- **56%** Men
- **42%** Women
- **2%** Transgender

### Race/Ethnicity

- **26%** White
- **60%** Multi-racial
- **3%** Black or African American
- **1%** Amer Indian or Alaska Native

### Residence Prior to Homelessness

- **90%** San Benito County

### Length of Time in San Benito County

- **37%** Less than 1 year
- **50%** 1-4 years
- **0%** 5-9 years
- **13%** 10 years or more

*(of those living in San Benito County prior to becoming homeless, use caution when interpreting, due to small sample size.)*
### Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness

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<td>30 days or less</td>
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<td>1-11 months</td>
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<td>1 year or more</td>
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### Subpopulation Definitions

- **Challengers 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 (person 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.

### Performance Indicators

#### Health Conditions

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<td>Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder</td>
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<td>Physical disability</td>
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<td>Traumatic brain injury</td>
<td>10%</td>
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#### Employment

- **Employment**
  - Employed full-time: 18%
  - Unemployed: 82%

- **If Unemployed, Currently...**
  - Unable to work: 23%
  - Looking for work: 64%
  - Not looking for work: 14%

### Services and Assistance

#### Services Currently Accessing

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<td>Bus pass</td>
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<td>Shelter day services</td>
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#### Reasons for Not Receiving Any Government Assistance

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<td>Don't want</td>
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<td>Don't think I'm eligible</td>
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<td>Don't have ID</td>
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<td>No permanent address</td>
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<td>Don't know where to go</td>
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<td>Never Applied</td>
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### Not Interested in Housing

- 11% of survey respondents said they were not interested in Independent, Affordable Rental Housing or Housing with Supportive Services.

### Obstacles to Permanent Housing

- 73% Couldn’t afford rent
- 10% Bad Credit
- 18% No job/income
- 18% No housing availability

### What is 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.

#### Services and Assistance

- 28% of survey respondents reported a disabling condition

### Services and Assistance

- 32% Drug or alcohol abuse
- 22% Chronic health problems
- 20% Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- 20% Physical disability
- 12% Emotional or mental condition
- 10% Traumatic brain injury
- 2% AIDS/HIV related