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I. Executive Summary

There were 1,271 adults and children who were homeless during the point-in-time count according to the Ventura County 2016 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey. This number represents a 10% decrease when compared to the number of homeless persons who were counted last year which was 1,417. The 1,271 persons counted in 2016 represents the lowest total count since 2007 which was the first year in which a count was conducted (see Table 3).

The cities of Oxnard and Ventura account for more than two-thirds (69.5%) of the homeless population (584 persons representing 45.9% and 300 persons representing 23.6%, respectively). The City of Thousand Oaks had the third highest population of homeless (104 persons representing 8.2%) followed by the City of Simi Valley (99 persons representing 7.8%).

There was a 10% decrease in the number of homeless adults and children between the 2015 and the 2016 homeless counts.

As noted in the table below, of the 1,271 homeless adults and children, 777 or 61.1% were unsheltered and 494 or 38.9% were sheltered, whereas 67.5% were unsheltered and 32.5% sheltered in 2015.

Table 1. Comparison of 2015 and 2016 Homeless Counts

	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Total
	#	%	#	%	
2015 Homeless Count	460	32.5	957	67.5	1,417
2016 Homeless Count	494	38.9	777	61.1	1,271
Variance:	954	+6.4%	-180	-6.4%	-146

A breakdown by various unsheltered subpopulations for this year is provided in Section IV Unsheltered Subpopulation Summaries. A breakdown by various unsheltered subpopulations for each jurisdiction for this year is provided in Appendix A.

A breakdown of subpopulation data for emergency shelters and transitional housing providers will be provided in a supplemental report as this requires combining data from agencies participating in HMIS and data from paper forms.

However, Table 2 shows that of the sheltered population in 2016, 321 persons were in emergency shelters and 185 in transitional housing programs, whereas in 2015, 315 persons were in emergency shelters and 145 in transitional housing programs.

Table 2. Comparison of 2015 and 2016 Homeless Counts

	Emergency Shelter		Transitional Housing		Total
	#	%	#	%	
2015 Homeless Count	315	68.5	145	31.5	460
2016 Homeless Count	316	64.0	178	36.0	494
Variance:	+6	-5.1	+40	+5.1	+46

Comparative Data

Ventura County first conducted a homeless count and subpopulation survey in 2007. Beginning in 2009, the homeless count and subpopulation survey has been conducted every year. The following table compares the homeless counts since 2007.

Table 3: Ventura County Homeless Counts from 2007 – 2016.

Year	Total # of Homeless Persons	% of Increase or Decrease from Previous Year
2007	1,961	-
2009	2,193	+12
2010	1,815	-17
2011	1,872	+3
2012	1,936	+3
2013	1,774	-8
2014	1,449	-18
2015	1,417	-2
2016	1,271	-10

The next table provides the number of homeless persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area.

Table 4. Comparison of the number of homeless persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area

Jurisdiction	2007	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Camarillo	10	13	15	29	30	27	38	35	24
Fillmore	5	4	5	10	16	13	6	7	6
Moorpark	13	7	1	7	5	9	15	7	4
Ojai	82	60	52	40	41	43	62	40	29
Oxnard	671	679	520	638	522	645	379*	603	584
Port Hueneme	9	1	9	6	12	17	13	22	7
Santa Paula	97	91	54	50	60	34	31	20	56
Simi Valley	163	303	229	226	284	211	194	202	99
Thousand Oaks	81	147	106	87	90	121	130	83	104
Ventura	588	623	601	570	701	519	495	334	300
Unincorporated Area	242	265	223	209	175	135	86	64	58
Total:	1,961	2,193	1,815	1,872	1,936	1,774	1,449	1,417	1,271

*This number was artificially low due to an unresolved reporting discrepancy and the winter warming shelter being located in Ventura.

Unsheltered Persons

Of the 1,271 persons counted in 2016, 777 or 61.1% were unsheltered, which is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as

“An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.”

It is important to note that HUD requires that

“CoCs must collect and report on the age, gender, race, and ethnicity of persons included under each household category. The total number of people reported for each demographic characteristic must equal the total number of persons reported in the household category overall.”

and that

“CoCs must use a statistically reliable method for estimating the demographic characteristics of people for whom data are missing to ensure a complete count. CoCs should consult the PIT Count Methodology Guide for additional guidance.”¹

Thus, in the tables regarding gender, ethnicity, race, and age below, extrapolation was the process used to produce estimates for missing data.

Gender

The following table provides a breakdown by gender for adults, unaccompanied youth under age 18, and children in families under age 18. HUD requires the summary to consist of men, women, and transgender.

Table 5. Breakdown by Gender*

Gender	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18		Children in Families Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Male	522	73.6	5	83.3	22	35.5
Female	187	26.4	1	16.7	40	64.5
Transgender	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total:	709	100	6	100	62	100

*Gender was not recorded for 45 of the 1,129 adults, 0 of the 18 unaccompanied youth under age 18, and one of the 44 children in families under age 18. Extrapolation was the process used to produce estimates for missing data.

Ethnicity

Table 6 offers a breakdown by ethnicity. HUD requires the summary to consist of Hispanics or Latinos and non-Hispanics or Latinos.

¹2016 Housing Inventory Count and Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Persons: Data Submission Guidance, February, 2016.

Table 6. Breakdown by Ethnicity*

Ethnicity	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18		Children in Families Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Hispanic or Latino	262	36.9	2	33.3	49	79.0
Non-Hispanic or Latino	447	63.1	4	66.7	13	21.0
Total:	709	100	6	100	62	100

*Ethnicity was not recorded for 129 of the 1,129 adults, 0 of the 18 unaccompanied youth under age 18, and 0 of the 44 children in families under age 18. Extrapolation was the process used to produce estimates for missing data.

Race

Table 7 provides a breakdown by race. It is important to note that instructions from HUD were to include Hispanics or Latinos in the race categories listed below because the designation “Hispanic or Latino” does not denote race.

Table 7. Breakdown by Race*

Race	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18		Children in Families Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	25	3.5	0	0	3	4.8
Asian	19	2.7	0	0	0	0.0
Black or African American	84	11.9	0	0	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	15	2.1	0	0	0	0.0
White	493	69.5	4	66.7	23	37.1
Multiple Races	73	10.3	2	33.3	36	58.1
Total:	709	100	6	100	62	100

Age

The next table offers a breakdown by age for adults.

Table 8. Breakdown by Age for Adults*

	2016	
	#	%
Youth Ages 18 - 24	37	5.2
Adults Age 25 - 61	593	83.6
Seniors Age 62+	79	11.2
Total:	709	100

Other Subpopulations

Table 9 provides a breakdown of other subpopulations for adults including youth ages 18 – 24. For a separate breakdown of youth ages 18 – 24 and unaccompanied youth under age 18 see pages.

Table 9. Breakdown by Subpopulations

	2016	
	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	254	35.8
Families including Chronically Homeless Families*	22	9.4**
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	6	0.8
Persons w/ Mental Health Problems	165	23.3
Substance Users	174	24.6
Veterans***	57	8.0
Victims of Domestic Violence	145	20.5
Persons Released from Prisons & Jails	162	22.9
Persons w/ Chronic Health Conditions	252	35.5

*Of the 22 families, two (2) were chronically homeless with two adults and five children.

**The total number of adults in families was 67 and represent 9.4% of the total adult population of 709.

*** 43.8% or 25 veterans were Chronically Homeless Individuals

Implementing Recommendations to End Homelessness

The County and each city should take the necessary steps to end homelessness within its jurisdictions by first focusing on unsheltered veterans and families. This approach is in line with the approach to end homelessness across the country. Successfully ending homelessness for one subpopulation can demonstrate that it is possible to end homelessness among others.

These following steps are aligned with the Ventura County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and detailed in Section VI below. They are also aligned with several evidence-based and best practices that have helped achieve unprecedented decreases in the number of homeless persons, particularly families, chronic homeless persons, and veterans, across the country since 2005.

- **Recommendation 1:** End homelessness among veterans at the end of 2016;
- **Recommendation 2:** Promote a zero tolerance policy for children living on the streets, in vehicles, and other places not meant for human habitation;
- **Recommendation 3:** implement a Coordinated Entry System;
- **Recommendation 4:** continue to implement a Housing First approach primarily for chronically homeless persons and families;
- **Recommendation 5:** continue to implement a Rapid Rehousing approach primarily for non-chronically homeless persons and families.

II. Background Information

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as part of its requirements for local jurisdictions to continue to receive Continuum of Care funding for homeless persons, has asked local jurisdictional applicants to conduct a “one-day point-in-time” unsheltered and sheltered homeless count every other year since 2005 during the last 10 days of January. However, since 2012, HUD requires a sheltered count every year, which includes emergency shelters and transitional housing programs, including safe havens.

In addition, HUD requires local jurisdictional applicants to gather data for the following subpopulations: chronically homeless individuals, chronically homeless families, persons with mental illness, persons with HIV/AIDS, substance users, veterans, victims of domestic violence, unaccompanied youth under age 18, and youth ages 18 – 24.

A. When were the 2016 Count and Subpopulation Survey conducted?

The homeless count and subpopulation survey were conducted on January 26, 2016. Identifier information was also collected to prevent duplication. The local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) was used to complete the sheltered count on the same day. Those agencies that operate an emergency shelter or transitional housing program and do not participate in HMIS completed a survey instrument that asked the same information as collected HMIS.

***NOTE:** In 2016, volunteers counted the unsheltered population from dawn until late morning, whereas volunteers counted the unsheltered population throughout the day during the 2015 homeless count.*

B. Who was counted and surveyed in 2016?

Only those persons who met HUD’s definition of homelessness were counted and surveyed. HUD considers a person homeless only when he/she lives:

- In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings;
- In an emergency shelter; and
- In transitional housing including safe havens.

HUD does not consider the following persons to be homeless—persons who are “doubled up,” or persons who are “near homelessness”—but considers them to be at risk of becoming homeless. Such persons were not included in the homeless count.

Ventura County, like many other counties, has a substantial number of households that are at risk of becoming homeless. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2014, there were approximately 38,000 households consisting of about 114,000 persons in Ventura County who were members of a household whose annual income was less than \$25,000. There were approximately 19,000 households (7%) consisting of about 60,000 persons whose annual income was less than \$15,000 a year.

Also, the Census Bureau noted that 11.5 percent or nearly 98,000 residents of the County were living below the poverty level as reported in the 2014 American Community Survey. These persons are at risk of becoming homeless. Many of these persons can become homeless because of social structural issues such as increases in rent, loss of job, and rising health care costs. In addition, personal experiences such as domestic violence, physical disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse can cause members of a low income household or an entire household to become homeless. Often, one or more of these experiences factor into a household's homeless experience.

C. Who carried out the count and subpopulation survey?

Over 150 volunteers helped with the count and subpopulation survey. Each city had volunteer teams that were coordinated by a team leader(s). In addition, volunteer teams were coordinated by a team leader(s) to count in unincorporated areas of the county. Teams counted on the streets, at non-residential program sites that served homeless persons such as food programs, health care centers, and public assistance sites, and shelters and transitional housing programs.

Volunteer efforts were coordinated by the County Executive Office (CEO) which is responsible to the Board of Supervisors for the general administration and coordination of all County operations and programs (see <http://www.ventura.org/county-executive-office>). The CEO consulted with the Institute for Urban Initiatives to complete the count and subpopulation survey.

Urban Initiatives is a community-based research and development agency that has completed many housing and homeless assessments including several homeless counts for cities and counties throughout Southern California. It consists of several agencies that respond to the economic, housing, and social needs of neighborhoods, cities, and counties from community, regional, national, international, and faith-based perspectives (see www.urban-initiatives.org).

The CEO also consulted with the Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance (VCCCA), whose mission is to facilitate an end to homelessness in Ventura County by coordinating funding, housing, and service strategies that prevent and end homelessness to plan and coordinate the count. The VCCCA is made up of individuals and representatives who support the mission, including those from the service sector (mental health agencies, health care agencies, social service providers, victim advocates, and educational institutions), housing agencies (non-profit and for-profit developers, housing authorities), law enforcement, and advocates (faith community, formerly homeless and neighborhood groups). For more information about VCCCA, visit www.venturacoc.org.

III. Methodology

A homeless count and subpopulation survey instrument was used to gather unsheltered data by counters (see page 72). The instrument focused on gathering responses that were used to create an identifier and to determine the number of persons for each subpopulation required by HUD. All information gathered through this instrument remains confidential.

During the count, volunteers were required to collect the following information concerning every homeless person counted: first initial of first name, first initial of last name, gender, race², age by code³, and state born. The information for each encounter was input into a data base. The information was used to create an identifier for each person. For example, a homeless person may have the following code of "WTMW6CA." This means that this person's first name began with "W", last name began with "T", he was male "M", he was White "5", in the age range of 50-61, and born in California.

First Initial	Last Initial	Gender	Race	Age	State Born
W	T	M	5	6	CA

If the same identifier appeared more than once, it was assumed that this was the same person and the person would only be counted once. An example to illustrate how this process worked is noted in the table below. Numbers 6 and 7 (shaded in gray) would be considered the same person. If for some reason there was doubt that numbers 6 and 7 were the same person, other data collected on the same two people would be used to address the doubt.

Number of Person	First Initial	Last Initial	Gender	Race	Age	State Born
1	J	H	F	5	6	CA
2	H	T	M	4	7	CA
3	R	K	F	4	5	TX
4	K	N	M	1	4	CA
5	F	A	M	3	3	CA
6	J	F	M	5	5	CA
7	J	F	M	5	5	CA
8	S	G	F	4	2	NY

² The code for race was 1=African American or Black; 2=American Indian or Alaskan Native; 3=Asian; 4=Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; 5=White; 6=Multiple Races or Other, 7= Don't Know; and 8= Refused to Answer.

³ The code for age included: 1=under age 18; 2=18-24; 3=25-39; 4=40-49; 5=50-61; 6=62-69; 7=70+.

The obtained data also provided the opportunity to break down the number of homeless persons counted by gender, ethnicity, age range, and state born. Thus, the questions served two purposes—basic demographic information and the prevention of duplication.

The instrument also focused on gathering responses to several questions to determine the number of persons for each of the eight subpopulations required by HUD which include:

- Chronically Homeless Individuals;
- Chronically Homeless Families;
- Persons with HIV/AIDS;
- Persons with Chronic Substance Abuse;
- Persons with Severe Mental Illness;
- Unaccompanied Youth under Age 18;
- Veterans;
- Victims of Domestic Violence; and
- Youth Ages 18 to 24.

Other subpopulation data was also collected for

- Persons released from a Correctional Institution during past 12 months after serving a court-ordered sentence;
- Persons with a Physical Disability;
- Persons with a Developmental Disability;
- Persons with Chronic Health Conditions; and
- Seniors age 62+.

Sheltered Count and Subpopulation Survey

As required by HUD, the sheltered count included the number of persons and households sleeping in emergency shelters (including seasonal shelters) and transitional housing, including safe haven programs, which were listed on the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC). In addition, any persons staying in hotels or motels as a result of receiving a voucher from a social service agency were included in the sheltered count per HUD's instructions if the voucher program was listed on the HIC.

The HIC is updated and submitted to HUD in April of each year, as part of the annual Point-in-Time count process. Prior to the homeless count, the HIC was updated by CEO staff to include any new programs or exclude any programs no longer operational.

HUD encourages the use of HMIS data to generate sheltered counts and subpopulation data for programs with 100% of beds participating in HMIS. Thus, HMIS was used to gather the total number of occupied beds and the number of persons for each subpopulation. A “Data Collection Instrument” was used to collect the total number of occupied beds and the number of persons for each subpopulation for non-participating HMIS programs and for HMIS participating agencies that do not have their HMIS data complete and correct. The same questions used to collect subpopulation data through HMIS were used for the data collection instrument. Thus, sheltered count data for all sheltered programs was gathered either through a data collection sheet or HMIS.

IV. Unsheltered Subpopulation Summaries

I. Unsheltered Subpopulation Summaries

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) asked Continuums of Care (CoC) around the nation in the recently submitted 2015 Continuum of Care application if they “intend to meet the (goals and) timelines for ending homelessness as defined in Opening Doors,” the federal strategic plan to prevent and end veteran homelessness by 2015, chronic homelessness by 2017, youth homelessness by 2020, family homelessness by 2020, and set a path to end all homelessness by 2020. The Ventura County Continuum of Care responded as follows:

End Veteran Homelessness by 2015	Yes
End Chronic Homelessness by 2017	No
End Family Homelessness by 2020	Yes
End Youth Homelessness by 2020	Yes
Set a path to end all homelessness by 2020	Yes

This section provides a breakdown of each of the following unsheltered subpopulations which are listed in the table above. Only adults are included.

- Veterans;
- Chronically homeless;
- Families;
- Youth ages 18 – 24; and
- Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18.

Veterans

Total Unsheltered Number: 57

Gender

- 86% or 49 were men;
- 14% or 8 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 28% or 16 reported they were Hispanic/Latino.

Race (Note: Hispanic/Latino are included in categories of race)

- 7% or 4 stated they were African American/Black;
- 3% or 2 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 7% or 4 stated they were Asian;
- 2% or 1 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 58% or 33 stated they were White;
- 5% or 3 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 0% or 0 stated "don't know;"
- 18% or 10 did not have a recorded answer.

Persons who are Chronically Homeless**

- 44% or 25 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 54% or 31 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 58% or 33 reported they had a physical disability.

* HUD only required Hispanic or Latino in ethnicity category. All other persons are recorded under race. Hispanics or Latinos are recorded under the various categories of race per HUD's instructions.

**An unsheltered adult was considered chronically homeless according to HUD's definition of chronic homelessness, which includes persons living in emergency shelters and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings for the past year or more, and/or persons living in an emergency shelter and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings four times or more during the last three years. In addition, according to HUD, the person must have a disabling condition, which for the purposes of this survey included mental health problems, drug or alcohol problem, physical disability, developmental disability, and/or HIV/AIDS.

Substance Users

- 33% or 19 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 19% or 11 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 0% or 0 were a youth ages 18 to 24;
- 0% or 0 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 19% or 11 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 30% or 17 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Chronically Homeless Adults*

Total Unsheltered Number: 253

Gender

- 75% or 190 were men;
- 25% or 62 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 1 person did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity

- 38% or 97 reported they were Hispanic/Latino.**

Race (Note: Hispanic/Latino are included in categories of race)

- 4% or 10 stated they were African American/Black;
- 5% or 12 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 2% or 5 stated they were Asian;
- 2% or 4 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 54% or 138 stated they were White;
- 8% or 20 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 1% or 3 stated “don’t know;”
- 24% or 61 did not have a recorded answer.

Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 53% or 135 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

*An unsheltered adult was considered chronically homeless according to HUD’s definition of chronic homelessness, which includes persons living in emergency shelters and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings for the past year or more, and/or persons living in an emergency shelter and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings four times or more during the last three years. In addition, according to HUD, the person must have a disabling condition, which for the purposes of this survey included mental health problems, drug or alcohol problem, physical disability, developmental disability, and/or HIV/AIDS.

**HUD only required Hispanic or Latino to be listed in the ethnicity category. Persons who answered “yes” when asked “Are you Hispanic or Latino” were then asked “What is your race?” per HUD’s instructions and their answers were included under the various categories of race. All other persons were asked “What is your race?” and their answers were also recorded under race.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 2% or 4 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 60% or 152 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 35% or 88 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 48% or 122 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 48% or 122 had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 10% or 25 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 29% or 74 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 4% or 10 were youth ages 18 to 24;
- 0% or 0 were an unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 13% or 34 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 34% or 85 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Families

Total Unsheltered Number: 17

Families

- There were 17 families with 22 adults and 62 children.

Chronically Homeless Families*

- There were two Chronically Homeless Families with six children.

NOTE: *The following information only includes the 22 adults. The 62 children are not included.*

Ethnicity**

- 64% or 14 reported they were Hispanic/Latino families.

Race

- 0% or 0 stated they were African American/Black;
- 0% or 0 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 45% or 10 stated they were White;
- 0% or 0 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 55% or 12 did not have a recorded answer.

Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 27% or 6 reported they had at least one adult with a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

*A family was considered chronically homeless if, according to HUD, there was at least one adult that met the definition of chronic homelessness described as such: An unsheltered adult was considered chronically homeless according to HUD's definition of chronic homelessness, which includes persons living in emergency shelters and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings for the past year or more, and/or persons living in an emergency shelter and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings four times or more during the last three years. In addition, according to HUD, the person must have a disabling condition, which for the purposes of this survey included mental health problems, drug or alcohol problem, physical disability, developmental disability, and/or HIV/AIDS.

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Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 0 reported they had at least one adult who had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 32% or 7 reported they had at least one adult with a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 0% or 0 reported they had at least one adult with a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 27% or 6 reported they had at least one adult with a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 0% or 0 reported they had at least one adult with a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 0% or 0 reported they served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 41% or 9 families reported they had at least one adult with who was a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 0% or 0 had at least one adult who was a youth ages 18 to 24;
- 0% or 0 had at least one unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 0% or 0 had at least one adult age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 9% or 2 reported they had at least one adult who was released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Youth Ages 18 - 24

Total Unsheltered Number: 37

Gender

- 78% or 29 were men;
- 22% or 8 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 54% or 20 reported they were Hispanic/Latino.

Race (Note: Hispanic/Latino are included in categories of race)

- 5% or 2 stated they were African American/Black;
- 0% or 0 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 54% or 20 stated they were White;
- 14% or 5 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 5% or 2 stated “don’t know;”
- 22% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.

Persons who are Chronically Homeless**

- 27% or 10 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 19% or 7 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

*HUD only required Hispanic or Latino to be listed in the ethnicity category. Persons who answered “yes” when asked “Are you Hispanic or Latino” were then asked “What is your race?” per HUD’s instructions and their answers were included under the various categories of race. All other persons were asked “What is your race?” and their answers were also recorded under race.

**An unsheltered adult was considered chronically homeless according to HUD’s definition of chronic homelessness, which includes persons living in emergency shelters and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings for the past year or more, and/or persons living in an emergency shelter and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings four times or more during the last three years. In addition, according to HUD, the person must have a disabling condition, which for the purposes of this survey included mental health problems, drug or alcohol problem, physical disability, developmental disability, and/or HIV/AIDS.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 0 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 16% or 7 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 13% or 5 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 19% or 7 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 27% or 10 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 0% or 0 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 24% or 9 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 27% or 10 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Unaccompanied Youth under Age 18

Total Unsheltered Number: 6

Gender

- 83% or 5 were male;
- 17% or 1 was female;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 33% or 2 reported they were Hispanic/Latino.

Race (Note: Hispanic/Latino are included in categories of race)

- 0% or 0 stated they were African American/Black;
- 0% or 0 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 67% or 4 stated they were White;
- 17% or 1 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 0% or 0 stated “don’t know;”
- 17% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

Persons who are Chronically Homeless**

- 0% or 0 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 0% or 0 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

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Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 0 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 0% or 0 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 17% or 1 reported he or she had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 17% or 1 reported he or she had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 0% or 0 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 0% or 0 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 17% or 1 reported he or she had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 17% or 1 reported he or she was released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

V. Next Steps: Implementing Recommendations to End Homelessness

This section outlines next steps that the County and each city should take to end homelessness within its jurisdictions. These steps are aligned with the Ventura County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and are also aligned with several evidence-based and best practices that have helped achieve unprecedented decreases in the total number of homeless persons, particularly among families, chronic homeless persons, and veterans, across the country since 2005.

Next steps include the following five recommendations:

- **Recommendation 1:** End homelessness among veterans at the end of 2016

In 2010, the White House and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) issued a plan to end Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. Together with partners and supporters nationwide, VA launched the Ending Veteran Homelessness initiative, an unprecedented effort to make sure Veterans are able to obtain permanent housing and that Veterans at risk of homelessness remain housed. As a result, homelessness among veterans has decreased by one-third in recent years.

Homelessness among veterans has decreased significantly because of the following evidence-based and best practices

- The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA medical centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics;
- The Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program is designed to assist homeless persons and very low-income households among veterans. The VA awards grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives in order to provide outreach, time-limited rental assistance, case management, and assistance in obtaining VA and other benefits, which may include child care, health care, housing counseling, legal, and transportation services in order to help veterans and veteran families with obtaining and/or maintaining permanent housing.

As noted in this report, there were 57 unsheltered homeless veterans of which 25 or 44% were chronically homeless. The HUD-VASH voucher program should be targeted for chronically

homeless veterans and their families⁴ and the SSVF Program for non-chronically homeless veterans and their families.

The following table provides a breakdown of unsheltered veterans by jurisdiction.

Table 5. Unsheltered Veterans by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	#	%
Camarillo	0	0
Fillmore	0	0
Moorpark	1	1.7
Ojai	0	0
Oxnard	18	31.6
Port Hueneme	2	3.5
Santa Paula	3	5.3
Simi Valley	8	14.0
Thousand Oaks	14	24.6
Ventura	11	19.3
Unincorporated Area	0	0
Total:	57	100

- **Recommendation 2:** Promote a zero tolerance policy for children living on the streets, in vehicles, and other places not meant for human habitation.

A Rapid Re-housing approach, with the support of various public and private partners, should be implemented with a zero tolerance policy for children living on the streets or a place not meant for human habitation, such as vehicles, by implementing a Housing First Approach for chronically

⁴ Chronically Homeless is defined as an individual who 1) is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; 2) has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years; 3) can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), posttraumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability; 4) has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility; or 5) a family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

homeless families (see recommendation 4 below) and a Rapid Re-housing Approach for non-chronically homeless families (see recommendation 5 below).

Table 6. Unsheltered Families and Chronically Homeless Families by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Unsheltered Families		Unsheltered Chronically Homeless Families	
	#	%	#	%
Camarillo	1	5.8	0	0.0
Fillmore	0	0.0	0	0.0
Moorpark	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ojai	0	0.0	0	0.0
Oxnard	10	58.8	1	50.0
Port Hueneme	0	0.0	0	0.0
Santa Paula	1	5.8	0	0.0
Simi Valley	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thousand Oaks	2	11.8	1	50.0
Ventura	3	17.7	0	0.0
Unincorporated Area	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total:	17	100	2	100

- **Recommendation 3:** Implement a Coordinated Entry System “Pathways to Home”

A coordinated entry system will prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner. Components of the Ventura County Coordinated Entry System (CES) will incorporate various aspects of the following best practices concerning homelessness—Housing First and Rapid Re-housing. They include: 1) outreach and engagement; 2) coordinated assessment system; 3) bridge housing; 4) housing navigation and Housing Navigators; and 5) permanent housing including permanent supportive housing with ongoing home-based case management and rapid re-housing with temporary case management.

- **Recommendation 4:** Continue to implement a Housing First approach primarily for chronically homeless persons and families

A Housing First approach will continue to provide homeless people with housing quickly and then providing services as needed. By providing housing assistance, case management and supportive

services responsive to individual or family needs (time-limited or long-term) after an individual or family is housed, communities can significantly reduce the time people experience homelessness and prevent further episodes of homelessness. A central tenet of the Housing First approach is that social services to enhance individual and family well-being can be more effective when people are in their own home.

- **Recommendation 5:** continue to implement a Rapid Rehousing approach primarily for non-chronically homeless persons and families

Rapid re-housing is an approach that focuses resources on helping families and individuals quickly move out of homelessness and into permanent housing, which is usually affordable housing in the private market. Priority is placed on helping individuals and families move into permanent housing as rapidly as possible and providing services to help them maintain housing. Services to support rapid re-housing include housing search and landlord negotiation, short-term financial and rental assistance, and the delivery of home-based housing stabilization services, as needed.

Such services will be consistent with the CoC adopted written standards for Rapid Rehousing and in particular with the

- Policies and procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance under this part;
- Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive rapid rehousing assistance; and
- Standards for determining what percentage or amount of rent each program participant must pay while receiving rapid rehousing assistance.

Appendix A: Findings for Each City Concerning Unsheltered Adults and Families

Camarillo

Total Unsheltered Number: 19

Gender

- 47% or 9 were men;
- 53% or 10 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 10% or 2 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 5% or 1 stated they were African American/Black;
- 0% or 0 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 74% or 14 stated they were White;
- 0% or 0 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 0% or 0 stated “don’t know;”
- 21% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There were two families with five children.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There were no Chronically Homeless Families.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 53% or 10 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

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**A family was considered chronically homeless if, according to HUD, there was at least one adult that met the definition of chronic homelessness described in the footnote below.

***An unsheltered adult was considered chronically homeless according to HUD’s definition of chronic homelessness, which includes persons living in emergency shelters and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings for the past year or more, and/or persons living in an emergency shelter and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings four times or more during the last three years. In addition, according to HUD, the person must have a disabling condition, which for the purposes of this survey included mental health problems, drug or alcohol problem, physical disability, developmental disability, and/or HIV/AIDS.

Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 37% or 7 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 0 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 21% or 4 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 5% or 1 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 37% or 7 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 10% or 2 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 0% or 0 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 16% or 3 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 5% or 1 was a youth ages 18 to 24;
- 0% or 0 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 10% or 2 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 10% or 2 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Fillmore

Total Unsheltered Number: 6

Gender

- 50% or 3 were men;
- 50% or 3 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 83% or 5 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 0% or 0 stated they were African American/Black;
- 17% or 1 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 17% or 1 stated they were White;
- 50% or 3 stated multiple races or other;
- 0% or 0 stated “don’t know;”
- 17% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There were no homeless families.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There were no Chronically Homeless families.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 33% or 2 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

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Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 17% or 1 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 0 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 33% or 2 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 50% or 3 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 33% or 2 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 0% or 0 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 0% or 0 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 50% or 3 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 0% or 0 were youth ages 18 to 24;
- 17% or 1 was an unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 0% or 0 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 0% or 0 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Moorpark

Total Unsheltered Number: 4

Gender

- 100% or 4 were men;
- 0% or 0 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 25% or 1 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 25% or 1 stated they were African American/Black;
- 0% or 0 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 25% or 1 stated they were White;
- 0% or 0 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 0% or 0 stated “don’t know;”
- 50% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There were no homeless families.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There were no Chronically Homeless Families.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 50% or 2 were chronically homeless individuals.

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**A family was considered chronically homeless if, according to HUD, there was at least one adult that met the definition of chronic homelessness described in the footnote below.

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Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 50% or 2 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 0 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 75% or 3 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 25% or 1 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 0% or 0 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 25% or 1 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 25% or 1 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 25% or 1 reported been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 0% or 0 were youth ages 18 to 24;
- 0% or 0 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 0% or 0 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 25% or 1 reported being released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Ojai

Total Unsheltered Number: 3

Gender

- 100% or 3 were men;
- 0% or 0 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 0% or 0 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 0% or 0 stated they were African American/Black;
- 0% or 0 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 67% or 2 stated they were White;
- 33% or 1 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 0% or 0 stated “don’t know;”
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There were no homeless families.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There were no Chronically Homeless Families.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 33% or 1 was a Chronically Homeless Individuals.

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Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 33% or 1 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 0 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 33% or 1 reported a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 33% or 1 reported a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 33% or 1 reported a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 67% or 2 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 0% or 0 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 33% or 1 reported to be a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 0% or 0 were youth ages 18 to 24;
- 0% or 0 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 33% or 1 was age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 33% or 1 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Oxnard

Total Unsheltered Number: 283

Gender

- 70% or 198 were men;
- 27% or 77 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 3% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 50% or 141 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 8% or 24 stated they were African American/Black;
- 2% or 6 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 2% or 5 stated they were Asian;
- 2% or 6 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 44% or 124 stated they were White;
- 13% or 36 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 5% or 13 stated “don’t know;”
- 24% or 69 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There were 13 families with 39 children.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There was one Chronically Homeless Family with three children.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 32% or 91 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

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Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 36% or 102 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 1 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 34% or 96 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 18% or 50 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 24% or 68 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 19% or 53 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 6% or 18 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 21% or 60 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 2% or 6 were youth ages 18 to 24;
- 8% or 24 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 18% or 17 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 22% or 52 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Port Hueneme

Total Unsheltered Number: 7

Gender

- 86% or 6 were men;
- 14% or 1 was a woman;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 43% or 3 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 14% or 1 stated they were African American/Black;
- 0% or 0 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 86% or 6 stated they were White;
- 0% or 0 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 0% or 0 stated “don’t know;”
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There were no homeless families.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There were no Chronically Homeless Families.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 29% or 2 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

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Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 57% or 4 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 0 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 57% or 4 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 14% or 1 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 29% or 2 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 0% or 0 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 29% or 2 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 0% or 0 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 0% or 0 were youth ages 18 to 24;
- 0% or 0 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 14% or 1 was age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 0% or 0 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Santa Paula

Total Unsheltered Number: 53

Gender

- 66% or 35 were men;
- 34% or 18 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 64% or 34 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 0% or 0 stated they were African American/Black;
- 0% or 0 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 23% or 12 stated they were White;
- 0% or 0 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 0% or 0 stated “don’t know;”
- 77% or 41 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There was one homeless family with three children.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There were no Chronically Homeless Families.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 43% or 23 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

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Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 15% or 8 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 2% or 1 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 23% or 12 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 9% or 5 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 30% or 16 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 47% or 25 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 6% or 3 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 13% or 7 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 4% or 2 were youth ages 18 to 24;
- 6% or 3 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 15% or 8 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 24% or 13 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Simi Valley

Total Unsheltered Number: 76

Gender

- 76% or 58 were men;
- 24% or 18 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 21% or 16 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 0% or 0 stated they were African American/Black;
- 5% or 4 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 5% or 4 stated they were Asian;
- 3% or 2 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 77% or 59 stated they were White;
- 1% or 1 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 3% or 2 stated “don’t know;”
- 5% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There were no homeless families.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There were no Chronically Homeless Families.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 58% or 44 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

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Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 30% or 23 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 0% or 0 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 38% or 29 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 25% or 19 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 25% or 19 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 51% or 39 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 10% or 8 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 16% or 12 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 5% or 4 were youth ages 18 to 24;
- 0% or 0 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 9% or 7 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 29% or 22 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Thousand Oaks

Total Unsheltered Number: 83

Gender

- 85% or 71 were men;
- 15% or 12 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 0% or 0 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 13% or 11 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 6% or 5 stated they were African American/Black;
- 1% or 1 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 1% or 1 stated they were Asian;
- 0% or 0 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 64% or 53 stated they were White;
- 11% or 9 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 1% or 1 stated “don’t know;”
- 16% or 13 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There were two homeless families with three children.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There was one Chronically Homeless Family with two children.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 36% or 30 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

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Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 39% or 32 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 2% or 2 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 26% or 22 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 18% or 15 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 18% or 15 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 18% or 15 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 17% or 14 reported they served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 17% or 14 had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 1% or 1 was a youth ages 18 to 24;
- 6% or 5 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 12% or 10 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 18% or 15 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Ventura

Total Unsheltered Number: 177

Gender

- 70% or 124 were men;
- 27% or 48 were women;
- 0% or 0 were transgender;
- 3% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.

Ethnicity*

- 28% or 49 stated they were Hispanic/Latino;

Race (note: Hispanics/Latinos were included in several categories of race)

- 3% or 6 stated they were African American/Black;
- 5% or 8 stated they were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 2% or 4 stated they were Asian;
- 1% or 2 stated they were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander;
- 65% or 115 stated they were White;
- 2% or 4 stated they were multiple races or other;
- 0% or 0 stated “don’t know;”
- 22% or 38 did not have a recorded answer.

Families

- There were four families with 12 children.

Chronically Homeless Families**

- There were no Chronically Homeless Families.

Chronically Homeless Individuals***

- 27% or 48 were Chronically Homeless Individuals.

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Persons with Chronic Health Conditions

- 40% or 71 reported they had a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, seizures, hepatitis, respiratory problems, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or arthritis.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

- 1% or 2 reported they had been diagnosed with AIDS or had tested positive for HIV.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- 36% or 63 reported they had a physical disability.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- 17% or 30 reported they had a developmental disability.

Persons with Mental Health Problems

- 20% or 35 reported they had a mental health problem.

Substance Users

- 22% or 39 reported they had a problem with drugs or alcohol.

Veterans

- 6% or 11 reported they had served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or were called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist.

Victims of Domestic Violence

- 25% or 44 reported they had ever been a victim of domestic or intimate partner violence.

Youth

- 3% or 6 were youth ages 18 to 24;
- 1% or 1 were unaccompanied youth under age 18.

Seniors age 62+

- 13% or 23 were age 62+.

Persons Released from Correctional Institutions

- 27% or 44 reported they were released from a correctional institution such as a jail or prison after serving a court-ordered sentence during the past 12 months.

Ventura County 2016 Homeless Count

Your Name: _____

Date: _____

City or Area: _____

Questions: (NOTE: if person is sleeping or you feel unsafe complete gray shaded questions based on observation)	Person 1		Spouse/ Partner		Person 2		Spouse/ Partner		Person 3		Spouse/ Partner		Person 4		
1. Did you sleep outdoors in an abandoned building, park, tent, canopy, box, or vehicle last night? (note: do not count person if slept in a shelter or transitional housing)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
2. First initial of First Name Only															
3. First initial of Last Name Only															
4. Gender: M=Male; F=Female; T=Transgender	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
5. Are you Hispanic or Latino?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
6. What is Your Race (read race code at bottom of page)															
7. Age: record number for age group: 1=(under 18) 2=(18-24) 3=(25-39) 4=(40-49) 5=(50-61) 6=(62-69) 7=(70+)															
8. State Born (if born in another country, abbreviate country)															
9. Have you been living in a shelter and/or on the streets or in abandoned buildings for the past year or more?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
10. Have you stayed in a shelter or lived on the streets at least 4 separate times in the last 3 years including now?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
11. If yes, was combined length of time 12 months or more?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
12. Do You Have a Permanent Physical Disability?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
13. Do You Have a Permanent Developmental Disability?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
14. Do You Have an On-going Drug or Alcohol Problem that limits your ability to live independently?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
15. If yes, has it continued for a long time or indefinitely?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
16. Do You Feel You Have a Serious Mental Health Problem that limits your ability to live independently?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
17. If yes, has it continued for a long time or indefinitely?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
18. Have a Chronic Health Condition such as Diabetes, Heart Trouble, High Blood Pressure, Seizures, Hepatitis, Respiratory Problems, Epilepsy, Tuberculosis, or Arthritis?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
19. If yes, has it continued for a long or indefinite time & impede your ability to live independently?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
20. Has a healthcare provider ever told you that you had a traumatic injury to your brain?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
21. Ever Been Diagnosed w/AIDS or Tested Positive for HIV?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
22. Have you served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or been called into active duty in National Guard or a Reservist?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
23. Has a healthcare provider ever said you have Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
24. Ever Been a Victim of Domestic Violence by an Intimate	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
25. During the Last 12 Months, Were You Released from Jail or Prison After Serving a Court-Ordered Sentence?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
26. How much is your monthly income? 1=\$1,000 or less; 2=more than \$1,000-\$1,500; 3=more than \$1,500-\$2,000; 4=more than \$2,000-\$2,500; 5=more than \$2,500-\$3,000; 6=more than \$3,000-\$3,500; 7=more than \$3,500															
27. How many kids under Age 18 are living with you today?															
28. How many children are female?															
29. How many children are male?															
30. How many children are Hispanic or Latino?															
31. How many children are African American or Black?															
32. How many are American Indian or Alaskan Native?															
33. How many children are Asian?															
34. How many children are Hawaiian or Pacific Islander?															
35. How many children are White?															
36. How many children are multiple races or other?															
Race: 1=African American or Black; 2=American Indian or Alaskan Native; 3=Asian; 4=Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; 5=White															
6=Multiple Races or Other; 7=don't know; and 8=refused to answer															
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