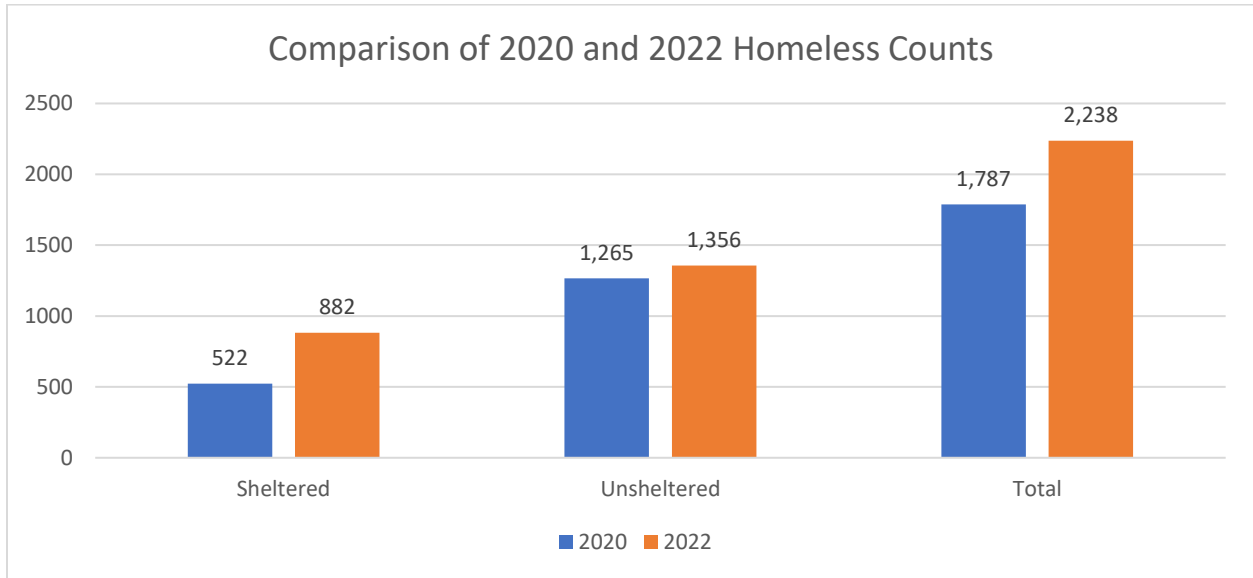


Ventura County 2022 Homeless Point-In-Time Count

Executive Summary

There were 2,238 adults and children who were counted as homeless during the point-in-time count according to the Ventura County 2022 Homeless Count and Survey. As noted in the chart below, this number represents an increase of 451 persons or 25.2% when compared to the number of homeless persons who were counted in 2020*, which was 1,787.



*The Ventura County CoC received an exception from HUD not to conduct an unsheltered count in 2021 because of pandemic related reasons.

The total number of persons counted as sheltered and unsheltered increased:

- The total number of persons counted as sheltered increased from 522 in 2020 to 882 in 2022, which represents an increase of 360 persons ¹or 69%.
- The total number of persons counted as unsheltered increased from 1,265 in 2020 to 1,356 in 2022, which represents an increase of 91 persons or 7%.

Regarding sheltered homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) states that

- CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families ***“living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)”*** on the night designated for the count. This includes individuals residing in Safe Haven projects.

¹ Of the 360 persons, Project Roomkey sheltered 243 adults or 67.5%, as a temporary non-congregate shelter program in response to COVID 19.

Regarding unsheltered homelessness, HUD states that

- CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(i) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families ***“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, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground”*** on the night designated for the count. RRH-assisted households who are still unsheltered on the night of the count (e.g., staying in an encampment and being assisted by an RRH project to obtain housing) must be included as part of the unsheltered count.

Ventura County first conducted a homeless count and subpopulation survey in 2007 as listed in Table 1. The following table compares the homeless counts since 2007. However, the homeless count and survey has been conducted every year beginning in 2009.

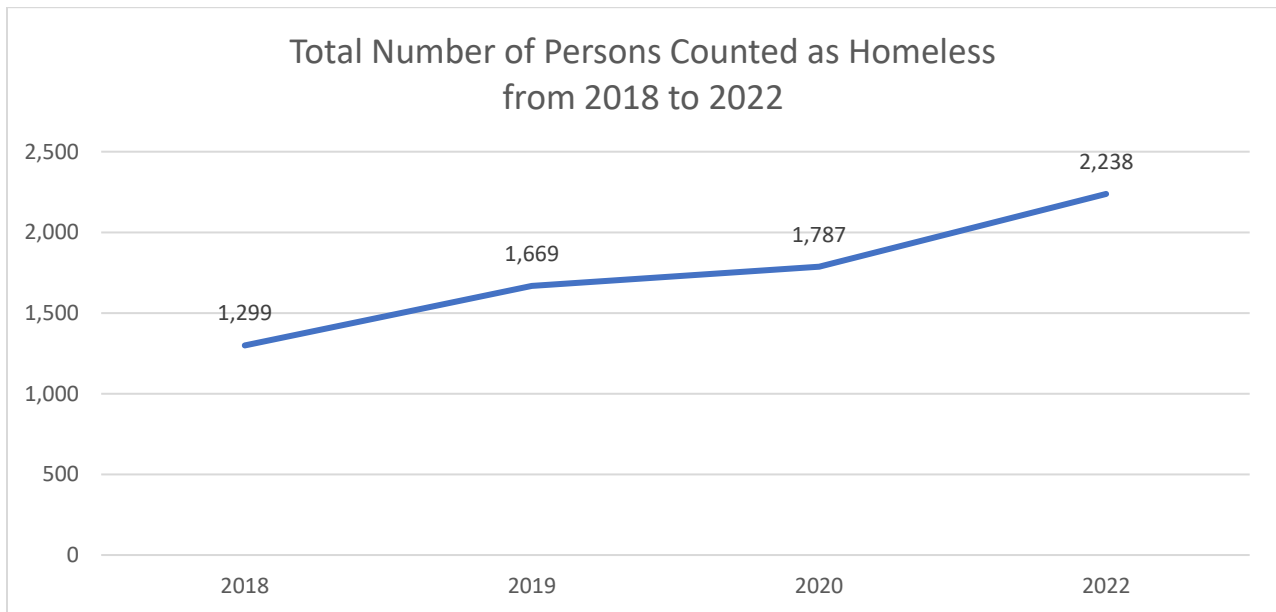
Table 1: Ventura County Homeless Counts from 2007 – 2022.

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
2017	1,152	-9
2018	1,299	+12.8
2019	1,669	+28.5
2020	1,787	+7.1
2021	*	*
2022	2,238	+25.2

*The Ventura County CoC received an exception from HUD not to conduct an unsheltered count because of pandemic related reasons.

The next chart shows that the number of persons counted as homeless has increased significantly between 2018 and 2022.

- The number of persons counted as homeless in 2018 was 1,299 and 2,238 in 2022, which represents an increase of 939 persons or 72%.



The next table provides the number of homeless persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area. A count was not conducted in 2008.

Table 2. Comparison of the total number of unsheltered and sheltered persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area

Year	Camarillo	Fillmore	Moorpark	Ojai	Oxnard
2007	10	5	13	82	671
2009	13	4	7	60	679
2010	15	5	1	52	520
2011	29	10	7	40	638
2012	30	16	5	41	522
2013	27	13	9	43	645
2014	38	6	15	62	379*
2015	35	7	7	40	603
2016	24	6	4	29	584
2017	27	0	7	19	461
2018	49	2	3	31	335
2019	33	10	2	47	548
2020	30	10	0	49	567
2021	**	**	**	**	**
2022	49	8	0	38	793

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

**An unsheltered count was not conducted because of pandemic related reasons.

Table 2. (con't)

Year	Port Hueneme	Santa Paula	Simi Valley	Thousand Oaks	Ventura	Unincorporated
2007	9	97	163	81	588	242
2009	1	91	303	147	623	265
2010	9	54	229	106	601	223
2011	6	50	226	87	570	209
2012	12	60	284	90	701	175
2013	17	34	211	121	519	135
2014	13	31	194	130	495	86
2015	22	20	202	83	334	64
2016	7	56	99	104	300	58
2017	18	35	105	102	301	77
2018	19	44	143	80	516	77
2019	30	106	121	103	555	114
2020	19	95	162	152	531	128
2021	**	**	**	**	**	**
2022	30	115	141	210	713	109

**An unsheltered count was not conducted because of pandemic related reasons

Table 3 provides a breakdown of the 2022 homeless count by sheltered and unsheltered persons for each city and unincorporated areas. The City of Oxnard had the largest number of unsheltered persons (463) and the largest number of sheltered persons (330). The City of Ventura had the second largest number of unsheltered (382) and sheltered persons (331).

Table 3. Total Number of Sheltered and Unsheltered Adults and Children by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Shelter	Transitional Hg		
Camarillo	3	0	46	49
Fillmore	0	0	8	8
Moorpark	0	0	0	0
Ojai	6	0	32	38
Oxnard	318	12	463	793
Port Hueneme	3	0	27	30
Santa Paula	39	0	76	115
Simi Valley	18	0	123	141
Thousand Oaks	105	0	105	210
Ventura	203	128	382	713
Unincorporated	0	15	94	109
Countywide*	32	-	-	32
Total:	727	155	1,356	2238

*DV Shelters

Table 4. 2020 - 2022 Comparison of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons by Jurisdiction

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Total Number of Unsheltered Persons				Total Number of Sheltered Persons				Total Number			
	2020	2022	Difference		2020	2022	Difference		2020	2022	Difference	
	#	#	#	%*	#	#	#	%*	#	#	#	%*
Camarillo	28	46	+18	64.3	2	3	+1	50.0	30	49	+19	63.3
Fillmore	10	8	-2	20.0	0	0	0	0.0	10	8	-2	20.0
Moorpark	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Ojai	36	32	-4	11.1	13	6	-7	53.8	49	38	-11	22.4
Oxnard	379	463	+84	22.2	184	330	+146	79.3	563	793	+230	40.9
Port Hueneme	16	27	+11	68.7	3	3	0	0.0	19	30	+11	57.9
Santa Paula	74	76	+2	2.7	21	39	+18	85.7	95	115	+20	21.0
Simi Valley	150	123	-27	18.0	12	18	+6	50.0	162	141	-21	12.9
Thousand Oaks	130	105	-25	19.2	22	105	+83	377.3	152	210	+58	38.2
Ventura	386	382	-4	1.0	48	331	+283	589.6	434	713	+279	64.3
Unincorporated	56	94	+38	67.9	11	15	+4	36.4	67	109	+42	62.7
County-wide**	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	32	-	-
Total:	1,265	1,356	+91	7.2	316	882	+566	179.1	1,581	2,238	+657	41.6

*percentages were only provided for differences that were 200% or less.

**includes DV programs.

Unsheltered Persons

Of the 2,238 persons counted in 2022, 1,356 or 60.6% 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.”

Of the 1,356 unsheltered persons, 1,350 were adults and six (6) were accompanied children under age 18.

Surveyed vs Observation

The goal was to survey, meaning to interview, as many adults who were counted about themselves and any children who were living homeless with them. Survey questions focused on requirements from HUD and local information desired by the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC). The number and percentage of adults surveyed is noted in Table 5.

HUD requires CoCs to report the number of various subpopulations that include chronically homeless individuals and families, persons with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, AIDS or an HIV-related illness, and veterans. The CoC desired local information included a focus on foster youth, employment, income, and involvement with the justice system.

Counters surveyed 735 adults that answered questions about themselves and the six (6) children living homeless with them. Thus, survey information was collected for 741 persons. The survey included questions about gender, age, race, ethnicity, and length of time homeless for adults and children. Other questions about disability, health, mental health, substance use, employment/income, and veteran status pertained only to adults.

Persons were observed and not surveyed if volunteer counters felt unsafe or a unsheltered person was sleeping. Volunteer were asked to count the person by recording an estimate of the individual’s gender, age, race, and ethnicity. Of the 615 persons observed, 615 were adults and none were children.

Table 5. Total Number and Percent of Persons Surveyed and Observed

Year	Surveyed		Observed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
2019	907	72.1	351	27.9	1,258	100
2020	874	69.1	391	30.9	1,265	100
2022	741	54.6	615	45.5	1,356	100

The next table provides a breakdown of the total number and percent of persons surveyed and observed by jurisdiction.

Table 6. Total Number and Percent of Persons Surveyed and Observed by Jurisdiction

Year	Surveyed		Observed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Camarillo	11	23.9	35	76.1	46	100
Fillmore	6	75.0	2	25.0	8	100
Moorpark	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Ojai	23	71.9	9	28.1	32	100
Oxnard	260	56.2	203	43.8	463	100
Port Hueneme	23	85.2	4	14.8	27	100
Santa Paula	51	67.1	25	32.9	76	100
Simi Valley	50	40.7	73	59.3	123	100
Thousand Oaks	45	42.9	60	57.1	105	100
Ventura	216	56.5	166	43.5	382	100
Unincorporated	56	59.6	38	40.4	94	100
Total	741	54.6	615	45.4	1,356	100

The following four tables focus on gender, ethnicity, race, and age for the 1,356 unsheltered adults and children who were surveyed and observed.

Gender

The following table provides a breakdown by gender for 1,350 adults and six (6) children under age 18 in families. HUD requires the summary to consist of male, female, transgender, and gender non-conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female).

Table 7. Gender for Adults and Children

	Adults		Children in Families	
	#	%	#	%
Male	973	72.1	5	83.3
Female	367	27.2	1	16.7
Transgender	10	0.7	0	0.0
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total:	1,350	100	6	100

Ethnicity

Table 8 provides a breakdown by ethnicity for the 1,350 adults and six (6) children under age 18 in families. HUD requires the summary to consist of Hispanics or Latinos and non-Hispanics or Latinos.

Table 8. Ethnicity for Adults and Children

	Adults		Children in Families	
	#	%	#	%
Hispanic or Latino	672	49.8	3	50.0
Non-Hispanic or Latino	678	50.2	3	50.0
Total:	1,350	100	6	100

Race

Table 9 provides a breakdown by race of the 1,350 adults and six (6) children under age 18 in families. 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 9. Ethnicity for Adults and Children

	Adults		Children in Families	
	#	%	#	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	16	1.2	0	0

Asian	19	1.4	0	0
Black or African American	90	6.7	1	16.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	38	2.8	0	0
White	1,048	77.6	5	83.3
Other	139	10.3	0	0
Total:	1,350	100	6	100

Table 10. Breakdown by age of the 1,350 adults and six (6) children under age 18 in families.

Adults:	#	%
Under Age 18	6	0.4
Ages 18 - 24	62	4.6
Age 25 - 34	227	16.7
Age 35 - 44	324	23.9
Age 45 - 54	340	25.1
Age 55 - 61	248	18.3
Age 62+	149	11.0
Total:	1,356	100

Other Subpopulations

Table 10. Unsheltered Adults n=1,350

Subpopulations:	2020		2022		Difference	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	342	27.4	629	46.6	+287	83.9
Families including Chronically Homeless Families	7*	***	6**			
Persons w/Chronic Health Conditions	430	34.5	355	26.3	-75	-17.4
Persons w/a Developmental Disability	124	9.9	121	9.0	-3	-2.4
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	12	0.1	15	1.1	+3	+25.0
Persons w/Mental Health Problems	282	22.6	340	25.2	+58	+20.6
Persons w/a Physical Disability	339	27.2	278	20.6	-61	-18.0
Substance Users	495	39.7	447	33.1	-48	-9.7
Veterans	94	7.5	71****	5.3	-23	-24.5
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	95	7.6	130	9.6	+25	+26.3

*7 families consisted of 11 adults and 16 children. One family with two adults and one child was chronically homeless.

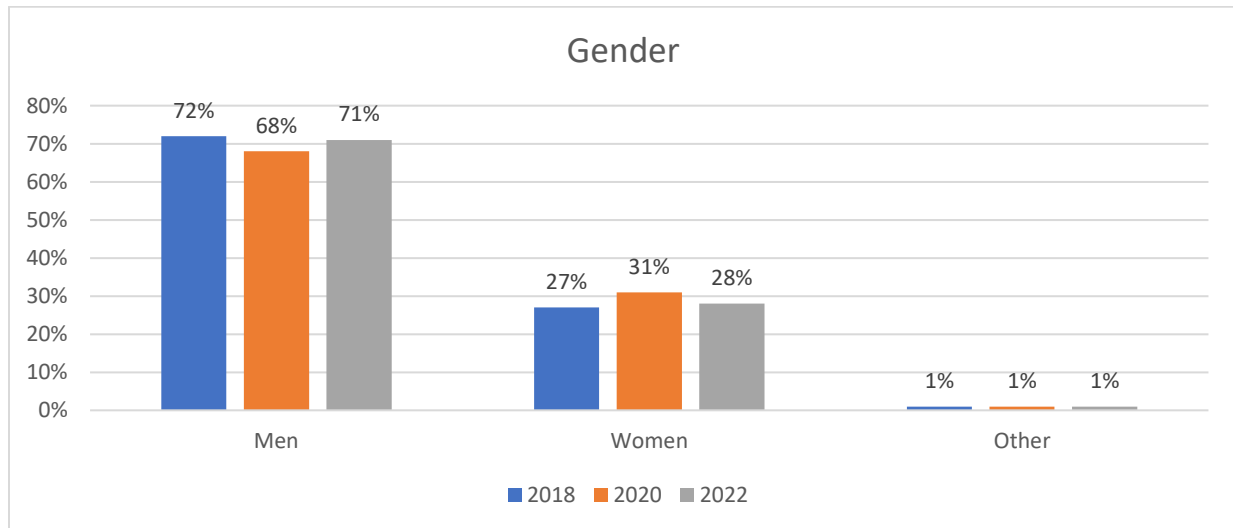
**Of the six families 0 families were chronically homeless.

***The total number of adults in the six families was 11 and represents 0.8% of the total adult population of 1,247.

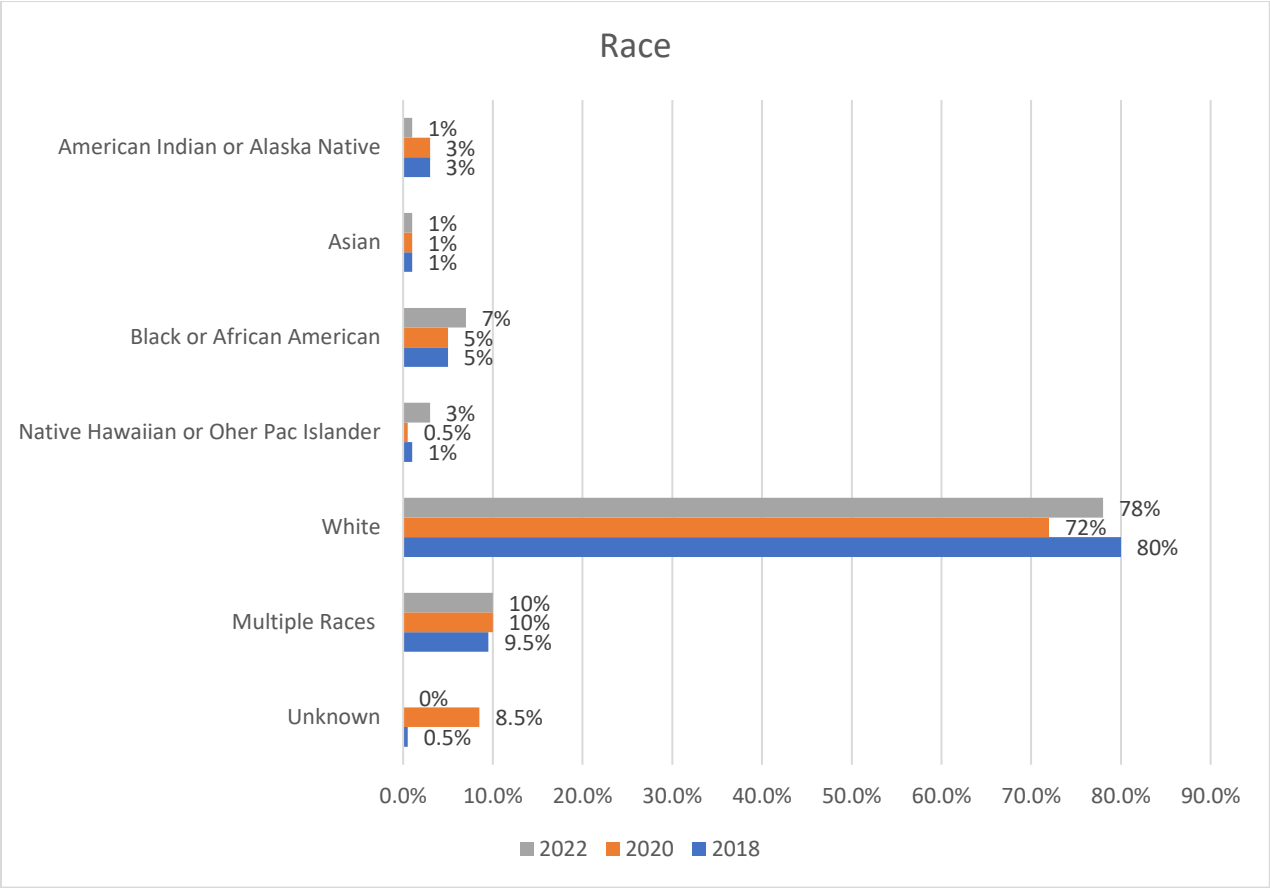
**** 28.8% or 27 veterans were chronically homeless individuals.

Subpopulation Trends

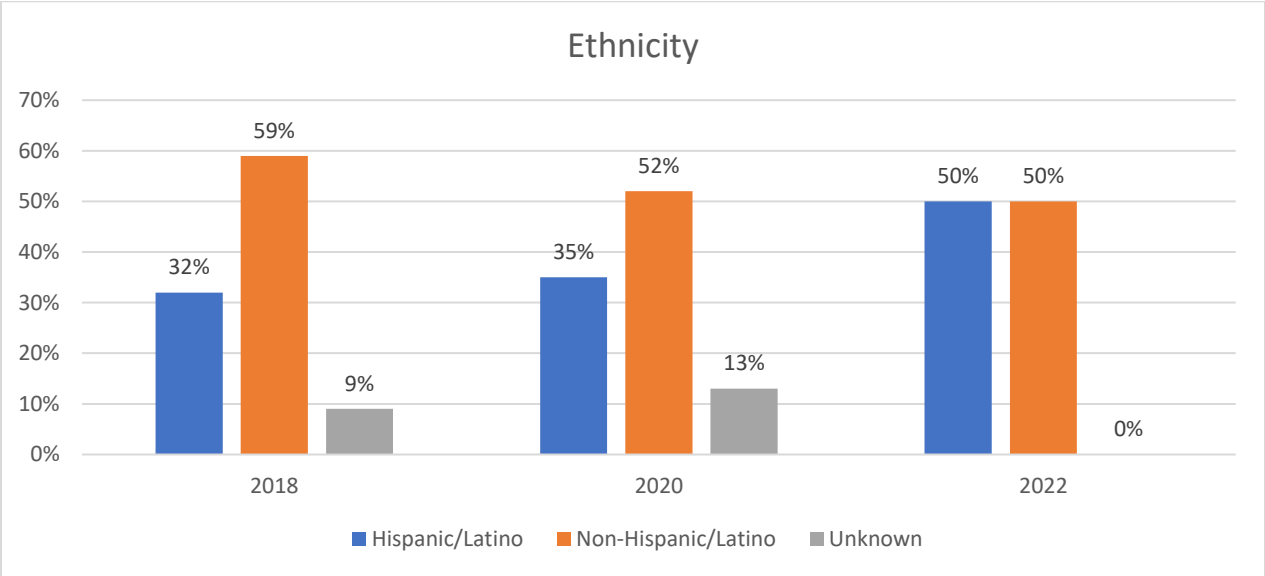
- The following chart shows the percentage of women counted as unsheltered has increased slightly since 2018 while the percentage of men has remained virtually constant.



- The next chart does not show any notable subpopulation trends concerning race.

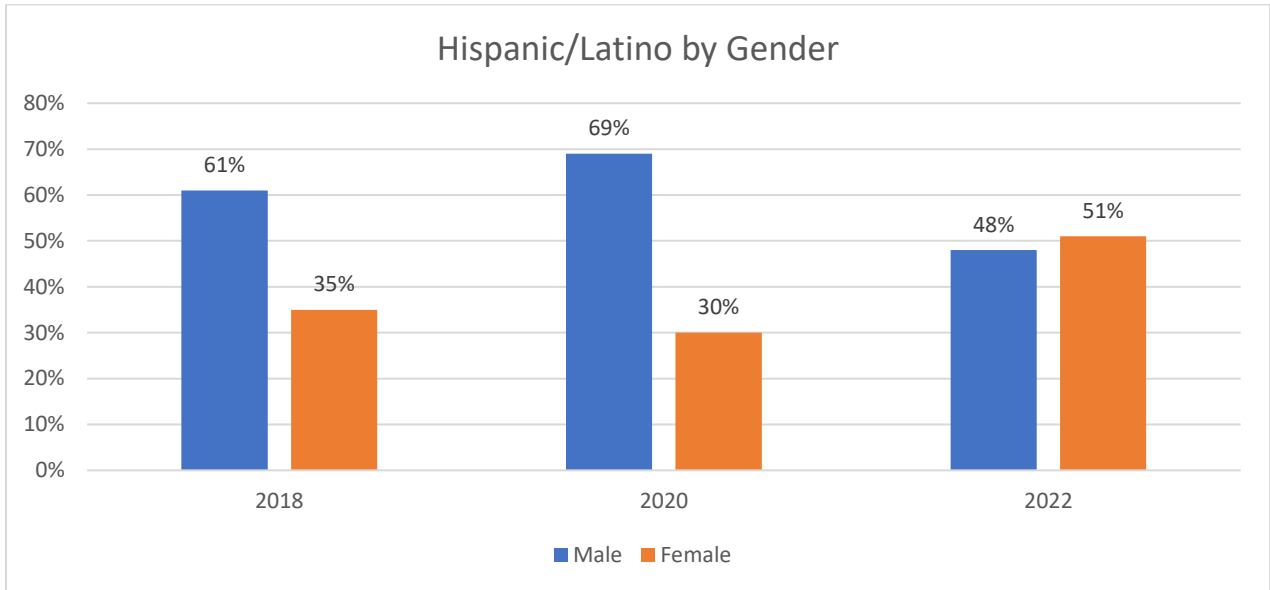


- The following chart shows that the percentage of adults counted as unsheltered who were Hispanic/Latino has increased from 32% in 2018 to 50% in 2022. There were no 'unknown' reported in 2022.

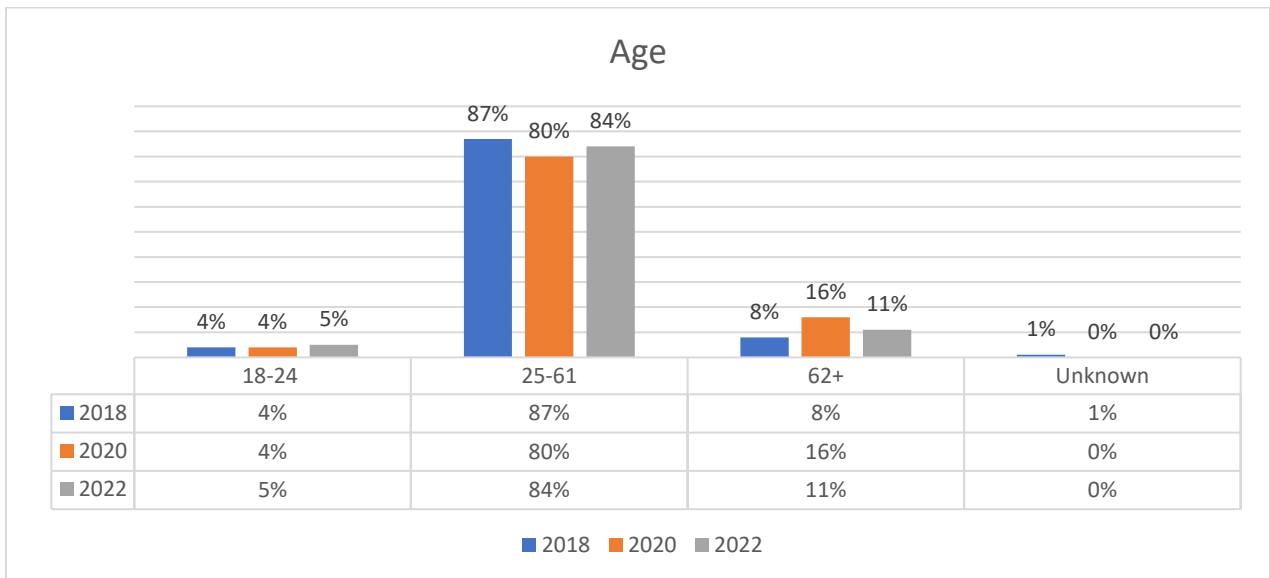


- The next chart shows that the percentage of females among unsheltered Hispanics or Latinos increased significantly between 2018 and 2022. Females made up approximately

one-third of Hispanics or Latinos in 2018 and 2020 but more than half (51%) of Hispanics or Latinos counted as unsheltered in 2022.



- The following chart shows the percentage of persons age 62+ counted as unsheltered has increased slightly since 2018.



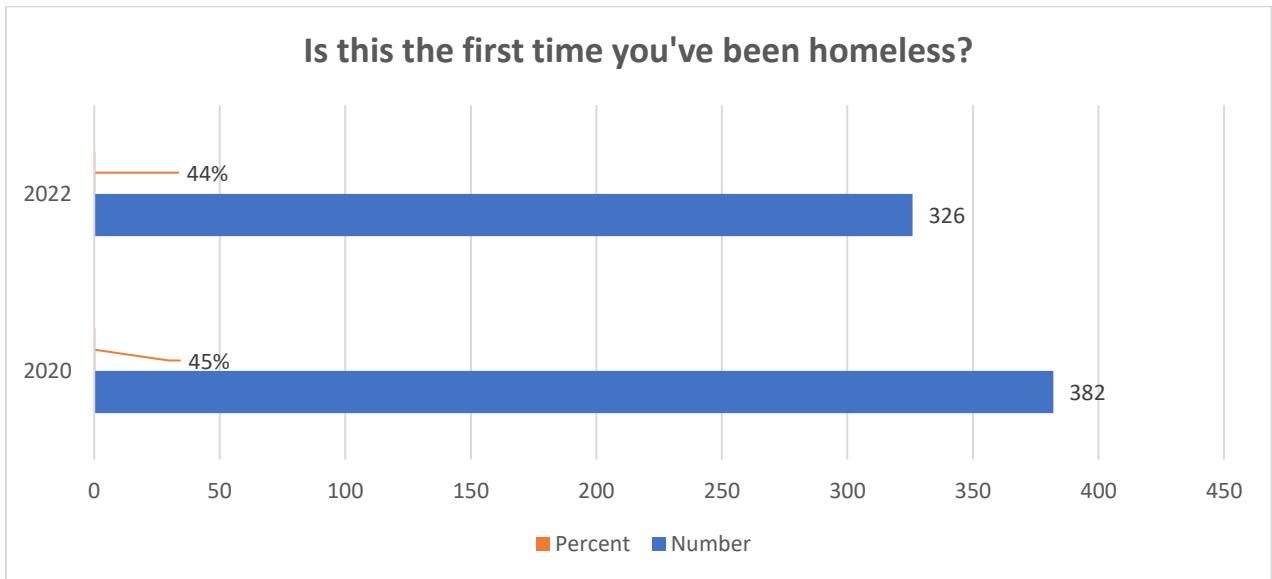
Other Survey Questions

There were additional questions that were added to the survey that were shaped by local stakeholders. The questions are noted below. Volunteers were able to elicit responses from 735 adults in 2022 compared to 858 adults in 2020.

Is this the first time you've been homeless?

- 45% or 382 of the 858 adults stated “yes” in 2020 and 44% or 326 of 735 adults in 2022 as noted in chart 1 below.

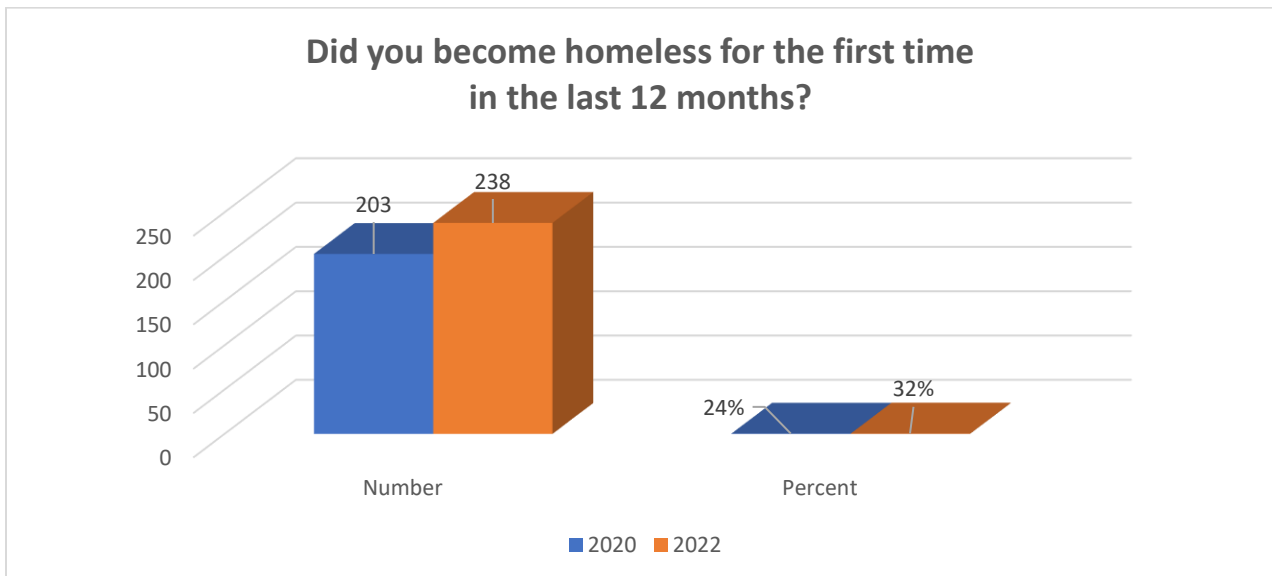
Chart 1.



Did you become homeless for this first time in the last 12 months?

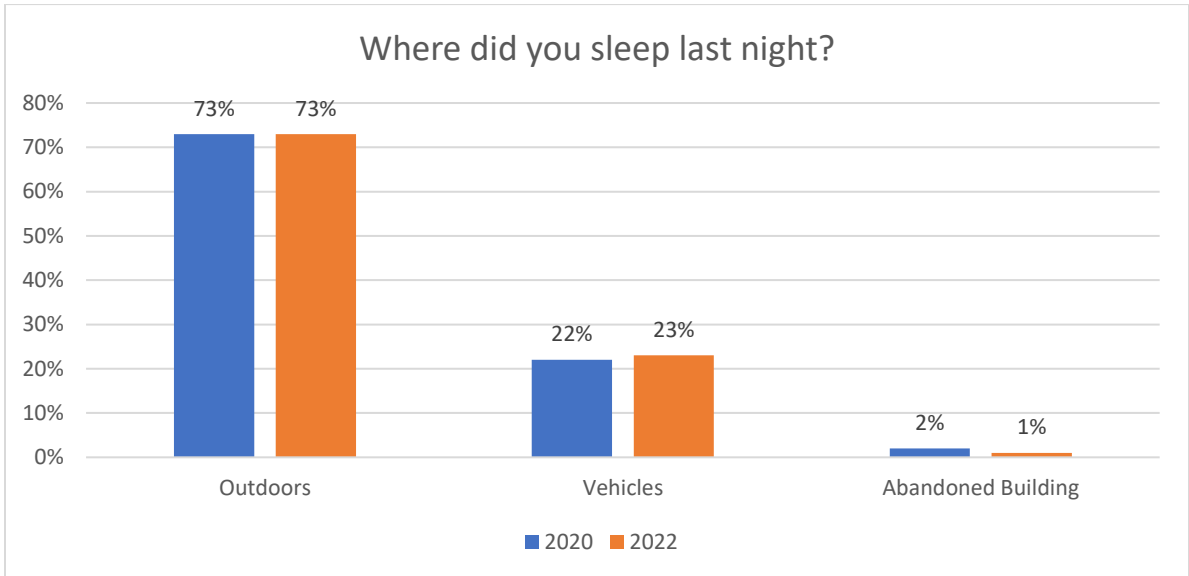
- 24% or 203 of the 858 adults stated “yes” in 2020 and 32% or 238 of 735 adults in 2022 as noted in chart 2 below.

Chart 2.



Where did you sleep last night?

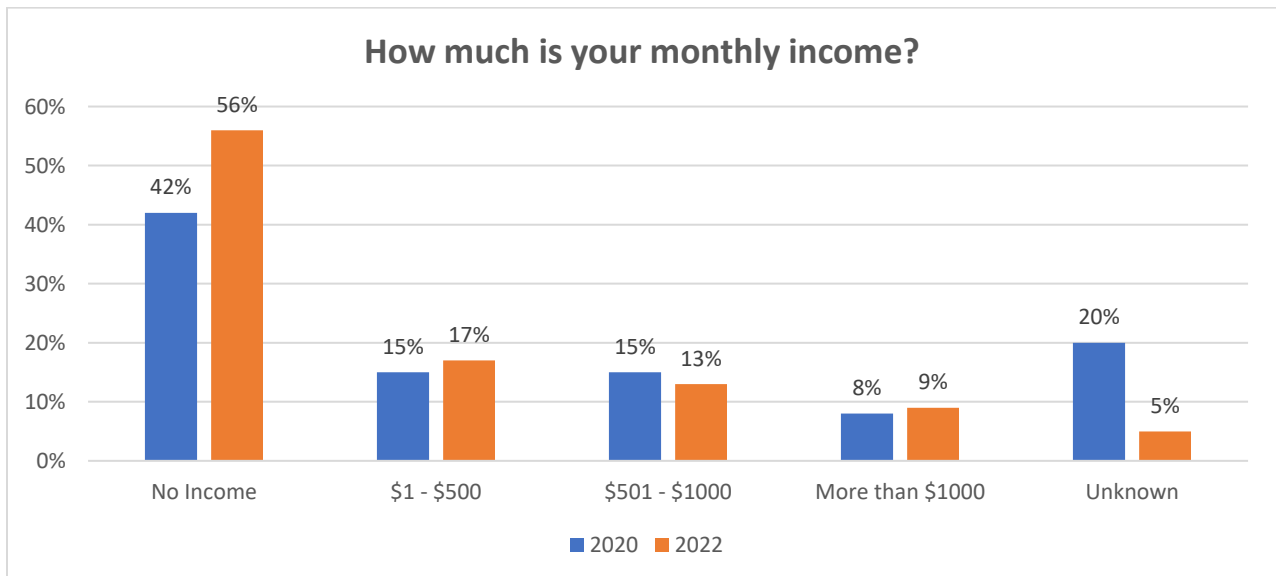
- 73% of unsheltered persons slept outdoors in 2020 and in 2022 and 22% of unsheltered persons slept in a vehicle in 2020 and 23% in 2022.



How much is your monthly income?

- 24% of the 858 adults stated "no income" in 2020 and 56% of 735 adults in 2022 as noted in chart 3 below.

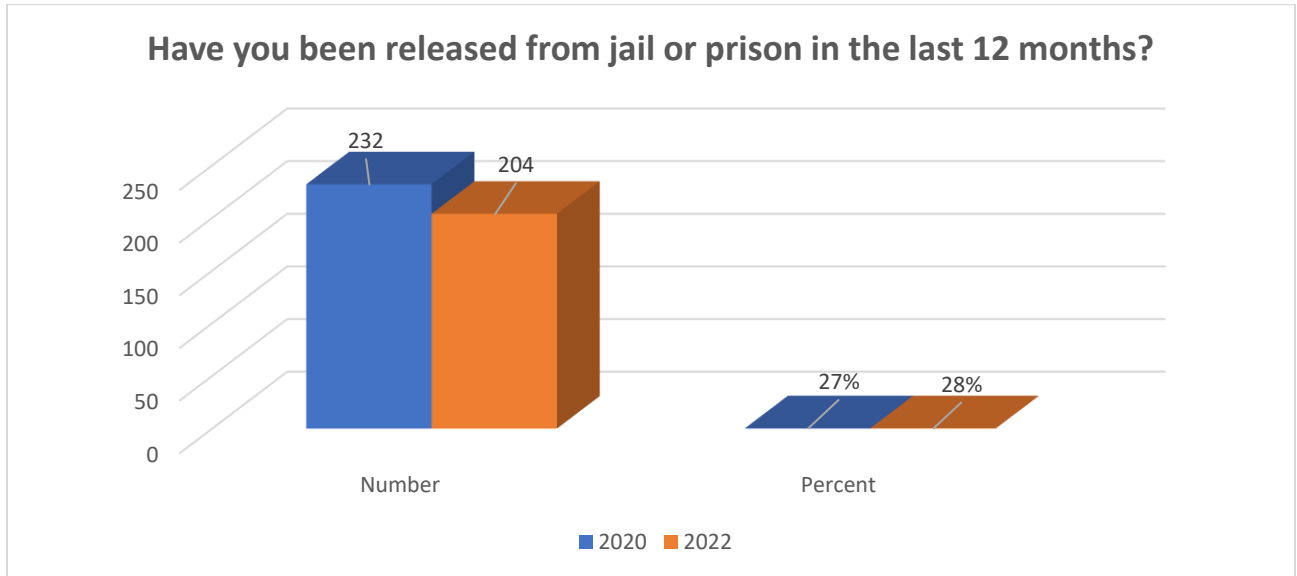
Chart 3.



Have you been released from jail or prison in the last 12 months?

- 27% or 232 of the 858 adults stated “yes” in 2020 and 28% or 204 of 735 adults in 2022 as noted in chart 4 below.

Chart 4.



Has a doctor or other medical professional ever told you that you have a chronic health condition that is life-threatening such as heart, lung, liver, kidney or cancerous disease?

- 18% or 133 of 735 adults stated “yes” in 2022. The question was not included in the 2020 survey.