

# Sonoma County

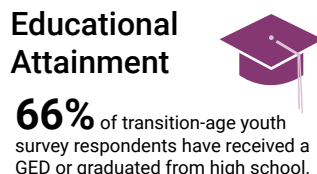
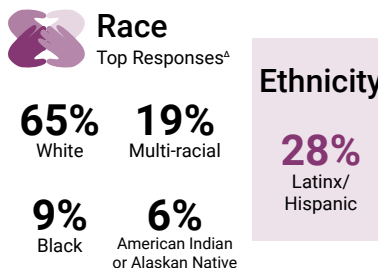
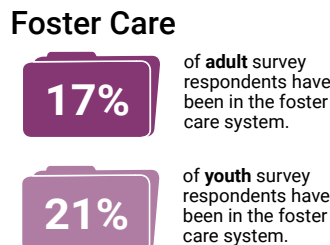
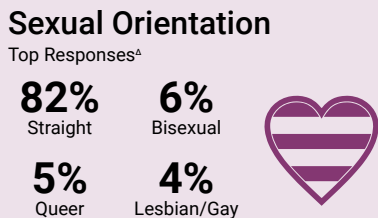
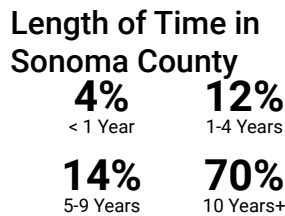
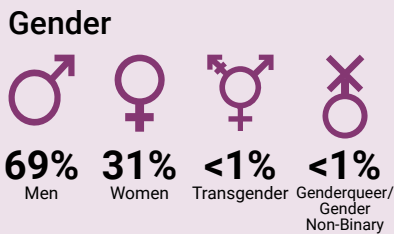
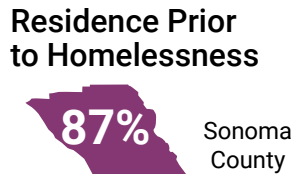
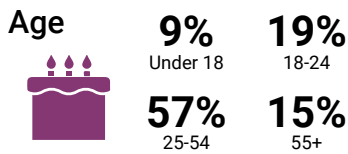
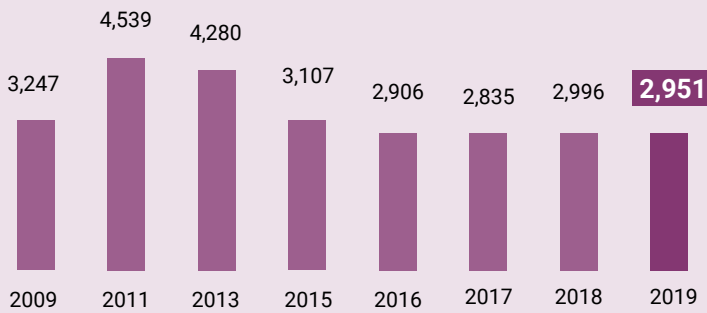
## Homeless Census & Survey

### 2019 Executive Summary

Every two years during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care.

The 2019 Sonoma County Point in Time Count was a community wide effort conducted on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 2,951 unsheltered and sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

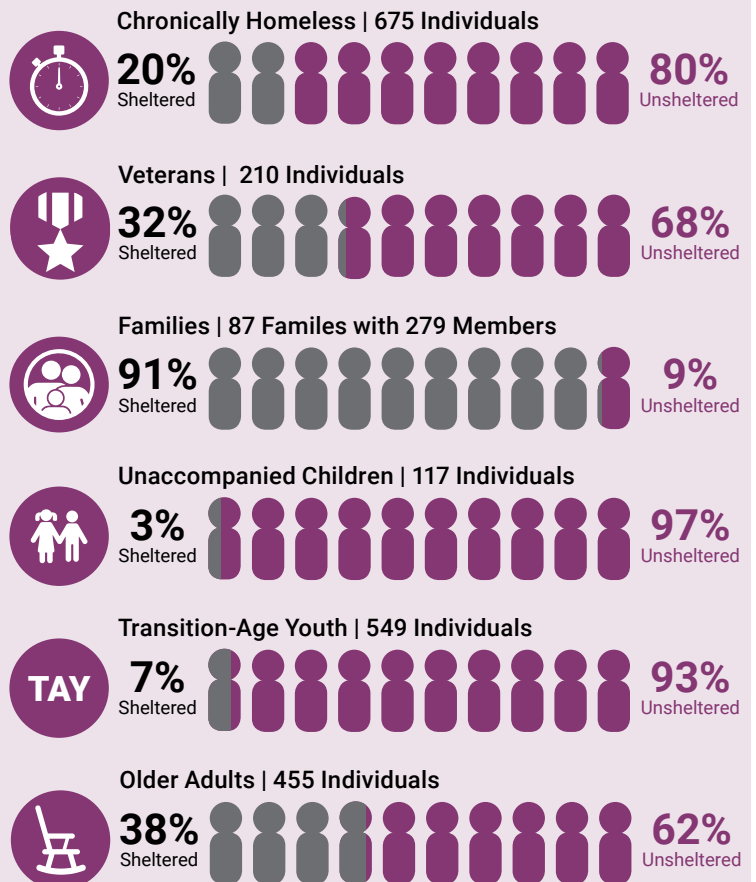
#### Census Population: Longitudinal Trend



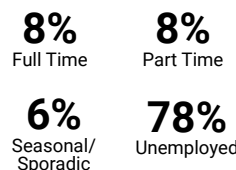
#### 2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population



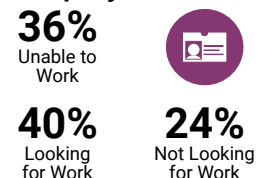
#### Subpopulation\* Data



#### Employment Status



#### If Unemployed, Currently...



## First Episode of Homelessness

**30%** indicated their current episode of homelessness was their first.

**44%** of those respondents were homeless for one year or more.

## History of Domestic Violence

**34%** reported they had experienced domestic violence.



## Sex Trade Involvement

**16%** traded sex for money or a place to stay.

**7%** have a history of being trafficked.

## Primary Event or Condition That Led to Homelessness\*

Top 4 Responses<sup>Δ</sup>

**19%** Lost Job   **18%** Argument with Family/Friend   **16%** Alcohol or Drug Use   **12%** Eviction

## Age at First Episode of Homelessness



**17%** 0-17   **33%** 18-24   **36%** 25-49   **14%** 50+

## Obstacles to Permanent Housing\*

Top 4 Responses<sup>Δ</sup>

**68%** Can't Afford Rent   **48%** No Job/Not Enough Income   **25%** No Money for Moving Costs   **24%** No Housing Available

## Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness

**9%** 30 Days or Less   **34%** 1-11 Months   **57%** 1 Year or More



## Self-Reported Health\*

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



**38%**  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse



**35%**  
Psychiatric/Emotional Conditions



**25%**  
Physical Disability



**25%**  
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder



**23%**  
Chronic Health Problems



**9%**  
Traumatic Brain Injury



**3%**  
HIV/AIDS Related Illness

## Disabling Conditions

**42%** of survey respondents reported having at least one disabling condition.



A disabling condition is defined by HUD as a developmental disability, HIV/AIDS, or a long-term physical or mental impairment that impacts a person's ability to live independently but could be improved with stable housing.

## Interest in Permanent Housing



**89%** of survey respondents said they would like affordable permanent housing if it became available soon.

### Government Services and Assistance

**71%** of survey respondents reported receiving government benefits.

### Reasons for Not Receiving Any Government Assistance\*

Top 6 Responses<sup>Δ</sup>

**31%** Don't Think I'm Eligible   **24%** Don't Want Government Assistance   **15%** No Permanent Address  
**12%** Don't Have ID   **11%** Applied and Waiting for Response   **11%** Never Applied

### Non-Government Services Currently Accessing\*

Top 6 Responses<sup>Δ</sup>

**60%** Free Meals   **44%** Bus Passes   **40%** Emergency Shelter  
**27%** Shelter Day Services   **26%** Health Services   **18%** Mental Health Services

## \*Subpopulation Definitions

### Chronically Homeless

An individual with one or more disabling conditions or a family with a head of household with a disabling condition who:

- » Has been continuously homeless for 1 year or more and/or;
- » Has experienced 4 or more episodes of homelessness within the past 3 years.

### Veterans

Persons who have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty.

### Families

A household with at least one adult member (persons 18 or older) and at least one child member (persons under 18).

### Unaccompanied Youth & Transition Age Youth (TAY)

Children under the age of 18 and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 years old (TAY) who are experiencing homelessness and living without a parent or legal guardian.

+ Multiple response question, results may not add up to 100%.

Δ Only displaying top responses.

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

The complete comprehensive report includes a more detailed profile of the characteristics of those experiencing homelessness in Sonoma County. It will be available in summer 2019.

Source: Applied Survey Research, 2019, Sonoma County Homeless Census & Survey, San Jose, CA.

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## Community-Wide Telephone Survey

### 2019 Executive Summary



In January 2019, Sonoma County and ASR implemented a representative, telephone based household survey to understand the impacts of the fall 2017 fires. A total of 1,132 valid surveys were conducted in this additional assessment of unstably housed and fire affected populations.

These data are intended to assist service providers, policy makers, funders, and local and state governments in gaining a better understanding of how the 2017 fires affected the county at large and the characteristics of those who are not homeless but lack a residence of their own.

#### Temporarily Housed Population

Temporarily Housed | 21,725 Individuals



#### Temporary Residents by Age



19% Under 18

15% 18-24

47% 25-54

19% 55+



#### Temporary Residents by Gender



44% Women/Girls



56% Men/Boys



28% of households were impacted by the fires.

#### How Housing Situations Were Impacted by the Fires

60% Evacuated and Allowed to Return

16% Other



14% Home/Apartment Burned

8% Home/Apartment Damaged by Smoke

3% Could No Longer Afford Home/Apartment

#### Temporary Residents and Connection to Housing Assistance

7% Section 8 Housing Voucher

3% Another Subsidized Housing Program



1% Low Income Unit, Not Section 8

79% Not Connected

10% Don't Know

#### Primary Causes of Temporary Residence



25% Rent Raised

24% Home Burned

15% Don't Know

10% Health Issues

6% Home Damaged by Smoke

5% Landlord Repurposed Property

#### Sonoma County Housing Supply

##### Housing Prior to Fires

Occupied Housing Units | 189,043

40% Renter Occupied

60% Owner Occupied

##### Housing Destroyed in Fires

Destroyed Housing Units | 5,297 (3% of Total)

39% Renter Occupied

61% Owner Occupied

#### Temporary Residents Access to Homeless Assistance

8% of respondents said they were accessing homeless assistance.