



2019 PIT COUNT Summary & Insights

April 25, 2019

I. County-Wide Data Highlights

- **Countywide Overall Count: 2,811** total sheltered and unsheltered for 2019, a 21% increase from 2018:
 - **Unsheltered: 2,045**
 - **Sheltered: 766**

- **Countywide Unsheltered Sub-Populations (**Interviews Only**)**
 - **Veterans** – 107 (8% increase from 2018)
 - **Youth** – 181 interviewed and observed count (2% decrease from 2018)
 - **Chronically Homeless** – 727 (88%* decrease from 2018)
 - **Note: Most of this increase is likely attributable to change in survey methodology which allowed us to more accurately categorize individuals as chronically homeless per HUD definition*
 - **Families w/Children** – 2 (50% decrease from 2018)
 - **Elderly** – 129 (16% increase from 2018)

II. Supervisorial District Highlights: Unsheltered Count

District	2019 Unsheltered	2018 vs. 2019 % Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	Notes
1	362	+25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of unsheltered population counted in Riverside (66%) and Lake Elsinore (18%) • City of Riverside was count was split evenly (50/50) in prior years. In 2019 geographic coordinates were used to accurately attribute the City of Riverside count to Districts 1 and 2 accordingly.
2	559	+36%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of unsheltered population counted in Riverside (36%), Corona (29%), and Jurupa Valley (25%)

3	301	+41%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of unsheltered population counted in Hemet (37%), Unincorporated Areas (22%), and Temecula (20%)
4	612	+24%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of unsheltered population counted in Palm Springs (32%) and Unincorporated Areas (16%)
5	211	-21%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of unsheltered population counted in Perris (36%), Banning (18%), and Moreno Valley (18%)

Notes: Shelter count is not included to avoid inflating the supervisorial district counts due to the location of the shelters. The use of an electronic/web-based survey improved geographic accuracy of the count, possibly contributing to the number changes.

III. Count Methodology & Question Changes

- Mobile Survey Methodology**
 - 2019 PIT Count Mobile Survey methodology (using *ESRI Survey 123*) allowed for increased efficiency by: allowing volunteers to be more complete; to be faster in conducting the survey; and to process a greater number of surveys.
- Revised Survey Questions**

Topic	Previous Question	Current Question
Domestic Violence	(2015-2017) Have you ever been a victim of domestic violence or intimate partner violence?	(2018-2019) Are you <u>currently</u> experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking?
Barriers to Housing	(2015-2018) Do you have a (alcohol/drug/PTSD/Mental Health/Physical/Developmental disability)? If yes, does it keep your from holding a job or living in stable housing?	(2019) Do you have a (alcohol/drug/PTSD/Mental Health/Physical/Developmental disability) that seriously limits your ability to live independently?
Incarceration	(2015) During the past 12 months, were you released from jail or prison after serving a court ordered sentence (Yes/No)? (2016) During the past 12 months, were you released from jail or prison (Yes/No)?	(2019) Were you recently released from jail or prison (Yes, within 90 days or less/ Yes, in the past 12 months/No)? If Yes, were you released on probation or parole (probation/parole/ completed sentence)?

	<p>(2017-2018) Were you recently released from jail or prison within the past 90 days (Yes/No)? If Yes were you released on: (Probation) or (Parole).</p> <p>If NO, were you released from jail or prison within the past 12 months? If yes were you released on: (Probation) or (Parole)</p>	
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IV. Insights

- **Enhanced count methodology:** A higher 2019 PIT Count is perceived to be a more accurate count. Such an increase may be attributed to the following reasons:
 - Wider area covered within the allotted time
 - Improved targeting of encampment sites
 - Increased number of volunteers increased the number of survey (more than 700; this is a 53% increase in the number of volunteers from 2018, thereby increasing the County’s overall capacity to count)
 - Increased participation from city leadership
 - Social factors such the continued lack of affordable housing whereby the demand consistently exceeds the supply

- **Weather/Environmental Factors:** Fluctuation in whether conditions may impact the overall count from year to year. The weather during the 2019 PIT Count was better than prior years.

- **Potential Undercount:** Despite the enhanced efforts to improve the accuracy of the count, the actual number of homeless individuals is estimated to be higher than PIT Count results due to ongoing challenges of locating homeless individuals.

- **Other Southern Counties:** Recently released 2019 PIT Count data from surrounding counties (Orange and San Bernardino) suggests the increasing homeless population is not necessarily a County-specific trend but a systemic issue as well as affected by methodology changes.