

2011 Monterey and San Benito Counties

HOMELESS

CENSUS & SURVEY

January 26, 2011 Point-in-Time



Coalition of Homeless Services Providers

A CHANGING CONTINUUM OF CARE

- 2011 was the first year Monterey County and San Benito County conducted their Point-in-Time Counts simultaneously.
- The newly combined Continuums of Care worked collectively to conduct a comprehensive count of unsheltered and sheltered homeless persons residing in each county.



PROJECT PURPOSE AND GOALS

- Preserve current federal funding for homeless services
- Improve the ability of policy makers and service providers to plan and implement services
- Measure changes in the numbers and characteristics of the homeless population
- Increase public awareness of homeless issues
- Assess the current status of diverse homeless populations

SUMMARY DATA

- 2,507 homeless persons
 - 4% increase in homelessness since 2009 (2407 persons)
- 73% (1837) unsheltered, living on the street, in encampments or in makeshift shelters
 - Unsheltered homeless increased 13% since 2009 (1628 persons)
- 27% (670) sheltered individuals and families

COUNTY AND SELECT JURISDICTIONAL DATA

Monterey County	670	1837	2507
Carmel	0	12	12
Greenfield	0	99	99
King City	0	33	33
Marina	367	76	443
Monterey	13	427	440
Pacific Grove	0	61	61
Pajaro	66	214	280
Salinas	141	516	657
Sand City	0	71	71
Seaside	83	46	129
Soledad	0	2	2

MONTEREY REGIONAL DATA

North County	335	13.4%
Monterey Peninsula	1,181	47.1%
Salinas Area	657	26.2%
South County	211	8.4%
Other Unincorporated Areas of the County	123	4.9%

SURVEY POPULATION: DEMOGRAPHICS

- 43% homeless for the first time (39% in 2009)
- 53% homeless more than 1 year
- 27% homeless less than 6 months
- 37% Hispanic/Latino in 2011 (29% in 2009)
- 61% percent male, 38% female
- 72% living in the county when most recently became homeless, compared to (78% in 2009)

SURVEY POPULATION: SUBPOPULATIONS

- 38% of surveyed homeless (36% in 2009)
 - 82% of surveyed chronic homeless unsheltered

- 13% of surveyed homeless (9% in 2009)
 - 86% male
 - 55% were aged 25-50
 - 65% had one or more disabling conditions

- 19% of surveyed homeless (21% in 2009)
 - 82% residing in shelters
 - 95% of homeless families with children have female heads of household

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

A special youth survey piloted in 2011 was

administered to over 50 youth (under the age of 25)

- Youth represented 4% of the total homeless population in 2011
- 97 of those youth were under the age of 18
 - 26% reported drugs/alcohol abuse as a cause of homelessness
 - 31% reported family argument lead to homelessness
 - 27% experienced physical abuse prior to homelessness
 - 6% experienced sexual abuse prior to homelessness
 - 24% experienced emotional abuse prior to homelessness

ACCESSING SERVICES

- 40% not receiving any government assistance
- 50% of those receiving assistance access Food Stamps
- 44% have used emergency room at least once in the past year
- 74% use local homeless services:
 - 47% receive free meals
 - 7% use health services
 - 12% use shelter day services



FACES OF HOMELESSNESS

- Homeless Veteran
- Homeless Youth

NEW SINCE 2009

- **Shelter Outreach Plus**
 - March 2011: Rehabilitated Lexington Ct, Marina , creating 6 units
 - 12 beds for homeless mentally ill in partnership with Interim, Inc.
 - Men in Transition project relocated to Lexington Ct, creating 12 additional transitional beds for single men.
- **Interim, Inc.**
 - June 2010: Sunflower Gardens opened serving mentally-ill homeless adults, creating 2 transitional and 21 permanent supportive housing units in Salinas
 - November 2010: Approved federal funding for McHope, creating 7 permanent supportive master-leased units

NEW SINCE 2009

- **Franciscan Workers**
 - May 2011: House of Peace - 13 bed Permanent Supportive Housing in Salinas
- **HUD-VASH**
 - January 2010: 85 housing vouchers made available to homeless veterans- Approved for an additional 25

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

- Continue funding for existing services - Strengthen CoC eligibility to attract resources
- Support goals and objectives of Unified 10yr Plan Addressing Homelessness
- Support application/implementation of SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach Access & Recovery) technical assistance initiative in Monterey County
- Expand customized approaches to homelessness (i.e. Project Homeless Connect)
- Support development of Increment Weather Facility
- Address discharge planning and reentry services

THANK YOU

- The Coalition would like to thank all of the service providers, and community volunteers who contributed their time and energy to a successful count.
- Special thanks to Monterey County DSES, Behavioral Health and United Way Monterey County for continuing to fund this project.

