

# IMPERIAL COUNTY

## 2017 Point-in-Time Count and Survey



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“ I am here by choice because life is better here. ”



“ I am not homeless. I am houseless. ”



“ We need more services, especially on cold nights. One friend passed away recently due to the cold. ”

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# I. Executive Summary

More than one thousand (1,071) persons were counted as homeless during the Imperial County 2017 Point-in-Time Count and Survey. This represents an increase of 691 persons or nearly 200%, when compared to the 2016 homeless count and survey as noted in the table below. All 691 persons were unsheltered. The number of sheltered persons remained the same.

The reasons for the significant increase include:

- Number of volunteers participating in the homeless count significantly increased over previous years;
- Different method of counting “Slab City” was implemented;
- Better organized method of counting with additional training on filling out surveys.

**Table 1: Comparison of 2016 and 2017 Homeless Counts**

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2016 Homeless Count	128	252	380
2017 Homeless Count	128	943	1,071
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+691</b>	<b>+691</b>

## A. Key Findings for 2017 Homeless Count and Survey

There are key findings for the unsheltered and sheltered population below based on the responses to the questions included in the 2017 Homeless Demographic and Needs Survey.

### UNSHeltered POPULATION

The Key Findings for the unsheltered population fall within the following categories: 1) Physical Traits; 2) Subpopulations; 3) Content and Circumstances; 4) Discharge from Facilities/Institutions; 5) Services; 6) Employment and Income; and 7) Education.

#### 1. Physical Traits

Physical traits include those listed in the Homeless Demographic and Needs Survey (see Appendix A for a copy of the survey).

##### Gender

- Nearly three-fourths (73.2%) or 687 of unsheltered adults are male, approximately one-fourth (25.8%) or 242 are female, and 1% or 10 are transgender or do not identify as male, female, or transgender;

##### Ethnicity

- More than one-third (35.8%) or 336 of unsheltered adults are Hispanic/Latino;

##### Race

- Nearly 90% (87.3%) or 820 of unsheltered adults are Caucasian/White;

##### Age

- Nearly 10% (9.7%) or 91 unsheltered adults are youth between 18 and 24 and more than 10% (12.7%) or 119 are seniors age 62+.

#### 2. Subpopulations

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as part of the annual Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program application, requires a breakdown of the total number of unsheltered persons by the following homeless subpopulations:

##### Chronically Homeless Adults

- Nearly half (47.4%) or 445 unsheltered adults were chronically homeless;

**Mental Illness**

- More than one-fourth (26.3%) or 247 unsheltered adults reported mental illness;

**Substance Use Disorder**

- Nearly 20% (16.4%) or 154 unsheltered adults reported a substance use disorder;

**Veterans**

- 11.1% or 104 unsheltered adults were a veteran.

A breakdown of the total number of unsheltered persons by other subpopulations can be found in Section IV Unsheltered Persons.

**3. Content and Circumstances**

Content and circumstances focused on where and why unsheltered persons are currently homeless.

**Where Homeless**

- Almost all (93.2%) survey respondents stated that they slept on the streets (sidewalk, park, tent, abandoned building, car, etc.) or at slab city—more than half at slab city (53.7%) and more than one-third (39.5%) on the streets;
- Nearly half (47.6%) of survey respondents stated that the last place they were housed for 90 days or more was in Imperial County.

**Why Homeless**

- More than half (57.4%) of survey respondents stated three main reasons why they were homeless/unstably housed—unemployment (32.6%); disability (13.2%); and substance use (11.6%);
- 6 or 3.2% stated “yes” when asked if they were displaced by a natural disaster.

**WHY HOMELESS?**

- unemployment (32.6%)
- disability (13.2%)
- substance use (11.6%)

**4. Discharge from Facilities/Institutions**

- 23 or 12.1% of survey respondents stated “yes” when asked “Were you discharged from any facility/institution in the past 30 days? and nearly all (91.3%) of the 23 stated jail or prison (60.9%) or hospital (30.4%).

**5. Services**

- More than one-third (38.9%) of survey respondents stated that they receive food assistance and more than one-third (36.3%) stated that they need food assistance;
- Nearly a third (31.1%) stated they receive health insurance and nearly one-fourth (24.2%) stated that they need health insurance.

**6. Employment and Income****Employment**

- 12 or 6.35% of survey respondents stated “yes” when asked if they were currently employed.

**Income**

- Food stamps (31.6%) was the most identified source of income;
- (Social Security Income/Social Security Disability Income) (13.7%) was the next identified source of income;
- More than half (55.9%) stated that their monthly income was \$500 or less when asked what is the total monthly income for you household.

**7. Education**

- Nearly two-thirds (63.9%) of survey respondents stated that they have a high school education or less—20% less than high school; 21.1% some high school, no diploma; and 22.8% high school diploma or GED—when asked “How much school did you complete?”

The last question in the 2017 Homeless Demographic and Needs Survey asked “Anything else you would like me/us to know?” A list of response to this question by survey respondents is included in Appendix B.

## SHELTERED POPULATION

The key findings for the sheltered population also fall within the following categories: 1) Physical Traits; 2) Subpopulations; 3) Content and Circumstances; 4) Discharge from Facilities/Institutions; 5) Services; 6) Employment and Income; and 7) Education.

### 1. Physical Traits

Physical traits include those that were included in the homeless count instrument and survey.

#### Gender

- Nearly three-fourths (73.3%) of single adults were male and 100% of adults in families were female.
- Nearly two-thirds (63.8%) of children in families under age 18 were female;

#### Ethnicity

- Nearly all adults and children were Hispanic or Latino—96.7% of single adults, 95.2% of adults in families, and 97.9% of children in families under age 18;

#### Race

- All (100%) adults and children were Caucasian/White;

#### Age

- 10% of single adults and nearly 10% (9.5%) of adults in families were youth ages 18 – 24. Just 3 adults, or 5%, were seniors age 62+.

### 2. Subpopulations

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the annual Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program application requires a breakdown of the total number of unsheltered persons by the following homeless subpopulations:

#### Chronically Homeless Adults

- 0% or sheltered adults were chronically homeless;

#### Mental Illness

- 14.8% or 12 sheltered adults reported mental illness;

#### Substance Use Disorder

- 3.7% or 3 sheltered adults reported a substance use disorder;

#### Veterans

- 0% or 0 sheltered adults were a veteran.

A breakdown of the total number of unsheltered persons by other subpopulations can be found in Section IV Unsheltered Persons.

### 3. Content and Circumstances

Content and circumstances focused on where and why sheltered persons are currently homeless.

#### Where Homeless

- 100% of survey respondents stated that they slept in a shelter or transitional housing program, though one (1) person was in the hospital during the night of the count.

#### Why Homeless

- The two main reasons why single women and women with children under age 18 were domestic violence and unemployment—nearly half (48.6%) stated domestic violence and nearly two-thirds (64.5%) stated unemployment.

### 4. Discharge from Facilities/Institutions

- 3 or 18.7% of single women stated “yes” when asked “Were you discharged from any facility/institution in the past 30 days? No women with children stated “yes.”

### 5. Services

- 100% of single women and women with children under age 18 stated that they receive health insurance.

### 6. Employment and Income

#### Employment

- 3 or 8.1% of single women and women with children under age 18 stated “yes” when asked if they were currently employed;

**Income**

- Nearly half (43.7%) of single women identified food stamps (31.6%) as their source of income;
- Two-thirds (66.7%) of women with children under age 18 identified TANF/Cal as their source of income.

**7. Education**

- Nearly three-fourths (72.9%) of single women and women with children under age 18 stated that they have a high school education or less—29.7% less than high school; 13.5% some high school, no diploma; and 29.7% high school diploma or GED—when asked “How much school did you complete?”

The last question in the 2017 Homeless Demographic and Needs Survey asked “Anything else you would like me/us to know?” A list of response to this question by survey respondents is included in Appendix B.

**WHY HOMELESS?**

The two main reasons why single women and women with children under age 18 were domestic violence and unemployment:

- **48.6%** stated domestic violence
- **64.5%** stated unemployment

**B. Key Findings Regarding Slab City**

At the start of WWII, the U.S. Marine Corps decided there was a need for a training center for field and anti-aircraft artillery units of Fleet Marine Force, Pacific and where it would be near enough so aircraft could take off from an aircraft carrier near San Diego. The deserts close to San Diego were deemed ideal so Anza Borrego, Ocotillo, and Niland were considered. Niland was selected and construction of Camp Dunlap began and was then commissioned on Oct. 15, 1942. In 1956 the base was dismantled and then determined to be no longer required by the Department of Defense. In October of 1961 and was given to the State of California by quitclaim deed. All of the former Camp Dunlap buildings were removed and all that remained were the concrete slabs used for the building foundations.

Many began camping at the slabs and they continued to come and camp and many never left, even though there is no running water, sewage, electricity or garbage collection.

The Imperial County CoC felt that some residents of Slab City fall within the HUD definition of homeless-

ness as noted in Section II Background Information below and decided to implement a more thorough homeless count in 2017 compared to past years. As a result, the number of persons counted in Slab City represent more than half (57.2%) of all unsheltered persons counted as noted in Table A.

The table compares the two groups of unsheltered persons and there are some notable differences, which include:

- a) A larger percent of unsheltered persons in Slab City reported
  - Mental illness;
  - Chronic health;
  - Veteran status; and
  - Being between the ages of 18 – 24.
- b) A lesser percent of unsheltered persons in Slab City reported
  - Chronic homelessness;
  - Physical disabilities; and
  - Substance use.

**Table A. Comparison of Unsheltered Adults in Slab City to Unsheltered Persons Counted in All Other Areas**

2017							
	Demographic Information	Total # of Unsheltered Persons		Total # of Unsheltered Persons in Slab City		Total # of Unsheltered Persons in All Other Areas	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Number of Unsheltered Adults	939	100	539	57.2	404	42.8
GENDER	Male	687	73.2	350	64.9	340	84.2
	Female	242	25.8	184	34.2	59	14.5
	Transgender	5	0.5	5	0.9	5	1.3
	Don't Identify as M, F, or T	5	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
ETHNICITY	Hispanic or Latino	336	35.8	76	14.1	332	82.3
	Non-Hispanic or Latino	603	64.2	463	85.9	72	17.7
RACE	African American	24	2.6	12	2.3	16	3.9
	American Indian or Alaska Native	30	3.2	29	5.4	7	1.6
	Asian	5	0.5	5	0.9	0	0.0
	Caucasian/White	820	87.3	476	88.2	371	91.9
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	1.1	5	0.9	5	1.3
	Multiple Races	50	5.3	12	2.3	5	1.3
AGE	Youth Ages 18 - 24	91	9.7	77	14.2	10	2.6
	Adults Age 25 - 61	729	77.6	394	73.1	352	87.0
	Seniors Age 62+	119	12.7	68	12.7	42	10.4
OTHER SUBPOPULATIONS	Chronically Homeless Adults	445	47.4	218	40.4	234	57.9
	Developmental Disability	20	2.1	14	2.6	5	1.3
	Families <i>including Chronically Homeless Families*</i>	1	**	0	**	1	**
	Mental Illness	247	26.3	166	30.7	80	19.7
	Persons w/HIV/AIDS	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Physical Disability	104	11.1	57	10.5	64	15.8
	Substance Use Disorder	154	16.4	33	6.1	133	32.9
	Veterans***	104	11.1	71	13.2	32	7.9
	Victims of Domestic Violence	232	24.7	175	32.5	53	13.2
	Persons Released from Prisons & Jails	44	4.7	33	6.1	37	9.2
	Persons w/ Chronic Physical Illness	143	15.2	126	23.4	32	7.9

\* There was one adult and two children in the one family. The one family was not chronically homeless.

\*\*Since the one family included children, a percentage was not calculated because all percentages in the table included adults only.



## II. Background Information

HUD, as part of its requirements for local jurisdictions to continue to receive continuum of care funding for homeless persons, asks local jurisdictional applicants to conduct a “one-day point-in-time” homeless count every other year during the last 10 days of January. Imperial County is one of more than 400 continuums of care that submit an annual application to HUD for continuum of care funding.

### When was the count conducted?

The homeless count was conducted on the streets during the hours of 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. on January 27, 2017. The count was also conducted on the same day in shelters and transitional housing programs throughout the county.

An area of the county called “Slab City” was counted the next day on January 28, 2017 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Who was counted?

Per HUD’s instructions, a person was considered homeless, and thus counted, only when he/she fell within the HUD-based definition by residing in one of the places described below:

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

### Who was not counted?

Per HUD’s instructions, a person was not considered homeless if the person resided in one of the following places noted below:

- Medical facilities, such as hospitals, psychiatric facilities, and nursing homes;
- Jails, prisons or juvenile detention facilities;
- Chemical dependency facilities, such as substance abuse treatment facilities and detox centers;
- Foster care homes or foster care group homes.

Also, per HUD’s instructions, children identified by McKinney-Vento Homeless Coordinators at schools as homeless should not be counted. Children may be counted during the count if they live in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program, or if they are unsheltered.

Lastly, 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. Thus, such persons were not included in the homeless count.

Imperial County, like many other counties, has a substantial number of households that are at risk of becoming homeless. The Census Bureau noted that 24.3 percent of 180,191 residents in Imperial County were living below poverty level as reported in the 2015 American Community Survey.

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.

### Who carried out the count?

The homeless count and subpopulation survey was a joint effort of the Imperial Valley Homeless Task Force, the City of El Centro, the Imperial County District Attorney’s Office, and Brawley Police Department. Over 170 community volunteers were recruited and trained to conduct the count and subpopulation survey.

### III. Methodology

Imperial County is approximately 4,482 miles in size and it took several methods of City and County engagement to accomplish the 2017 point-in-time (PIT) count. The number of volunteers who signed up to assist in the 2017 PIT count was 215 while 176 participated in the actual counting. This number far exceeded the number of volunteers that participated in previous years.

The Imperial County District Attorney's Office was instrumental in providing the staffing and the knowledge for leading the observation teams in the "Slab City" portion of the count. The Imperial County Behavioral Health Department also supported the homeless count efforts. The El Centro Police Department and the Brawley Police Department assisted in the count by providing both sworn and non-sworn personnel to count and interview the homeless in areas of possible high risk. Also, the two above mentioned Police Departments were on the ready to respond to any possible incidents that involved the volunteers during the count.

The 2017 Imperial County point-in-time (PIT) count unsheltered methodology consisted of two major parts and was conducted on January 27, 2017 and January 28, 2017. The PIT committee decided to count "Slab City" during daylight hours and on a Saturday due to safety issues that could develop during hours of reduced or no daylight. This area does not

have street lights and contains the highest number of homeless individuals than any other area of the County. Since the count was conducted during the daylight hours, survey stations were strategically placed throughout "Slab City".

The 2017 PIT count unsheltered methodology changed slightly to increase the number of surveys conducted over the previous year (2016). The change included adding the number of persons on each team and deploying walking and driving teams within designated areas with a known high concentration of homeless. Each city was divided into quadrants and each quadrant was assigned two walking teams and two driving teams. In calculating the number of homeless within a vehicle or hand built structures during observation counts, extrapolation from the surveys were used to determine the occupancy variable to be applied.

The methodology used for the sheltered homeless population was the same as the previous year and staff for each shelter conducted surveys with 100% of the occupants. Shelters included were: House of Hope and Women Haven Center for Family Solutions.

A specific count for homeless youth was not conducted and information was not collected until later and therefore not included in the 2017 PIT count numbers.



Photo of Slab City

## IV. Unsheltered Persons

Of the 1,071 persons counted in 2017, 943 (939 adults, two unaccompanied children under age 18, and two children under age 18 in a family) or 88% 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.”

HUD also requires that the total number of unsheltered and sheltered adults be broken down by adults and children. Of the 943 unsheltered persons counted, 939 were adults, two (2) were unaccompanied youth under age 18, and two (2) were children under age 18 in families.

It is also 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 peo-

ple reported for each demographic characteristic must equal the total number of persons reported in the household category overall.”

- “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.”<sup>1</sup>

In the tables regarding gender, ethnicity, race, age, and subpopulations below, extrapolation was the process used to produce estimates for the 941 unsheltered persons (939 adults and two (2) unaccompanied youth under age 18).

The process of extrapolation (estimating) was based on the responses of 190 unsheltered adults who were surveyed. If, for example, 26.3% of the 190 unsheltered adults answered “yes” when asked if they were diagnosed with the condition of mental illness, it was estimated that 26.3% of the 941 unsheltered persons had a condition of mental illness.

Extrapolation was also used for missing data.

### 1. Gender

The following table provides a breakdown by gender of the 943 unsheltered persons of which 939 were unsheltered adults, two (2) were unaccompanied youth under age 18, and two (2) were children in families under age 18. HUD requires the summary to consist of men, women, transgender, and those persons who do not identify as male, female, or transgender.

Nearly three-fourths (73.2%) of unsheltered adults are male, approximately one-fourth (25.8%) are female, and 1% are transgender or do not identify as male, female, or transgender.

**Table 1: Breakdown by Gender\***

Gender	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18		Children in Families Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Male	687	73.2	0	0	1	50.0
Female	242	25.8	2	100	1	50.0
Transgender	5	0.5	0	0	0	0.0
Don't Identify as M, F or T	5	0.5	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Gender was not recorded for two (2) of the 941 adults, 0 of the 18 unaccompanied youth under age 18, and 0 of the 2 children in families under age 18. Extrapolation was the process used to produce estimates for missing data.

<sup>1</sup>2016 Housing Inventory Count and Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Persons: Data Submission Guidance, August, 2016.

## 2. Ethnicity

Table 2 offers a breakdown by ethnicity. HUD requires the summary to consist of Hispanics or Latinos and non-Hispanics or Latinos.

**Table 2: Breakdown by Ethnicity\***

Gender	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18		Children in Families Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Hispanic or Latino	336	35.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Non-Hispanic or Latino	603	64.2	2	100	2	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Ethnicity was not recorded for 49 of the 941 adults, 0 of the 18 unaccompanied youth under age 18, and 0 of the two (2) children in families under age 18. Extrapolation was the process used to produce estimates for missing data.

## 3. Race

Table 3 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 3: Breakdown by Race\***

Gender	Adults		Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 18		Children in Families Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
African American	24	2.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	30	3.2	1	50.0	0	0.0
Asian	5	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Caucasian/White	820	87.3	1	50.0	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	1.1	0	0.0		
Multiple Races	50	5.3	0	0.0	2	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Race was not recorded for 49 of the 941 adults, 0 of the 18 unaccompanied youth under age 18, and 0 of the two (2) children in families under age 18. Extrapolation was the process used to produce estimates for missing data.

## 4. Age

The next table offers a breakdown by age for the 939 adults.

**Table 4: Breakdown by Age for Adults\***

2017		
	#	%
Youth Ages 18 - 24	91	9.7
Adults Age 25 - 61	729	77.6
Seniors Age 62+	119	12.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Age was not recorded for six (6) of the 939 adults. Extrapolation was the process used to produce estimates for missing data.

## 5. Other Subpopulations

Table 5 provides a breakdown of other subpopulations for the 939 adults.

**Table 5: Breakdown by Subpopulations for Adults**

2017		
	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	445	47.4
Developmental Disability	20	2.1
Families including Chronically Homeless Families*	1	**
Mental Illness	247	26.3
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	0	0
Physical Disability	104	11.1
Substance Use Disorder	154	16.4
Veterans***	104	11.1
Victims of Domestic Violence	232	24.7
Persons Released from Prisons & Jails	44	4.7
Persons w/ Chronic Physical Illness	143	15.2

\*The one family was not chronically homeless.

\*\*There was one adult and two children in the one family.

\*\*\* 52.4% or 55 of the 104 veterans were Chronically Homeless.

## Miscellaneous Information

The results noted in the tables below, include the responses of the 190 unsheltered persons who were surveyed but extrapolation was not applied. Thus, the results are only based on the responses of the 190 unsheltered persons, which reveals their service needs only.

There were 12 questions included in the Homeless Demographic and Needs Survey that did not focus on collecting subpopulation information. The questions primarily focused on collecting information

to help determine service needs of the unsheltered populations.

### A. Context and Circumstances

When asked **“Where did you sleep last night?”** almost all (93.2%) survey respondents stated that they slept on the streets (sidewalk, park, tent, abandoned building, car, etc.) or at slab city—more than half at slab city (53.7%) and more than one-third (39.5%) on the streets—as noted in Table 6.

**Table 6: Where did you sleep last night?**

	#	%
On the streets (sidewalk, park, tent, abandoned building, car, etc.)	75	39.5
Slab City	102	53.7
Emergency Shelter	1	0.5
Transitional Housing	2	1.1
Hotel/Motel	1	0.5
Hospital	0	0.0
Treatment facility or other facility/institution (substance abuse, mental health, jail/prison)	1	0.5
Rapid Rehousing Program	0	0.0
Permanent Supportive Housing Program	0	0.0
Private dwelling that I rent or own (room, apartment, house)	3	1.6
With a friend/family in their private dwelling	1	0.5
No Recorded Response	4	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100</b>

When asked, **“Where was the last place you were housed for 90 days or more?”** only 149 of the 190 survey respondents provided a response. Table 7 lists all the choices provided in the survey.

Of the 149 who responded,

- Nearly half (47.6%) stated that the last place they were housed for 90 days or more was in Imperial County as noted in the table below.

**Table 7: Where was the last place you were housed for 90 days or more?**

	#	%
This County/Community	71	47.6
Another Town/County in California	22	14.8
Another State	49	32.9
Another Country	4	2.7
Jail	3	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>100</b>

When asked “**What is the main reason you are homeless/unstably housed?**” more than half (57.4%) of survey respondents stated three main reasons—unemployment (32.6%); disability (13.2%); and substance use (11.6%)—as noted in the table below.

**Table 8: What is the main reason you are homeless/unstably housed?\***

	#	%
Choice	18	9.4
Disability	25	13.2
Divorce	2	1.1
Domestic Violence	5	2.6
Does not Agree with Government/Society	1	0.5
Foreclosure	1	0.5
Gay	1	0.5
Husband Past Away	1	0.5
Immigration Problems	1	0.5
Kicked Out	1	0.5
Lack of Money	2	1.1
Mental Illness	15	7.9
Ministry Work	1	0.5
Mom Died	1	0.5
No Enough Income	1	0.5
Not Stable	1	0.5
Other	70	36.9
Release From Prison/Jail	6	3.1
Rent Is Too High	1	0.5
Runaway	3	1.6
Substance Abuse	22	11.6
Unemployment	62	32.6

*\*Surveyors were asked to check all of the reasons that apply. Thus, the responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive and total more than 100%.*

When asked, “Were you displaced by a natural disaster?” 6 or 3.2% stated “yes.”

### B. Discharged from Facility/Institution

When asked “Were you discharged from any facility/institution in the past 30 days?” 23 or 12.1% of survey respondents stated “yes.”

Table 9 lists all the choices provided in the survey. Of the 23 survey respondents who stated “yes,” nearly all (91.3%) of them stated jail or prison (60.9%) or hospital (30.4%).

When asked, “During the last 12 months were you released from jail/prison after serving a court ordered sentence due to a resentencing and charge downgrade under Proposition 47?” nine (9) or 4.7% of survey respondents stated “yes.”

**Table 9: Were discharged from any facility/institution in the past 30 days?\***

	#	%
Hospital	7	30.4
Jail or Prison	14	60.9
Foster Care	0	0.0
Mental Health Inpatient Facility	1	4.35
Military Service	0	0.0
Substance Abuse Inpatient Facility	1	4.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Surveyors were asked to check all of the reasons that apply. Thus, the responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive and total more than 100%.

### C. Services

Table 10 provides the responses to the question—“Have you received any of the following services in the past 18 months OR do you need these services?”

Table 10 lists all the choices that were provided in the

survey. More than one-third (38.9%) of survey respondents stated that they receive food assistance and more than one-third (36.3%) stated that they need food assistance. Nearly a third (31.1%) stated they receive health insurance and nearly one-fourth (24.2%) stated that they need health insurance.

**Table 10. Have you received any of the following services in the past 18 months OR do you need these services**

Services	Receive		Need	
	#	%	#	%
Substance Abuse/Addiction Treatment	13	6.8	33	17.4
Mental Health Services	18	9.5	33	17.4
Health Insurance	59	31.1	46	24.2
Disability Services	18	9.5	34	17.9
Housing Assistance	4	2.1	60	31.6
Food Assistance	74	38.9	69	36.3
Job Training/Employment Services	6	3.2	35	18.4
Legal Services	8	4.2	25	13.2
Identification/ID card assistance	18	9.5	38	20.0
Child Care	1	0.5	13	6.8

\*Responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive and total more than 100%.



## D. Employment and Income

There were three questions that focused on employment and income. The first question was **“Are you currently employed?”**

- 12 or 6.35 of survey respondents stated “yes.”

The second question was **“Do you receive income from any of the following sources?”**

Table 11 lists all the choices provided in the survey. Food stamps (31.6%) was the most identified source of income followed by disability (SSI/SSDI) (13.7%).

**Table 11. Do you receive income from any of the following sources?\***

	#	%
Cash Aid	4	2.1
Child Support	2	1.0
Employment	4	2.1
Disability (SSI/SSDI)	26	13.7
Food Stamps	60	31.6
Friends and Family	7	3.7
Other:	12	6.3
Social Security/Pensions	12	6.3
TANF/Cal	3	1.6
Veteran’s Benefits	4	2.1
No Recorded Response	56	29.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100</b>

*\*Some survey respondents identified more than one source of income.*

When asked, **“What is the total monthly income for your household?”** only 93 of the 190 survey respondents provided a response.

Of the 93 who responded,

- More than half (55.9%) stated that their monthly income was \$500 or less as noted in the table to the right.

**Table 12. What is the total monthly income for your household?**

	#	%
No Income	2	2.2
\$1 - \$250	30	32.2
\$251 - \$500	20	21.5
\$501 - \$1,000	24	25.8
\$1,001 - \$2,000	12	12.9
More than \$2,000	5	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>

## E. Education

When asked, “**How much school did you complete?**” nearly two-thirds (63.9%) of survey respondents stated that they have a high school education or less—20% less than high school; 21.1% some high school, no diploma; and 22.8% high school diploma or GED as noted in the table below.

**Table 13. How much school did you complete?**

	#	%
Less Than High School	36	20.0
Some High School, No Diploma	38	21.1
High School Diploma or GED	41	22.8
Some College or Vocational Training	44	24.4
College or Vocational Degree	16	8.9
Graduate Degree	5	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>100</b>

## F. Anything Else?

The last question in the survey asked “**Anything else you would like me/us to know?**”

A list of response to this question by survey respondents is included in Appendix B.

## V. Sheltered Persons

Of the 1,071 persons counted in 2017, 128 (81 adults and 47 children under age 18) or 12% were sheltered, which is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as

“living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (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).”

Tables 1 - 4 provide a breakdown of the 128 unsheltered adults and children by gender, ethnicity, race, and age.

The following table notes that nearly three-fourths (73.3%) of single adults were male and 100% of adults in families were female. Nearly two-thirds (63.8%) of children in families under age 18 were female.

**Table 1: Breakdown by Gender\***

	Single Adults		Adults in Families		Children in Families Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Male	44	73.3	0	0.0	17	36.2
Female	16	26.7	21	100	30	63.8
Transgender	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Don't Identify as M, F or T	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>

As noted in the next table, nearly all adults and children were Hispanic or Latino—96.7% of single adults, 95.2% of adults in families, and 97.9% of children in families under age 18.

**Table 2. Breakdown by Ethnicity**

	Single Adults		Adults in Families		Children in Families Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Hispanic or Latino	58	96.7	20	95.2	46	97.9
Non-Hispanic or Latino	2	3.3	1	4.8	1	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>

As noted in the next table, all adults and children were Caucasian/White.

**Table 3. Breakdown by Race**

	Single Adults		Adults in Families		Children in Families Under Age 18	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
African American	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Caucasian/White	60	100	21	100	47	100
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Multiple Races	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 4 shows that 10% of single adults and nearly 10% (9.5%) of adults in families were youth ages 18 – 24. Just 3 adults, or 5%, were seniors age 62+.

**Table 4. Breakdown by Age for Adults**

	Single Adults		Adults in Families	
	#	%	#	%
Youth Ages 18 - 24	6	10	2	9.5
Adults Age 25 - 61	51	85	19	90.5
Seniors Age 62+	3	5	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>

## 1. Other Subpopulations

Table 5 provides a breakdown of other subpopulations for the 81 sheltered adults.

**Table 5: Breakdown by Subpopulations for Adults**

Sheltered Adults		
	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	0	0.0
Developmental Disability	0	0.0
Families including Chronically Homeless Families	21**	***
Mental Illness	12	14.8
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	0	0.0
Physical Disability	0	0.0
Substance Use Disorder	3	3.7
Veterans***	0	0.0
Victims of Domestic Violence	24	29.6
Persons Released from Prisons & Jails	2	2.5
Persons w/ Chronic Physical Illness	2	2.5

\*Surveyors were asked to check all of the reasons that apply. Thus, the responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive and total more than 100%.

\*\*None of the families were chronically homeless.

\*\*\*Twenty-one (21) families consisted of 21 adults (all women) and 47 were children under age 18.

HUD also requires that the total number of sheltered persons should include the number of single individuals, families, and persons in families separately. Of the 128 unsheltered persons counted, there were:

- 60 single individuals of which 16 were women and 44 were men;
- 68 persons in families of which 21 were adults (all women) and 47 were children under age 18;
- 21 families.

## SINGLE WOMEN

Tables 6 – 8 provide the breakdown by ethnicity, race, and age.

As noted in the table to the right, nearly all single women were Hispanic or Latino—87.5%.

**Table 6. Ethnicity of Single Women**

Single Women		
	#	%
Hispanic or Latino	14	87.5
Non-Hispanic or Latino	2	12.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>

As noted in the table on the right, all (100%) single women were Caucasian/White.

**Table 7. Race of Single Women**

Single Women		
	#	%
African American	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Caucasian/White	16	100
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Multiple Races	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>

The next table shows that 25% of single women were youth ages 18 – 24 and all others (75%) were between the ages 25 – 61.

**Table 8. Age of Single Women**

Single Women		
	#	%
Youth Ages 18 - 24	4	25.0
Adults Age 25 - 61	12	75.0
Seniors Age 62+	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 9 provides a breakdown of other subpopulations for the 16 single women.

**Table 9. Breakdown by Subpopulations\***

Single Women		
	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	3	18.7
Developmental Disability	0	0.0
Families including Chronically Homeless Families*	n/a	n/a
Mental Illness	6	37.5
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	0	0.0
Physical Disability	0	0.0
Substance Use Disorder	1	6.2
Veterans***	0	0.0
Victims of Domestic Violence	8	50.0
Persons Released from Prisons & Jails	1	6.2
Persons w/ Chronic Physical Illness	1	6.2

\*Surveyors were asked to check all of the reasons that apply. Thus, the responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive.

Tables 10 - 17 provide the breakdown of the answers by the single women who were sheltered to the 12 questions that were included in the survey that did not focus on collecting the subpopulation information noted above. The questions primarily focused on collecting information to help determine service needs of the homeless population.

**A. Context and Circumstances**

When asked, **“where did you sleep last night,”** nearly all of the single sheltered women stayed in an emergency shelter—10 stayed in House of Hope and five (5) stayed in one of the two Womenhaven shelters as noted in the table to the right.

**Table 10: Where did you sleep last night?**

	#	%
Emergency Shelter	15	93.7
Hospital	1	6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>

When asked, **Where was the last place you were housed for 90 days or more?**

- 100% of the sheltered single women were housed in a county in California—81.2% in Imperial County and 12.5% in another county in California as noted in Table 11.

**Table 11: Where was the last place you were housed for 90 days or more?**

	#	%
This County/Community	13	81.2
Another Town/County in California	2	12.5
Another State	0	0.0
Another Country	0	0.0
No Recorded Data	1	6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>

When asked **“What is the main reason you are homeless/unstably housed?”**

- more than three-fourths (81.2%), or 13 of the 16 single women, stated two main reasons—unemployment (50.0%) and domestic violence (31.2%)—as noted in the table below.

**Table 12: What is the main reason you are homeless/unstably housed?\***

	#	%
Domestic Violence	5	31.2
Mental Illness	1	6.2
Other	5	31.2
Substance Use	1	6.2
Unemployment	8	50.0

When asked, **“Were you displaced by a natural disaster?”** 0 or 0.0% stated “yes.”

\*Surveyors were asked to check all of the reasons that apply. Thus, the responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive and total more than 100%.



## B. Discharged from Facility/Institution

When asked, **“Were you discharged from any facility/institution in the past 30 days?”**

- 3 or 19.1% of single women stated “yes.”

Table 13 lists all the choices provided in the survey. Of the 3 single women who stated “yes,” two stated mental health inpatient facility and one stated hospital.

**Table 13: Were discharged from any facility/institution in the past 30 days?\***

	#	%
Hospital	1	6.3
Jail or Prison	0	0.0
Foster Care	0	0.0
Mental Health Inpatient Facility	2	12.5
Military Service	0	0.0
Substance Abuse Inpatient Facility	0	0
No Recorded Data	13	81.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>100</b>

When asked, **“During the last 12 months were you released from jail/prison after serving a court ordered sentence due to a resentencing and charge downgrade under Proposition 47?”** one (1) woman stated “yes.”

## C. Services

Table 14 provides the responses to the question—**“Have you received any of the following services in the past 18 months OR do you need these services?”**—and lists all the choices that were provided in the Homeless Demographic and Needs Survey.

- More than one-third (37.5%) of survey respondents

stated that they need job/training/employment services, legal services, identification/ID card assistance;

- One hundred percent (100%) stated they receive health insurance.

**Table 14. Have you received any of the following services in the past 18 months OR do you need these services**

Services	Receive		Need	
	#	%	#	%
Substance Abuse/Addiction Treatment	2	12.5	0	0.0
Mental Health Services	8	50.0	2	12.5
Health Insurance	15	100	1	6.2
Disability Services	0	0.0	4	25.0
Housing Assistance	0	0.0	16	100
Food Assistance	14	87.5	1	6.2
Job Training/Employment Services	3	18.7	6	37.5
Legal Services	2	12.5	6	37.5
Identification/ID card assistance	3	18.7	6	37.5
Child Care	n/a	-	n/a	-

\*Responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive and total more than 100%.

### D. Employment and Income

There were three questions that focused on employment and income.

The first question was **“Are you currently employed?”**

- 1 single woman stated “yes.”

The second question was **“Do you receive income from any of the following sources?”**

Table 15 lists all the choices provided in the survey.

- Nearly half (43.7%) of single women reported no income and nearly half (43.7%) reported food stamps.

When asked, **“What is the total monthly income for your household?”** only two (2) of the single women reported income.

- Nearly all, 14 or 87.5%, reported no income as noted in Table 16.

### E. Education

When asked, **“How much school did you complete?”**

- Nearly all (87.5%) of the single women stated that they have a high school education or less—43.75% less than high school and 43.75% high school diploma or GED as noted in the table to the right.

**Table 15. Do you receive income from any of the following sources?\***

	#	%
Cash Aid	0	0.0
Child Support	0	0.0
Employment	1	6.2
Disability (SSI/SSDI)	1	6.2
Food Stamps	7	43.7
Friends and Family	0	0.0
Other:	0	0.0
Social Security/Pensions	0	0.0
TANF/Cal	0	0.0
Veteran’s Benefits	0	0.0
No Income	7	43.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 16. What is the total monthly income for your household?**

	#	%
No Income	14	87.5
\$1 - \$250	0	0.0
\$251 - \$500	1	6.25
\$501 - \$1,000	1	6.25
\$1,001 - \$2,000	0	0.0
More than \$2,000	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 17. How much school did you complete?**

	#	%
Less Than High School	7	43.75
Some High School, No Diploma	0	0.0
High School Diploma or GED	7	43.75
Some College or Vocational Training	2	12.5
College or Vocational Degree	0	0.0
Graduate Degree	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100</b>

## WOMEN WITH CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18

Tables 18 - 20 provide the breakdown by ethnicity, race, and age for women with children under age 18.

As noted in Table 18, nearly all women with children under age 18 were Hispanic or Latino—95.2%.

**Table 18. Ethnicity of Women with Children Under Age 18**

Women with Children		
	#	%
Hispanic or Latino	20	95.2
Non-Hispanic or Latino	1	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>

As noted in Table 19, all (100%) women with children under age 18 were Caucasian/White.

**Table 19. Race of Women with Children**

Women with Children		
	#	%
African American	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Caucasian/White	21	100
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Multiple Races	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 20 shows that 9.5% of women with children under age 18 were youth ages 18 – 24 and all others (90.5%) were between the ages 25 – 61.

**Table 20. Age of Women with Children**

Women with Children		
	#	%
Youth Ages 18 - 24	2	9.5
Adults Age 25 - 61	19	90.5
Seniors Age 62+	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 21 provides a breakdown of other subpopulations for the 21 women with children under age 18.

**Table 21. Breakdown by Subpopulations\***

Women with Children		
	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	0	0.0
Developmental Disability	0	0.0
Families including Chronically Homeless Families*	21**	***
Mental Illness	6	28.6
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	0	0.0
Physical Disability	0	0.0
Substance Use Disorder	1	4.8
Veterans***	0	0.0
Victims of Domestic Violence	16	76.2
Persons Released from Prisons & Jails	1	4.8
Persons w/ Chronic Physical Illness	1	4.8

\*Surveyors were asked to check all of the reasons that apply. Thus, the responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive and total more than 100%.

\*\*None of the families were chronically homeless.

\*\*\*Twenty-one (21) families consisted of 21 adults (all women) and 47 were children under age 18.

Tables 22 – 28 provide the breakdown of the answers by the women with children who were sheltered to the 12 questions that were included in the survey that did not focus on collecting the subpopulation information

noted above. The questions primarily focused on collecting information to help determine service needs of the homeless population.

### A. Context and Circumstances

When asked, **“Where did you sleep last night,”** all of the sheltered women with children under age 18 stayed in transitional housing (66.7%) or an emergency shelter (33.3%) as noted in Table 22. Three (3) stayed in House of Hope and 18 stayed in one of the Womenhaven programs.

**Table 22: Where did you sleep last night?**

	#	%
Emergency Shelter	7	33.3
Hospital	14	66.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>

When asked, **Where was the last place you were housed for 90 days or more?**

- 33% of the sheltered women with children under age 18 were housed in Imperial County as noted in the next table.

**Table 23: Where was the last place you were housed for 90 days or more?**

	#	%
This County/Community	7	33.3
Another Town/County in California	0	0.0
Another State	0	0.0
Another Country	0	0.0
No Recorded Data	14	66.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>

When asked, **“What is the main reason you are homeless/unstably housed?”**

- More than three-fourths (76.2%) of women with children under age 18 stated unemployment;
- Nearly two-thirds (61.9%) stated domestic violence.

**Table 24: What is the main reason you are homeless/unstably housed?\***

	#	%
Domestic Violence	13	61.9
Mental Illness	1	4.8
Other	5	23.8
Release from Prison/Jail	1	4.8
Unable to Pay Rent or Utilities	2	9.5
Unemployment	16	76.2

When asked, **“Were you displaced by a natural disaster?”** 0 or 0.0% stated “yes.”

\*Surveyors were asked to check all of the reasons that apply. Thus, the responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive and total more than 100%.

## B. Discharged from Facility/Institution

When asked “**Were you discharged from any facility/ institution in the past 30 days?**”

- 0 or 0.0% of women with children under age 18 stated “yes.”

When asked, “**During the last 12 months were you released from jail/prison after serving a court ordered sentence due to a resentencing and charge downgrade under Proposition 47?**”

- 0 or 0.0% of women with children under age 18 stated “yes.”

## C. Services

Table 25 provides the responses to the question—“Have you received any of the following services in the past 18 months OR do you need these services?”

Table 25 lists all the choices that were included in the survey.

- One-third (33.3%) of women with children under age 18 stated that they need of housing assistance;
- One hundred percent (100%) stated they receive health insurance.

**Table 25. Have you received any of the following services in the past 18 months OR do you need these services**

Services	Receive		Need	
	#	%	#	%
Substance Abuse/Addiction Treatment	1	4.8	0	0.0
Mental Health Services	7	33.3	1	4.8
Health Insurance	21	100	0	0.0
Disability Services	0	0.0	0	0.0
Housing Assistance	15	71.4	7	33.3
Food Assistance	20	95.2	0	0.0
Job Training/Employment Services	14	66.7	4	19.0
Legal Services	5	23.8	2	9.5
Identification/ID card assistance	2	9.5	1	4.8
Child Care	8	38.1	4	19.0

*\*Responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive and total more than 100%.*

### D. Employment and Income

There were three questions that focused on employment and income. The first question was **“Are you currently employed?”**

- 2 or 9.5 of women with children under age 18 stated “yes.”

The second question was **“Do you receive income from any of the following sources?”**

Table 26 lists all the choices provided in the survey.

- Two-thirds (66.7%) of women with children under age 18 reported TANF/Cal.

**Table 26. Do you receive income from any of the following sources?\***

	#	%
Cash Aid	1	4.8
Child Support	1	4.8
Employment	2	9.5
Disability (SSI/SSDI)	1	4.8
Food Stamps	1	4.8
Friends and Family	0	0.0
Other:	0	0.0
Social Security/Pensions	0	0.0
TANF/Cal	14	66.7
Veteran’s Benefits	0	0.0
No Income	1	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>

When asked, **“What is the total monthly income for your household?”** Table 27 notes that

- Nearly half (47.6%) of women with children under age 18 reported income between \$501 - \$1,000;
- Nearly one-fourth (23.8%) reported no income.

**Table 27. What is the total monthly income for your household?**

	#	%
No Income	5	23.8
\$1 - \$250	1	4.8
\$251 - \$500	2	9.5
\$501 - \$1,000	10	47.6
\$1,001 - \$2,000	3	14.3
More than \$2,000	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>

## E. Education

When asked, “**How much school did you complete?**”

- Nearly two-thirds (61.8%) of women with children under age 18 stated that they have a high school education or less—19% less than high school; 23.8% some high school, no diploma; and 19% high school diploma or GED.

**Table 28. How much school did you complete?**

	#	%
Less Than High School	4	19.0
Some High School, No Diploma	5	23.8
High School Diploma or GED	4	19.0
Some College or Vocational Training	3	14.3
College or Vocational Degree	1	4.8
Graduate Degree	1	4.8
No Recorded Data	3	14.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100</b>



## SINGLE MEN

Tables 29 - 32 provide the breakdown by ethnicity, race, and age.

As noted in the table to the right, all (100%) single men were Hispanic or Latino.

**Table 29. Ethnicity of Single Men**

Single Men		
	#	%
Hispanic or Latino	44	100
Non-Hispanic or Latino	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100</b>

As noted in Table 30, all (100%) single men were Caucasian/White.

**Table 30. Race of Single Men**

Single Men		
	#	%
African American	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0
Caucasian/White	44	100
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Multiple Races	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100</b>

The table to the right shows that two (2) or 4.5% of single men were youth ages 18 – 24 and three (3) or 6.8% were seniors age 62+. All others (88.7%) were between the ages 25 – 61.

**Table 31. Age of Single Men**

Single Men		
	#	%
Youth Ages 18 - 24	2	4.5
Adults Age 25 - 61	39	88.7
Seniors Age 62+	3	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 32 provides a breakdown of other subpopulations for the 44 single men.

**Table 32. Breakdown by Subpopulations\***

	Single Men	
	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	0	0.0
Developmental Disability	0	0.0
Families including Chronically Homeless Families*	n/a	n/a
Mental Illness	0	0.0
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	0	0.0
Physical Disability	0	0.0
Substance Use Disorder	1	2.3
Veterans***	0	0.0
Victims of Domestic Violence	0	0.0
Persons Released from Prisons & Jails	0	0.0
Persons w/ Chronic Physical Illness	0	0.0

*\*Surveyors were asked to check all of the reasons that apply. Thus, the responses to the reasons above are not mutually exclusive.*

There were 12 questions that were included in the survey that did not focus on collecting the subpopulation information noted above. The questions primarily focused on collecting information to help determine service needs of the homeless population. The data that was collected, however, was not valid.

## VI. Next Steps

Under the leadership of the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council (IVCCC), Imperial County will develop a unified plan and system to address homelessness. Greater funding and resources are also needed to successfully execute this plan.

### 1) Develop a comprehensive and coordinated plan through the IVCCC to address homelessness.

To achieve the greatest impact and effectiveness, it is imperative that the entire community – providers, stakeholders, elected officials, business, education, philanthropy – be on board with the plan and direction.

Collaborative efforts have proven to have the most success in addressing issues that are pervasive and county-wide. Ending homelessness is no different. All voices are needed at the table to ensure Imperial County develops the most effective plan possible.

### 2) Obtain funding and resources

This effort will not only take human resources to be effective, it will take coordinated and targeted funding resources to efficiently move the plan forward.

### 3) Establish a Coordinated Entry System (CES)

HUD funding will be impacted if the community does not come together to implement this requirement. Currently, potential funds are being left on the table.

A CES is required by 2018 and will allow the community to more easily assess the needs of the individual or family and appropriately place them in the service that will most effectively serve them. It reduces time, effort and money by avoiding a duplication of service. It also provides a more fluid process for the person experiencing homelessness by directing them to the one place they need to go versus a trial and error method of knocking on a variety of doors to find the right place.

### 4) Recruit Volunteers

The 2017 Point in Time Count is the most accurate count to date because of the cadre of volunteers that turned out. In the future, more volunteers are needed to obtain more accurate and complete data.

### 5) Further Education

Understanding the issue we face is the best way to know how to have the biggest impact with your time, talent and/or treasure.

There are well-informed individuals available to work with your group as they discuss their involvement with ending homelessness in Imperial County. The community is also invited to attend the meetings of the IVCCC to learn more about the work happening in Imperial County.

“This issue is complex, but we know that working together we can end homelessness in Imperial Valley,” says Deborah Owen, Assistant District Attorney of Imperial County.

“We must implement and broadly utilize a Coordinated Entry System in order to maintain and increase federal funding for services for homeless people. One of the ways to ensure this is to continue the strong volunteer representation at next year’s Point in Time Count. We invite community leaders, elected officials, and the entire community to attend the next IVCCC meeting or invite one of our representatives to speak at yours.”

For more information and to learn about future meetings, visit the IVCCC website at: [www.cociv.org](http://www.cociv.org).

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# Appendix A: Homeless Demographic & Needs Survey



## Imperial Valley Homeless Task Force

Location of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Imperial Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeless individual provided input for survey       Survey completed w/o input (through observation)

# Of: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Number of : Individuals (●) \_\_\_\_\_ Car/RV/Truck/Van (▲) \_\_\_\_\_ Hand-built Structures (✘) \_\_\_\_\_

### HOMELESS DEMOGRAPHIC & NEEDS SURVEY

IVHTF/CoC Point-In-Time Count – January 27, 2017/January 28, 2017

Complete one survey for each homeless adult or unaccompanied child. For families with minor children, record the information about the children on the same form with the head of household's response.

#### 1. Identifier (to avoid duplication)

First two letters of First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ or Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First two letters of Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Gender:       Male       Female       Transgender

3. Race  African-American       Caucasian/White       Asian       Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
 American Indian/Alaska Native       Multiple       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Ethnicity       Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino       Hispanic/Latino

#### 5. Household Members

Head of Household (adult or unaccompanied child)  
 Are there any minor children residing with the head of household?       Yes       No  
 1. Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F  
 2. Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F      Are children age 5-17 enrolled in school?  Yes       No  
 3. Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F      Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F  
 Other Adult – not head of household

#### 6. Household Type

Individual, without children       Single-parent household       unaccompanied child  
 Couple, without children       Two-parent household       Household of all children  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you a Veteran?       Yes       No


a. Have you ever served in any branch of the Armed Forces (Military)?  Yes: \_\_\_\_\_  No

8. Are you a survivor of domestic violence?       Yes       No

**9. Have you been diagnosed with any of the following conditions?**

- Mental illness   
  Substance use disorder   
  HIV/AIDS   
  Physical disability  
 Chronic physical illness   
  Developmental disability   
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Where did you sleep last night?**

- On the streets (sidewalk, park, tent, abandoned building, car, etc.)  
 Slab City  
 Emergency shelter (Name: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Transitional housing (Name: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Hotel/Motel  Did you pay for the stay in the hotel?     Yes     No  
 Hospital  
 Treatment facility or other facility/institution (substance abuse, mental health, jail/prison)  
     • Were you homeless immediately before entering this facility?     Yes     No  
 Rapid re-housing program (Name: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Permanent supportive housing program (Name: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Private dwelling that I rent or own (room, apartment, house)  
 With a friend/family in their private dwelling

**11. How long have you been homeless this time?** \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ months \_\_\_\_\_ days

- I am not homeless now but I will be evicted, discharged, or forced to leave my current housing situation within 14 days AND I lack the resources to obtain new housing.

**12. How many times have you lived on the streets or in an emergency shelter in the past 3 years, if any?** \_\_\_\_\_

**13. What is the main reason you are homeless/unstably housed? (Check all that apply)**

- Unemployment   
  Substance use   
  Child abuse/neglect   
  Disability  
 Mental illness   
  Runaway   
  Domestic violence   
  Natural Disaster  
 Release from prison/jail   
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Were you discharged from any facility/institution in the past 30 days?**

- Jail or prison   
  Mental health inpatient facility   
  Foster care  
 Hospital   
  Substance abuse inpatient facility   
  Military service

**14. a. During the last 12 months were you released from jail/prison after serving a court ordered sentence due to a resentencing and charge downgrade under Proposition 47?**     YES     NO

**15. Have you received any of the following services in the past 18 months OR do you need these services?**

Substance abuse/addiction treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed
Mental health services	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed
Health insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed
Disability services	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed
Housing assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed
Food assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed
Job training/employment services	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed
Legal services	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed
Identification/ID card assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed
Child care	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed

16. **Where was the last place you were housed for 90 days or more?**

- This County/Community \_\_\_\_\_  Another state: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Another town/county in CA: \_\_\_\_\_  Another country: \_\_\_\_\_

17. **Were you displaced by a natural disaster?**  Yes  No

If yes, name of natural disaster: \_\_\_\_\_

18. **Are you currently employed?**

- Yes  No (date of last employment: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ )

19. **Do you receive income from any of the following sources?**

- Employment  Social Security/pensions  Friends and family  
 Disability (SSI/SSDI)  TANF/Cal  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veteran's benefits  Food stamps  
 Cash Aid  Child support

20. **What is the total monthly income for your household?** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

21. **How much school did you complete?**

- Less than high school  Some college or vocational training  
 Some high school, no diploma  College or vocational degree  
 High school diploma or GED  Graduate degree

22. **Anything else you would like me/us to know?**  No

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix B: Anything else you would like me/us to know?

1. #'s to the lottery & what's going to happen to Trump.
2. 2 year college degree
3. Ask positive questions about "why you've been homeless."
4. Better access to resources, services, and medical assistance.
5. Drunk driving conviction after passing of wife w/ cancer.
6. Fix medical insurance for him
7. Free health care
8. Good community. Take care of each other.
9. Happy to be alive
10. Has stayed at Spread the Love Charity
11. He's here by choice because life is better here.
12. Helpful to get away
13. Hoping this helps.
14. Jesus is Lord.
15. Likes Slab City
16. More services. Cold nights. One friend passed away recently due to the cold.
17. Need Food & ID
18. Need for showers
19. Need gas stations & transit vouchers.
20. Need help for substance abuse, badly.
21. Need more bus & food services.
22. Need place to shower and cook
23. Need water, electricity, toilet paper.
24. Needs clothing, medical, health & bus service.
25. Needs employment
26. Needs help right now.
27. Needs help w/ bank acct. & housing.
28. No
29. Not homeless - houseless
30. Others in need of AA group & Condoms.
31. Pays for Medicare
32. Snow bird temporarily living here for weather & it's nice out here.
33. Solar Panel
34. Spread the Love Charity is how he get meals.
35. The need for proper housing.
36. Thinks there's a growing trend in youth migrating to Slabs.
37. Transportation to bus & city.
38. Wants a call back & get
39. Wants to work & needs a place to stay.