

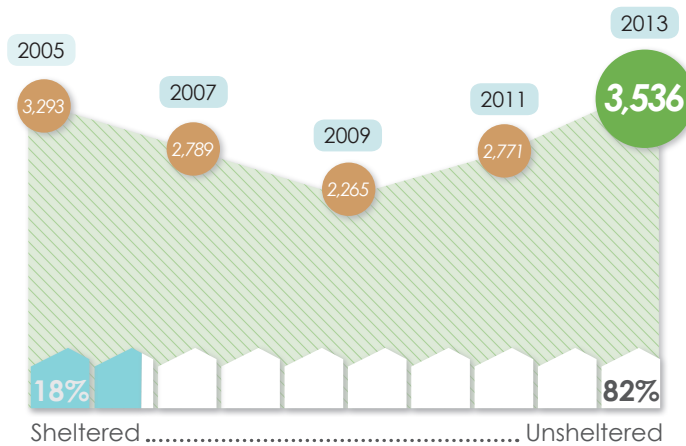
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

2013 Homeless Census & Survey Executive Summary

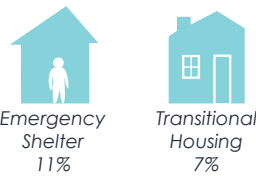
Every two years in January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of their homeless population to gain a better understanding of the individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness, and to apply for federal funding for homeless programs.

The 2013 Santa Cruz County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 22nd, 2013. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 369 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

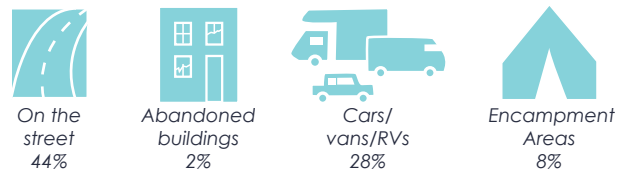
HOMELESS CENSUS NINE-YEAR TREND



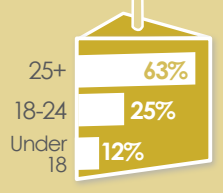
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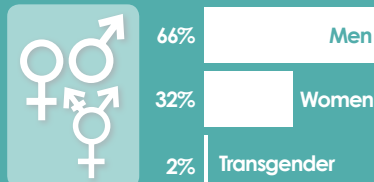
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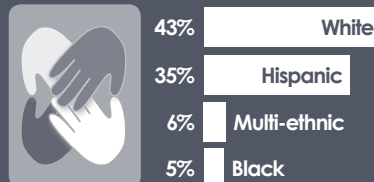
AGE



GENDER



ETHNICITY (TOP 4 RESPONSES)



FOSTER CARE

(respondents that have ever been in the system)

15%

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(currently experiencing)

129 individuals

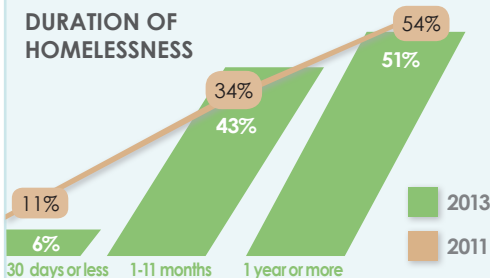
FIRST TIME HOMELESSNESS

Yes (44%)
No (56%)

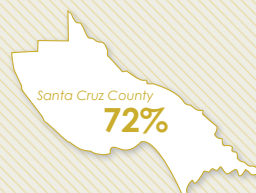


38% of those experiencing homelessness for the first time had been homeless for one year or more

DURATION OF HOMELESSNESS



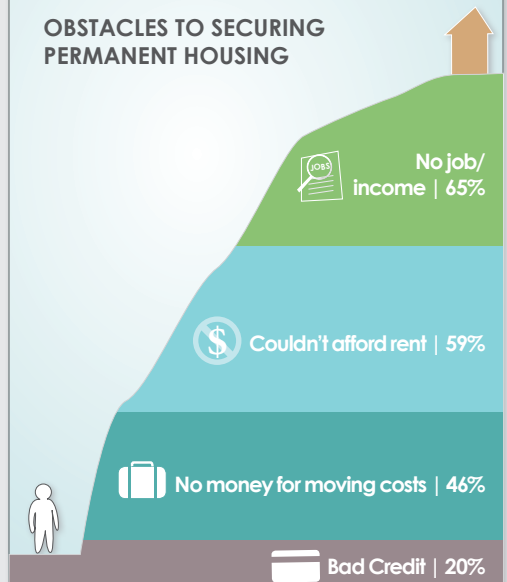
RESIDENCE AT TIME OF HOMELESSNESS



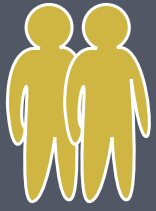
Top 3 reasons others moved to Santa Cruz County



OBSTACLES TO SECURING PERMANENT HOUSING



SHELTERED



1.8 people out of 10 were sheltered
(n=641)

vs.

8.2 people out of 10 were unsheltered
(n=2,895)





UNSHelterED





Unsheltered Homeless Census Population by Jurisdiction



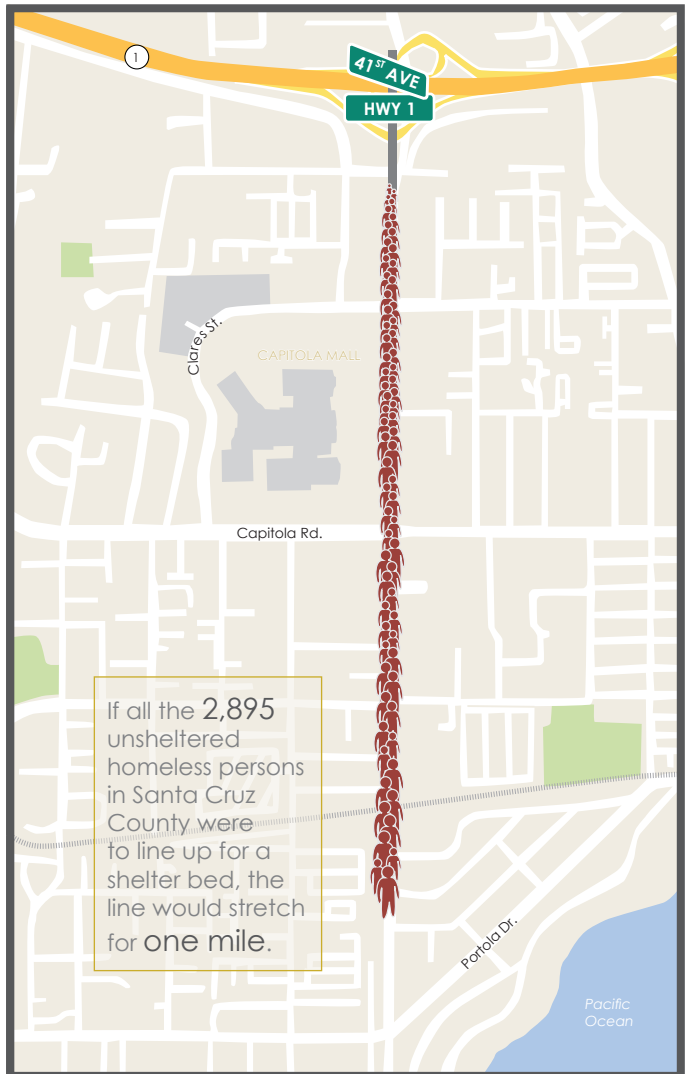
TOTAL INCORPORATED: 1,415 PERSONS

-  City of Capitola
1 Person | Less than 1%
-  City of Santa Cruz
892 Persons | 31%
-  City of Scotts Valley
25 Persons | 1%
-  City of Watsonville
497 Persons | 17%

TOTAL UNINCORPORATED: 1,372 PERSONS

-  Aptos/Rio del Mar
218 Persons | 8%
-  Live Oak/Twin Lakes/Opal Cliffs
687 Persons | 24%
-  North Coast
30 Persons | 1%
-  San Lorenzo Valley
159 Persons | 6%
-  Soquel/Santa Cruz Mountains
159 Persons | 6%
-  South County
141 Persons | 5%

SOCIAL MATH



If all the 2,895 unsheltered homeless persons in Santa Cruz County were to line up for a shelter bed, the line would stretch for one mile.

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UNSHelterED HOMELESS CENSUS POPULATION**



108 persons

North County: 101
South County: 7

What is a disabling condition?

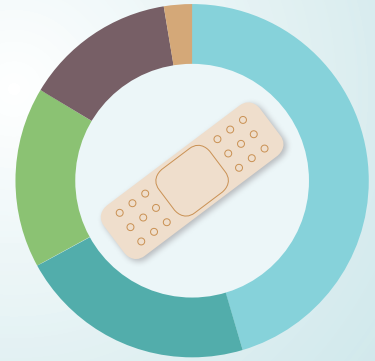
A disabling condition is defined here as a physical disability, mental illness, chronic depression, alcohol or drug abuse, chronic health problems, HIV/AIDS, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), or a developmental disability.

68%
of survey respondents reported a disabling condition.



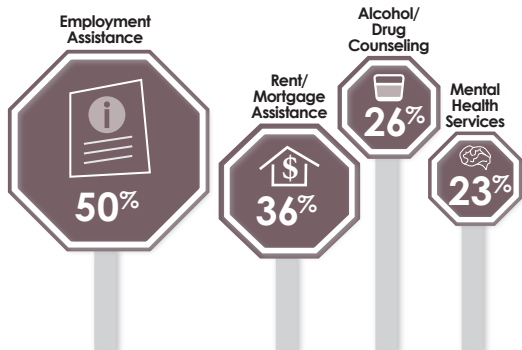
DISABLING CONDITIONS

- Mental illness* (55%)
- Substance abuse (26%)
- Physical disability (20%)
- Chronic physical illness (17%)
- Developmental disability (3%)

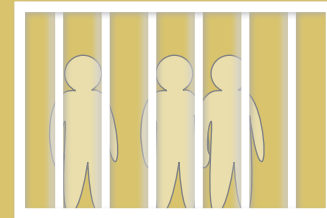


* Mental illness includes PTSD, depression, and other mental illnesses including bipolar and schizophrenia.
Note: Multiple response question, numbers will not total to 100%.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED RESPONDENTS' HOMELESSNESS (TOP 4 RESPONSES)



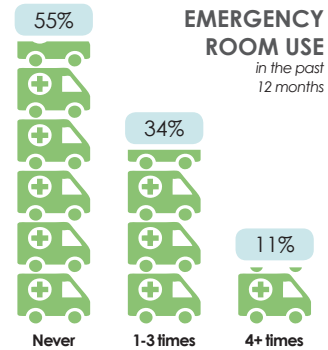
INCARCERATION



28% spent at least 1 or more nights in jail or prison in the past 12 months

EMERGENCY ROOM USE

in the past 12 months



SERVICES & ASSISTANCE

Government services received
(Top 3 Responses)



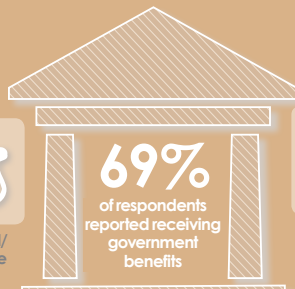
Food stamps



Medi-cal/Medicare



General Assistance



69%
of respondents reported receiving government benefits

31% reported were NOT receiving any government benefits

Reasons for NOT receiving government services
(Top 3 Responses)



Don't need government assistance



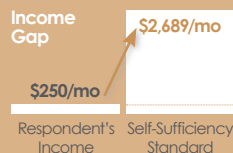
Don't think you are eligible



No permanent address



is the amount that 57% of respondents reported as their total monthly income.



PANHANDLING

\$4.90
per day is the average income for those survey respondents who reported panhandling

Summary

These data provide a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in Santa Cruz County on January 22nd. It provides a basic estimation of the number and characteristics of those experiencing homelessness on any given night in order to inform future service planning and provisioning efforts.

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Homeless Census & Survey. Watsonville, CA. For more detail or to view the comprehensive report, please visit www.appliedsurveyresearch.org.