



EVERYONE COUNTS

2026 POINT IN TIME SUMMARY





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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CARE COORDINATION



Every two years, Orange County comes together as one community to conduct the federally required Point In Time Count. The County of Orange (County) and the Orange County Continuum of Care lead this effort in partnership with all 34 Orange County cities, homeless service providers, law enforcement agencies, and community volunteers in a coordinated effort to better understand and measure homelessness across the county. Conducted simultaneously across the country during the last ten days of January, with results most often released in Spring, the Point In Time Count results serve as a moment of reflection, as communities consider the progress being made to address homelessness and the work that remains.

The 2026 Orange County Point In Time Count shows a 13.7% reduction in overall homelessness compared to 2024, including a 26.6% reduction in unsheltered homelessness. While no single factor can fully explain fluctuations in a community's homeless population or conditions, these results reflect the impact of thousands of individuals who found stable housing or avoided homelessness through the robust support, services, and housing provided by the Orange County System of Care.





INTRODUCTION

Over the past decade, the County, cities, service providers, and community partners have built a comprehensive and coordinated homeless response system designed to meet the diverse needs of individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. These results reinforce the importance of continuing to invest in proven, evidence-based solutions that help hundreds of individuals and families find stable, permanent housing or avoid homelessness altogether.



For the first time in Orange County’s history, more people experiencing homelessness were staying in emergency shelters and transitional housing than were living unsheltered on the streets and places not meant for human habitation. This milestone reflects both the community’s commitment to expanding access to temporary housing and services, and the willingness of people experiencing homelessness to connect with available support.



It also reinforces what many homeless service providers and street outreach workers working closely with the population see every day: when people have access to resources like shelter and services, they are willing to engage and work towards improving their situation.

While these results demonstrate meaningful progress, more than 6,000 people in Orange County continue to experience homelessness and remain in need of stable housing and supportive services. Changes in funding, policy and program development directly affect both people experiencing homelessness and the Orange County System of Care’s ability to effectively serve this vulnerable population. Therefore, it is essential that Orange County remains informed and engaged in the critical decisions being made today that will shape future outcomes. Those decisions should be guided by the knowledge and expertise our community has gained through building a comprehensive and successful homeless service system that has helped many people exit homelessness while improving the overall quality of life throughout Orange County.



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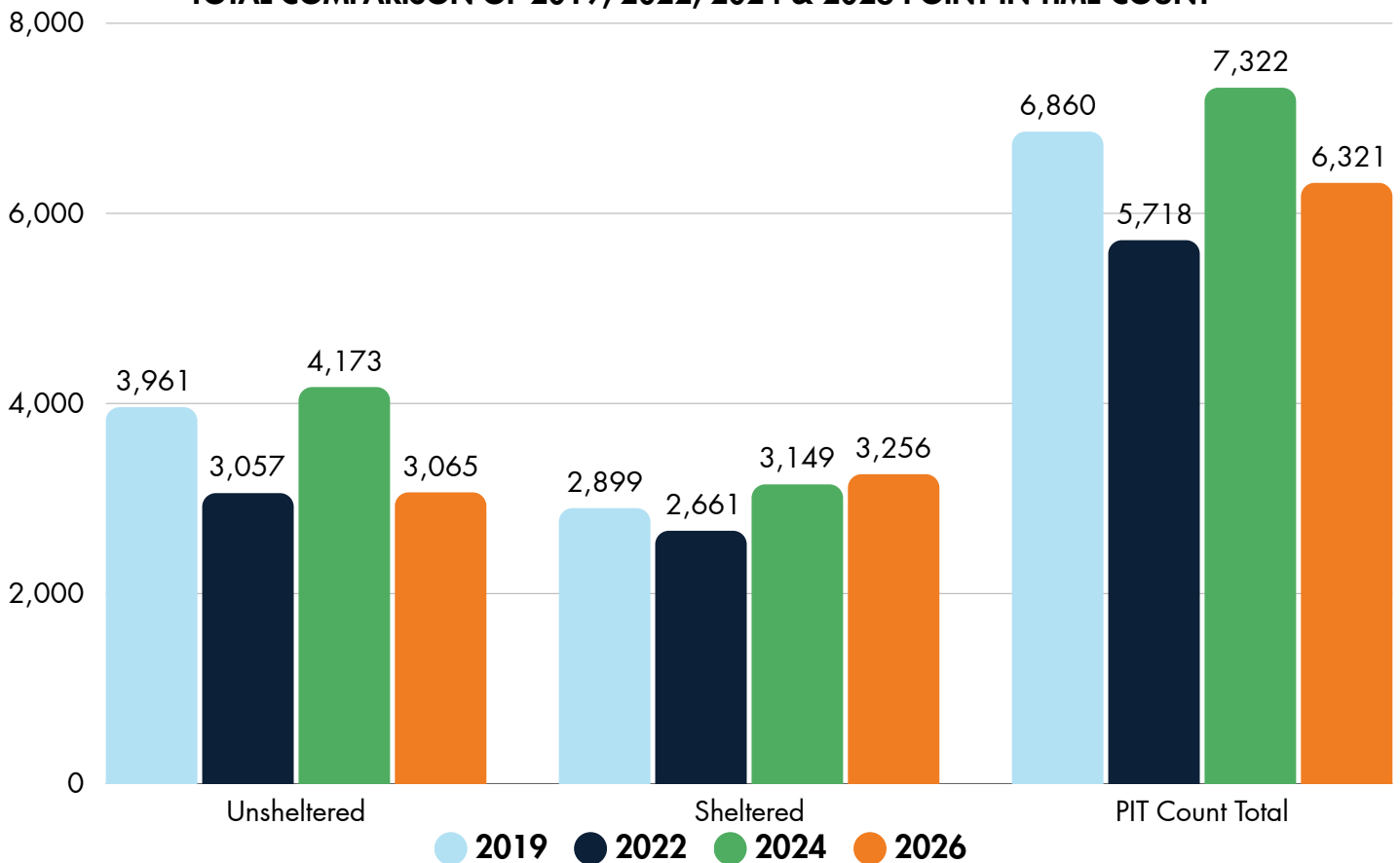


METHODOLOGY

The Orange County Point In Time (PIT) Count is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines. These guidelines provide specific data points to be collected, including but not limited to, information regarding chronic homelessness, disabling conditions, and demographic information such as single adults, families, and specific subpopulations, including veterans, survivors of domestic violence and transitional aged youth. The 2026 PIT Count utilizes the same methodology as the 2019, 2022, and 2024 PIT Counts. By keeping the methodology consistent, parallel comparisons can be made between the four counts.

The methodology for the unsheltered population is a simple canvassing of the entire county by volunteers equipped with ArcGIS maps and a mobile survey application. This methodology identifies people experiencing unsheltered homelessness through surveying people encountered on the street during the count. The survey included questions required by HUD, as well as additional local questions in order to deepen Orange County’s understanding of people experiencing homelessness. Once complete, the County of Orange’s Office of Care Coordination, in partnership with City Net and the Institute for Urban Initiatives, reviews and investigates any discrepancies and redundancies in the data to ensure the final count is accurate. Survey results are then compiled and analyzed for the PIT Count report.

TOTAL COMPARISON OF 2019, 2022, 2024 & 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT





2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT BY THE NUMBERS

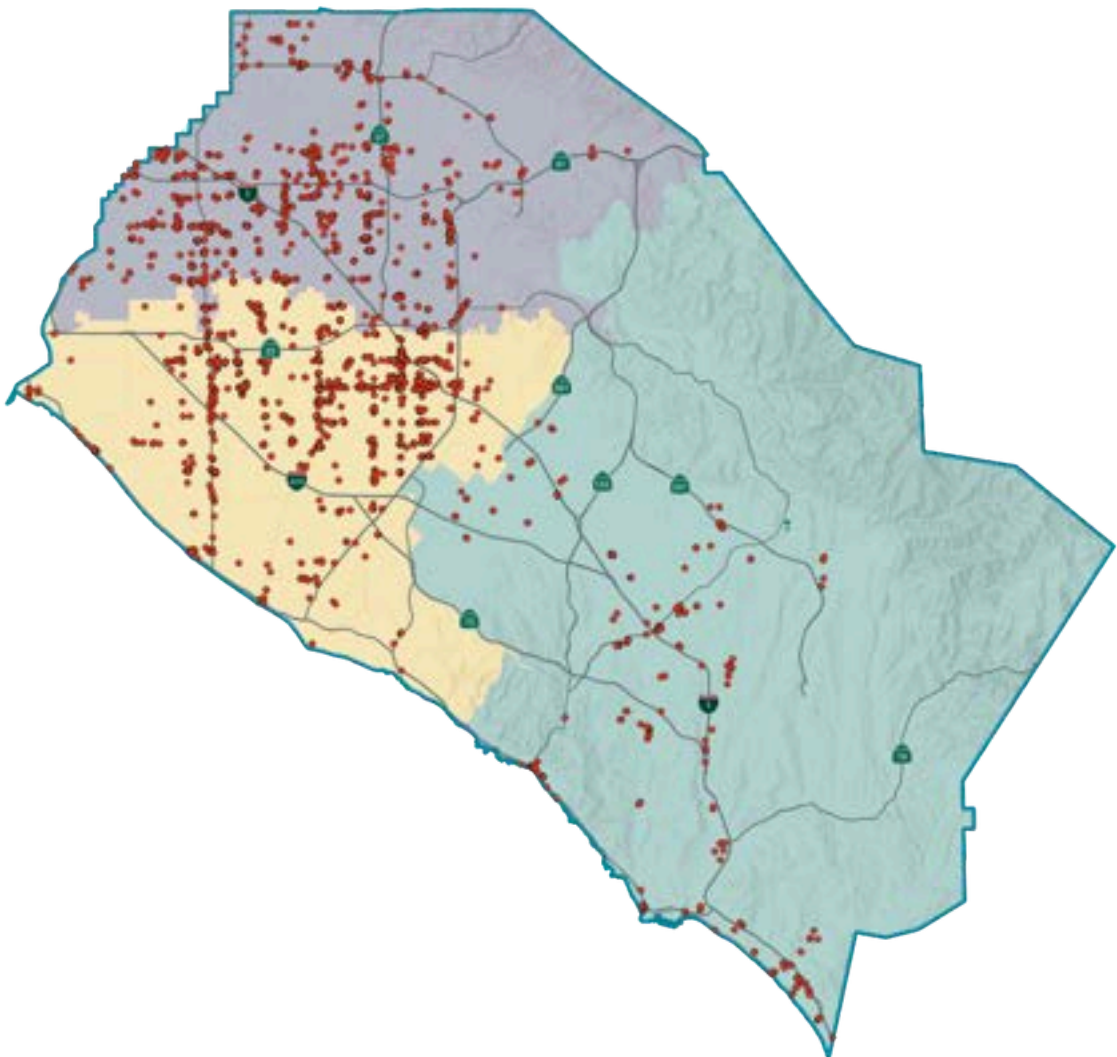
6,321
Persons

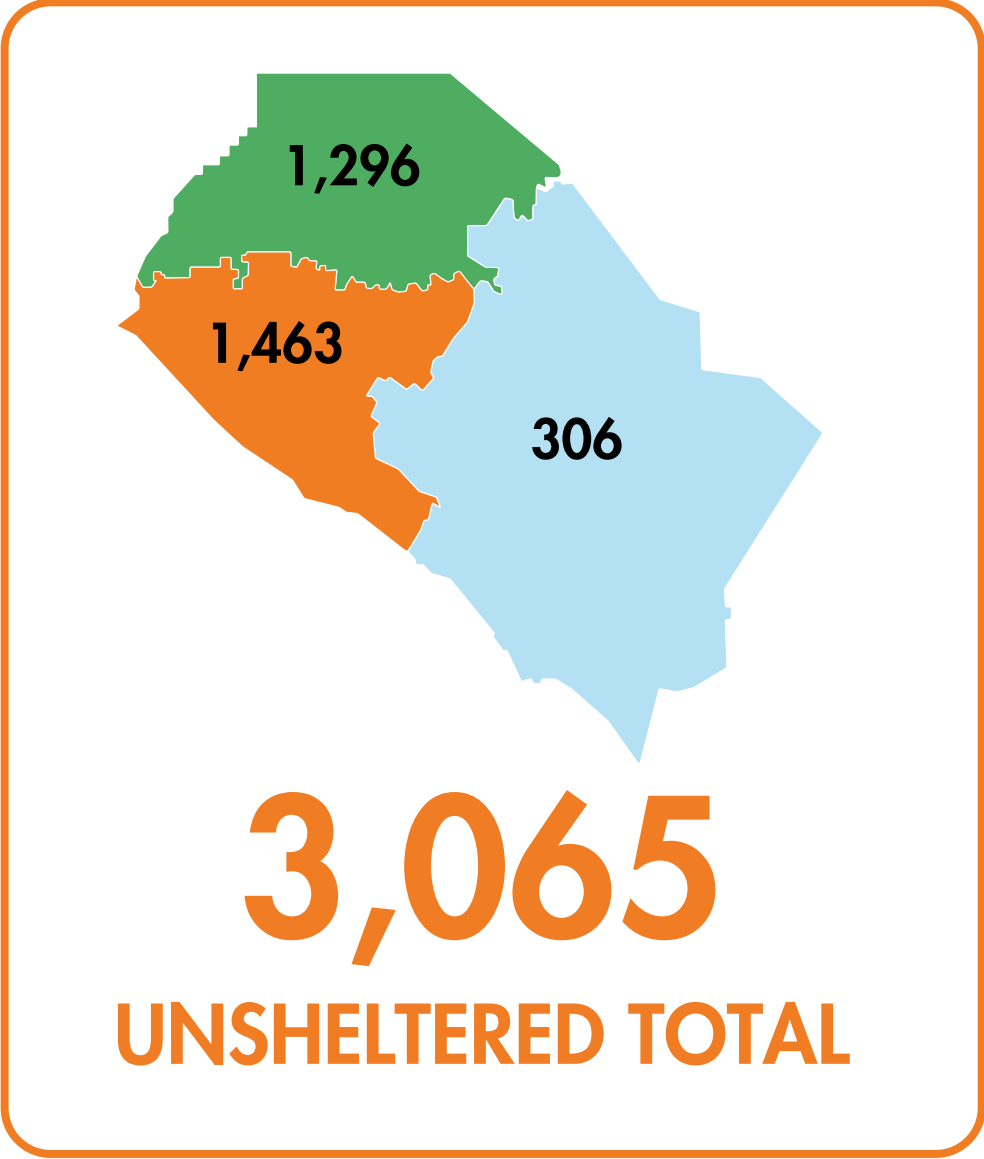
North: 2,894 Persons
Central: 2,919 Persons
South: 508 Persons

206
VETERANS
Persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves

245
TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH
Persons ages 18 to 24

882
SENIORS
Persons ages 62 and older





140
VETERANS
Persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves

93
TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH
Persons ages 18 to 24

361
SENIORS
Persons ages 62 and older

FIELD TEAMS & MAPS

306 Field teams of volunteers deployed into the community to canvas maps and survey people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

479 Maps were canvassed at least twice during each morning and evening shift of the 2026 Point In Time Count effort.





66
VETERANS

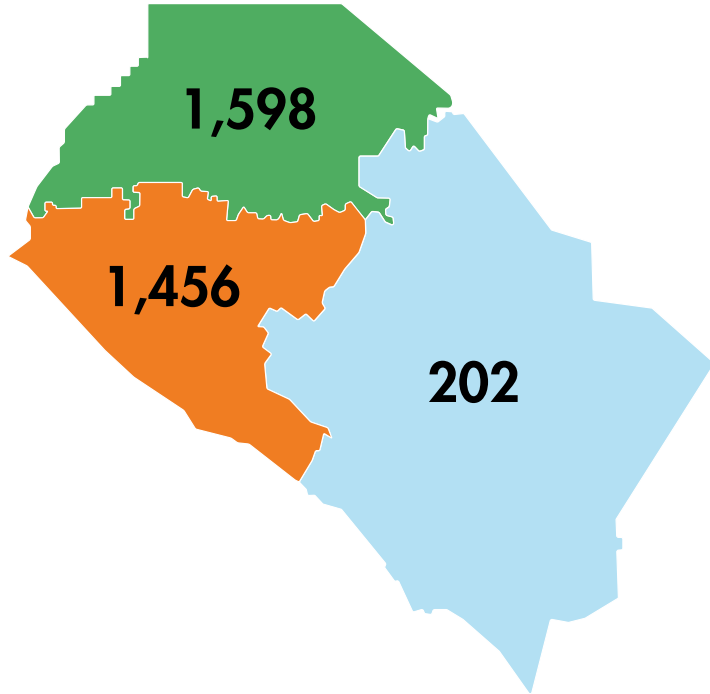
Persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves

152
**TRANSITIONAL
AGED YOUTH**

Persons ages 18 to 24

521
SENIORS

Persons ages 62 and older



3,256
SHELTERED TOTAL

VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENT

1,367

Volunteer shifts completed over the course of the three-day event, including early morning and late evening, across Orange County.

894

Volunteers - including nonprofit and faith-based service providers, County and City government, and representatives from law enforcement - canvassed all 34 cities and County unincorporated areas.





DEMOGRAPHICS

Age	Unsheltered 3,065 Persons	Sheltered 3,256 Persons
Under 18	1.99% 61 Persons	15.54% 506 Persons
18-24	3.03% 93 Persons	4.67% 152 Persons
25-34	16.25% 498 Persons	12.41% 404 Persons
35-44	28.58% 876 Persons	17.87% 582 Persons
45-54	23.00% 705 Persons	17.94% 584 Persons
55-61	15.37% 471 Persons	15.57% 507 Persons
62-64	4.54% 139 Persons	6.05% 197 Persons
65+	7.24% 222 Persons	9.95% 324 Persons

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Sex	Unsheltered 3,065 Persons	Sheltered 3,256 Persons
Female	28.91% 886 Persons	45.55% 1,483 Persons
Male	71.09% 2,179 Persons	54.45% 1,773 Persons

Notes:

The sex data table replaces previous gender data in alignment with HUD guidance. Sex and gender data collection was not required by HUD for the 2026 Point In Time Count.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Race and Ethnicity	Unsheltered 3,065 Persons	Sheltered 3,256 Persons
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	1.37% 42 Persons	1.11% 36 Persons
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latino/a	0.39% 12 Persons	1.87% 61 Persons
Asian or Asian American	5.12% 157 Persons	4.58% 149 Persons
Asian or Asian American & Hispanic/Latino/a	0.13% 4 Persons	0.18% 6 Persons
Black, African American, or African	7.50% 230 Persons	9.98% 325 Persons
Black, African American, or African & Hispanic/Latino/a	0.33% 10 Persons	0.37% 12 Persons
Hispanic/Latino/a	38.56% 1,182 Persons	20.58% 670 Persons
Middle Eastern or North African	0.55% 17 Persons	1.07% 35 Persons
Middle Eastern or North African & Hispanic/Latino/a	0.07% 2 Persons	0.00% 0 Persons
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.78% 24 Persons	0.92% 30 Persons
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latino/a	0.16% 5 Persons	0.34% 11 Persons
White	40.00% 1,226 Persons	34.28% 1,116 Persons
White & Hispanic/Latino/a	2.38% 73 Persons	21.59% 703 Persons
Multi-Racial & not Hispanic/Latino/a	2.45% 75 Persons	1.69% 55 Persons
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latino/a	0.20% 6 Persons	1.44% 47 Persons

Notes: Race and ethnicity categories have been combined and expanded to align with HUD guidance for race and ethnicity reporting.



**SUBPOPULATIONS &
DISABLING CONDITIONS**

ADULTS

UNSHELTERED

SHELTERED

3,004

2,750

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

41.11%

53.78%

1,235 Adults

1,479 Adults

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

45.04%

26.04%

1,353 Adults

716 Adults

PHYSICAL DISABILITY

34.82%

28.62%

1,046 Adults

787 Adults

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

32.89%

37.85%

988 Adults

1,041 Adults

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

19.74%

0.40%

593 Adults

11 Adults

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

11.35%

8.44%

341 Adults

232 Adults

HIV/AIDS

1.76%

2.22%

53 Adults

61 Adults

Notes:

Data only includes adults ages 18 and older. Some adults may identify with more than one subpopulation and/or report more than one disabling condition.

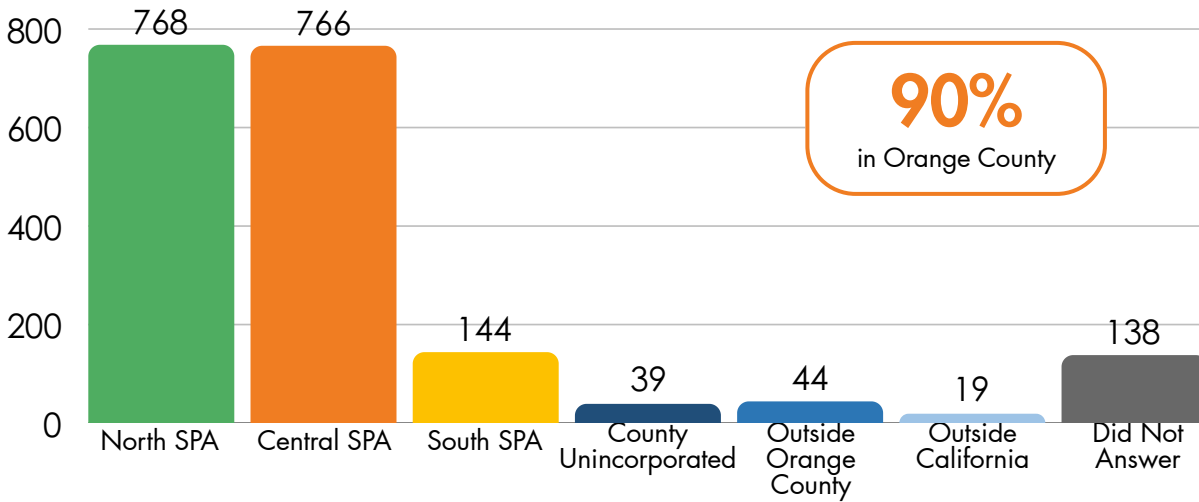


2026 HOUSEHOLD STATUS

Population	Description	Unsheltered (2,805) Households	Sheltered (2,667) Households	Total (5,472) Households
Individuals	Households with only adults age 18 and older	2,767 Households 2,952 Adults	2,384 Households 2,413 Adults	5,151 Households 5,365 Adults
Families	Households with at least one adult 18 and older and one child 17 or younger	37 Families 112 persons in households: 52 Adults 60 Children	270 Families 829 persons in households: 337 Adults 492 Children	307 Families 941 persons in households: 389 Adults 552 Children
Unaccompanied Minors	Minors, 17 and younger not accompanied by an adult	1 Household 1 Minor	13 Households 14 Minors	14 Households 15 Minors

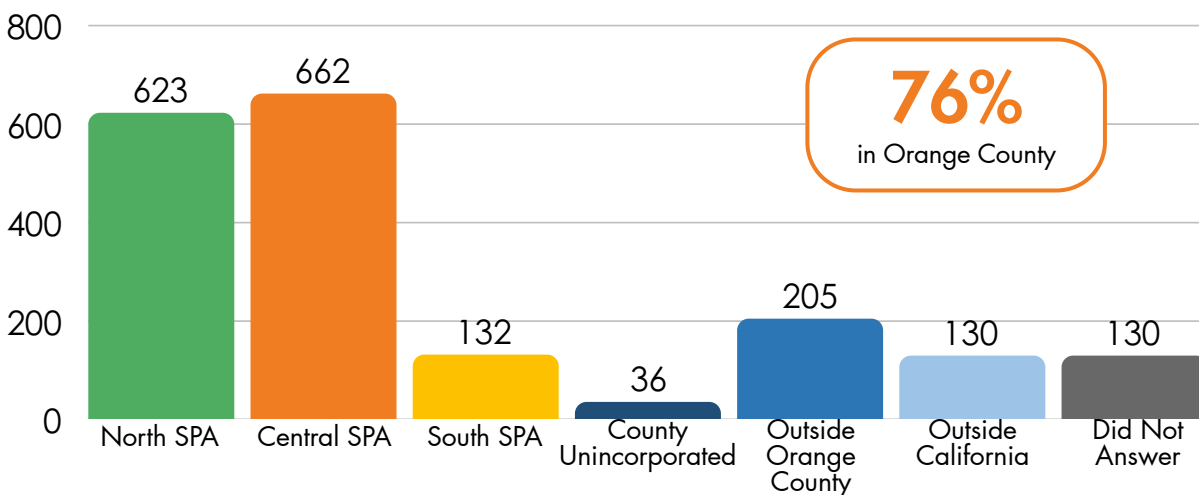


REPORTED CITY WHERE MOST SPENT TIME WHILE HOMELESS



- City in North SPA**
768 Adults, 40.04%
- City in Central SPA**
766 Adults, 39.94%
- City in South SPA**
144 Adults, 7.51%
- County Unincorporated**
39 Adults, 2.03%
- Outside Orange County**
44 Adults, 2.29%
- Outside California**
19 Adults, 0.99%
- Did Not Answer**
138 Adults, 7.19%

REPORTED CITY OF LAST PERMANENT ADDRESS



- City in North SPA**
623 Adults, 32.48%
- City in Central SPA**
662 Adults, 34.52%
- City in South SPA**
132 Adults, 6.88%
- County Unincorporated**
36 Adults, 1.88%
- Outside Orange County**
205 Adults, 10.69%
- Outside California**
130 Adults, 6.78%
- Did Not Answer**
130 Adults, 6.78%

Notes:
SPA refers to Service Planning Area.
This data is based off the 1,918 unsheltered Adults surveyed.



**COMMUNITY TIES:
UNSHELTERED ADULTS**



38.89%

746 Adults
Attending or have attended school in Orange County



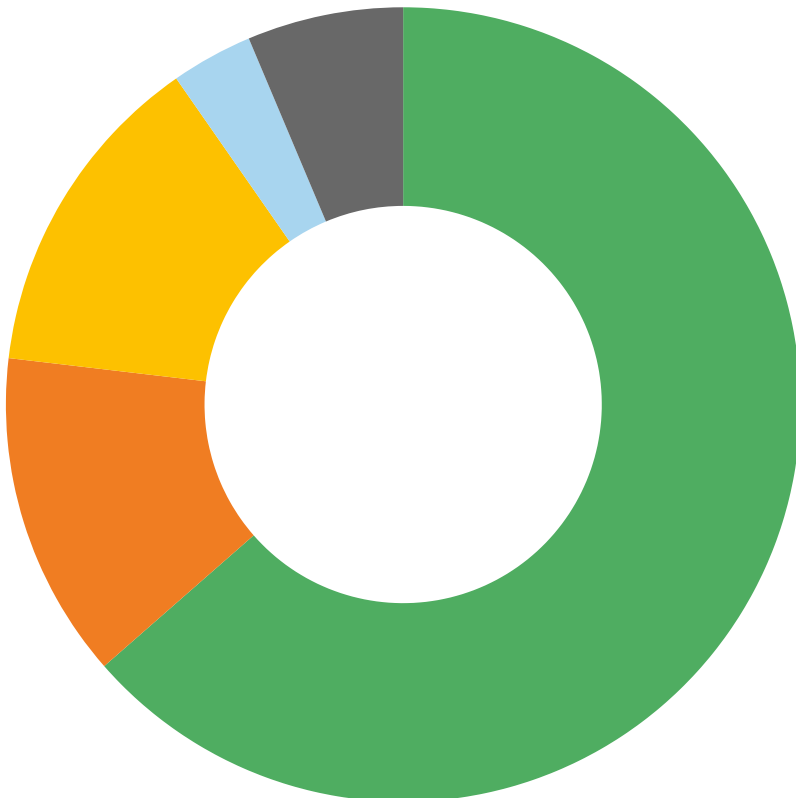
53.49%

1,026 Adults
Have family in Orange County



58.50%

1,122 Adults
Currently working or have ever worked in Orange County



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Unemployed
1,261 Adults, 63.56%

Full-Time, Part-Time, Seasonally Employed
264 Adults, 13.31%

Retired, Disabled
267 Adults 13.46%

Other
66 Adults, 3.33%

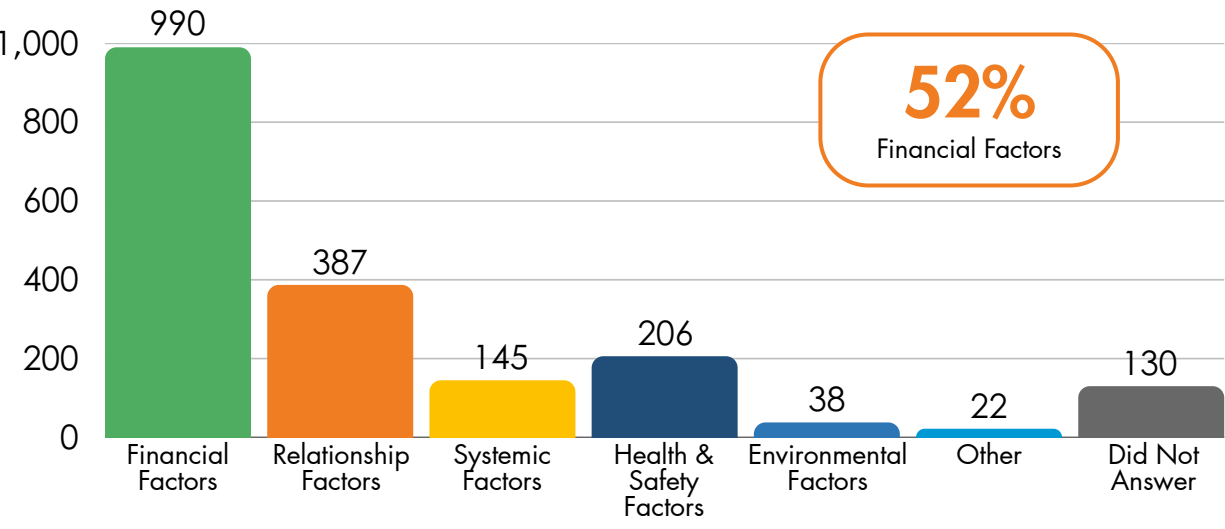
Did Not Answer
126 Adults, 6.35%

Notes:

Community Ties data is based off the 1,918 unsheltered Adults surveyed. For Current Employment Status, respondents were able to select multiple responses. A total of 1,984 responses were received.



REPORTED MAJOR FACTORS THAT WERE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IN CONTRIBUTING TO HOMELESSNESS



Financial Factors
990 Adults, 51.62%

Relationship Factors
387 Adults, 20.18%

Systemic Factors
145 Adults, 7.56%

Health & Safety Factors
206 Adults, 10.74%

Environmental Factors
38 Adults, 1.98%

Other
22 Adults, 1.15%

Did Not Answer
130 Adults, 6.78%



Definitions

Financial Factors can include loss of job, reduced income, high living costs, lack of affordable housing, insufficient public benefits.

Relationship Factors can include an argument with family and/or friends, divorce or breakup, unsafe conditions like domestic violence, changes in household composition.

Systemic Factors can include racial or gender discrimination, landlord problems, lack of tenant rights, discharge from jail, hospital, or rehabilitation program without a housing plan.

Health and Safety Factors can include medical crisis, physical health condition, mental health conditions, or substance use.

Environmental Factors can include natural disasters like fires or floods, air pollution, climate-related displacement.

Notes:
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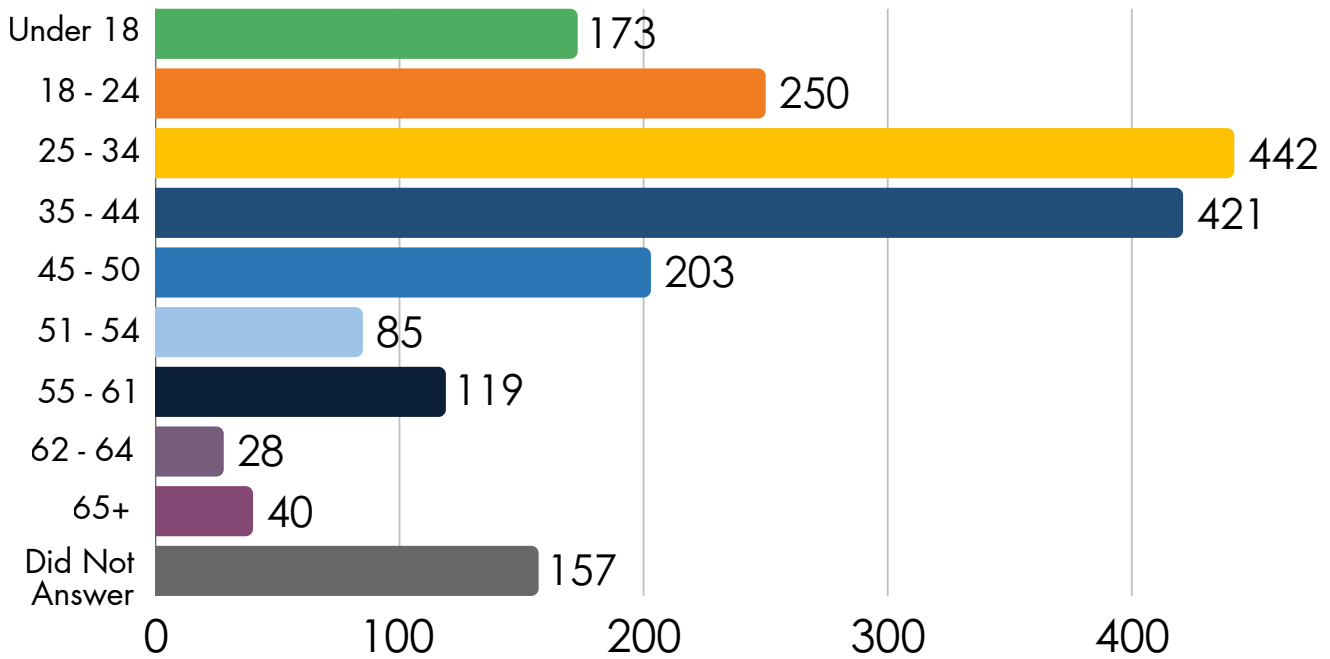


39.73%

762 Adults

Experiencing homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months

AGE WHEN FIRST HOMELESSNESS EXPERIENCE BEGAN



Under 18 173 Persons, 9.02%	18 - 24 250 Persons, 13.03%	25 - 34 442 Persons, 23.04%	35 - 44 421 Persons, 21.95%	45 - 50 203 Persons, 10.58%
51 - 54 85 Persons, 4.43%	55 - 61 119 Persons, 6.20%	62 - 64 28 Persons, 1.46%	65+ 40 Persons, 2.09%	Did Not Answer 157 Persons, 8.19%

Notes:

This data is based off the 1,918 unsheltered Adults surveyed.



CITY BY CITY

City	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total
Anaheim	541	891	1,432
Brea	41	0	41
Buena Park	128	210	338
Cypress	23	10	33
Fullerton	162	143	305
La Habra	35	0	35
La Palma	21	0	21
Los Alamitos	7	10	17
Orange	215	140	355
Placentia	27	145	172
Stanton	81	18	99
Villa Park	1	0	1
Yorba Linda	5	0	5
County Unincorporated	9	0	9
Domestic Violence Program	N/A	31	31
North Service Planning Area	1,296	1,598	2,894

City	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total
Costa Mesa	63	73	136
Fountain Valley	44	0	44
Garden Grove	218	149	367
Huntington Beach	143	154	297
Newport Beach	8	15	23
Santa Ana	714	601	1,315
Seal Beach	10	0	10
Tustin	32	346	378
Westminster	175	0	175
County Unincorporated	56	18	74
Domestic Violence Program	N/A	100	100
Central Service Planning Area	1,463	1,456	2,919

City	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total
Aliso Viejo	6	0	6
Dana Point	15	0	15
Irvine	49	0	49
Laguna Beach	29	57	86
Laguna Hills	6	0	6
Laguna Niguel	20	0	20
Laguna Woods	17	0	17
Lake Forest	50	18	68
Mission Viejo	15	0	15
Rancho Santa Margarita	6	0	6
San Clemente	74	39	113
San Juan Capistrano	10	0	10
County Unincorporated	9	39	48
Domestic Violence Program	N/A	49	49
South Service Planning Area	306	202	508



TOTAL COMPARISON OF 2022, 2024 & 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT

Service Planning Area	2022 Total		2024 Total		2026 Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
North	2,419	42.31%	3,227	44.07%	2,894	45.78%
Central	2,714	47.46%	3,454	47.17%	2,919	46.18%
South	585	10.23%	641	8.75%	508	8.04%
Total	5,718		7,322		6,321	

COMPARISON OF 2022, 2024 & 2026 UNSHELTERED COUNTS BY SERVICE PLANNING AREA

Service Planning Area	2022 Unsheltered		2024 Unsheltered		2026 Unsheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
North	1,113	36.41%	1,646	39.44%	1,296	42.28%
Central	1,522	49.79%	2,036	48.79%	1,463	47.73%
South	422	13.80%	491	11.77%	306	9.98%
Total	3,057		4,173		3,065	

COMPARISON OF 2022, 2024 & 2026 SHELTERED COUNTS BY SERVICE PLANNING AREA

Service Planning Area	2022 Sheltered		2024 Sheltered		2026 Sheltered	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
North	1,306	49.08%	1,581	50.21%	1,598	49.08%
Central	1,192	44.80%	1,418	45.03%	1,456	44.72%
South	163	6.13%	150	4.76%	202	6.20%
Total	2,661		3,149		3,256	



UNSHeltered Comparison of 2022, 2024 & 2026 Point in Time Count - Subpopulations & Disabling Conditions

Subpopulations & Disabling Conditions	2022 Unsheltered 2,936 Adults	2024 Unsheltered 4,074 Adults	2026 Unsheltered 3,004 Adults
Chronic Homelessness	55.07% 1,617 Adults	38.44% 1,566 Adults	41.11% 1,235 Adults
Substance Use Disorder	41.45% 1,217 Adults	49.85% 2,031 Adults	45.04% 1,353 Adults
Physical Disability	32.19% 945 Adults	31.42% 1,280 Adults	34.82% 1,046 Adults
Serious Mental Illness	29.53% 867 Adults	30.68% 1,250 Adults	32.89% 988 Adults
Developmental Disability	14.27% 419 Adults	17.43% 710 Adults	19.74% 593 Adults
Domestic Violence	9.84% 289 Adults	10.01% 408 Adults	11.35% 341 Adults
HIV/AIDS	1.77% 52 Adults	2.26% 92 Adults	1.76% 53 Adults

Sheltered Comparison of 2022, 2024 & 2026 Point in Time Count - Subpopulations & Disabling Conditions

Subpopulations & Disabling Conditions	2022 Sheltered 2,060 Adults	2024 Sheltered 2,557 Adults	2026 Sheltered 2,750 Adults
Chronic Homelessness	38.40% 791 Adults	34.30% 877 Adults	53.78% 1,479 Adults
Substance Use Disorder	20.19% 416 Adults	23.46% 600 Adults	26.04% 716 Adults
Physical Disability	24.85% 512 Adults	29.88% 764 Adults	28.62% 787 Adults
Serious Mental Illness	28.06% 578 Adults	35.31% 903 Adults	37.85% 1,041 Adults
Developmental Disability	1.89% 39 Adults	0.20% 5 Adults	0.40% 11 Adults
Domestic Violence	10.97% 226 Adults	10.40% 266 Adults	8.44% 232 Adults
HIV/AIDS	3.74% 77 Adults	6.84% 175 Adults	2.22% 61 Adults

Notes: Data only includes adults 18 and older. Some adults may identify with more than one subpopulation and/or report more than one disabling condition.



TOTAL COMPARISON OF 2022, 2024 & 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT - HOUSEHOLD STATUS

Population	2022 Total	2024 Total	2026 Total
Individuals	4,478 Households 4,510 Adults	5,906 Households 6,188 Adults	5,151 Households 5365 Adults
Families	389 Families 1,201 persons in households: 486 Adults 715 Children	347 Families 1,128 persons in households: 443 Adults 685 Children	307 Families 941 persons in households: 389 Adults 552 Children
Unaccompanied Minors	7 Households 7 Minors	6 Households 6 Minors	14 Households 15 Minors

UNSHeltered COMPARISON OF 2022, 2024 & 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT - HOUSEHOLD STATUS

Population	2022 Unsheltered	2024 Unsheltered	2026 Unsheltered
Individuals	2,806 Households 2,806 Adults	3,747 Households 3,993 Adults	2,767 Households 2,952 Adults
Families	94 Families 251 persons in households: 130 Adults 121 Children	56 Families 180 persons in households: 81 Adults 99 Children	37 Families 112 persons in households: 52 Adults 60 Children
Unaccompanied Minors	0 Households	0 Households	1 Household 1 Minor

SHELTERED COMPARISON OF 2022, 2024 & 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT - HOUSEHOLD STATUS

Population	2022 Sheltered	2024 Sheltered	2026 Sheltered
Individuals	1,672 Households 1,704 Adults	2,159 Households 2,195 Adults	2,384 Households 2,413 Adults
Families	295 Families 950 persons in households: 356 Adults 594 Children	291 Families 948 persons in households: 362 Adults 586 Children	270 Families 829 persons in households: 337 Adults 492 Children
Unaccompanied Minors	7 Households 7 Minors	6 Households 6 Minors	13 Households 14 Minors

Notes:

For Household Descriptions refer to page 12.

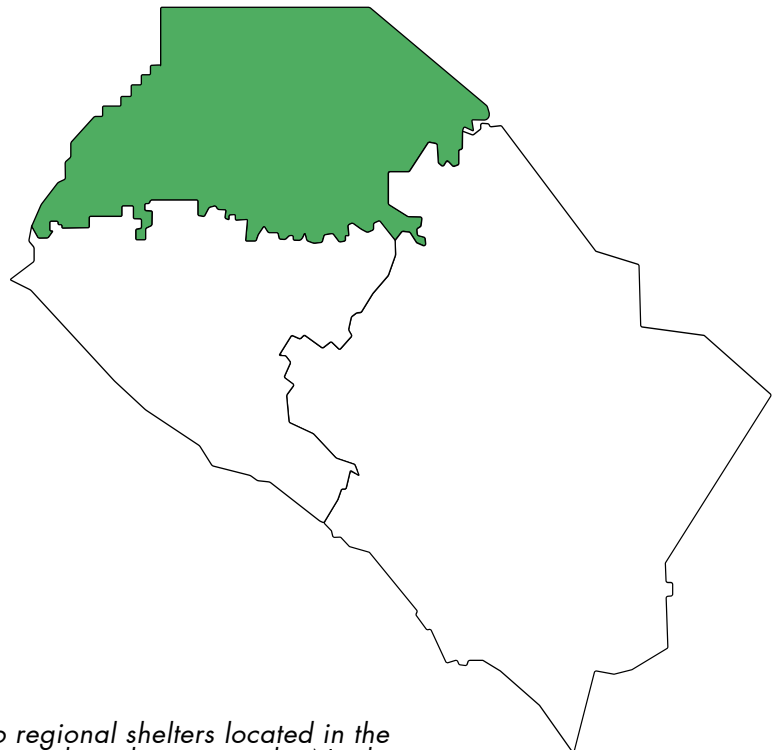


North Service Planning Area

COMPARISON OF 2022, 2024 AND 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT - CITY BY CITY

City	2022 Unsheltered	2024 Unsheltered	2026 Unsheltered	2022 Sheltered	2024 Sheltered	2026 Sheltered
Anaheim	485	601	541	589	816	891
Brea	24	82	41	0	0	0
Buena Park*	85	186	128	181	193	210
Cypress	28	46	23	0	6	10
Fullerton	202	208	162	70	226	143
La Habra	45	76	35	0	0	0
La Palma	8	17	21	0	0	0
Los Alamitos	4	1	7	9	3	10
Orange	134	214	215	116	155	140
Placentia*	31	37	27	167	145	145
Stanton	62	169	81	148	37	18
Villa Park	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yorba Linda	4	3	5	0	0	0
County Unincorporated	1	6	9	0	0	0
Domestic Violence Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	26	0	31
North SPA Total	1,113	1,646	1,296	1,306	1,581	1,598

City	2022 Total	2024 Total	2026 Total
Anaheim	1,074	1,417	1,432
Brea	24	82	41
Buena Park*	266	379	338
Cypress	28	52	33
Fullerton	272	434	305
La Habra	45	76	35
La Palma	8	17	21
Los Alamitos	13	4	17
Orange	250	369	355
Placentia*	198	182	172
Stanton	210	206	99
Villa Park	0	0	1
Yorba Linda	4	3	5
County Unincorporated	1	6	9
Domestic Violence Program	26	0	31
North SPA Total	2,419	3,227	2,894



***Notes:**
Twelve cities in the North Service Planning Area jointly fund two regional shelters located in the Cities of Buena Park and Placentia to serve individuals experiencing homelessness in the North Service Planning Area.

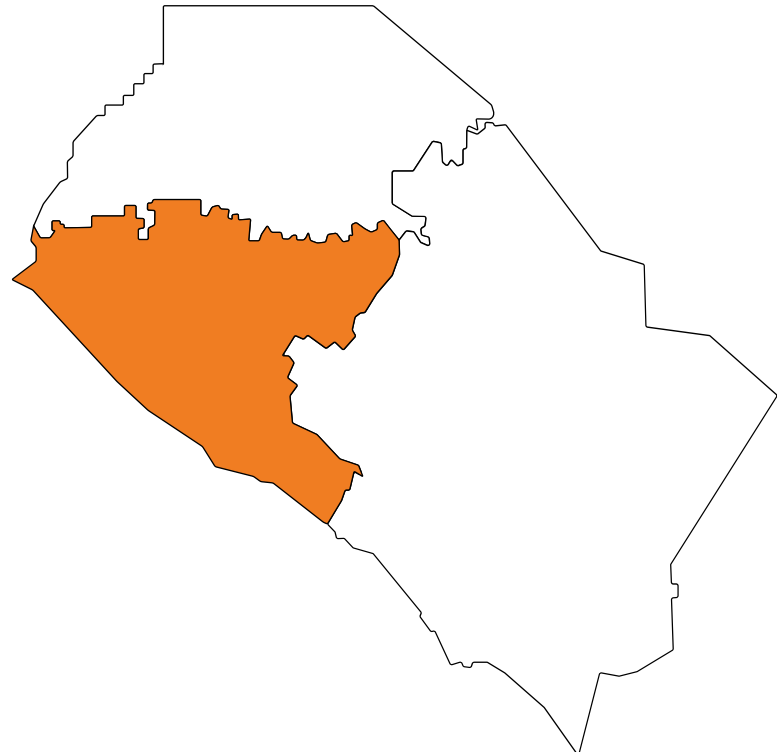


Central Service Planning Area

COMPARISON OF 2022, 2024 AND 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT - CITY BY CITY

City	2022 Unsheltered	2024 Unsheltered	2026 Unsheltered	2022 Sheltered	2024 Sheltered	2026 Sheltered
Costa Mesa*	150	218	63	58	79	73
Fountain Valley	38	114	44	0	0	0
Garden Grove*	278	163	218	113	76	149
Huntington Beach	188	173	143	142	260	154
Newport Beach*	96	71	8	0	0	15
Santa Ana	508	871	714	482	557	601
Seal Beach	8	29	10	0	0	0
Tustin	86	88	32	232	335	346
Westminster	159	288	175	0	0	0
County Unincorporated	11	21	56	36	14	18
Domestic Violence Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	129	97	100
Central SPA Total	1,522	2,036	1,463	1,192	1,418	1,456

City	2022 Total	2024 Total	2026 Total
Costa Mesa*	208	297	136
Fountain Valley	38	114	44
Garden Grove*	391	239	367
Huntington Beach	330	433	297
Newport Beach*	96	71	23
Santa Ana	990	1,428	1,315
Seal Beach	8	29	10
Tustin	318	423	378
Westminster	159	288	175
County Unincorporated	47	35	74
Domestic Violence Program	129	97	100
Central SPA Total	2,714	3,454	2,919



***Notes:**
The cities of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa jointly fund a shelter in Costa Mesa to serve those experiencing homelessness in their cities. The shelter beds funded by Newport Beach are reflected in their sheltered count.

The cities of Fountain Valley, Garden Grove and Westminster jointly fund a shelter located in the City of Garden Grove to serve individuals experiencing homelessness in their cities.

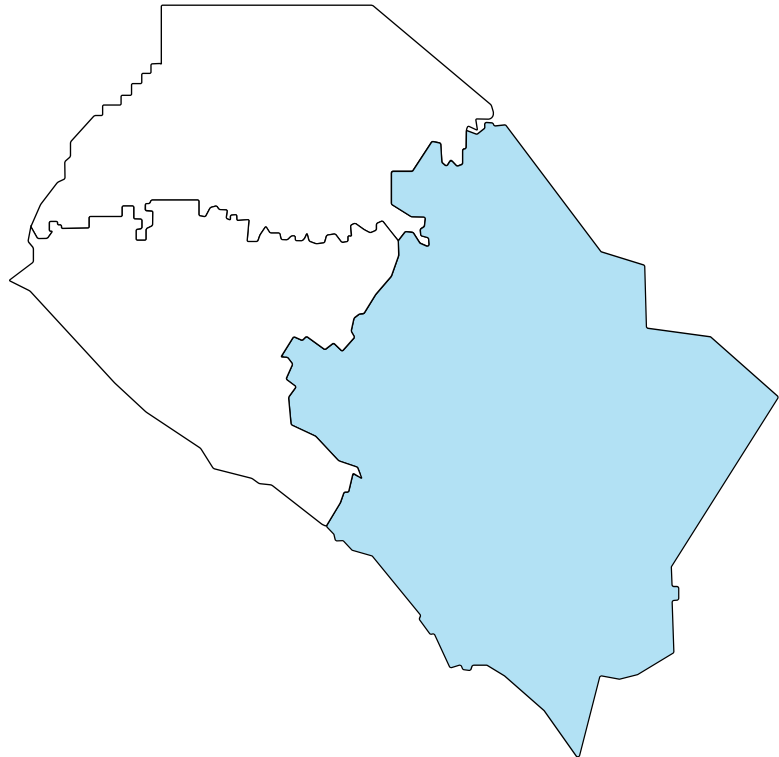


South Service Planning Area

COMPARISON OF 2022, 2024 AND 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT - CITY BY CITY

City	2022 Unsheltered	2024 Unsheltered	2026 Unsheltered	2022 Sheltered	2024 Sheltered	2026 Sheltered
Aliso Viejo	13	6	6	4	5	0
Dana Point	27	24	15	0	0	0
Irvine	60	50	49	0	0	0
Laguna Beach	28	46	29	55	54	57
Laguna Hills	12	36	6	0	0	0
Laguna Niguel	29	48	20	0	5	0
Laguna Woods	7	22	17	0	0	0
Lake Forest	65	104	50	11	0	18
Mission Viejo	26	34	15	2	1	0
Rancho Santa Margarita	7	6	6	0	0	0
San Clemente	81	65	74	50	36	39
San Juan Capistrano	65	47	10	0	3	0
County Unincorporated	2	3	9	0	0	39
Domestic Violence Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	41	46	49
South SPA Total	422	491	306	163	150	202

City	2022 Total	2024 Total	2026 Total
Aliso Viejo	17	11	6
Dana Point	27	24	15
Irvine	60	50	49
Laguna Beach	83	100	86
Laguna Hills	12	36	6
Laguna Niguel	29	53	20
Laguna Woods	7	22	17
Lake Forest	76	104	68
Mission Viejo	28	35	15
Rancho Santa Margarita	7	6	6
San Clemente	131	101	113
San Juan Capistrano	65	50	10
County Unincorporated	2	3	48
Domestic Violence Program	41	46	49
South SPA Total	585	641	508





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Completing the Point In Time Count is a complex and highly coordinated logistical effort that relies on strong collaboration across the community. Street outreach providers, community-based organizations, city law enforcement agencies and the Orange County Sheriff's Department played a critical role by sharing information on known hotspot locations and areas to be canvassed to help ensure everyone experiencing homelessness was counted. Faith-based leaders, community-based organizations and local stakeholders donated gift cards, hygiene kits, and snack kits to be used by volunteers when conducting surveys during the count. Volunteers from across Orange County dedicated their time and energy over the course of three days, participating in early morning and late evening shifts to support this important effort. Participants included members from the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Commission to Address Homelessness, the Orange County Continuum of Care Board, executive directors and leadership staff from homeless service providers, city elected officials, community partners, and CalOptima Health leaders, whose participation further demonstrates their commitment to addressing homelessness in Orange County. Additionally, over 90 emergency shelter and transitional housing programs collected client-level information and local questions that contribute to this dataset.

This effort is not only time intensive, but also a costly endeavor that was made possible with the financial support provided by CalOptima Health's Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program grant to the Office of Care Coordination. CalOptima Health has continually demonstrated a commitment to addressing homelessness in Orange County through innovative partnerships, active community engagement, and strategic investments. The results of the 2026 Point In Time Count will help the community evaluate the progress to date and inform future efforts across the region.

*Thank you to the entire Orange County community for coming together
and supporting the 2026 Point In Time Count!*



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