



# 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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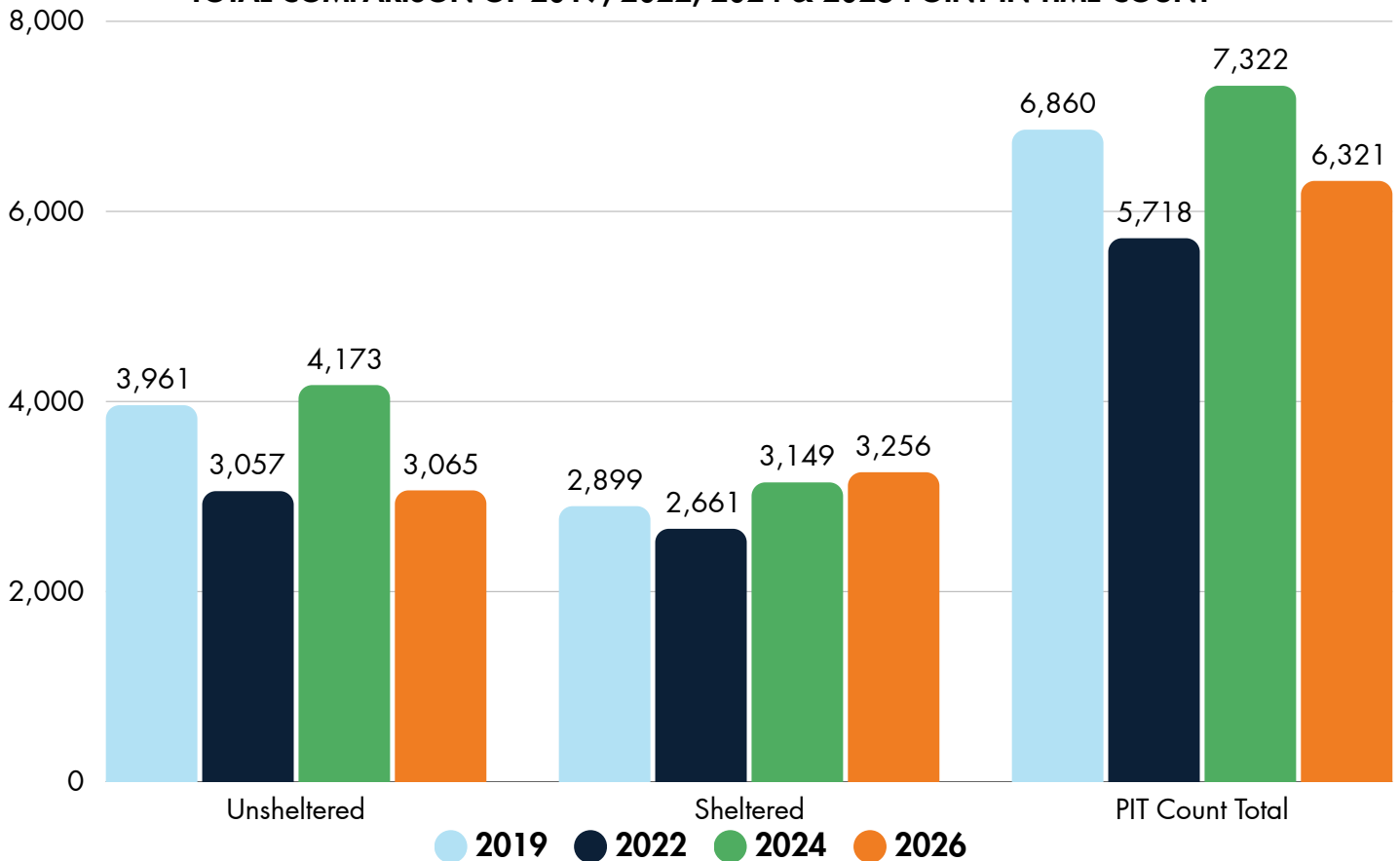


## METHODOLOGY

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**

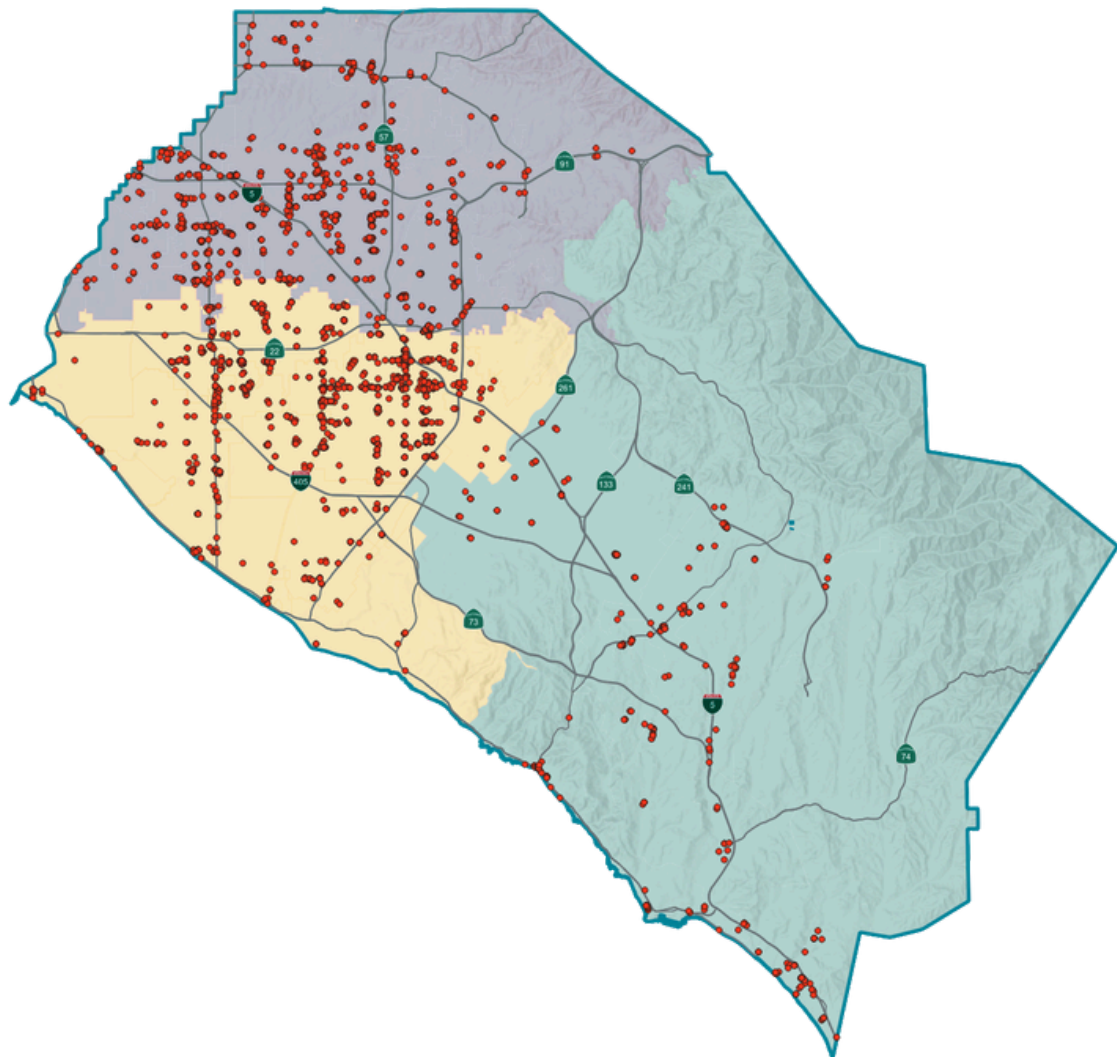
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Persons

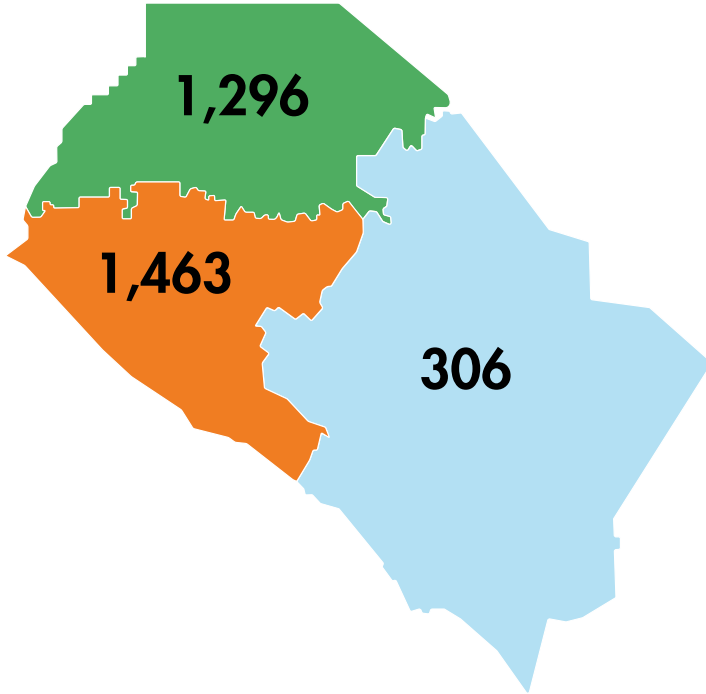
**North: 2,894** Persons  
**Central: 2,919** Persons  
**South: 508** Persons

**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





**3,065**  
**UNSHELTERED TOTAL**

**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**

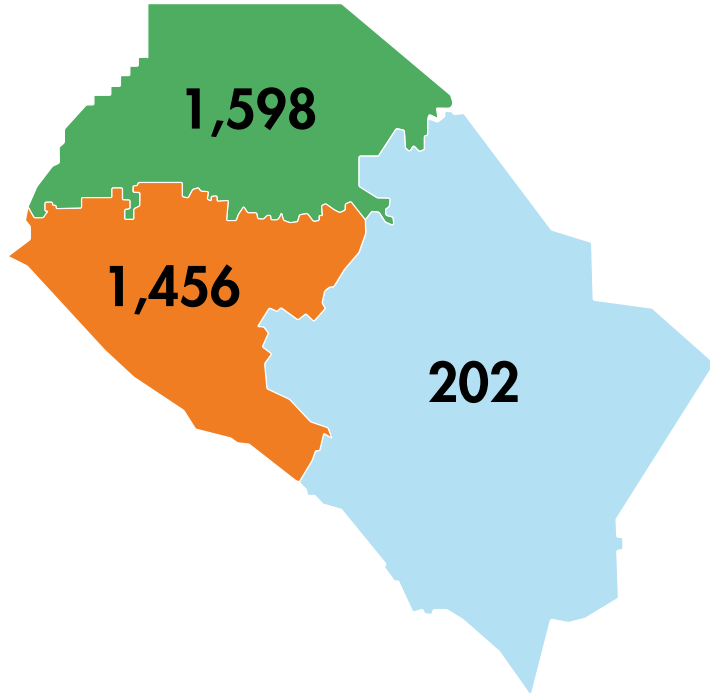
Persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves

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



Sex	Unsheltered 3,065 Persons	Sheltered 3,256 Persons
<b>Female</b>	<b>28.91%</b> 886 Persons	<b>45.55%</b> 1,483 Persons
<b>Male</b>	<b>71.09%</b> 2,179 Persons	<b>54.45%</b> 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	<b>1.37%</b> 42 Persons	<b>1.11%</b> 36 Persons
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latino/a	<b>0.39%</b> 12 Persons	<b>1.87%</b> 61 Persons
Asian or Asian American	<b>5.12%</b> 157 Persons	<b>4.58%</b> 149 Persons
Asian or Asian American & Hispanic/Latino/a	<b>0.13%</b> 4 Persons	<b>0.18%</b> 6 Persons
Black, African American, or African	<b>7.50%</b> 230 Persons	<b>9.98%</b> 325 Persons
Black, African American, or African & Hispanic/Latino/a	<b>0.33%</b> 10 Persons	<b>0.37%</b> 12 Persons
Hispanic/Latino/a	<b>38.56%</b> 1,182 Persons	<b>20.58%</b> 670 Persons
Middle Eastern or North African	<b>0.55%</b> 17 Persons	<b>1.07%</b> 35 Persons
Middle Eastern or North African & Hispanic/Latino/a	<b>0.07%</b> 2 Persons	<b>0.00%</b> 0 Persons
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<b>0.78%</b> 24 Persons	<b>0.92%</b> 30 Persons
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latino/a	<b>0.16%</b> 5 Persons	<b>0.34%</b> 11 Persons
White	<b>40.00%</b> 1,226 Persons	<b>34.28%</b> 1,116 Persons
White & Hispanic/Latino/a	<b>2.38%</b> 73 Persons	<b>21.59%</b> 703 Persons
Multi-Racial & not Hispanic/Latino/a	<b>2.45%</b> 75 Persons	<b>1.69%</b> 55 Persons
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latino/a	<b>0.20%</b> 6 Persons	<b>1.44%</b> 47 Persons

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



**ADULTS**

UNSHeltered

**3,004**

Sheltered

**2,750**

**CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS**

**41.11%**

1,235 Adults

**53.78%**

1,479 Adults

**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**

**45.04%**

1,353 Adults

**26.04%**

716 Adults

**PHYSICAL DISABILITY**

**34.82%**

1,046 Adults

**28.62%**

787 Adults

**SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS**

**32.89%**

988 Adults

**37.85%**

1,041 Adults

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY**

**19.74%**

593 Adults

**0.40%**

11 Adults

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**11.35%**

341 Adults

**8.44%**

232 Adults

**HIV/AIDS**

**1.76%**

53 Adults

**2.22%**

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.

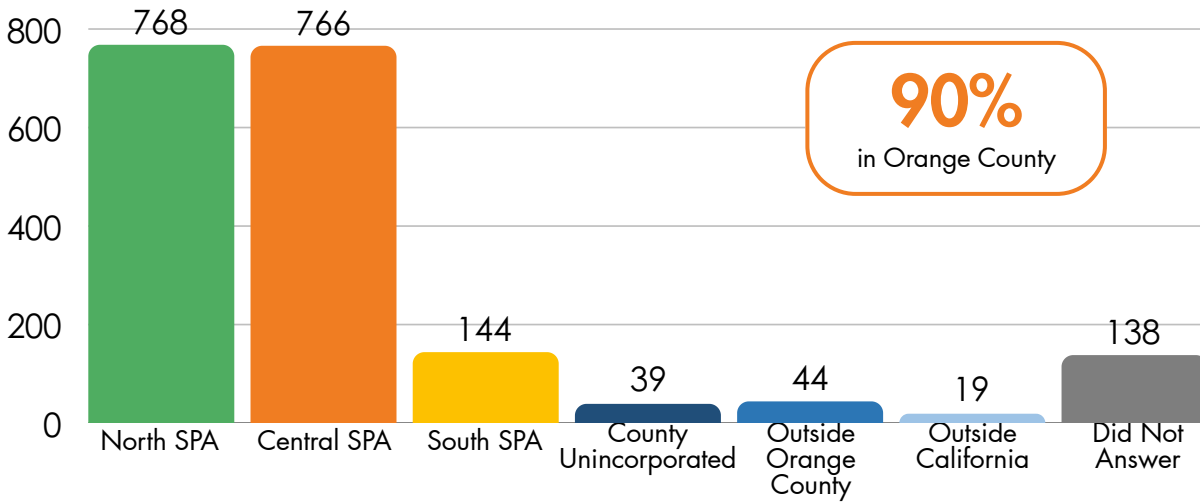


## 2026 HOUSEHOLD STATUS

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

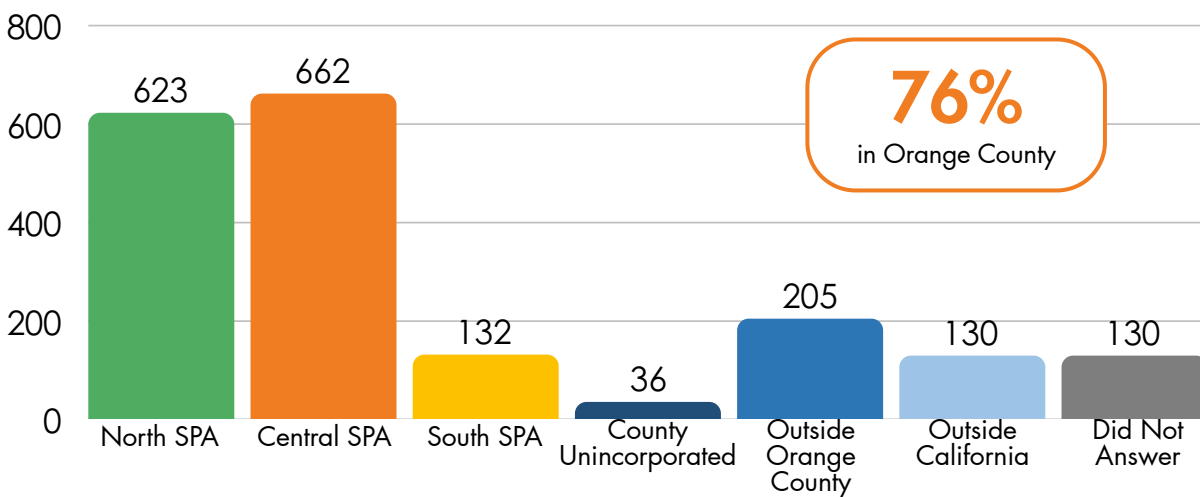


**REPORTED CITY WHERE MOST SPENT TIME WHILE HOMELESS**



- 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



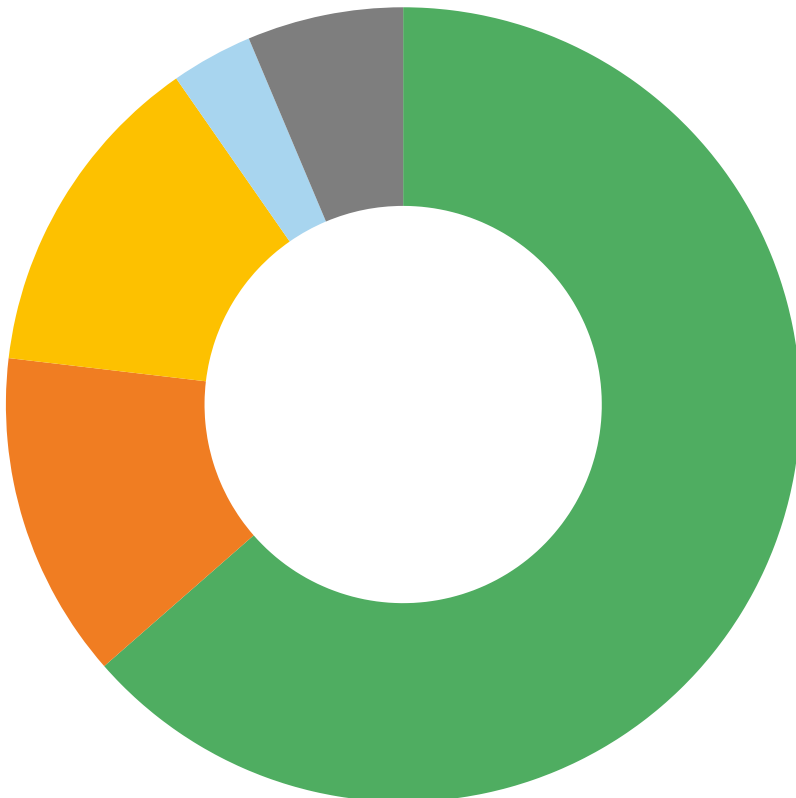
**53.49%**

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%

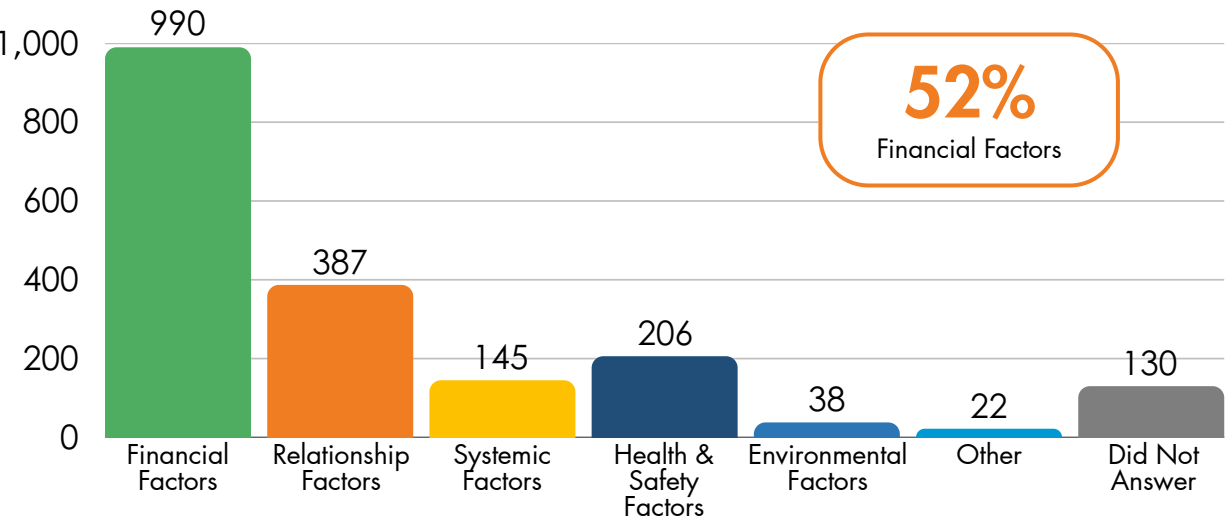
**Did Not Answer**  
126 Adults, 6.35%

**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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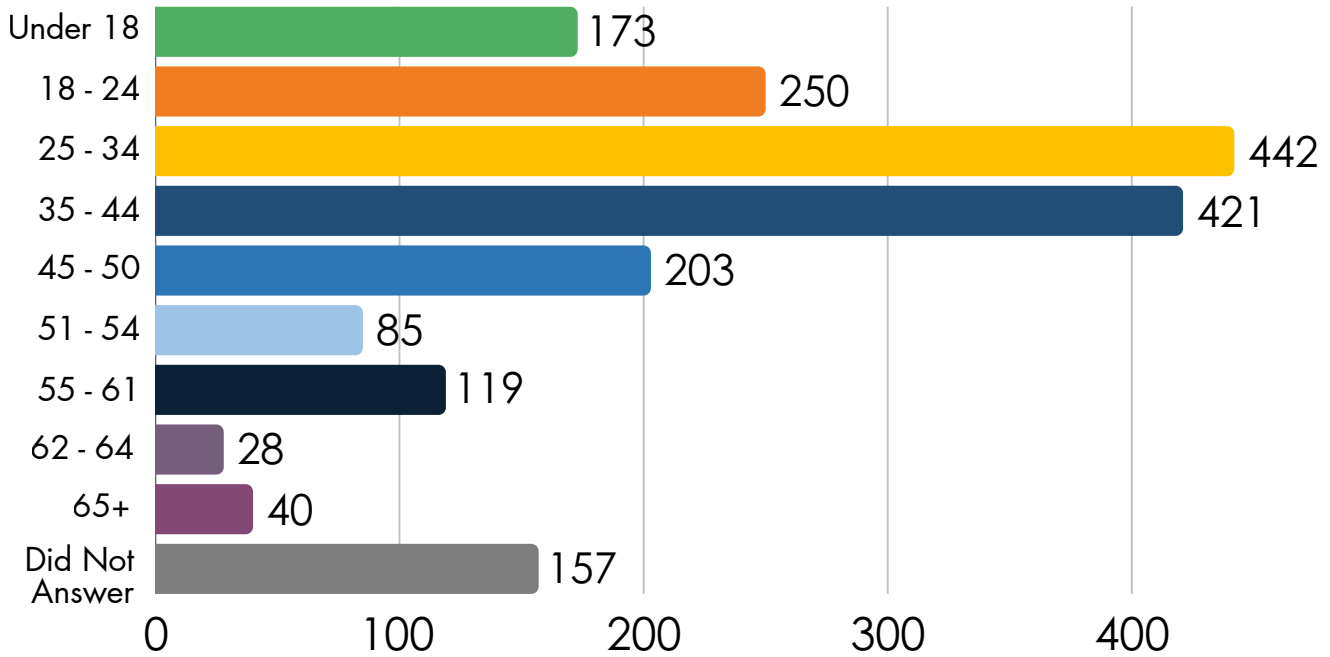


**39.73%**

762 Adults

Experiencing homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months

**AGE WHEN FIRST HOMELESSNESS EXPERIENCE BEGAN**



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

**Notes:**

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**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
<b>North Service Planning Area</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>2,894</b>

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
<b>Central Service Planning Area</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>2,919</b>

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
<b>South Service Planning Area</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>508</b>



**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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,718</b>		<b>7,322</b>		<b>6,321</b>	

**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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,057</b>		<b>4,173</b>		<b>3,065</b>	

**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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,661</b>		<b>3,149</b>		<b>3,256</b>	



**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
<b>Individuals</b>	4,478 Households 4,510 Adults	5,906 Households 6,188 Adults	5,151 Households 5365 Adults
<b>Families</b>	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
<b>Unaccompanied Minors</b>	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
<b>Individuals</b>	2,806 Households 2,806 Adults	3,747 Households 3,993 Adults	2,767 Households 2,952 Adults
<b>Families</b>	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
<b>Unaccompanied Minors</b>	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
<b>Individuals</b>	1,672 Households 1,704 Adults	2,159 Households 2,195 Adults	2,384 Households 2,413 Adults
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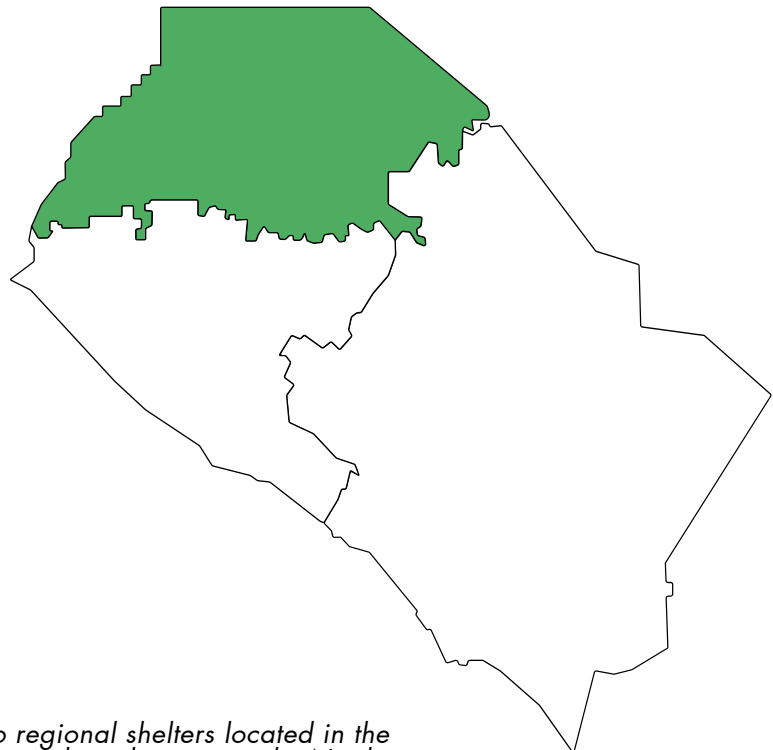


## North Service Planning Area

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
<b>North SPA Total</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>1,598</b>

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
<b>North SPA Total</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>3,227</b>	<b>2,894</b>



**\*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.

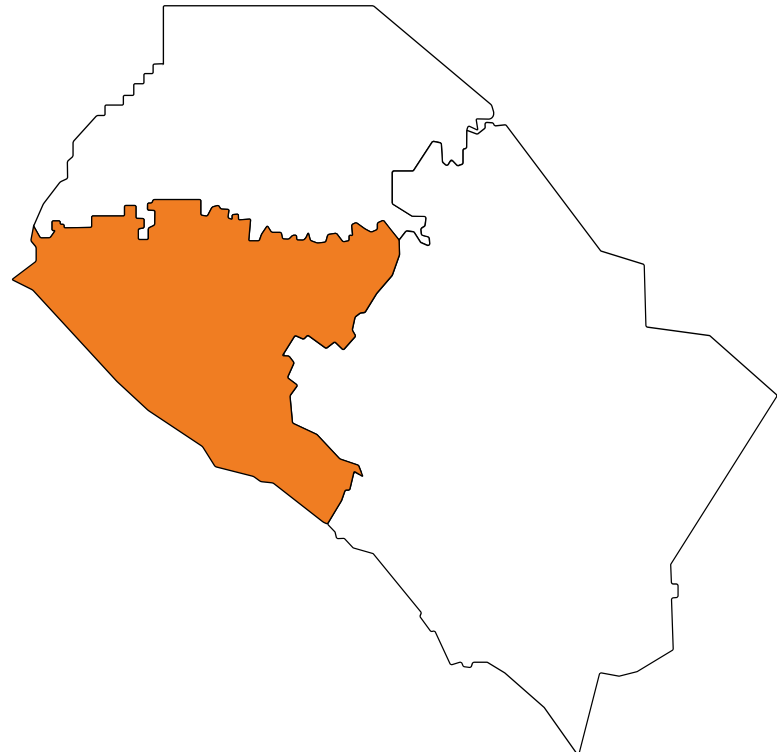


## Central Service Planning Area

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
<b>Central SPA Total</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>1,456</b>

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
<b>Central SPA Total</b>	<b>2,714</b>	<b>3,454</b>	<b>2,919</b>



**\*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.

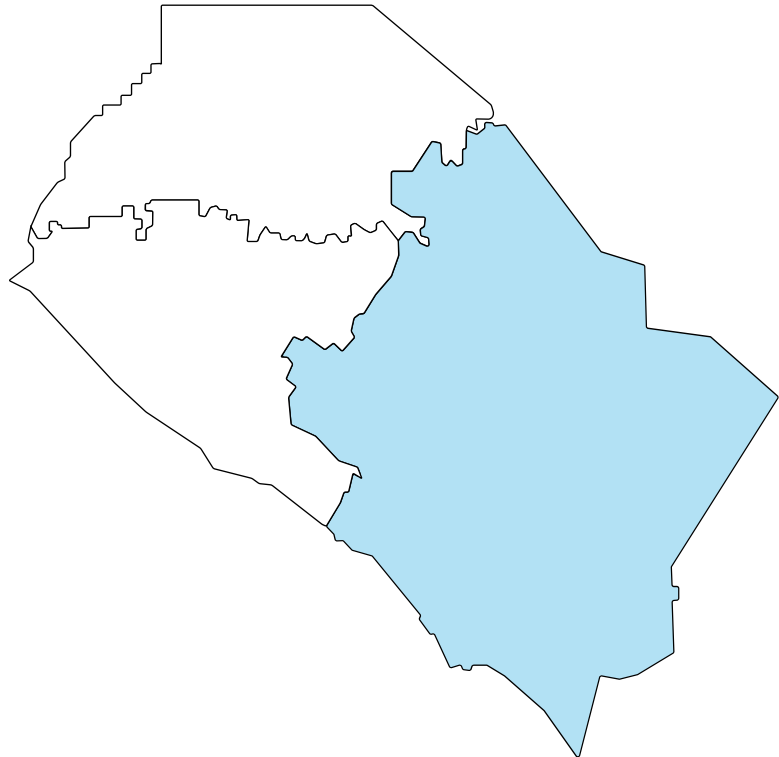


## South Service Planning Area

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
<b>South SPA Total</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>202</b>

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
<b>South SPA Total</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>508</b>





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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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