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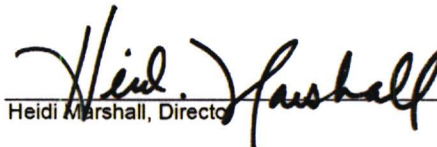**MEETING DATE:**
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

FROM :   HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

SUBJECT: HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS: Receive and File the 2025 Riverside County Homeless Point in Time Count Data Overview; All Districts. [$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

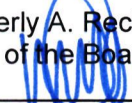1. Receive and File the Data Overview of the 2025 Riverside County Homeless Point in Time Count.

ACTION:Policy

Heidi Marshall, Director   5/8/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None   Kimberly A. Rector
Absent: None   Clerk of the Board
Date: May 20, 2025   By:_____
xc: HWS   Deputy

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	N/A
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:
On Wednesday, January 22, 2025, the Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions' (HWS) Office of Homeless Services facilitated the Homeless Point-in-Time Count ("PIT Count"). The PIT Count was coordinated in partnership with the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) (a network of private- and public-sector homeless service providers), all 28 cities, Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, and multiple county departments such as the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Riverside County Information of Technology Services (RCIT), Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH), Code Enforcement, Probation, and Riverside Sheriff's Office (RSO).

The count is federally mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides estimates on the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals on a single night across the nation, including Riverside County. The sheltered count consists of all adults and children residing in emergency shelters or transitional housing on the night of the count, with data sourced from the countywide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). In contrast, the unsheltered count captures individuals living in locations not intended for human habitation such as vehicles, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, or the streets and are identified through a combination of street-based enumeration, service-based engagement, and outreach efforts conducted across all areas of the county, including unincorporated regions. While valuable, the PIT Count is not designed to provide a complete enumeration of the homeless population.

<u>Summary</u>
The 2025 PIT Count documented a total of 3,990 individuals experiencing homelessness in Riverside County, including both sheltered (2,012) and unsheltered (1,978) adults and children. While this represents a 7% increase in the overall homeless population compared to the 2023 count (3,725 individuals), the rate of growth continues to slow. The growth rate has steadily declined from 15% in 2022 to 12% in 2023, and now to 7% in 2025.

The 19% reduction in unsheltered homelessness is a significant achievement and correlates with the 11% increase in the sheltered population. It also demonstrates an

improvement in Riverside County's system being able to connect people on the streets to shelter. This progress is largely attributed to major investments in expanding the number of emergency and transitional housing beds available across the region, affordable housing development, permanent supportive housing, and multidisciplinary teams who coordinate medical, behavioral health, and housing navigation services. This reduction was seen across all major subpopulations including veterans, transitional age youth (18-24), households with children, and seniors (65 years and older).

It is important to note that 419 of the individuals surveyed during the unsheltered count had no prior histories of homelessness. This speaks to the ongoing economic challenges such as inflation, rising rental costs, and stagnant income levels continue to drive individuals and families into homelessness. Over 60% of renters in Riverside County spend more than half their income on rent, making housing instability a growing concern. Seniors and individuals with disabilities remain at heightened risk due to fixed incomes and limited access to affordable housing options. In addition, family disruption, insufficient income, and unemployment continue to be the top 3 reasons why people report experiencing homelessness.

Overall Count Countywide:

- 3,990 total sheltered and unsheltered PIT count for 2025 (7% increase from 2023) *
- 1,978 total unsheltered PIT count for 2025 (19% decrease from 2023) *
- 2,012 total sheltered PIT count for 2025 (11% increase from 2024) *

*Unsheltered PIT count is conducted once every two years, while sheltered count is conducted annually.

Attachment:
- 2025 PIT Count Infographic

Brianna Lontajo, Principal Management Analyst   5/13/2025

HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT
Summary

The federally mandated count of people experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness on a single night in Riverside County was conducted January 22, 2025. The data collected is used to demonstrate the need for services, to support resource planning, and to inform the community about homelessness.

More than a Count
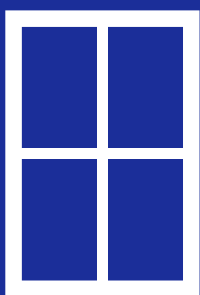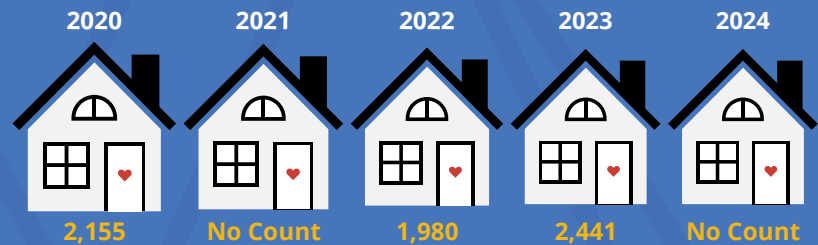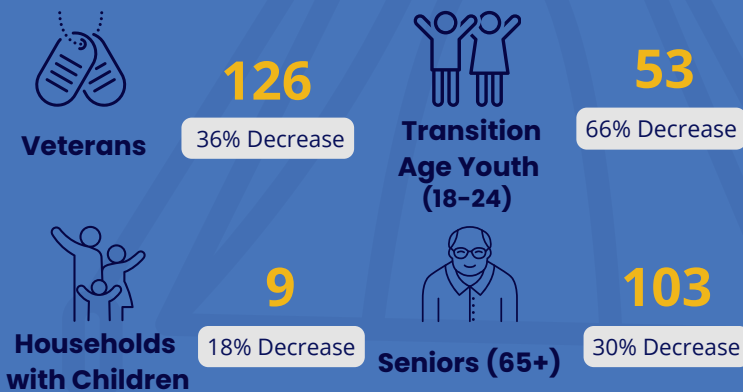
2025 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

19% Decrease in Unsheltered Homelessness

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Unsheltered Point-in-Time Count

1,978
Unsheltered Total

SUBPOPULATIONS

Veterans — **126** — 36% Decrease

Transition Age Youth (18–24) — **53** — 66% Decrease

Households with Children — **9** — 18% Decrease

Seniors (65+) — **103** — 30% Decrease

ANNUAL TRENDS

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
2,155	No Count	1,980	2,441	No Count

Sheltered Point-in-Time Count

ANNUAL TRENDS

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
729	998	1336	1284	1808
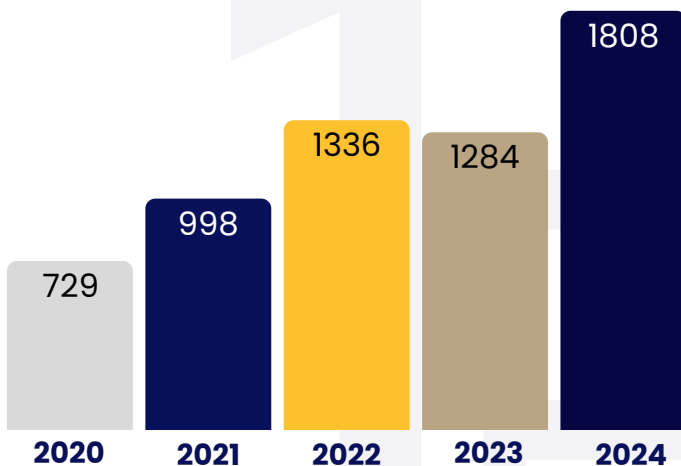
2,012*
Sheltered Total
11% Increase

SUBPOPULATIONS

Veterans — **67** — 24% Increase

Transition Age Youth — **119** — 59% Increase

Households with Children — **294** — 124% Increase

Seniors (65+) — **116** — 73% Increase
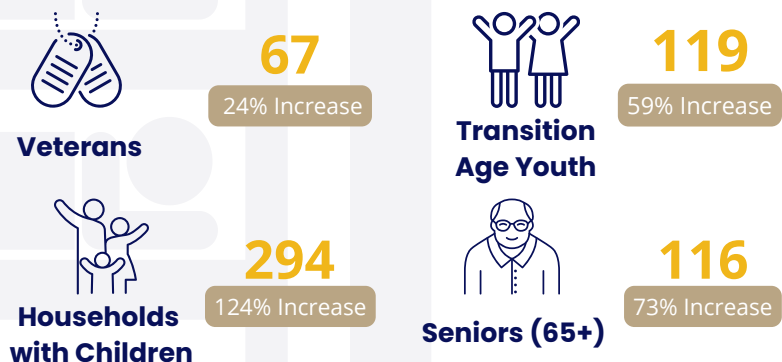
*Sheltered increase reflects new provider participation, HUD guidance, and system-wide capacity growth

21%

Unsheltered Persons Experiencing First Time Homelessness

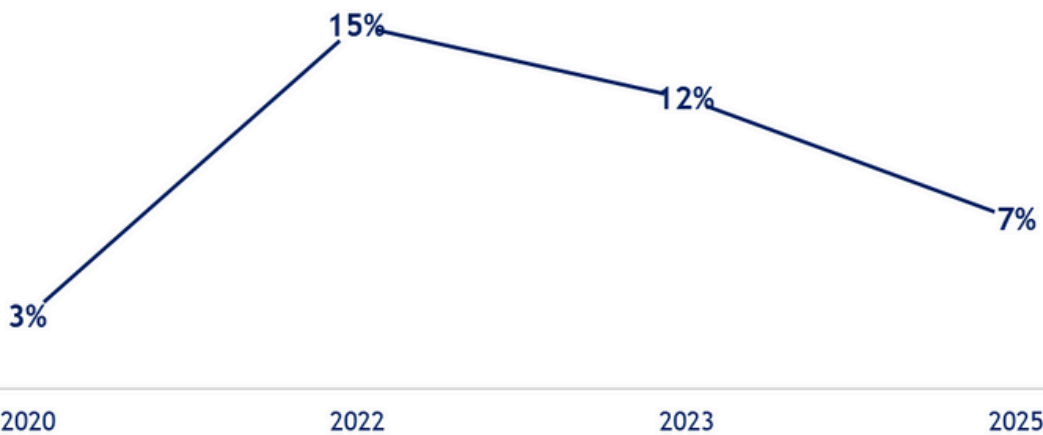## Top 3 *Primary* Factors

Contributing to Unsheltered Homelessness Reported

1. Family Disruption — *20%*
2. Lack of Income — *19%*
3. Unemployment — *12%*

Total Point-In-Time Data

3,990 ⬆ 7% increase from 2023 PIT Count

HOMELESSNESS GROWTH RATE DECLINED FROM 15% TO 7% (2022-2025)

- 3% (2020)
- 15% (2022)
- 12% (2023)
- 7% (2025)

Highlights:

Sheltered increase reflects **increased program participation** in CALWORKS and system-wide **capacity growth**

All major subpopulations —Veterans, Youth, Families, and Seniors— have **decreased rates of unsheltered homelessness**, while **shelter access has continued to grow** across those same groups.

For every **2 people entering homelessness** for the first time, **3 individuals were housed and maintained stable housing.**

More individuals are sheltered than unsheltered, showing real momentum toward **stability and support.**

District and City Breakdown

District 1

	Unsheltered 2025	Sheltered 2025	PIT Count Total	FY 23/24 HMIS Total
Jurupa Valley**	58	4	62	214
Perris	56	44	100	743
Riverside	614	473	1,087	4,800
Unincorporated	79	0	79	30
Total	**807**	**521**	**1,328**	

District 2

	Unsheltered 2025	Sheltered 2025	PIT Count Total	FY 23/24 HMIS Total
Canyon Lake	0	0	0	3
Corona	108	146	254	931
Eastvale	0	30	30	48
Jurupa Valley**	36	3	39	340
Lake Elsinore	38	28	66	331
Norco	5	16	21	181
Unincorporated	4	0	4	0
Total	**191**	**223**	**414**	

District 3

	Unsheltered 2025	Sheltered 2025	PIT Count Total	FY 23/24 HMIS Total
Menifee	43	22	65	263
Murrieta	14	185	199	393
Temecula	37	35	72	141
Wildomar**	10	25	35	94
Unincorporated	32	0	32	141
Total	**136**	**267**	**403**	

District 4

	Unsheltered 2025	Sheltered 2025	PIT Count Total	FY 23/24 HMIS Total
Blythe	72	2	74	216
Cathedral City	49	24	73	285
Coachella	72	9	81	225
Desert Hot Springs	81	35	116	988
Indian Wells	0	0	0	24
Indio	51	458	509	1,840
La Quinta	5	1	6	96
Palm Desert	9	5	14	398
Palm Springs	88	74	162	928
Rancho Mirage	0	0	0	57
Unincorporated	27	0	27	306
Total	**454**	**608**	**1,062**	

District 5

	Unsheltered 2025	Sheltered 2025	PIT Count Total	FY 23/24 HMIS Total
Banning	87	38	125	294
Beaumont	21	7	28	175
Calimesa	8	0	8	24
Hemet	138	184	322	1,700
Moreno Valley	55	99	154	953
San Jacinto	55	55	110	627
Unincorporated	26	10	36	35
Total	**390**	**393**	**783**	

**Due to redistricting, Jurupa Valley is now split between Districts 1 and 2, and Wildomar is in District 3.

IMPACT REPORT

2023/2024 Fiscal Year Program Outcomes
Over 80% Maintained Housing Stability After 2 Years

18,339*
Individuals Assisted

7,307
Housed

873
Homelessness Prevention

1,904
Permanent Supportive Housing

5,669
Emergency Shelter

HOMELESS SERVICES

4,526
Rapid Re-Housing

5,346
Coordinated Entry

843
Services Only

6,038
Street Outreach

1,145
Transitional Housing
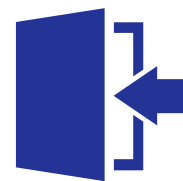
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Projects

***"Individuals Assisted" represents unduplicated counts of individuals who received services during the reporting range. Other data reflected on this page includes duplicate enrollments as one client can be served under multiple interventions. (e.g., a client assisted through street outreach may also have been assisted through permanent housing).