

MARIN COUNTY

2026 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT & SURVEY

Every two years, typically during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care.

The 2026 Marin County Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 28th, 2026. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 419 unsheltered and sheltered individuals experiencing homelessness to collect additional demographic information.



TOTAL PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

1,128

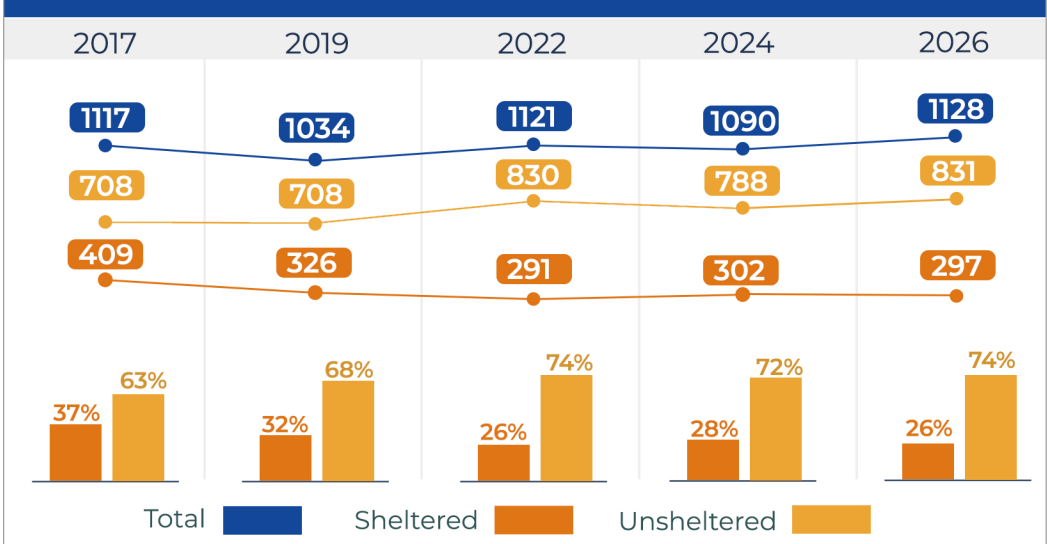


26%
Sheltered
n=297



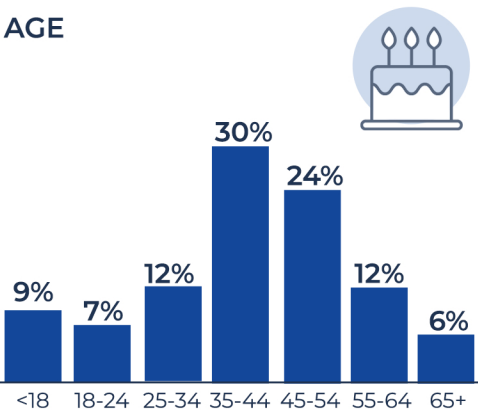
74%
Unsheltered
n=831

TOTAL PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

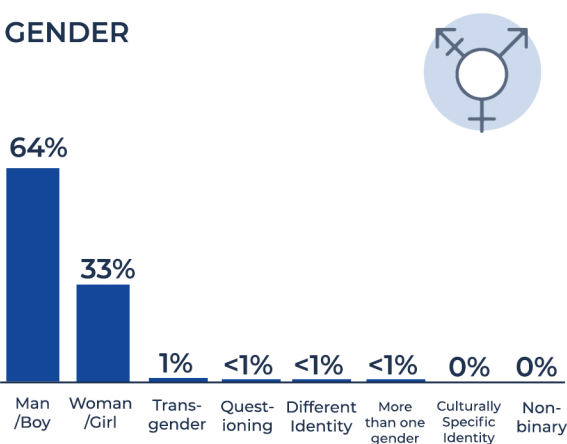


DEMOGRAPHICS

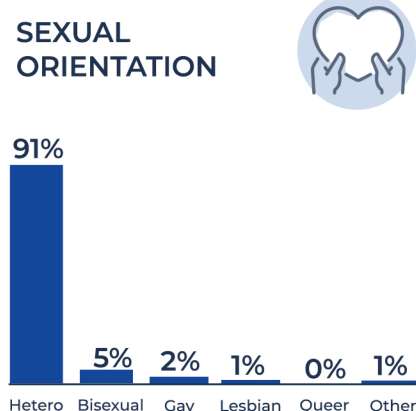
AGE



GENDER



SEXUAL ORIENTATION



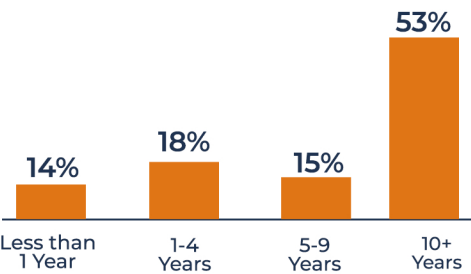
RACE/ ETHNICITY



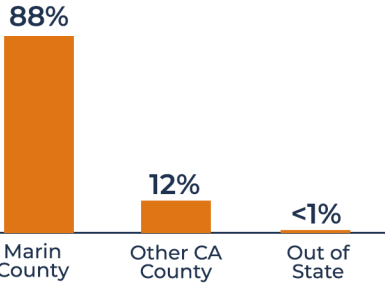
NOT HISPANIC/LATINA/E/O	HISPANIC/LATINA/E/O
1% American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	<1% American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous
2% Asian or Asian American	<1% Asian or Asian American
15% Black, African American, or African	1% Black, African American, or African
<1% Middle Eastern or North African	0% Middle Eastern or North African
<1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
46% White	4% White
5% Multi Racial	1% Multi Racial
	25% Hispanic/Latina/e/o

DATA PORTRAITS [▢]

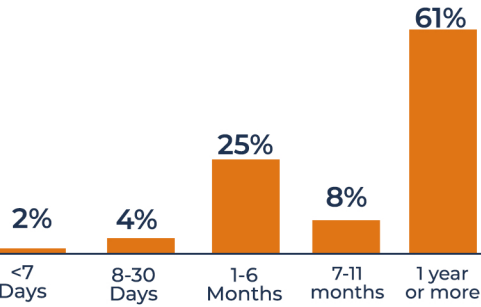
LENGTH OF TIME
IN MARIN COUNTY



RESIDENCE
PRIOR TO
HOMELESSNESS



DURATION
OF CURRENT
HOMELESSNESS



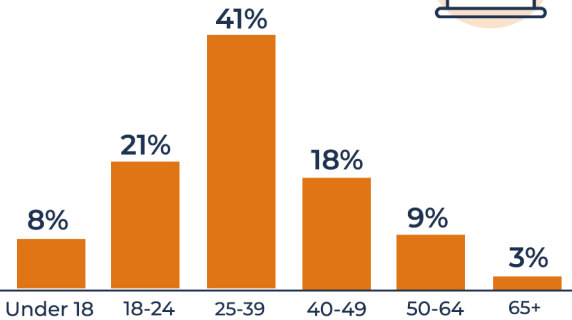
FIRST
EPISODE OF
HOMELESSNESS



62%

of respondents reported their current episode of homelessness as being their first

AGE AT FIRST EPISODE
OF HOMELESSNESS



FOSTER
CARE



13%

of survey respondents have been in the foster care system

EMPLOYMENT
STATUS



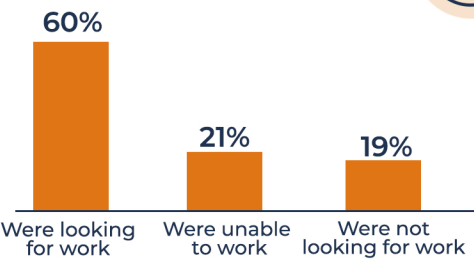
24%

had some form of employment

18%

of unemployed respondents were unable to work due to a disabling condition.

AMONG UNEMPLOYED
RESPONDENTS



COLLEGE
EDUCATION



26%

of respondents received at least some college education

PRECIPITATING CAUSE THAT LEAD TO HOMELESSNESS

(Top 5 Responses)

Note: In 2026, this question was changed
from multiple response to single response



ECONOMIC ISSUES

56%



SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES

16%



PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP ISSUES

9%



MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

8%



INCARCERATION

5%



SURVEY RESPONDENTS BY SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION

52%



Outdoors/
Streets

23%



Shelter

18%



Vehicle

4%



Tent/
Encampment

2%



Motel/
Hotel

<1%



Abandoned
Building

SELF-REPORTED HEALTH

DISABLING CONDITION

A disabling condition is defined by HUD as a developmental disability, HIV/AIDS, or a long-term physical or mental impairment that impacts a person's ability to live independently but could be improved with stable housing.

58%



of survey respondents report having
at least one disabling condition

Current health conditions that may affect the housing stability or employment of those experiencing homelessness.

44%

Drug or
Alcohol
Use

31%

Psychiatric
or Emotional
Conditions

25%

PTSD

21%

Physical
Disability

21%

Chronic
Health
Condition

7%

Traumatic
Brain Injury

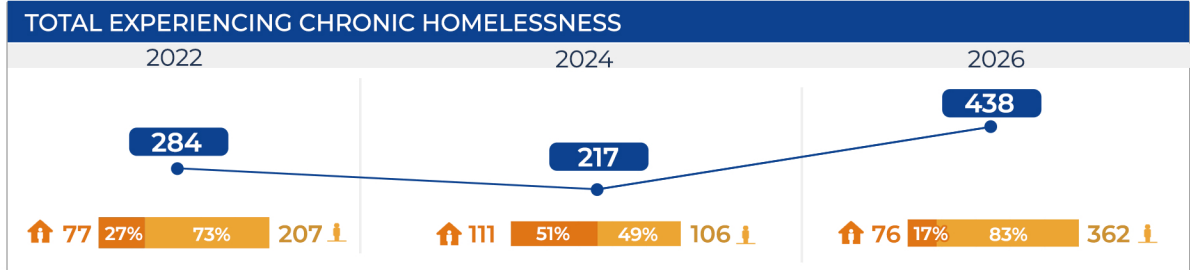
2%

HIV/AIDS
Related
Illness

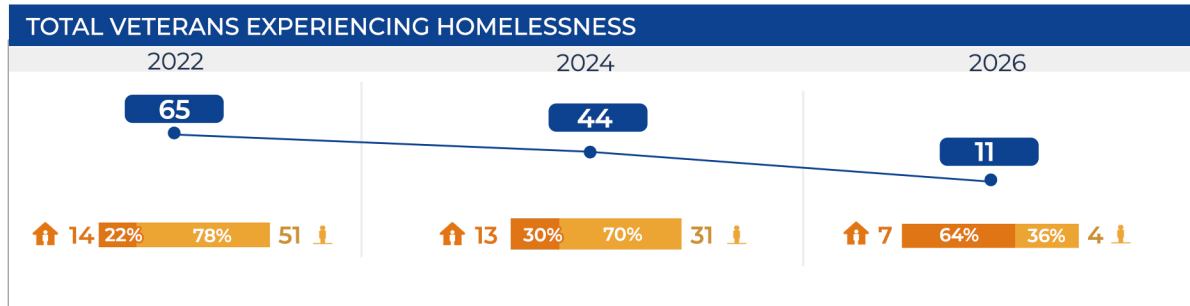
SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Total Sheltered Unsheltered

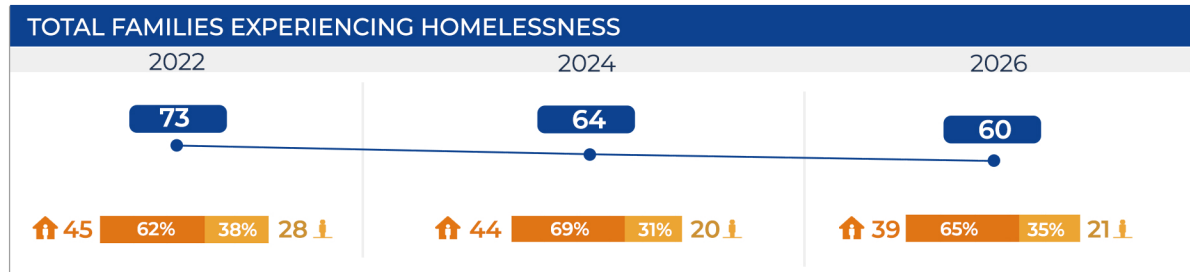
CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS



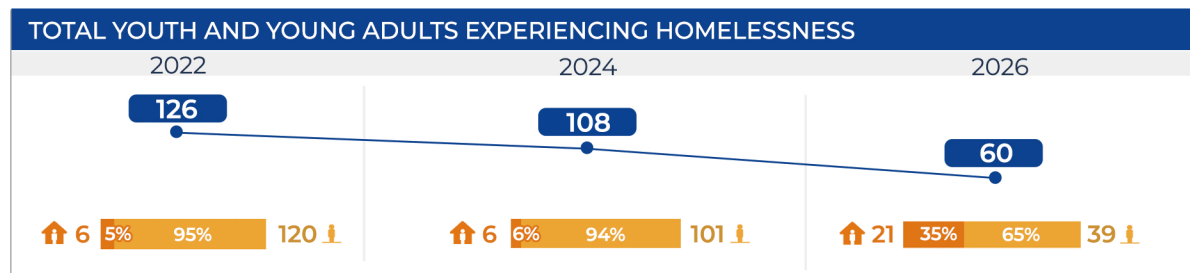
VETERANS



FAMILIES



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



OLDER ADULTS



SUBPOPULATION DEFINITIONS

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

An individual with one or more disabling conditions, or a family with a head of household with a disabling condition, who:

Has been continuously homeless for one year or more and/or;

Has experienced four or more episodes of homelessness within the past three years.

VETERANS

Persons who have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Youth under the age of 18 and young adults from the ages of 18 to 24 years old who are experiencing homelessness and living without a parent or legal guardian.

FAMILIES

A household with at least one adult member (persons 18 or older) and at least one child member (persons under 18).

OLDER ADULTS

Individuals aged 60 years and older.



POPULATION BY JURISDICTION

JURISDICTION	UNSHELTERED			SHELTERED			TOTAL		
	2022	2024	2026	2022	2024	2026	2022	2024	2026
NORTH MARIN	234	202	174	115	114	111	349	316	285
Novato	150	131	124	115	114	111	265	245	235
Unincorporated North Marin	84	71	50	0	0	0	84	71	50
CENTRAL MARIN	320	325	369	107	62	66	427	387	435
Fairfax	13	17	5	0	0	0	13	17	5
Corte Madera	3	3	13	0	0	0	3	3	13
Kentfield	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	4	0
Larkspur	9	4	5	0	0	0	9	4	5
Ross	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
San Anselmo	11	7	8	0	0	0	11	7	8
San Rafael	241	264	319	107	62	66	348	326	385
Other Unincorporated Central Marin	41	26	18	0	0	0	41	26	18
SOUTHERN MARIN	239	185	76	0	0	0	239	185	76
Belvedere/ Tiburon	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	6	2
Marin City	12	62	45	0	0	0	12	62	45
Mill Valley	38	4	7	0	0	0	38	4	7
Sausalito	97	35	7	0	0	0	97	35	7
Strawberry	12	11	3	0	0	0	12	11	3
Other Unincorporated Southern Marin	5	24	7	0	0	0	5	24	7
Richardson Bay Anchor Outs	75	43	5	0	0	0	75	43	5
WEST MARIN	37	76	212	0	44	39	37	120	251
Bolinas	16	47	63	0	44	39	16	91	102
Point Reyes Station	9	9	11	0	0	0	9	9	11
Other Unincorporated West Marin	12	20	138	0	0	0	12	20	138
OTHER	--	--	--	69	82	81	69	82	81
Domestic Violence Shelter	--	--	--	69	65	67	69	65	67
Scattered Site	--	--	--	*	17	14	0	17	14
Seasonal Shelter	--	--	--	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	830	788	831	291	302	297	1,121	1,090	1,128

Note: Locations of domestic violence shelters remain undisclosed and are separated out into their own category.

Note: Scattered site was added as an option in 2024

Source: 2026 Marin County Homeless Survey, N=419

Note: Some percentages have been rounded so total percentage will equal 100 %

The complete comprehensive report includes a more detailed profile of the characteristics of those experiencing homelessness in Marin County. It will be available August, 2026. Source: Applied Survey Research, 2026, Marin County Homeless Census & Survey, Watsonville, CA.

