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 City of San Jose Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 29th and 30th, 2013. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to 456 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

**Sheltered Includes:**
- Emergency Shelter: 11%
- Transitional Housing: 12%

**Unsheltered Includes:**
- On the street: 39%
- Abandoned buildings: 2%
- Cars/vans/RVs: 10%
- Encampment Areas: 26%

**Gender**
- Men: 73%
- Women: 25%
- Transgender: 2%

**Ethnicity (Top 4 Responses)**
- Hispanic: 30%
- White: 29%
- Black: 23%
- Asian: 6%

**First Time Homelessness**
- Yes (49%)
- No (51%)

**Duration of Homelessness**
- 30 days or less: 13%
- 1-11 months: 33%
- 1 year or more: 58%

**Obstacles to Securing Permanent Housing**
- Couldn’t afford rent: 45%
- No job/income: 57%
- No money for moving costs: 29%
- Bad Credit: 22%

93% of survey respondents said YES when asked if they would want affordable permanent housing were it available.
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.

**What is a disabling condition?**

60% of survey respondents reported a disabling condition.

**What might have prevented respondents' homelessness (top 4 responses)**

- Employment Assistance (47%)
- Rent/Mortgage Assistance (33%)
- Alcohol/Drug Counseling (24%)
- Mental Health Services (22%)

**Incarceration**

30% spent at least 1 or more nights in jail or prison in the past 12 months.

**Emergency Room Use**

- Never (52%)
- 1-3 times (35%)
- 4+ times (13%)

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**Services & Assistance**

- Government services received (Top 3 responses)
  - Cut fresh, WIC or food stamps (42%)
  - SSI/SSDI (42%)
  - General Assistance (37%)

- Reasons for NOT receiving government services (Top 3 responses)
  - Income gap
  - Don’t think you are eligible
  - Don’t need government assistance

**Income Gap**

- $250 or less
- $250/mo
- $2,906/mo
- Self-Sufficiency Standard

**Summary**

These data provide a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in the City of San Jose on January 29th and 30th. 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). City of San Jose Homeless Census & Survey. Watsonville, CA. For more detail or to view the comprehensive report, please visit www.appliedsurveyresearch.org.*