Every two years, during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of people experiencing homelessness in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local community.

The 2019 Alameda County EveryOne Home Count was a community-wide effort conducted on January 30th, 2019. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered across Alameda County. In the city of Oakland, 660 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals were surveyed, in order to profile their experience and characteristics.

### Homeless Census Population

- **2015**: 2,191
- **2017**: 2,761
- **2019**: 4,071

### Sheltered/Unsheltered Population

- **Sheltered**: 21%
- **Unsheltered**: 79%

### Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness

- **8%**: 30 Days or Less
- **27%**: 1-11 Months
- **54%**: 1 Year or More

### What Might Have Prevented Homelessness

**Top 4 Responses**

- **35%**: Rent Assistance
- **32%**: Benefits/Income
- **22%**: Mental Health Services
- **19%**: Alcohol/Drug Counseling

### Primary Causes of Homelessness

**Top 6 Responses**

- **14%**: Mental Health Issues
- **13%**: Lost Job
- **11%**: Rent Increase
- **10%**: Other Money Issues
- **10%**: Substance Use Issues
- **7%**: Incarceration

### How New Money Should Be Spent

- **47%**: Affordable Rental Housing
- **41%**: Permanent Help with Rent/Subsidies
- **30%**: Employment Training/Job Opportunities
- **24%**: Substance Use/Mental Health Services
- **22%**: Housing with Supportive Services
- **18%**: Short-term Financial Assistance

### Unsheltered Population by Location

- **Tent**: 41% (1,320)
- **Car/Van**: 23% (727)
- **RV**: 22% (703)
- **Street/Outside**: 13% (420)
- **Abandoned Building**: 1% (40)

### Residence Prior to Homelessness

- **Alameda County**: 78%

### Length of Time in Alameda County

- **54%**: 10 Years+
- **15%**: 5-9 Years
- **11%**: 1-4 Years
- **13%**: < 1 Year
Alameda County will release a comprehensive report of the 2019 EveryOne Home Homeless Count and Survey in Summer 2019. For more information about EveryOne Home and efforts to address homelessness in Alameda County please visit www.EveryOneHome.org.

For definitions, additional information on methodology or efforts to address homelessness, visit www.everyonehome.org.