

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 27, 2026
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location:

**County Administration South (CAS) Building
County Conference Center
425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599
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AGENDA

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Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health
Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep
Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Project Hope Alliance
Kelita Gardner, Second Baptist Church of Santa Ana
Nichole Gideon, Individual
Shakoya Green Long, Individual
Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, OC United Way
Marisol Johnson, Dayle McIntosh Center
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim

Melanie McQueen, PATH
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Nishtha Mohendra, Friendship Shelter [Vice Chair]
Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Individual
Jason Phillips, Individual
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options [Chair]
Tim Shaw, Individual
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meeting materials from the Office of Care Coordination during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

Call to Order – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Board Member Roll Call – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2026.**
2. **Receive and file memo regarding Orange County United Way’s United to End Homelessness’s aggregate data request for the revised timeframe of January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2026, as recommended by the CoC Board Officers.**

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. **Good News Story: Families Forward** – Kathy Lopez, Director of Programs, Families Forward
2. **CoC Strategic Plan Implementation Update** – Aubrey Sitler, Independent Consultant, ACStrategies; Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair; Nishtha Mohendra, Vice Chair; Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary; and Strategy Owners
3. **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) and Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator and Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Approve the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, to apply for funding under the YHDP and YHSI NOFO for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025.

4. **CoC Program Funding** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. FY 2025 CoC Program funding updates
 - b. FY 2026 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) planning updates
 - c. CoC Builds NOFO forecast update

5. **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Douglas Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. HHAP Rounds 2, 3, 4 and 5 obligations and expenditures update
 - b. Approve the following recommendations obligating HHAP Round 5 funding, as recommended by the HHAP Ad Hoc:
 - (1) Approve the obligation of \$60,995.25 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Systems Support eligible use category to partially fund the consulting contract with ACStrategies in Fiscal Year (FY)26-27 and FY27-28 to support the ongoing implementation of the CoC Strategic Plan.
 - (2) Approve the obligation of \$200,000 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Systems Support eligible use category to partially fund the Compensation for People with Lived Experience Program contracted with Orange County United Way in FY26-27.
 - (3) Approve the obligation of \$1,511,790.38 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Permanent Housing Delivery eligible use category to support impacted CoC Program-funded projects that may receive delayed awards or may be ramping down, noting that additional criteria for programming the funding is forthcoming, pending the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO release.

6. **2026 Orange County Point In Time Count** – Douglas Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination

7. **HMIS Lead Updates** – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

8. **Orange County Homelessness Updates** – Douglas Becht, Director and Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. System of Care Update
 - b. CoC Update

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Call to Order – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Felicia Boehringer, Office of Care Coordination

Present: Judson Brown, Andrew Crowe, Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Nichole Gideon, Shakoya Green-Long, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Maricela Rios-Faust, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Absent Excused: Kelita Gardner, Marisol Johnson, Jason Phillips, and Tim Shaw

Absent: Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells arrived during Board Members Comments.

Request for Virtual Participation

The Brown Act allows exceptions for members of legislative bodies to participate remotely under two specified circumstances: (1) “Just Cause” or (2) “Emergency Circumstances”. At least a quorum of the Board must be participating in-person for the exception(s) to be voted on and enacted. Following the Call to Order, Chair, Maricela Rios-Faust referenced a request for CoC Board Member Nichole Gideon to join virtually due to “Just Cause”

Recommended Action: Allow Nichole Gideon to participate remotely for today’s CoC Board Meeting

Nishtha Mohendra motioned to approve the Recommended Action to allow Nichole Gideon to participate remotely. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

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- Paul Hyek noted interest in helping clean up the Bridges at Kramer County shelter, explaining experience supporting residents as well as coordination for medical support, groceries, meal services, senior programs and public transportation for participants.
- Herold Arscott shared excitement for writing a grant for the CoC NOFO process and wanted to explain more about the Orange County Food Support Coalition and the work done to support food distribution and assisting residents with limited access to services. Herold Arscott specially noted collaboration with Mary’s Kitchen Pantry and other partners to share resources and strengthen collective impact.

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- Sandra Lozeau shared a message celebrating Professional Administrative Day.
- Secretary Dr. Tiffany Mitchell noted that Orangewood Foundation was able to attend the California Coalition for Youth (CCY) Hill Day with key state legislatures to advocate for funding to address youth homelessness.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra shared that Friendship Shelter is committed to breaking the cycle of homelessness and there is a current fundraising initiative aimed at raising \$1.5 million in support.
- Judson Brown read the names of individuals who have passed while experiencing homelessness in March 2026, in remembrance and recognition.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2026.
2. Receive and file the CoC Strategic Plan monthly update.
3. Receive and file report from Advance OC highlighting key findings from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data request approved on September 25, 2024.

Melanie McQueen motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Robert “Santa Bob” Morse seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstention, the motion passed.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. **Good News Story: County Executive Office, Outreach and Engagement** – Karen Betances, Director of Programs, Office of Care Coordination

Karen Betances introduced Jackie and Mackenzie, Outreach and Engagement (O&E) staff, who emphasized the importance of persistence in outreach. The story highlighted a client living in a vehicle while managing substance use and mental health challenges. Despite repeated setbacks, loss of belongings, and difficulty engaging, two outreach teams continued consistent contact. After years of homelessness, the client was matched to a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program; this demonstrated why unwavering outreach is essential to ensure those who fall through system gaps are not left behind.

Board Member Discussion:

- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust thanked O&E and affirmed the belief in persistent outreach.
- Judson Brown reiterated appreciation for O&E’s dedication and hard work.

2. **CoC Program Funding** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Zulima Lundy provided an update on pending litigation, noting that on April 1, 2026, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) appeal was denied, affirming that the initial ruling was correct. All CoC's are now awaiting award notifications for projects expiring in Quarter 2 and do not expect additional delays. If HUD continues with funding delays for awarding Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 CoC Program funding, and if awards for projects expiring Quarters 3 and 4 are not announced by July 1, 2026, then HUD will non-competitively renew projects expiring in Quarters 3 and 4. Zulima Lundy also noted that voluntary reallocations and new project submissions remain on hold, as HUD has not provided any communication regarding the submissions that took place under the preliminary injunction. Further, on March 31, 2026, HUD announced an award for Serving People in Need (SPIN) Rapid Rehousing (RRH) project, which had previously been denied funding in 2024, but due to their program ramp down extension HUD placed it in the Quarter 1 renewal group. This raises questions about current renewal projects and how remaining FY2025 funding will be awarded. Zulima Lundy discussed planning for the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO, noting that the criteria and language within the CoC Program NOFO released in December 2025 will serve as the best reference document for what is to come. The CoC will seek to convene a non-conflicted NOFO Ad Hoc Committee to guide ranking, tiering, and overall strategy.

Timothy Kirkconnell provided an update on the FY 2027 Presidential Budget Request, noting ongoing negotiations, potential deep cuts, and opportunities for continued advocacy before the September deadline.

Recommended Action c: Approve the CoC Board Officers to work in partnership with the Office of Care Coordination to establish the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO Ad Hoc to support the local competition process for the Orange County CoC.

Dr. Shauntina Sorells motioned to approve Recommended Action c. Andrew Crowe seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

Board Member Discussion:

- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust questioned whether FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO funding award changes, like the award for SPIN, will affect the bottom line for approved programs expiring in Quarters 3 and 4, and what increases or impacts should be anticipated.
- Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala asked whether the CoC Program NOFO priority-setting process will ensure that all subpopulations are represented and considered in funding allocation discussion.
- Judson Brown emphasized the importance of coordination with the Orange County Housing Authority as they plan to transition out of the CoC Program funding and shift to regular funding streams, noting that Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects face significant challenges when funding to apply for within Tier 1 shift from 90% to 60%, as a 30% reduction could force programs to exit families. Judson Brown also recommended maximizing Tier 1 allocations to safeguard high-priority projects and partnering with workforce development partners so at-risk programs can strengthen competitiveness and support long-term self-sufficiency.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil provided input on supporting legislative advocacy efforts.

3. CoC Builds NOFO – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination

Zulima Lundy provided an update on the CoC Builds NOFO, noting that the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island ruled that the HUD and HUD Secretary Scott Turned violated the law when approving new funding restrictions associated with the CoC Builds NOFO. Updates from the litigation will be shared, as more concrete information arises.

4. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Douglas Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination

Zulima Lundy provided an update on the current obligations and expenditures for HHAP Rounds 2–5 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC. Additionally, Zulima Lundy highlighted that on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, Governor Newsom announced the award of \$145.4 million in HHAP Round 6 funding to eight (8) regions within California, which included \$35.1 million for the Orange County region. Of this, the Orange County CoC received an allocation of \$8,923,349.94 in HHAP Round 6 funding. To support the programming of HHAP Rounds 5 and 6 funding allocated to the CoC, the CoC Board was asked to appoint Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Josh Meyers, and Jason Phillips to an ad hoc, who will work with the Office of Care Coordination to provide recommendations to the CoC Board for review and approval.

Recommended Action c: Appoint Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Josh Meyers and Jason Phillips to an ad hoc to support the development of recommendations for the programming of HHAP Rounds 5 and 6 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC and approve the Office of Care Coordination to work with the CoC Board Officers on changes in ad hoc membership, should an alternate be needed.

Robert “Santa Bob” Morse motioned to approve Recommended Action c. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Judson Brown asked about HHAP Round 5, specifically the initial \$2.5 million disbursement and how much is expected to be expended by the June 30, 2026, deadline. Judson Brown also referenced the associated Emergency Shelter expenditure plans and the importance of timely invoicing.

5. Orange County CoC Youth Action Board (YAB) Development – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination and Marina Garcia, Lived Experience Partnership Manager, United to End Homelessness, Orange County United Way

Felicia Boehringer shared updates on the development of key activities, highlighting progress made and ongoing work emphasizing the importance of creating safe, supportive spaces for young people and aligning the CoC’s vision with the efforts of the TAY Collaborative and the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC). Felicia Boehringer encouraged CoC Board members to share information within their networks and to be intentional about fostering inclusive environments that support youth participation and decision-making as the YAB structure is developed.

Marina Garcia shared that YAB recruitment will begin soon, inviting young people to get involved and serve their community. Recruitment is expected to launch within the next month, with a kickoff planned for late summer. Training opportunities will be provided to ensure youth feel prepared and supported. Plans also include a meet-and-greet between the YAB and the CoC Board in an informal setting. Marina Garcia stressed the importance of championing the YAB by being mindful of language, accessibility, and creating welcoming spaces that help young people feel valued and empowered to succeed.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells emphasized the importance of ensuring youth representation, noting that young people must be meaningfully included and supported as future leaders. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells

highlighted the value of training and preparing the CoC Board members just as much to create welcoming, youth-centered spaces.

- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust, suggested considering a second youth seat on the CoC Board to strengthen representation.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra discussed the evolution of the Board’s composition and the need to begin forming recommendations related to youth participation.
- Sandra Lozeau asked about recruitment materials and expressed interest in sharing them widely with CoC Board Members once available.
- Secretary Dr. Tiffany Mitchell encouraged leveraging upcoming training and partnering with Orangewood Foundation to help orient young people, along with collaboration from Project Hope Alliance.
- Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala noted the intentionality behind the work and acknowledged the need for a formalized pre-and-post engagement process during recruitment and their time selected on the YAB, including training support for the YAB.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil expressed appreciation for the partnership with all collaborative entities.

6. FY 2025 System Performance Measures (SPM) Report – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), Orange County United Way

Erin DeRycke reported that SPM are incorporated into the annual CoC Program NOFO application each year, this report covered October 2024–2025. Erin DeRycke shared that data quality has improved, but the CoC continues to lose points due to issues such as increasing lengths of homelessness, low income-increase outcomes, and reduced exits to permanent housing. Some measures were met last year but not this year. The team provides data quality training, reviewing client history accuracy, and offering targeted support. Erin DeRycke mentioned a small number of agencies account for most data errors, and improving this work is essential to strengthening overall system performance.

Board Member Discussion:

- Judson Brown asked whether the chart showing length of homelessness reflects an increase from roughly 184 days in 2022 to 231 days now. Judson Brown shared that potentially removing the shelter preference in September 2022 may have had unintended system impacts that are being shown in the data now.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust asked whether participants’ time spent in Emergency Shelter (ES) and/or Transitional Housing (TH) is combined or separate in the data showcased and requested that the data be split out to better demonstrate length in time spent in each program. Maricela Rios-Faust asked whether funded agencies receive data-quality report cards and noted that some fields lack information to assess performance. Maricela Rios-Faust emphasized agency responsibility and the need to understand how policy decisions, such as shelter preference or match requirements, affect outcomes.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked whether the approximate date of homelessness enrollments prior to January 1, 2015, will be included in the next submission of SPM to HUD.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra asked how many housing opportunities were created and emphasized tying this to permanent housing outcomes. Nishtha Mohendra noted the value of a Data Committee proposal as a solution for the CoC Board. Nishtha Mohendra asked whether PSH projects represent a “low-hanging fruit” opportunity and whether there is room to revisit those projects for improvements.
- Melanie McQueen commented that the trends are likely to reflect a broader housing-supply issue. Melanie McQueen expressed interest in collaborating on data improvements and asked about discrepancies in the number of records reviewed.

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked whether agencies need additional access and emphasized shared responsibility for data quality. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells reiterated that agencies vary in capacity, and the system must ensure accountability for data quality.
- Sandra Lozeau agreed that the removal of shelter preference has had some negative impacts, noting current shelter capacity challenges and the need for flexibility to improve metrics. Sandra Lozeau noted that implementing a multiple match process in the City of Anaheim helped with leasing up projects more quickly and that increased unit utilization support system flow.

7. HMIS Lead Updates – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

Erin DeRycke provided an update on the data request for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Evaluation reporting period and explained that the analysis includes assessment data, housing opportunities, and all project types, with a focus on enrollment patterns and destination outcomes. The request also included APRs for six different project types, and no identifiable client information was included. Erin DeRycke noted that HMIS remains the primary data source, and while supplemental information has been used anecdotally in the past, this should be considered carefully for future requests to ensure consistency and data integrity.

8. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Douglas Becht, Director and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Douglas Becht provided an update on the Same Day Solutions Fair and shared progress on the Homelessness Prevention Framework projects, emphasizing the importance of leveraging current opportunities. Douglas Becht provided an update on the Bridges at Kramer Place Shelter. PATH was selected and approved by the Board of Supervisors as the new operator. PATH will begin services on May 1, 2026, with full operations starting June 1, 2026.

Felicia Boehringer provided updates on proposed HUD rules related to mixed-status families, including a requirement for at least a 30-day termination notice before filing for eviction and potential adoption of work requirements and time limits by Public Housing Authorities (PHA) and HUD-assisted owners. Felicia Boehringer also discussed the shifting federal funding landscape and noted that Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) and Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) NOFO's may be released in the coming weeks, prompting consideration of whether the CoC should pursue them.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil expressed interest in supporting the YHDP and YHSI NOFO process.
- Robert “Santa Bob” Morse asked when the results for the 2026 PIT Count will be announced and released.

Robert “Santa Bob” Morse motioned to adjourn the meeting, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Date: May 27, 2026

Subject: Orange County United Way HMIS Data Request Update

Recommended Action: Receive and file memo regarding Orange County United Way's United to End Homelessness's aggregate data request for the revised timeframe of January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2026, as recommended by the CoC Board Officers.

Background

During the [October 2025 CoC Board meeting](#), the Board approved a data request from the Orange County United Way United to End Homelessness team to receive aggregate data for clients active in Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Coordinated Entry, Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Other Permanent Housing during the reporting period from November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025. This data was used during The Person in Front of You campaign for the 2025 Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

On April 8, 2026, the United to End Homelessness team submitted a new request to receive the same data approved by the CoC Board, but for the reporting periods 1/1/24 – 12/13/24, 1/1/25 – 12/31/25, and 1/1/26 – 3/31/26. The purpose of this request was to review trends over time. This request was approved by the CoC Board Officers due to the policy in the [HMIS Policies and Procedures](#) pg. 30 that states "Data Requests that seek clarification or require a subset of data that has already been published in the form of a dashboard or as part of another data request as approved by the CoC Board may be provided by the HMIS Lead Agency in consultation with the CoC Collaborative Applicant."

Aggregate Data being Requested:

No client identifying data was included in this request. All data requested was for an unduplicated count of clients.

1. **Number of people who were experiencing homelessness:** Clients in Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Coordinated Entry projects, as well as clients in Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Other Permanent Housing without a Housing Move-In Date during the reporting period
2. **Number of people who became homeless:** Clients that began participating in any of the project types in this request during the reporting period
3. **Number of people who exited to permanent housing situations:** Clients that exited to permanent housing from any of the project types in this request, as well as clients in Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Other Permanent Housing with a Housing Move-In Date during the reporting period
4. All data above will also be reported by the following sub-populations
 - a. Veterans
 - b. Transitional Aged Youth

As submitted by Orange County United Way's 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC)

- c. Number of families, number of adults in families, number of children in families, number of children aged 0-5 in families
- d. Seniors (aged 62 plus)

Date: May 27, 2026

Subject: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) and Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Recommended Action:

- a. Approve the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC), to apply for funding under the YHDP and YHSI NOFO for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025.

Background

On April 22, 2026, the “Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025” was posted on [Grants.Gov](https://www.Grants.Gov) as a forecasted opportunity. The NOFO will provide two separate sources of funding under two different programs - YHSI grants and YHDP. According to the forecast, the YHDP and YHSI NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025 was expected to be released May 15, 2026, with an estimated due date of July 29, 2026. As of May 21, 2026, the NOFO has not yet been released.

The YHSI and YHDP funds were appropriated by Congress to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and under, can dramatically reduce youth homelessness, which includes a variety of approaches, eligible activities, and projects that address not only housing needs, but also needs for services related to chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance use disorders, domestic violence or childhood abuse and barriers to employment.

Under the YHSI grants, HUD will make awards to selected communities to support them in establishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness or for improving their existing response system. HUD will select approximately 50 communities for YHSI grants. Under YHDP, HUD will provide funding to communities to implement housing and services projects “to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and under can dramatically reduce youth homelessness.” HUD anticipates selecting between 26 and 50 communities for awards, with a priority for communities with substantial rural populations in up to sixteen locations.

Eligible Applicants for the Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025 as listed on Grants.Gov include:

Government

- County governments
- Special district governments
- State governments
- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- City or township governments

Nonprofit

- Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3)
- Other Native American tribal organizations

Education

- Public and state institutions of higher education

Miscellaneous

- Other

The Orange County CoC has previously applied under previous rounds of YHDP and YHSI but has not been awarded to date. The County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant has identified the YHDP and YHSI funding opportunity as important to augment the implementation of a Youth Action Board (YAB) to further develop a youth homelessness response system.

The Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant is seeking support from the Orange County CoC Board membership to apply for the YHDP and YHSI NOFO for FY 2024 and FY 2025. The application process will include close collaboration with Orange County United Way, as the current contracted provider for the YAB implementation, youth-serving providers represented in the TAY Collaborative Committee, and other partners interested in supporting a successful, competitive application for the Orange County CoC. The approval from the Orange County CoC Board will support the Orange County CoC in submitting an application that could bring additional resources to youth experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness in Orange County.

Date: May 27, 2026

Subject: Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program

Recommended Action:

- a. HHAP Rounds 2, 3, 4, and 5 obligations and expenditures update
- b. Approve the following recommendations obligating HHAP Round 5 funding, as recommended by the HHAP Ad Hoc:
 - (1) Approve the obligation of \$60,995.25 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Systems Support eligible use category to partially fund the consulting contract with ACStrategies in Fiscal Year (FY)26-27 and FY27-28 to support the ongoing implementation of the CoC Strategic Plan.
 - (2) Approve the obligation of \$200,000 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Systems Support eligible use category to partially fund the Compensation for People with Lived Experience Program contracted with Orange County United Way in FY26-27.
 - (3) Approve the obligation of \$1,511,790.38 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Permanent Housing Delivery eligible use category to support impacted CoC Program-funded projects that may receive delayed awards or may be ramping down, noting that additional criteria for programming the funding is forthcoming, pending the FY2026 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) release.

Background

The HHAP Program was established by the State of California to provide local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop a unified response to homelessness, and to continue the efforts to end homelessness through permanent housing and supportive services informed by best practices. The HHAP Program is a grant administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The County of Orange's (County) Office of Care Coordination serves as the Administrative Entity for the HHAP Program on behalf of the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC). The Office of Care Coordination (OCC) also serves as the administrative entity for the HHAP Program on behalf of the County.

[HHAP Rounds 2, 3, 4, and 5 Obligations and Expenditures Update](#)

At the April 22, 2026, meeting of the CoC Board, the Office of Care Coordination provided an update on the obligations and expenditures for HHAP Rounds 2 through 5.

Attachment A provides an overview of eligible use categories for each round of HHAP.

HHAP Round 2 is a \$300 million grant intended to provide support to local jurisdictions to further regional collaboration developed through the previous round of funding and develop a unified regional response to homelessness.

HHAP Round 3 is a \$1 billion grant intended to provide local jurisdictions, including federally recognized tribal governments, with flexible funding to continue efforts to end and prevent homelessness in their communities.

HHAP Round 4 is a \$1 billion grant intended to provide local jurisdictions, including federally recognized tribal governments, with flexible funding to continue efforts to end and prevent homelessness in their communities, and required applicants to enter agreements committing to regional coordination.

HHAP Round 5 is a \$1 billion grant that provides local jurisdictions, including federally recognized tribal governments, with flexible funding to continue efforts to end and prevent homelessness in their communities, and required applicants to create and implement Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plans.

The HHAP obligation and expenditure timeline for Rounds 2, 3, 4, and 5 are noted in Table 1 below:

Table 1.

Date	Activity
June 30, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All (100%) HHAP Round 2 grant funds must be expended ▪ All (100%) HHAP Round 3 grant funds must be expended ▪ No less than 75% of HHAP Round 5 initial disbursement must be contractually obligated ▪ No less than 50% of HHAP Round 5 initial disbursement must be spent
June 30, 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All (100%) HHAP Round 4 grant funds must be expended ▪ No less than 75% of HHAP Round 6 initial disbursement must be contractually obligated ▪
June 30, 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All (100%) HHAP Round 5 grant funds must be expended

The [HCD HHAP Fiscal Dashboard](#) is available publicly for updates on obligations and expenditures. The Office of Care Coordination is compiling information on the updates related to the current obligations and expenditures for HHAP Rounds 2 through 5 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC, which will be reflected in the presentation for the May 27, 2026, CoC Board meeting.

The Office of Care Coordination will begin incorporating HHAP Round 6 eligible activities, obligations and expenditures information starting in June 2026.

HHAP Ad Hoc

At the April 22, 2026, meeting, the CoC Board appointed Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Josh Meyers, and Jason Phillips to a HHAP Ad Hoc (Ad Hoc) to support the programming of HHAP Rounds 5 and 6 funding allocated to the CoC. The Ad Hoc met twice in May to review the remaining HHAP Round 5 funding allocated to the CoC and begin review of potential recommendations for the funds budgeted in HHAP Round 6.

A total of \$260,995.25 is currently unobligated under the Systems Support eligible use category for HHAP Round 5. The Office of Care Coordination presented the Ad Hoc with initial HHAP Round 5 recommendations

for review, which included obligation of funding under the Systems Support, Permanent Housing Delivery, and Prevention and Shelter Diversion eligible use categories. Table 2. includes information related to the Ad Hoc’s recommendations and discussion during the meetings.

Table 2. HHAP Round 5 Unobligated Funding

Eligible Use Category	Unobligated Funds	Recommended Actions and Ad Hoc Discussion
Systems Support	\$260,995.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligate \$60,995.25 to the consulting contract with ACStrategies, to support the ongoing implementation of the CoC Strategic Plan in FY26-27 and FY27-28.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligate \$200,000 for compensation for people with lived experience partnering with the Orange County CoC in FY26-27. • <i>Note: Ad Hoc recommended \$200,000 be obligated in FY26-27, an increase from \$100,000 for FY 26-27 initially suggested by Office of Care Coordination, to ensure sustained compensation for people with lived experience in FY27-28.</i>
Permanent Housing Delivery	\$1,511,790.38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligate \$1,511,790.38 to support impacted CoC Program-funded projects that may receive delayed awards or may be ramping down, noting that additional criteria for programming the funding is forthcoming, pending the FY2026 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) release. • <i>Note: The Office of Care Coordination and Ad Hoc will be reconvening following the release of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, to have a better sense of how to recommend funds be used towards CoC Program-funded projects.</i>
Prevention and Shelter Diversion	\$459,129.49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recommendation at this time. • <i>Note: The Office of Care Coordination and Ad Hoc discussed programing Prevention and Shelter Diversion funding to existing CoC Program funded projects that may receive delayed awards or may be ramping down, to offer rental or direct cash assistance to households at-risk of homelessness. TheAd Hoc noted waiting until the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO is released is a better course of action, before making a recommendation for the obligation of these funds.</i>

Additionally, the Office of Care Coordination reviewed the HHAP Round 6 funding with the Ad Hoc and jointly determined that due to uncertainty of CoC Program funding under the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO competition, it would be best to reconvene once the NOFO is released and the Office of Care Coordination has an idea of the impact to the system and CoC Program-funded projects.

The recommended actions being presented to the CoC Board for the Systems Support eligible use category will support with further obligating the HHAP Round 5 funding and ensure sustained funding for current contracts including ACStrategies project management and technical assistance for the CoC Strategic Plan and compensation and support for people with lived experience under the contract with Orange County United Way. Additionally, the recommended action for the Permanent Housing Delivery eligible use category will position the Orange County CoC for contingency planning as it relates to the upcoming CoC Program NOFO.

Attachments

Attachment A – HHAP Rounds 1-6 Eligible Uses

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program

Comparison of HHAP Rounds 1 - 5

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IV. Eligible Uses

	HHAP-1 (Round 1)	HHAP-2 (Round 2)	HHAP-3 (Round 3)	HHAP-4 (Round 4)	HHAP-5 (Round 5)
Eligible Uses	<p>Rental assistance and rapid rehousing.</p> <p>Incentives to landlords, including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions.</p> <p>Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing.</p>	<p>Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.</p> <p>Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.</p>	<p>Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.</p> <p>Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.</p>	<p>Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.</p> <p>Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.</p>	<p>Rapid Rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of Permanent housing and Innovative Housing Solutions, such as services for people in permanent housing programs.</p> <p>Prevention and Shelter Diversion to permanent housing, including homelessness prevention through rental assistance, rapid rehousing and other programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHAP-5 Changes: change of eligible population to include "at-risk" of homelessness, and prioritization of households with incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income, who pay more than 50 percent of their income in housing costs, and who meet criteria for being at highest risk of homelessness through data-informed criteria.
	<p>Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.</p>	<p>Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.</p>	<p>Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.</p>	<p>Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.</p>	<p>Operating Subsidies - Permanent Housing, including operating costs for programs such as Homekey.</p> <p>Operating Subsidies - Interim Housing, including subsidies that support ongoing operation and availability of existing interim housing.</p>
	<p>New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.</p>	<p>New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.</p>	<p>Interim housing, limited to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of</p>	<p>Interim housing, limited to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation</p>	<p>Interim Housing, including acquisition of land and improvement or renovation of land or building being used as interim housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHAP-5 Changes: No HHAP-5 resources may be used to fund new interim housing solutions, until both of the following occurs: (1) the

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HHAP-1 (Round 1)	HHAP-2 (Round 2)	HHAP-3 (Round 3)	HHAP-4 (Round 4)	HHAP-5 (Round 5)
<p>Outreach and coordination, which may include access to job programs, to assist vulnerable populations in accessing permanent housing and to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations including families and homeless youth.</p> <p>Up to 5 percent of an applicant's program allocation may be expended for the following uses that are intended to meet federal requirements for housing funding: (1) Strategic homelessness plan, as defined in section 578.7(c) of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p>	<p>Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.</p> <p>Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations including families and homeless youth.</p> <p>Up to 5 percent of an applicant's round 2 program allocation may be expended for the following uses that are intended to meet federal requirements for housing funding: (1) Strategic homelessness plan, as defined in Section 578.7(c) of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p>	<p>existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstrated need</p> <p>Any new interim sheltering funded by round 3 funds must be low barrier, comply with Housing First as provided in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and prioritize interventions other than congregate shelters.</p> <p>Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.</p> <p>Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.</p> <p>Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations, including families and homeless youth.</p>	<p>centers and shelters based on demonstrated need</p> <p>Any new interim sheltering funded by round 4 funds must be low barrier, comply with Housing First as provided in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and prioritize interventions other than congregate shelters.</p> <p>Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.</p> <p>Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.</p> <p>Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations, including families and homeless youth.</p>	<p>applicant has demonstrated that the region has dedicated sufficient resources to long-term permanent housing solutions and (2) the applicant has received written permission from Cal ICH (HSC §50236(c).) This limitation does not apply to new interim housing solutions for youth under the 10% youth set-aside.</p> <p>Improvements to Existing Interim Housing, including maintenance of an interim housing facility and minor/major rehabilitation or renovation of an interim housing facility.</p> <p>Street Outreach, including services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including, but not limited to persons experiencing homelessness living in encampment sites and being engaged through the Encampment Resolution Grant program to help them transition to permanent housing with services attached.</p> <p>Services Coordination, including access to workforce, education, and training programs and other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems Support, including incorporating regional data into housing needs, collaborating on regional housing strategies, funding HMIS and HHAP-5 regional planning and application process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HHAP-5 Changes: The 1% Planning Allocation may be used to support the regional application process. These funds are available to Eligible Applicants as a retroactive reimbursement upon approval of the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan and HHAP-5 application. Allowable costs are reimbursable back to the date of NOFA publish (9/29/2023) OR as an advance for eligible applicants that do not have any available funds to cover the planning period. <p>If an applicant does not require funds for the application process, these funds will still be included in the grantee's HHAP-5 initial allocation for use on any other HHAP-5 eligible activity.</p>

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HHAP-1 (Round 1)	HHAP-2 (Round 2)	HHAP-3 (Round 3)	HHAP-4 (Round 4)	HHAP-5 (Round 5)
<p>(2) Infrastructure development to support coordinated entry systems and Homeless Management Information Systems.</p>	<p>(2) Infrastructure development to support coordinated entry systems and Homeless Management Information Systems.</p>			
<p>The applicant shall not use more than 7 percent of a program allocation for administrative costs incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.</p>	<p>The applicant shall not use more than 7 percent of a program allocation for administrative costs incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.</p>	<p>The applicant shall not use more than 7 percent of a program allocation for administrative costs incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.</p> <p>"Initial" allocation may be used for technical assistance or contracted entities to support the completion of the homeless action plan.</p> <p>Priority for initial funds, above the costs of completing the application, shall be for systems improvement, including, but not limited to, all of the following:</p> <p>(A) Capacity building and workforce development for the jurisdiction's administering staff and providers, including technical assistance to culturally specific providers.</p> <p>(B) Funding existing evidence-based programs serving people experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>(C) Investing in data systems to meet reporting requirements or strengthen the recipient's</p>	<p>The applicant shall not use more than 7 percent of a program allocation for administrative costs incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.</p>	<p>The applicant shall not use more than 7 percent of a program allocation for administrative costs incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.</p> <p>Additional 1% for HMIS, to be transferred directly to the HMIS lead entity to cover expenses including system licenses, training, system operating costs, and costs associated with carrying out related activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHAP-5 Changes: The Council may authorize applicants to allocate an additional one percent of funds to the HMIS lead entity to cover expenses associated with the HMIS. See below for more information.

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Item 5. Attachment A

	HHAP-1 (Round 1)	HHAP-2 (Round 2)	HHAP-3 (Round 3)	HHAP-4 (Round 4)	HHAP-5 (Round 5)
			Homeless Management Information System. (D) Improving homeless point-in-time counts. (E) Improving coordinated entry systems to eliminate racial bias or to create a youth-specific coordinated entry system.		
Youth Set Aside	At least 8% of the allocation must be expended on services for unaccompanied youth between 12 and 24 years old experiencing homelessness	At least 8% of the allocation must be expended on services for unaccompanied youth between 12 and 24 years old experiencing homelessness	A program recipient shall use at least 10% of the funds allocated under this section for services for homeless youth populations	A program recipient shall use at least 10% of the funds allocated under this section for services for homeless youth populations	A program recipient shall use at least 10% of the funds allocated under this section for services for homeless youth populations. The limitations on new interim housing options does not apply to the 10% youth set aside. This limitation would apply to any dollars spent over the 10% youth set aside amount.
Demonstrated Need for New Shelters / Interim Housing, Based On:	The number of available shelter beds; shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing	The number of available shelter beds; shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing	The number of available shelter beds; <i>number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the PIT count</i> ; shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing	The number of available shelter beds; <i>number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the PIT count</i> ; shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing	The number of available shelter beds; <i>number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the PIT count</i> ; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing

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**HHAP Round 6
Eligible Uses**

HHAP Round 6		
Eligible Uses	<p>Category #1: Permanent Housing Solutions</p>	<p>Rapid Rehousing/ Rental Subsidies, including longer-term rental subsidy programs, CARE Act petitioning and placement, landlord incentives, security deposits, holding fees, repairs, and move-in expenses.</p> <p>Operating Subsidies - Permanent Housing, including new and existing affordable or supportive housing , residential care facilities, and Capitalized operating reserves.</p> <p>Permanent Housing Services and Services Coordination, including intensive case management, assertive community treatment, critical time intervention, employment services.</p> <p>Capital for Permanent Housing, including conversion of underutilized buildings, or existing shelter space into permanent housing.</p>
	<p>Category #2: Homelessness Prevention Activities</p>	<p>Prevention and Diversion, including rapid rehousing and rental assistance, programs prioritizing households with incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income (AMI), problem solving and diversion support programs supporting those at risk or experiencing homelessness.</p>
	<p>Category #3: Interim Housing Solutions</p>	<p>Navigation Centers, or other emergency shelters that are defined as low barrier.</p> <p>Motel/Hotel Vouchers, used as interim shelter until connected to permanent housing resources.</p> <p>Operating Expenses - Interim Housing, including existing congregate shelter sites, new or existing noncongregate sites for youth, and capitalized operating reserves.</p> <p>Interim Housing Services and Services Coordination, including intensive case management, housing navigation, linkage to SUD and mental health treatment, benefits advocacy, and youth-focused services.</p> <p>Capital for New Interim Housing, to build new noncongregate shelter sites and transitional housing sites for homeless youth, and for clinically enhanced congregate or noncongregate shelter sites.</p> <p>Improvements to Existing Interim Housing, including renovation, maintenance, and conversion.</p>
	<p>Category #4: Non-housing Solutions</p>	<p>Services and Services Coordination for People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness, including nonhousing services such as street outreach, engagement services, intensive case management services, assertive community treatment, housing navigation, coordination with street-based health care services, hygiene services for individuals in encampments, services coordination, and costs that support lived-experience participation in regional and system planning.</p>
	<p>Administrative Costs</p>	<p>Administrative Costs (up to 7 percent), including regional coordination, HHAP 6 regional planning, HMIS costs, report, grant and administration.</p> <p>HMIS (up to 1 percent), including system licenses, training, system operating costs</p>

<p>Youth Set-Aside</p>	<p>At least 10% of each HHAP 6 allocation must be spent on services for homeless youth (HSC 50241(e)), and there are no prohibitions on spending a greater percentage on the Youth Set Aside. Dollars spent toward the Youth Set Aside have the same eligible uses as the broader program. Proposed funding activities should be categorized as part of the Youth Set Aside when costs support services and housing interventions for homeless youth populations. Additionally, the Sustainability of the Region’s Permanent Housing Portfolio justification is not required for New Interim Housing Solutions for homeless youth.</p>
<p>Demonstrated Need for New Interim Housing Based On:</p>	<p>1) The total existing interim housing shelters and beds (beds) in the region, 2) The total beds proposed to be added during the grant term (FY 24/25-28/29) in the region, if applicable, 3) The total estimated capital and operating costs for the beds (existing and proposed) during the grant term. HHAP funding should be housing-focused - either funding Permanent Housing interventions directly or, if used for Interim Housing or street outreach, have clear pathways to connect people to Permanent Housing options. The applicant must demonstrate there is not a financial gap in sustaining the existing and proposed portfolio of permanent affordable housing within their region.</p>

Date: May 27, 2026

Subject: 2026 Orange County Point in Time Count

Background and Analysis

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that all Continuum of Care (CoC) jurisdictions across the nation complete a biennial unsheltered count and an annual sheltered count of all persons experiencing homelessness in the community on a single point in time during the last ten days of January.

The County of Orange in partnership with the Orange County CoC conducted the sheltered count the night on Monday, January 26, 2026. The unsheltered count process took place over three days from Tuesday, January 27, 2026, through Thursday, January 29, 2026, to ensure the 800 square mile Orange County jurisdiction was canvassed effectively. The 2026 Point in Time Count data collected participant-level information including household compositions, subpopulations, and disabling conditions information, such as substance abuse disorders, serious mental illness and physical disability, amongst other demographic factors.

The 2026 Point in Time Count found a total of 6,321 persons experiencing homelessness in Orange County, of which 3,256 persons were sheltered, and 3,065 persons were unsheltered. The 2026 Point in Time Count Data Summary can be referenced in **Attachment A**.

To ensure communication with local stakeholders and community members, the Office of Care Coordination provided the 2026 Point in Time Count Report via press release and to the CoC membership, CoC Board, Commission to Address Homelessness via email.

Attachments

Attachment A – 2026 Point in Time Count Report



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.

Doug Becht
Director of Care Coordination



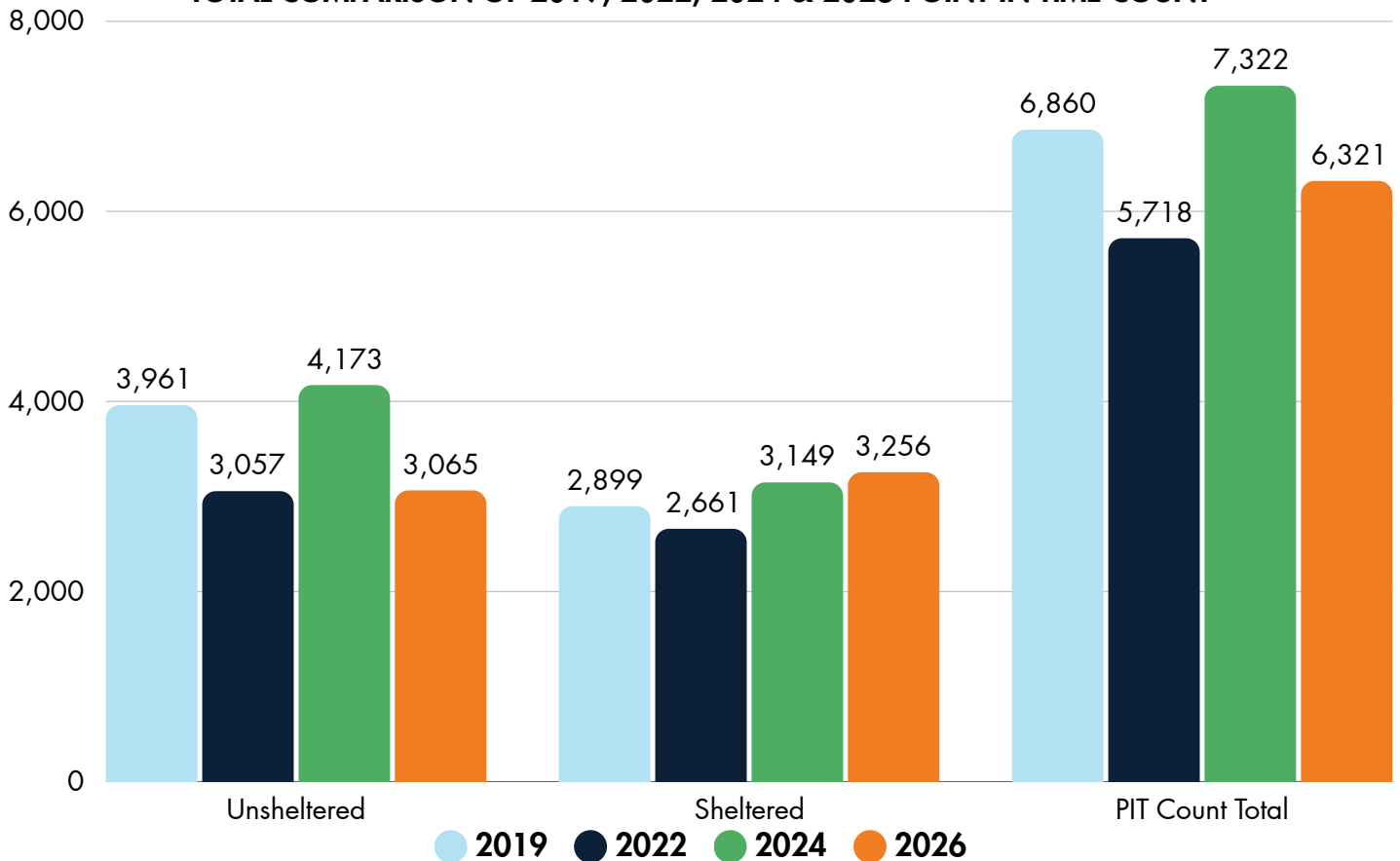


METHODOLOGY

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

6,321
Persons

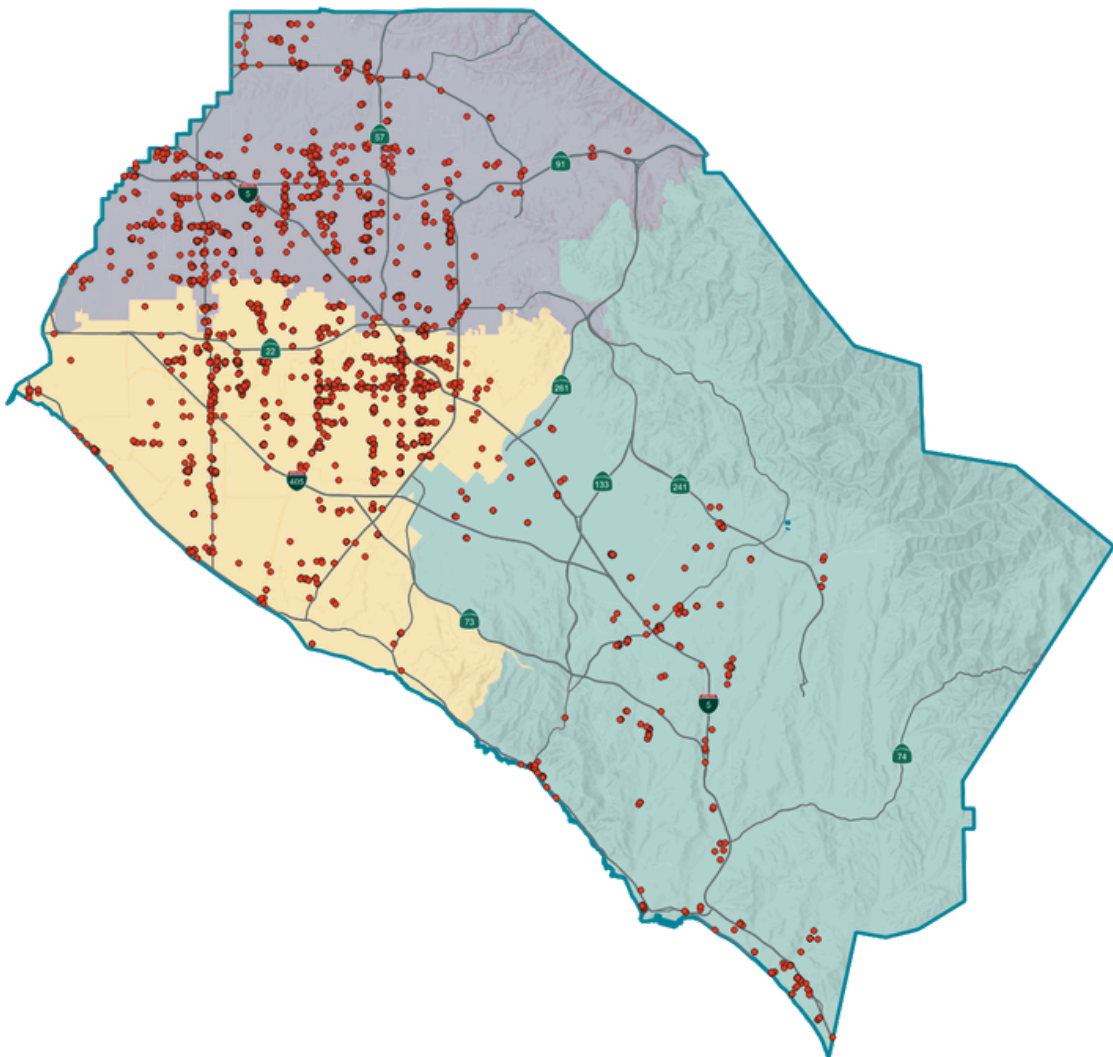
North: 2,894 Persons
Central: 2,919 Persons
South: 508 Persons

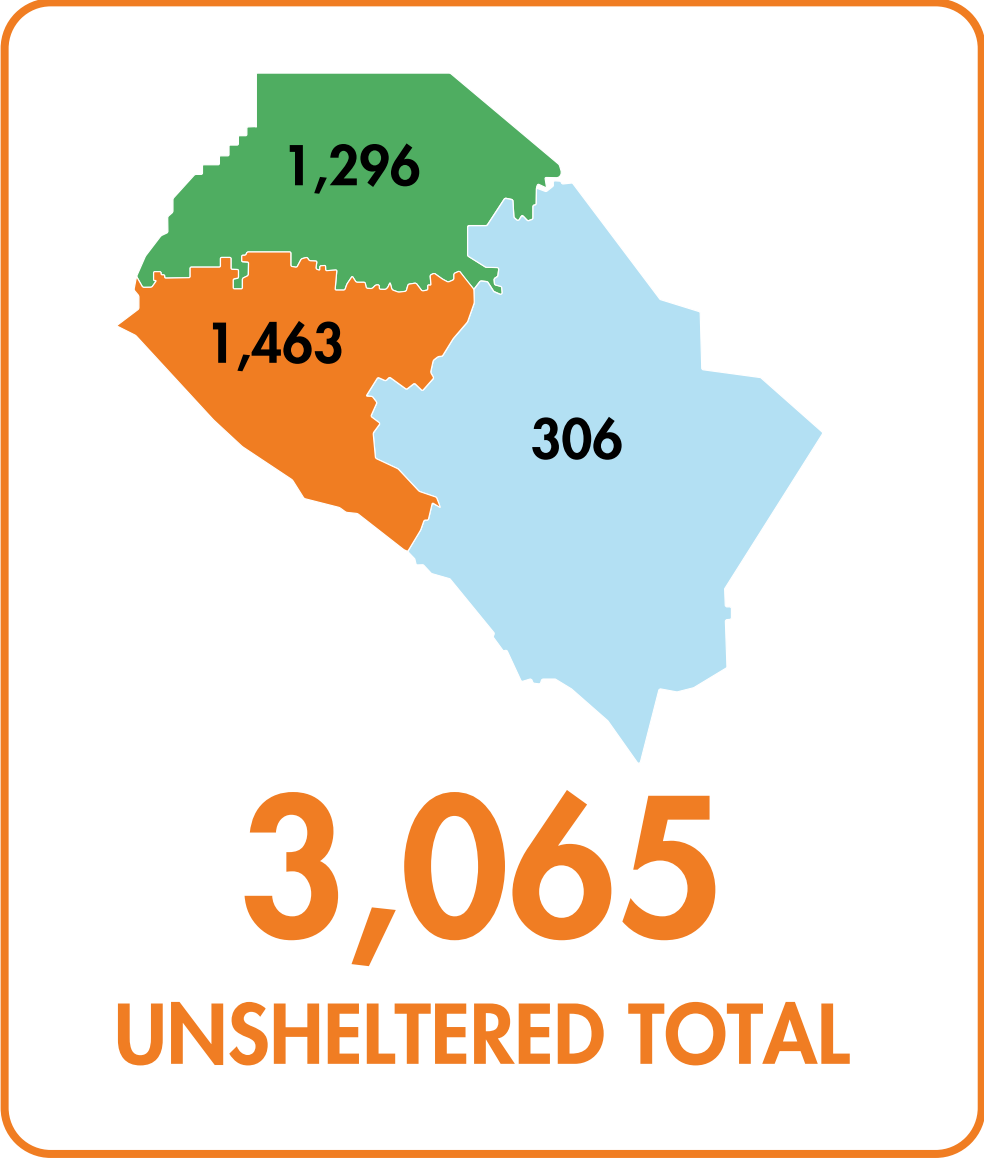


206
VETERANS
Persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves

245
TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH
Persons ages 18 to 24

882
SENIORS
Persons ages 62 and older





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.





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VETERANS

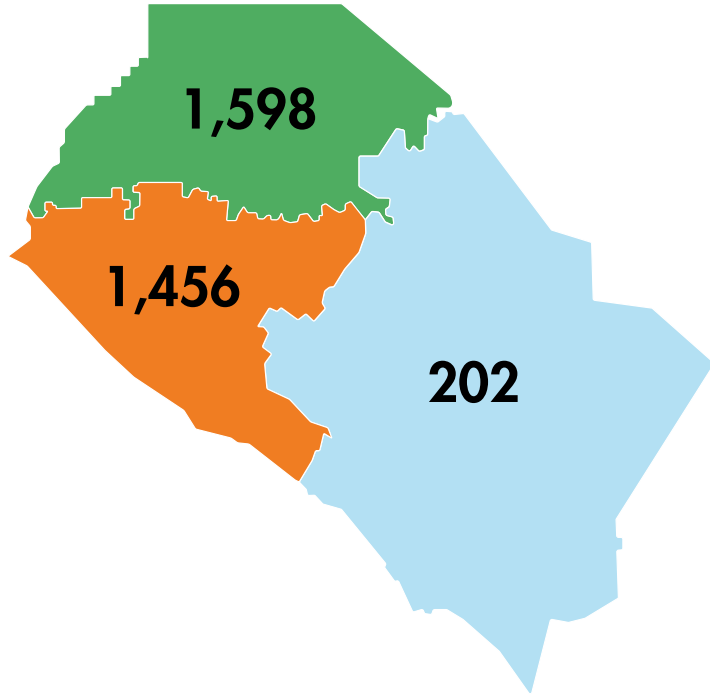
Persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves

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

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

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



SUBPOPULATIONS & DISABLING CONDITIONS

ADULTS

UNSHeltered

Sheltered

3,004

2,750

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

41.11%

53.78%

1,235 Adults

1,479 Adults

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

45.04%

26.04%

1,353 Adults

716 Adults

PHYSICAL DISABILITY

34.82%

28.62%

1,046 Adults

787 Adults

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

32.89%

37.85%

988 Adults

1,041 Adults

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

19.74%

0.40%

593 Adults

11 Adults

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

11.35%

8.44%

341 Adults

232 Adults

HIV/AIDS

1.76%

2.22%

53 Adults

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.



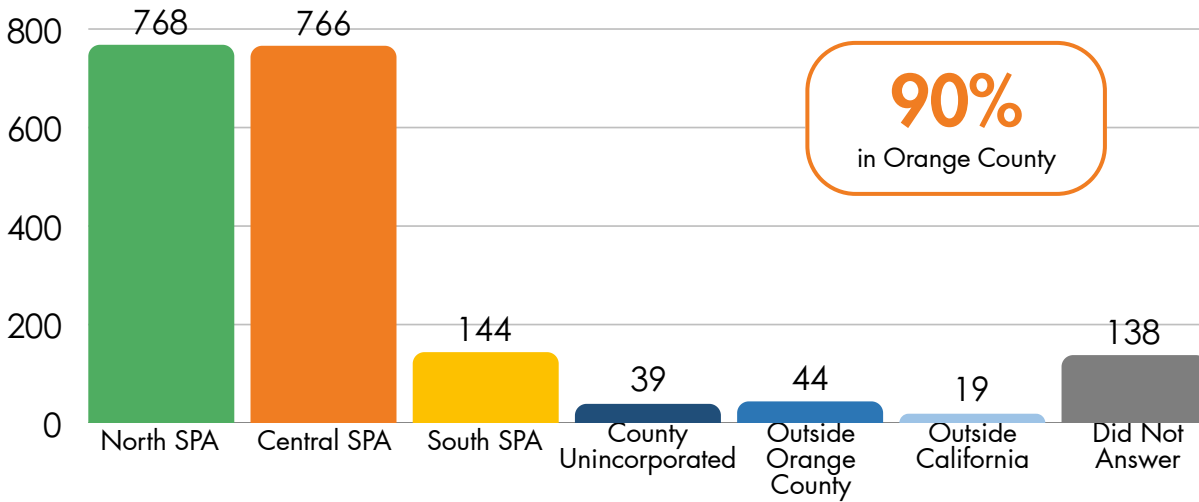
2026 HOUSEHOLD STATUS

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



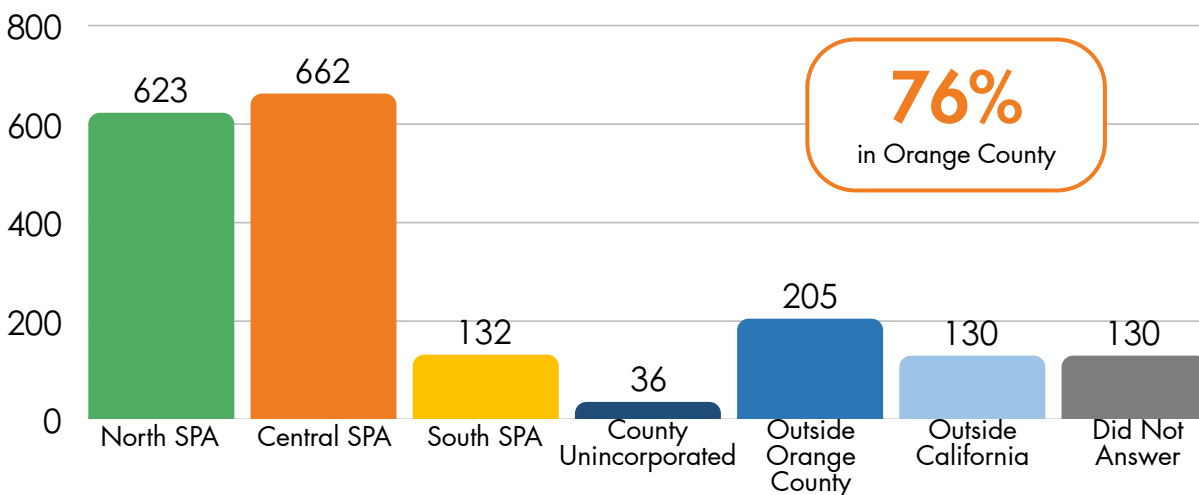
**COMMUNITY TIES:
UNSHELTERED ADULTS**

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



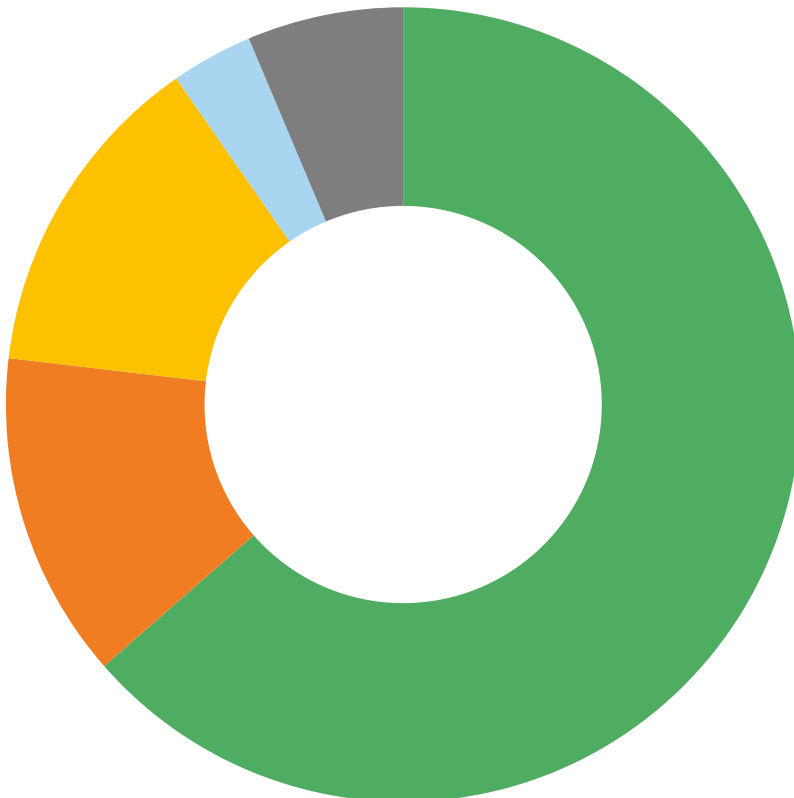
53.49%

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%

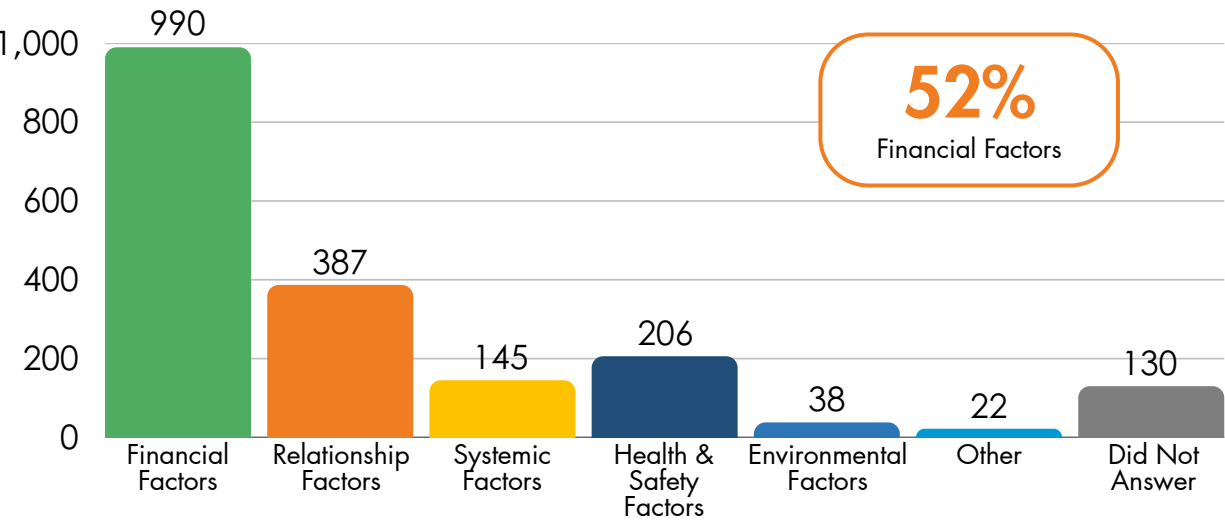
Did Not Answer
126 Adults, 6.35%

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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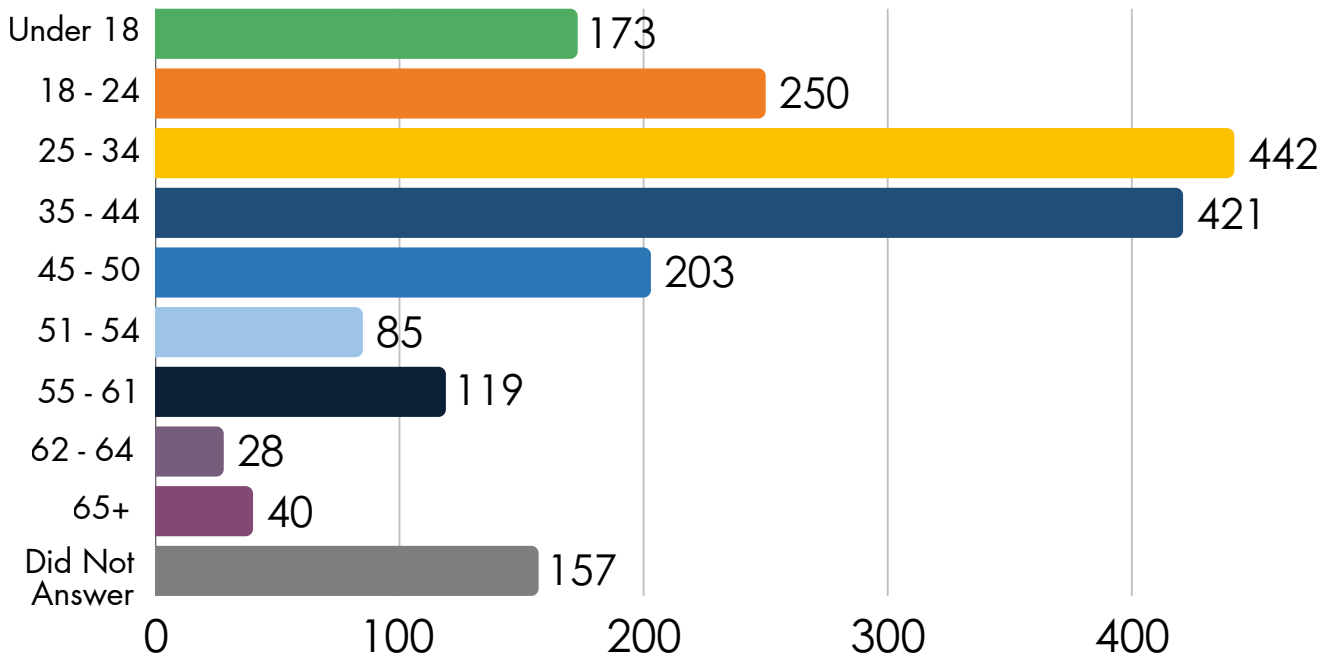


39.73%

762 Adults

Experiencing homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months

AGE WHEN FIRST HOMELESSNESS EXPERIENCE BEGAN



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

Notes:

This data is based off the 1,918 unsheltered Adults surveyed.



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
North Service Planning Area	1,296	1,598	2,894

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
Central Service Planning Area	1,463	1,456	2,919

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
South Service Planning Area	306	202	508



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%
Total	5,718		7,322		6,321	

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%
Total	3,057		4,173		3,065	

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%
Total	2,661		3,149		3,256	



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
Individuals	4,478 Households 4,510 Adults	5,906 Households 6,188 Adults	5,151 Households 5365 Adults
Families	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
Unaccompanied Minors	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
Individuals	2,806 Households 2,806 Adults	3,747 Households 3,993 Adults	2,767 Households 2,952 Adults
Families	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
Unaccompanied Minors	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
Individuals	1,672 Households 1,704 Adults	2,159 Households 2,195 Adults	2,384 Households 2,413 Adults
Families	295 Families 950 persons in households: 356 Adults 594 Children	291 Families 948 persons in households: 362 Adults 586 Children	270 Families 829 persons in households: 337 Adults 492 Children
Unaccompanied Minors	7 Households 7 Minors	6 Households 6 Minors	13 Households 14 Minors

Notes:

For Household Descriptions refer to page 12.

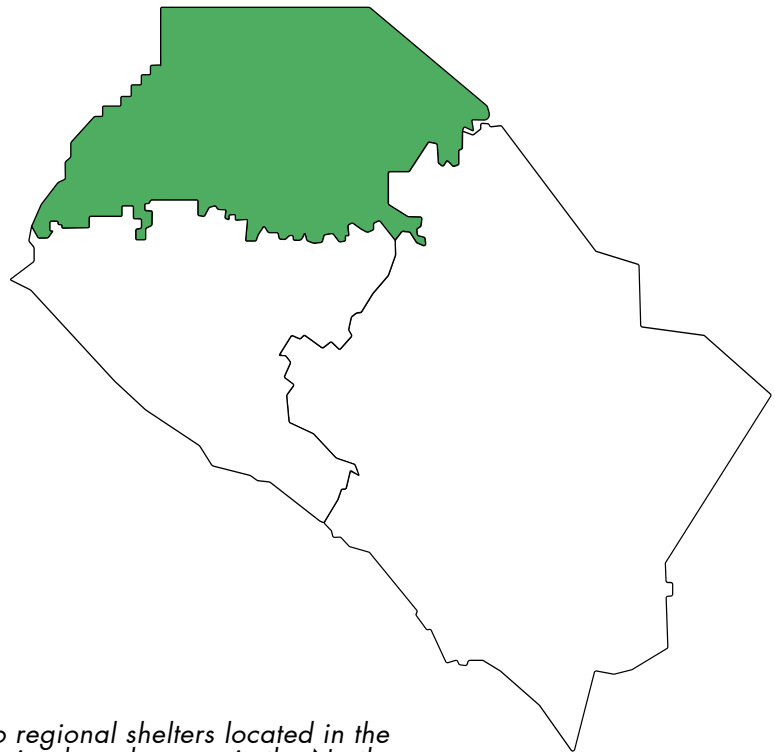


North Service Planning Area

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
North SPA Total	1,113	1,646	1,296	1,306	1,581	1,598

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
North SPA Total	2,419	3,227	2,894



***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.

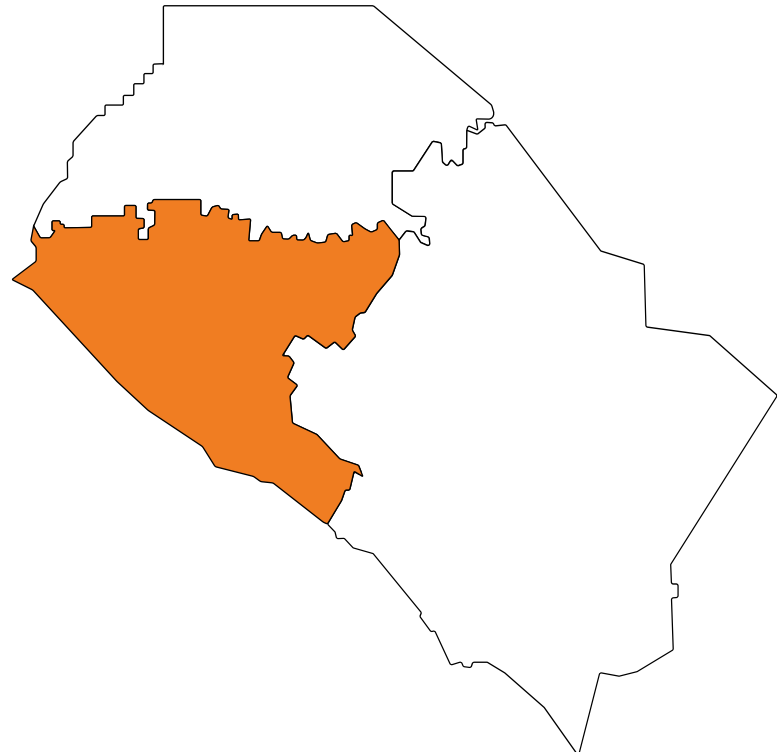


Central Service Planning Area

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
Central SPA Total	1,522	2,036	1,463	1,192	1,418	1,456

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
Central SPA Total	2,714	3,454	2,919



***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.

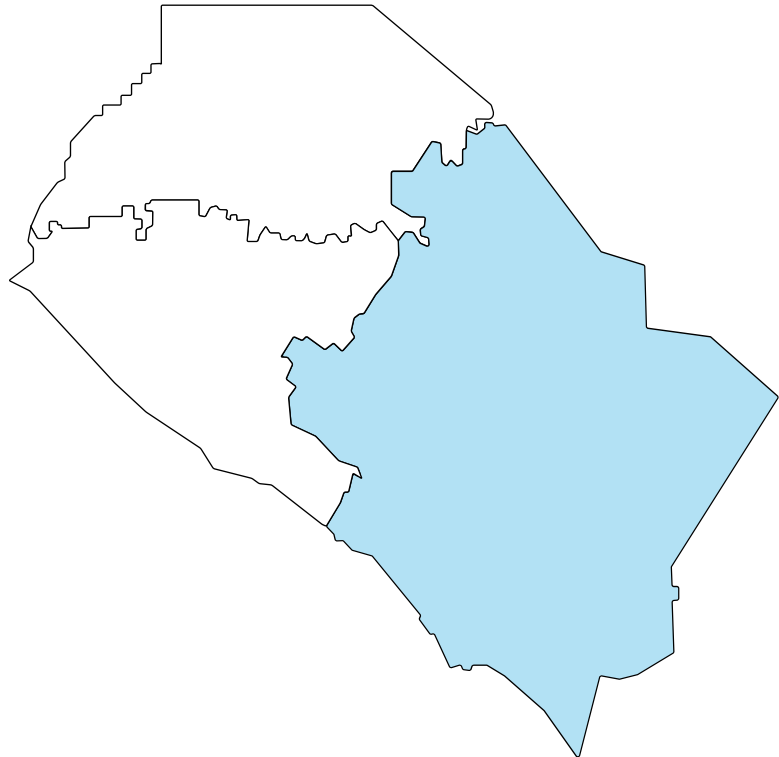


South Service Planning Area

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
South SPA Total	422	491	306	163	150	202

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
South SPA Total	585	641	508





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The County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination, in partnership with City Net, project lead for the unsheltered count, and OC United Way, project lead for the sheltered count, extends its sincere gratitude to the many organizations, agencies, and community members who contributed to the successful planning and implementation of the 2026 Point In Time Count. A special thank you to the Institute for Urban Initiatives, technical assistance consultant, that supported in the development of the methodology and adherence to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines for the Point In Time Count.

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 canvased 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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