



**Meeting Agenda  
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
3:30pm-5pm  
Ventura County Office of Education  
5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo**

Zoom Meeting ID: 871 1841 0223

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1. Call to Order
2. Board Comments
3. CoC Staff Comments
4. Public Comments: Public Comment is an opportunity for the public to participate in public meetings by addressing the Ventura County Continuum of Care Board in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items. This meeting is subject to the Brown Act and public comments may be submitted by using one of the following options:

**Email in advance of the meeting:** If you wish to make public comment on an agenda item via email, please submit your comment via email by 4:30pm on the day prior to the Board meeting. Send emails to: [venturacoc@ventura.org](mailto:venturacoc@ventura.org) Please indicate the agenda item you would like to speak on if relevant and whether you would like your message read by staff or you will be participating and would like to provide your comments during the live meeting.

**During the meeting:** Participants may use the chat function in zoom to indicate they would like to make a comment. Staff will call on participants during the public comment section of the meeting or during specific item following staff presentation of the item.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. Approval of Board Minutes from March 8, 2023.
6. Receive and file a report on FY23 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) funding awards.
7. Authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the California Housing & Community Development (HCD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.
8. Receive an update on the County Board of Supervisors' approval for State Homekey match funding for the creation of new Permanent Supportive Housing and Interim Shelter.
9. Receive a presentation of the 2023 Ventura County Homeless Point in Time Count and approve 2023 recommendations to end homelessness in Ventura County.



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- 1. Call to Order:** Dawn Dyer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at **3:32pm**.  
**Board Members:** Pauline Preciado, Jack Edelstein, Mara Malch, Juliana Gallardo, Stefany Gonzalez, Paul Drenstedt, Kevin Clerici, Emilio Ramirez, Michael Nigh, Dawn Dyer, Dr. Sevet Johnson  
  
**Absent:** Ingrid Hardy, Manuel Minjares, Nancy Wharfield (retired from CoC)  
  
**Staff:** Felipe Flores, Alicia Morales-McKinney, Jennifer Harkey, Christy Madden
- 2. Board Comments:** Dawn invited the CoC Board to attend the Housing Trust Fund’s yearly event – *Homemade*, scheduled for May 11, 2023. More information at:  
<https://www.housingtrustfundvc.org/2023cc-tickets.html>
- 3. CoC Staff Comments:** Jenn Harkey, VC CoC Staff, shared that CoC Staff attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference (NAEH) in Oakland from March 1 – 3, 2023. Mara Malch invited the CoC to present their work to new City Council members in Simi Valley. Jenn also marked International Women’s Day and congratulated all women in attendance with special remembrance of Carmen Ramirez. Felipe Flores, VC CoC Staff, shared that (3) Encampment Resolution Grant applications were successfully submitted by the February 28, 2023, deadline for the cities of Thousand Oaks, Santa Paula and Oxnard.
- 4. Public Comments:** There were none

**Continuum of Care Governance Board Business**

- 5. Approval of Board Minutes from February 8, 2023.**  
Dawn asked to amend a time frame mentioned in her comment for Item 8, pg. 2 of the Agenda regarding the rental market and the request was made in writing. Elizabeth R. Stone (attendee) asked to modify the language of one of the sentences regarding her group’s presentation last month that should read; *“testimonies provided perspectives on need of community based on lived expertise”*. Kevin Clerici moved approval with the noted modifications; Michael Nigh was second; All in favor.
- 6. Receive the Ventura County 2023 Homeless Count preliminary data report and authorize staff to submit the final Point in Time Count (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) reports to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development no later than April 30, 2023.**  
Jenn shared that CoC staff is currently working on sheltered and unhoused data that forms part of the PIT and HIC. Data continues to be collected and screened and a draft presentation of the completed report will be made at next VC CoC Board meeting.

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Jenn specified that unsheltered data is more difficult to track due to partner agencies not participating in HMIS, making the collection of subpopulation data difficult to track. CoC staff is working diligently to enter data into HUD in first part of April, well ahead of April 30, 2023 deadline. Data collected thus far showed that there was a 20% increase in persons experiencing homelessness in the County. Jenn also shared that there were more observations were conducted as compared to actual surveys and that these totals should be inverse. As a result, it is possible that some data may be skewed. Dawn suggested role playing as part of training. Kevin mentioned that in past occasions, observations were not an option. Mara Malch asked if observations have a higher chance of duplication. Jenn replied that these were eliminated in part due to map pinpointing of locations. Jenn also indicated that demographic data was indispensable to be included for overall count. Mara reaffirmed the need for in person training by Community Leads and confirmed, especially when responding to questions regarding the use of the survey app. Aaron Smith (attendee) asked what are the next steps to get an individual housed. Jenn replied that current shelters under grant funded programs, there is case management and housing navigators that work with vouchers and other resources to provide assistance. Jennie Buckingham (attendee) offered observations on volunteers the morning of the count and recommended having access to virtual (on demand) trainings and role playing. Jenn acknowledged and affirmed that in-person training is most helpful. Elizabeth R. Stone commented that the results were discouraging. Pauline Preciado (as attendee) asked about the survey deployment process – if more experienced Staff or Staff that is more comfortable engaging with the population be deployed. She also asked if incentives or compensation would help recruit volunteers that have lived experience. Jenn replied that there are Staff from various areas are engaged in outreach work and added that perhaps persons from Elizabeth’s group might be willing to assist/participate. Jenn asked the Board if they had any additional comments Emilio Ramirez expressed disappointment but no surprise over the results. Jenn added that many new housing projects are coming online this year and that these should help decrease amounts for following year. Elizabeth R. Stone added that neighborhoods (as advocates) willing to accept housing are needed. Kevin Clerici moved approval; Emilio Ramirez was second; All in favor.

### **7. Review and approve the recommendations for State of California Homeless Housing & Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 4 grant funding as proposed by the VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee.**

Alicia Morales-McKinney, VC CoC Staff, began her presentation by sharing that 20 applications requesting a total of \$12,057,296.00 were submitted while only \$5,791,833.57 were available. She further shared scoring criteria used by the VC CoC Data & Performance Committee, including priorities. It was further noted that 2 applications did not qualify for funding and it was recommended that 3 others be considered for HHAP Round 5. Juliana Gallardo recused herself from making comments and voting in this process. Elizabeth R. Stone acknowledged Alicia’s work and coordination in obtaining final results. Jack Edelstein asked about River Haven and the need for funds to move. Jenn replied that the shelter did not fall under Emergency Shelter (ES) or Transitional Housing (TH) because of its characteristics and that mostly private donations fund the project. Jack also asked if River Haven could qualify for Encampment Resolution Funds and Jenn replied it might, if there was a path to Permanent Housing. Dawn asked about the National Health Foundation and Recuperative Care. Alicia replied that they are currently working on a temporary basis out of a few locations until a permanent site is secured.

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Michael Nigh asked about the second Many Mansions project being funded. Alicia replied that there were two, Hillcrest Villas and Ormond Beach.

Jack Edelstein moved approval, Michael Nigh was second; Juliana Gallardo abstained; the balance of the Board was in favor.

### **8. Receive a notice of an unscheduled Board member vacancy and a nomination to fill this Board seat.**

Jenn informed the Board that Dr. Nancy Wharfield is retiring and as a result, her Board seat has become open. To step into her place, Jenn invited Pauline Preciado from Gold Coast Healthcare to join in the interim. Dawn introduced her and Pauline provided a brief description of herself and her work at Gold Coast Healthcare. Pauline also thanked the CoC for the opportunity to serve.

Paul Drevenstedt moved approval; Michael Nigh was second; All in favor.

### **9. Receive and file the submittal of FY22 (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022) System Performance Measures Report to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.**

Jenn presented a general overview regarding the System Performance Measures Report filed with HUD and provided a few details and highlights. Elizabeth R. Stone commented that the majority of the returns (to homelessness) occur within the first 6 months and that there are challenges for clients to access services and resources. She further commented that Permanent Supportive Housing makes a big difference.

**Additional Items not on Agenda:** No further comments

Next meeting set for April 12, 2023

**Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm**

April 12, 2023

VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Receive and file a report on FY23 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) funding awards.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 29, 2023, HUD announced the funding awards for the FY23 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity. Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) staff submitted the annual HUD CoC Consolidated Application on September 30, 2022, based on the VC CoC Board's approval of the final project ranking of all new and renewal projects.

**DISCUSSION:** The VC CoC was successful in HUD approval for all projects submitted for renewal. Our CoC was not awarded bonus funding in this competition. HUD will provide additional information about the overall scoring and this debrief will be reviewed with the VC CoC Board at a future meeting. Please see the following list of renewal projects with award amounts:

Organization Name	Project or Award Name	Amount
Coalition for Family Harmony	Coalition for Family Harmony DV Bonus 2022	\$696,622
County of Ventura	CoC Planning Project Application	\$128,855
County of Ventura	LSS Is A New Day RRH	\$205,763
County of Ventura	Oxnard/East County/Santa Paula CoC Consolidated	\$441,137
County of Ventura	Salvation Army RRH	\$54,222
County Human Services Agency	Choices Permanent Supportive Housing	\$450,363
County Human Services Agency	HMIS Expansion-Coordinated Entry System	\$402,631
County Human Services Agency	Ventura County Rapid Re-Housing Program	\$81,829
Many Mansions	MM Supportive Housing - Mountain View Fillmore	\$44,592
Many Mansions	MM Supportive Housing - Simi Valley	\$138,080
Many Mansions	MM Supportive Housing - Thousand Oaks/Oxnard	\$182,423
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Ventura PSH	\$158,048
Turning Point Foundation	Our Place Safe Haven	\$168,977
Turning Point Foundation	Rapid Re-Housing	\$162,760
Turning Point Foundation	Stephenson Place Permanent Housing	\$35,679
Turning Point Foundation	Wooley House Permanent Housing I	\$44,635
Turning Point Foundation	Wooley House Permanent Housing II	\$38,216
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,434,832</b>

As staff prepare for the next annual HUD CoC NOFO competition, some known areas for improvement include: 1) Improve the HMIS bed coverage rate for non-CoC funded programs; 2) Reduce the length of time persons experience homelessness; 3) Reduce the rate of returns to homelessness; and 4) Expand diversion strategies for families.

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CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Release of a Request (RFP) for Proposals for the California Housing & Community Development (HCD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding.

**BACKGROUND:** The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) anticipates releasing a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding soon. This program funding will be awarded to administrative entities of the Continuum of Care (CoC) through the HCD application process. A resolution must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Executive Office to administer the funds as the Administrative Entity (AE). ESG funds may be used for four primary activities: Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing, Emergency Shelter, and Homelessness Prevention. In addition, ESG funds may be used for associated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) costs, up to ten percent, and administrative activities for sub recipients. A minimum of 40% of the allocation must be used for Rapid Rehousing activities. This program funding is subject to the ESG federal regulations established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**DISCUSSION:** Total estimated funding to be awarded to the VC CoC for FY2023-23 State ESG is \$146,267 with a minimum of \$56,785 (40%) for Rapid Re-Housing activities. VC CoC staff will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the full CoC Alliance and Stakeholders once HCD releases the NOFA. The CoC Data Evaluation and Performance Committee will review the project proposals and make funding recommendations for the VC CoC Board to review and approve.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize VC CoC staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding once HCD releases the NOFA.

April 12, 2023

VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Receive an update on the County Board of Supervisors’ approval for State Homekey match funding for the creation of new Permanent Supportive Housing and Interim Shelter.

**BACKGROUND:** A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the third and final round of Homekey funding has been released by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”). The purpose of Homekey is to expand housing and interim shelter opportunities for persons experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness, and who are thereby inherently impacted by or at increased risk for medical diseases. The Homekey funding application is available on a continuous, over the counter basis, until all funding is allocated or until the Homekey deadline as specified in the NOFA, whichever occurs first. In response to the NOFA, the County Executive Office Community Development Division (CEO-CDD) released a Request for Letters of Interest (Exhibit 1) from qualified partners and local cities to collaborate with the County on efforts to leverage Homekey program funds for the creation of new permanent supportive housing and transitional housing.

An evaluation committee consisting of representatives from local cities, past Homekey awardees, non-profits, County staff and the Ventura County Continuum of Care (collectively, “Committee”) was created for the purpose of reviewing responses and recommending development teams to collaborate with the County on Homekey projects. Thirteen initial Letters of Interest were submitted, with six final Letters of Interest received, reviewed, scored by staff, and recommended for support by the Committee in time to be considered at the March 14, 2023 County of Ventura Board of Supervisors meeting. The following two top scoring projects were recommended for approval by the Committee:

Name of Submitting Entity and Partners	Name of Property (if applicable)	Project Location	County’s Role	County Match
Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura	La Quinta Inn	Ventura	Lender	\$5,500,000
	Project Description: La Quinta Inn is a 142-unit hotel. The project scope entails acquisition of the property and renovations, including installation of kitchenettes in each room, conversion of the commercial laundry to a self-serve laundry facility, redevelopment of the pool area into an outdoor courtyard, updates to the elevators, and site improvements. The project would result in 136 units of Permanent Supportive Housing for persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, with two resident manager’s units. This project represents an integral component of the County’s successful transition of Project Roomkey			

and is expected to provide permanent homes for many Project Roomkey residents from the City of Ventura.

The Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura proposes to provide 30 project-based Section 8 vouchers and is also committed to providing a sponsor loan of \$1,000,000. The City of Ventura provided a letter of support for the project indicating that it will recommend to its City Council commitment of \$1,369,513 in HOME-American Rescue Plan Act funding and \$1,448,180 in Permanent Local Housing Allocation funding towards the development and operations of this project. Only a portion of this funding is anticipated to be fully committed in time for the Homekey application with the remaining funds coming in later in the development process.

Name of Submitting Entity and Partners	Name of Property (if applicable)	Project Location	County's Role	County Match
City of Camarillo and Jamboree Housing Corporation	Days Inn	Camarillo	Homekey Lead Applicant and Lender	\$3,500,000
	<p>Project Description: The Days Inn is an 83-unit, two-story walk-up hotel. The project scope entails acquisition of the property and renovations, including installation of kitchenettes in each room and site improvements. The project would result in 62 units of Permanent Supportive Housing for persons experiencing homelessness, one resident manager's unit and a 20 bed Navigation Center. The City is also exploring opportunities to provide some interim housing for Transition Aged Youth at the site, which, if realized, would reduce the number of Permanent Supportive Housing units ultimately provided.</p> <p>The City of Camarillo responded directly to the County's LOI and is considering a contribution of \$5,400,000 towards the development and operations of the site. This funding would be committed by City Council prior to submission of a Homekey application to the state.</p>			

Staff and the Committee evaluated the likelihood of proposed projects to move forward as part of the evaluation criteria; however, project partners still need to finalize site control documentation, complete due diligence and applications for funding, and secure other funding commitments, including Homekey funds, before project sites can be acquired and converted to housing. Match funding from the County is conditioned upon receipt of each project's Homekey award. Staff has determined that each of the



recommended projects described above is exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines section 15301, which applies to minor alterations of existing structures and facilities, because each project consists of acquiring and renovating existing hotels to make them suitable for permanent occupancy. Staff has also determined that no unusual circumstances or other exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 preclude use of the exemption.

Staff will return to the County Board of Supervisors upon receipt of Homekey award(s), with requested approval on grant and/or loan agreements related to each match allocation.

April 12, 2023

VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Receive a presentation on the 2023 State of Homelessness in Ventura County and approve 2023 recommendations to end homelessness in Ventura County.

**BACKGROUND:** This presentation includes data from the 2023 Homeless Point-In-Time Count and 2023 Housing Inventory Count. The Homeless Count is a one-day count and survey of both sheltered and unsheltered persons/families which results in a snapshot of one day of homelessness across the region. Ventura County homeless shelters provided data on the night of January 23, 2023 and volunteers assisted with surveys on the morning of January 24, 2023. The 2023 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) includes all emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, supportive housing, and other housing dedicated to homeless persons. These reports are submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the requirements of receiving Continuum of Care grant funding. A copy of the 2023 Homeless Count Executive Summary is attached.

**DISCUSSION:** The 2023 Homeless Point-In-Time Count shows an overall increase of 9% from 2022. The 2023 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) shows a decreased capacity in emergency shelters, including Project Roomkey non-congregate shelter beds through temporary motel voucher programs. The HIC includes the total beds and units for each program type, evaluates the HMIS-participation rate and includes the program utilization. Based on the data, the following recommendations have been proposed for the CoC Board to review and approve:

1. Achieve functional zero with homeless veterans in 2024 in collaboration with Veteran Affairs and local veteran service providers;
2. Further the efforts to end homelessness among unsheltered youth with the expansion of new transitional housing programs for transitional-age-youth (18-24);
3. Reduce the number of chronically homeless adults by 2024 with the addition of new permanent supportive housing units;
4. Encourage each jurisdiction to review their 2023 unsheltered homeless count and review local strategies to reduce unsheltered homelessness;
5. Expand the efforts of the Ventura County Continuum of Care Workgroup partnering with people with lived experience to solicit feedback and provide recommendations;

6. Reduce the number of first time homeless households by expanding homelessness prevention programs and implementing diversion strategies.

*Presentation materials will be provided at the VC CoC Board meeting on April 12, 2023 and posted on the VC CoC website at [www.venturacoc.org](http://www.venturacoc.org).*

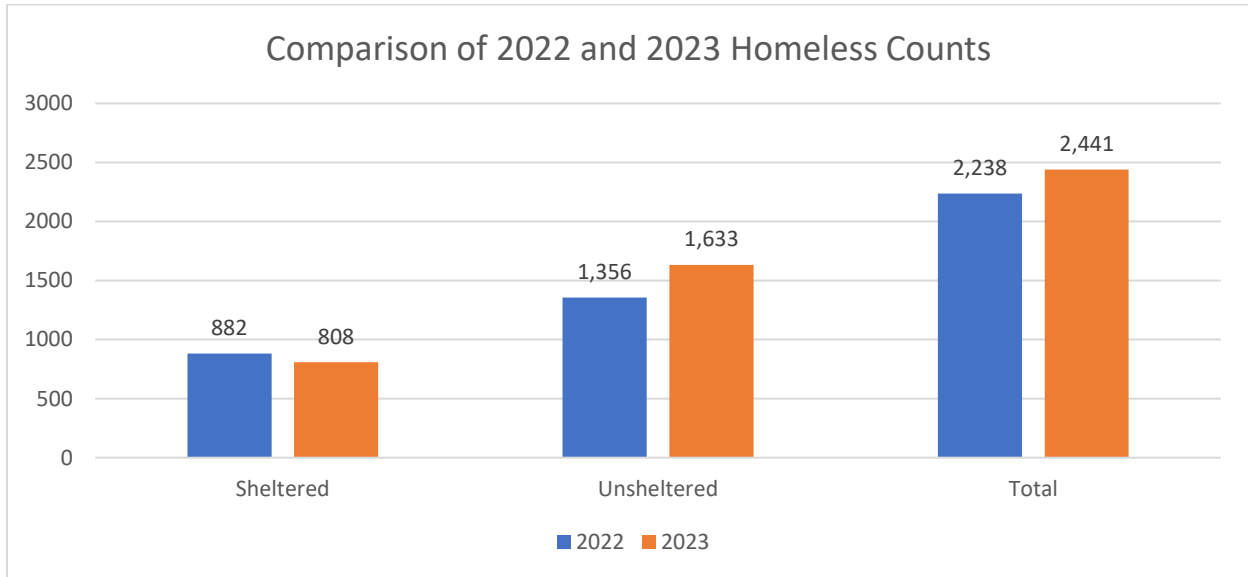
**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) Receive and file the 2023 State of Homelessness in Ventura County presentation;
- 2) Review and approve 2023 recommendations to end homelessness in Ventura County.

## 2023 Ventura County Homeless Count Executive Summary

There were 2,441 adults and children who were counted as homeless during the point-in-time count as noted in the chart below. This number represents an increase of 203 persons or 9.1% when compared to the 2,238 persons who were counted as homeless in 2022.

Chart 1



The total number of persons counted as sheltered and unsheltered increased:

- The total number of persons counted as sheltered decreased from 882 in 2022 to 808 in 2023, which represents a decrease of 74 persons or 8.4%.
- The total number of persons counted as unsheltered increased from 1,356 in 2022 to 1,633 in 2023, which represents an increase of 277 persons or 20.4%.

Regarding sheltered homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) states that

- CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families ***“living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)”*** on the night designated for the count. This includes individuals residing in Safe Haven projects.

Regarding unsheltered homelessness, HUD states that

- CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(i) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families **“with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground”** on the night designated for the count. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) assisted households who are still unsheltered on the night of the count (e.g., staying in an encampment and being assisted by an RRH project to obtain housing) must be included as part of the unsheltered count.

Ventura County first conducted a homeless count and subpopulation survey in 2007 as listed in Table 1. The following table compares the homeless counts since 2007. However, the homeless count and survey has been conducted every year beginning in 2009 except in 2021 (see note below).

Table 1: Ventura County Homeless Counts from 2007 – 2023.

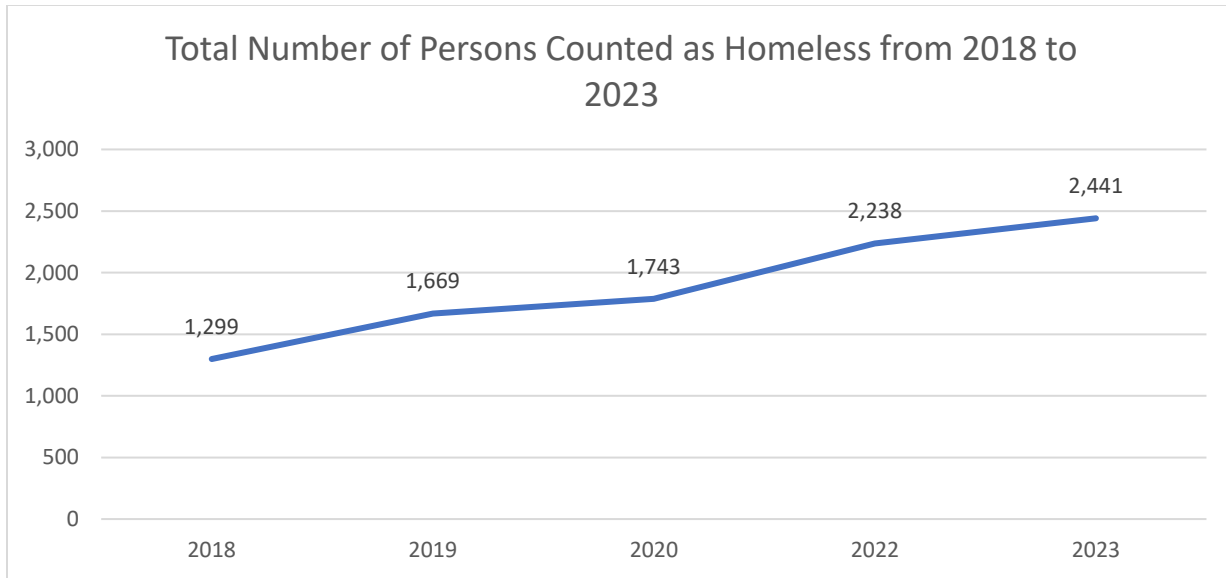
Year	Total # of Homeless Persons	% of Increase or Decrease from Previous Year
2007	1,961	-
2009	2,193	+12
2010	1,815	-17
2011	1,872	+3
2012	1,936	+3
2013	1,774	-8
2014	1,449	-18
2015	1,417	-2
2016	1,271	-10
2017	1,152	-9
2018	1,299	+12.8
2019	1,669	+28.5
2020	1,743	+4.4
2021	*	*
2022	2,238	+25.2
2023	2,441	+9.1

\*The Ventura County CoC received an exception from HUD not to conduct an unsheltered count because of pandemic related reasons.

The next chart shows that the number of persons counted as homeless has increased significantly between 2018 and 2023.

- The number of persons counted as homeless in 2018 was 1,299 and 2,441 persons in 2023, which represents an increase of 1,142 persons or 87.9%.

Chart 2



The next table provides the number of homeless persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area. A count was not conducted in 2008 and an exception was granted by HUD not to conduct an unsheltered count in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Table 2. Comparison of the total number of unsheltered and sheltered persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area

Year	Camarillo	Fillmore	Moorpark	Ojai	Oxnard
2007	10	5	13	82	671
2009	13	4	7	60	679
2010	15	5	1	52	520
2011	29	10	7	40	638
2012	30	16	5	41	522
2013	27	13	9	43	645
2014	38	6	15	62	379*
2015	35	7	7	40	603
2016	24	6	4	29	584
2017	27	0	7	19	461
2018	49	2	3	31	335
2019	33	10	2	47	548
2020	30	10	0	49	567
2021	**	**	**	**	**

2022	49	8	0	38	793
2023	78	5	3	44	838

\*This number was artificially low due to an unresolved reporting discrepancy and the winter warming shelter being located in Ventura.

\*\*An unsheltered count was not conducted because of pandemic related reasons.

Table 2. (con't)

Year	Port Hueneme	Santa Paula	Simi Valley	Thousand Oaks	Ventura	Countywide
2007	9	97	163	81	588	242
2009	1	91	303	147	623	265
2010	9	54	229	106	601	223
2011	6	50	226	87	570	209
2012	12	60	284	90	701	175
2013	17	34	211	121	519	135
2014	13	31	194	130	495	86
2015	22	20	202	83	334	64
2016	7	56	99	104	300	58
2017	18	35	105	102	301	77
2018	19	44	143	80	516	77
2019	30	106	121	103	555	114
2020	19	95	162	152	531	128
2021	**	**	**	**	**	**
2022	30	115	141	210	713	109
2023	14	121	150	128	644	416***

\*\*An unsheltered count was not conducted because of pandemic related reasons

\*\*\* Project Roomkey non-congregate shelters are counted in the Countywide data, as persons are served from various cities.

Table 3 provides a breakdown of the 2023 homeless count by sheltered and unsheltered persons for each city and unincorporated areas. Among cities, Oxnard had the largest number of unsheltered persons (625) and the largest number of sheltered persons (213). The City of Ventura had the second largest number of unsheltered (452) and sheltered persons (192). Project Roomkey non-congregate shelters are counted in the Countywide data, as persons are served from various cities.

Table 3. Total Number of Sheltered and Unsheltered Adults and Children by Jurisdiction in 2023

Jurisdiction	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Shelter	Transitional Hg		
Camarillo	0	0	78	78
Fillmore	0	0	5	5

Moorpark	0	0	3	3
Ojai	6	0	38	44
Oxnard	194	19	625	838
Port Hueneme	0	0	14	14
Santa Paula	46	0	75	121
Simi Valley	4	0	146	150
Thousand Oaks	0	0	128	128
Ventura	81*	111	452	644
Countywide**	310	37	69	416
<b>Total:</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>2,441</b>

\*Includes Safe Haven beds.

\*\*Domestic Violence (DV) Shelter locations are not disclosed and thus are reported here. Project Roomkey non-congregate shelters are counted in the Countywide data, as persons are served from various cities.

Table 4 compares the total number of unsheltered persons, sheltered persons and the total number of persons counted in 2023 to the same totals for 2022. The city with the largest total number increase (59.2%) was Camarillo and the city with the largest total number decrease (53.3%) was Port Hueneme.

Table 4. 2022 - 2023 Comparison of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons by Jurisdiction

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Total Number of Unsheltered Persons				Total Number of Sheltered Persons*				Total Number			
	2022	2023	Difference		2022	2023	Difference		2022	2023	Difference	
	#	#	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#	#	%
Camarillo	46	78	+32	+70	3	0	-3	**	49	78	+29	+59.2
Fillmore	8	5	-3	-38	0	0	0	0	8	5	-3	-37.5
Moorpark	0	3	+3	**	0	0	0	0	0	3	+3	**
Ojai	32	38	+6	+19	6	6	0	0	38	44	+6	+15.8
Oxnard	463	625	+162	+35	330	213	-117	-35	793	838	+45	+5.7
Port Hueneme	27	14	-13	-48	3	0	0	0	30	14	-16	-53.3
Santa Paula	76	75	-1	-1	39	46	+7	+18	115	121	+6	+5.2
Simi Valley	123	146	+23	+19	18	4	-14	-78	141	150	+9	+6.4
Thousand Oaks	105	128	+23	+22	105	0	+105	**	210	128	-82	-39.0
Ventura	382	452	+70	+18	331	192	-139	-42	713	644	-69	-9.7
County-wide***	94	69	-25	-27	47	347	+300	**	141	416	+275	+195
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>+277</b>	<b>+20.4</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>-74</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>+203</b>	<b>+9.1</b>

\*Sheltered persons include emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens (Note: only Ventura has a safe haven).

\*\*percentages are only provided for differences that were 200% or less.

\*\*\*Includes Survivors of Domestic Violence (DV) programs.



## I. Unsheltered Persons

Of the 2,441 persons counted in 2023, 1,633 or 66.9% were unsheltered, which is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as

“An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.”

Of the 1,633 unsheltered persons, 1,620 were adults and 13 were accompanied children under age 18.

Of the 11 jurisdictions, three include families with children under age 18. The cities of

- Camarillo includes two families with six children consisting of one family with five children and one family with one child;
- Oxnard includes three families with four children consisting of one family with two children and two families with one child; and
- Ventura includes two families with three children consisting of one family with two children and one family with one child.

Of the seven families, two families were two-parent households. One family had two parents and five children and one family had two parents and one child. The other families were one parent households.

### Surveyed vs Observation

The goal was to survey, meaning to interview, as many adults who were counted about themselves and any children who were living unsheltered with them. Survey questions focused on requirements from HUD and local information desired by the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC). The number and percentage of adults surveyed is noted in Table 5.

HUD requires CoCs to report the number of various subpopulations that include chronically homeless individuals and families, persons with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, AIDS or an HIV-related illness, and veterans. The CoC desired local information included a focus on chronic health condition, first time homelessness, foster youth, income, and involvement with the justice system.

Counters surveyed 683 adults that answered questions about themselves and the 13 children living unsheltered with them. Thus, survey information was collected for 696 persons. The survey included questions about gender, age, race, ethnicity, and length of time homeless for adults and children. Other questions about disability, health, mental health, substance use, income, and veteran status pertained only to adults.

Persons were observed and not surveyed if volunteer counters felt unsafe or an unsheltered person was sleeping. Volunteers were asked to count the person by recording an estimate of the individual’s gender, age, race, and ethnicity. Of the 937 persons observed, 937 were adults and none were children.

Table 5. Total Number and Percent of Unsheltered Adults Surveyed and Observed

Year	Surveyed		Observed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
2019	907	72.1	351	27.9	1,258	100
2020	874	69.1	391	30.9	1,265	100
2022	741	54.6	615	45.5	1,356	100
2023	683	42.2	937	57.8	1,620	100

The next table provides a breakdown of the total number and percent of adults surveyed and observed by jurisdiction.

Table 6. Total Number and Percent of Unsheltered Adults Surveyed and Observed by Jurisdiction

Year	Surveyed		Observed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Camarillo	35	48.6	37	51.4	72	100
Fillmore	4	80	1	20	5	100
Moorpark	2	66.7	1	33.3	3	0.0
Ojai	27	71.1	11	28.9	38	100
Oxnard	225	36.2	396	63.8	621	100
Port Hueneme	14	100	0	0.0	14	100
Santa Paula	67	89.3	8	10.7	75	100
Simi Valley	81	55.5	65	44.5	146	100
Thousand Oaks	36	28.1	92	71.9	128	100
Ventura	162	36.1	287	63.9	449	100
Unincorporated	30	43.5	39	56.5	69	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>100</b>

The following four tables focus on gender, ethnicity, race, and age for the 1,633 unsheltered adults and children who were surveyed and observed.

## Gender

The following table provides a breakdown by gender for the 1,620 adults and 13 children under age 18 in families. HUD requires the summary to consist of male, female, transgender, and gender non-conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female).

Table 7. Gender for Adults and Children

	Adults		Children in Families	
	#	%	#	%
Male	1,220	75.3	6	46.2
Female	396	24.5	7	53.8
Transgender	2	0.1	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0.0	0	0
Questioning	0	0.0	0	0
Unknown	2	0.1	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100</b>

## Ethnicity

Table 8 provides a breakdown by ethnicity for the 1,620 adults and 13 children under age 18 in families. HUD requires the summary to consist of Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) and Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x).

Table 8. Ethnicity for Adults and Children

	Adults		Children in Families	
	#	%	#	%
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	776	47.9	6	46.2
Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	813	50.2	6	46.2
Unknown	31	1.9	1	7.6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100</b>

## Race

Table 9 provides a breakdown by race of the 1,620 adults and thirteen (13) children under age 18 in families. It is important to note that instructions from HUD were to include Hispanics or Latinos in the race categories listed below because the designation "Hispanic or Latino" does not denote race.

Table 9. Ethnicity for Adults and Children

	Adults		Children in Families	
	#	%	#	%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	37	2.3	0	0.0
Asian or Asian American	6	0.4	0	0.0
Black, African American, or African	97	6.0	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	11	0.7	0	0.0
White	1,110	68.5	12	92.3
Multiple Races	83	5.1	0	0.0
Unknown	276	17.0	1	7.7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100</b>

Age

Table 10 provides a breakdown by age of the 1,620 adults and 13 children under age 18 in families.

Table 10. Unsheltered Adults and Children by Age

<b>Adults:</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Under Age 18	13	100
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100</b>
Ages 18 – 24	52	3.2
Age 25 – 34	272	16.8
Age 35 – 44	397	24.5
Age 45 – 54	356	22.0
Age 55 – 64	289	17.8
Age 65+	149	9.2
Unknown	105	6.5
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>1620</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>100</b>

Other Subpopulations

Table 11 only includes self-reported responses from the 1,620 adults. The most notable finding concerns chronically homeless adults. More than one-fourth (27.4%) of adults were chronically

homeless in 2020. The following table shows that nearly half (46.6%) of adults in 2022 and closer to half (48.6) in 2023.

Table 11. Unsheltered Adults by Subpopulations

Subpopulations:	2022		2023		Difference	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Chronically Homeless Adults	629	46.6	787	48.6	+158	+25.1
Families including Chronically Homeless Families	4*	*	7**	**	-	-
Persons w/Chronic Health Conditions	355	26.3	428	26.4	+73	+20.6
Persons w/a Developmental Disability	121	9.0	131	8.1	+10	+8.3
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	15	1.1	10	0.6	-5	-33.3
Persons w/Mental Health Problems	340	25.2	353	21.8	+13	+3.8
Persons w/a Physical Disability	278	20.6	334	20.6	+56	+20.1
Substance Users	447	33.1	599	37.0	+152	+34.0
Veterans***	71	5.3	134	8.3	+63	+88.7
Experiencing Homelessness Because Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	130	9.6	99	6.1	-31	-23.8

\*4 families consisted of 11 persons of which 5 were adults and 6 were children, none of whom were chronically homeless.

\*In 2022, the total number of adults in the four families were five and represented 0.3% of the total adult population of 1,350.

\*\*7 families consisted of 22 persons of which 9 were adults and 13 were children, none of whom were chronically homeless.

\*\*In 2023, the total number of adults in the four families were nine and represented 0.5% of the total adult population of 1,620.

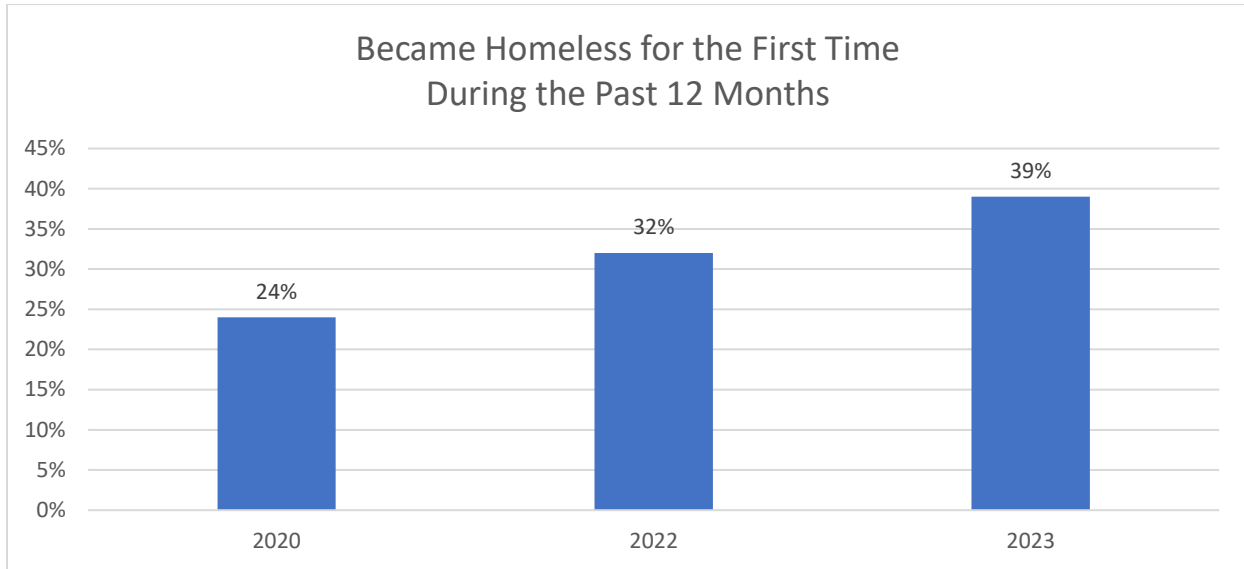
\*\*\* 61.9% or 44 veterans were chronically homeless individuals in 2022 and 47.4% or 63 in 2023.

### Other Survey Questions

#### **Did you become homeless for the first time in the last 12 months?**

The next chart shows that the percentage of unsheltered adults who became homeless for the first time during the past 12 months is increasing. Nearly one-fourth (24%) of unsheltered adults in 2020, nearly one-third (32%) in 2022, and more than one-third (39%) in 2023.

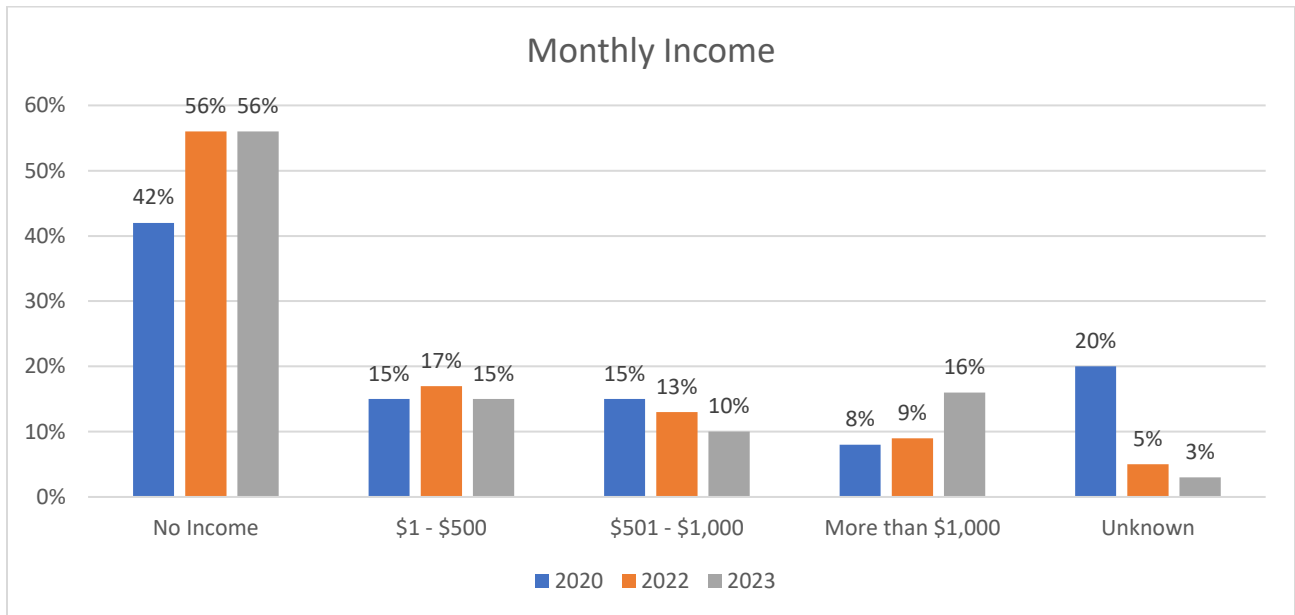
Chart 3



**How much is your monthly income?**

More than half of adults stated that they had no income in 2022 and 2023.

Chart 4



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## **Next Steps: Implementing Recommendations to End Homelessness**

***On April 12, 2023***, the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board approved the following recommendations to end homelessness in Ventura County. These recommendations are in alignment with the Ventura County Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness which was adopted in January 2019. The full plan can be found on the CoC website [here](#):

The following recommendations were approved by the CoC Board for 2023:

1. Achieve functional zero with homeless veterans in 2024 in collaboration with Veteran Affairs and local veteran service providers;
2. Further the efforts to end homelessness among unsheltered youth with the expansion of new transitional housing programs for transitional-age-youth (18-24);
3. Reduce the number of chronically homeless adults by 2024 with the addition of new permanent supportive housing units;
4. Encourage each jurisdiction to review their 2023 unsheltered homeless count and review local strategies to reduce unsheltered homelessness;
5. Expand the efforts of the Ventura County Continuum of Care Workgroup partnering with people with lived experience to solicit feedback and provide recommendations;
6. Reduce the number of first time homeless households by expanding homelessness prevention programs and implementing diversion strategies.