

2025 Ventura County Homeless Count Preliminary Report

There were 1,990 adults and children who were counted as homeless during the point-in-time (PIT) count as noted in the chart below. This number represents a decrease of 368 persons or -15.6% when compared to the 2,358 persons who were counted as homeless in 2024. Since 2023, there has been an 18.5% decrease overall.

Chart 1

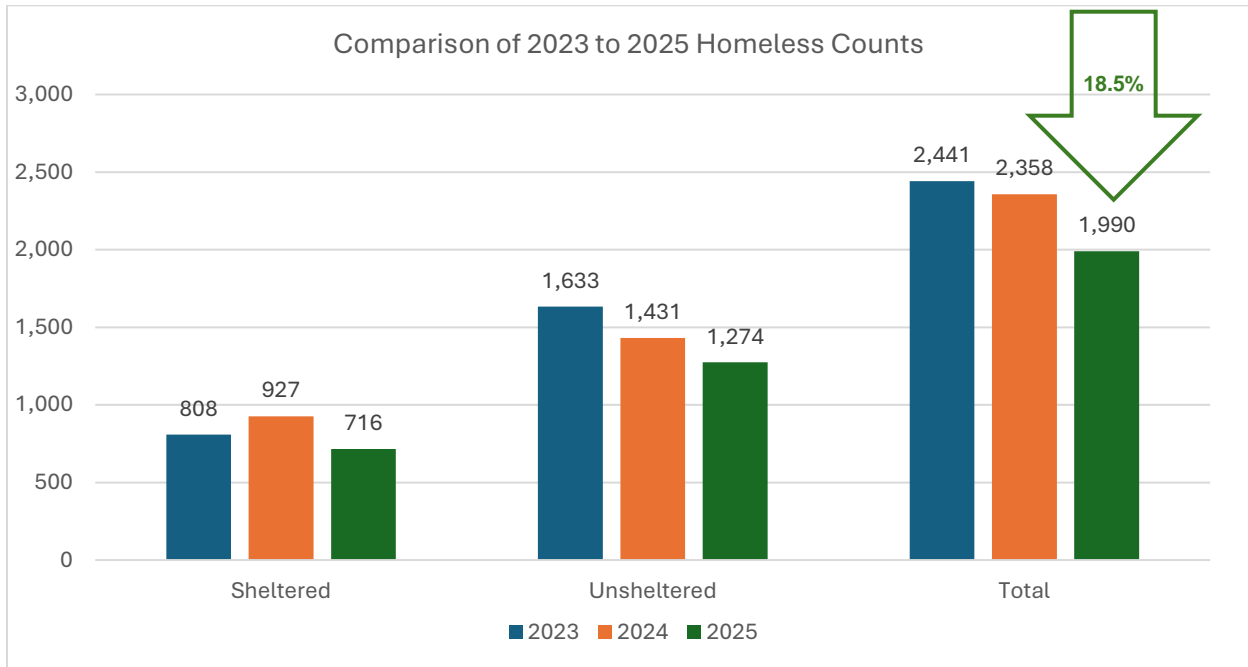


Table 1. Comparison of 2024 and 2025 Homeless Counts

Year	Sheltered			Unsheltered			Total
	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	
2024 Homeless Count	736	191	927	1,412	19	1,431	2,358
2025 Homeless Count	607	109	716	1,257	17	1,274	1,990
Difference:	-129 (17.5%)	-82 (-42.9%)	-211 (22.8%)	-155 (10.9%)	-2 (10.5%)	-157 (10.9%)	-368 (15.6%)

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

- The total number of persons counted as sheltered decreased from 927 in 2024 to 716 in 2025, which represents a decrease of 211 persons or 22.8%.
- The total number of persons counted as unsheltered decreased from 1,431 in 2024 to 1,274 in 2025, which represents a decrease of 157 persons or 11%.

The decrease in shelter beds occurred due to the conversion of Project Roomkey motels to Homekey permanent supportive housing units, as well as a shift in Domestic Violence transitional housing to rapid rehousing units. These are major accomplishments for Ventura County by ending homelessness for many individuals and families between 2024 to 2025.

Also, the decrease in the number of unsheltered persons continues as there have been more investments in State grant funding to address encampments and the priority of homelessness prevention to help people retain housing.

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 2. The homeless count and survey has been conducted every year beginning in 2009 except in 2021 (see note below).

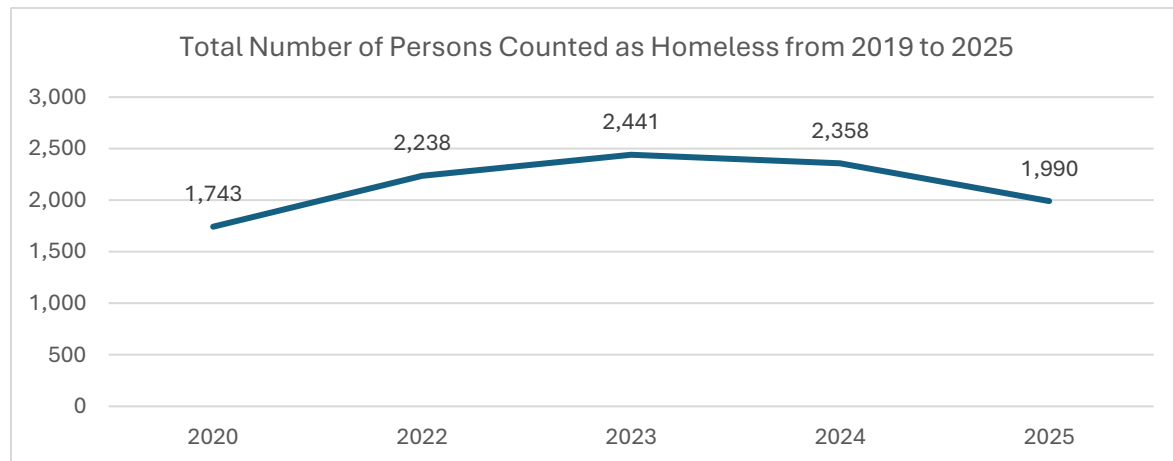
Table 2: Ventura County Homeless Counts from 2007 – 2025.

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
2024	2,358	-3.4
2025	1,990	-15.6

*VC 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 decreased by 18.5% over the past two years. This significant progress occurred due to investments in permanent supportive housing. The number of persons counted as homeless in 2020 was 1,743 and 1,990 persons in 2025, which represents an increase over a five-year period of 247 persons or 14.2%.

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 3. 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
2024	89	13	5	58	752
2025	90	10	2	60	634

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

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

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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

Year	Port Hueneme	Santa Paula	Simi Valley	Thousand Oaks	Ventura	Countywide
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***
2024	44	137	160	178	536	386***
2025	21	107	152	162	522	230***

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

Total Number of Sheltered and Unsheltered Adults and Children by Jurisdiction

Table 4 provides a breakdown of the 2025 homeless count by sheltered and unsheltered persons for each jurisdiction. Among cities, Oxnard had the largest number of unsheltered persons (379) and the largest number of sheltered persons (255). The City of Ventura had the second largest number of unsheltered (281) and sheltered persons (241).

Table 4. Total Number of Sheltered and Unsheltered Adults and Children by Jurisdiction in 2025

Jurisdiction	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Shelter	Transitional Hg		
Camarillo	11	0	79	90
Fillmore	0	0	10	10
Moorpark	0	0	2	2
Ojai	6	0	54	60
Oxnard	208	47	379	634
Port Hueneme	0	0	21	21
Santa Paula	47	0	60	107
Simi Valley	10	0	142	152
Thousand Oaks	0	0	162	162
Ventura*	159	82	281	522
Countywide**	120	26	84	230
Total:	561	155	1,274	1,990

*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 5 compares the total number of unsheltered persons, sheltered persons and the total number of persons counted in 2025 to the same totals for 2024.

Table 5. 2024 - 2025 Comparison of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons by Jurisdiction

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Total Number of Unsheltered Persons				Total Number of Sheltered Persons*				Total Number			
	2024		2025		2024		2025		2024		2025	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Camarillo	80		79	-1.3	9		11	+22.2	89		90	+1.1
Fillmore	13		10	-23.1	0		0	0	13		10	-23.1
Moorpark	5		2	-60.0	0		0	0	5		2	-60.0
Ojai	54		54	0.0	4		6	+50.0	58		60	+3.4
Oxnard	433		379	-12.5	319		255	-20.1	752		634	-15.7
Port Hueneme	44		21	-52.3	0		0	0	44		21	-52.3
Santa Paula	88		60	-31.8	49		47	-4.1	137		107	-21.9
Simi Valley	149		142	-4.7	11		10	-9.1	160		152	-5.0
Thousand Oaks	178		162	-8.9	0		0	0	178		162	-9.0
Ventura	316		281	-11.1	220		241	+9.5	536		522	-2.6
County-wide***	71		84	+18.3	315		146	-53.7	386		230	-40.4
Total:	1,431		1,274	-10.9	927		716	-22.8	2,358		1,990	-15.6

*Sheltered persons include emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens.

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

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

Unsheltered Persons

Of the 1,990 persons counted in 2025, 1,274 or 64% 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 1,274 unsheltered persons, 1,257 were adults and 17 were accompanied children under age 18 in families.

Surveyed vs Observation of Unsheltered Persons

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 (VC CoC). The number and percentage of adults surveyed is noted in Table 4.

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, veterans and those self-reporting involvement with the justice system.

Counters surveyed 838 adults that answered questions about themselves and their households. 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 422 persons observed, 419 were adults and 3 were children in families.

The survey and observation rates were nearly the same in 2024 and 2025 as noted in Table 6 below. Training was offered in January 2025 to review the mobile app and emphasize the importance of full surveys when possible. Full surveys assist with a more accurate count and provide more details with subpopulation data.

Table 6. 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
2024	933	66.2	479	33.8	1,412	100
2025	838	66.7	419	33.3	1,257	100

The next table provides a breakdown of the total number and percent of adults surveyed and observed by jurisdiction. Of the 1,274 persons counted as unsheltered in 2025, 1,257 were adults. The remaining 17 persons were children under age 18 that are part of family households.

Table 7. Total Number and Percent of Unsheltered Adults Surveyed and Observed by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Surveyed		Observed*		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Camarillo	51	67.1	25	32.9	76	100
Fillmore	10	100	0	0.0	10	100
Moorpark	2	100	0	0.0	2	100
Ojai	30	55.5	24	44.5	54	100
Oxnard	210	56.5	162	43.5	372	100
Port Hueneme	18	85.7	3	14.3	21	100
Santa Paula	46	76.7	14	23.3	60	100
Simi Valley	113	83.1	23	16.9	136	100
Thousand Oaks	121	75.2	40	24.8	161	100
Ventura	189	67.3	92	32.7	281	100
Unincorporated	48	57.1	36	42.9	84	100
Total	838	66.7	419	33.3	1,257	100

*Observations include those who declined or refused to be surveyed.

A Final Report will be published later this Spring 2025 which will include an analysis of adults and children by gender, age, race, and ethnicity. The report will also include an analysis by the various subpopulations required by HUD that include chronically homeless individuals and families, persons with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, AIDS or an HIV-related illness, veterans, and youth ages 18 – 24.

The Final Report will also include an analysis of the desired surveyed information that includes a focus on chronic health condition, first time homelessness, foster youth, income, veterans, and chronically homeless populations.

An analysis of all of the data fields noted above will also be provided for each city in the Final Report.