The San Mateo County Human Services Agency (HSA), in close collaboration with community partners, conducts the bi-annual One Day Homeless Count and Survey. The purpose of the One Day Homeless Count and Survey is to gather information to help the community understand homelessness in San Mateo County. This is one data set, among others, that provides information for effective planning of services to assist people experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness. HSA conducted the Count on February 24, 2022 and conducted the Survey between February 24, 2022 and March 3, 2022.

**ONE DAY HOMELESS COUNT OVER TIME**

**ETHNICITY AND RACE OF HOMELESS POPULATION AND GENERAL POPULATION**

**GENDER IDENTITY**

- Male: 67%
- Female: 32%
- Not singularly female or male: 0.5%
- Transgender: 0.5%
- Questioning: 0%

**UNSHELTERED SLEEPING LOCATIONS**

- Car/Van: 30%
- RV: 26%
- Tent/Encampment: 16%
- Street: 16%
- Safe Parking: 10%
- Other: 2%

**“Safe Parking”** is a type of program that serves people who are residing in their vehicles. The program includes a safe designated place to stay in their vehicle as well as supportive services to assist the residents with working on returning to housing. At the time of the 2019 and earlier counts, there were no Safe Parking programs in San Mateo County, and as of the 2022 count, there were two Safe Parking programs which both serve people living in RVs.

**“Other”** includes abandoned buildings, boats, and other types of vehicles/structures that are not captured under Safe Parking, RV, and Car/Van. Enhanced data collection tools in the 2022 count allowed for improved tracking of these type of other unsheltered situations, compared to previous years.

*Data for Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Additional Homeless Populations are for unsheltered and sheltered populations.*
ADDITIONAL HOMELESS POPULATIONS

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IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN HOMELESS?

- Yes: 60%
- No: 38%
- Don't Know/Refused: 2%

LENGTH OF CURRENT EPISODE OF HOMELESSNESS

- Less than one year: 15%
- One to three years: 36%
- More than three years: 49%

WHERE WERE YOU LIVING GEOGRAPHICALLY WHEN YOU BECAME HOMELESS MOST RECENTLY?

- San Mateo County: 84%
- Other County in California: 12%
- Other State: 3%
- Refused: 1%

WAS COVID-19 THE PRIMARY EVENT THAT LED TO YOUR HOMELESSNESS?

15% of respondents answered YES

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- City
  - Atherton: 3
  - Belmont: 13
  - Brisbane: 6
  - Burlingame: 10
  - Colma: 1
  - Daly City: 49
  - East Palo Alto: 169
  - Foster City: 4
  - Half Moon Bay: 68
  - Hillsborough: 0
  - Menlo Park: 56
  - Millbrae: 9
  - Pacifica: 161
  - Portola Valley: 0
  - Redwood City: 245
  - San Bruno: 63
  - San Carlos: 14
  - San Francisco Intl Airport: 14
  - San Mateo: 60
  - South San Francisco: 42
  - Unincorporated- Central: 0
  - Unincorporated- Coastside: 62
  - Unincorporated- North: 7
  - Unincorporated- South: 36
  - Woodside: 0
- TOTAL: 1,092

UNSHELTERED POPULATIONS

- Yes: 84%
- No: 12%
- Refused: 3%
- Other State: 1%

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For more information, please visit https://www.smcgov.org/hsa/center-homelessness.