

County of San Luis
Obispo
Homeless Services
Oversight Council
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2019 Homeless Point in Time Count and Survey

Overview



Explanation and Rationale



Methodology



Results



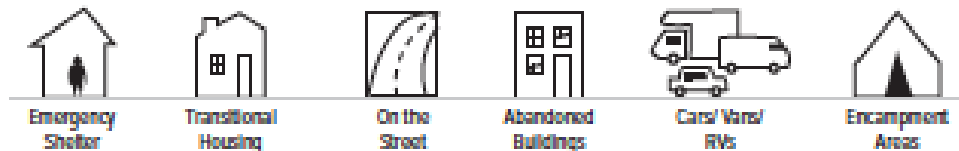
Comparison of subpopulation data



Factors that may have affected the results

What is it?

- HUD requires every 2 years
- Conducted in in the last week of January
- Counts sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons



What is the purpose?



Provides a snapshot of the homeless population at a single, 24 hour **Point in Time**

PIT Count numbers will be smaller than annual numbers



Shows trends (e.g. increase/decrease)

Who is excluded from the count?

- Homeless persons who, on the night of the count, were:
 - Staying in motel rooms that they or their family/friends paid for
 - Couch surfing
 - In hospitals or residential care facilities
 - In jail
 - In psychiatric facilities

How Does it Differ from Other Data We Collect

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- Annual data
- Includes only homeless persons who are accessing services
 - e.g. CoC, ESG, SSVF, CalWORKs Housing Support Program, and 70 Now programs

Coordinated Entry

- Annual data
- Includes only persons seeking assistance
- Includes persons at risk of homelessness, but who do not meet HUD's definition of homelessness

PIT Count

- 24- Hour snapshot
- Includes homeless persons who access services and those who do not

PIT Methodology

Street count in a single 24 hour period

Shelter data collected administratively for attendance

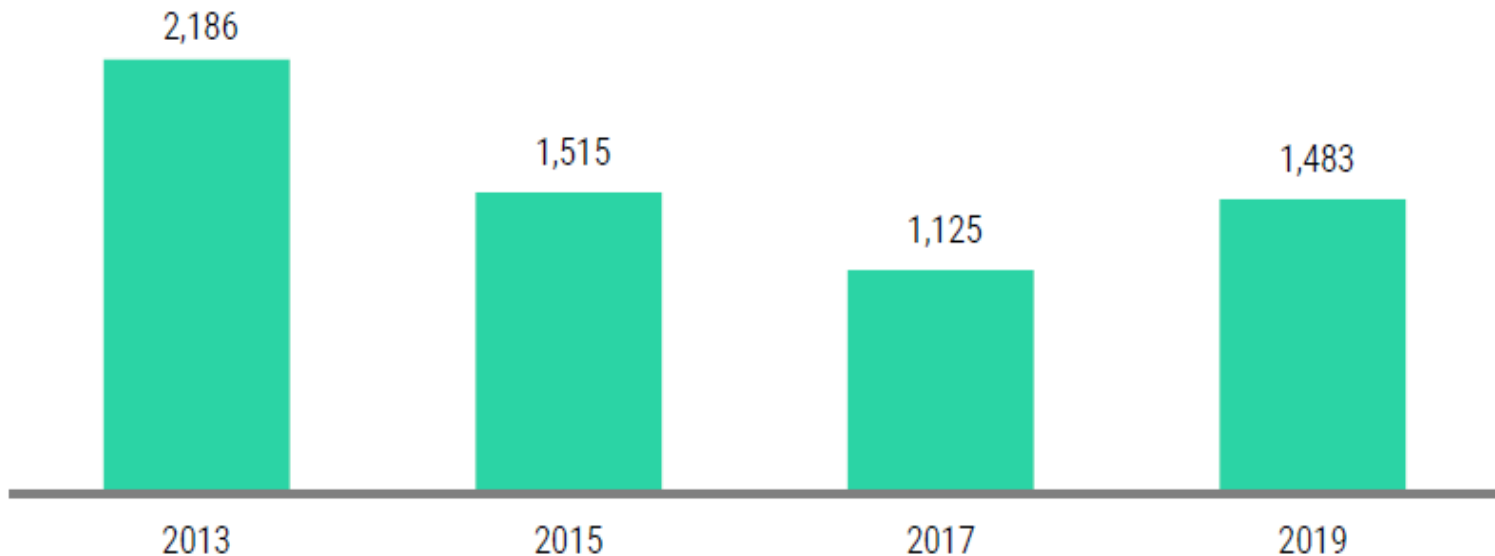
Use currently and formerly homeless guides and surveyors

Survey conducted in subsequent weeks – demographics

Conducted in all regions of the county

2019 Results

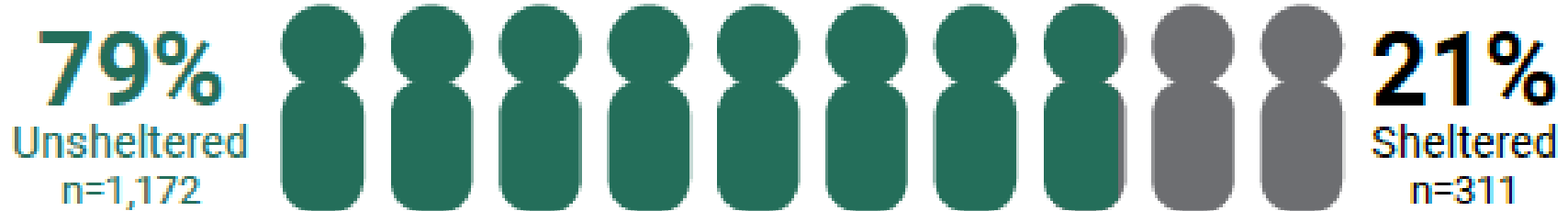
FIGURE 1. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMELESS PERSONS ENUMERATED



Source: Applied Survey Research, San Luis Obispo County Homeless Census & Survey, Comprehensive Report 2019

Sheltered vs. Unsheltered

2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population



Subpopulation* Data



Length of Time in San Luis Obispo County

19%

< 1 Year

24%

1-4 Years

13%

5-9 Years

44%

10 Years+

Residence Prior to Homelessness

San Luis
Obispo
County

74%



Unaccompanied Youth (ages 18-24)



Duration of Current Episode of Homelessness

14%

30 Days or
Less

34%

1-11 Months

51%

1 Year or More

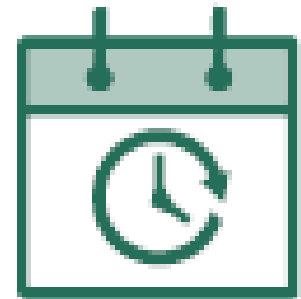
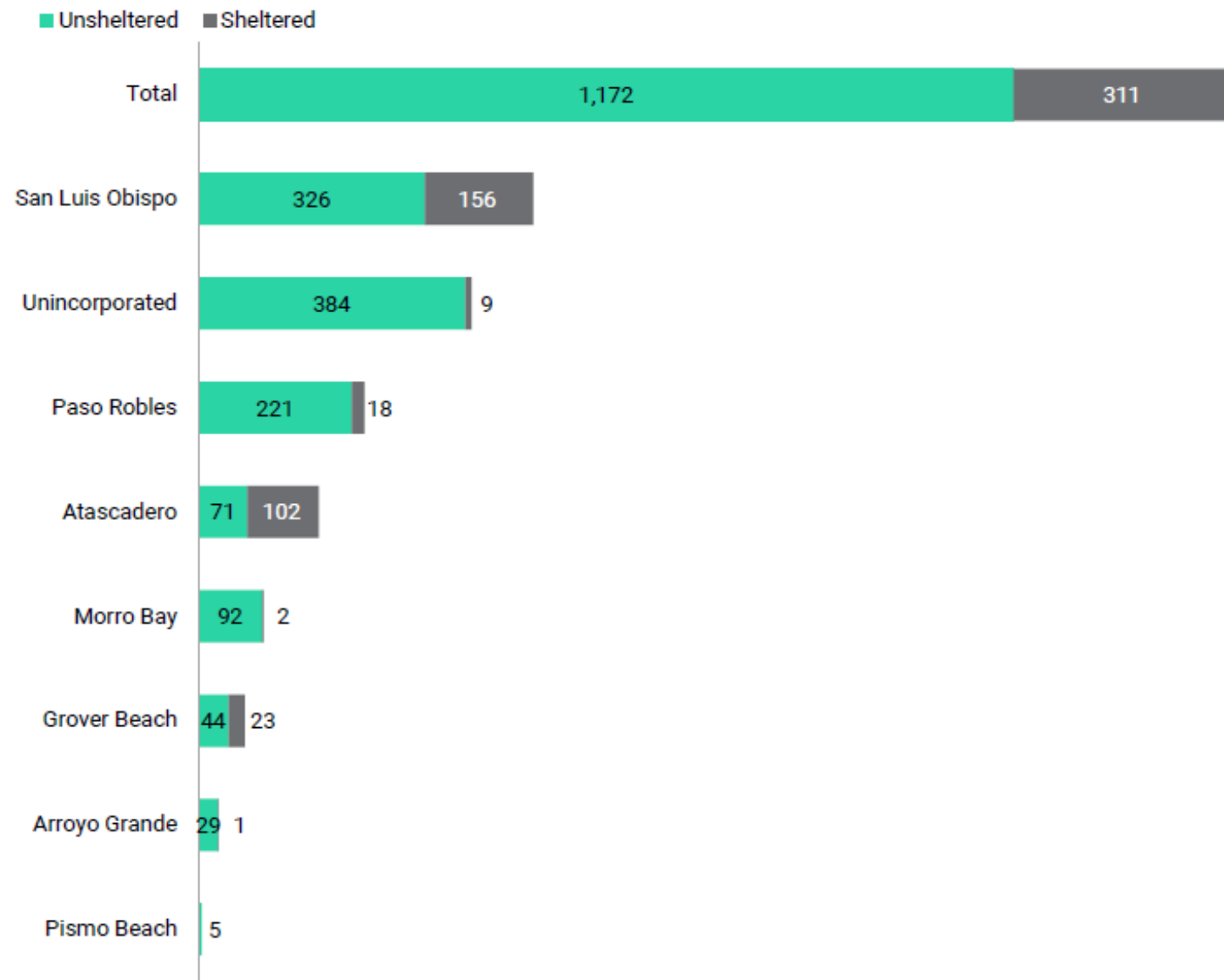


FIGURE 3. JURISDICTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF THE POPULATION, 2019



2019 unsheltered n=1,172; sheltered n=311

Factors That May Have Affected the Accuracy of the Count

- Exceptional rain in 2017 likely resulted in undercount that year
- North County undercounted in 2017
- In 2019, improved North County count, but may have had some difficulties finding guides in South County for remote encampment areas

How does data compare to HMIS?

- 15.5% increase in # of active clients from CY2017 to CY2018
- Coordinated Entry and CalWORKs Housing Support Program also saw increases

Possible Factor Contributing to Increase

- Rising rent costs
- Average rental costs increased by nearly double the amount of average increase in renter income from 2017 to 2018

Questions?
