HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
Services Coordinating Committee Meeting Agenda

September 8, 2025, 10 am

Committee members must participate in person (except for just cause reasons, or for emergency reasons approved by HSOC):

Room 358, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services
3433 South Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo

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Meeting ID: 826 4911 6886
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1. Call to Order and Introductions (3 minutes*)

2. Public Comment (5 minutes*)

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes (2 minutes*)

4. Action/Information/Discussion

    4.1.   Committee Updates

        4.1.1.   Information Item: 2026 Homeless Point in Time Count (30 minutes*)

        4.1.2.   Information Item: Federal Updates (10 minutes*)

        4.1.3.   Information Item: Presentation from SLO Cal Careers on Resources to Help Clients with Obtaining and Maintaining Employment (40 minutes*)

        4.1.4.   Information Item: Update from Committee members on programs, collaboration opportunities, and learnings (15 minutes*)

5. Discussion Item: Possible time change of meeting start time from 10 to 10:30 (5 minutes*)

6. Discussion Item: Possible special meeting in the Fall (5 minutes*)

7. Future Discussion/Report Items (5 minutes*)

8. Next Regular Meeting: December 8, 2025

9. Adjournment

The full agenda packet for this meeting is available on the SLO County HSOC web page:

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/social-services/homeless-services-division/homeless-services-oversight-council

*Times are estimates and subject to change.

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date
June 9, 2025

Time
10:05 am-12:02 pm

Location
Room 358, Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

Members Present
Abby Lassen
Amelia Grover
Chris Stanley
Jack Lahey
Jane Renahan
Michael Azevedo
Wendy Lewis

Members Absent
Devin Drake

Staff & Guests
Daisy Wiberg
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Jennifer Nitzel
Katlynn Beatty
Laurel Weir
Margaret Shepard-Moore
Merlie Livermore
Michael Azevedo
Russ Francis
Trisha Raminha

1. Call to Order and Introductions
Wendy called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. Public Comment
Katlynn provided an update regarding the blue bag program. She mentioned that she has received and gone over a few submissions for this program. Katlynn also shared that new warming centers are moving ahead with contracts, with CAPSLO opening one in Morro Bay and ECHO will have one in Paso Robles. Additional funds will also be provided to the already existing and active warming

centers, namely, the 5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) in Arroyo Grande and CAPSLO's 40 Prado locations. The contracts will be presented at the SLO Board of Supervisors meeting in July.

With contracts already signed, Wendy shared that El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) buildout project in Atascadero is moving forward. If everything goes smoothly, this expansion will open in 22 months and will bring in additional 30 beds, bringing the total bed count to 150 beds countywide.

Margaret Shepard-Moore suggested revisiting the gap analysis in services previously reported at full HSOC meeting and putting it on the agenda for this Committee's future meetings.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes
Michael moved the motion to approve the minutes. Chris seconded. Voice vote was taken, and minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously.

4. Action/Information/Discussion
4.1. Committee Updates

4.1.1.   Discussion Item: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Regional Plan and System Performance Measure Improvement Plan Stakeholder Input
Laurel presented data from the CA System Performance Measures Data Report (for the period from October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024), provided by the CA Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS).   HDIS uses the San Luis Obispo County CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data. Specifically, Laurel reported on the San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care's "return to homelessness" data from HDIS. According to Laurel, "returns to homelessness" looks at the percentage of people who exited from any of the CoC programs into any kind of permanent housing destination, including moving in with friends and family, and who then showed up in HMIS as homeless within six months after being exited from the HMIS-participating program.
A few highlights from this report included the following:
- Groups most at risk of returning to homelessness were people with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or addiction disorders, as well as homeless youth (18-24 years old).
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), which serves people who are experiencing chronic homelessness, had few returns to homelessness; most people returning to homelessness initially exited to housing destinations other than PSH. This suggests that PSH is effective at serving people with SMI and/or addictions disorders. It also suggests that more support may be needed to keep people with SMI or addictions disorders stably housed if they are exiting to housing types other than PSH.
- The rate of return to homelessness for youth was fifty percent. Feedback from youth services providers shared several reasons for this data, including: 1) youth are sometimes placed with their boyfriend/girlfriend and when they break up, one youth stays in the housing and the other returns to homelessness; 2) youth (and adults) living in the shelter sometimes agree to enter into housing that does not work for them, sometimes because they are aware of the people on the waiting list and they don't want to keep someone out of the shelter; and 3) case workers may need to work further with youth to ensure housing placement is sustainable.

4.1.2. Information Item: Update on Encampment Policies

Katlyn is working on the encampment response policy. She shared that they are going to break down encampment response based on a tier system. There will be an encampment response team who will go, assess and classify an encampment when it is reported. Tier 1 is something immediate, involving the presence of just the law enforcement; Tier 2 involves the presence of some health or safety risks, giving the tenants 7 days notice to find another location before removal and cleanup. Tier 3 involves closure of the encampment area. This tier will provide 6-8 weeks to give more time for the outreach team to connect and develop rapport with the people living in the encampment and help them find another place to go. Katlynn also mentioned that there will be an electronic form on the Homeless Services Division web page where the public can submit encampment concerns.

Katlynn also mentioned that HMIS has been working on an outreach module, which will be helpful in providing access for the mapping of encampments.

4.1.3. Information Item: Update from Committee members on programs, collaboration opportunities, and learnings

None presented.

4.1.4. Information Item: Federal Updates

Laurel showed an infographic of the federal budget in FY 2023. She reported that the House of Representatives has passed Budget Reconciliation bill, which proposed big changes to Medicaid and other programs.

5.   Future Discussion /Report Items
- Revisit reported gaps analysis
- Bring back the topic dealing with stabilization process issues
- Discuss overlap in services-CalAIM
- Encampment Policy review

6. Next Regular Meeting: September 8, 2025

7. Adjournment

Wendy adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm.

Point-In-Time Count Committee

What is the Point-In-Time Count?
- The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a comprehensive count of all people experiencing homelessness on a single night.
- The PIT Count is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and takes place every two years during the last 10 days of January. The methodology and timing for the count are determined by HUD. The 2026 PIT Count will reflect both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness.

The Unsheltered PIT Count will take place on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Responsibilities of the SLO County PIT Count Committee
The Point-in-Time Count Committee is responsible for coordinating and planning a successful PIT Count, including determining the start time, reviewing the survey tool, ensuring complete geographic coverage with "hot spot" identification help, and assisting in recruiting and training volunteers for the day of the PIT Count.

The PIT Count Committee will meet virtually *every week on Thursdays at 2PM.*
The first meeting of the PIT Count Committee is Thursday, October 2 at 2PM.

Who should be involved in the PIT Count Committee?
- Homeless service providers
- Community service providers (i.e., food/clothing banks, community centers, mental health providers, mainstream social service agencies)
- Homeless coalitions and advocacy groups
- Currently unhoused and formerly homeless individuals
- Federal Partners (HUD, VA, Dept. of Education, HHS, etc.)
- Local government partners
- Faith-based community partners
- Health service providers
- Law enforcement
- McKinney-Vento school liaisons
- Local colleges or universities
- Public housing agencies
- Public Libraries
- Local businesses and chambers of commerce
- Community volunteer and civic groups

Sign up to join the PIT Count Committee here:
Or via this link: https://forms.office.com/g/ErqJQFe4gz

PIT COUNT 2026

Services Coordinating HSOC
Kari Howell, MEd

AGENDA

PRESENTER

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WHAT IS A POINT–IN–TIME COUNT?

- Required biannual Homeless Census by the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- The methodology and timing are determined by HUD to achieve nationwide consistency.

- Data collected during the *PIT Count* is used to develop strategies to address local homelessness and determine funding and resources.

# 2024 PIT COUNT RESULTS

19% ⬇
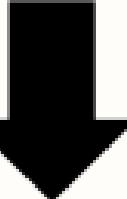
in population experiencing *local homelessness* compared to 2022 PIT Count

1,175

people counted as experiencing *local homelessness* on the night of January 22

PIT Counts by Year

Legend:
- Sheltered Population
- Unsheltered Population

| Year	Sheltered	Unsheltered
2015	392	1123
2017	345	780
2019	311	1172
2022	292	1156
2024	375	800
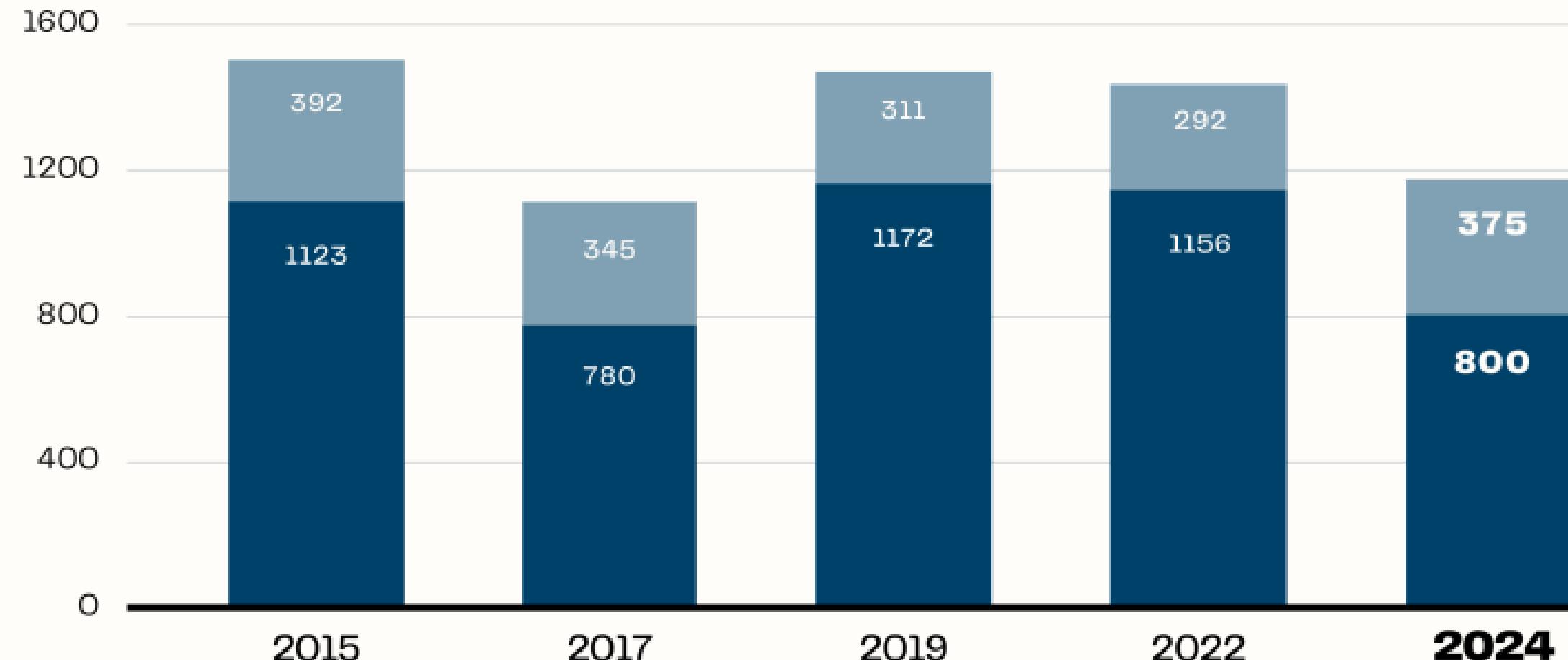
2024 PIT COUNT RESULTS

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING IN SLO COUNTY?

88% of our County's population experiencing unsheltered homelessness has lived in SLO County for at least 1 year.

Less than 1 month
3.2%

1 – 5 yrs
13.3%

More than 5 yrs
75.6%
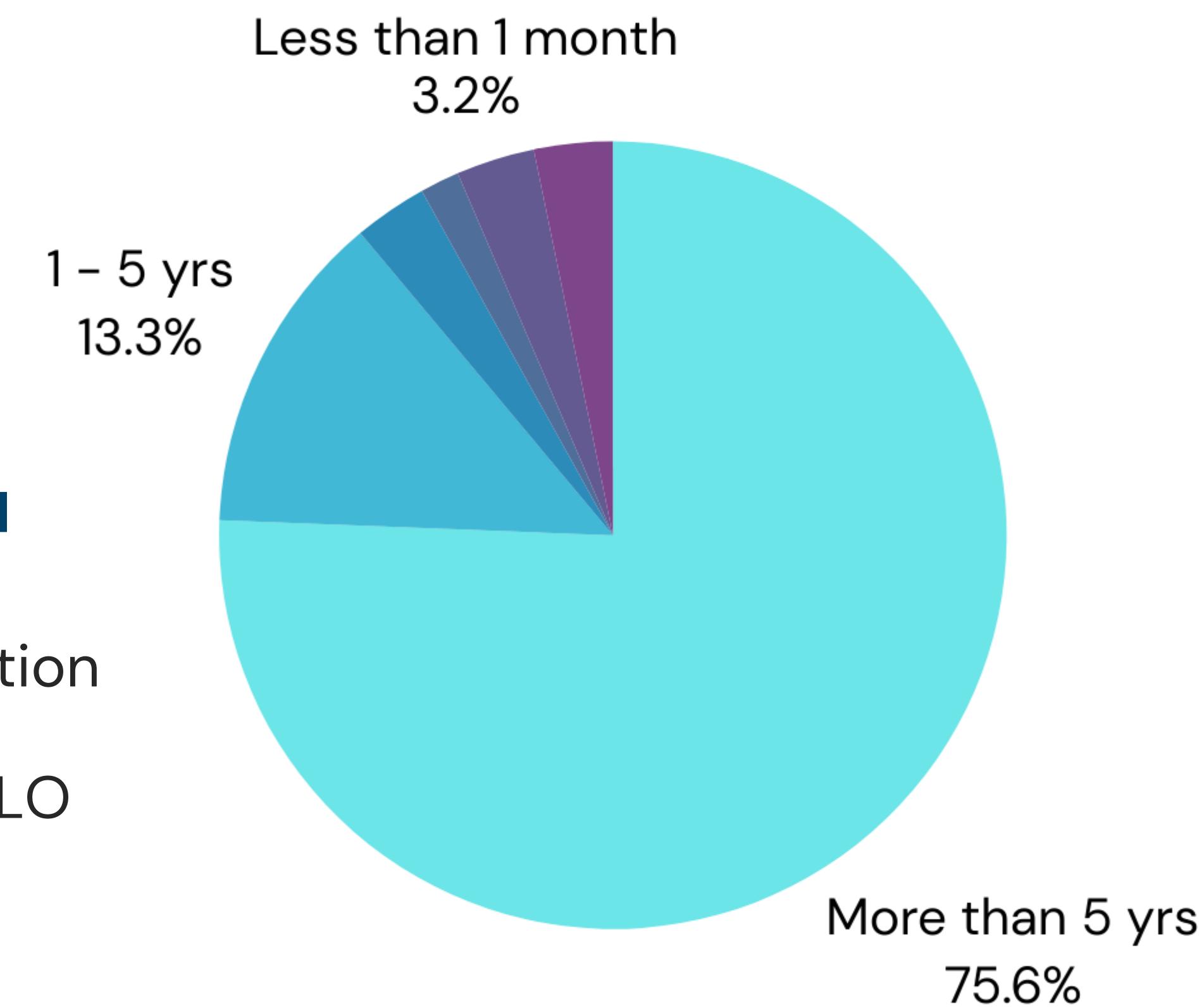
DATES TO REMEMBER

- **The Point-in-Time Count will take place on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.**

- **Warming Shelters will be activated on the night of Monday, January 26, 2026.**

PROJECT TIMELINE

AUG

Post Internship

App Development

Mapping

SEPT

HSOC approves PIT Count Methodology

Hire Interns

PIT Count Committee Recruitment

OCT

HSOC Data and Performance approves survey tool

PIT Count Committee

NOV

Volunteer recruitment

Finalize logistics

DEC

Volunteer Training

HIC/PIT Training

City Coordination

JAN

Freeze encampment clearings

Activate Warming Shelters

Conduct Count

DATA TIMELINE

JAN

HIC

Hire Data Interns

FEB

Data cleaning

Post-PIT Count assessments and follow up

MAR

Data cleaning and analysis

Finalize HIC

APR

HUD Report

MAY

Preliminary Press Release

JUNE

Publish Community Report

2024 FEEDBACK

Increased participation with all service providers in the County

More Logistics Centers

Ensure encampments are not cleared out prior to counting

Report to be completed earlier

Plan for inclement weather

Increase participation in north county and along the coast

"Better incentives" for guides and those surveyed, suggested $5 Mcdonalds/food gift cards

Food & coffee at Logistics Centers for volunteers

HSOC, CHAC, DSS and City Leadership involvement

IDENTIFIED IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2026
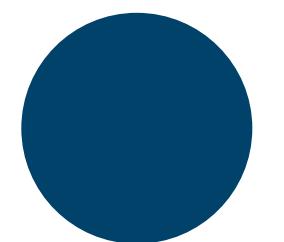
Meet **80% survey threshold** in 2026.
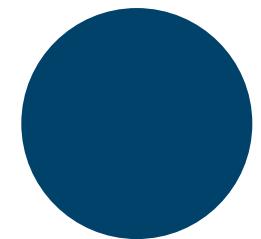
Interns for implementation and data cleaning processes.
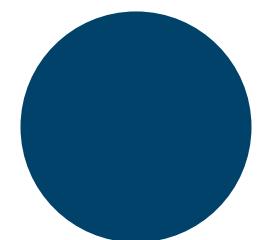
Countywide support for: mapping, incentive tracking, real–time data access.
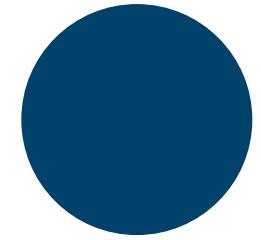
Breakfast at Logistics Centers.
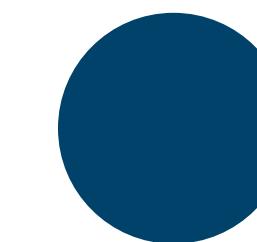
Client matching between PIT Count survey respondents & HMIS
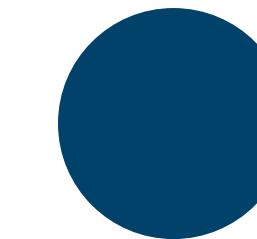
PIT Count survey available in **Spanish**.
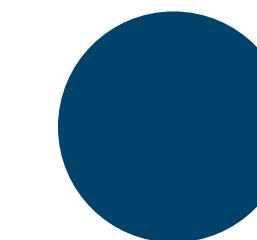
Improved training in partnership with service providers.
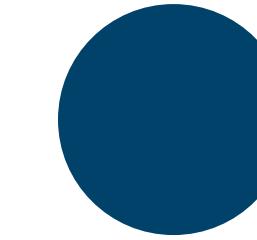
Regional Leads in PIT Count Committee for smooth collaboration.

KEY STAFF AND PARTNERS

DIVISION

Leads PIT Count participation and countywide support.

INTERNS

Staffing support for countywide logistics and coordination.

ICA

Housing inventory, data cleaning, and support for HUD report.

ITD

Survey tool application and consistent mapping.

COUNTY

Volunteer recruitment, incentive tracking, and additional staffing.

COMMUNITY

Engage to ensure geographic coverage and data buy–in.

Opportunities to Get Involved

The Interns

Follow the comprehensive Project Plan that outlines methodology, timeline, and required resources.

Planning Interns:
- Confirm Logistics Centers and training details
- Volunteer management: recruitment, training, and retention
- Provider and Committee communications, oversight
- Establish Succession planning and volunteer experience surveys

Data Interns:
- Data cleaning, compiling, and review
- Sheltered PIT and HIC
- HUD report and analyses
- Reporting and final data transfer

Volunteer

- **Opportunity to volunteer for the unsheltered count**
  - 200 volunteers needed countywide
  - Volunteer recruitment to begin in **November**
  - Must sign up online and attend training

- **Opportunity to volunteer at a Logistics Center**
  - Limited opportunities
  - Must sign up online and attend training

- **Opportunity to join the PIT Count Committee**
  - People with elevated knowledge or expertise are invited to join the PIT Count Committee

PIT Count Committee

- Confirm PIT Count day-of Start Time
- Review Survey Tool
- Advise on:
  - Incentives plan for individuals with lived experience to participate
  - Volunteer Training content
  - Mapping and area trends to ensure geographic coverage
- Recruit volunteers, guides, and community buy-in
- Determine Regional Leads for geographic expertise

Suggested Participants:
- City representation, community organizations, homeless service providers, law enforcement, faith-based partners, former or current folks with experiences of homelessness

PIT Count Committee

Virtual Meeting Times:

- **Committee starts Thursday, October 2, 2025**
- Committee meets BIWEEKLY from 2 to 2:55PM
- No committee meetings: Thursday, Nov 27 or Thursday, Dec 25

Committee Meeting Structure:

- 2 – 2:15: Welcome and review
- 2:15 – 2:25: Meeting Topic
- 2:25 – 2:45: Breakout groups based on region
- 2:45 – 2:50: Breakout Group update
- 2:50 – 2:55: Review of next week's Topic

PIT Count Committee Sign Up

Questions?
Discussion.

HSD_PITCount@co.slo.ca.us
THANK YOU!

Summary of Upcoming State/Federal Changes

Resulting from H.R. 1: One Big Beautiful Bill Act

Date	Change	Details
Jan 2026	Medi-Cal Asset Limit Changes	Medi-Cal will again consider assets when reviewing eligibility for seniors and people with disabilities as part of the application and renewal process. • The asset limit is $130,000 for one person. Each additional household member adds $65,000 to the asset limit • If already a Medi-Cal member, assets will be reviewed at annual renewal.
Jan 2026	Medi-Cal Enrollment Freeze for Undocumented Participants 19+	MC will freeze new enrollments for federally funded full scope MC on 1/1/2026 for adults age 19 and older, without satisfactory immigration status. This group will no longer be eligible to enroll in full- scope MC even if they qualified previously under state-funded programs. New applicants will only be eligible to restricted MC for emergency services and pregnancy-related services such as prenatal care, labor, delivery and postpartum care. • If they are already enrolled in full scope Medi-Cal, they will stay covered regardless of their immigration status as long as they remain eligible and their annual renewal is completed. If they lose coverage, they will only be eligible to limited scope benefits, emergency and pregnancy-related services. • If their coverage stops because of a late renewal or missing paperwork, they will have a 90 day grace period days to reestablish eligibility. • Income-eligible children (0-18) and pregnant people can enroll in full scope Medi-Cal, no matter their immigration status. Coverage is for the entire pregnancy and one year after the pregnancy ends.
Feb 2026	CalFresh ABAWD Waiver Expires and new ABAWD	The Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependent's waiver expiration is a moving target but currently scheduled to come back 2/1/2026. H.R. 1 expands the definition of ABAWD to include adults aged 18 to 64 (currently would be 18 to 54) and parents with children aged 14 to 18 (currently excludes parents with children aged 18 or

		under). These individuals will face work requirements, such as working 20 hours a week or participating in qualifying programs, to maintain benefits.

July 2026	Medi-Cal Dental Coverage Changes	Californians aged 19+ who do not have satisfactory immigration status will no longer be eligible to dental coverage. This includes, but is not limited to:
		  o Green card holders not exempt from the five-year waiting period, who have had their permanent resident status for less than five years.
		  o PRUCOL (e.g., with temporary protected status or refugee status).
		  o People with no immigration status, but who currently qualify under past Medi-Cal expansions.
		  o People enrolled through a trafficking or crime victim assistance program.
		  o Lawfully present immigrants who are older than age 20 and not pregnant.
		
		Emergency dental care (such as treatment for severe pain or infection and tooth extractions) will still be covered for everyone, no matter their immigration status.

Oct 2026	Amended Definition of "Qualified Non-Citizen" that will affect Medi-Cal and CalFresh	H.R. 1 establishes a new definition for "qualified non-citizen" (QNC) for federal Medicaid eligibility and SNAP (Cal-Fresh) benefits.
		
		Only the following QNC categories will remain eligible:
		  o Lawful permanent residents
		  o Specified Cuban or Haitian entrants
		  o Residents under a Compact of Free Association (Palau, Micronesia, Marshall Islands)
		
		Refugees, parolees, asylees, trafficking survivors, and similar groups no longer qualify for federally-funded full-scope Medicaid and SNAP.

Jan 2027	Medi-Cal Work Requirements	Work Requirement begins for adults in aid code in M1 (possible state option to delay) for individuals, ages 19-64, to participate in qualifying activities for at least 80 hours per month.
		Activities will be in one or a mix of the following activities:
		  o Monthly earned income is at least 80 times the federal hourly minimum wage ($580)
		  o Community service
		  o Enrolled at least half-time in an educational program
		  o Enrolled in a work program
		
		Verification Frequency: Application and each redetermination
		
		Exemptions will exist.

Jan 2027	Limits to Retro-Active Medi-Cal	Retroactive coverage limitations begin. • 1 month for expansion group in M1 aid code • 2 months for any other coverage group
Jan 2027	Medi-Cal 6-month Eligibility Redeterminations (REs)	Six-month eligibility redeterminations begin for adult expansion group (excluding members of tribes) in aid code M1.[M1= Medicaid adult expansion population.]
July 2027	Medi-Cal Monthly Premiums	Starting 1/1/2027, Californians aged 19-59, who are not pregnant, and who do not have a satisfactory immigration status, including but not limited to: o Green card holders subject to the five-year waiting period, who have had their permanent resident status for less than five years. o PRUCOL (e.g., with temporary protected status or refugee status). o People without federal immigration status who currently qualify under past Medi-Cal expansions. o People enrolled through a trafficking or crime victim assistance program. o Lawfully present immigrants older than age 20 who are not pregnant. Full scope Medi-Cal coverage for this group includes doctor visits and preventive care, hospital and emergency services, prescription drugs, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, vision care, immunizations, and reproductive health services. If they do not pay this premium, their coverage will be reduced to emergency and pregnancy-related services.
Oct 2028	Medi-Cal Co-Pays	Requires implementation of copays for certain services for individuals above 100% FPL, excluding primary care, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment. Primary, prenatal, pediatric, mental-health, and emergency care remain exempt from copays. • Copays can range from $1 up to $35 per service (state option). • Administration of co-pays will occur at the provider level.

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State of the Workforce Report

This brochure summarizes the key findings of the 2023 State of the Workforce Report in San Luis Obispo County. The report delves into various aspects of the county's workforce and economic landscape, changes in industry and job composition, commute and migration patterns, and other factors that influence the daily lives of workers.

Employment and Wages

$56,563 San Luis Obispo
**$82,083** California
$68,501 United States

San Luis Obispo County residents earn **32% less** than the statewide average, and **17% less** than the national average.[1]

3.0%
Unemployment Rate[2]

58.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate[3]

6.7% 2017
6.7% 2018
7.4% 2019
9.0% 2020
10.9% 2021
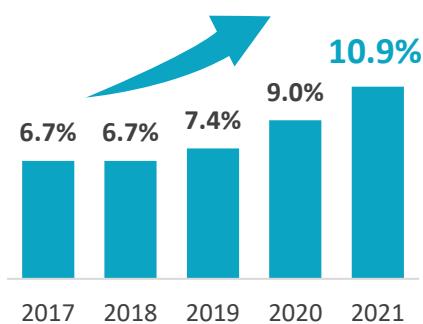
A growing number of county residents work from home.[3]

Housing

$828,583 San Luis Obispo
$759,433 California
$429,000 United States
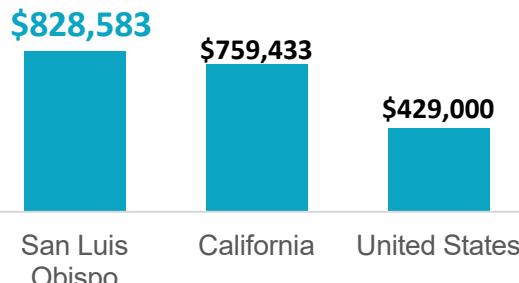
The median price of a single-family detached home is **9% higher** than the statewide average, and **almost twice** the national average.[4]

31%
Homeowners

37%
Renters

1 in 8
Residents can afford a median priced home in the county.[5]

>35%
Income spent on housing[3]

[1] JobsEQ. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. 2023.
[2] California EDD. Local Area Unemployment Statistics. 2023.
[3] American Community Survey 5-year Estimates. 2021.
[4] California Association of Realtors. Historical Housing Dataset. 2023.
[5] California Association of Realtors. Housing Affordability Index. 2023.

Employment in Key Industry Clusters

Industry clusters are a common unit of analysis utilized by economists to identify drivers of economic development in a region. Clusters refer to closely related industries that collaborate within supply chains or generate value through interconnectedness, such as partnerships for enhanced visibility or business opportunities.

High-Growth Industry Clusters in San Luis Obispo County (2018 to 2022)[6,7]

Education & Knowledge Creation
Healthcare
Building & Design
Professional & Business Services
Tourism, Hospitality, & Recreation
Agriculture & Food

Job Growth: 0% 5% 10% 15% 20%
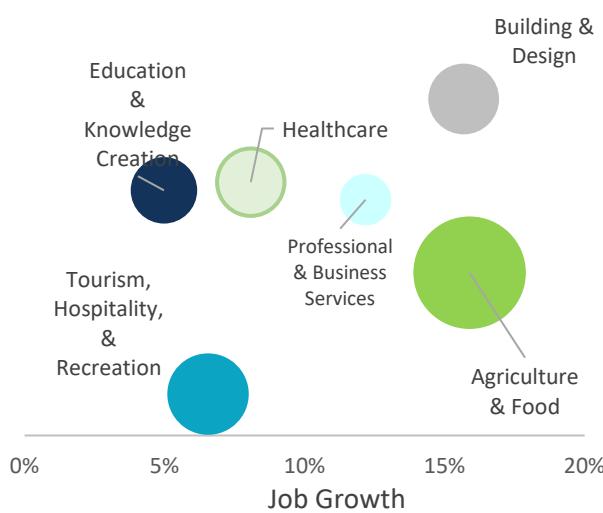
Tourism, Hospitality & Recreation
The county's largest industry cluster

1 in 5 — Jobs in the county are in this industry

22,158 — Total workers employed in the industry in 2022

6.6% — Job growth, 2018-2022

Agriculture & Food
The county's fastest-growing industry cluster

282% — Concentration of county jobs as compared to the national average

612 — Winery jobs gained in 2022 (+26.4% growth)

15.9% — Job growth, 2018-2022

Building & Design

243 — Engineering Services jobs gained in 2022

15.7 — Job growth 2018-2022

To foster continued growth in the county and to encourage transitions into higher paying occupations, supporting career development pathways within high growth industry clusters is imperative for the region's policymakers and educators. Shown below are potential career pathways within the Tourism, Hospitality & Recreation and Healthcare industries.

CAREER PATHWAY IN THE TOURISM, HOSPITALITY & RECREATION INDUSTRY [8]

Building Cleaning Worker
$33,400 Annual Salary
High School Diploma or Equivalent
→
Supervisor, Building Cleaning & Maintenance Workers
$49,500 Annual Salary
Some College, No Degree
→
Lodging Manager
$65,600 Annual Salary
Bachelor's Degree
→
Operations Manager
$101,300 Annual Salary
Bachelor's Degree

CAREER PATHWAY IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY [8]

Personal Care Aide
$33,200 Annual Salary
High School Diploma or Equivalent
→
Nursing Assistant
$41,400 Annual Salary
Some College, No Degree
→
Licensed Practical Nurse/Vocational Nurse
$71,800 Annual Salary
Bachelor's Degree
→
Registered Nurse
$130,300 Annual Salary
Bachelor's Degree

6 JobsEQ. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. 2023.
7 High growth Industry Clusters with more than 4,000 employees.

8 JobsEQ. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages and Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupation Forecasts. 2023.