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**2015 HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT RESULTS**

The annual count of San Diego County’s homeless population found that there were 8,742 people living on the streets or in shelters, a 2.8 percent increase from last year.

The WeAllCount Campaign, also known as the Point-in-Time Count, was held in the early morning hours on January 23, 2015. This annual effort helps determine the number and location of homeless individuals in the San Diego region and is critical in securing more than \$16 million dollars in federal funding for needed housing and services.

The San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC) is charged with completing this important count each year.

“The results of the WeAllCount census prove that more must be done to help end homelessness in our region and we still have a long way to go to reach that goal,” said San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria, who chairs the RCCC. “The RCCC’s efforts over the past year to better utilize our limited funding will help move more people off the streets, and we need to more strongly advocate for an update to the antiquated federal funding formula for homeless services so we can secure sufficient resources to address this growing issue.”

The Point-in-Time Count found that the number of unsheltered homeless individuals in San Diego County was 4,156, an increase of 4.3 percent from last year, while the number of homeless persons in shelters was 4,586, up 1.4 percent.

Of the unsheltered population, an estimated 2,911 – or 70 percent – were males and an estimated 631 – or 15.4 percent – were veterans. Almost 28 percent of those who live on the street are estimated to suffer from either addiction or severe mental illness. More than 70 percent of those living on the street reported having been homeless for a year or longer.

Of those living on the street, almost 27 percent reported having no health insurance and more than 45 percent reported visiting an emergency room within the last year.

Dolores Diaz, Executive Director of the Regional Task Force the Homeless, which coordinates the WeAllCount event on behalf of the RCCC, said it was a record-breaking year in terms community engagement with 1,488 volunteers working out of 28 deployment centers throughout San Diego County to help count and survey homeless individuals.

“While the increase in the number of homeless persons is disappointing, it is critically important to know this information so we can ensure continued funding for much needed housing and services to effectively address homelessness in our communities,” Diaz said.

The 2015 WeAllCount General Data and Results provided by the Regional Taskforce on the Homeless are attached.

The next Point-in Time count is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016. It is anticipated that hundreds of volunteers will once again canvas the County to count and survey the homeless. For more information on the Point-In-Time count visit [www.rtfhsd.org](http://www.rtfhsd.org).

More information on the Regional Continuum of Care Council can be found at [www.sandiegococ.org](http://www.sandiegococ.org).

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# 2015 WeALLCount

## Data & Results: General

### Homelessness IS Solvable.

Regional Task Force on the Homeless is at the forefront of our region's efforts to ensure that we have sustainable and effective solutions for addressing homelessness. Data from the WeALLCount Campaign is an essential tool in these efforts.

The Count results in approximately \$16 Million in federal funding (HUD) for local homeless services. These organizations provide services for the thousands of individuals and families who experience homelessness annually in our region.

### HOMELESSNESS SUMMARY - POINT-IN-TIME COUNTS

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Total Homeless	8,506	8,742	+2.8%
Unsheltered	3,985	4,156	+4.3%
Sheltered	4,521	4,586	+1.4%



### UNSHELTERED HOMELESS SUMMARY - POINT-IN-TIME COUNTS\*

	<u>2015</u>	<u>% of Unsheltered</u>
Males, all ages	2,911	70.0%
Veterans**	631	15.4%
Substance Abuse**	370	9.3%
Severe Mental Health Issues**	744	18.6%
Chronically Homeless Individuals**	1,249	31.3%
Homeless – Year or Longer THIS Time	2,916	70.2%
Used the Emergency Room Past Year	1,884	45.3%
Stay in San Diego County year round	3,582	86.2%
Currently on Probation or Parole	601	14.5%
No Health Insurance	1,105	26.6%

\*Estimates are extrapolated from a sample of 814 surveys.

\*\*Individual Adults and Adults in Families



### WeALLCount VOLUNTEERISM

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Volunteers	1,356	1,488
Deployment Centers	25	28
Eligible Surveys Conducted	743	814

\*Estimates are extrapolated from a sample of 814 surveys.

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Final PITC Data for WeALLCount 2015