

Homelessness in Santa Clara Valley

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According to the recent census and survey, this describes the homeless population in Santa Clara Valley:

- 68% male, 30% female, 2% transgender
- 33% Caucasian, 33% African-American, 4% Asian
- 79% were living in Santa Clara County when they became homeless
- 67% had one or more disabling conditions
- 47% claimed to have at least one mental health issue
- 14% are veterans
- 84% said they are not employed; 30% said a lack of a job is the primary reason they are homeless

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Number of Homeless in San Jose

In 2009 the point-in-time homeless count identified a total of 4,193 homeless persons in the City of San Jose, which is a slight decrease (3%) since 2007. Based on a formula that takes into account the point-in-time count, as well as the phenomenon that people will cycle in and out of homelessness, an estimated 8,941 individuals in San Jose will be homeless at some point during the year, a 21% decrease from the 11,264 individuals estimated in 2007.