

2008 Survey of  
Persons in Shelter  
In Ventura County  
California

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not Homeless

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## About the 2008 Shelter Survey

Each year, HUD requires an enumeration of homeless persons in shelter. This data is utilized in the application for Continuum of Care funds.

In Ventura County we have also used the shelter survey as an opportunity to go beyond the basic HUD requirement. We have captured additional data about persons in shelter and their special needs in order to improve the delivery of services. We have eleven years worth of surveys (1997-2008).

In 2007, VCHHC conducted both a street and shelter count of the homeless population and an in-depth survey that targeted 20% of the surveyed homeless population in each jurisdiction. The 2007 survey contains information both of persons in shelter and persons residing outside of shelter. Both the 2007 Homeless Count and 2007 Homeless Survey are on our website: [www.vchhc.org](http://www.vchhc.org).

The 2008 Shelter Survey was carried out in partnership with staff, faculty and students at California State University Channel Islands. Capstone students enrolled in the sociology department in the Fall 2007 semester created the survey forms for both emergency shelters and for transitional and treatment programs.

The surveys were conducted on January 29, 2008 by staff and volunteers in the facilities listed on page 3. The original data sheets were then collected from the facilities.

Capstone students enrolled in the sociology department for the Spring 2008 semester did the data entry for all the surveys, adhering to the guidelines required by the Institutional Review Board.

Whereas in prior years treatment facilities were broken out in the data collection, the loss of several programs in the past months made it more feasible to combine this data with the transitional programs. In every case where you see “transition” or “transitional” as a column title or survey comment, treatment programs are included in this data.

Because two separate survey forms were used (one for emergency, one for transition/treatment) the questions were not exactly the same on the forms. You will notice two different question numbers on some pages. Also, some questions were asked only of one or the other population. This will be clear to the reader, as the responses are labeled.

**We found a total of 563 persons sheltered on survey night: 426 adults and 137 children.**

Only adults were surveyed. Mathematical calculations involve only the adult populations.

## Houseless, not Homeless

When the topic of shelter or affordable housing is broached, a frequent objection is “If we provide such a service, it will attract homeless people to our area.”

Data collected over the last 10 years by the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition definitively disproves this assumption. The homeless populations are long term residents of our community.

This table provides a 10 year look at the answer to the question “How long have you lived in Ventura County?”

Survey year	2008	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
under 1 year	13%	12%	15%	12%	13%	13%	15%	20%	13%	16%
1-2 years	7%	6%	6%	9%	4%	10%	5%	2%	4%	8%
2-5 years	14%	14%	12%	12%	16%	13%	9%	19%	17%	12%
6-9 years	5%	7%	4%	7%	6%	5%	5%	5%	8%	6%
10-15 years	9%	10%	9%	10%	9%	10%	9%	9%	12%	14%
16-25 years	16%	15%	18%	21%	20%	15%	25%	7%	7%	8%
26-35 years	16%	16%	19%	17%	16%	16%	14%	11%	15%	16%
over 35 years	21%	20%	17%	16%	16%	18%	17%	27%	24%	18%
<p>In 2007 there was no specific question concerning the client's length of residency in Ventura County. Clients were asked whether they considered themselves to be a resident of the County. 96% stated that they considered themselves residents.</p>										
<b>10+ years residency</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>56%</b>

The majority of those who find themselves living without a fixed address are long term members of our community. They may be without a house or apartment or room, but they are home.

## Key Findings:

- **Women and children continue to be a growing part of the homeless population.** Of those surveyed on January 29, 2008, women and children comprised 53% of shelter residents.
- **The majority are Caucasian:** 60.8% identified themselves as “white”. According to the US Census (2006 data), 52.9% of Ventura County residents are “white persons not Hispanic”.
- **The majority reside in West County:** 67.4% identify their home as Oxnard, Port Hueneme or Ventura.
- **The homeless population is educated:** 70.8% have a high school diploma or education beyond high school.
- **Both ends of the spectrum are seen in length of time on the street:** 37% have been homeless for less than a year. Another 33% have been homeless for three or more years.
- **The primary reasons people reported becoming homeless is problems with drugs/alcohol (100 reports) or losing their job (99 reports).** Eviction was the 3<sup>rd</sup> most reported reason at 44 reports.
- **Most homeless persons have income:** 60% report regular income, 22% are employed full time or part time.
- **Disabilities and addiction are commonplace among the homeless population:** There were 383 reports of a physical or mental problem or addiction among the 426 adults surveyed (89.9%). It should be noted that these conditions are not mutually exclusive.
- 32% of clients surveyed have been **hospitalized in the last year.**
- **When the shelters are not open 56% sleep out of doors or in their car.**

## 1. Survey Population:

Emergency Shelter Programs				
	Men	Women	Children	Total
VC Rescue Mission	25	0	4	29
Lighthouse Shelter	0	13	19	32
Our Place	8	1	0	9
VC Behavioral Health	5	2	0	7
Domestic Violence Shelters	0	10	17	27
Armory Winter Shelter	82	19	1	102
Conejo Winter Shelter	18	4	9	31
PADS, Simi Valley	13	2	0	15
Ojai Valley Family Shelter	19	4	1	24
<b>Total: Emergency Shelters</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>276</b>

Transitional and Treatment Programs				
VC Rescue Mission	68	0	12	80
Lighthouse Recovery	0	10	6	16
River Haven	6	4	0	10
Project Understanding Transition House	0	5	10	15
Salvation Army TLC	1	9	12	22
Wooley House	3	3	0	6
Stoll House	2	4	8	14
RAIN	5	15	24	44
Prototypes	0	28	12	40
Miracle Recovery	0	13	0	13
Khepera House	25	0	2	27
<b>Total Transition/Treatment</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Total: Emergency + Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>563</b>

**2. Age:**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>age</b>	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>18-24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7.8</b>
<b>25-35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>22.6</b>
<b>36-45</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>28.7</b>
<b>46-55</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>27.5</b>
<b>56-64</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>11.3</b>
<b>65 and older</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>no response</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► While most shelter guests are in their prime earning years, keep in mind that there were also 137 persons under age 18 in the shelters, a group larger than any of those broken out in this chart. Children constituted 24% of the shelter residents reported on this night.

**3. Ethnicity:**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total responses</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>African American or Black</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>American Indian/Alaskan</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>26.3</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>60.8</b>
<b>Multi-Racial</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► The White population continues to be the largest ethnic group among homeless persons, with Hispanic or Latinos following close behind. This parallels the ethnic breakdown in the overall population.

#### 4) Marital Status

	Emergency	Transitional & Treatment	Total responses	%
	# of Responses	# of responses		
Single	136	111	247	58
Married	15	18	33	7.7
Partnered	4	5	9	2.1
Separated	10	9	19	4.5
Divorced	48	50	98	23
Widowed	10	6	16	3.8
Other	2	2	4	0.9
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► The majority of clients seeking emergency or transitional/treatment services are single or divorced.

#### 5) Do you have minor children with you in the shelter?

	Emergency	Transitional & Treatment	Total	%
yes	22	54	76	17.8
<b># of children</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>137</b>	

► It should be noted that children made up 24% of the residents on the date the survey was taken. This is consistent with shelter surveys from prior years.

### 6) Do you have minor children not with you?

	Emergency	Transitional or Treatment	Total	
yes	66	79	145	
# of children	127	139	266	

► It should be noted that #5 and #6 are not mutually exclusive. A resident could be accompanied by children in shelter and also have children living elsewhere.

7) Schools attended by sheltered children. Data was gathered for the Ventura County Office of Education and sent directly to them.

### 8) What was the last grade you completed in school?

	Emergency	Transitional & Treatment	Total	%
	# of responses	# of responses		
Elementary	18	4	22	5.1
Some High School	52	45	97	22.8
High School Graduate	47	60	107	25.1
GED	22	22	44	10.3
Some College	59	50	109	25.6
College Graduate	19	16	35	8.2
Post Graduate	6	1	7	1.6
No Response	2	3	5	1.2
n =	225	201	426	

► Over 70% of those who took part in the shelter survey this year had a high school education or beyond. 35.4% completed high school or GED requirements. Another 35.4% had been to college, completed college, or had participated in post graduate studies.

## 9) What city do you live in?

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Camarillo</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Fillmore</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Moorpark</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Ojai</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Oxnard</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>36.6</b>
<b>Port Hueneme</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Santa Paula</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Simi Valley</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Ventura</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>28.2</b>
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Other CA city</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Other US State</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

The cities with winter shelter programs are Oxnard/Ventura, Ojai, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. Year round shelter may also be found in Oxnard and Ventura. Where these sites are available, they are used.

► Refer to the Local Emergency Shelter Strategy at [www.vchhc.org](http://www.vchhc.org) for more information on shelter programs and transitional/treatment programs.

### 10) How long have you lived in Ventura County?

	Emergency	Transitional & Treatment	Total	%
	# of response	# of responses		
Less than 1 month	11	5	16	3.8
1-3 months	8	10	18	4.2
4-6 months	7	9	16	3.8
about a year	11	19	30	7
2-5 years	35	19	54	12.7
6-9 years	11	7	18	4.2
10-15 years	22	16	38	8.9
16-25 years	34	39	73	17.1
26-35 years	34	43	77	18.1
36+ years	51	33	84	19.7
no response	1	1	2	0.5
n=	225	201	426	

The title of this report “Houseless not Homeless” speaks to the length of time that those who find themselves without a fixed address have called this community home.

► In this year’s survey, 63.8% have lived in Ventura County for ten or more years.

### 11) Did you serve in the military?

	Emergency	Transitional & Treatment	Total	%
	# of responses	# of responses		
Yes	45	15	60	14.1
No	177	184	361	84.7
No response	3	2	5	1.2
n=	225	201	426	

► The percentage of Veterans has not changed significantly during the past three years. This year (2008) a total of about 14% of emergency and transitional respondents stated they had served the in the military. In 2007 the response was 15% and in 2006 it was at 12%.

## 12) How long have you been homeless?

	Emergency	Emergency %	Transitional & Treatment	Transitional & Treatment %	Combined Responses	Combined %
	# of responses		# of responses			
Less than a month	30	13.3	29	14.4	59	13.8
4-6 months	56	24.9	43	21.3	99	23.2
About a year	31	13.8	41	20.4	72	16.9
2 years	19	8.4	19	9.5	38	8.9
3 years	17	7.6	16	8	33	7.7
4-8 years	33	14.7	23	11.4	56	13.1
9-10 years	9	4	2	1	11	2.6
over 10 years	27	12	7	3.5	34	8
No Response	3	1.3	21	10.4	24	5.6
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>		<b>201</b>		<b>426</b>	

This chart has been enhanced to show the length of time respondents reported being homeless by both numbers and percent in each category, and then combined for both emergency and transition/treatment programs.

By definition, a treatment program is limited to two years of residency, so the totals across both types of programs are influenced by this limitation.

The definition of “chronic” homelessness is living on the streets for a year or more and having a disability. While this chart does not cross reference for disability, it is interesting to note that persons reporting being homeless for 2 or more years is almost one half (46.7%) of those in emergency shelter and over one third (35.7%) of those in transitional/treatment programs. If we factor in the “about a year” response the numbers are much more alarming: **► 60.5% of those in emergency shelters and 53.8% of those in transitional or treatment programs reported being homeless for a year or longer.**

**13) What age were you when you first became homeless?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Younger than 18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>18-25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>26-35</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>22.8</b>
<b>36-45</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>27.2</b>
<b>46-55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17.6</b>
<b>56-65</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>over 65</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► The majority of respondents became homeless during their adult years.

**14) Do you remember being homeless as a child?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>85.7</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► Almost 9% of respondents recall being homeless as a child.

**15) What first led to your becoming homeless?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Lost job</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Divorce</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>Evicted</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Major illness</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Went to jail</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7.8</b>
<b>Drugs/alcohol</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21.2</b>
<b>Mental illness</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Domestic violence</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Death of spouse or parent</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>No money</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>472</b>	
<b>respondents =</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

Thirty respondents gave more than one reason for becoming homeless, so there are more reasons recorded than the number of adults interviewed.

► 50% of homelessness is attributed to three reasons by those who were surveyed: drug/alcohol addiction; loss of a job, and eviction.

**16) Have you ever stayed in an emergency shelter?**

	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>36.8</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>57.2</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>201</b>	

This question was asked only of those in transition or treatment programs, so the data reflect that.

**16a) If YES, where?**

	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	
<b>In Ventura County</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>81.3</b>
<b>In CA, but outside Ventura County</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Outside CA</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>75</b>	

Of the 74 respondents who answered affirmatively above, one person had stayed in emergency shelter both in Ventura County and in another California shelter.

► These responses track with the data we present earlier in this document: persons who are without a fixed address are long term residents of Ventura County.

**17) Where do you sleep when you don't stay at a shelter?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	
<b>On the streets</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>40.9</b>
<b>Business/outside</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Another shelter</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>Car/van</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Friend</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Relative</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Motel</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Rented Room</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>16.1</b>
<b>n=242</b>	<b>242</b>	
<b># of respondents =</b>	<b>225</b>	

This question was asked only of those in emergency shelters on the night of the survey. Several clients gave multiple responses. All the responses were captured.

► Over half the respondents (56.2%) report that they sleep out of doors when the shelters are closed.

**17) How long have you been staying in this center?**

	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	
<b>A week or less</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<b>2 weeks-1 Month</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>2 months</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16.9</b>
<b>3-4 months</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>20.4</b>
<b>5-6 months</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>7-8 months</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>9-10 months</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>11-12 months</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>1 year +</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>201</b>	

This question was asked only of those enrolled in transitional or treatment programs. Transitional programs by definition limit residents to a period of two years or less.

## 18) What are your sources of income?

	Emergency	Transitional & Treatment	Total	%
	# of responses	# of responses		
<b>None</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>34.4</b>
<b>General Relief</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>SSI/SDI</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Social Security</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Veterans Benefits</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>CalWork</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Part time job</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>14.7</b>
<b>Full time job</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>Food Stamps</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>483</b>	
<b>respondents =</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► 60% of those surveyed have income, and 22% are employed either full or part time.

It should be noted that many transitional/treatment programs have restrictions on working, especially in the initial phases, so the larger number of persons reporting no income in these programs is not unusual.

**19) When was the last time you rented a room/apartment?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>1 week ago or less</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>About 1 month ago</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>3-6 months ago</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>21.1</b>
<b>About a year ago</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>17.3</b>
<b>2-4 years ago</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>17.8</b>
<b>5-7 years ago</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>8-10 years ago</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>over 10 years ago</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>Other response</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► For over half (52.6%) of respondents, it had been a year or more since they rented their own place to live.

**20) Where do you get your food when the shelter is not open?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	
<b>Hot meals</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>23.2</b>
<b>Sack lunch</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14.8</b>
<b>Meals in park</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10.6</b>
<b>Food pantry</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>Friends/Family</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Fast food restaurant</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Grocery store</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>no response</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>263</b>	
<b>respondents =</b>	<b>225</b>	

This question was asked only of residents in emergency shelter. Several respondents gave multiple answers. All responses were recorded.

► The most important sources of food when the shelters are closed are the meal programs (top three lines) which provide food for almost one half of those surveyed (48.6%).

“Other” was the third most popular answer. Reviewing the data sheets revealed that food stamps were what the respondents had in mind.

Combining “other” with grocery stores and fast food restaurants, purchased food is the second most utilized food source at 26.6% of responses.

**20) What do you need to make the move to permanent housing possible?**

	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	
<b>Job/Better job</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>25.4</b>
<b>More money</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b>Affordable Rental/Section 8</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>29.6</b>
<b>Repair Credit</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Better health</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Sobriety</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>389</b>	
<b>respondents =</b>	<b>225</b>	

This question was asked only of those in transitional/treatment programs. Many clients gave multiple responses.

► The greatest needs identified were for 1) an affordable place to rent and 2) a job or better job.

**21) Do you have a health problem you are concerned about?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>43.4</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>43.2</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► Respondents were equally divided in whether there was a health issue of concern to them.

**21a) If YES, what?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Arthritis</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Asthma/lungs</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>Back</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Cancer</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Dental</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Seizures</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>High BP</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>Kidney/liver</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>Feet/legs</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>Visions</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>15.4</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>383</b>	

43% of the shelter population on the night of January 29, 2008 reported concerns about health problems. Those concerns are detailed in this chart.

► Of the health issues that respondents were concerned about, dental care was ranked #1. Few resources are available to address this concern.

**22) Do you have a Physical Disability?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>62.9</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

**22) Do you have a mental disability?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>20.8</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>60.3</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>13.8</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

**22) Do you have an alcohol or drug problem?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Other</b>				
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

**23) Have you ever been in outpatient treatment?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>34.3</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>58.7</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

**23a/24) Have you ever been in residential treatment?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>38.5</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>58.2</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

**24/25) Have you ever been a victim of physical violence?**

	<b>Emergency # of responses</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment # of responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>42.7</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>54.5</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

Living on the streets leaves people vulnerable in many ways.

► Nearly 43% of the combined survey populations had been victims of physical violence.

**25/26) Have you ever been a victim of sexual abuse?**

	<b>Emergency # of responses</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment # of responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>22.3</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>72.8</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Other</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► 22% had been victims of sexual abuse.

**26/27) Have you been in a hospital in the last 12 months?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>32.2</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>		

► About 1/3 of the population had been hospitalized within the year.

**26a/27a) If YES, where?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Ventura County Medical Center</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>42.8</b>
<b>St. John's Hospital</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17.9</b>
<b>Simi Valley Hospital</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Los Robles Regional Medical Center</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Community Memorial Hospital</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22.8</b>
	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>145</b>	

► Ventura County Medical Center was the most utilized.

**27/28) Have you ever used the services of a free clinic or the Health Care for the Homeless Clinic?**

	<b>Emergency # of responses</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment # of responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>48.8</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>No Response</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

► Nearly half had utilized a free clinic.

**27a/28a) If YES, where?**

	<b>Emergency # of responses</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment # of responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Project Understanding</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>27.8</b>
<b>In Oxnard on "C" Street</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>45.6</b>
<b>RAIN</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Free Clinic of Simi Valley</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>Conejo Free Clinic</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>No response</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>212</b>	

**28/29) What are your two greatest needs right now?**

	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitional &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b># of responses</b>	<b># of responses</b>		
<b>Affordable housing</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>37.3</b>
<b>Job/better job</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>21.5</b>
<b>More money</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>13.2</b>
<b>Car/transportation</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Counseling/rehab</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Health care</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Food/clothing</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Education/training</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>n=</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>734</b>	
<b># of respondents</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>426</b>	

Many clients answered with more than two needs. All the responses were recorded.

► The need for affordable housing mirrors responses in # 20, where 29.6% of clients indicated affordable rent or Section 8 voucher as their greatest need to achieve permanent housing.