

**Santa Clara County Homeless Point-in-Time 2015 Census and Survey  
Summary of Noteworthy Statistics\***

- 276 homeless persons in Mountain View
  - 29 percent sheltered
    - 12 percent in emergency shelters
    - 17 percent in transitional housing
    - No permanent supportive housing currently available
  - 71 percent unsheltered
    - 30 percent on the street
    - 23 percent cars/vans/RVs
    - 14 percent encampment areas
    - 4 percent abandoned buildings
- Over 87 percent of the homeless were over 25 years of age
- Approximately 63 percent were male
- About 16 percent were or are in the foster care system
- Duration of homelessness
  - 33 percent were homeless for the first time
  - 63 percent of those surveyed had been homeless for more than a year
- Race/Ethnicity
  - 38 percent Hispanic/Latino
  - 42 percent White
  - 30 percent Multiethnic
  - 18 percent Black
- Causes
  - 31 percent job loss
  - 20 percent alcohol/drug use
  - 15 percent divorce/separation/breakup
  - 13 percent argument/family or friend asked you to leave
  - 12 percent incarceration
  - 7 percent reported domestic violence
  - 7 percent reported mental health condition
  - 7 percent reported physical health or medical condition

**Obstacles to obtaining permanent housing:** The barriers listed are not mutually exclusive. Many of the homeless persons surveyed encountered more than one barrier:

- Couldn't afford rent – 68 percent
- No job or income – 57 percent
- No housing available – 38 percent
- No money for moving costs – 37 percent

### **Employment**

- 52 percent are unemployed but looking for work.
- 28 percent are unemployed and are unable to work.
- 19 percent are employed. Nearly half of employed homeless individuals earn an average monthly income between \$1,100 and \$3,000.

\*Source:

[https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oah/coc/census/Documents/SantaClaraCounty\\_HomelessReport\\_2015\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oah/coc/census/Documents/SantaClaraCounty_HomelessReport_2015_FINAL.pdf)