City Council Study Session - May 22, 2019

Homelessness in Corona

Update, Discuss, Provide Direction to Staff

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

- Overview and update on Homelessness
- Key Findings
- Police Chief George Johnstone
- Brad Fieldhouse, President/Executive Director, City Net – overview and update
- Q & A
- Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff

What is Homelessness?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a person who is homeless as:

a) living in a place not designed or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for humans (i.e., abandoned buildings, cars, parks, under bridges, bus stops, etc.); and

b) living in emergency shelters and transitional housing projects.

Why Does HUD Matter?

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (AHAR). The Point-in Time (PIT) offers a snapshot of homelessness on as single night — both sheltered & unsheltered.
- Counties & Cities that receive federal funds are required to participate in the PIT Count to continue receiving federal funding for homeless assistance programs.
- In 2018, Riverside County Continuum of Care received **$10.1M** from HUD and **$11M** from the State for Homeless Programs & Services.

HOMELESSNESS ACTIVITIES – COMMITTEE AND/OR STAFF

- Contracted with City Net in December 2018
- Jan. 16th - Mayor formed the 2019 Homelessness Committee
- Jan. 23 - Homelessness in Corona Study Session
- Jan. 24th - Chamber of Commerce Presentation/meeting
- Jan. 26th - Sierra del Oro Presentation/meeting
- Jan. 29th - PIT Count - City Net and many Corona volunteers were part of the PIT Count
- Jan. 30th - Youth PIT Count
- Feb. 20th - 1st Homeless Committee meeting
- March 5th - City Net speaks at Cops and Clergy Meeting
- March 8th – Corona PD Special, Mounted Enforcement at City Park
- March 11th - SWOT Analysis with community

HOMELESSNESS ACTIVITIES – CONTINUED

- March 14th - City Park Special Cleanup
- March 20th – 2nd Homeless Committee Meeting
- March 27th - Homelessness Presentation at morning Corona Rotary meeting
- April 3rd - City Park Special Cleanup
- April 9th - Tour of Tustin's new Temporary Shelter
- April 11th - Homelessness Presentation at TIGAR Meeting
- April 17th – 3rd Homeless Committee Meeting - Review SWAT data & Discuss Shelter Crisis
- April 25th - City Park Special Cleanup
- April 30th - Tour of Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
- May 2nd - City Park Special Cleanup
- May 15th – 4th Homeless Committee Meeting
- May 21st - Homeless Funding Resources Meeting for Riverside County
- **May 22nd – 2nd Study Session and Comprehensive Update to Council**

ONGOING HOMELESSNESS ACTIVITIES

- City Net - report to City Council at the 2nd City Council meeting of each month
- City Net in Corona Monday/Wednesday/Friday doing street outreach, assessment and case management; attending CoC meetings in Banning (not part of our contract)
- City Staff attending Continuum of Care (CoC) meetings, CoC Planning Meetings and CoC Board of Governance meetings in Banning; obtained voting rights
- City staff are working with the County to develop a County-wide Protocol for Emergency Response Incidents and Homelessness as well as a County-wide Encampment Cleanup Protocol
- Corona PD - additional patrols at City Park and making arrests related to illegal activity
- HOPE Team is actively engaging the homeless population
- City staff developed a resource webpage and print materials
- A Vet-Connect location has been opened at Corona Public Library to serve as another place to provide resources and assistance to the homeless Vets in the community.
- IT built a Reporting Dash Board

SWOT ANALYSIS SHARED OUTCOMES

City of Corona
HOMELESS INFORMATION CARD

Are you homeless?
There are resources that can help!

City Net
(951) 390-3567 www.citynet.org/corona
City Net is a team of nonprofit professionals who wo
homelessness in a city or region through the coord
efforts and activities. City Net also deploys st
provision through street outreach and case ma
Street outreach seeks to connect unsheltered hom
emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, a
non-facility-based care.

Corona Community Health Center
2813 S. Main St. Corona, CA (951) 272-5445
www.rivco-familycarecenters.org
The health center offers a variety of services
examinations, preventative care, chronic diseas
more. You may qualify for low-cost or no-cost ser

Corona-Norco Settlement House
507 S. Vicentia Ave. Corona, CA
(951) 737-3504 www.settlementhouse.net
The Corona-Norco Settlement house provides
vouchers, and rent assistance. The Food Pant
through Friday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Corona Norco Rescue Mission
420 Harrison St. Corona, CA (951) 493-2091
www.rescuemission.org
The Corona Norco Rescue Mission provides
qualified applicants, and programs to get you ba
shelter provides support including healthcare, fo
housing, and other services. The shelter is for s
parents, and married couples with children. Pho
adults. Stay up to 24 months. Must be interviewe

Corona Police Department
730 Public Safety Way, Corona, CA
Dispatch: (951) 736-2330, Option 3 • H.O.P.E. Te
www.CoronaCA.gov/Police

CONTACT CITY NET AT (951)

This information is provided by the City of
400 South Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA 92882 •

Corona-Norco United Way
815 W. Sixth St. Suite 200, Corona, CA
(951) 736-0620 www.cnunitedway.org
Corona-Norco and Eastvale United Way provides domestic violence assistance, financial independence training, and programs for adults who would like to attain their General Education Diploma (GED).

Inspire Life Skills
815 W. Sixth St. Suite 160, Corona, CA
(951) 316-0011 www.inspirelifeskills.org
Inspire Life Skills provides a safety net for emancipated foster youth while they transition into young adults. Inspire Life Skills helps break the cycle of abuse and poverty of their past while helping students earn a vocational certificate or degree.

Starting Over, Inc.
1390 W. Sixth St. Suite 100, Corona, CA
(877) 421-0659 www.startingoverinc.net
Starting Over Inc. specializes in transitional housing, community services, community health services, post-conviction relief, community living services, and more.

YMCA
1331 River Rd. Corona, CA
(951) 736-9622 www.ymcacornor.org
The Corona Norco Family YMCA strives to meet the needs of members by offering a variety of programs to accommodate families, adults, youth, and seniors. Free childcare and youth transportation available based upon age and need.

211 Riverside County
2060 University Ave. Suite 212, Riverside, CA
2-1-1 or (951) 686-4402 www.connectriverside.org
2-1-1 is a toll-free, confidential service providing Riverside County residents access and referrals to community and health information 24 hours a day, 7-days a week.

Path of Life – Community Shelter Program
2840 Hulen Place, Riverside, CA
(951) 462-9822 www.thepathoflife.com
This program provides beds to qualified single men and women with separate dormitories for each gender. Resources include assistance in obtaining important documents, job readiness, computer workshops, counseling, meals, and hygiene supplies. Intake and screenings are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1 p.m.

Path of Life – Family Shelter
2530 Third St. Riverside, CA
(951) 275-8755 www.thepathoflife.com
This shelter is for single parents with children, couples with children, and single women. The shelter has 50 beds. A shelter stay is between 30 - 60 days. Proof of custody, social security numbers for all members, and an identification for adults is required for entry. Daily intake is held at 4 p.m.

Additional Helpful Resources

Alternative to Domestic Abuse	(951) 683-0829
Corona Regional Medical Center	(951) 737-4343
County of Riverside Housing Authority	(951) 351-0700
Department of Public Social Services	(951) 358-3000
Homeless Veterans	(877) 424-3838
National Domestic Violence Hotline	(800) 799-7233
Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center	(951) 686-7273
Riverside County Substance Abuse	(951) 737-2962
Suicide Prevention HELP Line	(951) 686-HELP (4357)
U.S. VETS	(951) 656-6893

- Determine the scope of the challenge, recognizing that we are at a crisis point
- Look for and develop solutions and resources around housing, education, services, and prevention
- Look for ways to impact/change policies to better address the challenge of homelessness in Corona
- Seek to solve problems locally when possible, recognizing that good work is already underway and that we can align, coordinate and leverage current work
- We are better together than we are in individual "siloed" efforts
- We need to recognize and build on strengths that exist
- Leave individual agendas at the front door
- Cooperation, not competition, is essential in creating solutions
- Asset Mapping – continue to build out and bring in resource partners

PARTNERSHIPS

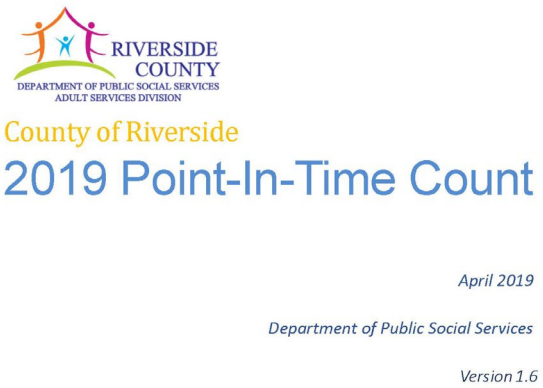
- City Net
- Corona Norco Settlement House
- Path of Life Ministries
- Corona Norco Rescue Mission
- Corona Norco United Way
- Starting Over, Inc.
- Inspire Life Skills
- YMCA
- LightHouse Social Service Centers
- US Vets
- Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
- Riverside University Health System
- City of Riverside
- City of Tustin
- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
- Riverside County CoC
- Riverside County DPSS
- Faith Based
- Local Non-profits
- Other Cities
- *More partners being developed every week*

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PIT COUNT DATA

RIVERSIDE COUNTY 2019 PIT COUNT QUICK FACTS:

- 766 Sheltered Homeless
- 2,045 Unsheltered Homeless
- **2,811 Total Homeless** in Riverside County
- **21 % Increase from 2018**

PIT Count Data uses HUD definitions of sheltered and unsheltered.
PIT Count Data does not include McKinney-Vento definition of homeless children and youth.
Source: Riverside County PIT County Report April 2019



OTHER COUNTIES

- 6,860 Total Homeless in Orange County (43% increase)
- 2,604 Total Homeless in San Bernardino County (23% increase)
- 8,102 Total Homeless in San Diego County (5.527% decrease)
- 1,669 Total Homeless in Ventura County (28% increase)
- 1,330 Total Homeless in Kern County (50% increase)

2019 Riverside County Point-In-Time Homeless Count

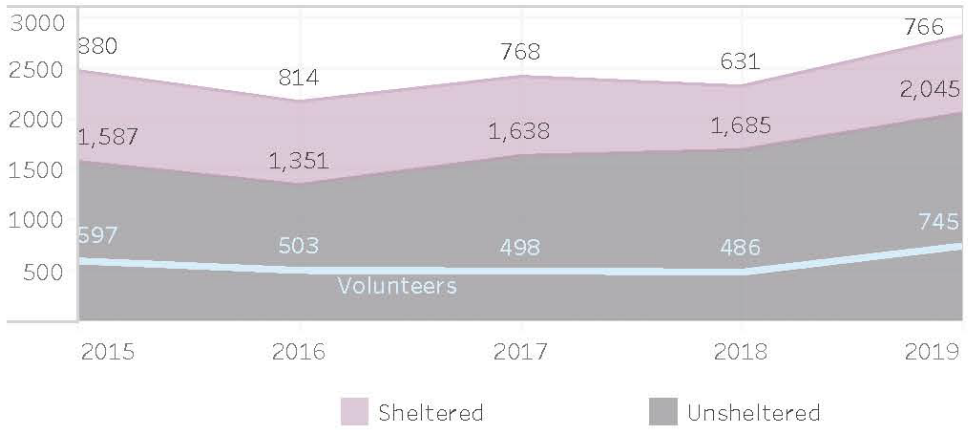
General Sheltered & Unsheltered Information

version 7.2

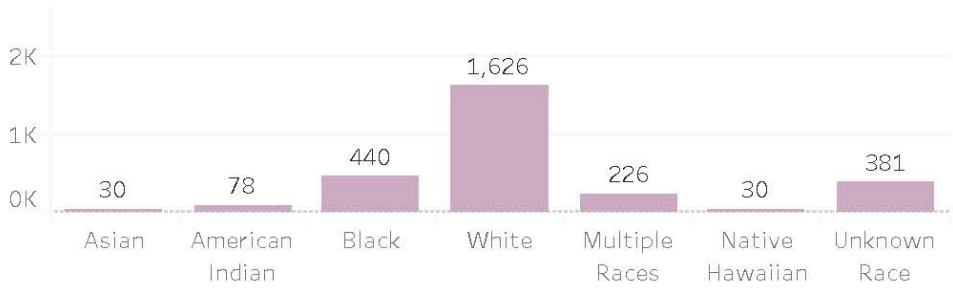
Overall, 21% increase in homeless count from 2018.

	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total Count
Individuals	2,045	766	2,811
Adults (≥25)	1,718	484	2,202
Youth (18-24)	181	83	264
Children (≤17)	15	199	214
Unknown Ages	131	0	131
Households	1,843	558	2,401
Chronically Homeless	727	77	804
Families with Children	5	77	82
Substance Abuse (Drug or Alcohol)	498	59	557
Mental Health Conditions	367	148	515
Veterans	107	56	163

Homeless Population Trend



Race & Ethnicity



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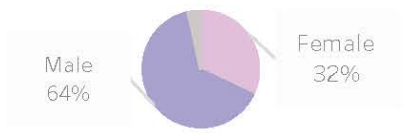
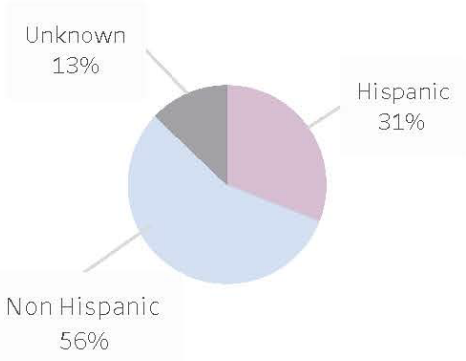


Male	1,802
Female	892
Transgender	13
Gender Non Conforming	9
Unknown	95



Unsheltered Only Demographic

18% mental health issues

24% have substance abuse

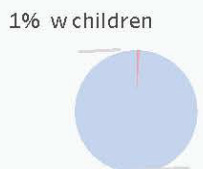
18% have physical disability

18% experience PTSD

2,045
Total **Unsheltered** Count

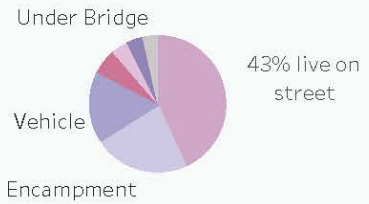
Interview	1,347
Observational	698

Household Type



Living Situations

Interview Only



	Count	Percent
Street	582	43%
Encampment	308	23%
Vehicle	224	17%
Other	80	6%
Park	54	4%
Abdn Bldg	52	4%
Under Bridge	42	3%
Bus	5	0%

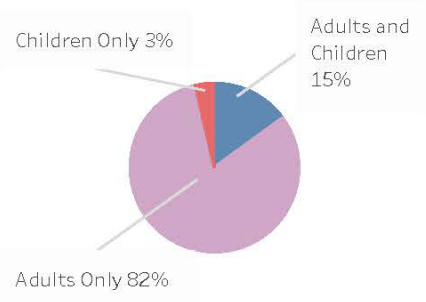
Sheltered vs Unsheltered

2019 Riverside County PIT Count

Sheltered Statistics

	2018	2019
Individuals	631	766
Adults (≥25)	415	484
Youth (18-24)	69	83
Children (≤17)	147	199
Unknown Age	0	0
Male	354	418
Female	272	344
Transgender	4	2
Gender Non-Con	1	2
Unknown Gender	0	0
Hispanic	253	321
Non-Hispanic	378	445
Unknown Hispanic	0	0
White	432	515
Native Hawaiian	10	9
Black	133	199
Asian	10	4
American Indian	22	12
Multiple Races	24	27
Unknown Race	0	0
Households	471	558
Chronically Homeless	87	77

Sheltered Household Composition



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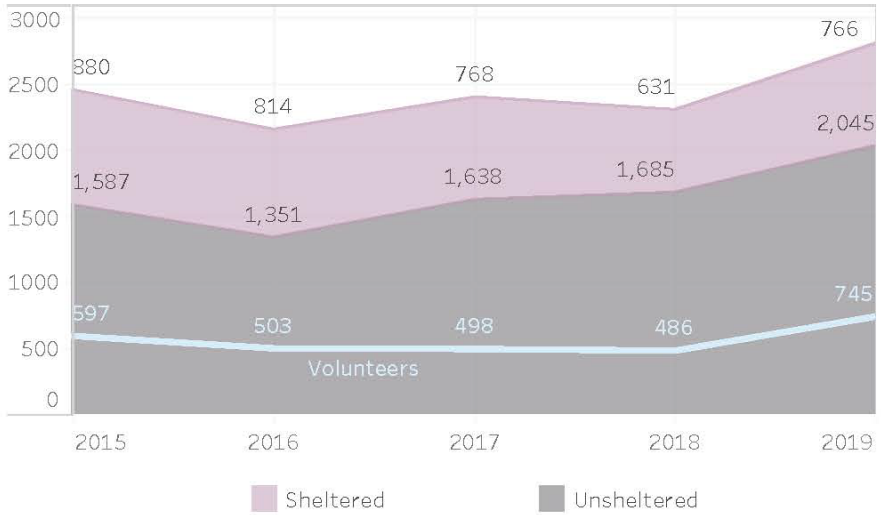
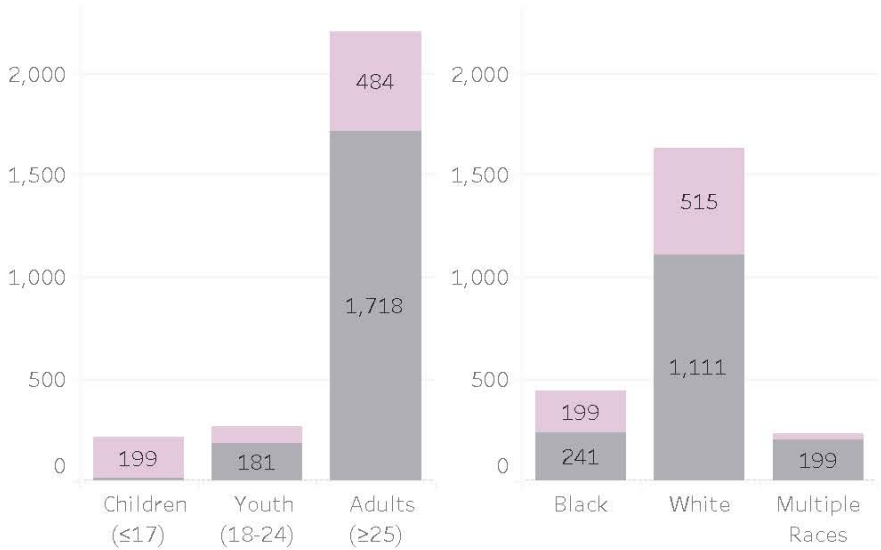




Unsheltered Statistics

	2018	2019
Individuals	1,685	2,045
Adults (≥25)	1,350	1,718
Youth (18-24)	177	181
Children (≤17)	4	15
Unknown Age	154	131
Male	1,131	1,384
Female	488	548
Transgender	6	11
Gender Non-Con	8	7
Unknown Gender	52	95
Hispanic	492	551
Non-Hispanic	1,009	1,133
Unknown Hispanic	184	361
White	934	1,111
Native Hawaiian	26	21
Black	216	241
Asian	19	26
American Indian	103	66
Multiple Races	52	199
Unknown Race	335	381
Households	1,335	1,843
Chronically Homeless	387	727

Unsheltered Household Composition

Interview Only

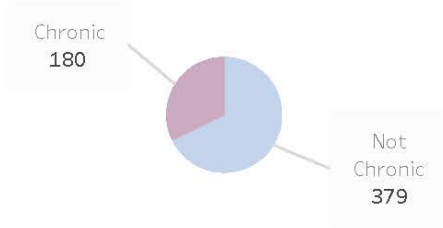
Total Households Interviewed	1,267
Adults Only	1,263
Adults and Children	2
Children Only	2

Unsheltered - Supervisory District 2

2019 Riverside County PIT Count

PIT Count Trend

Chronically Homeless



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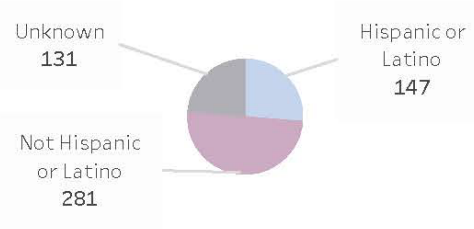


Subpopulation Statistics

	2018	2019
Total Count	410	559
Interviewed	276	340
Observed	134	219
Adults (≥25)	315	445
Youth (18-24)	61	49
Children (≤17)	1	8
Unknown Age	31	57
Male	252	360
Female	131	155
Transgender	2	1
Gender Non Conforming	0	3
DoesntKnow/NotSure	23	40
Veterans	21	21

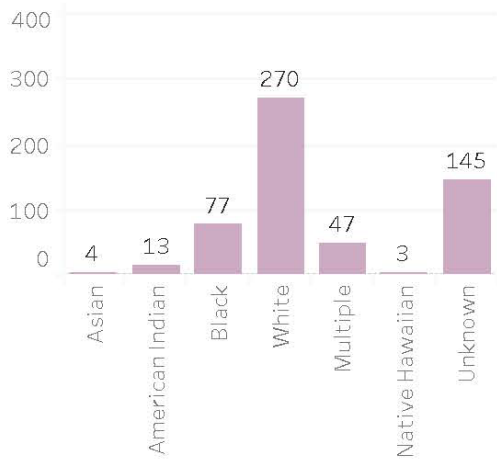
PIT Count By City

City	2018	2019
Corona	72	164
Eastvale	0	0
Jurupa Valley	148	139
Norco	4	11
Riverside*	182	201
Unincorporated	4	44

Volunteers By Deployment Site

Corona City Hall	31
Corona Historic Civic Center	14
Eastvale City Hall –Chambers	15
Norco City Hall	21
RSO Jurupa Valley Station	59

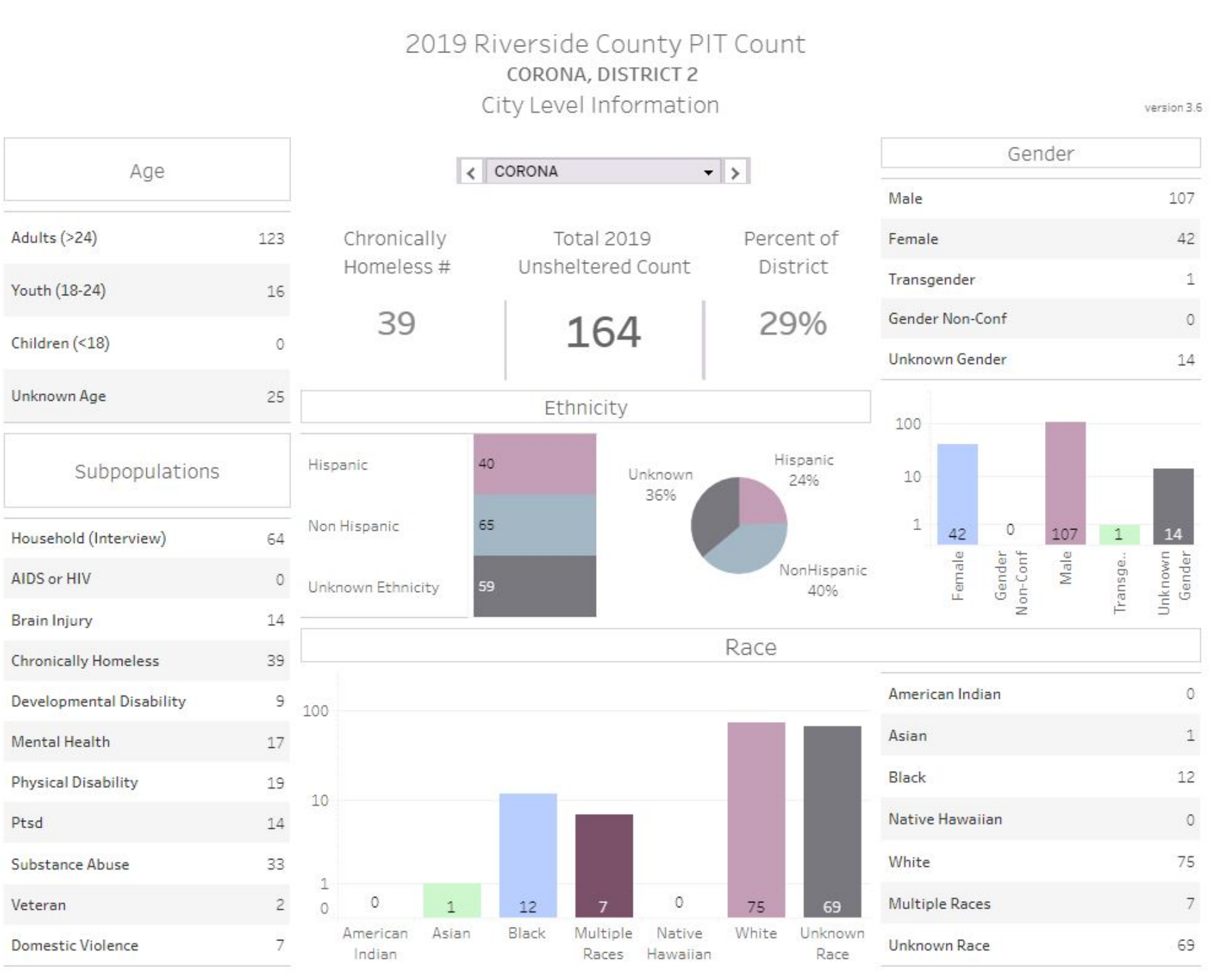
Race



Household Composition

Interview Only

Total Households Interviewed	326
Adults Only	325
Adults and Children	1
Children Only	0



CORONA 2019 PIT COUNT QUICK FACTS:

- 39 Chronically Homeless
- 164 Unsheltered Homeless
- **127.77 % Increase** from 2018
- 29% of Riverside County Supervisorial District 2 Totals

Source: Riverside County PIT County Report April 2019

COUNTY-WIDE INCREASES IN 2019 PIT COUNT

COUNTY-WIDE INCREASES ATTRIBUTED TO:

- Enhanced count methodology which covered a wider area
- Increased efficiency – Mobile App Survey 123
- Revised survey questions to follow HUD guidelines (i.e. chronic homeless, domestic violence, etc.)
- Planned targeting of encampments
- Increased number of volunteers (more than 700 County-wide, 45 in Corona)
- Increased participation from City leadership
- Alcoa Dike Project – displaced homeless residents (Corona specific)

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO CORONA

- Emergency shelters are allowed "by right" in the M-1 zone.

17.44.130 Standards for emergency shelters in the M-1 zone.

The Community Development Director shall have the authority to review and approve emergency shelters to be located in the M-l Zone. The review shall be ministerial. To be approved, the proposed emergency shelter must be demonstrated to meet the following standards, as permitted by Cal. Gov't Code § 65583(a)(4):

(A) The proposed shelter is in conformance with the applicable Building and Fire Codes:

(B) The proposed shelter use is consistent with the General Plan and zoning of the proposed site;

(C) The maximum number of beds or persons permitted to be served nightly by the facility shall be based upon California Building Code Occupancy limits for the building in which the shelter is to be housed or developed;

(D) Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with § 17.76.030(A)(2) of this code (one space per staff member of largest shift, plus one space per 12 beds, plus two guest spaces);

(E) On-site management shall be provided on a 24 hour basis;

(F) The shelter shall be located no less than 300 feet from any other shelter facility, as permitted by Cal. Gov't Code § 65583(a)(4);

(G) The length of stay for any client shall be a maximum of 180 nights in any one year period;

(H) Adequate exterior lighting must be provided and maintained for security purposes.

(Ord. 3139 § 7 (part), 2013.)

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO CORONA - Continued

RCTC RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR OFFER ON REAL PROPERTY
OWNED BY RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STATE ROUTE 91/ 1195 POMONA ROAD, CORONA, CA.
EXCESS LAND SALE

INTRODUCTION

Under California Government Code Section 54220-54232, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) can offer properties for sale to private individuals and companies when certain conditions are met. Prior to the disposition of property, RCTC must determine whether the property is needed for any future use and declare the property surplus. A 60-day public agency notification period is initiated for City and County agencies within the jurisdiction of the parcels. If no interest is expressed, RCTC may offer the surplus property to the open market. These conditions were met and RCTC hereby solicits requests for offers on real property located at 1195 Pomona Road, Corona, CA.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The Property is located at 1195 Pomona Road in the city of Corona and consists of approximately 20,111 ± square feet/0.46 acres. The Assessor Parcel Number related to the sale is: 118-160-021. The Property is more particularly described in Attachment "A" - Property Summary.

- Identify City-owned and other-agency owned vacant parcels
  - RCTC
  - Armory
  - CNUSD
  - SCE
- Look at industrial buildings in the area for lease
  - CoStar Report
- Corona Norco Rescue Mission
- Contract for dedicated bed space at Path of Life – this is a band aide, not a long-term solution
- Continue Contract with City Net

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO CORONA - Continued

- **ARMORY:**
  - Based on our historic zoning maps going back to 1972, the city park property was previously zoned R-3 (high density residential).
  - The Downtown Specific Plan was created in 1998; the city changed the land use to City Park to be consistent with the actual use of the property. The armory was a pre-existing use at that time so it just became a non-conforming use on the property when the zone was changed.
  - For the armory to become an emergency shelter, the city would need to:
    1. Amend the General Plan to General Industrial
    2. Amend the specific plan to a land use suitable for a shelter. The specific plan does not have a M-1 zone, but has a Business Park zone.
    3. City Park is on one parcel.
       - The city would need to create a separate parcel for the armory separate from the park in order to establish a different zoning on the armory parcel.
  - The council would need to decide if they are receptive to amending the plan to change this portion to Business Park and allow a shelter by right.

ARMORY

- Armory was built in the 1940s and has various challenges:
  - Asbestos
  - Lead based paint
  - Storage of military munitions/equipment – soil testing required and potential mitigation
  - No running water
  - Seismic retrofit
  - ADA compliance

ARMORY - DEMOLITION

Estimate to tear down the structure(s):

Building #1 (Main Bldg)	Building #2	Building #3	Shed	Shed
Steel Frame w/integral	Steel frame;	Steel frame;	Wood structure:	Metal;
concrete tilt-up wall panels;	metal siding;	metal siding;	concrete footings;	self-contained
built-up roofing	built-up roofing	built-up roofing	metal roofing	
$726,556	$96,486	$80,753	$10,400	$2,530
			TOTAL	$916,725

QUESTIONS?

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