

COUNTY OF VENTURA 2010 HOMELESS COUNT

There are 1,815 adults and children who are homeless on a given day in Ventura County

There are 117 families who are homeless on a given day in Ventura County and nearly three-fourths (74%) of them are single-parent families

There are more than 200 children who are homeless on a given day in Ventura County

Coalition puts muscle behind secures funds

By Susan England

The Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition was founded in 1983 as a collaborative for housing advocates, service providers and local government representatives interested in the issues of homelessness and low-income housing in Ventura County. The coalition incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1993. Its mission is to develop and maintain a countywide cooperative effort to address the needs of homeless individuals, those at risk of becoming homeless and those in need of low-income housing. VCHHC has functioned as the lead planning entity for homeless assistance in the county of Ventura since 1991.

1995 has coordinated the county's care system for homeless people. Coordination has focused on applying funding each year to Housing and Development for "continuum of care" housing. Over the past 11 years, the VCHHC has been successful in bringing in more than \$10 million in direct HUD funding for a variety of projects throughout the county to address the needs of the homeless population, including permanent supportive housing, housing and street outreach. It leverages millions of dollars in other funding and the information in other HUD and state programs to secure additional funding for HUD and state programs.

Coordination has also focused on the annual goals and objectives requires in order to be competitive for HUD funding. HUD required goals and objectives included implementing homeless and low-income housing information a homeless management of directors (MHD) board of directors and a broad cross-section of homeless service providers, government staff and concerned citizens.

It could go back in time, the decision to open the doors of the Santa Clara Street house is open that I would take back. That decision — to have an overnight shelter and to limit the duration to only the winter months — was and is a mistake. It allows us, as a community, to put Band-Aid on a gaping wound and call it "aid." Band-Aid on a gaping wound and call it "aid." It creates the impression that we have "shelters,"

and providing services to the all-volunteer group realized requirements of the development plan to end homelessness: plan of homeless person and technical capacity. Annually, the coalition prepare the Continuum of Care (CoC) plan, which is the "request for proposals" for projects. At the next element coalition would face a consultant costs.

In order to strengthen the Continuum of Care

Faces of the homeless

Advocates meet to discuss 10-year plan

On any given day about 1,800 people in Ventura County are homeless. About 6,000 people in the county experience homelessness each year. For nearly a year advocates for the homeless have worked on a proposal that would end homelessness in the county in 10 years. On Thursday, they continued to revise and refine the plan with the goal of having it completed by May or June.

The first 10-year strategy to end homelessness was first unveiled at a community meeting in December, taking social services directly to the homeless shelter and creating affordable housing and other services. More than 150 people attended the December meeting and gave suggestions on how to improve the strong service providers, the need for dedicated funding, easier access to services and more prevention programs.

On Thursday, about 45 people gathered in the County Board of Supervisors' meeting room. The meeting was held to discuss the 10-year plan to end homelessness. The meeting was held to discuss the 10-year plan to end homelessness. The meeting was held to discuss the 10-year plan to end homelessness.

is being revised has successfully in a number of "win-win" situations. "It's slow or it seems slow, but effective if someone changes the only," Keller said. "It has to be a win-win situation."

tion clients, who share an average of 100 hours per week, says that he has seen the need to bring in more services to meet the needs of the homeless population.

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Homeless tally helps secure federal funding

By Teresa Rochester, Kathleen Wilson

Volunteers fanned out across Ventura County Tuesday to count the number of homeless people in a year when many would consider the start of the winter season. The results of the survey, which was conducted by the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition, are expected to be available in the next few weeks.

Results will not be available until the end of the month, but reports on whether the number on the streets looked to be up or down Tuesday. Estimates showed it down by half in Santa Clara and Thousand Oaks by late afternoon, but about the same as last year in Oxnard. Ventura's results were unknown.

Sponsored by the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition, the tally is a key component of the county's annual budget request to the federal government. The results will be used to determine the amount of federal funding the county can receive for homeless services.

last year, up nearly 12 percent from the 1,961 counted in 2007. Tuesday's count also marked the start of an effort to tally the number of homeless residents every year instead of every two years.

The more frequent tallies should yield better data and help keep volunteers coming back to conduct the survey, said Cathy Brodzicki, the coalition's executive director.

Volunteers started as early as before dawn, reaching every city in the county. At 6:45 a.m. at the Samaritan Center in Santa Clara, Executive Director



Come together to end homeless crisis in V.C.

By Cathy Brodzicki

In the 1980s, I was working for a retail store and was also board chairwoman of the local American Red Cross chapter. For our local American Red Cross chapter, the Red Cross opened an old Victorian home on Santa Clara Street in Ventura that was used for meetings and storage space. The Red Cross office was in an office building next door.

One cold and rainy night, a homeless man was found huddled in a doorway in downtown Ventura. He had died from exposure. Irv Anderson, who was executive director of the Ventura Chapter of the Red Cross, called me with the idea that the Red Cross could open up the house to Santa Clara Street and let homeless folks sleep indoors, so that no one else would die on the streets.

When that first overnight shelter opened its doors, the majority of the homeless we were working with in the shelter programs are families and women. As a community, we are at a crucial point in deciding how and where we will deliver service to homeless families and individuals. For the last several months, dozens of knowledgeable folks have crafted a strategy to end homelessness that will mean moving half of our homeless population into housing in the next five years and ending the crisis on our streets within 10 years.

We want you now to take a look at the draft plan on how to do that, and give us your input. There will be a community forum on Monday, Dec. 11, from 8 a.m. until noon at the County Conference Center in Camarillo. Register online at <http://www.vchhc.org/reg>. There's no charge to attend the forum. Copies of the draft plan are also available on the Web at <http://www.vchhc.org>. We hope to see you Dec. 11.

—Cathy Brodzicki is executive director of the Ventura County Homeless & Housing Coalition.

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Urban Initiatives consists of several community-based and faith-based institutes that respond to the economic, housing, and social needs of neighborhoods, cities, and counties from local community, regional, national, international, and faith-based perspectives and has completed over 40 assessments for local government and private organizations throughout Southern California that have focused on affordable housing, business development and education for micro-businesses, fair housing, homelessness, migrant farming, and street vending.

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Local Facts About Homelessness in Ventura County

1. There are 1,815 homeless¹ adults and children on a given day;
2. There were 1,604 (88%) adults and 211 (12%) children;
3. 1,477 (81%) of adults and children were counted on the streets and 338 (19%) were counted in facilities for a total of 1,815 persons;
4. Of the 1,604 adults counted, 80 (5%) were seniors age 62 or older; 35 (2%) were seniors age 65 or older; and 9 (1%) were seniors age 75 or older;*
5. Of the 1,604 adults counted, 78 (5%) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;
6. Of the 1,604 adults counted, 1,078 (67%) or approximately two-thirds were men and 526 (33%) or approximately one-third were women;
7. Of the 1,604 adults counted, 831 (52%) were White; 583 (36%) were Hispanic or Latino; 97 (6%) were African American or Black; 48 (3%) stated other; 28 (2%) stated American Indian or Alaskan Native; and 10 (1%) stated Asian or Pacific Islander;
8. There were 117 families consisting of 30 (26%) two-parent and 87 (74%) single-parent families.

*Year born was not recorded for 50 persons.

The local facts above do not include persons who are at risk of becoming homeless. As noted in footnote 1, persons at risk of becoming homeless were not included in the count. It is important to note that according to the U. S. Census Bureau, in 2000, there were approximately 42,000 households consisting of about 130,000 persons (nearly one of every five residents) in Ventura County who were members of a household whose annual income was less than \$25,000. Also, the Census Bureau noted that 8 percent or nearly 64,000 residents of the County were living below poverty level as reported in the 2008 American Community Survey. The Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition considers these persons at risk of becoming homeless.

¹A person was considered homeless, and thus counted, only when he/she fell within the following HUD-based definition by residing in one of the following places: a) in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings; b) in an emergency shelter; and c) in transitional housing for homeless persons.

I. Executive Summary

This report is meant to answer the primary question “**How Many Homeless People¹ Are There In The County of Ventura On A Given Day.**” The answer is 1,815 adults and children on a given day.² This represents a 17% decrease when compared to last year’s homeless count of 2,193. Please note that the number of persons who are homeless over the course of a year is higher. Local, regional, and national data suggests that it is three to four times higher than the number of persons homeless on a given day.³

While the primary purpose of the count was to find out how many people were homeless on a given day, some demographic questions can be answered as well. The homeless count gathered limited information about adults only (see Appendix A

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Count Instrument). Such information included location (whether a person was counted on the streets or in a residential facility that serves homeless persons), age, gender, ethnicity, and state born. Adults were also asked if their “spouse or partner were homeless and living with them” and “how many of their children under 18 years of age were homeless and living with them.” Two other questions were also asked—“In what city did you sleep last night?” and “What city do you consider your home?”

A homeless survey was completed during February which will provide a wide range of information from approximately 20% of the number of homeless adults who were counted in January. Such information will include responses to questions concerning domestic violence, education, foster care, health care, income, mental health care, residency, substance abuse, and veteran status. The survey will be published by June and available on www.vchhc.org and www.urban-initiatives.org.

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²This report recognizes that there was an undercount of homeless persons. There were a few reports by counters who stated that some homeless people did not want to be counted. There were also a few reports by homeless service providers who felt that they may have missed some people who came for services.

³Estimating the number of persons who become homeless annually within the county was derived by examining and comparing local, regional, and national data. National research, according to the Urban Institute, has shown that approximately .75% to 1% of a jurisdiction’s general population experiences homelessness during the course of a year (see “How Many Homeless People Are There?” in *Helping America’s Homeless*). According to the California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, there were approximately 800,000 residents in Ventura County in January of 2009. Three fourths of one percent (.75%) equals 6,000 residents and one percent (1%) equals 8,000 residents.

A. LOCATION (STREETS OR FACILITIES)

- 1,477 (81%) of adults and children were counted on the streets and 338 (19%) were counted in facilities for a total of 1,815 persons.

Counters recorded the actual location where a HUD-defined homeless person was counted. If the person (including any children) was counted on the streets—in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings—the person was included in the street category. If a person was counted in a shelter (including domestic violence shelters), the person was included in the facility category. A shelter was defined as an overnight facility that allows residents to stay up to 90 days. Persons counted in winter shelters were included in the street category. A winter shelter is a seasonal residential program in which persons stay on a night-by-night basis. Also, persons who received hotel/motel vouchers for five (5) days or less were also included in the street category.

If a person was counted in a transitional housing program, the person was included in the facility category. A transitional housing program was defined as an overnight facility that allows residents to stay up to two (2) years. This definition is consistent with the HUD definition for transitional housing.

As noted in the methodology section (Section III), an identifier was created for each homeless adult. Counters recorded the initials, gender, ethnicity, year of birth, and state born of each individual homeless person. An example of an identifier is WTMW1957CA. If the same person was encountered again counters would establish the same code. However, this person (and their children) was only counted once in the final tally. If a person was counted twice—once in a facility and once on the streets—the person was counted once and included in the facility category. If a person was counted more than twice but at least one of those times in a facility, the person was included in the facility category.

B. AGE

Seniors (Age 62 or Older)

- 69 (4%) of the 1,604 adults counted were seniors age 62 or older;
- 35 (2%) of the 1,604 adults counted were seniors age 65 or older;
- 9 (1%) of the 1,604 adults counted were seniors age 75 or older.

Of the 1,604 adults counted, 4% were seniors age 62 or older, 2% were age 65 or older, and 1% were age 75 or older.

Youth (Ages 18 – 24)

- 120 (7%) of the 1,604 adults counted were youth between the ages of 18 – 24.

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Unaccompanied Children (Ages 13 – 17)

- 11 (1%) of the 1,604 adults counted were actually unaccompanied children (without parents) between the ages of 13 – 17.

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Other Adults (ages 25 - 61)

- Of the 1,604 adults counted, 1,404 (87%) were between the ages of 25 - 61.

Of the 1,604 adults counted, 763 (47%) adults were “baby-boomers”—those persons born between the years 1946 and 1964.

C. GENDER

- Of the 1,604 adults counted, 1,078 (67%) were men and 526 (33%) were women.

Gender and other identifier information were only collected for adults. This information revealed that approximately two-thirds (67%) of homeless adults were men and about one-third (33%) were women.

D. ETHNICITY⁴

- Of the 1,604 adults counted, 831 (52%) were White; 583 (36%) were Hispanic or Latino; 97 (6%) were African American or Black; 48 (3%) stated Other; 28 (2%) stated American Indian or Alaskan Native; and 10 (1%) stated Asian or Pacific Islander.

⁴Ethnic categories consistent with 2000 U. S. Census data were used.

Whites made up the majority (52%) which is more than half of all homeless adults. Hispanics or Latinos made up more than one-third (36%) and all other ethnic groups (including those who stated Other) (12%).

E. STATE BORN

- Of the 1,604 adults counted, 751 (47%) were born in California.

Nearly half (47%) of the 1,604 adults were born in California. There were 26 (2%) adults who were born in Texas. All other states had a percentage of 1% or less.

Other persons counted were foreign-born. Approximately 13% or 219 persons were born in Mexico and 25 persons (2%) were born in countries other than the United States and Mexico.

F. CHILDREN

- Of the 1,815 persons who were counted, 211 (12%) were children under the age of 18 living with a homeless parent(s) who was included in the count.

There were 211 children under the age of 18 representing 12% of the 1,815 persons who were counted.

G. FAMILY COMPOSITION

There were 117 families consisting of 30 (26%) two-parent and 87 (74%) single-parent families.

Couples

Although a family was defined as a one- or two-parent household with child(ren), it is worth noting that there were 72 homeless adults that stated that their spouse or partner was living with them. They stated “no” when asked if they had any children living with them.

H. IN WHAT CITY DID YOU SLEEP LAST NIGHT?

Homeless adult respondents provided a range of answers to the question—“In what city did you sleep last night?” Counters were instructed to record “county” if a respondent provided an answer other than a city in Ventura County. The range of answers is based upon 1,536 individuals who answered the question by identifying a city or unincorporated area in Ventura County. There were 68 individuals or 4% of respondents who did not answer the question. Two of these individuals had two children with them for a total of four children.

City or Area	# of Persons	% of Persons
Ventura	500	35
Oxnard	430	30
Simi Valley	238	17
Thousand Oaks	71	5
Ojai	42	3
Santa Paula	55	4
Camarillo	54	4
Moorpark	1	0
County Unincorporated	3	0
Port Hueneme	20	2
Fillmore	5	0
Totals:	1,419	100

There were a total of 117 persons that slept in a city or area outside of Ventura County the night before they were counted which represents 8% of the 1,536 persons who answered this question.

I. WHAT CITY DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR HOME?

Homeless adult respondents provided a range of answers to the question—“What city did you consider your home?” Of the 1,604 adults who were asked this question, 34 or 2% did not answer. The following table breaks down the responses by cities within Ventura County.

City or Area	# of Persons	% of Persons
Oxnard	492	36
Ventura	435	32
Simi Valley	224	16
Thousand Oaks	80	6
Santa Paula	54	4
Ojai	39	3
Camarillo	24	2
Port Hueneme	9	1
Moorpark	2	0
County Unincorporated	0	0
Fillmore	5	0
Totals:	1,364	100

The total number of persons above includes adults and children.

There were 34 adults with no children who did not answer this question. Conversely, 1,570 adults with 211 children did answer this question and 1,364 or 77% of them live in a city within Ventura County that is considered their “home” city and 417 adults and children consider a city outside of Ventura County as their “home” city.

II. Background Information

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, as part of its requirements for local jurisdictions to continue to receive Continuum of Care funding for homeless persons, asked local jurisdictional applicants to conduct a point-in-time (on a given day) homeless count during the last week of January of 2010.

A. WHEN WAS THE 2010 COUNT CONDUCTED?

The homeless count was conducted throughout the day on January 26, 2010. The count was carried out on the streets in the morning and through the evening. Counting continued for the next couple of days on the streets at places that were not included on the 26th because such places were not accessible or, in a few instances, counters were not available. Persons were only included in the overall count if they responded “yes” to the following question—Were you homeless on January 26th? Identifier information was also collected to prevent duplication.

The count was also conducted in facilities during the day and throughout the evening on January 26th. Counting continued for the next couple of days in facilities and residents were only included in the overall count if they responded “yes” to the following question—“Were you homeless on January 26th?” Identifier information was also collected to prevent duplication.

B. WHO WAS COUNTED?

A person was considered homeless, and thus counted, only when he/she fell within the HUD-based definition by residing in one of the places described below:

- a. in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings;
- b. in an emergency shelter; and
- c. in transitional housing for homeless persons.

HUD does not consider the following persons to be homeless—persons who are “doubled up,” or persons who are “near homelessness”—but considers them to be at risk of becoming homeless. Such persons were not included in the homeless count.

The County of Ventura, like many other counties, has a substantial number of households that are at risk of becoming homeless. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2000, there were approximately 42,000 households consisting of about 130,000 persons (nearly one of every five residents) in Ventura County who were members of a household whose annual income was less than \$25,000. There were approximately 21,000 households consisting of about 66,000 persons whose annual income was less than \$15,000 a year.

Also, the Census Bureau noted that 8 percent or nearly 64,000 residents of the County were living below poverty level as reported in the 2008 American Community Survey. The Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition considers these persons at risk of becoming homeless.

Many of these persons can become homeless because of social structural issues such as increases in rent, loss of job, and rising health care costs. In addition, personal experiences such as domestic violence, physical disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse can cause members of a low income household or an entire household to become homeless. Often, one or more of these experiences factor into a household's homeless experience.

C. WHO CARRIED OUT THE COUNT?

The Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition (www.vchhc.org) consulted with Urban Initiatives, a community-based research and development agency (www.urban-initiatives.org) to plan and coordinate the count.

The Coalition has been coordinating the county's continuum of care system for homeless persons since 1996. Coordination has focused on applying for funding each year to HUD for "continuum of care homeless assistance." Coordination has also focused on implementing the annual goals and objectives that HUD requires in order to be competitive nationally for Continuum of Care homeless assistance funding. HUD required goals and objectives have included implementing homeless counts, increasing access to public assistance, and coordinating a homeless management information system among other required goals and objectives. To date, the coalition has representation from many public and private organizations including businesses, city departments, corporations, county departments, faith-based agencies, for-profit organizations, neighborhood groups, non-profit organizations, and private foundations.

Urban Initiatives is a community-based research and development agency that has completed many housing and homeless assessments including several homeless counts for cities and counties throughout Southern California. It consists of several community and faith-based agencies that respond to the economic, housing, and social needs of neighborhoods, cities, and counties from local community, regional, national, international, and faith-based perspectives.

The Coalition and Urban Initiatives organized over 250 volunteers to help with the count. Each city had volunteer teams that were coordinated by a team leader(s). In addition, volunteer teams were coordinated by a team leader(s) to count in the unincorporated areas of the county. Teams counted on the streets, at non-residential program sites that served homeless persons such as food programs, health care centers, and public assistance sites, and at shelters and transitional housing programs.

III. Methodology

The count instrument that was used collected the following information concerning every homeless person counted: first initial of first name, first initial of last name, gender, ethnicity, year born, and state born as noted below.

	First Initial	Last Initial	Gender	Ethnicity	Year Born	State Born
Example:	J	H	F	W	1960	CA

The methodology used during the enumeration process helped create an identifier that prevented a person from being included in the final tally of the count more than once. During the enumeration, counters recorded the initials, gender, ethnicity, year of birth, and state born of each individual homeless person. If the same person was encountered again, counters would establish the same code. However, this person would only be counted once in the final tally.

The information for every person every time was loaded into a data base. The information was then used to code each person. For example, a homeless person may have the following code of “WTMW1957CA. This meant that this person’s first name began with “W”, his last name began with “T”, he was male “M”, he was White “W”, born in 1957, and born in California.

An example to illustrate how the process worked can be found within the table below. Numbers 6 and 7 (shaded in gray) would be considered the same person. Therefore, the person would only be counted once in the final tally that answered the question “how many homeless persons are there in the County of Ventura during a given day?” If for some reason there was doubt that numbers 6 and 7 were the same person, other collected data was used to address the doubt.

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Assigned Number	First Initial	Last Initial	Gender	Ethnicity	Year Born	State Born
1	J	H	F	W	1960	CA
2	H	T	M	L	1953	CA
3	R	K	F	L	1972	TX
4	K	N	M	AA	1969	CA
5	F	A	M	A	1980	CA
6	J	F	M	W	1971	CA
7	J	F	M	W	1971	CA
8	S	G	F	L	1968	NY
9	D	T	M	W	1962	CA
10	O	R	M	W	1959	CA

IV. Findings By Jurisdiction

This section provides findings by jurisdiction. Findings include the total number of persons counted and a breakdown of the limited data collected from adults such as location, age, gender, ethnicity, state born, children, and family composition.

The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of persons counted within each jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction	Total # of Persons Counted
Camarillo	15
Fillmore	5
Moorpark	1
Ojai	52
Oxnard	520
Port Hueneme	9
Santa Paula	54
Simi Valley	229
Thousand Oaks	106
Unincorporated County	223
Ventura	601
Total:	1,815

A break down of data for each jurisdiction for the following categories is provided on the following pages: 1) location; 2) age; 3) gender; 4) ethnicity; 5) state born; 6) children; and 7) family composition.

■ CAMARILLO

The total number of persons counted in Camarillo was 15. There were 15 adults and 0 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (15) were counted on the streets;

2. Age

- 7% of adults (1) were seniors (age 62+) and 0% (0) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 73% of adults (11) were men and 27% (4) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 67% of adults (10) were White; 26% (4) were Hispanic or Latino; and 7% (1) was African American or Black;

5. State Born

- 47% of adults (7) were born in California;

6. Children

- 0% of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 0% of the total number of persons counted were members of families.

■ FILLMORE

The total number of persons counted in Fillmore was 5. There were 5 adults and 0 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (5) were counted on the streets;

2. Age

- 0% of adults (0) were seniors (age 62+) and 0% (0) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 60% of adults (3) were men and 40% (2) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 80% (4) were Hispanic or Latino and 20% (1) was White;

5. State Born

- 60% of adults (3) were born in California;

6. Children

- 0% of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 0% of the total number of persons counted were members of families.

■ MOORPARK

The total number of persons counted in Moorpark was 1. There was 1 adult and 0 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (1) were counted on the streets;

2. Age

- 0% of adults (0) were seniors (age 62+) and 0% (0) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 100% of adults (1) was male;

4. Ethnicity

- 100% of adults (1) was White;

5. State Born

- 100% of adults (1) was born in California;

6. Children

- 0% of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 0% of the total number of persons counted were members of families.

■ OJAI

The total number of persons counted in Ojai was 52. There were 50 adults and 2 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (52) were counted in the streets;

2. Age

- 8% of adults (4) were seniors (age 62+) and 2% (1) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 80% of adults (40) were men and 20% (10) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 60% (30) were White; 32% (16) were Hispanic or Latino; 4% (2) were African American or Black; and 4% (2) stated Other.

5. State Born

- 38% of adults (19) were born in California;

6. Children

- 4% (2) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- One family was counted and was a one-parent family.

■ OXNARD

The total number of persons counted in Oxnard was 520. There were 451 adults and 69 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 72% of persons (373) were counted on the streets and 28% (147) were counted in facilities;

2. Age*

- 6% of adults (26) were seniors (age 62+) and 12% (52) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24; and 1% (5) were unaccompanied youth (without parents) between the ages of 13 – 17;

3. Gender

- 66% of adults (299) were men and 34% (152) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 51% (232) were Hispanic or Latino; 31% of adults (142) were White; 9% (39) were African American or Black; 2% (7) were American Indian or Alaskan Native; 1% (4) were Asian/Pacific Islander; and 4% (20) stated Other;

5. State Born**

- 41% of adults (183) were born in California;

6. Children

- 13% (69) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 38 families were counted—11 two-parent families with children and 27 one-parent families with children.

*Year born was not recorded for 14 persons.

**State born was not recorded for 75 persons.

■ PORT HUENEME

The total number of persons counted in Port Hueneme was 9. There was 9 adult and 0 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (9) were counted on the streets;

2. Age*

- 11% of adults (1) were seniors (age 62+) and 0% (0) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 67% of adults (6) were men and 33% (3) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 45% of adults (4) were Hispanic or Latino; 33% (3) were White; 11% (1) was African American or Black; and 11% (1) stated Other.

5. State Born**

- 67% of adults (6) were born in California;

6. Children

- 0% of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 0% of the total number of persons counted were members of families.

*Year born was not recorded for one person.

**State born was not recorded for one person.

■ SANTA PAULA

The total number of persons counted in Santa Paula was 54. There were 48 adults and 6 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (54) were counted on the streets;

2. Age

- 2% of adults (1) were seniors (age 62+) and 2% (1) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 67% of adults (32) were men and 33% (16) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 85% of adults (41) were Hispanic or Latino; 15% (7) were White;

5. State Born*

- 27% of adults (13) were born in California;

6. Children

- 11% (6) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 2 families were counted—one two-parent family with children and one one-parent family with children.

*State born was not recorded for 13 persons.

■ SIMI VALLEY

The total number of persons counted in Simi Valley was 229. There were 219 adults and 10 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (229) were counted on the streets;

2. Age*

- 6% of adults (13) were seniors (age 62+); 11% (25) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24; and 2% (4) were unaccompanied youth (without parents) between the ages of 13-17;

3. Gender

- 71% of adults (155) were men and 29% (64) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 61% of adults (134) were White; 32% (70) were Hispanic or Latino; 1% (3) were American Indian or Alaskan Native; 2% (4) were African American or Black; 1% (2) were Asian/Pacific Islander; and 3% (6) stated Other;

5. State Born**

- 52% of adults (114) were born in California;

6. Children

- 4% (10) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 7 families were counted—four two-parent family with children and three one-parent families with children.

*Year born was not recorded for one person.

**State born was not recorded for 26 persons.

■ THOUSAND OAKS

The total number of persons counted in Thousand Oaks was 106. There were 77 adults and 29 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 79% of persons (84) were counted on the streets and 21% (22) in facilities;

2. Age*

- 1% of adults (1) was a senior (age 62+) and 4% (3) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 70% of adults (54) were men and 30% (23) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 66% of adults (51) were White; 23% (18) were Hispanic or Latino; 5% (4) were African American or Black; 1% (1) was American Indian or Alaskan Native; 1% (1) was Asian/Pacific Islander; and 2% (2) stated Other;

5. State Born**

- 47% of adults (36) were born in California;

6. Children

- 27% (29) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 15 families were counted—two two-parent families with children and 13 one-parent families with children.

*Year born was not recorded for two persons

**State born was not recorded for six persons.

■ UNINCORPORATED AREAS

The total number of persons counted in Unincorporated Areas was 223. There were 171 adults and 52 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 67% of persons (150) were counted on the streets and 33% (73) in facilities;

2. Age*

- 0% of adults (0) were seniors (age 62+) and 3% (6) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 41% of adults (70) were men and 59% (101) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 45% (77) were Hispanic or Latino; 43% of adults (73) were White; 12% (21) were African American or Black; 0% (0) were Asian/Pacific Islander; 0% (0) were American Indian or Alaskan Native; and 0% (0) stated Other;

5. State Born**

- 28% of adults (48) were born in California;

6. Children

- 23% (52) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 27 families were counted—six two-parent families with children and 21 one-parent families with children.

*Year born was not recorded for four persons.

**State born was not recorded for three persons.

■ VENTURA

The total number of persons counted in Ventura was 601. There were 558 adults and 43 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 84% of persons (505) were counted on the streets and 16% (96) were counted in facilities;

2. Age*

- 4% of adults (22) were seniors (age 62+) and 6% (32) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24; and 0% (1) were unaccompanied youth (without parents) between the ages of 13 – 17;

3. Gender

- 73% of adults (407) were men and 27% (151) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 68% of adults (379) were White; 21% (117) were Hispanic or Latino; 4% (25) were African American or Black; 3% (17) were American Indian or Alaskan Native; 1% (3) were Asian/Pacific Islander; and 3% (17) stated Other;

5. State Born**

- 59% of adults (323) were born in California;

6. Children

- 7% (43) of the total number of persons counted were children

7. Family Composition

- 27 families were counted—six two-parent families with children and 21 one-parent families with children.

*Year born was not recorded for 28 persons.

**State born was not recorded for 55 persons.

V. Conclusion

This report concludes with a comparison of the 2007, 2009, and 2010 homeless counts for Ventura County. The comparison is outlined in Appendix B which breaks down each count by jurisdiction. In addition, some demographic information was also compared. In addition, some demographic information was also compared.

Last year, the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition decided to conduct an annual homeless count which is strongly encouraged by HUD. The next homeless Count will be conducted on January 25, 2011.

The County of Ventura 2010 Homeless Count will be complemented by the “County of Ventura 2010 Homeless Survey” whereas both reports will provide the County with valuable data concerning local homelessness. The survey was completed during the spring of 2010 and findings will be available in June and posted on www.vchhc.org and www.urban-initiatives.org. Survey information will include data concerning chronic homelessness, domestic violence, children, education, foster care, health care, income, mental health care, substance abuse, and veteran status.

Both sources of information will help further the implementation of the recommendations of the “10-Year Strategy Plan to End Homelessness” which continues to help the County of Ventura reduce the incidence of homelessness within its incorporated and unincorporated areas. These sources of data will also provide important information for jurisdictional grant applications to federal and state departments such as HUD’s Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program and will also be available for jurisdictional Consolidated Annual Action and CAPER Plans which are required submissions to HUD if jurisdictions are to continue to receive substantial funding to end homelessness. Governmental resources such as Continuum of Care grant funds have provided funding for homeless prevention, street outreach, case management, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and affordable housing. Funding related to the Consolidated Plans include Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, HOME, and Housing for Persons with AIDS has also been used for the same programs and activities.

Appendix A

Your Name: _____ Date: _____
 Location: _____ City/Community: _____

Are You Homeless Today?	First Initial of First Name Only	First Initial of Last Name Only	Female	Male	Ethnicity (Please Check One)							Year Born	State Born						
					Af American or Black	Asian/ Pac Islander	Am Indian or Alaskan	Hispanic or Latino	White	Other									
Is Your Spouse or Partner* Living with you today? "Yes," Continue >>>	First Initial of Spouse or Partner	First Name of Spouse or Partner	C	D	Partner	Spouse	Partner	Spouse or Partner	First Name of Spouse or Partner	Initial of First Name of Spouse or Partner	# of Children Homeless & Living With You Today Under Age 18	What City Do You Consider Your Home? (Write Name of City)	In What City Did You Sleep Last Night? (If Person Describes An Area Other Than A City Write County)	What City Do You Consider Your Home? (Write Name of City)	Y	N	Y	N	
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*A Partner is a person you live with and share a common family life but are not joined in a traditional marriage.

Appendix B

Comparison of 2007, 2009, and 2010 County of Ventura Homeless Counts: Partial Numbers

City/Community	2007 Total		2009 Total		2010 Total		Women		Men		Children		Families		Streets		Facilities			
	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009		
Camarillo	10	13	2	2	4	8	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	13	15	1	0	
Unincorporated	242	265	80	89	101	84	97	70	63	79	52	29	28	27	108	84	150	134	181	
Fillmore	5	4	0	1	2	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	5	0	
Moorpark	13	7	1	2	0	12	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	7	1	0	0	
Ojai	82	60	16	12	10	63	41	40	3	7	2	2	3	1	82	60	52	0	0	
Oxnard	671	679	165	212	152	393	337	299	113	130	69	53	56	38	479	423	373	192	256	
Port Hueneme	9	1	2	0	3	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	9	0	0	
Santa Paula	97	91	25	26	16	49	47	32	23	18	6	12	7	2	97	91	54	0	0	
Simi Valley	163	303	48	83	64	98	183	155	17	37	10	13	18	7	141	298	229	22	5	
Thousand Oaks	81	147	25	37	23	40	69	54	16	41	29	10	23	15	56	119	84	25	28	
Ventura	588	623	153	155	151	388	428	407	47	40	43	23	27	27	505	496	505	83	127	
Totals:	1961	2193	517	619	526	1147	1222	1078	282	352	211	142	162	117	1499	1596	1477	462	597	338