



Point-In-Time Count (PITC)

When: January 28, 2011

How: 1 - A one-day count to assess the number of people who are homeless.
2 - A detailed survey of at least 10% of persons living on the street.

Need: Volunteers are needed throughout the County: to help count, to conduct interviews of homeless persons, data entry, and more.

BACKGROUND

The PITC is an important annual event in which we count the number of people who are homeless throughout San Diego County. This data enables us to better understand homelessness: who, where, and what it takes to help people to leave the streets.



WHY WE COUNT

- 1 Provide agencies with important data on our homeless population, which is critical for federal and state grant applications.
- 2 Leads to critical federal funding for local service providers.
- 3 In order to develop statistical and programmatic reports for the community, funders, elected officials, and other stakeholders.
- 4 Provide an updated profile of the homeless in San Diego County - reported in RTFH's Regional Homeless Profile (www.rtfhsd.org/RHP.pdf)
- 5 Results and analysis are shared publicly and reported to many entities: Cities, County, Federal, local service providers, and the community at large.
- 6 Understanding leads to targeted services and measurable results.

HOW TO HELP

- Enumerators - Count during the PITC on 1/28/2011
- Regional Coordinator - manage volunteer efforts in a specific region
- Data Entry - help enter interview/survey data.
- Sponsors - help to underwrite the expenses of conducting the PITC and analyzing the data
- Deployment Center - volunteers gather before and after the count: prepare and debrief on the count



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PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO VOLUNTEER...

<http://www.rtfhsd.org/volunteers.php>

1984

HUD conducts a similar national study using local enumerators.
Results: 250-350K living on streets

1990

The Census Bureau conducted a count during late night and the early morning.
Results: 228,000 homeless on the streets

2003

HUD began requiring Continuum of Cares (CoC's) to conduct Point-In-Time counts (at least every 2 years) of persons who are homeless: sheltered AND unsheltered.

2006

The RTFH's first Point in Time Count.
Results - Sheltered and Unsheltered
6,968 Counted

2007

Results - Sheltered and Unsheltered
6,326 Counted

2008

Results - Sheltered and Unsheltered
7,586 Counted

2009

Results - Sheltered and Unsheltered
7,892 Counted

2010

Results - Sheltered and Unsheltered
8,574 Counted

1983

The Community for Creative Non-violence estimated the number of homeless in America, based on extrapolating estimates from service providers in 14 cities.
Results: 3 million homeless in America

1987

The Urban Institute conducted a study that yielded one-day and one-week estimates by counting people in shelters and soup kitchens.
Results: 229K adults and childrens living on the streets of cities with populations >than 200K

1996

The Interagency Council on Homelessness contracted with the Urban Institute to conduct a national count: persons at soup kitchens, shelters, and other providers.
Results: 444,000 to 842,000 homeless on any given night

San Diego's Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC) created the methodology for a Point-In-Time (PIT) count and a street demographic survey, a collaboration between:

2006

Point Loma Nazarene University's Center for Peace and Reconciliation; San Diego State University's Institute for Public Health (IPH), and The Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH).

2007

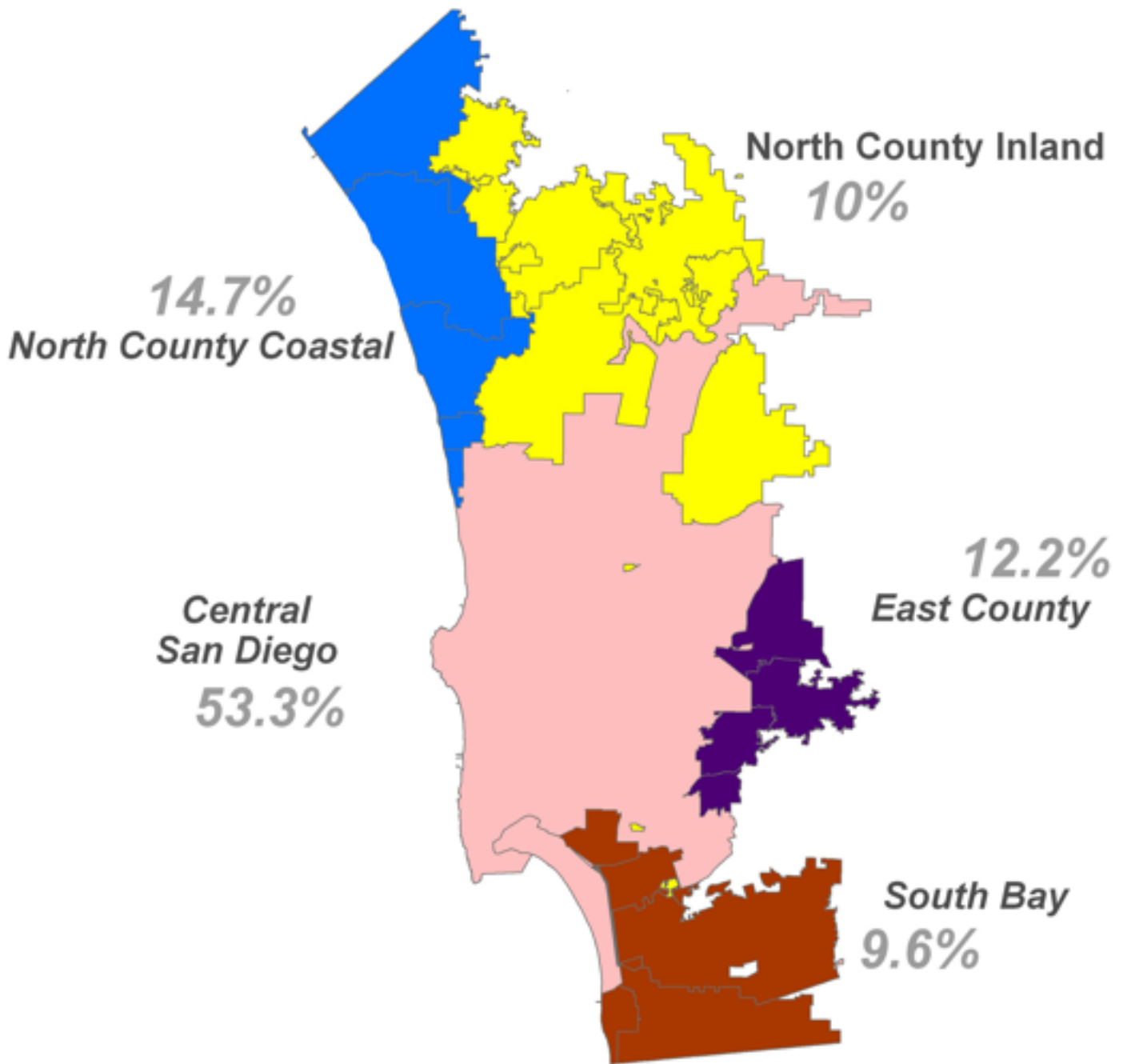
National Alliance to End Homelessness publishes the first national point-in-time count.
Results: 744,313 people on streets of America.
170,270 on streets of California.

2011

The 2011 Point in Time Count
Date: January 28, 2011

Point-in-time HISTORY

Results from the 2010 PITC



Data is from the 2010 Point in Time (PIT) count conducted the morning of January 29, 2010 (streets) and January 28, 2010 (shelters). Percentages are based upon 8,574 persons counted/estimated: North County Inland (857), North County Coastal (1,256), East County (1,051), Central San Diego (4,568), South Bay (822). www.rtfhsd.org

2011 Point-In-Time Count (PITC) Volunteer Form

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Region where you live:

- NC Coastal NC Inland South Bay
 East County Central San Diego

Preference:

Do you have specific community preference or knowledge of an area where you would prefer to survey? _____

Volunteer interests:

- Enumerator
- Work from assigned maps of specific areas and record the count homeless persons on Friday, January 28, 2011.
- Surveyor
- Conduct in-depth questionnaires of homeless persons to better understand demographics and plan services and programs appropriately to address local needs.
- Data Entry Volunteer
- Help enter the surveys into our system.
- This is done at the RTFH office located in Kearny Mesa.
- Regional Volunteer Coordinator (RVC)
- The RVC's help manage training, and oversight for Enumerators and surveyors in areas throughout the County.

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