



## THE 2017 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 (4:30AM TO 9AM)

Point-in-Time (PIT) is a federally mandated, biennial, enumeration and survey to determine the prevalence and characteristics of persons experiencing homelessness in Orange County. PIT helps us better understand who is facing homelessness on a given night so that we can advocate for additional resources to provide services for the homeless population, ultimately ending homelessness in our community.

The PIT team and volunteers conduct a survey of persons experiencing homelessness as individuals and families who are on the street. Personal one-on-one interviews between volunteers and the homeless are conducted to gather information that in turn helps us provide more stable housing options in the region.

### Why We Count and Survey

1. To fully understand homelessness in our region, and what it will take to help connect people to secure housing.
2. To better allocate funding, services, and measure outcomes related to homelessness.
3. To meet our reporting obligations to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Data from the PIT helps drive millions of dollars in federal funding to local service providers to address the needs of our community.
4. To generate detailed reports for our community to ensure an accurate understanding of homelessness in Orange County.

### Supervisor

**Lisa A. Bartlett, Chairwoman, Orange County Supervisor 5th District.**

*“The homeless population continues to grow and we need to work collaboratively. Each year hundreds of volunteers, staff and stakeholders come together to participate in the Point-in-Time Count. This snapshot raises awareness of homelessness in OC and the need for long term solutions. I look forward to participating again and thank everyone who helped make it happen.”*

### How You Can Help

This participant packet details the many opportunities available to support the PIT, including opportunities for:

Sponsorships



Donations



Volunteering



### For More Information

Visit the website [www.pointintimeoc.org](http://www.pointintimeoc.org) or email us at [info@211oc.org](mailto:info@211oc.org)



## 2015 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT AND SURVEY RESULTS

On any given night in Orange County, there are approximately **4,452** people who are homeless.

The last Homeless Point-In-Time Count and Survey (PIT) was conducted on the morning of January 24, 2015 and included sheltered and unsheltered counts of homeless. This massive community undertaking included the coordinated efforts of over 800 volunteers, 43 agencies and private and public supporters to canvas 118 pre-identified map areas throughout the County including the Santa Ana River Bed Bike Trail. In addition to the Point-In-Time Count, the survey found the following:

There are 15,291 homeless people living in Orange County over the course of a year and 2,201 are unsheltered individuals and families who live on the street, in a car, or in other places not meant for habitation

- The majority of homeless veterans (80%) are unsheltered
- The majority of homeless individuals with severe mental illnesses (65%) are unsheltered

Among Orange County's...unsheltered:

- The average age of adults is 47
- 7 in 10 are male
- 5% are transitional age youth (18-24 year olds).

In comparing 2015 data to data collected during the 2013 PIT, the survey revealed a 16% decrease in number of homeless individuals and families who were in a sheltered environment – a significant improvement. The data also showed a 66% decrease in the number of chronically homeless individuals counted. There was also a 48% decrease in unsheltered homeless.

While the County shows improvement, there still remains a dire need to provide shelter for the homeless population to meet the goal of ending homelessness in Orange County.



**49%**  
Unsheltered



**1 in 5**  
Are chronically homeless



**853**  
Homeless Children



**1 in 10**  
Are veterans



**475**  
Live with severe mental illness

# Volunteers Needed!



## Join us for the Point-in-Time Count & Survey January 28, 2017

We need an estimated 1,500 volunteers to help with this effort! Everyone counts in OC, whether they have a home or not. We need to know the number of people in need so we can plan and fund appropriate programs to help them gain self-sufficiency.

**For more info email [pointintime@211oc.org](mailto:pointintime@211oc.org)  
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Let's Make Sure Everyone Counts!

# Point-in-Time Collection Drive

The Point-in-Time Count & Survey conducts a biennial count to fully understand homelessness in our region and what it will take to help connect people to secure housing.

Our volunteers conduct a survey of persons experiencing homelessness to gather information that in turn helps us provide more stable housing options in the regions. As a thank you for participating in the interview, participants will be offered a useful package of basic essentials and hygiene such as:

## Items We Need:

- Beanies/Knit Caps
- Rain Ponchos
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- AA & AAA batteries
- Socks
- Gallon Sized Ziploc bags
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hair Comb/Brush



Items can be dropped off at 211OC between 8am and 5pm from 01/16/2017  
1/25/2016 at 2-1-1 Orange County 1505 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705

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