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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 1,872 homeless¹ adults and children on a given day;
2. There were 1,652 (88%) adults and 220 (12%) children;
3. 1,520 (81%) of adults and children were counted on the streets and 352 (19%) were counted in facilities for a total of 1,815 persons;
4. Of the 1,652 adults counted, 94 (6%) were seniors age 62 or older; 36 (2%) were seniors age 65 or older; and 6 (1%) were seniors age 75 or older;
5. Of the 1,652 adults counted, 109 (7%) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;
6. Of the 1,652 adults counted, 1,121 (68%) or approximately two-thirds were men and 531 (32%) or approximately one-third were women;
7. Of the 1,652 adults counted, 989 (60%) were White; 441 (27%) were Hispanic or Latino; 102 (6%) were African American or Black; 50 (3%) stated other; 45 (2%) stated American Indian or Alaskan Native; and 25 (1%) stated Asian or Pacific Islander;
8. There were 157 families consisting of 396 persons—176 adults and 220 children.

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 10 percent or about 80,000 residents of the County were living below poverty level as reported in the 2009 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 1,872 adults and children on a given day.² This represents a 3% increase when compared to last year’s homeless count of 1,815. 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 25% 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 in June and available on www.vchhc.org and www.urban-initiatives.org.

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.

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)

- 1,520 (81%) of adults and children were counted on the streets and 352 (19%) were counted in facilities for a total of 1,872 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)**

- 94 (6%) of the 1,652 adults counted were seniors age 62 or older;
- 36 (2%) of the 1,652 adults counted were seniors age 65 or older;
- 6 (1%) of the 1,652 adults counted were seniors age 75 or older.

Of the 1,652 adults counted, 6% were seniors age 62 or older, 2% were age 65 or older, and 1% were age 75 or older.

Youth (Ages 18 – 24)

- 109 (6%) of the 1,652 adults counted were youth between the ages of 18 – 24.

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Unaccompanied Children (Ages 13 – 17)

- 3 (0%) of the 1,652 adults counted were actually unaccompanied children (without parents) between the ages of 13 – 17.

Of the 1,652 adults counted, 3 (0%) were actually unaccompanied teenagers (without parents) between the ages of 13 – 17.

Other Adults (ages 25 – 61)

- Of the 1,652 adults counted, 1,446 (87%) were between the ages of 25 – 61.

Of the 1,652 adults counted, 776 (47%) adults were “baby-boomers”—those persons born between the years 1946 and 1964.

C. GENDER

- Of the 1,604 adults counted, 1,121 (68%) were men and 531 (32%) were women.

Gender and other identifier information were only collected for adults. This information revealed that approximately two-thirds (68%) of homeless adults were men and about one-third (32%) were women.

D. ETHNICITY⁴

- Of the 1,652 adults counted, 989 (60%) were White; 441 (27%) were Hispanic or Latino; 102 (6%) were African American or Black; 50 (3%) stated Other; 45 (2%) stated American Indian or Alaskan Native; and 25 (1%) stated Asian or Pacific Islander.

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

Whites made up the majority (66%) which is more than half of all homeless adults. Hispanics or Latinos made up more than one-fourth (27%) and all other ethnic groups (including those who stated Other) (7%).

E. STATE BORN

- Of the 1,652 adults counted, 960 (58%) were born in California.

More than half (58%) of the 1,652 adults were born in California.

Other persons counted were foreign-born. Approximately 14% or 225 persons were born in Mexico and 467 persons (28%) were born in countries other than the United States and Mexico.

F. CHILDREN

- Of the 1,872 persons who were counted, 220 (12%) were children under the age of 18 living with a homeless parent(s) who was included in the count.

There were 220 children under the age of 18 representing 12% of the 1,872 persons who were counted.

G. FAMILY COMPOSITION

There were 157 families consisting of 396 persons—176 adults and 220 children.

Couples

Although a family was defined as a one- or two-parent household with child(ren), it is worth noting that there were 79 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 1,427 individuals who answered the question by identifying a city or unincorporated area in Ventura County. There were 225 individuals or 14% of respondents who did not answer the question.

City or Area	# of Persons	% of Persons
Oxnard	528	37
Ventura	445	31
Simi Valley	178	13
County Unincorporated	69	5
Thousand Oaks	65	5
Santa Paula	45	3
Camarillo	30	2
Ojai	26	2
Port Hueneme	15	1
Fillmore	9	1
Moorpark	6	0
Totals:	1,416	100

There were a total of 11 persons that slept in a city or area outside of Ventura County the night before they were counted which represents 1% of the 1,427 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 1,652 adults who were asked this question, 225 or 14% did not answer. The following table breaks down the responses by cities within Ventura County for the 1,427 adults who did answer the question.

City or Area	# of Persons	% of Persons
Ventura	463	32
Oxnard	413	29
Simi Valley	180	13
City Outside Ventura County	80	6
County Unincorporated	76	5
Thousand Oaks	69	5
Santa Paula	49	3
Ojai	49	3
Camarillo	25	2
Port Hueneme	11	1
Moorpark	7	.5
Fillmore	8	.5
Totals:	1,427	100

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 2011.

A. WHEN WAS THE 2010 COUNT CONDUCTED?

The homeless count was conducted throughout the day on January 25, 2011. 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 25th 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 25th? Identifier information was also collected to prevent duplication.

The count was also conducted in facilities during the day and throughout the evening on January 25th. 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 25th?” 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 10 percent or nearly 80,000 residents of the County were living below poverty level as reported in the 2009 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 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 count 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.

COUNTY OF VENTURA 2011 HOMELESS COUNT

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	29
Fillmore	10
Moorpark	7
Ojai	40
Oxnard	638
Port Hueneme	6
Santa Paula	50
Simi Valley	226
Thousand Oaks	87
Unincorporated County	209
Ventura	570
Total:	1,872

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 29. There were 24 adults and 5 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (29) were counted on the streets;

2. Age

- 7% of adults (2) were seniors (age 62+) and 7% (2) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 87% of adults (21) were men and 13% (3) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 67% of adults (16) were White; 26% (5) were Hispanic or Latino; and 7% (3) were African American or Black;

5. State Born*

- 19% of adults (4) were born in California;

6. Children

- 17% (5) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 3 families were counted and consisted of 9 persons—4 adults and 5 children.

* State born was not recorded for 3 adults.

■ FILLMORE

The total number of persons counted in Fillmore was 10. There were 10 adults and 0 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (10) were counted on the streets;

2. Age

- 20% of adults (2) were seniors (age 62+) and 10% (1) was youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 80% of adults (8) were men and 20% (2) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 100% (10) were Hispanic or Latino;

5. State Born

- 10% of adults (1) was born in California;

6. Children

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

7. Family Composition

- 0 families were counted.

■ MOORPARK

The total number of persons counted in Moorpark was 7. There were 7 adults and 0 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (7) 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

- 86% of adults (6) were male and 14% (1) was a woman;

4. Ethnicity*

- 40% of adults (2) were White; 40% (2) were Hispanic or Latino; and 20% (1) was American Indian/Alaskan Native;

5. State Born**

- 50% of adults (3) were born in California;

6. Children

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

7. Family Composition

- 0 families were counted.

* Ethnicity was not recorded for 2 adults.

** State born was not recorded for 1 adult.

■ OJAI

The total number of persons counted in Ojai was 40. There were 37 adults and 3 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (40) were counted in the streets;

2. Age

- 8% of adults (3) were seniors (age 62+) and 5% (2) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 92% of adults (34) were men and 8% (3) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 43% (16) were White; 49% (18) were Hispanic or Latino; 3% (1) was African American or Black; and 5% (2) stated Other.

5. State Born*

- 26% of adults (9) were born in California;

6. Children

- 7% (3) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 2 families were counted and consisted of 6 persons—3 adults and 3 children.

* State born was not recorded for 3 adults.

■ OXNARD

The total number of persons counted in Oxnard was 638. There were 551 adults and 87 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 79% of persons (505) were counted on the streets and 21% (133) were counted in facilities;

2. Age*

- 6% of adults (33) were seniors (age 62+) and 8% (41) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24; and 0% (1) was an accompanied youth (without parents) between the ages of 13 – 17;

3. Gender

- 70% of adults (388) were men and 30% (163) were women;

4. Ethnicity**

- 40% (218) were Hispanic or Latino; 40% of adults (215) were White; 11% (59) were African American or Black; 3% (15) were American Indian or Alaskan Native; 2% (13) were Asian/Pacific Islander; and 4% (21) stated Other;

5. State Born***

- 63% of adults (306) were born in California;

6. Children

- 14% (87) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 43 families were counted and consisted of 132 persons—55 adults and 87 children.

* Year born was not recorded for 31 adults.

** Ethnicity was not recorded for 10 adults.

*** State born was not recorded for 63 adults.

■ PORT HUENEME

The total number of persons counted in Port Hueneme was 6. There were 4 adults and 2 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 33% of persons (2) were counted on the streets and 64% (4) were counted in facilities.

2. Age

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

3. Gender

- 25% of adults (1) were men and 75% (3) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 50% of adults (2) were Hispanic or Latino; 0% (0) were White; 50% (2) was African American or Black; and 0% (0) stated Other.

5. State Born

- 100% of adults (4) were born in California;

6. Children

- 33% of the total number of persons counted were (2) children;

7. Family Composition

- 2 families were counted and consisted of 4 persons—2 adults and 2 children.

■ SANTA PAULA

The total number of persons counted in Santa Paula was 50. There were 48 adults and 2 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 100% of persons (50) were counted on the streets;

2. Age

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

3. Gender

- 77% of adults (37) were men and 23% (11) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 75% of adults (36) were Hispanic or Latino; 25% (12) were White;

5. State Born*

- 98% of adults (47) were born in California;

6. Children

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

7. Family Composition

- 2 families were counted and consisted of 4 persons—2 adults and 2 children.

* State born was not recorded for 1 person.

■ SIMI VALLEY

The total number of persons counted in Simi Valley was 226. There were 197 adults and 29 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 99% of persons (220) were counted on the streets; and 3% (6) in facilities.

2. Age*

- 9% of adults (18) were seniors (age 62+); 11% (21) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24; and 1% (1) was unaccompanied youth (without parents) between the ages of 13-17;

3. Gender

- 66% of adults (131) were men and 34% (66) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 78% of adults (153) were White; 11% (22) were Hispanic or Latino; 1% (2) were American Indian or Alaskan Native; 4% (8) were African American or Black; 2% (5) were Asian/Pacific Islander; and 4% (7) stated Other;

5. State Born**

- 62% of adults (119) were born in California;

6. Children

- 13% (29) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 10 families were counted and consisted of 44 persons—15 adults and 29 children.

* Year born was not recorded for 5 persons.

** State born was not recorded for 5 persons.

■ THOUSAND OAKS

The total number of persons counted in Thousand Oaks was 87. There were 71 adults and 16 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 70% of persons (61) were counted on the streets and 30% (26) in facilities;

2. Age*

- 6% of adults (4) were seniors (age 62+) and 7% (10) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 72% of adults (51) were men and 28% (20) were women;

4. Ethnicity

- 73% of adults (52) were White; 11% (8) were Hispanic or Latino; 11% (8) were African American or Black; 0% (0) was American Indian or Alaskan Native; 1% (1) was Asian/Pacific Islander; and 3% (2) stated Other;

5. State Born**

- 52% of adults (37) were born in California;

6. Children

- 18% (16) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 8 families were counted and consisted of 16 persons—8 adults and 8 children.

* Year born was not recorded for 5 persons.

** State born was not recorded for 1 person.

■ UNINCORPORATED AREAS

The total number of persons counted in Unincorporated Areas was 209. There were 175 adults and 34 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 69% of persons (145) were counted on the streets and 31% (64) in facilities;

2. Age*

- 1% of adults (2) were seniors (age 62+) and 2% (3) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24;

3. Gender

- 51% of adults (89) were men and 49% (86) were women;

4. Ethnicity**

- 22% (39) were Hispanic or Latino; 73% of adults (124) were White; 2% (3) were African American or Black; 1% (2) were Asian/Pacific Islander; 1% (1) was American Indian or Alaskan Native; and 1% (2) stated Other;

5. State Born***

- 54% of adults (93) were born in California;

6. Children

- 16% (34) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition

- 37 families were counted and consisted of 75 persons—41 adults and 34 children.

* Year born was not recorded for 7 persons.

** Ethnicity was not recorded for 5 persons.

*** State born was not recorded for 3 persons.

■ VENTURA

The total number of persons counted in Ventura was 570. There were 528 adults and 42 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location

- 85% of persons (451) were counted on the streets and 15% (119) were counted in facilities;

2. Age*

- 6% of adults (29) were seniors (age 62+) and 5% (27) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24; and 0% (1) was unaccompanied youth (without parents) between the ages of 13 – 17;

3. Gender

- 67% of adults (355) were men and 33% (173) were women;

4. Ethnicity**

- 73% of adults (384) were White; 15% (81) were Hispanic or Latino; 3% (18) were African American or Black; 5% (26) were American Indian or Alaskan Native; 1% (4) were Asian/Pacific Islander; and 3% (15) stated Other;

5. State Born***

- 67% of adults (337) were born in California;

6. Children

- 7% (42) of the total number of persons counted were children

7. Family Composition

- 40 families were counted and consisted of 90 persons—48 adults and 42 children.

* Year born was not recorded for 22 persons.

** Ethnicity was not recorded for 2 persons.

*** State born was not recorded for 24 persons.

V. Conclusion

This report concludes with a comparison of the 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2011 homeless counts for Ventura County. The comparison is outlined in Appendix B which breakdowns each count by jurisdiction. In addition, some demographic information was also compared.

The Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition Board of Directors decided in 2009 to conduct an annual homeless count which is strongly encouraged by HUD. Thus, the next homeless Count will be conducted on January 24, 2012.

The County of Ventura 2011 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 2011 and findings will be available in May 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 implement 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: _____

County of Ventura 2011 Homeless Count Instrument

Are You Home-less Today?	First Initial of First Name Only	First Initial of Last Name Only	Ethnicity (Please Check One)	Year Born	State Born	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)	# of Children Home-less & Living With You Today Under Age 18	Is Your Spouse or Partner* Living with you today? If "Yes," Continue >>>	C	D	Female	Ethnicity (Please Check One)						Year Born	State Born
													Af American or Black	Asian/ Pac Islander	Am Indian or Alaskan	Hispanic or Latino	White	Other		
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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, 2010 and 2011 County of Ventura Homeless Counts: Partial Numbers

City/Community	2007 Total			2009 Total			2010 Total			2011 Total			Men			Children			Families			Streets			Facilities				
	2007	2009	2010	2011	2007	2009	2010	2011	2007	2009	2010	2011	2007	2009	2010	2011	2007	2009	2010	2011	2007	2009	2010	2011	2007	2009	2010	2011	
Camarillo	10	13	15	29	2	2	4	3	8	11	11	21	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	9	13	15	29	1	0	0	0	
Unincorporated	242	265	223	209	80	89	101	86	84	97	70	89	63	79	52	34	29	28	27	16	108	84	150	145	134	181	73	64	1
Fillmore	5	4	5	10	0	1	2	2	5	3	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	10	5	0	0	0	0
Moorpark	13	7	1	7	1	2	0	1	12	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	7	1	7	0	0	0	0	0
Ojai	82	60	52	40	16	12	10	3	63	41	40	34	3	7	2	3	2	3	1	2	82	60	52	40	0	0	0	0	
Oxnard	671	679	520	638	165	212	152	163	393	337	299	388	113	130	69	87	53	56	38	43	479	423	373	505	192	256	147	133	10
Port Hueneme	9	1	9	6	2	0	5	3	7	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	9	1	9	2	0	0	0	4	0
Santa Paula	97	91	54	50	25	26	16	11	49	47	32	37	23	18	6	2	12	7	2	2	97	91	54	50	0	0	0	0	
Simi Valley	163	303	229	226	48	83	64	66	98	183	155	131	17	37	10	29	13	18	7	11	141	298	229	220	22	5	0	6	4
Thousand Oaks	81	147	106	87	25	37	23	20	40	69	54	51	16	41	29	16	10	23	15	8	56	119	84	61	25	28	22	26	
Ventura	588	623	601	570	153	155	151	173	388	428	407	355	47	40	43	42	23	27	27	40	505	496	505	451	83	127	96	119	13
Totals:	1961	2193	1815	1872	517	619	528	531	1147	1222	1073	1121	282	352	211	220	142	162	117	127	1499	1596	1477	1520	462	597	338	352	28