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### **South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH) 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Results**

**SAN ANTONIO (May 31, 2022)** – SARAH hosted a community briefing presentation last week on the state of homelessness in San Antonio and Bexar County. This community briefing provided an analysis of the number of people experiencing homelessness this year in San Antonio/Bexar County compared to previous years for various populations, including veterans, families, chronically homeless, youth, etc. A recording of this presentation can be [viewed here](#).

SARAH staff prepared this presentation using data from this year's Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, an annual single-night census of unsheltered and sheltered people experiencing homelessness. This year's count, held on March 1, 2022, was our community's first complete event in over two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The full 2022 PIT Count Report has been posted to SARAH's website at [sarahomeless.org/reports-and-data](https://sarahomeless.org/reports-and-data) and will be shared with newsletter subscribers next week. [Click here for the direct link](#). **We have highlighted nine key findings from this year's report:**

1. The overall count of people experiencing homelessness in San Antonio/Bexar County **increased by 2% from 2020**. However, compared to population growth, the percentage of the population experiencing homelessness has **remained flat at 0.14%**.
2. Chronic homelessness, or experiencing homelessness for 12 months or more with a disabling condition, **increased by 77% from 2020**. However, unsheltered chronic homelessness **increased by only 4.5%**, meaning the most vulnerable are often being moved into safer environments, but more permanent supportive housing development is needed for long-term solutions.
3. Out of **1,036 individuals** experiencing unsheltered homelessness, **only 33 were veterans**. This is the lowest reported count of unsheltered veterans in San Antonio/Bexar County since we began closely monitoring this population for the Mayor's Challenge to Effectively End Veteran Homelessness in 2016.



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4. At **22.5%** of the overall homeless population, Black/African American individuals are **overrepresented by over 3-times** proportional to the community population.
5. **7%** of surveyed individuals identified as LGBTQ+, of which **nearly 26%** reported that their sexual orientation affected their current experience of homelessness.
6. **62.5%** of unsheltered individuals reported either going without any medical care or relying on emergency rooms.
7. Of those surveyed with experience in the foster care system, **44%** reported not having a stable place to live upon exit.
8. The overall count of individuals experiencing homelessness due to a domestic violence situation **decreased by 7%** from 2020.
9. The top three self-identified needs among those experiencing unsheltered homelessness were housing, ID recovery, and healthcare.

For further comments or interview requests, please contact Billy Mahone, Director of Community Engagement, at 210-413-5513 or [billymahone@sarahomeless.org](mailto:billymahone@sarahomeless.org).

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**About SARAH:** *The South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH) exists to ensure everyone has a place to call home in San Antonio and Bexar County. As the region's Continuum of Care (CoC) lead agency, SARAH secures and distributes funding for direct service providers in the housing and homeless community and provides guidance to improve policies and programs. We accomplish our mission by strengthening our coordinated system of care, promoting sustainable strategies, focusing on measurable impact, and advocating for people experiencing homelessness. For more information, visit [sarahomeless.org](http://sarahomeless.org).*

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