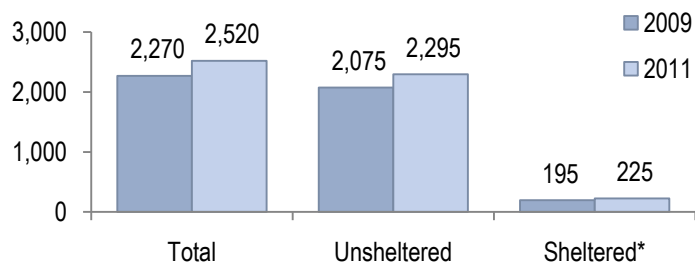


SANTA CLARA COUNTY FACT SHEET ON HOMELESSNESS

A SPOTLIGHT ON CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a chronically homeless person as a homeless individual (18 or older) with a disabling condition, or a member of a family with at least one member (18 or older) who has a disabling condition, who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or experienced four or more episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

NUMBER OF CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

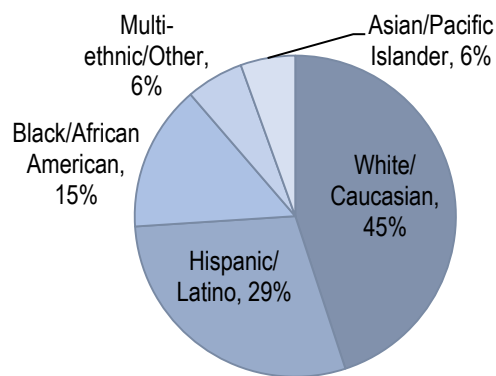


* The sheltered chronically homeless population includes persons in emergency shelters and Safe Havens only.

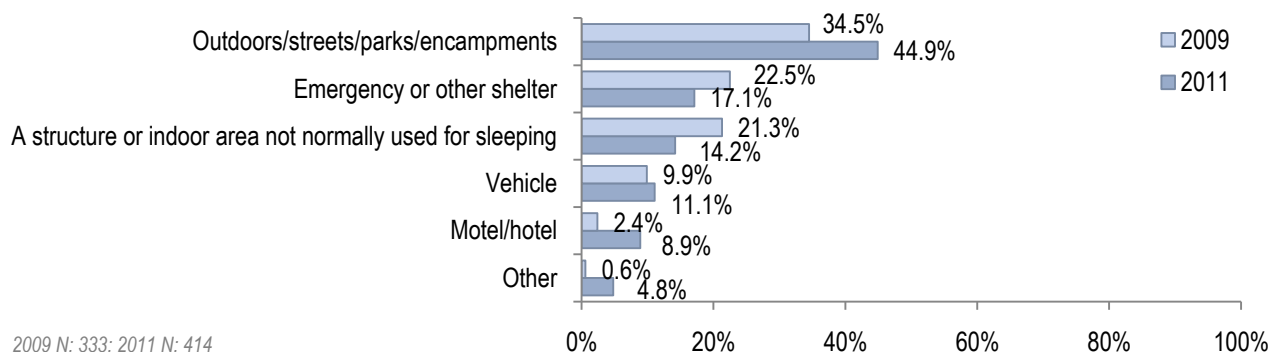
- It is estimated that on any given day in 2011, Santa Clara County has 2,520 individuals who experience chronic homelessness. This represents an 11% increase (or an increase of 250 individuals) from 2009.
- In 2011, HUD expanded the definition of chronic homelessness to include families. It is estimated that on any given night in 2011, there are 35 persons in chronically homeless families in Santa Clara County.

- GENDER:** 72% of the chronically homeless population identified as male, 26% as female.
- RACE/ETHNICITY:** 45% of the chronically homeless population identified as White/Caucasian, 29% as Hispanic/Latino, and 15% as Black/African American.
- VETERANS STATUS:** 52% of the county's veteran population identified as chronically homeless.
- SHELTER STATUS:** 91% of chronically homeless individuals were unsheltered.¹
 - » 45% reported living physically outdoors, on the street, in parks or encampments.

RACE/ETHNICITY (2011)



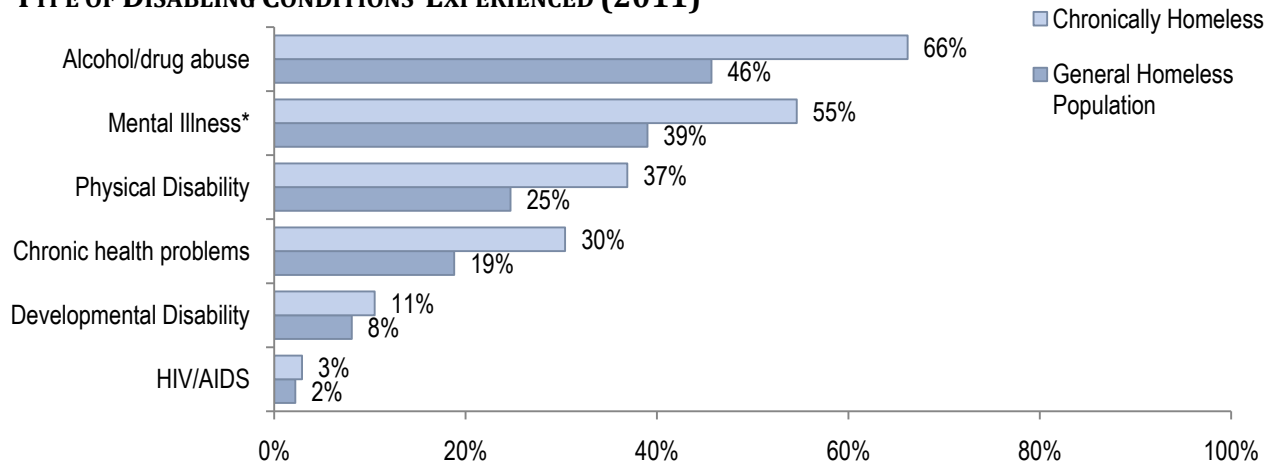
CHRONICALLY HOMELESS POPULATION'S USUAL NIGHTTIME ACCOMMODATIONS



2009 N: 333; 2011 N: 414

- A **disabling condition**, for the purposes of this study, was defined as a physical or developmental disability, mental illness, severe depression, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), chronic health problems, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, Tuberculosis, or substance abuse.
- **DISABLING CONDITIONS:** 35% had only one disabling condition, 65% had two or more.
 - » 66% of the chronically homeless population reported suffering from Alcohol/Drug abuse.
 - » 55% reported a mental illness including Severe Depression, or PTSD.
 - » 37% reported having a physical disability and 11% reported a developmental disability.

TYPE OF DISABLING CONDITIONS EXPERIENCED (2011)

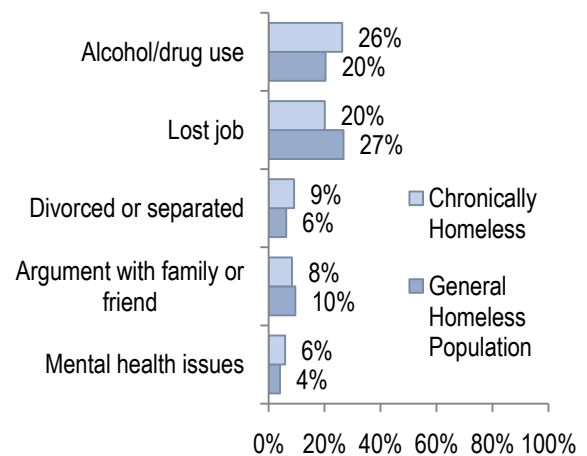


2011: Chronically Homeless N=414; General Homeless N=1,014

*Mental illness includes mental illness, severe depression, and PTSD.

- **TYPES OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE RECEIVED:** none (27%), food stamps (48%), general assistance/relief (40%), SSI/SSDI (9%).²
- **TYPES OF NON-GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE/ SERVICES USED:** none (11%), free meals (76%), emergency shelter (37%), food pantry (35%).²
- **CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS:** alcohol/ drug use was the most commonly cited cause of homelessness among the chronically homeless population (26%).
- **BARRIERS TO OBTAINING PERMANENT HOUSING:** the most commonly cited barrier to obtaining permanent housing among the chronically homeless population was the inability to afford rent (72%).²

PRIMARY CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS (2011)



2011: Chronically Homeless N= 414; General Homeless N= 997

¹Percentage based on eligible populations.

²Multiple response question, percentages may not equal 100%.