Contra Costa County

2018 Point In Time Count

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- Native Hawaiian
- Asian
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SUMMARY

The 2018 Point In Time count identified 627 more individuals experiencing homelessness than the previous year’s count. This increase reflects a similar growth in homeless populations over recent years in California and across the Bay Area. Rising rents and scarcity of affordable housing contribute greatly to the housing crisis resulting in more persons seeking homeless-related services. The number of persons accessing homeless services last year in Contra Costa increased by 13%.

The rise in the number of people identified in PIT and accessing services is likely due to an extensive street outreach program implemented in 2017. Since its inception, CORE outreach has identified many individuals previously unknown to the homeless system of care and is helping them access more homeless services.

Questions regarding this report can be directed to: homelessprogram@hsd.cccounty.us