



Status of Homelessness

Avondale Police Department
Neighborhood & Family Services Department



Purpose

- Review Point-in-Time Count results
- Review related concerns and causes
- Summarize efforts to date
- Discuss next steps



Point In Time Count

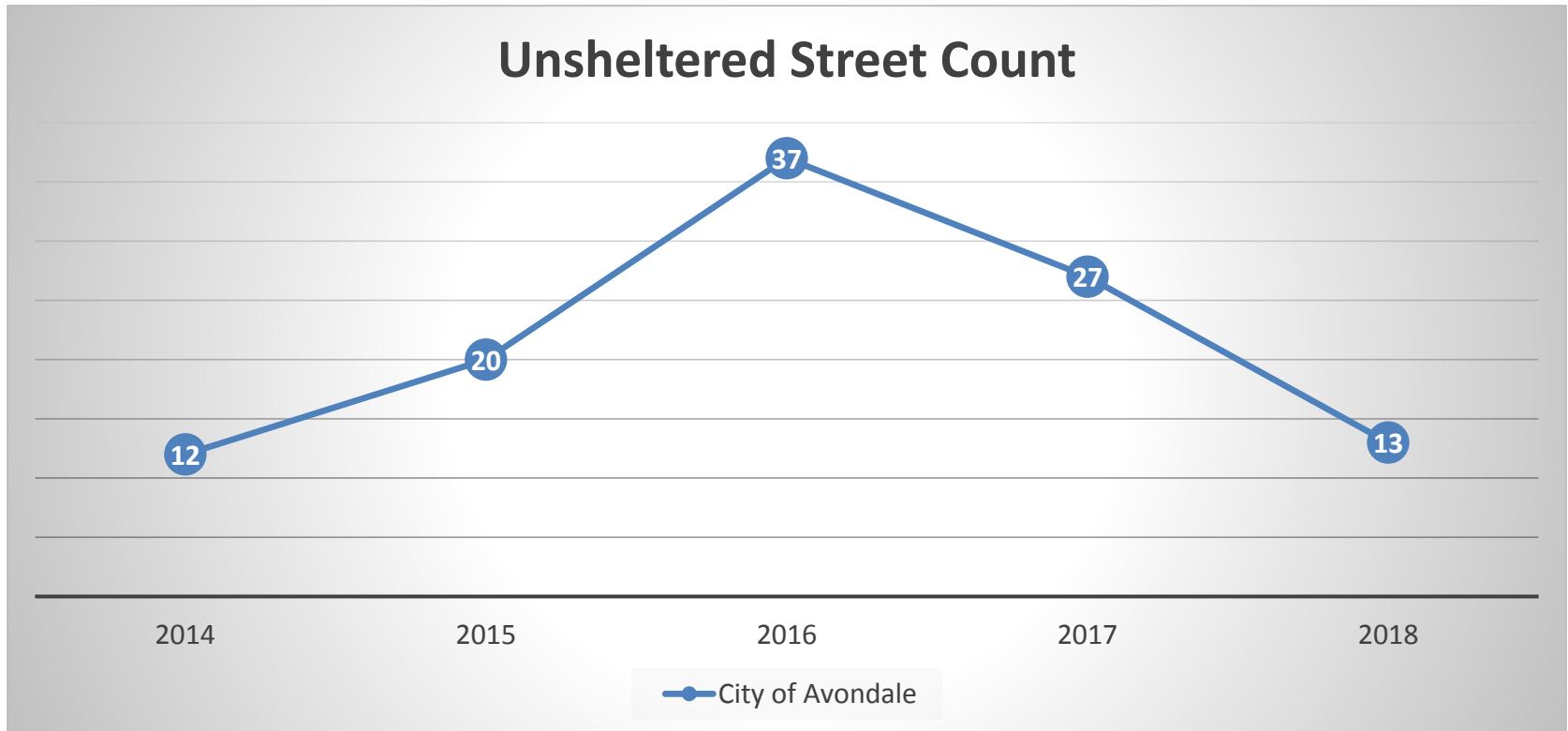
Point in Time Homeless Street Count

- Coordinated by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) with help from local cities
- The PIT Homeless Street Count is conducted annually help determine the number of people experiencing homelessness during a given point-in-time.





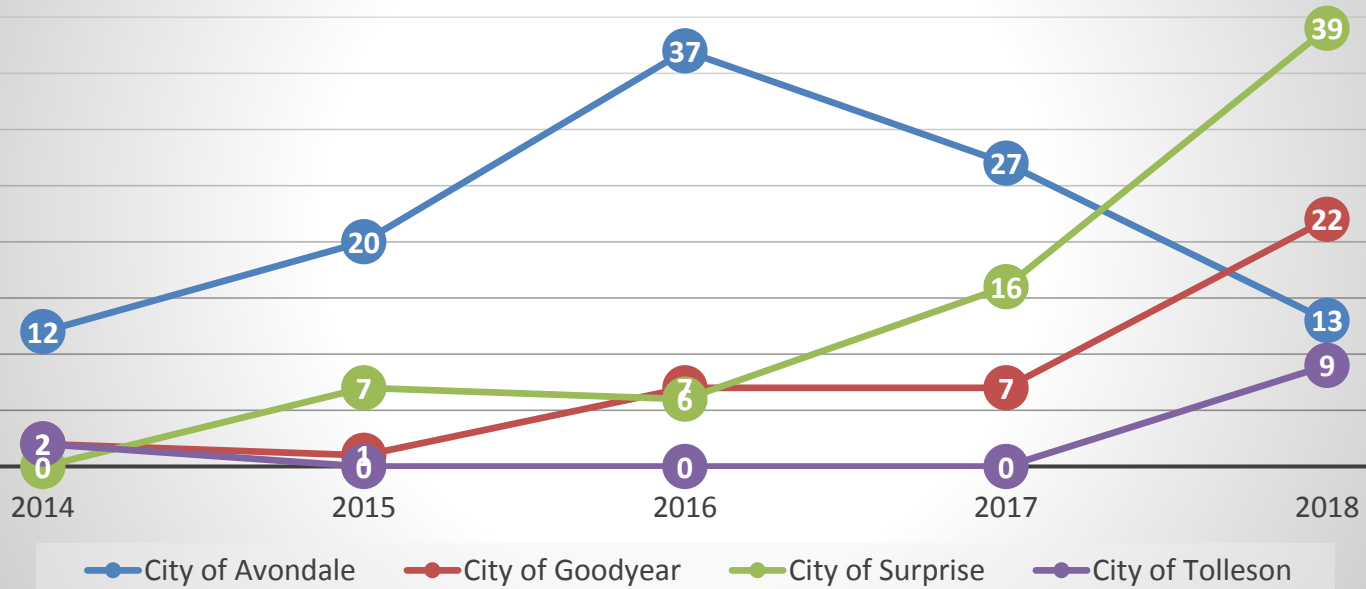
Point in Time Count





Point in Time Count

Unsheltered Street Count





Community Concerns

- Panhandling/Solicitation
- Parks & Libraries
- Retail locations
- Encampments
- Public Safety



Potential Causes

- Substance abuse
- Mental health
- Lack of affordable housing
- Low wages
- Lack financial literacy
- Lack of family support



Existing Challenges

- Not a homogenous group
- Responsiveness to services
- Lack of available shelter across the valley
- Lack of outreach resources



Current Efforts

- Care1st Avondale Resource Center
- iHELP
- Community Action Program
- Project Connect
- PIT Homeless Street Count
- Contributions Assistance Program
- Home Rehabilitation Program
- Regional advocacy – West Valley Human Services Collaborative



Current Efforts

- Encampment Clean-up and Prevention
 - Code Enforcement
 - Police Department
 - Public Works





Current Efforts

Program	Type	Quantity	\$ Amount
Contributions Assistance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food• Shelter• Health		\$47,000
Community Action Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rent• Utility	815 households	\$83,246 \$242,731
Holiday Food Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food	6,000lbs	\$10,020
Home Rehabilitation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency repairs• Substantial repairs		\$700,000+
Heat Relief Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hydration• Heat refuge	100 cases	



Current Efforts

- Police Department
 - Calls for Service
 - On-view activity
 - Partnership with Neighborhood and Family Services
 - Community Bridges / Crisis Intervention Training





Promising Practices

Homeless Outreach Team – City of Oceanside, CA

- Consolidating and coordinating a response
- Street Outreach Program
- PD Community Services / Patrol





Next Steps

- Establish an interdepartmental workgroup
- Distribute a Homeless Services Resource Card
- Pilot a homeless outreach partnership
 - Mobile intake and assessment
 - Transportation services
 - Point of entry HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)
- Participate in diversion training
- Evaluate a possible eviction prevention program



Questions/Comments