

SPRING 2025 RIVERBED HOMELESSNESS CENSUS

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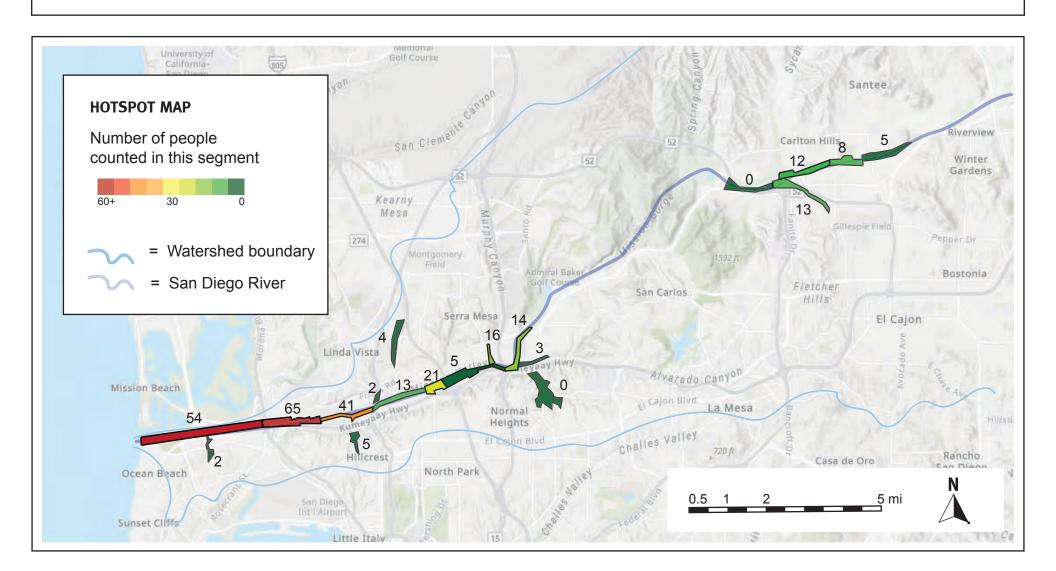
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The San Diego River Park Foundation coordinates volunteers to document people experiencing homelessness in the San Diego Riverbed. During the spring census, SDRPF volunteers conducted field surveys on foot in the early morning hours over four consecutive days (April 10-13) in the segments below. Volunteers were trained to document hand-built structures, individuals, and inhabited vehicles. The below numbers report only inhabited vehicles parked within naturalized areas, not adjacent parking lots or streets. This survey included some tributary areas. These are the results:

City of San Diego: standard areas
City of San Diego: new tributary areas
City of Santee: standard areas
TOTAL

Hand-Built Structures	Individuals	Inhabited Vehicles	Estimated* Total People
78	42	18	215
12	8	0	29
16	9	0	37
106	59	18	281

*based on the most recent Regional Task Force on Homelessness multipliers (2018): x1.75 for hand-built structures and x2.03 for inhabited vehicles



TRENDS OVER TIME

Total people experiencing homelessness in the San Diego Riverbed by shelter type (trend analysis excludes canyons because surveys there started in 2021)

