

Table 3
San Diego Tracks the Progress Toward Some of Its Homelessness Strategic Goals

LONG TERM STRATEGIC GOALS		PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS
Increase the outflow by increasing the production of permanent solutions	Develop pipeline plan for 3,500 units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) over 10 years, including 2,802 units of supportive housing developed and 701 supportive housing units leased in private rental market.	As of September 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total PSH units needed to develop—2,802. • Total PSH units in service—1,237. • Total PSH units under construction—196. • Total PSH units approved with finance pending—107. • Additional PSH units needed—1,262.
Decrease the inflow by increasing successful prevention and diversion	Increase diversion to at least 770 successful interventions per year and reduce the number of people who become homeless for the first time or return to homelessness.	From 2019 through 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time increased from 7,234 to 8,231. • The number of people who returned to homelessness increased from 3,100 to 3,624.
Improve system performance	Ensure that the homelessness assistance system is functioning at peak utilization/performance. Ensure that people quickly receive housing and services.	Utilization in 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency shelter bed utilization—87%. • PSH utilization—75%. • Rapid Rehousing utilization—100%. • Safe Haven utilization—88%. • Transitional housing utilization—83%. • Other PSH utilization—96%. Average length of time homeless in 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,029 days, up from 771 in 2019.

SHORT TERM GOALS	MEASURES TO EVALUATE EFFECTIVENESS	SYSTEM PERFORMANCE
Decrease unsheltered homelessness by 50%	Monthly unsheltered downtown count.	As of August 2023, there were 1,207 unsheltered people in downtown San Diego, which is an increase of 437 people compared to the same month in 2019.
	Project One for All (POFA) voucher utilization—rental housing vouchers and supportive services for adults with serious mental illness who are experiencing homelessness.	In 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 778 POFA vouchers awarded. • 545 POFA vouchers used to lease units. • 86 POFA vouchers in progress or issued. • 81% POFA voucher utilization, up from 72% in 2019.
Finish the job of ending veteran homelessness	Veteran PIT count.	In 2023 there were 248 sheltered and 319 unsheltered veterans.
	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)—voucher program to provide rental assistance for veterans who receive case management and clinical services and who are experiencing homelessness.	In 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,285 VASH vouchers awarded. • 1,198 VASH vouchers used to lease units. • 93% VASH voucher utilization, up from 86% in 2019.
Prevent and end youth homelessness	Youth PIT count.	In 2023 there were 672 sheltered and 182 unsheltered youth—511 less youth experiencing homelessness compared to 2022.
	Transition-Aged Youth Family Unification Program Voucher (TAYFUP)—rental housing vouchers to reunite children with their families. Transitional Aged Youth specific vouchers (TAY).	In 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 TAYFUP vouchers awarded. • 49 TAYFUP vouchers used to lease units. • 98% TAYFUP voucher utilization. • 59 TAY vouchers awarded. • 49 TAY vouchers used to lease units. • 83% TAY voucher utilization, up from 65% in 2019.

Source: San Diego's city action plan, housing commission dashboards, and 2023 CoC PIT count data.