

## PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In response to community interest and City Council request, Fremont Police Department, in partnership with the Human Services Department, produced the following information to address demand for community housing program and safety statistics. The document is a response to the request and intends to provide clarity on data related to housing programs. Many practitioners believe the need or desire to commit a crime may be alleviated if the individual had access to safe and stable housing.

## CURRENT EFFORTS

Together the Police Department and Human Services Department are working jointly to provide our community with a better understanding of our unsheltered population, and factors that lead to homelessness. The majority of the Police Department's calls for service, for crimes committed in our city, do not occur at either emergency shelters or at affordable housing sites. Police service demands are typically higher for persons who are unhoused living in our community without acceptable housing and services.

The primary solution to resolving homelessness is to provide all residents in our city the dignity of having safe, permanent, affordable housing, and for some that will mean housing with supportive services. Emergency shelter is often the first step in moving unhoused residents, living on the streets or in their vehicles, towards more permanent housing solutions. Permanent housing, that is affordable to those with very low to acutely low incomes, is the next step. According to the City's 2019 Point in Time Survey, around 97% of our unhoused population desire to be housed in a safe environment and to be re-integrated into our community. Since 2019, Fremont's local emergency shelter and transitional housing programs have demonstrated successful outcomes when transitioning participants into housing and alternative programs:

- Islander Program (April 2019 – February 2022): 77.36%
- Housing Navigation Center (October 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021): 80.85%
- Sunrise Village (average of outcomes between 2019 – 2021): 78.9%

## HOMELESS POINT IN TIME COUNT

In February 2022, the City's **Point in Time Count** for homeless individuals was **1,026**. This is an observation count of visible sheltered and unsheltered homeless, and the count does not include any identifying information for those individuals. The number counted serves as a baseline number. The City estimates an actual count two or three times higher than the baseline count because of the hidden and mobile nature of unhoused individuals.

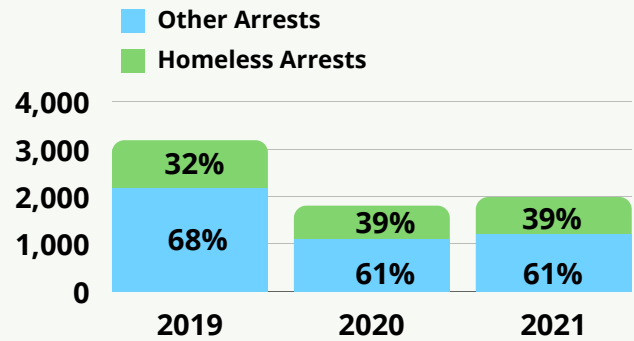
For the purposes of the Point in Time Count, those observed must meet the Federal HUD (Housing & Urban Development) definition of literal homelessness:

- has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or
- is living in a publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
- is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

## 2019 - 2021 FREMONT POLICE ARRESTS

Total includes multiple arrests for some individuals

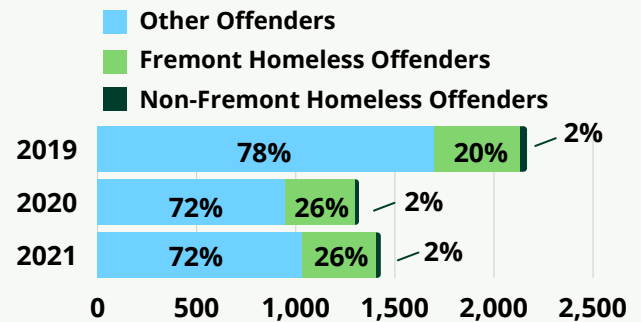
Year	Total Arrests	Other Arrests	Homeless Arrests
2019	3,183	2,174	1,009
2020	1,803	1,103	700
2021	1,985	1,210	775



Total arrests by Fremont officers include all physical arrests in addition to citations for misdemeanor crimes. This data includes singular arrest events, not counting multiple charges associated to one arrest. It does not take into account the final disposition with the District Attorney's Office which reverts arrests to detentions when the case is not prosecuted, per California Penal Code 851.6. Physical arrests may take place in Fremont, or outside of the city, however regional task force arrests are not included in the data.

## 2019 - 2021 UNIQUE OFFENDERS ARRESTED BY FREMONT POLICE

Year	Total Unique Offenders	Other Offenders	Fremont Homeless Offenders	Non-Fremont Homeless Offenders
2019	2,165	1,695	433	37
2020	1,317	944	351	22
2021	1,427	1,029	372	26



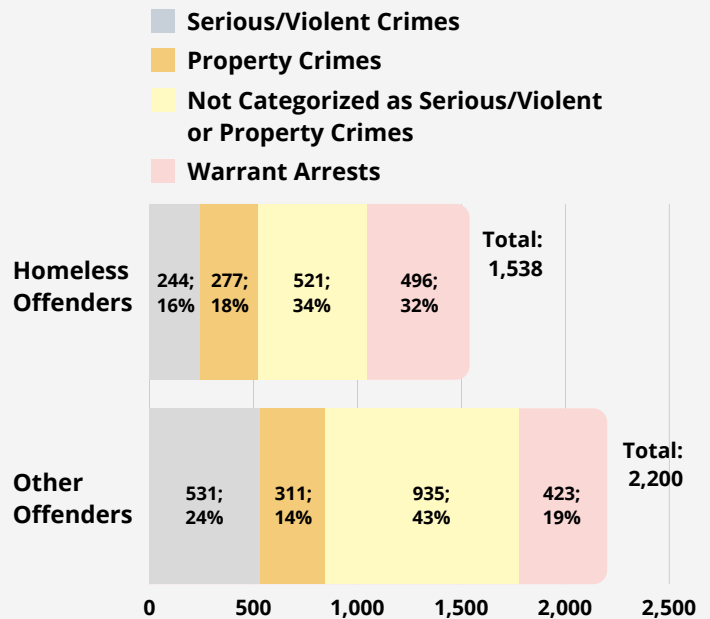
## 2021 CHARGES BY CATEGORY

**Serious/Violent Crimes:** include, but not limited to, robbery, assault, sexual assault, indecent exposure, evading police, domestic violence, brandishing a weapon, other gun-related charges, and carjacking.

**Property Crimes:** include, but not limited to, theft, burglary, auto theft, fraud, and arson.

**Not Categorized as Serious/Violent or Property Crimes:** include, but not limited to, vandalism, various vehicle violations, drug offenses, drunk in public, disturbances, and trespassing.

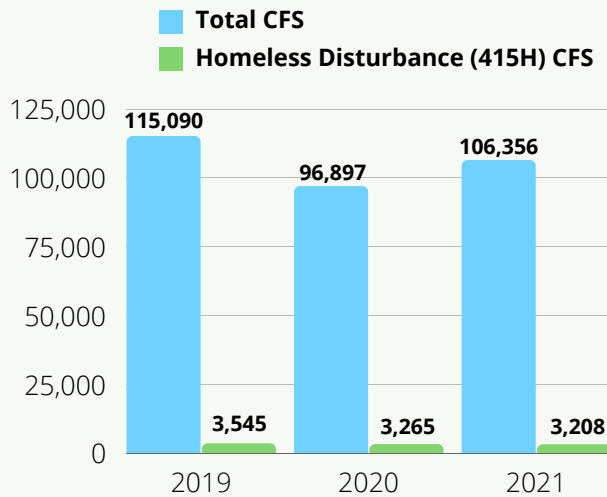
**Warrant Arrests:** include misdemeanor and felony violations where the crime occurred in either Fremont or other jurisdictions; some offenses may have occurred prior to 2021.



## 2019 - 2021 FREMONT CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) COMPARISON



- From 2019-2021, Fremont had 318,343 total calls for service, of which **10,018** were 415H. Homeless Disturbance calls for service account for about **3%** of total calls for service.
- From 2019-2021, the total number of calls for service for five community housing locations noted below was **796**, which accounts for **0.25%** of all calls for service received.



CFS at Five Community Housing Locations

Year/Location	2019	2020	2021	Total CFS
Islander	42	68	64	174
Main Street Village	90	59	119	268
Laguna Commons	38	51	78	167
Sunrise Village	99	25	20	144
Housing Navigation Center (HNC)*	0	4	39	43

\*The Housing Navigation Center (HNC) was established in 2020.

## DEFINITIONS

- **How is "homeless" defined?** A person is described as homeless if they indicate no permanent address during police contact. People are not required to provide an address to police. If they refuse, it is noted, but that does not mean they are literally homeless. Therefore, homeless is self-reported for the reasons noted above.
- **How is "other" defined?** A person provided a residential address, either in Fremont, or another city.
- **What is an arrest?** An arrest may include a citation or a physical booking in a jail facility.
- **What is a Call for Service (CFS)?** A CFS is typically a call from the community to "911" or a non-emergency call requesting a police response. However, not all CFS require a police response. In addition, they also include officer-initiated activity.
- **What are Homeless Disturbance Calls for Service (CFS)?** A homeless disturbance call type was created in August 2018 due to the frequency of requests for a patrol response to homeless-related community concerns and as a means of evaluation. The call type is 415H which is shorthand for "disturbance" (PC 415) and "homeless-related" (H). This data type is intended to assist in assessing necessary resources to address various issues.
- **What is a report?** A report is typically generated from a call for service which requires detailed documentation by the officer of involved parties, vehicles, property, incidents, etc. and any subsequent actions taken. A report is always written when a crime occurs, but reports may also include non-criminal matters such as missing persons, various traffic violations, suspicious circumstances, miscellaneous public service, etc.