Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

2018 Results

May 31, 2018
Behind these numbers are our neighbors. That’s why we count.

THANK YOU to the over 8,500 volunteers, partners, and community service providers who make the Homeless Count possible.
For the first time in 4 years homelessness decreased

Why?

• More people are being placed into housing than ever before

• Strategies have been developed, more resources deployed, and we’re starting to see results

*Adjusted estimates resubmitted to HUD
2018 HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS

City of Los Angeles
31,516
5% Decrease

County of Los Angeles
53,195
3% Decrease

The LA CoC total number was 50,385, a 4% decrease from 2017. The LA CoC is Los Angeles County excluding Glendale, Pasadena, & Long Beach CoCs.
Strategic efforts to address homelessness are beginning to make an impact.
More people are moving into homes

2017 was the highest year to date

What’s Working:
- Created new supportive and rapid re-housing resources
- Expanded landlord incentive programs
- Expanded move-in financial assistance

LA’s Plan Moving Forward:
- Adding housing location services
- Linking affordable housing to the Coordinated Entry System
- Launching Shallow Subsidy program
- Implementing Year 2 of Proposition HHH and Measure H to create more housing

Housing Placements
LA CoC*, 2015 - 2017

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Placements</th>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>10,917</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>14,214</td>
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<td>16,519 **</td>
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**The HMIS data system transition caused a temporary disruption in data collection during 2017, resulting in fewer housing placements recorded in the data system. Researchers Dennis Culhane and Stephen Metraux used an historical statistical model to estimate that the total number of housing placements was 18,223
Veteran homelessness decreased 18%

Dedicated resources, continued hard work, local leadership

What’s Working:
- Established a Countywide Veterans Benefit Advocacy Program
- Redesigned VA programs to target chronically homeless Veterans
- Enhanced direct-service staff collaboration
- Coordinated VA housing resources through the Coordinated Entry System

LA’s Plan Moving Forward:
- Continuing to strengthen system collaboration between VA and the Coordinated Entry System
- Adding 800+ Veteran-specific supportive housing units
- Allocating $20 million countywide to house Veterans experiencing mental health issues
- Creating countywide Veteran Peer Support Network

Veteran Homeless Persons
Los Angeles County, 2017 & 2018

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>4,792</td>
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<td>3,910</td>
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Chronic homelessness decreased 16%

Prioritizing our most vulnerable

Chronically Homeless Persons
Los Angeles County, 2017 & 2018

What’s Working:

- Focused Coordinated Entry System services for chronic/high-need population
- Dedicated half of all HACoLA turnover housing choice vouchers
- Streamlined supportive housing process

LA’s Plan Moving Forward:

- Strengthening linkages to medical services
- Reducing housing barriers through legal assistance services
- Implementing Proposition HHH and Measure H resources to create new supportive housing units
Youth housing placements increased 43%

The number of sheltered youth increased 20%

**What’s Working:**
- Created 276 new youth interim housing beds
- Launched youth family reconnection program
- Added 196 rapid re-housing slots dedicated for youth

**LA’s Plan Moving Forward:**
- Enhancing youth drop-in centers
- Adding 350 new interim housing beds dedicated for youth
- Adding 129 supportive housing units dedicated for youth

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**Youth Placed into Housing**

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<th>Unsheltered</th>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>976</td>
<td>1,447</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>1,209</td>
<td>1,739</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>1,732</td>
<td>1,786</td>
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**Total Homeless Youth Population**

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<td>2017</td>
<td>1,786 (55%)</td>
<td>1,447 (45%)</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>1,567 (47%)</td>
<td>1,739 (53%)</td>
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**Adjusted estimates resubmitted to HUD
However, the economic factors driving people into homelessness persist
Los Angeles has a growing affordable housing crisis

Los Angeles County needs over 565,000 new affordable housing units for low income renters—16,000 more than the previous year

Since 2000, median rent in Los Angeles County has increased 32% while median renter household income has decreased 3%*

Los Angeles County has the highest poverty rate across all counties in the state at nearly 25%**

When accounting for housing costs and cost-of-living, California has the highest poverty rate in the country at over 20%***

Source: California Housing Partnership Corporation. (May 2018). Los Angeles County’s Housing Emergency and Proposed Solutions.

*Adjusted for inflation
Source: California Housing Partnership Corporation (May 2017). Los Angeles County Renters in Crisis: A Call for Action.

**California Poverty Measure (CPM), a measure developed by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, average poverty rates from 2013-2015

***US Census Bureau Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM), average poverty rates from 2014-2016
More people are falling into homelessness for the first time

46% of the 9,322 people experiencing homelessness for the first time said it was due to a loss of employment or other financial reasons.

First Time Experiencing Homelessness Within the Last Year
Unsheltered Adults 25+ & Children in Adult Families
LA CoC*, 2017 & 2018

8,044
2017

9,322
2018

Current Strategies:

- Expanded family homelessness prevention services
- Launched youth and adult prevention services
- Targeted services to people exiting jails, foster care, and hospitals who would otherwise become homeless
- Supporting the development and preservation of affordable housing

LA’s Plan Moving Forward:

- Launching prevention pilot in a high-eviction neighborhood
- Expanding services for people at-risk of experiencing homelessness
- Creating new affordable housing

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Homelessness remains visible on our streets

3 out of 4 people remain unsheltered

39,826
(75%) Unsheltered

13,369
(25%) Sheltered

The number of
• Vehicles
• Tents
• Makeshift shelters

increased 5%* from last year and 32%* since 2016

Current Strategies:

✔ Doubled the amount of outreach workers to 500
✔ Implemented a holistic outreach strategy

LA’s Plan Moving Forward:

☑ Launching Centralized Outreach Referral Portal
☑ Adding more outreach workers
☑ Adding 3,250 interim housing units
☑ Expanding use of technology and data

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Demographic snapshot
2018 HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS

Health Conditions (LA County):
- 27% report a serious mental illness
- 15% report a substance use disorder
- 10% report both substance use disorder and serious mental illness

Domestic Violence (LA CoC*):
- 6% of people report experiencing homelessness because they are fleeing domestic/intimate partner violence

Household Types (LA County):
- 80% of households are single adults only

Age (LA CoC*):
- 22% increase in people aged 62 and older
- There was a decrease in all other age groups

Gender (LA County):
- 2/3 of people experiencing homelessness identify as male

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Race/Ethnicity: (LA CoC*)
While the Black/African-American population experiencing homelessness decreased 15%, they continue to be overrepresented. Black/African-Americans make up 35% of the homeless population while only making up 9% of the general population in the county.

Origin: (LA CoC*)
65% have been in LA County for more than 20 years

Place of Residence Before Becoming Homeless
Unsheltered Persons
LA CoC*, 2018

- Los Angeles County: 75%
- Other County in Southern California: 13%
- Other County in California: 4%
- Out of State: 7%
- Outside of U.S.: 1%

Length of Time in LA County, Unsheltered Adults
25+ & Children in Adult Families
LA CoC*, 2018

- More than 20 years: 65%
- 10-20 years: 10%
- 5-10 years: 7%
- 1-5 years: 9%
- 1 year or less: 7%

Homeless Population by Race and Ethnicity
LA CoC*, 2017 & 2018

- Hispanic or Latino: 18,334 (35%) in 2017, 17,800 (35%) in 2018
- White: 10,614 (20%) in 2017, 12,798 (25%) in 2018
- Black / African-American: 20,960 (40%) in 2017, 17,728 (35%) in 2018
- Asian: 537 (1%) in 2017, 532 (1%) in 2018
- American Indian/Alaskan Native: 707 (1%) in 2017, 545 (1%) in 2018
- Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander: 143 (0.3%) in 2017, 253 (1%) in 2018
- Multi-Racial / Other: 1,146 (2%) in 2017, 728 (1%) in 2018

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A snapshot of where our homeless neighbors were found 3 days in January

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<th>2017</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>% Change</th>
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<td>1- Antelope Valley</td>
<td>3,825</td>
<td>3,203</td>
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<td>2- San Fernando Valley</td>
<td>7,341</td>
<td>7,773</td>
<td>+6%*</td>
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<td>3- San Gabriel Valley</td>
<td>4,094</td>
<td>4,292</td>
<td>+5%*</td>
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<td>4- Metro LA</td>
<td>14,844</td>
<td>14,425</td>
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<td>5- West LA</td>
<td>5,411</td>
<td>4,485</td>
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<td>6- South LA</td>
<td>9,036</td>
<td>8,317</td>
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<td>7- East LA County</td>
<td>4,533</td>
<td>4,581</td>
<td>+1%</td>
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<td>8- South Bay</td>
<td>5,964</td>
<td>6,119</td>
<td>+3%*</td>
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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
<td>55,048</td>
<td>53,195</td>
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*Change is statistically significant
Los Angeles is investing, responding, and working together
Our work is making a difference

Change in Total Homeless Population
Los Angeles County, 2010 - 2018

- 2010: 38,717
- 2011: 39,414
- 2012: 35,926 (Homelessness increases 12% since 2013)
- 2013: 39,461
- 2014: 38,089
- 2015: 44,359
- 2016: 46,874
- 2017: *55,048* (Homelessness increases 17%)
- 2018: 53,195 (homelessness decreases 3%)

WHERE WE ARE GOING:

$3.5 billion in LA County Measure H funds and $1.2 billion in LA City Proposition HHH dollars will be invested to address homelessness over the next 10 years

WHERE WE ARE GOING:

- **February 2016**: Homeless strategies adopted
- **November 2016**: Prop HHH approved by voters
- **March 2017**: Measure H approved by voters
- **July 2017**: Measure H funds were disbursed

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GET INVOLVED

1. Support more interim and supportive housing in your local community

2. Advocate for expanded state and federal funding for affordable housing and homeless services

3. Join the Everyone In Campaign at everyoneinla.org

4. Volunteer at your local homeless service agency and for the 2019 Street Count
SAVE THE DATE

2019 Street Count
January 22, 23 & 24

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