Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

2019 Results

Updated June 17, 2020
BEHIND THESE NUMBERS...

are our neighbors

THAT'S why we count.

Thank you to the thousands of volunteers, partners, and community service providers who make the Homeless Count possible, and who have helped our homeless services system reach more people than ever before.
Point-in-Time Count

- Federally mandated PIT Count
- HUD approved methodology
- USC Statistical & Demographic Consultant
The affordable housing crisis is driving a regional increase in homelessness

• Rising homelessness is a statewide challenge

• The simple average increase among reporting areas statewide is +27%

• LA is the least affordable housing market in the United States*

*Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University, “The State of the Nation’s Housing” 2018
People experiencing homelessness at point-in-time count

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
14% Increase

35,550

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
12% Increase

58,936

The LA CoC total number was 56,257 a 12% increase from 2018. The LA CoC is Los Angeles County excluding Glendale, Pasadena, & Long Beach CoCs.
We housed more people than ever, yet our housing affordability crisis drove a net rise in homelessness.

721,000
Severely rent-burdened LA households

54,882
Estimated inflow over 2018

52,765
2018 Point-in-time count

21,631
People placed in homes

27,080
Estimated other exits to housing

5,643 people prevented from entering homelessness

58,936
2019 Point-in-time count
We housed 21,631 people in 2018

Housing placements increased 23% from last year and more than doubled since 2014

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Housing Placements</th>
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<td>11,904</td>
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<td>2016</td>
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<td>17,558</td>
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Rapid Re-Housing: 34% (7,258)
Supportive Housing: 24% (5,158)
Other Permanent Housing: 42% (9,215)
However, economic factors are driving increases in homelessness.

**Wages have not kept pace with rental cost**

An LA renter earning minimum wage ($13.25/hr) would need to work 79 hours per week to afford rent on a 1-bedroom apartment.

*The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, “Rental Burden by Metro” 2019

**721,000 LA County households are severely rent-burdened**

1/3 of LA households spend more than 50% of their household income on rent.

*Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University, “The State of the Nation’s Housing” 2018

**LA needs 516,946 new affordable housing units**

To meet the needs of low-income renters.

***California Housing Partnership Corporation. (May 2019) Los Angeles County Annual Affordable Housing Outcomes Report
We are helping more people than ever

**PREVENTION**
- 2015 Pre-Measure H: 1,346
- 2018: 5,643

**OUTREACH + ENGAGEMENT**
- 2015 Pre-Measure H: 11,747*
- 2018: 34,110*

**INTERIM HOUSING**
- 2015 Pre-Measure H: 18,979*
- 2018: 24,493*

**PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENTS**
- 2015 Pre-Measure H: 11,904
- 2018: 21,631

*LA CoC excludes Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach CoCs; Permanent Housing Placements and Prevention include all 4 CoCs in LA County
Thousands of new supportive and affordable housing units are being built

- 72% of Prop HHH funds are already committed to build 5,303 units

Through the County and City of Los Angeles’s investments:

- Approximately 1,400 units scheduled to open in fiscal year 2019-20
- 10,000+ units in the pipeline (committed and 2019 projected funding)
Insights from the 2019 Count Results
Homelessness remains visible on our streets

Key Facts:
- Outreach staff increased to over 800 people with expertise in physical, mental health and substance use disorder
- Countywide outreach coordination
- Intensive field-based service expansion for those with serious mental illness
- Safe Parking program implementation

Numbers presented are for LA County

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>People in Cars, Vans, and RVs/Campers</td>
<td>15,749</td>
<td>16,528</td>
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<td>People in Tents and Makeshift Shelters</td>
<td>9,475</td>
<td>11,086</td>
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<td>Other Unsheltered</td>
<td>14,172</td>
<td>16,600</td>
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More people are being housed through Interim Housing

Key Facts
- Increased bed rates to provide enhanced case management
- Enhanced Mental Health services
- High acuity individuals are being sheltered at higher rates
- More than 1,600 beds in pipeline for 2019-2020

44,214 (75%) Unsheltered Countywide

14,722 (25%) Sheltered Countywide

27% of participants exit to Permanent Housing

1,841 New Interim Housing beds (2018-2019)

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Veteran homelessness slightly decreased

Veterans and family members experiencing homelessness

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<td>3,886</td>
<td>3,878</td>
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<td>1,074 Sheltered</td>
<td>982 Sheltered</td>
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<td>2,812 Unsheltered</td>
<td>2,896 Unsheltered</td>
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KEY FACTS:

- HUD-VASH program targeted to the most vulnerable Veterans
- Homeless prevention programs expansion
- Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) to assist Veterans accessing services through the use of peers

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**Family members experiencing homelessness increased 6.4%**

**KEY FACTS:**

- Homelessness prevention funding expansion for families
- Interim housing for families increased – more family members are sheltered.
- Rapid re-housing expansion
- Diversion/problem-solving specialists in each SPA

Numbers presented are for LA County.
People experiencing chronic homelessness increased 17% 

KEY FACTS:

- Intensive case management capacity expanded within Supportive Housing
- Newly built Supportive Housing over the next two years including HHH
- Financial management and legal services for people experiencing homelessness
- Decreasing barriers for access to housing for those most in need

Number housed includes data from the HMIS and from DHS. Numbers presented are for LA County.
Youth homelessness increased 24%

Youth experiencing homelessness
LA CoC*

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Sheltered</th>
<th>Unsheltered</th>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>1,683</td>
<td>1,481</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>1,734</td>
<td>2,192</td>
<td>3,926</td>
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**KEY FACTS:**

- Prevention-focused collaboration with key partners including DCFS and Probation
- Youth-specific interim housing expansion
- Youth-specific rapid re-housing expansion
- Host Home and Youth Family Reconnection programs launched

*Youth population includes 18-24 year olds and their children
*Numbers presented are for LA CoC, excluding Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach CoCs
Senior homelessness increased by 8%

KEY FACTS:

- Workgroup of government agencies and community partners to strengthen LA County's response for seniors
- Outreach at senior centers and senior meal sites
- Legal assistance and temporary rental subsidies to help seniors stay in their homes
- Partnership with Adult Protective Services
- 150 new older adults interim housing beds

Population aged 62+
LA CoC*

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<td>Sheltered</td>
<td>4,827</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unsheltered</td>
<td>4,126</td>
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Demographic Snapshots
53% of people experiencing first-time homelessness cited "Economic Hardship" as a leading factor.

More than half of unsheltered adults are on their first episode of homelessness.

About a quarter of unsheltered adults lost their housing in 2018 and are experiencing homelessness for the first time.

37% Homeless more than once

23% First time homeless (2018)

40% First time homeless (before 2018)

*LA CoC excludes Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach CoCs*
KEY FACTS:

- New housing programs and system investments for survivors
- Confidential processes for matching to housing was developed
- Emergency Transfer Plan process for survivors created
- 177 new rapid re-housing slots created
- Countywide system coordination increased

5% of people report experiencing homelessness because they are fleeing domestic/intimate partner violence

88% are adults (individuals and adult-headed families)

50.7% are female
44.0% are male
5.1% are transgender

Demographic summary of people experiencing domestic violence
29% of people experiencing homelessness report a serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

71% DO NOT have a serious mental illness and/or report substance use disorder.

29% DO have a serious mental illness and/or report substance use disorder.

KEY FACTS:
- Intensive case management services provided to over 900 people with severe mental illness
- Expanded interdisciplinary outreach through Department of Mental Health
- 5 new Mental Health Urgent Care and Sobering Centers on Skid Row
**KEY FACTS:**

- Black people in LA continue to be 4 times more likely to experience homelessness
- Ad Hoc Committee On Black People Experiencing Homelessness – continued implementation of 67 recommendations
- 200 new interim housing beds for women
- Ad Hoc Committee On Women and Homelessness – continued implementation of 53 recommendations

**Demographic summary by race/ethnicity and by gender**

- Total Homeless Population by Race and Ethnicity Los Angeles CoC
  - Hispanic/Latino: 47.7%
  - Black: 36.5%
  - White: 27.0%
  - American Indian/Alaskan Native: 1.7%
  - Asian: 1.7%
  - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 0.5%
  - Multiracial/Other: 2.0%

- Gender Non-Conforming: 0.4%
  - Transgender: 2%

**Gender Los Angeles CoC**

- Male: 67%
- Female: 31%
Majority of people experiencing homelessness have lived in LA County more than 10 years.
Count Results by Service Planning Area

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<th>Service Planning Area (SPA)</th>
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<td>1- Antelope Valley</td>
<td>3,203</td>
<td>3,293</td>
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<td>2- San Fernando Valley</td>
<td>7,738</td>
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<td>3- San Gabriel Valley</td>
<td>4,282</td>
<td>5,031</td>
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<td>4- Metro Los Angeles</td>
<td>14,218</td>
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<td>5- West</td>
<td>4,401</td>
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<td>6- South</td>
<td>8,343</td>
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<td>7- East</td>
<td>4,569</td>
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<td>8- South Bay</td>
<td>6,011</td>
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<td>52,765</td>
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SPA 2 includes Glendale, SPA 3 includes Pasadena, and SPA 8 includes Long Beach

*SPA numbers were corrected July 12, 2020
### Count Results by Supervisorial District

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SD 4 includes Long Beach, SD 5 includes Glendale and Pasadena CoC counts.
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<td>15</td>
<td>1,791</td>
<td>2,213</td>
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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
<td>31,285</td>
<td>35,550</td>
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Thanks to the investments made by the people of LA County, thousands of people have a home tonight. Our urgent mission continues to help those who don’t.
Our system is helping more people than ever but we must address inflow into homelessness

- Increase Affordable Housing
- Limit Rental Increases
- Prevent Unjust Evictions
We're all in this together, and you can help!
Say YES to more housing in our neighborhoods.

1. Support more interim and supportive housing in your local community; Join the Everyone In Campaign at https://everyoneinla.org

2. Advocate for expanded state and federal funding for affordable housing and homeless services at https://www.lahsa.org/policy/legislative-affairs

3. Volunteer at your local homeless service agency at https://www.lahsa.org/get-involved