



# 2016 Greater Los Angeles Youth Count Fact Sheet

## How to Support the Youth Count

### Are You Familiar with Homeless Youth in Your Community?

- Join the **Youth Count planning efforts** in your Service Planning Area
- Identify **"hot spots"** where homeless youth are likely to be encountered
- **Participate in the survey** of homeless youth in your community
- Provide **transportation** or serve as a **deployment site** for Youth Surveyors
- Help **recruit** youth and volunteers, and **promote** or host count activities

### Are You 18-24 Years Old, and Currently or Formerly Homeless?

- **Share your expertise** and **raise awareness** by joining the Youth Count planning efforts in your area
- **Participate in the survey** of homeless youth in your community

### Are You a Community Member?

- **Sponsor** youth the week of the count by providing breakfast items, water, snacks, meeting space, transportation, or gift cards
- **Participate in the survey** of homeless youth in your community

### Contact us!

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## What is the Youth Count?

Coordinated by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority since 2007, the Greater Los Angeles Youth Count provides an estimate of how many unaccompanied minors and transition age youth (age 18-24) are experiencing homelessness in communities throughout the Los Angeles Continuum of Care on any given night.

## Why is there a Youth Count?

Since homeless youth often "hide in plain sight," and are not easily found during traditional homeless enumerations, a Youth Count helps ensure young people are represented in our estimates of individuals, families, and youth experiencing homelessness. Data collected from the Youth Count directly impacts local, state, and federal funding for homeless youth services, and is a powerful tool for local planning and advocacy.

## How is the Youth Count done?

The 2016 Greater Los Angeles Youth Count will represent the largest urban survey-based youth count in the U.S. to-date.

The new methodology will feature:

- Survey of unaccompanied minors and transition age youth during the week of January 22-28, 2016.
- Stratified sample of census tracts across the Los Angeles Continuum of Care
- School-based count of homeless students
- Special outreach to specific sub-groups of youth, including: LGBT, pregnant & parenting, undocumented, re-entry, etc.

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