2016 Homeless Count Results
Los Angeles County
and
LA Continuum of Care

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
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Why Do We Count?

• The Homeless Count seeks to answer key questions about homelessness in Los Angeles:
  • How many people in LA experience homelessness on a given night?
  • What are their demographic characteristics?
  • How are they distributed across the county?
  • Where are they staying?

• The Point-In-Time Count is a snapshot of LA’s homelessness on one day
• Homeless Count data are reported to HUD
Los Angeles Homeless Count Basic Facts

• Nation’s largest Count
• Four Components:
  – Street Count
    • 7,500 volunteers countywide
  – Demographic Surveys
    • Detailed individual data
  – Shelter Count
    • Public and privately funded
  – Youth Count
    • Surveys across a statistically drawn geographic sample
2016 Los Angeles County Results

- The total estimated number of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County was 46,874, an overall increase of 2,515 people or 5.7% from 2015 (44,359).

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<td>County of LA</td>
<td>44,359</td>
<td>46,874</td>
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Total includes all four Continuums of Care in LA County: LA, Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena.
2016 Los Angeles County Veteran Homelessness Reduction

- Veteran homelessness fell 30% across LA County
- 3,071 veterans homeless in 2016, down from 4,362 in 2015
- Unsheltered veterans down 44%
- 47% of homeless veterans now sheltered vs 34% in 2015

Data includes Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena
2016 Los Angeles CoC Veteran Homelessness

- Veteran homelessness fell **32%** in LA CoC
- **2,728** veterans homeless in 2016, down from **4,016** in 2015
- Unsheltered veterans reduced **46%**
- **46%** of homeless veterans now sheltered vs **31%** in 2015
2016 City of Los Angeles Veteran Homelessness

- Veteran homelessness fell **41%** in City of Los Angeles
- **1,617** veterans homeless in 2016, down from **2,733** in 2015
- Unsheltered veterans reduced **43%**
- **36%** of homeless veterans now **sheltered** vs **33%** in 2015
• 3,812 homeless veterans in Los Angeles County were permanently housed in 2015

- Housed 318 per month
2016 Homeless Count Results
Veteran Successes

• **8,447** homeless veterans housed since 2014

• Coordinated systems and resource investment work
  • Federal housing vouchers through VA and HUD, with key coordinated funds from City and County of Los Angeles local sources led to decrease in veteran homelessness

• Housing availability continues to be a regional challenge
2016 Los Angeles County Results
Fewer Homeless Families Countywide

- **LA County:**
  - **18%** decrease in homeless family members from 2015 to 2016
  - Unsheltered family members decreased **35%**

- **LA CoC:**
  - **18%** decrease to **6,128** family members

- **LA City:**
  - **17%** decrease to **3,662** family members

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<td>2015</td>
<td>5,032</td>
<td>3,071</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>4,613</td>
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2,390 Homeless Families Housed in 2015

Increases in housing placements are making a difference as investments and resources are resulting in people experiencing homelessness becoming stably housed.

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Source: LA CoC HMIS and Homeless Family Solution System
2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

- The Point-In-Time Unsheltered Count population increased 5%

*Vehicles, tents, and encampments increased 20% in LA CoC*

- 2013: 5,153
- 2015: 9,535
- 2016: 11,472

- 2015: 28,948
- 2016: 30,393 (+5%)
2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

• **75%** of population is **unsheltered** in LA CoC (and City of LA)
  • Compared to **70% unsheltered** in 2015

• **Sheltered** population (**11,073**) decreased **9%** from 2015

Various Contributing Factors:

Increase in LAHSA-funded shelter *but*

Larger decrease in beds from other programs
2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

• The combined *Unsheltered* + *Sheltered* population increased 0.7% from 41,174 in 2015 to 41,466 in 2016

• Only *Sheltered* + *Unsheltered* components used in 2015 Count
2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

• The total *Unsheltered + Sheltered + Youth Count* homeless population increased 6.5% to 43,854

• Improvements in Youth Count allow us to include all components:

*Unsheltered + Sheltered + Youth Count*
2016 Los Angeles CoC Youth Count

• 2016 Youth Count methodology improvements
  • Interview survey of youth (vs observational count)
  • Statistically valid sample (vs simple direct count)
    • Allows estimate of entire LA CoC homeless youth

• Youth Count identified more youth than the number counted during the Point In Time street count
  • This reinforces the need for a Youth Count

• Inclusion of Youth Count impacts homeless population total
  • Although 2015 Youth Count data were not used, a youth estimate was derived from Demographic Survey data
2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

• The total estimated number of homeless persons enumerated in January 2016 was **43,854**, an overall increase of **2,680** or **6.5%** from 2015 (41,174)

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<td>28,948</td>
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<td>Youth Count</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>41,174</td>
<td>43,854</td>
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Youth Count data included in Unsheltered Count total
2016 City of Los Angeles

- City of Los Angeles saw an **11%** increase in total homelessness
  - **28,464** people (65% of LA County)
  - **1,445** from Youth Count are 52% of total increase

- The **unsheltered** population in the City increased by **21%** and the **sheltered** population decreased by **11%**
# 2016 City of Los Angeles

## City Council Districts Highlights

- Decreases in Council Districts (CD) 8, 10, and 14
- CD 14 has the highest % share of homeless persons in the City of LA
- CDs 2, 3, 9, 12, and 13 saw increases between 34% and 79% since 2015
- CD 9 experienced largest increase among people experiencing homelessness

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<td>1,986</td>
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<td>607</td>
<td>1,084</td>
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<td>CD 3</td>
<td>620</td>
<td>890</td>
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<td>628</td>
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<td>1,348</td>
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<td>CD 11</td>
<td>2,359</td>
<td>2,529</td>
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<td>569</td>
<td>906</td>
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<td>CD 13</td>
<td>2,270</td>
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<td>6,292</td>
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<td>CD 15</td>
<td>1,544</td>
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<td><strong>25,686</strong></td>
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2016 Los Angeles County Results by Service Planning Areas (SPAs)

- Three SPAs experienced a decrease or remained essentially flat since 2015
  - SPA 3 (-16% decrease), SPA 6 (-1% decrease), SPA 7 (-3% decrease)

- The largest increases since 2015 were seen in SPA 2 (35%) and SPA 8 (11%)

Changes in Service Planning Area (SPA) Homeless Populations 2015 - 2016

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<td>2,818</td>
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<td>2- San Fernando Valley</td>
<td>5,424</td>
<td>7,334</td>
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<td>3- San Gabriel Valley</td>
<td>3,725</td>
<td>3,142</td>
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<td>4- Metro LA</td>
<td>11,681</td>
<td>11,860</td>
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<td>5- West LA</td>
<td>4,276</td>
<td>4,659</td>
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<td>6- South LA</td>
<td>7,513</td>
<td>7,459</td>
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<td>7- East LA County</td>
<td>3,571</td>
<td>3,469</td>
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<td>8- South Bay</td>
<td>5,351</td>
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2016 LA County Supervisorial Districts

- SD 1 experienced nearly a **13%** decrease in homelessness, while the remaining Districts experienced increases.
- SD 3 had the largest percentage increase of **23%**.
- SD 2 continues to have the highest share of homeless persons in the County.

### Supervisorial District

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<td>8,749</td>
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<td>14,116</td>
<td>15,322</td>
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<td>8,688</td>
<td>10,712</td>
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African-Americans are disproportionately represented amongst homeless persons in 2016.

African-Americans are 39% of the homeless population, but only 9% of the general population in Los Angeles County (US Census Bureau, 2016).

29% of African-Americans in Los Angeles County live below the poverty line, but are only 12% of the population living in poverty (US Census Bureau, 2014).

Data are for LA CoC Only and exclude Long Beach, Glendale, and Pasadena.
Homelessness by Gender

- Since 2013, there has been a 55% increase in the number of females experiencing homelessness in the LA CoC.
- Females make up 61% of the overall homeless population increase since 2013.
- The 2013 Demographic Survey did not identify transgender individuals.

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There was a 12% increase in people ages 18 to 24 and in people ages 25 to 54.

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People experiencing chronic homelessness, people with mental illness, and people with substance abuse represent a large share of the homeless population.

People can have multiple characteristics.  
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Demographic Characteristics: Domestic Violence

- 18% of the total population (7,868 people) had a history of physical or sexual abuse, including domestic or intimate partner violence and/or stalking.

- Females and transgender individuals experience higher rates of violence and/or abuse.

Data are for LA CoC Only and exclude Long Beach, Glendale, and Pasadena.
The majority of adults experiencing homelessness (72%) have been living in LA County for more than 20 years.

37% of youth age 18-24 have been living in LA County for at least 10 years.

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The majority of adults experiencing homelessness (70%) were last stably housed in Los Angeles County.

67% of youth age 18-24 were last stably housed in Los Angeles County.
Impacting Factors
Housing Affordability Crisis Continues

- CHPC found an affordable housing gap in Los Angeles County of 527,000 units in 2015 study

- 18% of LA County residents meet the Federal Official Poverty Measure – but when housing costs are considered, poverty rate jumps to 27%

- Rental vacancy rate in Metro LA region was 2.7% in 4th quarter of 2015, down from 3.8% in 1st quarter of 2015
Current Solutions

• Veteran and Family data show impact of systemically applied resource investment
  • Homelessness responds to resources
  • Collaboration and systemic engagement shows results

• City and County comprehensive homeless strategies
  • Historic engagement, collaboration, and coordination
  • 2016-17 City and County Budget Proposals greatly increase local investment

• Investments by City and County of Los Angeles, and Federal Government will increase housing and supportive services
SAVE THE DATE

2017 HOMELESS COUNT

JANUARY 24, 25 & 26, 2017

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