Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

2018 Results

September 25 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.
2018 Homeless Count Components

- Street Count (unsheltered)
- Shelter Count (sheltered)
- Youth Count
- Demographic Surveys
  - Sheltered Persons
  - Unsheltered Adults & Families
  - Unsheltered Youth
- Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
Who We Count

People who meet the HUD definition of literal homelessness

Unsheltered

“An individual/family whose primary nighttime residence is public/private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.”

Sheltered

“An individual/family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living arrangement.”

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Homeless Definition Final Rule 24 CFR 578.3
Where We Count

- The streets of the Los Angeles CoC (comprised of Los Angeles County, excluding the cities of Pasadena, Glendale, and Long Beach)
- Other public, off-street locations
  - Metro Stations
  - County Parks
  - Riverbeds
- Shelters
  - Emergency Shelters
  - Transitional Housing
  - Safe Havens
  - Emergency Hotel/Motel (voucher)
For the first time in 4 years homelessness decreased

Change in Homeless Population
Los Angeles County, 2010 - 2018

2010 38,717
2011 39,414
2012 35,926
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2014 38,089
2015 44,359
2016 46,874
2017 55,048*
2018 52,765

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
The LA CoC total number was 49,955, a 5% decrease from 2017. The LA CoC is Los Angeles County excluding Glendale, Pasadena, & Long Beach CoCs.

- **City of Los Angeles:** 31,285 (6% Decrease)
- **County of Los Angeles:** 52,765 (4% Decrease)
Demographic snapshot
Health Conditions (LA County):

- 26% 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

*LA CoC excludes Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach CoCs
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

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: 4%

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: 1%
- Outside of U.S.: 7%

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How we determine race and ethnicity

18. Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino? If yes, read each category that starts with “Yes” and choose all that apply.

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (specify): ____________________
- Declined
- Don't know

19. What race do you identify with? Choose all that apply. Wait for response and choose one answer. Read each category if response is not listed. If response is "Hispanic" or "Latino" select "Some other race (specify)" and write in "HL"

- White
- Black or African-American
- American Indian or Alaska Native (Specify enrolled or principal tribe): ____________________
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Japanese
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Samoan
- Other Asian (specify): ____________________
- Other Pacific Islander (specify): ____________________
- Some other race (specify): ____________________
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**Native American/ Alaska Native Homelessness:**

The Native American/ Alaska Native population increased in all Service Planning Areas except for SPA 3 (San Gabriel Valley) and 8 (South Bay).

565 (1% of total) persons identified as Non-Hispanic Native American/ Alaska Native.

1,211 (2% of total) persons identified as Native American/ Alaska Native. More than half of the NA/AN population experiencing homelessness also identify as Hispanic or Latino.

Hispanic and Non-Hispanic** Native American/Alaska Native Population by Service Planning Area

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Native American/Alaska Native Homeless Youth:
(LA CoC*)

NA/AN persons make up 2% of the total population, and 8% of the youth population.

23% of the 230 Youth counted in South LA (SPA 6) identified as Native American or Alaska Native in 2018.
Los Angeles is investing, responding, and working together
Our work is making a difference

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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.

- 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