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

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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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**Homeless Count Totals**

- **Unsheltered and Sheltered**
  - 2015: 31,025
  - 2016: 34,527
  - +11.3%

- **Sheltered**
  - 2015: 13,334
  - 2016: 12,347
  - -7.4%

- **Total**
  - 2015: 44,359
  - 2016: 46,874
  - +5.7%
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
2015 Los Angeles Homeless Count

Housing Homeless Veterans

- 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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8,103 6,611
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.

### Permanent Housing Placements 2015

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<td>Family Households</td>
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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*
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*

Unsheltered* Sheltered Youth Count
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2015 12,226 28,948 11,073
2016 11,073 30,393 2,388

*Unsheltered Count is de-duplicated of Youth age 18-24*
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>41,174</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)
  - **2,074** from Youth Count are 75% 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>607</td>
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<td>25,686</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%)

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<td>2- San Fernando Valley</td>
<td>5,424</td>
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<td>3- San Gabriel Valley</td>
<td>3,725</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>
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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>
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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

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Homeless Persons by Race and Ethnicity

- 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.
People experiencing chronic homelessness, people with mental illness, and people with substance abuse represent a large share of the homeless population.
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
Length of Time in LA County

- 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.

*Data are for LA CoC Only and exclude Long Beach, Glendale, and Pasadena.*
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.

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• 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
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