2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

Service Planning Area (SPA) 8
South Bay Results

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Outline

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   • Including: Comparisons to the LA CoC results
1. Why the Homeless Count (HC) Numbers are Important

- **Nationally:** The HC are the official data reported to HUD
- **County:** In Los Angeles County, they are used to:
  - Target services to special populations
  - Track trends, help evaluate service and housing program effectiveness
  - Allocate public funding, including Measure H
- **Locally:** In SPA 8, we focus on each community’s unique homelessness challenges, and the entire SPA as a region

2. Keeping HC Data in Perspective

- The Homeless Count is a “point-in-time” census held in late January
  - The numbers **fluctuate** throughout the year and...
  - They **don’t provide a good sense of flows** into and out of homelessness throughout the year (CES is better at tracking that)
- The demographic numbers often do not trend up or down in adjacent years
  - **Use a 2-, 3-, or 4-year period** to understand trends
  - **Examine “prevalence”** (or proportion) for a fuller perspective
- SPA 8’s trends often do not follow those at LA CoC level
Other Data Notes
• The Coalition’s trending starts with HC 2015
  • SPA 8 canvassed 100% of tracts that year for the 1st time; repeated thereafter (i.e., no census tract extrapolation for the street count)
  • LAHSA started conducting annual counts (previously only in odd numbered years per HUD requirement)
• “SPA 8” to us is “LA County’s SPA 8 minus City of Long Beach”
  • Long Beach holds biennial Counts
  • Different methodology used for HC demographics
• LAHSA is the HC’s lead organizer and supplier of raw data

3. HC 2018 Highlights for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC)
• As a reminder, LA CoC includes: all of Los Angeles County minus the cities of Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach
• Homelessness decreased for the first time since 2015. From 2017 to 2018:
  • LA CoC went down by 4% to 50,385
  • LA County decreased by 3% to 53,195
Other 2018 Highlights - LA CoC HC

These statistics are only available at the LA CoC level and not at the SPA-level:

- 18.5% (9,322) experienced homelessness for the first time
  - 46% of them (4,288) said it was due to financial reasons
  - 65% have been in LA County 20+ years, 80% for 5+ years


4. SPA 8/South Bay Results

A 4-Year View
Jan. 2015 – Jan. 2018
SPA 8: Unsheltered/Sheltered

Fast Stat:
• SPA 8’s overall homelessness rose from 2015 to 2018 by 41.3%

SPA 8: Unsheltered

“Unsheltered” components:
• “Street” homelessness
• “Vehicular” homelessness
SPA 8: Unsheltered on the Street

- "Street" includes those literally living outside, plus those in tents or makeshift shelters
- The totals shown were calculated using LAHSA’s “Total Unsheltered” numbers minus those living in vehicles

Fast Stats:
- LA CoC’s “street” unsheltered saw a very slight decrease last year, -0.4% (-87)
- During this same time, SPA 8’s “street” unsheltered rose by 14% (+189)

Unsheltered Living in Vehicles

- “Vehicles” includes Cars, Van, RVs (Note: LAHSA combines “Campers” and “RVs” together)
- The “unit” number is multiplied by the average number of people living in each vehicle type
- These “multipliers” decreased between 2017 and 2018, resulting in fewer people despite a unit rise
Unsheltered in RVs

- The “multiplier” for RVs decreased from 2017 to 2018 by 14% (2.05 to 1.77)
- Though the number of RV units increasing by +70 in LA CoC during the past year (+46 in SPA 8), the total number of people living in them decreased by -1088 (-39 in SPA 8)

SPA 8: Sheltered

“Sheltered” components:
- Emergency Shelter
  - Also called in Los Angeles: “Crisis Housing” “Interim Housing” “Bridge Housing” “Recuperative Beds”
- Transitional Housing
- Safe Havens
SPA 8: Sheltered Homelessness

• Beginning in 2016, LAHSA started using the 2010 Census Tract boundaries (for the 2011-2015 Count, it used the 2000 Census Tract set)
• This resulted in a DPSS office becoming part of SPA 8’s count (issues motel vouchers)

SPA 8: Emergency Shelter

• In 2017, there was an unusually high utilization of motel vouchers across all of LA County (due to a DPSS program’s policy change)
**SPA 8: Transitional Housing (TH)**

**Transitional Housing Fast Stat**
- In 2018, the beds used were dedicated for
  - Veterans: 49% (186)
  - Families: 22% (82)
  - DV survivors: 21% (79)
  - Others: 8% (32)

**“Sheltered” Fast Stat:**
- Factoring out motel voucher utilization, SPA 8 sheltered total utilization between 2017 and 2018 rose by 18% (498 to 589) because of the increased Veteran TH usage

**SPA 8: Gender**

**Fast Stats about % Females**
- 2018 LA CoC: 31% of people
- From ’17 to ’18 in SPA 8: # rose by 22%
SPA 8: Household Composition

Fast Comparison: 2018 LA CoC Household Composition
- Individuals: 84.3%
- Families Members w/minor(s): 15.6%
- Unaccomp’d Minors: 0.1%

SPA 8: Age by Year
SPA 8: Age by Range

Fast Stat Changes from 2017 to 2018:
• In LA CoC: # people aged 62+ rose 22%
• In SPA 8: # 18-24 yrs, often referred to as “Transitional Age Youth” (TAY), rose 35%

Special Populations (1 of 3)

• LA CoC: 7%
• SPA 8: 9%
Special Populations (2 of 3)

**Substance Use (#)**
- SPA 8 Substance Use Disorder
- LA CoC Substance Use Disorder

**Serious Mental Illness (#)**
- SPA 8 Serious Mental Illness
- LA CoC Serious Mental Illness

**Physical Disability (#)**
- SPA 8 Physical Disability
- LA CoC Physical Disability

**2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population 18+**
- LA CoC: 15%
- SPA 8: 12%

**2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population 18+**
- LA CoC: 27%
- SPA 8: 22%

- LA CoC: 15%
- SPA 8: 14%

Special Populations (3 of 3)

**DV Experience (#)**
- SPA 8 DV Experience
- LA CoC DV Experience

**HIV/AIDS (#)**
- SPA 8 HIV/AIDS
- LA CoC HIV/AIDS

**2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population 18+**
- LA CoC: 30%
- SPA 8: 19%

**2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population 18+**
- LA CoC: 2%
- SPA 8: 0%

In 2017, HUD broadened DV reporting beyond domestic violence or sexual assault to include dating violence or stalking.
Closing Remarks

- Demographic information is only available for the “large geographies” such as LA CoC and SPA level, not at the city-level

- Homeless Count 2019 will reflect a full 12-months of “Measure H” expansion

- Hundreds of SPA 8 homeless neighbors were placed into stable housing during the 2017-18 fiscal year (stats provided next month)