

THE PACIFIC PALISADES TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

Synthesized Data from the report: “2016 Homeless Count Results, Los Angeles County and LA Continuum of Care”

The total estimated number of people experiencing homelessness in LA County based on the January, 2016 count was 46,874, an overall increase of 5.7% from 2015 (44,359)

A couple of bright spots:

- Veteran homelessness in the County fell by 30% from 4,362 to 3,071.
- Family homelessness decreased by 18% from 8,103 to 6,611. And 2,390 homeless families (6,867 individuals) were housed in 2015.
- A little closer to home, LA City Council District 11 homelessness increased by 7% from 2,359 to 2,529.
- SPA 5, West LA, increased by 9%, from 4,276 to 4,659. SPA 2, the San Fernando Valley, experienced the greatest increase, 35.2% while the San Gabriel Valley, SPA 3 dropped almost 16%.
- Shiela Kuehl’s supervisory district (#3) experienced a 23.3% increase, the largest of any district.
- Blacks make up 39% of the homeless population but only 9% of the general population. Hispanic and Whites make up slightly over 25% each of the homeless population. [Continuum of Care data; excludes Long Beach, Glendale and Pasadena]
- Women make up about 1/3 of the homeless but their numbers have been rising faster than men. Since 2013, there has been a 55% increase in females experiencing homelessness. [CoC data]
- 76% of the homeless population are between the ages of 18 and 61. [CoC data]
- 31% of the homeless are characterized as “chronically” homeless. 31% have a mental illness, 23% have a problem with substance abuse and 20% have a physical or developmental disability. One person could fit more than one category. [CoC data]
- The majority of adults experiencing homeless (72%) have been living in LA County more than 20 years; 37% of the 18-24 year olds have been in the County at least 10 years.
- 80% of the homeless in LA County are California natives, with 70% coming from LA County. 17% are from out of state with 2% from foreign countries.
- The California Housing Partnership Corporation found that the affordable housing gap in LA County in 2015 is 527,000 units.
- 18% of LA County residents meet the Federal Official Poverty Measure; but when housing expense in SoCal is considered, the poverty rate jumps to 27%.