Fact Sheet: Homelessness in California¹





Total Homeless People on a Single Night in January 2020:

- California had 161,548 homeless people, which accounted for 28% of the nation's homeless population. California also had the highest rate of unsheltered people at 70.4% (113,660 were unsheltered).
- More than half of all unsheltered people in the country were in California (51%).
- California had the largest increase in homelessness from 2019-2020, which amounted to 10,270 more people (a 6.8% increase). It also had the second largest increase from 2007-2020 (28,670 people or a 45.8% increase).

EXHIBIT 1.13: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of People Experiencing Homelessness in each CoC Category

2020

CoC Name	Total People Experiencing Homelessness	CoC Name	Total People Experiencing Homelessness
Major City CoCs		Other Largely Urban CoCs	
New York City CoC	77,943	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	2,745
Los Angeles City & County, CA	63,706	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	2,226
Seattle/King County, WA	11,751	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	1,787
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	9,605	Saint Paul/Ramsey County, MN	1,630
Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County, CA	8,137	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	1,606

Total Homeless Individuals on a Single Night in January 2020:

- California had 135,771 homeless individuals, which accounted for 34% of the nation's population and 52% of all unsheltered individuals. California had the highest rate of unsheltered homeless individuals at 79.2% (107,525 were unsheltered).
- California experienced the largest increase in homeless individuals from 2018-2019, which was 6,994 (a 5.4% increase). It also experienced the highest increase from 2007-2020 (24,819 people or a 22.4% increase).

¹ 2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. January 2021. <u>https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2020-AHAR-Part-1.pdf</u>

EXHIBIT 2.11: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Homeless Individuals by CoC Category 2020

CoC Name	Homeless Individuals	CoC Name	Homeless Individuals	
Major City CoCs		Other Largely Urban CoCs		
Los Angeles City & County CoC, CA	51,290	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	2,510	
New York City	36,394	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	1,876	
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	8,802	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	1,574	
Seattle/King County, WA	8,008	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	1,362	
Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County, CA	7,646	Bakersfield/Kern County, CA	1,360	
Largely Suburban CoCs		Largely Rural CoCs		
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	5,499	Texas Balance of State	7,194	
Honolulu City and County, HI	3,227	Oregon Balance of State	4,304	
San Bernardino City & County, CA	2,744	Washington Balance of State	4,063	
Riverside City & County, CA	2,643	Georgia Balance of State	2,987	
Stockton/San Joaquin County, CA	2,160	Indiana Balance of State	2,841	

Total Homeless Families with Children on a Single Night in January 2020:

- California had 25,777 families with children experiencing homelessness, which accounts for 15% of the nation's homeless family population.
- California experienced the largest increase in homeless families from 2018-2019, which was 3,276 people (a 14.6% increase).

EXHIBIT 3.10: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of People Experiencing Family Homelessness By CoC Category, 2020

CoC Name	People in Families with Children	CoC Name	People in Families with Children
Major City CoCs		Other Largely Urban CoCs	
New York City	41,549	Saint Paul/Ramsey County, MN	587
Los Angeles City & County, CA	12,416	St. Louis City, MO	423
Boston, MA	3,965	Spokane City & County, WA	363
Seattle/King County, WA	3,743	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	350
District of Columbia	2,431	Madison/Dane County, WI	278

Total Homeless Unaccompanied Children and Youth on a Single Night in January 2020:

- California reported the largest numbers of unaccompanied homeless children and youth, at 12,172 people, accounting for 36% of the national population. California had the highest rate of unsheltered homeless children at 78.1% (9,510 were unsheltered).
- California experienced the second largest increase of unaccompanied homeless youth with 179 more or a 1.5% increase.

EXHIBIT 4.10: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth By CoC Category, 2020

CoC Name	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	CoC Name	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	
Major City CoCs		Other Largely Urban CoCs		
Los Angeles City & County, CA	3,098	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	358	
New York City	2,418	Spokane City & County, WA	128	
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	1,848	Anchorage, AK	122	
San Francisco, CA	1,178	Amarillo, TX	106	
Seattle/King County, WA	955	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/ Ventura County, CA	99	
Largely Suburban CoCs		Largely Rural CoCs		
Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County, CA	610	Oregon Balance of State	734	
Riverside City & County, CA	353	Texas Balance of State	437	
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	245	Washington Balance of State	427	
Honolulu City and County, HI	226	Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties, CA	316	
San Bernardino City & County, CA	218	Georgia Balance of State	230	

Total Homeless Veterans on a Single Night in January 2020:

- California had the largest number of veterans experiencing homelessness at 11,401 people. Homeless veterans in California represented 31% of the national homeless veteran population. California also had the highest rate of unsheltered veterans at 70.1% (7,996 were unsheltered).
- California experienced an increase in veteran homelessness from 2019-2020, which was 421 people (3.8%). From 2009-2020, California has seen a 36.6% decrease (or 6,572 people).

EXHIBIT 5.11: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness By CoC Category, 2020

CoC Name	Homeless Veterans	CoC Name	Homeless Veterans	
Major City CoCs		Other Largely Urban CoCs		
Los Angeles City & County, CA	3,681	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	265	
San Diego City and County, CA	940	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	167	
Seattle/King County, WA	813	Reno, Sparks/Washoe County, NV	158	
Las Vegas/Clark County, NV	734	St. Louis City, MO	143	
Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County, CA	722	Spokane City & County, WA	143	
Largely Suburban CoCs		Largely Rural CoCs		
Honolulu City and County, HI	353	Texas Balance of State	555	
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	342	Washington Balance of State	394	
San Bernardino City & County, CA	234	Oregon Balance of State	329	
Riverside City & County, CA	233	Indiana Balance of State	309	
Chester County, PA	222	Georgia Balance of State	295	

Total Chronically Homeless on a Single Night in January 2020:

- Four of every 10 individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness in the United States were in California, with 48,812 people. California also had the highest rate of unsheltered chronically homeless, at 83.5% (40,776 were unsheltered).
- California experienced the largest increase of chronically homeless from 2018-2019, which was 9,537 people (a 24.3% increase). It also experienced the largest increase from 2007-2020, with 8,471 people (or a 21% increase).

EXHIBIT 6.8: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Chronically Homeless Individuals By CoC Category, 2020

CoC Name	Chronically Homeless Individuals	CoC Name	Chronically Homeless Individuals	
Major City CoCs		Other Largely Urban CoCs		
Los Angeles City & County, CA	23,075	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	572	
New York City	5,524	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	519	
Seattle/King County, WA	2,847	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	518	
San Francisco, CA	2,754	Spokane City & County, WA	464	
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	2,381	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	419	
Largely Suburban CoCs		Largely Rural CoCs		
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	2,739	Washington Balance of State	1,367	
Riverside City & County, CA	989	Texas Balance of State	1,089	
Honolulu City and County, HI	896	Oregon Balance of State	1,045	
San Bernardino City & County, CA	750	New Mexico Balance of State	765	
Stockton/San Joaquin County, CA	734	Hawaii Balance of State	631	