

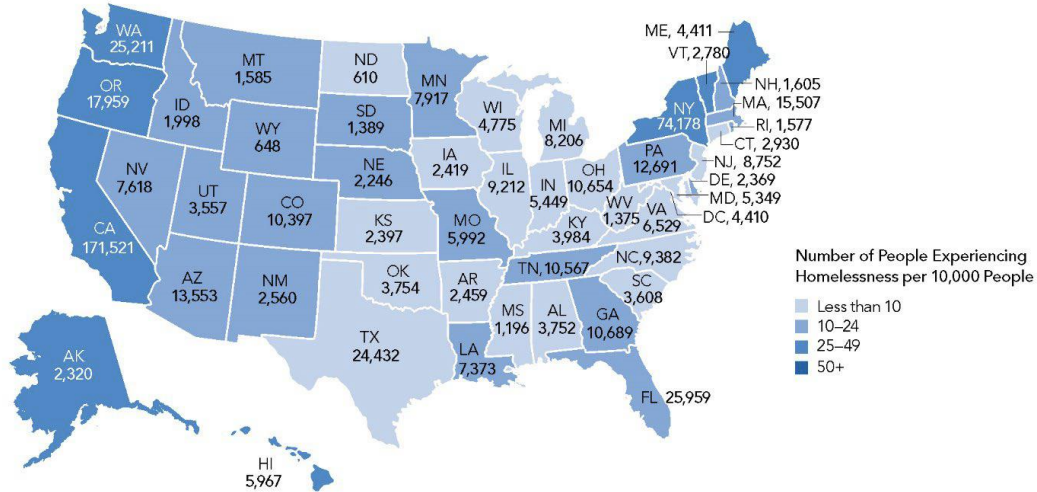
## Fact Sheet: Homelessness in California<sup>1</sup>

### Key Definitions

- **Continuums of Care (CoC)** are local planning bodies responsible for coordinating the full range of homelessness services in a geographic area, which may cover a city, county, metropolitan area, or an entire state.
- **Homeless** describes a person who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- **Sheltered Homelessness** refers to people who are staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, or safe havens.
- **Unsheltered Homelessness** refers to people whose primary nighttime location is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for people (for example, the streets, vehicles, or parks).

### Total People Experiencing Homelessness

Exhibit 1-6: Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness by State, 2022



### Total Homeless People on a Single Night in 2022:

- California had 171,521 homeless people, which accounted for 30% of the nation’s homeless population. California also had the highest rate of unsheltered people at 67.3% (115,491 were unsheltered).
- More than half of all unsheltered people in the country were in California (51%).
- California had the largest increase in homelessness from 2020-2022, which amounted to 9,973 more people (a 6.2% increase). It also had the largest increase from 2007-2022 (32,535 people or a 23.4% increase).

Exhibit 1-12: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of People Experiencing Homelessness in Each CoC Category, 2022

CoC Name	All People Experiencing Homelessness	CoC Name	All People Experiencing Homelessness
<b>Major Cities</b>		<b>Other Largely Urban CoCs</b>	
Los Angeles City & County, CA	65,111	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	2,893
New York City, NY	61,840	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	2,880
Seattle/King County, WA	13,368	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	2,248
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	10,028	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	1,985
Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County, CA	9,747	Spokane City & County, WA	1,757
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>		<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>	
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	5,718	Texas Balance of State	7,054
Louisiana Balance of State	4,731	Georgia Balance of State	5,856
Honolulu City and County, HI	3,945	Washington Balance of State	5,854
San Bernardino City & County, CA	3,333	Maine Statewide	4,411
Riverside City & County, CA	3,316	Ohio Balance of State	4,075

### On a Single Night in 2022:

- Two of every ten people experiencing homelessness in the United States did so in either Los Angeles or New York City. In Los Angeles, 84% of people either counted in unsheltered locations or in shelters were individuals.

<sup>1</sup> The 2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Dec 2022. <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2022-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

- More than 75% of people experiencing homelessness were unsheltered in two cities: San Jose, CA (77%) and Raleigh, NC (76%).
- Eight largely suburban CoCs had unsheltered rates of 75% or higher, with Imperial County, CA – on the southern border of California – reporting the highest rate of its category (88%).

**Individuals Experiencing Homelessness**

**Total Homeless Individuals on a Single Night in 2022:**

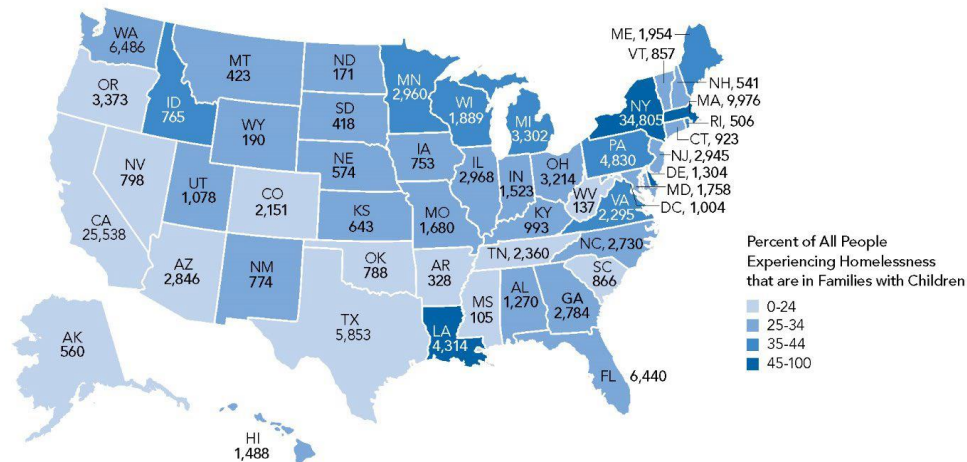
- More than one of every three people in the United States experiencing homelessness as an individual was found in California (35%). California accounted for more than half (52%) of all individuals counted in unsheltered locations.
- In two states, more than 70% of individuals experiencing homelessness were staying in unsheltered locations: Hawaii (77%) and California (76%).
- The number of individuals experiencing homelessness increased in just over half (28) of all states between 2020 and 2022. The largest absolute increase was in California (10,212 people).
- Over the longer period, 2007 to 2022, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness increased in 26 states. The largest absolute increases were in California (35,031 more people or 32%).
- Tehama County in north central California reported a large share (93%) of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- In six major city CoCs, more than 75% of individuals experiencing homelessness were unsheltered: San Jose, CA (83%), Los Angeles (82%), Raleigh, NC (79%), Sacramento, CA (78%), Oakland, CA (76%), and Tucson, AZ (76%).
- Nine largely suburban CoCs reported a share of individuals who were unsheltered greater than 80%, with two reporting shares over 90%: Imperial County, CA (96%) and Ft. Pierce, FL (93%).

**Exhibit 2-11: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness by CoC Category, 2022**

CoC Name	All Individuals Experiencing Homelessness	CoC Name	All Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
<b>Major Cities</b>		<b>Other Largely Urban CoCs</b>	
Los Angeles City & County, CA	54,469	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	2,738
New York City, NY	32,308	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	2,301
Seattle/King County, WA	9,776	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	1,980
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	9,130	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	1,536
Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County, CA	8,903	Spokane City & County, WA	1,467
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>		<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>	
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	4,517	Texas Balance of State CoC	5,270
Honolulu City and County, HI	3,018	Georgia Balance of State CoC	4,267
San Bernardino City & County, CA	2,917	Washington Balance of State CoC	4,259
Richmond/Contra Costa County, CA	2,880	Oregon Balance of State CoC	3,208
Riverside City & County, CA	2,826	Ohio Balance of State	2,768

**Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness**

**Exhibit 3-5: Estimates of People in Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness by State, 2022**



**On a Single Night in 2022:**

- California accounted for 16% of people in families with children experiencing homelessness in the U.S. This was a much lower percentage than for people experiencing homelessness as individuals, 35% of whom were in California. In California, 17% of people experiencing homelessness as part of a family were unsheltered (4,285 people).

**Exhibit 3-10: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of People Experiencing Family Homelessness by CoC Category, 2022**

CoC Name	People in Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness	CoC Name	People in Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness
<b>Major Cities</b>		<b>Other Largely Urban CoCs</b>	
New York City, NY	29,532	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	579
Los Angeles City & County, CA	10,642	Saint Paul/Ramsey County, MN	455
Seattle/King County, WA	3,592	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	449
Boston, MA	2,894	Anchorage, AK	318
Phoenix, Mesa/Maricopa County, AZ	1,946	Spokane City & County, WA	290

**Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness**

**On a Single Night in 2022:**

- California reported the largest numbers of unaccompanied youth (9,590 people), accounting for more than a third of all unaccompanied youth nationally (32%).
- California accounted for 52% of all unsheltered unaccompanied youth (6,762 people).
- Four states reported that two-thirds or more of their unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness were staying in unsheltered locations: Hawaii (71%), California (71%), Mississippi (70%), and Arizona (68%).
- Five major city CoCs had percentages of unaccompanied youth staying in unsheltered locations exceeding 75%: San Jose, CA (91%), Raleigh, NC (85%), San Francisco, CA (84%), Tucson, AZ (81%) and Austin, TX (80%).
- Three largely suburban CoCs had more than 80% of their unaccompanied youth found in unsheltered locations: Santa Cruz (97%), Marin County (95%), and Contra Costa County (83%).
- Among largely rural CoCs, four had more than 75% of youth staying in unsheltered locations: Chattanooga, TN (97%), Salinas/Monterey covering San Benito County in California (94%), Oregon Balance of State CoC (76%), and Georgia Balance of State CoC (75%).

**Changes over Time:**

- Homelessness declined for unaccompanied youth in 30 states between 2020 and 2022. The largest absolute decrease was in California, with 2,582 fewer unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness in 2022.

**Exhibit 4-11: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness, 2022**

CoC Name	Unaccompanied Youth	CoC Name	Unaccompanied Youth
<b>Major Cities</b>		<b>Other Largely Urban CoCs</b>	
New York City	2,094	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	521
Los Angeles City and County, CA	2,042	Little Rock/Central Arkansas	138
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	1,155	Anchorage, AK	133
Seattle/King County, WA	1,129	Spokane City & County, WA	116
San Francisco, CA	1,073	New Orleans/Jefferson Parish, LA	103
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>		<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>	
Riverside City & County, CA	313	Texas Balance of State	442
Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County, CA	222	Oregon Balance of State	432
Richmond/Contra Costa County, CA	209	Washington Balance of State	333
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	183	Ohio Balance of State	253
San Bernardino City & County, CA	141	Georgia Balance of State	244

**Veterans Experiencing Homelessness**

**On a Single Night in 2022:**

- California accounted for 32% of all veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States (10,395 veterans) and more than half of all unsheltered veterans (55% or 7,392 veterans).
- In five states, more than half of all veterans experiencing homelessness were unsheltered: Mississippi (75%) California (71%), Washington (55%), Georgia (55%), and Hawaii (52%).
- Los Angeles, CA and Seattle/King County, WA, both major city CoCs, had the largest number of veterans experiencing homelessness, with 3,456 (or 10% of all veterans experiencing homelessness) and 855 veterans experiencing homelessness (or 3% of the national share).
- Four of the five major city CoCs with the highest percentages of veterans experiencing homelessness in unsheltered locations were in California, and all had unsheltered rates greater than 65%. San Jose/Santa Clara City and Los Angeles City and County had the highest percentages of unsheltered veterans at 79% each.
- The CoC with the highest rate of veteran unsheltered homelessness was in a largely suburban CoC, Imperial County, CA at 99%.

**Changes over Time:**

- Veteran homelessness decreased in 35 states and the District of Columbia between 2020 and 2022. California, Colorado, and Massachusetts had the largest absolute decreases.
- Between 2009 and 2022, the number of veterans experiencing homelessness decreased in 47 states and the District of Columbia, with the largest absolute decreases in California (7,578 fewer veterans).

**Exhibit 5-11: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness by CoC Category, 2022**

CoC Name	Veterans Experiencing Homelessness	CoC Name	Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
<b>Major Cities</b>		<b>Other Largely Urban CoCs</b>	
Los Angeles City & County, CA	3,456	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	310
Seattle/King County, WA	855	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	283
San Diego City and County, CA	686	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	191
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	660	Reno, Sparks/Washoe County, NV	148
Sacramento City & County, CA	625	St. Louis City, MO	123
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>		<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>	
Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County, CA	332	Texas Balance of State CoC	465
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	280	Washington Balance of State CoC	389
Honolulu City and County, HI	198	Indiana Balance of State CoC	315
San Bernardino City & County, CA	196	Georgia Balance of State CoC	278
Riverside City & County, CA	195	Oregon Balance of State CoC	259

**Chronic Homelessness**

**Exhibit 6-8: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Individuals Experiencing Chronic Homelessness by CoC Category, 2022**

CoC Name	Veterans Experiencing Homelessness	CoC Name	Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
<b>Major Cities</b>		<b>Other Largely Urban CoCs</b>	
Los Angeles City & County, CA	25,583	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	1,169
New York City, NY	4,963	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	711
Seattle/King County, WA	4,027	Saint Paul/Ramsey County, MN	632
Sacramento City & County, CA	3,955	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	600
Portland, Gresham/Multnomah County, OR	2,970	Spokane City & County, WA	545
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>		<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>	
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	2,361	Washington Balance of State CoC	1,607
Richmond/Contra Costa County, CA	1,510	Texas Balance of State CoC	1,085
San Bernardino City & County, CA	1,101	Oregon Balance of State CoC	909
Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County, CA	896	Hawaii Balance of State CoC	745
Riverside City & County, CA	812	Humboldt County, CA	715

**On a Single Night in 2022:**

- Nearly half (45%) of individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness in the United States were in California (57,760 people). California also accounts for 56% of all unsheltered individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness in the United States (44,120 people).
- In five states, more than 70% of individuals experiencing homelessness were staying in unsheltered locations: Mississippi (85%), California (76%), Tennessee (76%), Hawaii (76%), and Georgia (71%).
- Los Angeles had, by far, the largest number of individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness in the country (25,583 people or 20% of the national total).
- Largely suburban and largely rural CoCs reported some of the highest rates of unsheltered homelessness among individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness. The highest was in Imperial County, CA (nearly 100%), a largely suburban CoC, and Tehama County, CA (99%), a largely rural CoC.

**Changes over Time:**

- California had the largest absolute increase: in 2022, 8,948 more individuals experiencing chronic patterns of homelessness were counted than in 2020.
- Of the 25 states that experienced increases in the number of individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness between 2007 and 2022, the largest absolute increase occurred in California, with 17,419 more individuals experiencing chronic patterns of homelessness in 2022 than in 2007.