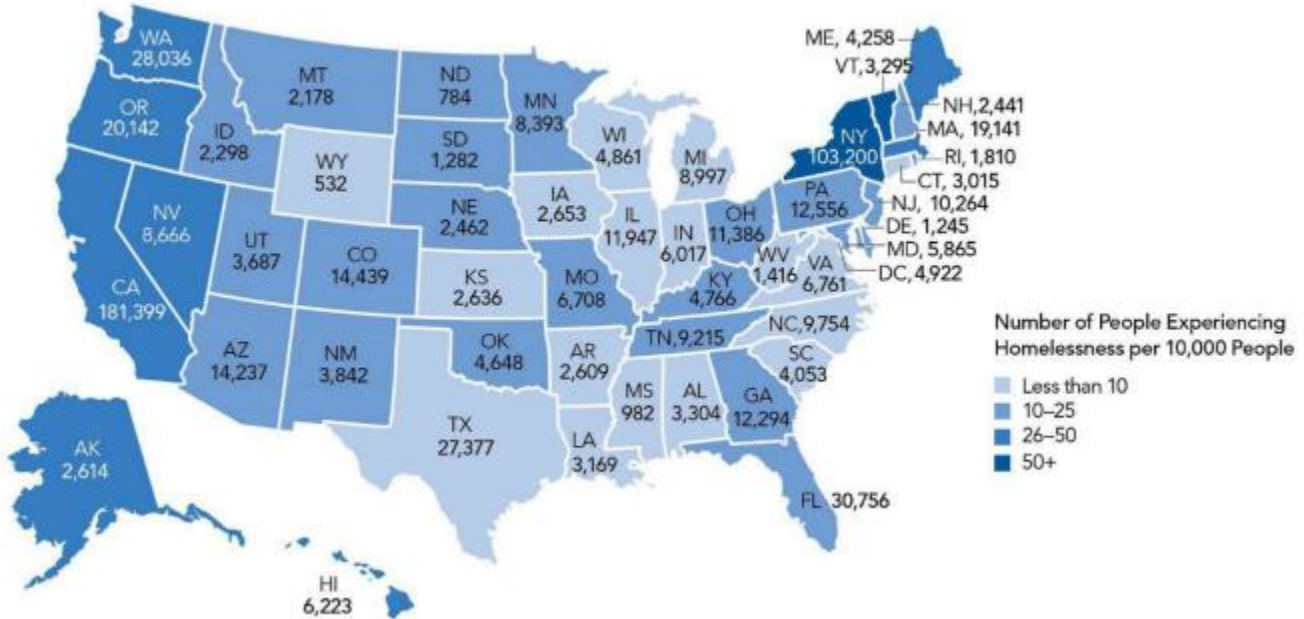


## Fact Sheet: Homelessness in California<sup>1</sup>

### Total People Experiencing Homelessness

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

### Exhibit 1-6: Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness by State, 2023



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

- California had 181,399 homeless people, which accounted for 28% of the nation’s homeless population. California also had the highest rate of unsheltered people at 68% (123,423 were unsheltered).
- Roughly half of all unsheltered people in the country were in California (49%).
- California had the second largest increase in homelessness from 2022-2023 (after NY), which amounted to 9,973 more people (a 5.7% increase). It also had the largest absolute increase from 2007-2022 (42,413 people or a 30.5% 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

<sup>1</sup> The 2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Dec 2023. [The 2023 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report \(AHAR to Congress\) Part 1: Point-In-Time Estimates of Homelessness, December 2023 \(huduser.gov\)](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/publications/2023/2023_AHAR_to_Congress/2023_AHAR_to_Congress_Part_1_PIT_Estimates_of_Homelessness_December_2023.html)

**Exhibit 1-13: CoCs with the Highest Percentages of People Experiencing Homelessness Who Are Unsheltered by CoC Category, 2023**

CoC Name	All People Experiencing Homelessness	Percent Unsheltered	CoC Name	All People Experiencing Homelessness	Percent Unsheltered
<b>Major Cities</b>			<b>Other Largely Urban CoCs</b>		
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	9,903	74.7%	Fayetteville/Cumberland County, NC	474	81.9%
Los Angeles City & County, CA	71,320	73.3%	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	2,824	74.7%
Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County, CA	9,759	73.1%	Napa City & County, CA	506	69.0%
Long Beach, CA	3,447	72.0%	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	2,441	66.9%
Sacramento City & County, CA	9,281	71.8%	Amarillo, TX	683	60.2%
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>			<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>		
El Dorado County, CA	491	89.2%	Jackson/West Tennessee CoC	765	91.0%
Imperial County, CA	1,303	88.0%	Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties, FL	1,016	88.2%
Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties, FL	925	80.0%	Chattanooga/Southeast Tennessee CoC	1,735	84.6%
Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County, CA	1,804	79.0%	Morristown/Blount, Sevier, Campbell, Cocke Counties, TN	616	83.0%
Slidell/Southeast Louisiana CoC	182	77.5%	Tehama County, CA	304	81.3%

**On a Single Night in 2023:**

- 24% of all people experiencing homelessness in the United States did so in either Los Angeles or New York City. In Los Angeles, 85% of people either counted in unsheltered locations or in shelters were individuals.
- In five major city CoCs, all located in California, more than 70% of people experiencing homelessness were unsheltered: San Jose (75%), Los Angeles (73%), Oakland (73%), Long Beach (72%), and Sacramento (72%).

**Individuals Experiencing Homelessness**

**Total Homeless Individuals in 2023:**

- Nationwide roughly one in every three individuals experiencing homelessness had experienced a chronic pattern of homelessness (31%), meaning that they have experienced homelessness for extended periods of time and have a disability (as defined by HUD).
- More than one of every three people in the United States experiencing homelessness as an individual was found in California (34%). California accounted for half (50%) of all individuals counted in unsheltered locations.
- In three states, more than 70% of individuals experiencing homelessness were staying in unsheltered locations: Hawaii (76%) and California (75%), and Oregon (66%).
- The number of individuals experiencing homelessness increased in 43 of all states between 2022 and 2023. The largest absolute increase was in New York (10,132) and then California (9,933 people).
- Over the longer period, 2007 to 2023, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness increased in 28 states. The largest absolute increases were in California (44,964 more people or 41%).
- Tehama County in north central California reported a large share (99%) of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- In four major California's cities, more than 75% of individuals experiencing homelessness were unsheltered: San Jose, CA (83%), Los Angeles (81%), Sacramento, CA (77%), Oakland, CA (76%).

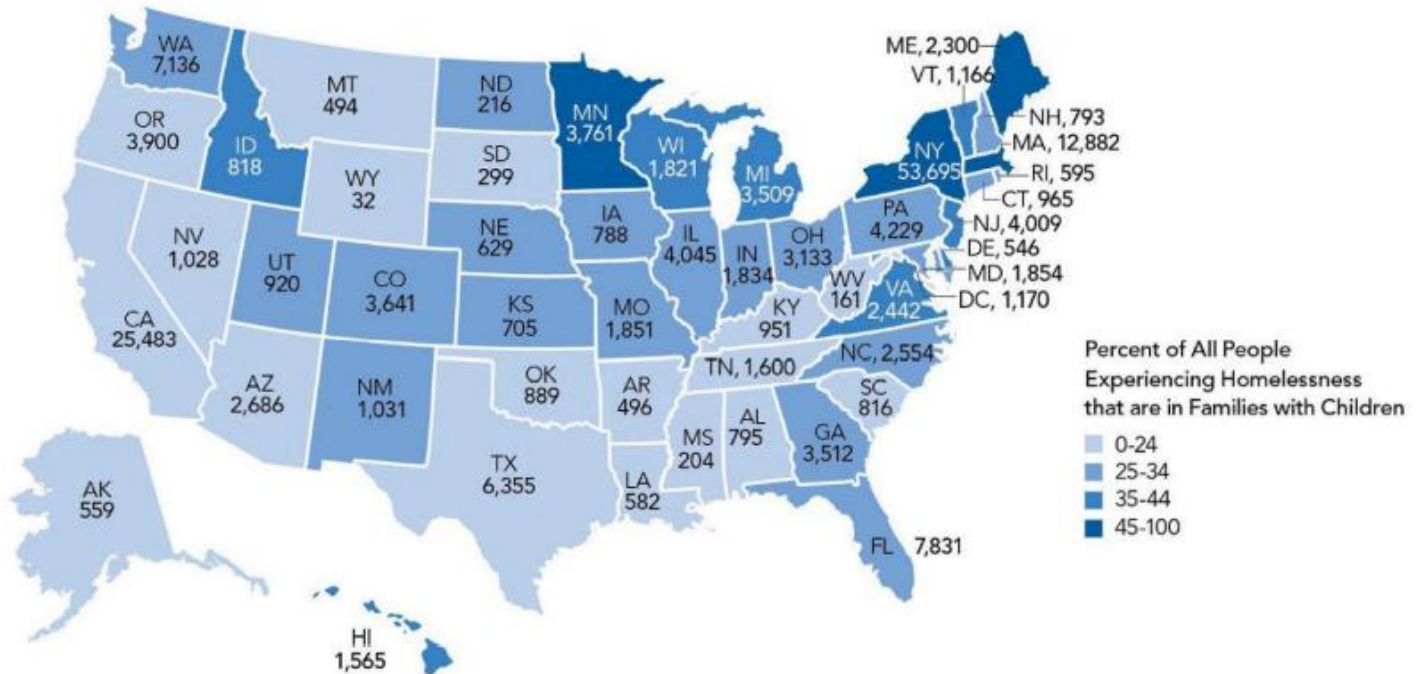
**Exhibit 2-11: CoCs with the Largest Numbers of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness by CoC Category, 2022**

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	60,843	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	2,413
New York City	41,102	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	2,222
Seattle/King County, WA	10,298	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	2,063

Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County, CA	8,949	Spokane City & County, WA	2,061
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	8,677	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	1,638
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>		<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>	
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	4,846	Texas Balance of State CoC	7,131
San Bernardino City & County, CA	3,686	Washington Balance of State CoC	4,924
Riverside City & County, CA	3,246	Georgia Balance of State CoC	4,453
Honolulu City and County, HI	3,081	Oregon Balance of State CoC	4,270
Stockton/San Joaquin County, CA	2,102	Indiana Balance of State	2,988

**Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness**

**Exhibit 3-6: State Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness, 2023**



**On a Single Night in 2023:**

- California accounted for 14% 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, 34% of whom were in California. In California, 23.5% of people experiencing homelessness as part of a family were unsheltered (5,999 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	46,923	Saint Paul/Ramsey County, MN	581
Los Angeles City & County, CA	10,477	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	506
Seattle/King County, WA	3,851	Augusta-Richmond County, OR	427
Boston, MA	3,399	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	411
Metropolitan Denver, CO	2,701	Spokane City & County, WA	329

## Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness

### **On a Single Night Nationwide in 2023:**

- 34,703 unaccompanied youth were experiencing homelessness in the United States. These unaccompanied youth were five percent of the total population of people experiencing homelessness and seven percent of all people experiencing homelessness as individuals. Unaccompanied youth made up 22 percent of all people under the age of 25 who are experiencing homelessness.
- Another 7,184 youth were experiencing homelessness as parents, with at least one child under the age of 18. In total, 8,469 children under the age of 18 were in parenting youth families.

### **On a Single Night in CA in 2023:**

- California reported the largest numbers of unaccompanied youth (10,173 people), accounting for more than a third of all unaccompanied youth nationally (32%).
- California accounted for 49% of all unsheltered unaccompanied youth (6,934 people).
- Five states reported that more than 60% of their unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness were staying in unsheltered locations: Oregon (70%), California (68%), Hawaii (65%), Arizona (64%), and Tennessee (63%).
- California and Washington account for large shares of the national total unaccompanied youth under 18 nation (20% and 17%).
- 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%).
- Two largely suburban CoCs had more than 95% of their unaccompanied youth found in unsheltered locations: Santa Cruz (99%), Marin County (96%).
- Among largely rural CoCs, four had more than 80% of youth staying in unsheltered locations: Chattanooga, TN (96%), Salinas/Monterey covering San Benito County in California (94%), Central Oregon (82%), and Georgia Balance of State CoC (81%).

**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	3,673	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	294
Los Angeles City and County, CA	2,871	Spokane City & County, WA	217
Seattle/King County, WA	1,177	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	168
San Francisco, CA	1,113	Anchorage, AK	151
Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CA	863	Saint Paul/Ramsey County, MN	122
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>		<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>	
Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County, CA	334	Oregon Balance of State	589
San Bernardino City & County, CA	244	Texas Balance of State	475
Riverside City & County, CA	234	Washington Balance of State	365
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	178	Ohio Balance of State	272
Tacoma, Lakewood/Pierce County, WA	132	Georgia Balance of State	264

## Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

### **On a Single Night in 2023:**

- California accounted for 30% of all veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States (10,589 veterans) and a little less than half of all unsheltered veterans (48% or 7,436 veterans).
- In six states, more than half of all veterans experiencing homelessness were unsheltered: California (70%), Georgia (58%), Oregon (56%), New Mexico (55%), Washington (54%), and Nevada (51%).
- Los Angeles, CA and Las Vegas, Nevada, both major city CoCs, had the largest number of veterans experiencing homelessness, with 3,874 (or 11% of all veterans experiencing homelessness) and 912 veterans experiencing homelessness (or 3% of the national share).
- All 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 70%. Oakland and San Francisco had the highest percentages of unsheltered veterans at 78 and 74%.
- The CoC with the highest rate of veteran unsheltered homelessness was in a largely suburban CoC, Imperial County, CA at 99%.

**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	3,874	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	292
Las Vegas/Clark County, NV	912	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	197
Seattle/King County, WA	880	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	180



San Diego City and County, CA	814	Reno, Sparks/Washoe County, NV	152
Metropolitan Denver, CO	653	St. Louis City, MO	135
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>		<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>	
Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County, CA Riverside City & County, CA	252	Texas Balance of State CoC	584
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	238	Washington Balance of State CoC	503
San Bernardino City & County, CA	231	Indiana Balance of State CoC	397
Honolulu City and County, HI	226	Georgia Balance of State CoC	306
Asheville/Buncombe County CoC, NC	195	Oregon Balance of State CoC	284

## **Chronic Homelessness**

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

<b>CoC Name</b>	<b>Veterans Experiencing Homelessness</b>	<b>CoC Name</b>	<b>Veterans Experiencing Homelessness</b>
<b>Major Cities</b>		<b>Other Largely Urban CoCs</b>	
Los Angeles City & County, CA	30,442	Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR	1,108
New York City, NY	4,548	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County, CA	1,092
Sacramento City & County, CA	4,003	Spokane City & County, WA	649
Seattle/King County, WA	3,941	St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County, FL	545
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County, CA	3,485	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County, CA	539
<b>Largely Suburban CoCs</b>		<b>Largely Rural CoCs</b>	
Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County, CA	2,458	Washington Balance of State CoC	1,736
Richmond/Contra Costa County, CA	1,494	Texas Balance of State CoC	1,647
San Bernardino City & County, CA	1,421	Oregon Balance of State CoC	1,258
Riverside City & County, CA	896	Colorado Balance of State CoC	740
Stockton/San Joaquin County, CA	876	Redding/Shasta, Siskiyou, Lassen, Plumas, Del Norte, Modoc, Sierra Counties, CA	728

### **On a Single Night in 2023:**

- Nearly half (47%) of individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness in the United States were in California (67,510 people). California also accounts for 56% of all unsheltered individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness in the United States (53,169 people).
- In four states, more than 70% of individuals experiencing homelessness were staying in unsheltered locations: Hawaii (81%), Mississippi (79%), California (79%), and New Mexico (76%).
- Los Angeles had, by far, the largest number of individuals experiencing chronic patterns of homelessness in the country (30,442 people or 21% of the national total).

### **Changes over Time:**

- California had the largest numerical increase with 9,750 more individuals experiencing chronic patterns of homelessness in 2023 than were counted in 2022.
- Of the 28 states that experienced increases in the number of individuals experiencing chronic patterns of homelessness between 2007 and 2023, the largest absolute increase occurred in California, with 27,169 more individuals were experiencing chronic patterns of homelessness in 2023 than in 2007.

### **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).