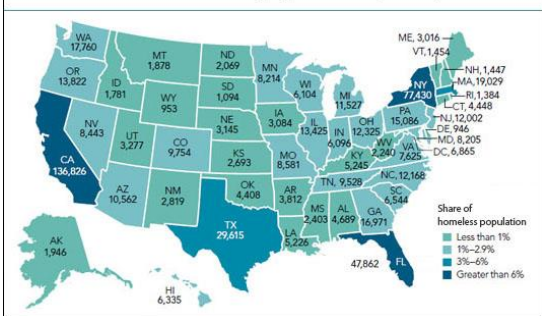


Estimates of U.S. homeless population by state, 2013



The state of California is experiencing the third highest rates of homelessness in the country and Los Angeles is its epicenter.

Who are our homeless?

- 52,765 homeless individuals in Los Angeles County
- 31,285 of the homeless in the County are in the city of Los Angeles
- 14% are families with children, 6% are youth
- The problem is widespread over the county. The highest concentrations are in County Supervisory Districts 1, 2, & 3. This area spans north from Sylmar to Carson in the south, and as far east as Marina Del Rey, and west as Pomona.
- www.lahsa.org
- www.lafh.org

Purpose

About This Guide

This guide is meant to be shared with youth in the Los Angeles area who may be in need of assistance due to lack of shelter. Homelessness is a massive problem facing families all over the country today. This guide hopes to provide information that could lead those in need to immediate relief and long-term shelter stability.



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There are several non-profit organizations and government resources available for those experiencing homelessness.

Where can I get help?

The following list are just a few organizations and resources in the Los Angeles County area providing assistance....

The Housing Authority of Los Angeles

- Homeless Program has 4000+ Housing Choice Vouchers open to those living in transitional housing, emergency shelters, and the streets
- Their application process does require at least one adult whom is working or attending school at least 20 hours per week or disabled
- www.home.hacla.org
- (213) 252- 1020

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

- Provide a one-stop access point for those in need to assist in connecting with Housing and Support Services across the county
- Provide outreach programs to identify and service those in need
- They have compiled a 'Directory of Services for Homeless Youth in Los Angeles':
https://www.ourchildrenla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2015_Directory_v2-6-24-15-updated.pdf
- www.lahsa.org

Los Angeles Family Housing

- Provides both temporary and permanent housing placements along with supportive services to ensure long-term success
- www.lafh.org

My Friend's Place

- Provides a Safe Haven for homeless youth; showers, day shelter, toiletries, clothing, transportation, and assistance in acquiring ID/birth certificates
- Supportive Services include; Creative and Living Arts Program, Life Skills & Employment Readiness, Tutoring, and Self Advocacy Training
- www.myfriendsplace.org

Youth Emerging Stronger

- Provides 90 days (extensions available) of housing for runaway or homeless youth 12 – 17 years old. Call 323-240-2253 or 323-366-2450
- Provides 18 – 24 months of housing for youth aged 18 -24 years. Call 323-962-0430
- www.youthemergingstronger.org



If you are experiencing homelessness or know of someone you do not need to suffer alone. Please seek out services.

There is HOPE!

While the numbers of homeless individuals in Los Angeles County; approximately 53,000 and 31,000+ in the city of Los Angeles alone are staggering they are slowly declining according the LA Family Housing's Homeless Count Report (<https://lafh.org/2018-homeless-count/>). The amount of homeless in the county is down 3% and 5% within the city from 2017. Over 16,000 people went from homelessness to permanent housing last year. The amount of youth housing placement has increased by 43%. The report contributes our housing problem to lack of affordable rent for low-income families. Since 2000 rent has increased by 32% while income has decreased by 3%.

