

THE STATE OF HOMELESSNESS IN LA TODAY



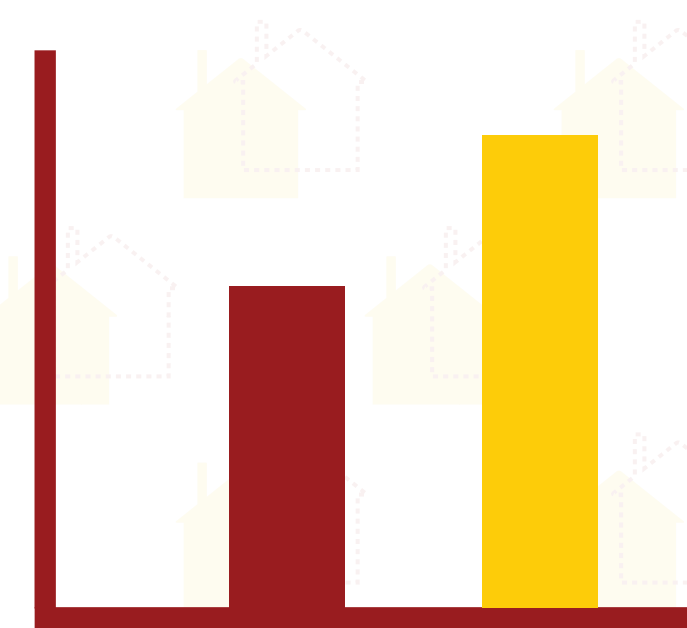
A home is key to health and hope. Yet, the number of people in the LA metro area (and beyond) without permanent housing is on the rise.

Homelessness is up 23% countywide in Los Angeles, with over

57,000

people identified as homeless in the January 2017 count.

The number of homeless youth has increased, especially among those 18-24 years old.



(Up 64% to 5,645 from 2016)

The number of homeless Latinos rose 63% to 19,391.

The number of homeless veterans increased 57% to 4,828.

The number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time also increased, from 57% to 60%.



The number of homeless individuals with a serious mental illness has increased by 13% to 15,728, while the number of homeless adults who struggle with substance abuse actually decreased by 11% to 9,285.



17,945

people indicated that they had experienced domestic violence or intimate partner violence, which is more than double the 2016 total of 8,233.

USC TAKES ON THE GRAND CHALLENGE TO END HOMELESSNESS

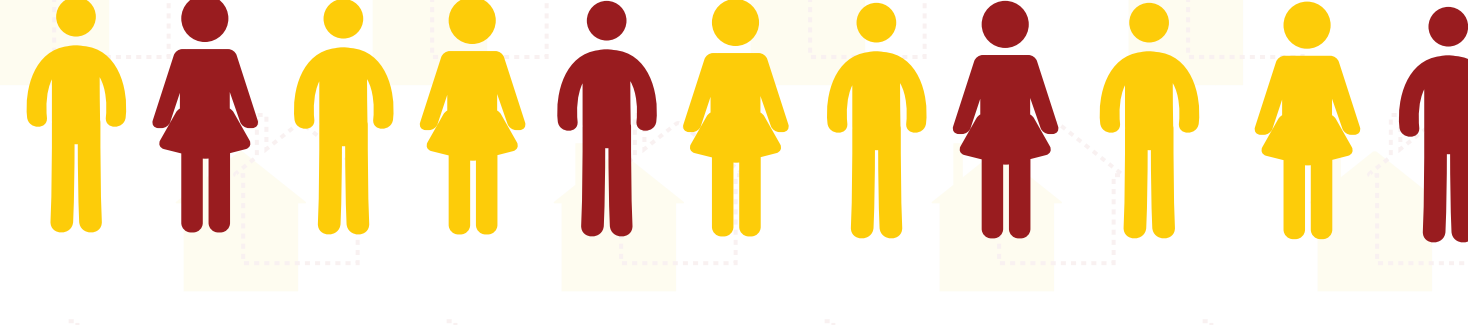
The 2017 LA homeless count marks the first time that USC researchers partnered up with

LAHSA

(Los Angeles Homeless Services Administration) to analyze the data gathered.

350

USC volunteers helped with the count, contributing to an unprecedented overall volunteer turnout of 8,000.



USC's

 partnership in this year's homelessness count was driven by several factors:

- A commitment to act as a key stakeholder around homelessness.
- A desire to leverage our research knowledge and community connections.
- An ability to provide consultation on methodology and execution of the count.

“The findings of the homeless count underscore the need to expand a trained workforce to help engage and respond to an increasingly large and diverse population of people who experience homelessness.”

BEN HENWOOD
Assistant professor at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work



“USC is training tomorrow's workforce to assist with homelessness and those affected by it. Our faculty, researchers, and students are developing innovations, high-tech solutions and community interventions that will directly impact and reduce the number of people who are homeless.”

BRENDA WIEWEL
Director of USC's Initiative to Eliminate Homelessness



LOS ANGELES MAKES STRIDES TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS

Los Angeles renters are the most

COST-BURDENED

(housing costs exceed 30% of income) in the nation.

LA County needs

551,807

more affordable rental homes for very and extremely low income households.

In the LA Metro area,

25%

of residents are severely housing cost-burdened (housing costs exceed 50% of income), and

OVER 2 MILLION

households are cost-burdened.



MEASURE H AND PROPOSITION HHH



have recently been passed by voters and are set to go into effect in the near future.

MEASURE H

is a 1/4 cent sales tax generating \$335 million annually for services and programs to prevent and combat homelessness.

PROPOSITION HHH

is a \$1.2 billion bond measure estimated to build 10,000 units of permanent supportive housing.

Measure H is projected to have an enormous impact:

45,000

individuals and families will be housed in 5 years.

30,000

individuals and families will avoid homelessness through prevention in 5 years.