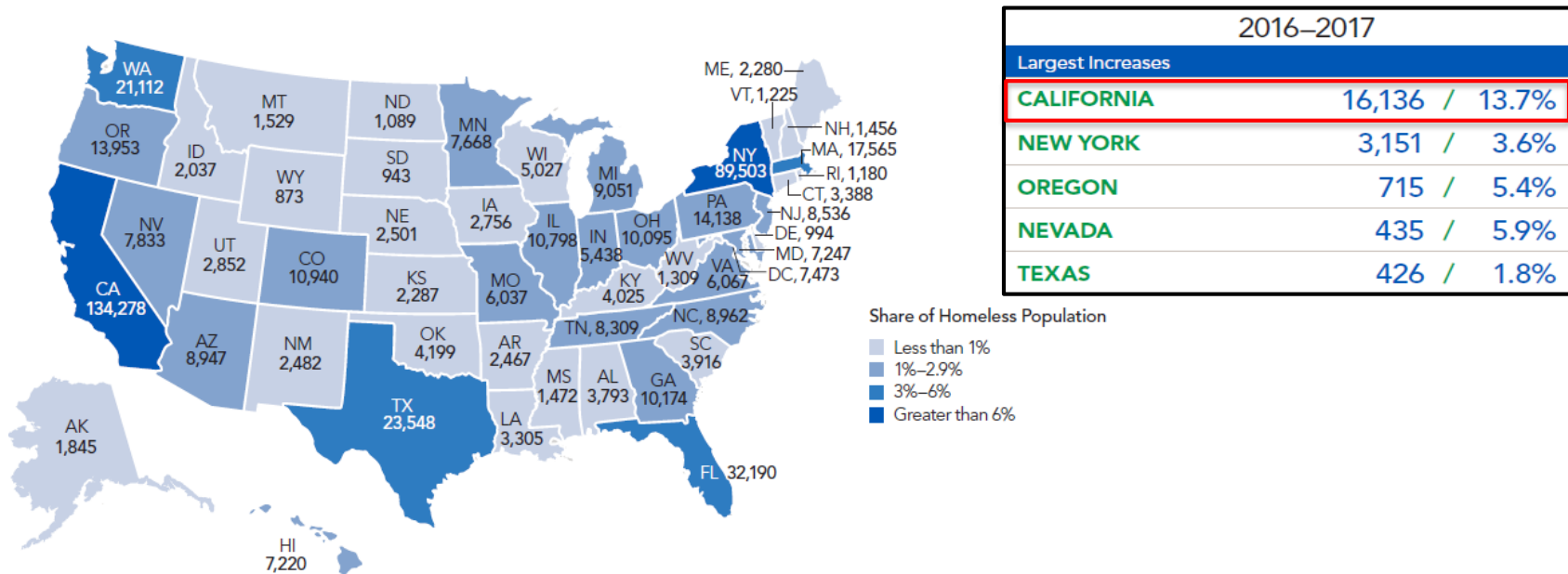


Homelessness Task Force Report

April 13, 2018

Homelessness in California



- California accounted for nearly half of all unsheltered people in the country in 2017 (49%).
- Half of all people experiencing homelessness did so in one of five states: California (25% or 134,278 people); New York (16% or 89,503 people); Florida (6% or 32,190 people); Texas (4% or 23,548 people); or Washington (4% or 21,112 people).

Joint League/CSAC Homelessness Task Force



- Mission Statement: *“to provide needed education, identify resources and develop policy that cities and counties need to prevent, assist and reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our communities.”*
- Co-Chairs: Grass Valley Councilwoman Jan Arbuckle and Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas

Joint League/CSAC Homelessness Task Force

Examine homelessness in CA

Discuss collaborative local solutions

Provide education and resources

Task Force Report

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Homelessness in California

In response to the growing issue of homelessness throughout California, the [League of California Cities](#) and [California State Association of Counties](#) have partnered to create a Joint Homelessness Task Force. The Task Force is working to promote collaboration between cities and counties in addressing the complex problem. ILG partnered with the League and CSAC to create the final report below.



Homelessness Task Force Report

As national and state programs fall short of fully addressing homelessness in California, local governments are coming together to find solutions for their communities. Collaboration, cooperation and support at the local level are key to addressing this crisis. That is why the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) formed the Joint Homelessness Task Force in late 2016 to examine these issues and discuss collaborative local solutions to address homelessness.



The task force met over the course of a year to better understand homelessness in California. The task force wanted to identify not only known best practices but also promising new practices that cities and counties are implementing to address homelessness, as well as the challenges, lessons and gaps communities are facing in the fight to end it. The culmination of the task force's work is a report, developed in partnership with League and CSAC affiliate the Institute for Local Government, which provides practical tools for cities and counties in California to use in addressing homelessness in their communities. Sections of the report are detailed below, or [read the full report here](#).

> [Task Force Members](#)

> [Executive Summary](#)

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Introduction

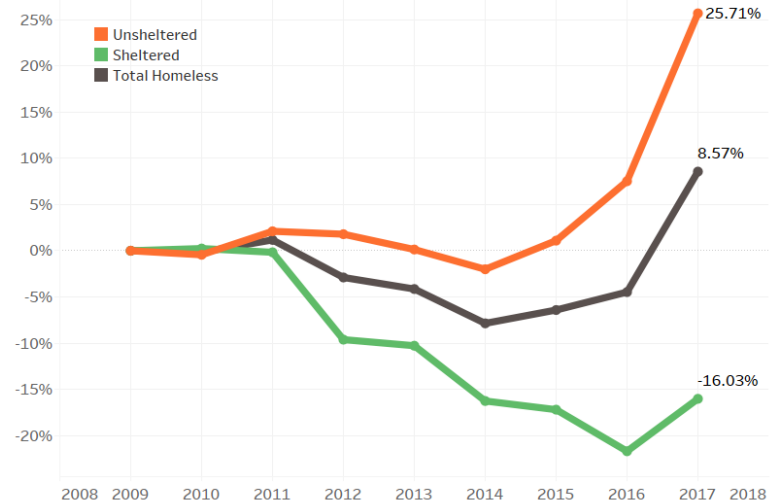
State of Homelessness

- From 2016 to 2017, homelessness in California increased 13.7%
- 134,278 Californians counted as homeless
- Experts agree that the number of people without housing is 3 to 4 times higher than recorded

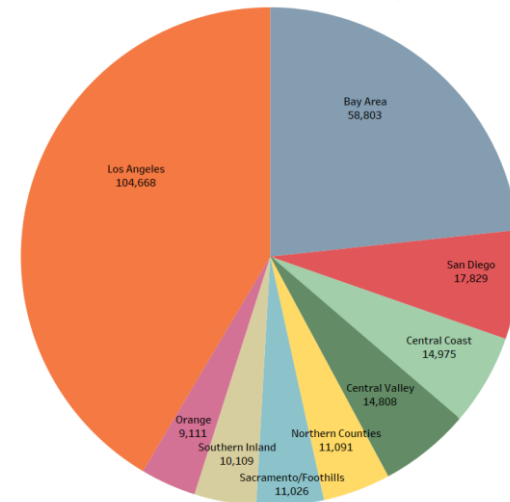
Causes of Homelessness

- Lack of affordable housing
- Poverty
- Lack of affordable health care
- Domestic violence
- Mental illness
- Addiction

Rise in Number of Unsheltered Fuels Recent Increase in Overall Homelessness

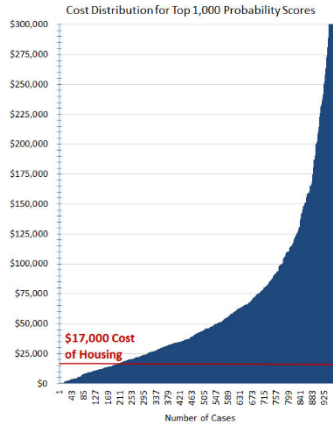


California's 134,000 Homeless by Region



Assessing the Cost of Homelessness

Examples:



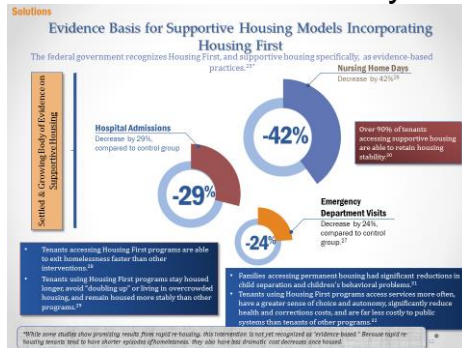
Silicon Valley Triage Tool

Data Collection and Sharing

- Allows cities and counties to understand the demographics and needs of their homeless populations as well as track the associated costs.

Preventative Services and Cost Savings

- Addressing homelessness early on and implementing preventative services and strategies can save jurisdictions resources and revenue in the long run.



San Diego County's Project 25

Funding Options

See Page 16 for Federal, State,
and Local Sources of Funding.

Examples:

- San Jose - Streamlined Temporary and Incidental Shelter Program
- Marin County Landlord Partnership Program
- LA County Landlord Incentive Programs



Existing and Emerging Approaches

Housing
Veterans
Health and Social Services
Families
Law Enforcement



St John's Program For Real Change

Local Examples:

- Yolo County, Bridge to Housing
- Yuba County, 14 Forward
- City of Fresno, Poverello House
- City of San Diego, Housing Our Heroes
- Alameda County, Care Connect
- Marin County, Homeless Outreach Team
- San Mateo County, LifeMoves
- St. John's Program for Real Change
- City of Bakersfield Homeless Center
- Downtown Streets Team
- City of Citrus Heights Navigator Program
- City of Anaheim Homeless Outreach Team

Creating a Homelessness Plan

Homelessness Plans: Template for Strategies

CATEGORY

(For organizational purposes, identify which category best describes the strategy.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Management and Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinated Entry System | <input type="checkbox"/> Income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

RECOMMENDATION

(One or two sentences describing the recommendation or action item.)

DESCRIPTION

(More in depth description of recommendation and strategy overall. May include additional information on the challenge the strategy is addressing.)

POPULATION(S) TARGETED

(A description of the jurisdiction's population and specifically the homeless population.)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> All | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Age Youth (TAY) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronically Homeless Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Victims of Domestic Abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Pet Owners | <input type="checkbox"/> Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Adult | |

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCE

(Identification of current funding available or possible funding the agency will pursue.)

IMPLEMENTATION TIME-FRAME

(When is the strategy expected to be accomplished?)

LEAD AGENCY

(Who is the lead responsible agency? This may be a department within the jurisdiction or a community partner.)

Partnering for Greater Impact

More efficient use of resources
Increased effectiveness in the community



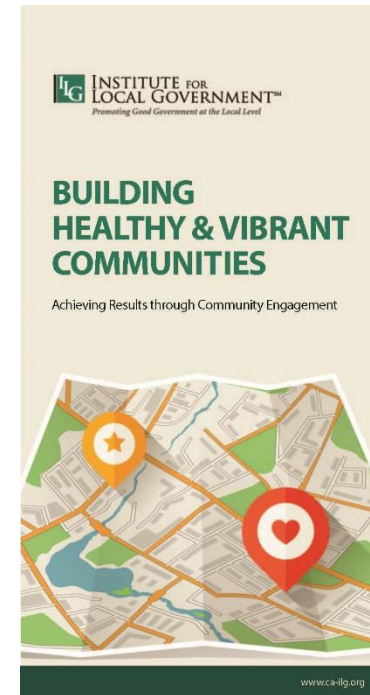
LA Home for Good – Walk

Examples:

- LA Home for Good
- Sacramento Steps Forward
- San Leandro Homeless Compact
- LA Interfaith Summit on Homelessness

Building Support for the Spectrum of Housing in the Community

- Engaging the Public in Planning for Housing
- Building Healthy and Vibrant Communities: Achieving Results through Community Engagement
- TIERS Public Engagement Framework
- Beyond the Usuals: Ideas to Encourage Broader Public Engagement in Community Decision Making
- Partnering with Community-Based Organizations for More Broad-Based Public Engagement
- Dealing with Deeply Held Concerns and other Challenges to Public Engagement Processes
- Effective Public Engagement through Strategic Communication
- Planning Public Engagement: Key Questions for Local Officials



To access these resources and more, visit the ILG's website at www.ca-ilg.org/engagement.

Share Your Story



Share Your Agency's Story



We know there are many more examples of innovative and successful programs throughout the state, and we welcome you to share your agency's story with us.

Please share lessons learned and examples of homelessness programs, partnerships or initiatives by contacting the Institute at 916-658-8202 or mkuehne@ca-ilg.org.

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Visit www.ca-ilg.org/homelessness to access the report, case stories and powerpoints and recordings from the presentations listed below.

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LCC Annual Conference – September

CSAC Annual Conference - December

City Managers Conference – January

Housing Economic and Community Development and

Community Services Policy Committees - February

Hope for Homelessness Webinar - March

CSAC Health and Human Services Policy Committee - March

ILG Board Meeting - March

Upcoming Presentations:

CalRecycle – April 19th

California Civic Leadership Institute – April 20th

ILG Webinar – May TBD

League/CSAC Homelessness Summits - TBD