



Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

## ABOUT LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles, created in 1993 to address the problems of homelessness in Los Angeles.

It is responsible for funding and coordination of



homeless services and housing assistance to support the homeless population of men, women and children in the City and County of Los Angeles.

LAHSA is the lead agency in the

HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care (which includes 85 cities and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, excluding the cities of Glendale, Long Beach and Pasadena), and coordinates and manages more than \$132 million annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. Since 2005, LAHSA has coordinated six biennial Greater Los Angeles Homeless Counts. Beginning 2016, the Point-In-Time Count occurs annually.

For more information visit [www.lahsa.org](http://www.lahsa.org).



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## THE HOMELESS COUNT, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE.



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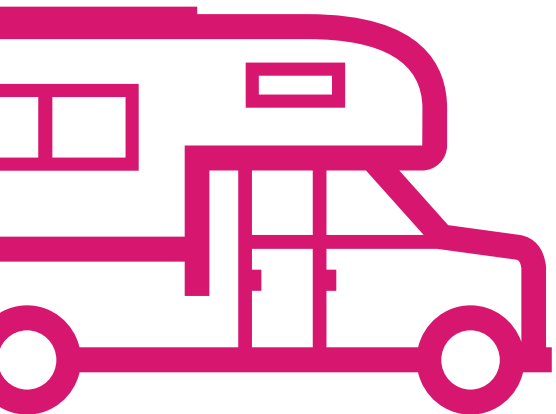
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## ABOUT THE HOMELESS COUNT.

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count enables us to gather important data that is key for us to bring about an end to homelessness in Los Angeles.

Mandated by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and coordinated locally by LAHSA, the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is the largest homeless census count in the nation. Over the course of three days and nights, thousands of trained volunteers fan out across the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC) to determine how many homeless individuals and families there are in the region, identify their demographic characteristics and the locations where they reside. This data is essential to help LAHSA advocate for and allocate resources where they will serve the greatest needs.

The Homeless Count is a community-wide undertaking made possible only with the support of our dedicated volunteers, partners, civic leaders, law enforcement and elected officials. It is a strong demonstration of our shared mission to end homelessness in Los Angeles.



## WHY WE COUNT.

LAHSA is part of a coordinated network of City and County agencies, nonprofits, civic and community leaders. Accurate, timely data on our homeless population and where they live is a critical tool to help secure and direct resources where they are most needed.

Through the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, we will:

- **Inform the state of homelessness in LA:** Understanding the size and scope of our homeless population is essential. Together, we will shine a light on the people experiencing homelessness and tell the important stories of who they are and where they live.
- **Bring vital community resources:** Data from the Homeless Count is the most powerful tool nonprofits and local leadership have to advocate for additional and specialized resources. Volunteers help the region specify needs and track progress over time.
- **Drive engagement:** Through a shared commitment to serving and reducing the homeless population, we can make powerful progress. Bringing together leaders, residents and other stakeholders will help raise awareness and create new pathways for involvement.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED.

All across Los Angeles, there are homeless men, women and children in need of support and vital services. Thanks to caring communities and dedicated resources, we don't have to accept homelessness as an unsolvable problem. We are better situated than ever to bring about an end to homelessness in Los Angeles, but we can't do it alone.

There are many ways to support the Homeless Count!

- **Volunteer** – Volunteering for the Count is a safe and meaningful way to raise awareness of the state of homelessness and bring about long-term change. Join us as a counter, driver, trainer or office volunteer.
- **Sponsor** – We are actively seeking community and corporate sponsors to provide volunteer deployment sites, refreshments and other in-kind donations or help us get the word out through promotions and community outreach,
- **Opt-in** – By becoming an opt-in partner, cities, communities and other jurisdictions have the opportunity to obtain locally-specific data at a high confidence level.

**For more information and to get involved, visit:**  
[www.TheyCountWillYou.org](http://www.TheyCountWillYou.org)

