

SACRAMENTO COUNTY HOMELESSNESS FAQ

How many people are unhoused in Sacramento County?

The latest [Point in Time Count \(PIT\)](#) estimates there are **9,278 people living unhoused** in Sacramento County on any given night. Of those, **72 percent** of those are **living unsheltered** – which means they are living in a tent, a vehicle or without any shelter.

How much does Sacramento County spend on Homelessness?

In Fiscal Year 21/22, it is estimated that Sacramento County committed approximately **\$181 million in funding** to provide services and supports to those experiencing homelessness.

Does the County spend more in its annual budget on law enforcement (Sheriff, Probation and District Attorney) than it does on social services?

No. The County spends 18% of its budget on law enforcement and **36% of its budget on social services**.

What is the County doing about Homelessness?

Outreach

- [Encampment teams](#) and services including sanitation stations and water distribution

Shelter

- [Safe Stay Communities](#)
- Congregate shelter
- Scattered Site
- Motel vouchers
- Project Room Key
- Family Emergency Shelter



Housing

- [Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency](#)
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) housing
- Continuum of Care funded housing (accessed via 211)
- [Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program \(LEAP\)](#)

System Improvements

- [Sacramento Steps Forward Dashboard](#)
- Coordinated Access
- Office of Homeless Initiatives

Prevention Services

Behavioral Health Services

- Substance abuse treatment
- Mental health Services



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How many shelter beds are available for people that are living unsheltered?

There are approximately **2,600 emergency shelter beds** throughout Sacramento County. The County currently funds about **1,300 of these beds**, with another 180 set to welcome guests in late 2022 - early 2023.

Additionally, the County has 13 encampment team members and 17 homeless navigators, as well as a behavioral health access clinician who offers 'office hours' at all shelters in the County, including those in the cities.

What is Sacramento County's plan to address homelessness?

In June of 2022, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved a collaborative **Local Homeless Action Plan (LHAP)** that was created in partnership with the Continuum of Care, Sacramento Steps Forward and the City of Sacramento. The Plan details the current state of homelessness in Sacramento County, lays out the current system gaps in shelter and housing resources to meet the needs of the population and establishes strategies in six key areas:

- Build and scale a Coordinated Access System (CAS)
- Ensure emergency shelter & interim housing is focused on rehousing
- Increase permanent housing opportunities
- Expand prevention & diversion programs
- Invest in community capacity building & training
- Ensure adequate behavioral health services

What can I do to get involved?

Visit Sacramento County's Homelessness website at SCHS.SacCounty.gov to:

- **Get Informed:** Understand the Challenge, the County's Plan and the County's Responsibility
- **Outreach & Get Vocal:** Talk to people experiencing homelessness, talk to your elected officials, and join in the Continuum of Care Meetings
- **Get Involved:** Be an Advocate, a Volunteer, and help us spread the word!
- **Donate:** Visit your local non-profit agency and ask how you can help

