

# SACRAMENTO COUNTY HOMELESSNESS FAQ

## How many people are unhoused in Sacramento County?

The latest [Point in Time Count \(PIT\)](#) estimates there are **6,615 people living unhoused** in Sacramento County on any given night. Of those, **59 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 23/24, it is estimated that Sacramento County committed approximately **\$220 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 **37% of its budget on social services**.

## What is the County doing about Homelessness?

### Outreach

- [Encampment teams](#) and services including sanitation stations and water distribution
- [Homeless Engagement and Response Teams \(HEART\)](#), comprised of mental health clinicians and peer specialists, provided on the spot assessments and referrals for treatment.

### Shelter

- [Safe Stay Communities](#)
- Congregate shelter
- Scattered Site
- TAY Shelter
- 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 \(LEAP\)](#)
- Nottoli Place: Senior Adults

### System Improvements

- [Regional Coordinated Homeless Action Plan \(RCHAP\)](#)
- City/County Partnership Agreement
- Coordinated Access System
- Department of Homeless Services and Housing

### Prevention Services

#### Behavioral Health Services

- Substance abuse treatment
- Sub-acute beds
- Full Service Partnerships
- Mental health services



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

There are approximately **2,400 emergency shelter beds** throughout Sacramento County. The County currently funds about **940 of these beds**, with another 400 set to welcome guests in 2024-2025.

The County also funds nearly 40 outreach and navigation positions that have specific focus, such as the Parkway, the unincorporated county, the cities or encampments. Teams may have **clinicians, peer specialists, community health workers or counselors**.

## What is Sacramento County's plan to address homelessness?

In March of 2024, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved a collaborative **"All In: Regional Coordinated Homeless Action Plan" (RCHAP)** 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 eight key areas:

- Build and scale a Coordinated Access System (CAS)
- Diversion and Prevention Assistance
- Outreach and Engagement
- Ensure emergency shelter & interim housing is focused on rehousing
- Rehousing Assistance
- Increase permanent housing opportunities
- Integrated Services
- Invest in community capacity building & training

## What can I do to get involved?

Visit Sacramento County's Homelessness website at [SCHS.SacCounty.gov](https://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



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