This fact sheet presents an overview of the situation, challenges, and response to addressing homelessness in Sacramento.

**Homelessness Has Increased Over Time**

![Graph showing increase in homelessness over time](image)

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<th>TOTAL</th>
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**A total of 11,222 people engaged with the homeless response system in 2020.**

5,570 people experienced homelessness on a single day (January 31, 2019).

The number of people experiencing homelessness on any given night in the county increased by an estimated 19% between 2017 and 2019.

Adults, families, and youth experience homelessness at different rates.

**People Experiencing Homelessness**

**2019 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT**

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<td>SINGLE ADULTS</td>
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<td>FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN*</td>
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<td>UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH</td>
<td>371</td>
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*Total number of adults and children under 18

**Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Are Overrepresented Among People Experiencing Homelessness**

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<th>Race</th>
<th>% of HOMELESS</th>
<th>% of SACRAMENTO COUNTY POPULATION</th>
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<td>WHITE</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>BIPOC</td>
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![Bar chart showing race distribution](image)
Homelessness is a complex issue for which there is no single cause or solution, and it is not an inherent fault of the individual. In Sacramento, similar to other communities, there are systemic factors contributing to homelessness.

### Social Impact
- **35%**
  - Of participants enrolled in an HMIS participating program in 2020 self-reported mental health illness, substance abuse, intimate partner violence, or loss of support by family/friends as their primary reason for experiencing homelessness.

### Rental Market
- **INCREASED rental market competitiveness**
- **DECREASED rental vacancy rate**
  - A competitive housing market with low vacancy rates makes it difficult for persons experiencing homelessness to secure housing (rates declined from 6.5% to 2.5% in the last decade).

### Wages & Rental Costs
- **$14/hr**
  - In California, the statewide minimum wage is.
- **$1,188**
  - In Sacramento County, the cost for a 1-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent is.
- **65/wk**
  - The number of combined work hours at minimum wage a person must work to afford a 1-bedroom apartment is.

### Affordable Housing
- **An estimated 36,014 units**
  - Of affordable housing for very low-income to low income are required over the next 8 years to meet the community housing needs across Sacramento County.

### Racial Inequity
- **3x**
  - More likely to experience homelessness if Black/African American.
- **4x**
  - More likely to experience homelessness if American Indian/Alaskan Native.

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1. Data reported from the Homeless Management Information System. Dated: 1/15/2021
4. For very low to low income as reported in the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, September 15, 2019 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Report.
Flow of People Through the Homeless Response System in 2020

During the course of 2020, 11,222 people were engaged with the homeless response system. 6,111 of those were new to, or re-engaged with, the system. They joined 5,111 people already experiencing homelessness at the start of the year. Individuals may move along a variety of paths to permanent housing. They may have been involved in more than one program.

Homeless Response System Interventions

In 2020, the total number of Permanent Supportive Housing beds available for new placements was less than the overall capacity because many of those units were already being utilized.