

Homelessness in Sacramento

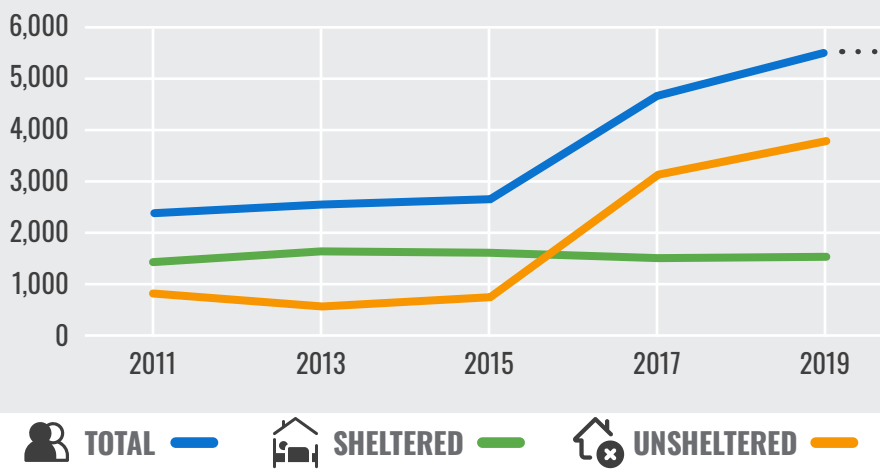


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This fact sheet presents an overview of the situation, challenges, and response to addressing homelessness in Sacramento.

Homelessness Has Increased Over Time¹



A total of

11,222 people

engaged with the homeless response system in 2020²

5,570 people

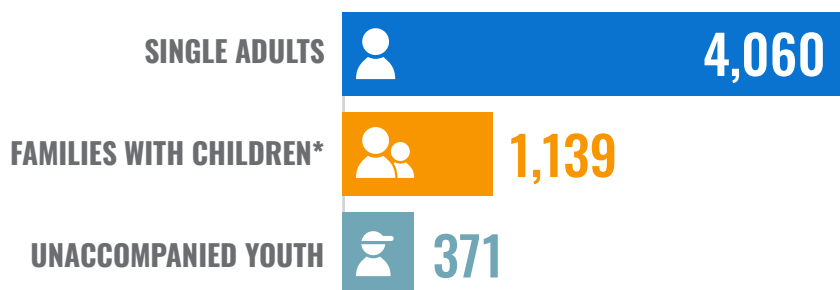
experienced homelessness on a single day (January 31, 2019)



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

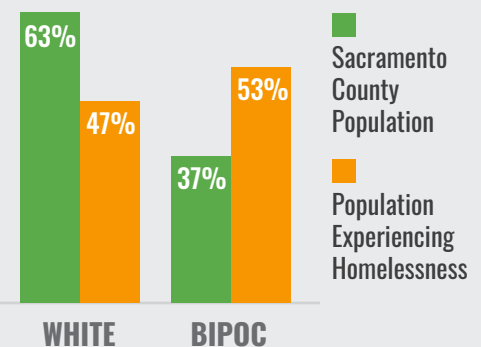
Adults, families, and youth experience homelessness at different rates.

People Experiencing Homelessness 2019 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT³



*Total number of adults and children under 18

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Are Overrepresented Among People Experiencing Homelessness⁴



¹2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 Point-In-Time Count Reports

²Data reported from the Homeless Management Information System. Dated: 1/15/2021

³2019 Point-In-Time Count Report

⁴ACS 2019, 2019 Point-In-Time Count Report

Systemic Factors Contributing to Homelessness

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 Impact¹

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

Mental health, substance use disorders, and traumatic events may also contribute to someone's vulnerability and can add challenges to overcoming homelessness.

> Rental Market²



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 Costs³



In California, the statewide **minimum wage** is

\$14/hr



In Sacramento County, the **cost** for a 1-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent is

\$1,188



The number of combined **work hours** at minimum wage a person must work to afford a 1-bedroom apartment is

65/wk



The disparity between **wages** and **rental costs** presents as a burden to housing stability both for renters and people experiencing homelessness to maintain stable housing.

> Affordable Housing⁴



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 Inequity⁵

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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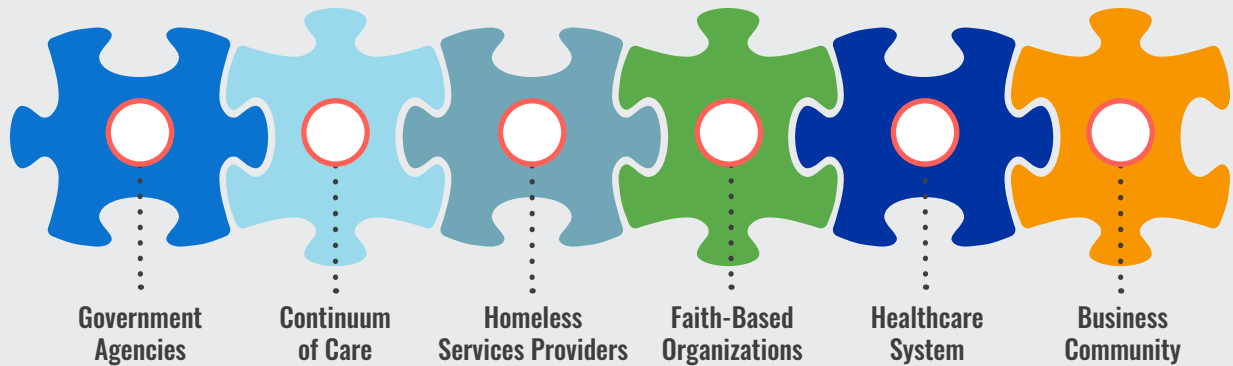
²U.S. Census Bureau. (2019). Selected Housing Characteristics, 2010-2019 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates for Sacramento County

³National Low Income Housing Coalition. 2019 Out of Reach Report

⁴For very low to low income as reported in the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, September 15, 2019 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Report

⁵American Community Survey 2019 (5-year), Sacramento Point-In-Time Count January 31, 2019

Working Together



Flow of People Through the Homeless Response System in 2020¹

During the course of 2020

11,222 people

were engaged with the homeless response system

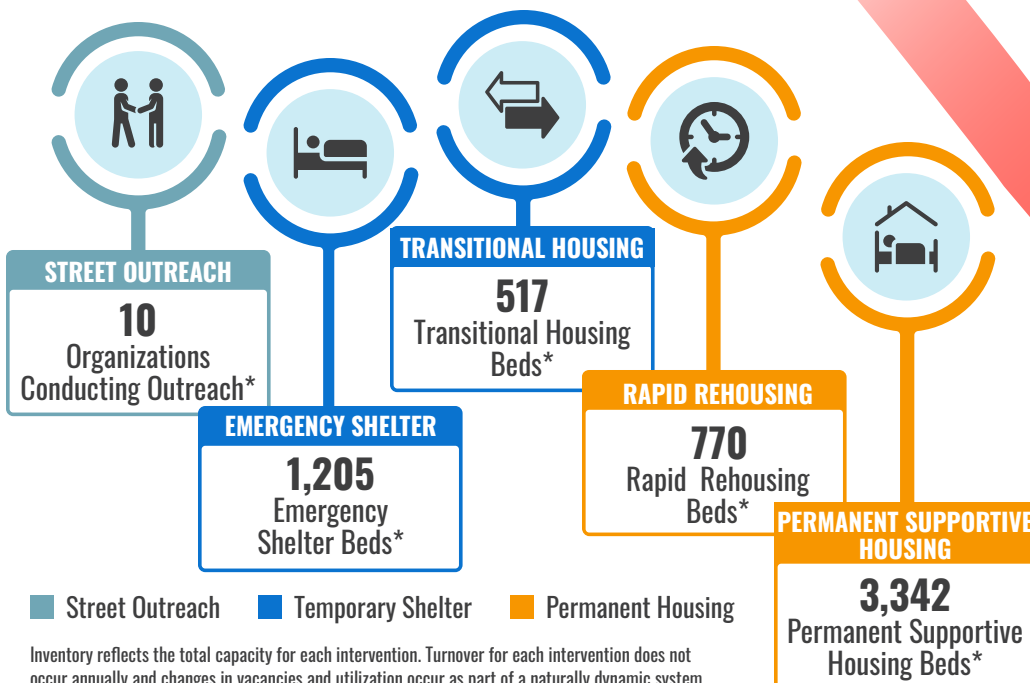


6,111 of those were new to, or re-engaged with, the system.

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



2,761 people achieved permanent housing

4,418 people remained connected to the system

4,043 people disengaged from the system

➤ 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.

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*Data from the January 31, 2020 Housing Inventory Count