

# Homeless Count 2015: Changes and Trends

## What's Changed?

### Fast Facts

The 2015 Homeless Count included more areas of LA County than ever before, engaged over 5,500 volunteers, and produced 2,200 demographic surveys.

In Long Beach and Pasadena, Veteran homelessness is down by almost 50%. Overall homelessness in these cities is also down by almost 20%.

Since 2013, average rents in LA County increased by over 8%. Almost 60% of current renters spend more than a third of their income on rent.

We've been able to almost double the number of Veterans we house every day, helping us keep up with the more than tripled inflow of homeless Veterans. We also house 25% more chronically homeless people than before, but three times as many become chronically homeless every day.

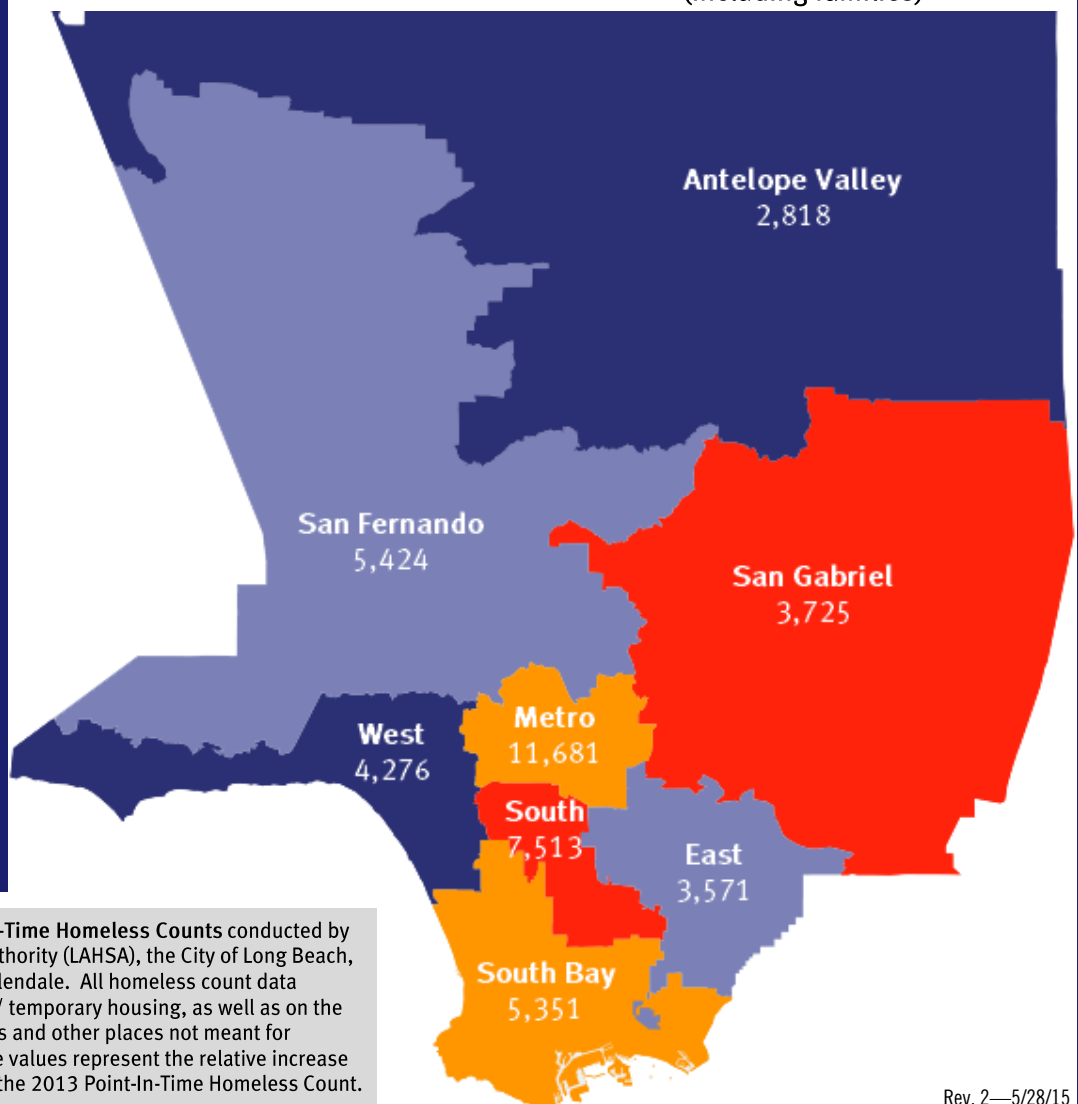
### Los Angeles County

44,359 (+12%)

homeless people

4,344 (-6%)  
homeless Veterans

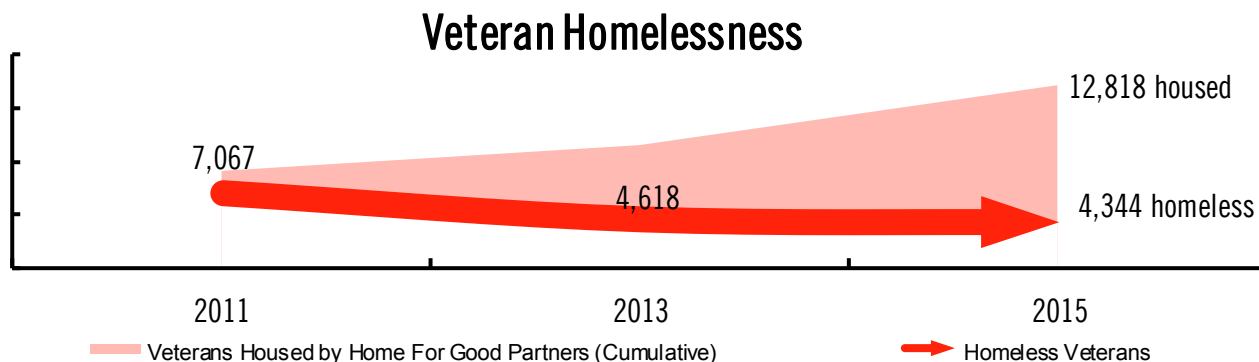
14,118 (+54%)  
chronically homeless people  
(including families)



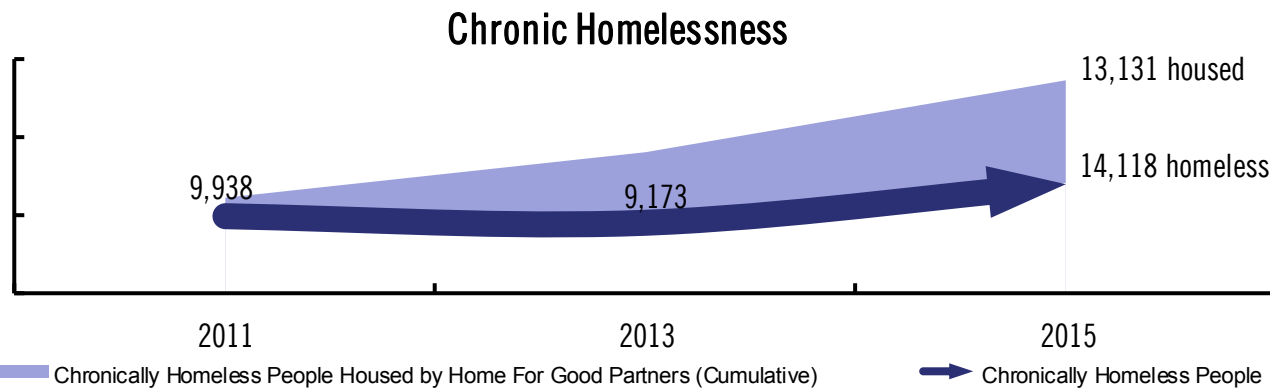
Based on data from the 2015 Point-In-Time Homeless Counts conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the City of Long Beach, the City of Pasadena, and the City of Glendale. All homeless count data includes those residing in emergency / temporary housing, as well as on the streets, in vehicles, make-shift shelters and other places not meant for permanent habitation. Percent change values represent the relative increase or decrease in homeless people since the 2013 Point-In-Time Homeless Count.

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# How has it changed?



But for the work of Home For Good's community partners, there would be **12,818** more homeless Veterans and **13,131** more Chronically Homeless people today.\*



\*Chronic homelessness numbers on this page include chronically homeless Veterans.

# What can we do?

## Give

Each of LA County's 8 regions have submitted plans for their homeless services networks to work more efficiently and effectively together. The Home For Good Funders Collaborative needs an additional \$1.75 million to fund those requests by June 30. Learn more about getting involved: <http://homeforgoodla.org/our-work/funders-collaborative/>

## Advocate

Help us support the Building Homes and Jobs Act (AB 1335), which will create \$500m per year in additional affordable housing. Send a letter of support: <http://bit.ly/AB1335>

Help us find landlords willing to lease to the 500 homeless Veterans who have vouchers in hand today: <http://www.unitedwayla.org/homes-for-heroes>

## Volunteer

Assist our homeless neighbors where you live or work. Contact the leads of the Coordinated Entry System to see how you can help with outreach, housing navigation, or to serve as a companion after someone is housed: <http://bit.ly/CESleads>

## Believe

Even though the numbers are sobering, there are positive trends. Marked progress in Long Beach and Pasadena, where veteran homelessness is down nearly 50%, points the way. Your continued support and belief in what's possible will help make a broader end to homelessness a reality.