



# Homelessness in Pasadena. Here's what we know.

It's undeniable that misinformation about homelessness exists in our community, and much of it stems from fear and preconceived notions about the root causes of homelessness. The fact is, the root causes of homelessness are systemic, including underfunded social services, institutional racism, and decades of misguided housing policy. We know that homelessness is a *temporary* situation that does not define an individual. Our community continues to make significant progress addressing homelessness. As we continue to provide tangible solutions, it's important for our entire community to gain a deeper understanding of the issues, challenges and solutions that lead to lasting change.

## How well do you know the facts about homelessness in Pasadena?

What percentage of supportive housing residents remain successfully housed?

21%

48%

97%

On average, how long did our unsheltered neighbors live in Pasadena before losing their housing?

21 years

10 years

3 years

How has homelessness changed in Pasadena since its peak in 2011?

56% less

33% less

15% more

Which has led to Black people experiencing homelessness at higher rates than other races?

- Racist housing and economic policies
- Discrimination in criminal justice and educational institutions
- Racism in the job market
- All of the above

What is needed for people to be able to permanently exit homelessness?

- Access to a home that is affordable to them
- Supportive services that meet their needs
- All of the above

Which subpopulation of people experiencing homelessness is growing at the fastest rate?

Children

Young Adults

Adults

Seniors

Answer Key: 97%, 21 years, 56% less, All the above, All the Above, Seniors

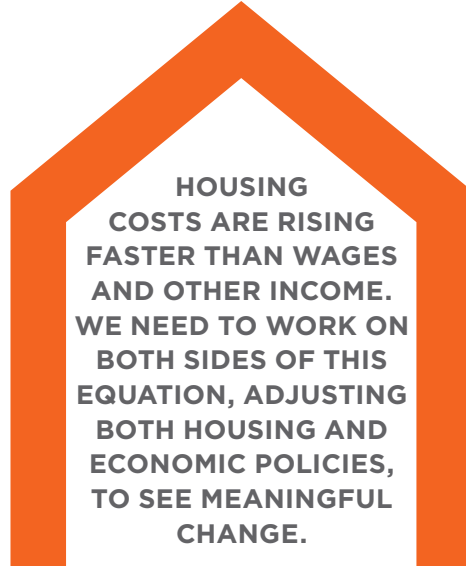
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Data from Pasadena's Homeless Count show more than half **(54%)** of people experiencing homelessness were Pasadena residents before they became homeless.



**HOUSING COSTS ARE RISING FASTER THAN WAGES AND OTHER INCOME. WE NEED TO WORK ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS EQUATION, ADJUSTING BOTH HOUSING AND ECONOMIC POLICIES, TO SEE MEANINGFUL CHANGE.**

## Homelessness?

**Home is where the solution is.**

**Our model is working and getting noticed.**

Homelessness has generally declined in Pasadena since 2011, and our investments are yielding steady progress. We have a reputation of being a leader when it comes to homelessness, and many cities look to us as a model to replicate what we do in their jurisdictions. Pasadena continues to be an early adopter of best practices, such as supportive housing and Housing First policies, yet we need to continue doing more to reduce homelessness in our community.

The city's comprehensive response to homelessness has yielded substantial and encouraging progress for ten years. Although we continue to battle complex upstream factors that are largely outside of individual control, people are successfully getting connected to the services they need and making their way back home.



**3 IN 10 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE 55 OR OLDER; MANY CAN NO LONGER WORK OR AFFORD HOUSING ON THEIR FIXED INCOMES.**

## The large majority

**OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN PASADENA HAVE BEEN ASSESSED BY CASE MANAGERS AND HAVE SAID YES TO HOUSING BUT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH AVAILABLE, AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR EVERYONE WHO NEEDS ONE.**



Just **5%** of people experiencing homelessness in Pasadena reported being from outside of LA County or the state. More than half were Pasadena residents before they became homeless.