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2024 Pasadena Homeless Count





Why We Count

The annual homeless count is one of the many tools used to measure the scope of homelessness in Pasadena to:

Track trends and identify disparities

Develop strategies to address needs

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Contribute to regional, state, and national data on homelessness.





Other **Metrics**

The Homeless Count is one of many tools used to inform CoC strategies.



Annual Homelessness CoC Analysis

System Performance

Federal & State Metrics Longitudinal Systems Analysis



 Disparity Analyses Longitudinal Systems Analysis CoC Analysis



Permanent Housing Units Housing Inventory Count

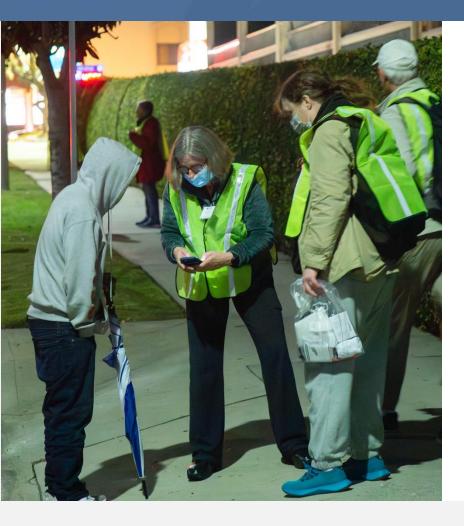


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Shelter Beds Housing Inventory Count







How We Count



January 23, 2024

Conducted annually beginning at sunset and ending at sunset the following day.

Point In Time

One-night count of unhoused people in Pasadena.

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Live Dashboards

GIS platform with live data on the night of the count.



Who is Counted



Sheltered Count

People staying in emergency shelter (including motels & the Bad Weather Shelter) and transitional housing



Unsheltered Count

People staying in places not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodations.

Does not include: people doubled up, couch surfing, or at-risk of homelessness

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Vaccine Strike Teams

For the second year, vaccine strike teams were deployed during this year's unsheltered count.

Members

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Pasadena Outreach Response Team Pasadena Public Health Department Huntington Hospital nursing staff

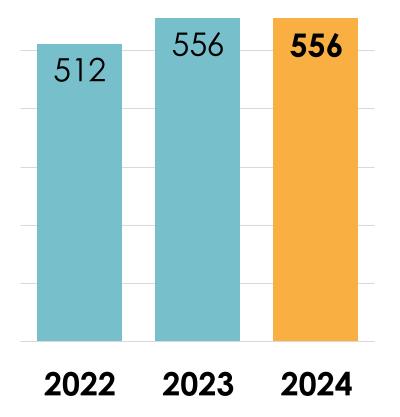
Services provided

Flu vaccines COVID-19 vaccines Naloxone kits



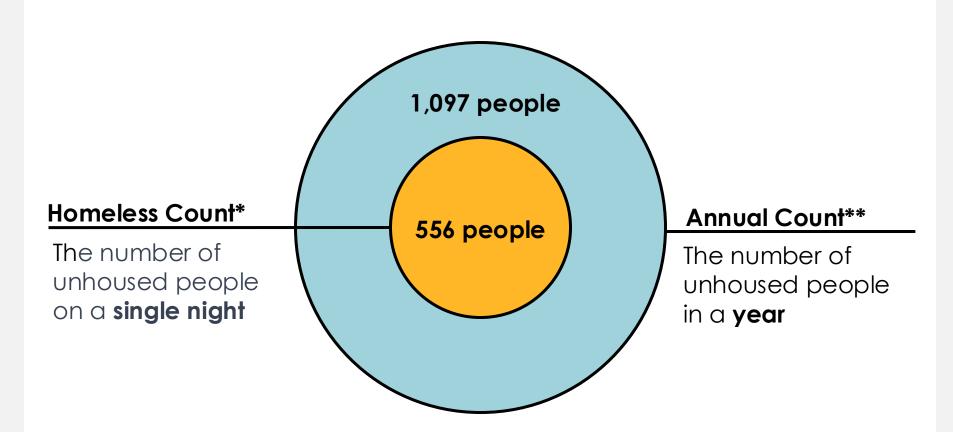
2024 Results

On January 23, 2024, 556 people were experiencing homelessness, which is the same number as in 2023.





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* 2024 Point-in-Time Count ** 2023 Annual Count



3-Year Rolling Average



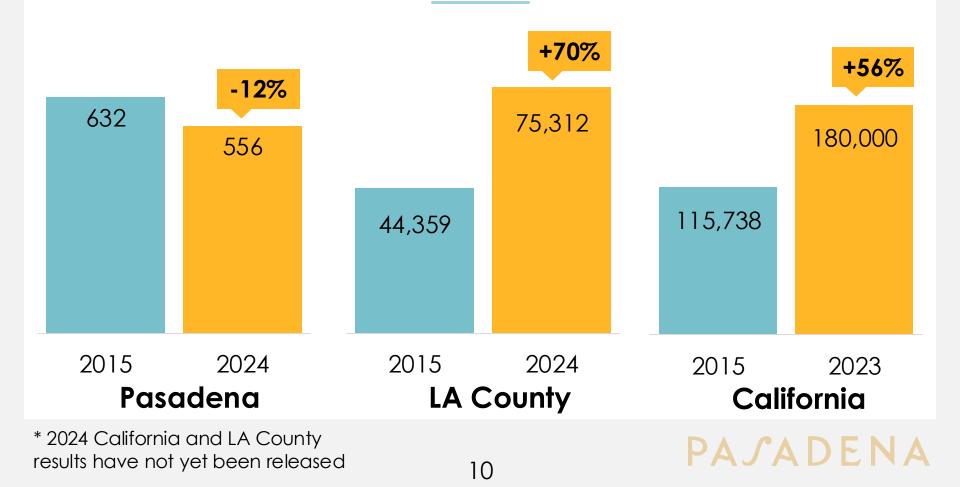
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* The Homeless Count was not conducted in 2021 due to the pandemic.



Regional Comparisons*







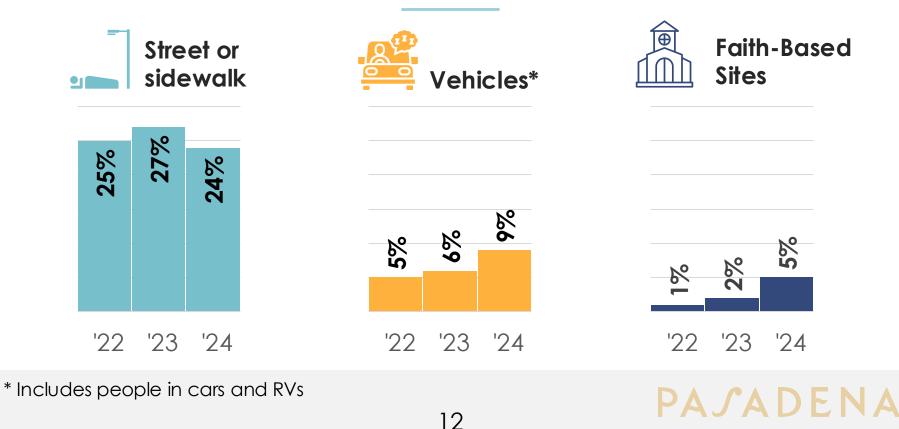
The 2024 sheltered count saw a 7% decrease, attributed to reduced shelter capacity due to the end of pandemic-related funding and the count coinciding with a transitional period for the City's weather-activated shelter.

Emergency Shelter Transitional Housing



Unsheltered Count

On the night of the 2024 Homeless Count, 321 people (58%) were unsheltered, with fewer on the streets and more in cars, RVs, or faith-based sites.



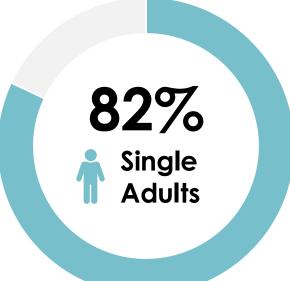


Long-Time Residents Without Homes

More than half (56%) of unsheltered people who were surveyed called Pasadena home for an average of 22 years before losing their housing.







Single adults experiencing homelessness are more likely to be

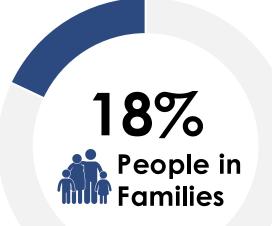
Experiencing Chronic Homelessness 52% vs. 2% of unhoused people in families

Black

29% vs. 20% of unhoused people in families

Veterans 7% vs. 2% of unhoused people in families





People in families experiencing homelessness are more likely to be

Hispanic / Latino 64% vs. 42% of unhoused single adults

Experiencing homelessness for the first time* 54% vs. 11% of unhoused single adults









410 People Permanently Housed

In 2023, 410 people experiencing homelessness in Pasadena were permanently housed.

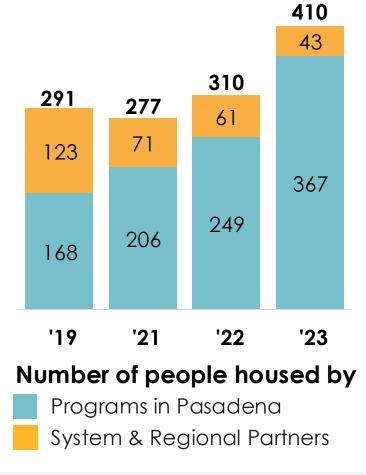






Record Year for Housing

New permanent housing programs, like The Salvation Army's Hope Center, led to a 32% increase in people housed in 2023.







Racial Composition of People Housed in 2023*

85%	Black or African American
84%	Hispanic / Latino
.9 %	Non-Hispanic White
2%	6 Multi-Racial
1%	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
1%	American Indian or Alaska Native

1% Asian or Asian American

*Note: Participants could select multiple races/ethnicities. The numbers in this graph have a total greater than 100%.

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The Salvation Army's Hope Center

Fully Leased

Home to 65 people, including 16 veterans

Transforming Lives

Average of 5.6 years unhoused before stability at the Hope Center.





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Additional Critical Supports

Emergency Housing Vouchers Housed 53 people

Mainstream Vouchers

Housed 25 people



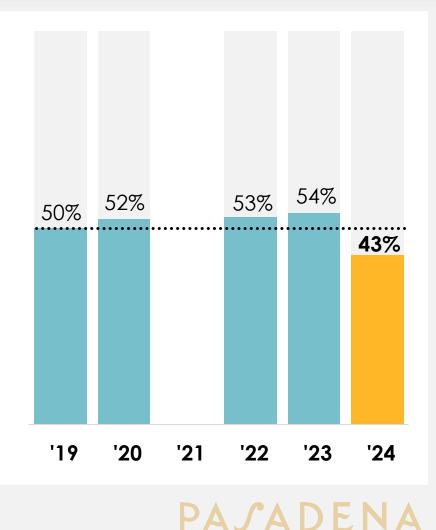


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Progress in Addressing Chronic Homelessness

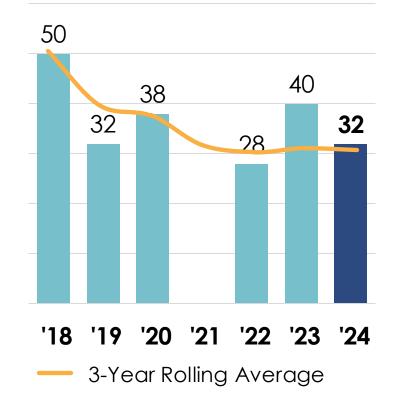
Chronic homelessness dipped below 50% for the first time in six years, with an estimated 240 people meeting HUD's definition.*

*People who have experienced homelessness for at least a year – or repeatedly – while living with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness, chronic illness, or physical disability.





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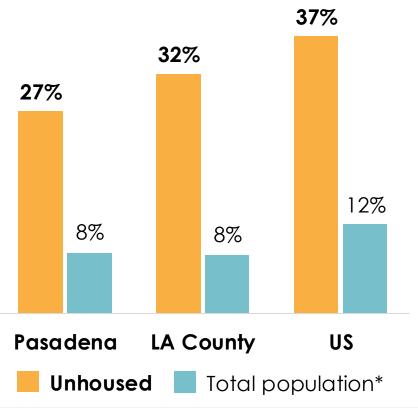
Downward Trend in Veteran Homelessness

The 2023 spike in veteran homelessness reversed in 2024.



Systemic racism continues to impact homelessness

With Black people significantly overrepresented among the unhoused compared to their share of the general population.



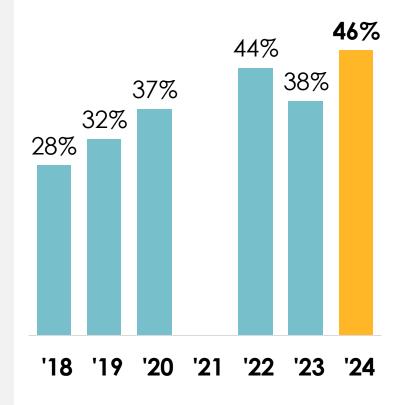
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*2022 5-Year American Community Survey

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Black Disparities in Homelessness







Rise in Hispanic / Latino Homelessness

Hispanic & Latino people now comprise close to half of the unhoused population, compared to 35% of Pasadenans.* This recent surge mirrors national and regional trends, with a 26% increase in LA County from 2020 to 2022.

*2022 5-Year American Community Survey



Understanding the Rise in Hispanic / Latino Homelessness

Recent rises in Hispanic / Latino homelessness are attributed to economic disparities, rising housing costs, systemic barriers, and the disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within the Hispanic & Latino population...



31% Cited Job Loss as a contributing factor vs. 24% of total households



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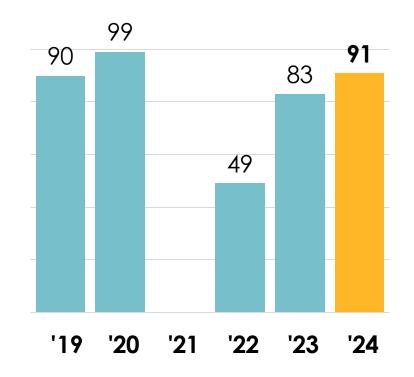
15% Were in Families vs. 7% of total households



26% Were Newly Unhoused vs. 16% of total households



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First Time Homelessness*

Following a brief respite, the number of people becoming newly unhoused has risen since the end of pandemicera protections and supports.

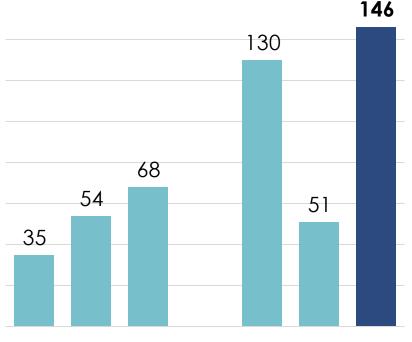
* For a duration of less than 12 months



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Growth in people fleeing domestic violence (DV)

The rise in homelessness underscores the barriers faced by low-income survivors in high-cost states like California, where limited resources impede their escape from violence and access to alternative housing.*



2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

*UC San Francisco, "Understanding Intimate Partner Violence and Homelessness: Findings from the California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness"



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Stable Count, Evolving Landscape

While the total count remains at 556, there were notable shifts

Progress in Key Subpopulations

Chronic homelessness fell by 19% (298 in 2023 to 240 in 2024) Veteran homelessness fell by 20% (40 in 2023 to 32 in 2024)

Persistent Disparities

Disproportionate representation persists for Black, Hispanic, and Latino people experiencing homelessness.

Emerging Trends

Rising housing costs have led to increased homelessness among domestic violence survivors, alongside a broader growth in first-time homelessness post-pandemic.

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The successes of 2024 show that significant progress is possible. By focusing on equity, continued investment in permanent housing, and efforts around prevention, we can create a community where everyone has a place to call home.



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To learn more about the 2024 Homeless Count and view detailed data tables visit: www.pasadenahomelesscount.org

