

Seniors Experiencing Homelessness and The South Bay Cities Council of Governments Homeless Program



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Introduction: What is PATH?

- PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) is a statewide agency
 - Primary goal: help people off the streets and into permanent homes

COUNTDOWN TO 10,000

PATH is helping 10,000 people make it home by 2020:





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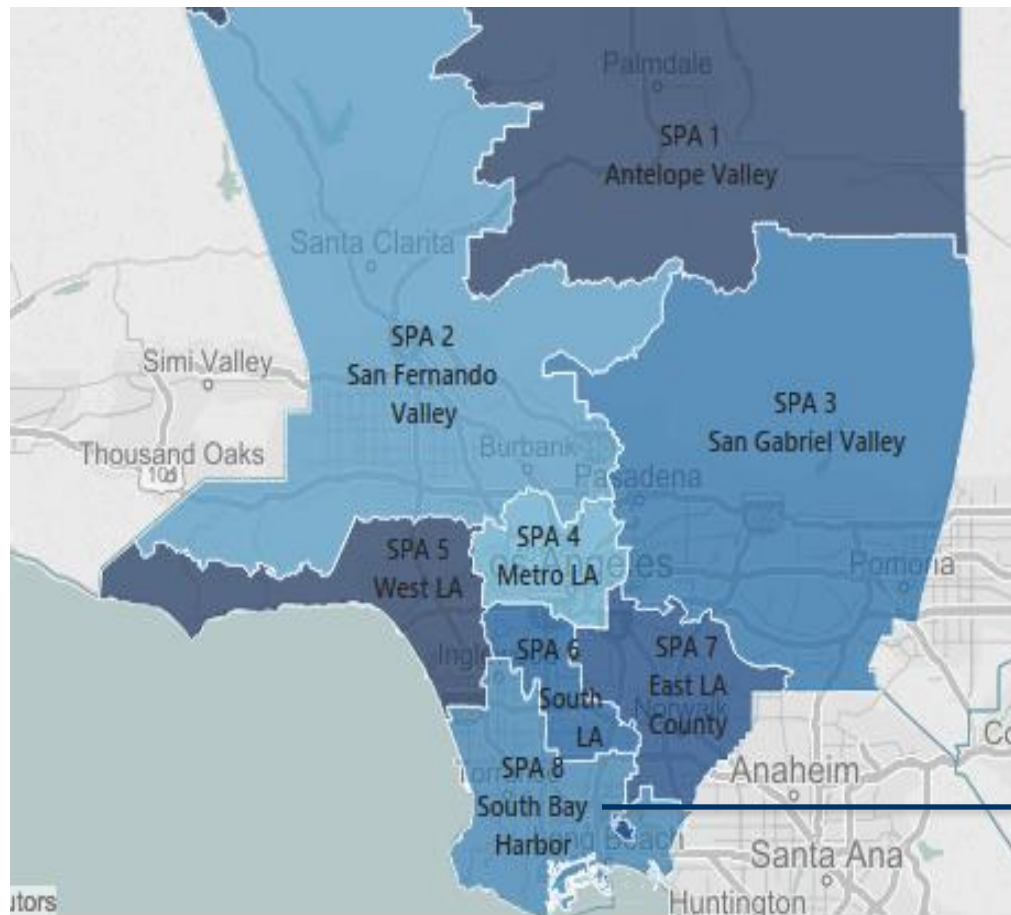


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Outline

- Homelessness in South Bay Cities
- Homelessness in the Senior Population
 - Scope of the problem
 - Senior specific services
- New SBCCOG Homeless Outreach/Engagement Program
 - Success in the Gateway Cities Council of Governments region
 - Services and goals for Year 1
 - Services for seniors

Homelessness in LA County



Countywide: as of January, 2015, 44,359 people experiencing homelessness in LA County, up from 39,463 in 2013

SPA 8= South Bay/ SBCCOG Region

Homelessness in SBCCOG



On the night of January 30, 2015, there were **3,006 people** identified as experiencing homelessness in the South Bay SPA 8.

- This represents an increase of 39% from the last Homeless Count held in 2013
- 22% were Sheltered, 78% Unsheltered (43% on the streets, 35% in vehicles)
- Over the course of one year, it is estimated 11,883 people will experience homelessness in the South Bay at some point



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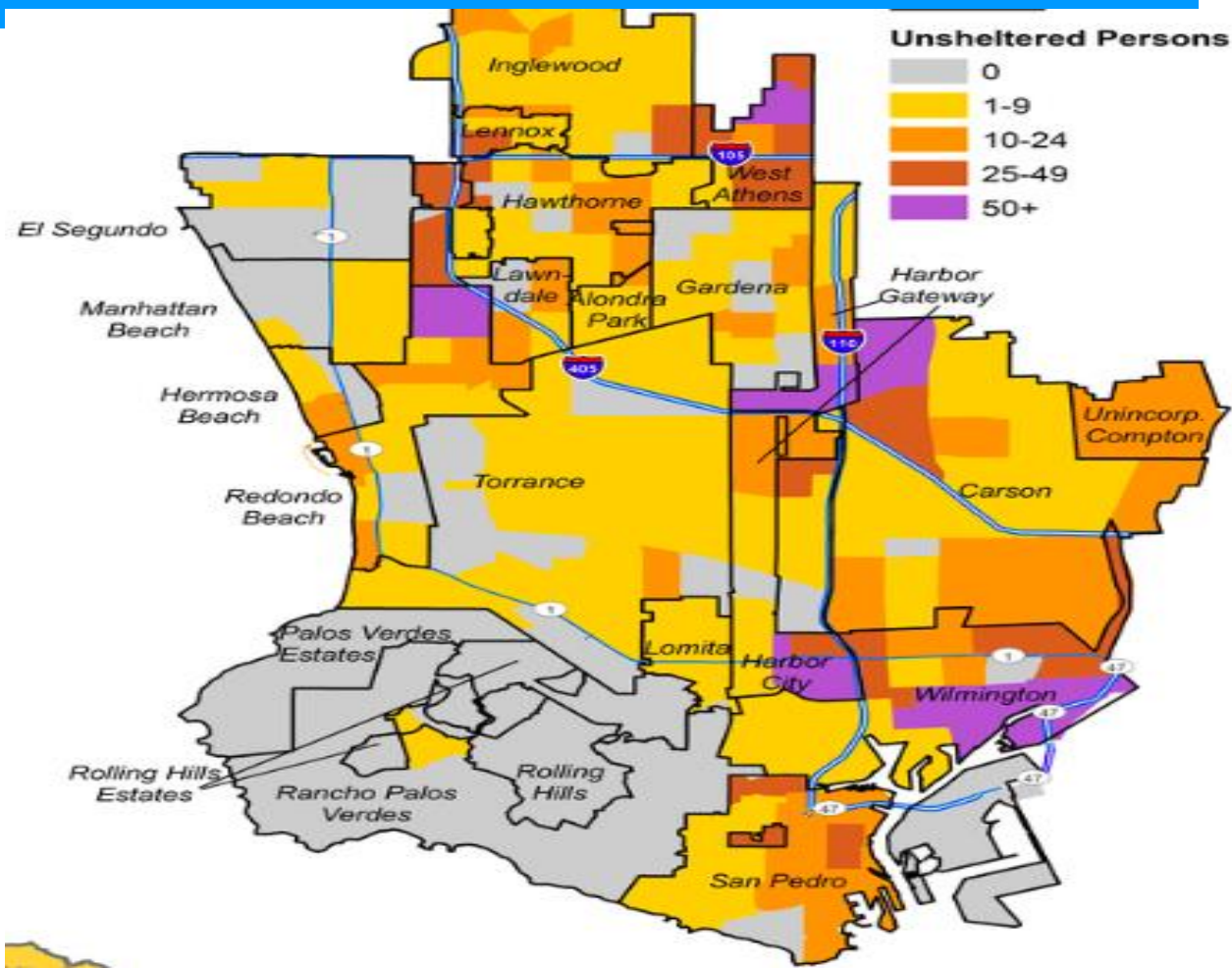


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Unsheltered Homeless in SBCCOG





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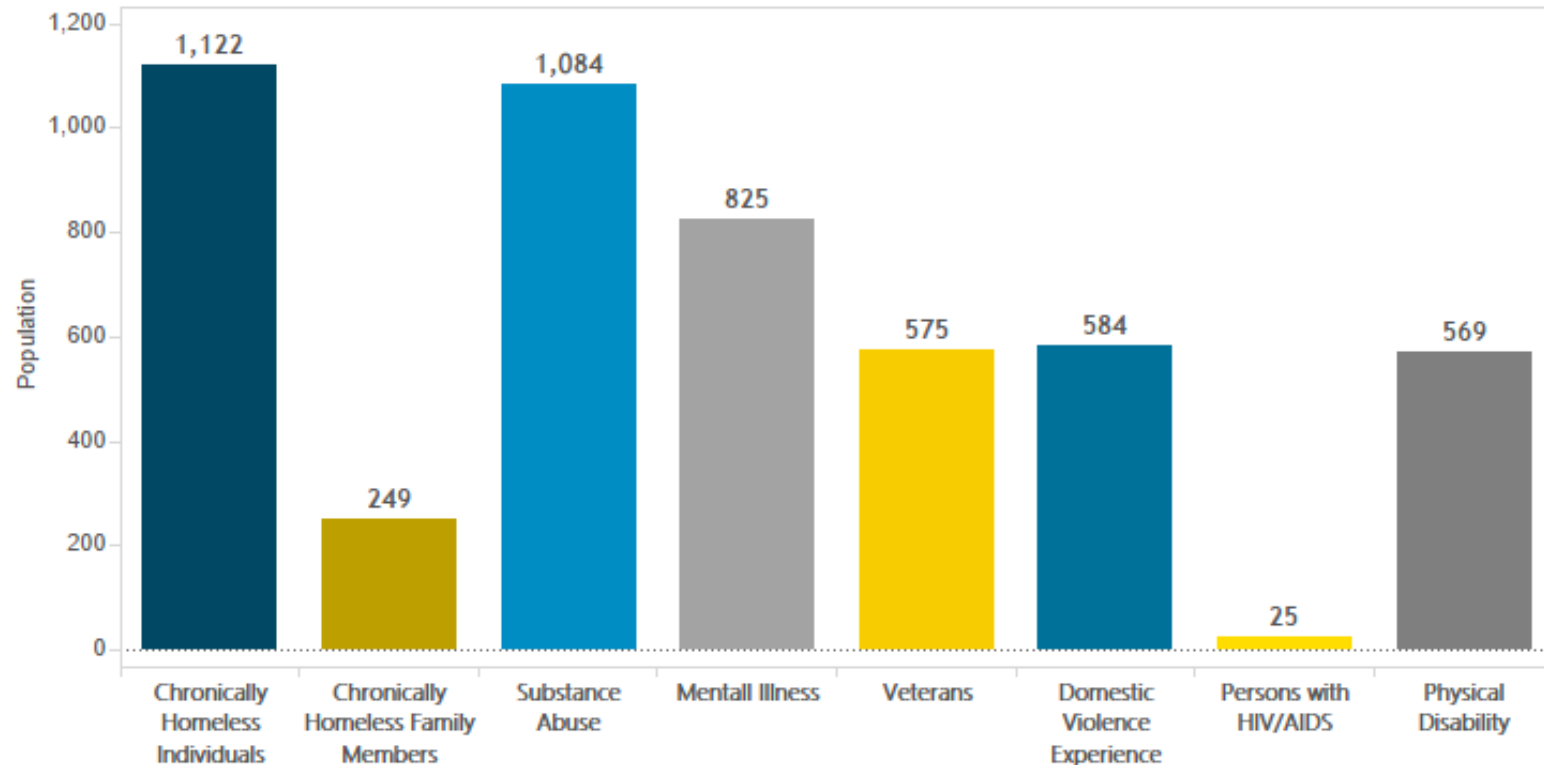
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Homelessness in SBCCOG (cont.)

Homelessness by Subpopulation





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SBBCOG Age Breakdown

Age Range	Number of people experiencing homelessness
Age: 18-24	116
Age: 25-54	1,506
Age: 55-61	759
Age: 62+	329

Total senior population: 1,088**

**This only counts seniors living on the streets or in shelters, it does not count seniors who are staying on family or friends' couches, those in hospitals or SNFs, or those imminently at risk of becoming homeless.



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Seniors Experiencing Homelessness

- Causes

- Poverty

- Many seniors have a fixed income
- For the 55-61 population, extremely challenging to get jobs but too early to collect retirement

- Lack of Affordable Housing

- Healthcare costs very expensive

- Disabilities/ co-occurring disorders

- Lack of family connections or unwillingness to reach out to family for help

Seniors Experiencing Homelessness

- Vulnerabilities on the streets
 - Lack of senior specific services
 - More likely to be medically vulnerable
 - Risk of being taken advantage of/ stolen from
 - Dramatically lower life expectancy (42-52 years for homeless vs. 80 for general population)





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New Program in SBCCOG

- Approved by Board of Supervisors on October 6, 2015
 - Co-sponsored by Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Ridley Thomas
 - Likely start date of January 1, 2016
 - Set up similar program to that of the Gateway Cities COG
 - Primary goal of the program is to reach out to people experiencing homelessness, link them to necessary services, and find them permanent housing



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GCCOG Homeless Program Background

- Program started October 2012- just extended thru July 2016
- Gateway Connections
 - reaches out to people on the streets
 - helps them move into permanent homes
- Brings much-needed resources to the GCCOG to address homelessness
 - Work with community members, law enforcement, fire department, elected officials, city staff, business owners, and other community stakeholders to address homelessness throughout Gateway Cities Region
 - PATH is the lead agency with four partners



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Gateway Connections Goals

- Deliverables:
 - Serve 500 people living on the streets
 - Help 665 households move into permanent supportive housing by the end of 2017



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GCCOG Program Outcomes

- October 2012-October 2015
- Served **20,908 Unduplicated Individuals**, provided Case Management to **14,618 individuals**
 - Connected 5,469 people to mental health, primary care, or substance abuse services
 - Helped 2,141 people increase their income
 - Provided Shelter/ Bridge Housing
 - 1,496 Placed in Emergency Shelter or Bridge Housing
- **1,115 individuals** have been permanently housed
 - Of these 1,115, **108 are veterans**



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SBCCOG Program Activities

- **Outreach services** throughout the South Bay Cities region, targeting homeless “hot spots”, engaging with the people living in them
- **South Bay Cities Hotline** to field community and city requests and respond to people in need
- **Screenings and CES assessments** to determine eligibility for services, housing programs
- **Case management** to help clients prepare for permanent housing, by assisting with identification documents, applying for benefits, accessing supportive services
- **Linkages to emergency housing solutions** while working with clients to move into permanent housing
- **Housing location** services to help clients find and secure a permanent home
- **Ongoing supportive services** after the client moves into permanent housing
- **Work with local landlords** to identify available affordable units for clients
- **Collaboration** with South Bay Homeless Coalition, Coordinated Entry System, and other organizations



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SBCCOG Program Goals

- In the first year:
 - Serve 450 unduplicated individuals
 - Connect 230 people to interim housing
 - Connect 70 people to mental health services, 58 people to substance abuse services, and 58 to mainstream benefits
 - Help 58 people get off the streets and into permanent housing
 - Work closely with cities, community members, law enforcement, and other stakeholders to help communities address homelessness



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Coordinated Entry

- Use single assessment countywide to determine vulnerability
- Match people to appropriate housing based on acuity and housing preferences
- Seniors often score higher on vulnerability scale, and are prioritized for housing





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Housing Resources for Seniors

- VA Supportive Housing and Supportive Services for Families
 - For Veterans and their families
- Continuum of Care Section 8 Vouchers
 - For homeless single adults with a disability
- Housing through Department of Mental Health
 - Can connect people with SB 82 Mobile Team
- Affordable housing
 - The Mindeman Senior Residence Center, Redondo Beach, CA
- Department of Health Services Housing for Health Program
 - For frequent utilizers of county health facilities (2 or more visits to a county facility and a complex health condition)



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Senior Resources in South Bay

- Sage House Adult Day Care, San Pedro, CA
 - Day program for seniors with disabilities
- Adult Protective Services
 - For any allegations of elder abuse (can be emotional, physical, financial)
- Older Adult Case Mgmt, Bch Cities Health
- Older Adult/Senior Abuse LA
- Meals-on-Wheels
- H.E.L.P. for Seniors, Torrance, CA
 - Healthcare, legal, and financial services



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How Can You Help?

- Once we have our program/ hotline up and running, call us!
- Homeless Count January 2016
 - Helps determine how much resources/ funding is allocated to South Bay
 - We need volunteers to make the count successful
 - **Go to theycountwillyou.org to register**



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Questions??

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