

Los Angeles County

Homeless Initiative

PRESENTATION TO THE

Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency
December 14, 2023



**Chief
Executive
Office.**



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AGENDA

- 1. State of Homelessness in Los Angeles County**
- 2. Los Angeles County CEO - Homeless Initiative**
- 3. Homeless Initiative and LACAHS**

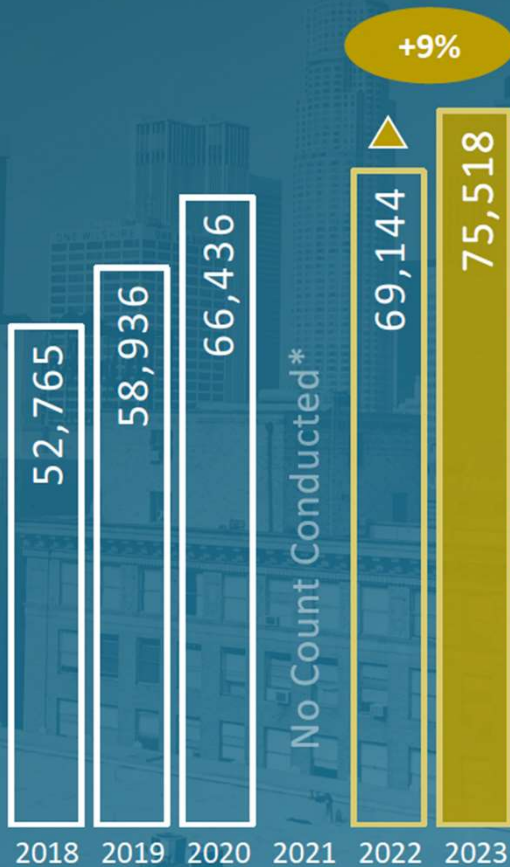


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State of Homelessness in Los Angeles County

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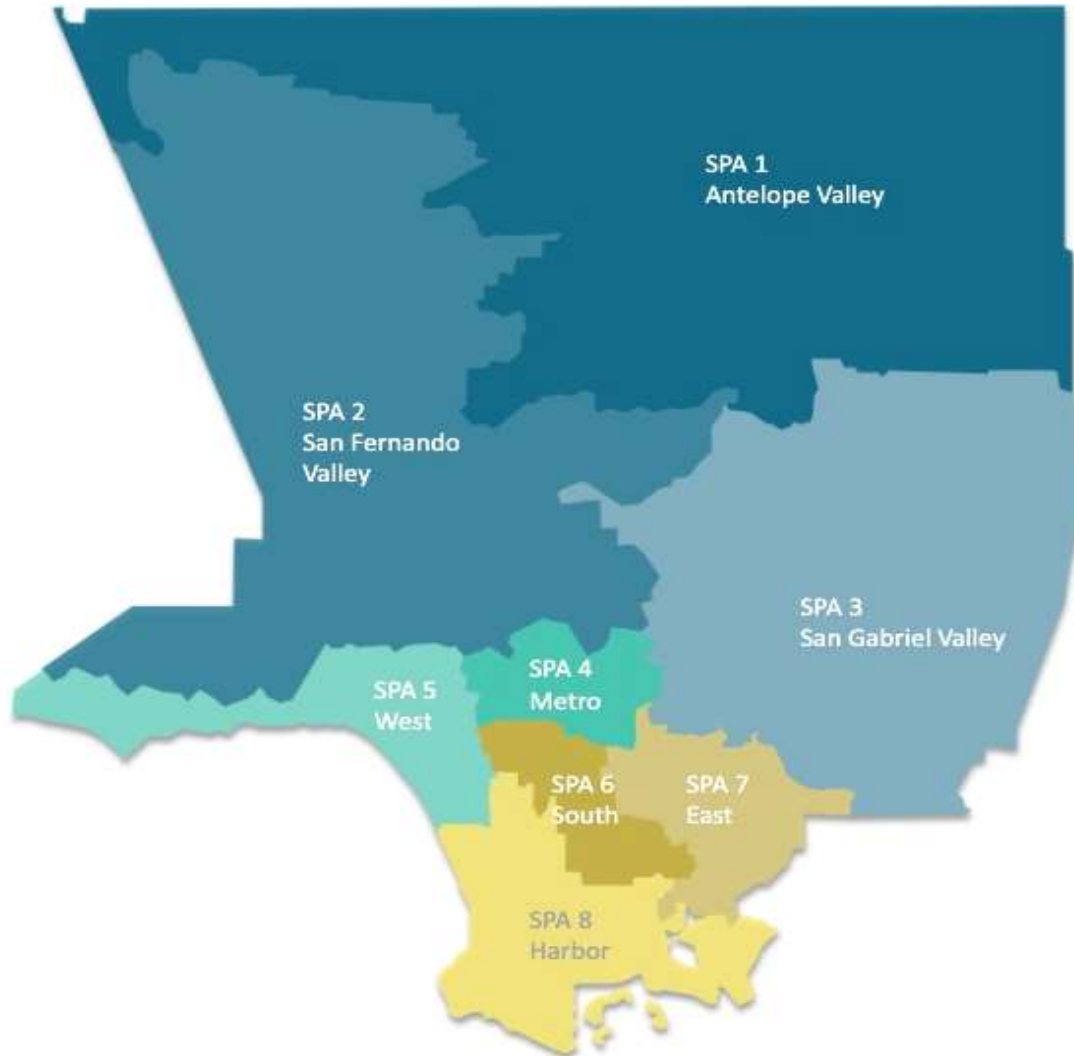
2023

Greater Los Angeles
Homeless Count

This year we estimate that
75,518 people
experience homelessness on any
given night in LA County
and **46,260 people** in LA City.

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Service Planning Areas (SPAs)

SPA	2022	2023	Change
SPA 1	4,598	4,686	+88
SPA 2 ¹	9,604	10,443	+839
SPA 3 ²	4,661	5,009	+348
SPA 4	17,820	18,531	+711
SPA 5	4,604	6,669	+2,065*
SPA 6	14,598	12,995	-1,603*
SPA 7	4,781	6,511	+1,730*
SPA 8 ³	4,445	6,476	+2,031*

***Statistically significant change**



¹ SPA 2 excludes data from Glendale CoC

² SPA 3 excludes data from Pasadena CoCs

³ SPA 8 excludes data from Long Beach CoC

Systemic racism continues to impact homelessness.

Proportion of Black/African American (Non-Hispanic/Latino) persons experiencing homelessness in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care far exceeds their proportion in LA County's population.

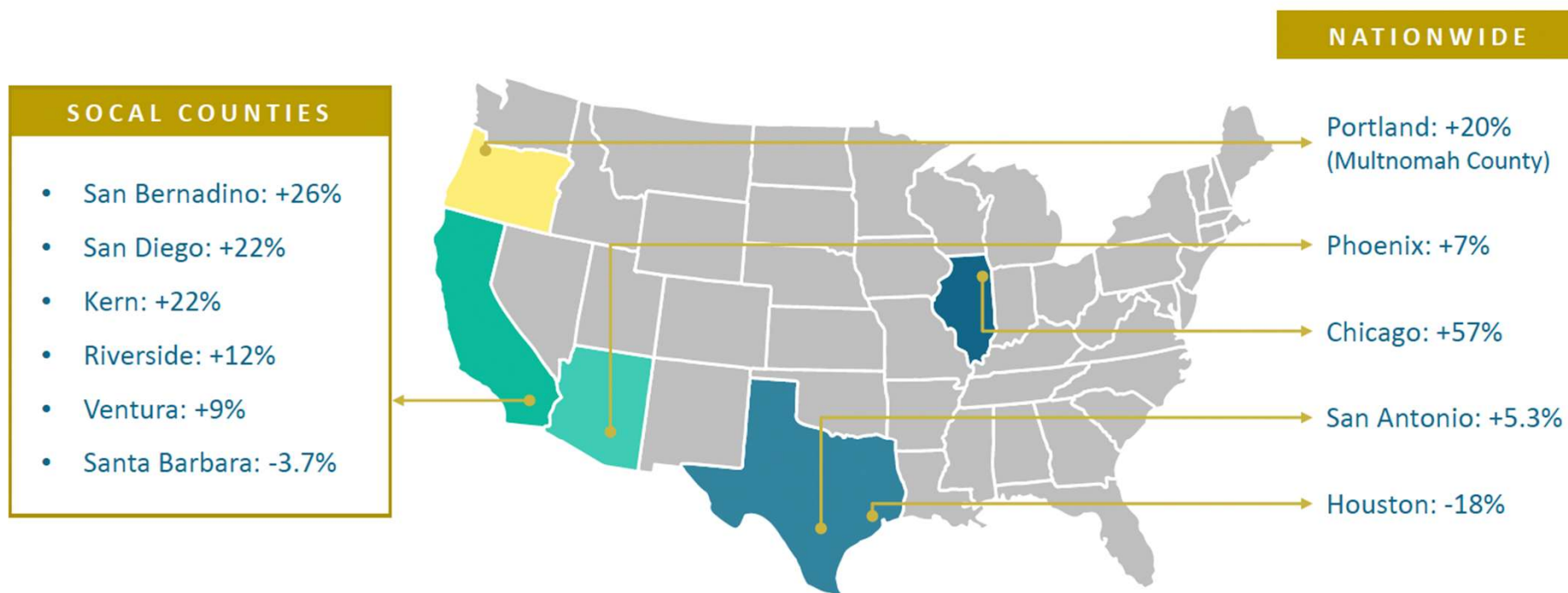
Race / Ethnicity	Total Homeless Pop.	Prevalence in Homeless Pop. (%)	Prevalence in LA County Pop. (%)*
Hispanic/Latino	30,350	42.6%	48.0%
Black/African American (Non-Hispanic/Latino)	22,606	31.7%	7.6%
White (Non-Hispanic/Latino)	13,826	19.4%	25.6%
Mixed, Multiple, or Other races (Non-Hispanic/Latino)	2,214	3.1%	3.7%
Asian (Non-Hispanic/Latino)	1,212	1.7%	14.7%
American Indian/Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic/Latino)	723	1.0%	0.2%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (Non-Hispanic/Latino)	389	0.5%	0.2%
Total	71,320	100%	-



*US Census Bureau (2020 Decennial Census, P2: Hispanic or Latino, and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race)

The rise in homelessness is both a national and regional trend.

Unaffordable rent is driving homelessness in California. According to a recent study on California homelessness by UC San Francisco's Homelessness and Housing Initiative*, the most common reason for leaving housing for leaseholders was economics.

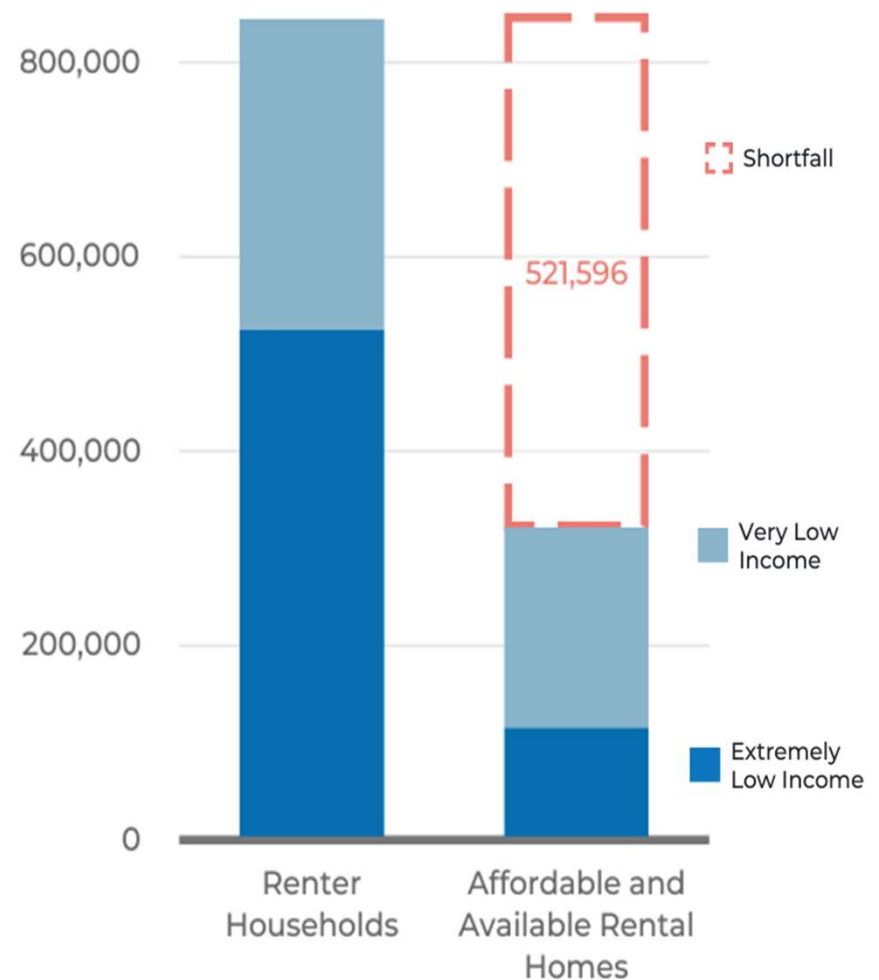


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KEY FINDINGS

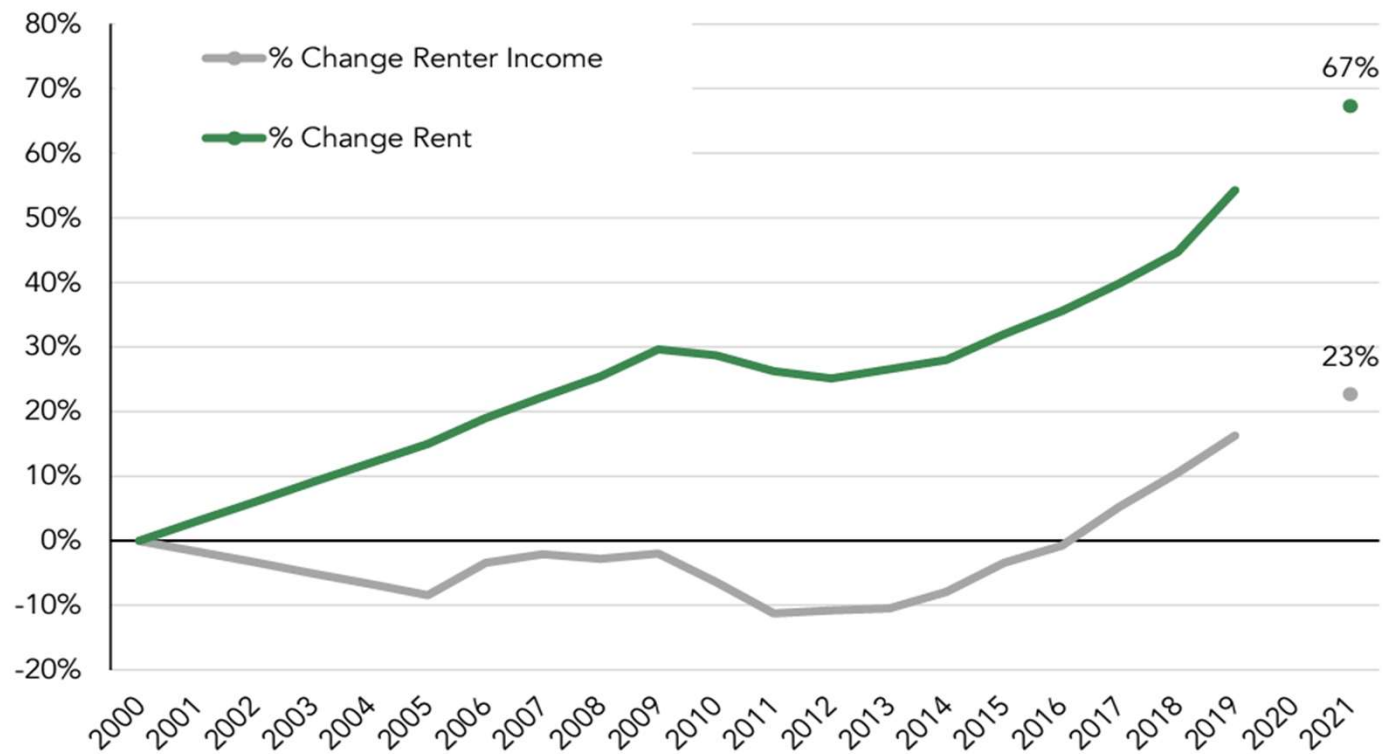
- Renters in Los Angeles County need to earn \$47.15 per hour - **2.9 times** the City of Los Angeles' minimum wage - to afford the average monthly asking rent of \$2,452.
- **521,596** low-income renter households in Los Angeles County do not have access to an affordable home.



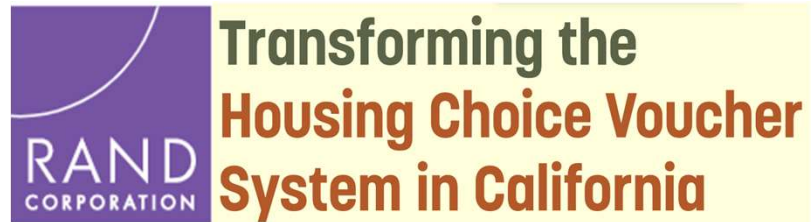
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MEDIAN RENTER HOUSEHOLD INCOME VERSUS MEDIAN RENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY (2000-2021)*



Housing Choice Vouchers



- In California, the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program represents the largest single form of federal housing assistance in the state.
- About one in four low-income households receives housing assistance.
- In Los Angeles, demand for vouchers far exceeds supply.
- When the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) reopened the voucher waiting list for new applications in 2017, almost 200,000 households submitted applications for 20,000 available slots.

Disproportionality in Federal Funding

- The funding LA receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address homelessness is **disproportionately low** when compared to other municipalities in the state and across the country.
- In 2021, for every person experiencing homelessness
 - Houston area received roughly \$14,483 in the region
 - San Francisco County received roughly \$6,629 per unhoused person
 - Sacramento County received roughly \$3,203 per unhoused person
 - **Los Angeles County received \$2,386 per unhoused person**

CA Statewide Study of PEH



✓ People Homeless in CA are from CA
9/10 lived here when they lost housing

1. Individuals with certain vulnerabilities, those with a history of trauma, and/or those from racially minoritized groups, are at higher risk of experiencing homelessness.
2. For leaseholders, a loss of income was the main reason that they lost their last housing. Economic considerations interacted frequently with social and health crises.
3. Nearly all study participants expressed an interest in obtaining housing but faced barriers.



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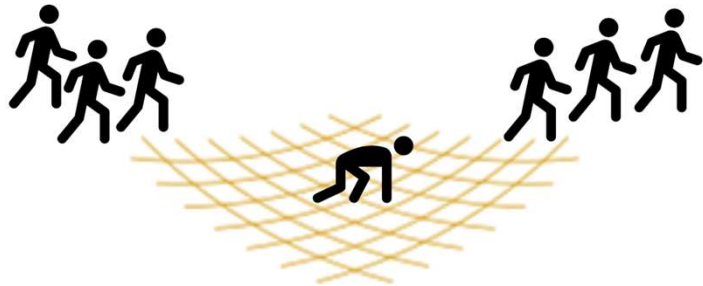
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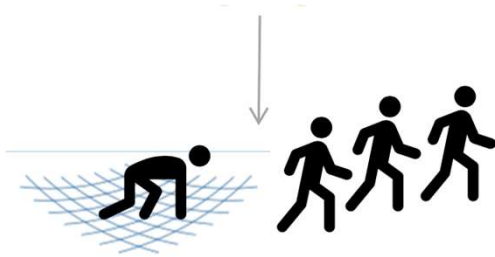
About the Homeless Initiative

The Homeless Initiative is the central coordinating body for Los Angeles County's effort to expand and enhance services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

- Created by the Board of Supervisors in August 2015
- Part of the County's Chief Executive Office
- Primarily funded through Measure H, a 1/4-cent sales tax approved by 70% of County voters in May 2017, creating a 10-year revenue stream that began in July 2017



Mainstream Government Systems provide the **first and largest safety net**, serving all vulnerable and low income LA County residents.




The **Homelessness Response System** is a **system of last resort** and attempts to divert or rehouse people out of homelessness.



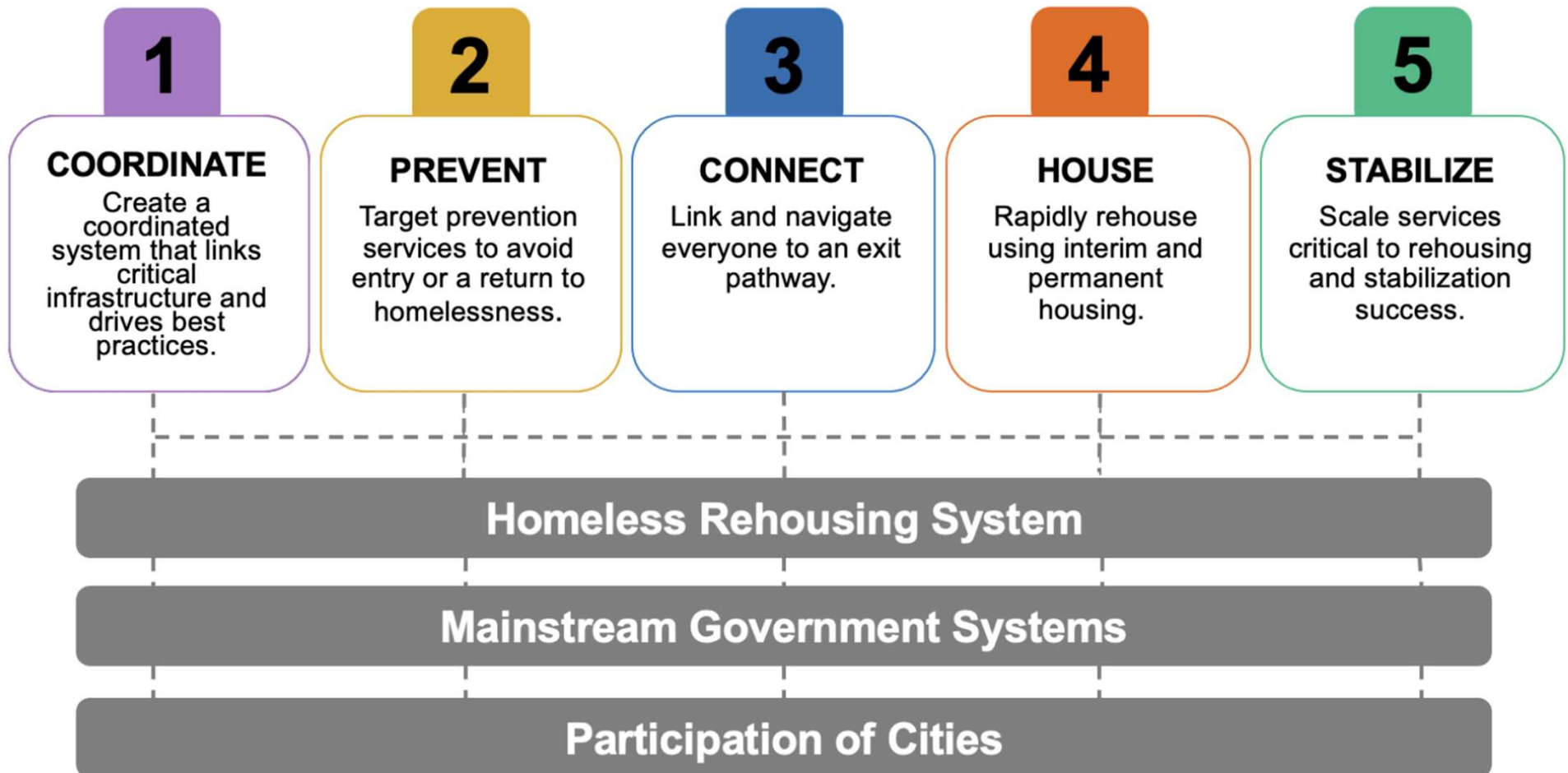
Those who remain are **persistently underserved** and need an **intensive rehousing intervention**.

However, due to lack of **system flow**, many are stuck in interim housing or on the streets for an extended period.

New Framework Principles: Homeless Rehousing System

1. Respond, at scale, to the **persistently underserved**
 2. **Consolidate** rehousing system strategies, and **streamline** program models and practice standards
 3. Increase **exits to permanent housing**
 4. Advance racial equity, and integrate input of people with lived expertise
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NEW FRAMEWORK



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IMPACT MADE IN THE LAST 5 YEARS



**98,900 people
placed into permanent housing**

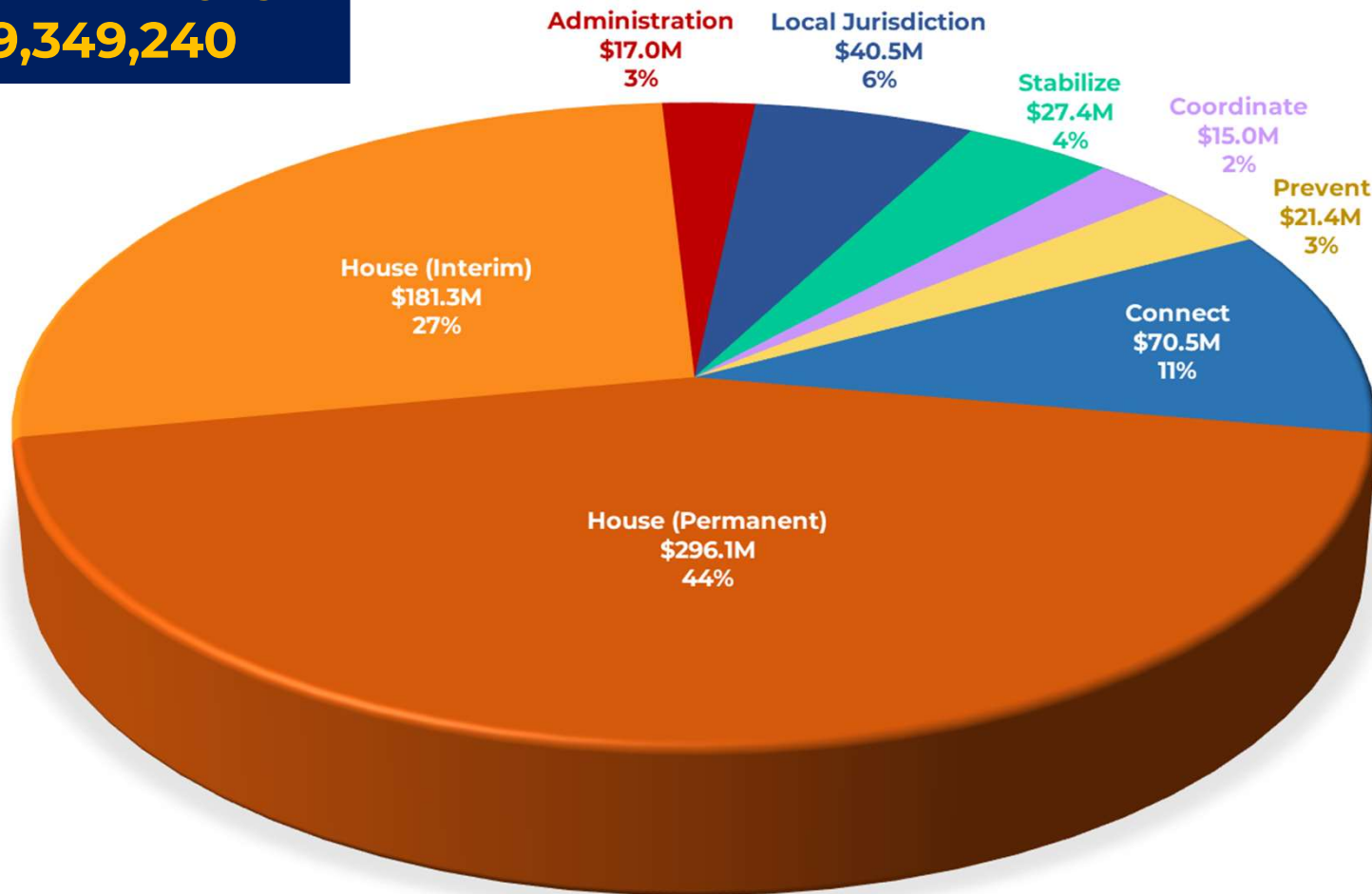
37,100 of placements received Measure H funding



**137,600 people
placed in interim housing**

72,400 of placements received Measure H funding

**FY 2024-25
PROPOSED FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS
\$669,349,240**



- 1**
COORDINATE
Create a coordinated system that links critical infrastructure and drives best practices.
- 2**
PREVENT
Target prevention services to avoid entry or a return to homelessness.
- 3**
CONNECT
Link and navigate everyone to an exit pathway.
- 4**
HOUSE
Rapidly rehouse using interim and permanent housing.
- 5**
STABILIZE
Scale services critical to rehousing and stabilization success.



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Homeless Initiative and LACAHSA

Homekey

Los Angeles County has been awarded funding for 28 projects with nearly 1,700 units through Homekey, which has been called the fastest, largest, most cost-effective addition of interim and permanent housing in California history.

Homekey 3.0

220 units in Baldwin Park, Exposition Park, Hollywood, and Lancaster (with additional projects pending approval).

Homekey 2.0

720 units in Boyle Heights, Compton, East Hollywood, Inglewood, Koreatown, Redondo Beach, Lancaster, San Pedro, Westlake, Woodland Hills, and unincorporated Los Angeles.

Homekey 1.0

847 units in Baldwin Park, Compton, Hacienda Heights, Harbor City, Long Beach, Norwalk, Whittier, and unincorporated Los Angeles.

Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program

L.A. Care Health Plan and Health Net are investing \$55.6 million over multiple years to bolster the County's emergency response.

Unit Acquisition

The investment will be used to secure as many as **1,900 housing units** in the private rental market to serve people experiencing homelessness who have tenant-based rental vouchers. This could include leasing entire apartment complexes, expanding opportunities for shared housing, providing additional support to landlords, etc.

Affordable Housing Program

HI administers the Affordable Housing (AH) Program Budget, which is \$100 million annually, along with other funding sources, to support the creation and preservation of affordable housing, as well as other related activities.

Funds are allocated:

LACDA NOFAs - HI contributes at least 75% of the AH budget to LACDA's NOFAs, which select proposed affordable housing developments and provide capital funds for development. Most projects using these funds are PSH.

Land Banking Pilot – HI is launching a pilot program to acquire properties in gentrifying areas or areas at risk of displacement, hold the properties, and the develop into affordable housing.

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program – HI works with County partners to select and develop proposals for the state's AHSC program.

Rental Subsidies and Supportive Services

HI funds and/or oversees programs for people experiencing homelessness to identify housing and lease up, receive rental subsidies, and receive supportive services necessary to help them stabilize and retain housing once housed.

Housing Navigation	Support for participants to identify housing and lease up. Attached to interim housing slots throughout the county.
Time Limited Subsidies	Rental subsidies and supportive services to assist participants who may eventually be able to pay their own rent or will transition to another subsidy for the longer term.
Intensive Case Management Services	Intensive services for people in permanent supportive housing; crucial for housing retention and a necessary component of PSH.
Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool	Locally funded rental subsidies.

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FY23-24

Housing Navigation	3,116 slots
Time Limited Subsidies	1,743 subsidies
Intensive Case Management Services	17,000 slots
Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool	1,300 subsidies

Bringing Efforts to Scale: Supportive Services

Intensive Case Management Services

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Fiscal Year	Total HI Funded ICMS Slots
FY 23-24	17,000
FY 24-25	22,000
FY 25-26	25,000
FY 26-27	28,000

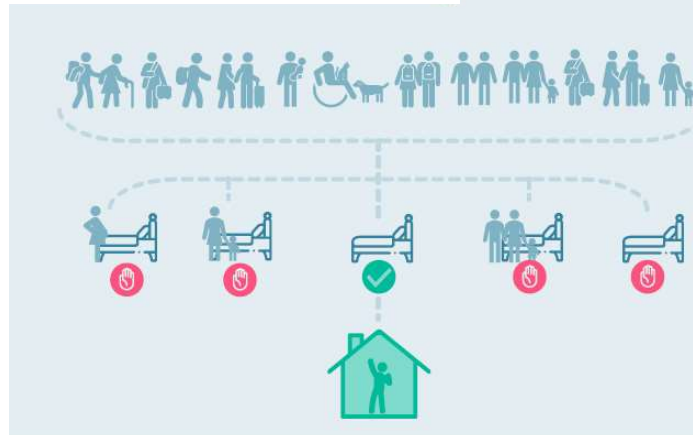
Flowthrough to Permanent Solutions

WE HAVE AN EXIT GAP

A balanced system has 5 housing exits for every 1 shelter bed - our system is currently closer to 1:1

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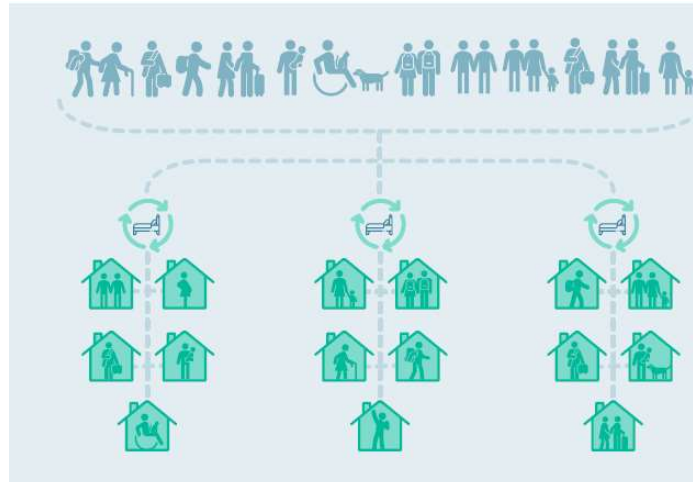
Clogged System Flow



Unbalanced

- Long lengths of stay in shelter
- Hold up of interim beds
- Slower housing placements
- Fewer exits from homelessness
- More people in shelter returning to the street

Ideal System Flow



Balanced

- Shorter lengths of stay
- Interim beds reused
- Faster housing placements
- More exits from homelessness



Interim Housing



Permanent Housing

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