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The State of Black America

Los Angeles County — Raw Material Inventory

Preamble

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The State of Black America should therefore be measured not only by what we believe, but also by what we build, own, preserve, and contribute to this **One Nation Under the Lord**.

Our purpose is to examine Black America through **measurable material reality**—honoring what Black people possess today while identifying what must be strengthened for future generations.

Under God, the goal is progress toward a stronger philosophy, stronger families, stronger communities, and a stronger One Nation.

Population

Measure	Raw number
Black residents reported in LA County's inaugural State of Black Los Angeles County report	**936,285 people**
Black or African American alone — 2024 ACS 1-year estimate	**742,084 people**
Black men — 2024	**352,088**
Black women — 2024	**389,996**

Housing and Material Possession

Measure	Raw number
Occupied housing units with a Black householder	**315,316 households**
Black owner-occupied housing units	**102,889 homes**
Black renter-occupied housing units	**212,427 homes/apartments**
Increase in Black home value reported by LA County	**+$103,000**
Additional Black residents experiencing homelessness reported in latest trends comparison	**+3,084 people**

352,088 Black males

315,316 Black-householder occupied housing units

102,889 Black owner-occupied homes

212,427 Black renter-occupied homes

These numbers describe different things and should not be divided into each other as though every Black man must correspond to one housing unit.

Education

For Black Los Angeles County residents age 25 and older, the 2024 Census estimate counts:

Educational attainment	Raw number
Black adults age 25+	**543,872**
Less than 9th grade	**9,897**
9th–12th grade, no diploma	**30,457**
Regular high-school diploma	**107,280**

GED or alternative credential	**13,577**
Some college, no degree	**147,523**
Associate's degree	**50,561**
Bachelor's degree	**117,501**

The bachelor's-degree count comes directly from adding the Census counts for **52,941 Black men** and **64,560 Black women** holding bachelor's degrees. The same method gives **50,561 associate-degree holders**, **147,523 people with some college**, and **107,280 regular high-school diploma holders**.

Los Angeles County contains at least **117,501 Black adults with bachelor's degrees**, plus tens of thousands more with associate and graduate-level education.

Black Veterans

Measure	Raw number
Black or African American veterans in Los Angeles County — 2024	**33,780 veterans**

The published 2024 Census-derived veteran count identifies **33,780 Black veterans** in Los Angeles County.

Income and Property Growth

Measure	Raw number
Reported increase in Black median household income	**+$8,000**
Reported increase in Black home value	**+$103,000**

LA County reports both increases in its 2025 State of Black Los Angeles County trends analysis. These figures demonstrate measurable improvement in household income and housing assets, although neither number by itself establishes the cause of that improvement.

Black Business Ownership

One historical Census benchmark does give a direct raw Los Angeles County count:

Measure	Raw number
Black-owned firms in Los Angeles County — 1997 Census survey	**38,277 firms**
Black-owned firms without paid employees	**32,268 firms**
Reported sales/receipts of Black-owned firms	**$3,321,671,000**

Homelessness and The Next 5,000

LA County's latest State of Black LA trends report records:

+3,084 additional Black residents experiencing homelessness.

The County also maintains a dedicated **Black People Experiencing Homelessness Data Dashboard** tracking homelessness-system outcomes, housing placements, reentry, foster-care involvement, employment and other conditions affecting Black residents.

What Black Los Angeles Materially Possesses

The raw numbers already establish a substantial Black material base in Los Angeles County:

936,285 Black residents under the County's broader State of Black LA framework.

315,316 Black-householder occupied homes and apartments.

102,889 Black owner-occupied homes.

212,427 Black renter households.

117,501 Black adults with bachelor's degrees.

50,561 with associate's degrees.

147,523 with some college education.

107,280 with regular high-school diplomas.

33,780 Black veterans.

+$103,000 growth in the County's Black home-value measure.

+$8,000 growth in Black median household income.

And simultaneously:

+3,084 additional Black residents experiencing homelessness.

That last number identifies the part of the material system that has to be repaired.

The purpose of this State of Black America is to make those material realities visible and then strengthen them **under God, through family, education, work, ownership, community and permanent housing.**