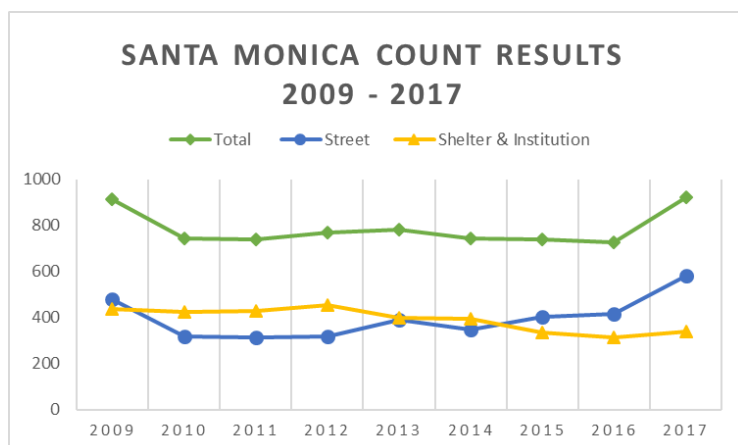


2017 Count Results

In January 2017, the annual Santa Monica point-in-time homeless count found 921 individuals across city streets, in shelters and institutions. This is an increase of 193 people (26%) over the prior year total of 728 people.



- The street count is 581, a 39% increase over 2016.
- The shelter and institution count is 340, a 9% increase over 2016.
- 53% of the street count total was concentrated on the beach and in the City’s downtown area.
- Zero families and one unaccompanied minor were found unsheltered.

Demographics: Results from demographic surveys conducted in conjunction with the count indicate that while a majority have been homeless in Santa Monica less than six months, fully 2/3rds have been homeless longer than a year in other communities. The population is primarily white males ages 25-54 and many have complex medical and behavioral health needs. (See Appendix)

Santa Monica’s Response

Taking a Leadership Role

Building on the City’s sustained local focus on homelessness, in August 2015 City Council established *taking a leadership role in regional efforts to address homelessness* as one of the City’s top five strategic priorities. The City is doing more with regional partners to create housing and resource options in other communities. In establishing this priority, the City recognizes that our local efforts alone cannot solve this crisis.

Continued Innovation

Over the past year while LA County has organized to coordinate its approach, Santa Monica continues to pilot strategies to address evolving local needs and enhance community wellbeing. These collaborative strategies enhance the City’s long-running work providing intensive, coordinated services to the community’s most vulnerable members . (See next page)



HOMELESS COUNT TOTALS:	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Street Count—Individuals	391	264	263	264	316	289	329	343	489
Street Count—Vehicles/Encampments	89	55	51	52	64	57	73	73	92
Street Count Sub-Total	480	319	314	316	388	346	402	416	581
Shelter & Emergency Motel Count	428	420	424	426	392	388	329	304	335
Institution (Hospital) Count	2	2	0	2	3	2	2	4	1
Institution (Jail) Count	5	1	2	6	5	6	5	4	4
Shelter & Institution Subtotal	435	423	426	453	400	396	336	312	340
Street, Shelter & Institution Counts	915	742	740	769	780	742	738	728	921

As one of 88 cities in a county with the largest street homeless population in the nation, the ongoing regional homeless crisis is impacting Santa Monica. Successful national strategies to house veterans show that homelessness responds to resource investment. Locally and throughout the Los Angeles region, the supply of homeless service programs and housing resources is insufficient to meet the needs of the existing homeless population, let alone the 13,000 people who become newly homeless monthly, per a 2015 report by Economic Roundtable. This is contributing to persistent, high incidences of street homelessness.

Santa Monica’s Response

Taking a Leadership Role

- Supporting implementation of the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative;
- Coordinating with new County homeless outreach services to meet local needs;
- Endorsing affordable housing development in West LA;
- Leveraging local expertise to increase capacity outside Santa Monica.

Continued Innovation

- Delivering street-based clinical services to the highest users of first responder services;
- Enhancing connectivity between first responders and service providers through new technology solutions ;
- Preventing low income residents from becoming homeless
- Engaging the public and business community through education and new partnerships.

About the Count

On January 25, 2017, 250 community volunteers deployed across Santa Monica – covering 226 linear miles – to tally the number of homeless people on the streets and in vehicles and encampments. Homeless individuals in shelters, jails, motels, and hospitals were simultaneously counted by staff at each facility.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires communities receiving federal homeless funds complete point-in-time (PIT) homeless counts. Since 2009, City of Santa Monica has conducted this count on the last Wednesday night in January, and concurrently with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

More Information

Local - smgov.net/homelessness
 County - homeless.lacounty.gov