

2023 California Homeless Count Results Released By HUD Reveal a Statewide Increase of Nearly 6% When Compared to 2022 Homeless Count Results

*A comparison by region reveals
a decrease (2.1%) for Northern California CoCs
an increase (4.3%) for Central California CoCs and
an increase (10.8%) for Southern California CoCs.*

*A comparison by region also reveals
Southern California CoCs counted 60.0% of the state's total 2023 count
Northern California CoCs counted 32.5% of state's the total 2023 count
Central California CoCs counted 7.5% of the state's total 2023 count*

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The total count of sheltered and unsheltered persons for California's 44 CoCs was 181,399 persons in 2023, which represents an increase of 9,878 persons or 5.8% when compared to the total count of 171,521 persons in 2022, as noted in Table 1.

Click [here](#) to see a regional map of CoCs.

A regional comparison, also noted in Table 1, reveals that the total sheltered and unsheltered count for the

- 24 Northern California CoCs was 58,944 persons in 2023 representing a decrease of 1,295 persons or 2.1% when compared to the total count of 60,239 persons in 2022.
- 7 Central California CoCs was 13,592 persons in 2023 representing an increase of 566 persons or 4.3% when compared to the total count of 13,026 persons in 2022.
- 13 Southern California CoCs was 108,863 persons in 2023 representing an increase of 10,607 persons or 10.8% when compared to the total count of 98,256 persons in 2022.

1. Total Count

Table 1. Total Count Comparison

CoC #	Continuums of Care (CoCs)	2022 Count	2023 Count	Difference	
				#	%
	Northern California CoCs:				
CA-500	San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC	10,028	9,903	-125	-1.2
CA-501	San Francisco CoC	7,754	7,582	-172	-2.2
CA-502	Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CoC	9,747	9,759	+12	+0.1
CA-503	Sacramento City & County CoC	9,278	9,281	+3	0.0
CA-504	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County CoC	2,893	2,266	-627	-21.7
CA-505	Richmond/Contra Costa County CoC	3,093	2,372	-721	-30.4
CA-507	Marin County CoC	1,121	1,118	+3	0.0
CA-508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC	2,299	1,804	-495	-21.5
CA-509	Mendocino County CoC	830	633	-197	-23.7
CA-512	Daly City/San Mateo County CoC	1,808	1,859	+51	+2.8
CA-515	Roseville, Rocklin/Placer County CoC	750	709	-41	-5.5
CA-516	Redding/Shasta County CoC	1,837	2,521	+684	+37.2
CA-517	Napa City & County CoC	495	506	+11	+2.2
CA-518	Vallejo/Solano County CoC	1,179	1,200	+21	+1.8
CA-519	Chico, Paradise/Butte County CoC	1,006	1,237	+231	+22.9
CA-521	Davis, Woodland/Yolo County CoC	746	737	-9	-1.2
CA-522	Humboldt County CoC	1,648	1,656	+8	+0.1
CA-523	Colusa, Glenn, Trinity Counties CoC	340	360	+20	+5.9
CA-524	Yuba City & County/Sutter County CoC	1,094	963	-131	-12.0
CA-525	El Dorado County CoC	511	491	-20	-3.9
CA-526	Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne Counties CoC	625	731	+106	+17.0
CA-527	Tehama County CoC	291	304	+13	+4.5
CA-529	Lake County CoC	339	460	+121	+35.7
CA-531	Nevada County CoC	527	492	-35	-6.6
	Sub-Total:	60,239	58,944	-1,295	-2.1
	Central California CoCs:				
CA-506	Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties CoC	2,404	2,212	-192	-8.0
CA-510	Turlock, Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	1,857	2,091	+234	+12.6
CA-511	Stockton/San Joaquin County CoC	2,319	2,454	+135	+5.8
CA-513	Visalia/Kings, Tulare Counties CoC	1,235	1,470	+235	+19
CA-514	Fresno City & County/Madera County CoC	4,216	4,493	+277	+6.6
CA-520	Merced City & County CoC	855	784	-71	-8.3
CA-530	Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties CoC	140	88	-52	-37.1
	Sub-Total:	13,026	13,592	+566	+4.3
	Southern California CoCs:				
CA-600	Los Angeles City & County CoC	65,111	71,320	+6,209	+9.5
CA-601	San Diego City and County CoC	8,427	10,264	+1,837	+21.8
CA-602	Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County CoC	5,718	6,050	+332	+5.8
CA-603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC	1,962	1,887	-75	-3.8

CA-604	Bakersfield/Kern County CoC	1,603	1,948	+345	+21.5
CA-606	Long Beach CoC	3,296	3,447	+151	+4.6
CA-607	Pasadena CoC	512	556	+44	+8.6
CA-608	Riverside City & County CoC	3,316	3,725	+409	+12.3
CA-609	San Bernardino City & County CoC	3,333	4,195	+862	+25.9
CA-611	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC	2,248	2,441	+193	+8.6
CA-612	Glendale CoC	225	195	-30	-13.3
CA-613	Imperial County CoC	1,057	1,303	+246	+23.3
CA-614	San Luis Obispo County CoC	1,448	1,532	+84	+5.8
	Sub-Total:	98,256	108,863	+10,607	+10.8
	Total:	171,521	181,399	+9,878	+5.8

Table 2 shows that Southern California CoCs represented 57.3 percent of the state total count in 2022, which increased to 60% in 2023. The percentage of the state total count decreased from 35.1% in 2022 to 32.5% in 2023 for Northern California CoCs. There was also a percentage decrease from 7.6% in 2022 to 7.5% in 2023 for Central California CoCs.

Table 2. Percentage of State Total Count by Region

Region	2022 Total Count	2023 Total Count	Percentage of State Total Count	
			2022	2023
Northern California CoCs	60,239	58,944	35.1	32.5
Central California CoCs	13,026	13,592	7.6	7.5
Southern California CoCs	98,256	108,863	57.3	60.0
Total State Count	171,521	181,399	100	100

2. Unsheltered Count

As noted by HUD, *CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(i) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families “with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground” on the night designated for the count.*

The total unsheltered count for California’s 44 CoCs was 123,423 persons in 2023 representing an increase of 7,932 persons or 6.9% when compared to the total unsheltered count of 115,491 persons in 2022, as noted in Table 3.

A regional comparison, as noted in Table 3, reveals that the total unsheltered count for the

- 24 Northern California CoCs was 40,203 persons in 2023 representing a decrease of 2,126 persons or 5.0% when compared to the total count of 42,329 persons in 2022.
- 7 Central California CoCs was 8,240 persons in 2023 representing an increase of 690 persons or 9.1% when compared to the total count of 7,550 persons in 2022.
- 13 Southern California CoCs was 74,980 persons in 2023 representing an increase of 9,368 persons or 14.3% when compared to the total count of 65,612 persons in 2022.

Note: HUD requires CoCs to complete a sheltered count every year but does not require an unsheltered count every year. However, HUD does require an unsheltered count every other year. There are 15 CoCs that completed an unsheltered count in 2022 but not in 2023 and they are listed in blue text below. Of the 15 CoCs, 11 were Northern California CoCs, 2 were Central California CoCs, and 2 were Southern California CoCs.

Table 3. Unsheltered Count Comparison

CoC #	Continuums of Care	2022 Unsheltered Count	2023 Unsheltered Count	Difference	
				#	#
Northern California CoCs:					
CA-500	San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC	7,708	7,401	-307	-4.0
CA-501	San Francisco CoC	4,397	4,397	0	0.0
CA-502	Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CoC	7,135	7,135	0	0.0
CA-503	Sacramento City & County CoC	6,664	6,664	0	0.0
CA-504	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County CoC	2,088	1,291	-797	-38.2
CA-505	Richmond/Contra Costa County CoC	2,329	1,653	-676	-29.0
CA-507	Marin County CoC	830	830	0	0.0
CA-508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC	1,774	1,426	-348	-20.0
CA-509	Mendocino County CoC	560	410	-150	-26.8
CA-512	Daly City/San Mateo County CoC	1,092	1,092	0	0.0
CA-515	Roseville, Rocklin/Placer County CoC	408	407	-1	-0.2
CA-516	Redding/Shasta County CoC	1,096	1,434	+338	+30.8
CA-517	Napa City & County CoC	366	349	-17	-4.6
CA-518	Vallejo/Solano County CoC	920	920	0	0.0
CA-519	Chico, Paradise/Butte County CoC	588	580	-8	-1.4
CA-521	Davis, Woodland/Yolo County CoC	378	378	0	0.0
CA-522	Humboldt County CoC	1,309	1,309	0	0.0
CA-523	Colusa, Glenn, Trinity Counties CoC	196	180	-16	-8.2
CA-524	Yuba City & County/Sutter County CoC	839	682	-157	-18.7
CA-525	El Dorado County CoC	438	438	0	0.0
CA-526	Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne Counties CoC	494	494	0	0.0
CA-527	Tehama County CoC	218	247	+29	+13.3

CA-529	Lake County CoC	259	259	0	0.0
CA-531	Nevada County CoC	243	227	-16	-6.6
	Sub-Total:	42,329	40,203	-2,126	-5.0
	Central California CoCs:				
CA-506	Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties CoC	1,625	1,625	0	0.0
CA-510	Turlock, Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	946	949	+3	+0.3
CA-511	Stockton/San Joaquin County CoC	1,355	1,355	0	0.0
CA-513	Visalia/Kings, Tulare Counties CoC	823	1,089	+266	+32.3
CA-514	Fresno City & County/Madera County CoC	2,338	2,758	+420	+18.0
CA-520	Merced City & County CoC	368	390	+22	+6.0
CA-530	Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties CoC	95	74	-21	-22.1
	Sub-Total:	7,550	8,240	+690	+9.1
	Southern California CoCs:				
CA-600	Los Angeles City & County CoC	45,878	52,307	+6,429	+14.0
CA-601	San Diego City and County CoC	4,106	5,171	+1,065	+25.9
CA-602	Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County CoC	3,057	3,057	0	0.0
CA-603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC	1,367	1,202	-165	-12.1
CA-604	Bakersfield/Kern County CoC	728	1,017	+289	+39.7
CA-606	Long Beach CoC	2,287	2,482	+195	+8.5
CA-607	Pasadena CoC	280	303	+23	+8.2
CA-608	Riverside City & County CoC	1,980	2,441	+461	+23.3
CA-609	San Bernardino City & County CoC	2,389	2,976	+587	+24.6
CA-611	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC	1,356	1,633	+277	+20.4
CA-612	Glendale CoC	103	89	-14	-13.6
CA-613	Imperial County CoC	925	1,146	+221	+23.9
CA-614	San Luis Obispo County CoC	1,156	1,156	0	0.0
	Sub-Total:	65,612	74,980	+9,368	+14.3
	Total:	115,491	123,423	+7,932	+6.9

3. Sheltered Count

As noted by HUD, *CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families “living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)” on the night designated for the count.*

The total sheltered count for California’s 44 CoCs was 57,976 persons in 2023 representing an increase of 1,926 persons or 3.8% when compared to the total sheltered count of 56,050 persons in 2022, as noted in Table 4.

A regional comparison, as noted in Table 4, reveals that the total sheltered count for the

- 24 Northern California CoCs was 18,741 persons in 2023 representing an increase of 831 persons or 4.6% when compared to the total count of 17,910 persons in 2022.
- 7 Central California CoCs was 5,352 persons in 2023 representing a decrease of 124 persons or 2.3% when compared to the total count of 5,476 persons in 2022.
- 13 Southern California CoCs was 33,883 persons in 2023 representing an increase of 1,239 persons or 3.8% when compared to the total count of 32,644 persons in 2022.

Table 4. Sheltered Count Comparison

CoC #	Continuums of Care	2022 Sheltered Count	2023 Sheltered Count	Difference	
				#	#
Northern California CoCs:					
CA-500	San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC	2,320	2,502	+182	+7.8
CA-501	San Francisco CoC	3,357	3,185	-172	-5.1
CA-502	Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CoC	2,612	2,624	+12	0.1
CA-503	Sacramento City & County CoC	2,614	2,617	+3	0.0
CA-504	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County CoC	805	975	+170	+21.1
CA-505	Richmond/Contra Costa County CoC	764	719	-45	-5.9
CA-507	Marin County CoC	291	288	-3	-1.0
CA-508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC	525	378	-147	-28
CA-509	Mendocino County CoC	270	223	-47	-17.4
CA-512	Daly City/San Mateo County CoC	716	767	+51	+7.1
CA-515	Roseville, Rocklin/Placer County CoC	342	302	-40	-11.7
CA-516	Redding/Shasta County CoC	741	1,087	+346	+46.7
CA-517	Napa City & County CoC	129	157	+28	+21.7
CA-518	Vallejo/Solano County CoC	259	280	+21	+8.1
CA-519	Chico, Paradise/Butte County CoC	418	657	+239	+57.2
CA-521	Davis, Woodland/Yolo County CoC	368	359	-9	-2.4
CA-522	Humboldt County CoC	339	347	+8	+2.3
CA-523	Colusa, Glenn, Trinity Counties CoC	144	180	+36	+25.0
CA-524	Yuba City & County/Sutter County CoC	255	281	+26	+10.2
CA-525	El Dorado County CoC	73	53	-20	-27.4
CA-526	Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne Counties CoC	131	237	+106	+80.9
CA-527	Tehama County CoC	73	57	-16	-21.9
CA-529	Lake County CoC	80	201	+121	+151
CA-531	Nevada County CoC	284	265	-19	-6.7
Sub-Total:		17,910	18,741	+831	+4.6
Central California CoCs:					
CA-506	Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties CoC	779	587	-192	-24.6
CA-510	Turlock, Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	911	1,142	+231	+25.4
CA-511	Stockton/San Joaquin County CoC	964	1,099	+135	+14.0

CA-513	Visalia/Kings, Tulare Counties CoC	412	381	-31	-7.5
CA-514	Fresno City & County/Madera County CoC	1,878	1,735	-143	-7.6
CA-520	Merced City & County CoC	487	394	-93	-19.1
CA-530	Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties CoC	45	14	-31	-68.9
	Sub-Total:	5,476	5,352	-124	-2.3
	Southern California CoCs:				
CA-600	Los Angeles City & County CoC	19,233	19,013	-220	-1.1
CA-601	San Diego City and County CoC	4,321	5,093	+772	+17.9
CA-602	Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County CoC	2,661	2,993	+332	+12.5
CA-603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC	595	685	+90	+15.1
CA-604	Bakersfield/Kern County CoC	875	931	+56	+6.4
CA-606	Long Beach CoC	1,009	965	-44	-4.4
CA-607	Pasadena CoC	232	253	+21	+9.1
CA-608	Riverside City & County CoC	1,336	1,284	-52	-3.9
CA-609	San Bernardino City & County CoC	944	1,219	+275	+29.1
CA-611	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC	892	808	-84	+9.4
CA-612	Glendale CoC	122	106	-16	-13.1
CA-613	Imperial County CoC	132	157	+25	+18.9
CA-614	San Luis Obispo County CoC	292	376	+84	+28.8
	Sub-Total:	32,644	33,883	+1,239	+3.8
	Total:	56,050	57,976	+1,926	+3.4