2025 Homeless Count Results Recently Released by a Majority of CA Continuums of Care Reveal a Collective Statewide Decrease of 4.3%.

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Of California's 44 Continuums of Care (CoCs),

- 29 of 30 CoCs that completed a Point-in-Time (PIT) unsheltered and sheltered count in 2025 publicly reported their total counts, unsheltered counts, and sheltered counts (1 CoC has not yet publicly reported its count); and
- 14 of the 44 CoCs only completed a sheltered count.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires CoCs to conduct a PIT count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness at least every other year (biennially) and a PIT sheltered count every year over one night during the last 10 calendar days of January. CoCs were required to submit their PIT count data to HUD via HUD's Homelessness Data Exchange, Version 2.0 (HDX 2.0) by June 13.

HUD has officially released total homeless count results and related subpopulation data for each CoC and state on HUD Exchange under CoC Homeless Populations and Subpopulations Reports by the end of each calendar year.

Total Count Comparison

Table 1 shows that the 29 CoCs collectively counted 131,209 persons as sheltered and unsheltered in 2025 which is 5,910 or **4.3% less** persons when compared to the 137,019 persons they counted as sheltered and unsheltered in 2024.

Table 1 also shows that 17 or more than half (58.6%) of the 29 CoCs publicly reported a total number of persons counted in 2025 that is less than their 2024 total count. Twelve (12) or less than half (41.4%) of the 29 CoCs publicly reported an increase in the total number of persons counted in 2025 when compared to their 2014 total count.

Table 1 also provides regional sub-total comparisons for CoCs located in Northern California, Central California, and Southern California:

- 13 Northern California CoCs collectively counted 1,780 or **7.1% less** persons in 2025;
- 5 Central California CoCs collectively counted 326 or **3.6% more** persons in 2025; and
- 11 Southern California CoCs collectively counted 4,456 or **4.3% less** persons in 2025.

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Table 1. Total Count Comparison

CoC #	Continuums of Care (CoCs)	2024 Count	2025 Count	Difference	
				#	%
	Northern California CoCs:				
CA-500	San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC	10,394	10,711	+317	+3.0
CA-504	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County CoC	2,522	1,952	-570	-22.6
CA-505	Richmond/Contra Costa County CoC	2,843	2,118	-725	-25.5
CA-508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC	1,850	1,473	-377	-20.4
CA-509	Mendocino County CoC	774	636	-138	-17.8
CA-515	Roseville, Rocklin/Placer County CoC	702	711	+9	+1.3
CA-516	Redding/Shasta County CoC	2,404	2,329	-75	-3.1
CA-517	Napa City & County CoC	414	374	-40	-9.7
CA-519	Chico, Paradise/Butte County CoC	1,381	1,392	+11	+0.8
CA-523	Colusa, Glenn, Trinity Counties CoC	248	227	-21	-8.5
CA-527	Tehama County CoC	324	334	+10	+3.1
CA-529	Lake County CoC	604	473	-131	-21.7
CA-531	Nevada County CoC	516	466	-50	-9.7
	Sub-Total:	**24,976**	**23,196**	**-1,780**	**-7.1**
	Central California CoCs:				
CA-510	Turlock, Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	2,052	2,086	+34	+1.6
CA-513	Visalia/Kings, Tulare Counties CoC	1,672	1,472	-200	-12.0
CA-514	Fresno City & County/Madera County CoC	4,305	4,905	+600	+13.9
CA-520	Merced City & County CoC	837	711	-126	-15.0
CA-530	Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties CoC	106	124	+18	+17.0
	Sub-Total:	**8,972**	**9,298**	**+326**	**+3.6**
	Southern California CoCs:				
CA-600	Los Angeles City & County CoC	71,201	67,918	-3,283	-4.6
CA-601	San Diego City and County CoC	10,605	9,905	-700	-6.6
CA-603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC	2,119	2,436	+317	+15.0
CA-604	Bakersfield/Kern County CoC	2,669	2,606	-63	-2.7
CA-606	Long Beach CoC	3,376	3,595	+219	+6.5
CA-607	Pasadena CoC	556	581	+25	+4.5
CA-608	Riverside City & County CoC	4,249	3,990	-259	-6.1
CA-609	San Bernardino City & County CoC	4,255	3,821	-434	-10.2
CA-611	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC	2,358	1,990	-368	-15.6
CA-612	Glendale CoC	175	197	+22	+12.6
CA-613	Imperial County CoC	1,508	1,576	+68	+4.5
	Sub-Total:	**103,071**	**98,615**	**-4,456**	**-4.3**
	Total:	**137,019**	**131,109**	**-5.910**	**-4.3**

Unsheltered Count Comparison

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.

Table 2 shows that the 29 CoCs collectively counted 8,169 or **8.9% less** persons as unsheltered in 2025 when compared to the number of persons they collectively counted as unsheltered in 2024.

Table 2 also provides regional unsheltered sub-total comparisons for CoCs located in Northern California, Central California, and Southern California:

- 13 Northern California CoCs collectively counted 1,665 or **10.0% less** persons in 2025;
- 5 Central California CoCs collectively counted 5 or **0.0%** less persons in 2025; and
- 11 Southern California CoCs collectively counted 6,499 or **9.3% less** persons in 2025.

Table 2. Unsheltered Count Comparison

CoC #	Continuums of Care	2024 Unsheltered Count	2025 Unsheltered Count	Difference	
				#	%
	Northern California CoCs:				
CA-500	San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC	7,401	7,472	+71	+1.0
CA-504	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County CoC	1,577	1,123	-454	-28.8
CA-505	Richmond/Contra Costa County CoC	1,959	1,278	-681	-34.8
CA-508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC	1,485	1,122	-363	-24.4
CA-509	Mendocino County CoC	552	440	-112	-20.3
CA-515	Roseville, Rocklin/Placer County CoC	366	418	+52	+14.2
CA-516	Redding/Shasta County CoC	1,434	1,401	-33	-2.3
CA-517	Napa City & County CoC	203	175	+28	+13.8
CA-519	Chico, Paradise/Butte County CoC	580	606	+26	+4.5
CA-523	Colusa, Glenn, Trinity Counties CoC	129	74	-55	-4.7
CA-527	Tehama County CoC	247	226	-21	-8.5
CA-529	Lake County CoC	435	362	-73	-16.9
CA-531	Nevada County CoC	258	264	+6	+2.3
	Sub-Total:	**16,626**	**14,961**	**-1.665**	**-10.0**
	Central California CoCs:				
CA-510	Turlock, Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	980	950	-30	-3.1
CA-513	Visalia/Kings, Tulare Counties CoC	1,341	1,135	-206	-15.4
CA-514	Fresno City & County/Madera County CoC	2,758	3,042	+284	+10.3
CA-520	Merced City & County CoC	428	346	-82	-19.2
CA-530	Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties CoC	69	98	+29	+42.0
	Sub-Total:	**5,576**	**5,571**	**-5**	**0.0**
	Southern California CoCs:				
CA-600	Los Angeles City & County CoC	49,509	44,415	-5,094	-10.3
CA-601	San Diego City and County CoC	6,110	5,714	-396	-6.5
CA-603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC	1,332	1,478	+146	+10.7
CA-604	Bakersfield/Kern County CoC	1,663	1,393	-270	-16.2
CA-606	Long Beach CoC	2,455	2,606	+151	+6.2
CA-607	Pasadena CoC	321	342	+21	+6.5

CA-608	Riverside City & County CoC	2,441	1,978	-463	-19.0
CA-609	San Bernardino City & County CoC	3,055	2,620	-435	-14.2
CA-611	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC	1,431	1,274	-157	-10.8
CA-612	Glendale CoC	80	87	+7	+8.8
CA-613	Imperial County CoC	1,375	1,366	-9	-0.7
	Sub-Total:	**69,772**	**63,273**	**-6,499**	**-9.3**
	Total:	**91,974**	**83,805**	**-8,169**	**-8.9%**

Sheltered Count Comparison

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. This includes individuals residing in Safe Haven projects.*

Table 3 shows that the 29 CoCs collectively counted 2,259 or **5.0% more** persons as sheltered in 2025 when compared to the number of persons they counted as sheltered in 2024.

Table 3 also provides regional sheltered sub-total comparisons for CoCs located in Northern California, Central California, and Southern California:

- 13 Northern California CoCs collectively counted 115 or **1.4% less** persons in 2025;
- 5 Central California CoCs collectively counted 331 or **9.7% more** persons in 2025; and
- 11 Southern California CoCs collectively counted 2,043 or **6.1% more** persons in 2025.

Table 3. Sheltered Count Comparison

CoC #	Continuums of Care	2024 Sheltered Count	2025 Sheltered Count	Difference	
				#	%
	Northern California CoCs:				
CA-500	San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC	2,993	3,239	+246	+8.2
CA-504	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County CoC	945	829	-116	-12.3
CA-505	Richmond/Contra Costa County CoC	884	840	-44	-5.0
CA-508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC	365	351	-14	-3.8
CA-509	Mendocino County CoC	222	196	-26	-11.7
CA-515	Roseville, Rocklin/Placer County CoC	336	293	-43	-12.8
CA-516	Redding/Shasta County CoC	970	928	-42	-4.3
CA-517	Napa City & County CoC	211	199	-12	-5.7
CA-519	Chico, Paradise/Butte County CoC	801	786	-15	-1.9
CA-523	Colusa, Glenn, Trinity Counties CoC	119	153	+34	+28.6
CA-527	Tehama County CoC	77	108	+31	+40.3
CA-529	Lake County CoC	169	111	-58	-34.3

CA-531	Nevada County CoC	258	202	-56	-21.7
	Sub-Total:	**8,350**	**8,235**	**-115**	**-1.4**
	Central California CoCs:				
CA-510	Turlock, Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	1,072	1,136	+64	+5.8
CA-513	Visalia/Kings, Tulare Counties CoC	331	337	+6	+1.8
CA-514	Fresno City & County/Madera County CoC	1,547	1,863	+316	+20.4
CA-520	Merced City & County CoC	409	365	-44	-10.8
CA-530	Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties CoC	37	26	-11	-29.7
	Sub-Total:	**3,396**	**3,727**	**+331**	**+9.7**
	Southern California CoCs:				
CA-600	Los Angeles City & County CoC	21,692	23,503	+1,811	+8.4
CA-601	San Diego City and County CoC	4,495	4,191	-304	-6.7
CA-603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC	787	958	+171	+21.7
CA-604	Bakersfield/Kern County CoC	1,006	1,213	+207	+20.6
CA-606	Long Beach CoC	921	989	+68	+7.4
CA-607	Pasadena CoC	235	239	+4	+1.7
CA-608	Riverside City & County CoC	1,808	2,012	+204	+11.3
CA-609	San Bernardino City & County CoC	1,200	1,201	+1	0.0
CA-611	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC	927	716	-211	-22.8
CA-612	Glendale CoC	95	110	+15	+15.8
CA-613	Imperial County CoC	133	210	+77	+57.9
	Sub-Total:	**33,299**	**35,342**	**+2,043**	**+6.1**
	Total:	**45,045**	**47,304**	**+2,259**	**+5.0%**

California's Final Count Results

When HUD officially releases total homeless count results and related subpopulation data for each Continuum of Care (CoC) and state—typically during the last quarter of the calendar year via the HUD Exchange's CoC Homeless Populations and Subpopulations Reports – California's official 2025 totals will include:

Total Homeless Count

- The total number of persons collectively counted as unsheltered and sheltered by the 30 CoCs that completed an unsheltered and sheltered count in 2025; and

- The total number of persons collectively counted as sheltered by the 14 CoCs that only completed a sheltered count in 2025, and the total number of persons these 14 CoCs collectively counted as unsheltered in 2024. In other words, because HUD does not require CoCs to complete an unsheltered count every year but requires an unsheltered count to be conducted biennially, HUD will add the 2024 unsheltered count to the 2025 sheltered count as the total 2025 homeless count for each of the 14 CoCs.

Total Sheltered Count

- The total number of persons collectively counted as sheltered by the 30 CoCs that completed an unsheltered and sheltered count in 2025; and

- The total number of persons collectively counted as sheltered by the 14 CoCs that only completed a sheltered count in 2025.

Total Unsheltered Count

- The total number of persons collectively counted as unsheltered by the 30 CoCs that completed an unsheltered and sheltered count in 2025; and

- The total number of persons collectively counted as unsheltered in 2024 by the 14 CoCs that only completed a sheltered count in 2025. Because HUD does not require CoCs to complete an unsheltered count every year, but requires an unsheltered count to be conducted biennially, HUD will add the 2024 unsheltered counts submitted to HUD last year by the 14 CoCs to the 2025 unsheltered counts completed by the 30 CoCs that completed an unsheltered and sheltered count in 2025.

A comparison of HUD's officially released 2025 total homeless count results will reveal

- a statewide **decrease** in the total number of people counted as **unsheltered and sheltered** when compared to HUD's officially released 2024 total unsheltered and sheltered homeless count;

- a statewide **decrease** in the total number of people counted as **unsheltered** when compared to HUD's officially released 2024 total unsheltered homeless count; and

- a statewide **increase** in the total number of people counted as **sheltered** when compared to HUD's officially released 2024 total sheltered homeless count.