



**Sacramento County  
Sacramento Steps Forward**



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**Sacramento County 2011 Homeless Count Results**

**Progress being made on the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness**

In the evening hours of January 27, 2011, more than 400 volunteers, county staff and local law enforcement conducted Sacramento’s biennial point-in-time homeless street count. The survey, which represents a snapshot of people identified as homeless on the day of the count, found an estimated 2,358 men, women and children experience homelessness in Sacramento County on any given night. The count found a 24.6% decrease in chronic homelessness since 2009, and a 15.8% decrease in overall homelessness. This reflects a substantial decrease of 50.8% in chronic homelessness since Sacramento County and City initiated the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in 2007.

This year’s data also showed an increase in family homelessness of 11.2% since the last homeless count, from 543 in 2009 to 604 in 2011.

**2011 Homeless Count Results**

	Emergency Shelters	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total	% Change Since 2009
Chronically Homeless	111	0	242	353	-24.6%
Other Homeless	473	819	713	2005	-14.0%
<b>Total Homeless</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>2358</b>	<b>-15.8%</b>

See the complete 2011 Homeless Street Count Summary at [www.dhweb.saccounty.net/](http://www.dhweb.saccounty.net/).

The Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, Sacramento Steps Forward and hundreds of volunteers partnered to conduct the 2011 homeless street count. The biennial count is done in accordance with HUD guidelines in order to qualify for approximately \$15 million in Continuum of Care (CoC) funding. The CoC provides emergency shelter, transitional, and permanent supportive housing, and other supportive services for homeless men, women and children. Data from the homeless count helps officials and providers understand who is homeless and allows service providers to target their services to meet the specific needs of this population in our community.

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Since the 2007 implementation of the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, chronic homelessness has decreased 50%, said Paul Lake, director of the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance. “I am encouraged by this downward trend, especially during these tough economic times. We still have a long way to go to end homelessness, but these results show that the Sacramento community is making very good progress,” Lake said.

Sacramento’s Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness follows a nationally recognized approach of “housing first” which has proven to be a successful strategy offering permanent housing and supportive services to chronically homeless people. With stability as the goal, access to housing is the key first step in working toward self-sufficiency. During the last three years in Sacramento County, 515 chronically homeless people were housed.

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