**F A C T S H E E T: H O M E L E S S N E S S I N C A L I F O R N I A**

**EXHIBIT 1.7: Estimates of Homeless People**
*By State, 2015*

---

**Total Homeless People on a Single Night in January 2015:**
- California had 115,738 homeless people, which accounted for 21% of the nation’s homeless population. California also had the highest rate of unsheltered people at 64% (73,699 people).
- California had the second largest increase of homeless persons at 1,786 or 1.6%, behind New York with 7,660 more homeless people or 9.5%.
- More than one in five homeless people was located in either New York City (75,323 people or 14%) or Los Angeles (41,174 people or 7%). The five major city Continuums of Care (CoCs) with the highest rates of unsheltered homelessness were all located in California.

---

**Total Homeless Individuals on a Single Night in January 2015:**
- California had 93,156 homeless individuals, which accounted for 26% of the nation’s population. California had the highest rate of unsheltered homeless individuals at 723.3% (68,313 were unsheltered).
- California experienced a increase of 2,391 homeless individuals (2.6%) since 2007.

---


2 Continuums of Care (CoC) are local planning bodies responsible for coordinating the full range of homelessness services in a geographic area, which may cover a city, county, metropolitan area, or an entire state.
Total Homeless Families on a Single Night in January 2015:
- California had the second largest number of people in families with chronic patterns of homelessness, at 22,582. This accounts for 11% of the state’s homeless family population.

Total Homeless Unaccompanied Children and Youth on a Single Night in January 2015:
- California reported the largest numbers of unaccompanied homeless children and youth, at 10,416 people or 28% of the national total. It also had the second highest rate of unsheltered homeless children at 76.3% (7,952 were unsheltered).
- California also had the largest number of unaccompanied homeless youth under 18 years of age at 892 homeless persons.

Total Homeless Veterans on a Single Night in January 2015:
- California had the largest number of veterans experiencing homelessness at 11,311. Homeless veterans in California represented 24% of the national homeless veteran population. California also had the second highest rate of unsheltered veterans at 61.9% (7,002 were unsheltered).
- Homelessness among veterans had declined most dramatically in California, where the number fell by 5,877 people (3%) since 2009.

Total Chronically Homeless on a Single Night in January 2015:
- Over one-third, or 36% of the nation’s chronically homeless population was located in California, at 29,178. California also had the second highest rate of unsheltered chronically homeless, at 85.7% (25,009 were unsheltered).