USC TAKES ON THE GRAND CHALLENGE TO END HOMELESSNESS

Los Angeles makes strides to address the crisis

Homelessness is up 23% countywide in Los Angeles, with over 57,000 people identified as homeless in the January 2017 count. The number of homeless individuals increased by 23%, and the number of households increased by 21% since the 2016 count.

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The number of homelessness youth increased by 25% in the last five years.

The number of households is cost-burdened.

In the LA Metro area, 25% of residents are severely housing cost-burdened (housing costs exceed 50% of income), and over 2 million renters are the most cost-burdened in the nation.

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LA County needs 551,807 more affordable rental homes for very and extremely low income households.

MEASURE H AND PROPOSITION HHH have recently been passed by voters and are set to go into effect in the near future.

USC's partnership in this year's homelessness count was driven by several factors:

· A commitment to act as a key stakeholder around homelessness.
· A desire to leverage our research knowledge and community connections.
· An ability to provide consultation on methodology and execution of the count.

The findings of the homeless count underscore the need to expand a trained workforce to help support people with expertise in interventions that will directly impact and reduce the number of people who are homeless.

The number of homeless individuals with a serious mental illness has increased by 13% to 15,728, while the number of homeless adults who struggle with substance abuse actually decreased by 11% to 9,285.

The number of homeless Latinos rose 63% to 19,391.

The number of homeless veterans increased 57% to 4,828.

The number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time also increased from 57% to 60%.

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