

Unsheltered Homelessness in the U.S.

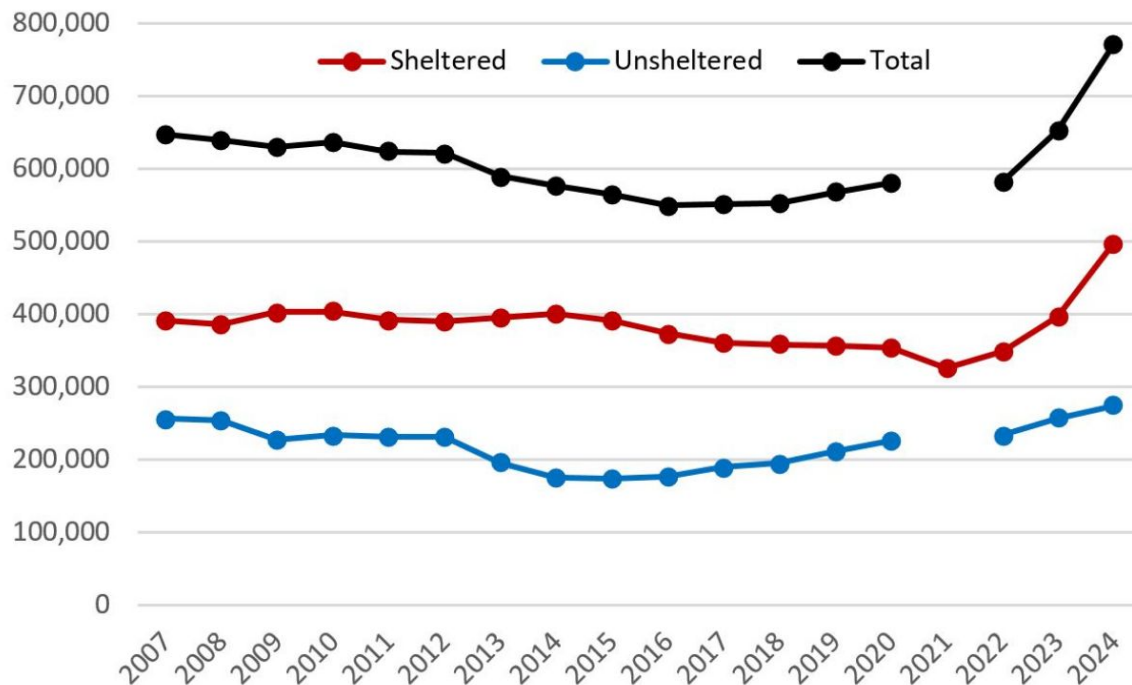
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Evidence, Experience, and Pathways

A Convening on Unsheltered Homelessness in Los Angeles

National trend in homelessness



Sheltered homelessness:
Sizable increase since 2021

Unsheltered homelessness:
Steady increase since 2015

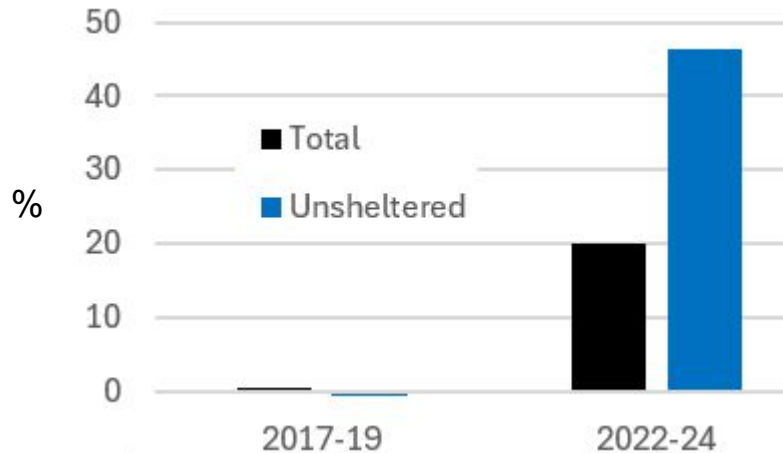
Trend since 2024: Preliminary analyses of 2025 PEH counts suggest 3-5 percent decline in homelessness (see recent [NYT analysis](#))

Notes: Homeless population counts are typically conducted during the last two weeks in January of each year, by individual Continuums of Care. The national unsheltered homelessness count was not tabulated for 2021 due to disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, "The 2024 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress."

Is the increase happening in just a few CoCs? Or are many CoCs facing problems?

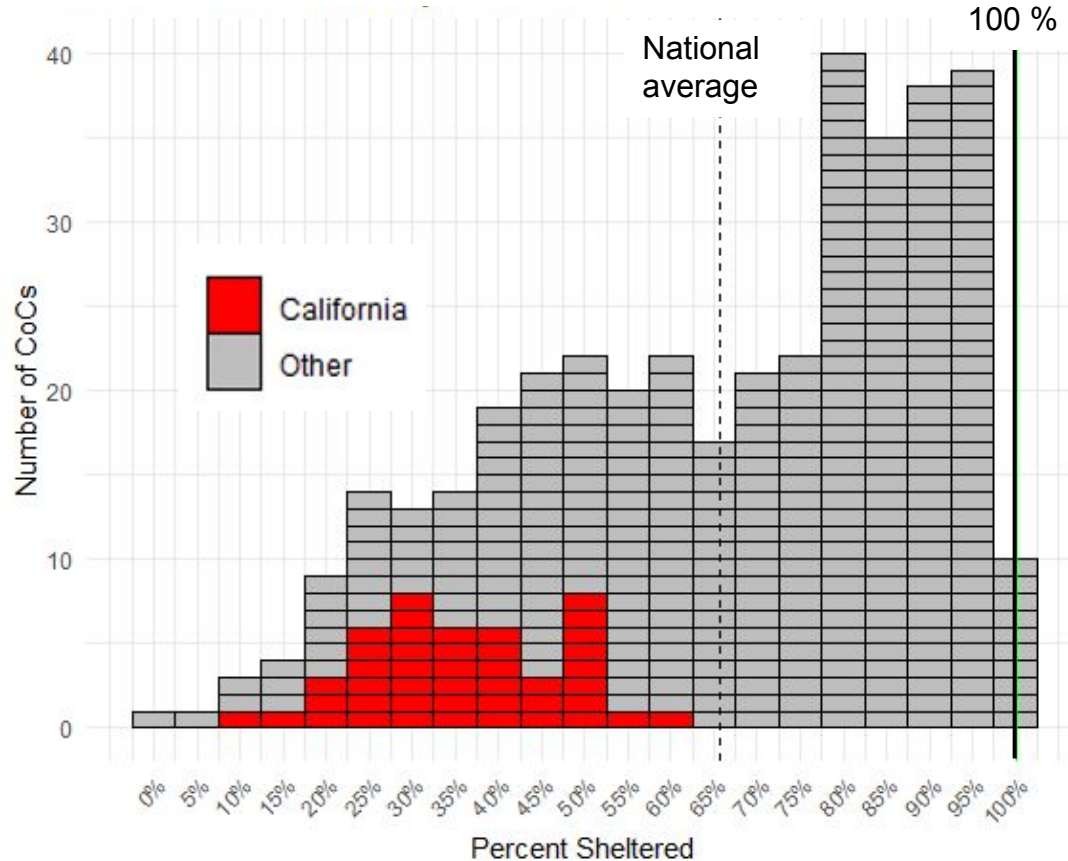
Percent growth in total & unsheltered homelessness in median CoC



Many CoCs are seeing growth in unsheltered homelessness in recent years

Growth of unsheltered homelessness (between 2022 and 2024) in the median CoC: 46.4%

Which CoCs are providing shelter to PEH?

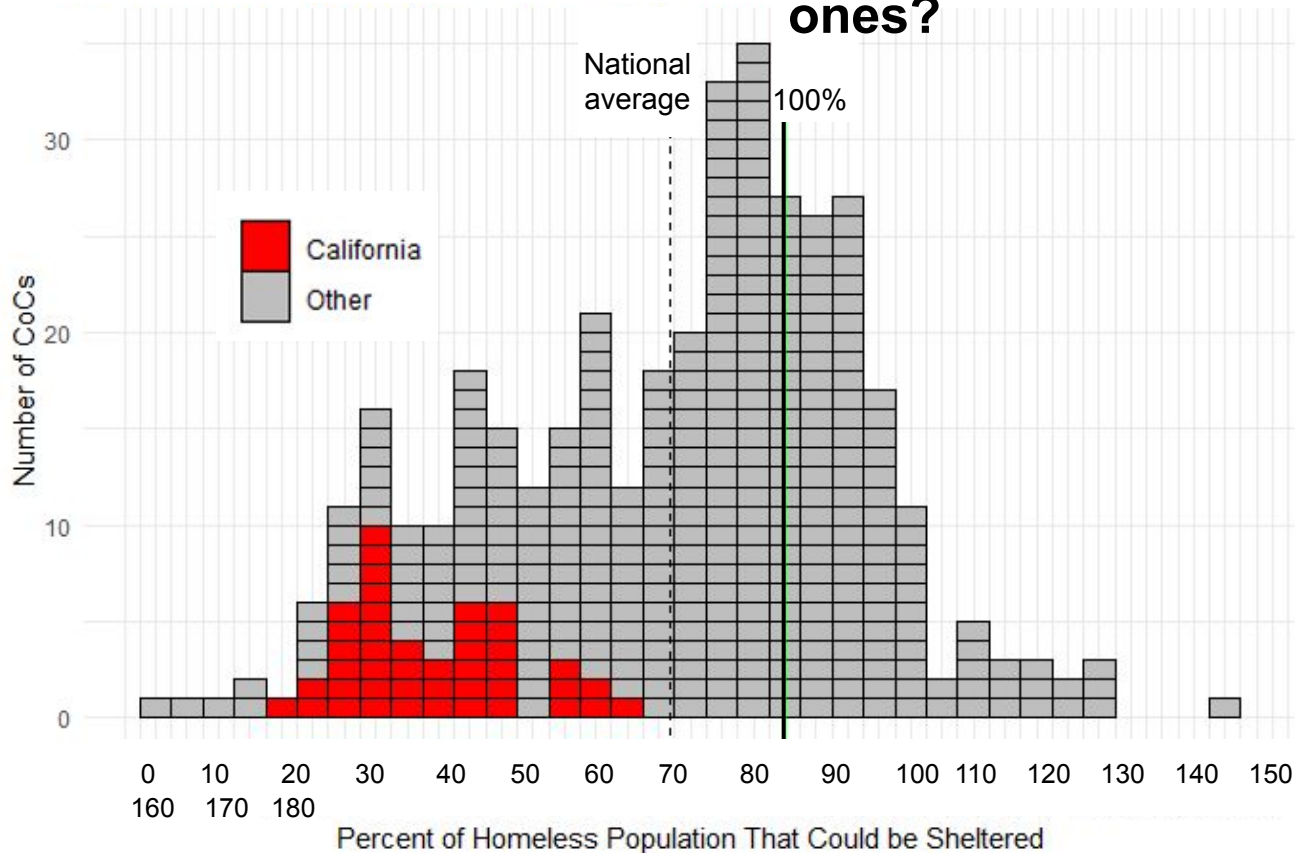


Across all CoCs, about two-thirds of PEH are sheltered

But in every CoC in *California* a lower percent of PEH are sheltered

NOTE: Each block represents a CoC

Do we need more beds? Or is our main job to fill up existing (empty) ones?



Some CoCs have more beds than they have PEH

Others have just enough

And yet others – indeed all CoCs in California – don't have enough beds to shelter their current homeless population

Source: 2024 PIT and HIC