

Homelessness in Sacramento

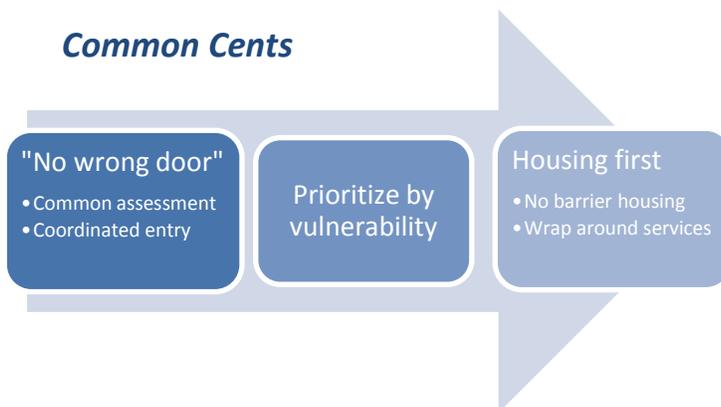
On any given night in Sacramento County, it is estimated that **approximately 2,650 persons experience homelessness**. Roughly one third of these people are unsheltered.¹

	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total
<i>Single Adults</i>	907	1,011	1,918
<i>Persons in Families</i>	37	697	734
<i>Unaccompanied Youth</i>	4	3	7
Total	948	1,711	2,659

Region-wide efforts to prevent and end homelessness are coordinated through **Sacramento Steps Forward**, the lead agency in Sacramento County responsible for overseeing our homeless Continuum of Care.² Sacramento Steps Forward’s responsibilities include:

- Overseeing approximately **\$18 million in federal funding** for a variety of housing and service programs for persons and families experiencing homelessness administered by over 20 different non-profit organizations; and
- Administering the federally required **database** that collects and reports out data on the performance of homeless serving programs; and
- Reporting out on a bi-ennial basis the **count of sheltered and unsheltered people** in the community experiencing homelessness; and
- Creating and implementing a **community-wide strategic plan** to prevent and end homelessness throughout Sacramento; and
- Coordinating the variety of programs available for persons experiencing homelessness in Sacramento under a **Coordinated Entry and Assessment Process** (called “Common Cents” locally)³ where people in need have a coordinated access point into the system of care and are commonly assessed and linked with services that align with their needs and vulnerability.

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¹ 2015 Sacramento Countywide Homeless Count Report: <http://sacramentostepsforward.org/news-events/publications/>

² For detailed information on the roles and responsibilities of homeless Continuums of Care, see: <http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/fact-sheet-what-is-a-continuum-of-care>.

³ For more information on Common Cents, see: <http://sacramentostepsforward.org/our-solutions/our-solutionscommon-cents/>

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How Can I Help?

If you see people experiencing homelessness in your community or signs of homeless encampments, there are a variety of things you can do.

- 1) If you witness criminal activity, either perpetrated by a person experiencing homelessness or where a person experiencing homelessness is the victim, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- 2) If there are signs of homeless encampments in or around your neighborhood (within the City of Sacramento limits), you should report them via the **City's 311 Call Center**, <http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Information-Technology/311/About-311>. You can call, email, or use the 311 app to report encampments.

- ✓ *311 staff will dispatch appropriate response from Police, Parks, and/or Code.*
- ✓ *311 strives to make an initial inspection on these complaints within 72-hours of receipt.*

- 3) If you know someone experiencing homelessness and want to link them with services or if you want more information on homelessness in Sacramento and how you can help with efforts to reduce and end homelessness, contact either:

Sacramento Steps Forward

info@sacstepsforward.org

916.577.9770

City of Sacramento, Homeless Services Coordinator

Emily Halcon

ehalcon@cityofsacramento.org

916.808.7896

- 4) If you know someone in need of mental health support or resources, whether they are homeless or not, contact either:

Sacramento County Community Support Team (CST)

916.874.6015

TLCS Crisis Respite Center

916.737.7483 **this is a 24 hour a day/7 days a week resource*

- 5) If you are experiencing homelessness or are in need of assistance, Sacramento Steps Forward has produced a Resource Guide that includes a variety of programs and services that may be helpful. The Resource Guide can be found here: <http://sacramentostepsforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Resource-Guide-6-25-15.pdf>