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Trending in the Right Direction

HOW STATE INVESTMENTS HAVE DECREASED HOMELESSNESS AMONG UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH IN CALIFORNIA

The State of California started to make significant investments to reduce youth homelessness in 2018 with the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This trend continued in the four subsequent budget years with annual investments totaling $2.95 billion in the newly created Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program. Of this total, $276 million is required to be used by local jurisdictions to address youth homelessness.

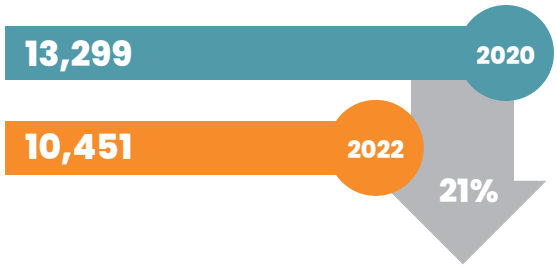
The 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is the first opportunity to measure the impact of this significant state investment. While the PIT Count is recognized to be an undercount of all homeless populations, it remains the primary data collection tool for local, state and federal government and can provide a useful perspective on trends in homelessness.

The current analysis examines homelessness among unaccompanied and parenting youth in 2020 and 2022. In addition to the overall changes, it analyzes how youth homelessness changed in different parts of the state, changes in rates of shelter and differences in the experiences of parents and non-parents. Unless otherwise stated, all comparisons are between 2020 and 2022.

State and National

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA

Homelessness among **unaccompanied and parenting youth** decreased by 21%.



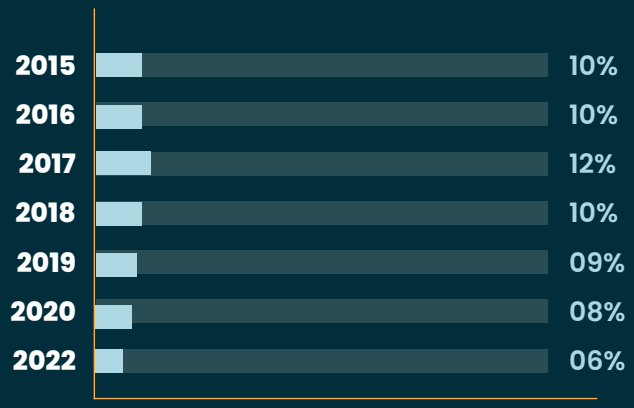
OVERALL HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA

This is contrast to **homelessness overall** in California, which increased 6%.



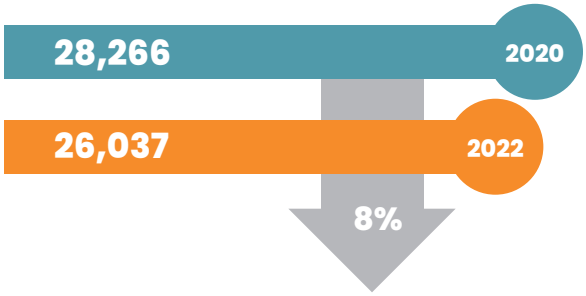
CA HOMELESS YOUTH IN 2022

In 2022, unaccompanied and parenting homeless youth comprised **6% of the total homeless population** in California, the lowest percentage since the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development started to measure youth homelessness in 2015.



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS NATIONALLY

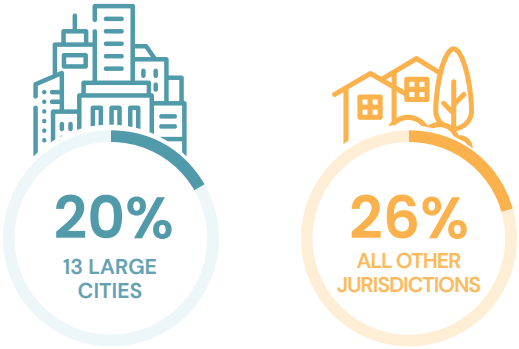
California's decrease in youth homelessness is **2.6 times greater** than the reduction in all other states.
All Other States: 8% decrease.



Geography

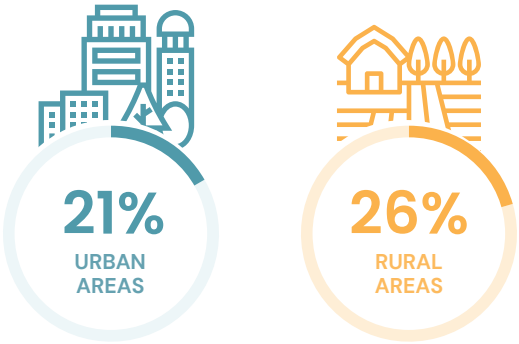
DECREASE IN YOUTH HOMELESSNESS BY JURISDICTION TYPE

The 13 large cities experienced a **smaller decrease** in youth homelessness than other jurisdictions.



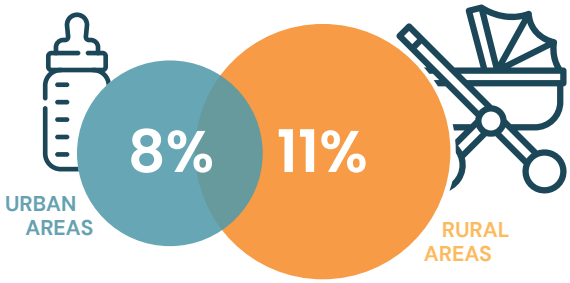
DECREASE IN HOMELESS YOUTH IN RURAL VS. URBAN AREAS

Rural areas experienced a **slightly greater reduction** in youth homelessness than urban areas.



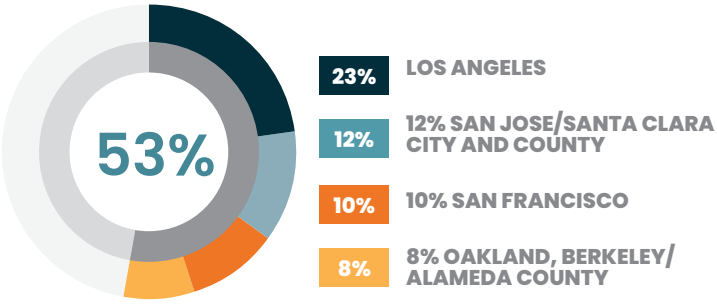
PARENTING HOMELESS YOUTH IN RURAL VS. URBAN AREAS

A higher percentage of homeless youth in **rural areas were parents** than in urban areas.



DISTRIBUTION OF HOMELESS YOUTH

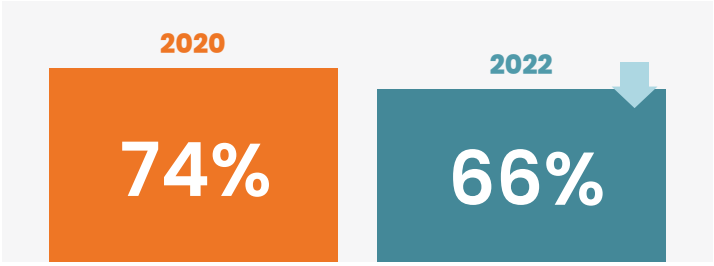
In 2022, over half of unaccompanied and parenting homeless youth **(53%) lived in four jurisdictions**:



Shelter

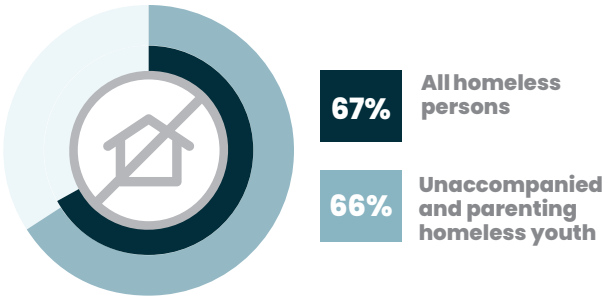
UNSHELTERED HOMELESS YOUTH

The percentage of unaccompanied and parenting homeless youth who were **unsheltered decreased**.



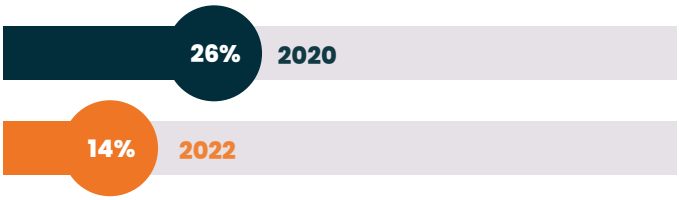
YOUTH VS. OVERALL UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

With this decrease, unaccompanied and parenting homeless youth are **unsheltered at approximately the same rate** as the overall homeless population in California.



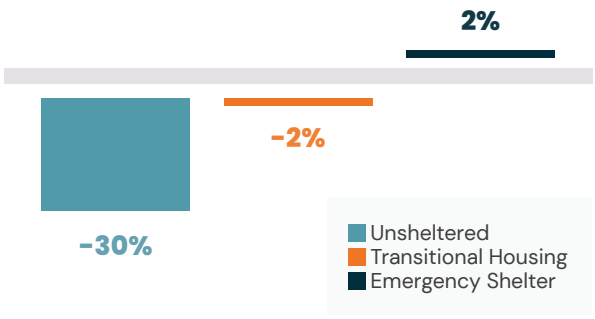
DECREASE IN UNSHELTERED PARENTING YOUTH

Parenting youth experienced a large **decrease in the rate of being unsheltered**, almost 50%.



TYPE OF HOMELESSNESS

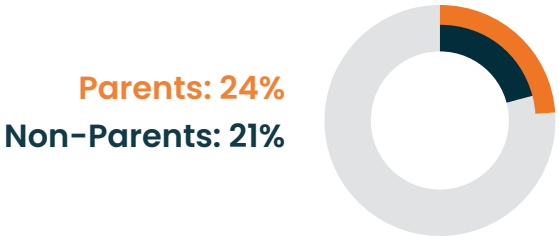
The **largest reduction in unaccompanied homeless** youth between 2020 and 2022 was among those who were unsheltered.



Parents & Children

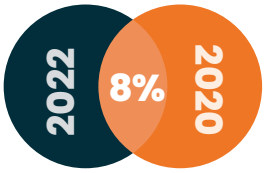
DECREASE IN PARENTING VS. NON-PARENTING HOMELESS YOUTH

Parenting youth experienced a **slightly larger reduction** in homelessness than non-parents.



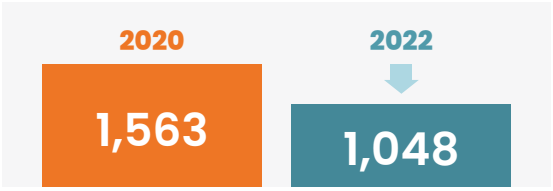
PROPORTION OF HOMELESS YOUTH THAT ARE PARENTING

The percentage of homeless youth who are parenting **remained unchanged.**



DECREASE IN CHILDREN OF HOMELESS YOUTH

The number of children of unaccompanied children **decreased by 33%.**



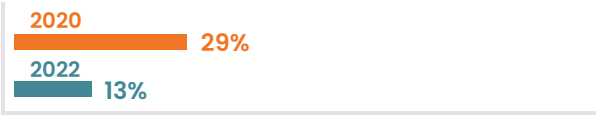
SHELTERED STATUS FOR PARENTING VS. NON-PARENTING YOUTH

Parenting youth were much **more likely to be sheltered** than non-parenting youth.



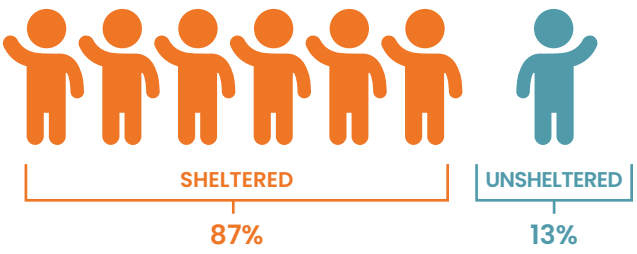
DECREASE IN UNSHELTERED CHILDREN

The percentage of children of homeless youth who were unsheltered **decreased by over half.**



SHELTERED VS. UNSHELTERED CHILDREN OF HOMELESS YOUTH

In 2022, 1 in 7 children of homeless parenting youth remained unsheltered.



ID #	Continuum of Care	2020 Youth PIT-TOTAL	2022 Youth PIT-TOTAL	2020-2022 Difference in Youth Homelessness	2020-2022 Percent Change in Homeless Youth Population
530	Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties CoC	27	6	-21	-77.78%
526	Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne Counties CoC	58	27	-31	-53.45%
604	Bakersfield/Kern County CoC	89	104	15	16.85%
519	Chico, Paradise/Butte County CoC	91	46	-45	-49.45%
523	Colusa, Glenn, Trinity Counties CoC	13	14	1	7.69%
505	Contra Costa County CoC	77	211	134	174.03%
512	Daly City/San Mateo County CoC	39	52	13	33.33%
521	Davis, Woodland/Yolo County CoC	38	45	7	18.42%
525	El Dorado County CoC	121	88	-33	-27.27%
514	Fresno City and County/Madera County CoC	149	124	-25	-16.78%
612	Glendale CoC	7	4	-3	-42.86%
522	Humboldt County CoC	83	55	-28	-33.73%
613	Imperial County CoC	154	16	-138	-89.61%
529	Lake County CoC	14	30	16	114.29%
606	Long Beach CoC	56	124	68	121.43%
600	Los Angeles City & County CoC	3,726	2,393	-1,333	-35.78%
507	Marin County CoC	106	136	30	28.30%
509	Mendocino County CoC	76	46	-30	-39.47%
520	Merced City & County CoC	22	48	26	118.18%
517	Napa City & County CoC	54	29	-25	-46.30%
531	Nevada County CoC	25	32	7	28.00%
502	Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CoC	796	880	84	10.55%
611	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/ Ventura County CoC	105	79	-26	-24.76%
607	Pasadena CoC	22	32	10	45.45%

516	Redding/Shasta, Siskiyou, Lassen, Plumas, Del Norte, Modoc, Sierra Counties CoC	132	84	-48	-36.36%
608	Riverside City & County CoC	358	317	-41	-11.45%
515	Roseville, Rocklin/Placer County	59	42	-17	-28.81%
503	Sacramento City and County CoC	449	615	166	36.97%
506	Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties CoC	324	224	-100	-30.86%
609	San Bernardino City & County CoC	228	151	-77	-33.77%
601	San Diego City and County CoC	559	604	45	8.05%
501	San Francisco CoC	1,211	1,094	-117	-9.66%
500	San Jose/Santa Clara City and County CoC	1,897	1,202	-695	-36.64%
614	San Luis Obispo County CoC	177	71	-106	-59.89%
602	Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County CoC	262	217	-45	-17.18%
603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC	107	81	-26	-24.30%
504	Santa Rosa/Petaluma/Sonoma CountyCoC	365	528	163	44.66%
511	Stockton/San Joaquin County CoC	134	99	-35	-26.12%
527	Tehama County CoC	22	13	-9	-40.91%
510	Turlock, Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	137	84	-53	-38.69%
518	Vallejo/Solano County CoC	218	72	-146	-66.97%
513	Visalia/Kings, Tulare Counties CoC	66	57	-9	-13.64%
508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City and County CoC	625	228	-397	-63.52%
524	Yuba City & County/ County CoC	21	47	26	123.81%
Total		**13,299**	**10,451**	**-2,848**	**-21.42%**