Welcome to The Way Home, your guide to how LA County is helping people and communities affected by homelessness.

A message from Geographic Information Officer Steve Steinberg

In the fight against homelessness, Los Angeles County is using every tool at its disposal—and that includes data, which can transform policy and change people’s lives.

I’m proud to be part of the Los Angeles County team that created a multilayered, interactive map planning tool designed to inform urgent efforts to create interim and supportive housing to address the homelessness crisis.
This is the first time Los Angeles County has brought together shelter and supportive housing data from multiple sources. We’ve combined these data with the most recent annual Point in Time homeless count numbers in an interactive visual format.

The mapping tool, unveiled earlier this week, is intended to make this information transparent and accessible. Seeing this data on a map helps inform the public of the County’s unprecedented efforts to build housing to combat homelessness—and also shows where the need is greatest. This tool enhances policymakers’ abilities to make public policy decisions in the County and its 88 cities.

Data tell a story. As you scroll through this map, you’ll be able to see the work that has already been completed, and the need that still exists. In 2018, for the 133 people housed each day, 150 fell into homelessness.

Los Angeles County and its partners are building record levels of permanent and temporary housing for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. I encourage you to share this map with your friends, family and neighbors and check back as additional data and refinements will be added in the months ahead.

Thanks to you...
...total records from 10 data sets provided by five agencies were combined to create this interactive mapping tool.

People helping people
Dive into the data by clicking here to view the interactive map

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In case you missed it

- LA County and LAUSD will explore converting decommissioned classroom bungalows into affordable housing.

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