

Livermore Homeless Summit

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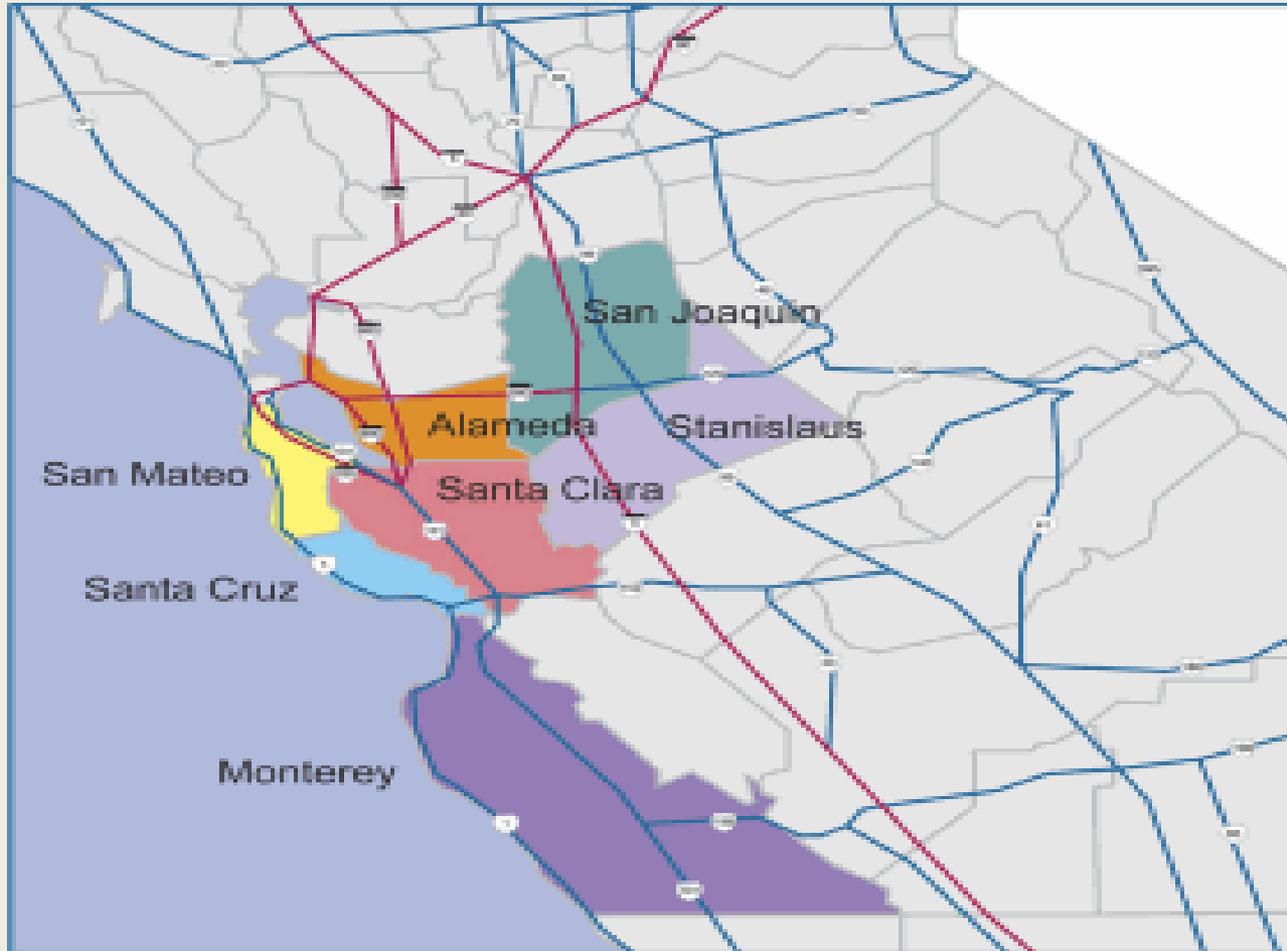
**ENDING
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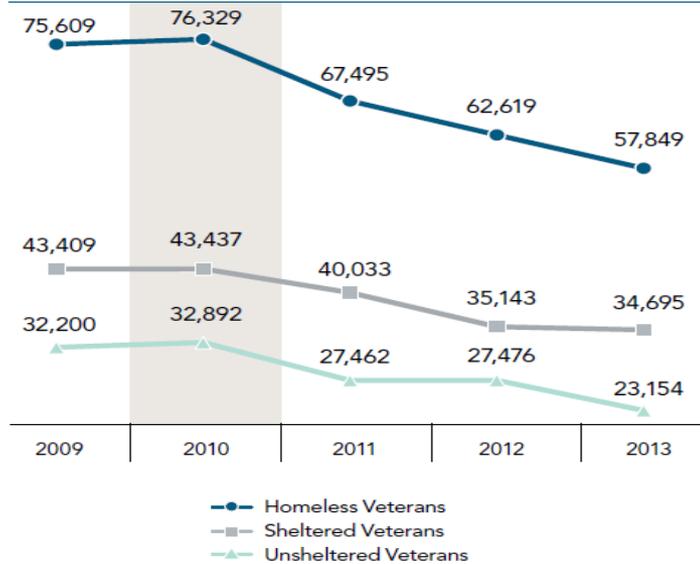
Service Area



Progress on the Federal Strategic Plan since 2010*

- Homelessness among Veterans has declined by 24% or 18,420
- The number of homeless Veterans in shelters has declined by 20% or 8,742
- The number of unsheltered Veterans declined by 30%, or 9,738 people

EXHIBIT 5.1: PIT Estimates of Homeless Veterans By Sheltered Status, 2009–2013



2013 PIT Count

Continuum of Care (CoC) to VAMC PIT Count Mapping

Continuum of Care (CoC)	CoC Num	2013 Count: PIT Homeless Veterans in CoC Jurisdiction	Proportion of CoC served by VAMC (%)	2013 Estimate: PIT Homeless Veterans in area served by VAMC
Oakland/Alameda County CoC	CA-502	492	20%	98
Daly/San Mateo County CoC	CA-512	245	50%	123
Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador Counties CoC	CA-526	37	75%	28
San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC	CA-500	718	100%	718
Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties CoC	CA-506	250	100%	250
Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC	CA-508	395	100%	395
Turlock/Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	CA-510	87	100%	87
Stockton/San Joaquin County CoC	CA-511	83	100%	83

Total Homeless Veterans in areas served by your VA Medical Center: **Mapped 2013 Point in Time (PIT) Count**

1,782

Why does a Veteran becomes homeless?

Shortage of affordable housing, livable income, access to health care – a large number of displaced and at-risk Veterans live with lingering effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse, which are often compounded by a lack of family and social support networks. Additionally, military occupations and training are not always transferable to the civilian workforce

- 12% of homeless adult population are Veterans
- 20% of the male homeless population are Veterans
- 68% reside in principal cities and 32% reside in suburban/rural areas
- 51% have physical disabilities, 50% have serious mental illness and 70% have substance abuse issues
- 51% are white males, compared to 38% of non-Veterans
- 50% are age 51 or older, compared to 19% non-Veterans

Has the VA found any barriers that makes it difficult to obtain help?

- Difficulty accessing community services- Dense ecosystems, directories, caseloads
- Violation of ADA laws (disability, animal friendly)
- Paucity of inventory
- Lack of couples EH or TH
- NIMBY
- Literacy and vision
- ADL challenges and Self Determination (Elderly)
- Mental and physical health challenges
- Sex Offender status

How many Veterans are chronically homeless vs those who cycle in and out?

- The VA Gap Analysis Tool assumes a rate of about 33% chronic homelessness

What barriers prevent Veterans from maintaining housing and not becoming homeless again?

- Aside from above the culture of homelessness, lack of meaning

What services can be provided to help a Veteran from becoming homeless?

- Partnerships- permanent housing, rapid re-housing, mental health treatment and healthcare through the community
- Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Coordinator- Stacy Studebaker 650/444-8034
- State Director of Veterans Affairs – www.calvet.ca.gov (includes State Homes)
- VBA Oakland Regional Office: 800 - 827 -1000
- County Veteran Service Officers- Alameda County Stewart Smith 510/ 577-1926 ssmith@acgov.org
- Local law enforcement agencies

Local HCHV Programs

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SINGLE BEDS	FAMILY BEDS	PROGRAM
8		Stockton Shelter- Stockton
10	3	Abode Services- Fremont
22		Maple St.- Menlo Park
35		EHC- San Jose
10		EHC- Special Circumstance (290)
15		HVEHF- San Jose
12		SMI/ACT- San Jose
6		Medical Respite- San Jose
	3	Haven House- Menlo Park
	3	Redwood House- Redwood City
	3	First Step Families- San Mateo
12		Paget House- Santa Cruz

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SINGLE BEDS	24 MONTH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM
58	VTC- Monterey
40	Dignity's Alcove- Stockton
20	Salvation Army- Modesto
10	Salvation Army- Lodi
20	EHC – San Jose
120	HVEHF- San Jose
12	MSI- San Jose

Local HUD-VASH Programs

The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with Case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs

There are currently 60 Alameda County HUD/VASH vouchers in use by the VA Palo Alto Health Care System

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Community Resource Guide on VAPAWEB:

<http://vaww.visn21.portal.va.gov/paloalto/Lists/Community/Homeless.aspx>

