



Welcome



City Initiatives

City of San Fernando Action on Homelessness

In 2021, the San Fernando City Council established the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness. Its function is to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on issues and policies surrounding homelessness.

The Ad Hoc and full City Council also demonstrated the City's commitment to addressing the homelessness epidemic by approving and completing the following tasks:

- The Homeless Task Force was established
- City Council approved a new Housing Coordinator position that is dedicated to housing related activities.
- The San Fernando Police Department partnered with the Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST).
- The Northeast San Fernando Valley Interagency Homelessness Task Force was created by the City Manager.
- In 2023, the City established a partnership with non-profit, North Valley Caring Services for street outreach services.

Partnerships

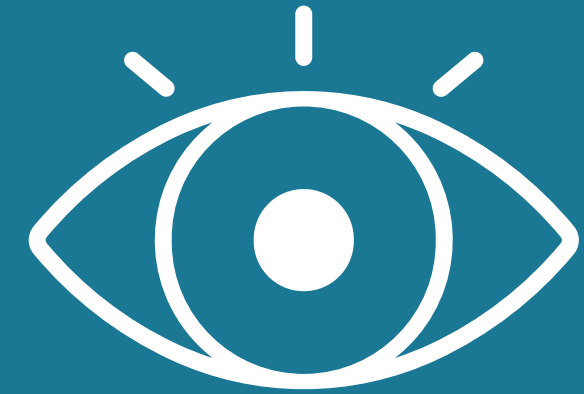
The City partners with North Valley Caring Services to provide supportive services to people experiencing homelessness in the City.

The North Valley Caring Services Team works daily with unhoused individuals to provide meals, clothing, connect them with interim housing, medical care, and supportive services.

The City also collaborates with homeless service providers such as, LA Family Housing and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

Additionally, the City is actively working to establish more partnerships that will benefit both residents and individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The visibility of homelessness is concerning for many. It is also costly for cities and communities to try to address. Increasing homelessness can strain social and community services, law enforcement, and public health resources. Residents may be concerned about noise, safety, environmental impacts, aesthetics, or property values. People often want to be compassionate, but don't know the best way to help.



Homelessness in Southern California is a large and complex issue. It can be difficult to know which actions or strategies are most appropriate to address the varied needs of people experiencing homelessness. However, everyone who lives, works, goes to school, or visits San Fernando can contribute and be a part of the solution.



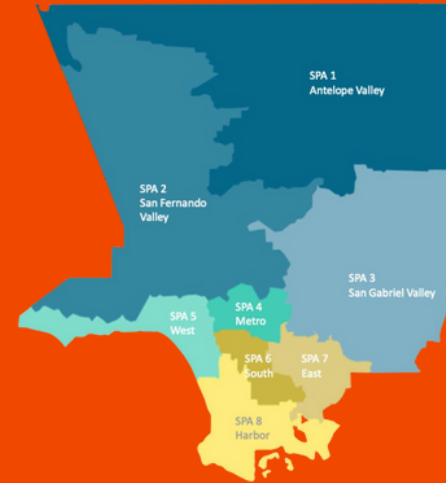
The homelessness crisis can feel overwhelming, but there are actions every citizen can take to help communities address local, immediate issues with long-term strategic solutions.



WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?



Every night there are about **75,518** people experiencing homelessness **across LA County.**



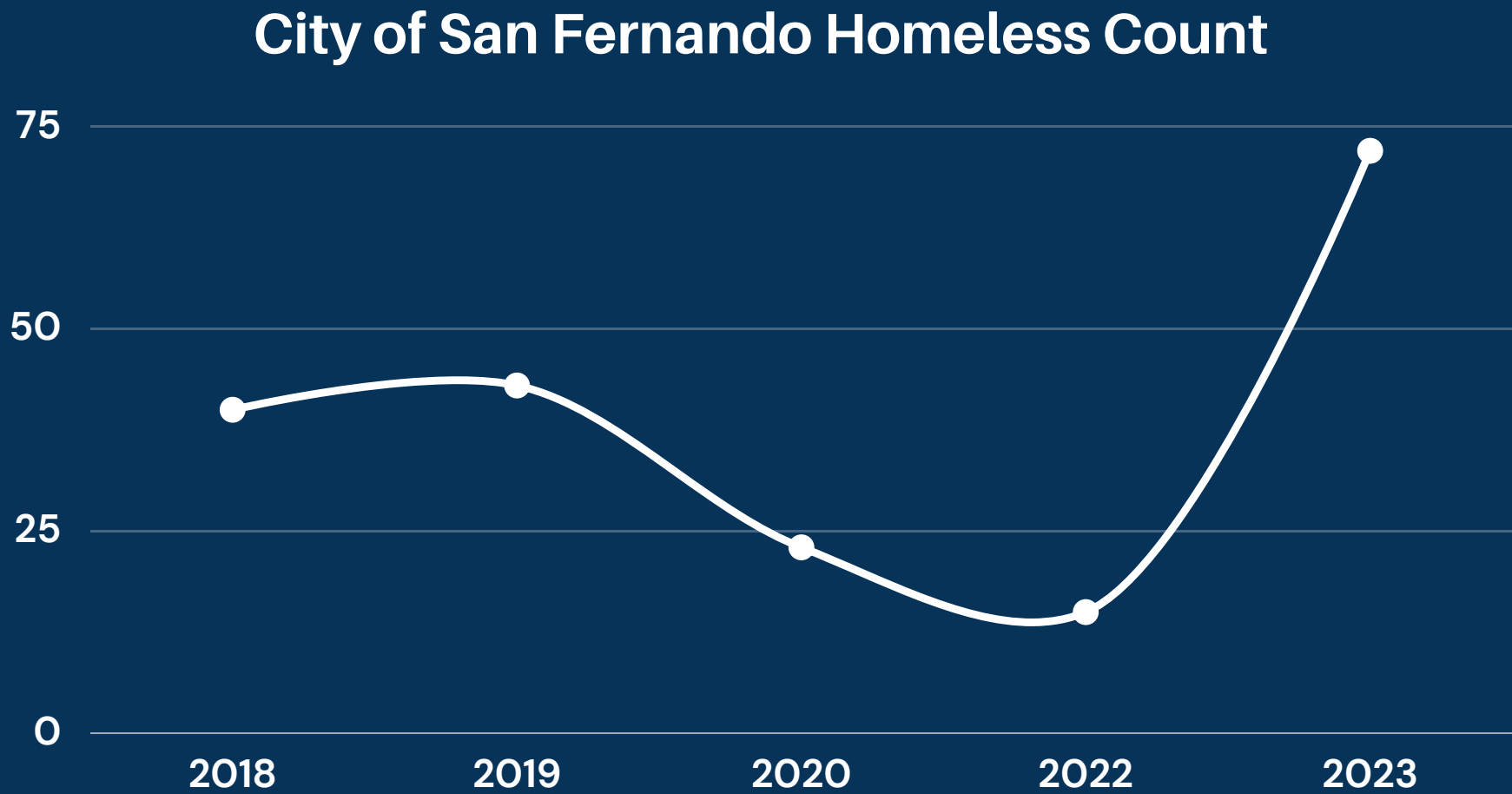
From the 75,518, there are about 10,443 unhoused individuals in Service Planning Area 2 (SPA 2), which encompasses the San Fernando Valley region.



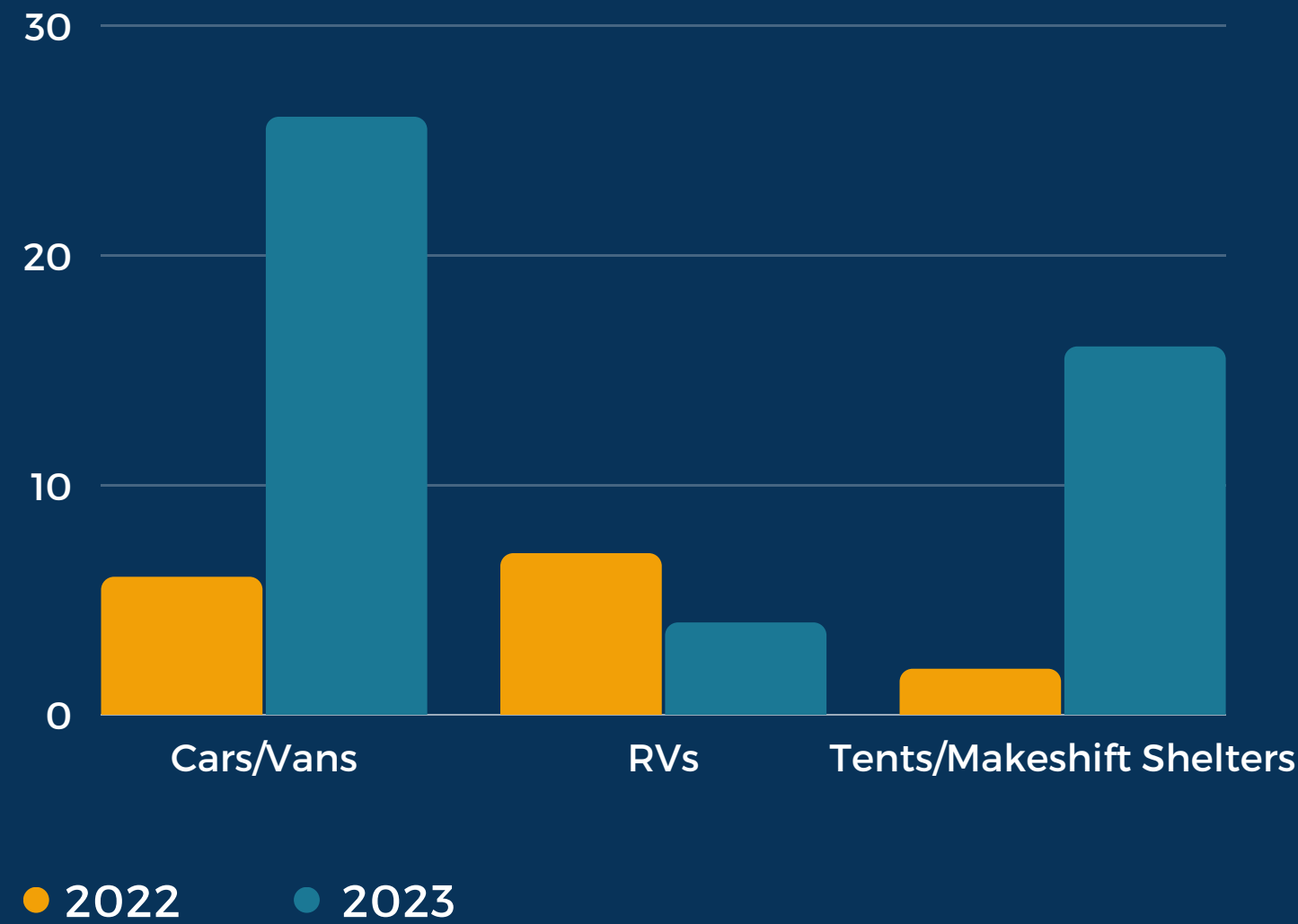
Raw data from the 2023 Homeless Count documented **26 unhoused individuals in San Fernando.** From the raw data, LAHSA applies a multiplier that increased the total **estimate to 72 individuals experiencing homelessness.**

Many people experiencing homelessness do not have significant challenges such as severe mental illness or substance use disorders. In fact, in LA County, only 30% of unhoused individuals reported experiencing substance use disorder and 25% reported experiencing serious mental illness.

WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN SAN FERNANDO?



In 2023, an estimated 72 people were unhoused on a given night.



The increase has been in people living in cars/vans and tents/makeshift shelters.

WHY ARE PEOPLE UNHOUSED?



The #1 reason people with a lease fell into homelessness was loss of income.



Median monthly household income preceding homelessness was \$935.



Average monthly rent in LA is \$2,452*



People with a history of trauma, people of color, and older adults are at a higher risk.

HOW DO WE SOLVE HOMELESSNESS?

San Fernando has adopted a 5-year Homelessness Action Plan to combat and end homelessness that will guide the city's efforts.

Guiding Principals



Person-Centered: People deserve to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their housing status



Equity Focused: Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) are significantly overrepresented among those experiencing homelessness



Strong Support System: Ensures that the availability of services and resources match or exceed the demand for them

Plan Priorities



Priority 1: Develop City's Capacity to Better Prevent and End Homelessness



Priority 2: Support the Service Needs of People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness



Priority 3: Focus on the Root Causes to Prevent Homelessness

WHAT YOU CAN DO: COMMUNITY MEMBERS

As a member of the community, you may see and interact with individuals or families who are experiencing homelessness in a variety of ways.

- On streets or sidewalks
- In public spaces such as parks
- On public transportation
- Through work, school, volunteering or other activities



It's important to remember that individuals experiencing homelessness are **people**. They have rights and deserve kindness, compassion, and respect just like anyone else in the community.



Visible signs of homelessness can cause feelings of frustration, sadness, compassion, and anxiety among members of the community.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: COMMUNITY MEMBERS



CONTACT THE OUTREACH TEAM

to request they go out to an individual experiencing homelessness. Contact them at (818) 898-1210 or homeless@sfcity.org.



GET INVOLVED

with local efforts. Consider what you may be able to do through your school, work, organization, place of worship, or other groups that help the City address homelessness.



VOLUNTEER

your time. There are numerous organizations and opportunities in San Fernando and neighboring cities to get involved.



EDUCATE

yourself on best practices, understand what is being done to address homelessness in San Fernando and how public funding is being used.



DONATE

items such as snacks, waters, hygiene supplies to local service providers. If you're unsure what to donate, call them and ask what their most common needs are.



SECURITY SYSTEMS

Make sure your lighting and security systems are operational to discourage trespassing or vandalism.

CONTACT THE OUTREACH TEAM

EMAIL

HOMELESS@SFCITY.ORG

CALL

(818) 898-1210

RESPONSE TIMES

WEEKDAYS: 24 HOURS | WEEKENDS: 72 HOURS
FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, DIAL 911

Q & A



NORTH VALLEY CARING SERVICES

Mission - Services - Outreach

Q & A

COUNTY INITIATIVES

Initiatives from LA County Supervisor Lindsay Horvath

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Parameters of Law Enforcement

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Upcoming Events!

San Fernando Police Dept. Community Academy

Join the San Fernando Police Department, Community Development Department, and Finance Department during Session #6 of the Community Academy! Staff will be presenting and sharing information on Code Enforcement, the Homelessness Action Plan and City Finance.

Tuesday, October 24th
6:00 PM - 8:15 PM



SPA 2 Community Listening Session

Join LAHSA's new CEO, Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum for a SPA 2 Community Listening Session. Dr. Adams Kellum is eager to meet local stakeholders to drive new collaborative housing strategies and discuss creative solutions to address the homeless crisis.

Wednesday, October 25th
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



LAHSA

Thank You!



SCAN ME!

to read the Homelessness Action Plan
and stay posted for upcoming events!