

Homelessness Soaring in Los Angeles Over Housing Crisis



Los Angeles, May 12 (RHC)-- A housing crisis in Los Angeles County in the United States has led to a spike in the number of homeless people. Authorities report that LA County homelessness jumped by nearly six percent over the past year to 46,800.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) said in a report that the rise came about despite a reduction in the number of homeless veterans and homeless families. The number of homeless people in the city of Los Angeles jumped by 11 percent while other areas in the county saw larger increases.

A U.S. study found last year that more than one in four Americans have to use at least half their family income on housing and utilities. According to the non-profit Enterprise Community Partners, the number of such households has jumped 26% to 11.25 million since 2007.

Rental prices have surged at nearly twice the pace of average hourly wages since the end of 2010, according to another study. The crisis reflects one of the shortcomings of the recovery from the Great Recession where income has failed to match rent increases.



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