Homelessness Throughout the State

- 129,000+ people are homeless
- 89,500+ are unsheltered

**Santa Barbara**
- Roughly 1,803 people were homeless
- 1,113 are unsheltered
- 479 of unsheltered live in a vehicle
- 76% became homeless while living in Santa Barbara County

**Ventura**
- Roughly 1,669 people were homeless
- 1,258 are unsheltered
- 341 are over 55 years old
- 87% became homeless while living in Ventura County

Source: 2018 HUD AHAR

Legislation I Supported

**AB 210 (2017)** - Allows counties to develop multidisciplinary teams to facilitate identification and assessment of homeless individuals, and link homeless individuals to housing and supportive services, and to allow service providers to share confidential information to ensure continuity of care.

**AB 74 (2017)** - Creates the Housing for a Healthy California Program to provide rental assistance to individuals who are homeless and receive services from the Whole Person Care pilot program, Health Homes, or another locally controlled funding source.

**SB 3 (2017)** - Enacts the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 and authorizes the issuance of $4 billion in general obligation (GO) bonds for affordable housing programs and a veteran’s home ownership program, approved by California voters in the November 6, 2018 election.

**SB 918 (2018)** - Establishes the Homeless Youth Act of 2018 to better serve the homeless youth population in our state and requires the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to address the needs of youth experiencing homelessness.

**SB 1152 (2018)** - Requires hospitals to have a discharge planning policy and process specifically for homeless patients, and to develop a plan for coordinating services and referrals for homeless patients with the county behavioral health agency and social services agencies in the region.

**AB612 (2019) and AB 942 (2019)** - Expands the CalFresh Restaurant meals program to community colleges and counties where the program did not exist.

**AB 728 (2019)** - Creates a pilot program in Ventura County to allow multidisciplinary teams to connect individuals at risk of homelessness to housing and supportive services.

**AB 960 (2019)** - The CalWORKs program offers temporary shelter and permanent housing assistance to families who are or are on the verge of homelessness. This bill expands these benefits by including additional housing types eligible for homeless assistance.

**SB 40 (2019)** - Expands a pilot program for establishing a housing conservatorship for individuals suffering from long-term severe mental illness.