

IMPACT SUMMARY 2024

Access and engagement for people
experiencing vehicular homelessness.



SafeParkingLA

THE NEED

According to the 2024 Greater LA Homeless Count, people experiencing vehicular homelessness comprise over 44%—**totaling more than 23,000 adults and children** on any given night—of our county's unsheltered population. This is the largest subgroup of people living on the streets throughout LA County.

While the 2024 data shows progress in reducing homelessness overall, there remains a significant need for access and engagement for households living in cars, vans, and RVs. Safe parking programs enhance the region's homelessness response by offering stability and extending services to many individuals and families with nowhere else to turn.

QUICK FACTS

4 out of 5
participants are homeless for
the first time

10%
of participants are children
and transitional-age youth

1 in 3
participants are over the age of 55

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT DID YOU KNOW?

Safe Parking LA served 60 Veterans, plus their household members and pets, through our **Veterans Safe Parking Program** at the West LA VA Campus in 2024.

One of them was Ben, a former U.S. Army combat infantryman, who exited the program into permanent housing.



Benjamin
US Army Veteran
Former SPLA Participant

OUR MISSION

Safe Parking LA provides safe overnight parking to facilitate stability and housing in Los Angeles County for individuals living in their vehicles, and advocates for fair and equitable treatment and resources for the unhoused.

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SERVICES PROVIDED

-  Community Warmline & Intake
-  Safe Parking Lot Operations
-  Case Management & Resource Coordination
-  Emergency Funds & Financial Assistance
-  Referrals & Linkages to Housing

PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

ANGELA

Angela, 52, spent most of her career supporting others. She worked in education and in homeless services, providing care to others even as her own housing became unstable.

After living with an elderly client as a caregiver for several years, Angela moved in with her uncle and found work supporting community health as a vaccine ambassador. But when her uncle became ill and had to relocate, Angela had no choice but to move out. Without access to affordable housing, she began living in her car.

Angela continued working throughout this period, parking near office buildings at night and paying for temporary rooms when she could. In early 2024, the program where she worked was shut down due to funding cuts. That's when she found Safe Parking LA.

At SPLA, Angela accessed a safe place to sleep, hygiene facilities, and reliable case management. She worked closely with her case manager, Monica, who referred her to a housing navigator at PATH. Within a few months, Angela moved into an apartment in Whittier.

Angela also found new employment—first tutoring, then accepting a higher-paying job with LA County Probation supporting young adults impacted by the justice system. Today, Angela is housed, employed, and fulfilling her passion for education and service.

"I really love Safe Parking LA because... it ended up being such a blessing, not just because of the resources but because... we're living out of our cars. We have no choice. You provided a place for us." ~ Angela



Angela
Former SPLA Participant

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

1,939 Households provided with referrals and offered program enrollment

41,653 Safe nights spent in our program

431 Participants who parked safely overnight and got connected to case management services

152 Participants who transitioned into housing

47% Housing placement rate achieved for participants who exited the program

390 Financial assistance awards to participants to help with hardships

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REPORT 2024



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