

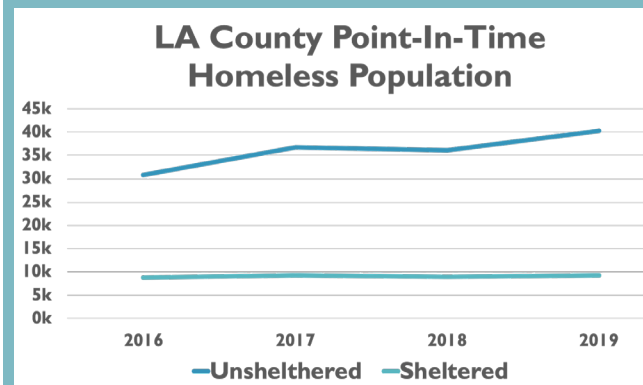
# PROVIDENCE ST. JOSEPH HEALTH

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## SB 1152 + PSJH

### HOMELESSNESS IN LA COUNTY

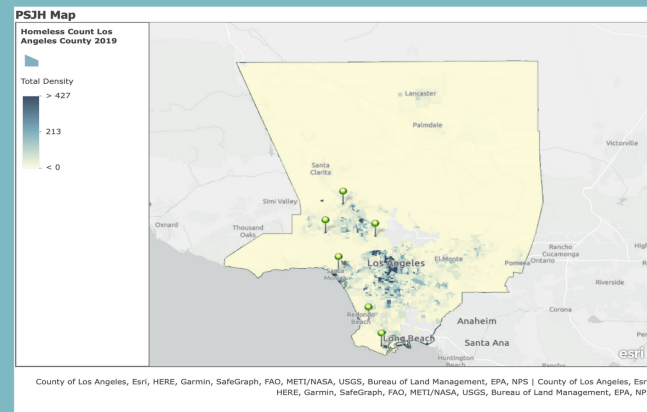
In 2018, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) point-in-time count of those experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County totaled 52,765. During 2018, 21,631 individuals were placed into housing while 27,080 were able to get housing on their own (LAHSA). However, an estimated 54,882 individuals became homeless. 2019's point-in-time count revealed a 12% increase in those experiencing homelessness for a total of 58,936. 36,165 of these individuals reside in the City of Los Angeles (the City), which experienced a 16% increase during the same time period (LAHSA).



Reference:  
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. (n.d.). 2019 Homeless Count by Community/City. Retrieved from <https://www.lahsa.org/data?id=13-2019-homeless-count-by-community-city>

### CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1152

California Senate Bill 1152 (SB 1152) came into effect in July 2019. The purpose of the bill is to ensure those experiencing homelessness are prepared to return to the community by connecting them with treatment, shelter, community resources, or other support services. The bill required hospitals to create documentation of providing these services to ensure compliance.



## PSJH

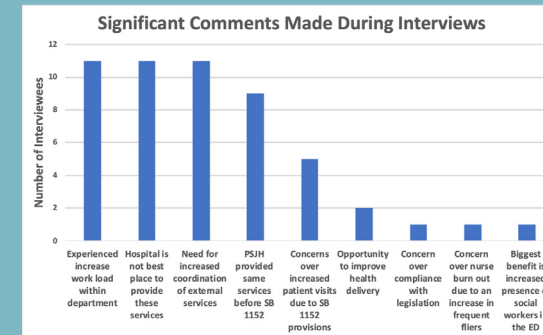
PSJH has six locations in LA County, and thus a vested interest in making sure that they are efficiently implementing SB 1152. In addition, their Catholic-based values create an agenda focused on caring for the disenfranchised populations, such as LA County's homeless.

# EVALUATING PSJH + SB 1152

Internal stakeholders from the six PSJH locations and the Southern California Region were interviewed for qualitative data collection. Patient discharge logs were examined for quantitative data collection.

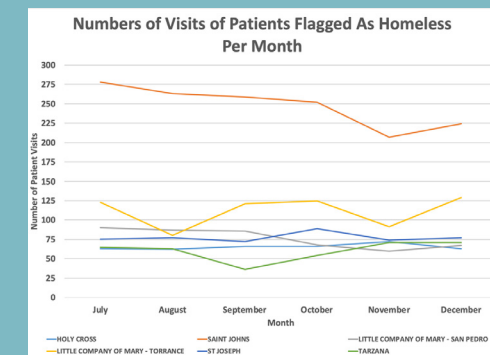
## INTERVIEWS

Stakeholders were mainly concerned with how effective the legislation can be without a mandatory increase in external services, such as re-cooperative care shelters, and associated coordination of these services.



## PATIENT VISITS

Despite caregivers' concerns that SB 1152 would cause an increase in patient visits, this was not observed in the discharge logs.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

The homeless population is expected to continue increasing. PSJH therefore should leverage the required documentation to improve their ability of tracking the health of this population. PSJH should work with caregivers to ensure that the increased workload from documentation and providing the required resources does not create undue stress.

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