

Creative Resource: *WE Won't Rest Facts*

1. California accounted for almost half of all unsheltered people in the U.S. in 2016. In 2017, the homeless population in Los Angeles County jumped more than 25%.
2. On any given night, almost 550,000 people in the U.S. are experiencing homelessness. 68% stay in emergency shelters, and 32% are unsheltered.
3. Chronic homelessness declined by 35% between 2007 and 2016.
4. Alaska has one of the largest per-capita homeless populations in the country. Last year, more than 400 people in Alaska were unsheltered, in sub-Artic weather.
5. For a city supporting a homeless person experiencing mental illness, the costs of shelter use, hospitalizations and time spent in jail can total \$40,000 per year. It would only cost \$17,000 to provide stable housing for a year.

