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Homelessness down 3.4 percent among VA Northern California Veterans

Local trend reflects nationwide decrease in Veteran homelessness

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Veteran homelessness is down 3.4 percent over the past year across the 44,000 square miles covered by [VA Northern California Health Care System](#) (VA NorCal), according to data recently released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

[Nationwide Veteran homelessness dropped 5.4 percent](#) over the past year and by nearly half since 2010, evidence that work underway by VA and its federal and community partners is producing results. Within VA NorCal, the most significant decreases occurred in Solano, Sutter, and El Dorado counties, with other areas experiencing little change or modest increases. In contrast, [California's non-Veteran homeless rates continued to rise](#), and nearly a quarter of the nation's homeless population calls California home.

"We're encouraged that we're helping more of our Veterans find housing, but we still aren't satisfied," said VA NorCal Director David R. Stockwell. "Ending Veteran homelessness is the goal, and it's an ongoing effort, one that requires strong agency and community partnerships."

[VA NorCal has a wide range of programs that prevent and end homelessness among Veterans](#), including health care, housing solutions, job training, and education. In FY 2017 alone, more than 5,400 Veterans found permanent housing and supportive services through VA NorCal homeless programs. And in 2018, VA NorCal was awarded 523 federal [rental assistance vouchers](#) and 70 new beds at transitional housing programs for Northern California Veterans.

More information about VA NorCal programs for homeless Veterans is available at <https://www.northerncalifornia.va.gov/services/homeless/index.asp/>. Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless can also call **1-877-4AID-VET**.

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