



Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) Data Sources for Violence Prevention

The following document is a comprehensive overview of various data sources used by the LA County Office of Violence Prevention (OVP). The data sources included relates to incidents of self-inflicted and interpersonal violence, demographic and population data, school-related outcomes, crime-related incidents, and much more. Some data are available only through a request to the Office of Violence Prevention, but many other included data sources are available publicly online and are updated frequently. The Research and Evaluation Team (R&E) encourages our partners to use this document as a resource when seeking to develop or inform violence prevention initiatives or when conducting research activities.

We recognize that there may be several ways to determine which specific data is beneficial for different research questions or projects. The Research and Evaluation Team are available to provide assistance in identifying what data sources may be most useful and can provide support with accessing, interpreting, or utilizing this data. We are also available to help determine which data sources have the most up-to-date information.

The following data sources are included in this document:

[Publicly Available Data Sources](#) | [Violence-Related Data Available from OVP](#) | [Mapping Shapefiles/Data](#)

To submit a data request to the OVP Research and Evaluation Team, please email ovpdata@ph.lacounty.gov. Please ensure the following information is included in all email requests:

- Requestor's Name
- Requestor's Contact Email and Phone Number
- Affiliation, Organization, or Group Requesting (if applicable)
- What type of data is being requested? Please include as much detail as possible.
- How will you use this data?
- What is the time frame for which you would need this data by?



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Local Level Data		
Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)	<p>DCFS has made data available for public use that includes county-level data regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency response referrals • Specific types of child abuse allegations • Number of children under DCFS Supervision (including demographic data) 	<p>DCFS Monthly Fact Sheets: https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/resources/data-and-monthly-fact-sheets/</p>
Hate Crimes	<p>The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations released their 2019 Hate Crime Report, which includes a detailed overview of Hate Crime throughout Los Angeles County. The report includes maps and tables depicting incidents of Hate throughout Los Angeles County and includes information about specifically targeted groups, types of hate crimes, and locations.</p>	<p>2019 Hate Crime Report: https://hrc.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2019-Hate-Crime-Report.pdf</p>
Los Angeles County Homelessness Data	<p>The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is a yearly initiative to measure the number of houseless individuals in Los Angeles County and any projects that serve people experiencing homelessness. Data is available by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • SPA • Supervisorial District • City Council 	<p>Homeless Count Data: https://www.lahsa.org/homeless-count/</p> <p>Shelter County & Housing Inventory County: https://www.lahsa.org/homeless-count/hic/</p>



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Los Angeles Police Department Crime Data	<p>The LA City Open Data Portal includes a section on public safety, which includes data on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crimes • Arrests • Calls for Service 	<p>LA County Open Data Portal: https://data.lacity.org/browse?category=Public+Safety</p>
Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Crime Data	<p>LASD's Transparency Website includes information and data about a variety of topics, including audit reports, information about body-worn cameras, deputy-involved shootings, and more. Specific, yearly data is also reported for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community College Bureau Reports • Crime and Arrest Information • Custody Division Reports • Deputy Involved Shootings Statistics • Homicide Stats and Reports • Unmanned Aircraft System 	<p>LASD Transparency Promise Link: https://lasd.org/transparency/</p> <p>LASD Statistical and Reporting Information: https://lasd.org/transparency/statistics/</p>
Neighborhood Data for Social Change (NDSC)	<p>NDSC is a public tool to help individuals learn about trends, challenges, and opportunities facing LA County neighborhoods. Their goal is to help stakeholders track measurable change, improve policies and programming, and advocate for better quality of life. The platform uses the following resources to tell the stories of L.A. neighborhoods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps • Charts • Data Analysis • Storytelling • Training Opportunities 	<p>Neighborhood Data for Social Change: https://la.myneighborhooddata.org/</p>



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Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology - Health Assessments and Community Profiles	<p>OHAE also frequently publishes reports with county wide data, SPA-level data, city/community data, demographic data, and trends of mortality over time. Reports currently available include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Demographic Profile (2019) • Patterns of Mortality Reports (2019) • City and Community Health Profiles (2018) 	<p>Epidemiology Reports: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/e/pi/</p>
Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology - Los Angeles County Health Survey	<p>The LA County Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology (OHAE) periodically completes a county-wide health survey, including questions specific to children, youth, or adults, ranging from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to medical care • Mental health concerns • Obesity • Immigration status • Neighborhood Connection • Violence exposure 	<p>2018 LA County Health Survey Data: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ha/LACHSDataTopics2018.htm</p>



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State Level Data		
California Department of Health Care Access and Information (CDHCAI)	<p>CDHCAI is a state-wide organization focused on expanding equitable access to health care. Their online website includes a series of data and reports related to the health of all Californians, downloadable datasets, and a portal to request specific data or submit data for use. Some covered topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Transparency • Healthcare Utilization • Healthcare Quality • Healthcare Facility Attributes • Healthcare Workforce • Data Resources 	<p>California Department of Health Care Access and Information Data Reports: https://hcai.ca.gov/data-and-reports/</p> <p>California Department of Health Care Access and Information Data Portal: https://hcai.ca.gov/data-and-reports/datasets/</p>
California Department of Justice	<p>The California Department of Justice's transparency initiative in which they publish criminal justice data to improve accountability. Public data includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult/Juvenile Probation • Arrests • Complaints Against Peace Officers • Crime/Clearances (including Arson) • Death in Custody/Arrest-related Deaths • Domestic Violence Calls for Service • Gun Violence Restraining Orders • Hate Crimes/Prosecution Data • Homicide • Use of Force • Violent Crimes Committed Against Senior Citizens 	<p>CA Dept of Justice Open Data Portal: https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/data</p> <p>CA Dept of Justice Data Visualizations: https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/exploration</p>



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California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)	<p>A comprehensive source focused on the health of Californians of all ages. Data can be analyzed by location (including SPA), topic, age, and/or year. Downloadable data covers a range of issues including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceptions of safety • Bullying • Social cohesion • Access to physical and mental health care • Overall health • Education and School Achievement 	<p>California Health Interview Survey: https://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/chis/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>CHIS Data Dashboard: https://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/chis/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>CHIS Survey Topics: https://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/survey-topics.aspx</p>
California Healthy Places Index (HPI)	<p>HPI is a tool developed by the Public Health Alliance of Southern California to assist with exploring local factors that predict life expectancy and using these to compare community conditions state-wide. Some of these factors include housing, transportation, education, and more. Tools available through this site include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Map • Graphs and Data Tables • Policy Guide 	<p>California Health Places Index: https://healthyplacesindex.org/</p>



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California School Climate, Health, and Learning Surveys (California Department of Education)	<p>A tool used to help identify outcomes related to school climate, student engagement, parental involvement, and academic achievement. Data is available at the district and the school level. Three surveys are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Healthy Kids Survey: Statewide survey of student resiliency, protective and risk factors, and student climate • California School Staff Survey: Understanding staff perceptions about school environments and teaching conditions • California School Parent Survey: Information collected directly from parents 	<p>California School Climate, Health, and Learning Surveys Home: https://calschls.org/</p>
DataQuest (California Department of Education)	<p>Public data and statistics related to California’s K-12 public educational system can be found through DataQuest. Data can be accessed through the online portal or downloaded and is available at the school, district, county, and state level. This data includes information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic outcomes (including graduation and dropout) • Suspension & Expulsion • Absenteeism • Enrollment • Free and/or Reduced Lunch • English Learners • Test Results • Foster Students • Special Education 	<p>DataQuest Dashboard: https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/</p> <p>Data Reports (Available by Education Topic): https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/acc/essdatasub.asp</p> <p>Downloadable Data (Available by Education Topic): https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/downloadabledata.asp</p>



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Ed-Data	A state-level partnership that provides comprehensive K-12 education-related data to educators, policymakers, students, parents, and community members. Data is available by County, District, or School.	Ed-Data Dashboard: https://www.ed-data.org/
Federal Level Data		
Big Cities Health Inventory (BCHI)	The Big Cities Health Inventory is an open access data platform operated by Drexel University. This source provides city-level data to inform other on a city's health and what equitable programs exist or are needed to respond to a community's health needs. Big Cities provides this snapshot of health in 30 of the largest U.S. cities, allowing for comparison on a variety of health metrics such as the social determinants of health.	Big Cities Health Inventory Data Platform: https://bigcitieshealthdata.org/
CDC Wonder Mortality Data	Resource from CDC providing county-level mortality data based on underlying causes of death. Raw counts are available in addition to rates per population. Downloadable data includes a variety of categories, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State/County • Injury Intent/Mechanism • Gender • Age • Race/Ethnicity 	CDC Wonder (Underlying Causes): https://wonder.cdc.gov/Deaths-by-Underlying-Cause.html



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Census Data	<p>Population and economic data is available for public use through the U.S. Census Bureau. Most data is available by state, county, zip code, census tract, or census block. Maps and tables are available related to topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population Demographics • Housing • Income • Poverty • Employment 	<p>US Census Bureau Portal: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/</p> <p>US Census Bureau Navigation Tutorial: https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2019/data-census-gov-navigating-new-site-census-bureau-data.html</p>
Diversity Data Kids	<p>The goal of the DiversityDataKids.org initiative is to provide equity-focused research that specifically prioritizes improving child wellbeing and increasing racial and ethnic equity in opportunities for children. Their online tool includes over 320 socio-economic and policy indicators relating to early childhood; income, work, and family; and neighborhoods which build into a combined measure known as the Child Opportunity Index. This tool can be used to find:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific datasets • Child Opportunity Index Measures • Maps • Policy Equity Assessments 	<p>Diversity Data Kids: https://www.diversitydatakids.org/</p>



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Federal Firearms Licenses	Comprehensive list of all individuals and businesses legally licensed to sell firearms. Data is available at the state level. Addresses and years of licensure are also included.	Federal Firearm Listings: https://www.atf.gov/firearms/listing-federal-firearms-licensees
Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)	YRBSS is a national survey that collects data from middle and high school students. Data is available through 2019 and be separated by state, county, and district. Data can be examined by race/ethnicity, sex, grade, and sexual orientation and can be downloaded. Data topics range widely, but include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unintentional Injuries and Violence • Drug and Substance Use • Sexual Behaviors • Physical Activity • Unhealthy Dietary Behaviors • Additional Health Topics 	YRBSSCS: https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbs/index.htm <i>*Only Angeles Unified School District for LA County*</i>



VIOLENCE-RELATED DATA AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The following data sources are available only through the Research and Evaluation Team at the Office of Violence Prevention. Each data source includes different variables and has different data use restrictions. The R&E team can provide aggregate statistics from these sources. Please contact a member of the Research and Evaluation Team to discuss specific data requests relating to any of the data included below.

<u>Data Sources</u>	<u>Description</u>
Mortality Data (Fatalities/Deaths)	<p>Fatalities represent deaths due to illness or injury. This includes violent deaths from homicide, suicide, and legal intervention (officer-involved). Fatalities include homicides, suicides, and other incidents of premature death. They may also include deaths by legal intervention. Information for these deaths come from sources including the LA County Medical-Examiner Coroner, from death certificates, and from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS).</p> <p>Data available for fatalities among LA County residents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method of death, including specific weapons used (e.g. shooting, stabbing, etc.) • Demographics (gender, age group, or racial/ethnic group) • Geographic data (residence location, incident location)
Emergency Department (ED) Visits	<p>This data represents individual incidents in which LA County residents were treated in Emergency Departments throughout California specifically due to an incident of assault or a suicide attempt. These individuals involved in these incidents may have then returned home or may have later been admitted to inpatient settings.</p> <p>The data available represents each individual ED visit; it does not represent the number of individuals who have been treated in ED settings. Therefore, this data may represent multiple ED visits for a single person.</p> <p>Emergency Department data available for LA County residents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographics (gender, age group, or racial/ethnic group) • Method of injury, including specific weapons used (e.g. shooting, stabbing, etc.) • Geographic data (residence location)

<p>Hospitalizations (Inpatient)</p>	<p>Hospitalization represents individual incidents in which Los Angeles County residents were admitted into an inpatient hospital setting specifically due to an incident of assault or suicide attempt.</p> <p>The data available represents each individual hospitalization; it does not represent the number of individual people who have been treated in hospitalization settings. Therefore, this data may represent multiple hospitalizations for a single person.</p> <p>Hospitalization data available for LA County residents <u>may</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographics (gender, age group, or racial/ethnic group) • Method of injury, including specific weapons used (e.g. shooting, stabbing, etc.) • Geographic data (residence location)
<p>Trauma Center Visits</p>	<p>Some hospitals are designated as Trauma Centers. These facilities have specialized staff and resources available to treat the most serious type of injuries. Trauma Center visits represents individual incidents in which LA County residents were treated at a designated trauma center specifically due to an incident assault or a suicide attempt.</p> <p>The data available represents each individual Trauma Center visit; it does not represent the number of individual people who have been treated in Trauma Centers. Therefore, this data may represent multiple Trauma Center visits for a single person.</p> <p>Hospitalization data available for LA County residents <u>may</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographics (gender, age group, or racial/ethnic group) • Method of injury/Weapon Used • Geographic data (residence location, incident location)



MAPPING SHAPEFILES

Shapefiles are files used to visually represent data at the zip code, city, SPA, county, or state level in maps using mapping software. They can be used in combination with other data that includes basic location details. The following list includes some, but not all, of the shapefiles most frequently used by the Office of Violence Prevention, made available through the [County of Los Angeles Geographic Information Systems \(eGIS\) website](#). Additional shapefiles can be found online from a variety of sources. Please contact a member of the Research and Evaluation Team to request assistance creating a map using any of the shapefiles below, in addition to any additional shapefiles that may not be included.

Those interested in creating basic maps on their own can utilize free online services such as [My Google Maps/Google Earth](#), [ScribbleMaps](#), [Mapline](#) and more. Nonprofit organizations can also explore ESRI's online mapping tools at a discounted rate [here](#).

Boundaries

- Los Angeles County and City Boundaries
- Los Angeles County Zip Codes
- Census Tracts/Blocks
- Supervisorial Districts
- Congressional Districts, State Senate Districts, State Assembly Districts
- Health Districts
- Unincorporated Areas

County/Government Services

- Los Angeles County Department Of Mental Health (DMH) Provider Locations (a/o 2021)
- Immigration Services
- Department of Social Services (DPSS) Offices
- Hospitals, Medical Centers, and Health Clinics
- Homeless Shelters and Services
- Employment Protection Districts
- Unemployment Offices

Youth & Adolescents

- Regional Centers
- School District Boundaries
- Early Childhood Education and Head Start
- Public Elementary, Middle, and High Schools
- Economic Opportunity Areas
- Department of Child and Family Services – Regional Office Service Areas (DCFS)
- Colleges & Universities

Social Services

- Safe Havens
- Cooling and Warming Centers
- Housing Assistance Locations
- Domestic Violence Services
- Disability Support Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment Centers Senior Services
- Food Assistance
- Veterans Services

Community Assets/Resources

- Parks and Green Spaces
- Cultural and Performing Arts Centers
- Libraries
- Recreation Centers
- Voting Centers
- Historic Resources

Criminal Justice/Incarceration

- Sheriff and Police Stations
- Jails, Prisons, & Juvenile Halls
- Probation Offices