



The Hollywood Reporter recently featured a story about how the usually upscale California oceanside cities are now dealing with homeless wanderers. Beaches, streets and boardwalks throughout Souther California are now littered with makeshift tents, tattered people and their inevitable trash.

Some reasons for the influx include soaring inflation, drugs and mental illness. It all brings back memories to your travel4senior.com editor. Looking at a modest house near the beach in Malibu in 1955, the price was \$30,000, a bit high for a news writer earning \$75 a week. That same house listed recently for sale at \$2.5 million.

Also, beachfront hotel rooms are just a bit more expensive. In 1955 they were \$30 a night. Just add a zero or so for today's prices. If your upcoming travels take you to Malibu, Santa Monica, Laguna Beach, Venice or other Southern California oceanside cities, be aware of how the growing homeless crisis could affect your visit.