

CITY OF LOS ANGELES: SKID ROW

Skid Row (also known as Central City East) has been home to the largest concentration of homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles for decades. It is an approximately fifty-block area east of downtown Los Angeles. The census tracts that encompass Skid Row are 2062, 2063, and 2073. All three census tracts were included in the Skid Row analysis to give the most accurate picture of the area (see area map below).

In 2009, there were 3,802 homeless persons who lived on Skid Row who made up approximately 9% of the Los Angeles Continuum of Care’s (CoC) homeless population of 42,694. In 2007, there were 5,131 homeless persons who lived on Skid Row who made up approximately 7% of the Los Angeles CoC’s homeless population of 68,608.

Table 1: A Comparison of Skid Row Homeless Count Data for 2007 and 2009

Year	Total Population	Total Sheltered Population		Total Unsheltered Population	
		#	%	#	%
2009	3,802	2,973	78	829	22
2007	5,131	3,334	65	1,797	35

Of the 3,802 homeless persons who lived on Skid Row in 2009, nearly one out of four persons (22%) were unsheltered and approximately three out of four persons (78%) were sheltered. In 2007, approximately one out of three persons (35%) were unsheltered and two out of three persons (65%) were sheltered. This is largely due to the high number of homeless service providers operating emergency and transitional housing in this area.

