2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Results

Service Planning Area (SPA) 5 West Los Angeles

4,276 Men, women and children were experiencing homelessness in West Los Angeles on the night of January 28, 2015

With the help of over 700 volunteers deploying from 18 sites throughout West Los Angeles, SPA 5 counted 99% of its 143 census tracts – a 25% increase in coverage from 2013.

SPA Totals and % Share of the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC)

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All totals are for the LA Continuum of Care only and does not include data from Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach.

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In SPA 5, the share of women in the total homeless population is increasing, from 27% percent in 2013 to 29% in 2015. Ethnic distribution has shifted since 2013, with White or Caucasian now the majority, from 33% to 45% today. African-Americans or Black has decreased from 40% to 32% and Hispanic or Latino has decreased from 23% to just 14%.

Gender

- Male: 3,038 (71%)
- Female: 1,234 (29%)
- Transgender: 4 (.09%)

Ethnicity

- African-American/Black: 1,935 (45%)
- American Indian/Alaskan Native: 79 (2%)
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 599 (14%)
- Hispanic/Latino: 68 (2%)
- White/Caucasian: 1,370 (32%)
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 7 (0.2%)
- Multi-Racial/Other: 218 (5%)

Ages

- 2,523 (59%)
- 792 (17%)
- 329 (9%)
- 366 (9%)
- 316 (7%)

Demographic Survey Responses from Unsheltered Homeless Persons in SPA 5

- 49% of respondents were either born in LA County or have lived there for over 10 years
- 44% report that their last permanent residence was in some place other than California
- Unemployment/financial problems is the most common reason that led to homelessness among those surveyed in West Los Angeles
- 11% of respondents hold a bachelor’s degree or higher

*Demographic characteristics are not mutually exclusive
The number of homeless veterans in West Los Angeles has doubled since 2013, from 423 veterans to 888 in 2015.

Family members experiencing homelessness together in West Los Angeles has increased by 10% since 2013, from 645 to 711, of which 362 are children under the age of 18.

The number of chronically homeless individuals has doubled since 2013 from 695 to 1,498. Chronic homelessness among family members has increased by 167% from 127 to 340.

The 2015 Youth Count was conducted on January 27, 2015. Since 2007, LAHSA has coordinated the Youth Count as part of the overall Homeless Count; it offers an estimate of how many unaccompanied minors (under age 18) and transition age youth (age 18-24) are experiencing homelessness throughout the Los Angeles Continuum of Care. Our goal is that data from the Youth Count be utilized for the planning of the Youth Coordinated Entry System (CES).

Hidden in Plain Sight: Knowing how many young people are homeless is critical to understanding their needs, creating effective responses, and measuring progress. However, homeless youth are often missed during traditional homeless counts as they do not typically mingle with the homeless adult population, are less likely to access traditional homeless services, and frequently “hide in plain sight” to avoid the stigma often associated with homelessness.
Understanding the Situation: In order to make a difference in the lives of homeless men, women, children and veterans, we need to know who they are and where they live. Beyond a simple count, we also identify basic demographic information of our homeless residents.

Purpose of the Count

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count’s main purpose is to answer very important questions about homelessness in Los Angeles:

- How many homeless people are there?
- What are the demographic characteristics of homeless people?
- Where are homeless people staying?

Components of the Count

- Street Count: Captures a point in time estimate of the unsheltered population in each Service Planning Area (SPA).
- Shelter Count: Captures the homeless population who are in emergency shelters, transitional housing, safe havens and vouchered hotels/motels.
- Youth Count: Collaborative process with youth stakeholders to better understand and identify homeless youth.
- Demographic Survey: Captures the demographic characteristics of the unsheltered homeless population in each Service Planning Area (SPA).

2015 Methodology Highlights

- Increased census tract coverage for the street count with 89% of census tracts covered in 2015 versus 72% in 2013.
- 2,200 demographic surveys used to understand the characteristics of the unsheltered population.
- 61 of the 85 cities within the Los Angeles Continuum of Care participated in the Opt-in Program.

This is a community-wide undertaking made possible only with the support of thousands of volunteers, homeless housing and services agencies, nonprofits, businesses, faith-based groups, government agencies and academic organizations. Thank you for your support and dedication to helping end homelessness here in Los Angeles.

Community Partners

- CA Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Communities in Motion
- Council District 5 – Paul Koretz
- Council District 11 – Mike Bonin
- Daniel’s Place
- LAPD – Pacific Division
- LAPD – West L.A. Division
- Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department - Marina del Rey Station
- New Directions Support Service for Veteran Families
- People Assisting The Homeless (PATH)
- Ocean Park Community Center
- Safe Place for Youth
- State Assembly District 50 – Richard Bloom
- St. Joseph’s
- Step Up on Second
- Whole Foods Market - Venice

Opt-In Cities/Communities

- Beverly Hills
- Brentwood CC
- Culver City
- Del Rey NC
- Malibu
- Mar Vista NC
- Pacific Palisades CC
- Palms NC
- Santa Monica
- South Robertson NC
- Venice NC
- West Los Angeles NC
- Westwood NC/Westwood CC