



## Chronically Homeless - Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC)

### Background

For the purpose of the Homeless Count, a person is considered chronically homeless if the following criteria have been met: (i) been homeless for a duration of one year or longer or experienced four episodes of homelessness that add up to one year; (ii) has one or more disabling condition (HIV/AIDS, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, mental illness, physical disability, physical illness, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and developmental disability); (iii) disabling condition(s) is long term.

The chronically homeless population is an extremely vulnerable group due to its continuous homelessness and various physical and/or mental disabilities. It is critical to estimate the number of chronically homeless in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC) in order to examine this population's varying levels of need for services and support.

### Sheltered Chronically Homeless

#### Methodology

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data were utilized to estimate the number of chronically homeless in emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing programs, regardless of their funding sources.

### Unsheltered Chronically Homeless

#### Methodology

A 15-minute demographic survey was conducted with homeless persons on the street during the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count days in order to produce subpopulation estimates.

	Results					
	Grand Total		Sheltered		Unsheltered	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Totals	13,468		660		12,808	
Age: < 18	296	2%	15	2%	281	2%
18 - 24	569	4%	34	5%	535	4%
25 - 54	8,340	62%	397	60%	7,943	62%
55 - 61	2,752	20%	140	21%	2,612	20%
62+	1,511	11%	74	11%	1,437	11%
Individuals	12,970	96%	616	93%	12,354	96%
Family Members	498	4%	44	7%	454	4%
Children in Families (included Above)	296	2%	15	2%	281	2%
Unaccompanied Minors	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Veterans	689	5%	47	7%	642	5%
Female Veterans (included Above)	21	0.2%	3	0.5%	18	0.1%
Mental Illness	8,275	61%	239	36%	8,036	63%
Chronic Substance Abuse	6,442	48%	80	12%	6,362	50%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	269	2%	41	6%	228	2%
Domestic Violence Experience	3,163	23%	140	21%	3,023	24%
Physical Disability	5,303	39%	215	33%	5,088	40%
Male	9,517	71%	433	66%	9,084	71%
Female	3,758	28%	224	34%	3,534	28%
Transgender	193	1%	3	0.5%	190	1%
Hispanic / Latino	2,741	20%	156	24%	2,585	20%
White	4,854	36%	188	28%	4,666	36%
Black / African-American	4,869	36%	272	41%	4,597	36%
Asian	73	1%	7	1%	66	1%
American Indian / Alaskan Native	288	2%	13	2%	275	2%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	75	1%	4	1%	71	1%
Multi-Racial / Other	568	4%	20	3%	548	4%

#### Notes

- Grand Total = Sheltered + Unsheltered
- N = number; % = percentage share of either Grand Total, Sheltered, or Unsheltered
- Sheltered include homeless individuals and family members in emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing; Unsheltered include homeless individuals and family members living in a place not meant for human habitation (i.e., cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings)
- Family Members include members in a family household that has at least one adult and one child; Children in Families include children under the age of 18 in families with head of household being 18 years of age or older; Unaccompanied Minors include children under the age of 18 without a parent/guardian