



Families - Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC)

Background

For the purpose of the Homeless Count, in order to be considered a family, a household must contain at least one adult and one child.

According to the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, numerous factors contribute to homelessness among families, such as domestic violence and socioeconomic challenges. It is critical to estimate the number of family members experiencing homelessness and their characteristics in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC) in order to assess this population's varying levels of need for services and support. Federal strategic efforts to end family homelessness, such as *Family Connection: Building Systems to End Family Homelessness*, have solidified effective approaches and increased resources to combat family homelessness across the nation. In the LA CoC, this focus on coordinated assessment and need-based housing placement has led to a substantial decrease (18 percent) in family homelessness from 2015 to 2016.

Sheltered Families

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 Families

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 - Family Households						
	Grand Total		Sheltered		Unsheltered	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Totals	2,296		1,441		855	
Adult Families	2,100	91%	1,293	90%	807	94%
Young Families	196	9%	148	10%	48	6%

Results - Family Members						
	Grand Total		Sheltered		Unsheltered	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Totals	6,128		4,297		1,831	
Age: < 18	3,490	57%	2,556	59%	934	51%
18 - 24	486	8%	438	10%	48	3%
25 - 54	2,027	33%	1,259	29%	768	42%
55 - 61	44	1%	38	1%	6	0.3%
62+	81	1%	6	0.1%	75	4%
Chronically Homeless	498	8%	44	1%	454	25%
Veterans	25	0.4%	25	0.6%	0	0%
Female Veterans (included Above)	5	0.1%	5	0.1%	0	0%
Mental Illness	477	8%	135	3%	342	19%
Chronic Substance Abuse	131	2%	51	1%	80	4%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	50	1%	50	1%	0	0%
Domestic Violence Experience	882	14%	472	11%	410	22%
Physical Disability	154	3%	91	2%	63	3%
Male	2,136	35%	1,805	42%	331	18%
Female	3,981	65%	2,489	58%	1,492	81%
Transgender	11	0.2%	3	0.1%	8	0.4%
Hispanic / Latino	2,557	42%	1,835	43%	722	39%
White	642	10%	325	8%	317	17%
Black / African-American	2,614	43%	1,884	44%	730	40%
Asian	66	1%	33	1%	33	2%
American Indian / Alaskan Native	11	0.2%	11	0.3%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	46	1%	46	1%	0	0%
Multi-Racial / Other	192	3%	163	4%	29	2%

Notes

- Grand Total = Sheltered + Unsheltered
- N = number; % = percentage share of either Grand Total, Sheltered, or Unsheltered
- Sheltered include homeless family members in emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing; Unsheltered include homeless family members living in a place not meant for human habitation (i.e., cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings)
- Adults families are family households with the head of household being 25 years of age or older; Young families are family households with the head of household being 24 years of age or younger