



Youth - Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC)

Sheltered Youth

Background

LAHSA collected information on homeless youth in shelters from service providers to estimate their number, age, household types, and demographics.

Methodology

- Sheltered youth represent transitional age youth (TAY), unaccompanied minors, and children in young families in emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing programs.
- In order to capture a Point-In-Time (PIT) shelter count, service providers reported the number of homeless youth in their program during the time of the street count.
- Both Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data and non-HMIS data were utilized to produce the shelter count. Note, this data represents all programs that are funded by all types of sources. Subpopulation characteristics for sheltered youth are based on HMIS data only.

Unsheltered Youth (Youth Count)

Background

Since homeless youth are not typically found during unsheltered homeless enumerations, the Youth Count is an important effort to ensure young people are represented in homeless estimates.

Youth Count numbers help determine various funding needs. The Youth Count seeks to estimate the number of homeless TAY, unaccompanied minors, and children in young families throughout the LA CoC who are not accessing shelter.

Methodology

- The Youth Count consisted of administering a 15-minute survey with unsheltered youth on the streets.
- 382 youth, service provider staff, and community volunteers, canvassed 292 census tracts in the LA CoC. Surveys conducted were utilized to produce overall LA CoC and jurisdiction estimates and subpopulation estimates.

	Results					
	Grand Total		Sheltered		Unsheltered	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Totals	3,540		1,152		2,388	
Transitional Age Youth (TAY)	3,157	89%	920	80%	2,237	94%
Unaccompanied Minors	125	4%	42	4%	83	3%
Children in Young Families	258	7%	190	16%	68	3%
Chronically Homeless Individuals	555	16%	28	2%	527	22%
Chronically Homeless Family Members	41	1%	0	0%	41	2%
Veterans	18	1%	7	1%	11	0.5%
Female Veterans (included Above)	1	0.03%	1	0.1%	0	0%
Mental Illness	986	28%	156	14%	830	35%
Chronic Substance Abuse	658	19%	72	6%	586	25%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	55	2%	14	1%	41	2%
Domestic Violence Experience	806	23%	191	17%	615	26%
Physical Disability	182	5%	12	1%	170	7%
Male	2,161	61%	581	50%	1,580	66%
Female	1,236	35%	553	48%	683	29%
Transgender	143	4%	18	2%	125	5%
Hispanic / Latino	1,255	35%	371	32%	884	37%
White	640	18%	156	14%	484	20%
Black / African-American	1,217	34%	555	48%	662	28%
Asian	103	3%	13	1%	90	4%
American Indian / Alaskan Native	25	1%	3	0.3%	22	1%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	80	2%	7	1%	73	3%
Multi-Racial / Other	220	6%	47	4%	173	7%

Notes

- Grand Total = Sheltered + Unsheltered
- N = number; % = percentage share of either Grand Total, Sheltered, or Unsheltered
- Sheltered include homeless youth in emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing; Unsheltered include homeless youth living in a place not meant for human habitation (i.e., cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings)
- TAY include young adult individuals between the ages of 18 and 24; Unaccompanied Minors include children under the age of 18 without a parent/guardian; Children in Young Families include children under the age of 18 in families with head of household being 24 years of age or younger