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Homeless Count 2020: Adult and Youth Survivors of Trafficking

Data Source (if applicable): *2020 Homeless Count Unsheltered Adult and Youth Demographic Surveys*

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Request: Responses to Adult and Youth Homeless Count 2020 trafficking and demographic questions, by Service Planning Area (SPA) and gender

Data Details

Analysis

The below tables display responses to experience with human trafficking, gender, and SPA from the 2020 homeless count Adult and Youth demographic surveys.

Tables refer to the Continuum of Care (CoC) wide population, often presented by SPAs.

Base Population

The base population is adults and youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness in 2020, who also reported being survivors of human trafficking.

Definitions

- *CoC:* Continuum of Care. The Los Angeles service area, which includes all the city of Los Angeles and most but not all of Los Angeles County, excluding Long Beach, Glendale and Pasadena.

- *Human Trafficking:* Human Trafficking, as defined on the demographic surveys, encompasses anyone who was forced to complete activities without financial compensation, or those who completed an activity expecting to receive money but who ultimately received no money or less money than expected.
    - This could include unpaid sex work, but it could also include unpaid/underpaid agricultural work, childcare, sale of illegal goods, and other types of work.

Additional Considerations

Trafficking Responses: Data on survivors of trafficking who are experiencing homelessness, and more specifically, the type of trafficking they experienced, is sparse. While there is data on the number of survivors of all trafficking, by SPA or by gender, there is not sufficient data to estimate more detailed demographics. For example, extrapolated data on the specific trafficking experience is also unavailable because of the low response rates.

Methodology

Unsheltered Adult Demographic Data: Each year, LAHSA partners with University of Southern California (USC) to administer the demographic survey to approximately 4,000 adults. The 2020 survey was administered between December 2019 and March 2020. LAHSA collaborates with people with lived experience, service

providers, and USC researchers to identify hotspots on where to sample and survey persons. USC conducts statistical evaluation on the responses received to extrapolate demographic characteristics for the entire unsheltered population of persons experiencing homelessness.

Unsheltered Youth Demographic Data: LAHSA and USC use a separate enumeration survey to both count and survey unsheltered youth. This includes youth-headed families, unaccompanied Transition Age Youth (18-24) and unaccompanied minors. Data on youth survivors of trafficking and other specific demographic information comes from just under 500 demographic youth surveys.

More information on the unsheltered adult and youth demographic surveys can be found on the 2020 Homeless Count Methodology Report on LAHSA's website.

Tables

Table 1 – Survivors of Human Trafficking Overall Estimate – LA CoC 2020 Homeless Count – Unsheltered

Human Trafficking	Estimated Count
Adults	3,781
Youth	239

Source: *2020 Homeless Count Adult and Youth Demographic Surveys*

Table 2 – Survivors of Human Trafficking by SPA – LA CoC 2020 Homeless Count – Unsheltered

SPA	Estimated Adults	Estimated Youth
1	47	0
2	563	59
3	218	1
4	1221	77
5	503	50
6	761	27
7	302	25
8	166	0

Table 3– Gender of Adults and Youth Survivors of Human Trafficking–
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Human Trafficking	Estimated Adults	Estimated Youth
Male	2827	143
Female	812	85
Gender Non-Conforming	0	2
Transgender *(Male to Female, Female to Male, and Gender Non-Conforming)* *	142	9

Source: *2020 Homeless Count Adult and Youth Demographic Survey*

**This table presents all Transgender persons in the Transgender category. Transgender men are not included under the Male category. Likewise, Transgender Gender Non-Conforming persons are not in the Gender Non-Conforming category, they are listed under Transgender.*