Human Trafficking and Domestic / Intimate Partner Violence experience in the unsheltered population in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC)

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Results

Table 1 – Human Trafficking Experience in Unsheltered Population aged 18 and older in LA CoC

Subpopulation	Estimated percent of population	Estimated number of persons
Adult Family Members (25 and older)	9%	54
Youth Family Members (18 to 24)	0%	0
All Family Members (18 and older)	**8%**	**54**
Adult Individuals (25 and older)	18%	7,927
Youth Individuals (18 to 24)	14%	135
All Individuals 18 and older	**18%**	**8,062**
Total persons 18 and older	**18%**	**8,116**

Table 2 – Domestic / Intimate Partner Violence Experience in Unsheltered Population aged 18 and older in LA CoC

Subpopulation	Estimated percent of population	Estimated number of persons
Adult Family Members (25 and older)	44%	267
Youth Family Members (18 to 24)	0%	0
All Family Members (18 and older)	**42%**	**267**
Adult Individuals (25 and older)	43%	18,700
Youth Individuals (18 to 24)	45%	438
All Individuals 18 and older	**43%**	**19,138**
Total persons 18 and older	**43%**	**19,405**

Data Details

Base Population

Of the 65,111 individuals experiencing homelessness in LA CoC, 45,878 were unsheltered. There were 608 adult family members 25 and older; 26 youth family members (18 to 24); 43,452 adult individuals 25 and older; and 984 youth individuals (18 to 24).

Definitions

- *Continuum of Care*: is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals and according to HUD this includes "a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless"; the L.A. CoC is all of LA County excluding the cities of Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach.
- *Adults*: using the definition set forth by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), anyone 25 years or older at the time of the count is considered an adult.
- *Youth*: the HUD definition for youth includes individuals 18-24 years old.
- *Individuals*: both adults and youth who do not have any reported dependents*, i.e.* children
- *Family Members*: both adults and youth who report dependents under 18 years old are considered part of a family unit.

Additional Considerations

Because the Demographic Survey is being weighted and applied to the entire population, the number experiencing column in both tables is an estimate. See methodology section for details.

Methodology

Demographic survey data are weighted according to where the survey was conducted within the census tract sample selected, and percent estimates are generated for those who responded to survey questions 40 or 54 on the unsheltered demographic survey (https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=6539-hc22-unsheltered-demographic-survey). We then multiply the estimated percent by the total number of people experiencing homelessness by age and household type to determine the total number who report domestic violence or human trafficking experience.

Persons considered to have the experience of domestic or intimate partner violence indicate experience of physical abuse, sexual abuse, dating violence, and/or stalking in response to question 40, *Have you experienced any of the following forms of violence or abuse?*

Persons considered to have the experience of human trafficking respond yes to question 54, *Have you been forced to work, where you didn't get paid or got paid less than expected?*