

2011 GREATER LOS ANGELES  
**HOMELESS COUNT**  
*They Count. Will You?*

Thank you for agreeing to take this survey. To protect your privacy, we will not use your name in any of our reports. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may refuse to answer any question. You may also stop the interview at any time. First, I have just a few questions about your background to help us improve homeless services.

1. What are your initials? Please write your first, middle, and last initial.

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2. What is your birth date? Please write the month, date, and year.

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M	M		D	D		Y	Y	Y	Y

3. Are you male or female?

- Male  
 Female

4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes  
 No

5. What is your race? Choose all that apply.

- Black / African American  
 White  
 Asian / Pacific Islander  
 American Indian / Alaskan Native  
 Something else

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6. Have you served in the U.S. Armed Forces?

- Yes → *GO TO QUESTION 6c*  
 No

- 6a. Were you a member of the National Guard or a Reservist?

- Yes  
 No → *GO TO QUESTION 7*

- 6b. Was your unit ever put into Active Duty?

- Yes  
 No → *GO TO QUESTION 7*

- 6c. What is your discharge status?

- Honorable  
 Less than Honorable  
 General  
 Medical  
 Dishonorable  
 Still on Active Duty  
 Other

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7. **Do you have any children under 18?**  
*Include step-children and children who are not your own*

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 8**

7a. **Are you living with them now?**

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 8**

7b. **Currently, how many of your children, under 18, live with you?**

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

7c. **Of the children who live with you, how many are female?**

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

7d. **Of the children who live with you, how many are male?**

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

8. **What's the total amount of time you have been homeless over the course of your lifetime?**

- 7 days or less
- 8 – 29 days
- 1 – 3 months
- 4 – 5 months
- 6 – 11 months
- 1 – 5 years
- More than 5 years

9. **Including this time, how many separate times have you been homeless in the past three years?**

- 1 time
- 2 or 3 times
- 4 or more times

10. **Including this time, how many separate times have you been homeless in the past 12 months?**

- 1 time
- 2 or 3 times
- 4 or more times

11. **How long have you been homeless this time?**

- 7 days or less
- 8 – 29 days
- 1 – 3 months
- 4 – 5 months
- 6 – 11 months
- 1 – 5 years
- More than 5 years

12. **In the last 7 days, have you spent one or more nights outside of Los Angeles County?**

- Yes
- No

13. Over the last year, did you spend any nights outside, in a tent?

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 14**

13a. Most recently, how many adults 18 or older stayed in the tent, including yourself?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

13b. Most recently, how many children under 18 stayed in the tent?

- 0 → **GO TO QUESTION 14**
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

13c. How many of those adults did not have children with them when they stayed in the tent?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

13d. How many families that included children stayed in the tent? A family being a group of people who live together and take care of each other.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Over the last year, did you spend any nights outside, in an encampment?

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 15**

14a. Most recently, how many adults 18 or older stayed in the encampment, including yourself?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

14b. Most recently, how many children under 18 stayed in the encampment?

- 0 → **GO TO QUESTION 15**
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

14c. How many of those adults did not have children with them when they stayed in the encampment?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

14d. How many families that included children stayed in the encampment? A family being a group of people who live together and take care of each other.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Over the last year, did you spend any nights in a car?

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 16**

15a. Most recently, how many adults 18 or older stayed in the car, including yourself?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

15b. Most recently, how many children under 18 stayed in the car?

- 0 → **GO TO QUESTION 16**
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

15c. How many of those adults did not have children with them when they stayed in the car?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

15d. How many families that included children stayed in the car? A family being a group of people who live together and take care of each other.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Over the last year, did you spend any nights in a van?

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 17**

16a. Most recently, how many adults 18 or older stayed in the van, including yourself?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

16b. Most recently, how many children under 18 stayed in the van?

- 0 → **GO TO QUESTION 17**
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

16c. How many of those adults did not have children with them when they stayed in the van?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

16d. How many families that included children stayed in the van? A family being a group of people who live together and take care of each other.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Over the last year, did you spend any nights in a RV/camper?

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 18**

17a. Most recently, how many adults 18 or older stayed in the RV/camper, including yourself?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

17b. Most recently, how many children under 18 stayed in the RV/camper?

- 0 → **GO TO QUESTION 18**
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

17c. How many of those adults did not have children with them when they stayed in the RV/camper?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

17d. How many families that included children stayed in the RV/camper? A family being a group of people who live together and take care of each other.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4 → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Where have you spent most of your nights, over the last month?

**Choose only one.**

Outdoor Locations

- In a tent
- In an encampment
- In a car
- In a van
- In a RV/camper
- On the streets, in an alley, parks, the woods, etc.
- In a backyard, garage, garden, or a storage structure
- In a bus depot, train station, or transit center

Indoor Locations

- In a treatment center
- In an emergency shelter or winter shelter program
- In a pay shelter
- In a transitional housing program
- In a voucher motel/hotel from an agency
  
- In a house/apartment BUT in a place not normally used for sleeping (kitchen, living room, basement)
- In an abandoned building or house
- In a hospital
- In jail or prison

- Someplace else

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Where? \_\_\_\_\_

**19. Many situations can cause people to become homeless. Do any of the following situations apply to you?**

*Choose all that apply.*

- Having been a victim of domestic violence
- Having problems with drugs
- Having problems with alcohol
- Having mental health issues
- Having medical problems or illness
- Having lost your job
- None of the above

**20. Have you ever been physically or sexually abused by a relative or another person you have lived with, such as a spouse, intimate partner, brother or sister, or parent?**

- Yes
- No

**21. In the last month, have you been turned away from a shelter or transitional housing in Los Angeles County?**

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 22**

**21a. Were you turned away for any of the following reasons? Choose all that apply.**

- The rules were too strict
- Drug or alcohol problems
- A physical disability
- A mental disability
- No ID / identification
- Criminal record
- No beds available
- None of the above

**22. Has alcohol or drug use ever led to legal, financial or health problems for you?**

- Yes
- No

**23. Have you ever been in an alcohol or drug abuse treatment program, including Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous or Detox?**

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 24**

**23a. Are you currently in an alcohol or drug abuse treatment program, including Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous or Detox?**

- Yes
- No

**24. Have you ever been in a mental health treatment program?**

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 25**

**24a. Are you currently in a mental health treatment program?**

- Yes
- No

**25. In the past 12 months, have you experienced or been diagnosed with any of the following? Choose all that apply.**

- A physical disability
- A mental illness, such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, PTSD, or any other mental illness
- Alcohol problems
- Drug problems
- Tobacco use/addiction
- Long-term health problems
- None of the above

26. In the past 12 months, have you experienced or been diagnosed with depression?

- Yes
- No → **GO TO QUESTION 27**

26a. Has depression impacted your desire to seek housing, shelter, benefits, or a job?

- Yes
- No

27. Are you HIV Positive?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

28. Are you currently using or getting any of the following services or programs?

*Choose all that apply.*

- Emergency or winter shelter programs
- Transitional housing
- Pay shelters
- Access or Drop-in centers
- Job training or job placement
- Case management services
- Mental health counseling
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- Alcohol counseling
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- Drug counseling
- Housing location assistance or housing placement assistance
- Legal assistance
- None of the above

29. Which of the following best describes your employment situation most of the time during the past 6 months?

*Choose all that apply.*

- Part-time paid job (less than 35 hours)
- Full-time paid job (35 or more hours)
- Day labor or pick-up work
- Student / vocational training
- Recycling or selling things
- Panhandling
- Disabled and cannot work
- Unemployed but looking for work
- Unemployed and not looking for work

30. Are you currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance? *Choose all that apply.*

- Unemployment payments
- General Relief or "GR"
- SSI/SSD (Supplemental Security Income/ Social Security Disability benefits)
- Social Security Retirement payments
- Food Stamps/EBT card
- Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants ("CAPI")
- WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)
- CalWorks
- Medi-Cal
- Medicare
- Veteran's disability payment
- Other veterans benefits
- Child support or survivor benefits
- None of the above

30a. Are you receiving any other types of government assistance that weren't in the list above?

- No
- Yes



**What?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**STAFF USE ONLY**

- Thank the interviewee for participating and sharing information about their homeless experience.
- Give the interviewee the food card.
- Check to see if they want the enclosed referral guide.
- Make sure that you have filled out the food card tracking form.
- Fill out the below information about the interview

Shelter ID–OR–Census Tract

Agency

Program

Date

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Time

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AM  
PM

Interviewer ID

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- SPA 1
- SPA 2
- SPA 3
- SPA 4
- SPA 5
- SPA 6
- SPA 7
- SPA 8

- Street
- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Winter Shelter
- Safe Haven

- Complete
- Partial
- Refusal
- Incoherent
- Asleep

- Interviewer
- Respondent