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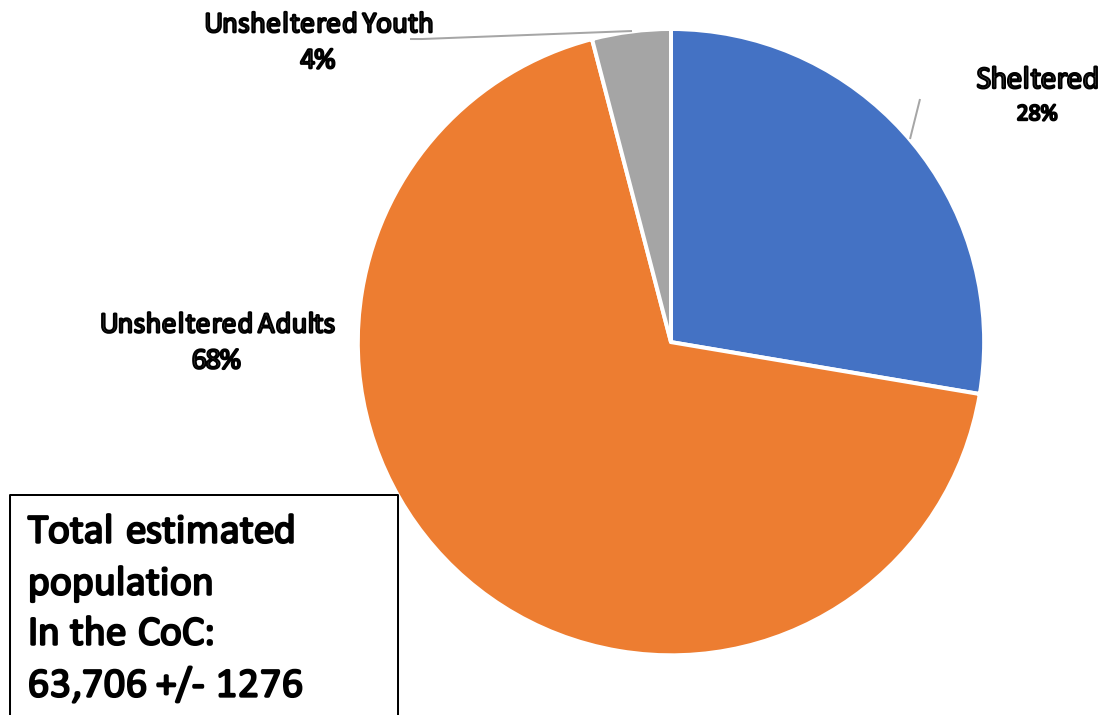


2020 LA County CoC Homeless Count Methodology
With a detailed look at the estimates in Redondo Beach

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Components of the LA CoC Homeless Count

2020 LA CoC Homeless Count Estimates



3 Main components

1. Sheltered adults and youth (28%):

- Housing inventory count
- Administrative data (HMIS)

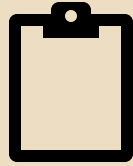
2. Unsheltered adults (68%):

- Street count (visual tally)
- Demographic surveys

3. Unsheltered youth (4%):

- Survey-based count

HUD-approved methods, consistent across the LA CoC and over time



Unsheltered adults

- **Street count (visual tally) + Demographic surveys**



Over 8,000 volunteers cover
2163 Census Tracts

Summary of survey data collection	LA CoC	SPA 8	Redondo Beach
# Census Tracts Covered	374	30	3
Total surveys	6368	448	48
Eligible de-duplicated surveys	4287	351	37

Unsheltered adults – street count

- **Over 8,000 Volunteers**
 - Includes community members, neighborhood councils, homeless coalitions, service provider and LAHSA staff, outreach workers, special teams for transportation systems and areas where there are safety concerns
 - All volunteers receive training on how to count and work in teams
 - One 2021 local count in Hollywood sent two teams to each Census Tract and compared results, finding good agreement
- **Visual Tally of:**
 - Persons experiencing homelessness (individuals and families)
 - Cars, vans, RVs, tents, make-shift shelters (CVRTMs) when counting individuals not possible
- **Full enumeration** – Complete coverage of 2,163 Census Tracts over a period of 3 nights

Unsheltered adults: Demographic survey

Achieves 2 goals:

- Provides estimates on average number of people found in cars, vans, RVs, tents, and make-shift shelters (CVRTMs) (i.e. the multiplier)
- Describes demographic characteristics of unsheltered population (e.g. how many men/women; veterans; age; etc.)

Conducted in a stratified random sample of Census Tracts to represent the Coc and Service Planning Areas (SPAs)

- Targets Census Tracts where people experiencing homelessness cluster
 - Based on hot spot planning with input from homeless service providers, neighborhood councils, homeless coalitions, law enforcement, outreach workers, and people with lived experience
 - Stratifies based on subpopulations, e.g., youth, families, people in vehicles and tents, and individuals outdoors
- “Non hot spots”, i.e., places expected to have few or no people experiencing homelessness, are also sampled

Estimating people in cars, vans, RVs, tents, and make-shift shelters (CVRTM)

Information available

- PIT count
 - Counts of cars, vans, RVs, tents, and make-shift shelters (CVRTM) observed by volunteers, by census tract split
- Demographic survey
 - Questions ask:
 - Where slept most of the last 30 days
 - Where slept last night
 - Household size (most individuals are a single person)
 - If slept in a CVRTM in the last 6 months, and if so, with how many people

We multiply the PIT count by the average # of people slept with for each type of CVRTM

- Example:
(Estimated people in cars) = (#cars) x (average #people in cars)

2020 estimated counts of unsheltered adults in Redondo Beach

2020 Estimates for Redondo Beach	PIT Count (Visual)	# People estimated per CVRTM	Standard Error of Estimate	Total Estimated People	95% Confidence Interval	
					Lower Bound	Upper Bound
<i>Cars</i>	14	1.35	0.35	19	14.0	28.7
<i>Vans</i>	29	1.89	0.62	55	29.0	90.2
<i>RVs</i>	18	1.65	0.32	30	18.6	41.4
<i>Tents</i>	2	1.46	0.45	3	2.0	4.7
<i>Make-Shift Shelter</i>	10	1.30	0.20	13	10.0	17.0
Total CVRTM	73	1.64	0.27	120	81.5	158.5
<i>Individuals</i>	57	N/A	N/A	57	57.0	57.0
Total Count	130			177	138.5	215.5

Note: the error columns are for the 95% confidence interval, that is , +/- 1.96 times the standard error.
This means we are 95% certain that the true value lies between the lower and upper bounds.

The column labeled # People estimated per CVRTM shows the “multipliers”. They are specific to SPA 8

Thank you!

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