



HUD 2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations

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State Name: California

Summary by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Households without children ¹	25,977	5,920	—	—
Households with at least one adult and one child ²	4,366	1,549	—	—
Households with only children ³	118	37	—	—
Total Homeless Households	30,461	7,506	—	42,309

Summary of persons in each household type:

Persons in households without children¹	26,684	6,043	—	—
Persons Age 18 to 24	1,279	1,312	—	—
Persons Over Age 24	25,405	4,731	—	—
Persons in households with at least one adult and one child²	13,842	4,677	—	—
Children Under Age 18	8,132	2,740	—	—
Persons Age 18 to 24	912	377	—	—
Persons Over Age 24	4,798	1,560	—	—
Persons in households with only children³	136	47	—	—
Total Homeless Persons	40,662	10,767	—	57,468

Demographic summary by ethnicity:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Hispanic / Latino	13,929	3,856	—	—
Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino	26,733	6,911	—	—
Total	40,662	10,767	—	—

Demographic summary by gender:

Female	17,690	4,753	—	—
Male	22,701	5,835	—	—
Transgender	208	121	—	—
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	63	58	—	—
Total	40,662	10,767	—	—

* Safe Haven programs are included in the Transitional Housing category.

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Demographic summary by race:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Black or African-American	13,047	3,304	—	—
White	22,983	6,084	—	—
Asian	863	240	—	—
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,247	272	—	—
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	574	126	—	—
Multiple Races	1,948	741	—	—
Total	40,662	10,767	—	—

Summary of chronically homeless households by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Chronically Homeless households with at least one adult and one child ²	717	0	—	—

Summary of chronically homeless persons in each household type:

Chronically Homeless persons in households without children ¹	11,833	119	—	—
Chronically Homeless persons in households with at least one adult and one child ²	2,202	0	—	—
Chronically Homeless persons in households with only children ³	14	0	—	—
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	14,049	119	—	—

Summary of all other populations reported:

Severely Mentally Ill	8,762	1,845	—	—
Chronic Substance Abuse	3,572	1,398	—	—
Veterans	1,724	1,488	—	—
HIV/AIDS	798	189	—	—
Victims of Domestic Violence	2,490	733	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth	1,194	1,332	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	133	39	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth 18-24	1,061	1,293	—	—
Parenting Youth	374	258	—	—
Parenting Youth Under 18	1	4	—	—
Parenting Youth 18-24	373	254	—	—
Children of Parenting Youth	497	295	—	—

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