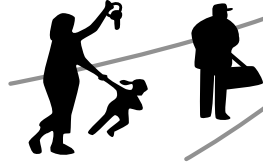


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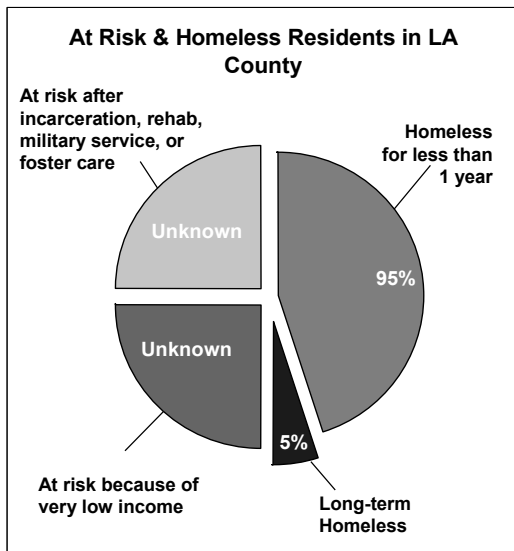
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Homeless in Los Angeles

Strategic Information for the 10-Year Plan to End
Homelessness in Los Angeles County

Dynamics of Homelessness

- Many people are at risk of homelessness
- Some people move in & out of homelessness
- A small number of people remain homeless
- Different groups of people need different kinds of help to prevent or escape homelessness



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Counting Homeless Residents

- Counting homeless residents is difficult since they often are placeless & socially disconnected, and different people move in and out of homelessness at different times
- Estimates of the homeless population are based on:
 - Public Assistance Records
 - Winter Shelter Program Participants Survey
 - Downtown Homeless Job Seekers Longitudinal Survey
 - National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients
 - 2000 US Census PUMS
 - Local independent homeless counts (e.g. City of Santa Monica)
- LA County homeless population:

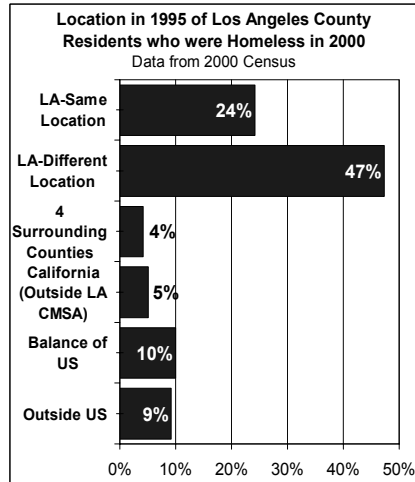
Point-In-Time:	78,600	± 42%
Annual:	253,918	

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Mobility of Homeless Residents

- Homeless residents demonstrate a high rate of mobility – particularly within the Greater Los Angeles Region
- 76% of persons homeless in 2000 lived in a different location in 1995
- 51% of homeless residents moved within the 5 county Los Angeles CMSA (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura) between 1995 & 2000
- 50% more currently homeless people left Los Angeles than migrated to Los Angeles between 1995 & 2000. LA has become an exporter of homelessness

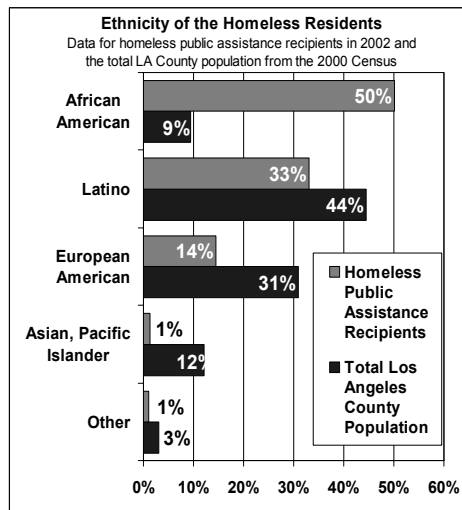


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Ethnicity of Homeless Residents

- African Americans are over-represented by a factor of 5
- Remaining ethnic groups are under-represented in the homeless population

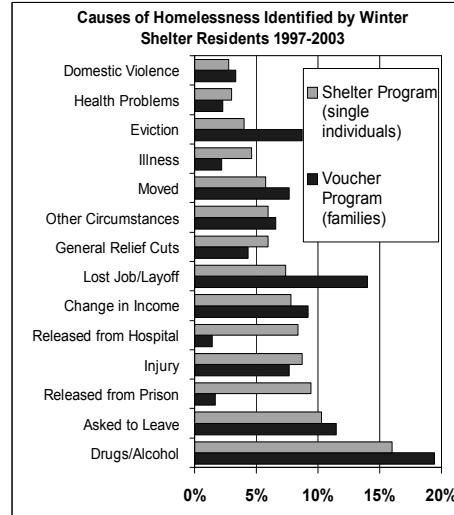


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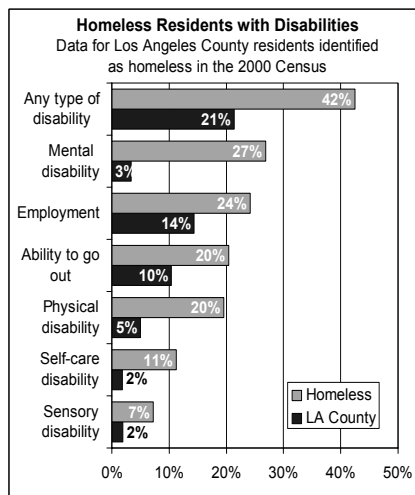
Causes of Homelessness

- For homeless individuals and families participating in the Winter Shelter program, Alcohol and Drug abuse was the most frequently cited cause of homelessness
- Top causes for individuals:
 - 1) Drug & alcohol abuse 16%
 - 2) Being asked to leave 10%
 - 3) Release from prison 9%
- Top causes for families:
 - 1) Drug & alcohol abuse 19%
 - 2) Loss of job 14%
 - 3) Being asked to leave 11%

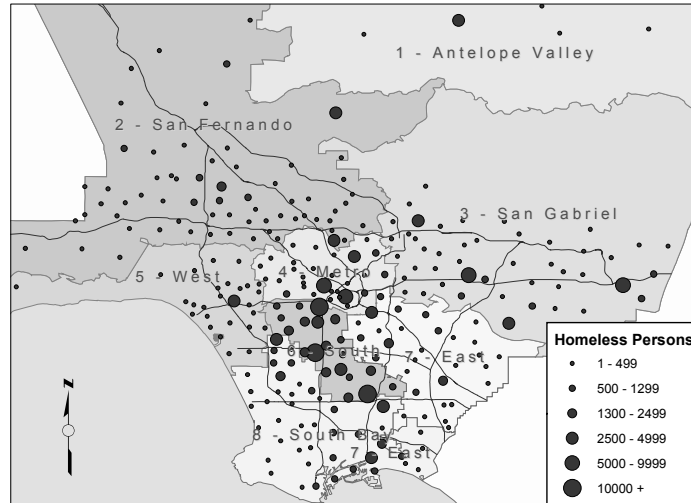


Rates of Disability of Homeless Residents

- 42% of homeless residents report some sort of disability
- Mental disabilities are reported most frequently by homeless residents
- Homeless residents report above average rates for every type of disability

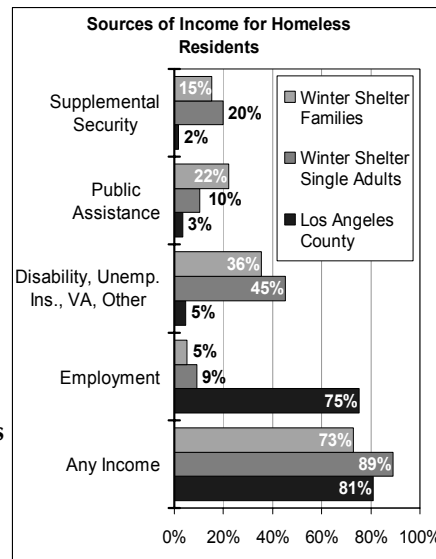


Geographic Distribution of Homeless Welfare Recipients (all programs)

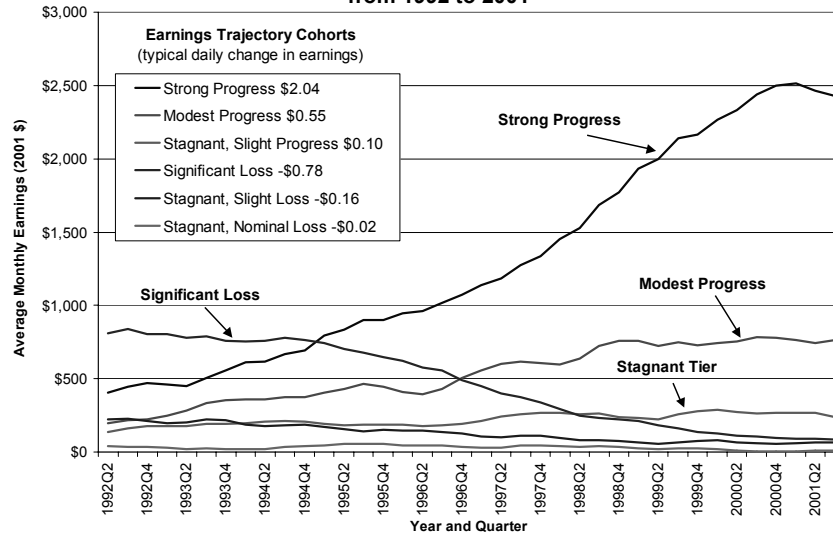


Sources of Income for Homeless Residents

- In the process of becoming homeless, 5 of 6 people lose their labor force connection
- Winter Shelter residents have comparatively low rates of earned income – 9% for Single Adults and 5% for families
- For Winter Shelter residents, it appears that unemployment and disability insurance benefits replace employment income when residents become homeless



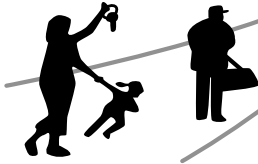
Monthly Earnings of Downtown Homeless Job Seekers from 1992 to 2001



Paths Out of Homelessness

- Most people escape homelessness by securing an income through employment, public benefits or a combination of the two
- The solution to homelessness lies with finding a source of sustainable income for the homeless, and for those that are unable to obtain an income – providing housing
- Based on earnings trajectories and services, 35-38% of homeless working age adults may achieve self-sufficiency through work
- The following are solutions to homelessness in rank order according to their costs to local government:
 1. EMPLOYMENT – self-supporting or partially self-supporting
 2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – education, medical care, counseling
 3. PUBLIC BENEFITS – CALWORKs, Supplemental Insurance
 4. HOUSING – emergency shelter, transitional housing

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