



Fact sheet: Homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth (LGBT) in Los Angeles, Calif.

1) How many homeless youth in the city/state?

- a) **Los Angeles:** We estimate that there are more than 4,100 homeless youth ages 13 to 21 in the Los Angeles metropolitan area
 - i) This estimate is based on an LA countywide total of 88,345 homeless people counted in the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) 2005 census, and figures for other localities within Los Angeles County but outside the LA Continuum of Care (CoC) area. Of that total, 4.7 percent are between 13 and 21 years of age.
- b) **California:** There is no publicly available estimate of the number of homeless youth statewide
 - i) In 2005 there were 170,270 homeless people statewide in California according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

2) How many are LGBT?

- a) **Los Angeles:** Between 830 and 1,660 of these homeless youth are LGBT.
 - i) This calculation is based on research that demonstrates that 20 to 40 percent of all homeless youth identify LGBT.
- b) **California:** It is not possible to estimate the number of homeless youth statewide who are LGBT.

3) What are the public agencies that deal with homeless youth?

- a) Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
- b) California Department of Social Services (DSS)
Children & Family Services Division (part of DSS)

4) What has the city/state done to address needs of homeless LGBT youth?

- a) There are no city-, county- or state-funded initiatives targeted at specifically helping LGBT homeless youth.

5) Contact information for a Los Angeles service provider with expertise on LGBT youth:

a) LA Gay & Lesbian Center Homeless Youth Services Kruks/Tilsner Transitional Housing

1625 N. Schrader Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90028
Tel: 888.255.2429 or 323.993.7450, or

Communications Manager: Bob Adams
Tel: 323.993.7622

Director of Youth Services: Dylan Gailey
Tel: 323.993.7501

Media Contact: Roberta Sklar, Task Force Director of Communications, 646.358.1465

b) Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS)

650 N. Robertson Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90069
Tel: 310.358.8727
Fax: 310.358.8721

GLASS is the nation's oldest agency delivering social and health care services to self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and HIV/AIDS impacted youth.

6) Contact information for public agencies or key person's office:

a) Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Administrative Office
453 S. Spring Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Tel: 213.683.3333
Fax: 213.892.0093

A 2007 census of all homeless persons is in the planning stages. The program manager for this year's count is Clementina Verjan at LAHSA who can be reached at 213.683.3338.

b) California Department of Social Services (DSS)

744 P Street,
Sacramento CA 95814
Tel: 916.651.8848

c) Children and Family Services Division of DSS

Tel: 916.657.2614