

Experiencing Homelessness

Homelessness in Anaheim, 2007

The Current Situation

Orange County	
Total Homeless in Orange County:	34,898
Homeless Persons in Families with Children	24,429
Homeless Children	16,285
Chronically Homeless	7,572
Approx. 100 Emergency & Transitional Shelters:	3,289
No. of Homeless Turned Away in 2005	13,129
No. of Homeless to every 1,000 OC Residents:	11.7

City of Anaheim	
Total Homeless in Anaheim	1,500 - 3,200
Chronically Homeless	400 - 1,000

What is homelessness?

- No fixed or regular nighttime residence.
- Staying overnight in temporary shelters.
- Staying in places not meant for human habitation.
- Living in a motel.
- Received an eviction notice & has no resources for housing.

Anaheim's Homeless Motel Population

Among homeless living in motels in Anaheim, over three-quarters have jobs and over half are employed full-time. The mean monthly family income is \$1,475, the bulk of which comes from wages. Their top reasons for *becoming* homeless include: financial loss (53%); family problems (28%); Eviction (22%); and mental health problems (21%). Their top reasons for *remaining* homeless include: inability to save for a deposit (76%); bad credit history (43%); past evictions (23%); and mental health problems (23%).

Who is "at risk of homelessness"?

- Persons experiencing:
- imminent eviction
 - a sudden drop in income
 - a rise in housing costs and/or
 - they lack the skills necessary to manage their limited resources.
 - Most are on a fixed income or are marginally employed, and have few ties to family & friends.

Homeless Subpopulations

- Alcohol & Substance Addicted
- Chronically Homeless
- Elderly
- Families with Children
- Homeless Youth
- Mentally Ill
- Veterans
- Victims of Domestic Violence

What is chronic homelessness?

- Individual with disabling condition (e.g. mental illness, substance abuse disorder, developmental or physical disability, or a combination of these).
- Continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.