



California Complete Count – Census 2020 Homebase Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 2018 approximately 129,972 individuals in California were experiencing homelessness. Individuals experiencing homelessness are among the hardest to count populations for varying reasons including fear and distrust of the government, their transitory status, fear of the impact on receiving public benefits, and living in hard to reach locations.

Homebase is a non-profit organization dedicated to building community capacity to prevent and end homelessness. For three decades, they have worked alongside local partners to identify and analyze the root causes of homelessness and develop effective systems and solutions.

Homebase is working closely with the US Census Bureau's (USCB) Regional Area Manager over Group Quarters and Transitory Enumeration in order to coordinate the dissemination of key information and operational dates, especially with the shifting timelines due to the shelter-in-place situation. Homebase coordinates with their network of Continuum of Care providers and Census Office partners to facilitate information sharing.

As the USCB prepares for the enumeration of people experiencing homelessness, known as [Service Based Enumeration](#) (SBE), Homebase has been working with them to identify and mitigate census participation barriers for homeless service providers. They also provide technical assistance and key messaging to inform organizations about enumeration, importance of the Census, and responding without a Census ID. Outreach materials on their website helps spread the word about the upcoming Census to people experiencing homelessness and to homeless service providers.

WEBSITE

<https://www.homebaseccc.org/census2020>

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