Los Angeles Sheltered/Unsheltered Data Code Book: 2011-2017

CODE BOOK FORMAT

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| Variable Name | Description | Levels: If variables have been coded numerically, you will see the number on the left followed by an equals sign followed by the definition |

AGE

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| Age | Age of the individual at the time of the survey. | Raw data input (in years) |
| Birth\_Year | Year the individual was born. | Raw data input |

GENDER

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| Gender | Answer to: What is your gender identity? | Male;  Female;  Transgender;  Unknown; |

ETHNICITY/RACE

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| Ethnicity | What is the individual’s ethnicity? | European American;  African American;  Latino;  Other Ethnicity;  Unknown |
| Race\_full | What is the individual’s race | Raw data input |
| Race\_Recode | Recode of race by Economic Roundtable | European American;  African American;  Other Ethnicity;  Unknown |

VETERAN

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| Veteran | Did they serve in active duty as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard? | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Note: An individual is considered chronically homeless if they have been homeless for at least a year continuously or they have had 4 episodes in the last three years that total to 1 year AND they have a disabling condition.

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| Chronic\_Time | Does the individual meet the HUD requirement for time? | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |
| Chronic\_Condition | Does the individual have a long-term disabling condition? | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |
| Chronic | Is the individual chronically homeless? | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |

LIVING WITH CHILDREN/FAMILY STRUCTURE

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| Adult\_With\_Child | Answer to: Are you living with your child or the child of someone you are traveling with? | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |

TIME HOMELESS/MOVEMENT IN AND OUT OF HOMELESSNESS

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| Current\_Stint\_Duration | Answer to: How long have you been homeless THIS TIME? | Up to 1 Month;  1-3 Months;  4-11Months;  less than 12 months- unspecified;  12+ Months;  Unknown |
| Times\_Homeless\_3yrs | Answer to: In the past 3 years, how many times have you been housed and then homeless again? | 0 times (not been housed in the last 3 years);  1 Time;  2 to 3 Times;  less than 4- unspecified;  4 or More Times;  Unknown |
| Times\_Homeless\_Past\_Year | Total number of episodes of homelessness in the past year? | 1 Time;  2 to 3 Times;  4 or More Times;  Unknown |
| SPA | The service planning area that the survey took place in. | Raw data input from interviewer |
| Census\_Tract | The census tract that the survey took place in. | Raw data input from interviewer |

HISTORY OF PHYSICAL/SEXUAL ABUSE

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| Physical\_Sexual\_Abuse | Answer to: Have you been physically or sexually abused by a relative or someone you have lived with? | 0 = No/Unknown  1 =Yes |

DISABILITIES/ILLNESS

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| Physical\_Disability | Physical disability experienced by individual at any point in their life | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |
| Alcohol\_Abuse | Individual abused alcohol at any point in their life | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |
| Drug\_Abuse | Individual abused drugs at any point in their life | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |
| Mental\_Illness | Mental illness experienced by individual at any point in their life | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |
| Drug\_Alcohol\_History | Catch all variable for any reported or observed history of problematic drug or alcohol use. | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |
| HIV\_Positive | Individual is HIV positive | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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| Unemployed\_Looking | Individual is unemployed, but looking for work | 0 = No  1 = Yes |
| Unemployed\_Not\_Looking | Unemployed, not looking for work | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |
| Full\_Time | Employed full time | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |
| Part\_Time | Part time employed | 0 = No/Unknown  1 = Yes |