

# Results of the 2021 Greater Hollywood Volunteer Homeless Count

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## Abstract

Data from February 25, 2021 censuses of Hollywood and East Hollywood shows that unsheltered homelessness has fallen in those communities by  $11\% \pm 9\%$  and  $15\% \pm 12\%$ , respectively, compared to the 2020 LAHSA Point-In-Time (PIT) count (90% CI). A 30% drop in individuals seen on the street drives this change, reducing the number of identified persons and dwellings in about a third of census tracts. Unsheltered living is thus likely to have declined quantitatively even if the average occupancy of, e.g., tents is updated. Simultaneously, however, 13% of tracts saw at least a doubling in street dwellings. This trend may contribute to qualitative perceptions that the state of homelessness has worsened over the past year, which—given COVID-related reductions in health, hygiene, and social support services—are also likely to be accurate. Coordinated Entry System data will reveal whether homelessness has declined in toto or if government initiatives reduced only the portion of people living unsheltered in Greater Hollywood.

## 1 Context

The Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority (LAHSA) conducts an annual Point In Time (PIT) cen-

sus of the unhoused population of Los Angeles County. These data inform programmatic funding levels, educate residents, undergird legislative efforts, and shape the day-to-day practices of professional and volunteer service providers.

As the official assessment of the scope of one of the most pressing humanitarian issues of our time, the LAHSA Count is invaluable. However, due to disruptions from COVID-19, the unsheltered portion of the 2021 PIT count was cancelled. Since 70% of the unhoused residents of the City of LA (“LA”) were unsheltered as of 2020, absent additional efforts, this cancellation would substantially erode our understanding of the state of homelessness following an unprecedented year of economic disruptions and governmental interventions—both of which may have significantly affected the number of unhoused Angelenos.

Greater Hollywood is an epicenter of the homelessness crisis. According to the 2020 Count, the Hollywood and East Hollywood Communities were home to 2203 unhoused residents, 1714 of whom (78%) were unsheltered. This figure corresponds to roughly 5% of LA’s homeless population in an area with 3.5% of its total population. In some places, 1-in-25 Hollywood residents are unhoused compared to 1-in-100 citywide.

While the above statistics are tragic, Hollywood is also home to large and increasingly formalized coali-

tions of service providers, business leaders, residents, and governmental entities dedicated to humanely housing everyone in their neighborhood. Given the capacity of the above organizations and the importance of the annual PIT count in educating residents, funders, and legislators, Hollywood proceeded as a collective to conduct an unsponsored grassroots PIT count on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

This document details the methodology and findings of that count. Section 2 describes the volunteer training, data acquisition, and analysis protocols. Section 3 presents estimates of the unsheltered populations in Hollywood and East Hollywood, contextualizes those in terms of the 2020 LAHSA PIT results and those communities' total populations, and presents cross-checks. Section 4 provides interpretation and highlights areas where quantitative findings may drive qualitative impressions as to the "felt" state of the crisis. Section 5 summarizes. The Appendix provides additional information, including tract-level raw tallies and population inferences. All data are available at [website](#).

## 2 Methodology

### 2.1 Data Acquisition

The count was based out of The Center at Blessed Sacrament ("The Center"), a major service provider in Hollywood. All volunteers reported and returned to this location as they would a LAHSA community hub in the past. Unlike previous PIT counts, however, training was performed offsite, volunteers never left their vehicles, and all surveying occurred before 10:00 PM.

The count covered the 39 US Census tracts constituting the LAHSA-defined [Hollywood and East Hollywood Communities](#) (21 and 18 tracts, respectively). It did not recognize census tract "splits"—e.g., "1905.10a"—which modified of the definition of Hollywood to include all of tract 1905.10 and East Hollywood to include all of tract 1913.01. Since 2016, tract 1905.10b has never hosted more than 7 unsheltered people and 1913.01a never more than 15. As such, these modifications do not significantly affect community-level results. Figure 1 shows the count footprint.

All tracts were vetted by outreach professionals from The Center prior to assignment. Tracts deemed especially challenging—e.g., due to their proximity to freeway onramps/peripheries—were reserved for professional counting teams. Vetting produced 9 such tracts, which were surveyed by personnel from The Center and

Covenant House circa 3:00 PM on 25 Feb. The remaining 30 tracts were divided among the volunteer vehicle-based teams and surveyed beginning at 7:00 PM.

With the exception of one tract in East Hollywood, teams were restricted to one or the other community, making the community-level results nearly independent. Cross-comparisons therefore serve as data quality indicators (Section 3.5). Table 1 records which tracts were surveyed by which kind of team.

Thirty-two volunteer teams participated in the count, which was limited to existing "pods" of two to three people to minimize the possibility of COVID transmission. All participants wore personal protective equipment and maintained social distancing when appropriate.

Counting followed 2020 LAHSA PIT protocols to the greatest extent possible. Each volunteer team comprised at least a driver and a counter and was assigned two tracts. Three-person teams included a navigator, as well. If present, the navigator directed the driver while the counter tallied individuals/dwellings. In two-person teams, the counter doubled as the navigator. Training emphasized techniques aimed at reducing counters' cognitive loads to minimize errors (e.g., covering interior streets in a serpentine pattern before circling the tract border). Teams were instructed to count both sides of interior streets but only interior sides of border streets as described in the official 2020 PIT training materials.

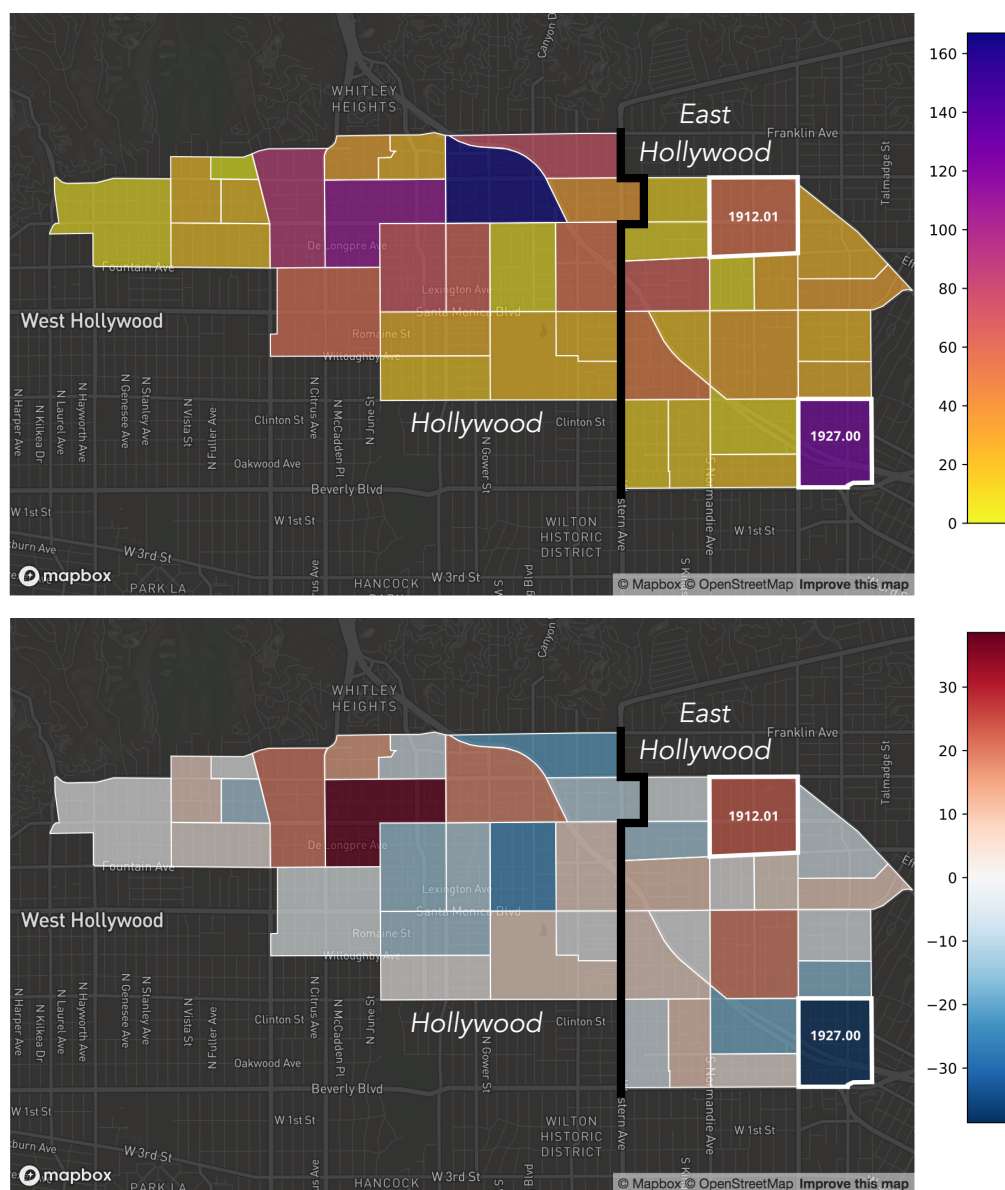
All teams were deployed by roughly 7:30 PM and returned by 9:55 PM.

Upon arriving at The Center, organizers provided each team a clipboard containing two tract maps, two tally sheets, and one 1-page training summary with a contact number for field issues.

The tally sheets were the data acquisition tool. These contained separate columns for each of the nine categories of unhoused individuals/dwellings recognized in the 2020 LAHSA PIT count:

1. adults (ages  $\geq 25$ );
2. transition age youths ("TAY," 18–24);
3. unaccompanied minors;
4. families (at least one adult with at least one minor);
5. cars;
6. vans;
7. RVs;
8. tents;
9. makeshift structures.

Dwellings—items (5) to (9)—are treated specially in the analysis and hereafter may be referred to as "CVRTM." Adults+TAY may also be combined into "Persons" (P).



**Figure 1:** The 2021 volunteer count covered the LAHSA-recognized Hollywood and East Hollywood Communities. The former spans Laurel Canyon at Franklin to Western at Melrose. The latter spans Western at Hollywood to Hoover at Temple. *Top:* inferred 2021 unsheltered population (purple high, yellow low). *Bottom:* inferred change from 2020 (red+, blue–). The tracts with the largest gain (1912.01) and loss (1927.00) from 2020 are highlighted in both panels.

No families or unaccompanied minors were identified.<sup>1</sup> See Appendix for examples of the above documents.

Upon returning, counters verbally read their results to organizers who entered them into a google form. Organizers verbally confirmed the counts before submitting

<sup>1</sup> One potential unaccompanied minor was reported in tract 1912.01 but could not be confirmed by outreach personnel dispatched to that location. One potential family was also reported dwelling in a van in tract 1899.05. They could also not be confirmed. The upper limits for these categories (3 each at 95% confidence) capture this uncertainty, but their raw counts are set to zero.

the form and recovering the paper tally sheets.

Once all materials were collected, organizers cross-checked the electronic records—a google sheet generated by the form responses—with the paper tallies and identified any uncounted areas. None requiring follow-up were found. Disagreements between electronic and paper references were corrected to the paper tally.

Given turnout, every volunteer tract was counted by at least two teams. Four tracts were counted in triplicate. Beyond increasing the accuracy of the count, repeat measurements enhance our understanding of errors

**Table 1:** Tract-level Unsheltered Population Summary

Tract	Community	Counter <sup>a</sup>	Passes <sup>b</sup>	Median Est. [people]	90% CI [people]
1898.00	Hollywood	Vol	3	6	0–15
1899.02	Hollywood	Vol	3	18	12–24
1899.03	Hollywood	Vol	2	0	0–12
1899.04	Hollywood	Vol	2	18	11–25
1899.05	Hollywood	Vol	2	19	9–30
1901.00	Hollywood	Vol	2	88	75–102
1902.01	Hollywood	Vol	2	21	13–29
1902.02	Hollywood	Vol	2	30	20–40
1903.01	Hollywood	Pro	1	74	54–96
1905.10	Hollywood	Pro	1	34	22–46
1905.20	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	12	6–18
1907.00	Hollywood	Vol	2	110	93–127
1908.01	Hollywood	Vol	2	63	50–76
1908.02	Hollywood	Pro	1	71	54–90
1909.01	Hollywood	Pro	1	55	39–71
1909.02	Hollywood	Vol	3	6	0–17
1910.00	Hollywood	Pro	1	169	140–201
1911.10	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	9	2–15
1911.20	E. Hollywood	Pro	1	66	48–85
1912.01	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	55	44–68
1912.03	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	26	14–38
1912.04	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	6	0–16
1913.01	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	31	22–42
1913.02	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	23	15–30
1914.10	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	20	13–28
1914.20	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	24	16–32
1915.00	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	29	21–38
1916.10	E. Hollywood	Pro	1	48	31–68
1916.20	E. Hollywood	Pro	1	17	6–30
1917.10	Hollywood	Vol	2	21	14–29
1917.20	Hollywood	Vol	3	21	12–31
1918.10	Hollywood	Vol	2	24	14–34
1918.20	Hollywood	Vol	2	16	10–23
1919.01	Hollywood	Vol	2	60	49–72
1925.10	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	12	4–21
1925.20	E. Hollywood	Vol	1 <sup>c</sup>	14	1–28
1926.10	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	7	1–14
1926.20	E. Hollywood	Vol	2	18	9–26
1927.00	E. Hollywood	Pro	1	129	96–167
<b>All</b>			<b>72</b>	<b>1494</b>	<b>1342–1657</b>

<sup>a</sup>Volunteer vs. professional surveyor; <sup>b</sup>teams deployed to tract; <sup>c</sup>one tally rejected during quality control.

(Sections 2.3) and provide robustness: one tally was uninterpretable, leaving only the result from the second team.

All told, the data comprise 37 pair-wise volunteer measurements, one unique volunteer measurement, and nine unique professional assessments. The latter account for  $\sim 20\%$  of tracts in both communities and roughly 40% of identified individuals and dwellings. Year-on-year trends are consistent between volunteer- and professional-counted tracts (Section 3.5).

### 2.1.1 Volunteer Training

Teams underwent mandatory,  $\sim 30$  minute Zoom-based training sessions before arriving for the count. Each participant was also required to watch the official 2020 LAHSA PIT training video.

The training covered the motivation for the count, an overview of the survey geography, team roles, and examples of unhoused dwellings. Except for people standing next to tents—as described in the 2020 LAHSA video—volunteers were instructed to count CVRTM and individuals separately and not to try to estimate how many people might live in or be associated with a specific dwelling. This ensured that results could be analyzed as a function of the CVRTM weights, which may change with future information.

The training primed volunteers only with min/max estimates of tract-level individual+dwelling counts (“0–120”) and the likelihood of encountering unaccompanied minors or families (“very unlikely”) or TAY (“some tracts, especially in Hollywood”). These statements were informed by the 2020 LAHSA PIT results. No other prior was established. The training presentation is available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xFrtU26yjPuiUv9KHZ3Uj2.sAoT1CIgo/view?usp=sharing>.

## 2.2 Data Analysis

The data form a  $9 \times 73$  array containing each team’s tract-level tallies for each unhoused individual/dwelling class. The population inference entails averaging duplicate tract counts and weighting CVRTM by their mean occupancies. We produce 10,000 realizations of this inference incorporating random perturbations of the counts and weights based on their errors (see below). The final product is a  $9 \times 10000 \times 39$  array that may be split and summed to provide aggregate, tract, or category-level population estimates and uncertainties.

Our baseline result assumes the 2020 SPA-4/CD13 CVRTM weights underpinning the 2020 LAHSA Community Summaries. We recognize that these weights may have changed since they were last estimated. We cannot reassess all of them and encourage robust efforts to do so. However, at least one survey of tent-dwellers in Hollywood suggests the tent weight has not changed significantly. We analyze the impact of adopting three other reasonable CVRTM choices in Section 3.3 (Table 2), but they do not significantly affect our findings.



### 2.2.1 Monte Carlo Population Inferences

We wish to infer the true unsheltered population in Hollywood and East Hollywood as of 25 February. We do so by constructing probability density functions (PDFs) describing the likelihood of encountering a given number of unsheltered people in those communities as constrained by our PIT count. To accomplish this, we model three known uncertainties: (1) errors in the visual tallies, (2) deviations of the CVRTM weights from their quoted means, and (3) the intrinsic background rate of persons/dwellings in areas in which none were actually sighted. Items (1) and (3) reflect how our PIT tally might change if performed at a different time or by different teams. Item (2) reflects how the mean occupancy of CVRTM in our survey area might differ from that in the geography in which the weights were defined.

We model count and weight errors as independent random draws from Gaussian distributions with standard deviations of  $\sqrt{n}$  and  $\sigma$ , respectively, where  $n$  is the raw PIT tally and  $\sigma$  is the standard error on the respective CVRTM weight,  $w$ . The  $i$ -th estimate of the true number,  $N$ , of people in the  $j$ -th unsheltered class in any tract is then:

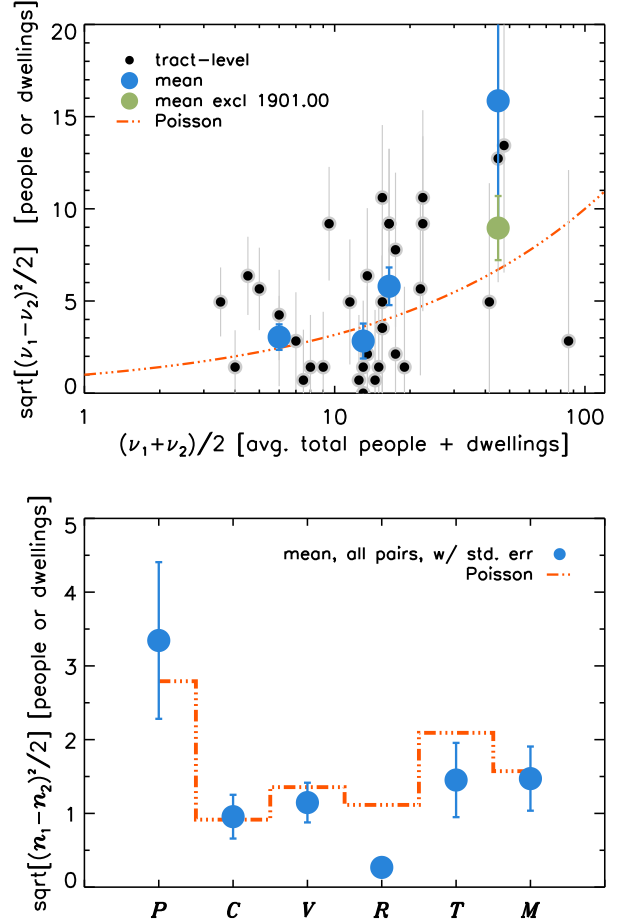
$$N_{i,j} = [n_j + \mathcal{G}_i(0, \sqrt{n_j})] \times \max[\mathcal{G}_i(w_j, \sigma_j), 1], \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathcal{G}(\mu, \Sigma)$  is a Gaussian random number with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\Sigma$ . If more than one team counted a tract,  $n$  is replaced by the average of their tallies and the attendant counting error is divided by the square root of the number of teams. If no members of the  $j$ -th unsheltered category were observed,  $\sqrt{n_j}$  is replaced in the first term by that category's estimated background rate,  $\sigma_j^{\text{bkg}}$ , discussed in the next section.

The final output PDFs reflect 10,000 realizations of Equation 1. Weights for adults and TAY are fixed to unity—( $w, \sigma$ )  $\equiv$  (1, 0)—such that uncertainties reflect only counting errors.

We place a floor on the CVRTM mean occupancies at 1 person per dwelling; i.e., we assume that the *mean* person does not own more than one dwelling. This is not to say no one may own more than one, just that such a statement is never representative. This choice induces a mild asymmetry in our global PDFs but does not significantly affect inferences.

Often, no persons or dwellings of a specific category are observed in a given tract. Due to shot noise, these data are consistent with non-zero values for the population. The Monte Carlo PDF reconstruction allows



**Figure 2:** Intercounter count comparisons. *Top:* mean tract-level differences (large blue points; 10-pair bins) are  $1.4\times$  the Poisson expectation (dot-dashes;  $\sqrt{\langle v \rangle}$ );  $1.3\times$  excluding outlier tract 1901.00 (large green point). Small points show pairwise differences. *Bottom:* mean category-level dispersions are consistent with random errors except for RVs, which are identified significantly more consistently. Only means are shown at bottom to reduce visual clutter.

all such entries to fluctuate based on an assumed background rate,  $\sigma_j^{\text{bkg}}$ .

### 2.2.2 Null Entries and Background Rates

Ideally,  $\sigma_j^{\text{bkg}}$  would derive from category variations in similar tracts defined by independent criteria. Sufficient data may exist to support that exercise, but it is beyond the scope of this analysis. Instead, we adopt a noise floor based on the counts expected if all members of a given category were distributed evenly across tracts:

$$\sigma_j^{\text{bkg}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{39} \sum_{\text{tracts}} n_j}. \quad (2)$$

**Table 2:** 2021 CVRTM Mean Occupancy Assumptions

	$w_C$	$w_V$	$w_R$	$w_T$	$w_M$
<b>SPA4/CD13</b>	<b><math>1.51 \pm 0.25</math></b>	<b><math>1.77 \pm 0.42</math></b>	<b><math>1.42 \pm 0.28</math></b>	<b><math>1.48 \pm 0.11</math></b>	<b><math>1.68 \pm 0.31</math></b>
2021 $w_T^a$	—	—	—	$1.39 \pm 0.14$	—
2021 $w_T$ non-resp model <sup>b</sup>	—	—	—	$1.51 \pm 0.24$	—
SPA4	$1.38 \pm 0.11$	$1.68 \pm 0.22$	$1.32 \pm 0.15$	$1.45 \pm 0.06$	$1.64 \pm 0.16$

The baseline scenario incorporating the [2020 SPA4/CD13 CVRTM weights](#) is bolded. Dashes denote values identical to entries above them. <sup>a</sup>Reflects occupancy data for 38 out of 47 tents surveyed in Hollywood. <sup>b</sup>Assumes 9 “non-responding” tents sheltered 0–4 occupants each.

While oversimplistic (Section 3.4), this method works for any category for which at least one individual/dwelling was observed in any tract. However, for categories for which this is not the case—unaccompanied minors and families, in our case—we set  $\sigma_j^{\text{bkg}}$  to the lowest non-zero value of the other categories (corresponding to TAY). The adopted backgrounds are thus:

$$\sigma_j^{\text{bkg}} = \{3.2, 0.4, 0.4, 0.9, 1.3, 1.1, 2.8, 2.5, 0.4\} \quad (3)$$

adults, TAY, unaccompanied minors, cars, vans, RVs, tents, makeshifts, and families per tract.

Note that the above numbers are not added to null entries, but random draws from normal distributions of that width. This treatment is somewhat arbitrary, but we employ it symmetrically—per-tract category inferences can be negative—so it does not bias the final estimate. Instead, it sets the upper limits of intrinsically rare categories and inflates aggregate uncertainties.

### 2.3 Duplicate Counts

Each volunteer tract in both communities (30) were assigned to at least two independent counting teams. Four tracts additionally received a third pass. Pass 1 paired tracts by tract number. Pass 2 paired projected high-population tracts with one that was geographically nearby. Pass 3 was the same as Pass 1 with pairings presented in reverse order, such that teams deployed simultaneously would likely start in different tracts.

Results for one of the two teams assigned to tract 1925.20 could not be interpreted, making it the only volunteer tract with one population estimate.

Figure 2 shows intercounter comparisons of raw counts (people+dwelling) at the tract and category levels. Average offsets are close to Poisson expectations in all cases except for the highest occupancy tracts, where

they are inflated by an outlier (see below). Explicitly,  $\langle \sqrt{(v_1 - v_2)^2 / (v_1 + v_2)} \rangle = 1.4$ , where  $v$  is the total number of dwellings and people in a given tract returned by one of the teams. In the one instance where no persons or dwellings of any kind were identified (tract 1899.03), both teams agreed exactly.

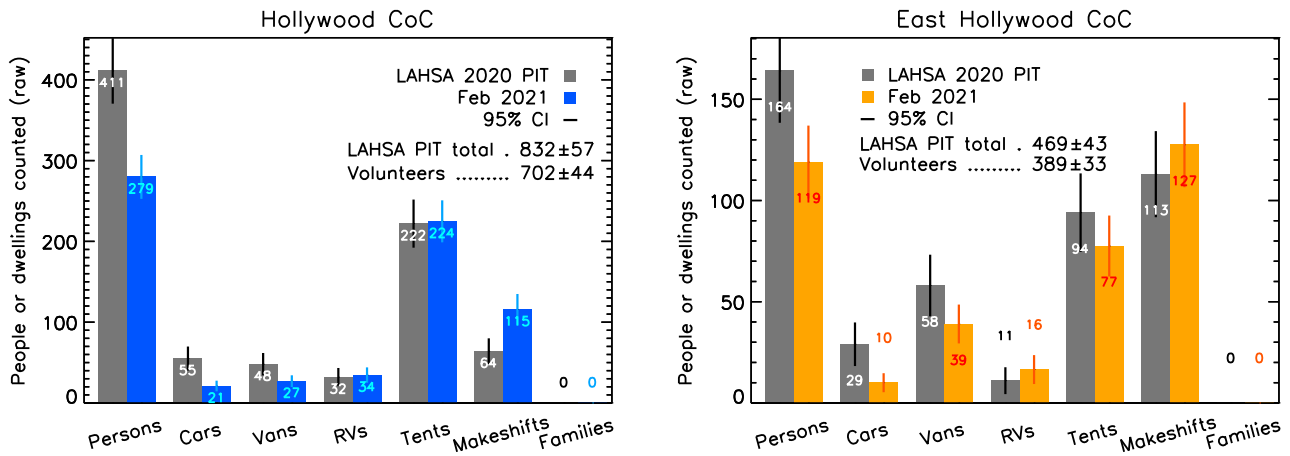
The outlier is tract 1901.00, whose repeat measurements differ by  $6.6\sigma$ . There, one team counted  $\{P, C, V, R, T, M\} = \{23, 1, 1, 1, 6, 2\}$  while the other counted  $\{77, 15, 10, 1, 6, 6\}$ . Abramson re-counted this tract on-foot 14 hours after the PIT tally, obtaining  $\{36, 4, 6, 0, 8, 2\}$ . In total, this tally ( $v_{\text{Abramson}} = 56 \pm 7$ ) is within  $1.9\sigma$  of the volunteers’ mean ( $\langle v_{\text{PIT}} \rangle = 75 \pm 6$ ). As such, we retain the volunteer PIT estimate as-is. As illustrated in Figure 2, top, the mean intercounter dispersion drops to  $1.3\sigma$  if this tract is excluded.

In terms of categories, all dispersions are consistent with Poisson expectations except for RVs, where agreement is significantly better. Given their salience, this finding is reassuring if unsurprising.

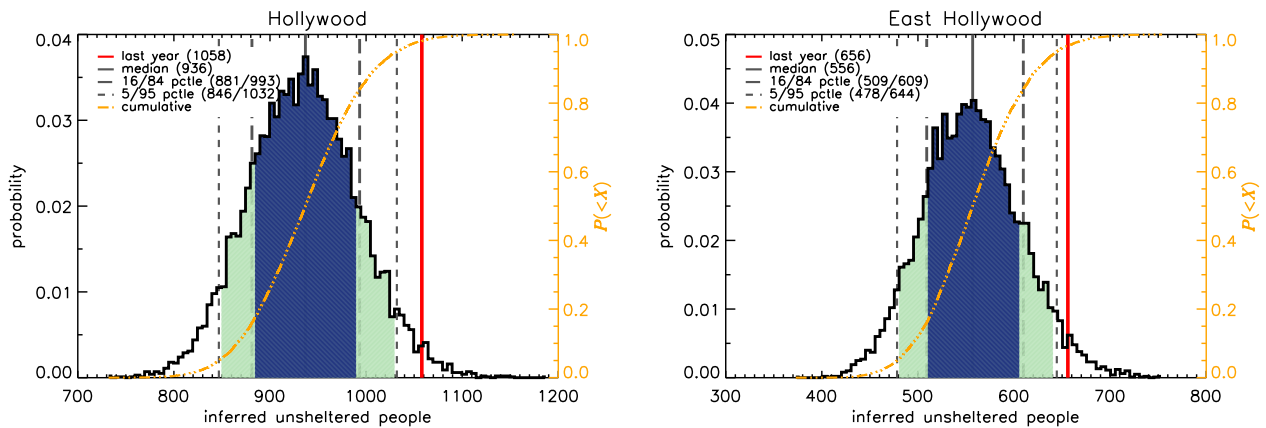
No team counted tracts in both Hollywood and East Hollywood. As such, the volunteer counts in those communities represent independent datasets. Including the professional-counted tracts, cross-talk comes from one tract in East Hollywood counted by a team that surveyed five tracts in Hollywood. We discuss intercommunity comparisons between volunteer and professionally counted tracts in Section 3.5.

## 3 Results

This section presents community- and aggregate-level estimates for the number of unsheltered people living in Hollywood and East Hollywood as of 25 February 2021. Sections 3.1 and 3.2 summarize our results, 3.3 compares them to the 2020 LAHSA PIT estimates, 3.4 quantifies the population’s geographic distribution, and



**Figure 3:** Raw tallies of unsheltered persons and dwellings in Hollywood and East Hollywood (left/right) from the 2020 and 2021 PIT counts (grey/colors). Persons, cars, and vans fell in both communities; RVs and tents stayed statistically flat. Makeshift structures are the only category to show a potential common increase. Overall, we identified 208 fewer people and dwellings compared to 2020, with similar 16% decreases assessed by almost entirely independent teams in both communities. “Persons” are TAY+Adults.



**Figure 4:** 2021 unsheltered population inferences compared to 2020 PIT results (red vertical lines) using identical CVRTM weights (Table 2). Orange dot-dashes show cumulative probabilities, suggesting a >95% chance of a year-on-year decline.

**Table 3:** Greater Hollywood 2021 PIT Unsheltered Data and Population Estimates

	Adult	TAY	Car	Van	RV	Tent	Makeshift	2021 Total	2020 Total	Difference
<b>Hollywood</b>										
Counts	277	2	21	27	34	224	115	702	831	–15%
Inhabitants	277 (27)	2 (5)	32 (11)	49 (13)	50 (14)	332 (29)	195 (24)	937 (93)	1058	–11% (9%)
Category share	30% (3%)	0% (0%)	3% (1%)	5% (1%)	5% (1%)	35% (3%)	21% (3%)	–	–	–
<b>East Hollywood</b>										
Counts	114	4	10	39	16	77	127	389	469	–17%
Inhabitants	114 (19)	4 (4)	15 (8)	70 (15)	24 (9)	115 (19)	216 (23)	557 (83)	656	–15% (12%)
Category share	20% (3%)	1% (1%)	3% (1%)	13% (3%)	4% (2%)	20% (3%)	39% (4%)	–	–	–

Parentheses denote 90% uncertainties (binomial for categories). Uncertainties larger than estimates imply only upper limits are available. Marginalized upper limits imply <3 unaccompanied minors and families in either community.

3.5 presents cross-checks.

### 3.1 Hollywood

Counters identified  $702 \pm 44$  (95% CI) persons and dwellings in the 21 census tracts comprising the Hollywood Community. Modulated by the baseline CVRTM weights, these estimates imply a total unsheltered population of  $936 \pm 92$  people (90% CI; Figure 4, left), with the plurality (35%) living in tents (Table 3; Figure 3, left). The five tracts counted by professional teams—largely along the US 101 corridor—comprised 42% of raw counts and 43% of inferred unsheltered people. Tract 1910.00 (pro-counted) had the most people and dwellings ( $123 \rightarrow 170$  total population); 1899.03 had the fewest ( $0 \rightarrow <12$  total population).

Modifying the CVRTM weights from the baseline SPA4/CD13 values to their SPA4-wide values lowers Hollywood’s inferred total unsheltered population to  $912 \pm 68$  people; applying an updated tent weight based on a survey in Hollywood raises it to  $944 \pm 118$  people (Section 4). Neither shift is significant.

### 3.2 East Hollywood

Counters identified  $389 \pm 33$  (95% CI) persons and dwellings in the 18 census tracts comprising East Hollywood. Modulated by the baseline CVRTM weights, these estimates imply a total unsheltered population of  $556 \pm 83$  people (Figure 4, right), with the plurality (39%) living in makeshift structures (Table 3, Figure 3, right). The four tracts counted by professional teams comprised 46% of those counts and 47% of inferred unsheltered people. Tract 1927.00 (pro-counted) had the most people and dwellings ( $87 \rightarrow 129$  total population); 1912.04 had the fewest ( $5 \rightarrow <16$  total population).

Modifying the CVRTM weights from the baseline SPA4/CD13 values to the SPA4 wide values lowers East Hollywood’s inferred total unsheltered population to  $539 \pm 59$  people; applying the updated tent weight raises it to  $559 \pm 87$  people. Neither shift is significant.

### 3.3 Comparison to 2020

The official LAHSA estimates from the 2020 PIT count are overplotted in Figure 4 as red vertical lines in each panel: 1058 unsheltered people in Hollywood, 656 in East Hollywood. Our baseline inferences suggest a  $>95\%$  probability that the current population has fallen from those levels. Using the PDFs’ medians and 90%

CI, we infer declines of  $11\% \pm 9\%$  and  $15\% \pm 12\%$ , respectively.

Figure 5 shows the changes in counts and inferred population in each tract geographically illustrated in Figure 1. In total, we find significant gains in 7 (6) tracts in terms of counts (people), and significant declines in 14, resulting in net changes of  $-193 \pm 45$  and  $-201 \pm 76$  counts or people, respectively.<sup>2</sup>

The tracts with the largest year-on-year gain (1912.01, +40 people) and loss (1927.00, -125 people) are both in East Hollywood. They contain Barnsdall Park and US 101, respectively. Tract 1927.00 is perhaps entirely responsible for East Hollywood’s total inferred population decline. If that tract is excluded, we estimate  $427 \pm 61$  unsheltered people vs. 2020’s estimate of 407. Section 4 explores this phenomenon in more detail.

Given the deficit in raw counts, it seems unlikely that reasonable modifications to the CVRTM weights will qualitatively change the trend we infer. Due to the high proportion of people living in tents and makeshifts, the  $w_T$  and  $w_M$  weights are the largest potential error sources. To constrain their evolution from last year, SE-LAH outreach teams surveyed 47 tents (38 responses) in Hollywood on 28 Feb. This exercise yielded a mean occupancy of  $w_T = 1.39 \pm 0.14$  people per tent, or  $w_T = 1.50 \pm 0.22$  when non-responses are modeled.<sup>3</sup> While neither the full 2021 PIT area nor  $w_M$  has been assessed, the above values are consistent with the 2020 estimate of  $w_T = 1.48 \pm 0.11$ .

Figure 6 illustrates the effect of the above CVRTM modifications. All cases imply at least a 93% chance of decline compared to 2020.

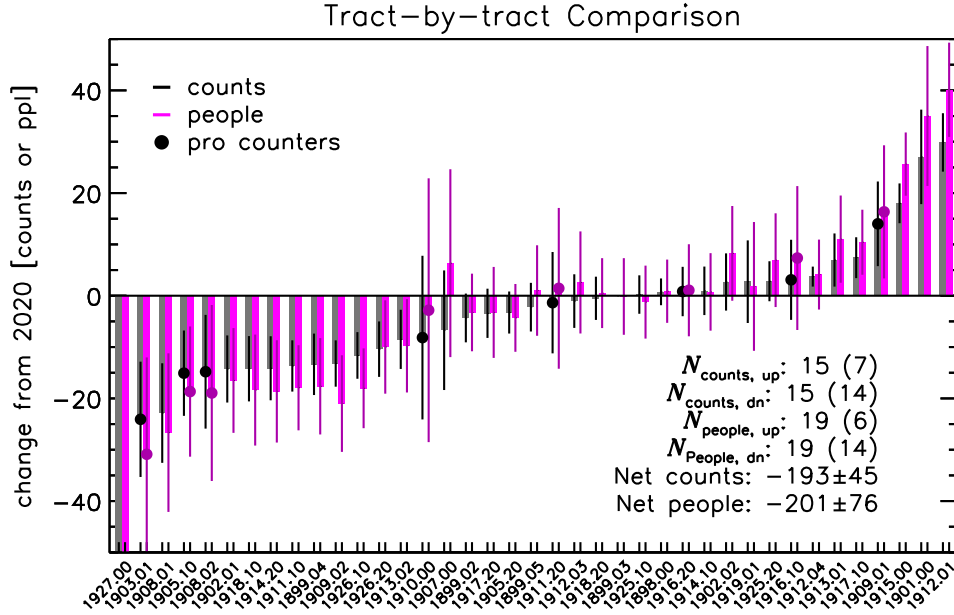
We encourage robust efforts to update the CVRTM weights, but the changes needed to null the decline we infer are substantial. Only changes to  $w_T$  and  $w_M$  can reasonably achieve it. These must rise to 2.2 and 2.6 people from 1.5 and 1.7 people, respectively, in 2020. Notwithstanding the above survey, such  $\sim 50\%$  increases in *mean* occupancies seem unlikely, especially as known COVID-related tent distribution efforts have pushed in the opposite direction (Section 4). While 2021 is unprecedented in many ways, no SPA4/CD13 CVRTM weight has changed by more than  $\sim 30\%$  year-on-year since 2018.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup>These estimates incorporate uncertainties from backing-out tract-level CVRTM counts from total populations and person counts provided by the LAHSA data portal.

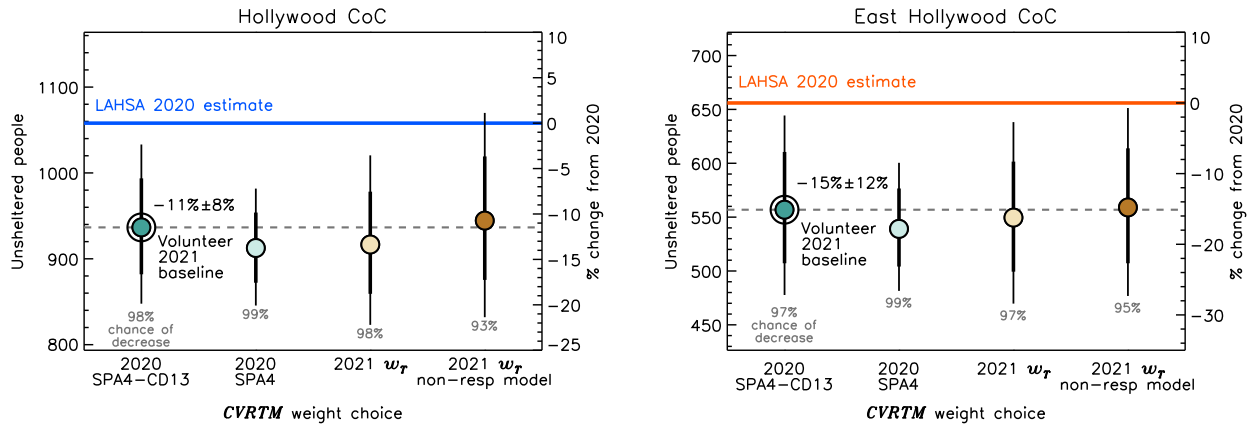
<sup>3</sup>Assuming they were equally likely to have anywhere from 0 to 4 occupants, each.

<sup>4</sup>Between 2019 and 2020,  $w_R$  fell from  $\sim 2$  to  $\sim 1.4$ .





**Figure 5:** Compared to 2020, the 2021 PIT count identified 7 tracts with significantly more persons/dwellings, 14 with fewer (grey). Similar numbers hold for the total unsheltered population (pink; parentheses denote  $1\sigma$ -significant changes). Professional-counted tracts are denoted by circles (1 increase; 3 declines). Net, we identified about 200 fewer persons+structures or unsheltered people. Tract 1927.00 saw the biggest decline (over 120 people; Section 4), and may drive all of East Hollywood’s inferred change from 2020.



**Figure 6:** Unsheltered populations in Hollywood (left) and East Hollywood (right) as functions of CVRTM weights. The baseline estimate uses the same weights as the 2020 LAHSA Community Summaries. Using SPA4 weights or replacing the tent weight,  $T$ , with results from a survey conducted in Hollywood yields consistent results. All imply at least a 93% chance that unsheltered homelessness has fallen by some amount, with likely declines of  $12\% \pm 9\%$  and  $15\% \pm 12\%$  in Hollywood and East Hollywood, respectively.

All of the above is largely a reflection of the fact that persons seen on the street fell by  $\sim 30\%$  (Figure 3). Cars and vans are also down from last year by more than the number of safe parking spaces (Section 3.5), with only makeshift structures showing a potential common gain. All told, the total number of dwellings remained essentially flat. Although uncertainties in East Hollywood and effects from tract 1927.00 are large, Figure 7 reveals the above trends to be common across communities and areas counted by volunteers or professionals. Such consistencies in nearly independent datasets suggest the results are robust. Section 3.5 presents further checks.

### 3.4 Geographic Concentration

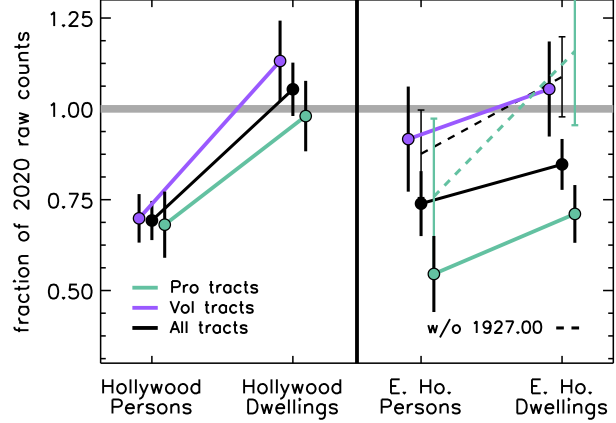
Everyday experience (and Figure 1) confirms that unsheltered homelessness is unevenly distributed. However, given the role of public opinion in policymaking, it is worth grounding arguments over, e.g., the placement of new permanent supportive housing facilities in data. Figure 8 is one attempt to do so.

Combining our PIT count with 2020 [US Census](#) data, we compare the distribution of unsheltered Angelenos vs. all Angelenos in Greater Hollywood. The top panel shows the proportion of people in a given tract that are unsheltered. This fraction spans  $\sim 0\%$  to over  $4\%$ , with a mean near  $1\%$ — $40\%$  higher than [LA’s global unsheltered fraction](#) in Jan. 2020.

The bottom panel shows the cumulative contribution of each tract to Greater Hollywood’s total and unsheltered populations. If people were equitably distributed, the curves would correspond to a diagonal line of unit slope, yielding a Gini coefficient  $c_{\text{Gini}} = 0$ . The total population in Greater Hollywood has  $c_{\text{Gini}} \simeq 0.1$ — $50\%$  of people living  $40\%$  of tracts—close to evenly distributed. The unsheltered population, on the other hand, has  $c_{\text{Gini}} = 0.44 \pm 0.02$ — $50\%$  of people living in  $20\%$  of tracts—analogueous to those describing income inequality in [Rwanda](#), [Philippines](#), or [Malawi](#). Such a concentration of lived trauma, real poverty, and the attendant externalities of unsheltered homelessness should condition the thoughts of policymakers who hold equity as a core value.

### 3.5 Cross-checks

Multiple cross-checks involving independent counters and external datasets suggest that the raw counts from our 2021 PIT count are accurate. The validating data



**Figure 7:** Year-on-year trends in pro- and vol-counted tracts are consistent in both communities, though uncertainties in East Hollywood are large and effects from tract 1927.00 are strong. While dwellings stayed roughly flat, persons were down significantly. The volunteer (purple) and pro results with tract 1927.00 removed (turquoise, dashed at right) represent completely independent datasets. Errors are  $1\sigma$ .

are also available at [website](#).

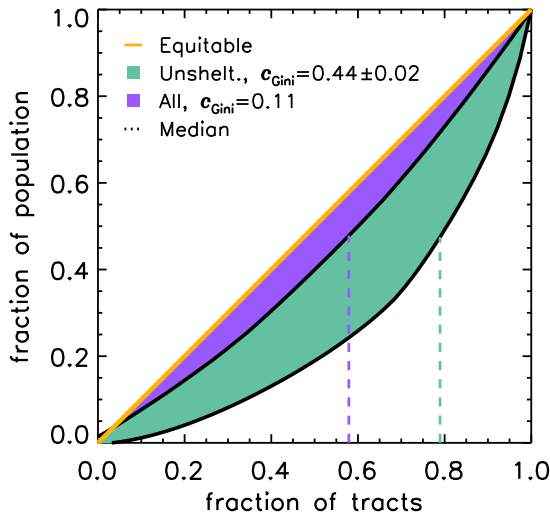
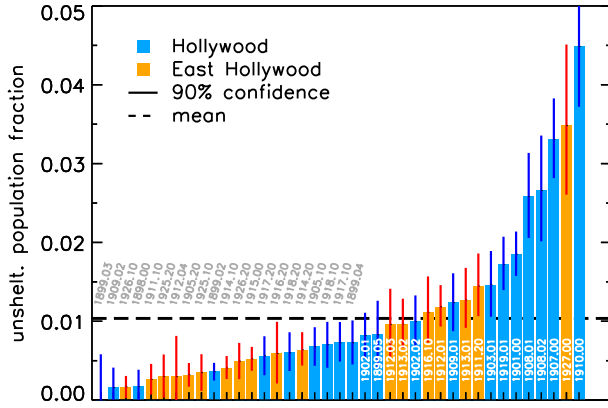
#### 3.5.1 Internal checks

Figure 2’s comparisons of the count’s 37 duplicate tract measurements suggest per-tract and -category counting uncertainties are consistent with the random errors built into the analysis. There is thus no evidence that counters were biased in identifying unsheltered persons or dwellings. Of course, the data do not preclude the possibility of systematic inefficiencies in identifying, e.g., cars and vans—which can be difficult at night—but Figure 7 illustrates that volunteers and professionals saw consistent trends, at least across all dwellings. As the professional tracts were surveyed on foot and in daylight, such consistency suggests that biases are probably not large. Post-facto independent measurements of key geographies suggest this, too.

#### 3.5.2 External checks

Three census tracts were re-surveyed in detail, none of which yield evidence of a PIT undercount:

- Tract 1901.00 – intercounter variability outlier. Abramson assessed this tract 14 hours after the PIT count (circa 9:00 AM) with results  $1.9\sigma$  lower than the volunteers’ average.

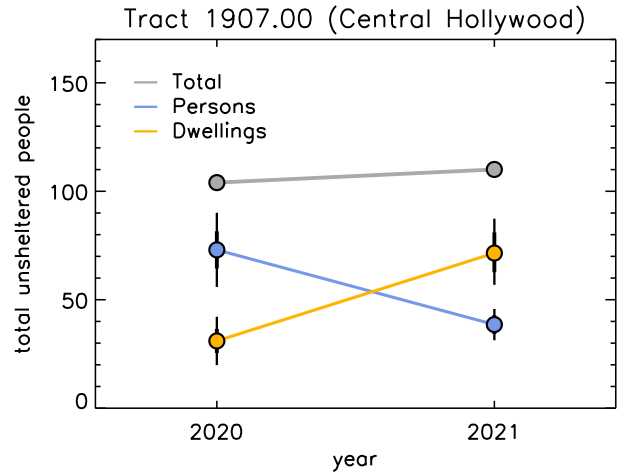


**Figure 8:** All tracts in Greater Hollywood. This Gini Coefficient is about the same as [Kenya's](#). 50% of unsheltered persons and dwellings are concentrated in 20% of census tracts.

- Tract 1912.01 – largest increase. Abramson assessed this tract on 27 Feb. circa 12:00 PM. Results were consistent with the PIT count to within  $1\sigma$ .
- Tract 1927.00 – largest decrease. Abramson assessed this tract on 4 March circa 8:30 AM by vehicle with results lower than the PIT's assessment. However, given this tract's density and configuration—home to many freeway ramps and shoulders—it was originally surveyed on foot by outreach professionals. As such, we take Abramson's vehicular recount to suggest only that the PIT data are not biased so as to induce an artificial decline.

Two larger-geography surveys concur quantitatively and qualitatively:

- Biweekly data from [The Hollywood Partnership](#)



**Figure 9:** Illustration of what's happened in 4 tracts—persons and structures swapping prominence—in this case with the total population  $\sim$ conserved. This is also an example of one of 5 tracts where dwelling frequencies at least doubled. 1907 happens to be in the heart of Central Hollywood, increasing the visual impact of this rise in dwellings.

from 19 Feb. are consistent with PIT data in a common tract (1902.02) and with an independent recount of the entire Business Improvement District's geography performed 28 Feb. by Abramson and Kohan. These data also imply a decline from past values.

- Three tracts in Echo Park and Silver Lake monitored biweekly by SELAH since May 2020 also show similar declines.

Finally, safe parking—a known sink—provides 49 spaces in or near the survey area (Hollywood, East Hollywood, and Echo Park). If occupied on 25 Feb., these locations probably went uncounted. Adding the implied  $80 \pm 16$  total car and van dwellers to our results (equal mix) reduces the baseline chance of a decline in aggregate unsheltered people from 98% to 92%.

All of the above suggests that our results are reliable.

## 4 Discussion

The upshot of the above is that, as far as we can assess, the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Greater Hollywood has declined to levels slightly above those in 2019.<sup>5</sup> A number of factors may contribute to this change, some COVID-related and some not.

<sup>5</sup>917 and 491 people in Hollywood and East Hollywood, respectively.

## 4.1 Government Initiatives

Foremost among these are government programs aimed at moving people indoors and staunching inflow into homelessness. The two most salient are COVID-related: Project Roomkey and city and state eviction moratoria.

### 4.1.1 Eviction Moratoria

We have no data on how many people the moratoria have prevented from becoming unhoused. However, per the LAHSA Count report, nearly 83,000 people became unhoused in 2020 from LA County's pool of over half a million rent-burdened residents. Of these, ~7500 could not be rehoused. Thus, if the eviction moratoria reduced even 10% of last year's inflow, extant mechanisms may have had the capacity to place everyone under a roof.

### 4.1.2 Project Roomkey

More information is accessible regarding Project Roomkey (PRK). Also according to the 2020 Count report, over 6000 unhoused LA County residents became sheltered between March and May of that year. Examining only [CD13's share of LA County's unsheltered senior population](#) (6.5%), perhaps 100 of PRK's [1608 occupied rooms](#) were filled with Greater Hollywood residents on the night of 25 Feb. If so, this would account for about half the inferred global reduction.

Data from the Coordinated Entry System (CES) will constrain this scenario.

### 4.1.3 A Bridge Home

Unrelated to COVID, at least one [A Bridge Home](#) (ABH) site opened in Los Feliz between this year's grassroots and last year's official PIT count. The catchment area for this ABH's 100 beds spans nearly all of Greater Hollywood. Assuming a 50% occupancy reduction due to COVID precautions, this site can account for a further 50 people exiting the unsheltered population.

Of course, "decompression" of congregate living sites due to COVID simultaneously reduces the occupancy of extant shelters. Again assuming 50% reductions in beds, we estimate that the five ABHs [whose catchments touch Greater Hollywood](#)—Schrader, YWCA/Lodi (recently expanded), Gardner, Riverside, and Lafayette—to have contributed a net addition of 33 beds (398 total, 116 new, 83 lost to decompression). However, *locally*, the addition can be substantially larger. Indeed, tract 1927.00 overlaps with three ABHs, two of which were

new. In that tract, as many as 89 beds may have come online—excluding the contribution from a known new PATH permanent supportive housing site (see below).

CES data will constrain this scenario.

### 4.1.4 Permanent Supportive Housing

Finally, 120 PATH permanent supportive housing (PSH) units may also have contributed. While all of those units did not go to local residents, the site is located in tract 1927.00—that which saw the largest year-on-year decline from 2020. Any units that *did* go to locals would help drive that tract's large observed decrease, along with the potential 89 new ABH beds just discussed.

CES data will constrain this scenario.

## 4.2 Other Losses

### 4.2.1 Geographic Leakage/Edge Effects

Due to limited resources, our PIT count could only cover a limited geography. As such, an obvious potential source of population loss is people exiting Greater Hollywood to nearby communities. In border tracts, this would entail nothing more than moving across the street. Tract 1927.00 is, again, special in this regard as it has two borders to other communities. There is also a substantial community of unsheltered Angelenos opposite its eastern edge. We cannot exclude this possibility, though additional upcoming grassroots PIT events in Mid City and Silver Lake—which bound Greater Hollywood to the southwest and east, respectively—may provide insights.

### 4.2.2 Deaths

An unfortunate but inevitable source of population loss is death. While COVID is perhaps the most salient potential killer, and while people experiencing homelessness—especially unsheltered—are far more likely to die from COVID than housed people, [Dept. of Public Health statistics](#) suggest that ~200 unhoused LA County residents had succumbed to the disease by the time of the PIT count. If so, even if that figure is inaccurate by substantial factors, it is not likely to be the dominant cause of death.

Instead, [drug overdoses](#), particularly from methamphetamine, are likely to dominate. Based on data spanning only the first seven months of 2020, overdoses had killed 929 people experiencing homelessness—a rate  $7.6\times$  higher than COVID to that point.

All told, deaths of people experiencing homelessness increased by 26% from January through July, 2020 over the same interval in 2019. A more rigorous analysis is needed to determine the extent to which these statistics contributed qualitatively to the decline we infer, but, quantitatively, they must.

### 4.3 Objective Support for Subjective Trends

The authors of this report did not expect to discover a decline in Greater Hollywood's unsheltered population. The "felt" condition of homelessness we accumulated over the course of 2020 was one of a meaningful, if not dramatic worsening. The PIT data provide some hints as to ways to reconcile these subjective and objective conclusions.

Principally, smaller scales tell different stories than the community level results. Seven tracts saw at least a 50% increase in the number of dwellings. Of these, five saw more than 100% gains.<sup>6</sup> Tracts 1907.00 and 1912.01 are two such notable tracts.

Tract 1907.00 is located in the heart of Central Hollywood's commercial district,<sup>7</sup>. It is one of four tracts wherein the number of dwellings and persons swapped in rank order compared to 2020. Indeed, the swap was so precise in 1907.00 as to nearly conserve the total number of identified people+dwellings (Figure 9). This phenomenon would increase the *visual salience* of unsheltered living even as the population as a whole remained unchanged.

Meanwhile, tract 1912.01's population did *not* remain the same, but more than tripled, leading to the largest overall gain vs. 2020. This tract contains the western edge of Vermont Ave between Fountain Ave and Hollywood Blvd, and the southern edge of Hollywood Blvd between Vermont and Normandie (Barnsdall Park). Both are high-traffic corridors and so areas of enhanced visibility.

A doubling of dwelling counts in the above tracts may have had an outsized psychological impact. However, changes everywhere were amplified by LAPD's suspension of LAMC 56.11 enforcement during COVID. Ordinarily, this law requires tents to be collapsed during the day. Without it, the impression of homelessness might increase even if the number of tents *declined* as those that exist are made newly visible.

<sup>6</sup>Tracts 1902.02, 1907.00, 1912.01, 1915.00, 1925.20, accounting for nearly 10% of all street dwellings and 17% of all counts.

<sup>7</sup>It spans Fountain Ave to Sunset Blvd to Franklin Ave, Vine St to Highland Ave to La Brea Ave.

The above local trends provide some support for the impact of COVID-related tent distribution efforts by professional and volunteer service providers, which, anecdotally, have been reported as robust. Interestingly, the global number of tents remained similar to that from 2020. As such, it seems a concentration of tents in the above tracts combined with a substantial number going to replacing damaged or destroyed tents soaked up this source.

### 4.4 Quality of Life Degradation

To say nothing of the implications of our findings for the unsheltered population [after the eviction moratoria lapse](#), if there are fewer people on the street today, their quality of life has degraded markedly. COVID has restricted or eliminated access to restaurant and park bathrooms, libraries (and so [The Source](#) service days), Dept. of Public Social Services (EBT, Medi-Cal), Dept. of Motor Vehicles (ID replacement), and Dept. of Mental Health facilities. Physical limitations on client access at hospitals and clinics has also hindered case-workers from managing successful discharges. These qualitative harms are reflected by the aforementioned 25% increase in [overdose deaths](#), and amplified by the simultaneous [suspension or de-scoping](#) of city and state sanitation programs (which would also increase the visual impact of the doubling of tents in 13% of census tracts).

As such, while our 2021 PIT data may support the efficacy of programs designed to reduce street homelessness, they do *not* suggest that the state of homelessness in Greater Hollywood has improved. In the fight to rebuild lives—as well as build homes—that fact must remain paramount.

## 5 Summary

Data from February 25, 2021 censuses of Hollywood and East Hollywood shows that unsheltered homelessness has fallen in those communities by  $11\% \pm 9\%$  and  $15\% \pm 12\%$ , respectively, compared to the 2020 LAHSA Point-In-Time (PIT) count (90% CI). A 30% drop in individuals seen on the street drives this change, reducing the number of identified persons and dwellings in about a third of census tracts. Unsheltered living is thus likely to have declined quantitatively even if the average occupancy of, e.g., tents is updated. Simultaneously, however, 13% of tracts saw at least a doubling in street dwellings. This trend may contribute to qualitative



perceptions that the state of homelessness has worsened over the past year, which—given COVID-related reductions in health, hygiene, and social support services—are also likely to be accurate. Coordinated Entry System data will reveal whether homelessness has declined in toto or if government initiatives reduced only the portion of people living unsheltered in Greater Hollywood.

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## **A Full Tract-level Results**

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**Table 4:** Census Tract-level Unsheltered Counts

Tract	Community	Counter	<i>A</i>	<i>TAY</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>M</i>	<b>Total</b>
1898.00	Hollywood	V	3.3	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.3	0.0	5.7
1899.02	Hollywood	V	4.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	2.7	4.0	1.3	13.7
1899.03	Hollywood	V	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1899.04	Hollywood	V	9.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.5	2.0	15.0
1899.05	Hollywood	V	3.0	0.0	3.0	4.5	1.0	2.0	0.0	13.5
1901.00	Hollywood	V	49.5	0.5	8.0	5.5	1.0	6.0	4.0	74.5
1902.01	Hollywood	V	14.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	1.5	19.0
1902.02	Hollywood	V	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	5.5	22.5
1903.01	Hollywood	P	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	22.0	51.0
1905.10	Hollywood	P	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	27.0
1905.20	E. Hollywood	V	2.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	4.0	1.0	9.0
1907.00	Hollywood	V	38.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	38.5	7.0	86.0
1908.01	Hollywood	V	18.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	19.5	9.0	47.5
1908.02	Hollywood	P	22.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	5.0	13.0	13.0	54.0
1909.01	Hollywood	P	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0	9.0	41.0
1909.02	Hollywood	V	2.7	0.3	0.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3
1910.00	Hollywood	P	34.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	5.0	60.0	23.0	123.0
1911.10	E. Hollywood	V	4.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.5	7.5
1911.20	E. Hollywood	P	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	10.0	48.0
1912.01	E. Hollywood	V	17.5	1.0	0.5	3.5	1.5	5.5	12.0	41.5
1912.03	E. Hollywood	V	5.0	0.0	2.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	17.5
1912.04	E. Hollywood	V	3.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
1913.01	E. Hollywood	V	8.0	0.0	0.5	7.5	0.5	5.0	1.0	22.5
1913.02	E. Hollywood	V	5.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.5	6.0	16.5
1914.10	E. Hollywood	V	7.5	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	5.5	15.5
1914.20	E. Hollywood	V	4.0	0.0	2.0	4.5	1.0	3.0	2.0	16.5
1915.00	E. Hollywood	V	10.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	22.0
1916.10	E. Hollywood	P	6.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	22.0	32.0
1916.20	E. Hollywood	P	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	6.0	12.0
1917.10	Hollywood	V	6.5	0.0	2.0	4.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	15.5
1917.20	Hollywood	V	2.3	0.0	0.3	1.3	6.3	0.0	4.3	14.7
1918.10	Hollywood	V	3.5	0.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	10.0	0.0	17.5
1918.20	Hollywood	V	2.5	1.0	0.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	2.0	11.5
1919.01	Hollywood	V	16.0	0.0	2.0	1.5	5.0	13.0	7.5	45.0
1925.10	E. Hollywood	V	4.0	0.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	0.0	1.5	9.5
1925.20	E. Hollywood	V	1.0	0.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	9.0
1926.10	E. Hollywood	V	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.5	6.0
1926.20	E. Hollywood	V	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	0.5	12.5
1927.00	E. Hollywood	P	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	6.0	54.0	87.0

Raw counts from each tract. Coding as in Table 1. Fractional counts reflect averages over multiple counters.

**Table 5: Census Tract-level Unsheltered Population Inferences**

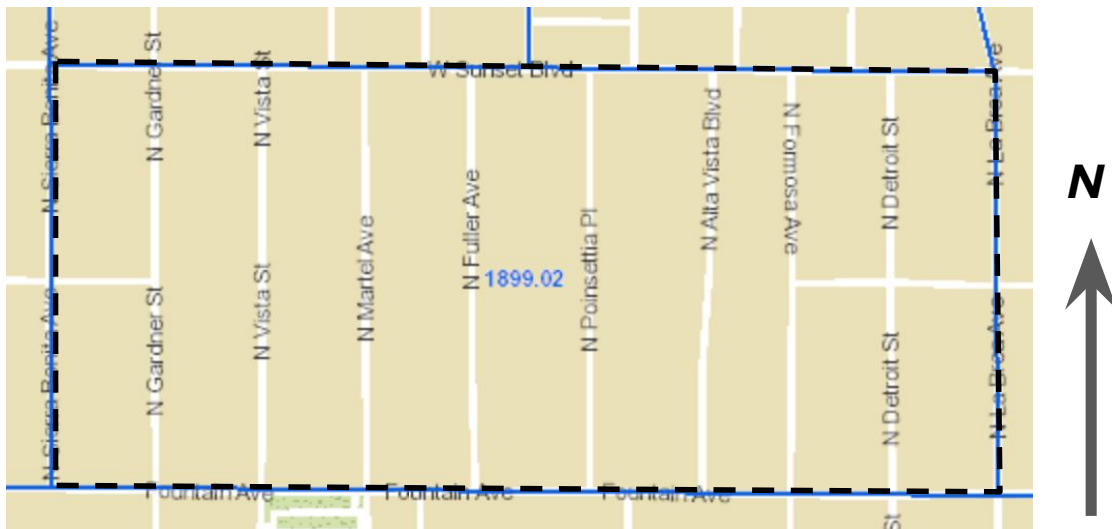
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1898.00	H	V	3.3 (1.7)	0.0 (0.6)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (1.5)	0.0 (2.8)	1.9 (1.6)	0.0 (7.0)	6.9 (8.4)
1899.02	H	V	4.3 (2.0)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.3)	2.3 (2.2)	3.8 (2.5)	5.9 (2.9)	2.2 (2.0)	18.7 (5.8)
1899.03	H	V	0.0 (5.2)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (3.9)	0.0 (2.8)	0.0 (6.8)	0.0 (7.1)	0.0 (12.3)
1899.04	H	V	9.5 (3.6)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.3)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (2.7)	3.7 (2.7)	3.3 (3.0)	18.3 (7.0)
1899.05	H	V	3.0 (2.0)	0.0 (0.7)	4.4 (3.3)	7.7 (5.4)	0.0 (1.7)	2.9 (2.5)	0.0 (7.1)	19.9 (10.3)
1901.00	H	V	49.5 (8.2)	0.0 (0.8)	11.8 (5.9)	9.5 (6.1)	0.0 (1.8)	8.9 (4.3)	6.6 (4.5)	88.8 (13.5)
1902.01	H	V	14.5 (4.4)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (1.3)	0.0 (3.9)	0.0 (2.8)	3.7 (2.8)	0.0 (2.5)	21.5 (7.7)
1902.02	H	V	9.0 (3.5)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (4.0)	0.0 (2.8)	11.8 (5.0)	9.1 (5.3)	30.2 (9.9)
1903.01	H	P	10.0 (5.2)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (3.9)	0.0 (2.7)	27.8 (11.0)	36.5 (16.8)	74.8 (21.3)
1905.10	H	P	12.9 (5.9)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (4.0)	5.7 (5.1)	8.8 (6.0)	6.5 (5.9)	34.2 (12.4)
1905.20	E	V	2.0 (1.6)	0.0 (0.8)	0.0 (1.3)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (2.8)	5.9 (3.6)	0.0 (2.1)	12.7 (6.0)
1907.00	H	V	38.5 (7.2)	0.0 (0.7)	3.0 (2.6)	0.0 (3.9)	0.0 (2.8)	56.7 (12.8)	11.6 (6.3)	110.1 (16.9)
1908.01	H	V	18.5 (4.9)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (1.3)	0.0 (3.9)	0.0 (2.8)	28.6 (8.4)	14.9 (7.4)	63.2 (13.2)
1908.02	H	P	21.9 (7.7)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (3.1)	7.1 (5.8)	19.0 (9.1)	21.3 (11.8)	71.7 (18.1)
1909.01	H	P	15.0 (6.3)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.3)	0.0 (4.0)	0.0 (2.8)	24.9 (10.6)	14.8 (9.4)	55.3 (16.4)
1909.02	H	V	2.7 (1.5)	0.0 (0.6)	0.0 (1.2)	2.9 (2.5)	0.0 (2.7)	0.0 (6.8)	0.0 (7.2)	6.9 (10.7)
1910.00	H	P	34.0 (9.6)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.6)	0.0 (3.9)	7.0 (5.7)	88.1 (21.7)	38.1 (17.4)	169.7 (30.4)
1911.10	E	V	4.0 (2.3)	0.0 (0.8)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (3.9)	0.0 (2.7)	3.6 (2.8)	0.0 (1.4)	9.0 (6.7)
1911.20	E	P	13.9 (6.1)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (3.9)	0.0 (2.7)	35.3 (12.8)	16.4 (10.1)	66.2 (18.2)
1912.01	E	V	17.5 (4.9)	0.0 (1.1)	0.0 (1.3)	6.0 (4.6)	0.0 (2.2)	8.1 (4.2)	19.9 (9.0)	55.8 (12.4)
1912.03	E	V	5.0 (2.6)	0.0 (0.7)	3.0 (2.6)	13.9 (7.8)	0.0 (2.8)	0.0 (6.8)	4.2 (3.3)	26.4 (11.9)
1912.04	E	V	3.0 (2.0)	0.0 (0.8)	0.0 (1.3)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (2.8)	0.0 (6.8)	0.0 (7.0)	6.2 (10.7)
1913.01	E	V	8.0 (3.3)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (1.3)	13.0 (7.5)	0.0 (1.2)	7.3 (3.9)	0.0 (2.0)	31.8 (9.5)
1913.02	E	V	5.5 (2.7)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (1.3)	0.0 (1.5)	0.0 (1.2)	5.1 (3.2)	9.9 (5.6)	23.1 (7.5)
1914.10	E	V	7.5 (3.2)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (1.8)	0.0 (1.6)	0.0 (2.8)	0.0 (1.7)	9.0 (5.3)	20.6 (7.4)
1914.20	E	V	4.0 (2.3)	0.0 (0.7)	3.0 (2.7)	7.7 (5.3)	0.0 (1.8)	4.4 (3.0)	3.3 (3.0)	24.1 (8.0)
1915.00	E	V	10.0 (3.6)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.2)	7.8 (5.3)	3.5 (2.9)	3.7 (2.7)	4.1 (3.4)	29.6 (8.6)
1916.10	E	P	6.0 (4.0)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.3)	0.0 (3.1)	0.0 (2.4)	0.0 (3.4)	36.4 (16.9)	48.7 (18.3)
1916.20	E	P	0.0 (5.2)	0.0 (2.3)	0.0 (2.3)	0.0 (3.9)	0.0 (2.8)	5.8 (4.9)	10.0 (7.5)	17.9 (11.9)
1917.10	H	V	6.5 (3.0)	0.0 (0.7)	3.0 (2.6)	7.8 (5.4)	0.0 (1.7)	0.0 (1.8)	0.0 (1.4)	21.3 (7.4)
1917.20	H	V	2.3 (1.5)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (0.9)	2.3 (2.1)	9.0 (4.3)	0.0 (6.8)	7.1 (3.9)	21.7 (9.6)
1918.10	H	V	3.5 (2.2)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (1.8)	0.0 (2.7)	0.0 (2.2)	14.6 (5.7)	0.0 (6.9)	24.6 (10.2)
1918.20	H	V	2.5 (1.8)	0.0 (1.2)	0.0 (2.3)	4.3 (3.8)	2.9 (2.6)	2.2 (2.1)	3.3 (3.0)	16.4 (6.7)
1919.01	H	V	16.0 (4.7)	0.0 (0.7)	2.9 (2.6)	0.0 (2.7)	7.1 (4.3)	19.1 (6.6)	12.4 (6.5)	60.6 (11.9)
1925.10	E	V	4.0 (2.3)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (6.7)	0.0 (2.6)	12.8 (8.5)
1925.20	E	V	0.0 (1.6)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.5)	10.5 (8.3)	0.0 (2.4)	0.0 (6.8)	0.0 (7.1)	14.8 (13.6)
1926.10	E	V	2.0 (1.6)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.3)	0.0 (4.0)	0.0 (2.8)	5.1 (3.3)	0.0 (1.4)	8.0 (6.7)
1926.20	E	V	0.0 (1.2)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.2)	0.0 (4.0)	0.0 (2.8)	16.1 (6.1)	0.0 (1.4)	18.0 (8.4)
1927.00	E	P	19.9 (7.4)	0.0 (0.7)	0.0 (2.3)	0.0 (3.9)	10.0 (7.0)	8.8 (6.0)	90.4 (33.2)	129.4 (35.4)

Median and 90% CI listed.

<b>Data Acquisition Sheet – 2021 Greater Hollywood Homeless Count</b>								
<b>Tract:</b>								
<b>Date:</b>								
<b>Time:</b>								
<b>Team members:</b>								
<i>Adults</i>	<i>18--24 yr olds</i>	<i>Unacc Minors</i>	<i>Cars</i>	<i>Vans/SUVs</i>	<i>RVs</i>	<i>Tents</i>	<i>Makeshift</i>	<i>Families</i>
<b>Comments:</b>								

**Figure 10:** Counter tally-sheet

**Tract 1899.02** (Sierra Bonita–La Brea/Fountain–Sunset)



**Figure 11:** Example Hollywood tract map.



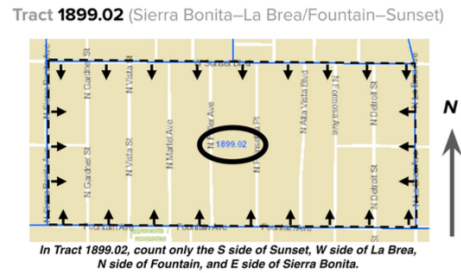
## 2021 Greater Hollywood Volunteer Homeless Count

### Materials:

- Tract maps (up to 2, see below).
- Tally sheets (up to 2, one per tract, see below).
- Clipboard + pens.

### Instructions:

1. Ensure Counter has tally sheets + tract maps. Ensure Navigator has tract maps if present.
2. Drive to a tract. Enter an intersection in google maps for directions (e.g., "Fountain/Normandie"). **Record tract number on tally sheet.**
3. Drive every street in the tract.
  - o Drive slowly so Counter can survey each street. Use hazard lights.
  - o If present, Navigator should direct Driver and mark streets that have been counted. Else, Counter should do this.
  - o **Count only the interior side streets on tract borders.**
  - o If you do not count a street, mark on map and note in "Comments" section of the tally sheet (see below).
  - o **Do not exit your vehicle for any reason during the count.**



### Tally example:

- Record the tract number, printed in **bold** at top of each tract map (see example above).
- **Read your results to the volunteer who collects your materials back at The Center.**

Data Acquisition Sheet – 2021 Greater Hollywood Homeless Count

Tract: **1899.02**

Date: **2/25/21**

Time: **7:15 PM**

Team members: **Abramson, Young**

Adults	16–24 yr olds	Unacc Minors	Cars	Vans/SUVs	RVs	Tents	Makeshift	Families
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Comments: <b>Didn't count DeLongpre btw Detroit &amp; Formosa</b>								

### Dwelling examples:



Figure 12: Count primer **SCRUB EK'S NUMBER!**