

# REDONDO BEACH 2021 HOMELESS CENSUS REPORT

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# **SPECIAL THANKS**

City Net thanks the City of Redondo Beach and the Redondo Beach Police Department for help conducting this census and for their tireless efforts to support and empower homeless neighbors in the city. Additionally, we thank the dozens of homeless individuals who voluntarily agreed to participate in the census.

# ABOUT THE CENSUS



## PURPOSE

The Redondo Beach Homeless Census was organized and executed by City Net under contract with the City of Redondo Beach for the purpose of:

1. Identifying a baseline number of individuals living without housing against which to measure all homelessness prevention and intervention efforts.
2. Determining the demographic, asset, and other special characteristics of individuals without housing to better inform resource allocation.

## OVERVIEW

The street census was conducted on the morning of January 26 and the evening of February 2, 2021.

This is the first large-scale, comprehensive homeless census in the City of Redondo Beach, and the City anticipates utilizing the results to assess whether resource allocation results in reduced homelessness.



# METHODOLOGY

City Net executed the Redondo Beach Census on the morning of January 26 and the evening of February 2, 2021. Each survey area was mapped ahead of time. Specific locations where homeless individuals were known to gather or sleep were highlighted so that these areas could be prioritized during the census. Because the goal of this project was a comprehensive census, even those areas on the teams' maps where no homeless individuals were known to gather or sleep were visited, including residential areas where homeless individuals are very rarely seen.

Teams were deployed from the Redondo Beach Police Station. Homeless individuals who did not wish to answer the survey questions were simply counted. Responses from participants were captured electronically through a secure Survey Application database with timestamps and geolocations using GIS technology. Duplicates were removed after the completion of the census by comparing names and age ranges.

# LIMITATIONS

The term "addiction" was not defined in the survey, and thus the data in this category does not represent a diagnosable condition, but only respondents' self-perceptions of the condition. Also, the only way to identify duplicates in the Census was to compare the names and ages of those who chose to complete the survey. Because the Census occurred over multiple days, unsheltered individuals who chose not to complete the survey may have been counted more than once, and artificial inflation of the count cannot therefore be ruled out. The margin of error for all unsheltered data points ranges between 3.96% and 7.72%. Additionally, some percentage totals may appear to be above or below 100.0% due to rounding.

# GEOLOCATION

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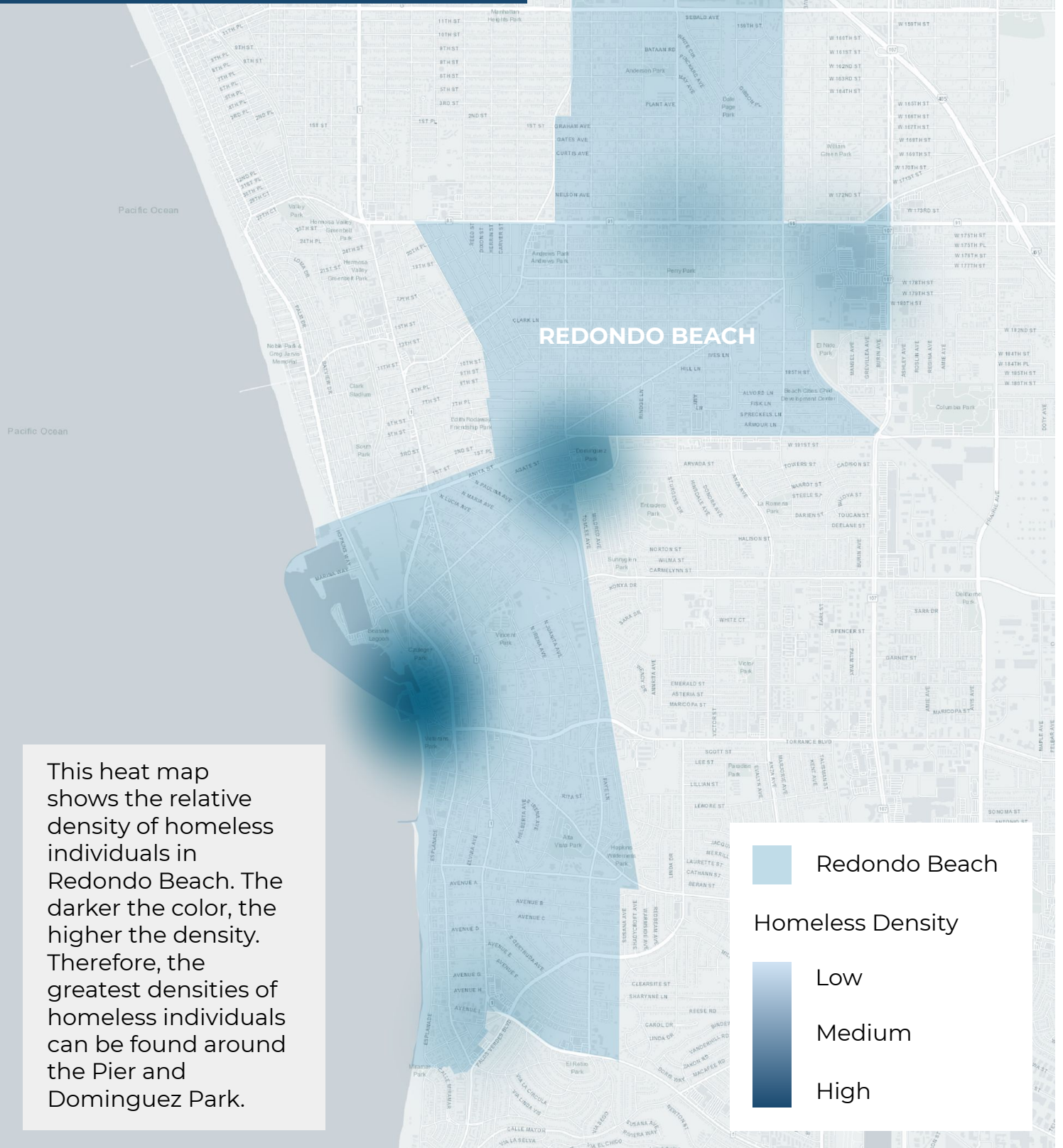
## REDONDO BEACH

The dots on this map represent the locations of the 92 homeless individuals that were identified during the census. They may overlap in high density areas.

- Homeless Individuals
- Redondo Beach

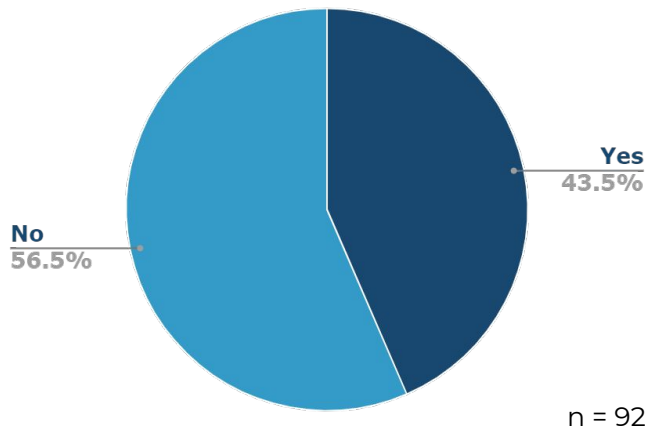


# GEOLOCATION



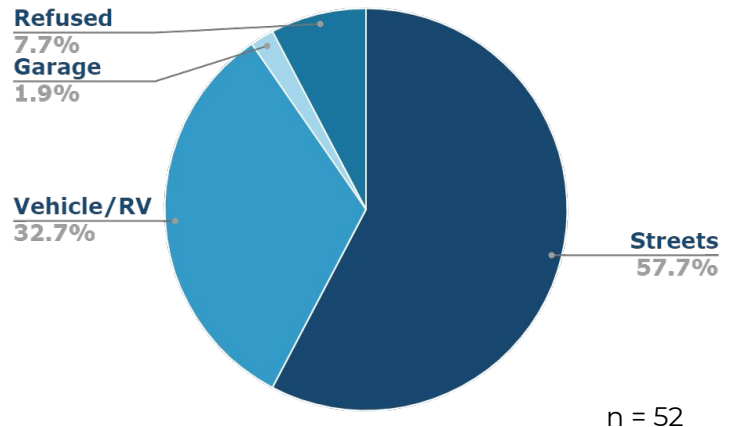
# GENERAL

## REFUSED SURVEY



The census identified 92 unsheltered individuals. 52 of them (56.5%) agreed to participate in a survey.

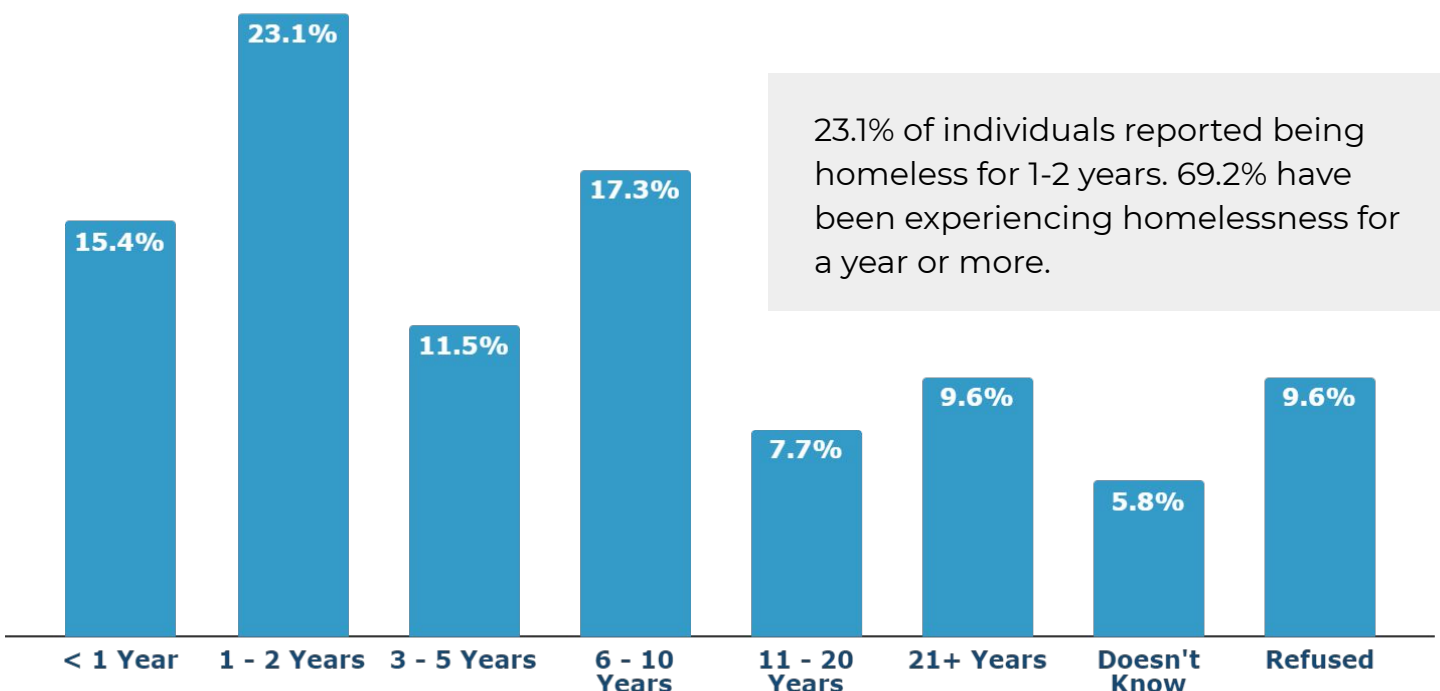
## CURRENT LIVING SITUATION



57.7% of respondents reported they were currently living on the streets. Of the rest, 32.7% live in vehicles and 1.9% in a garage.

## DURATION OF HOMELESSNESS

n = 52



23.1% of individuals reported being homeless for 1-2 years. 69.2% have been experiencing homelessness for a year or more.

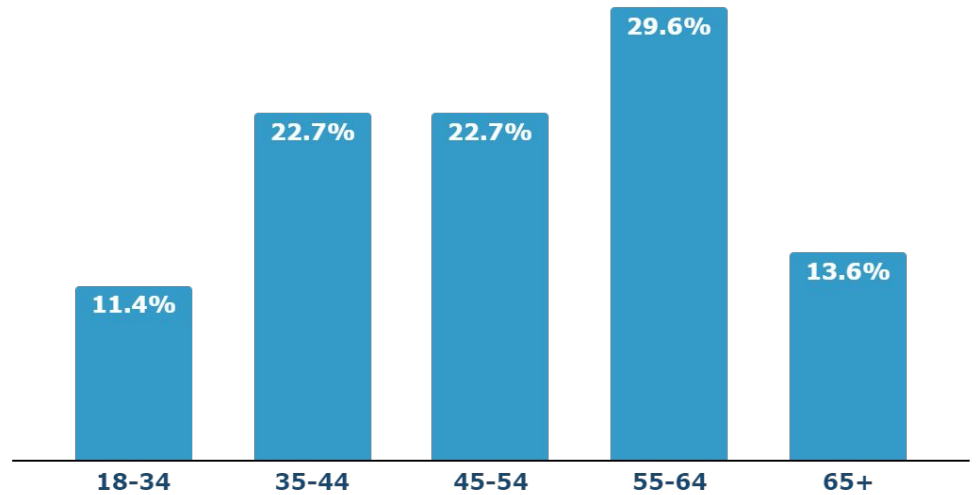


# DEMOGRAPHICS

The majority of unsheltered individuals are between ages 35 to 64, with most (29.6%) individuals reporting to be between ages 55-64. Individuals between ages 18-34 and 65+ make up 25% of the population.

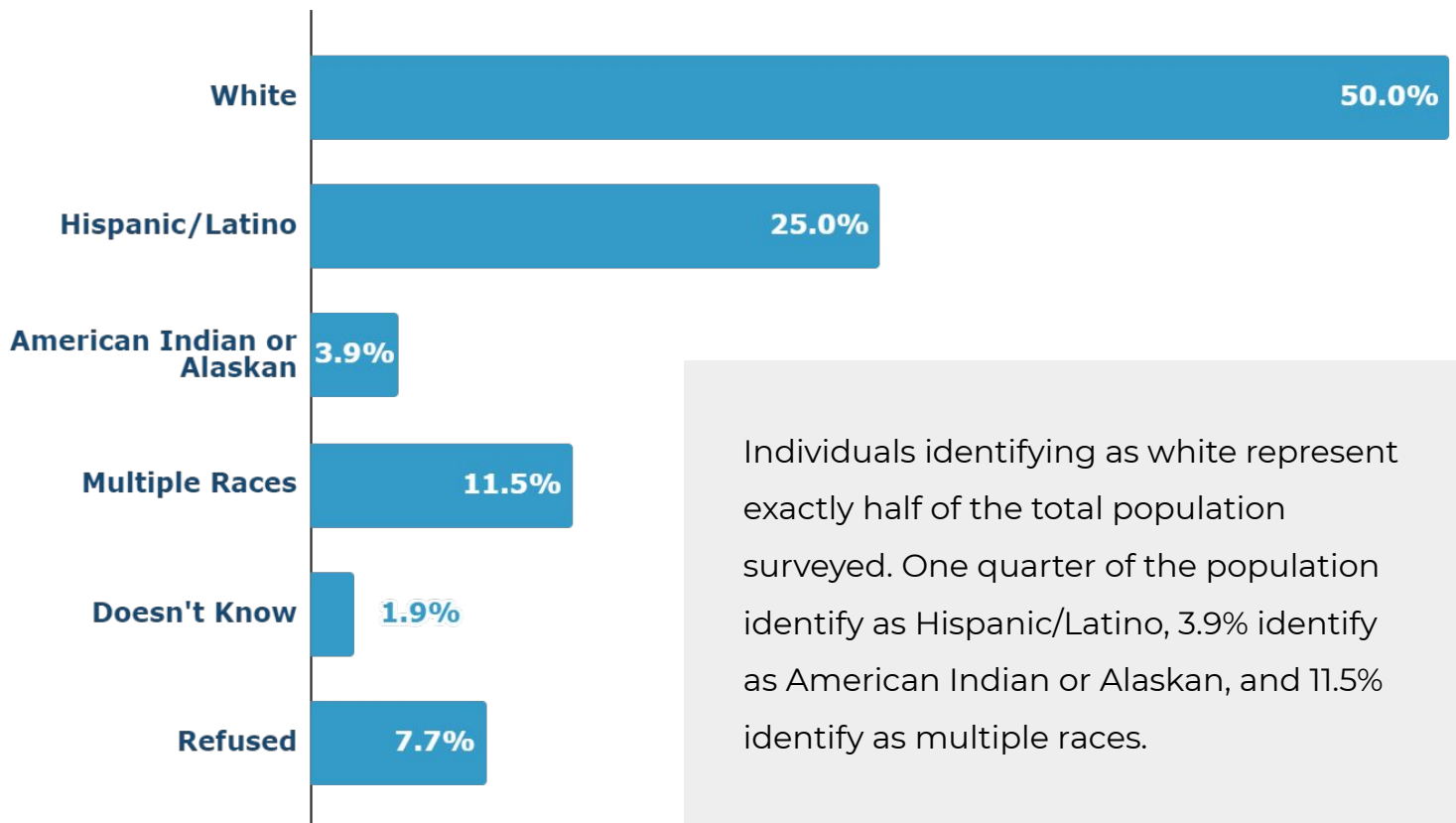
## AGE

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## RACE & ETHNICITY

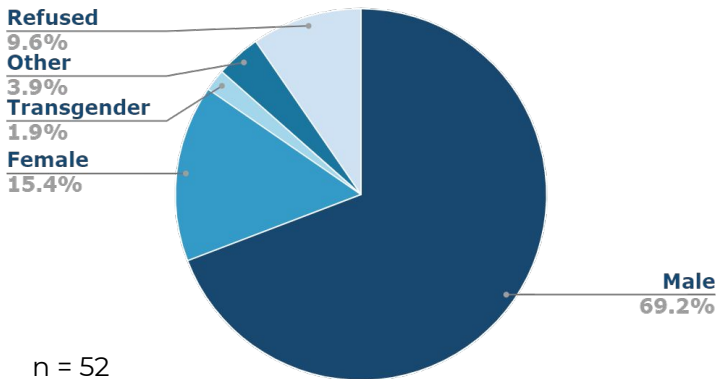
n = 52



Individuals identifying as white represent exactly half of the total population surveyed. One quarter of the population identify as Hispanic/Latino, 3.9% identify as American Indian or Alaskan, and 11.5% identify as multiple races.

# DEMOGRAPHICS

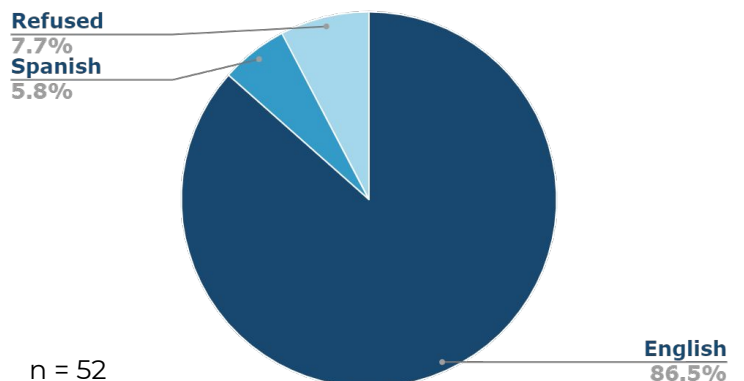
## GENDER



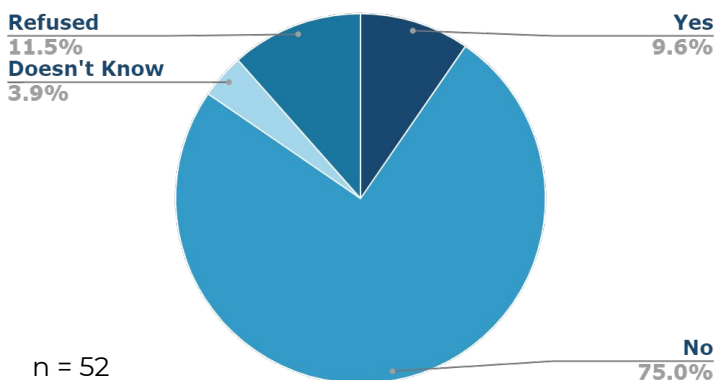
The majority (69.2%) of unsheltered individuals identify as male. 15.4% of individuals identified as female, 1.9% as transgender, and 3.9% identify as other.

A majority (86.5%) of respondents speak English as their main language. 5.8% speak Spanish as their main language.

## LANGUAGE



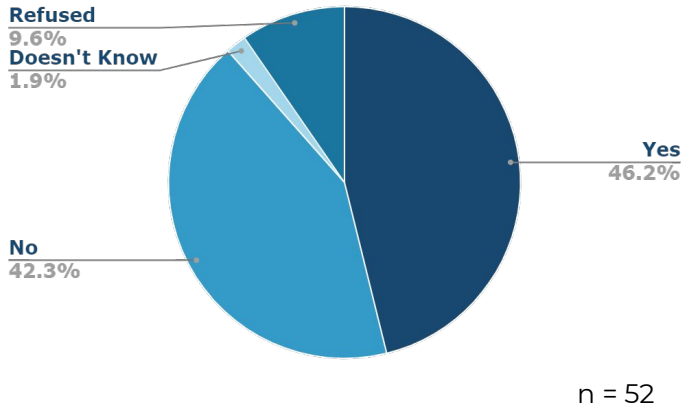
## VETERANS



9.6% of surveyors identify as a U.S. Veteran.

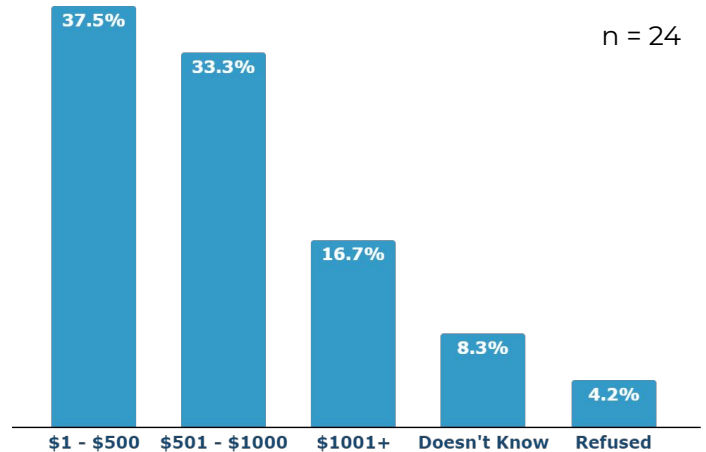
# INCOME

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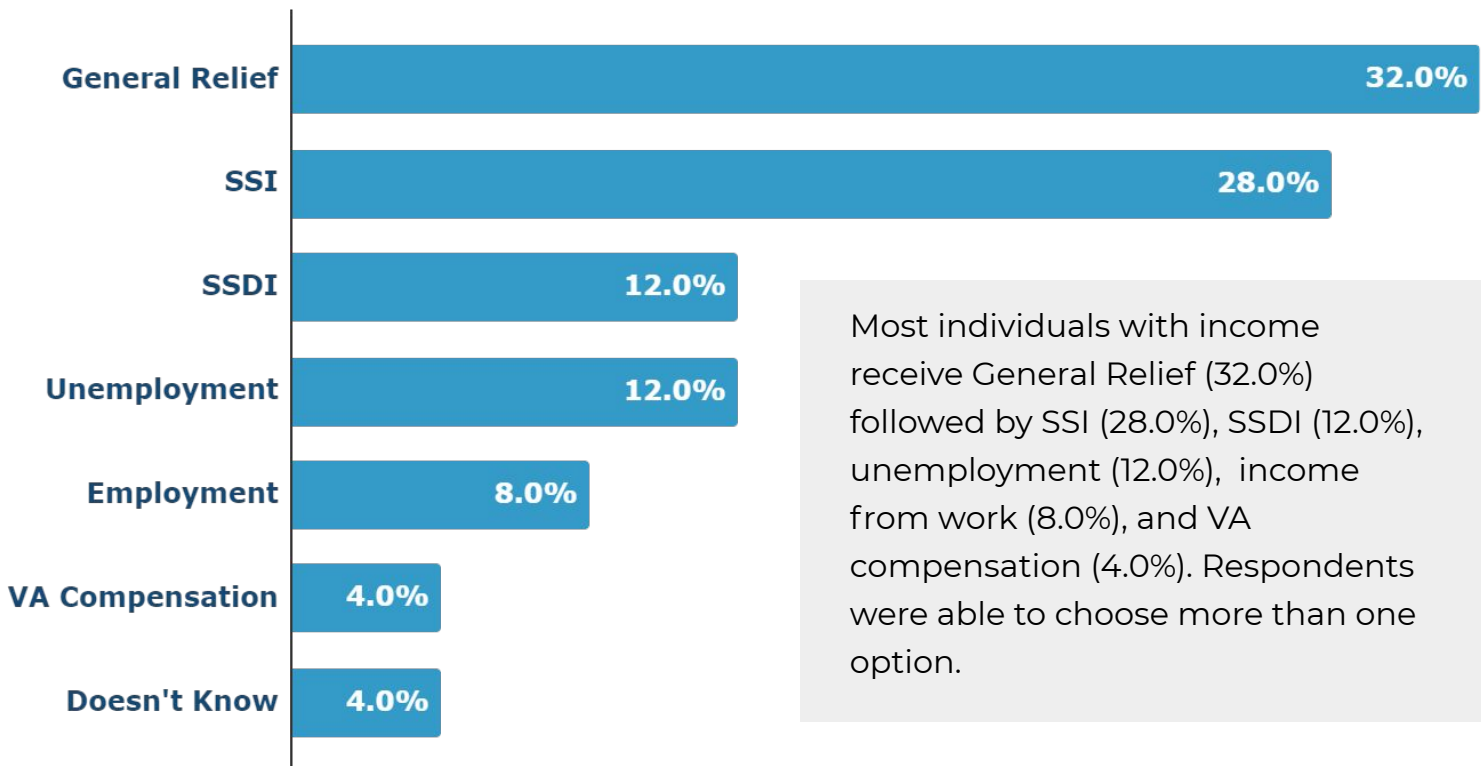
Less than half (46.2%) of unsheltered individuals surveyed reported receiving any income.

## GROSS MONTHLY INCOME



Of the individuals earning income, 37.5% earn between \$1-\$500 per month.

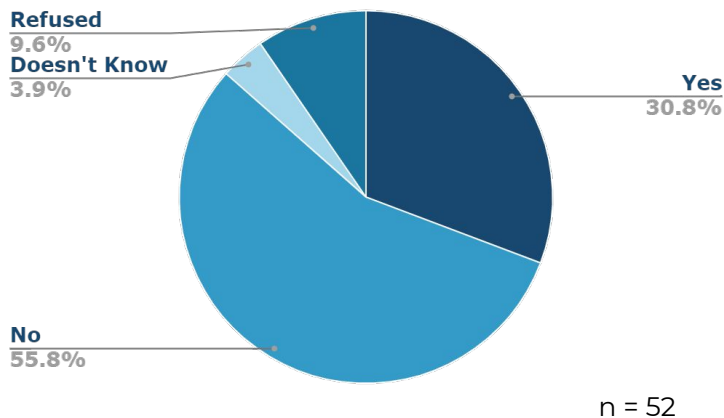
## SOURCE OF INCOME



Most individuals with income receive General Relief (32.0%) followed by SSI (28.0%), SSDI (12.0%), unemployment (12.0%), income from work (8.0%), and VA compensation (4.0%). Respondents were able to choose more than one option.

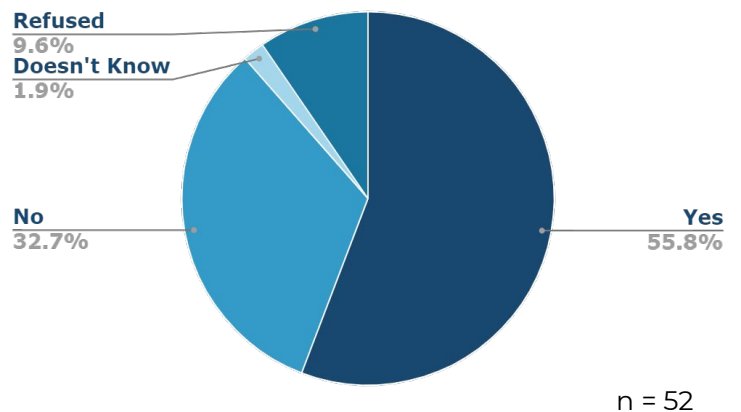
# BENEFITS

## CALFRESH



Only 30.8% of individuals knowingly receive CalFresh. More than half (55.8%) are not receiving receiving CalFresh.

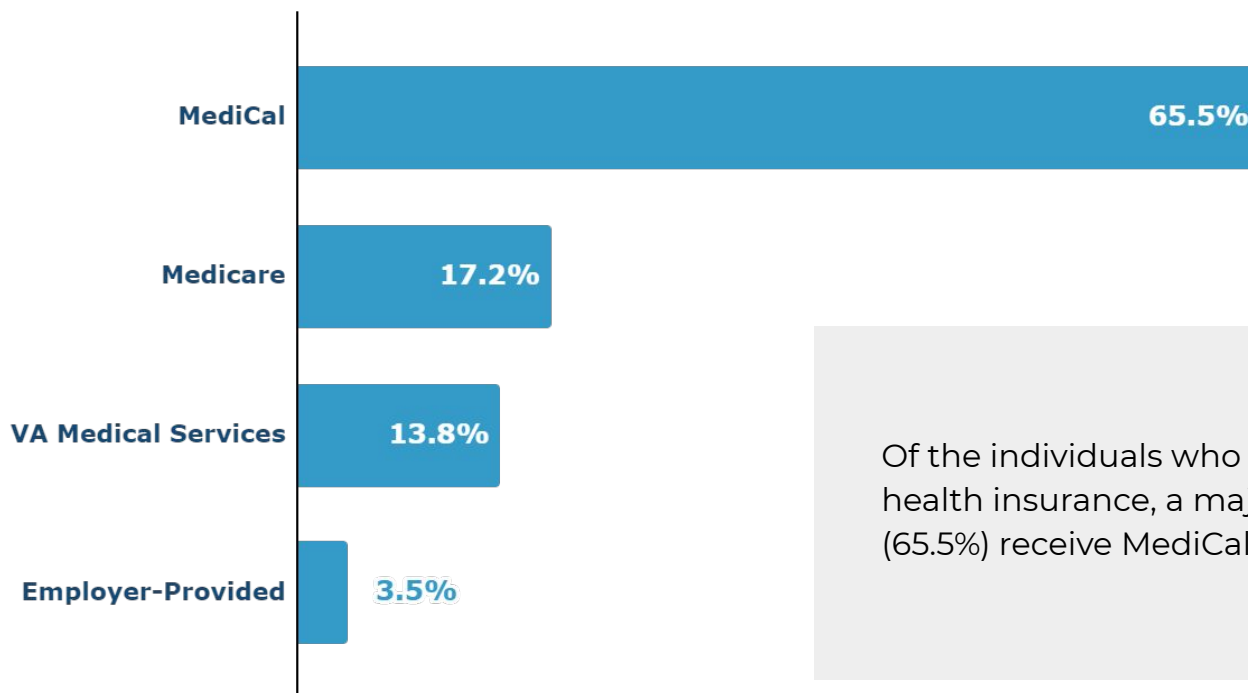
## HEALTH INSURANCE



More than half (55.8%) of respondents knowingly receive some sort of health insurance.

## TYPE OF HEALTH INSURANCE

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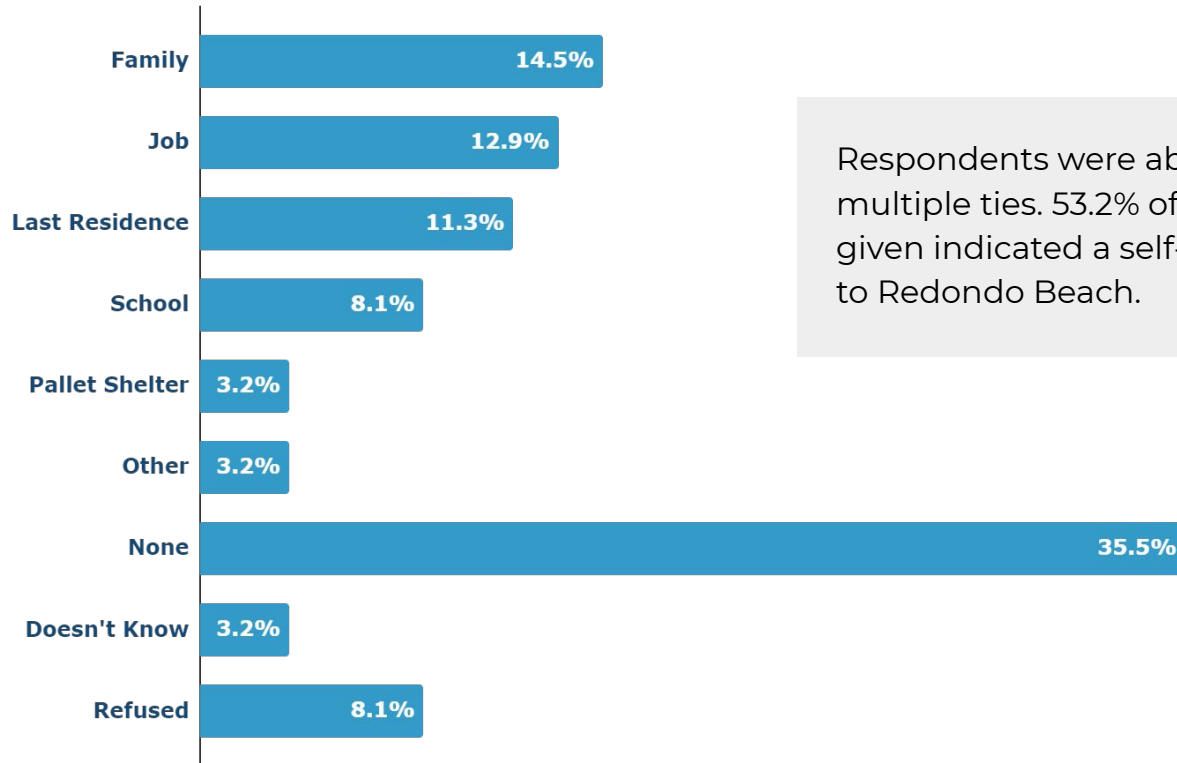


Of the individuals who receive health insurance, a majority (65.5%) receive MediCal benefits.

# COMMUNITY TIES

## TIES TO REDONDO BEACH

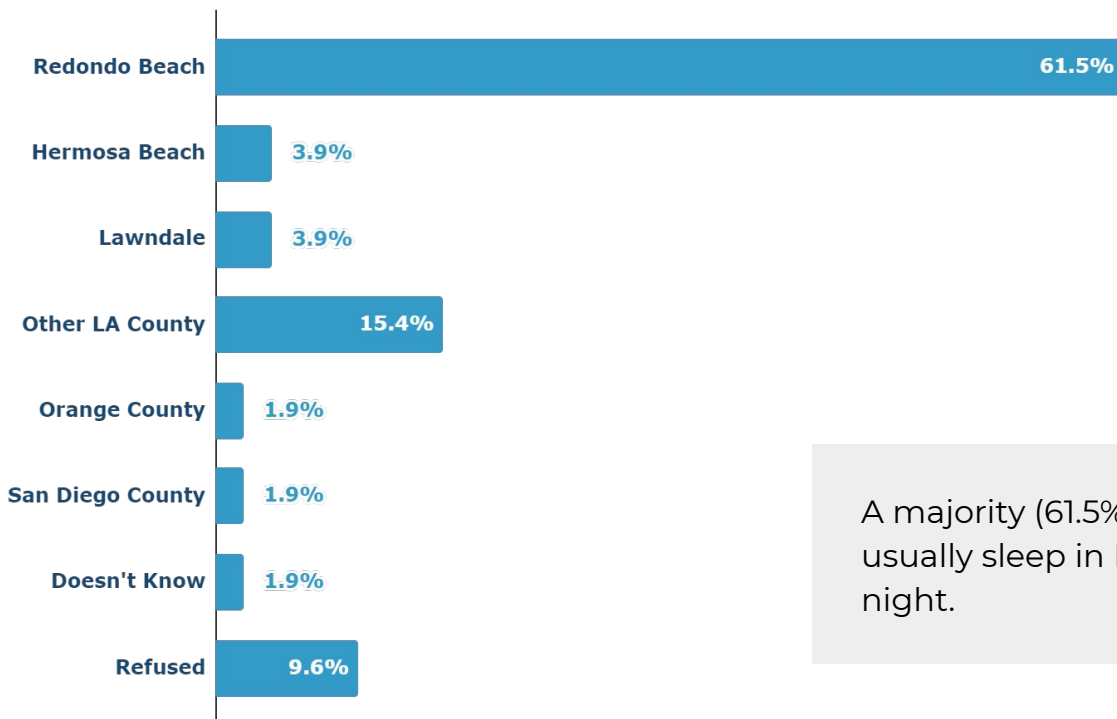
n = 62



Respondents were able to select multiple ties. 53.2% of the responses given indicated a self-identified tie to Redondo Beach.

## CITY USUALLY SLEPT IN

n = 52



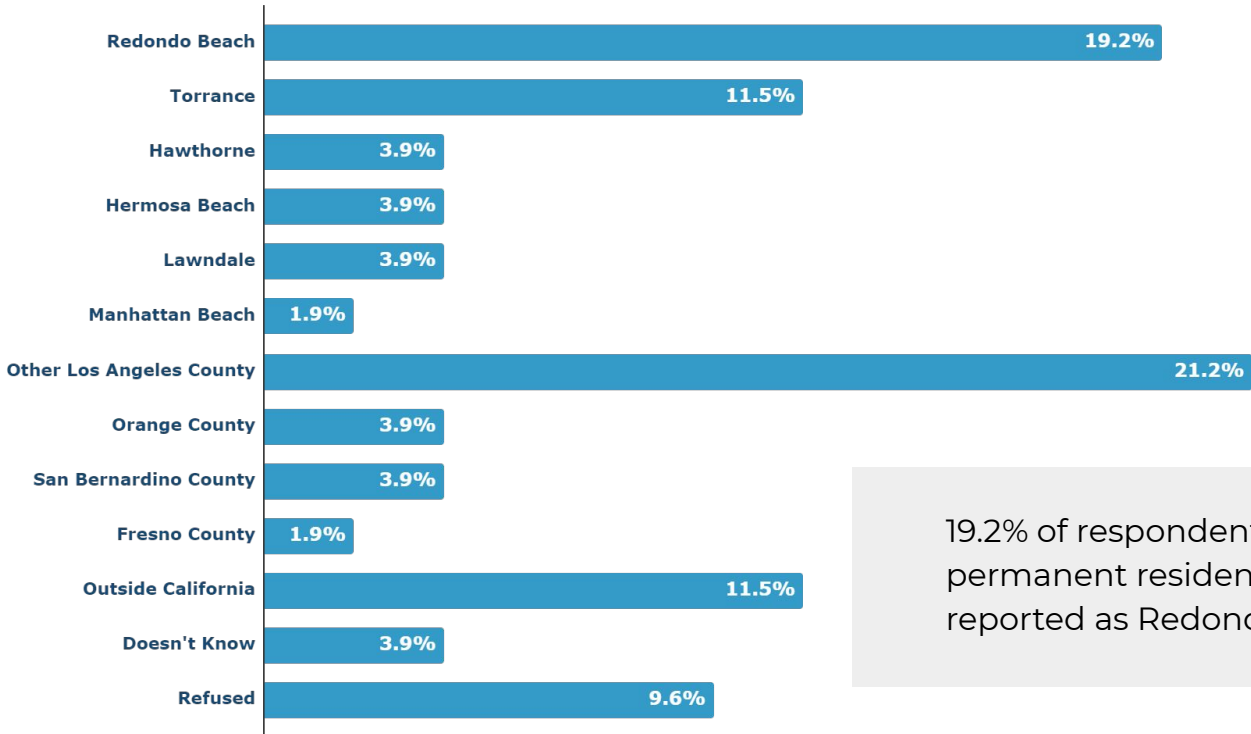
A majority (61.5%) of respondents usually sleep in Redondo Beach at night.



# COMMUNITY TIES

## LAST PERMANENT RESIDENCE

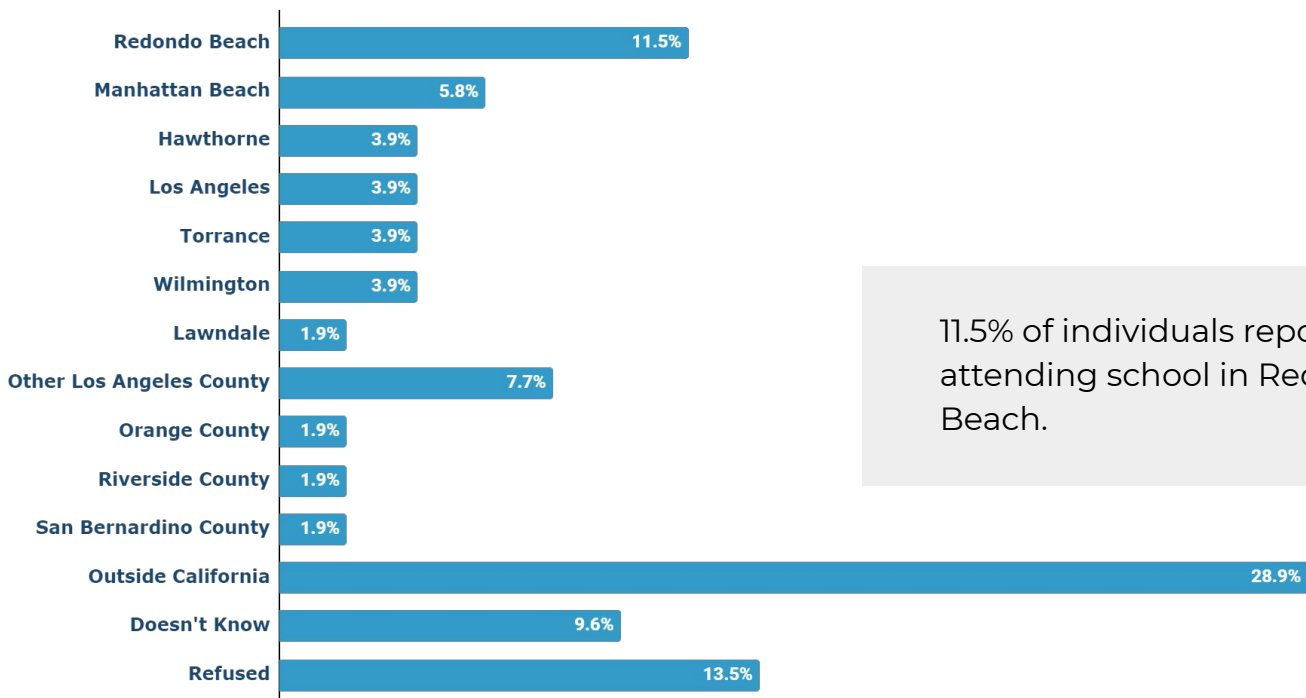
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19.2% of respondents' last permanent residence was reported as Redondo Beach.

## CITY OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

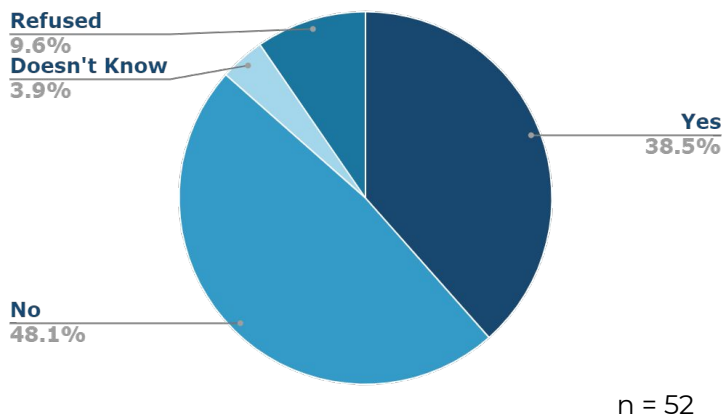
n = 52



11.5% of individuals reported attending school in Redondo Beach.

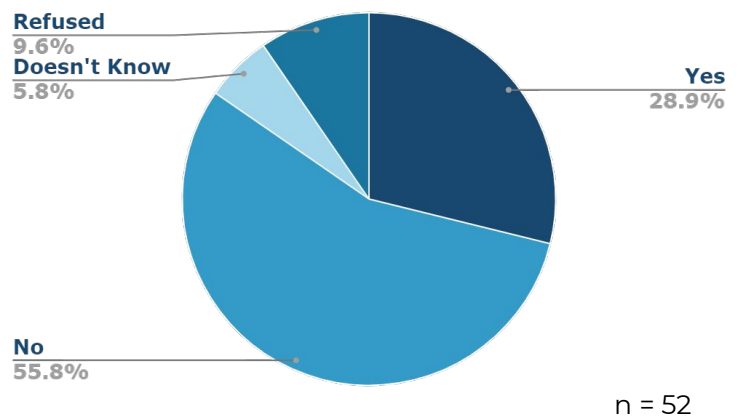
# DISABILITIES

## PERMANENT DISABILITY OR HEALTH CONDITION



38.5% of individuals surveyed have a permanent disability or health condition.

## MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

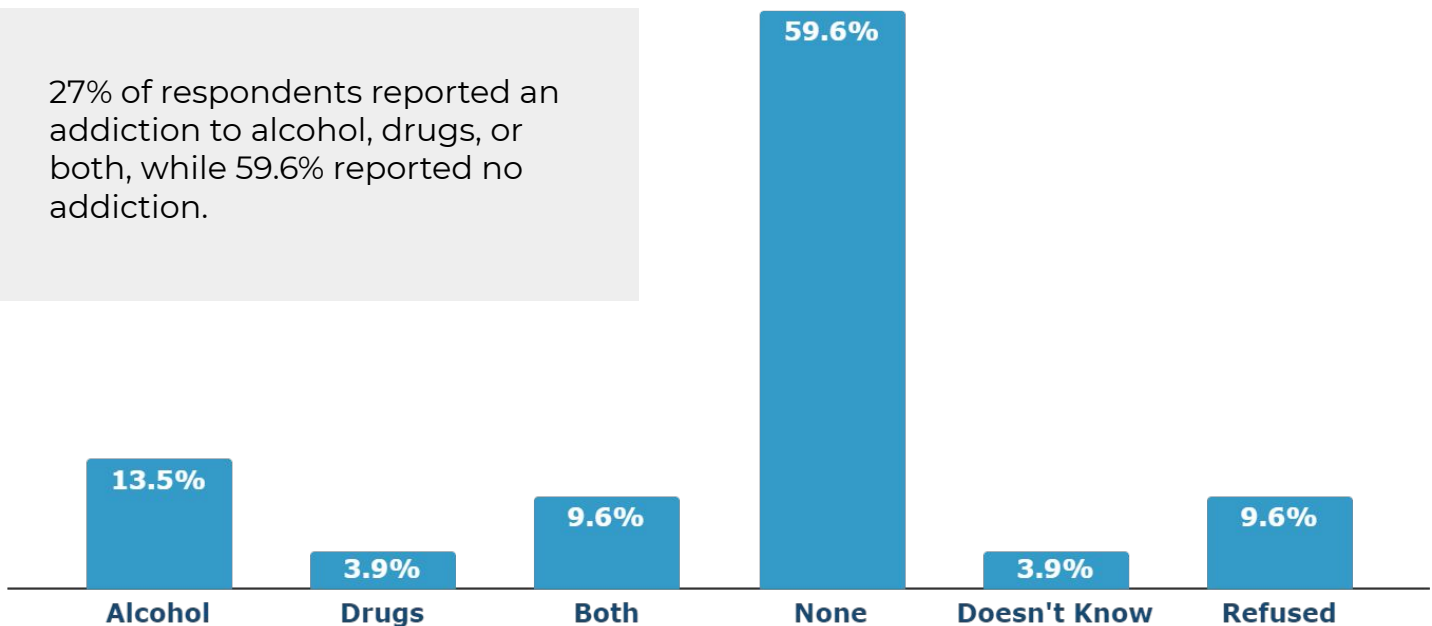


28.9% of respondents reported persistent mental health concerns.

## DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION

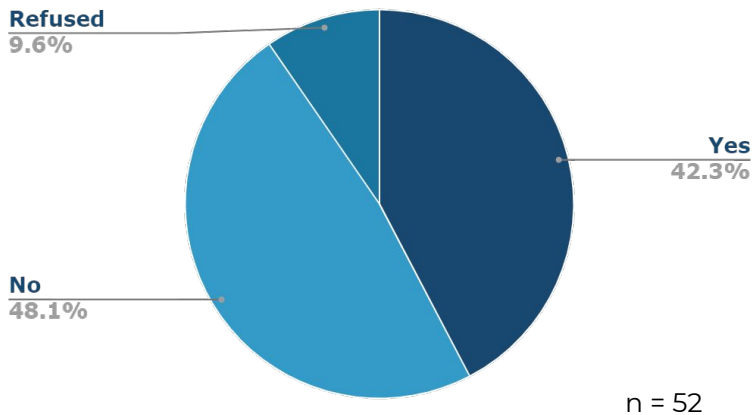
n = 52

27% of respondents reported an addiction to alcohol, drugs, or both, while 59.6% reported no addiction.



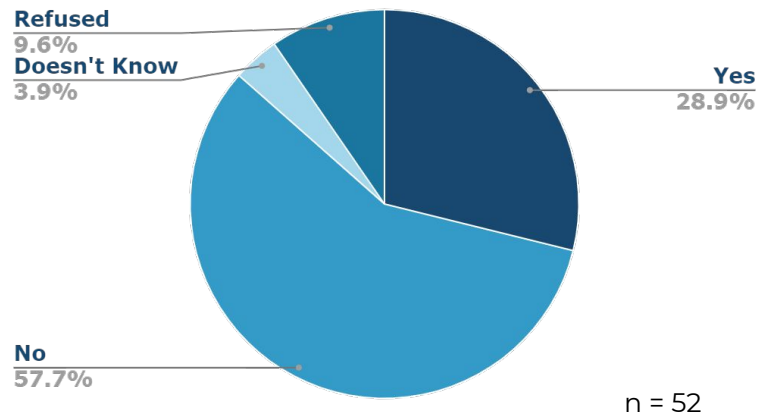
# SERVICES

## PREVIOUS HOMELESS SHELTER USAGE



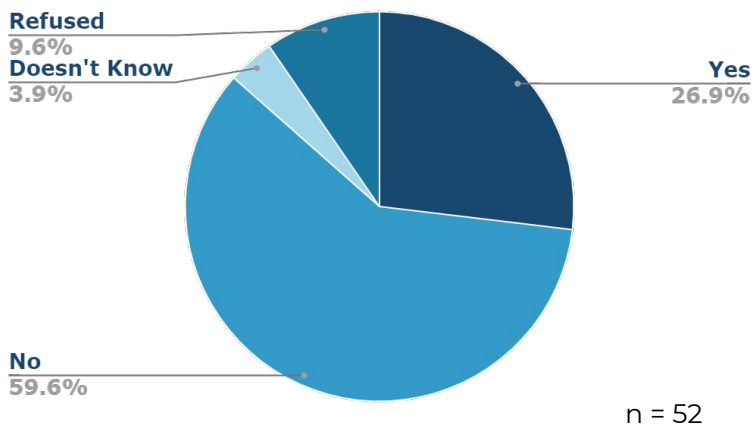
48.1% of respondents have never utilized a shelter before.

## INTEREST IN GOING TO A SHELTER



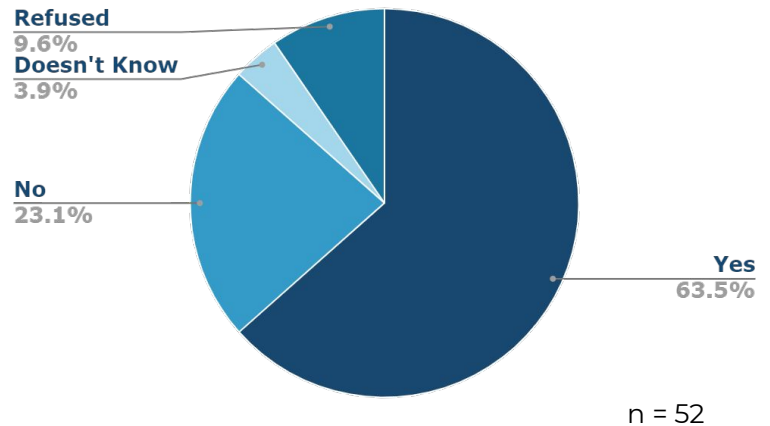
28.9% of individuals are interested in going to a shelter.

## INTEREST IN FAMILY REUNIFICATION



26.9% of individuals are interested in reunifying with a family member.

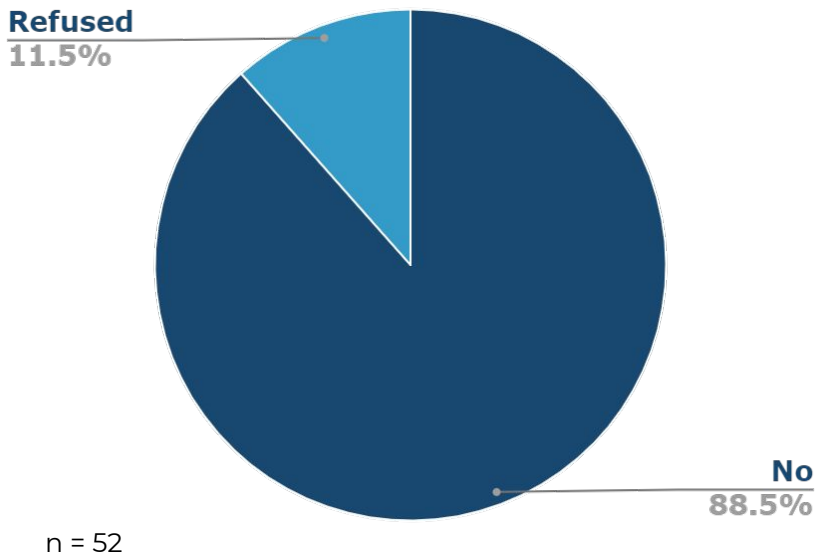
## INTEREST IN CASE MANAGEMENT



63.5% of respondents are interested in Case Management with City Net.

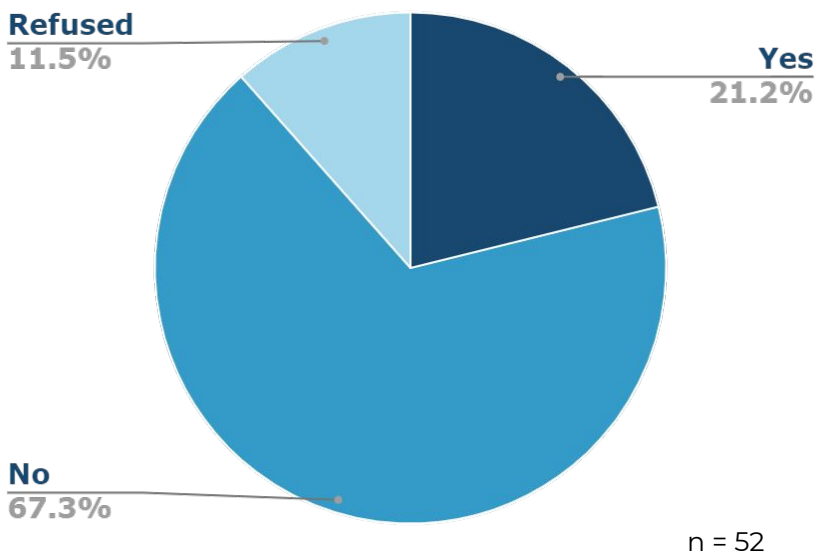
# OTHER

## UNSHELTERED WITH CHILDREN



88.5% of respondents reported not having any children with them.

## VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



21.2% of respondents have survived domestic violence.

# SUMMARY

92

The census identified 92 unsheltered homeless individuals in Redondo Beach.



Viewed as a composite of the highest-frequency responses, the typical unsheltered homeless individual in Redondo Beach is a man between the ages of 55 and 64 who identifies as “White”, is chronically homeless, and sleeps in Redondo Beach.



69.4% individuals are chronically homeless (have been homeless for more than a year, and have a permanent disability, substance abuse, or mental health concerns).



42.3% of individuals have no income. Of the 46.2% of individuals who do receive income, 37.5% of them only earn between \$1 to \$500 per month before taxes.



55.8% of individuals are not receiving CalFresh.



61.5% of surveyed individuals reported that they primarily sleep in Redondo Beach, and 19.2% reported that their last permanent residence was in Redondo Beach.



There were no children reported to be staying with the surveyed homeless individuals.



63.5% of respondents were interested in Case Management with City Net.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of the Redondo Beach census suggest that an increase in low-threshold emergency services may be needed, especially emergency services within the city that include the demographic most represented among the Redondo Beach homeless population—men between the ages of 55 and 64 who identify as “White”, are chronically homeless, and sleep in Redondo Beach.

We recommend a coordinated city response to highly populated locations, around the Pier and Dominguez Park, in particular. We also recommend focused street outreach and engagement efforts for individuals. As a significant portion of the surveyed population expressed interest in Case Management (63.5%), City Net plans to assist in these focused outreach efforts.

Additionally, we recommend continued efforts to connect homeless neighbors with substance abuse resources, mental health resources, and in-field teams to work with those in need of services. Because 69.2% of respondents reported living in homeless conditions for one year or more, providing services that target those with significantly deteriorated physical health, mental health, and social skills—from years spent living in homeless conditions—may help Redondo Beach’s homeless neighbors reintegrate into society. Furthermore, because only 30.8% of respondents are receiving CalFresh, we recommend an increase in the community knowledge of and accessibility to CalFresh.

# APPENDIX I

## DATA TABLES

<i>Refused Survey</i>	Count	Percent
Yes	40	43.5%
No	52	56.5%
Grand Total	92	

<i>Current Living Situation</i>	Count	Percent
Streets	30	57.7%
Vehicle/RV	17	32.7%
Other - Garage	1	1.9%
Refused	4	7.7%
Grand Total	52	

<i>Duration of Homelessness</i>	Count	Percent
< 1 Year	8	15.4%
1 - 2 Years	12	23.1%
3 - 5 Years	6	11.5%
6 - 10 Years	9	17.3%
11 - 20 Years	4	7.7%
21+ Years	5	9.6%
Doesn't Know	3	5.8%
Refused	5	9.6%
Grand Total	52	

<i>Age</i>	Count	Percent
18-34	5	11.4%
35-44	10	22.7%
45-54	10	22.7%
55-64	13	29.6%
65+	6	13.6%
Grand Total	44	

<i>Race &amp; Ethnicity</i>	Count	Percent
White	26	50.0%
Hispanic/Latino	13	25.0%
American Indian or Alaskan	2	3.9%
Multiple Races	6	11.5%
Doesn't Know	1	1.9%
Refused	4	7.7%
Grand Total	52	

<i>Gender</i>	Count	Percent
Male	36	69.2%
Female	8	15.4%
Transgender	1	1.9%
Other	2	3.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
Grand Total	52	

<i>Language</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
English	45	86.5%
Spanish	3	5.8%
Refused	4	7.7%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Veteran</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	5	9.6%
No	39	75.0%
Doesn't Know	2	3.9%
Refused	6	11.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Income</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	24	46.2%
No	22	42.3%
Doesn't Know	1	1.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Gross Monthly Income</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
\$1 - \$500	9	37.5%
\$501 - \$1000	8	33.3%
\$1001+	4	16.7%
Doesn't Know	2	8.3%
Refused	1	4.2%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>	

<i>Source of Income</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
General Relief	8	32.0%
SSI	7	28.0%
SSDI	3	12.0%
Unemployment	3	12.0%
Employment	2	8.0%
VA Compensation	1	4.0%
Doesn't Know	1	4.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25</b>	

<i>CalFresh</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	16	30.8%
No	29	55.8%
Doesn't Know	2	3.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Health Insurance</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	29	55.8%
No	17	32.7%
Doesn't Know	1	1.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Type of Health Insurance</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
MediCal	19	65.5%
Medicare	5	17.2%
VA Medical Services	4	13.8%
Employer-Provided	1	3.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29</b>	

<i>Ties to the Redondo Beach</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Family	9	14.5%
Job	8	12.9%
Last Residence	7	11.3%
School	5	8.1%
Pallet Shelter	2	3.2%
Other	2	3.2%
None	22	35.5%
Doesn't Know	2	3.2%
Refused	5	8.1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>62</b>	

<i>City Usually Slept in</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Redondo Beach	32	61.5%
Hermosa Beach	2	3.9%
Lawndale	2	3.9%
Other Los Angeles County	8	15.4%
Orange County	1	1.9%
San Diego County	1	1.9%
Doesn't Know	1	1.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Last Permanent Residence</i>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Redondo Beach	10	19.2%
Torrance	6	11.5%
Hawthorne	2	3.9%
Hermosa Beach	2	3.9%
Lawndale	2	3.9%
Manhattan Beach	1	1.9%
Other Los Angeles County	11	21.2%
Orange County	2	3.9%
San Bernardino County	2	3.9%
Fresno County	1	1.9%
Outside California	6	11.5%
Doesn't Know	2	3.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>City of High School Attendance</i>	Count	Percent
Redondo Beach	6	11.5%
Manhattan Beach	3	5.8%
Hawthorne	2	3.9%
Los Angeles	2	3.9%
Torrance	2	3.9%
Wilmington	2	3.9%
Lawndale	1	1.9%
Other Los Angeles County	4	7.7%
Orange County	1	1.9%
Riverside County	1	1.9%
San Bernardino County	1	1.9%
Outside California	15	28.9%
Doesn't Know	5	9.6%
Refused	7	13.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Permanent Disability or Health Condition</i>	Count	Percent
Yes	20	38.5%
No	25	48.1%
Doesn't Know	2	3.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Mental Health Concerns</i>	Count	Percent
Yes	15	28.9%
No	29	55.8%
Doesn't Know	3	5.8%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Drug or Alcohol Addiction</i>	Count	Percent
Alcohol	7	13.5%
Drugs	2	3.9%
Both	5	9.6%
No	31	59.6%
Doesn't Know	2	3.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Unsheltered with Children</i>	Count	Percent
No	46	88.5%
Refused	6	11.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Victim of Domestic Violence</i>	Count	Percent
Yes	11	21.2%
No	35	67.3%
Refused	6	11.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	



<i>Previous Homeless Shelter Usage</i>	Count	Percent
Yes	22	42.3%
No	25	48.1%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Interest in Going to a Shelter</i>	Count	Percent
Yes	15	28.9%
No	30	57.7%
Doesn't Know	2	3.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Interest in Family Reunification</i>	Count	Percent
Yes	14	26.9%
No	31	59.6%
Doesn't Know	2	3.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

<i>Interest in Case Management</i>	Count	Percent
Yes	33	63.5%
No	12	23.1%
Doesn't Know	2	3.9%
Refused	5	9.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52</b>	

# APPENDIX II

## QUESTIONNAIRE

City Net Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

1a. First Name (If applicable, type "Refused" or "Doesn't know"): \_\_\_\_\_

1b. Last Name (If applicable, type "Refused" or "Doesn't know"): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Refused Survey? (If refused, survey ends)

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Are you experiencing any of the following symptoms? (Check all that apply)

☐ Fever ☐ Runny nose ☐ Prolonged sore throat ☐ Cough ☐ Shortness of breath ☐ Diarrhea

☐ No symptoms currently ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused

4. Are you currently homeless?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Stopped survey due to symptoms

5. What is your current living situation?

☐ Vehicle/RV ☐ On the streets (e.g. in a tent) ☐ Shelter ☐ Which Shelter? (If applicable, type "Refused" or "Doesn't know") : \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Motel paid for by 3rd party (e.g. homeless service agency) ☐ Other (If the person's situation does not fall into one of these categories, they may not be homeless. Clarify status) : \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Doesn't Know ☐ Refused

6. Gender

☐ Man ☐ Woman ☐ Transgender ☐ Other ☐ Doesn't Know ☐ Refused

7. What is your date of birth? (Ex. 01/01/1970; If applicable, type "Refused" or "Doesn't know"): \_\_\_\_\_

8. What race/ethnicity do you identify with? (Select all that apply)

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Hispanic/Latino

☐ Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. What language do you feel the most comfortable speaking?

☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Have you ever served in any branch of the U.S. Military?

☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused

11. Are you currently receiving any income?

☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused

12. What are your sources of income? (Select all that apply)

☐ Employment/earned income ☐ Unemployment ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

☐ Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) ☐ VA Compensation ☐ VA Pension ☐ Workers' Compensation ☐ General Relief ☐ Social Security Retirement ☐ Job pension/retirement ☐ Child support ☐ Alimony or spousal support ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

13. What is your total gross monthly income? (before taxes)

☐ \$1-\$500 ☐ \$501-\$1000 ☐ \$1001+ ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused

14. Are you currently receiving CalFresh (food stamps)?

☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused

15. Do you have health insurance?

☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused

16. Where do you get your health insurance? (Select all that apply)

☐ L.A.Care (Medi-Cal/Medicaid) ☐ Medicare ☐ VA Medical Services

☐ Employer-Provided Health Insurance ☐ Private Pay Health Insurance

☐ Indian Health Services Program ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. How long have you been homeless?  
☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1-2 years ☐ 3-5 years ☐ 6-10 years ☐ 11-20 years ☐ 21+ years ☐ Doesn't know  
☐ Refused
18. What city do you usually sleep in?  
☐ Redondo Beach ☐ Hermosa Beach ☐ Manhattan Beach ☐ El Segundo ☐ Lawndale ☐ Gardena  
☐ Torrance ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
19. What city was your last permanent residence in?  
☐ Redondo Beach ☐ Hermosa Beach ☐ Manhattan Beach ☐ El Segundo ☐ Lawndale ☐ Gardena  
☐ Torrance ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
20. In what city did you graduate from High School? (or last grade of primary school)  
☐ Redondo Beach ☐ Hermosa Beach ☐ Manhattan Beach ☐ El Segundo ☐ Lawndale ☐ Gardena  
☐ Torrance ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
21. Do you have any ties to the city of Redondo Beach? Check all that apply.  
☐ Staying at the Pallett Shelter in Redondo Beach ☐ Family ☐ Job ☐ School ☐ Last Residence  
☐ No current ties to the city of Redondo Beach ☐ Client Doesn't Know ☐ Refused  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
22. Do you have any minor children staying with you?  
☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused
23. How many children?  
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ Other (If applicable, type "Refused" or "Doesn't know"): \_\_\_\_\_
24. Do you have a permanent disability or health condition? (For example: long-term physical and health concerns that significantly limit your ability to take care of yourself)  
☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused
25. Do you have any mental health concerns? (Including, for example, anxiety or depression that lasts longer than a few days)  
☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused
26. Do you struggle with alcohol or drug addiction?  
☐ No ☐ Yes, just alcohol ☐ Yes, just drugs ☐ Yes, alcohol and drugs ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused
27. Have you ever been a victim of domestic violence?  
☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused
28. Are you interested in going to a shelter?  
☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't Know ☐ Refused
29. Have you utilized a Homeless shelter in the past?  
☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused
30. Do you have any family members that you are interested in reunifying with? (Family members willing to bring you into their household. If you are eligible, transportation could be arranged)  
☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused
31. Are you interested in Case Management with City Net?  
☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Doesn't know ☐ Refused



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