

Black Men and Homelessness: Addressing an Overlooked Crisis

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Join us to hear from professionals in the homelessness system that are actively asking the questions around addressing the underrepresentation of Black men in homeless response efforts and the needs of Black men who are overrepresented in homelessness. Explore the questions that are being asked and the solutions they are wrestling with regarding Black male underrepresentation in decision-making, and the gaps in services available to Black men experiencing homelessness.



Why are we here?



National Snapshot

What we know...

- 61% of people experiencing homelessness identify as male
- 37% of all people experiencing homelessness are African American

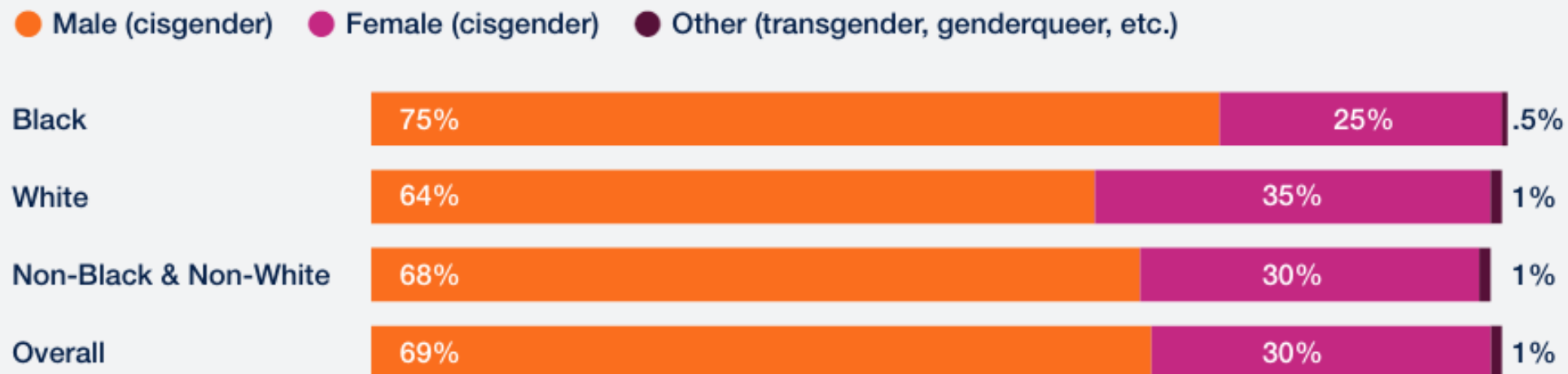
What we don't

- Exact intersectional data
- Calculation: 23% of people in the US experiencing homelessness are black men (147,404)



Snapshots: Black Men Data Available

FIGURE 5 Gender Identities of People Experiencing Homelessness in California by Racial Identity



Cumulative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Chicago Snapshot

What we know...

- **1,634 individuals estimated to be experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a given night**, according to the 2024 PIT Count.
- 46% of those were on public transit, including trains and stations
- **60% of those in unsheltered locations identified as non-Latinx Black/ African American and 82% identified as male**



Panel Questions



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Black Men Ending Homelessness

Mission

“Our mission is to empower and uplift Black men in or around the homeless response system. Through fostering connections, shedding light on service gaps for Black men, and providing recommendations, we aim to enhance access to safe and supportive resources. With collective action and advocacy, we strive to create a more just and equitable system where everyone experiencing homelessness can receive adequate and responsive service and care.”

Learn more

