1. In the United States, in the year 2007, of the 12,364 TB cases with information on homeless status, 705 (5.7%) were homeless.\(^1\)

2. In California 2007, of the 2,702 TB cases with information on homeless status, 156 (5.8%) were homeless.\(^2\)

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3. A total of 816 cases were reported in Los Angeles County in 2007. Fifty-two (6.4%) were homeless. This represents a 6.1% increase in the number of homeless cases from 2006 (49 cases).

4. The majority (90.4%) of homeless TB cases was male (47 cases).

5. The highest number of homeless TB cases reported was in the 55-64 year age group (16 cases, 30.8%), followed by the age groups 45-54 (15 cases, 28.8%), 35-44 (10 cases, 19.2%), 15-34 (8 cases, 15.4%), and 65+ (3 cases, 5.8%). No cases for 0-4 and 5-14 year age groups.

6. The racial/ethnic breakdown of homeless TB cases was 48.1% Hispanics (25 cases), 34.6% Black (18 cases), 13.4% White (7 cases), and 3.9% Asian (2 cases).

7. Twenty-six (50.0%) of the homeless TB cases were born in the U.S., twenty-five cases (48.1%) were foreign-born, and the country of origin was unknown for 1 case. Of the 25 foreign-born homeless TB cases, 12 cases (48.0%) were born in Mexico, 6 (24.0%) in El Salvador and 2 (8.0%) in Guatemala. One case each was born in Bulgaria, Denmark, Ethiopia, Philippines, and Vietnam.

8. Of the 52 homeless TB cases, 92.3% (48 cases) were tested for HIV. Of these 48, 35.4% (17 cases) were identified with HIV co-infection. This is more than four times the percentage of HIV co-infected patients in Los Angeles County as a whole in 2007.

9. Most of the homeless cases (22 cases, 42.3%) were located in the Central Health District, a region characterized by high population density, severe poverty and large numbers of persons with other risk factors for TB such as HIV infection, injection/non-injection drug use and severe alcohol abuse. The Hollywood Health District had the second highest number of homeless TB cases (8 cases, 15.4%) followed by South (6 cases, 11.5%) and East Los Angeles (4 cases, 7.7%).

10. Thirty-eight homeless TB cases (73.1%) were diagnosed as pulmonary TB, 13 cases (25.0%) as pulmonary and extra-pulmonary TB and 1 case (1.9%) as extra-pulmonary TB only.

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Note: TB cases in Pasadena and Long Beach are not included in the report because these two cities have their own TB Control Programs.