

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR FALLEN UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS



A Communitywide Dialogue

DECEMBER 21, 2023

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Days of Dialogue partnered with CCEJ, L.A. Christian Health Center, SPA 6 Homeless Coalition, and WIN-Pasadena to host community dialogues in honor of the **National Homeless Person Memorial Day**. A total of 141 people gathered to share stories of resiliency, memories of loved ones, and exchanged information on homelessness solutions as a preventive measure to intervene in growing trends of increased deaths among our unhoused neighbors. In 2023, there were 2,033 deaths among unhoused neighbors. This represents the deaths of nearly 6 people a day, an increase of 8% over 2022. These deaths are the result of a rise in fentanyl, untreated mental and physical illness, a lack of access to affordable housing, and high rates of violence.

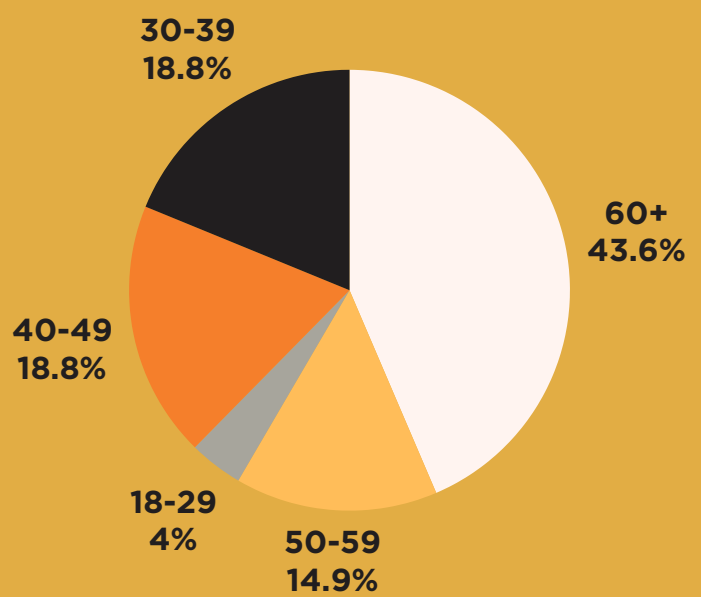
Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/feb/22/los-angeles-unhoused-deaths-increase-housing-crisis-fentanyl-overdoses#>

GENDER OF PARTICIPANTS

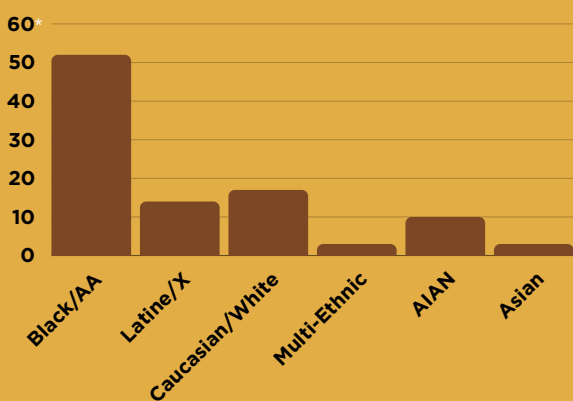


75% Female
25% Male

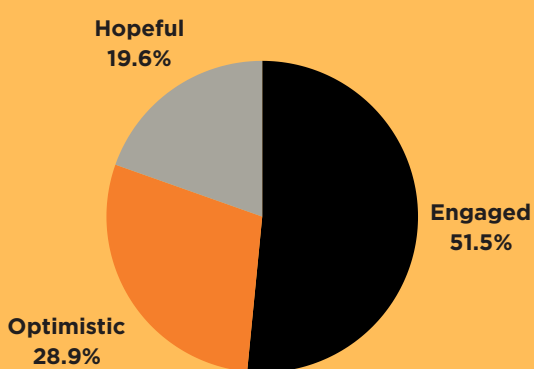
AGE OF PARTICIPANTS



RACE/ETHNICITY OF PARTICIPANTS * In (%)



POST DIALOGUE FEELINGS



TOP 5 ACTIONS PARTICIPANTS WILL DO THE NEXT DAY

- Share homelessness resources
- Advocate for homelessness funding
- Learn more about homelessness
- Compassionately outreach and engage with unhoused neighbors
- Connect vulnerable neighbors to services

100% of survey respondents believed dialogue as a tool to tackle controversial issues in the community