



ELDERLY HOMELESS WOMEN
NOW ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING
SEGMENTS OF THOSE
ON THE STREETS

The homeless are not who you think they are ...

- The image of a disheveled man popularized in fundraising materials for homeless shelters is no longer representative of those on the streets.
- Women and families now represent the fastest growing homeless segments.
- The median age of women living on Los Angeles' skid row is now 50, up from 44.
- Over 60% of the homeless in many areas live in their cars.



OLDER

The average age of those on the streets is rising fast. A recent CCHS study found the mean age of respondents was 52 years.



SICKER

Over one-third of those surveyed have "faced death" from a serious respiratory illness or cardiac condition -- or both.



NEWER

Due to rising rents, the elderly on fixed incomes are becoming newly homeless at a startling rate.

