CONNECTING SKID ROW

A community-engaged research initiative to understand how people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County use digital technologies.

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For people experiencing homelessness,
Internet access can be the key to securing
shelter, finding a job, connecting to social
services or staying in touch with friends
and family.

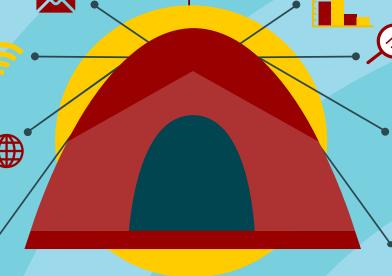


Research shows

The majority of those experiencing homelessness

own a mobile phone

and use the Internet on a regular basis.



The project seeks

knowledge and provide a testbed for interventions that leverage digital technologies to alleviate homelessness

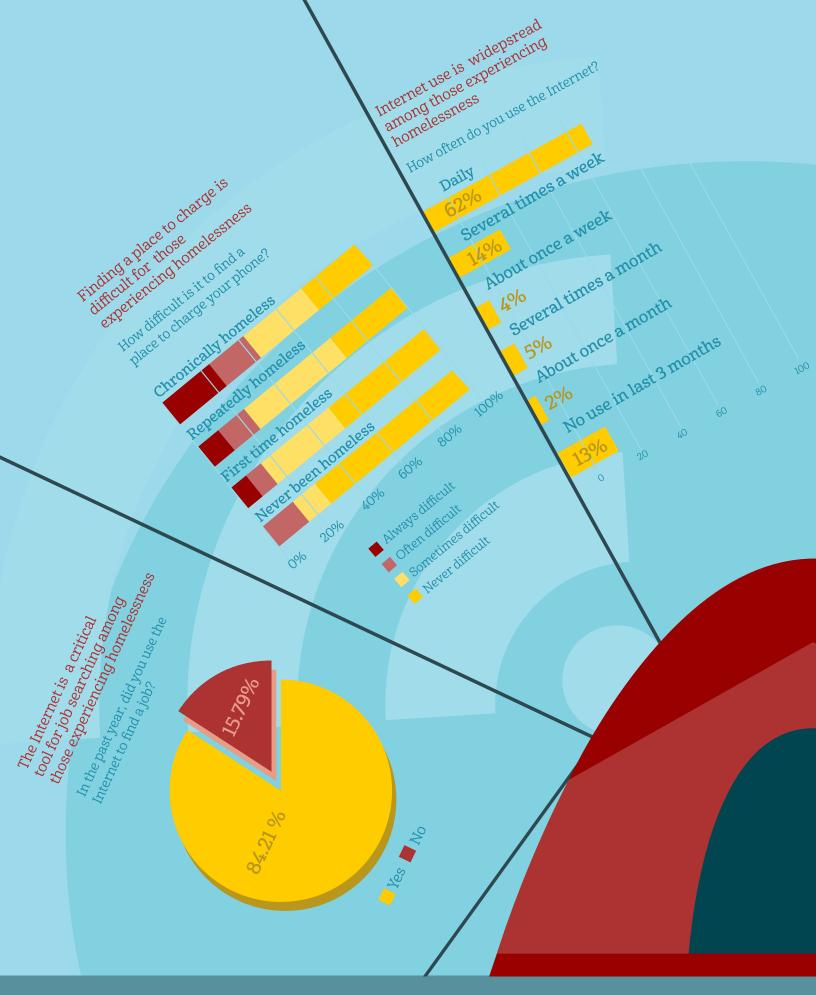
With support from the Los Angeles Public Library, we surveyed people experiencing homelessness to better understand their engagement with mobile phones and the Internet

Together with the Los Angeles Community

Action Network (LACAN), our team has prototyped
a community-operated phone charging and free
Wi-Fi solution for Skid Row residents.

This work to date has been generously supported by the James H. Zumberge Research and Innovation Fund and the USC Price Center for Social Innovation.

We seek partners to help develop new initiatives and fund existing ones.



For more information, please visit our website at http://arnicusc.org/research/skid-row-connectivity or contact us at arnic@usc.edu.