Story Mapping Within A Concrete Jungle

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Map of Chicago from 1913
A TAXONOMY OF TRANSITIONS

racial / ethnic self-identification in Chicago in the year 2010

white ■ black ■ asian ■ hispanic ■ other ■

the black lines show Chicago's official community areas.

each dot represents twenty-five people.
here, hispanic is exclusive of other categories.

block-level data from the U.S. Census.
scale 1:200,000
Word On The Street Is...

Word on the street is... life is confusing.
Word on the street is... there are lots of incredible
human beings out there.
But word on the street is... sometimes it's hard to tell.
Word on the street is... we don't all come from
the same place, and we don't all have the same
privileges. Not everybody has a place to call
home, not everybody can call home. Not
everyone has a place to stay at night.

More often than not homelessness is temporary.
But there are cases where it's chronic.
In any of these situations, it's incredibly complex.

We dehumanize those who don’t have a place
to stay, often times blaming those who are
homeless for the intricate situation they are in.
And that's not just word on the street.

Yet there are ways to mobilize; ways we
can take action. It's possible to start looking
at people on the street as individuals
with layers.

¹ According to the United States Department of Housing, 17% of the
homeless population is considered to be "chronically homeless."