

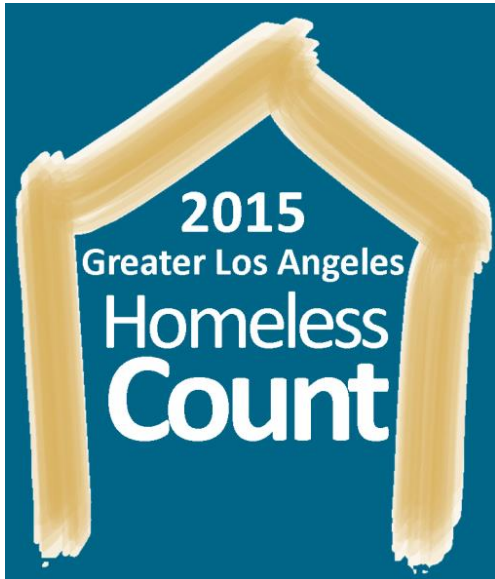


2015 Results  
Los Angeles  
Continuum of Care

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- **LAHSA is part of a coordinated network** of city and county agencies, nonprofits, civic and community leaders.
- We have a **shared commitment** to serving and reducing the homeless population.
- Los Angeles is **better situated than ever** before to address this critical issue.



- The **2015 Los Angeles Homeless Count**, led by LAHSA, **is the largest in the nation.**
- **5,500 volunteers** participated in the 2015 count.
- The **Point-In-Time Count** is a **snapshot of homelessness** in our communities on one day.
- LAHSA has conducted homeless counts **since 2005.**
- LAHSA's count does not include Glendale, Pasadena or Long Beach.



The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count's main purpose is to answer very important questions about homelessness in Los Angeles:

- ***How many*** homeless people are there?
- What are the ***demographic characteristics*** of homeless people?
- ***Where*** are homeless people staying?



# Components of the Count



- **Street Count:** Capturing a point in time estimate of the unsheltered population in each Service Planning Area (SPA).
- **Shelter Count:** Capturing the homeless population who are in emergency shelters, transitional housing, safe havens and vouchered hotels/motels.
- **Demographic Survey:** Interviews of a sample of unsheltered homeless individuals to better understand the characteristics and experiences of homeless persons.
- **Youth Count:** Collaborative process with youth stakeholders to better understand and identify homeless youth.



***U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers someone homeless if they are staying in one of the following places:***

1. Places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings;
2. Emergency shelter; or
3. Transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or shelters.



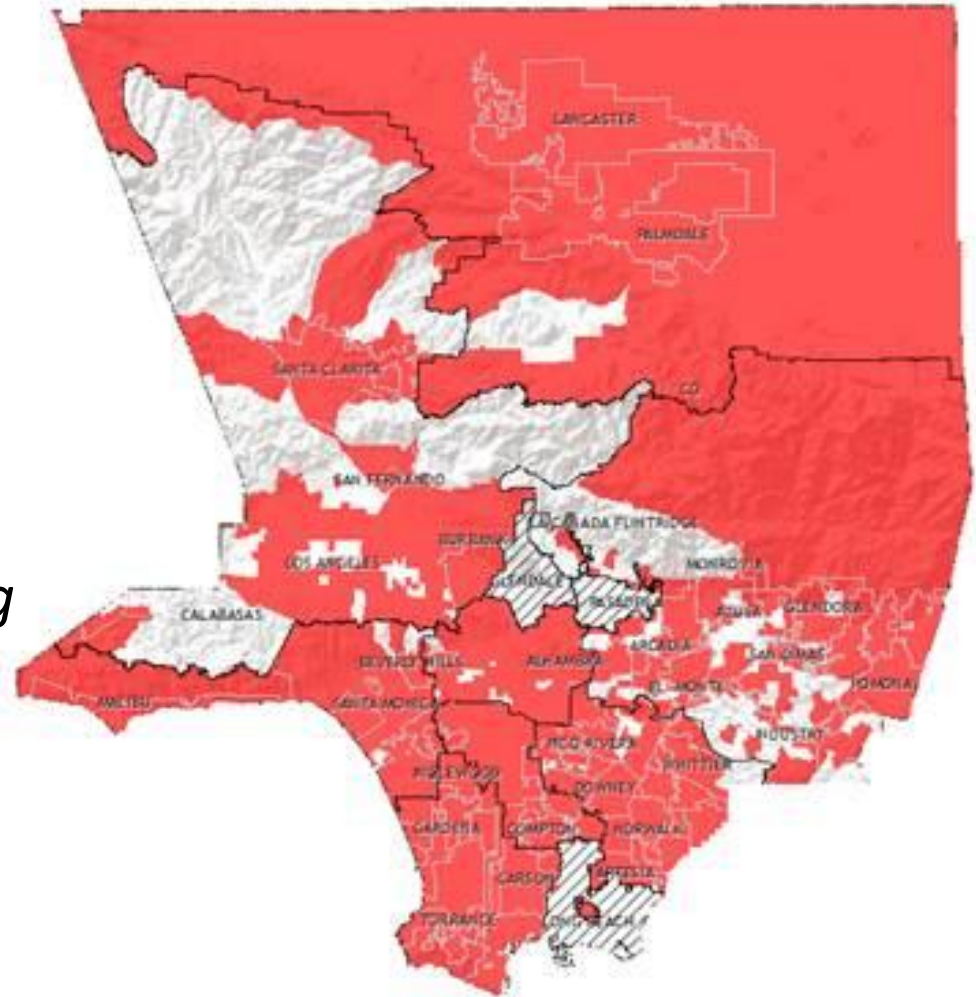
- **Increased census tract coverage** for the street count with 89% of census tracts covered in 2015 versus 72% in 2013.
- **2,200 demographic surveys used** to understand the characteristics of the unsheltered population.
- **Of the 85 cities** within the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, **61 participated in the Opt-in Program.**





## Census Tract Coverage for the 2015 Homeless Count

- *Shaded red areas represent communities and cities counted in 2015.*
- *Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach conduct their own count, and share their results with LAHSA.*



Carolina Survey Research Lab at the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)** collaborated in the design, implementation, and analysis of the 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

## UNC Roles and Responsibilities

- Provide guidance and direction on methodology and data collection processes.
- Analyze initial data from the four Count components.
- Produce estimates and preliminary results.

## LAHSA Roles and Responsibilities

- Develop the demographic survey in collaboration with the community.
- Manage and complete the sheltered and unsheltered counts.
- Assess inclusion of Youth Count data in overall estimates.
- Review and complete final analysis of the results and prepare reports.

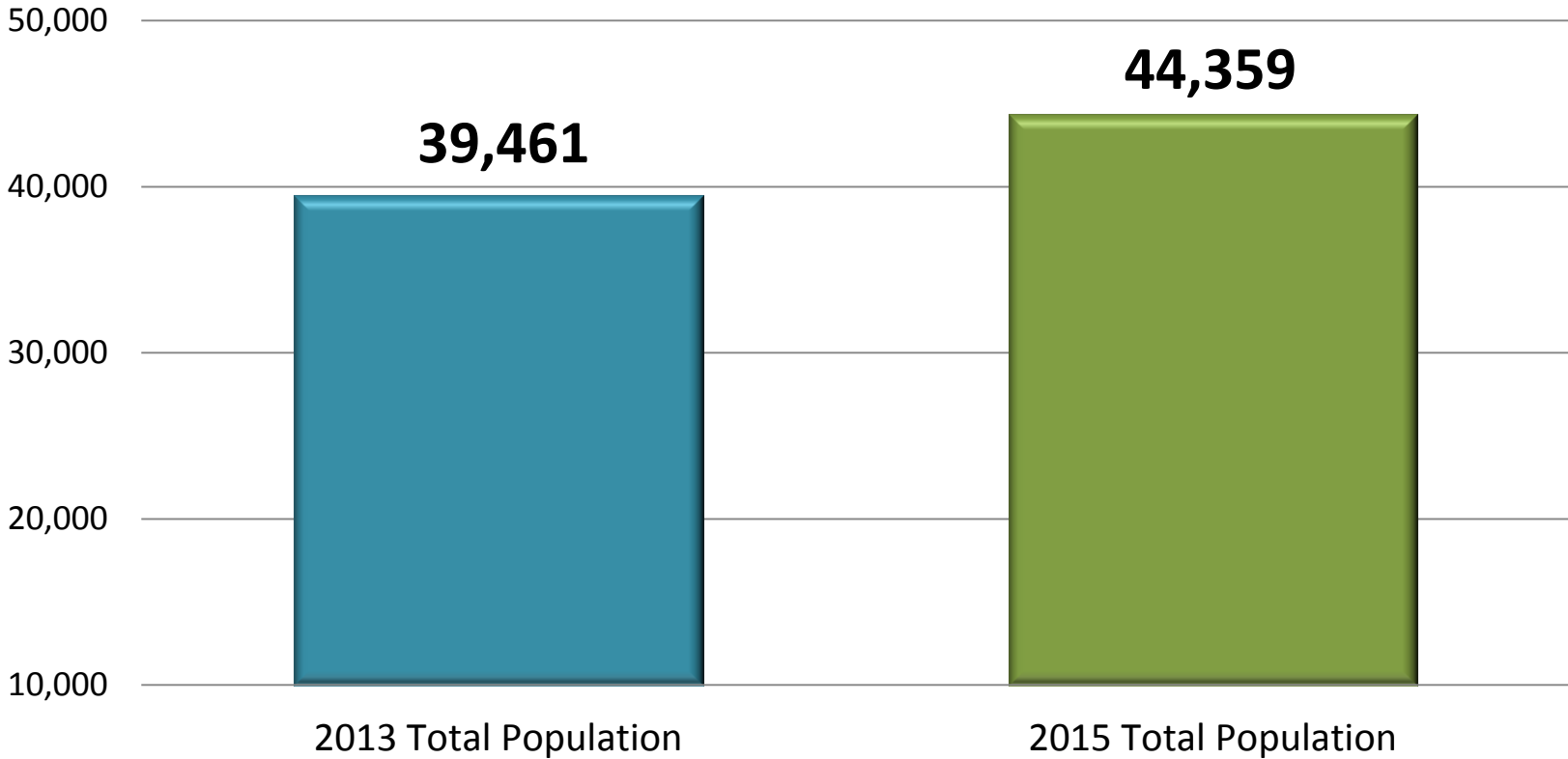


# 2015 Los Angeles County



**2015 Los Angeles County  
Total Homeless Population  
(Includes Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena)**

*An increase of 12% or  
4,898 homeless persons  
across the County of LA.*

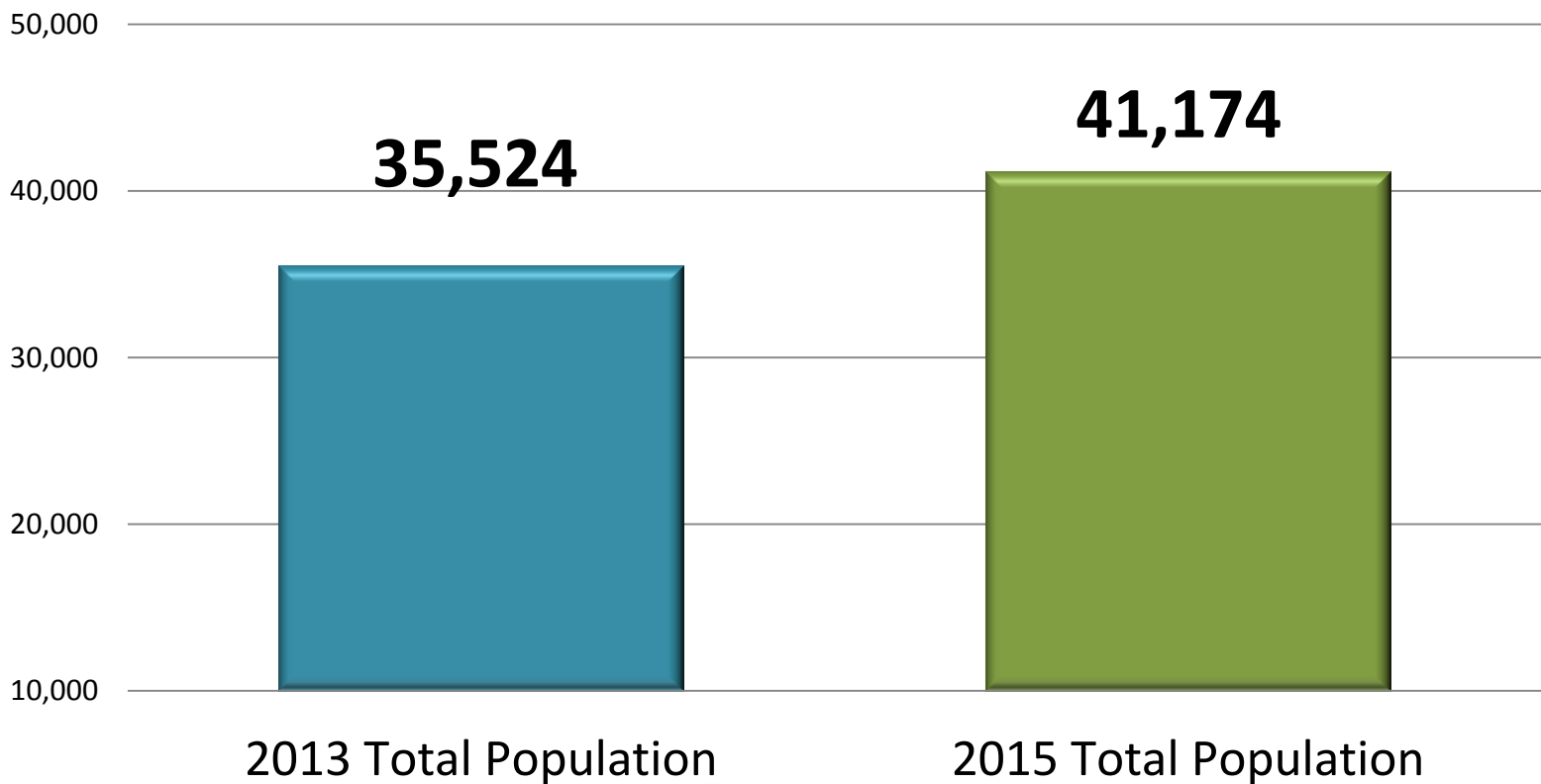


# 2015 Los Angeles CoC



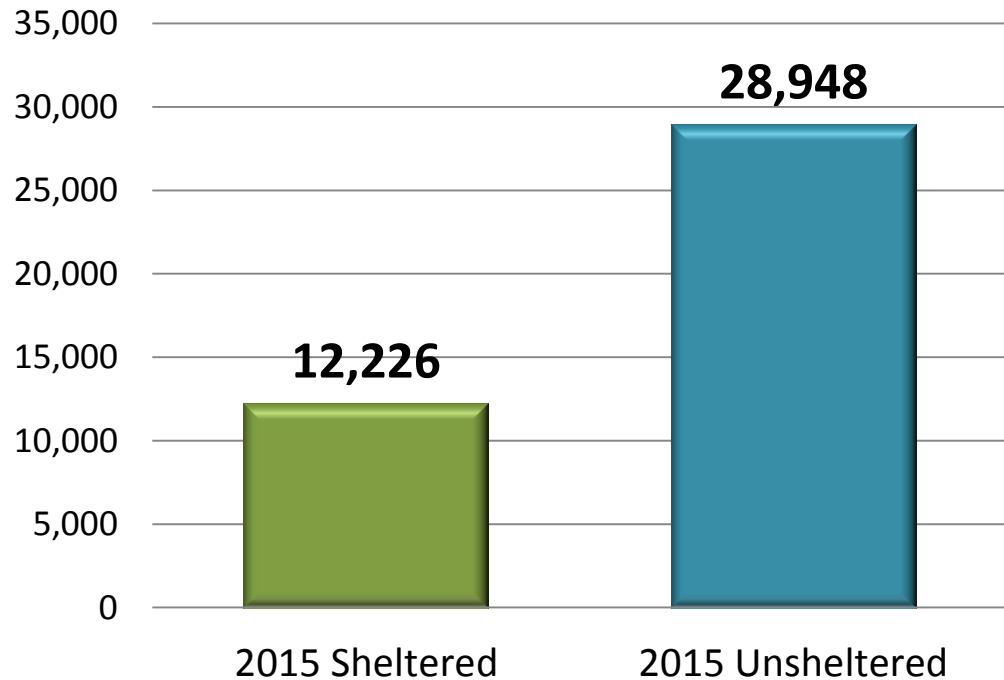
## 2013-2015 Los Angeles Continuum of Care Total Homeless Population (excludes Glendale Long Beach and Pasadena)

*An increase of 16% or  
5,650 homeless persons  
across the LA CoC.*

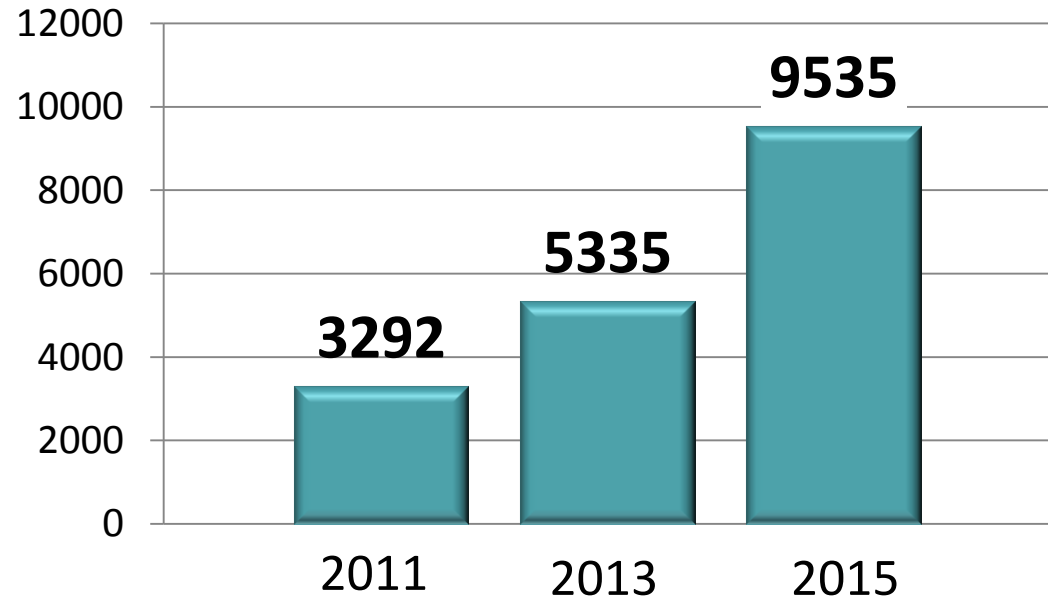


**Homeless persons enumerated in 2015 are twice as likely to be unsheltered as sheltered.**

**2015 Total Homeless Persons Sheltered vs. Unsheltered**



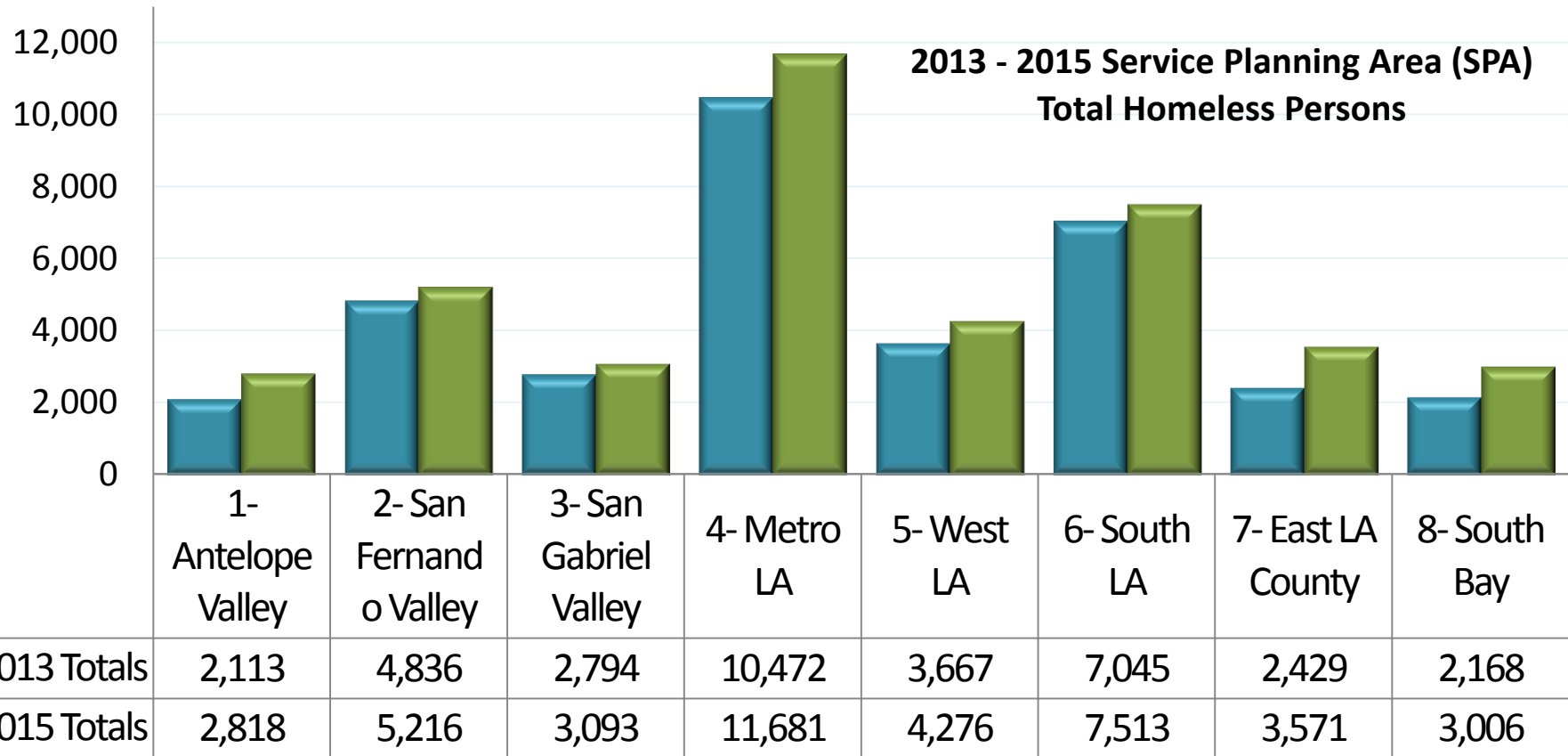
Among the unsheltered population, the number of **tents, makeshift shelters, and vehicles increased by 85%** from 2013 (5,335 to 9,535).



# 2015 Service Planning Areas (SPAs)



**Excluding Glendale, Long Beach and Pasadena, every SPA experienced an increase in homelessness since 2013.**



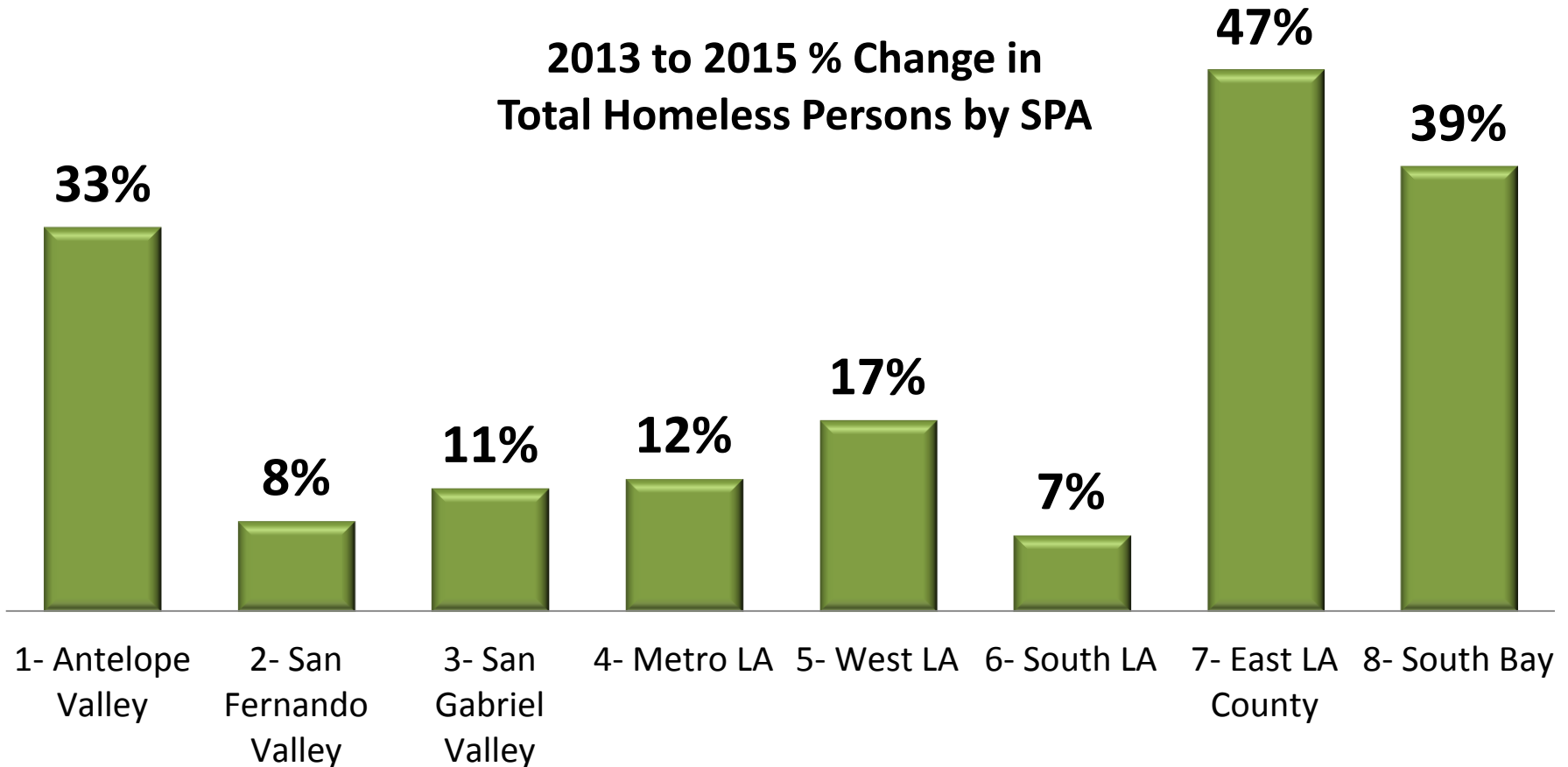


# 2015 Service Planning Areas (SPAs)



SPAs experiencing the largest increases were SPA 7 (47%), SPA 8 (39%), and SPA 1 (33%) since 2013.

**2013 to 2015 % Change in  
Total Homeless Persons by SPA**

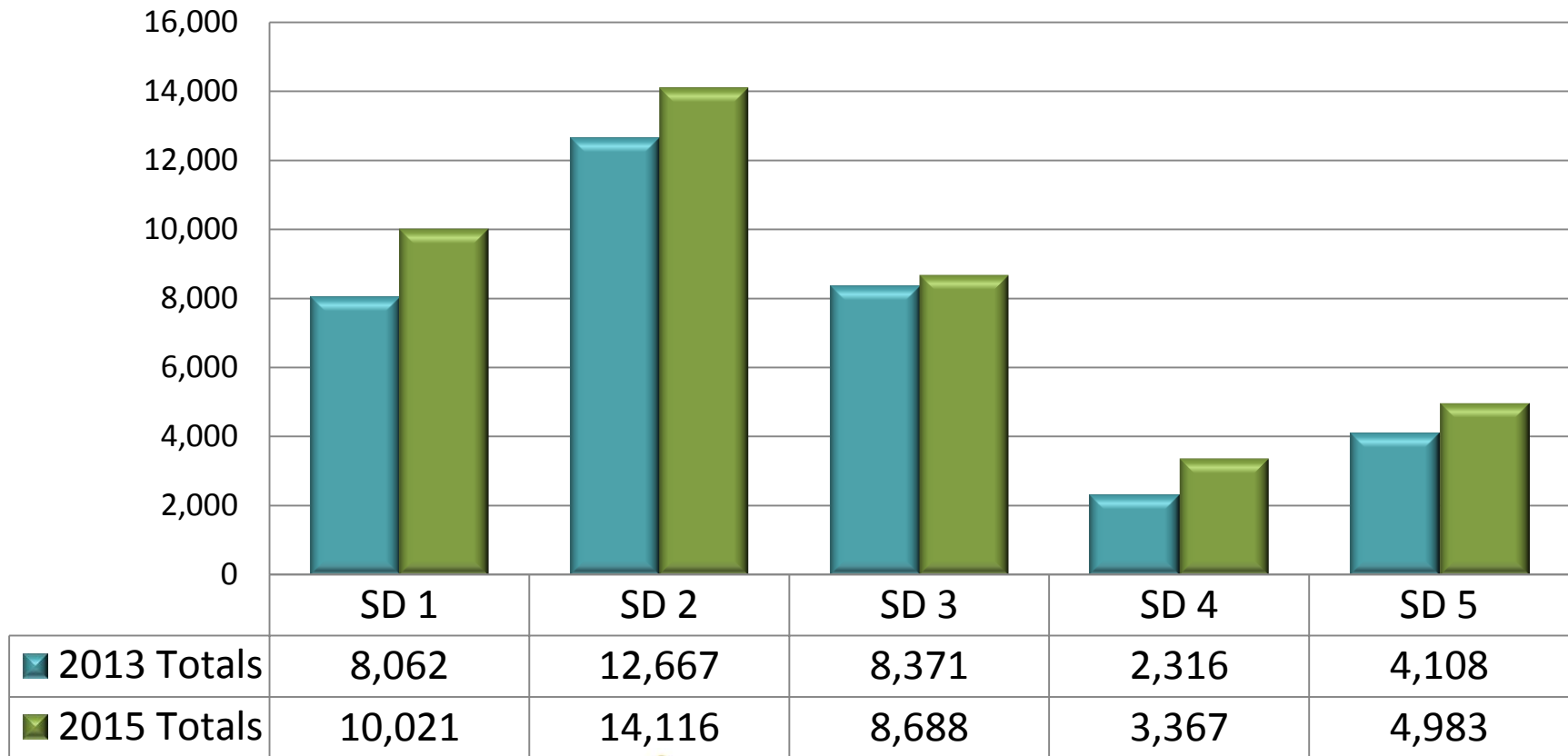


# 2015 L.A. County Supervisorial Districts

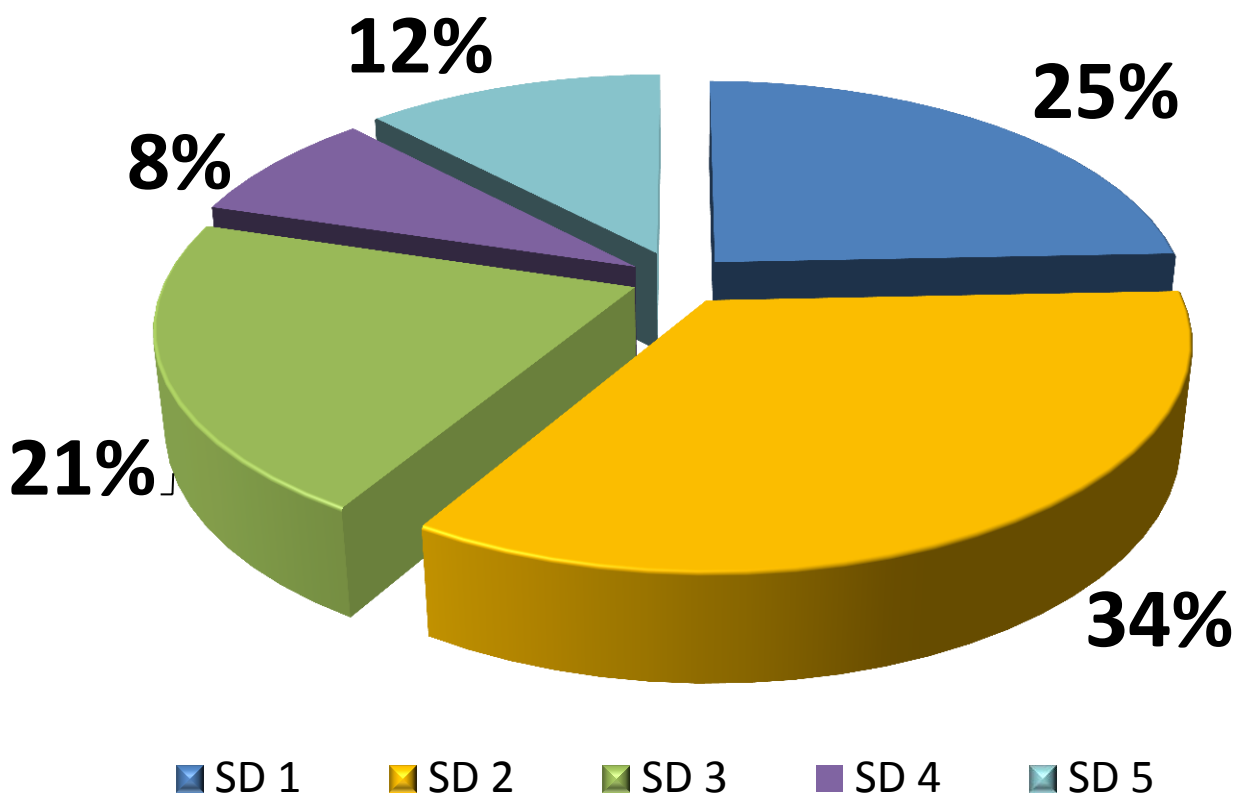


The number of homeless persons **has increased in every County Supervisorial District** since 2013 (excluding other CoC data)

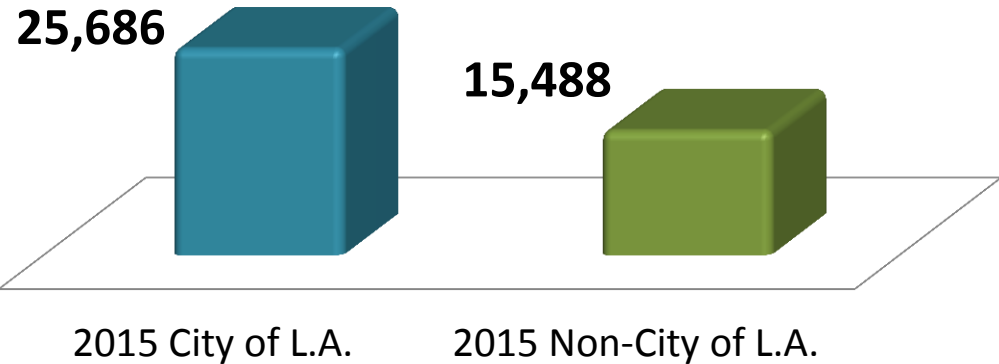
**2013-2015 L.A. County Supervisorial District Total Homeless Persons**



## 2015 Percentage Share of L.A. County Homeless Persons by Supervisorial Districts

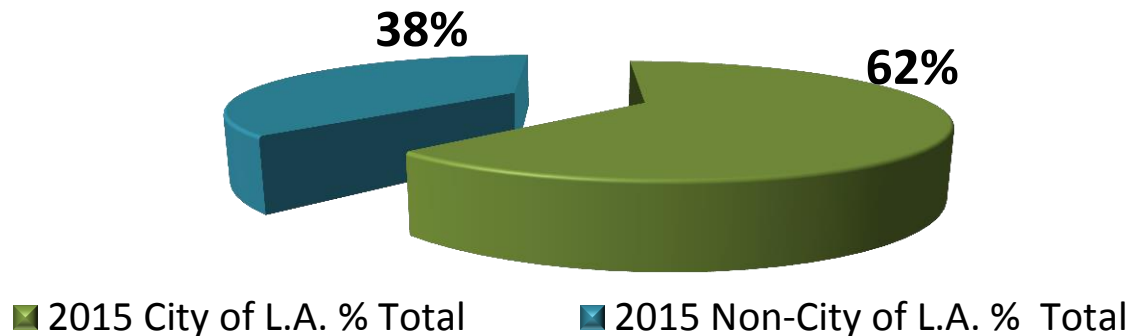


## 2015 City of L.A. vs. Non - City of L.A. Total # of Homeless Persons



The number of homeless persons in the **City of Los Angeles** was found to be **25,686**, an increase of **12%** from **2013**.

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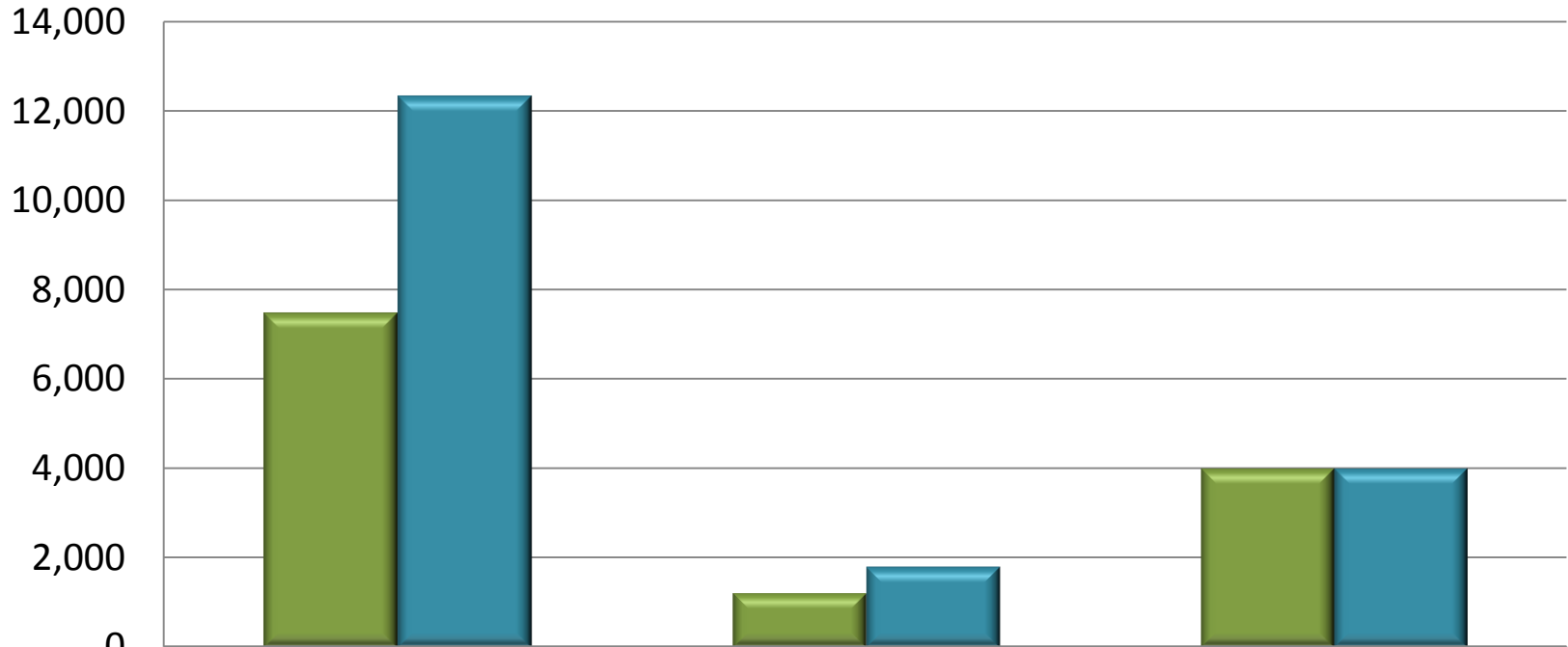
## City of Los Angeles Homeless Persons by City Council District

City of Los Angeles Council Districts	2015 Totals
Council District 1	1,958
Council District 2	607
Council District 3	620
Council District 4	625
Council District 5	879
Council District 6	1,517
Council District 7	1,062
Council District 8	1,641
Council District 9	2,395
Council District 10	1,348
Council District 11	2,359
Council District 12	569
Council District 13	2,270
Council District 14	6,292
Council District 15	1,544
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,686</b>

# Subpopulation Characteristics



## 2013 - 2015 Homeless Subpopulation Estimates



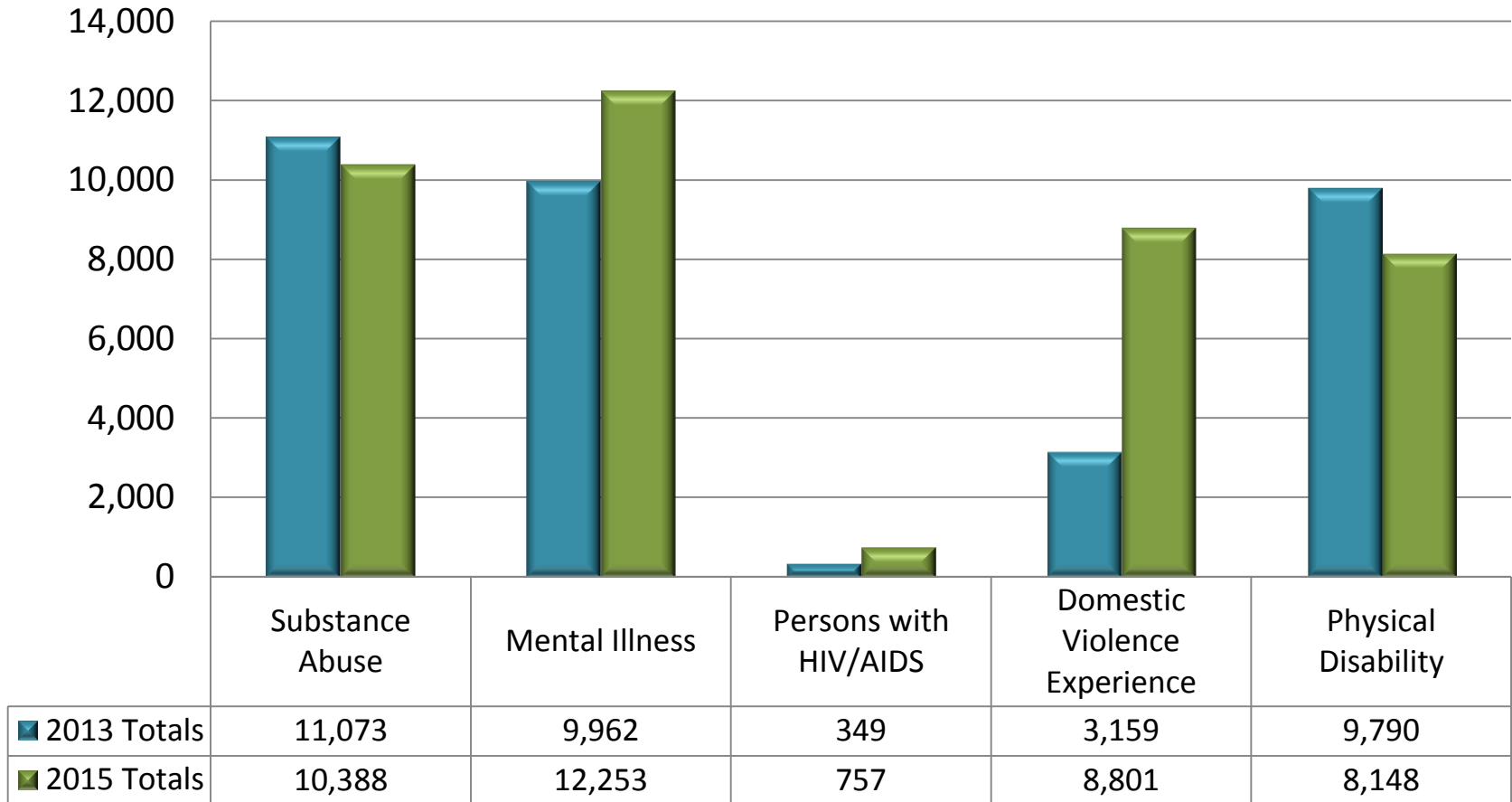
■ 2013 Totals	7,475	1,227	4,007
■ 2015 Totals	12,356	1,817	4,016



# Subpopulation Characteristics



2013 - 2015 Homeless Subpopulation Estimates



- Estimates are based on demographic surveys, in which homeless people share information about their **experiences, conditions or backgrounds.**
- **Questions are not mutually exclusive and do not indicate** that having a particular experience or condition **led people to homelessness.**
- HUD's definition for **domestic violence** was expanded in 2015, which likely drove the demographic increase, a factor that requires further review.





## Housing Affordability Crisis

- California's lowest-income households spend 2/3 of their income on housing.
- 1.5 million low-income households -- half of them in Los Angeles and Orange counties and the Inland Empire -- do not have access to housing they can afford.
- High rents are driving more Californians into poverty (Per the California Housing Partnership Report April 2015).



## Housing Affordability Crisis

- The average monthly rent in the Los Angeles region (\$1,716 in Dec 2014) makes it one of the top 10 highest places to rent in the US (*Per the USC Casden Forecast 2014*).
- Next to comparable cities, the cost of living in Los Angeles is among the highest. Yet, Angelenos earn less than in any other comparable city (*Per a report by Economic Roundtable -March 2015*).



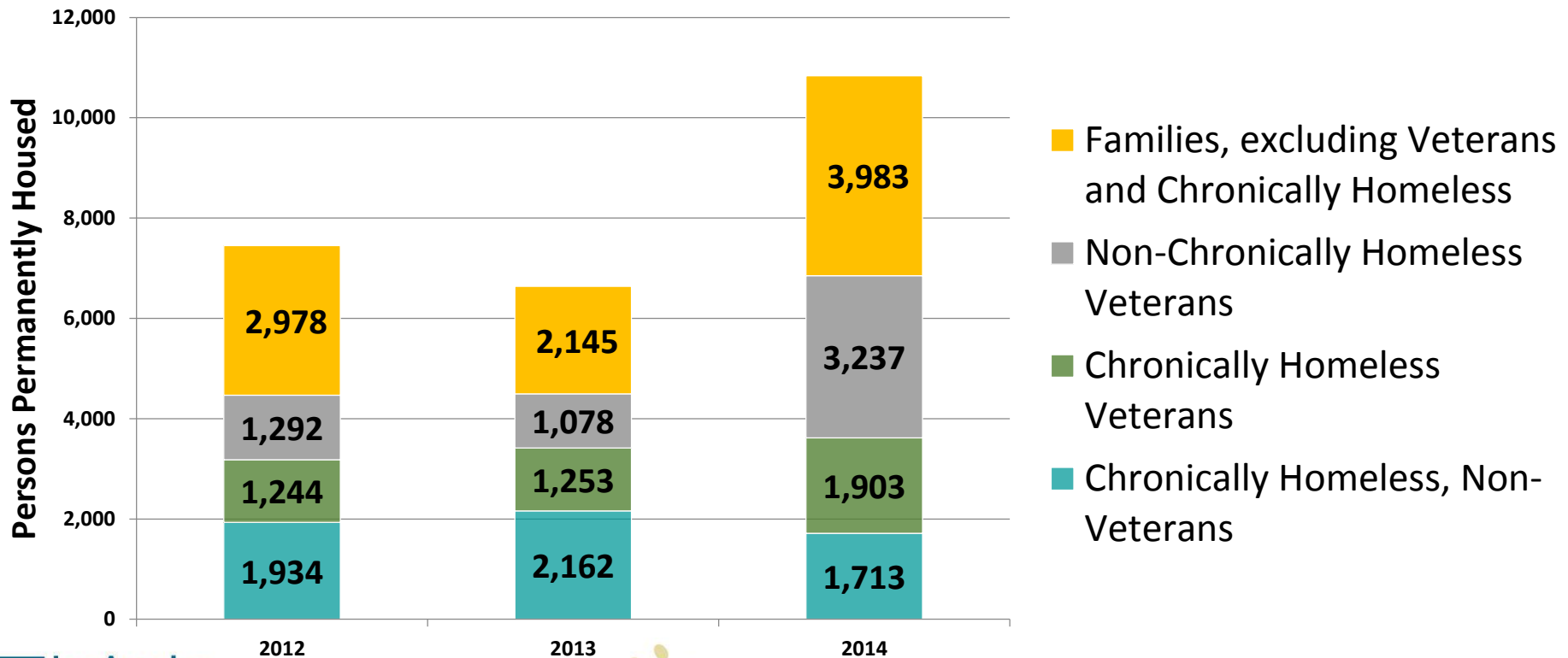
## Wages and Employment

- In the City of L.A., 723,000 employed, working age adults earn less than \$15.25 an hour. 22% of those earning below \$15.25 live in poverty.
- L.A. County's unemployment rate of 7.5% is still above the statewide rate of 7.1% and significantly above the national unemployment rate of 5.6%.



***Without tremendous work housing people over the past several years, more would be homeless.***

**2012 - 2014 Annual Housing Placements for Various Populations\***



## Veterans

- Despite the increase in other homeless populations, **homelessness among veterans remained basically flat** from 2013 (4,007 to 4,016).
- Across L.A. County the total number of veterans has decreased by 6% since 2013 (4,618 to 4,363)\*
- This demonstrates the impact of increased federal and local resources to house homeless veterans.
- Since 2013, 7,500 veterans have been housed.\*\*

*\*Includes Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena*

*\*\*Housing placement data includes Glendale, Long Beach and Pasadena. Courtesy United Way/Home For Good.*



- LAHSA works with community partners, Home For Good, City and County agencies to create a **sustainable systemic infrastructure** that targets to each homeless subpopulation with resources and interventions that:
  - **Improve coordination** throughout LA City and County.
  - **Appropriately prioritize available resources.**
  - **Acquire and deploy additional homelessness resources.**
  - **Address the full spectrum of homelessness**, from serving those currently experiencing homelessness to supporting diversion and prevention efforts.



- **Homeless Family Solutions System (HFSS)** was established in 2013 to create a seamless, cooperative system of service delivery for **homeless families**.
- **Coordinated Entry System (CES)**, launched as a pilot in 2011, improves access to services, service coordination, and targeted housing intervention for **homeless individuals** with the highest need.
- **Veteran Surge** to ensure all veterans housed by 2015.



LAHSA and Continuum partners have new resources:

- January 2015, City Housing Authority won **\$10 million** award for **550 units of Permanent Supportive Housing** for Chronically Homeless persons.
- Spring 2015, the City and County Housing Authorities received 588 VASH vouchers for homeless veterans.
- Spring 2015, VA awarded LA \$30 million in Supportive Housing for Veterans Families funding.





- **Leaders and Partners:** Continue to improve public policies the impact homeless services, expand resources and guide how we improve conditions that will prevent and respond to homelessness.
- **Homeless Service Providers:** Increase service capacity and help improve access and the coordination of services.
- **General Community and Stakeholders:** Volunteer and get involved in programs and planning efforts in your local community.



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LAST WEEK OF JANUARY 2016

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