

2016 Homeless Count Results Los Angeles County and LA Continuum of Care



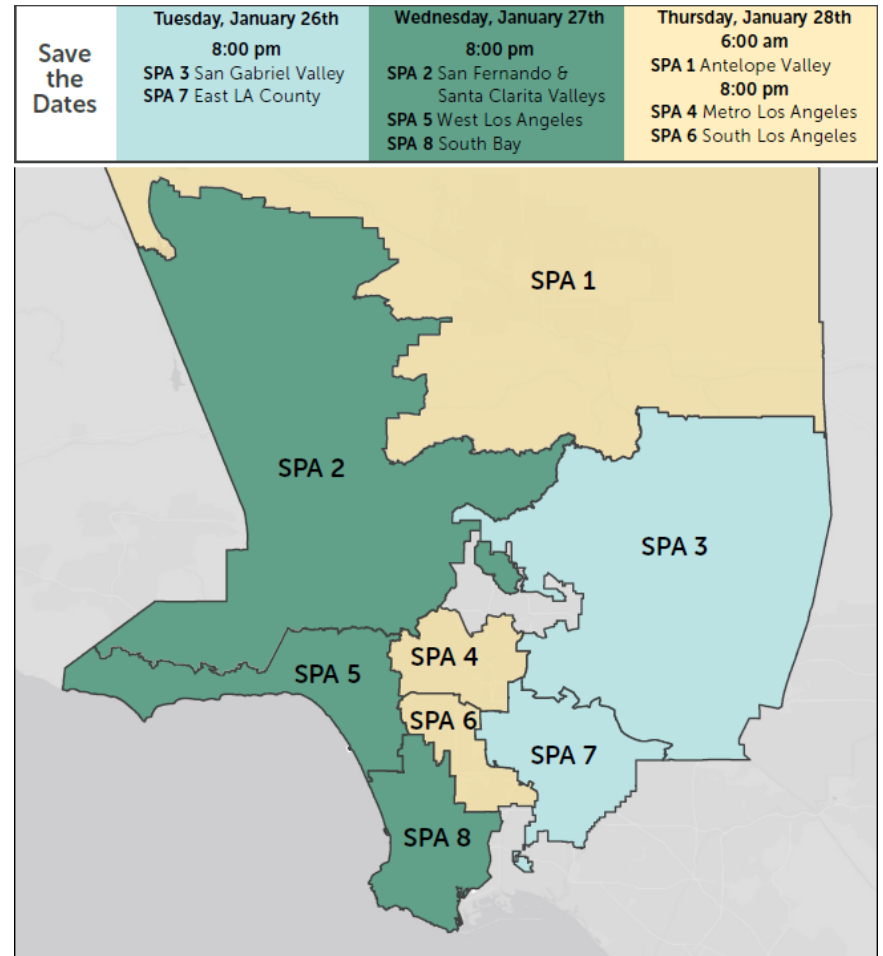
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
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Why Do We Count?

- The Homeless Count seeks to answer key questions about homelessness in Los Angeles:
 - How many people in LA experience homelessness on a given night?
 - What are their demographic characteristics?
 - How are they distributed across the county?
 - Where are they staying?
- The Point-In-Time Count is a snapshot of LA's homelessness on **one day**
- Homeless Count data are reported to HUD

Los Angeles Homeless Count Basic Facts

- Nation's largest Count
- Four Components:
 - Street Count
 - 7,500 volunteers countywide
 - Demographic Surveys
 - Detailed individual data
 - Shelter Count
 - Public and privately funded
 - Youth Count
 - Surveys across a statistically drawn geographic sample



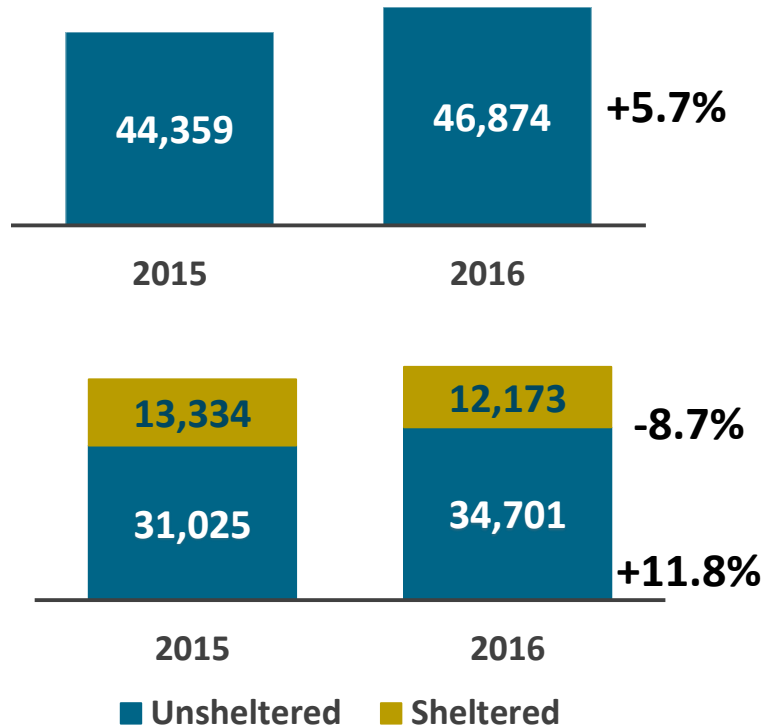
2016 Los Angeles County Results

- The total estimated number of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County was **46,874**, an overall increase of **2,515** people or **5.7%** from 2015 (44,359)

Total

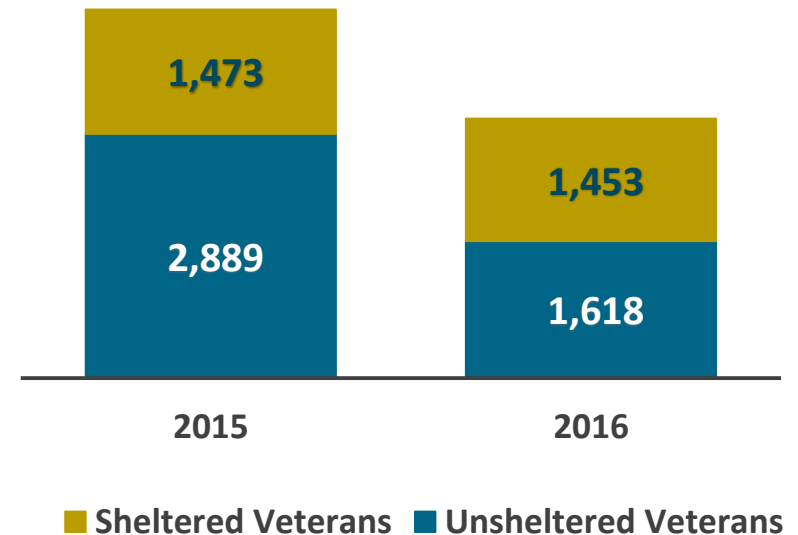
Homeless Count Totals			
	2015	2016	% Change
County of LA	44,359	46,874	+5.7%

Total includes all four Continuums of Care in LA County: LA, Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena



2016 Los Angeles County Veteran Homelessness Reduction

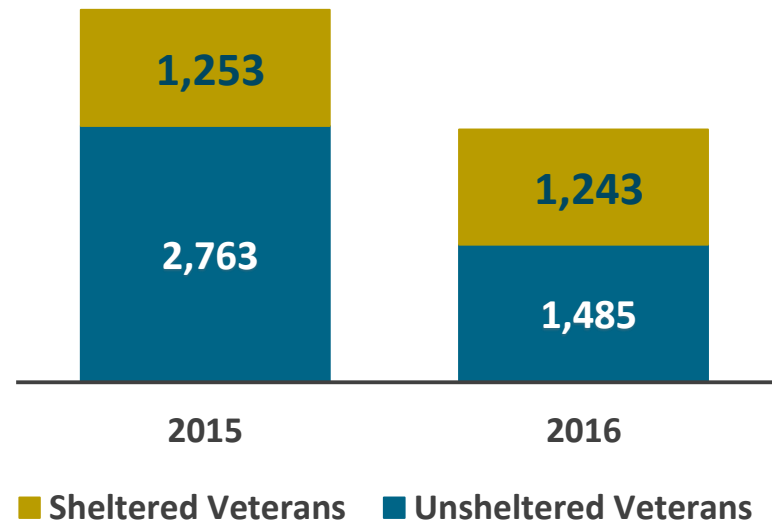
- Veteran homelessness fell **30%** across LA County
- **3,071** veterans homeless in 2016, down from **4,362** in 2015
- Unsheltered veterans down **44%**
- **47%** of homeless veterans now sheltered vs **34%** in 2015



Data includes Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena

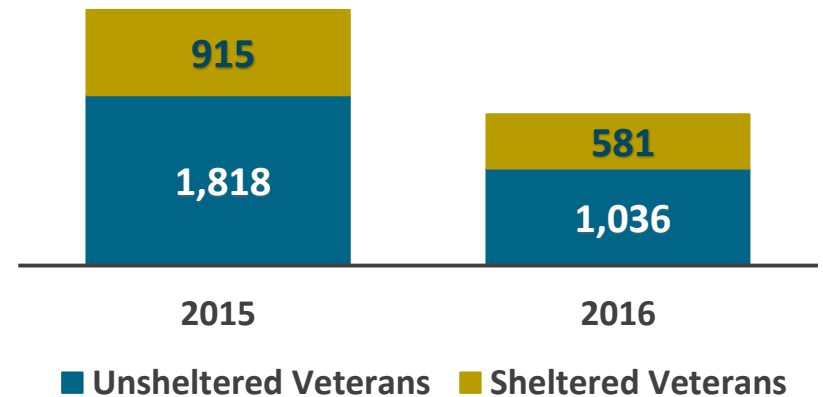
2016 Los Angeles CoC Veteran Homelessness

- Veteran homelessness fell **32%** in LA CoC
- **2,728** veterans homeless in 2016, down from **4,016** in 2015
- Unsheltered veterans reduced **46%**
- **46%** of homeless veterans now sheltered vs **31%** in 2015



2016 City of Los Angeles Veteran Homelessness

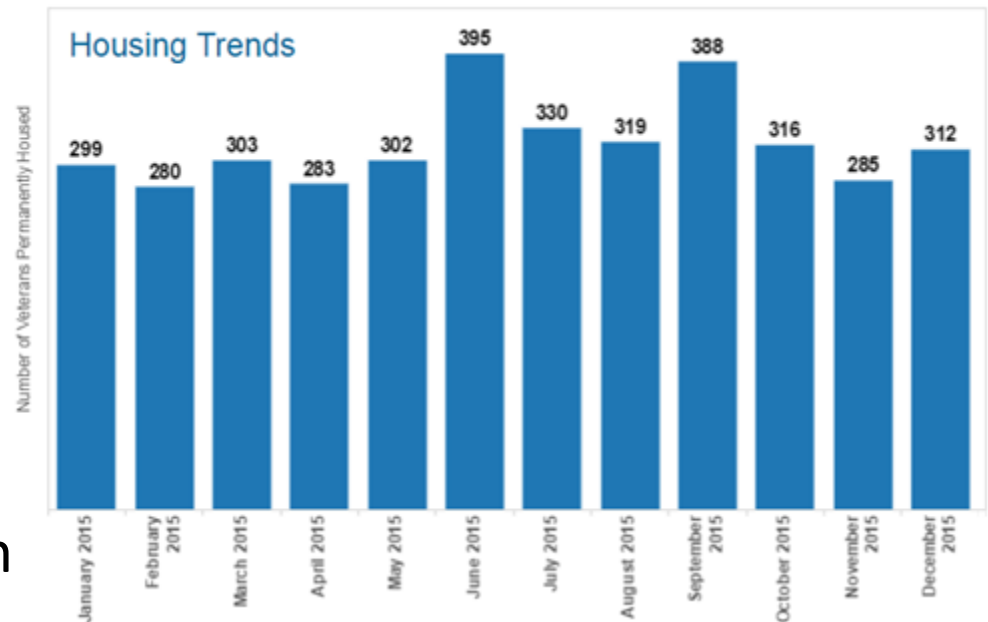
- Veteran homelessness fell **41%** in City of Los Angeles
- **1,617** veterans homeless in 2016, down from **2,733** in 2015
- Unsheltered veterans reduced **43%**
- **36%** of homeless veterans now sheltered vs **33%** in 2015



2015 Los Angeles Homeless Count

Housing Homeless Veterans

- **3,812** homeless veterans in Los Angeles County were permanently housed in 2015
 - Housed 318 per month



2016 Homeless Count Results

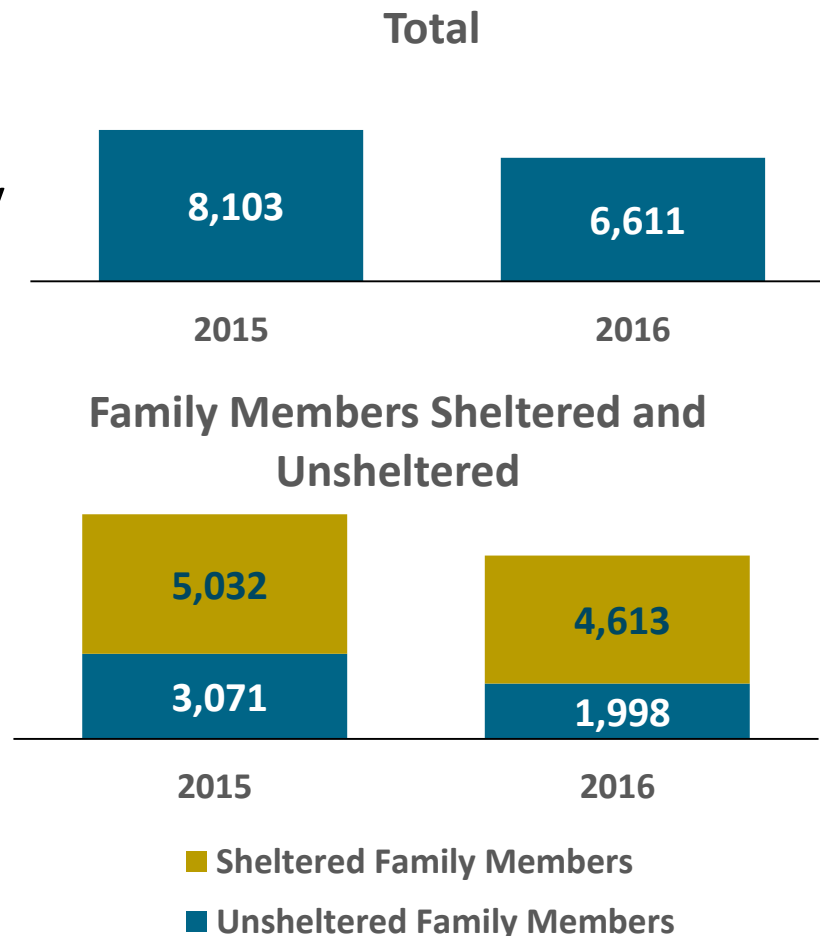
Veteran Successes

- **8,447** homeless veterans housed since 2014
- Coordinated systems and resource investment work
 - Federal housing vouchers through VA and HUD, with key coordinated funds from City and County of Los Angeles local sources led to decrease in veteran homelessness
- Housing availability continues to be a regional challenge

2016 Los Angeles County Results

Fewer Homeless Families Countywide

- LA County:
 - **18%** decrease in homeless family members from 2015 to 2016
 - Unsheltered family members decreased **35%**
- LA CoC:
 - **18%** decrease to **6,128** family members
- LA City:
 - **17%** decrease to **3,662** family members



2,390 Homeless Families Housed in 2015

Increases in housing placements are making a difference as investments and resources are resulting in people experiencing homelessness becoming stably housed

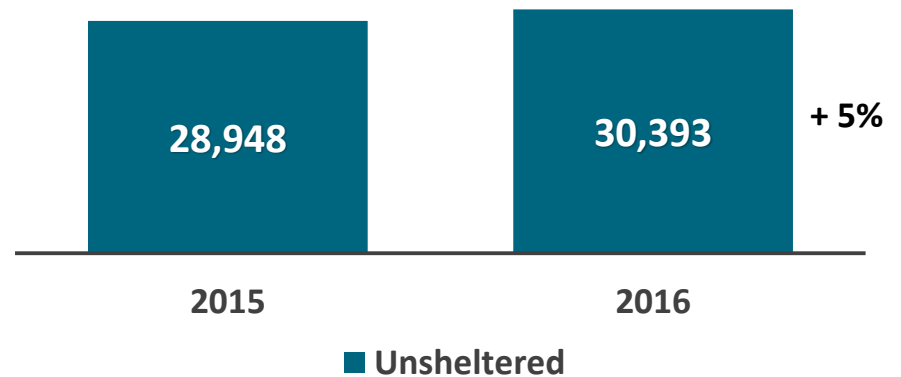
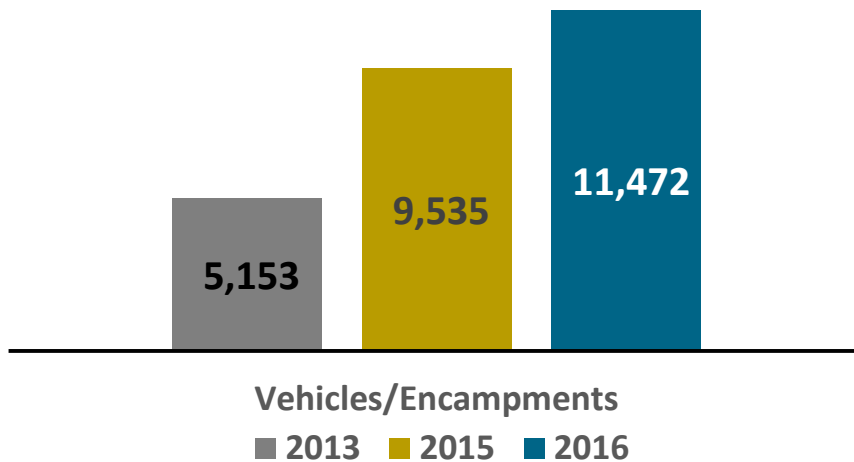
Permanent Housing Placements 2015	
Family Members	6,867
Family Households	2,390

Source: LA CoC HMIS and Homeless Family Solution System

2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

- The Point-In-Time Unsheltered Count population increased 5%

Vehicles, tents, and encampments increased 20% in LA CoC



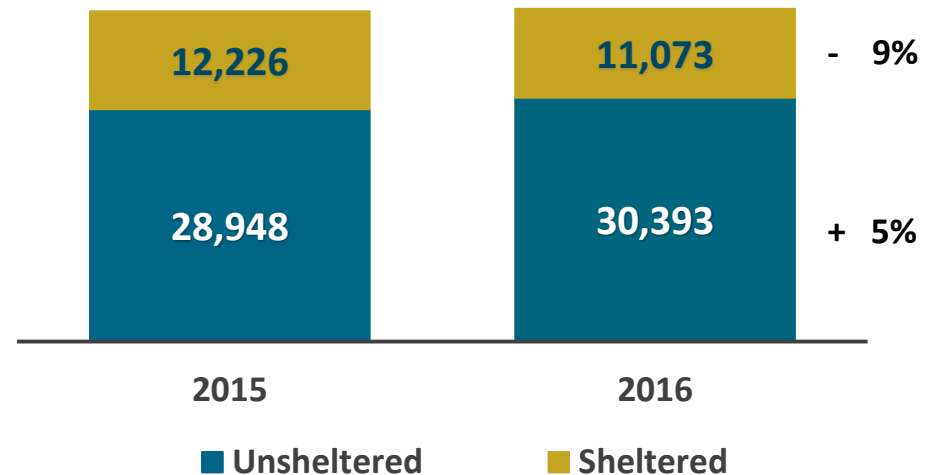
2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

- **75%** of population is **unsheltered** in LA CoC (and City of LA)
 - Compared to **70% unsheltered** in 2015
- **Sheltered** population (**11,073**) decreased **9%** from 2015

Various Contributing Factors:

Increase in LAHSA-funded shelter *but*

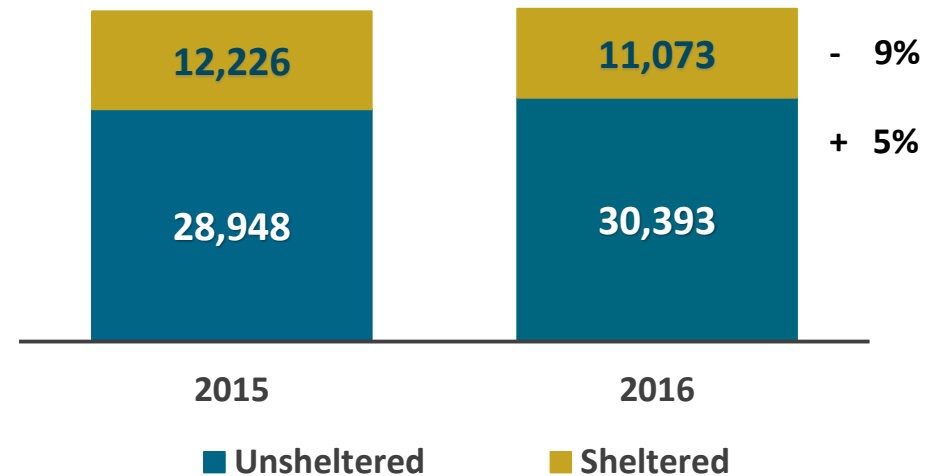
Larger decrease in beds from other programs



2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

- The combined *Unsheltered + Sheltered* population increased **0.7%** from **41,174** in 2015 to **41,466** in 2016

- Only *Sheltered + Unsheltered* components used in 2015 Count

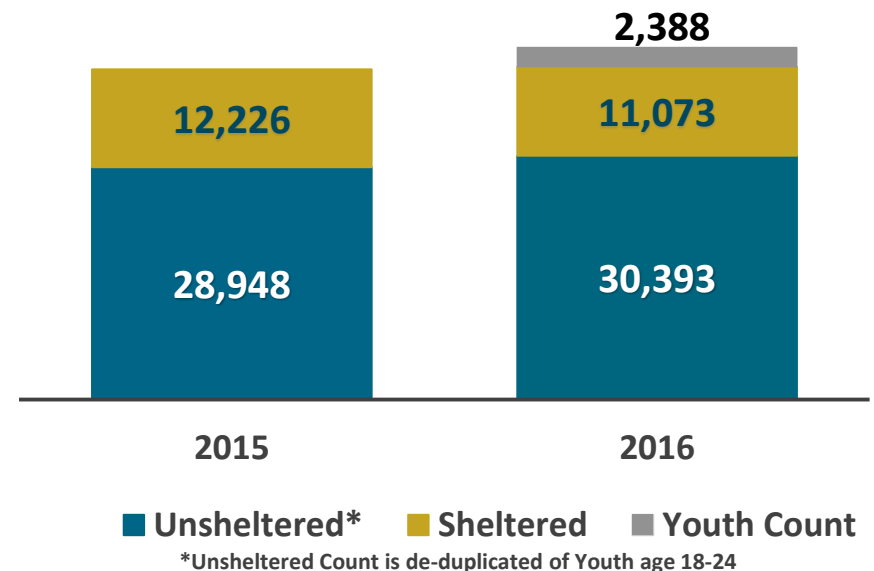


2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

- The total *Unsheltered + Sheltered + Youth Count* homeless population increased **6.5%** to **43,854**

- Improvements in Youth Count allow us to include all components:

Unsheltered + Sheltered + Youth Count



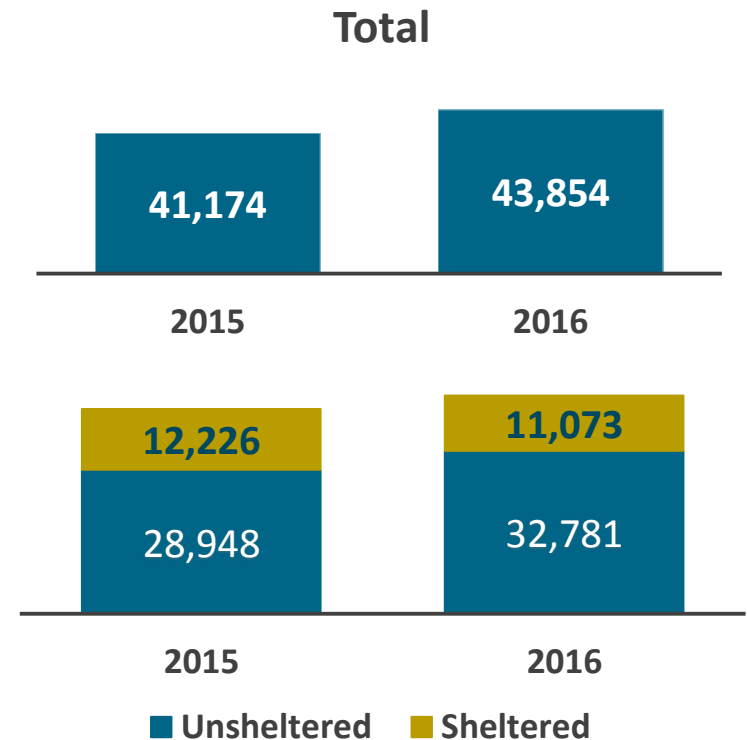
2016 Los Angeles CoC Youth Count

- 2016 Youth Count methodology improvements
 - Interview survey of youth (vs observational count)
 - Statistically valid sample (vs simple direct count)
 - *Allows estimate of entire LA CoC homeless youth*
- Youth Count identified more youth than the number counted during the Point In Time street count
 - This reinforces the need for a Youth Count
- Inclusion of Youth Count impacts homeless population total
 - Although 2015 Youth Count data were not used, a youth estimate was derived from Demographic Survey data

2016 Los Angeles CoC Results

- The total estimated number of homeless persons enumerated in January 2016 was **43,854**, an overall increase of **2,680** or **6.5%** from 2015 (41,174)

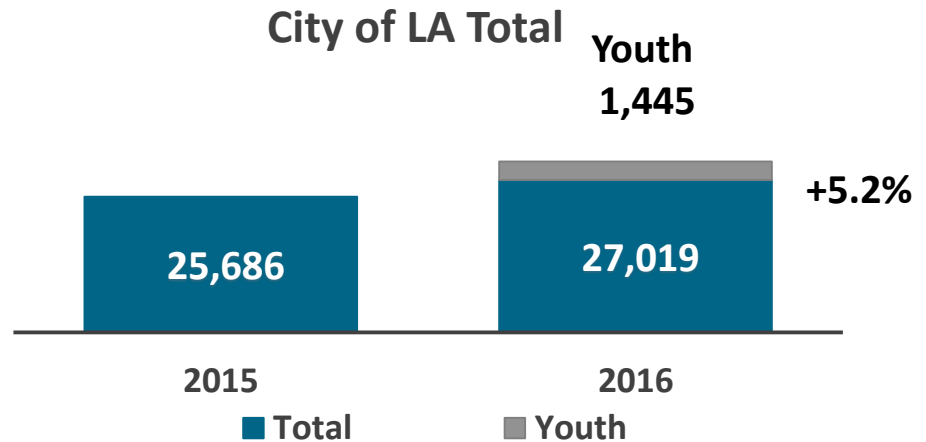
	2015	2016	% Change
Sheltered	12,226	11,073	-9.4%
Unsheltered	28,948	30,393	5.0%
Youth Count	-	2,388	N/A
Total	41,174	43,854	6.5%



Youth Count data included in Unsheltered Count total

2016 City of Los Angeles

- City of Los Angeles saw an **11%** increase in total homelessness
 - **28,464** people (**65%** of LA County)
 - **1,445** from Youth Count are **52%** of total increase
- The **unsheltered** population in the City increased by **21%** and the **sheltered** population decreased by **11%**



*Unsheltered Count is de-duplicated of Youth age 18-24

City of LA Sheltered and Unsheltered



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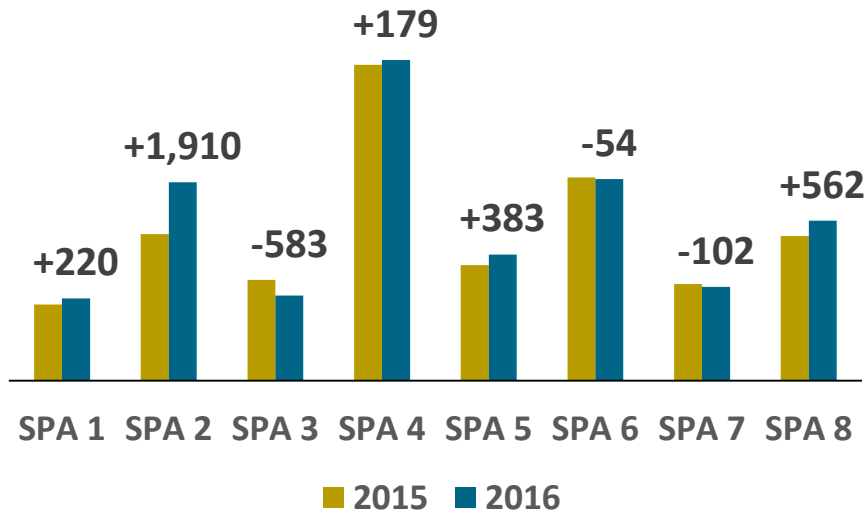
City Council Districts Highlights

Council District	2015	2016	% Change
CD 1	1,958	1,986	1%
CD 2	607	1,084	79%
CD 3	620	890	44%
CD 4	625	628	0%
CD 5	879	913	4%
CD 6	1,517	1,856	22%
CD 7	1,062	1,206	14%
CD 8	1,641	1,497	-9%
CD 9	2,395	3,458	44%
CD 10	1,348	1,112	-18%
CD 11	2,359	2,529	7%
CD 12	569	906	59%
CD 13	2,270	3,036	34%
CD 14	6,292	5,590	-11%
CD 15	1,544	1,773	15%
Totals	25,686	28,464	11%

- Decreases in Council Districts (CD) 8, 10, and 14
- CD 14 has the highest % share of homeless persons in the City of LA
- CDs 2, 3, 9, 12, and 13 saw increases between **34%** and **79%** since 2015
- CD 9 experienced largest increase among people experiencing homelessness

2016 Los Angeles County Results by Service Planning Areas (SPAs)

- Three SPAs experienced a decrease or remained essentially flat since 2015
 - SPA 3 (-16% decrease), SPA 6 (- 1% decrease), SPA 7 (- 3% decrease)
- The largest increases since 2015 were seen in SPA 2 (35%) and SPA 8 (11%)

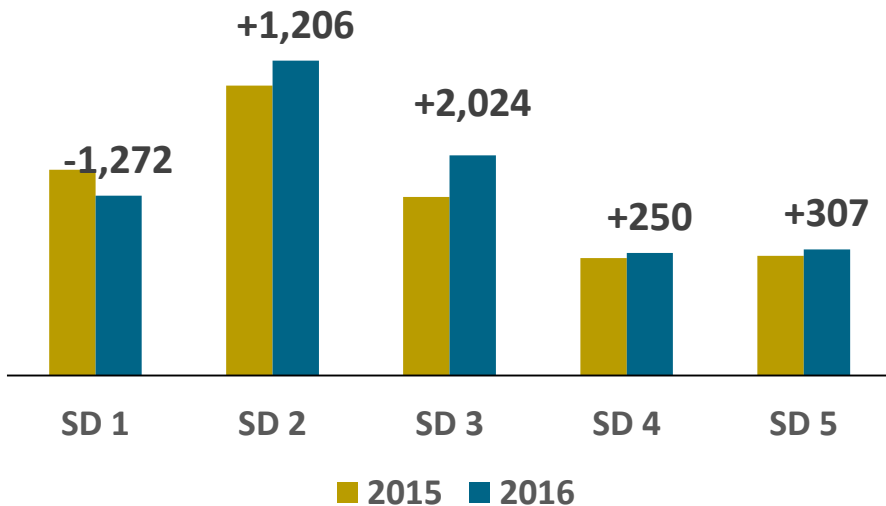


Changes in Service Planning Area (SPA) Homeless Populations 2015 - 2016			
Service Planning Area	2015	2016	% Change
1- Antelope Valley	2,818	3,038	7.8%
2- San Fernando Valley	5,424	7,334	35.2%
3- San Gabriel Valley	3,725	3,142	-15.7%
4- Metro LA	11,681	11,860	1.5%
5- West LA	4,276	4,659	9.0%
6- South LA	7,513	7,459	-0.7%
7- East LA County	3,571	3,469	-2.9%
8- South Bay	5,351	5,913	10.5%
Totals	44,359	46,874	5.7%

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2016 LA County Supervisorial Districts

- SD 1 experienced nearly a **13%** decrease in homelessness, while the remaining Districts experienced increases
- SD 3 had the largest percentage increase of **23%**
- SD 2 continues to have the highest share of homeless persons in the County

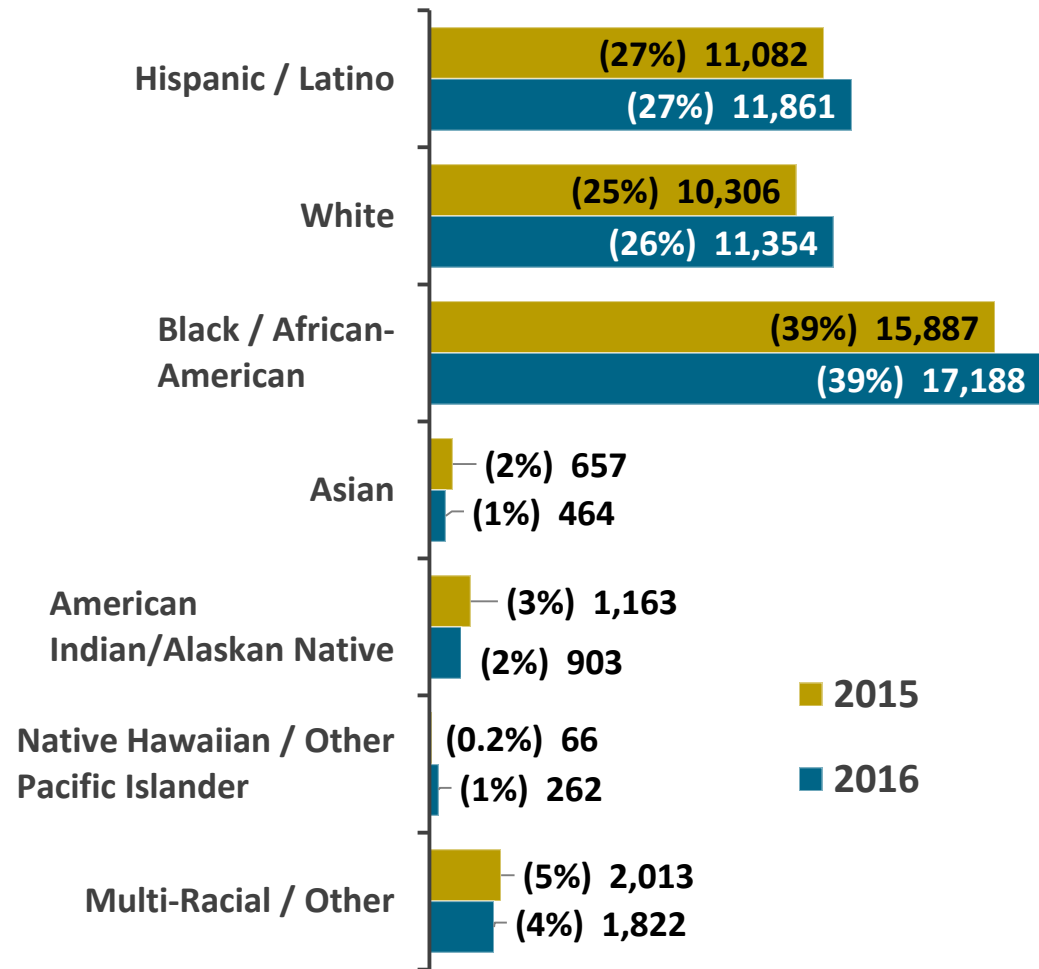


Supervisorial District	2015	2016	% Change
SD 1	10,021	8,749	-12.7%
SD 2	14,116	15,322	8.5%
SD 3	8,688	10,712	23.3%
SD 4	5,711	5,961	4.4%
SD 5	5,823	6,130	5.3%
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Homeless Persons by Race and Ethnicity

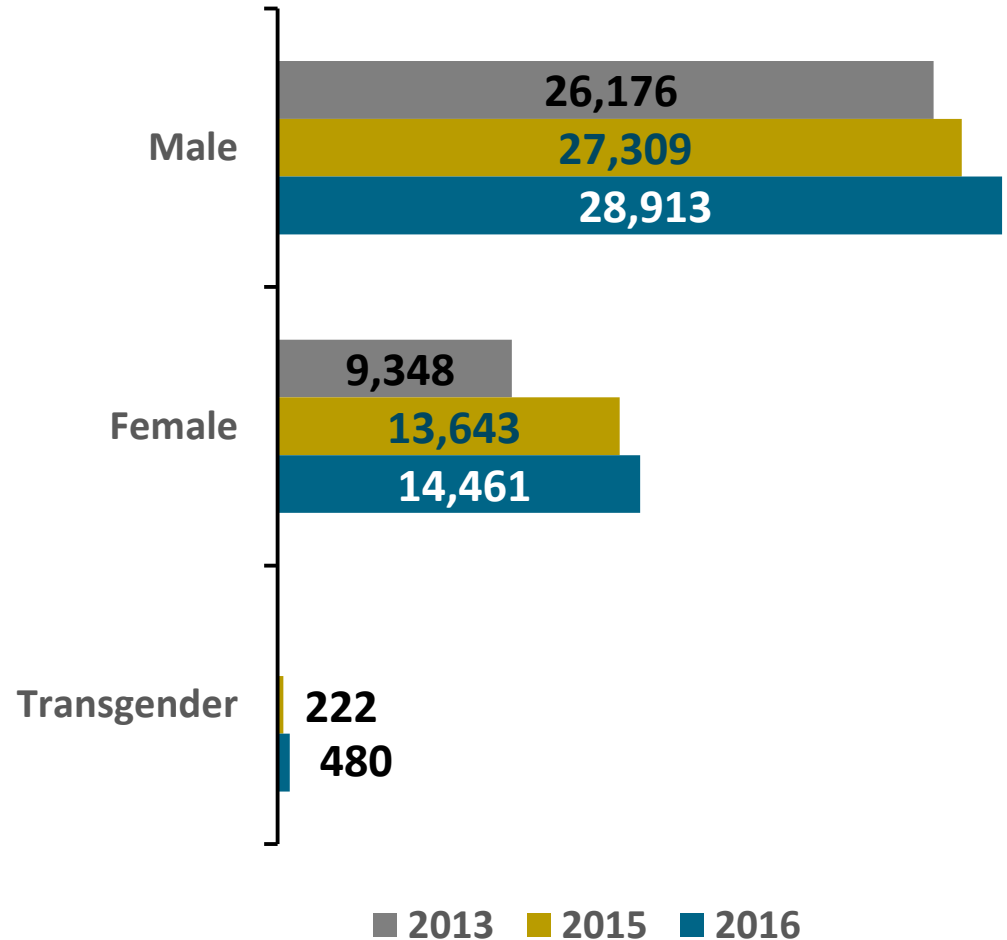
- African-Americans are *disproportionately* represented amongst homeless persons in 2016
- African-Americans are **39%** of the homeless population, but only **9%** of the general population in Los Angeles County (US Census Bureau, 2016)
- **29%** of African-Americans in Los Angeles County live below the poverty line, but are only **12%** of the population living in poverty (US Census Bureau, 2014)



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Homelessness by Gender

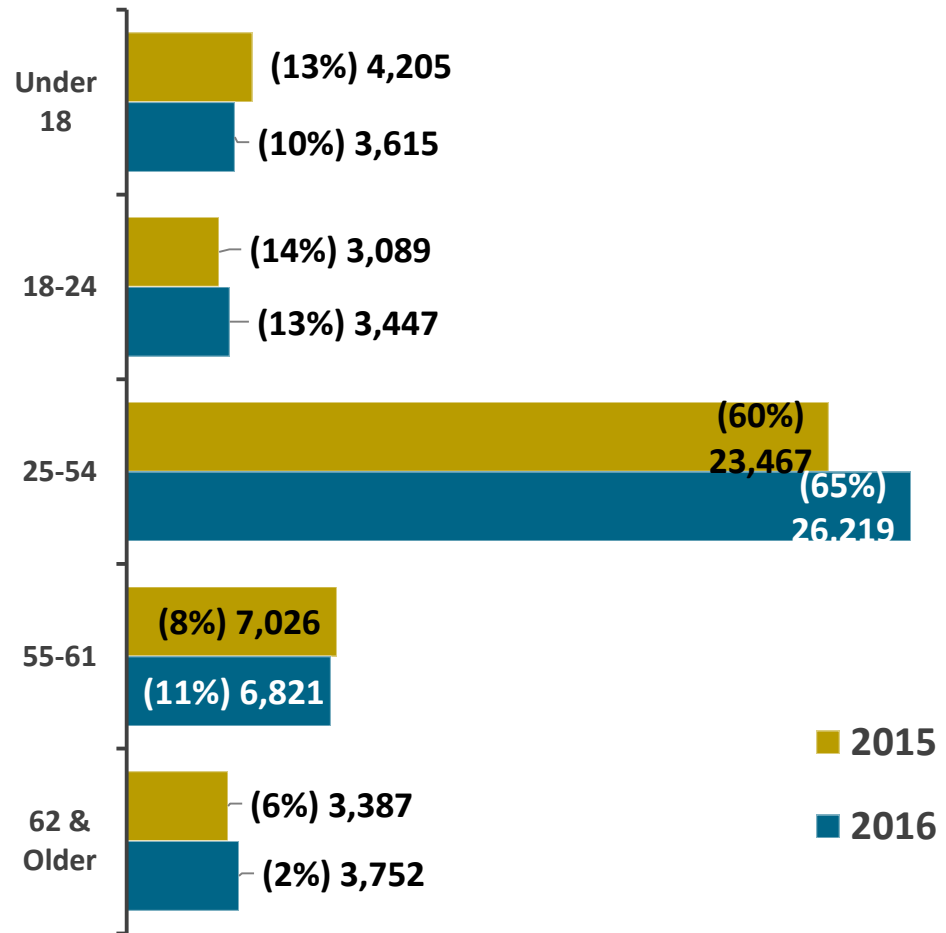
- Since 2013, there has been a **55%** increase in the number of females experiencing homelessness in the LA CoC
- Females make up **61%** of the overall homeless population increase since 2013
- The 2013 Demographic Survey did not identify transgender individuals



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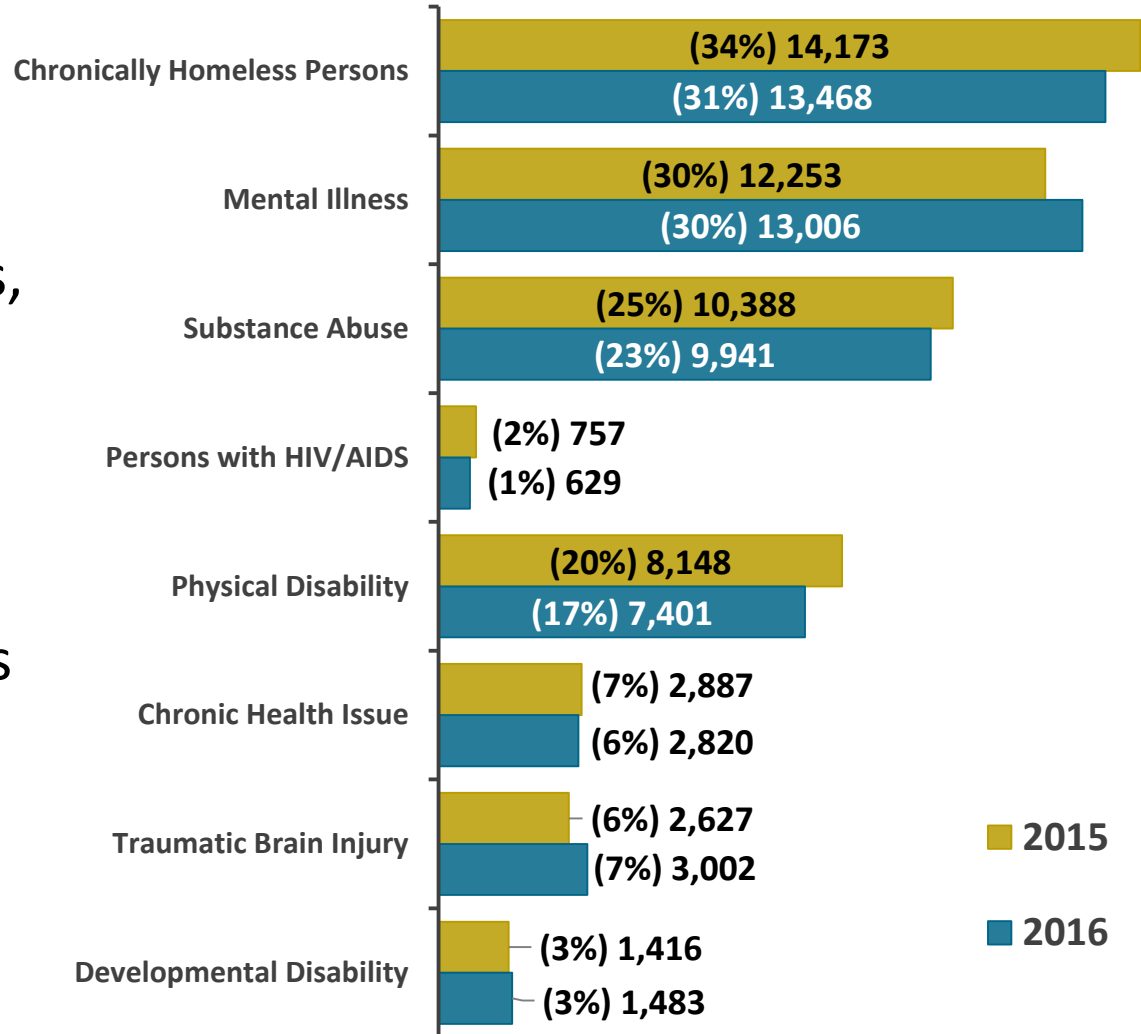
Homeless Persons by Age

There was a **12%** increase in people ages 18 to 24 and in people ages 25 to 54



Demographic Characteristics

People experiencing chronic homelessness, people with mental illness, and people with substance abuse represent a large share of the homeless population

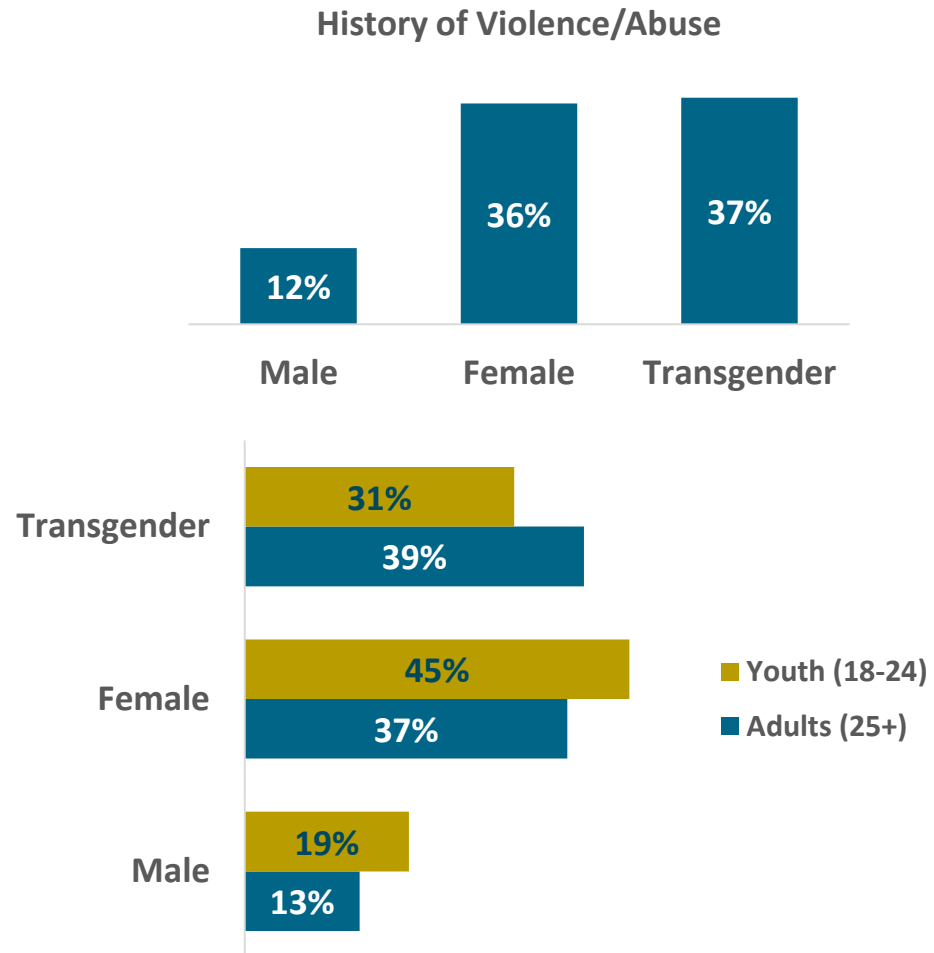


People can have multiple characteristics

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Demographic Characteristics: Domestic Violence

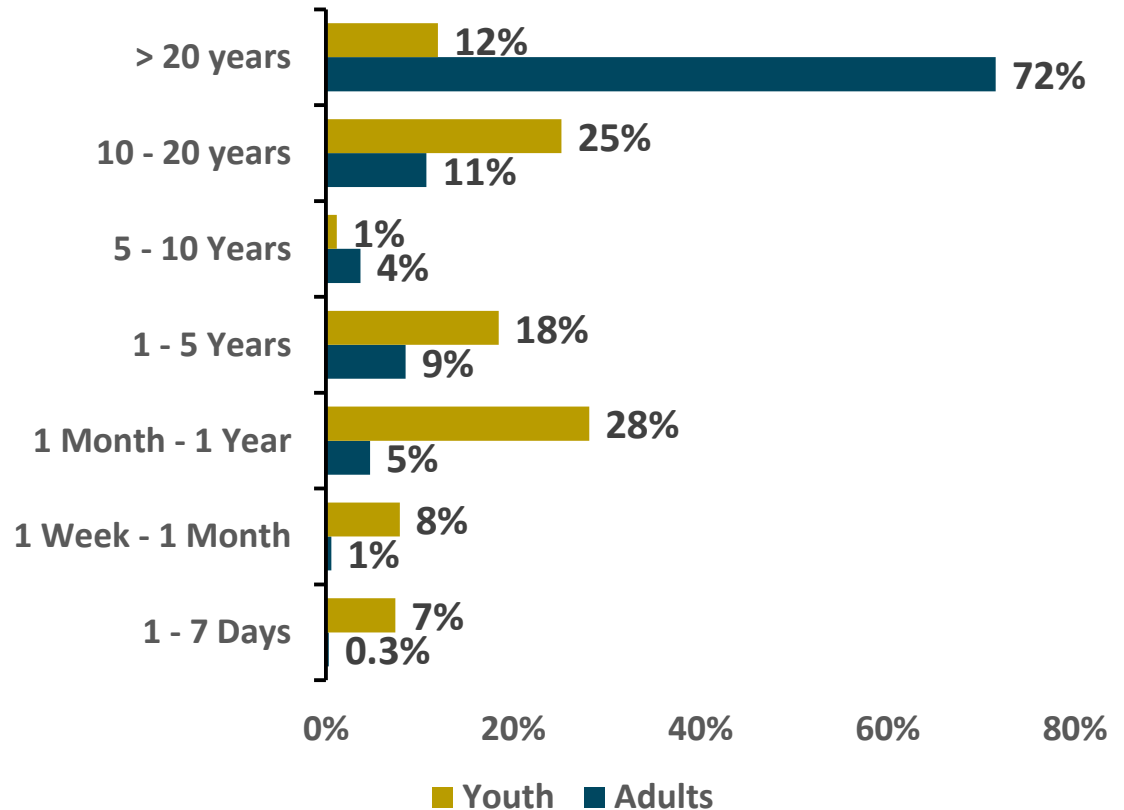
- **18%** of the total population (**7,868** people) had a history of physical or sexual abuse, including domestic or intimate partner violence and/or stalking
- Females and transgender individuals experience higher rates of violence and/or abuse



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Length of Time in LA County

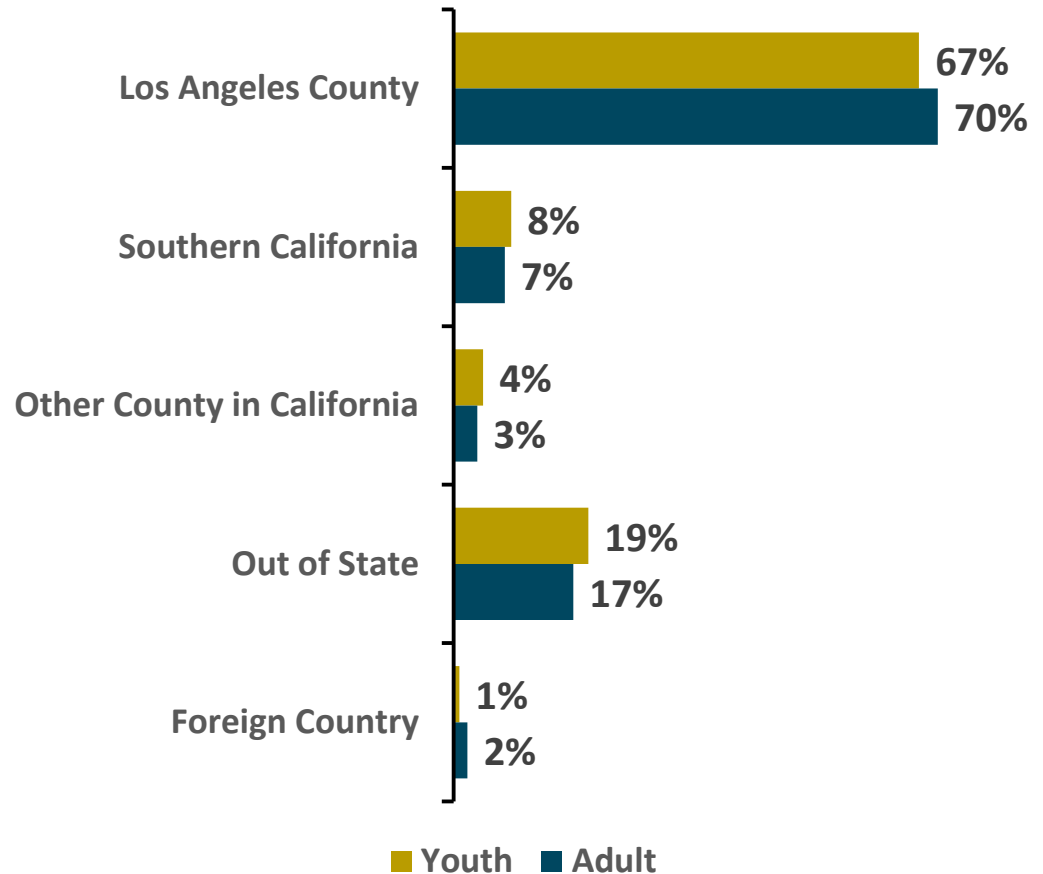
- The majority of adults experiencing homelessness (**72%**) have been living in LA County for more than 20 years
- **37%** of youth age 18-24 have been living in LA County for at least 10 years



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Place of Origin

- The majority of adults experiencing homelessness (**70%**) were last stably housed in Los Angeles County
- **67%** of youth age 18-24 were last stably housed in Los Angeles County



Impacting Factors

Housing Affordability Crisis Continues

- CHPC found an affordable housing gap in Los Angeles County of 527,000 units in 2015 study
- 18% of LA County residents meet the Federal Official Poverty Measure – but when housing costs are considered, poverty rate jumps to 27%
- Rental vacancy rate in Metro LA region was 2.7% in 4th quarter of 2015, down from 3.8% in 1st quarter of 2015

Current Solutions

- Veteran and Family data show impact of systemically applied resource investment
 - Homelessness responds to resources
 - Collaboration and systemic engagement shows results
- City and County comprehensive homeless strategies
 - Historic engagement, collaboration, and coordination
 - 2016-17 City and County Budget Proposals greatly increase local investment
- Investments by City and County of Los Angeles, and Federal Government will increase housing and supportive services

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