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# 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Results

Los Angeles County and  
Continuum of Care

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Survey

# Why We Count

## The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

- Gives a snapshot (or Point-In-Time Count) of homelessness in LA
- Answers key questions about homelessness in LA
  - How many people?
  - What are the demographics?
  - What is the distribution across the County?
  - Where are people experiencing homelessness staying?

The Point-In-Time Count is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

# When We Count

- Annually
- Last 10 days of January
- Street Count, January 24—January 26, 2017 by Service Planning Area (SPA)
  - SPAs 2, 3, 7 January 24
  - SPAs 5, 8 January 25
  - SPAs 1, 4, 6 January 26
- Youth Count Blitz Days, January 27—January 31, 2017
  - SPAs 1, 2, 4 January 27
  - SPA 7 January 30
  - SPAs 3, 5, 6, 8 January 31

# Who We Count

## Persons who meet HUD's definition of literal homelessness

### Unsheltered

“An individual/family whose primary nighttime residence is public/private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.”

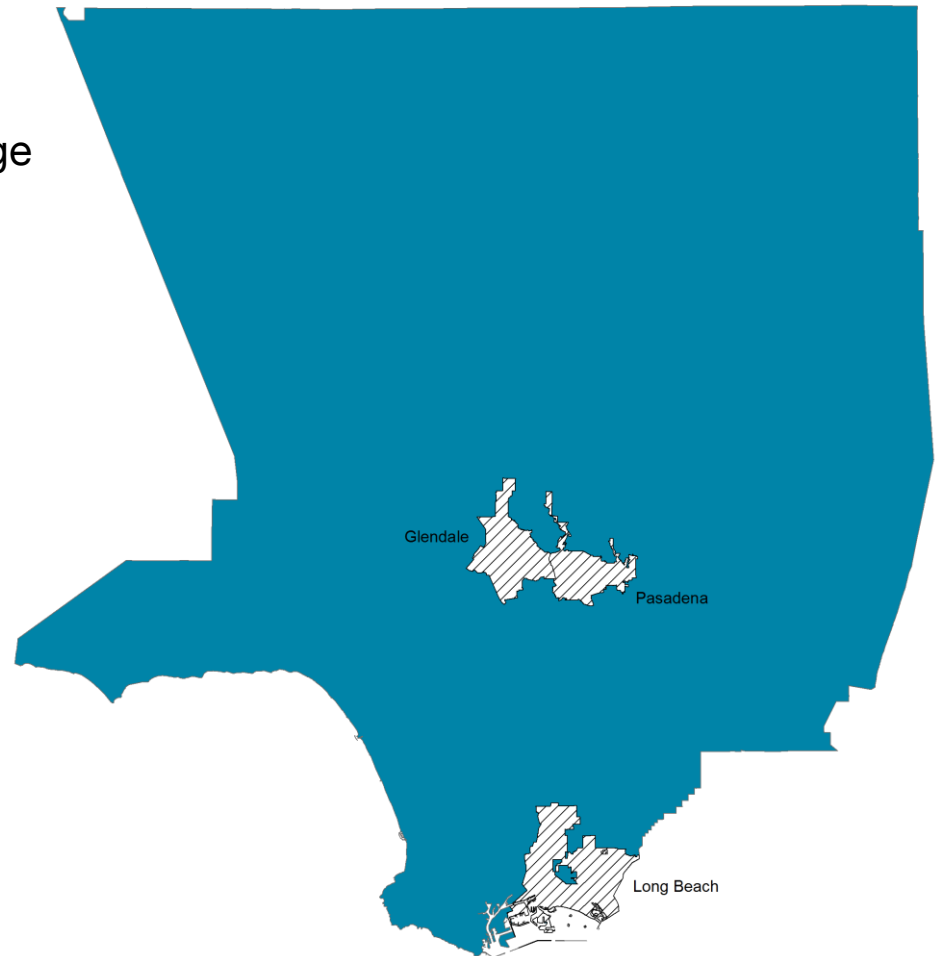
### Sheltered

“An individual/family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living arrangement.”

Emergency Shelters  
Transitional Housing  
Safe Havens  
Emergency Hotel/Motel Voucher

# Where We Count

- Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC)
  - 100% Census Tract Coverage (Street Count)
- Street Locations
  - Metro Lines
  - County Parks
  - Riverbeds
- Shelter Types
  - Emergency Shelters
  - Transitional Housing
  - Safe Havens
- LA CoC excludes Pasadena, Glendale, Long Beach



# How We Count



## Total Homeless Population



Single Adult



Adult Families



Transition Age Youth (18 to 24)



Young Families



Unaccompanied Minors

**Unsheltered**

Street Count

Demographic Survey

Youth Count / Demographic Survey

**Sheltered**

Shelter Count

Shelter Intake Survey

# 2017 Enhancements

## Demographic Survey

- Response card for sensitive questions
- Conducted surveys at family resource centers

## Street Count

- Improved volunteer training video
- Expanded collaboration with LA Metro and County Park Rangers

## Youth Count

- Improved strategy to capture youth hotspots
- Decreased survey length

## Shelter Count

- Pre- and Post- Count review by providers and regional experts



# Findings by Geographic Area

Los Angeles County  
Service Planning Area  
Supervisory District  
City of Los Angeles  
Council District

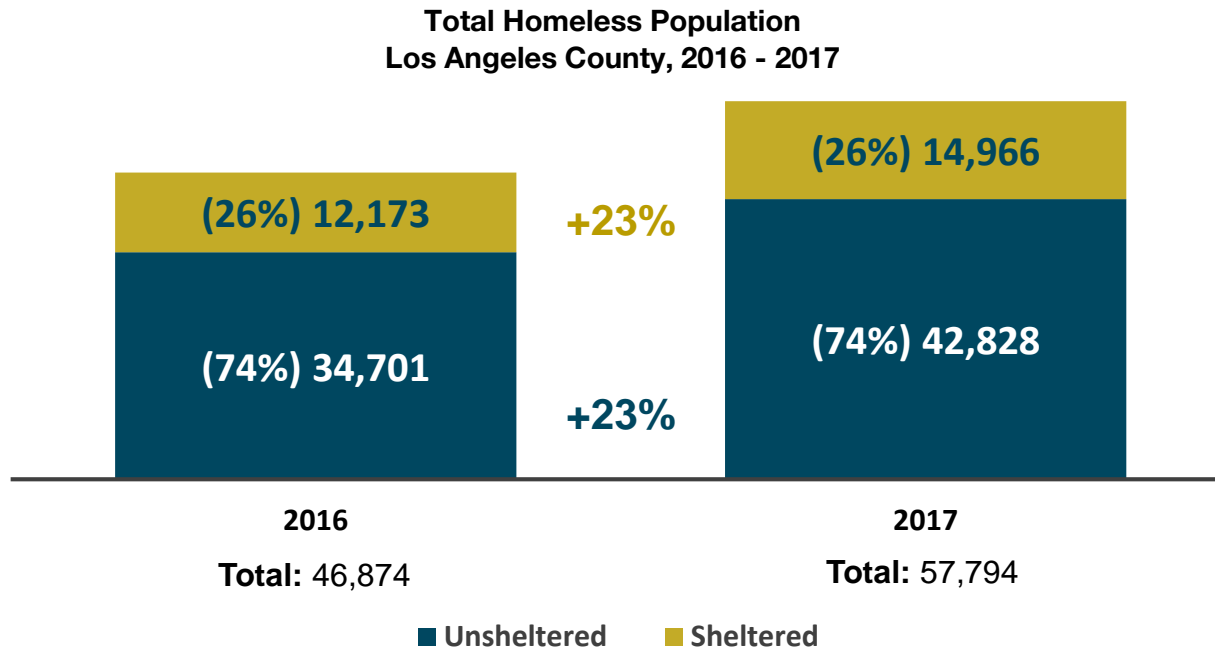
# 2017 Los Angeles County Results

**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)

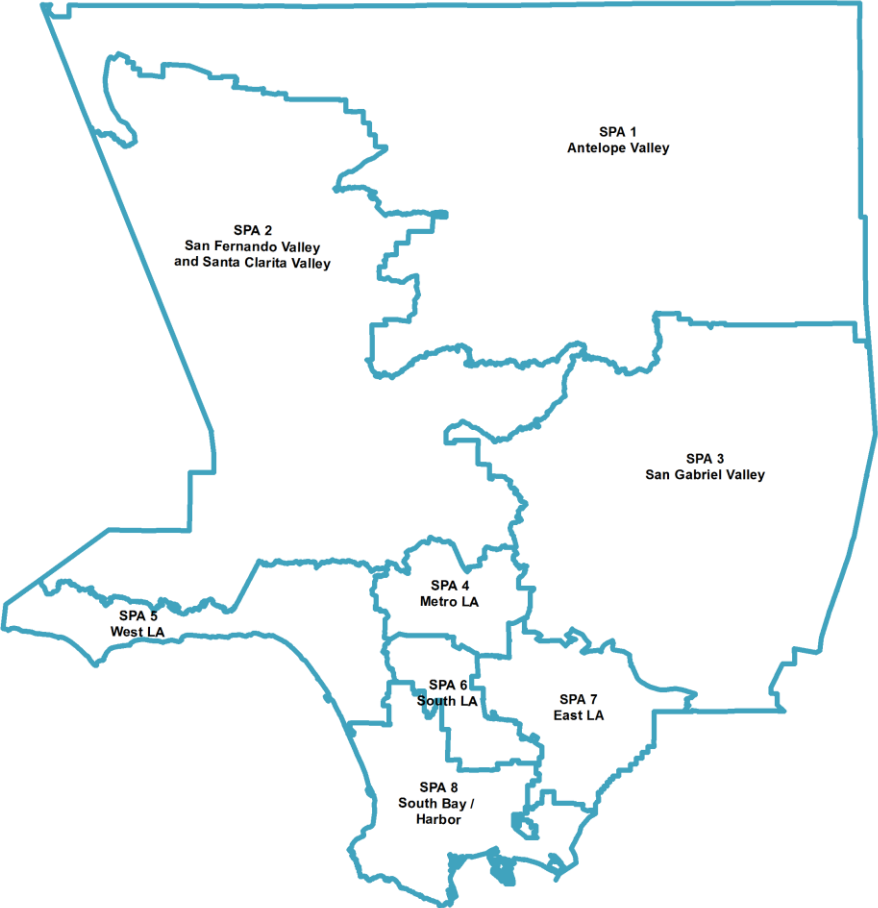
57,794 People experiencing homelessness on a given night

23% Increase from 2016 total of 46,874



Los Angeles County also includes Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena CoCs

# Los Angeles County Service Planning Areas (SPAs)



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# 2017 Los Angeles County Findings by SPAs

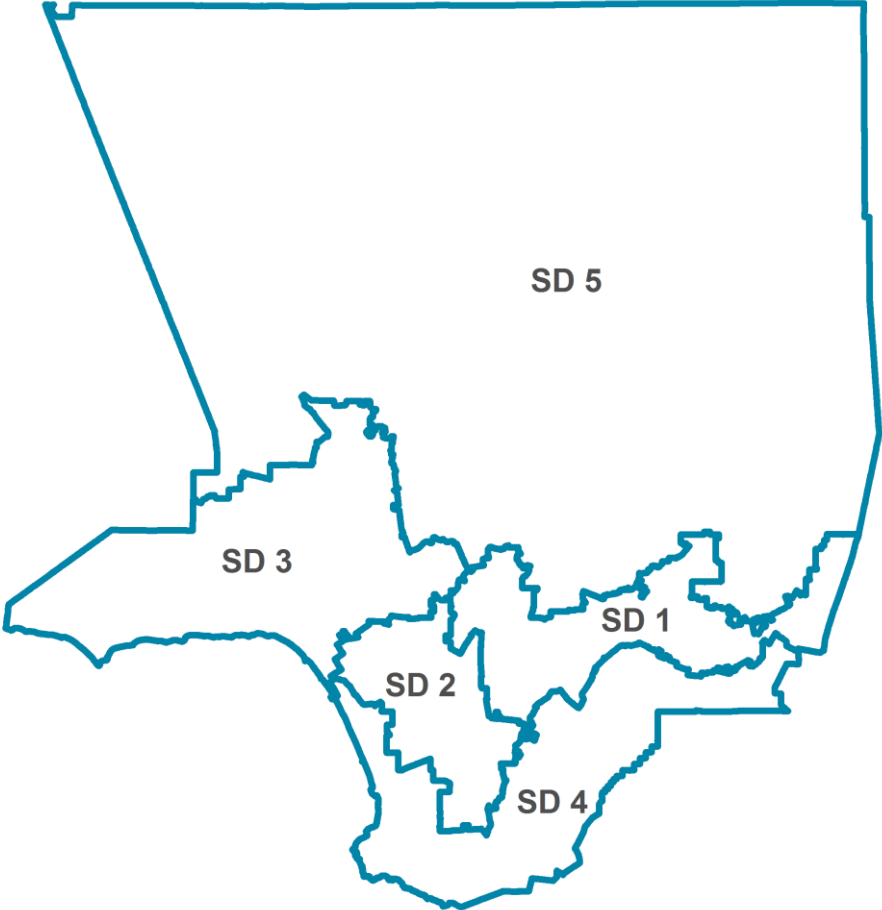
**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)

Service Planning Area	2016 Total	2017 Total	% Change
1- Antelope Valley	3,038	4,559	+50%
2- San Fernando Valley	7,334	7,627	+4%
3- San Gabriel Valley	3,142	4,127	+31%
4- Metro LA	11,860	15,393	+30%
5- West LA	4,659	5,511	+18%
6- South LA	7,459	9,243	+24%
7- East LA County	3,469	5,189	+50%
8- South Bay	5,913	6,145	+4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>46,874</b>	<b>57,794</b>	<b>+23%</b>

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# Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts (SDs)



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# 2017 Los Angeles County Findings by Supervisorial District (SD)

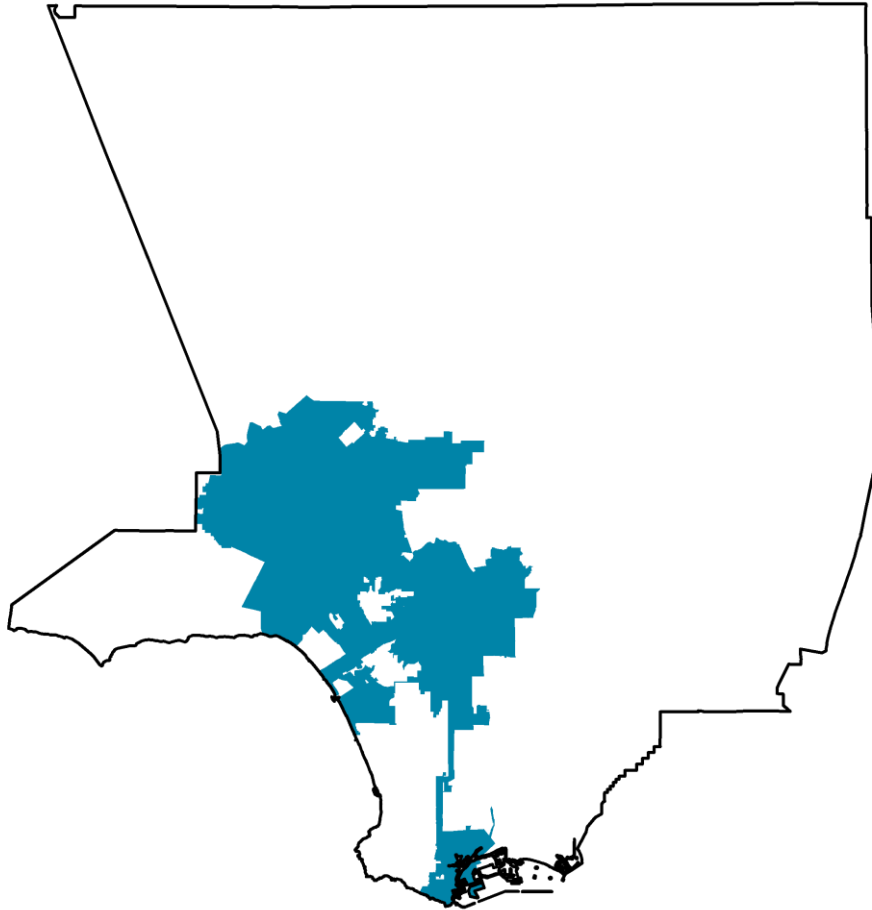
**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)

Supervisorial District	2016 Total	2017 Total	% Change
SD 1	8,749	12,956	+48%
SD 2	15,322	18,657	+22%
SD 3	10,712	11,870	+11%
SD 4	5,961	6,576	+10%
SD 5	6,130	7,735	+26%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>46,874</b>	<b>57,794</b>	<b>+23%</b>

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# City of Los Angeles



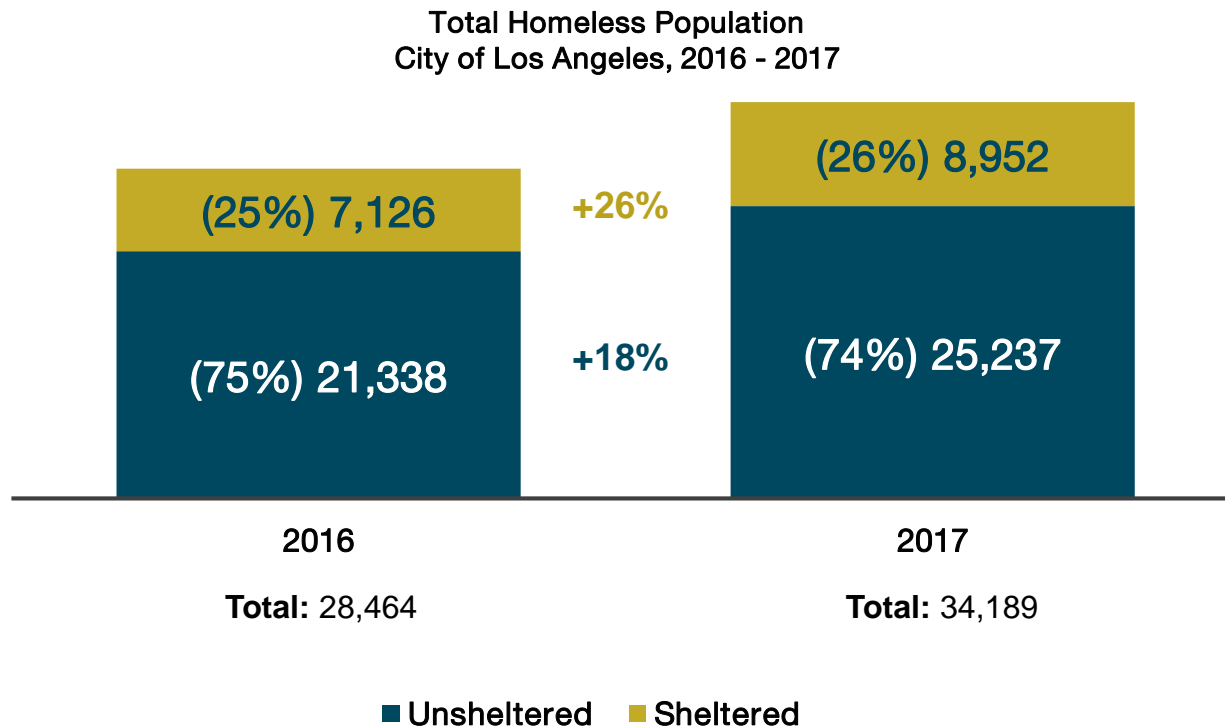
# 2017 City of Los Angeles Findings

34,189 People experiencing homelessness on a given night

20% Increase from 2016 total of 28,464

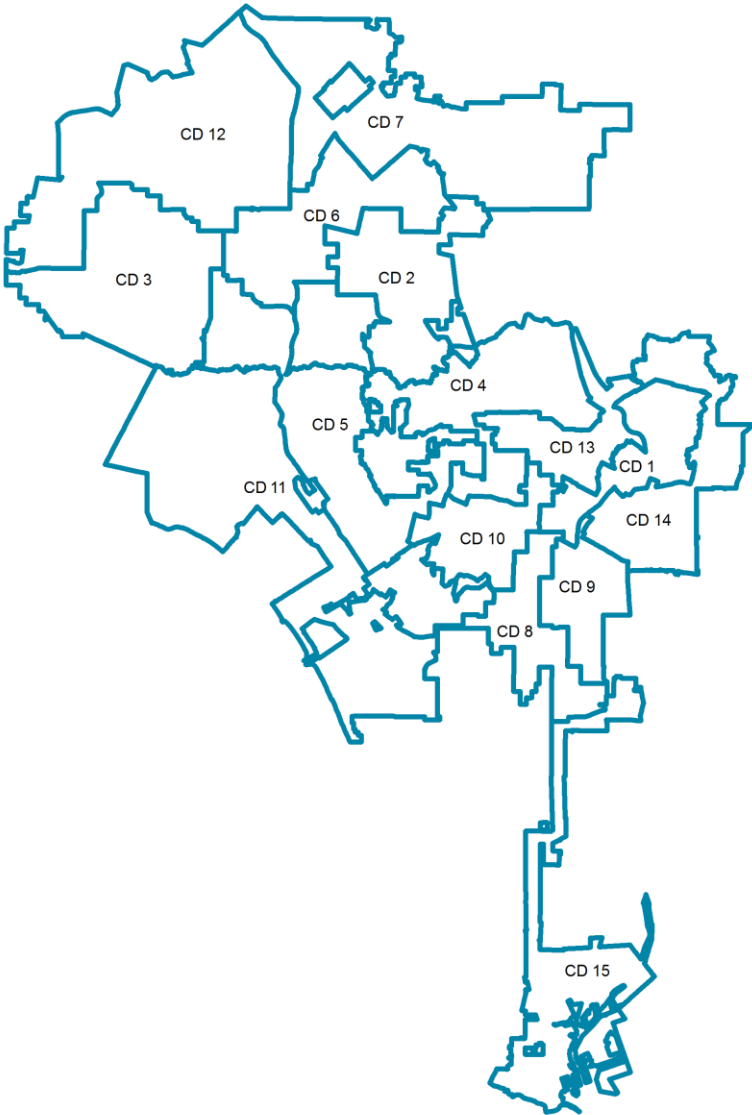
**Geography:**  
City of LA

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)





# City of Los Angeles Council Districts (CDs)



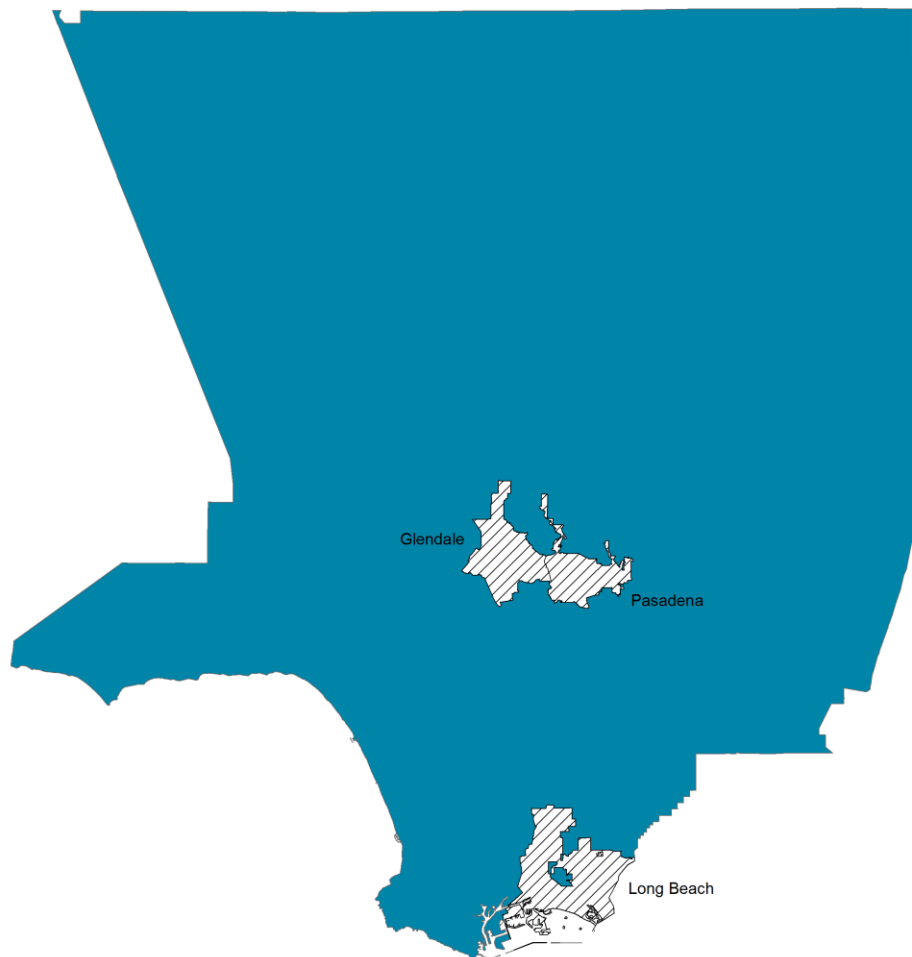
# 2017 City of Los Angeles Findings by Council District (CD)

**Geography:**  
City of LA

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)

Council District	2016 Total	2017 Total	% Change
CD 1	1,986	2,958	+49%
CD 2	1,084	1,212	+12%
CD 3	890	746	-16%
CD 4	628	783	+25%
CD 5	913	1,160	+27%
CD 6	1,856	2,047	+10%
CD 7	1,206	1,198	-1%
CD 8	1,497	2,178	+45%
CD 9	3,458	3,843	+11%
CD 10	1,112	1,508	+36%
CD 11	2,529	2,741	+8%
CD 12	906	879	-3%
CD 13	3,036	3,282	+8%
CD 14	5,590	7,386	+32%
CD 15	1,773	2,268	+28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,464</b>	<b>34,189</b>	<b>+20%</b>

# Los Angeles CoC Results



LA CoC excludes Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach CoCs

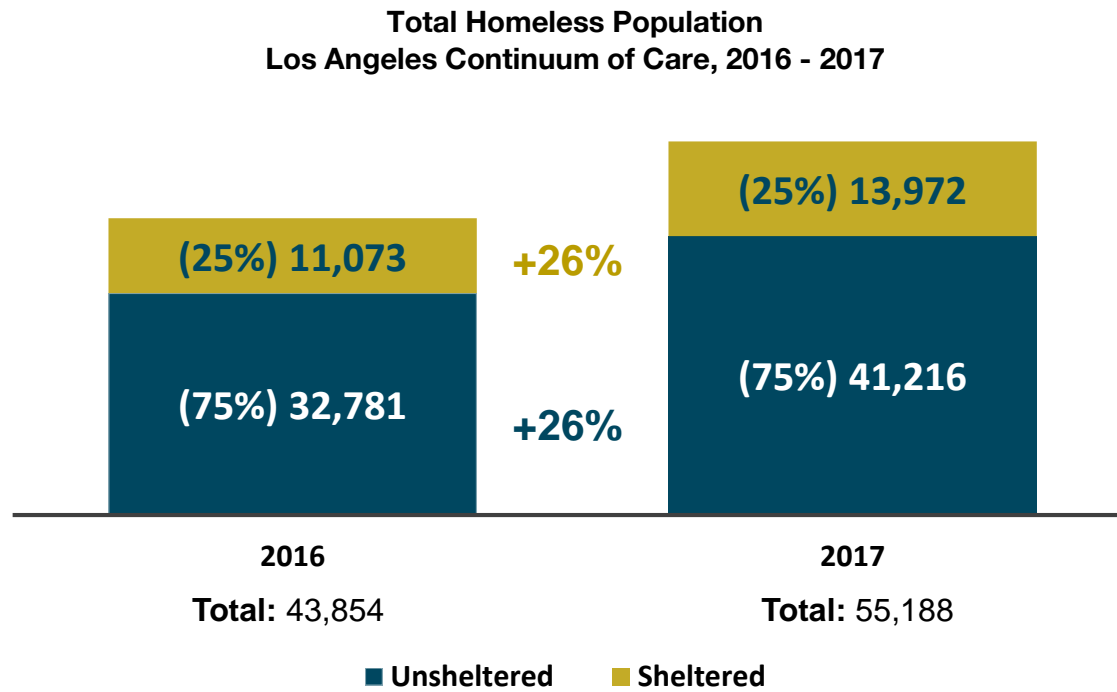
# 2017 Los Angeles CoC Results

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)

55,188 People experiencing homelessness on a given night

26% Increase from 2016 total of 43,855



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# Vehicles and Encampments

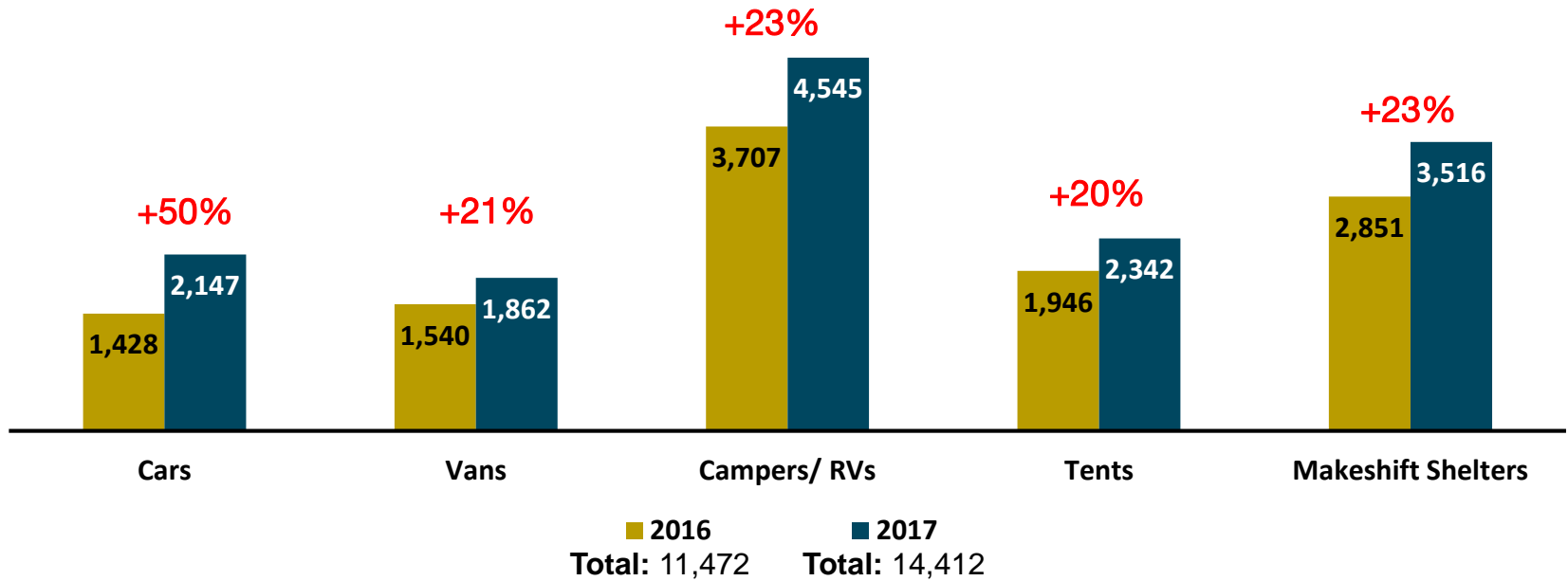
**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Vehicles and  
Encampments

14,412 Vehicles and encampments

26% Increase from 2016 total of 11,472

Total Number of Vehicles and Encampments by Dwelling Type  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2016 - 2017



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# People Placed into Housing

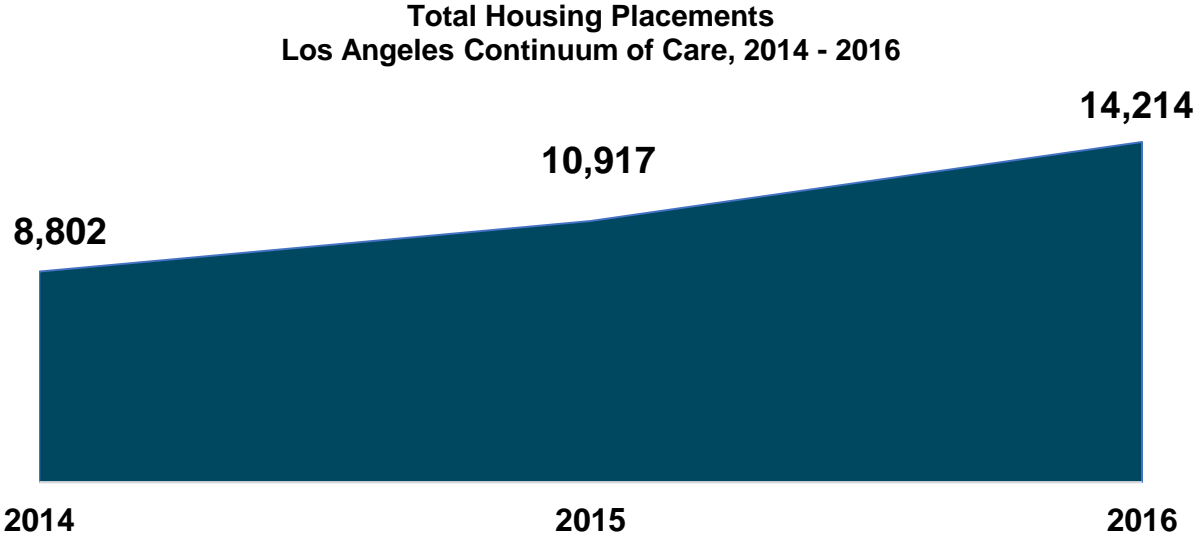
**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)

14,214 People moved out of homelessness into Permanent Housing in 2016

30% Increase from 2015

61% Increase from 2014



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# Demographic Characteristics Los Angeles County and CoC

Age

Race/Ethnicity

Gender

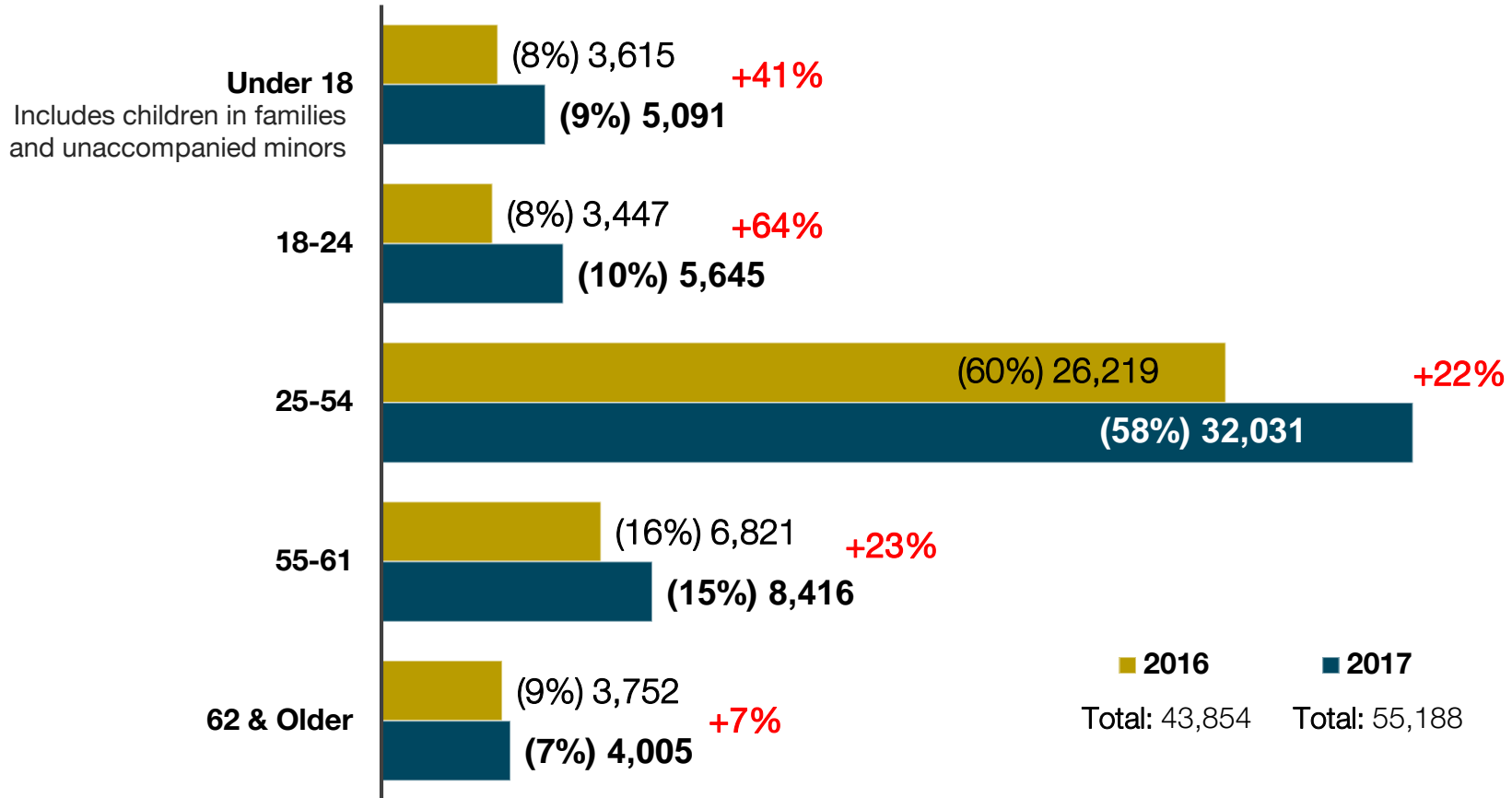
Health Conditions

# Age

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)

Total Homeless Population by Age  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2016 - 2017



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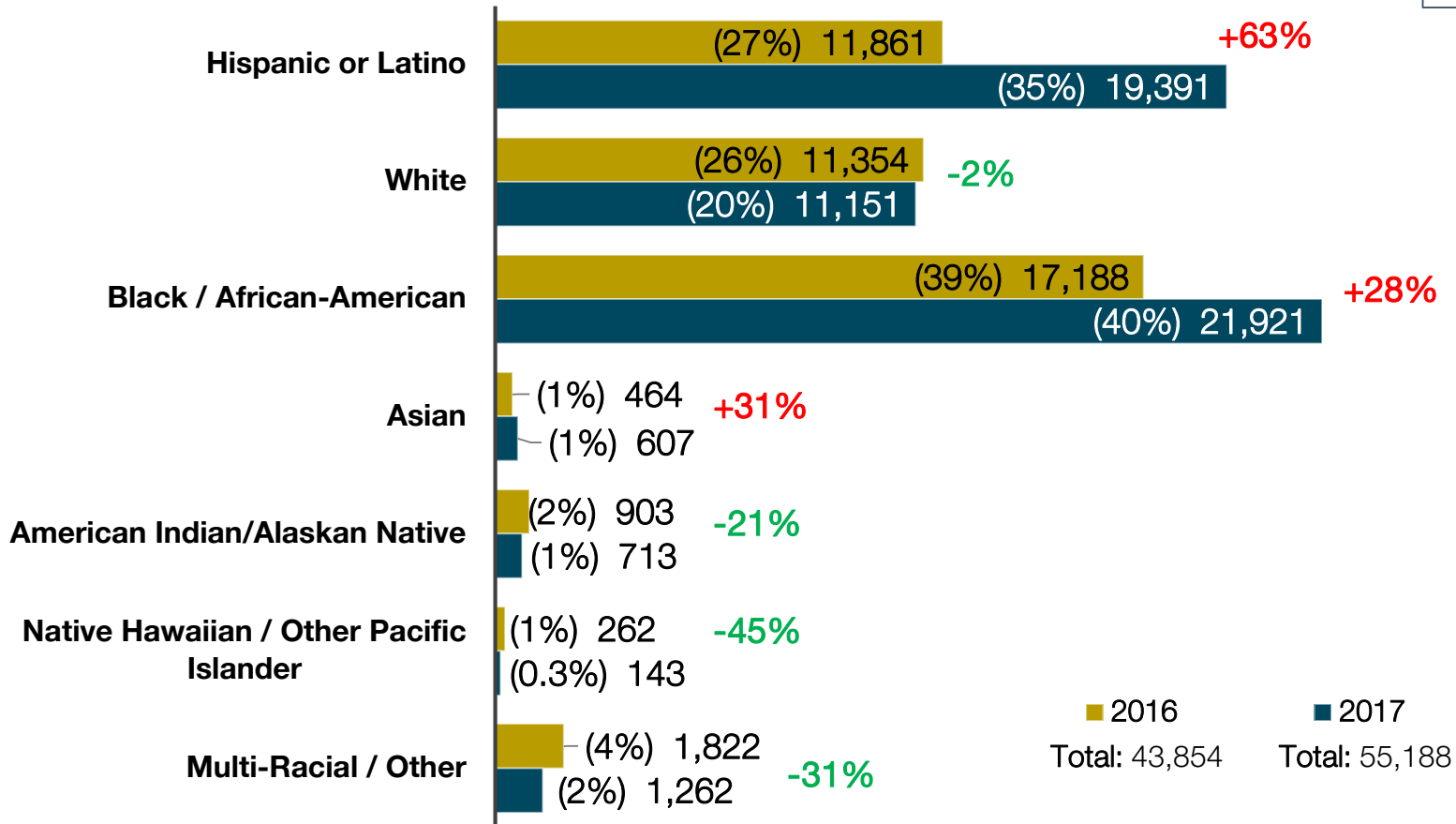


# Race and Ethnicity

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)

**Total Homeless Population by Race and Ethnicity  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2016 - 2017**



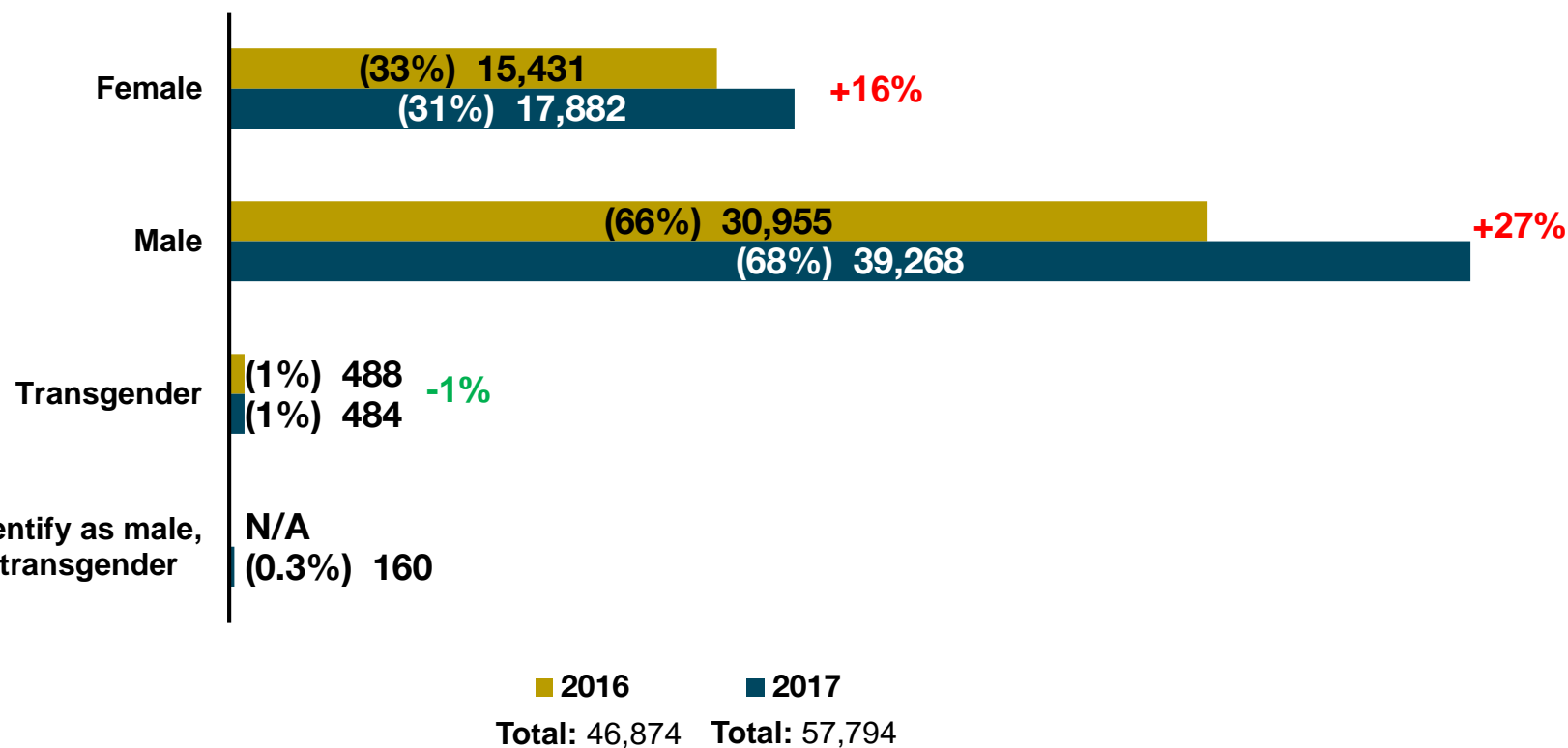
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# Gender

**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Total  
(Sheltered and Unsheltered)

**Total Homeless Population by Gender  
Los Angeles County, 2016 - 2017**



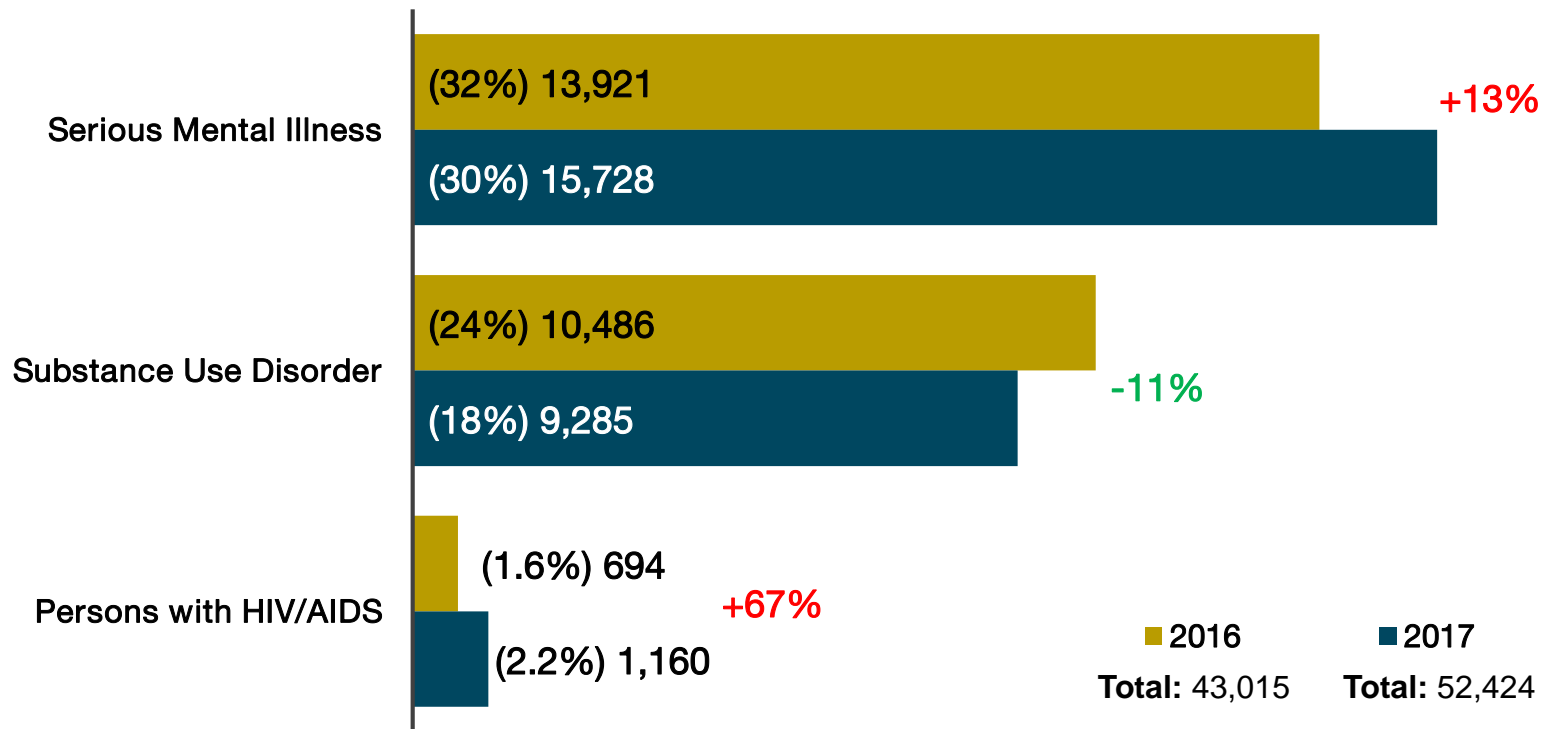
“Does not identify as male, female, or transgender” category was introduced to the Demographic Survey for the first time in 2017  
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# Health Conditions

**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Total (Sheltered and Unsheltered) 18+

Health Conditions, 18+  
Los Angeles County, 2016 - 2017



Question asked using response card

Totals for each condition include persons 18 years and older only

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# Findings by Subpopulation Los Angeles County and CoC

Chronic Homelessness

Veterans

Families

Youth

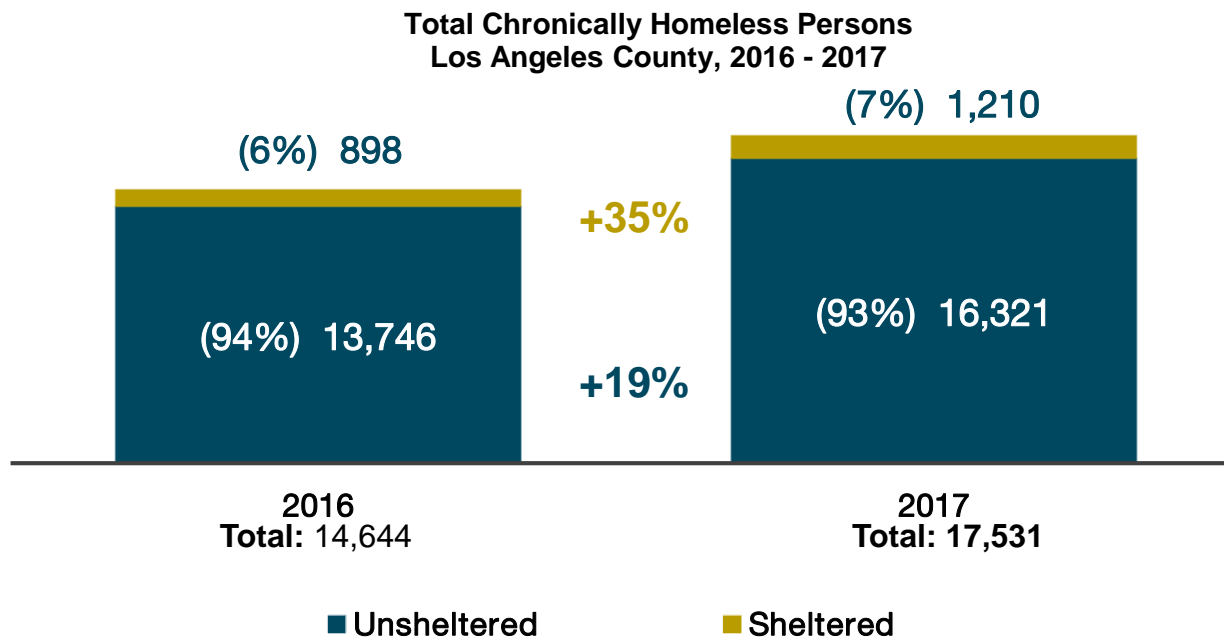
# Chronic Homelessness

**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Chronically  
Homeless

**17,531** Chronically homeless persons experience homelessness on a given night

**20%** Increase from 2016 total of 14,644



Sheltered Chronically Homeless Persons excludes Transitional Housing  
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# Chronically Homeless Persons Placed into Housing

2,683 Chronically homeless persons placed into permanent housing in 2016

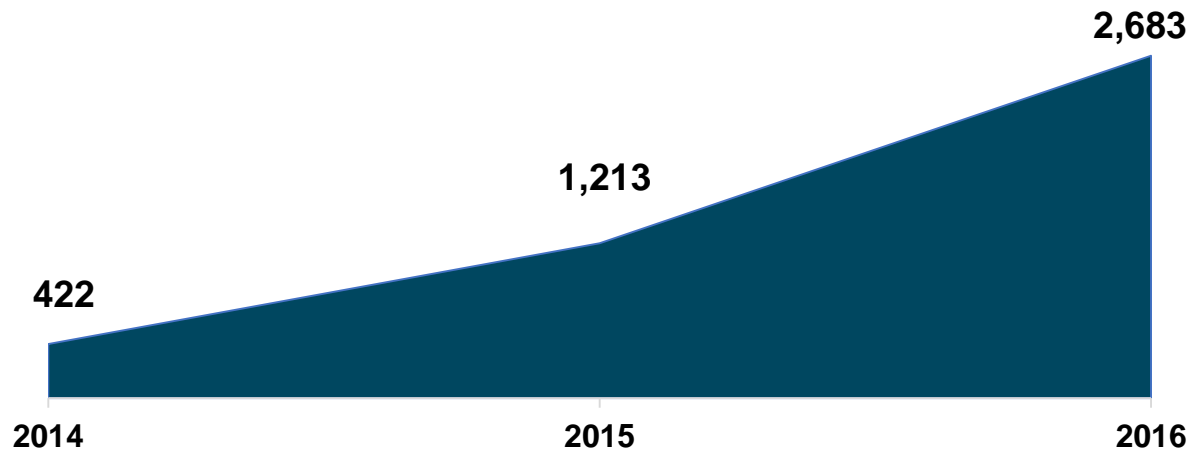
121% Increase from 2015

536% Increase from 2014

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Chronically Homeless

Chronically Homeless Persons Placed into Housing  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2014 - 2016



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# Veterans

**Geography:**  
LA County

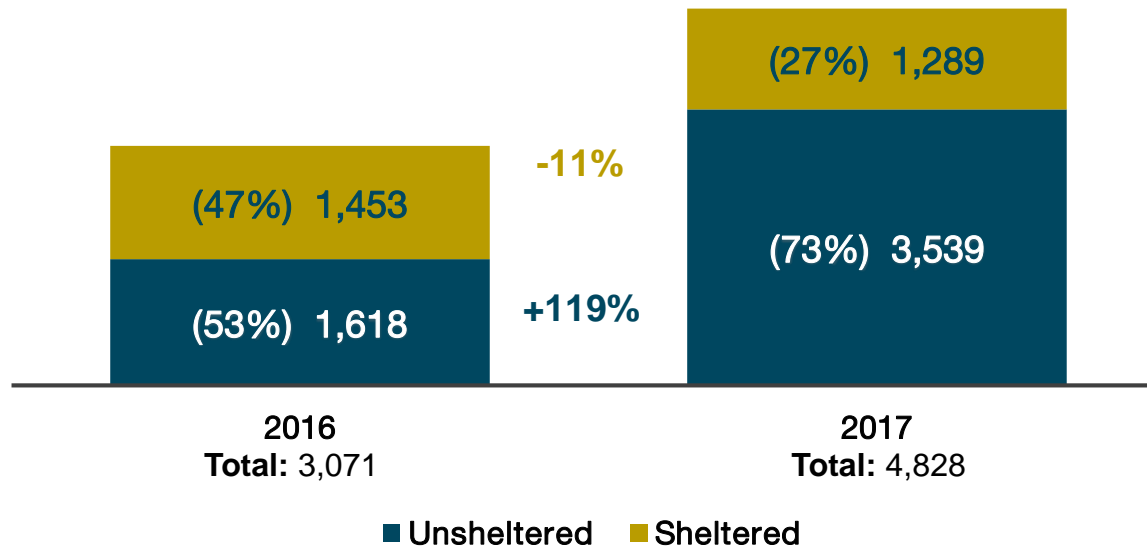
**Population:**  
Veterans

4,828 Veterans experience homelessness on a given night

57% Increase from 2016 total of 3,071

20% Increase from 2015 total of 4,016

**Total Homeless Veteran Population  
Los Angeles County, 2016 - 2017**



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# Veterans Placed into Housing

**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Veterans

**3,548** Veterans placed into permanent housing in 2016

**5%** Decrease from 2015

Veteran Housing Placements, Los Angeles County,  
2014 - 2016



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The 2015 data reflects a recent reconciliation by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



# People in Families

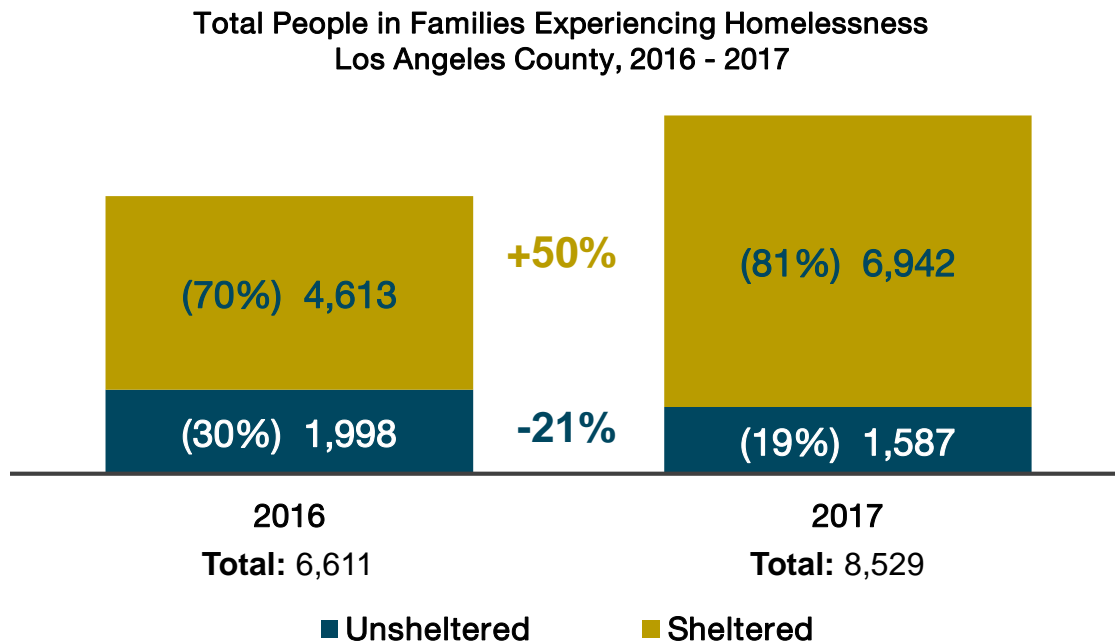
**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
People in families

**8,529** People in families experience homelessness on a given night

**29%** Increase from 2016 total of 6,611

**21%** Decrease in unsheltered people in families



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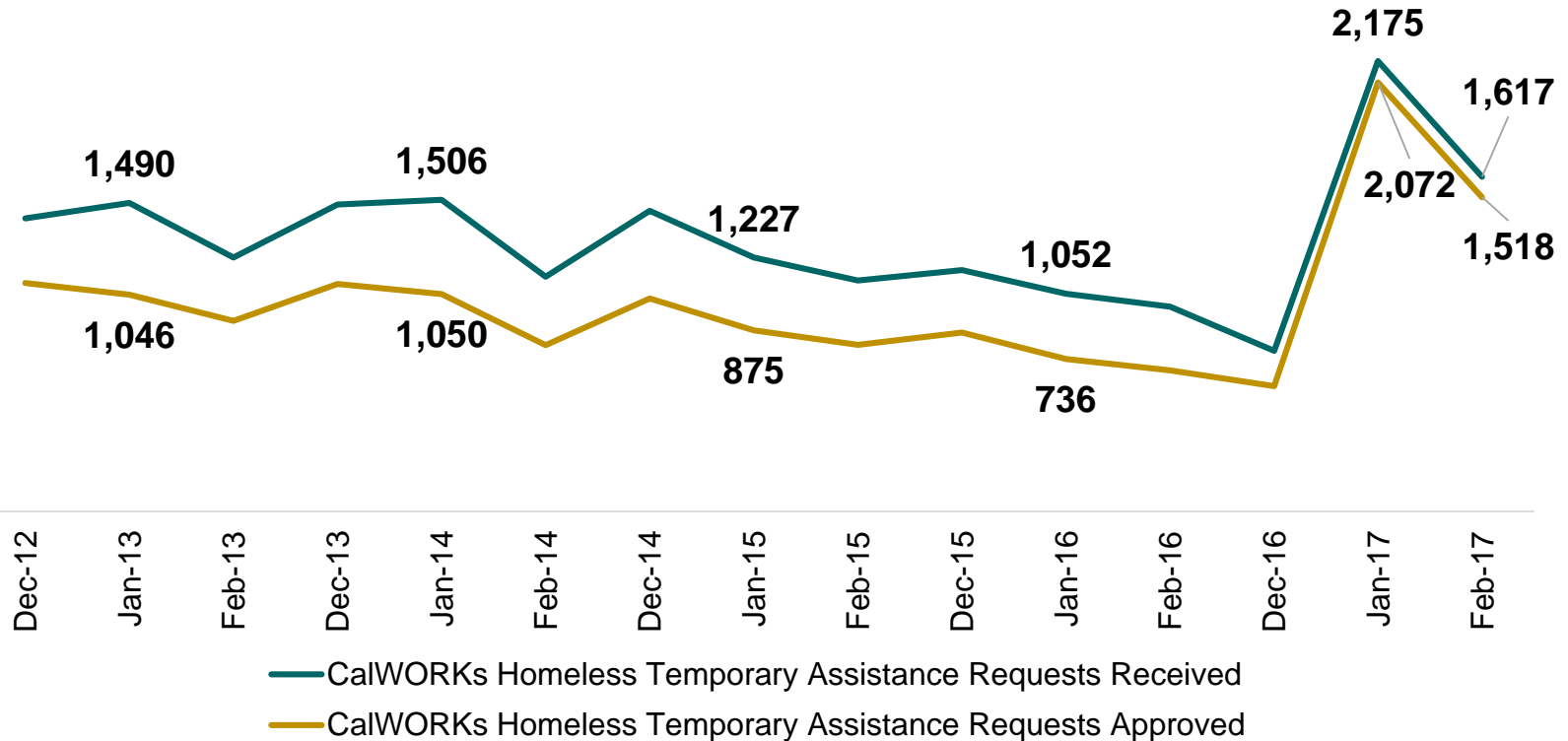
# CalWORKs Temporary Homeless Assistance

**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
People in families

The increase in sheltered families may be partially attributed to an increase in families receiving CalWORKs Temporary Homeless Assistance.

CalWORKs Temporary Homeless Assistance  
Requests and Approvals  
Los Angeles County, Dec 2012 - Feb 2017



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# People in Families Placed into Housing

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

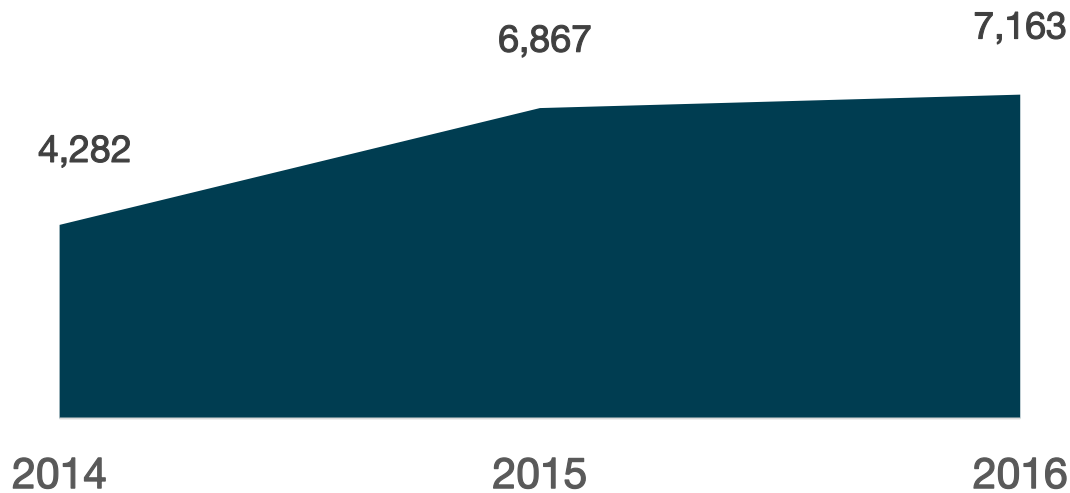
**Population:**  
People in families

**7,163** People in families housed in 2016

**4%** Increase from 2015

**67%** Increase from 2014

Family Housing Placements, Total Family Members, Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2014 - 2016



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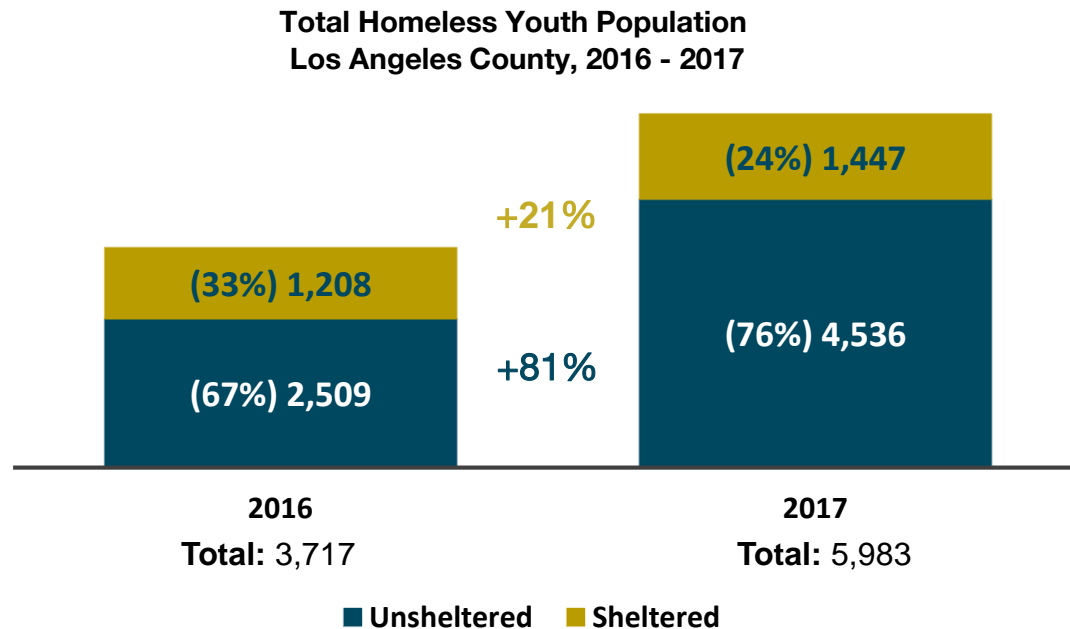
# Youth

5,983 Youth experiencing homelessness on a given night

61% Increase from 2016 total

**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Total Youth  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)



2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count made an improvement in execution of the Youth Count from 2016. Youth Includes Transition Age Youth (18-24), Unaccompanied Minors (Under 18) and Young Families (where no person is above the age of 24) Los Angeles County includes Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach CoCs

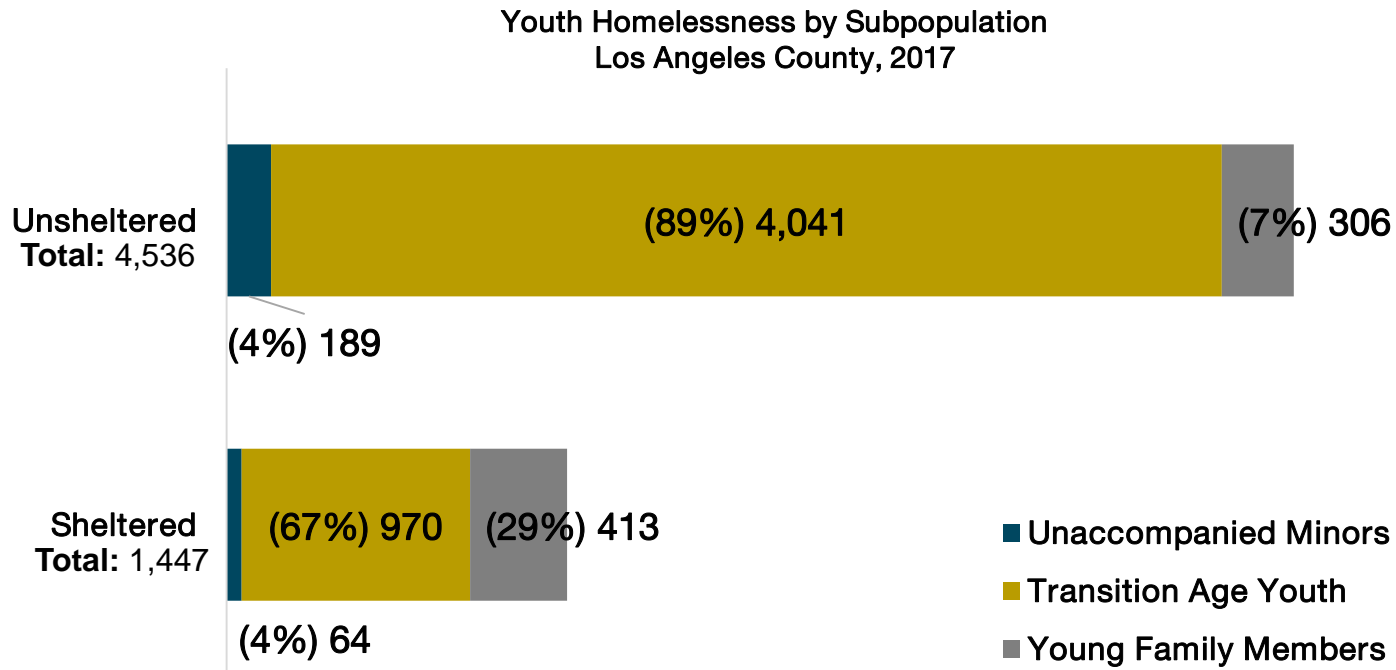
# Youth Homelessness by Subpopulation

**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Total Youth  
(Sheltered and  
Unsheltered)

5,983 Youth experiencing homelessness on a given night in 2017

Youth homelessness by subpopulation similar in 2016



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# Youth Placed into Housing

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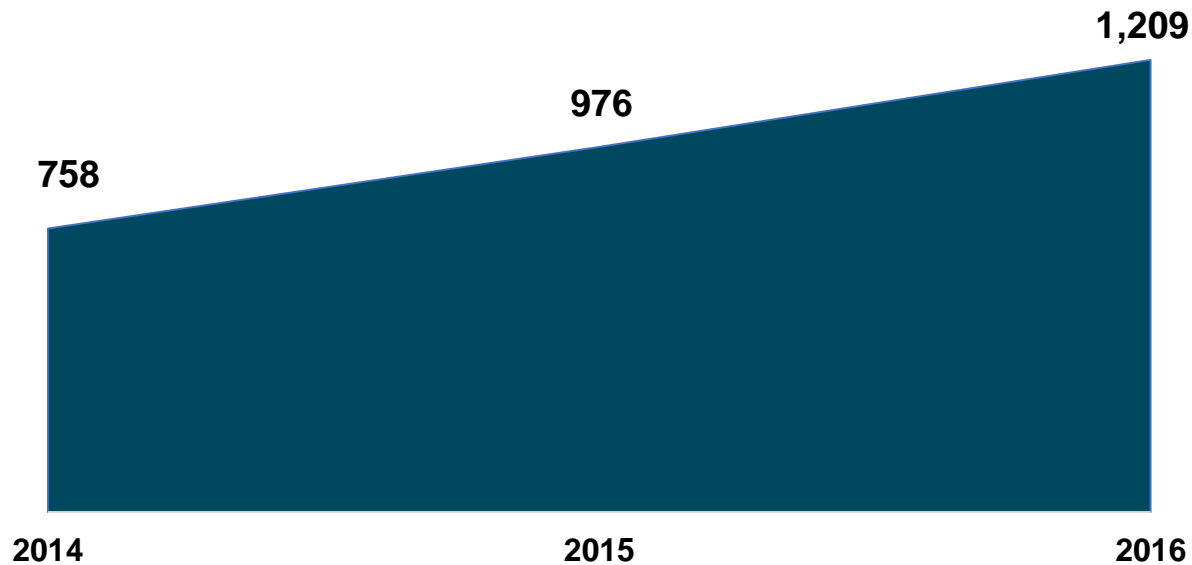
**Population:**  
Youth

1,209 Youth newly housed in 2016

24% Increase from 2015

59% Increase from 2014

Youth Placed into Housing  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2014 - 2016



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# Notable Characteristics

Length of Time in LA  
County

Place of Residence  
Before Becoming  
Homeless

First Time Homelessness

Lifetime Experience with  
Domestic Violence

Currently Fleeing  
Violence

Sex Trafficking

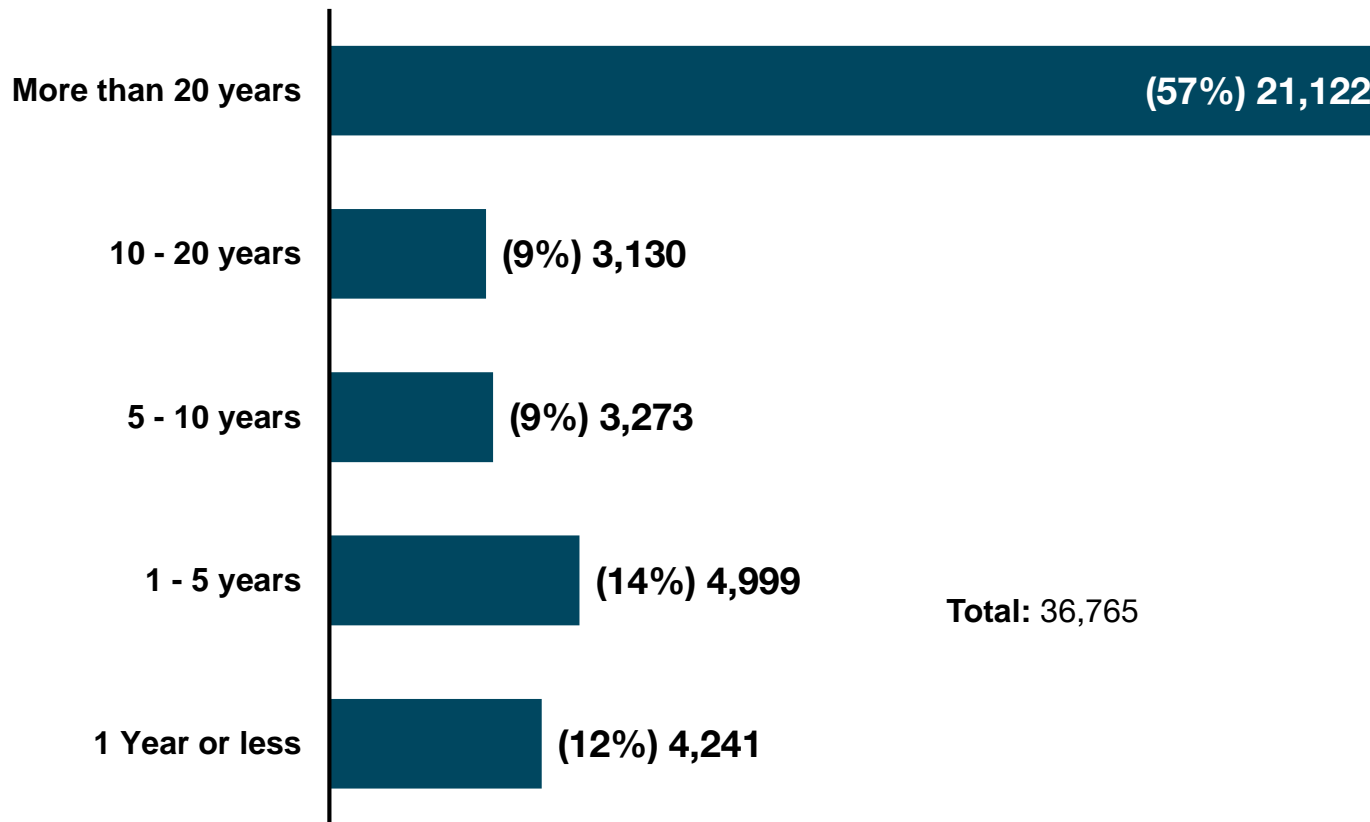
# Length of Time in LA County

Length of Time Spent in LA County by year similar in 2016

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Unsheltered Adults 25+  
and Children in Adult  
Families

Length of Time Spent in LA County, Unsheltered Adults 25+ & Children in Adult Families  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2017



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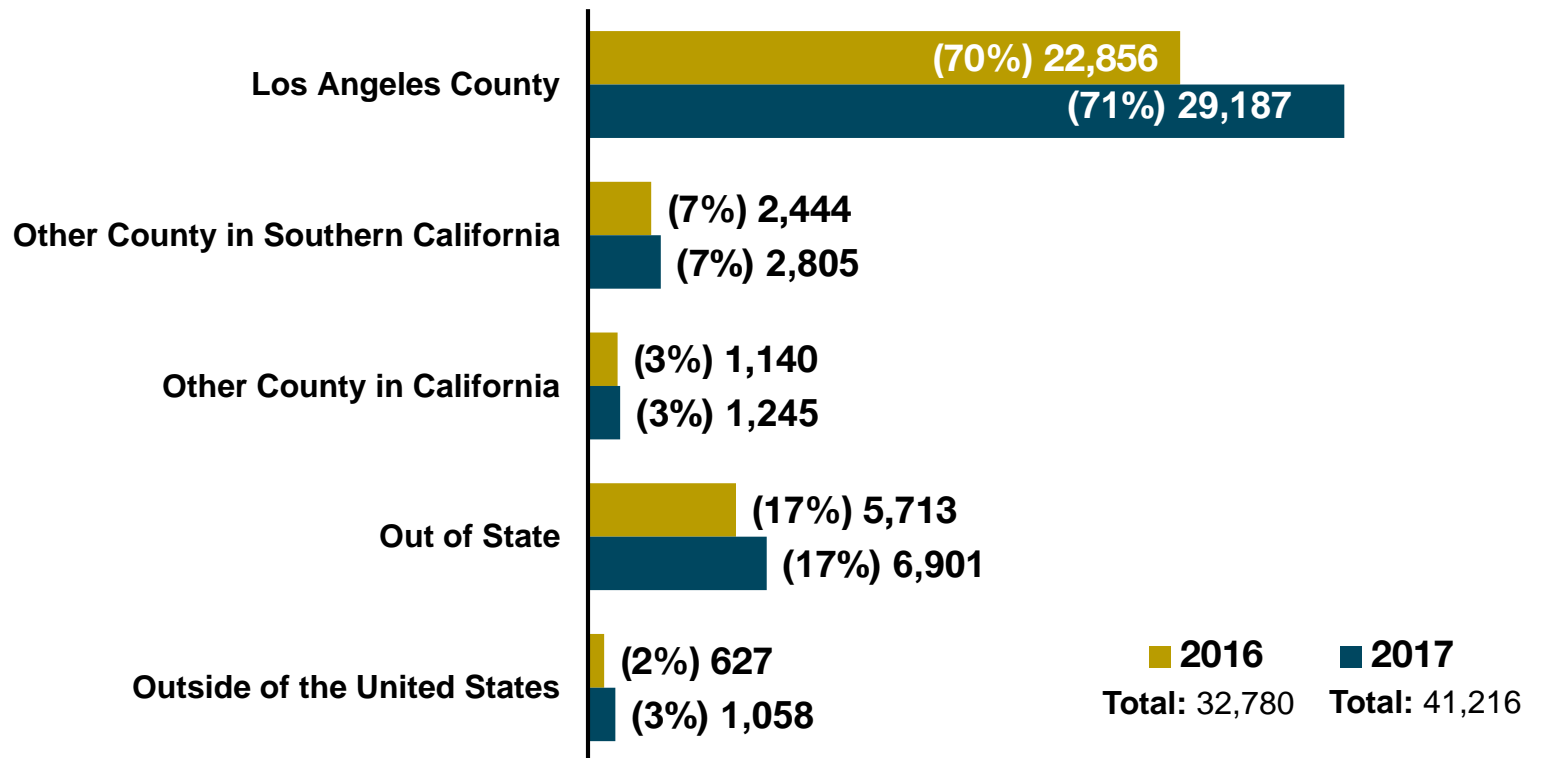


# Place of Residence Before Becoming Homeless

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Unsheltered

Place of Residence Before Becoming Homeless, Unsheltered Persons  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2016 - 2017



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# First Time Experiencing Homelessness

8,044 people experiencing homelessness for the first time, became homeless *in the past year*

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Unsheltered Adults 25+  
and Children in Adult  
Families

First Time Experiencing Homelessness,  
Unsheltered Adults 25+ & Children in Adult Families  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care 2016 - 2017



First Time Experiencing Homelessness includes people experiencing homelessness for any duration  
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# Lifetime Experience with Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

**Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) includes lifetime experience of:**

- Physical abuse by parent/guardian/other relative or intimate partner
- Sexual abuse by parent/guardian/other relative or intimate partner
- Dating violence
- Stalking

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# Lifetime Experience with Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

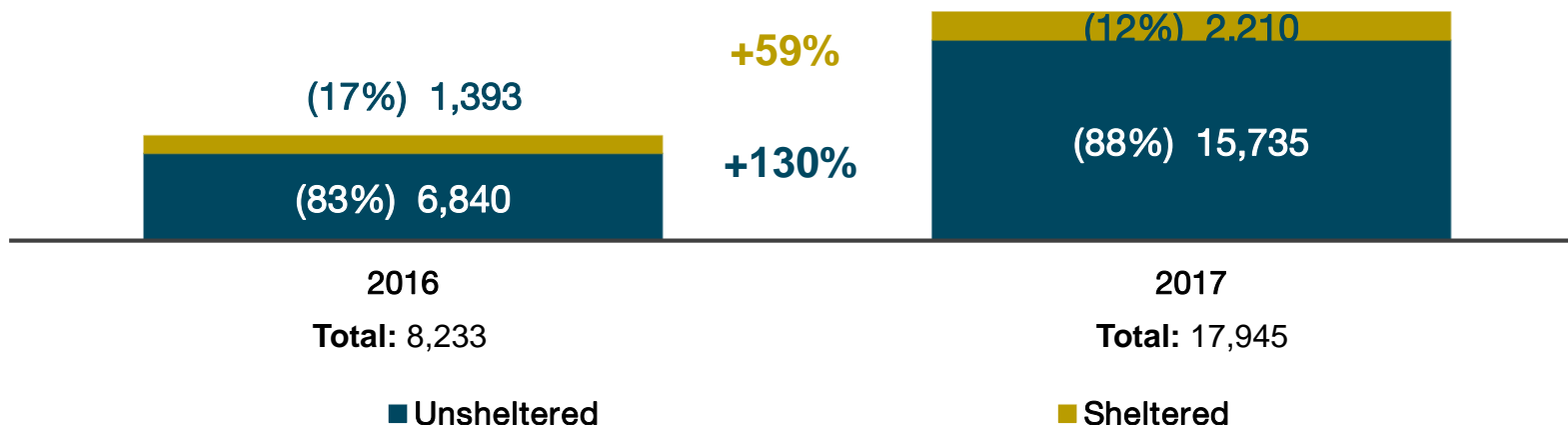
**Geography:**  
LA County

**Population:**  
Total (Sheltered and Unsheltered) 18+

**17,945** People stated having domestic violence/intimate partner violence experience

More than double the 2016 total of 8,233

Lifetime Experience with Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence, 18+ Los Angeles County, 2016 - 2017



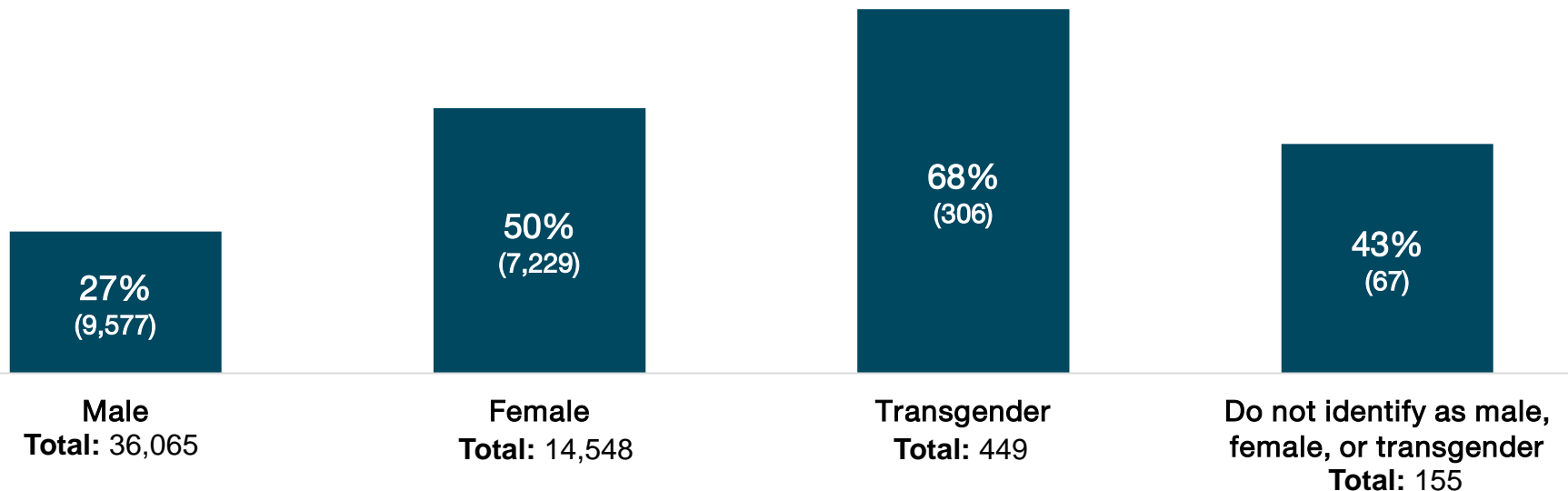
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# Lifetime Experience with Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence by Gender

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Total (Sheltered and Unsheltered) 18+ and Unaccompanied Minors

Lifetime Experience with Domestic Violence/ Intimate Partner Violence by Gender, 18+ and Unaccompanied Minors  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2017



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# Currently Fleeing Violence

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Unsheltered Adults 25+  
and Children in Adult  
Families

3,658 (10%) of Unsheltered Adults 25+  
and Children in Adult Families  
are currently fleeing violence

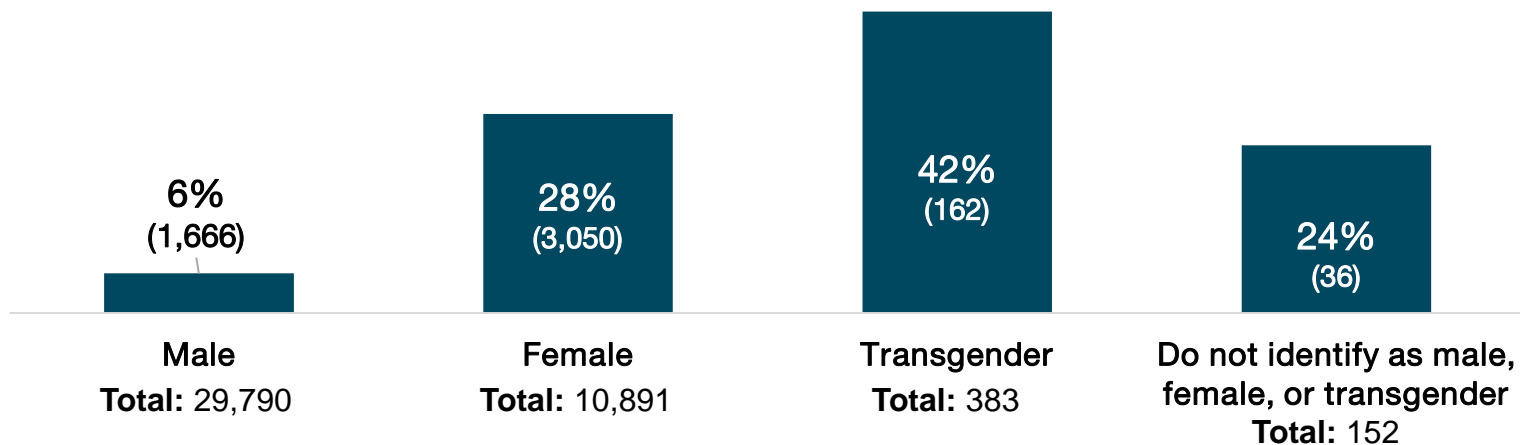
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# Sex Trafficking by Gender

**Geography:**  
LA CoC

**Population:**  
Unsheltered, 18+ and  
Unaccompanied Minors

Sex Trafficking by Gender, Unsheltered, 18+ and Unaccompanied Minors  
Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2017



Survey Question: “Have you ever been forced, threatened, or pressured into performing a sex act with another person and the person(s) that forced you received payment or anything of value in exchange for this act?”

Question asked using response card

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# Socioeconomic Factors

Housing Affordability

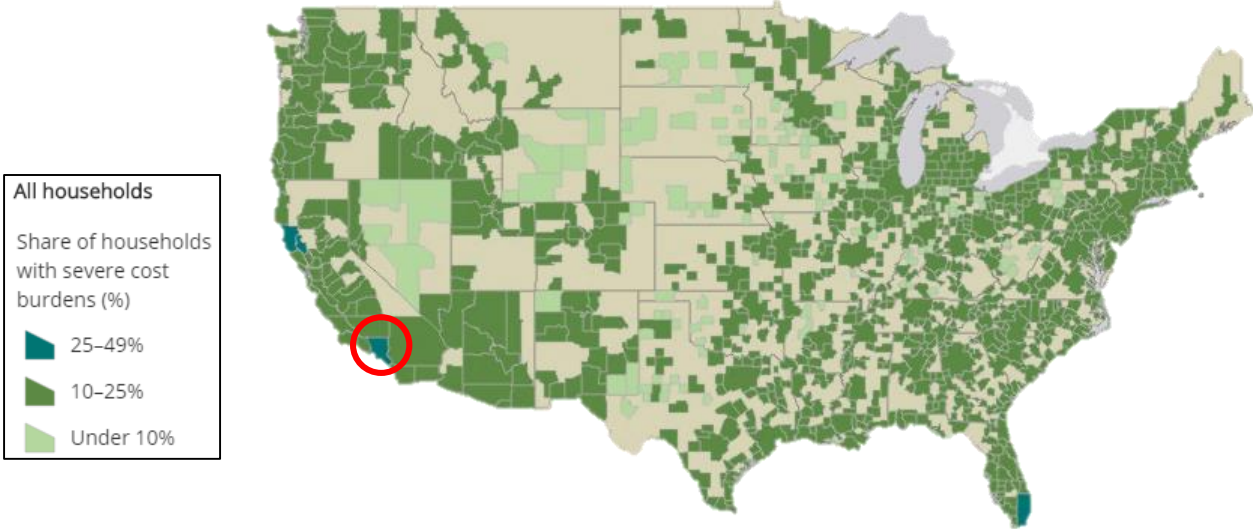
Housing Availability

Poverty



# LA Metro is the Most Cost-Burdened in the United States

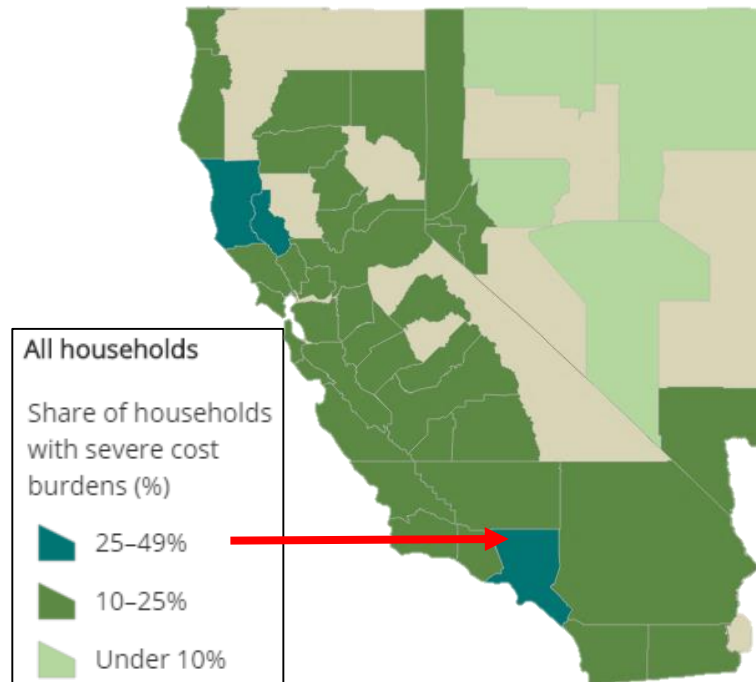
**Renters of Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Metro Statistical Area are the most cost-burdened in the nation.**



Joint Center for Housing Studies, The State of the Nation's Housing 2016

## LA Metro Area is Cost-Burdened

25% of residents are severely housing cost-burdened



- Over 2 million households are cost-burdened
- 23% of residents are moderately housing cost-burdened

**Moderate Cost-Burden:** Housing costs exceeding 30% of income

**Severe Cost-Burden:** Housing costs exceeding 50% of income

Joint Center for Housing Studies, The State of the Nation's Housing 2016

## LA County Residents are Severely Cost-Burdened

550,918 Low income households are severely housing cost-burdened in Los Angeles County

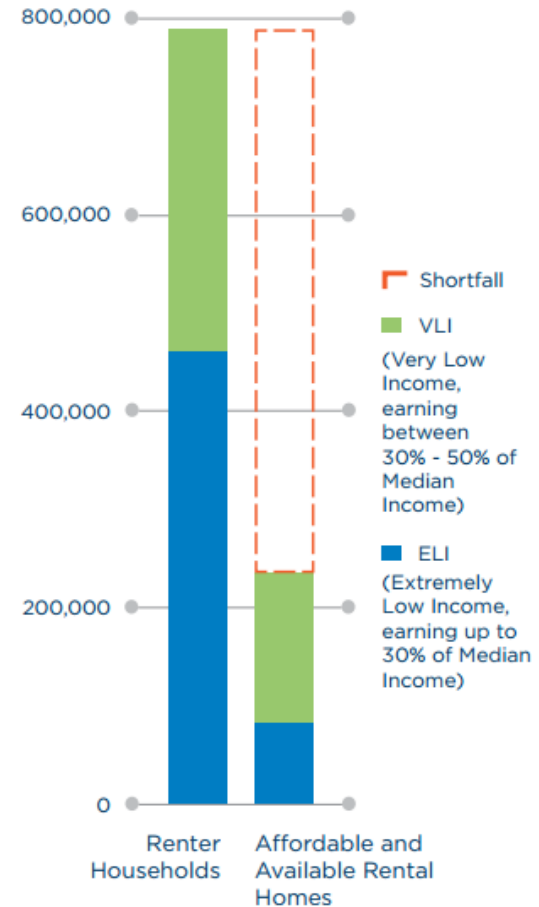
Los Angeles County (2015)		
Area Median Income (4-Person Family)	\$63,000	
Income Categories	Percentage of Severely Housing Cost-Burdened Renter Households	Housing Cost-Burdened Households
Deeply Low-Income (DLI) (0-15% AMI)	92%	150,940
Extremely Low-Income (ELI) (15-30% AMI)	73%	217,824
Very Low-Income (VLI) (30-50% AMI)	41%	133,417
Low Income (LI) (50-80% AMI)	14%	48,737
Grand Total		550,918

California Housing Partnership Corporation (2017), Los Angeles County Housing Need 2017

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# LA County Faces a Gap in Affordability

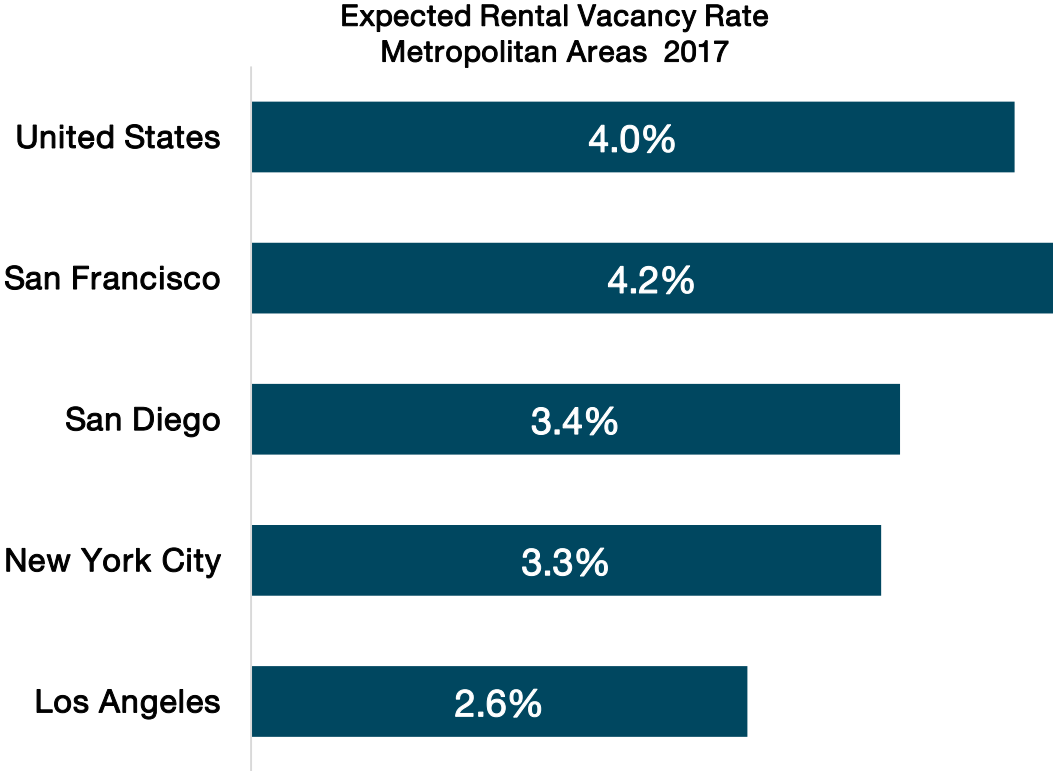
Los Angeles County needs 551,807 more affordable rental homes for very and extremely low income households



California Housing Partnership Corporation (2017), Los Angeles County Housing Need 2017

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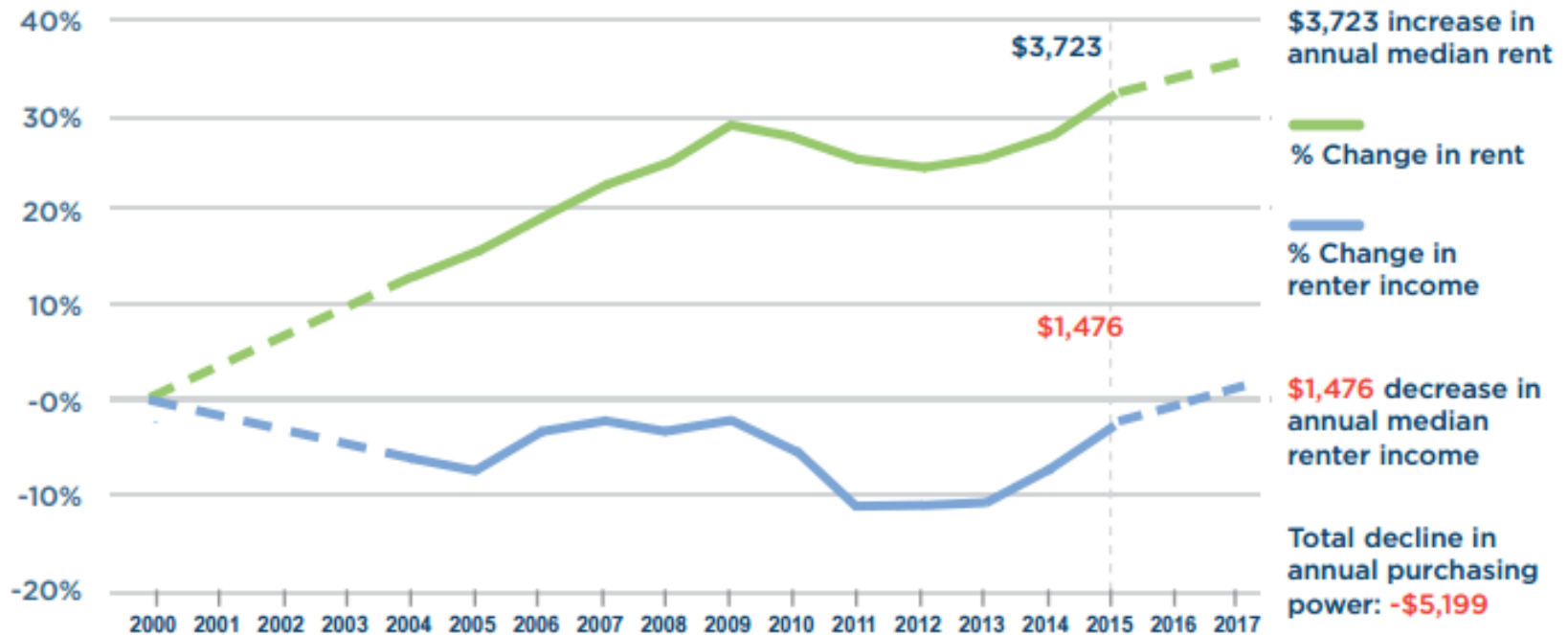
# LA's Tight Rental Market



Marcus & Millichap Multifamily Investment Forecast, National Report, 2017, URL:  
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## Rents Increase Faster Than Median Household Income

Los Angeles County's Inflation-Adjusted Median Rent Increased 28% While Median Renter Income Declined 8% From 2000 to 2014 (CHPC)



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# Additional Resources will Make a Difference

Measure H and  
Proposition HHH

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# Measure H and Proposition HHH

## Measure H

Sales tax generating \$355 million annually for services and programs to prevent and combat homelessness:

- Rapid Re-housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Enhancing Emergency Shelter System
- Homelessness Prevention for Families, Individuals, and Youth

## Proposition HHH

\$1.2 billion bond measure estimated to build 10,000 units of permanent supportive housing



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