Homelessness in LA

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY

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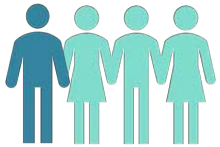
CALIFORNIA

About **151,000** are in California (66,436 are located in LA County**), which equals

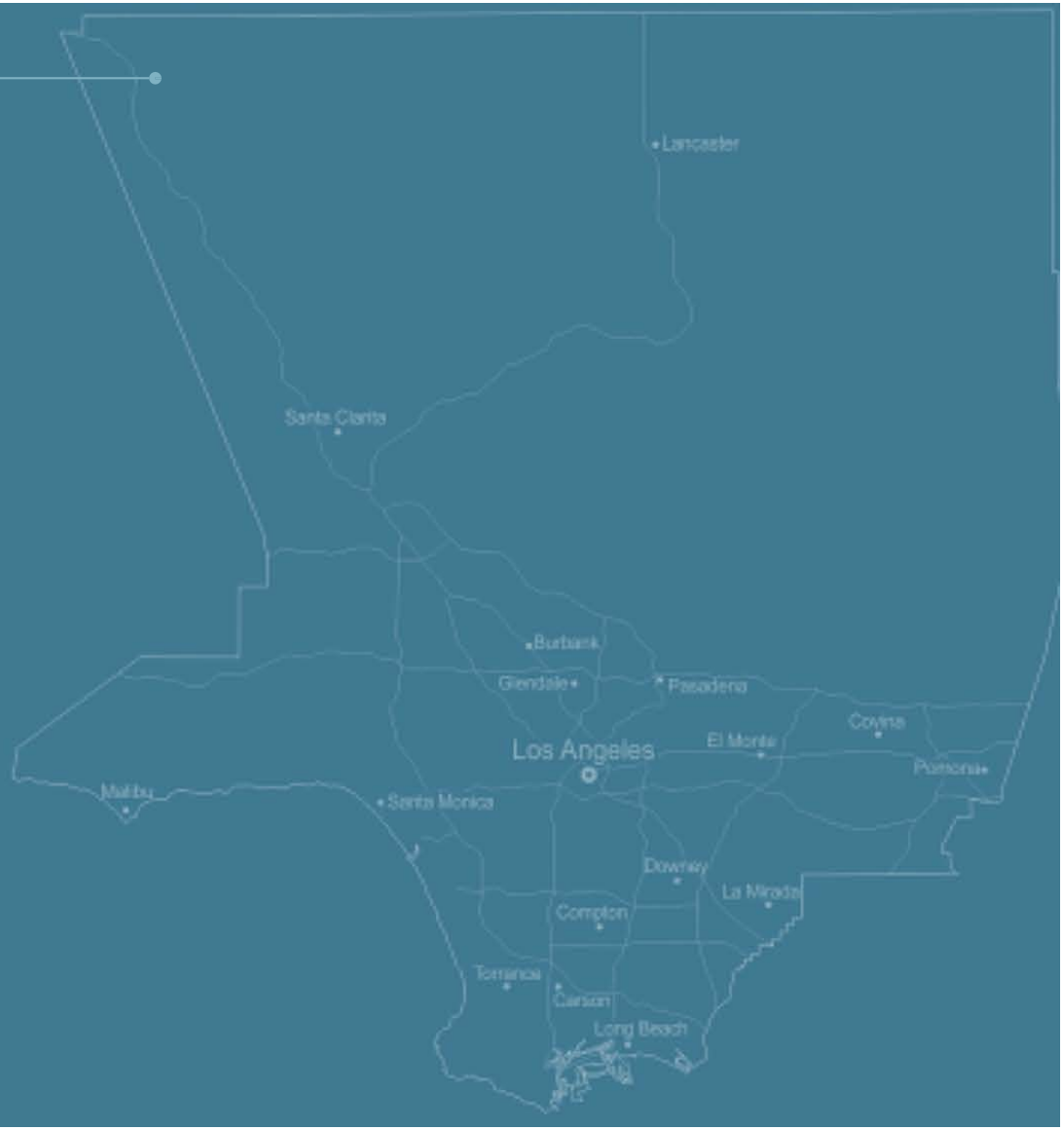
1 in 4



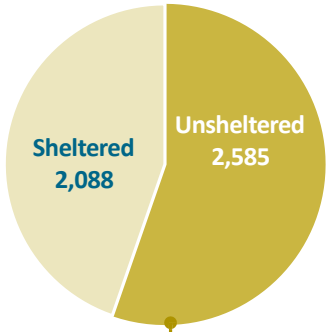
*National Alliance to End Homelessness. "State of Homelessness in America: 2020 Edition.
**2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

The number of people experiencing homelessness at any point in time in L.A. is still unacceptably high

City of Los Angeles	41,290
County of Los Angeles	66,436

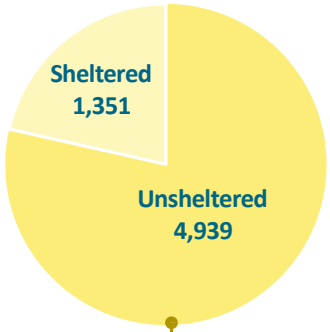


2020 PIT Homeless Count



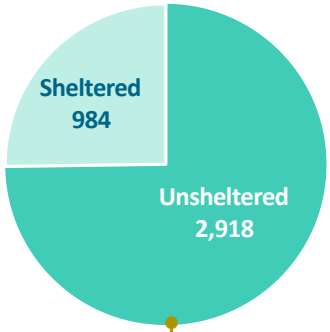
Transition Aged-Youth

4,673 transition-aged youth experienced homelessness, up from 3,926 last year, within the LA Continuum of Care.



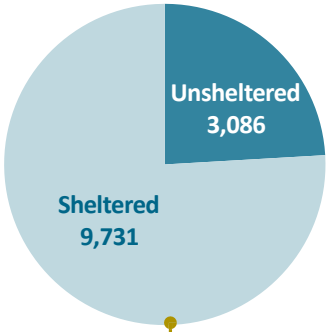
Seniors 62+

Seniors were a focus during the COVID-19 crisis. 21% of the 4,939 unsheltered seniors were sheltered via Project Roomkey.



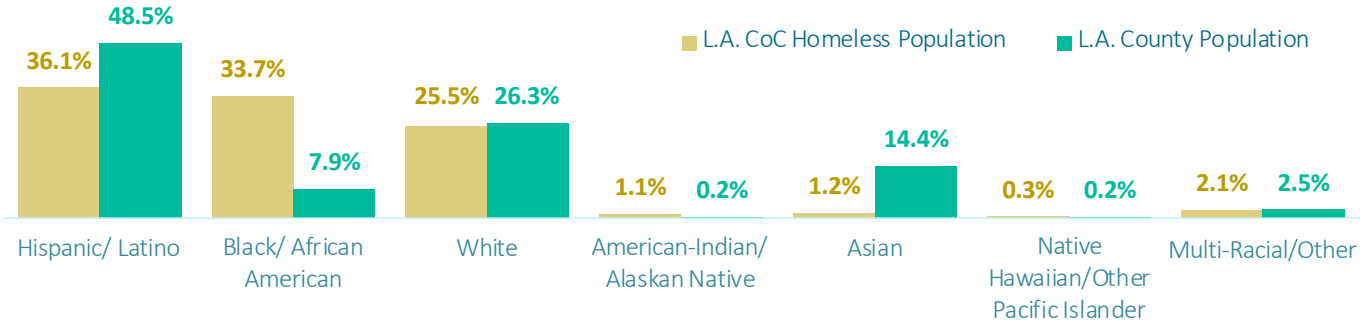
Veterans

We saw a 0.6% increase in homeless veterans from 2019 to 2020.



Families

36.8% increase in sheltered families versus 2019.



Race

Structural racism causes black people to be 4x more likely to experience homelessness

Gender

of people experiencing homelessness identify as male.
1.3% of people experiencing homelessness are transgender

	Number	% of Pop		Number	% of Pop
Cisgender Male	42,387	66.5%	Male	42,797	67.2%
Transgender Male	410	0.6%			
Cisgender Female	20,300	31.9%	Female	20,671	32.4%
Transgender Female	371	0.6%			
Non-Binary	177	0.3%	Non-Binary	238	0.4%
Transgender Non-Binary	61	0.1%			
Total	63,706	100%		63,706	100%

Numbers are for LA Continuum of Care

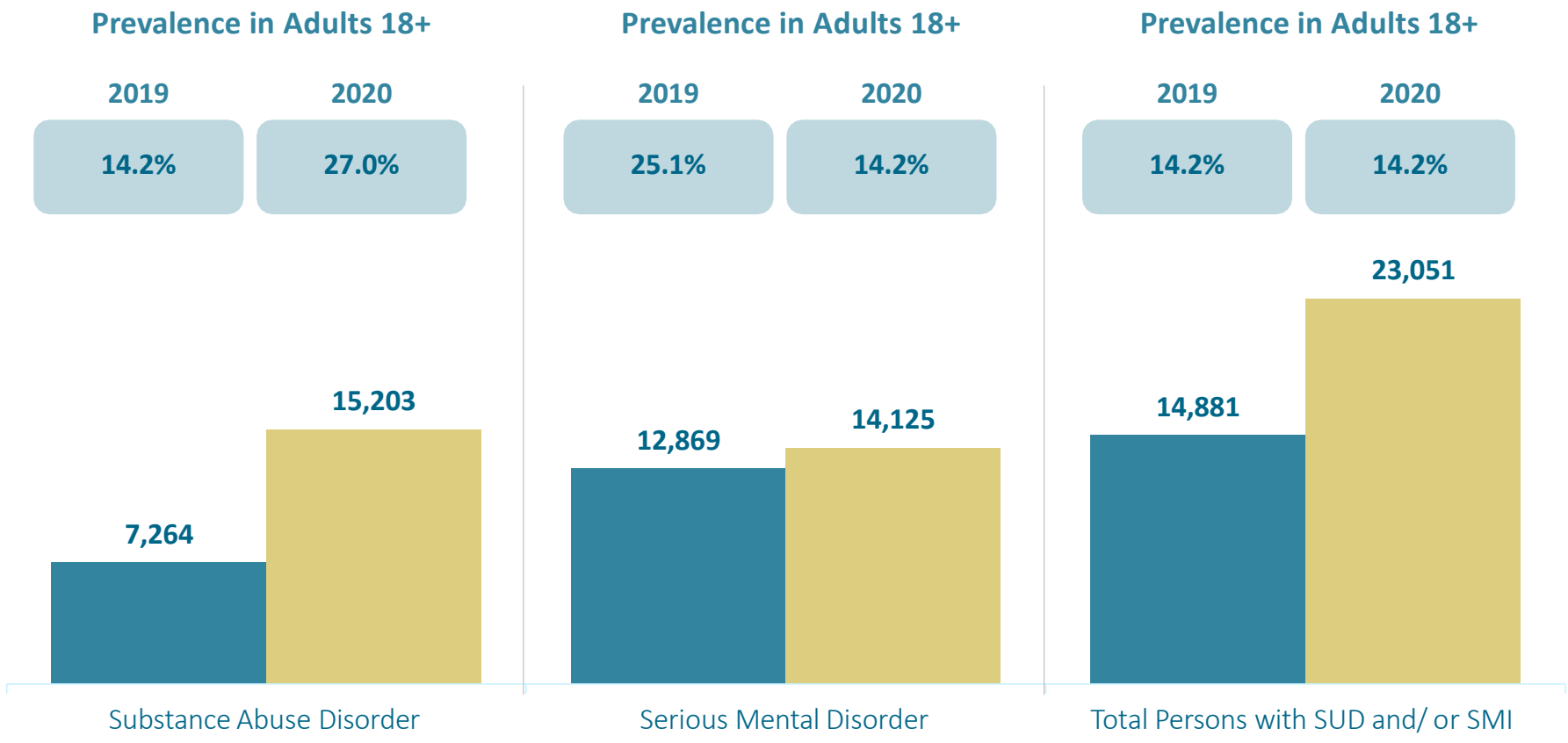
59% of newly homeless cite economic hardship as main reason

of unsheltered adults are on their first episode of homelessness

	Percent of newly homeless population*
	First Time(<=1yr)
Economic Hardship	59%
Weakened Social Network	39%
Disabling Health Condition	24%
System Discharge	11%
Violence	8%
Other	4%

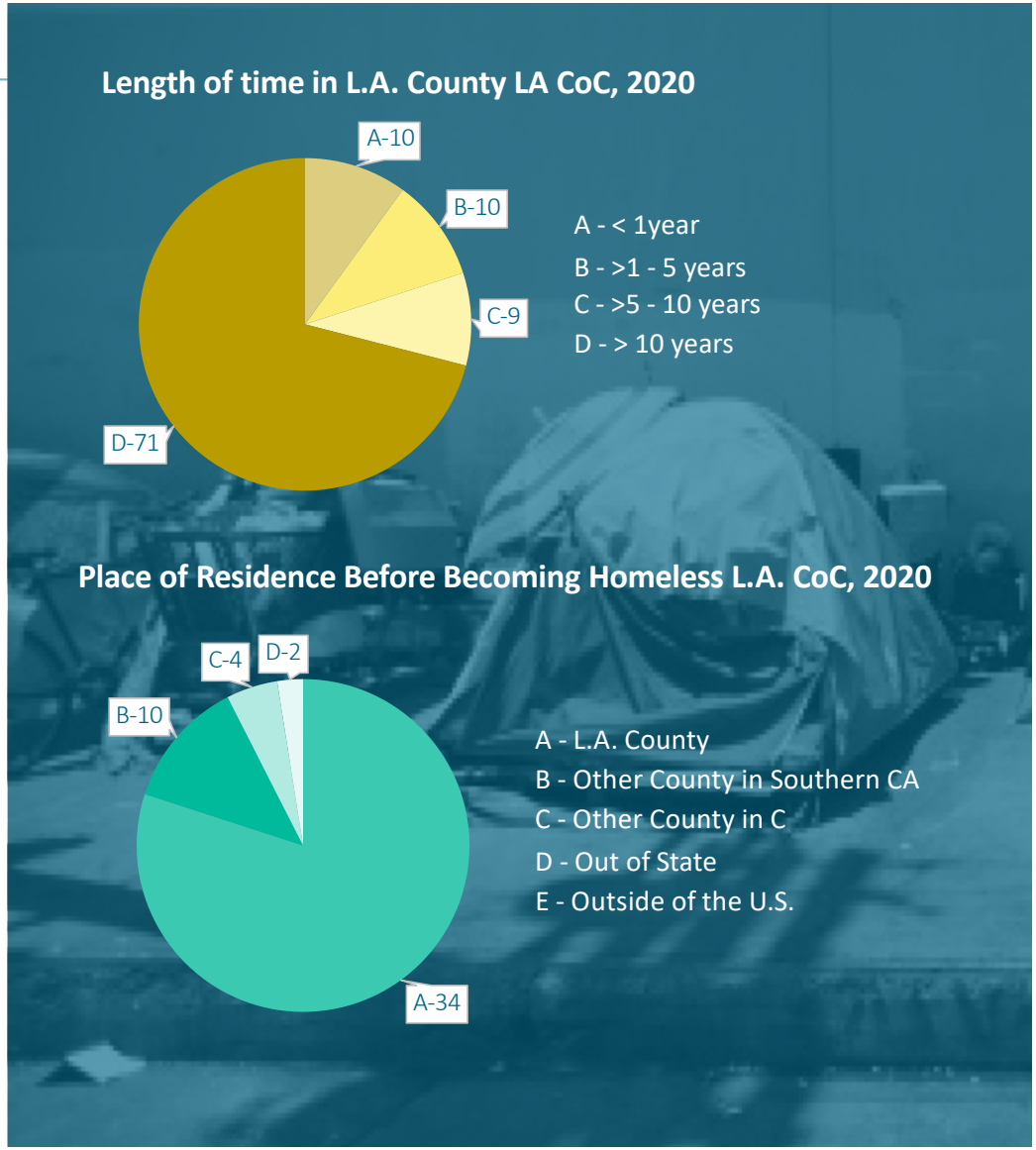
*Respondents may choose more than one reason.

Prevalence of Substance Abuse and Mental Disorders



80% of unsheltered Angelenos have been here more than 5 years

Two-thirds of unsheltered Angelenos became homeless here in L.A. County



Numbers are for Unsheltered Adults 25+ and Children in Adult Families for the CoC only.