2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

Service Planning Area (SPA) 8 South Bay Results

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Outline

1. The importance of understanding Homeless Count (HC) data

2. Keeping the HC's data in perspective (before plunging into the numbers)

3. Highlights of 2018 Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC) results

4. SPA 8/South Bay Results, 4-Year View
   - Including: Comparisons to the LA CoC results

1. Why the Homeless Count (HC) Numbers are Important

- **Nationally:** The HC are the official data reported to HUD

- **County:** In Los Angeles County, they are used to:

    - Target services to special populations

    - Track trends, help evaluate service and housing program effectiveness

    - Allocate public funding, including Measure H

- **Locally:** In SPA 8, we focus on each community's unique homelessness challenges, and the entire SPA as a region

2. Keeping HC Data in Perspective

- The Homeless Count is a "point-in-time" census held in late January

    - The numbers **fluctuate** throughout the year and…

    - They **don't provide a good sense of flows** into and out of homelessness throughout the year (CES is better at tracking that)

- The demographic numbers often do not trend up or down in adjacent years

    - **Use a 2-, 3-, or 4-year period** to understand trends

    - **Examine "prevalence"** (or proportion) for a fuller perspective

- SPA 8's trends often do not follow those at LA CoC level

Other Data Notes

- The Coalition's trending starts with HC 2015
  - SPA 8 canvassed 100% of tracts that year for the 1st time; repeated thereafter (i.e., *no* census tract extrapolation for the street count)
  - LAHSA started conducting annual counts (previously only in odd numbered years per HUD requirement)
- "SPA 8" to us is "LA County's SPA 8 minus City of Long Beach"
  - Long Beach holds biennial Counts
  - Different methodology used for HC demographics
- LAHSA is the HC's lead organizer and supplier of raw data
  - https://www.lahsa.org/news?article=410-2018-homeless-count-results

3. HC 2018 Highlights for the
Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC)

- As a reminder, LA CoC includes: all of Los Angeles County *minus* the cities of Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach
- Homelessness decreased for the first time since 2015. From 2017 to 2018:
  - LA CoC went down by 4% to 50,385
  - LA County decreased by 3% to 53,195

Other 2018 Highlights - LA CoC HC

These statistics are only available at the LA CoC level and not at the SPA-level:

- 18.5% (9,322) experienced homelessness for the first time
  - 46% of them (4,288) said it was due to financial reasons
- 65% have been in LA County 20+ years, 80% for 5+ years
- For other highlights, please refer to LAHSA's
May 31, 2018 briefing at https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=2059-2018-greater-los-angeles-homeless-count-presentation.pdf
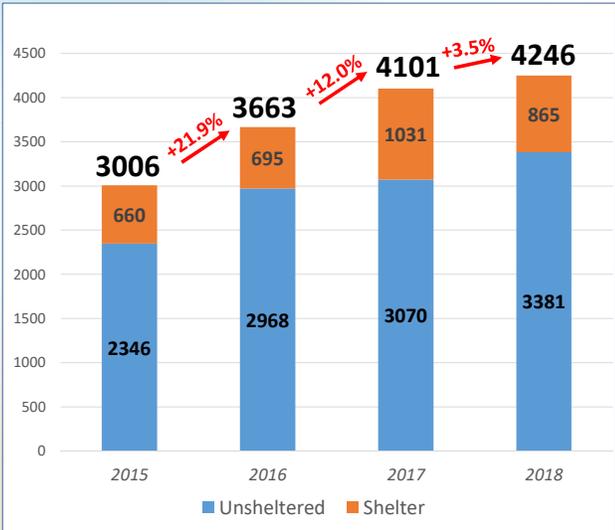
4. SPA 8/South Bay Results

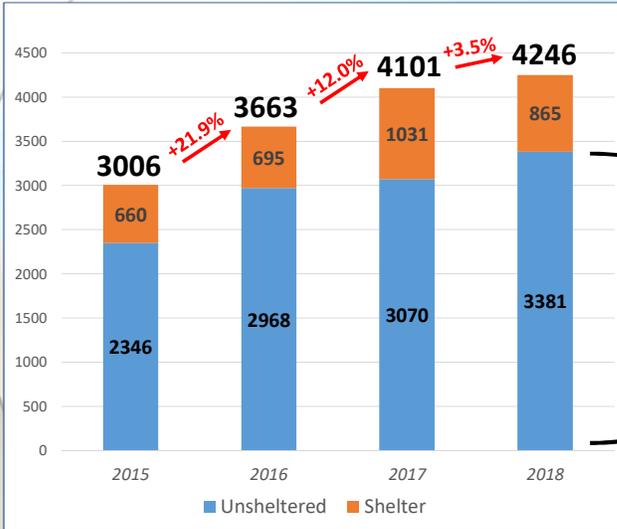**A 4-Year View**

Jan. 2015 – Jan. 2018

SPA 8: Unsheltered/Sheltered

Fast Stat:

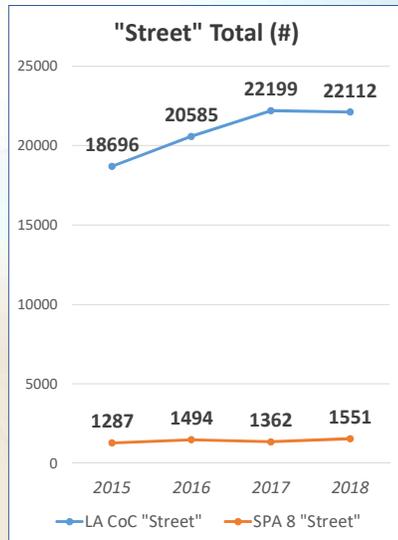• SPA 8's overall homelessness rose from 2015 to 2018 by 41.3%

SPA 8: Unsheltered

"Unsheltered" components:

• "Street" homelessness
• "Vehicular" homelessness

SPA 8: Unsheltered on the Street

"Street" Total (#)

- "Street" includes those literally living outside, plus those in tents or makeshift shelters
- The totals shown were calculated using LAHSA's "Total Unsheltered" numbers minus those living in vehicles

Fast Stats:
- LA CoC's "street" unsheltered saw a very slight decrease last year, -0.4% (-87)
- During this same time, SPA 8's "street" unsheltered rose by 14% (+189)
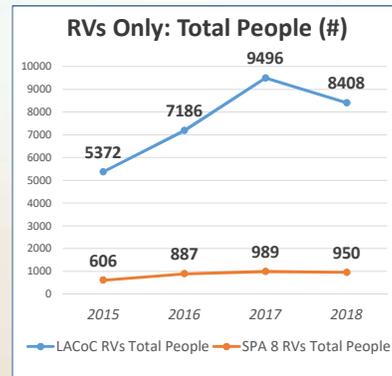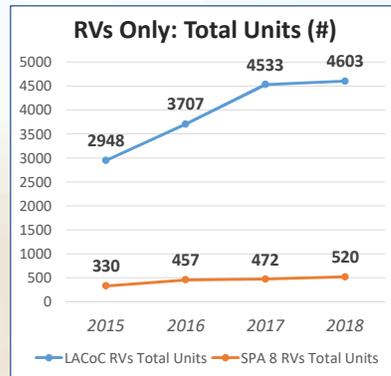

Unsheltered Living in Vehicles

- "Vehicles" includes Cars, Van, RVs (Note: LAHSA combines "Campers" and "RVs" together)
- The "unit" number is multiplied by the average number of people living in each vehicle type
- These "multipliers" decreased between 2017 and 2018, resulting in fewer people despite a unit rise

Vehicle Units (#)
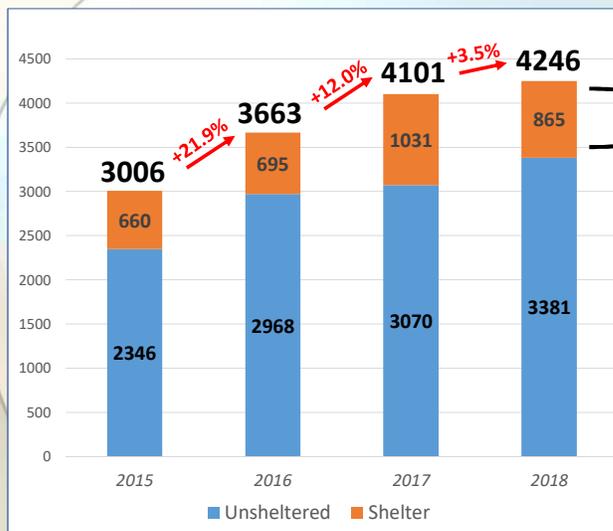

People in Vehicles (#)
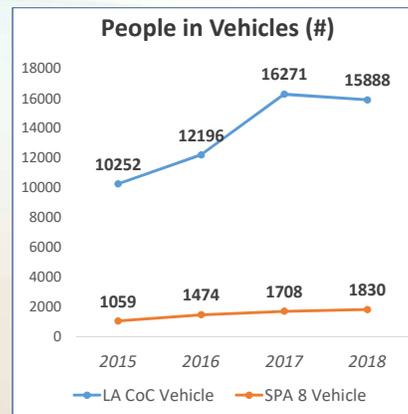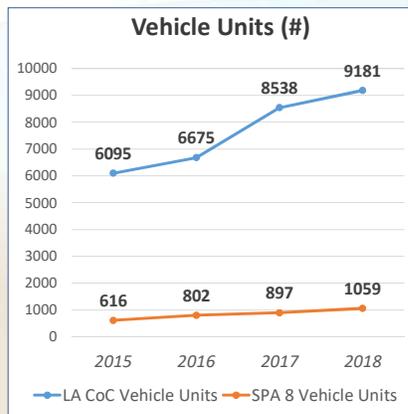
Unsheltered in RVs

- The "multiplier" for RVs decreased from 2017 to 2018 by 14% (2.05 to 1.77)
- Though the number of RV units increasing by +70 in LA CoC during the past year (+46 in SPA 8), the total number of people living in them decreased by -1088 (-39 in SPA 8)

RVs Only: Total Units (#)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
LACoC RVs Total Units	2948	3707	4533	4603
SPA 8 RVs Total Units	330	457	472	520

RVs Only: Total People (#)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
LACoC RVs Total People	5372	7186	9496	8408
SPA 8 RVs Total People	606	887	989	950

SPA 8: Sheltered

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Shelter	660	695	1031	865
Unsheltered	2346	2968	3070	3381
Total	3006	3663	4101	4246

+21.9% +12.0% +3.5%

"Sheltered" components:
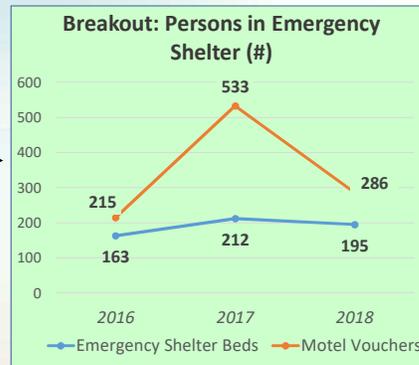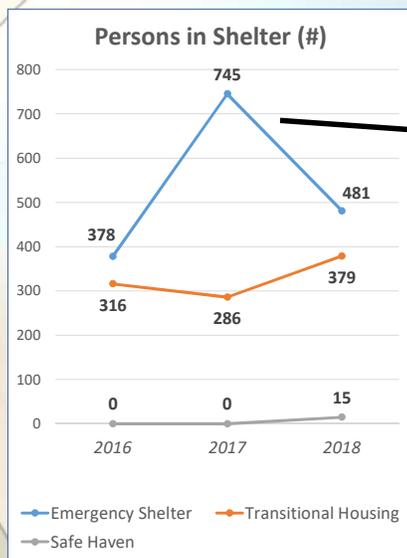- Emergency Shelter
  - Also called in Los Angeles: "Crisis Housing" "Interim Housing" "Bridge Housing" "Recuperative Beds"
- Transitional Housing
- Safe Havens

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SPA 8: Sheltered Homelessness

Persons in Shelter (#)
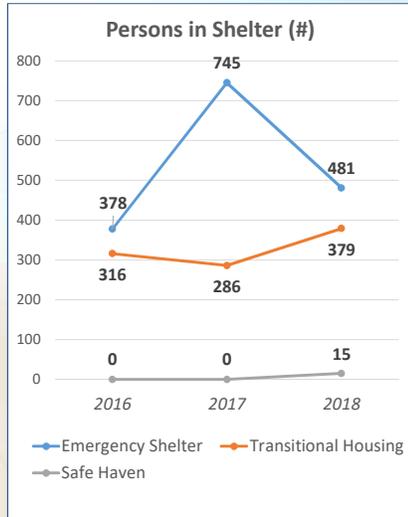
- Beginning in 2016, LAHSA started using the 2010 Census Tract boundaries (for the 2011-2015 Count, it used the 2000 Census Tract set)
- This resulted in a DPSS office becoming part of SPA 8's count (issues motel vouchers)

Emergency Shelter: 378 (2016), 745 (2017), 481 (2018)
Transitional Housing: 316 (2016), 286 (2017), 379 (2018)
Safe Haven: 0 (2016), 0 (2017), 15 (2018)

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Breakout: Persons in Emergency Shelter (#)

Emergency Shelter Beds: 163 (2016), 212 (2017), 195 (2018)
Motel Vouchers: 215 (2016), 533 (2017), 286 (2018)

Emergency Shelter Fast Fact

- In 2017, there was an unusually high utilization of motel vouchers across all of LA County (due to a DPSS program's policy change)

SPA 8: Transitional Housing (TH)
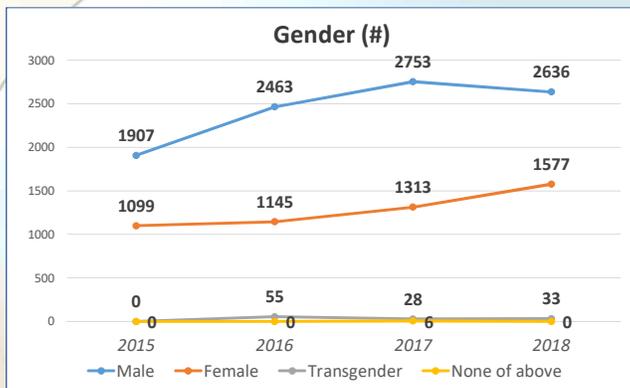
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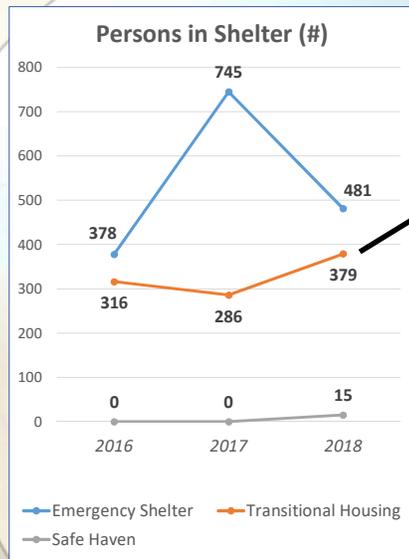
Transitional Housing Fast Stat
- In 2018, the beds used were dedicated for
  - Veterans: 49% (186)
  - Families: 22% (82)
  - DV survivors: 21% (79)
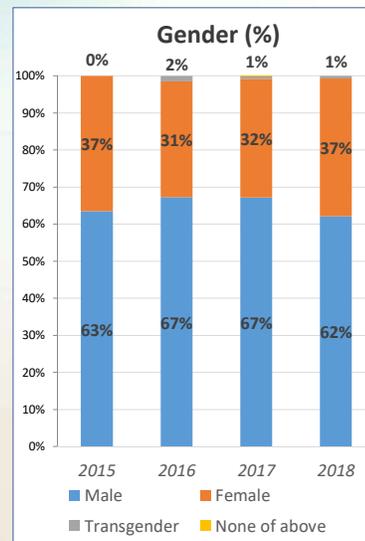 - Others: 8% (32)

"Sheltered" Fast Stat:
- Factoring out motel voucher utilization, SPA 8 sheltered total utilization between 2017 and 2018 rose by 18% (498 to 589) because of the increased Veteran TH usage

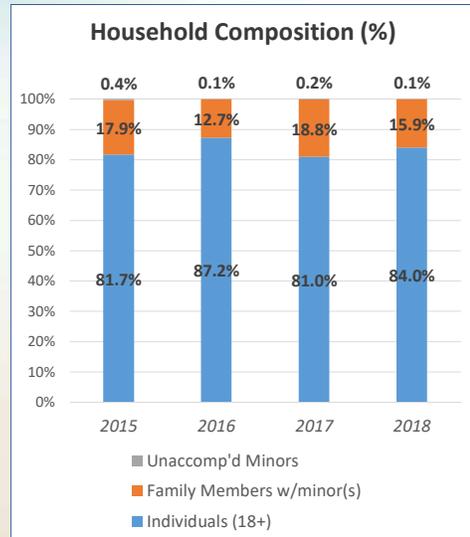---

SPA 8: Gender

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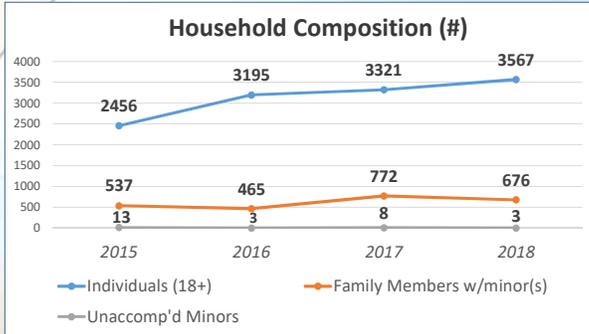

Gender (%)

Fast Stats about % Females
- 2018 LA CoC: 31% of people
- From '17 to '18 in SPA 8: # rose by 22%

SPA 8: Household Composition

Household Composition (#)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Individuals (18+)	2456	3195	3321	3567
Family Members w/minor(s)	537	465	772	676
Unaccomp'd Minors	13	3	8	3

Household Composition (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unaccomp'd Minors	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Family Members w/minor(s)	17.9%	12.7%	18.8%	15.9%
Individuals (18+)	81.7%	87.2%	81.0%	84.0%

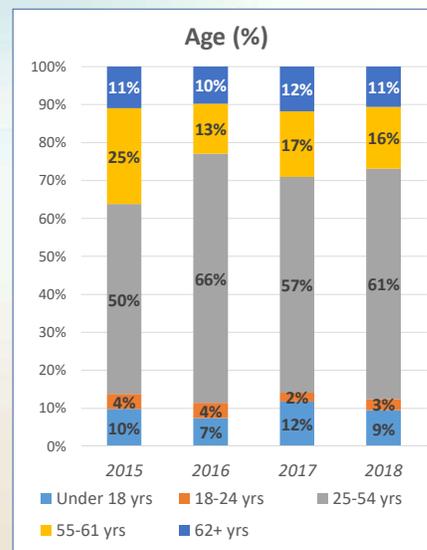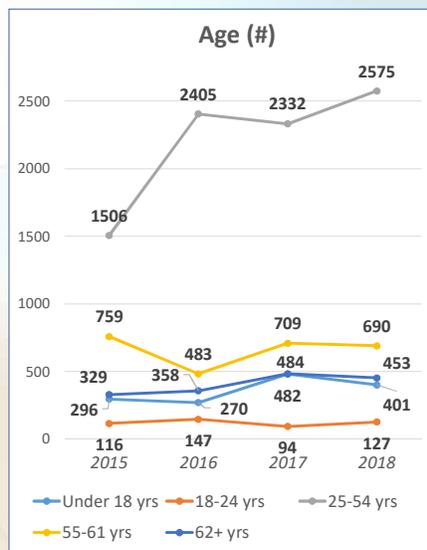*Fast Comparison: 2018 LA CoC Household Composition*
- Individuals: 84.3%
- Families Members w/minor(s): 15.6%
- Unaccomp'd Minors: 0.1%

SPA 8: Age by Year

Age (#)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Under 18 yrs	329	270	484	453
18-24 yrs	116	147	94	127
25-54 yrs	1506	2405	2332	2575
55-61 yrs	759	483	709	690
62+ yrs	296	358	482	401

Age (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Under 18 yrs	10%	7%	12%	9%
18-24 yrs	4%	4%	2%	3%
25-54 yrs	50%	66%	57%	61%
55-61 yrs	25%	13%	17%	16%
62+ yrs	11%	10%	12%	11%

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Legend: ■ 2015 ■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018

(94 shown for 18-24 yrs)
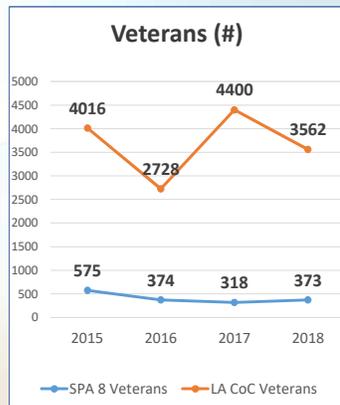
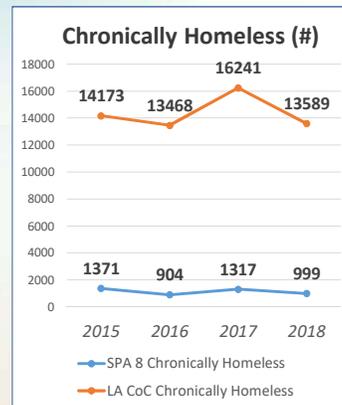*Fast Stat Changes from 2017 to 2018:*
- In LA CoC: # people aged 62+ rose 22%
- In SPA 8: # 18-24 yrs, often referred to as "Transitional Age Youth" (TAY), rose 35%

Special Populations (1 of 3)

Veterans (#)

SPA 8 Veterans: 575, 374, 318, 373
LA CoC Veterans: 4016, 2728, 4400, 3562

Legend: ●— SPA 8 Veterans ●— LA CoC Veterans

2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population
- LA CoC: 7%
- SPA 8: 9%

Chronically Homeless (#)

SPA 8 Chronically Homeless: 1371, 904, 1317, 999
LA CoC Chronically Homeless: 14173, 13468, 16241, 13589

Legend: ●— SPA 8 Chronically Homeless ●— LA CoC Chronically Homeless

2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population
- LA CoC: 27%
- SPA 8: 24%

Special Populations (2 of 3)
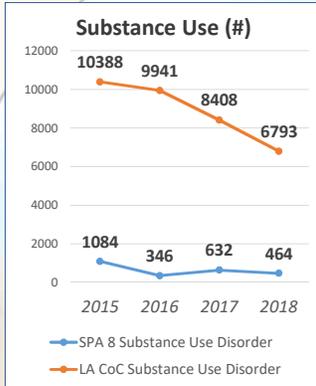
Substance Use (#)

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9941
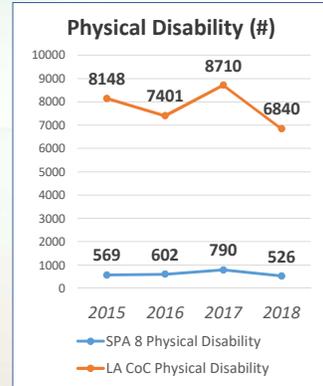8408
6793

1084
346
632
464

2015   2016   2017   2018

— SPA 8 Substance Use Disorder
— LA CoC Substance Use Disorder

2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population 18+
- LA CoC: 15%
- SPA 8: 12%

Serious Mental Illness (#)

14664
12253
13006
12325

825
653
1092
849

2015   2016   2017   2018

— SPA 8 Serious Mental Illness
— LA CoC Serious Mental Illness
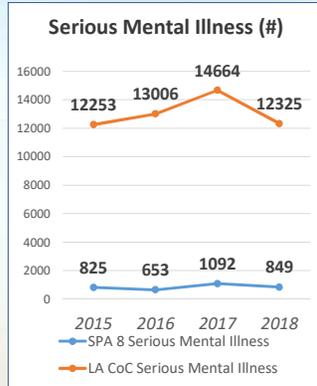
2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population 18+
- LA CoC: 27%
- SPA 8: 22%

Physical Disability (#)

8148
7401
8710
6840

569
602
790
526

2015   2016   2017   2018

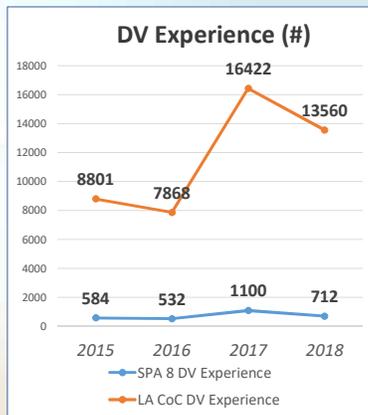— SPA 8 Physical Disability
— LA CoC Physical Disability

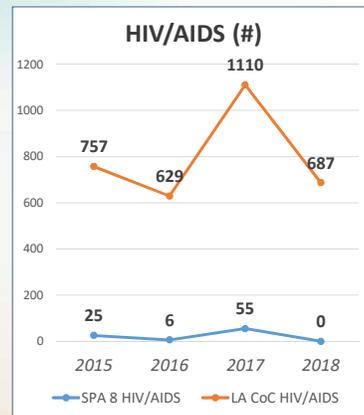*2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population 18+*
- LA CoC: 15%
- SPA 8: 14%

Special Populations (3 of 3)

In 2017, HUD broadened DV reporting beyond domestic violence or sexual assault to include dating violence or stalking

DV Experience (#)

16422
13560
8801
7868

584
532
1100
712

2015   2016   2017   2018

— SPA 8 DV Experience
— LA CoC DV Experience

2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population 18+
- LA CoC: 30%
- SPA 8: 19%

HIV/AIDS (#)

1110
757
629
687

25
6
55
0

2015   2016   2017   2018

— SPA 8 HIV/AIDS
— LA CoC HIV/AIDS

2018 Fast Stats: Prevalence of Homeless Population 18+
- LA CoC: 2%
- SPA 8: 0%

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Closing Remarks

- Demographic information is only available for the "large geographies" such as LA CoC and SPA level, not at the city-level

- Homeless Count 2019 will reflect a full 12-months of "Measure H" expansion

- Hundreds of SPA 8 homeless neighbors were placed into stable housing during the 2017-18 fiscal year (stats provided next month)