2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count
Service Planning Area (SPA) 8
South Bay Results

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Outline

- The importance of understanding Homeless Count (HC) data

- Keeping the HC's data in perspective

- SPA 8/South Bay Results, 5-Year View
    - This briefing contains primarily demographic trends
    - Notes about LAHSA 2020 methodological changes that affected demographics

Why the Homeless Count (HC) Data 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

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)
  - *Special Post-COVID note:* **This HC was conducted before the pandemic. As such, it will be one of the key baselines by which Los Angeles can measure the impact of the pandemic on the homeless population**
- The demographic numbers often do not trend up or down in adjacent years
  - **Examine "prevalence"** (or proportion) for a fuller perspective
- SPA 8's trends often do not follow those at LA Continuum of Care (CoC) level

Special 2019 Data Notes

- SBCEH raised questions about where 2019 "Demographic Surveys" was conducted
  - This could have caused SPA 8's data for that year to overly reflect one subregion
- LAHSA re-released 2019 HC data on 7-30-19
  - This briefing contains the updated stats, which are different from what we presented last year (used initial dataset released on 6-4-19)
    - **SPA 8's Count went up slightly from 4,388 to 4,409 (the number sheltered was updated)**
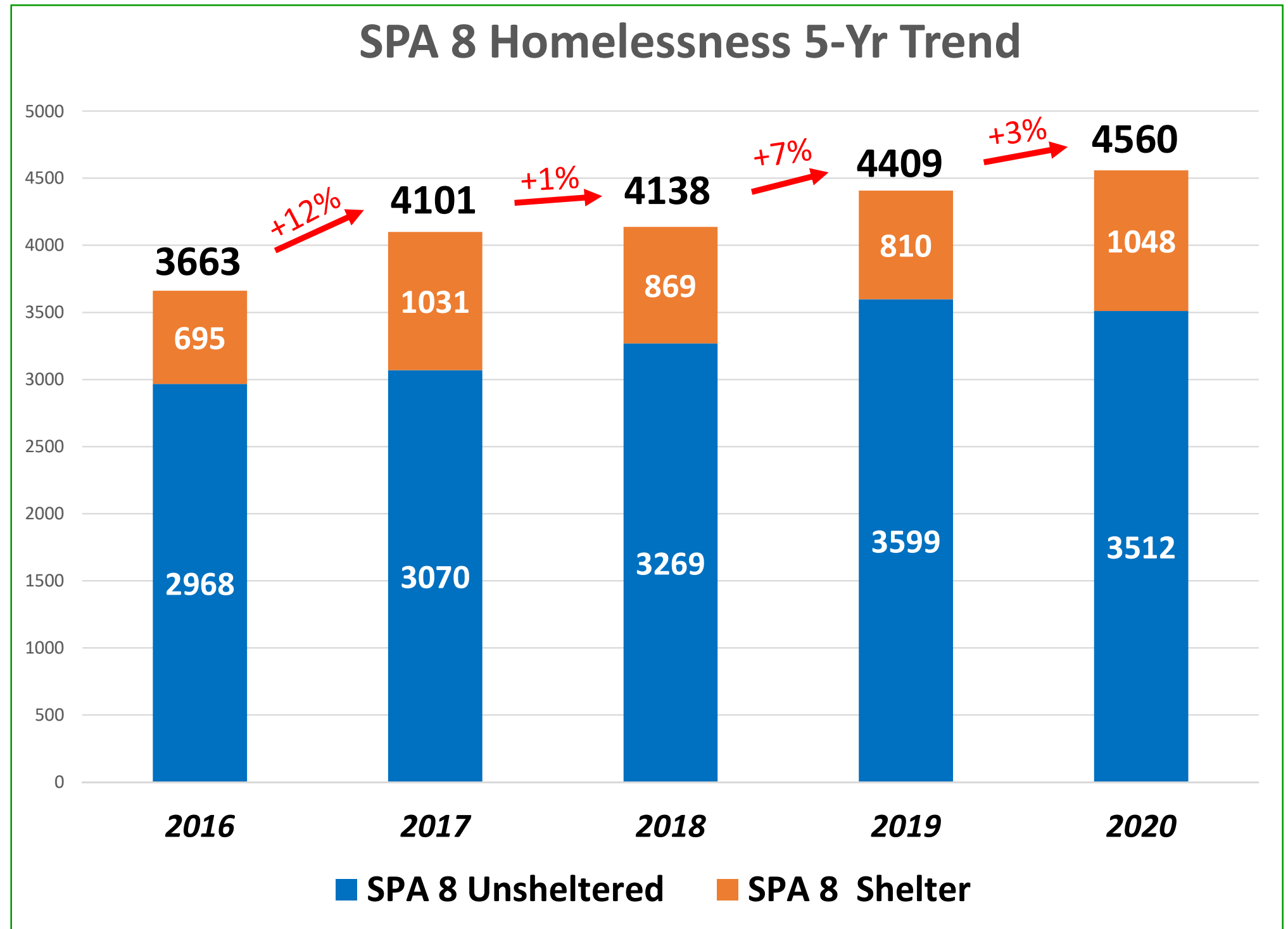   - City-level numbers were not affected

Note About "SPA 8" Geographic Area

- **"SPA 8"** to us is ***"LA County's SPA 8 minus City of Long Beach"***

  - Prior to 2020, Long Beach CoC held biennial Counts
  - Different methodology used for HC demographics

- **Long Beach went up by 7.4%** from 1,894 to 2,034

- Data Source
  - http://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/health/homeless-services-divsion/homeless-count/a_homeless-data-exchange--hdx-_final-20200611
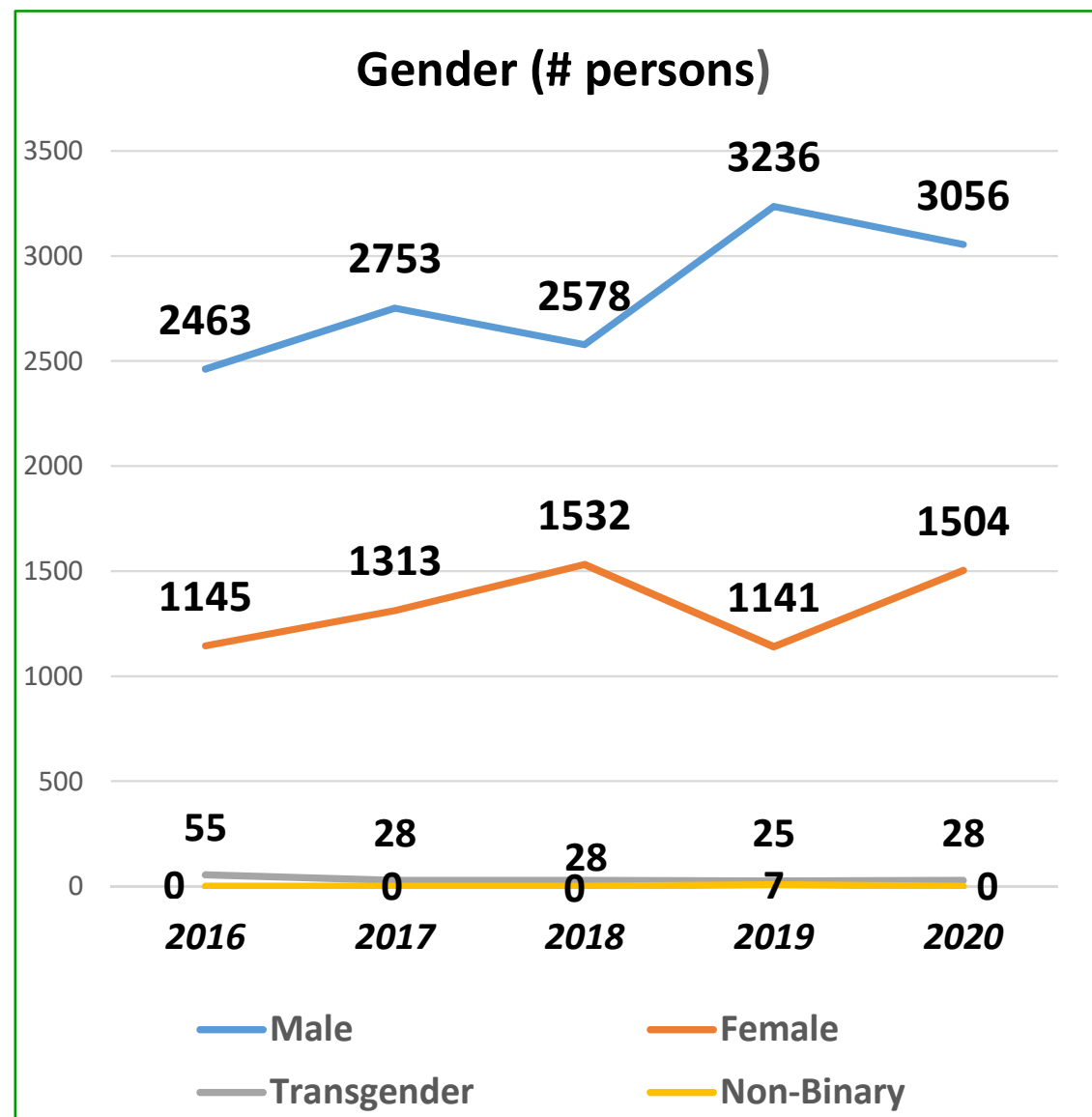
HC 2020 Highlights for Los Angeles County and LA Continuum of Care (CoC)

- **LA County went up by 12.7%** from 58,936 to 66,433
- **LA City's total rose by 14.2%** from 36,165 to 41,290
- **LA CoC increased by 13.4%** from 56,257 to 63,706

- Four out of the last 5 years showed Count increases

- Data Sources
    - LAHSA's Executive Director Heidi Marston's briefing posted on 6-12-20 at https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4558-2020-greater-los-angeles-homeless-count-presentation.pdf
    - Santa Monica Count Press Release: https://www.santamonica.gov/press/2020/06/12/santa-monica-homeless-count-data-shows-impact-of-coordinated-efforts-with-8-decrease-pre-covid-19

SPA 8 South Bay Results

SPA 8 Homelessness 5-Yr Trend

3663 (2016)
- SPA 8 Shelter: 695
- SPA 8 Unsheltered: 2968

+12% →

4101 (2017)
- SPA 8 Shelter: 1031
- SPA 8 Unsheltered: 3070

+1% →

4138 (2018)
- SPA 8 Shelter: 869
- SPA 8 Unsheltered: 3269

+7% →

4409 (2019)
- SPA 8 Shelter: 810
- SPA 8 Unsheltered: 3599

+3% →

4560 (2020)
- SPA 8 Shelter: 1048
- SPA 8 Unsheltered: 3512

Legend: ■ SPA 8 Unsheltered ■ SPA 8 Shelter

SPA 8: Gender

Gender (# persons)

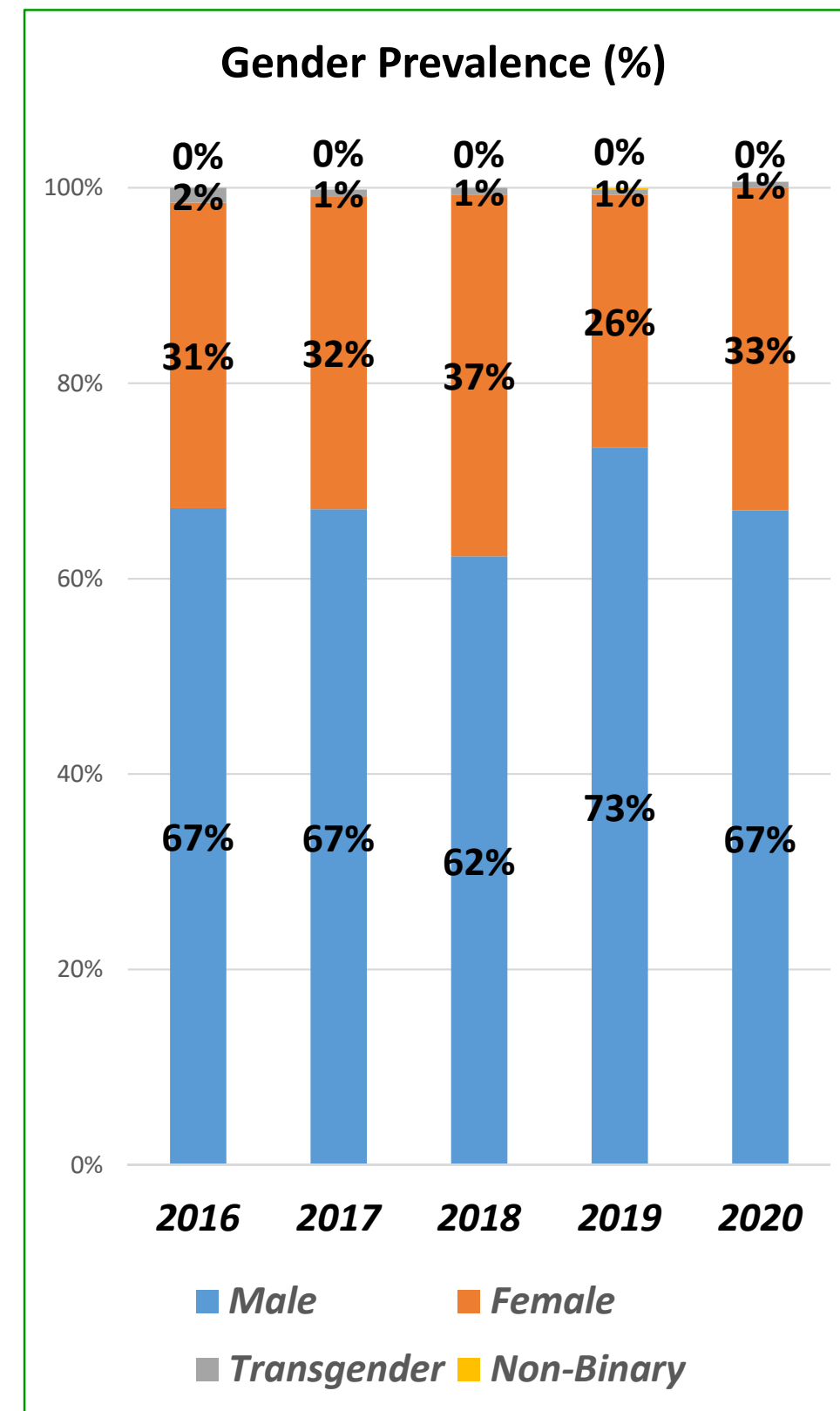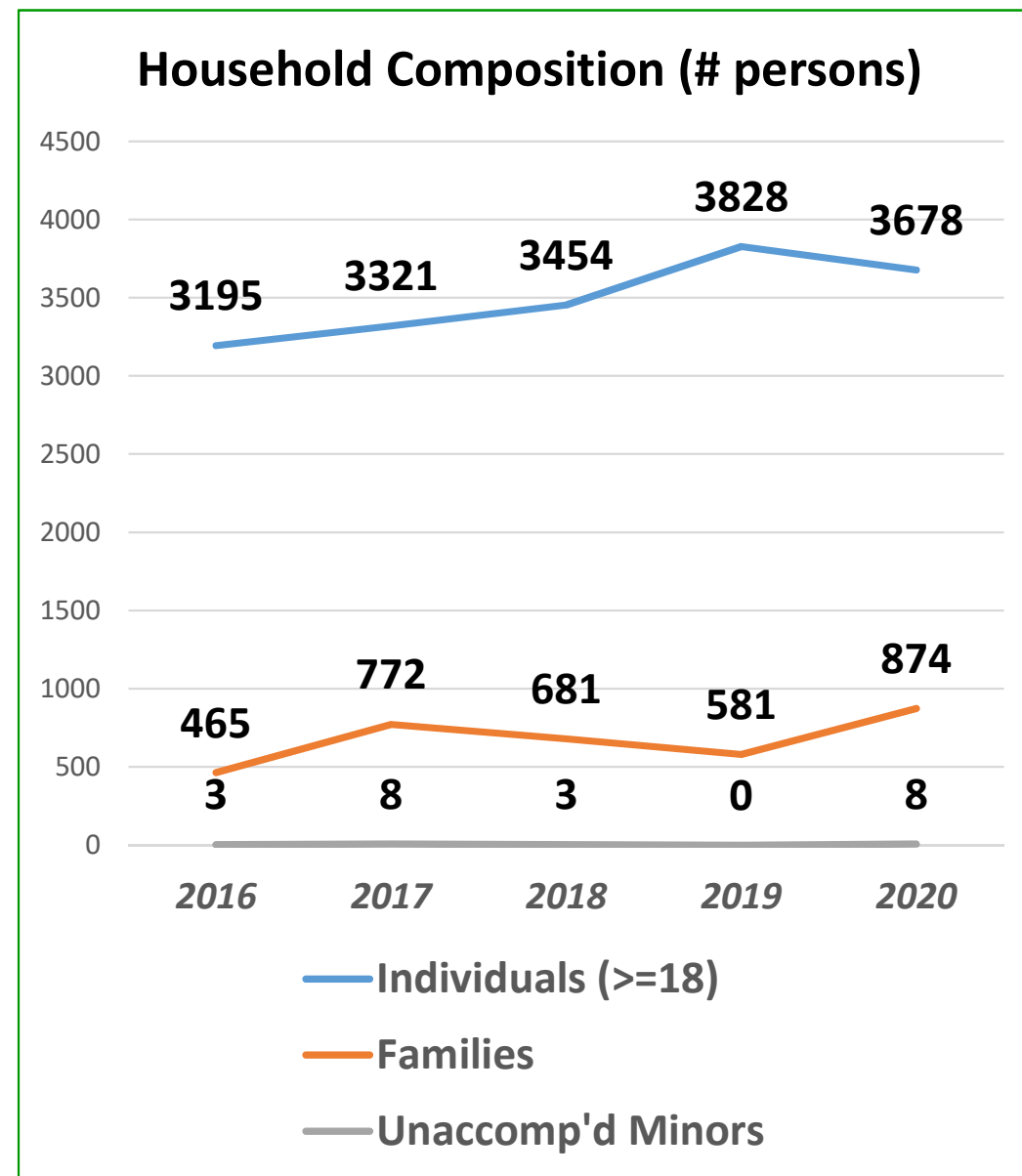| Year	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-Binary
2016	2463	1145	55	0
2017	2753	1313	28	0
2018	2578	1532	28	0
2019	3236	1141	25	7
2020	3056	1504	28	0

Females experiencing homelessness went up 32%, largely driven by increase in families units.

In 2020, "Transgender" was included in all four categories so LAHSA discourages comparisons with past years.

Gender Prevalence (%)

Year	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-Binary
2016	67%	31%	2%	0%
2017	67%	32%	1%	0%
2018	62%	37%	1%	0%
2019	73%	26%	1%	0%
2020	67%	33%	1%	0%

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SPA 8: Household Composition

Household Composition (# persons)

Individuals (>=18): 2016: 3195, 2017: 3321, 2018: 3454, 2019: 3828, 2020: 3678

Families: 2016: 465, 2017: 772, 2018: 681, 2019: 581, 2020: 874

Unaccomp'd Minors: 2016: 3, 2017: 8, 2018: 3, 2019: 0, 2020: 8

- Individuals (>=18)
- Families
- Unaccomp'd Minors
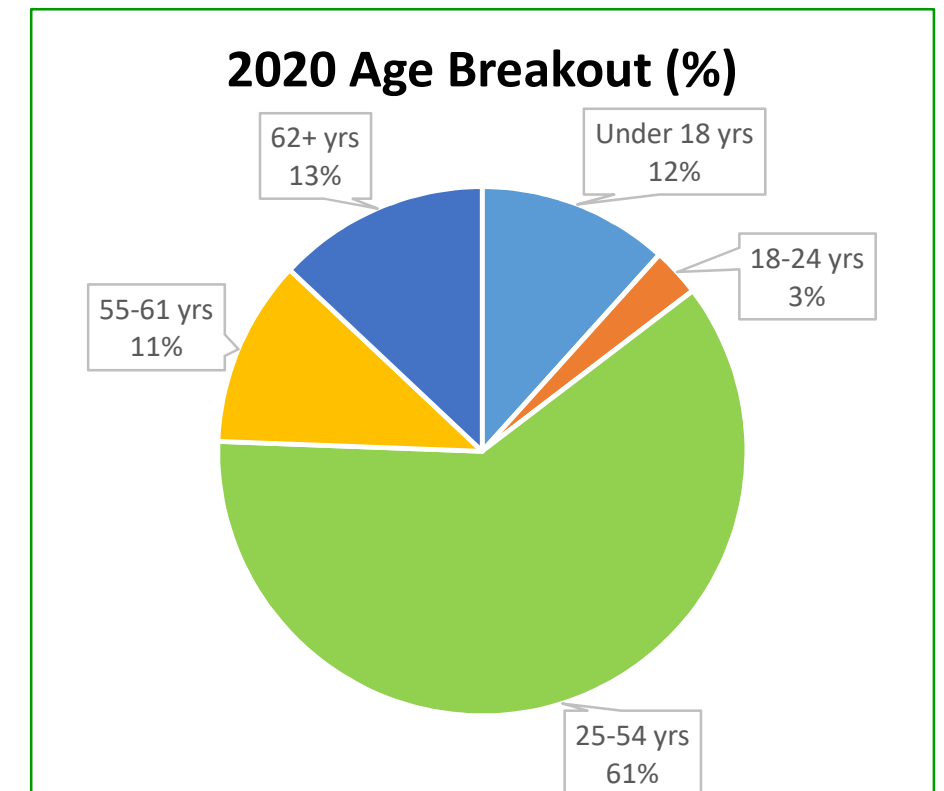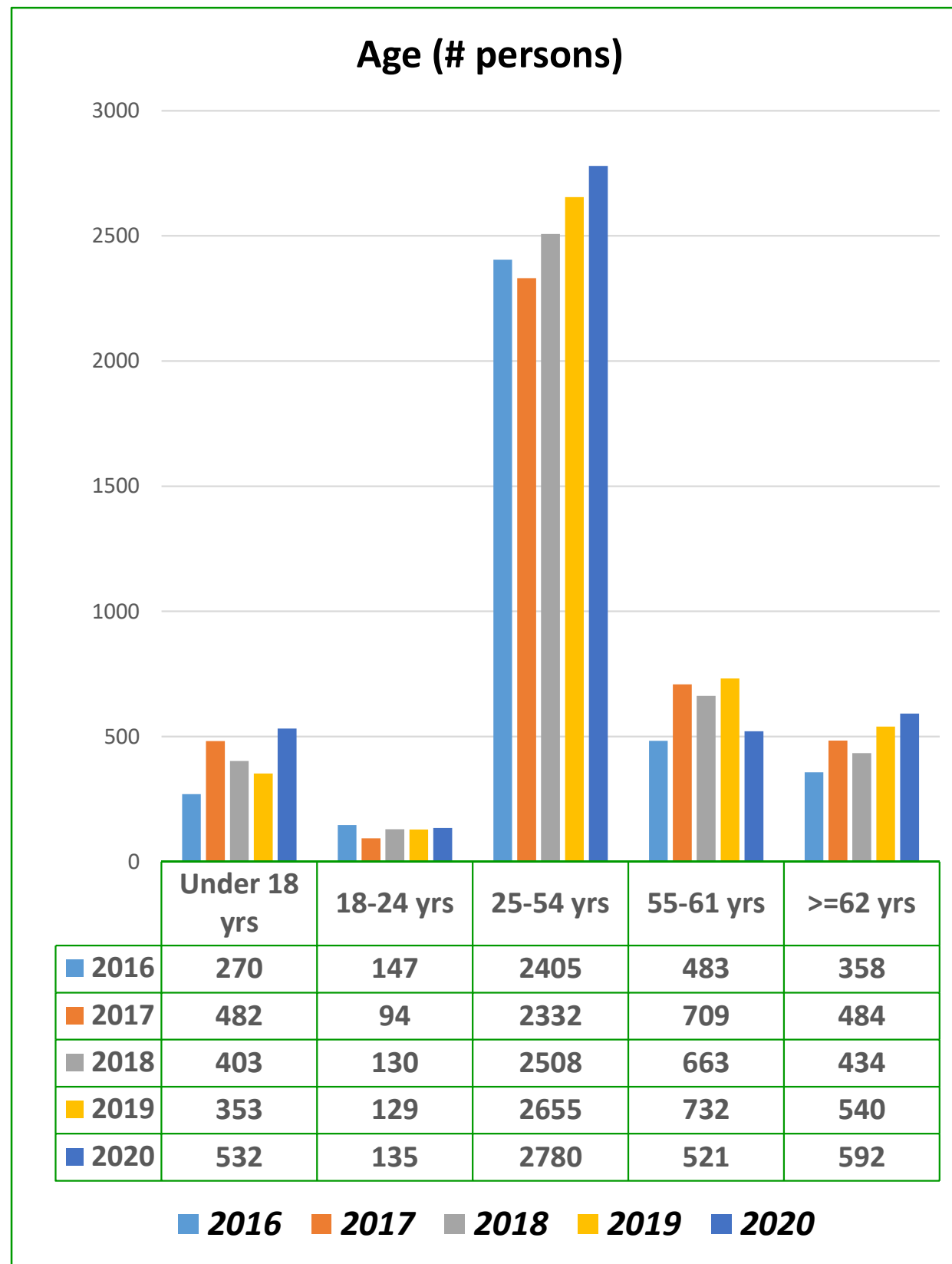
In 2020, new methodological improvements were made for determining "Family" unsheltered homelessness. This resulted in a **46% LA CoC increase** and **51% rise in SPA 8**.
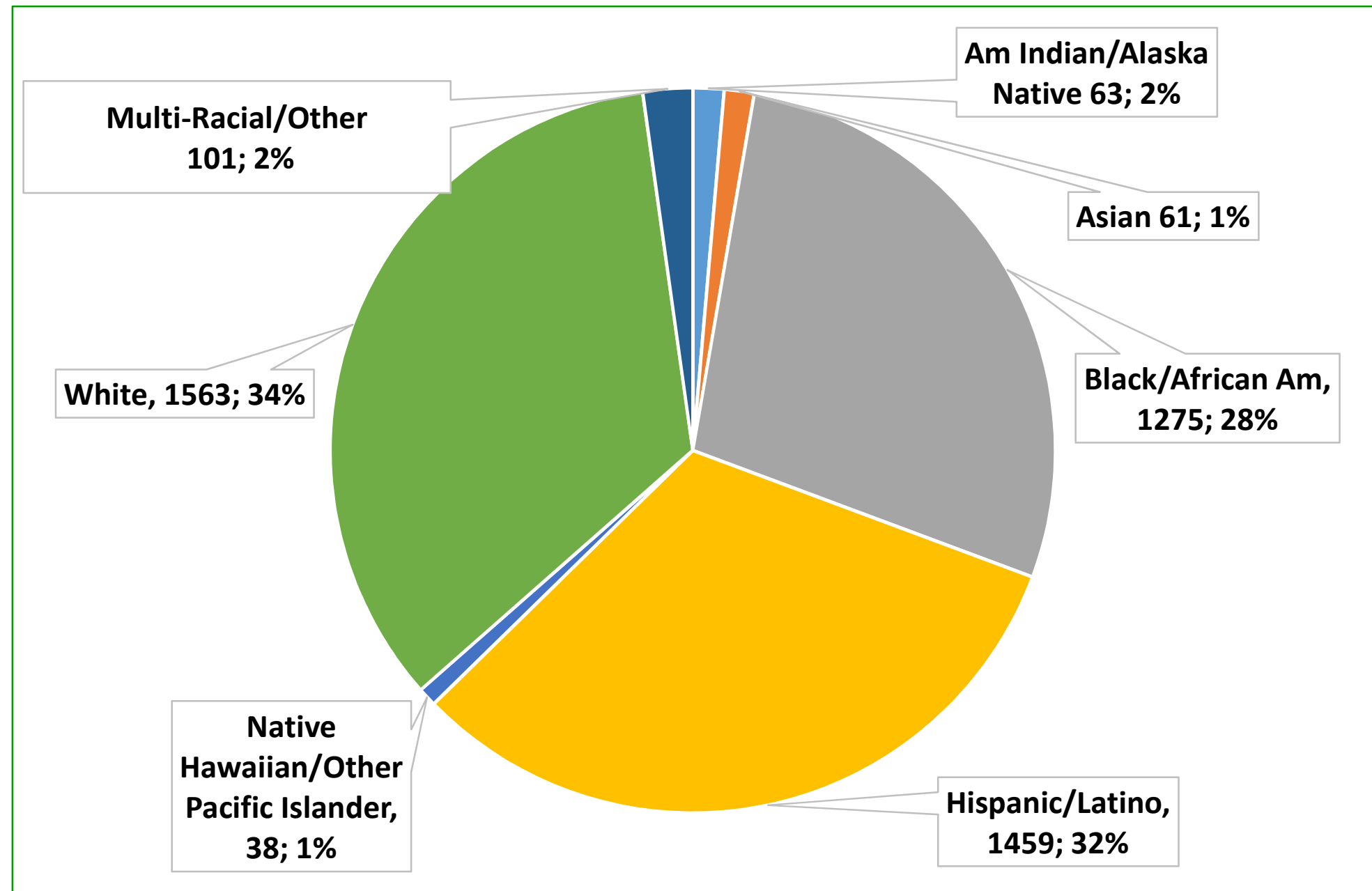
Household Composition Prevalence (%)

Year	Individuals (>=18)	Families	Unaccomp'd Minors
2016	87%	13%	0%
2017	81%	19%	0%
2018	83%	16%	0%
2019	87%	13%	0%
2020	81%	19%	0%

- Unaccomp'd Minors
- Families
- Individuals (>=18)

SPA 8: Age by Year

Age (# persons)

	Under 18 yrs	18-24 yrs	25-54 yrs	55-61 yrs	>=62 yrs
2016	270	147	2405	483	358
2017	482	94	2332	709	484
2018	403	130	2508	663	434
2019	353	129	2655	732	540
2020	532	135	2780	521	592

■ *2016* ■ *2017* ■ *2018* ■ *2019* ■ *2020*

2020 Age Breakout (%)

- 62+ yrs 13%
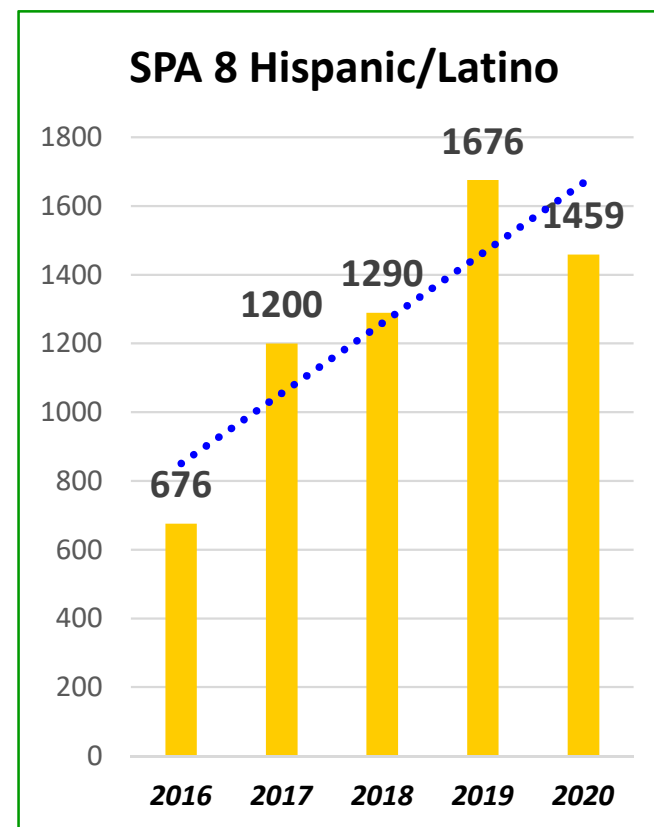- Under 18 yrs 12%
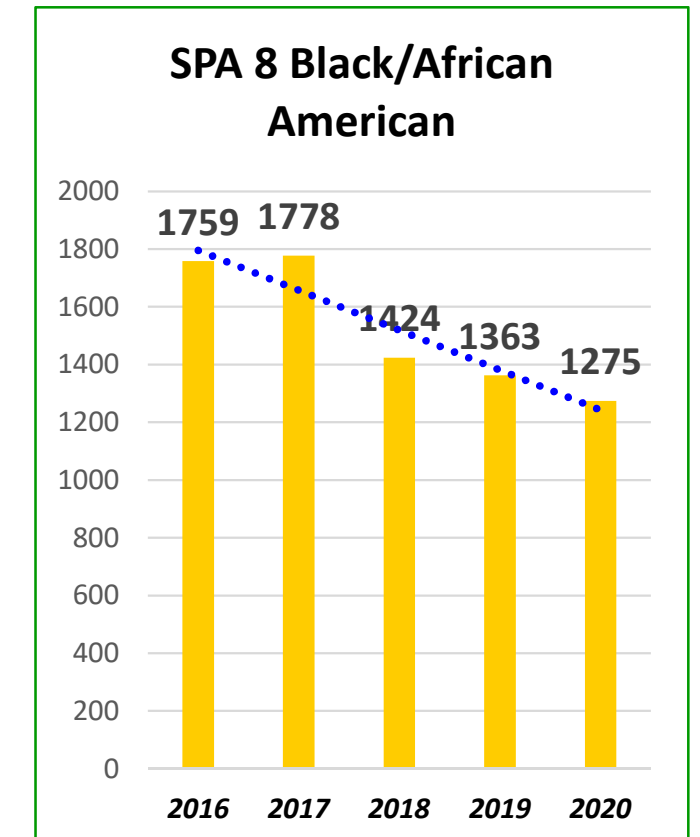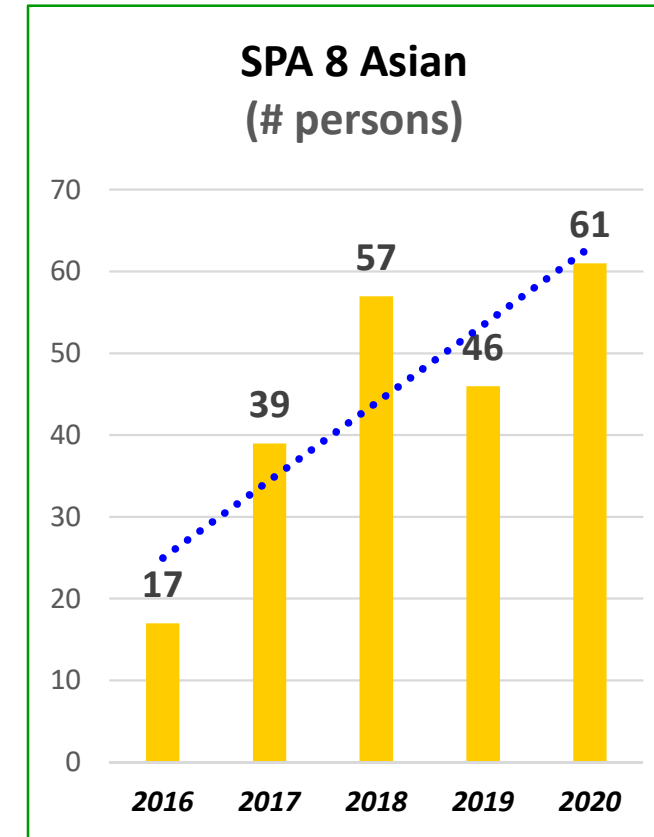- 18-24 yrs 3%
- 55-61 yrs 11%
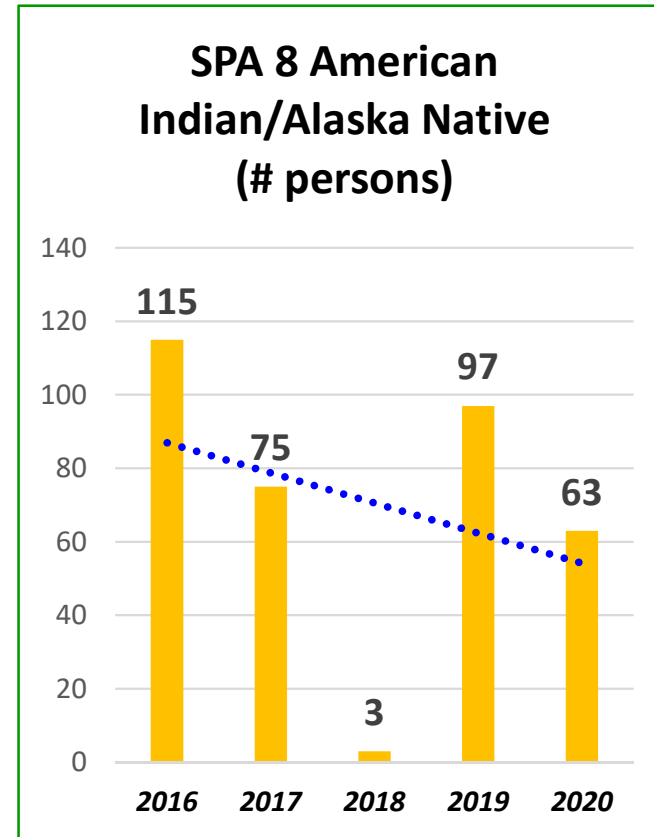- 25-54 yrs 61%

While homelessness among Seniors 62+ in **LA CoC increased by 20%,**
SPA 8's one year increase was 10%.

SPA 8 Race & Ethnicity

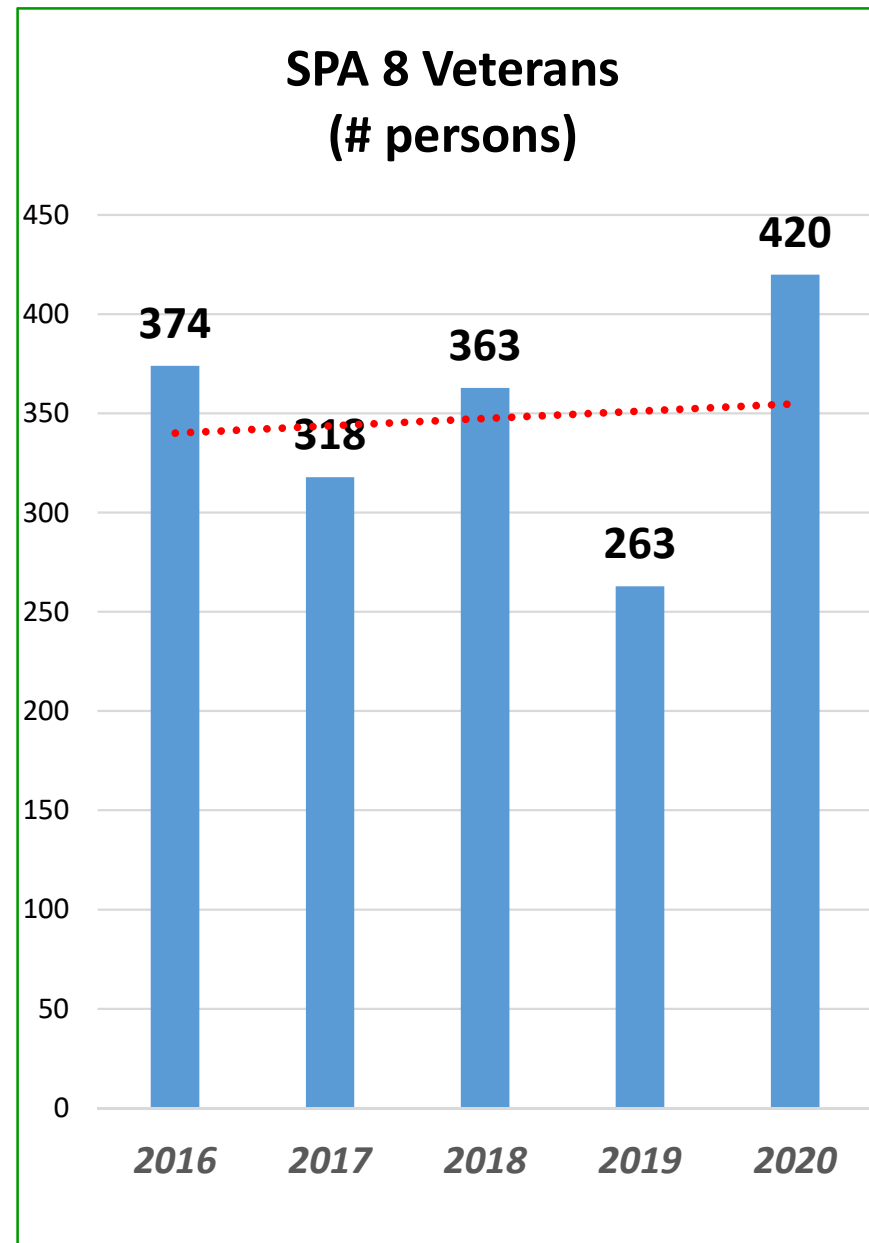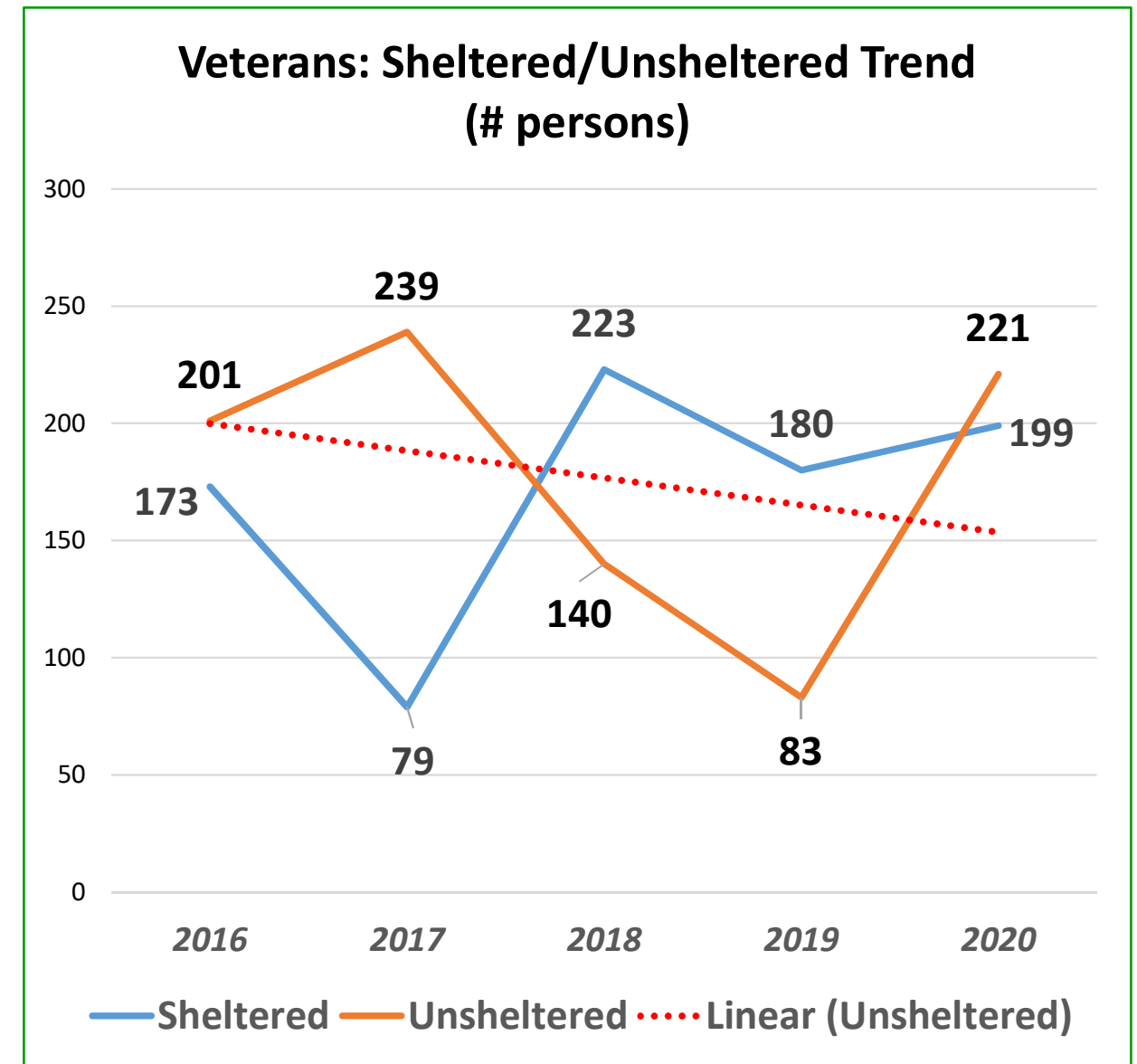2020 SPA 8 Race & Ethnicity Composition (%)

Am Indian/Alaska Native 63; 2%

Asian 61; 1%

Black/African Am, 1275; 28%

Hispanic/Latino, 1459; 32%

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, 38; 1%

White, 1563; 34%

Multi-Racial/Other 101; 2%

SPA 8 Race & Ethnicity

SPA 8 American Indian/Alaska Native (# persons)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
115	75	3	97	63

SPA 8 Asian (# persons)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
17	39	57	46	61

SPA 8 Black/African American

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1759	1778	1424	1363	1275

SPA 8 Hispanic/Latino

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
676	1200	1290	1676	1459

SPA 8 White

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
982	875	1313	1110	1563

SPA 8 Multi-Racial/Other

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
96	61	17	63	101

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SPA 8 Special Populations (1 of 4)

SPA 8 Veterans (# persons)

Bar chart values: 2016: 374, 2017: 318, 2018: 363, 2019: 263, 2020: 420
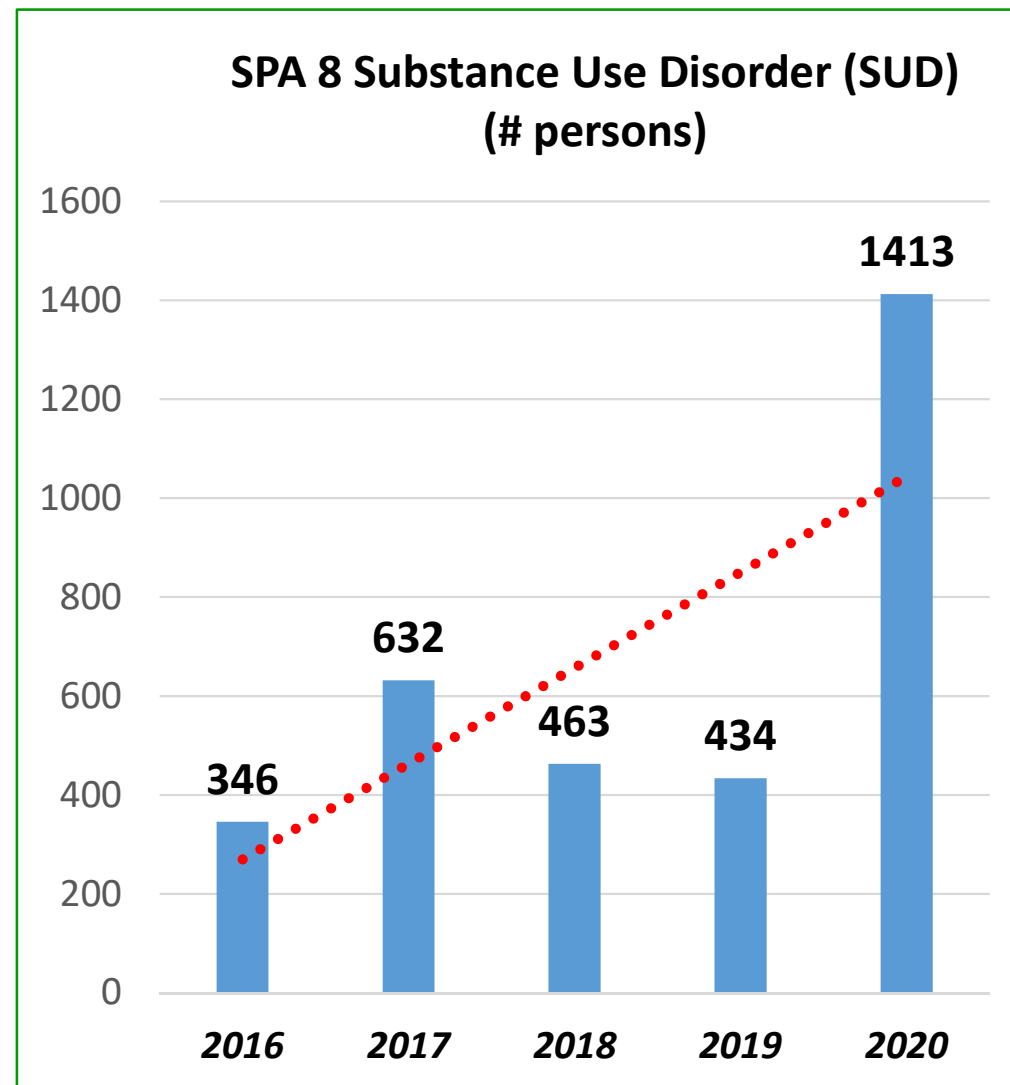
Veteran homelessness in the **LA CoC was relatively flat with a 0.6% increase**, but **SPA 8's one year increase was 60% driven by the increase of those living unsheltered.**

Veterans: Sheltered/Unsheltered Trend (# persons)

Sheltered: 2016: 173, 2017: 79, 2018: 223, 2019: 180, 2020: 199
Unsheltered: 2016: 201, 2017: 239, 2018: 140, 2019: 83, 2020: 221

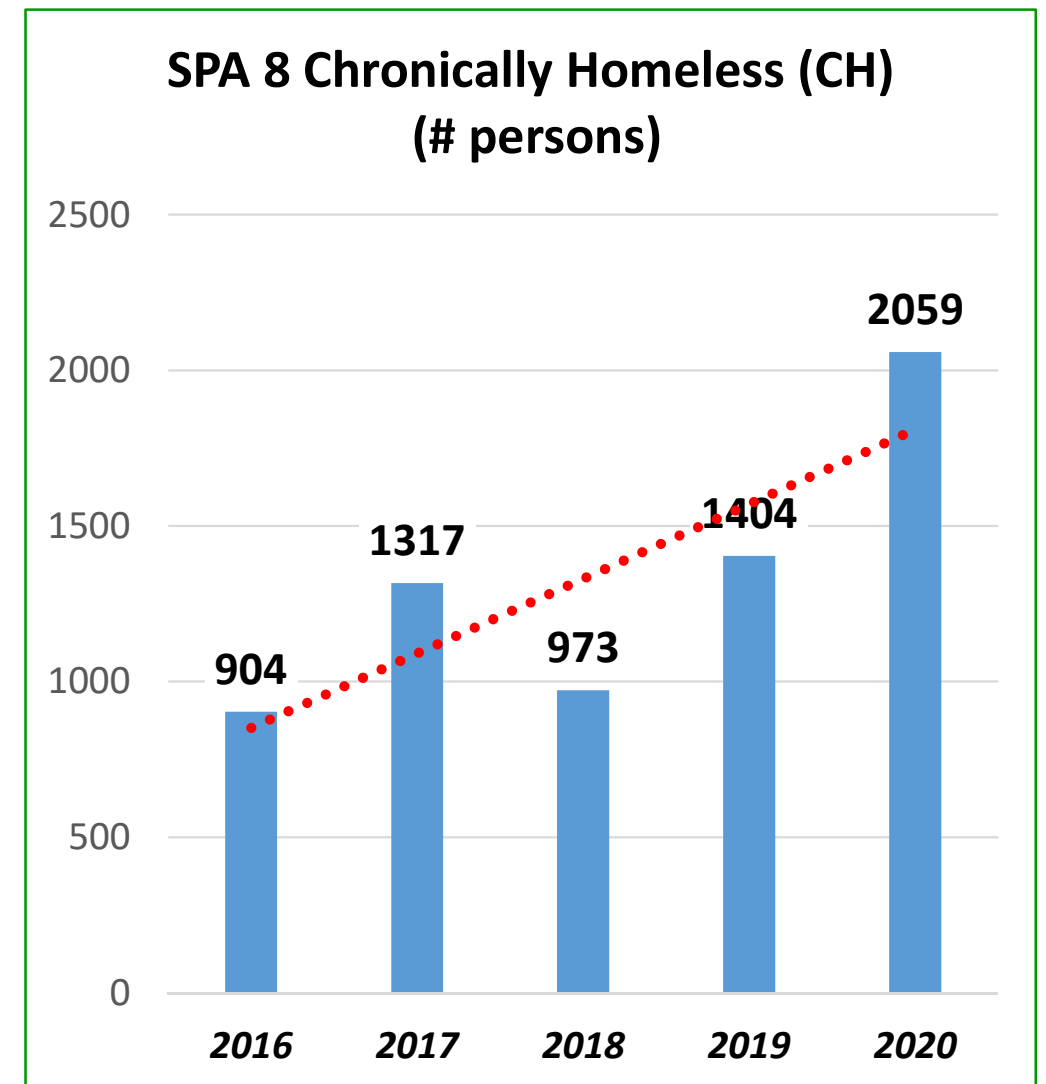Legend: —Sheltered —Unsheltered ·····Linear (Unsheltered)

US Veterans Initiative/Inglewood has a large facility. Its bed configuration changes annually based on VA funding.

Its shelter count numbers heavily affect SPA 8's overall Vet number. It is a "County Resource," so Vets are not just from SPA 8.

SPA 8 Special Populations (2 of 4)

SPA 8 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) (# persons)

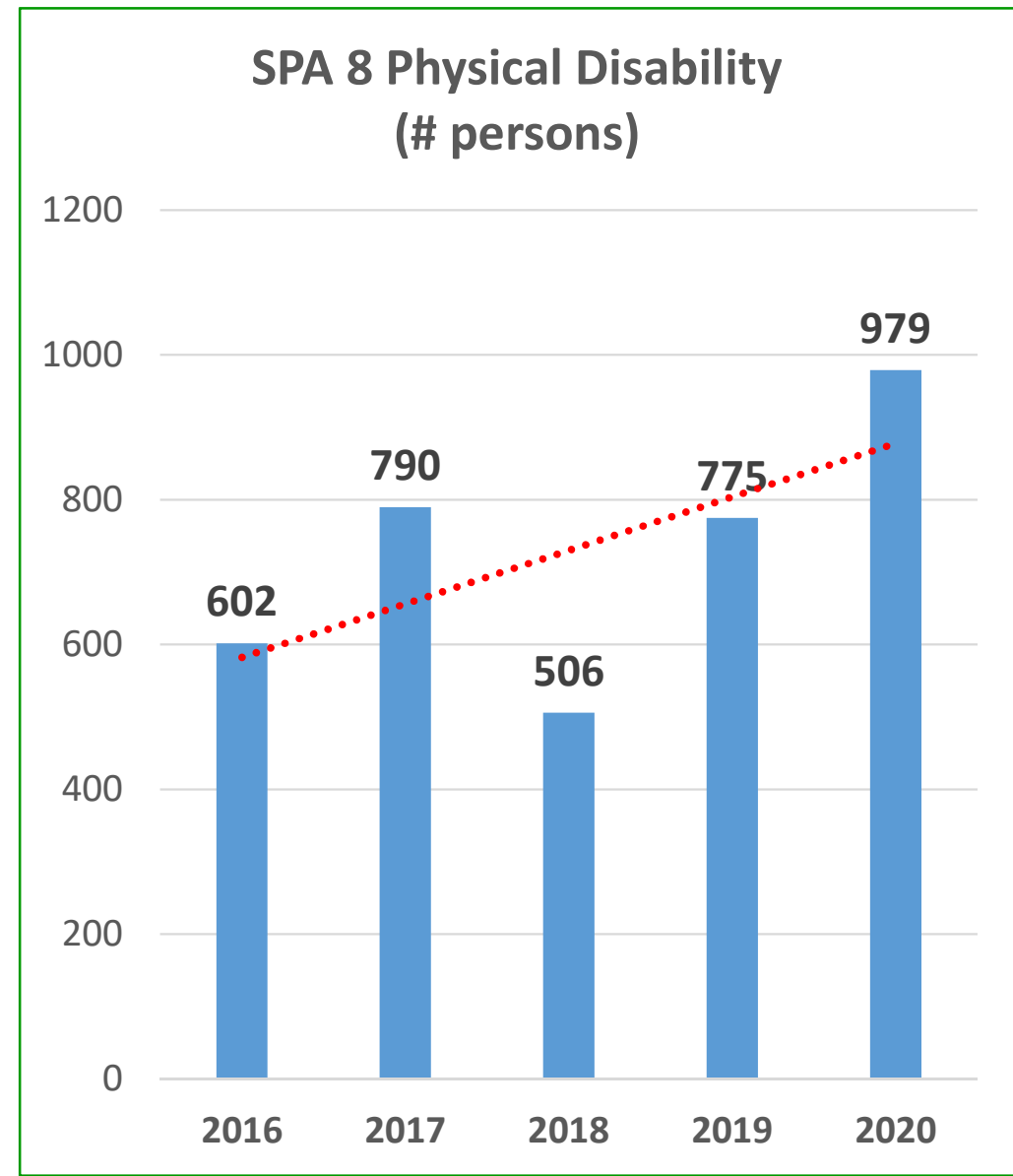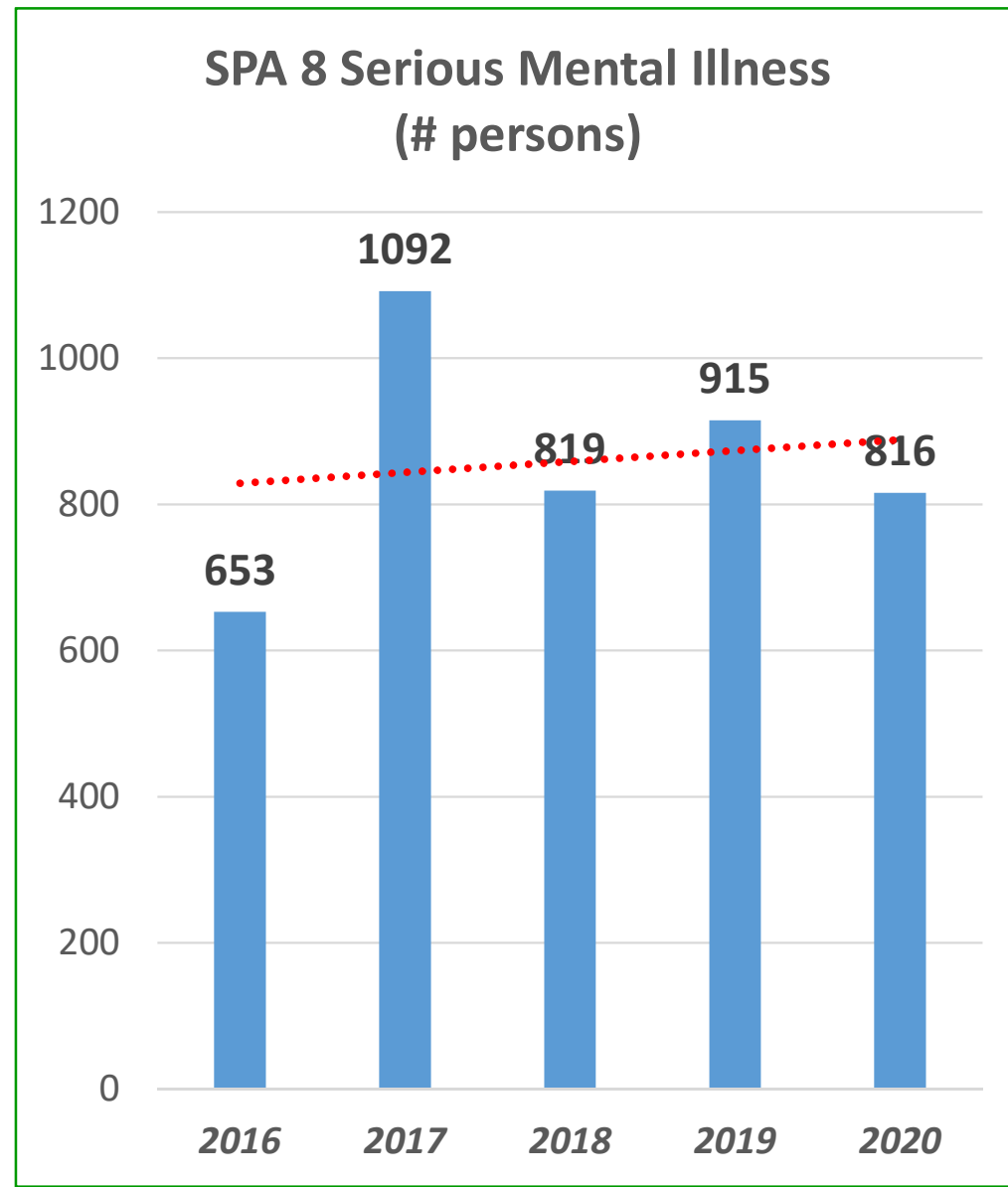| Year	# persons
2016	346
2017	632
2018	463
2019	434
2020	1413

In 2020, the following change was made for determining SUD usage among unsheltered homelessness: respondents were asked if they had "difficulties" with drug or alcohol use; in previous years they were asked if they had "problematic" use. This resulted in a **27% LA CoC increase** and **226% rise in SPA 8**.

SPA 8 Chronically Homeless (CH) (# persons)

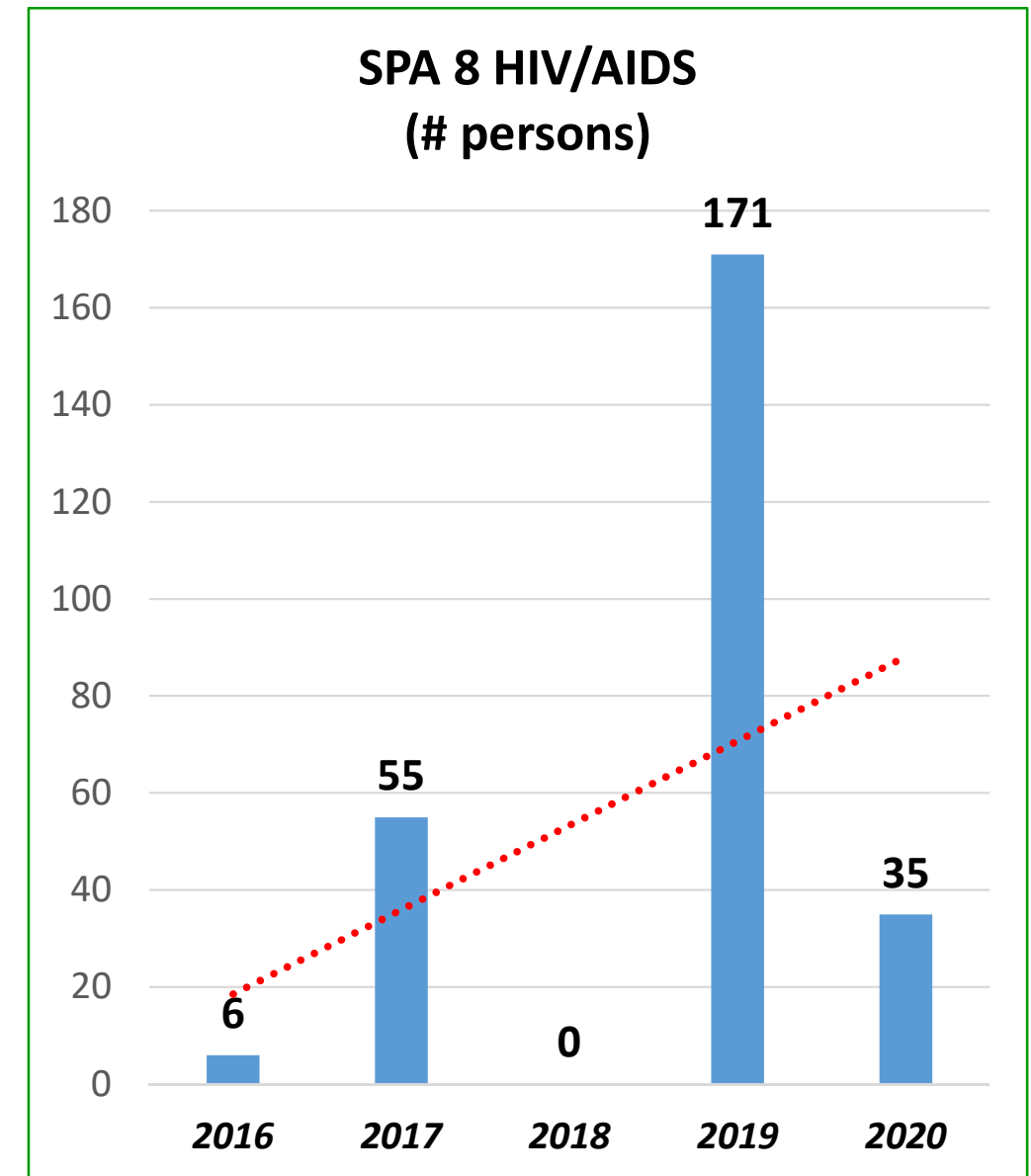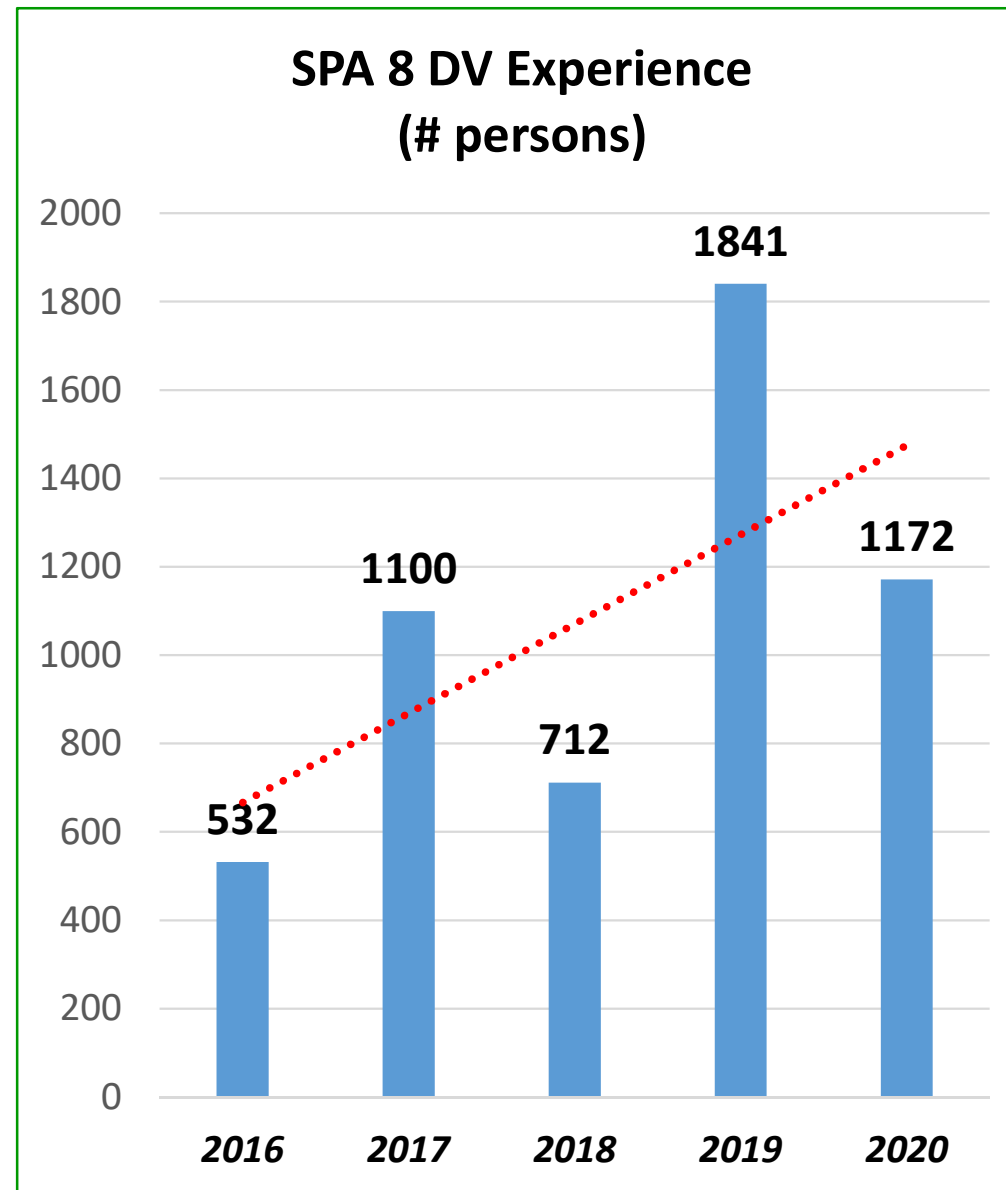| Year	# persons
2016	904
2017	1317
2018	973
2019	1404
2020	2059

In 2020, the large increase of persons with a SUD affected the number of unsheltered CH, resulting in a **58% LA CoC increase** and **226% rise in SPA 8**.

Note: LAHSA cautions about comparing CH and SUD with past years.

SPA 8 Special Populations (3 of 4)

SPA 8 Serious Mental Illness (# persons)

- 2016: 653
- 2017: 1092
- 2018: 819
- 2019: 915
- 2020: 816

SPA 8 Physical Disability (# persons)

- 2016: 602
- 2017: 790
- 2018: 506
- 2019: 775
- 2020: 979

SPA 8 Special Populations (4 of 4)

SPA 8 DV Experience (# persons)

Year	# persons
2016	532
2017	1100
2018	712
2019	1841
2020	1172

SPA 8 HIV/AIDS (# persons)

Year	# persons
2016	6
2017	55
2018	0
2019	171
2020	35

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

Next Wave of 2020 Data

- Additional datasets will be released by LAHSA
  - LA County, LA CoC, Supervisorial Districts, City of LA Council Districts details (this week)
  - # of Vehicles, Tents, Makeshift Shelters by SPA
  - The following historically released in **second wave about a month later**
    - Shelter information
    - Youth Count
    - City-level data
    - Individual Census Tract data

Closing Remarks

Q&A

- We will incorporate into our "info sheets" additional Count info as it becomes available
  - Depending on the release timing, may schedule a separate meeting to review it
  - Will be available on our website
- Demographic information is not statistically reliably at the city-level