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HOMELESSNESS & HISTORICAL CAUSES

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Homelessness on a Given Night: 2020

Geography	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	% Change
LA County	18,395	48,041	66, 436	+ 13%
City of LA	12,438	28,852	41,290	+ 16%

- **Inflow increased in 2020, and shows the dynamic nature of homelessness**
- **Every day, an average of 207 people exit homelessness, and 227 people become homeless**

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Homelessness by Demographic

Demographic	LA COC Homeless Pop	LA County Pop
Hispanic / Latino	36.1%	48.5%
Black / African-American	33.7%	7.9%
White	25.5%	26.3%
Multi-Racial / Other	2.1%	2.5%
Asian	1.2%	14.4%
American-Indian / Alaskan Native	1.1%	0.2%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.2%

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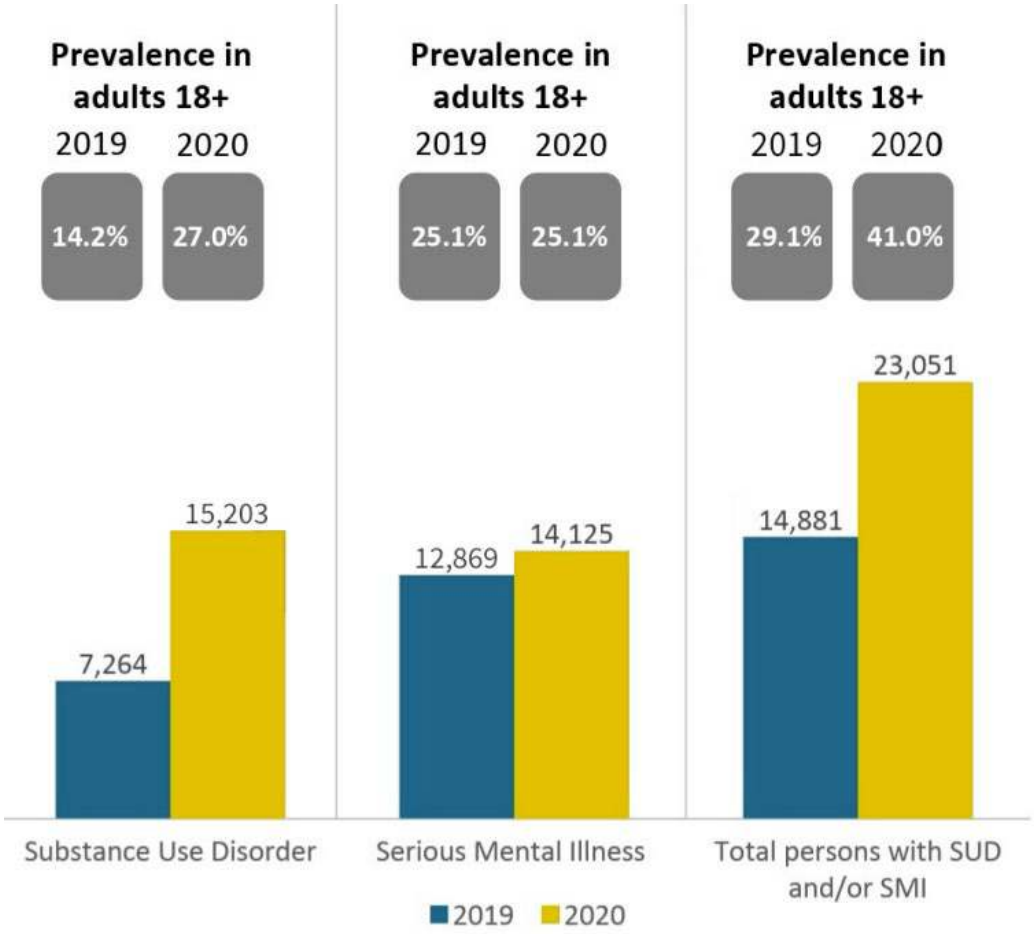
Homelessness by other Measures

Substance Abuse and Mental Illness



Homelessness in CD 14

CD 14	2019	2020
Total	7,638	7,617
Unsheltered	4,957	4,705
Sheltered	2,681	2,912
Individuals	6,821	6,882
Family Members	817	735
Families	263	239

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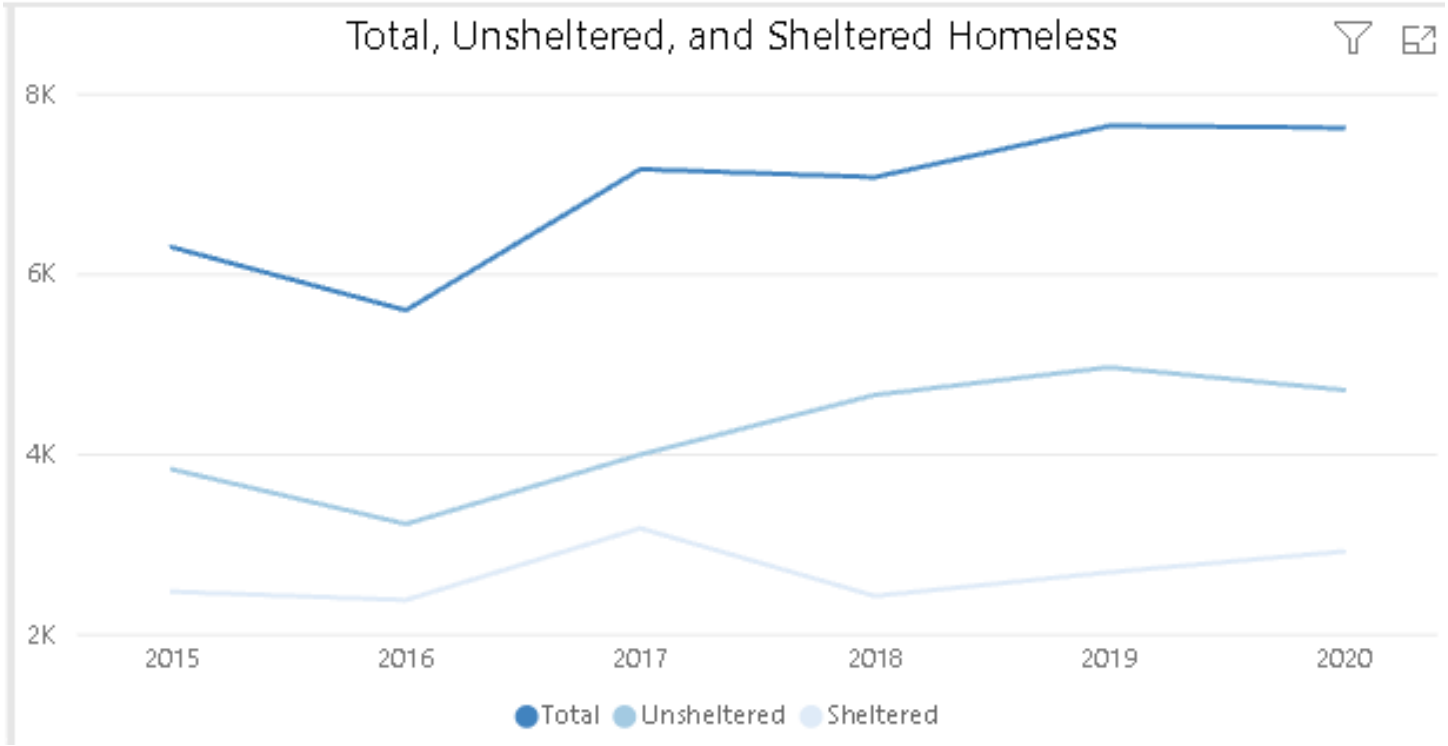

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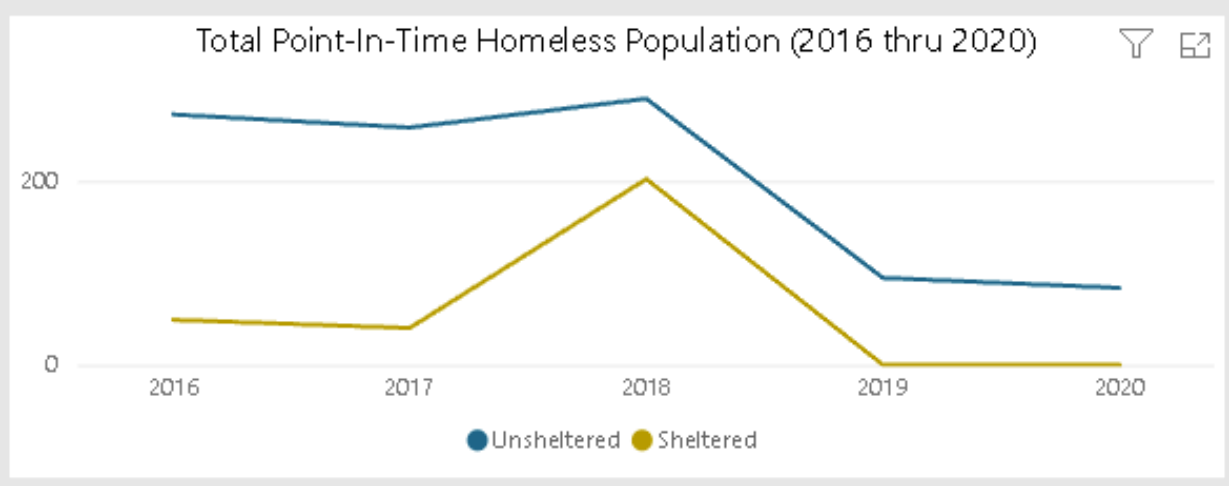
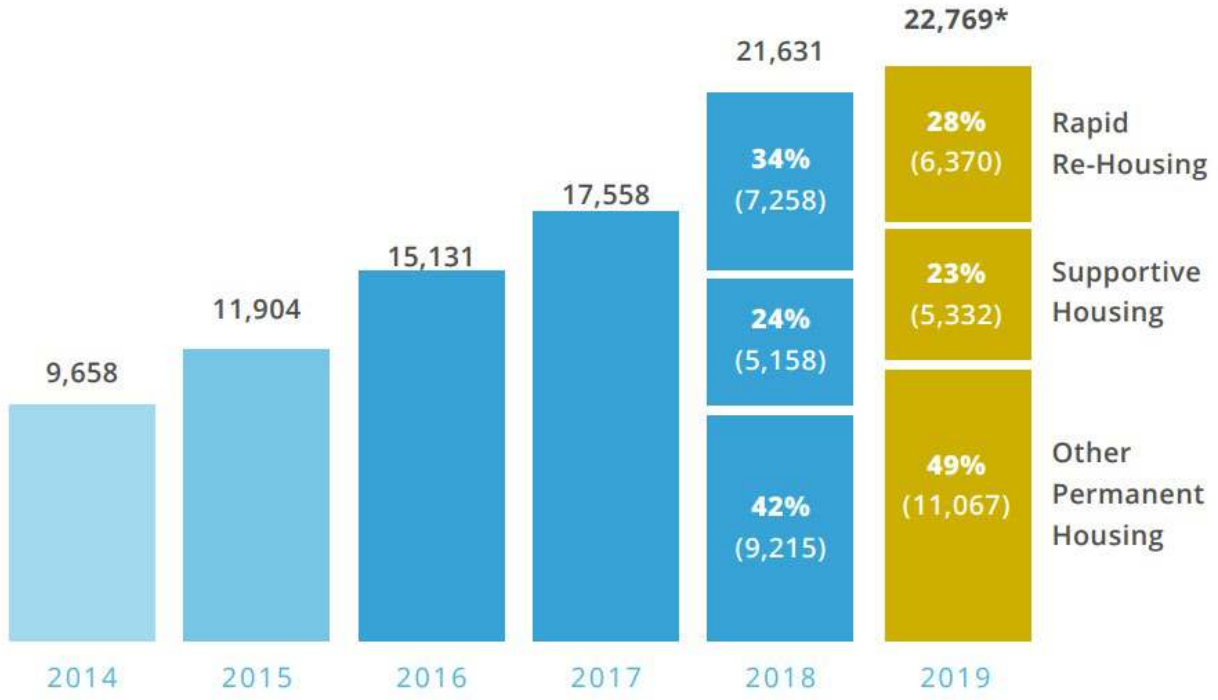
Little Tokyo: Unsheltered Data

	2019	2020
Total	95	84



Resources make a difference

- 22,769 housing placements, up 5% from last year and more than double annual placements since before Measure H
- 88% of those placed in PSH systems since 2018 have not returned to homelessness



Why are so many people homeless?

- **Personal Crises**
  - 59%: Financial – job loss, medical bills, etc.
  - 39%: Weakened Support Network
  - 24%: Disabling Health Condition

- **Systemic Failure**
  - Housing market has never adequately housed low-income people, especially people of color
    - Housing discrimination
  - Employment discrimination
  - Inability to access healthcare
  - Inadequate Safety Net Funding
  - Criminalization of Poverty

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Historic Housing Segregation

- Segregation enabled uneven resource allocation
  - White Communities Get the Best of Everything
    - Better financing, mortgage insurance
    - Better infrastructure: transportation, sewers, parks, streets, sidewalks, lighting, other amenities
  - Communities of Color
    - Higher rent for worse quality, worse financing terms, more expensive to insure, etc.
    - Poor neighborhood amenities
- But most people were housed, even if poorly

Backlash to Court-Enforced Desegregation

- Triggers facially-neutral policies that do the same thing
  - Government housing priorities shift from low-income to high
    - Land Use: Single-family zoning/barriers to multi-family housing
    - Mortgage Interest Deduction (single largest housing subsidy)
    - Federal funding shifts from Public Housing to rental subsidies
      - Fewer units/facilitates private market discrimination
- Fewer housing units/subsidies for low-income people, particular communities of color results in…

Thank you!

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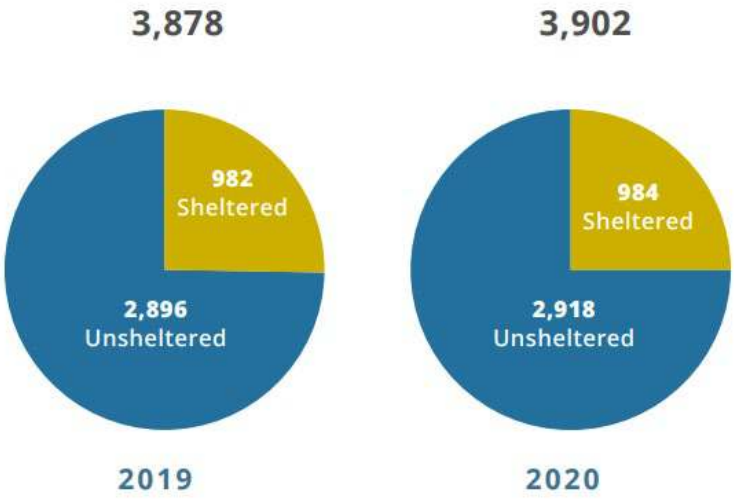
Homelessness by other Measures

Veterans

	2019	2020
Total	3,878	3,902
Unsheltered	2,896	2,918
Sheltered	982	984



- This is the population that has received the biggest boost in federal, state and local investment
- Illustrates the serious challenges of stemming inflow

Homelessness by other Measures

- Gender
  - 2/3 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%**