

COMBATTING HOMELESSNESS IN LA COUNTY

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Relevant Information Related to Homelessness in Los Angeles

Total Population: 10,105,518

Total Homeless Population 49,995 (~.49% of total population)



Unemployment Rate: 4.4%

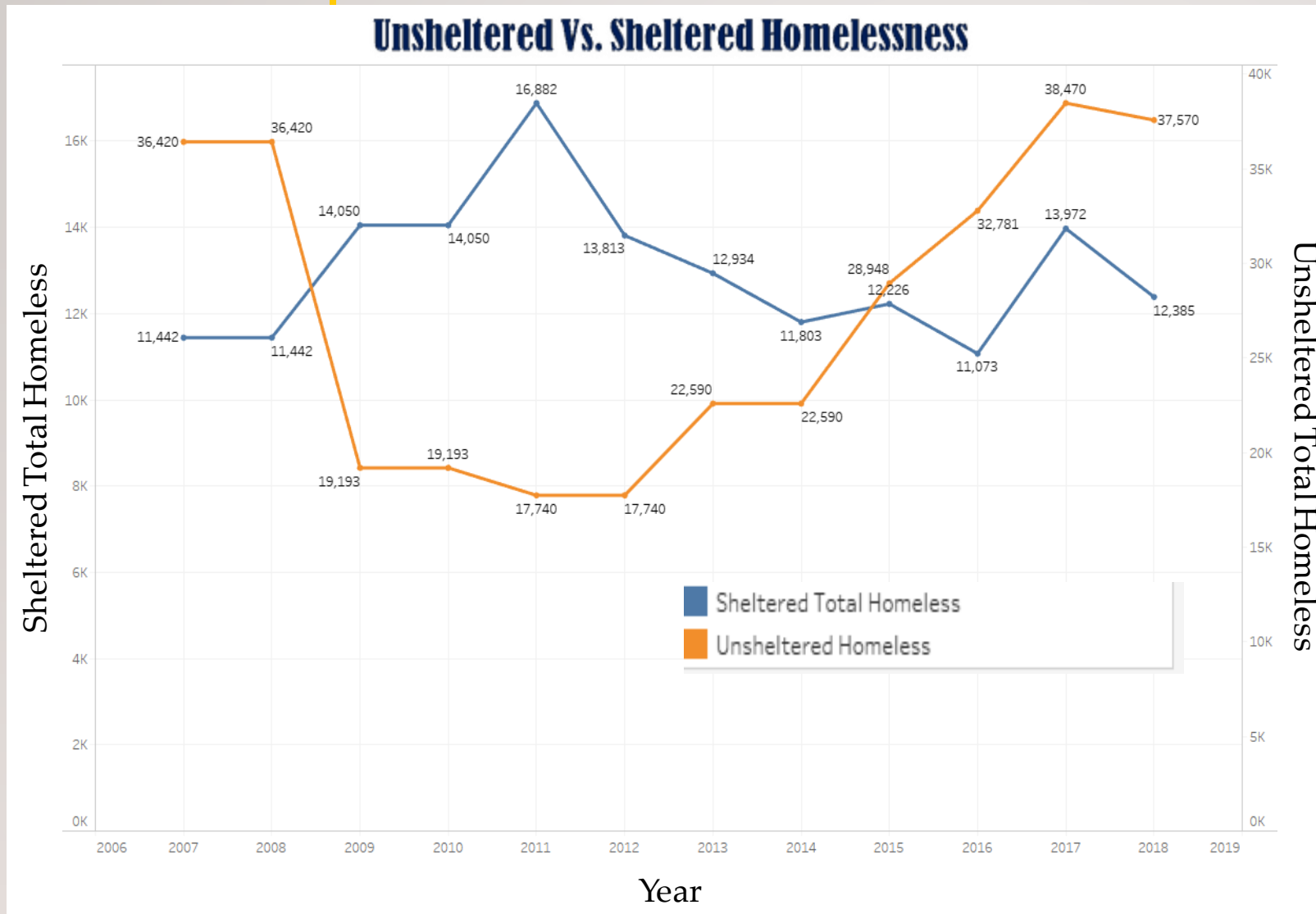
Per Capita Income: \$58,419



Median Home Price: \$624,900

Minimum Wage: \$14.25

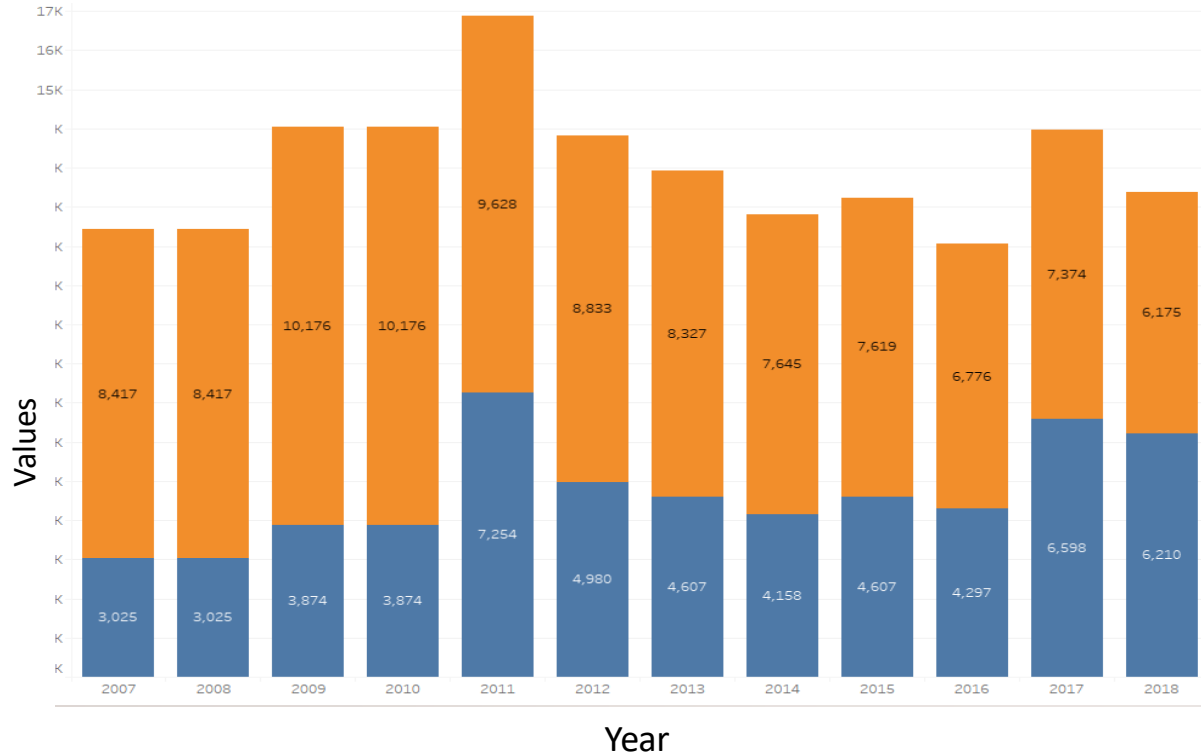
HOW DO HOMELESS PATTERNS VARY OVER TIME?



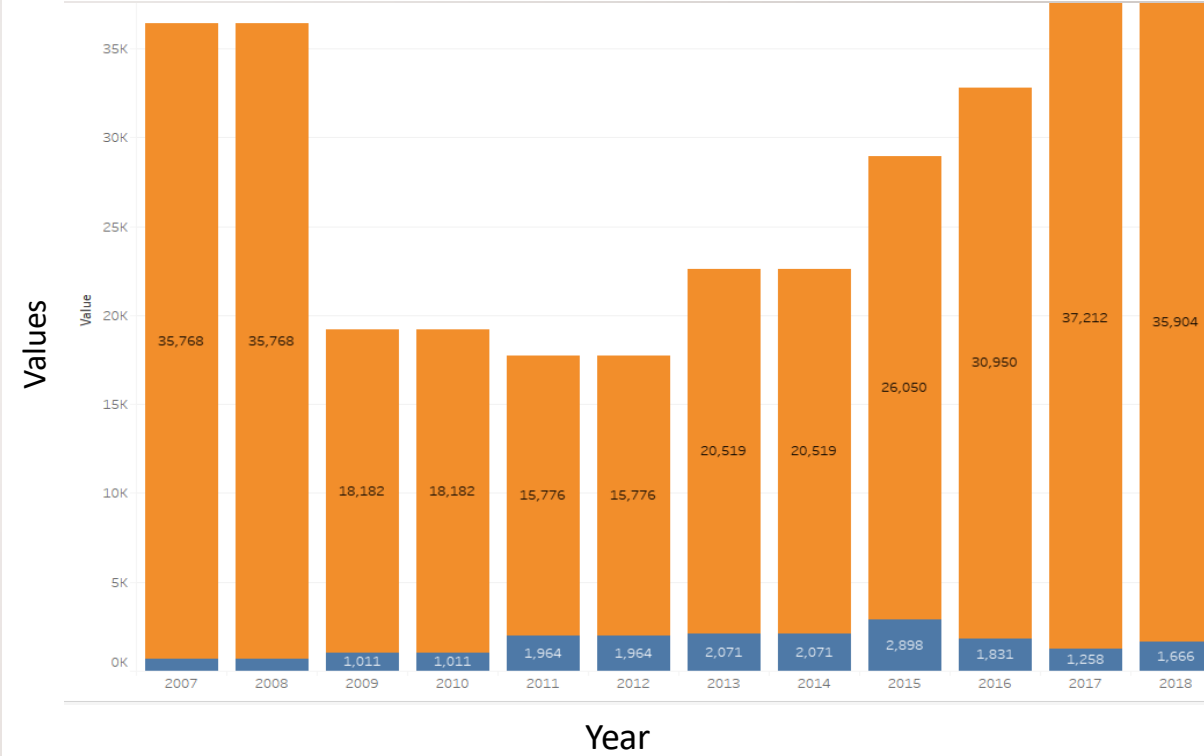
- Sheltered homelessness is relatively constant over time
- Unsheltered homelessness has been on a steep increase since 2010

WHO ARE THE HOMELESS?

Sheltered Homeless



Unsheltered Homeless

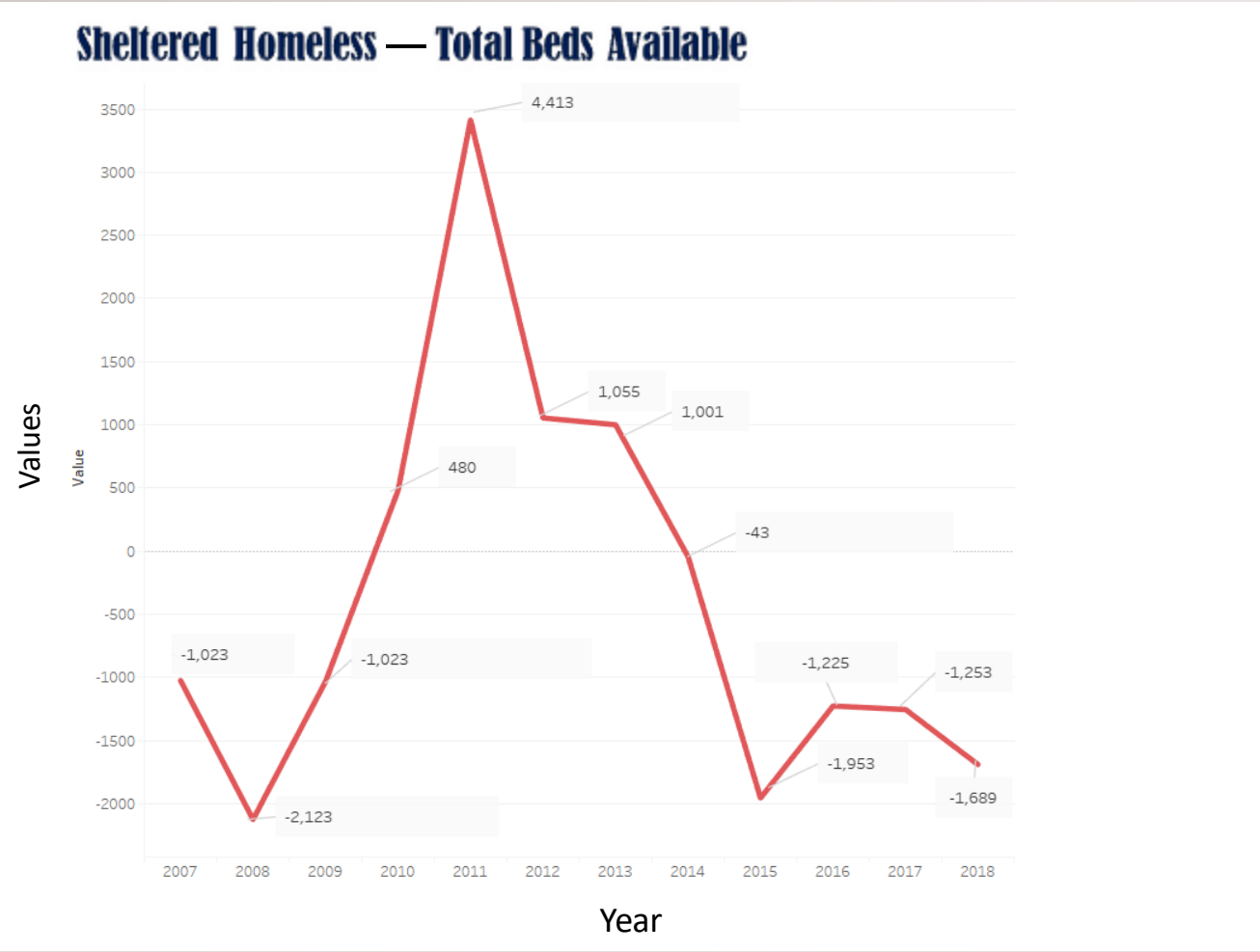


- Sheltered homeless mix of individuals and families
- Unsheltered homeless largely composed of individuals
- Very few families are unsheltered

Measure Values

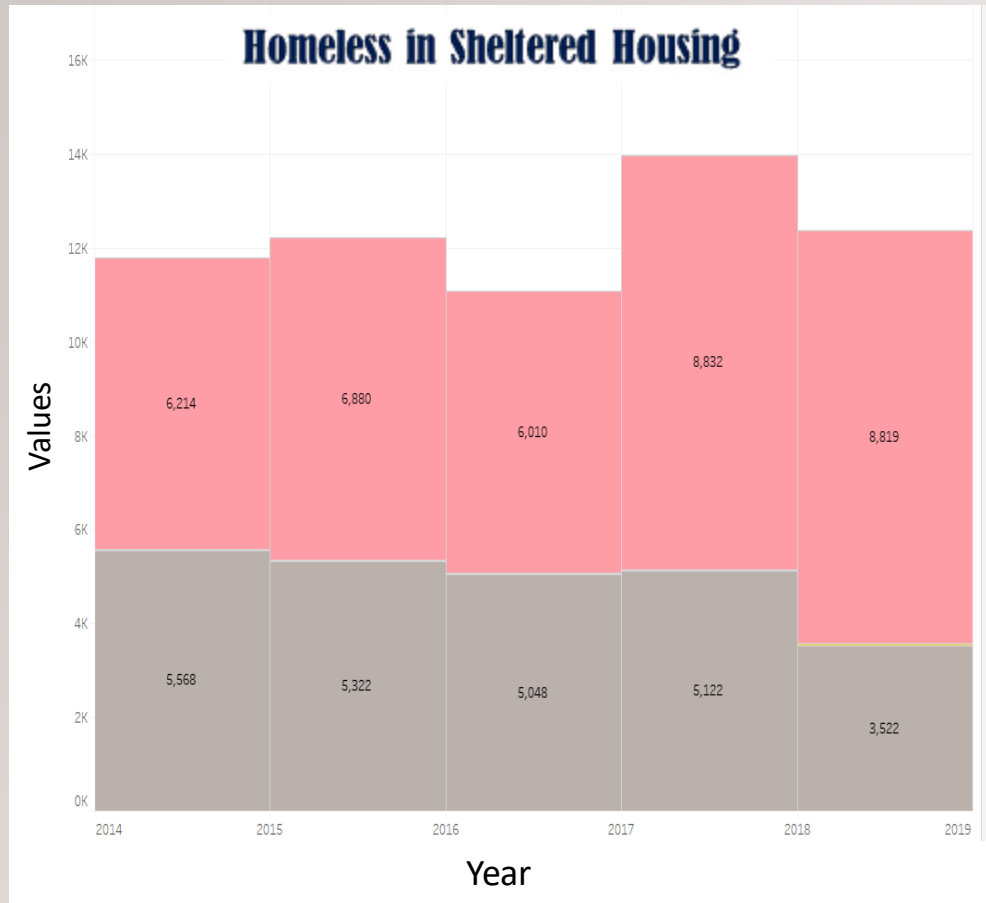
- Homeless Individuals
- Homeless People in Families

SHELTERED HOMELESS ARE NOT THE PROBLEM

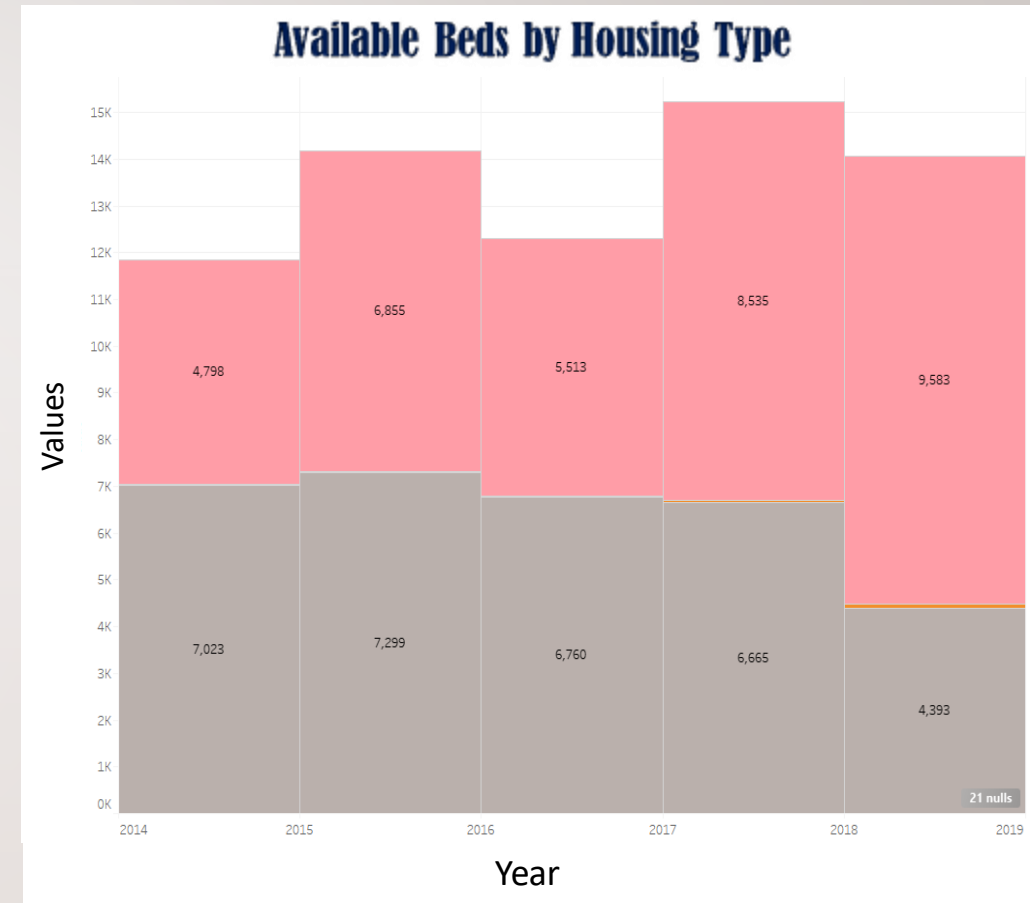


- Graphic displays number of sheltered homeless minus the total number of beds available over time
- In 2011, there were 4,413 more sheltered homeless than beds available
- Since 2013, there have been more beds available than the number of sheltered homeless
- There are increasingly enough beds for the sheltered homeless and they are being utilized

WHERE ARE THE SHELTERED HOMELESS STAYING?



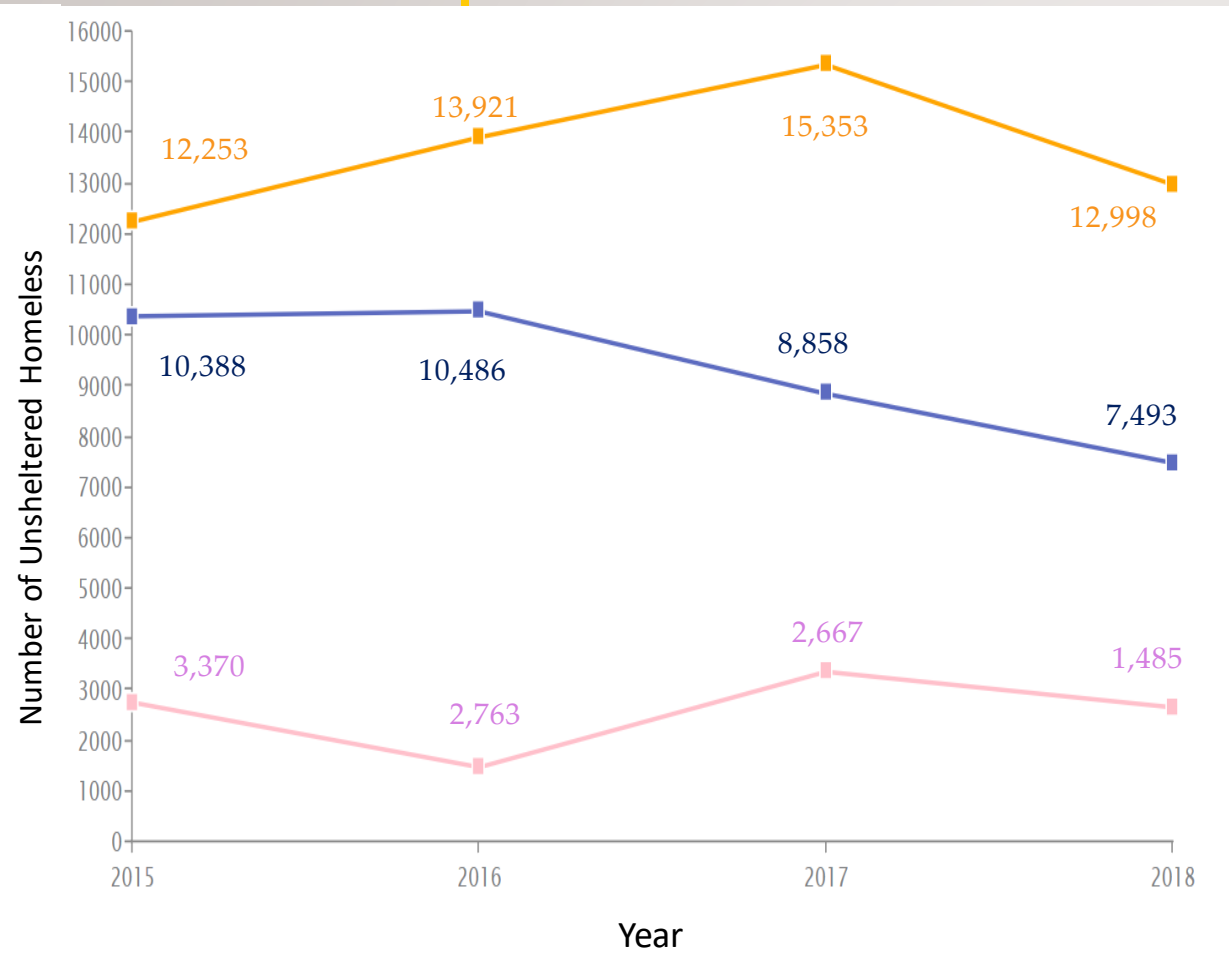
- Over the past 5 years, the amount of beds available in Emergency Shelter and Safe Haven are being utilized
- On average, 1511 beds in transitional housing go unused each year.



Measure Values

- Emergency Shelter
- Safe Haven
- Transitional Housing

UNSHELTERED HOMELESS: WHO ARE THEY?



26% of homeless have a serious mental illness

5.3% of unsheltered homeless are veterans

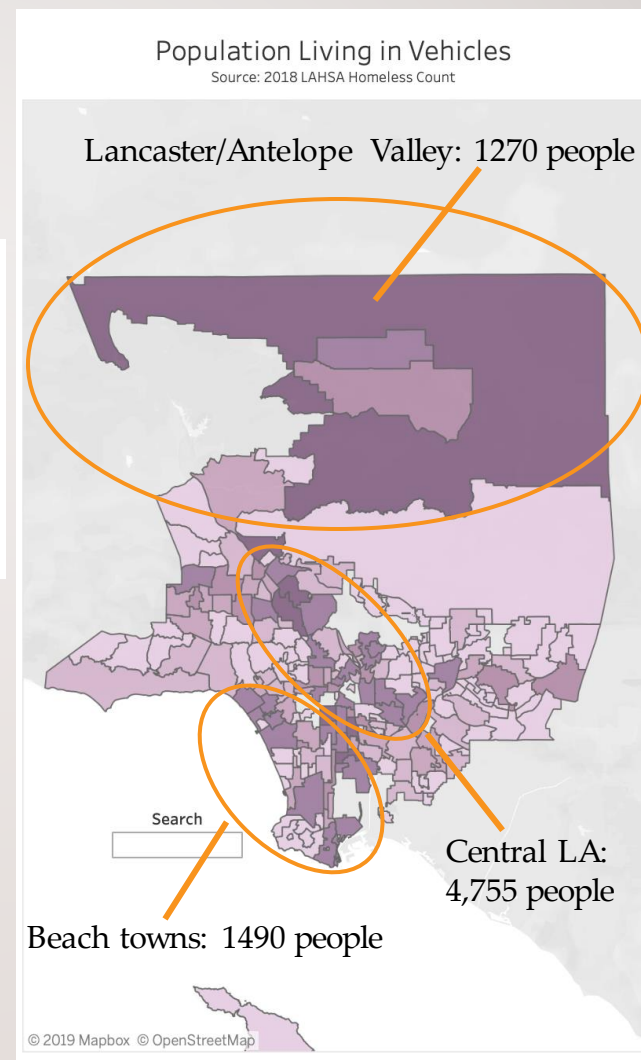
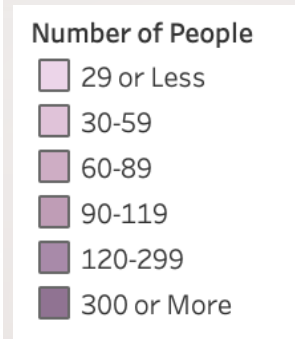
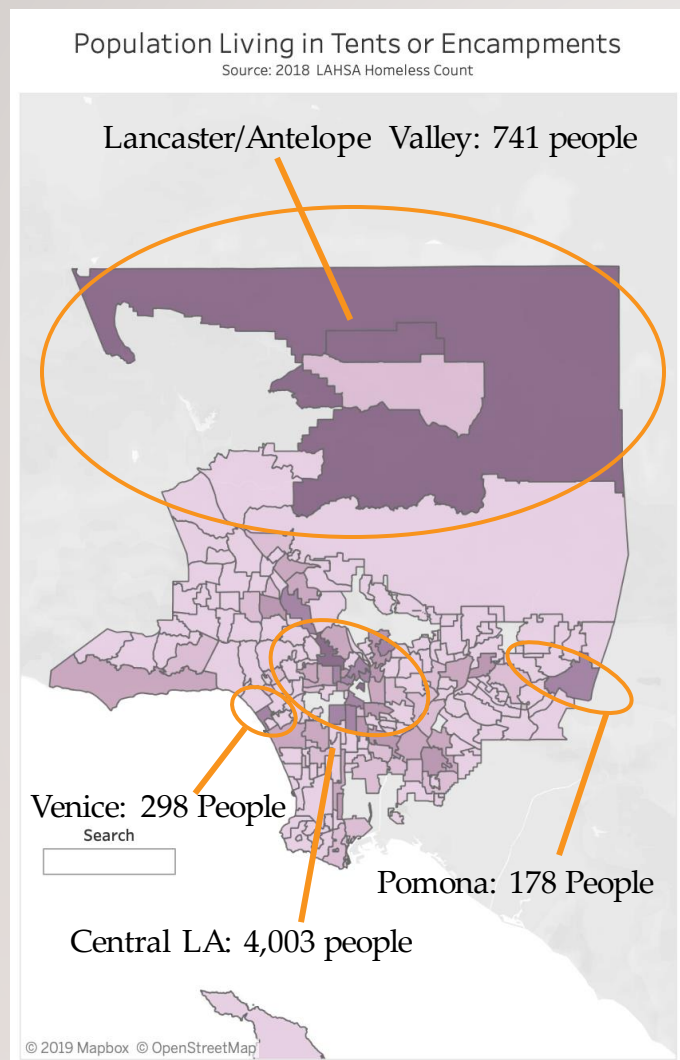
15% of homeless have a substance-use disorder

A total of 20 locations for services specifically for mental health and the homeless are listed on the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health website.

****The Mental Health Services Act reports that people with serious mental illness can achieve housing stability with adequate support and getting consumers into housing is an important step to recovery.**

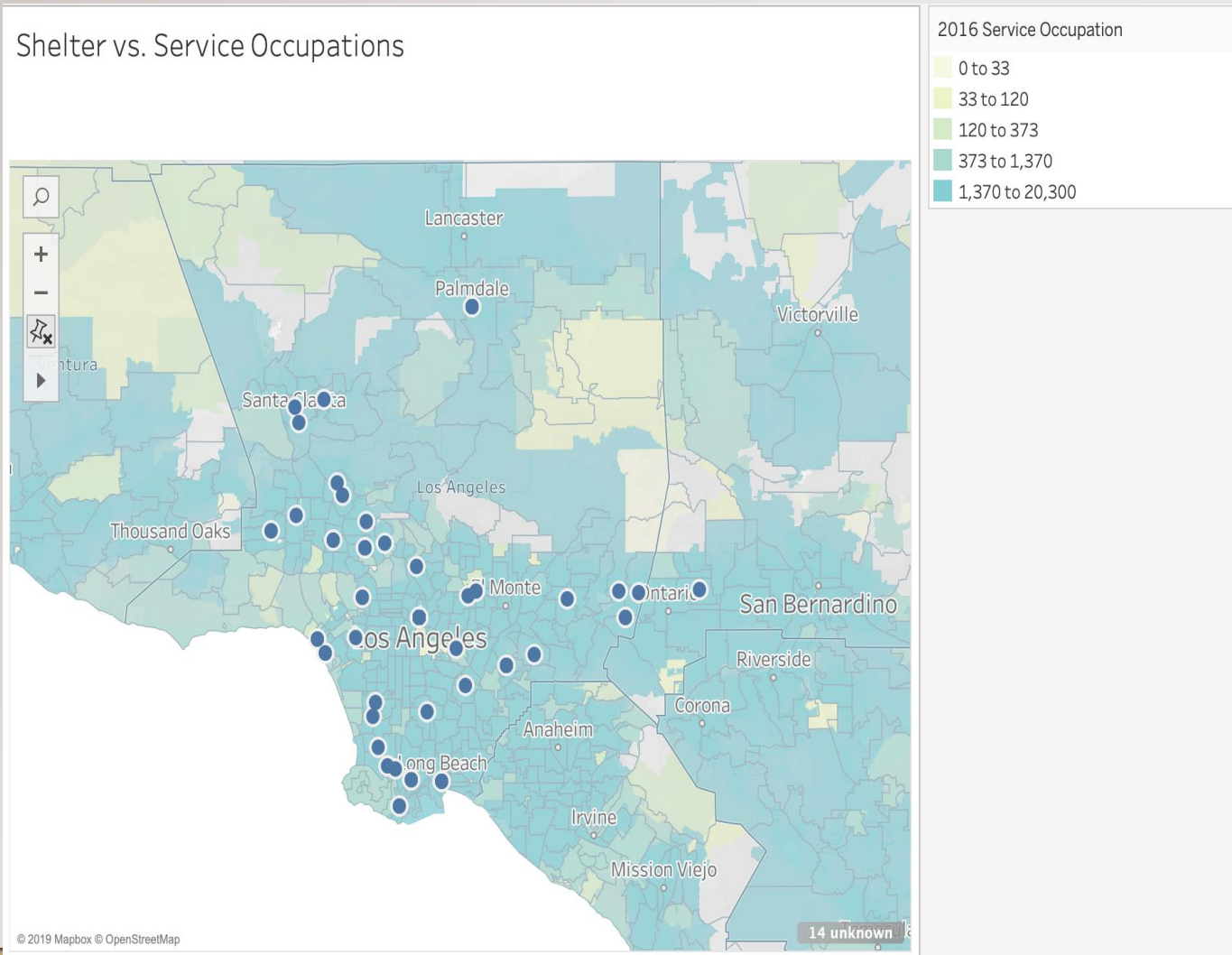
WHERE ARE THE UNSHELTERED STAYING?

- Distribution of unsheltered homeless living in Tents or Encampments is NOT uniform across LA County
- Central LA, Lancaster and Antelope Valley, Venice, and Pomona have highest numbers of unsheltered living in tents or encampments



- Distribution of unsheltered homeless living in vehicles is NOT uniform across LA County
- Central LA, Beach Towns, and Lancaster and Antelope Valley have highest numbers of unsheltered living in vehicles

Where are the Continuums of Care (CoCs) Facilities in LA County?



- Graph shows a dot for each CoC in LA County
- Very few CoCs in Central LA or Lancaster/Antelope Valley (where largest concentration of unsheltered homeless are)
- CoCs are located in predominantly wealthy areas
- Housing options are available where unsheltered homeless are, BUT...
 - Available housing options are not affordable
- There ARE jobs available in areas with a lot of unsheltered homeless suggesting that opportunities exist
 - Blue collar and service occupation job opportunities are available

What kind of recommendations can we make?

What's being done:

- Mayor Garcetti has a homelessness initiative to lower homeless rates that includes:
 - An expected production of \$100 million for affordable housing
 - Improve public health for unsheltered homeless individuals
 - Creating teams to clean the LA streets to make them sanitary for unsheltered individuals
 - Measure H was passed to implement a countywide sales tax that will grow outreach for mental health and other services for people in desperate need
 - The Mental Health Services Act seeks to reduce homelessness among people with serious mental illness, either by housing consumers who have been living on the streets or placing them in shelters



What can further be done, Our Recommendations:

- There are beds not being used in transitional housing projects
- Location of shelters needs to better match location of unsheltered homeless in cars/encampments – less displacement will lead to better chance for success
- Designate rent controlled/affordable housing in areas with high unsheltered homeless rates
- Develop programs to combat increasing instances of substance abuse among homeless individuals
- Offer more programs that directly relate mental health with homelessness.
- Focus should not only be on bed creating BUT on connecting homeless individuals with the available jobs in the areas where they live – less displacement will lead to better chance for success