Data Subcommittee
Measure A Baselines Report

Executive Committee on Regional Homelessness Alignment

January 24, 2025

Overview

- Data Subcommittee and process

- Description of data sources

- For each of the Measure A goals 1–4, we will discuss:

  - *Point in Time Count data:* 2024 baseline and trends from 2019-2024

  - *Administrative data:* FY 2023–24 baseline and trends from 2019-2024

- Key takeaways

Key Milestones

- <u>October–January</u>: Leadership table and other partners developed concepts for Measure A performance metrics

- <u>January 24</u>: Data Subcommittee presents baseline measures and five-year trends for Measure A Goals 1-4

- <u>February</u>: Leadership Table recommends goals

- <u>March–April</u>: Executive Committee considers and adopts goals

Data Sources

Point in Time Count

Visual count and demographic survey

HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) service data

People accessing homelessness services in LA County

CHAMP (Comprehensive Health Accompaniment and Management Platform) service data

People accessing DHS housing programs in LA County

Linked data from County Depts (DMH, DHS, DPH) through the County Infohub

For mental health and substance use disorder diagnoses

Future work on equity

- The Data Subcommittee is currently working to produce metrics by demographic group (race, ethnicity, gender, age, veteran status)
  - *Supplemental report due March 1, 2025*

- Will also continue to provide data and consultation to Equity Subcommittee

Notes on interpreting this data

- Administrative data only captures people who access services. More people are counted as services expand or outreach improves

- Estimates will change in the future as data quality improves or changes

- Survey data only reflects those willing to respond to the questions

- Some survey questions are imperfectly aligned with the metrics

Five-year trend: Services data

Count of service participants experiencing homelessness during fiscal year
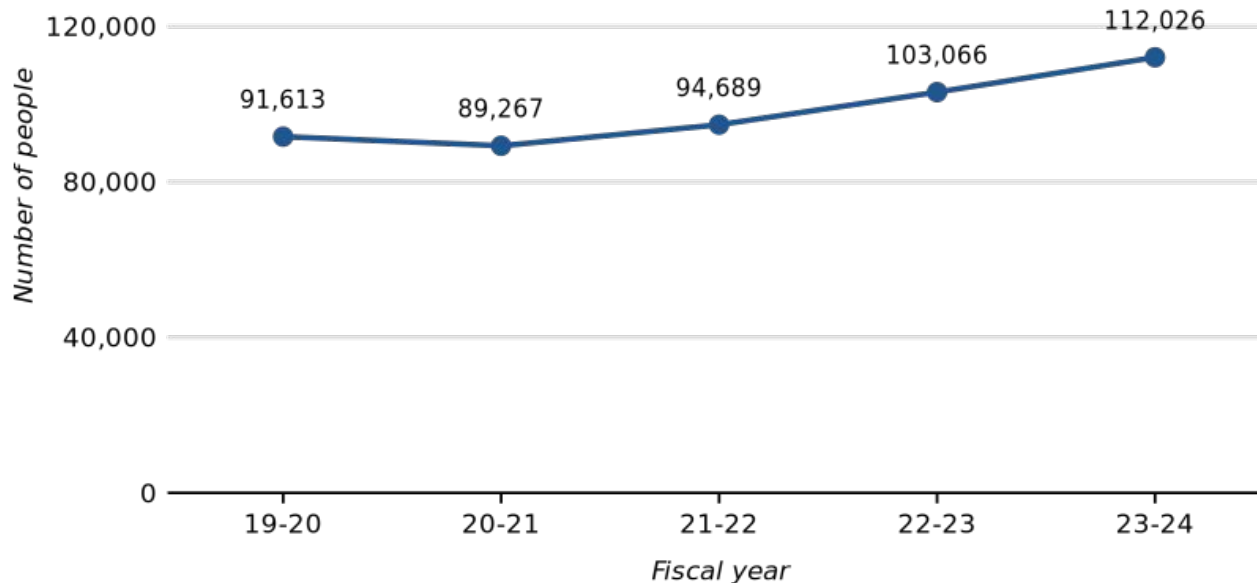
Change year over year:

+5% on average

Five-year change:

+22%

Key Takeaways (Preview)

- **The number of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County is growing.**

- **Inflow into the homelessness system is significant and constant over time.**

- **There have been gains in moving people from homelessness to permanent housing and serving unsheltered people in interim housing.**

- **The proportion of people with service histories indicating serious mental illness or substance use disorder is relatively constant over time.**

Goal 1
Encampments to Housing

Goal 1

Measure A language

Increase the number of people moving from encampments into permanent housing to reduce unsheltered homelessness (Section 4.A.1)

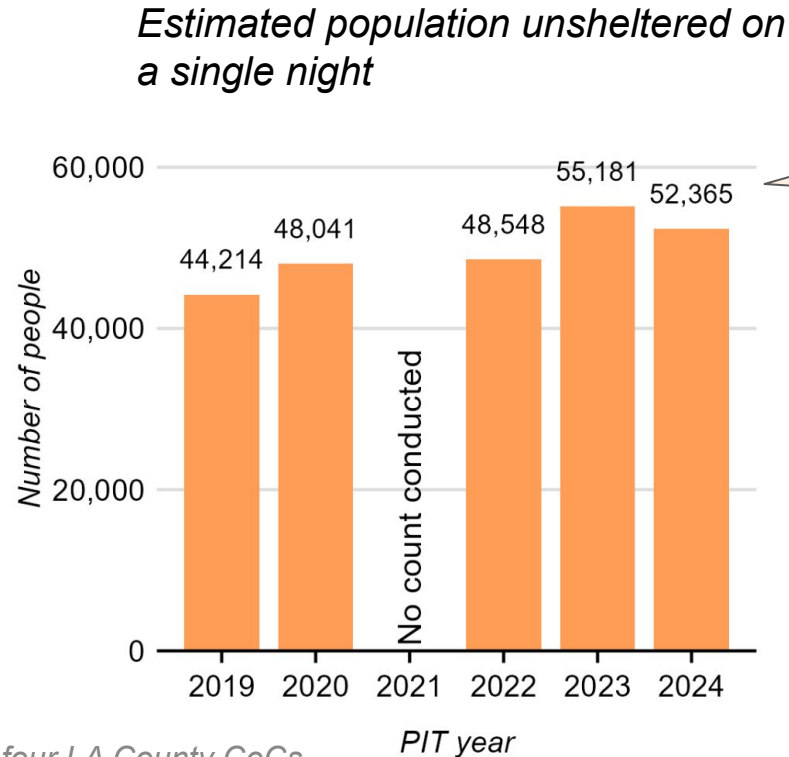# Goal 1: Survey/PIT data metric

Baseline:

Estimated population of people sleeping unsheltered on a single night in 2024 PIT Count

Includes people sleeping on the streets, in tents, and in vehicles

Trend:

Average change in population year over year

# PIT estimate: Population unsheltered on a single night

Estimated population unsheltered on a single night

Bar chart — Number of people (y-axis) by PIT year (x-axis):
- 2019: 44,214
- 2020: 48,041
- 2021: No count conducted
- 2022: 48,548
- 2023: 55,181
- 2024: 52,365

Includes all four LA County CoCs

2024 baseline:

52,365 people

Change year over year:

+6% on average

Compare to 7% average increase in total number of people experiencing homelessness

Unsheltered people as percentage of all people experiencing homelessness

Percentage unsheltered out of all people experiencing homelessness
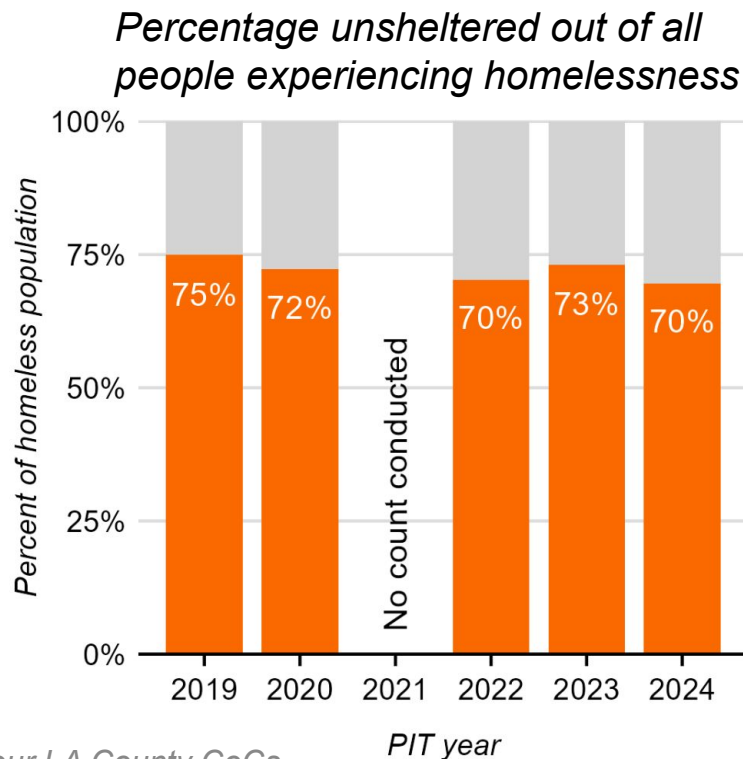
7 in 10 people experiencing homelessness were unsheltered in 2024

*Includes all four LA County CoCs

Goal 1: Service data metric

Baseline (a):

Count of service participants who experienced unsheltered homelessness during the 2023–24 fiscal year

Goal 1: Service data metric

Baseline (a):

Count of service participants who experienced unsheltered homelessness during the 2023–24 fiscal year

Baseline (b):

How many of those people also accessed interim housing

Baseline (c):

How many of those people exited to permanent housing

Goal 1: Service data metric

Baseline (a):

Count of service participants who experienced unsheltered homelessness during the 2023–24 fiscal year

Baseline (b):
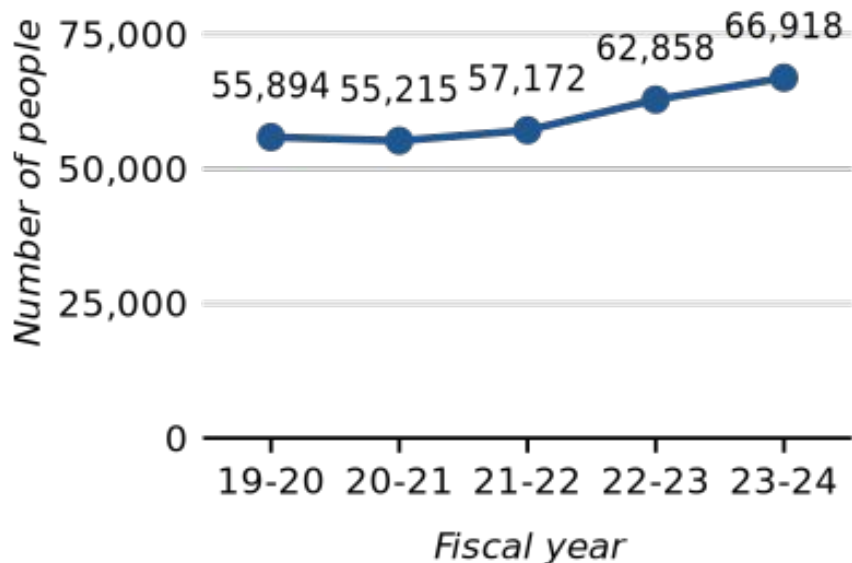
How many of those people also accessed interim housing

Trend:

Change in count of (a), (b), and (c) year over year

Baseline (c):

How many of those people exited to permanent housing

Service data estimate (a): Service participants who experienced unsheltered homelessness

Count of service participants who experienced unsheltered homelessness
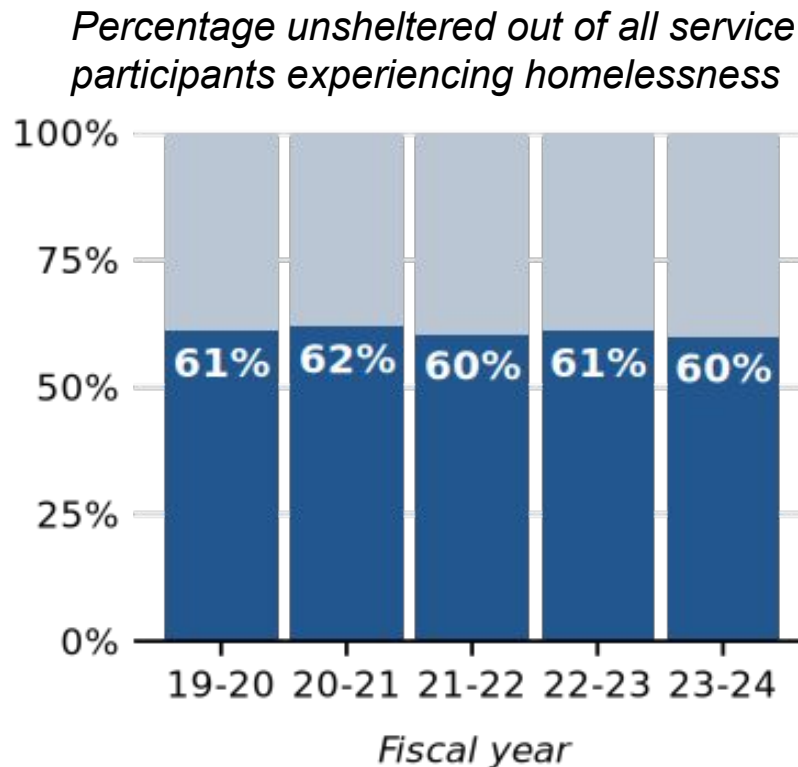

FY 2023–24 baseline:

66,918 people

Change year over year:

+5% on average

*Compare to **5%** average increase in total service participants experiencing homelessness*

Unsheltered people as a percentage of service participants experiencing homelessness

Percentage unsheltered out of all service participants experiencing homelessness

6 in 10
service participants experiencing homelessness were unsheltered in FY 2023–24

Gains in sheltering and housing unsheltered people over five years

Unsheltered service participants who…

FY 2023–24 baseline

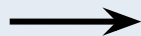*Change year over year*

Also accessed interim housing (b)

22,852 people
(34% of all unsheltered service participants)

→

+14% on average

Exited to permanent housing (c)

5,937 people
(9% of all unsheltered service participants)

→

+19% on average

*Compare to **5%** average increase in total service participants experiencing <u>unsheltered</u> homelessness*

Goal 2

People Experiencing Homelessness With Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder

Goal 2

Measure A language

Reduce the number of people with mental illness and/or substance use disorders who experience homelessness (Section 4.A.2)

Goal 2: Survey/PIT data metric (self-reported)

Baseline:

Estimated population who report long-term serious mental illness (SMI) or long-term substance use disorder (SUD) in 2024 PIT Count
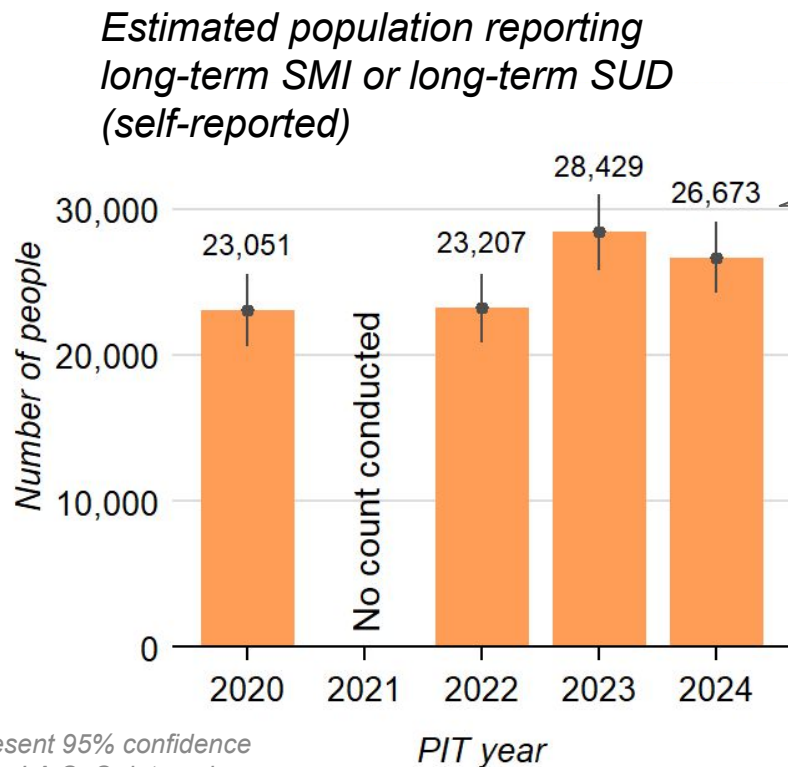
Trend:

Change in population year over year

Survey questions ask about:

- *Permanent or long-term difficulties with drugs/alcohol*

- *Permanent or long-term serious mental illnesses*

PIT estimate: People experiencing homelessness with serious mental illness or substance use disorder

Estimated population reporting long-term SMI or long-term SUD (self-reported)
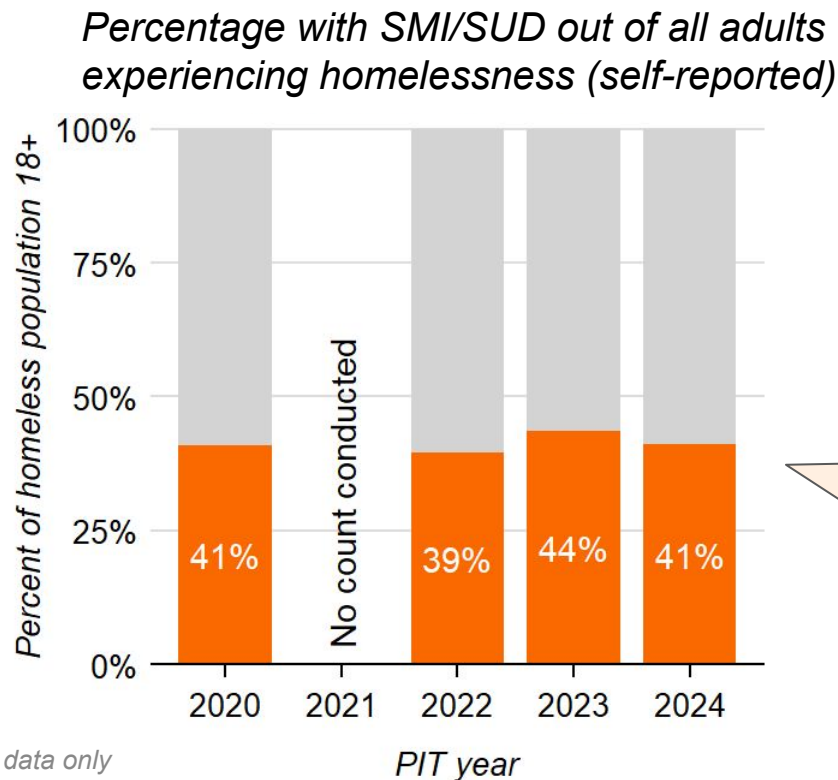

2024 baseline:

26,673 people

Change year over year:

+8% on average

*Compare to 7% average increase in total number of people experiencing homelessness

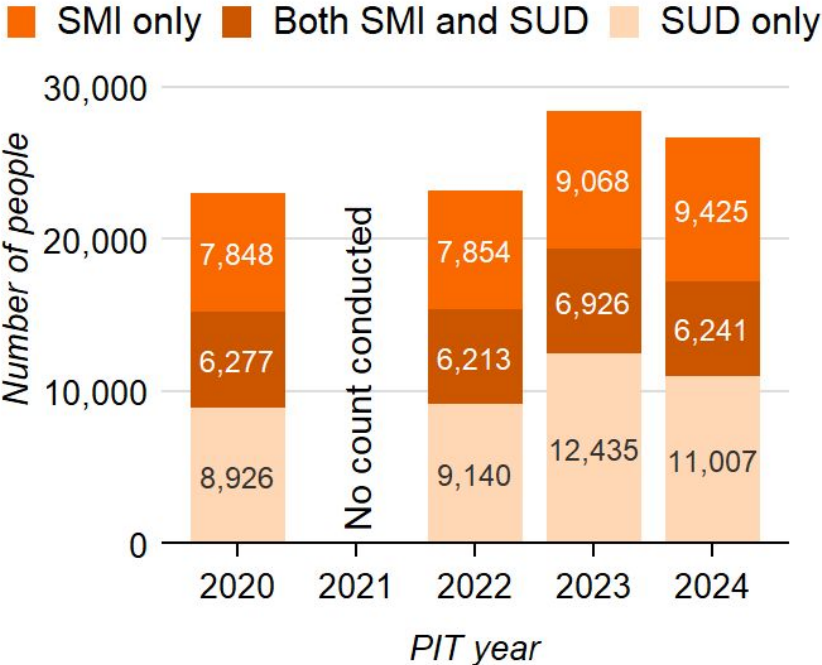* Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals. Includes LA CoC data only

People with serious mental illness or substance use disorder as percentage of all adults experiencing homelessness
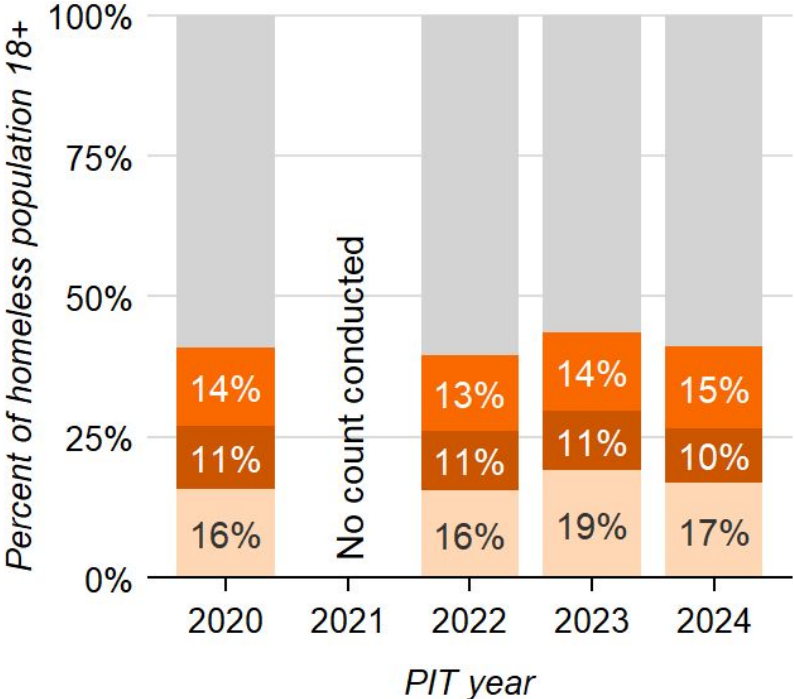

Percentage with SMI/SUD out of all adults experiencing homelessness (self-reported)

Percent of homeless population 18+

100%
75%
50%
25%
0%

2020: 41%
2021: No count conducted
2022: 39%
2023: 44%
2024: 41%

PIT year

4 in 10 people experiencing homelessness reported a serious mental illness or substance use disorder in 2024

* Includes LA CoC data only

Goal 2: Breakdown by type of disorder (serious mental illness, substance use disorder, or both)

Population with SMI/SUD broken down by type of disorder (self-reported)

Percentage with SMI/SUD out of all adults experiencing homelessness

Legend: ■ SMI only ■ Both SMI and SUD □ SUD only

Left chart — Number of people by PIT year:

PIT year	SMI only	Both SMI and SUD	SUD only
2020	7,848	6,277	8,926
2021	No count conducted		
2022	7,854	6,213	9,140
2023	9,068	6,926	12,435
2024	9,425	6,241	11,007

Y-axis: Number of people (0 to 30,000)

Right chart — Percent of homeless population 18+:

PIT year	SMI only	Both SMI and SUD	SUD only
2020	14%	11%	16%
2021	No count conducted		
2022	13%	11%	16%
2023	14%	11%	19%
2024	15%	10%	17%

Y-axis: Percent of homeless population 18+ (0% to 100%)

Goal 2: Service data metric

Baseline:

Count of service participants with evidence of a substance use disorder (SUD) or serious mental illness (SMI) during 2023–24 fiscal year

Trend:

Change in count year over year

Evidence of mental illness or SUD is based on:

1. Reports in **homelessness services records**

2. Diagnoses or treatments recorded in **linked clinical data**

Service data definitions

Substance use disorder (SUD): Mental and behavioral disorders due to psychoactive substance use (excluding nicotine dependence)

Serious mental illness (SMI)*: Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders, bipolar and related disorders, and depressive disorder

* PTSD is not included in the SMI metric, but is reported separately

Service data estimates: participants with substance use disorder (SUD) or serious mental illness (SMI)

Count of service participants with SUD or SMI
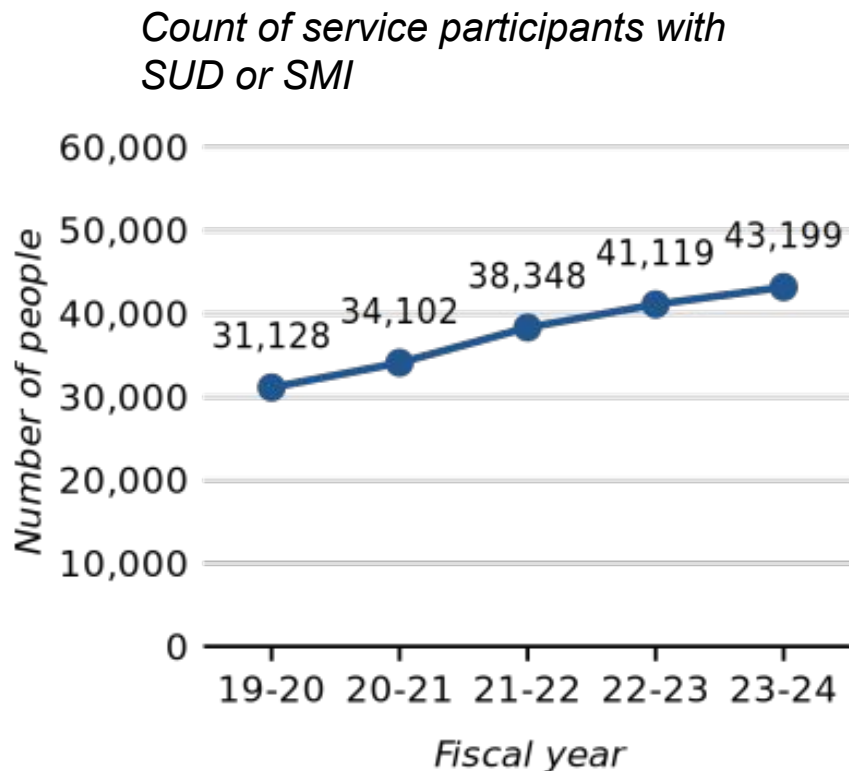
FY 2023–24 baseline:

43,199 people

Change year over year:

+9% on average

*Compare to **5%** average increase in total service participants experiencing homelessness

People with serious mental illness or substance use disorder as percentage of all service participants experiencing homelessness

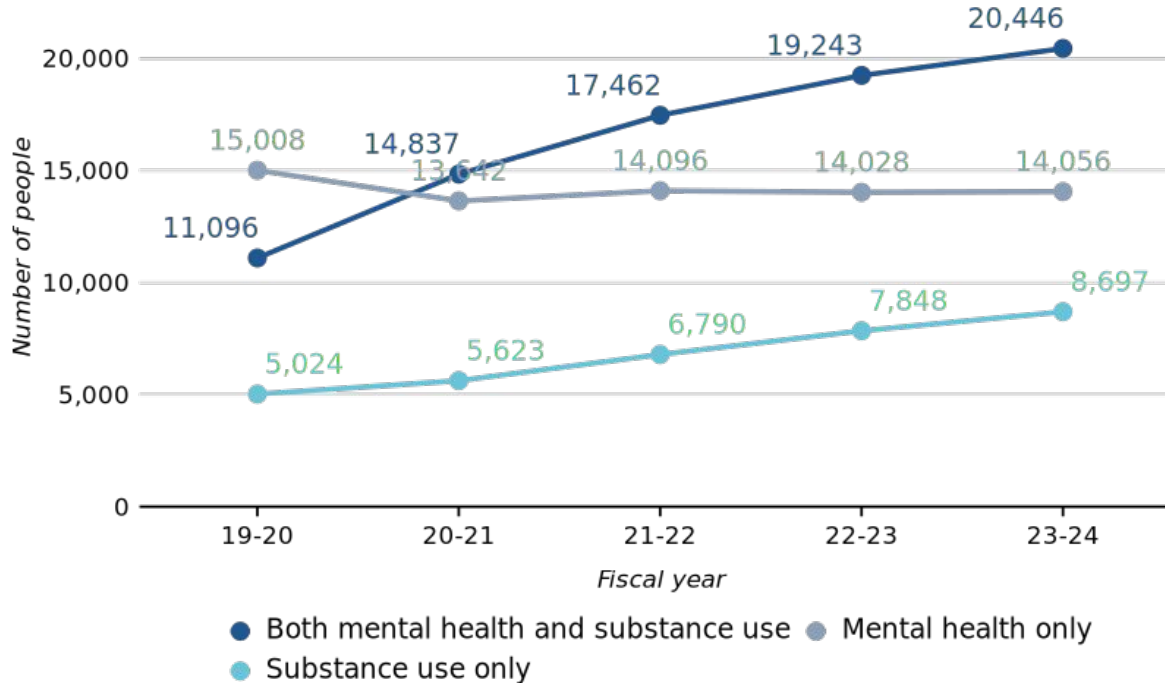*Percentage with SMI/SUD out of all service participants experiencing homelessness*

100%
75%
50%
25%
0%

34% 38% 40% 40% 39%

19-20 20-21 21-22 22-23 23-24

Fiscal year
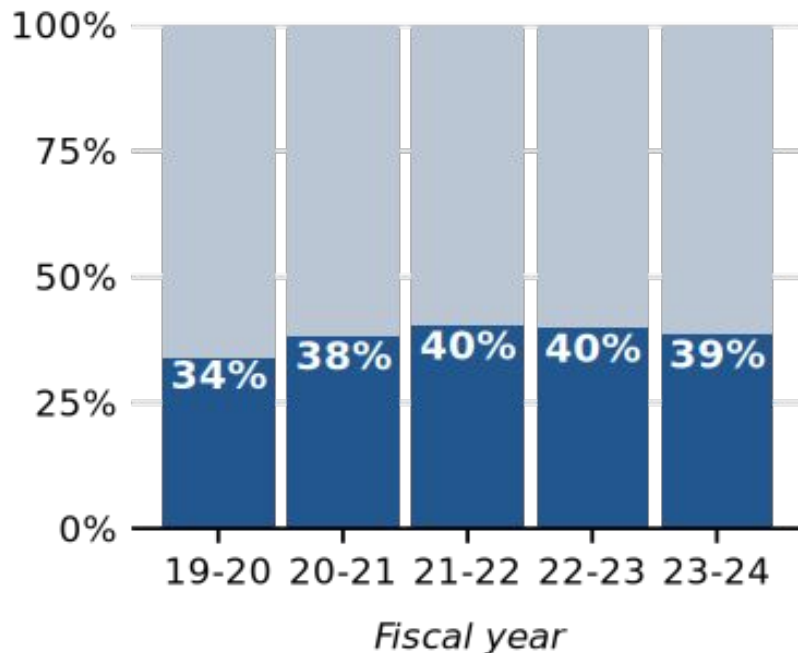
4 in 10
service participants had evidence of serious mental illness or substance use disorder

Goal 2: Service data estimates by condition

Breakdown by type of disorder

Goal 3
Permanent Exits From Homelessness

Goal 3

Measure A language

Increase the number of people permanently leaving homelessness (Section 4.A.3)

Goal 3: Admin data metric

Baseline (a):

Count of service participants who exited homelessness to permanent housing during 2023–24 fiscal year

Goal 3: Admin data metric

Baseline (b):

Count of service participants who exited homelessness to permanent housing during 2023–24 **and did not return to homelessness within 24 months**
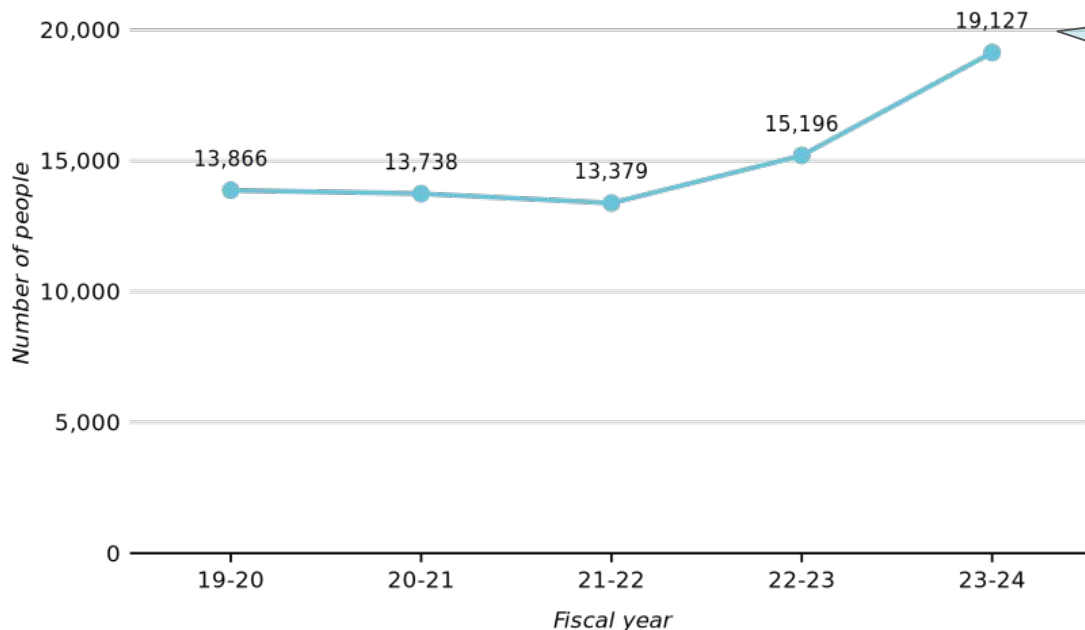
Trend:

Change in count of (b) year over year

We count a person as "returning to homelessness" if:
They **enter homelessness services again** 24 months or less after their exit to housing.

Service data estimates: People who exited to permanent housing (a)

*Count of service participants who exited to permanent housing*

FY 2023–24 baseline:
19,127 people

Change year over year:
+9% on average

*Compare to **5%** average increase in total service participants experiencing homelessness*

Service data estimates: People who exited to permanent housing <u>without returning</u> in 24 months (b)

Count who exited to permanent housing,
exited without returning within 12 months, and
exited without returning within 24 months
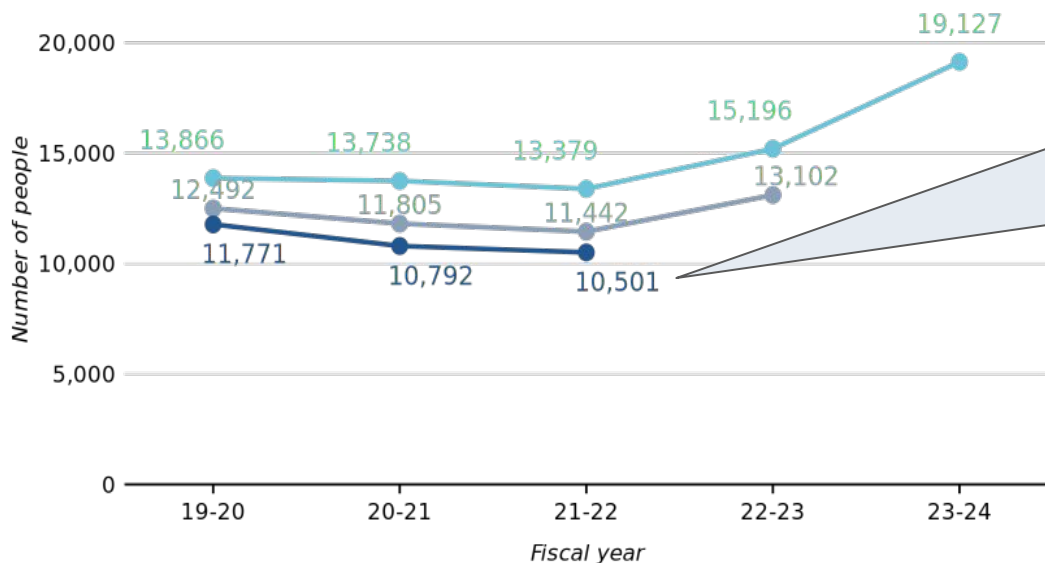
FY <u>2021–22</u> baseline:
(Exited w/out returning in 24 months)

10,501 people

Change year over year (FY19 to FY21)

−6% on average

Goal 4
New Entries Into Homelessness

Goal 4

Measure A language

Prevent people from falling into homelessness (Section 4.A.4)

Goal 4: Survey/PIT data metric

Baseline:

Estimated population of unsheltered people who report in 2024 PIT count that they are in their first episode of homelessness (of any duration)
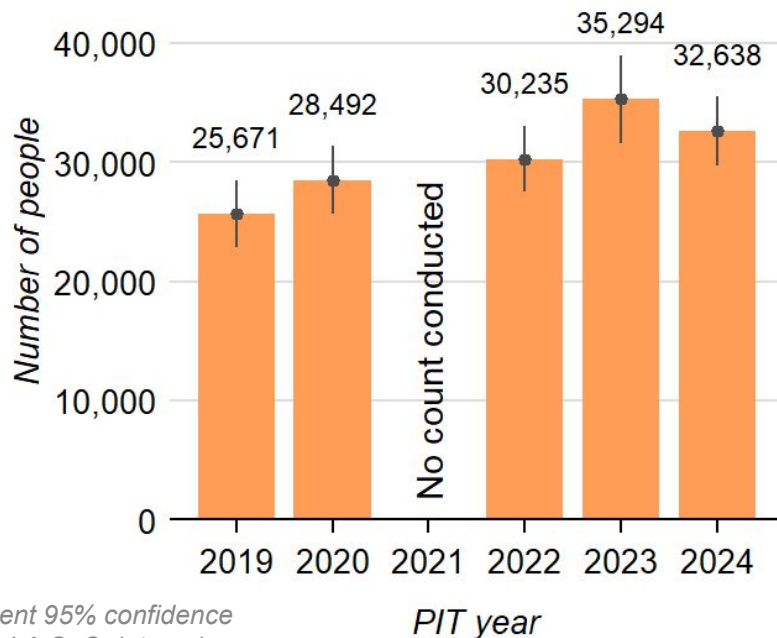
*Measured only for adults who were **unsheltered** at the time of the PIT count (data for sheltered people not available)*

Trend:

Change in population year over year

PIT estimate: Unsheltered population in first episode of homelessness

Estimated unsheltered population in first episode of homelessness (of any duration)
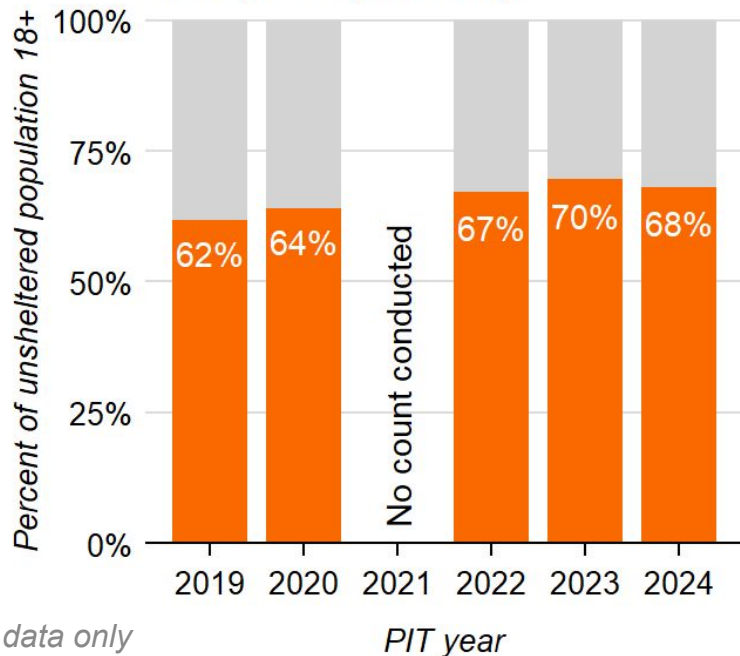

2024 baseline:

32,638 people

Change year over year:

+7% on average

*Compare to **5%** average increase in total number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness*

*Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals. Includes LA CoC data only

Population in first episode of homelessness, as percentage of all unsheltered adults experiencing homelessness

Percentage in first episode out of all unsheltered adults experiencing homelessness

7 in 10 people experiencing homelessness were in their first episode of homelessness in 2024

*Includes LA CoC data only

Goal 4: Service data metric

Baseline:

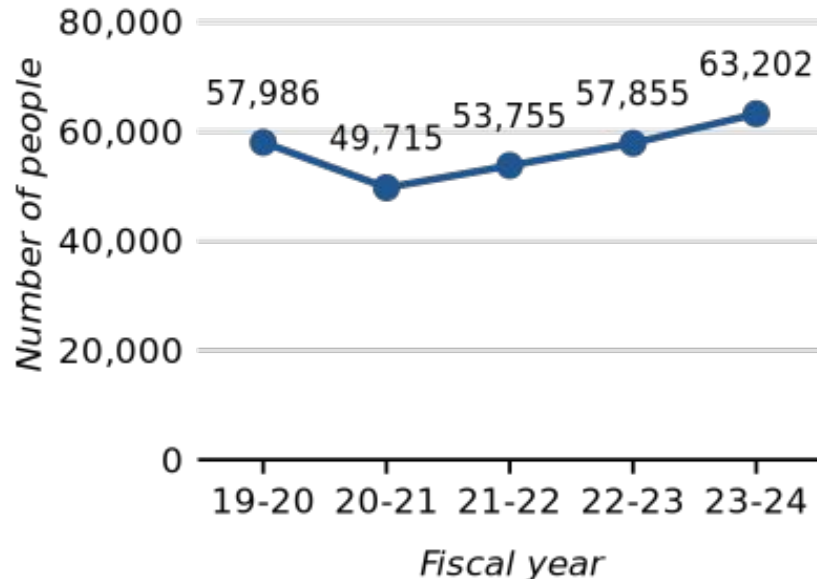Count of service participants newly accessing homelessness services during the 2023–24 fiscal year

We count someone as "newly accessing services" if:
at least 24 months prior, they have not appeared in admin data with evidence they are homeless

Metric:

Change in count year over year

Admin data estimate: People newly accessing homelessness services

Count of service participants newly accessing homelessness services


FY 2023–24 baseline:

63,202 people

Change year over year:

+3% on average

*Compare to **5%** average increase in total service participants experiencing homelessness*

People newly accessing services, as percentage of all service participants experiencing homelessness

Percentage newly accessing services out of all service participants experiencing homelessness
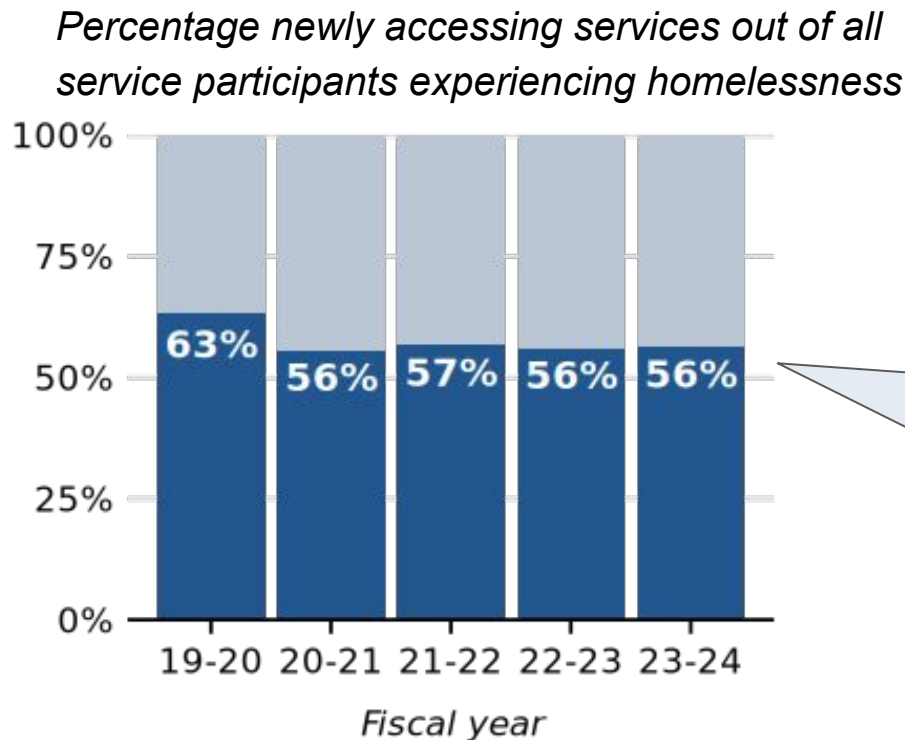
Over 1 in 2 *service participants in FY 2023–24 were newly accessing services that year*

Key Takeaways

- **The number of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County is growing.**

- **Inflow into the homelessness system is significant and constant over time.**

- **There have been gains in moving people from homelessness to permanent housing and serving unsheltered people in interim housing.**

- **The proportion of people with service histories indicating serious mental illness or substance use disorder is relatively constant over time.**

Thank you