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The Changing Demographic Outlook and Housing Trends: Homelessness in Los Angeles

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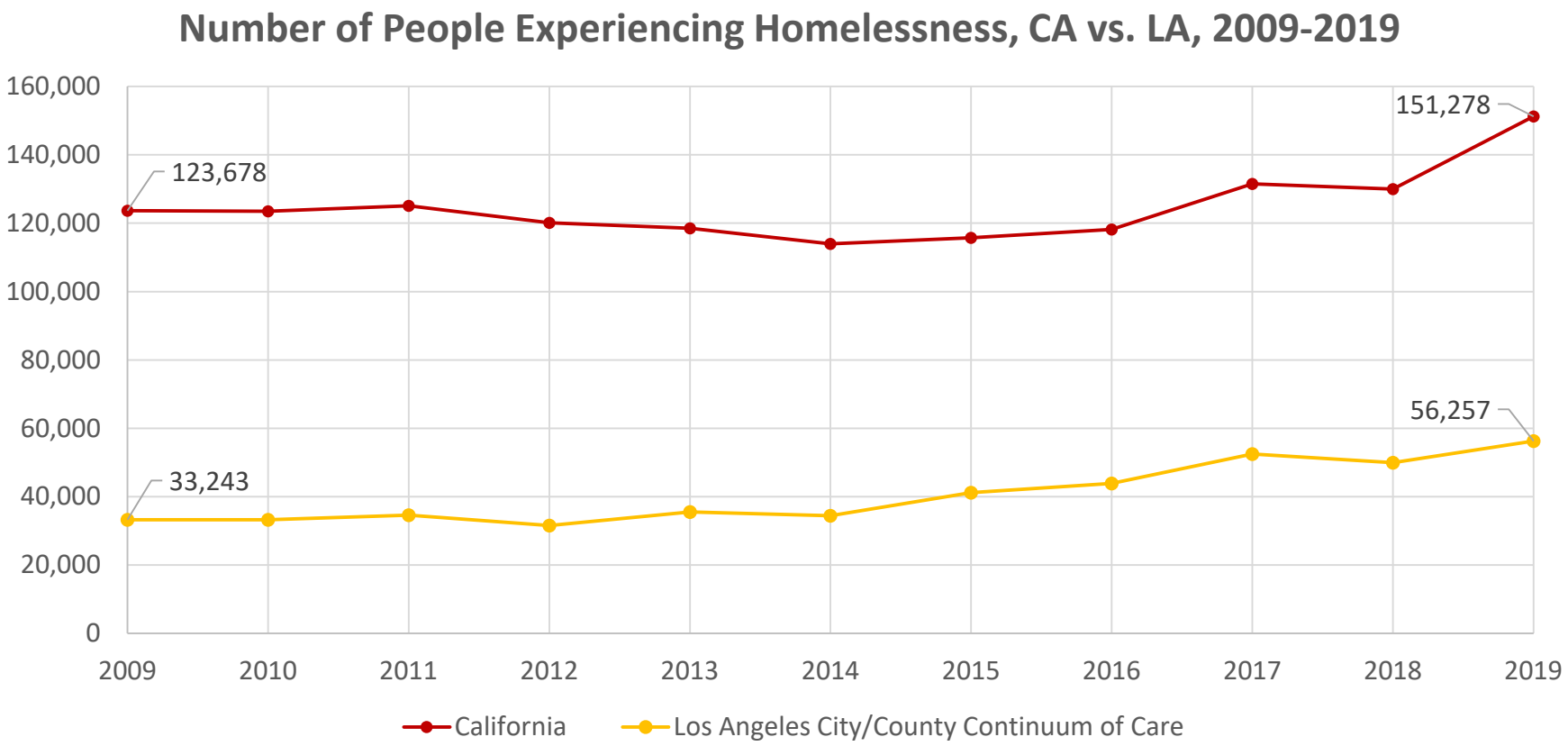
What do we know about homelessness in CA?



Source: HUD Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, 2019

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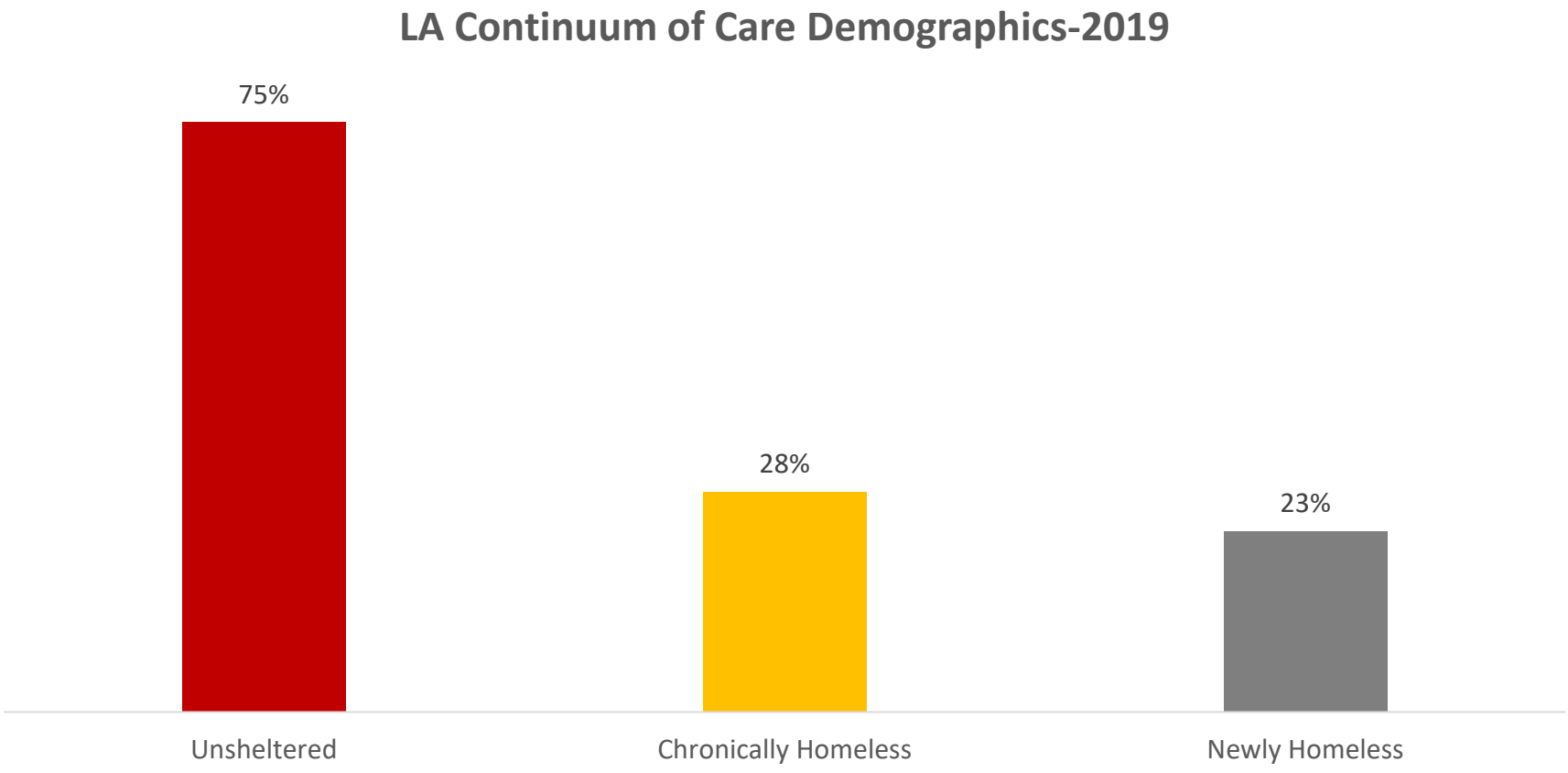

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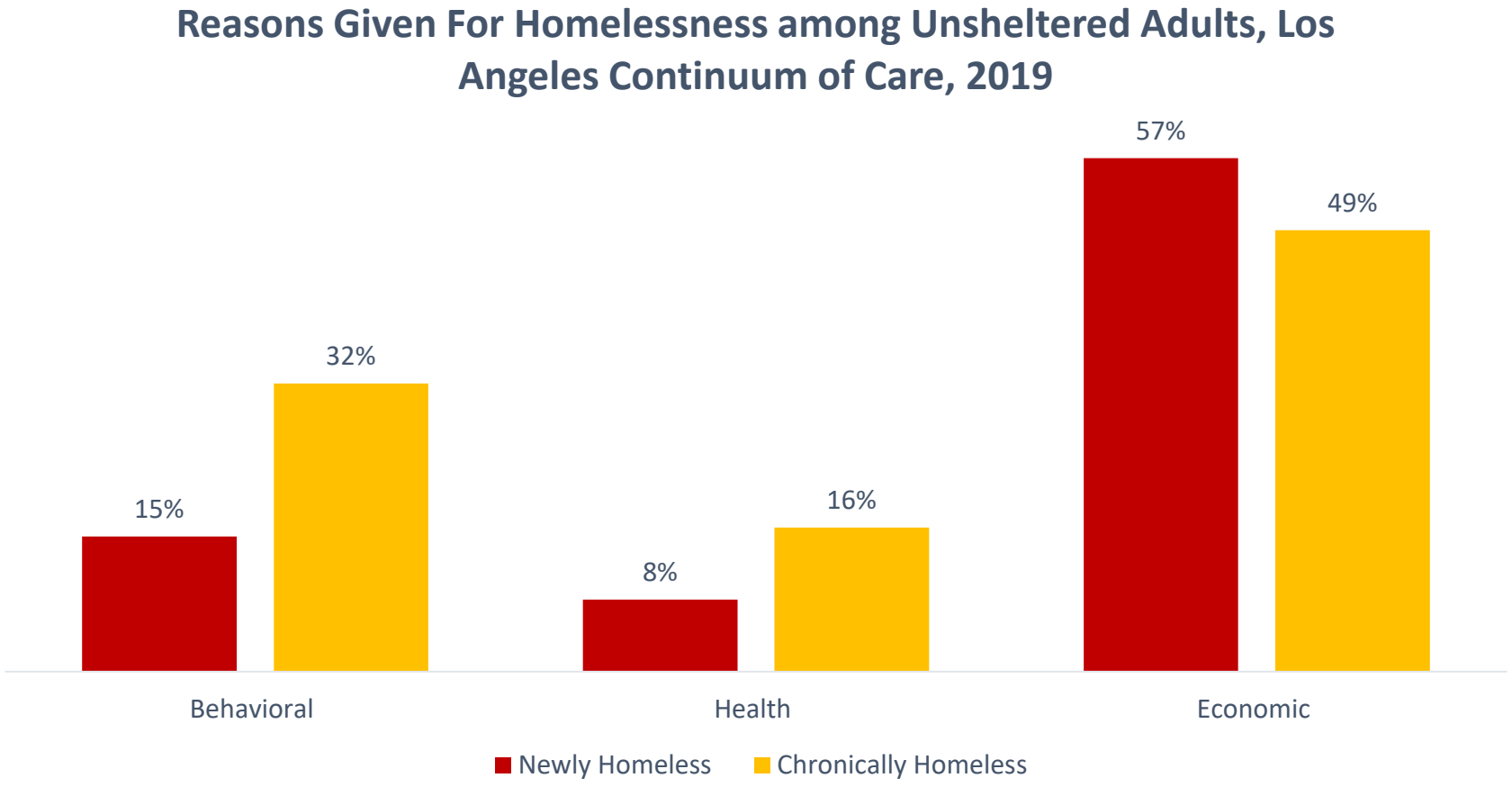

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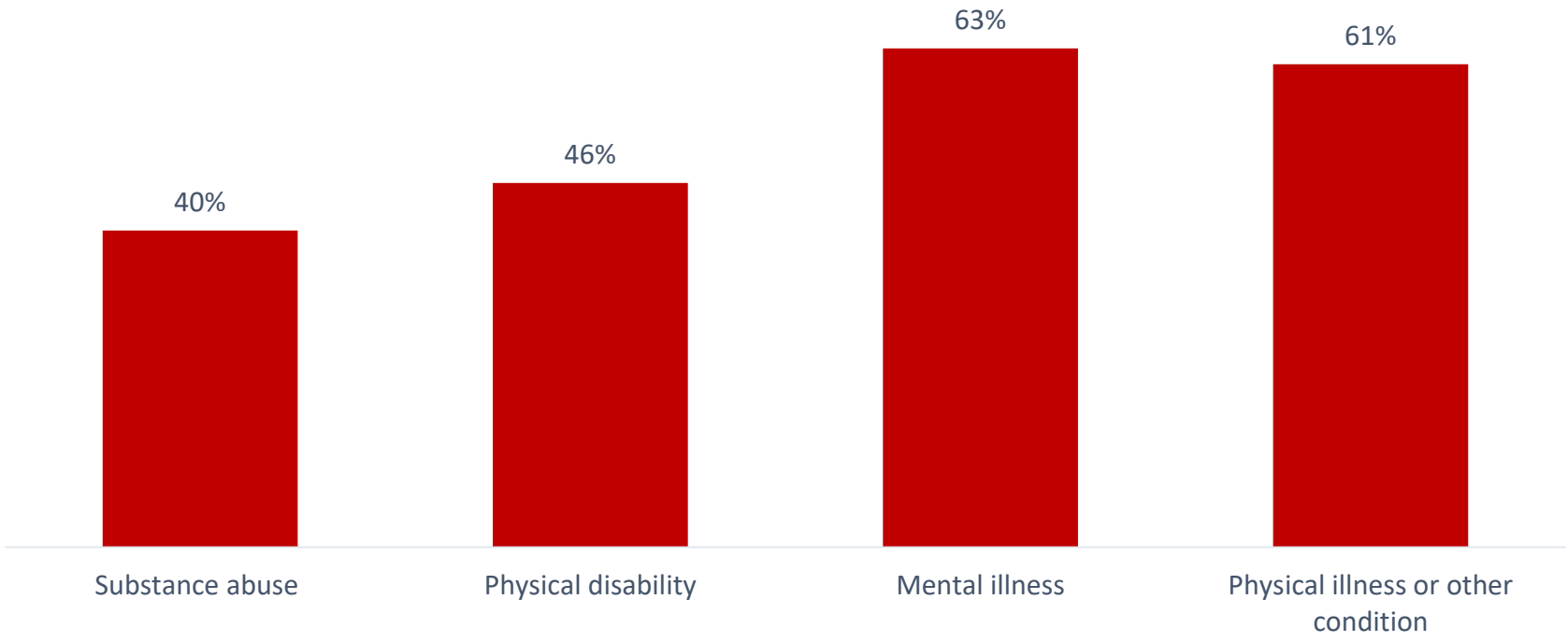

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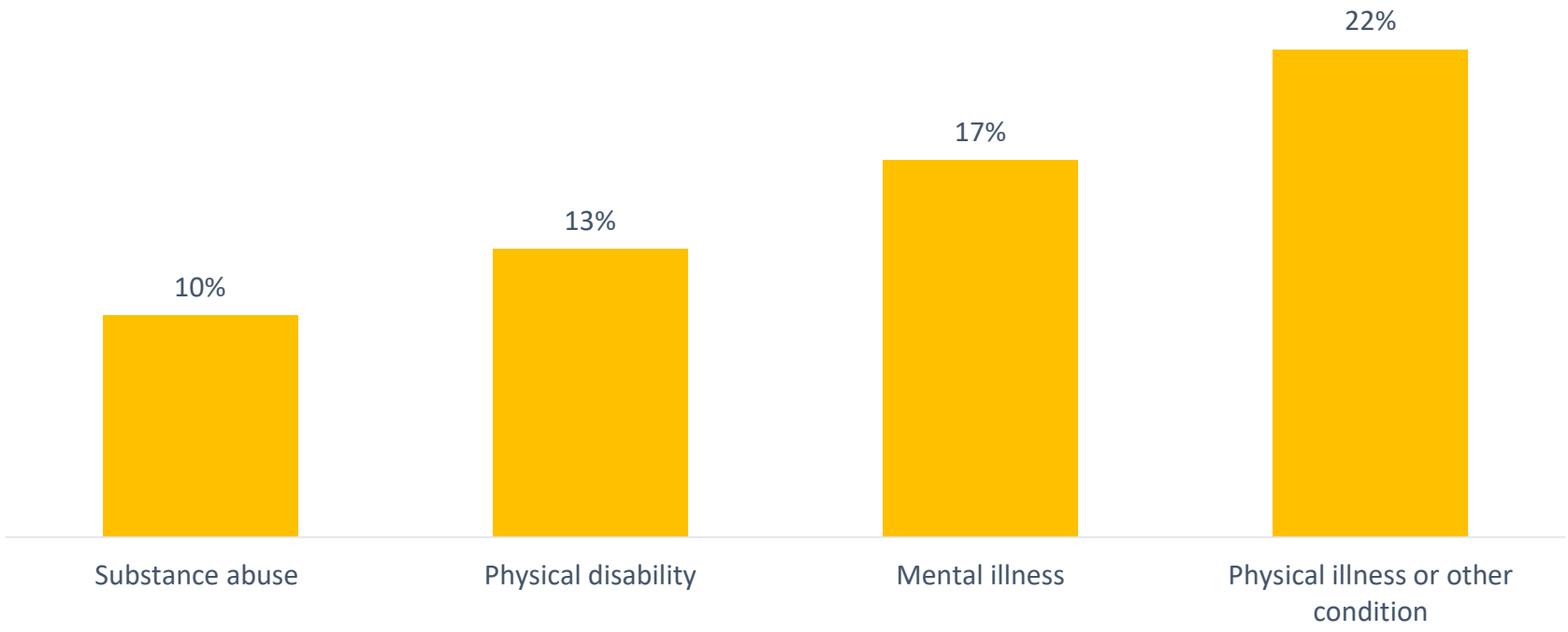

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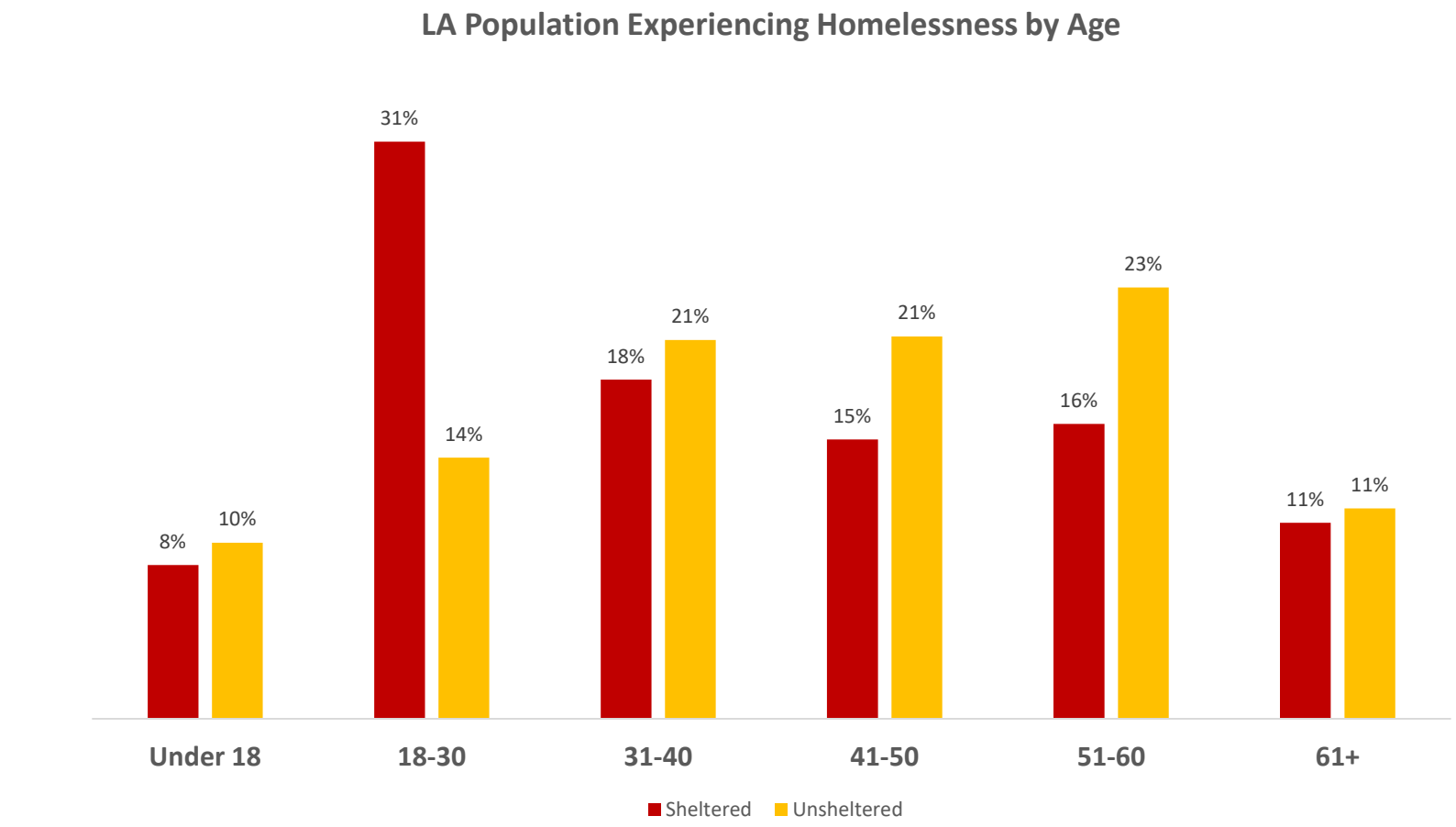

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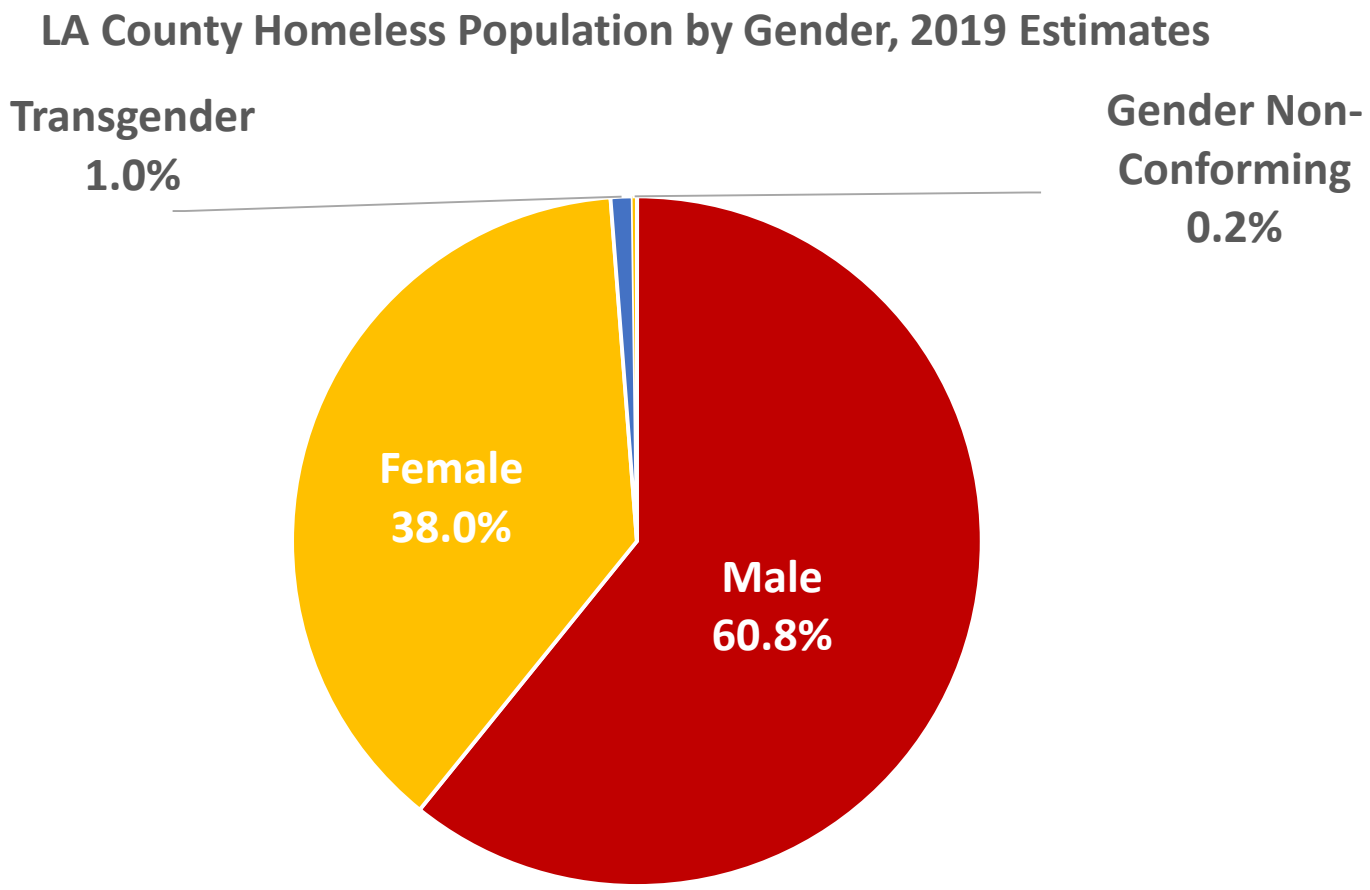

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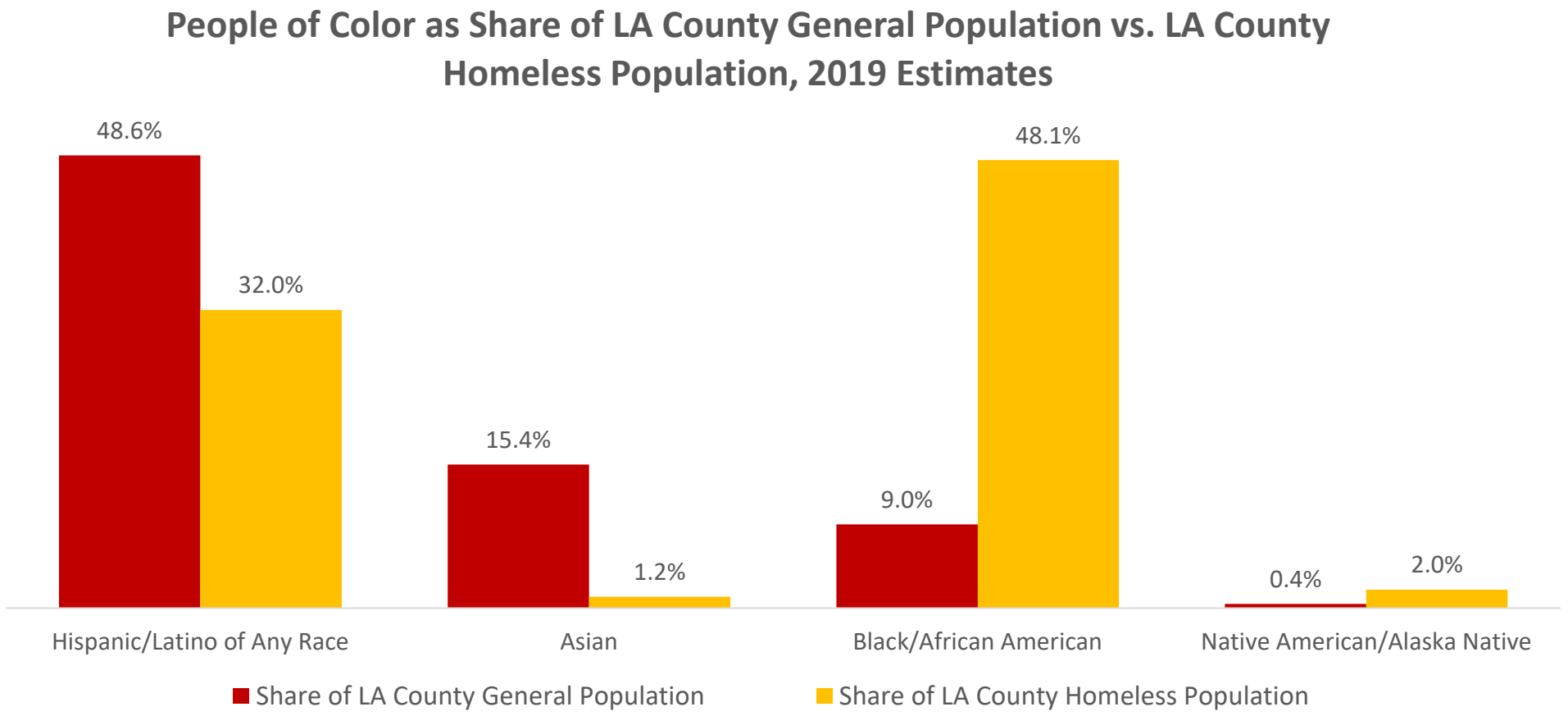

Source: HUD Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, 2019; US Census Bureau Quick Facts, 2019

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COVID-19 in Los Angeles's Homeless Community

- **COVID-19 cases confirmed by laboratory test:**

	Resident Cases:	Staff Cases:
Shelters/ Homeless Service Centers:	202	29
Encampments:	37	-

Source: County of Los Angeles Public Health. Updated 6/3/20

Six people experiencing homelessness have died from COVID-19 in Los Angeles County as of June 3, 2020.

How did we get here?

- Constrained housing supply
- Severe rent burden
- Institutional and systemic racism

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- As of 2019, California is experiencing a **shortage of 1.4 million affordable homes** given the demand for affordable housing.

- **Housing construction has lagged** in California's coastal metro areas since the 1990s, driving up housing costs.

Source: California Housing Partnership, 2019; California Legislative Analyst's Office, 2019

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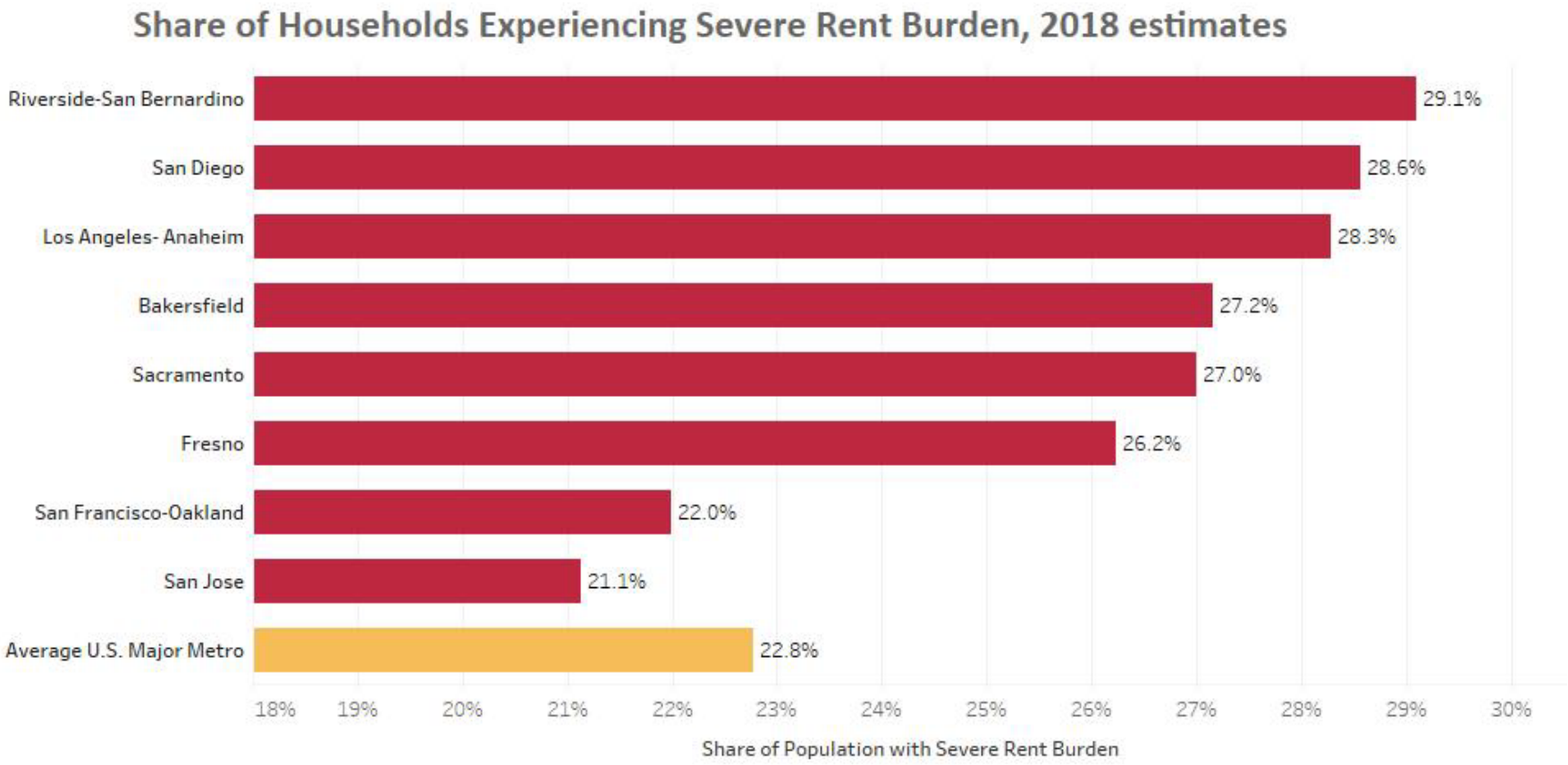
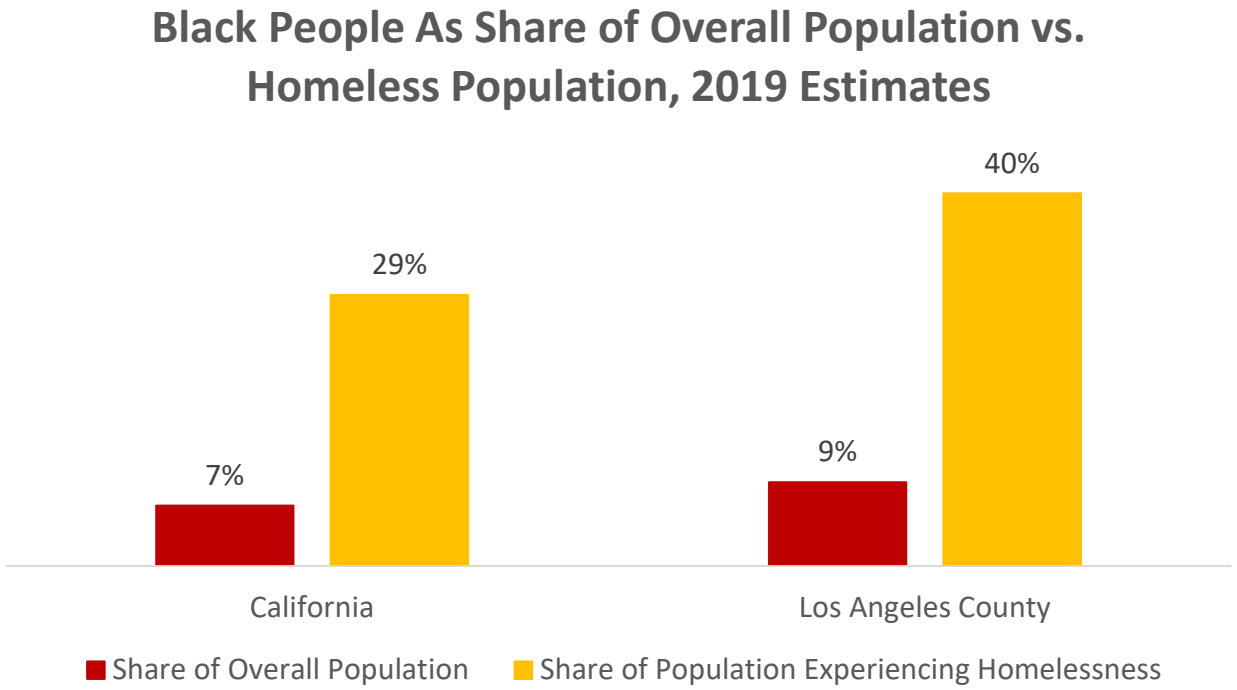


Source: 2018 ACS 1-Year Estimates

How did we get here?

- Overrepresentation in the criminal justice system
- Housing segregation and discrimination
- Employment discrimination and unemployment



Source: LAHSA Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness, 2018

Where do we go from here?

- Systems Changes
  - Financing
  - Planning and zoning
  - Institutional racism
- Interventions for People
  - Prevention
    - Eviction Moratoria
    - Workout strategies for accrued non payment of rent
    - Targeted emergency aid
  - Expansion of Medicaid benefits
  - Linkages to Supportive Housing

Thank you!

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Current Homelessness Research

Addressing Disparities:

- Increasing Black Tenant Retention in Permanent Supportive Housing
- Coordinated Entry System (CES) Triage Tool Research & Refinement

Image Source: LAHSA

COVID-19 Related:

- Permanent Supportive Housing for adults ages 65+ after Project Room Key
- Examining the efficacy of text message surveys and social distancing/sanitation awareness at Skid Row Housing Trust
- Responding to intimate partner violence and homelessness
- Healthcare systems and homelessness intersection
- Housing policies to prevent homelessness (mortgage forbearance, rent forgiveness)

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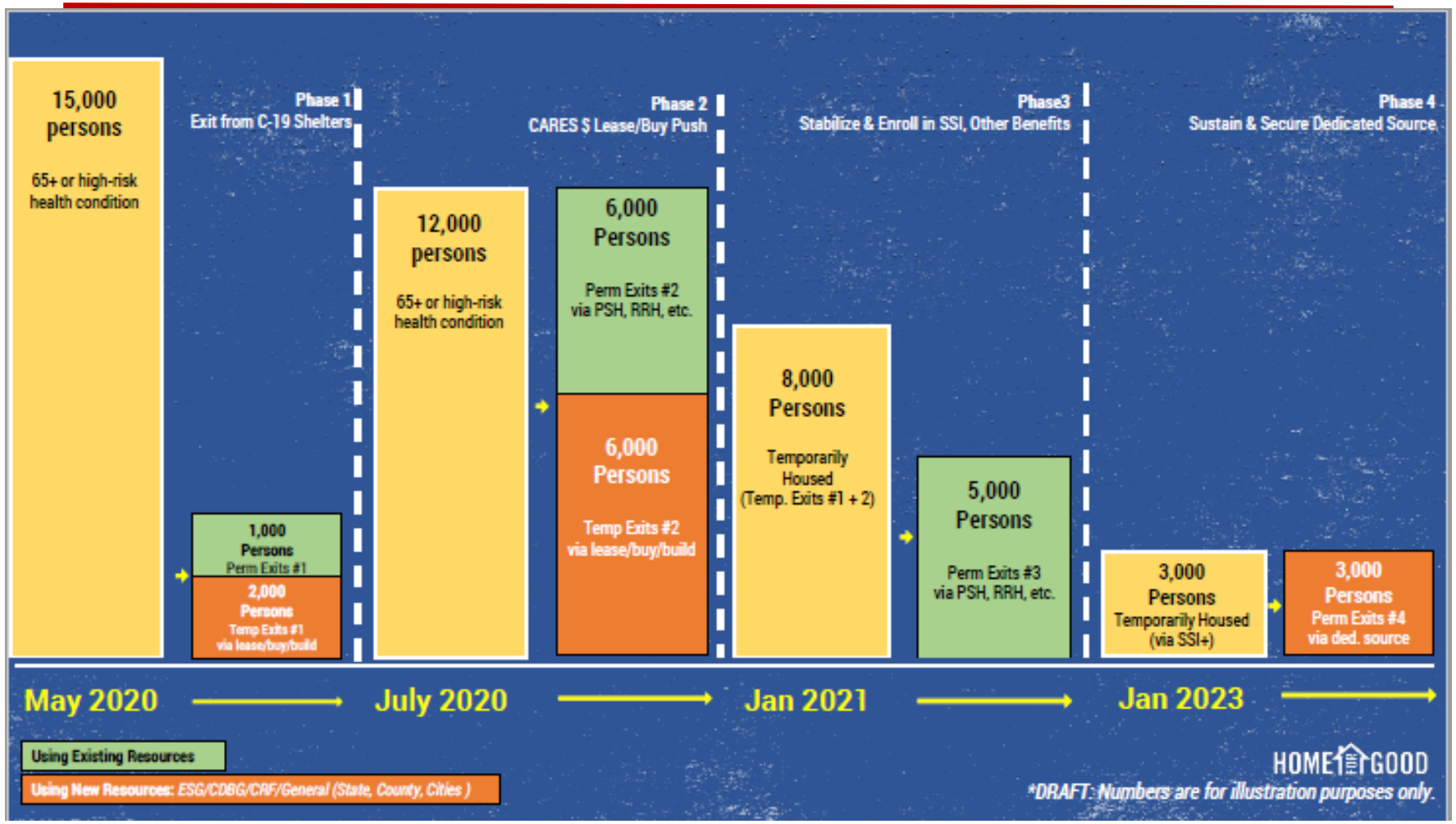

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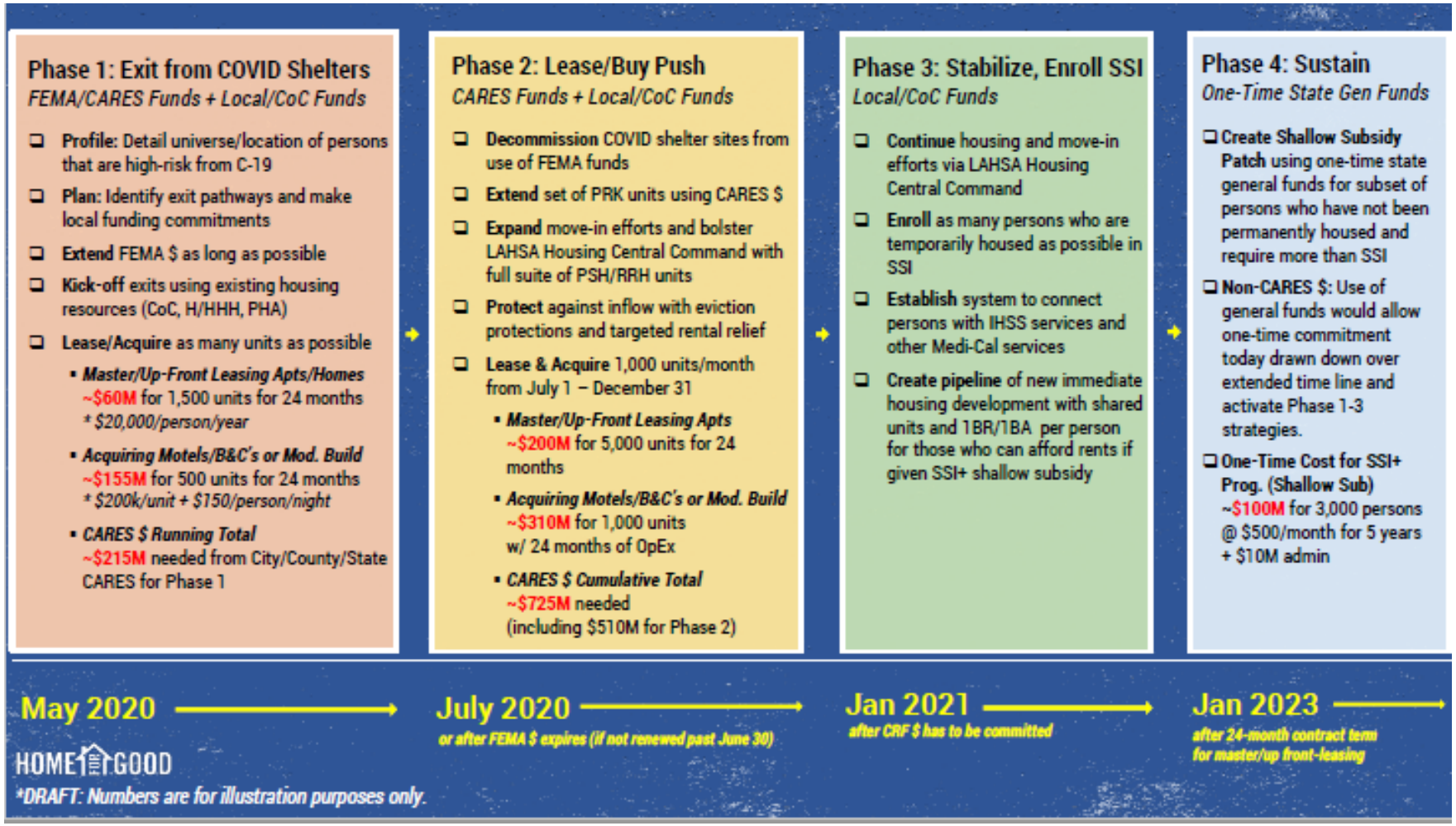
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