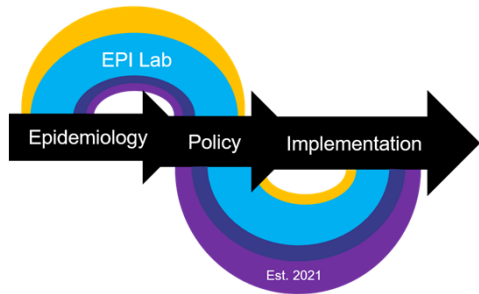


Homelessness & substance use in the City of Los Angeles:



Update & Call to Action



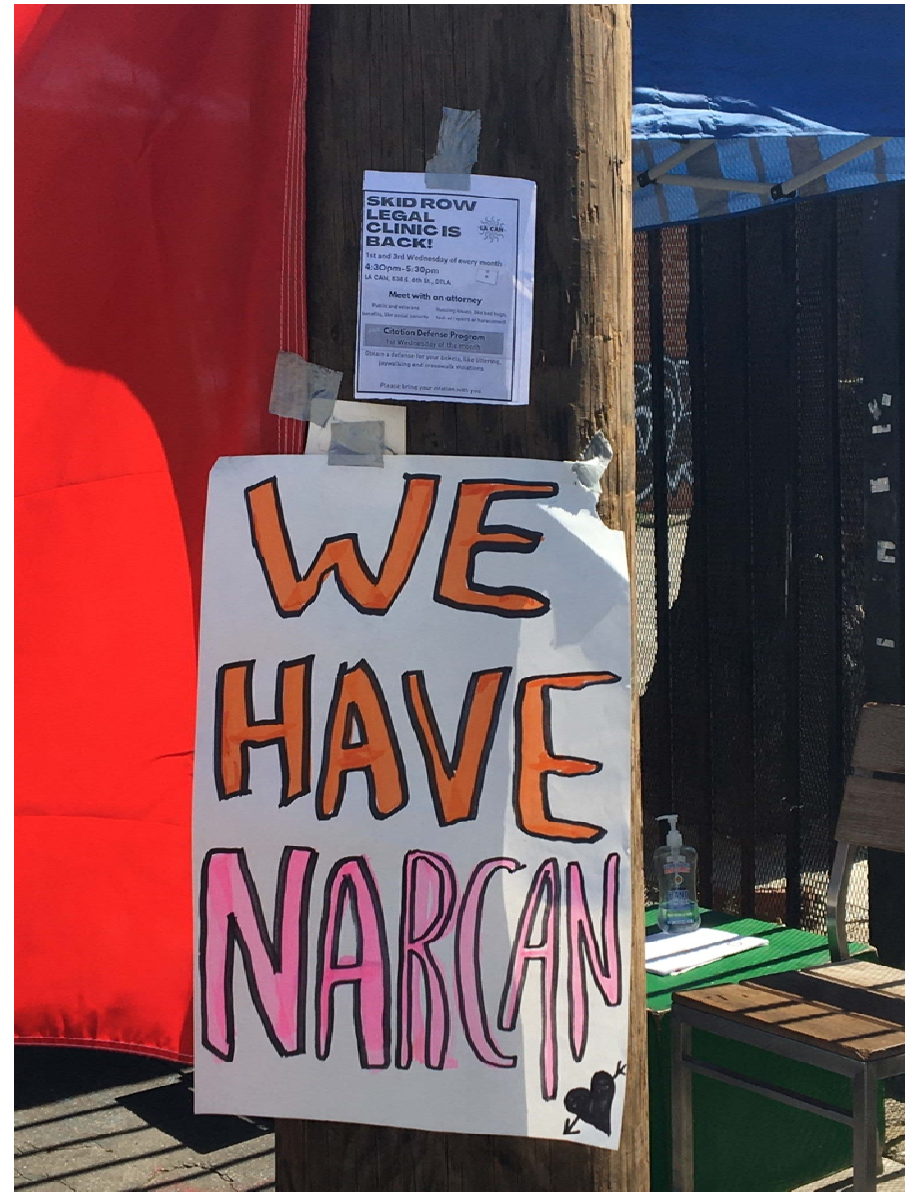
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First, some quick stats



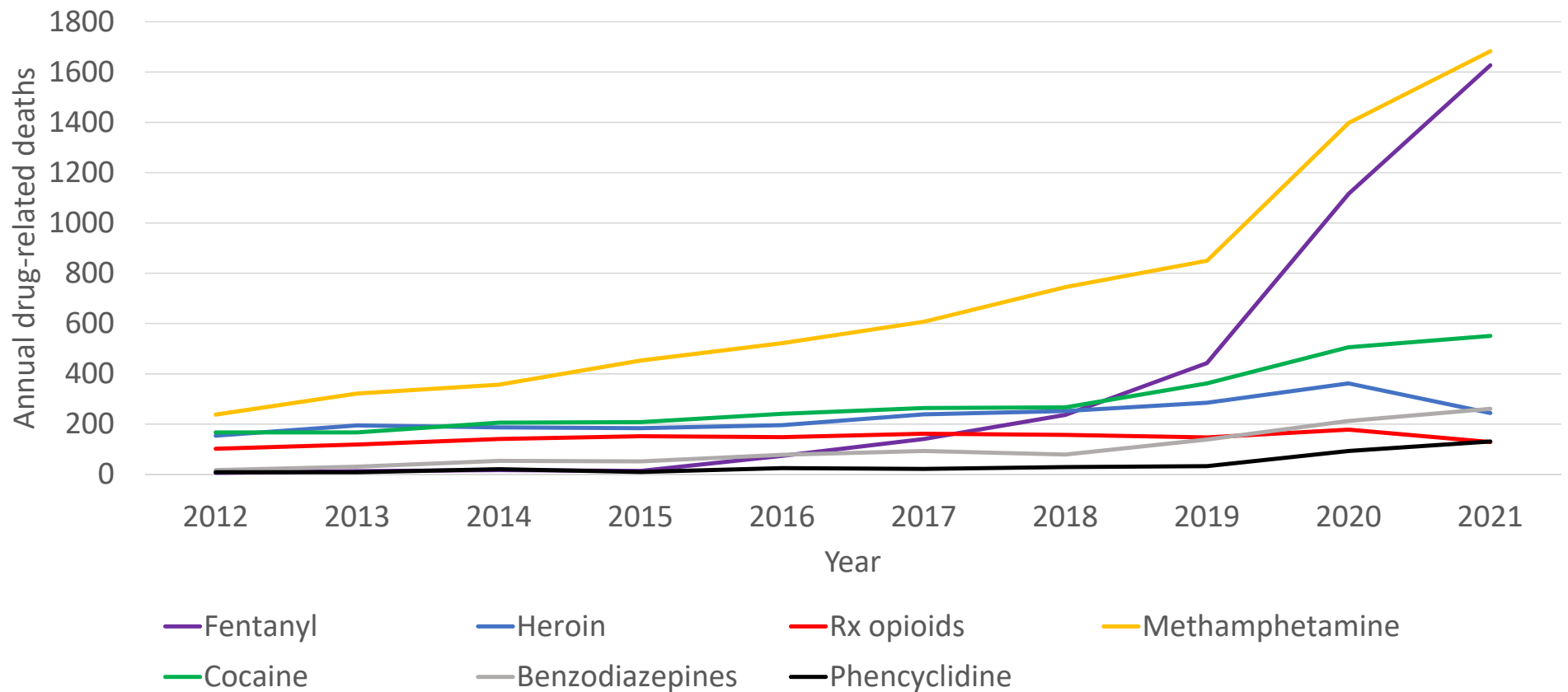
2023 Point-in-Time count estimated

46,260 people

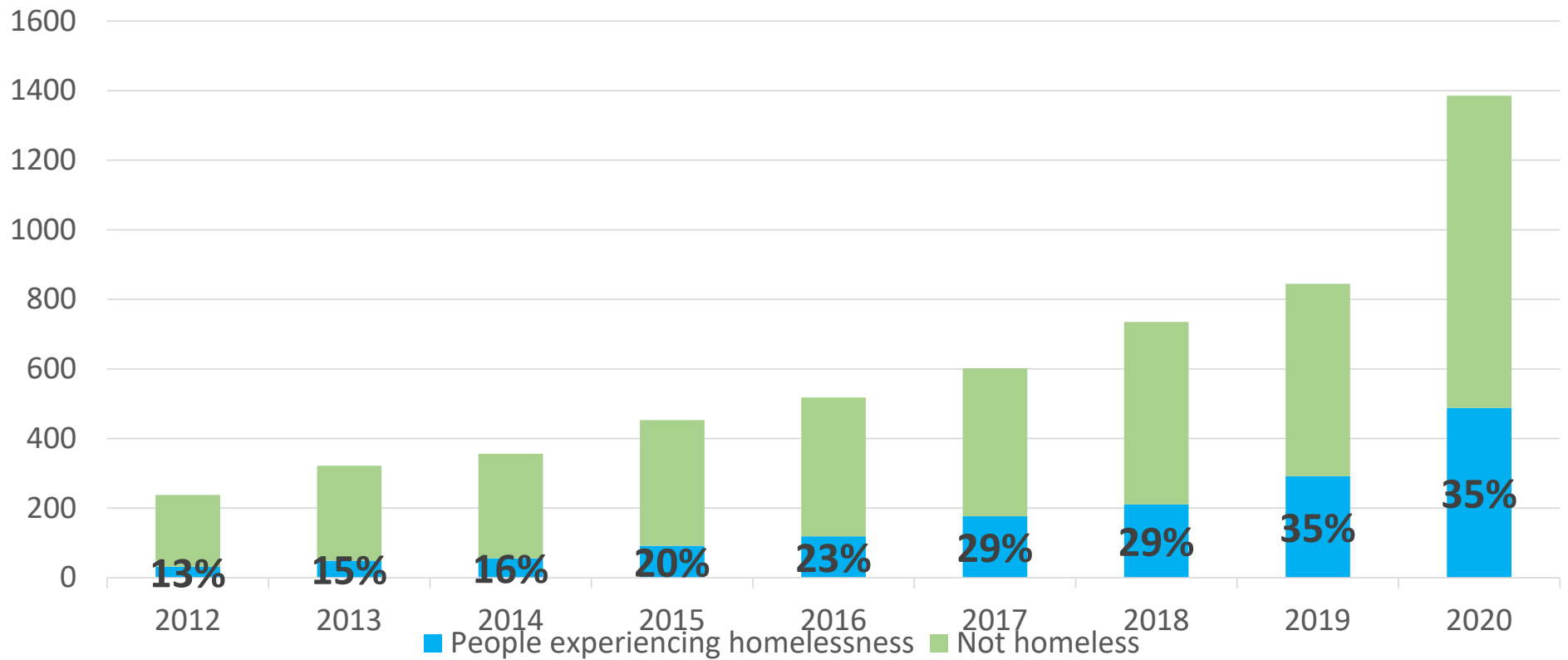
are experiencing homelessness on a given night in the City of Los Angeles.

75,518 in the County of Los Angeles

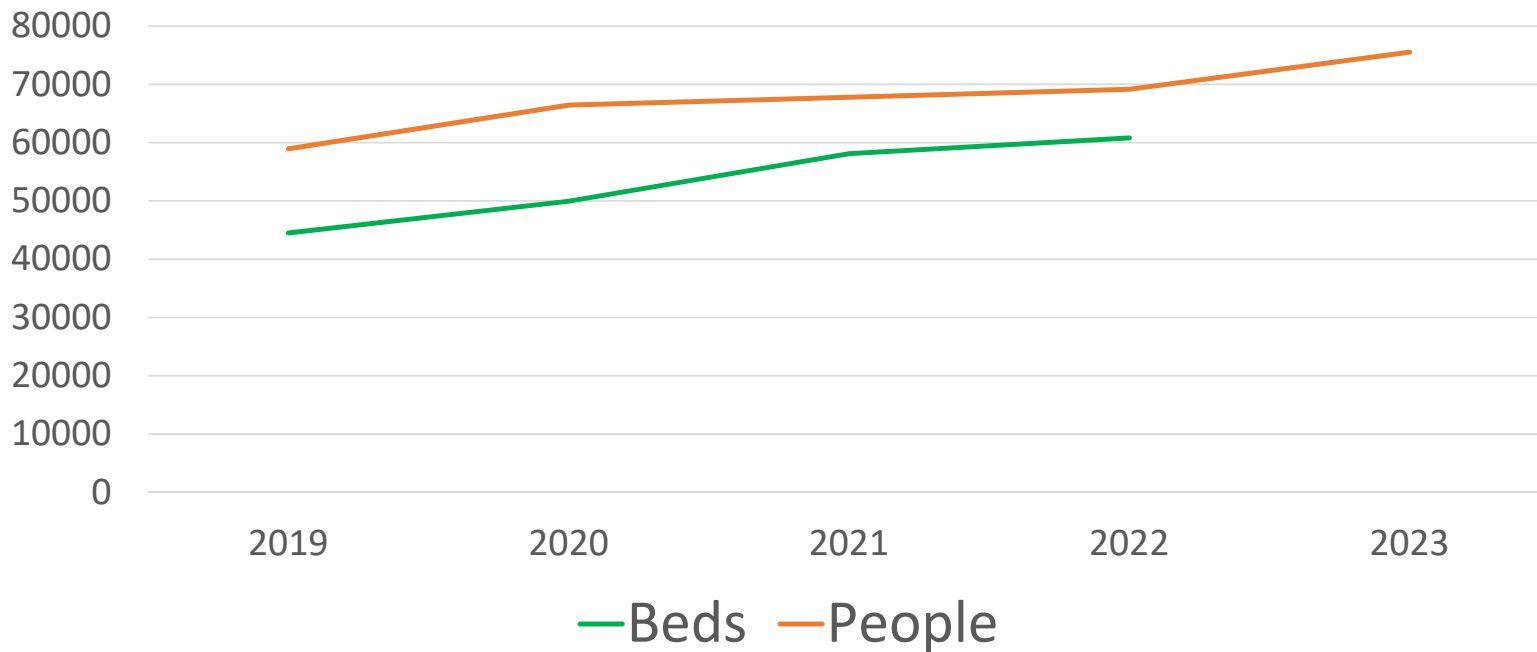
Los Angeles drug deaths largely involve methamphetamine, but fentanyl is rising



Annual methamphetamine-related deaths, stratified by homelessness status, Los Angeles County, 2012 - 2020



Beds are increasing, but not as fast as the number of people experiencing homelessness



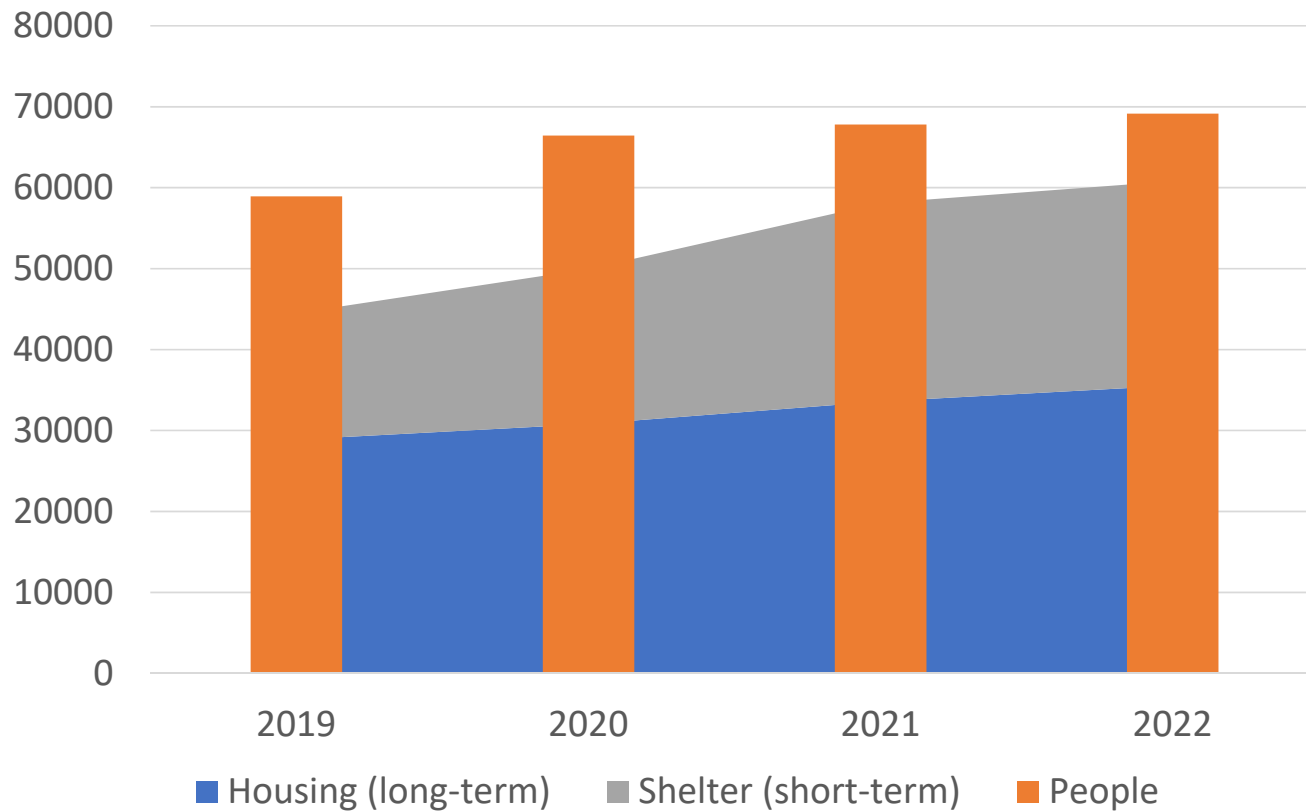
Source: LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Point-in-Time Count & Housing Inventory Count

Short-term (shelter) vs. long-term (housing)

a continuum of services



Slower growth in long-term housing



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New opportunities in Los Angeles

Low barrier
addiction
treatment



Contingency Management



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What's in illegal drugs? A UCLA team takes testing to the streets to find out

Drug Checking



UCLA project director Ruby Romero, left, and UCLA project manager Caitlin Molina demonstrate how they test street drugs for a UCLA study in Los Angeles. (Genaro Molina / Los Angeles Times)

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