



# California State Point in Time Homeless Data

Joint Hearing of the Assembly Housing and Community  
Development Committee and the Assembly Select Committee  
on Homelessness

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## 2013 Point-in-Time Count Data

- National analysis of 2013 Point-in-Time Count data being prepared for public release in near future, but not yet available
- HUD and USICH will be happy to work with State of California to analyze data and compare state and national trends
- Information presented today is based on 2012 data

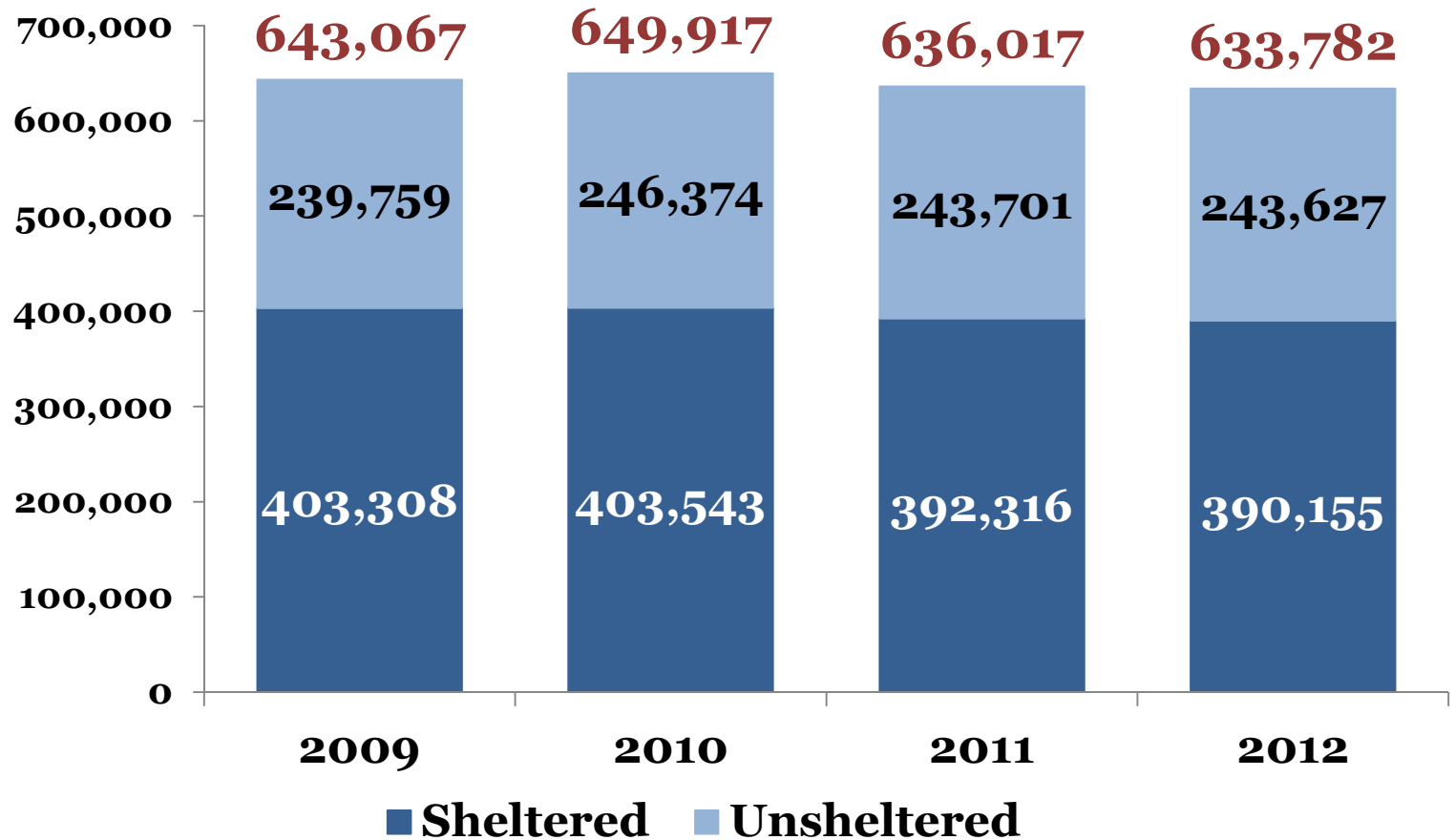


# Total Homelessness: National and California Data and Trends



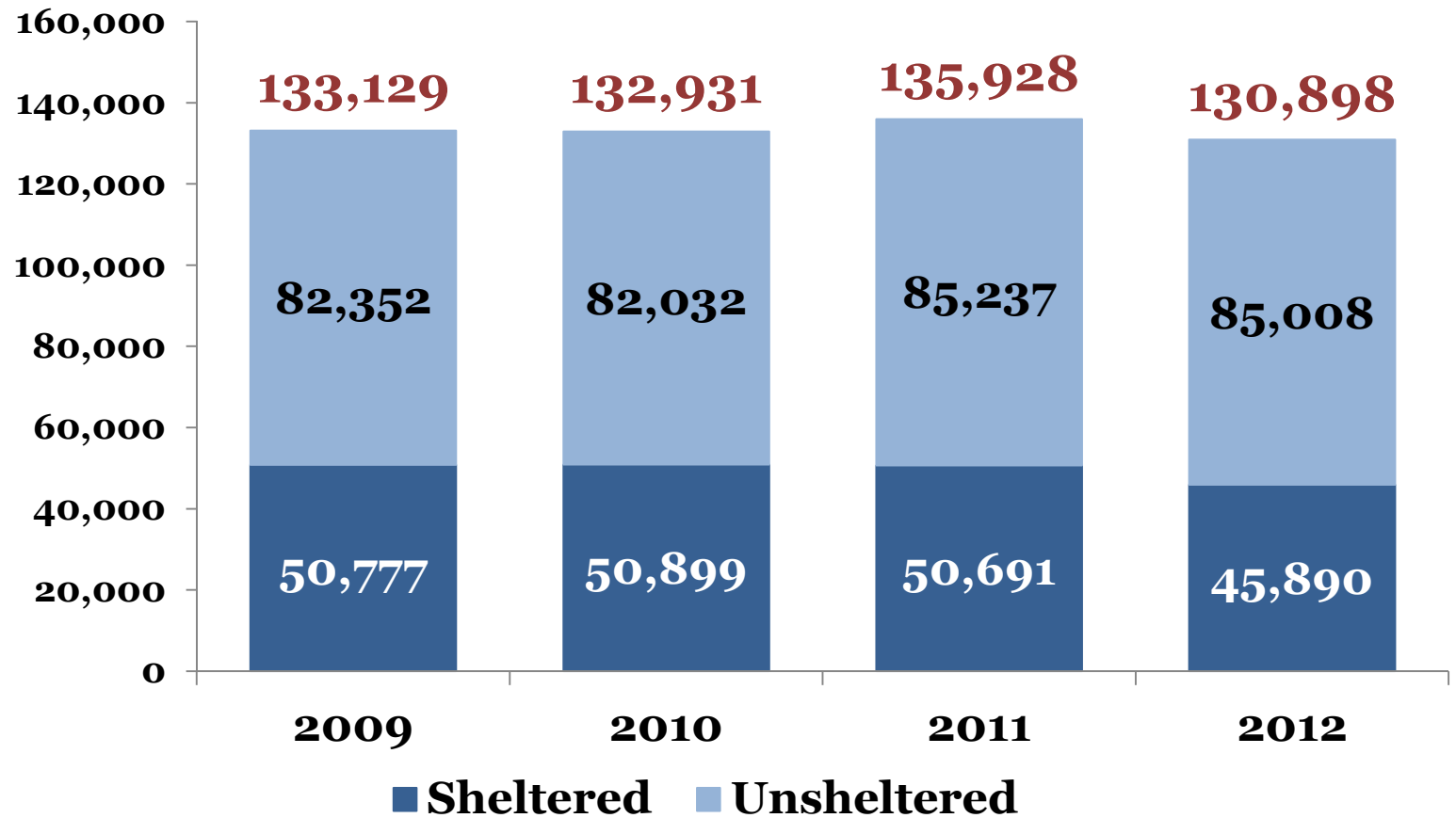


# National Total Point in Time Counts, 2009-2012



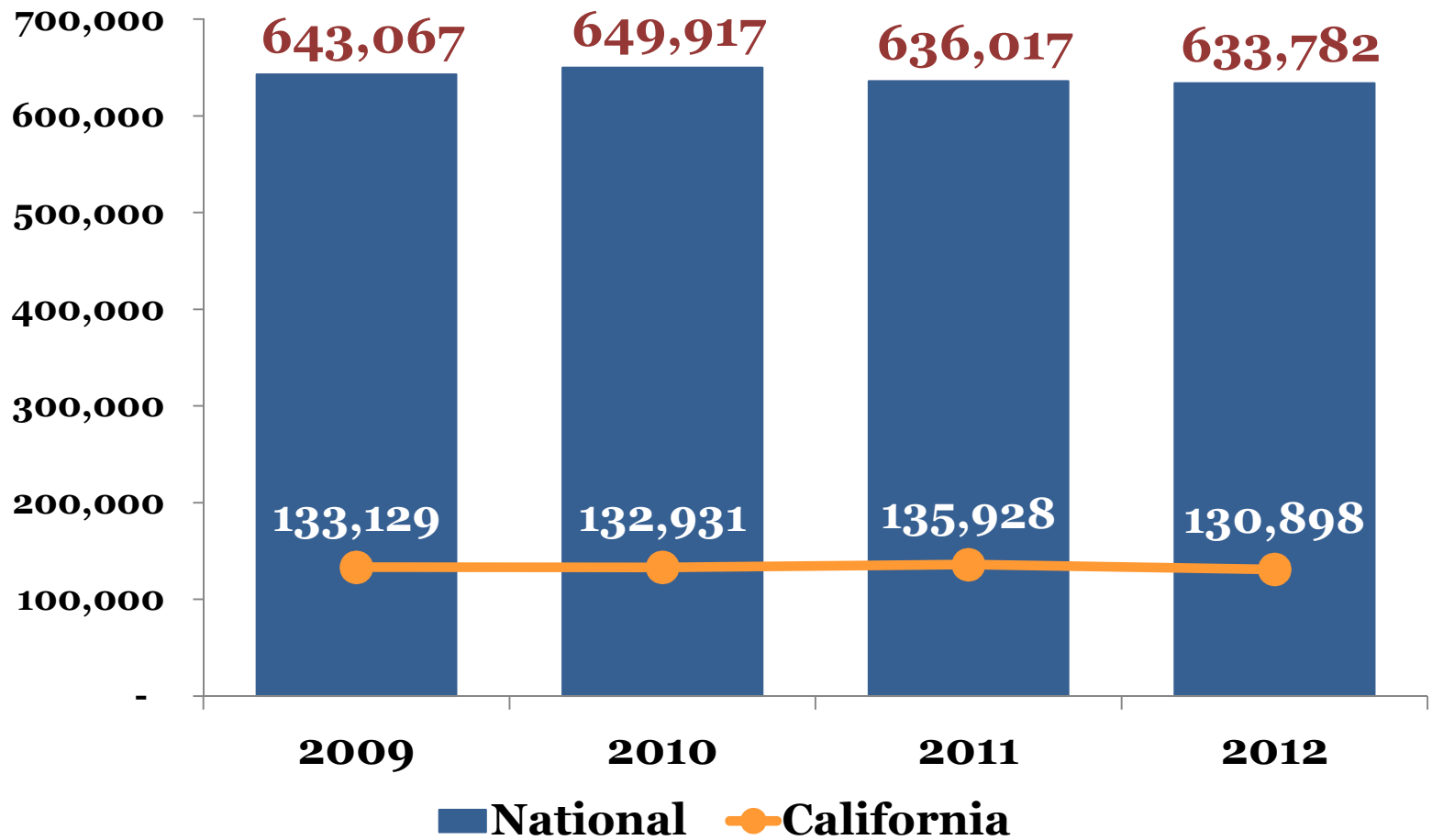


# California Total Population Point in Time Counts, 2009-2012





# Total Homelessness: California and National Data





# Total Homelessness in California

- **21% of the nation's total number of people experiencing homelessness live in California**
- Compared to the rest of the country, people in California experiencing homelessness are **more likely to be unsheltered (65% vs. 38%)**



## Total Homelessness in California

- Between 2009 and 2012, **California's homeless population decreased by 1.7%, compared to a 1.4% decrease in the nation**
- Between 2011 and 2012 alone, California's homeless population **decreased by 3.7% while the nation's homeless population decreased by 0.4%**



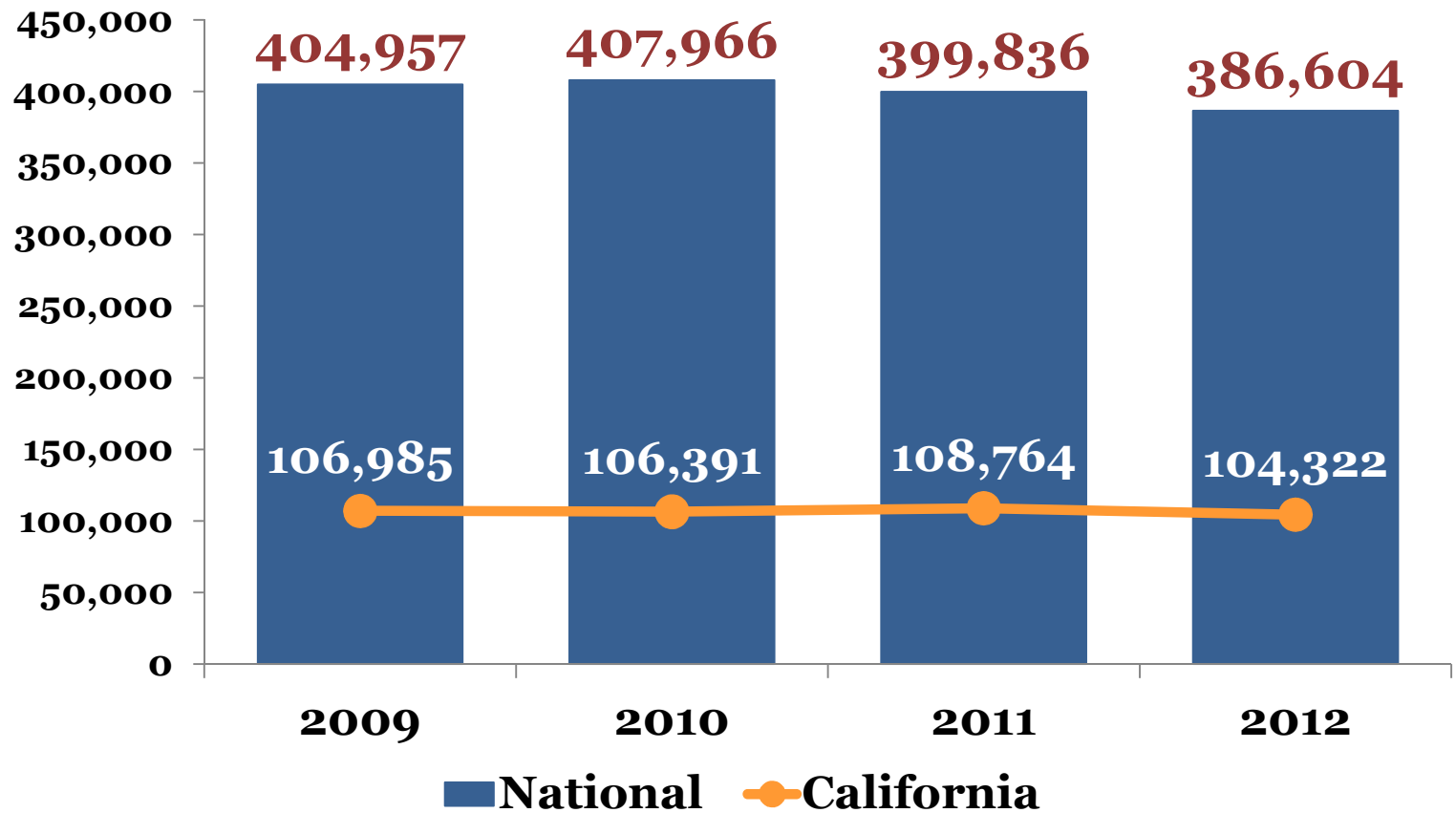


# Homelessness Among Individuals: National and California Data and Trends





# Homeless Individuals: California and National Data



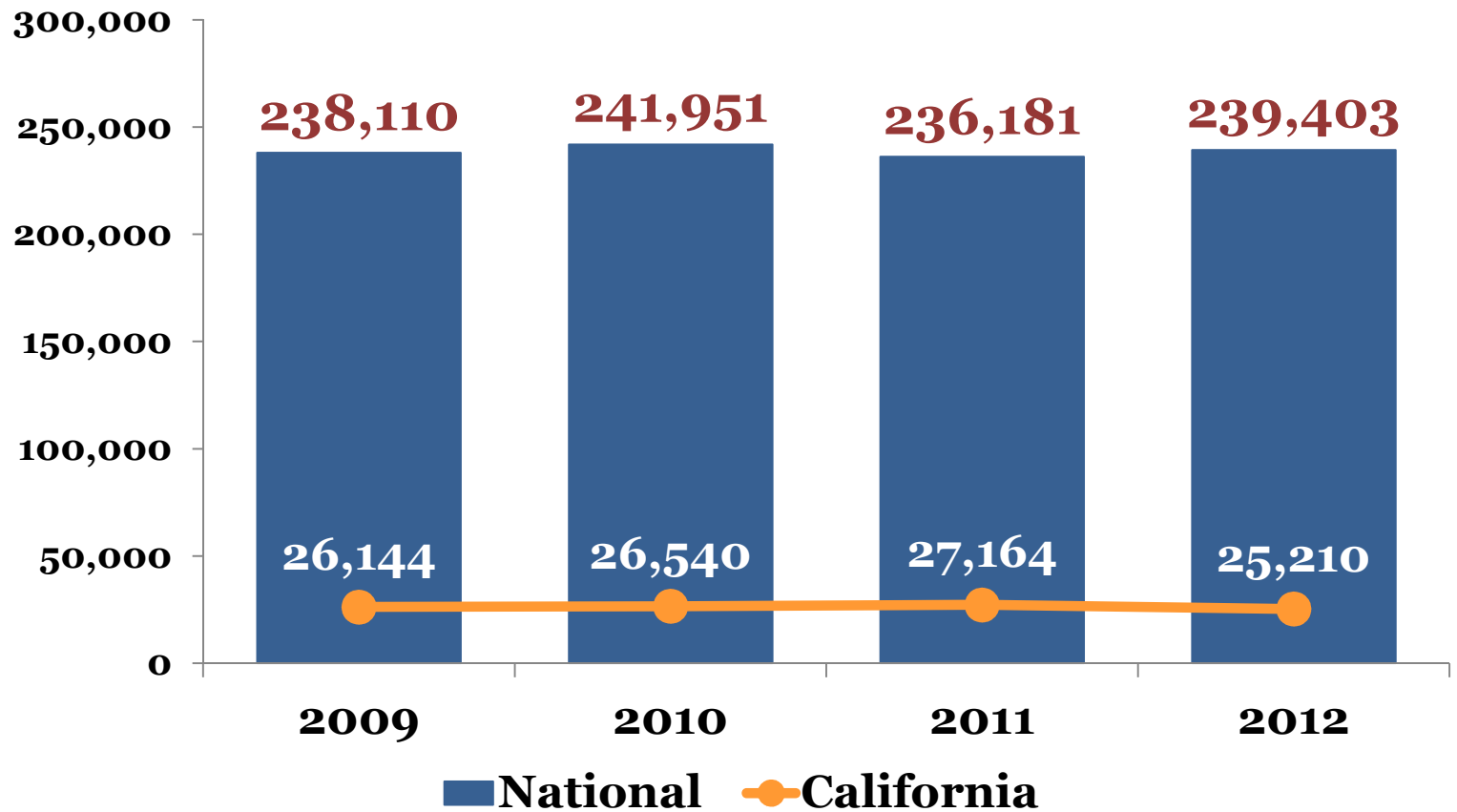


# Homelessness Among Persons in Families: National and California Data and Trends





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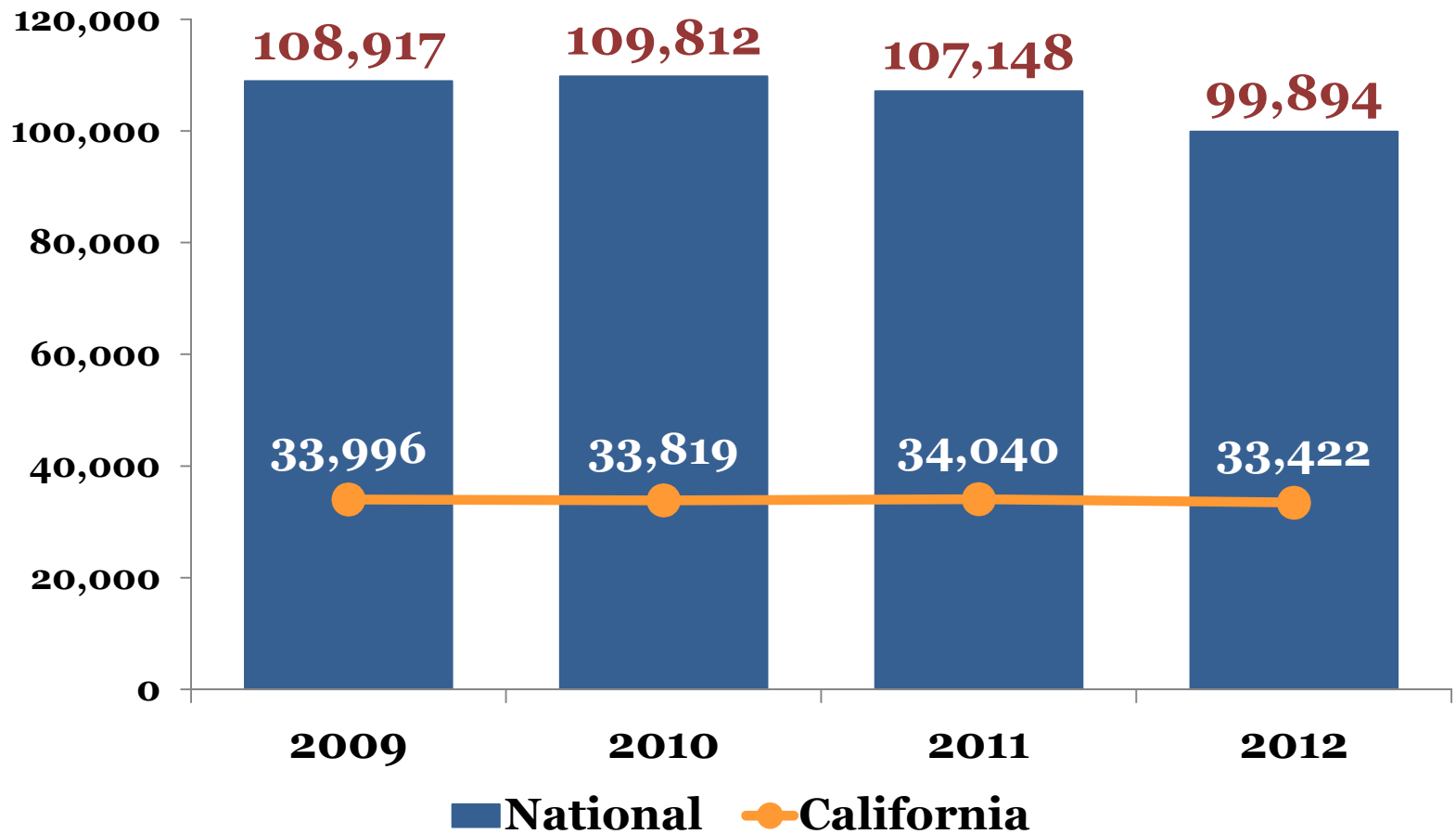


# People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness: National and California Data and Trends





# Chronically Homeless Individuals: California and National Data



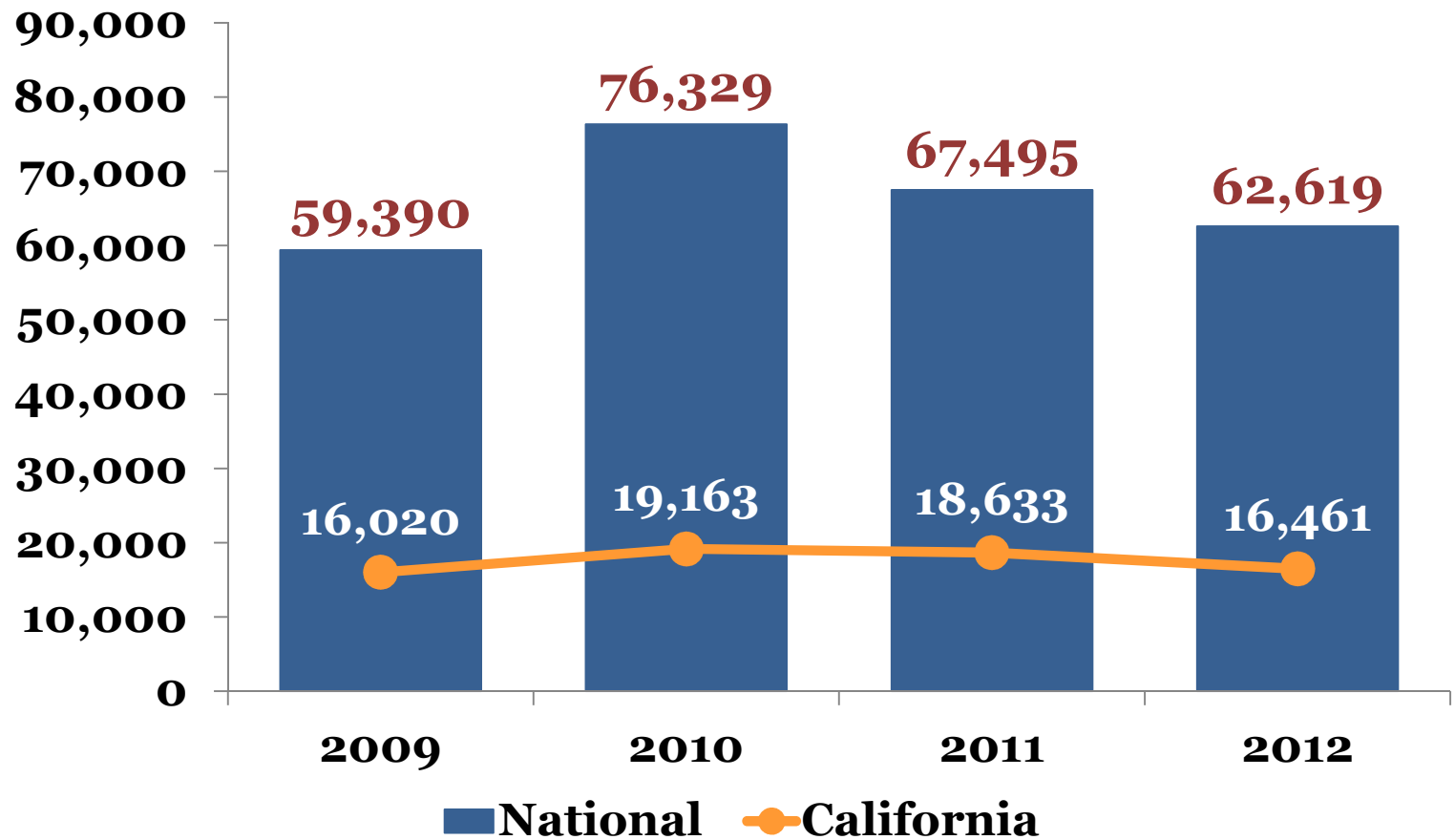


# Veterans Homelessness: National and California Data and Trends





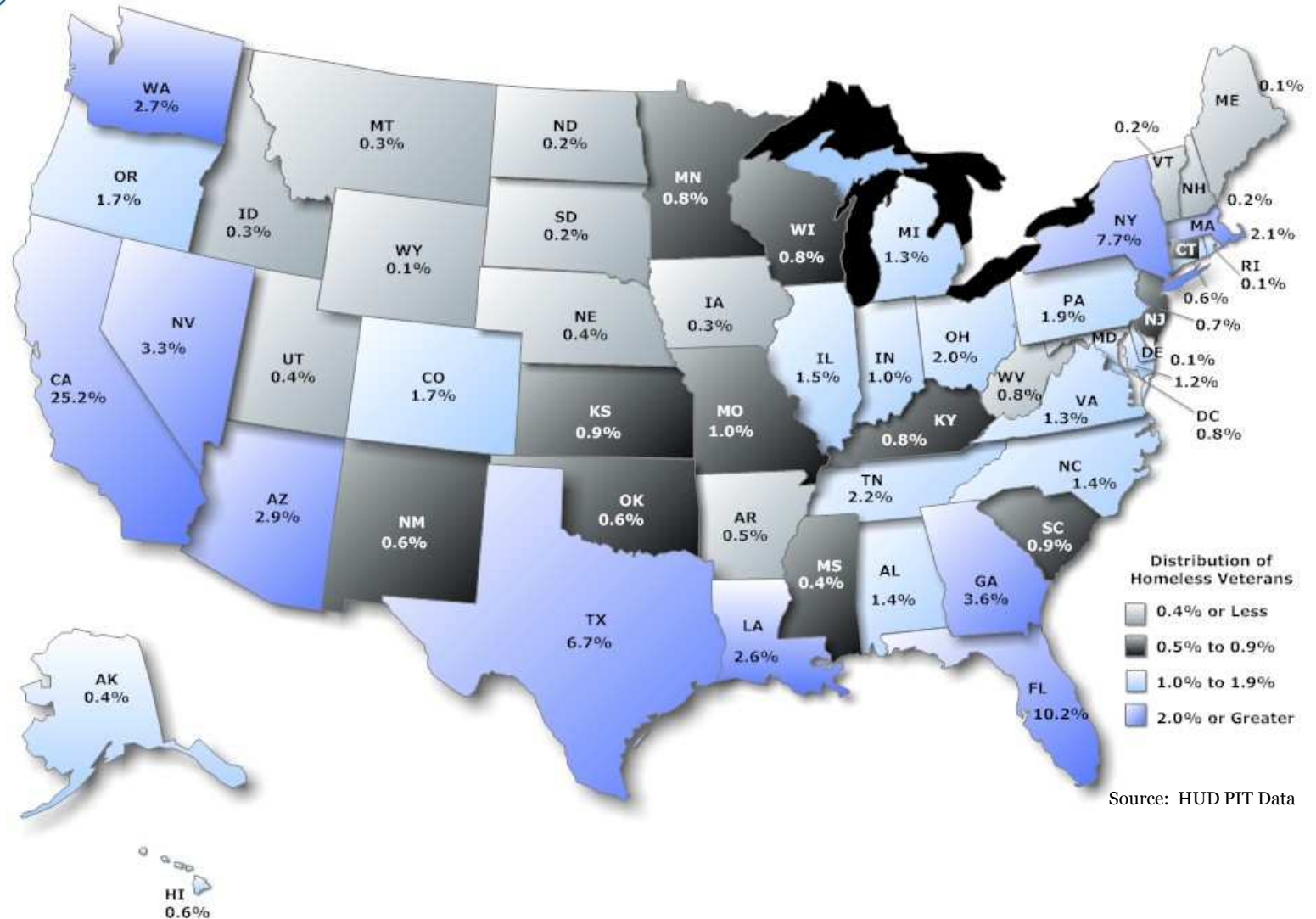
# Homeless Veterans: California and National Data







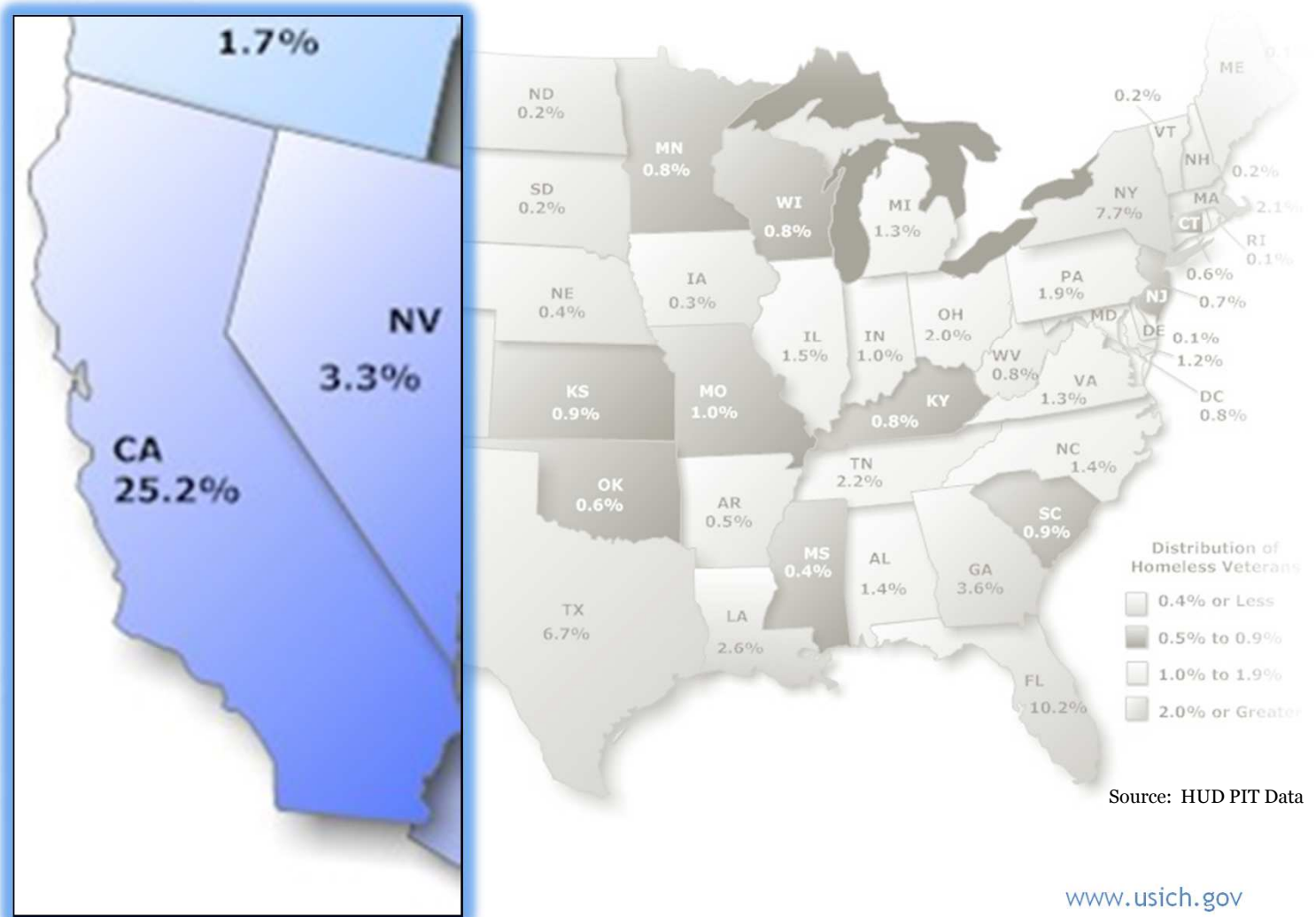
# Distribution of Homeless Veterans in the United States



Source: HUD PIT Data



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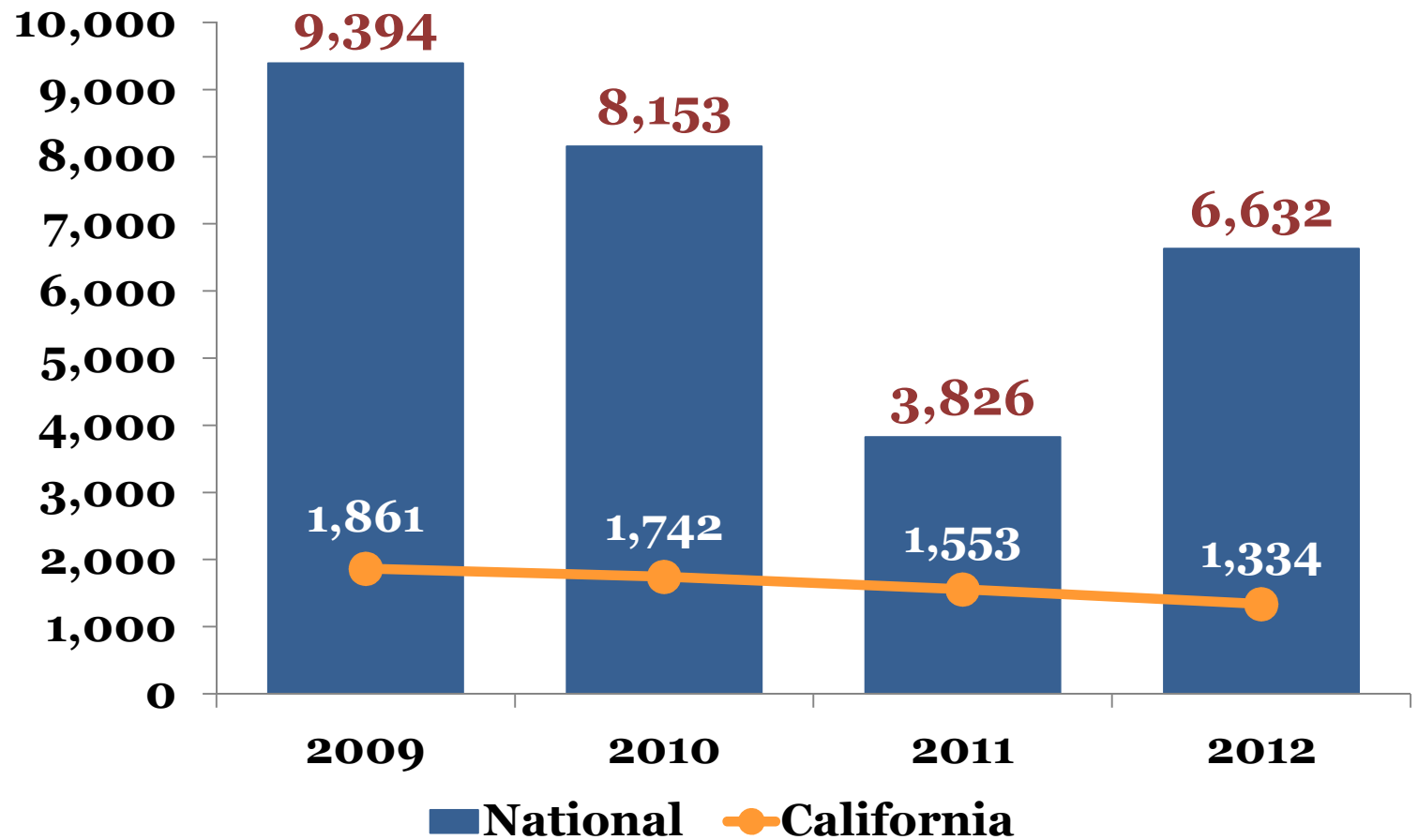


# Homelessness Among Unaccompanied Youth: National and California Data and Trends





# Unaccompanied Youth: California and National Data





# Counting Youth Experiencing Homelessness More Effectively

- Traditional Point-in-Time Count methodologies are believed to significantly undercount youth.
- Federal partners are encouraging communities to implement youth-centered methods including:
  - Youth involvement in the count
  - Participation of school homeless liaisons and Runaway and Homeless Youth agencies to identify homeless youth and hard-to-reach youth
  - Gather Specific data on characteristics of unaccompanied youth



# Key Strategies for Making Progress in Our Communities







# California Policy Academy on Chronic Homelessness

- Funded by SAMHSA to advance state level activities for reducing chronic homelessness.
- Georgia, Louisiana, and Washington State also participating.
- SAMHSA, HUD, and USICH have been active federal partners in planning process
- Continuing communication with CalHFA, HCD, and other state agencies to implement strategies focused on improving targeting and expanding supply of permanent supportive housing, strengthening crisis response system in communities, and opportunities for integrating health care and housing activities



# HOME Matters

Looks at three essential connections between home and health:

1. The impact of stable affordable homes on health
  2. The value of supportive housing, with health services provided at home
  3. The cost effectiveness of health care that prevents homelessness
- Chronically homeless individuals are “Super-Utilizers” that **cost taxpayers money, divert services in hospitals and do not address systemic issues**
    - Providing housing for a subset of homeless individuals is cheaper and better for society





# Local Initiatives

- Rapid Results Boot Camps
- Home for Good in LA
- Mayor's Initiative in Fresno
- HACLA and HACOLA homeless preferences
- San Diego's CoC is adopting a new governance structure to increase cross-sector coordination and leveraging



# Being Strategic, Making Progress

- **Data:** Improve data and drive toward results
- **Targeting:** Better align interventions based on needs and strengths
- **Evidence:** Implement evidence-informed practices, including Housing First
- **Investments:** Deploy investments purposefully
- **Mainstream Resources:** Engage and integrate mainstream resources with targeted homeless programs



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