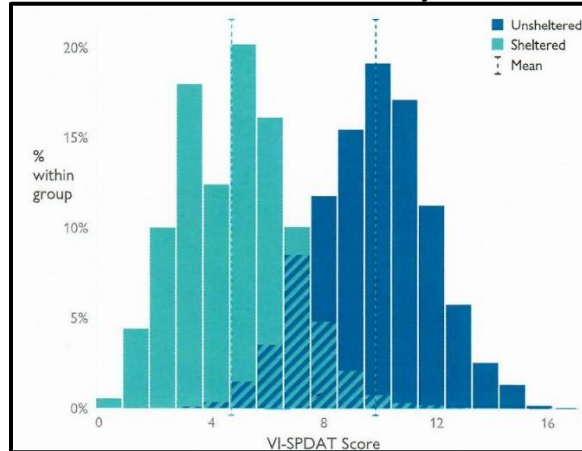




Trauma & Health Conditions Among Unsheltered Adults FACT SHEET: October, 2019

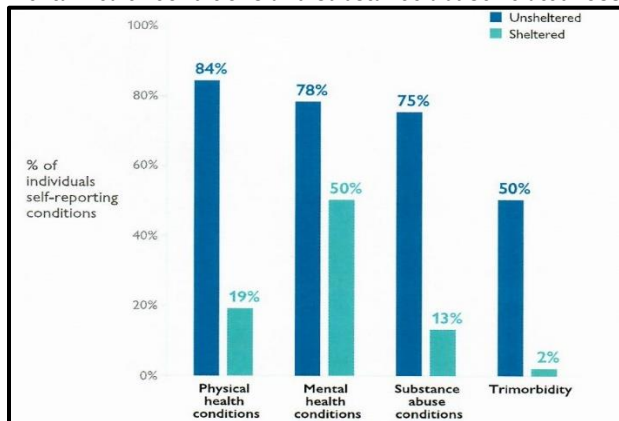
This fact sheet is based on the research by the CA Policy Lab, based on their analysis of 64,000 VI-SPDAT [homeless vulnerability surveys] of homeless adults nationally: *Health Conditions Among Unsheltered Adults in the US*

Distribution & Mean VI-SPDAT score by shelter status



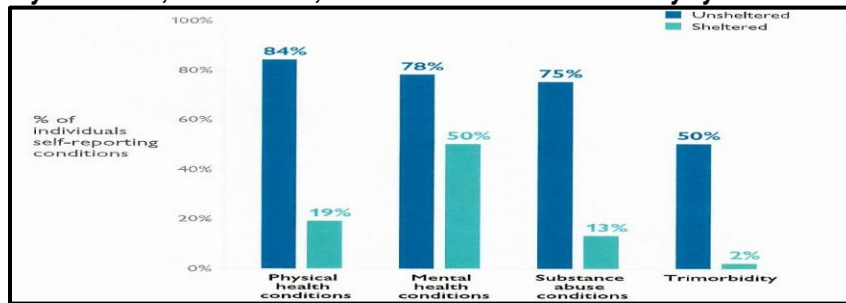
The mean VI-SPDAT score for unsheltered people was 9.9 compared to 4.7 for sheltered people; unsheltered women’s mean VI-SPDAT score was 12.
 Note: The scores range from 0 – 17;
 a score of 4.7 means person needs limited term rental subsidy;
 while a score of 9 or 12 means person needs permanent supportive housing

Physical health conditions, mental health conditions and substance abuse-related loss of housing by shelter status



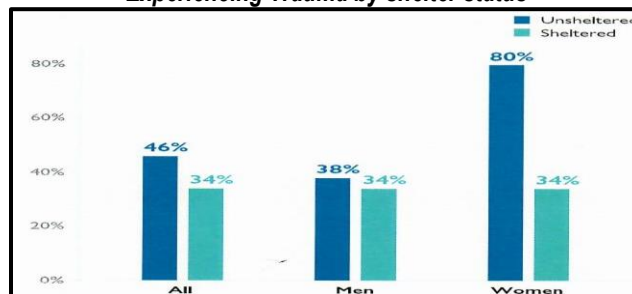
Unsheltered 4 times as likely to report physical health conditions; 3 times as likely to report mental health conditions and 8 times as likely to report use of drugs or alcohol contributing to loss of housing

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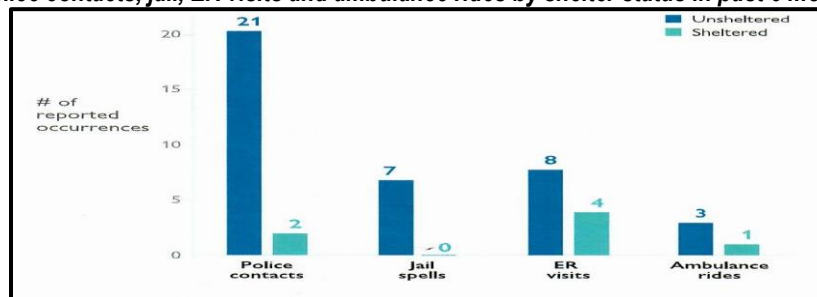
Unsheltered 4 times as likely to report a physical health condition; 1.5 times as likely to report a mental health condition; 5 times as likely to report a substance abuse condition and 25 times as likely to report all three as sheltered people

Experiencing Trauma by shelter status



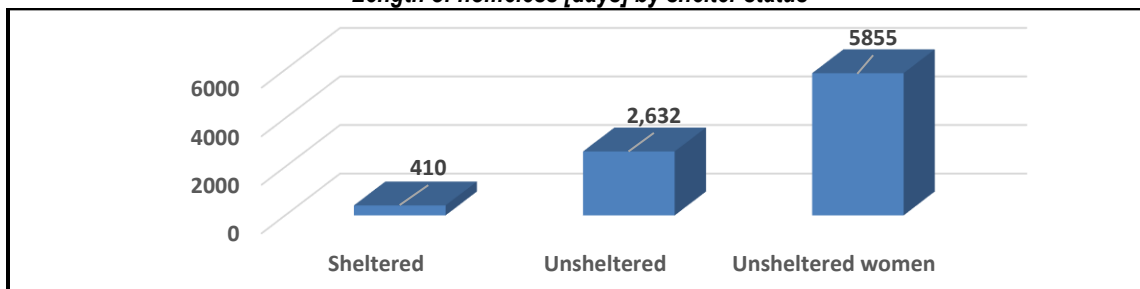
Unsheltered women report abuse and trauma at over 2 times the rate of all unsheltered people [46%] and sheltered people [34%] and unsheltered men [38%] and sheltered men [34%]

Police contacts, jail, ER visits and ambulance rides by shelter status in past 6 months



Unsheltered people report 10 times as many police contacts; 9 times as likely to have spent at least one night in jail; 2 times as likely to report at least one visit to ER; and 3 times as likely to report at least one trip in an ambulance

Length of homeless [days] by shelter status



Unsheltered people report length of homelessness 6 times longer than sheltered people and unsheltered homeless women report length of homeless 14 times higher than sheltered people and 2 times higher than all unsheltered people