

Methamphetamine in Los Angeles County: A Public Health Response



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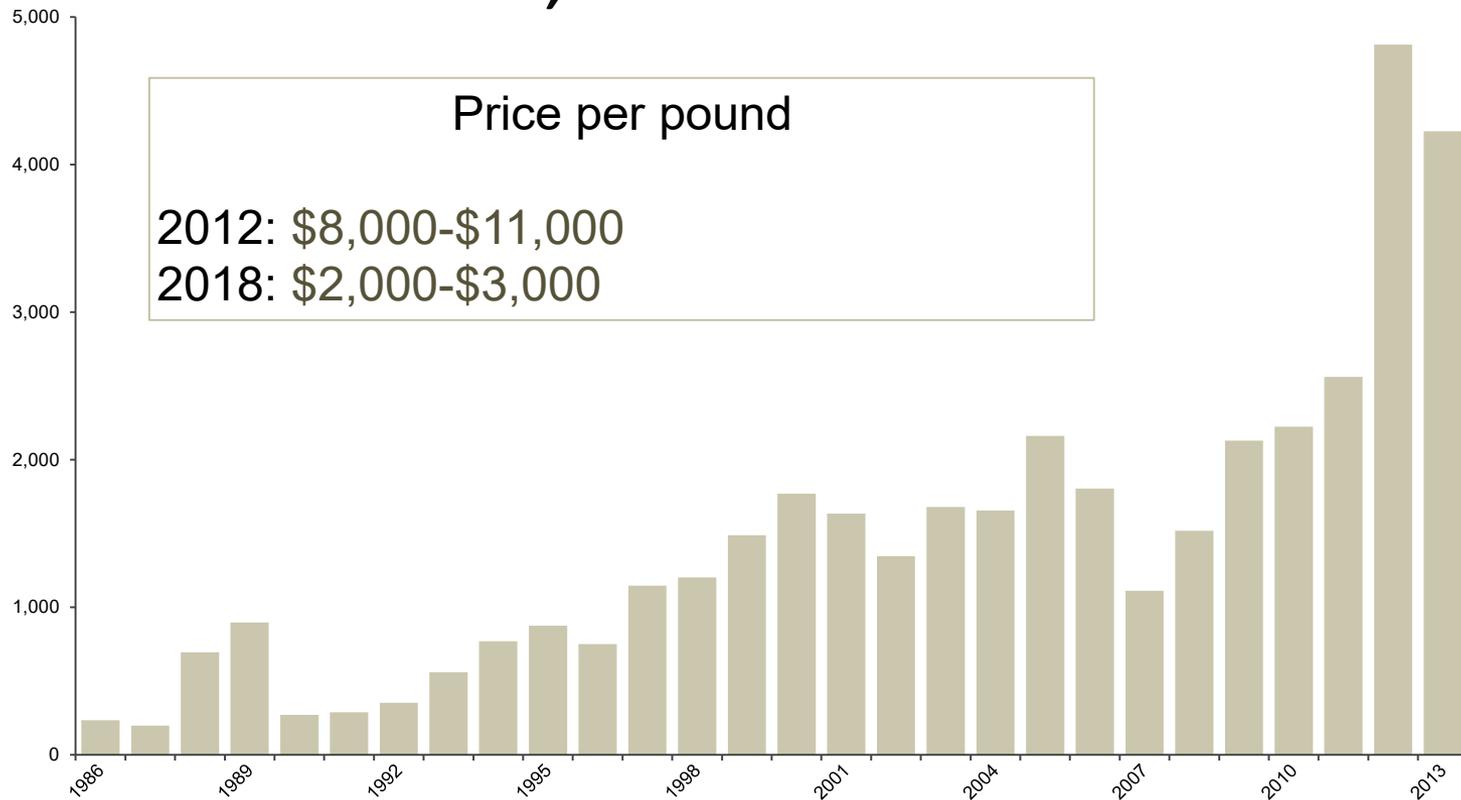
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Overview

- Epidemiological Trends
- Healthcare Utilization
- Treatment Services

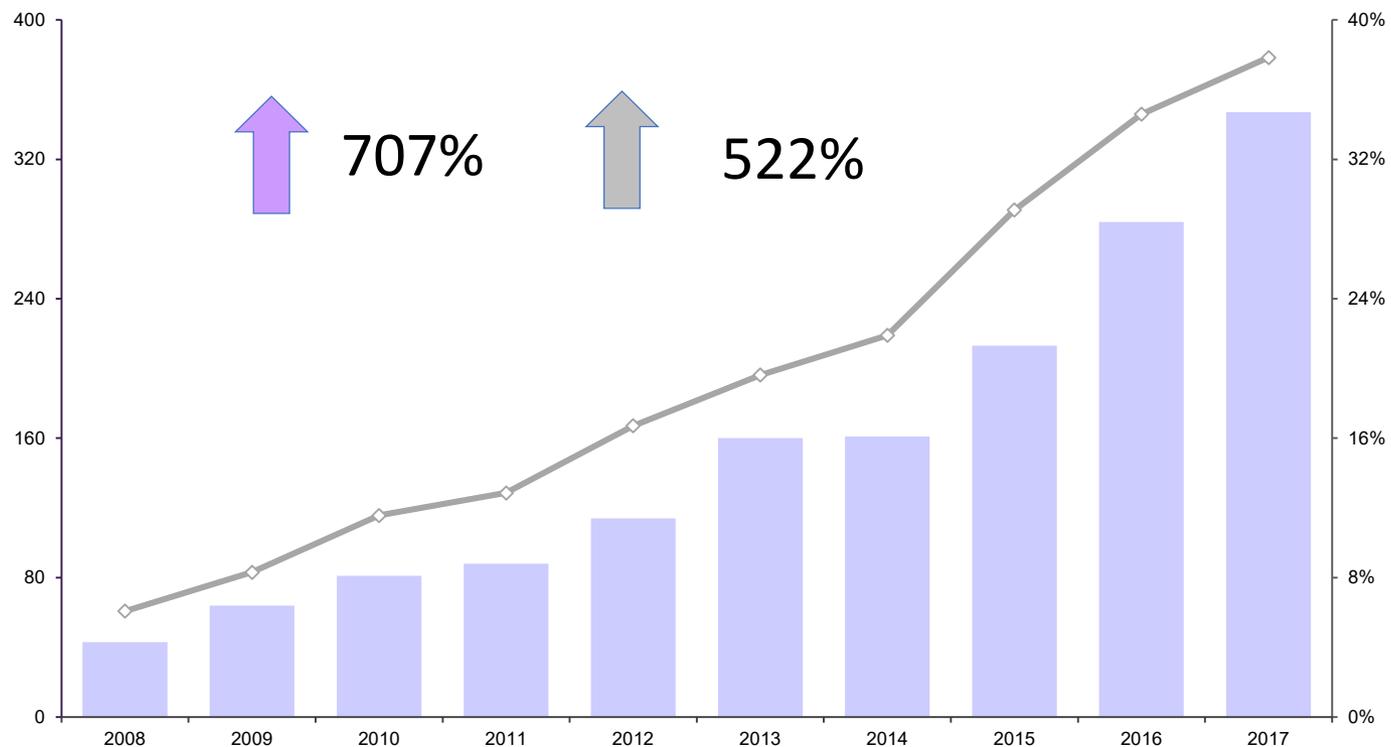
Epidemiological Trends

Domestic methamphetamine seizures (in kg), US, 1986-2013

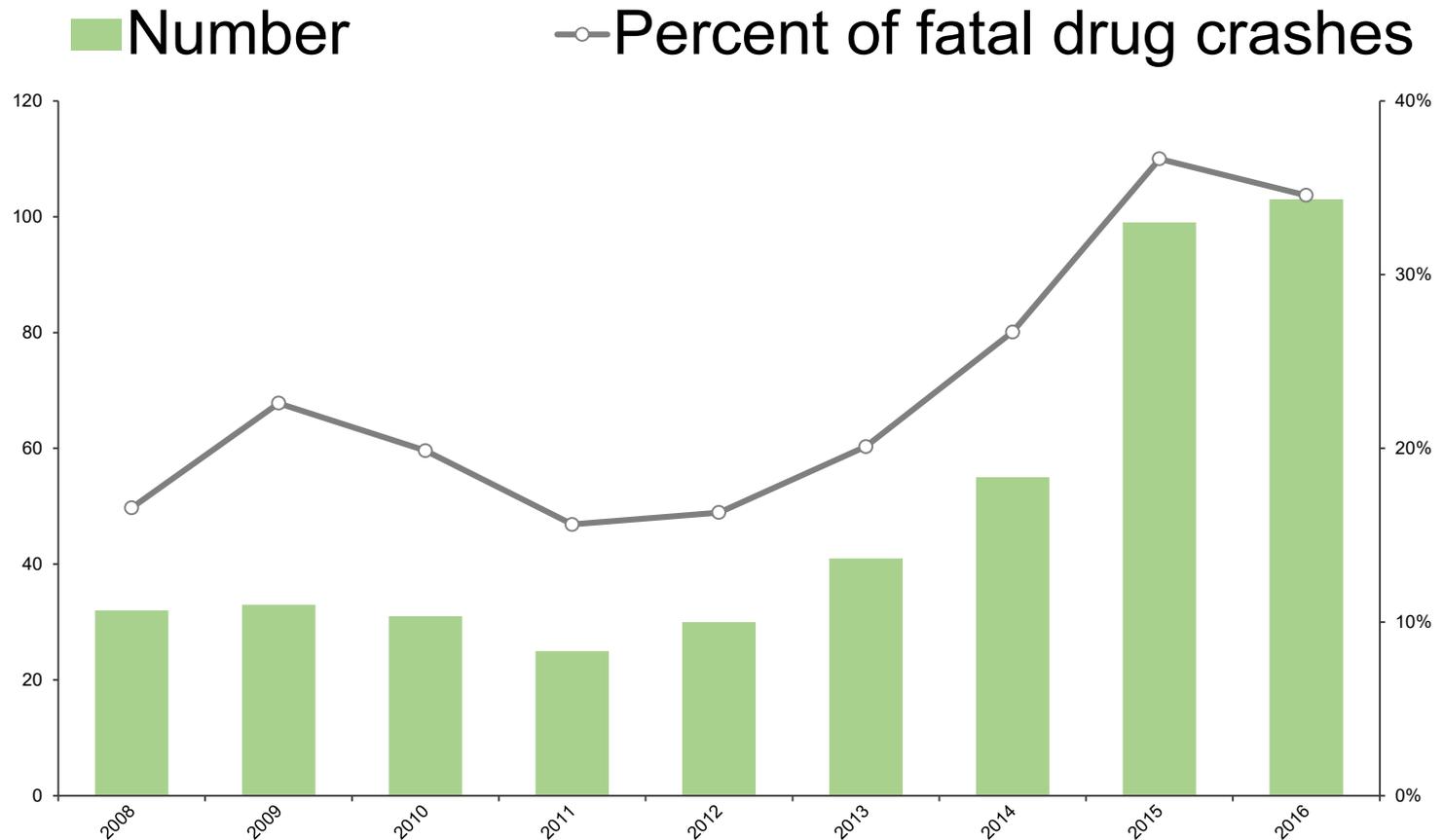


Meth overdose-related deaths, LAC, 2008-2017

■ Number of meth deaths —◇ Percent of drug deaths

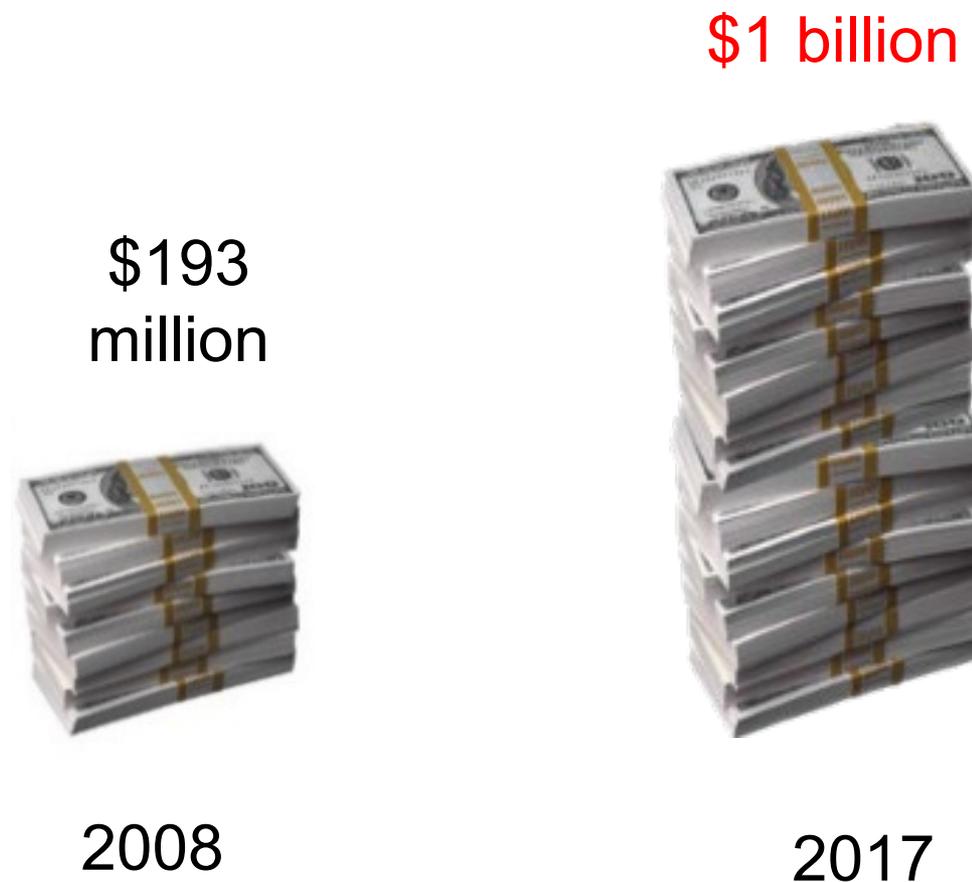


Meth-related fatal crashes, LAC, 2008-2016

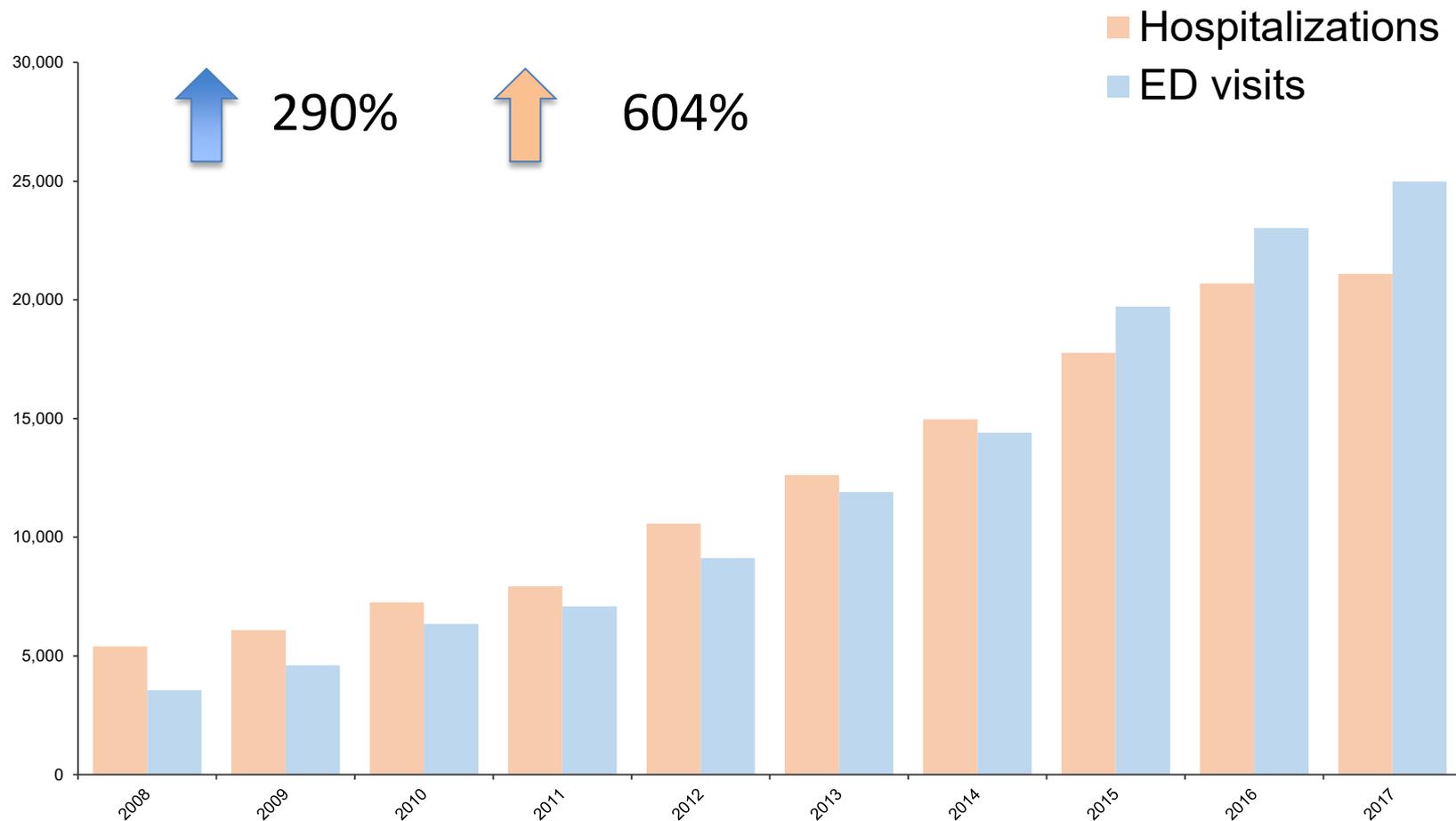


Healthcare Utilization

Meth-related annual hospital spending, LAC, 2008-2017



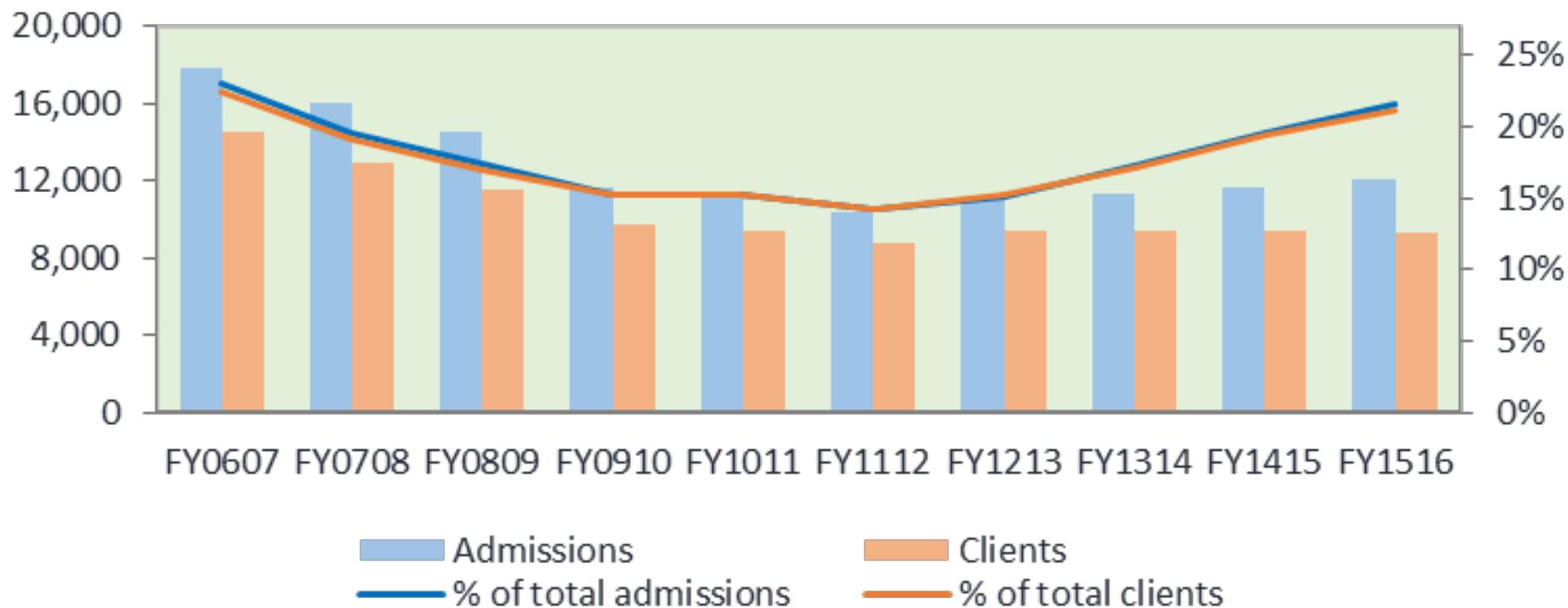
Meth-related hospitalizations and ED visits in LAC increased from 2008-2017



Primary Drug Use at Treatment Admission, FY 2015-16

		ADMISSIONS	%
PRIMARY DRUG	Heroin	22,545	40.3
★	Methamphetamine	12,084	21.6
	Marijuana	7,760	13.9
	Alcohol	7,500	13.4
	Prescription drug	3,342	6.0
	Cocaine	2,087	3.7
	Other drug	667	1.2

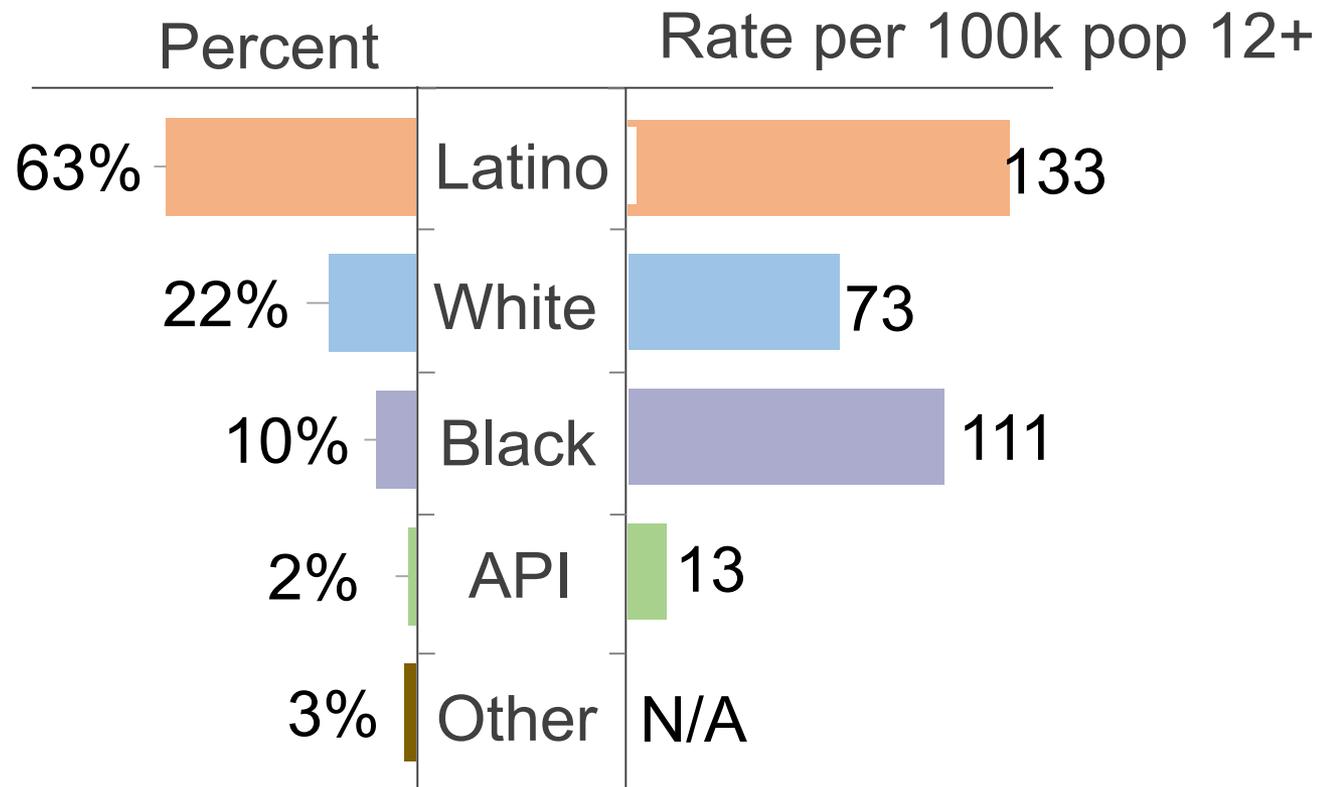
Trends in Methamphetamine Treatment Admissions in LA County, 2006 – 2016



Gender & Race – Client Characteristics of Methamphetamine Admissions (FY 2015-16)

		CLIENTS	%	ADMISSIONS	%
GENDER	Male	5,084	54.4	6,485	53.7
	Female	4,247	45.5	5,586	46.2
	Other	12	0.1	13	0.1
RACE	Hispanic/Latino	5,814	62.3	7,522	62.3
	White	2,275	24.4	2,952	24.4
	Black/African American	741	7.9	969	8.0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	232	2.5	282	2.3
	American Indian/Alaska Native	60	0.6	70	0.6
	Other	216	2.3	283	2.3

Race/ethnicity among clients with primary meth problem, LAC, FY17-18



Age & Education Level – Client Characteristics of Methamphetamine Admissions (FY 2015-16)

		CLIENTS	%	ADMISSIONS	%
AGE	12-17	263	2.8	310	2.6
	18-25	1,953	20.9	2,509	20.8
	26-34	3,465	37.1	4,574	37.9
	35-44	2,328	24.9	3,040	25.2
	45-54	1,110	11.9	1,377	11.4
	55-64	218	2.3	266	2.2
	65+	6	0.1	8	0.1
	EDUCATION	Middle school or below	734	7.9	939
Some high school		3,563	38.1	4,581	37.9
High school completed		3,908	41.8	5,097	42.2
Some college or beyond		1,138	12.2	1,467	12.1

Employment & Homeless Status – Client Characteristics of Methamphetamine Admissions (FY 2015-16)

		CLIENTS	%	ADMISSIONS	%
EMPLOYMENT	Employed	1,283	13.7	1,582	13.1
	Unemployed (seeking)	2,594	27.8	3,336	27.6
	Unemployed (not seeking)	4,805	51.4	6,292	52.1
	Not in labor force	661	7.1	874	7.2
HOMELESS	Yes	3,048	32.6	3,840	31.8
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Treatment Compliance – Methamphetamine, FY 2015-16

- Of the clients with meth use who discharged from drug treatment, 46.9% had positive compliance

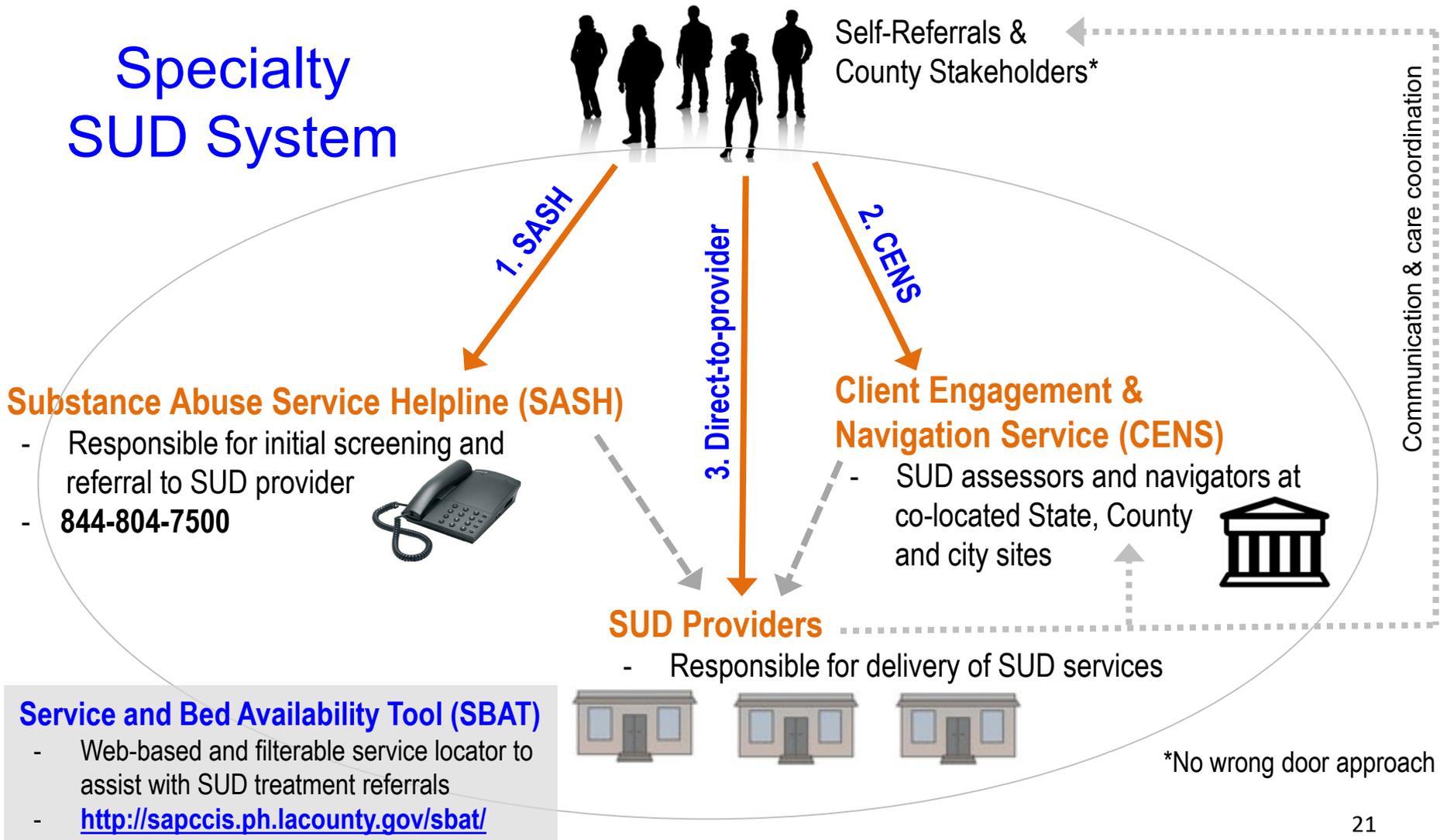
DISCHARGE STATUS	ADMISSIONS	%
Positive compliance	3,395	46.9
Completed treatment	2,418	33.4
Left – satisfactory progress	977	13.5
Negative compliance (Left – unsatisfactory progress)	3,303	45.7
Other (Death/incarceration/other)	535	7.4

Treatment

Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver

- Medicaid waiver to transition the specialty SUD treatment system to a managed care model
 1. **Treatment** for SUD
 2. Significant **expansion of clinical services**
 3. **Financial resources** for more people across the County.

Main Entryways into the Specialty SUD System



Substance Abuse Service Helpline (SASH)

- The SASH is a toll-free call line that helps connect individuals (youth, young adults, and adults), providers and other stakeholders who are seeking specialty SUD services with appropriate SUD providers throughout Los Angeles County.
 - Available 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year
 - Staffed by clinicians and SUD counselors
 - Removes the need for an in-person, pre-intake appointment to facilitate more timely access to SUD services

Substance Abuse Service Helpline (SASH)

844-804-7500



Service & Bed Availability Tool (SBAT)

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FIND AVAILABLE SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES NEAR YOU

- [Option 1](#): If you want to speak to someone directly to access services, call the Beneficiary Access Line at XXX-XXX-XXXX
- [Option 2](#): If you want to identify substance use services online [CLICK FOR INSTRUCTIONS](#)

Starting Location:

Filter by:

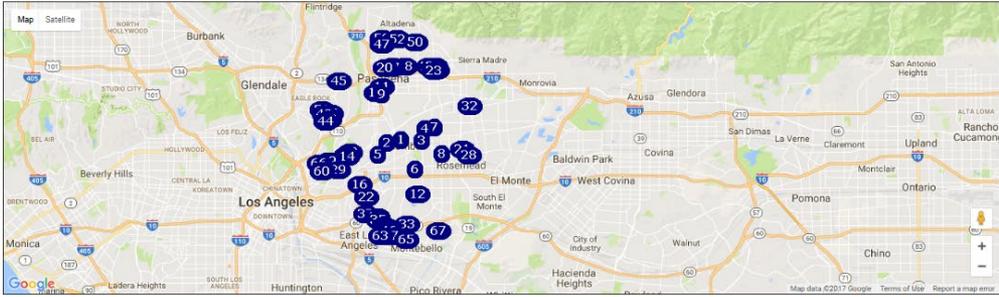
TREATMENT/SERVICE TYPE: ▾

- Outpatient Treatment, Level 1 (OP) 1
- Intensive Outpatient, Level 2.1 (IOP) 2
- Residential Treatment, Levels 3.1 & 3.5 (RS) 3
- Residential Population-Specific Treatment, Level 3.3 (RS) 4
- Ambulatory - Withdrawal Management, Levels 1-WM & 2-WM (A-WM) 5
- Residential - Withdrawal Management, Level 3.2-WM (R-WM) 6
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) 7
- Recovery Bridge Housing (RBH) 8
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Program 9

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: ▾

CLIENT SERVED: ▾

RESET FILTER



Agency	Available Beds	Intake Appointment	Specific Service Type	Languages Spoken	Last Updated
1 0.18miles Directions  101 South Second Street Alhambra, 91801  Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  Phone number:		OP IOP 1			11/15/2016 9:44:56 PM

- **SBAT simplifies the identification of SUD referrals**
 - Publicly accessible, web-based service locator for SUD services that is filterable by level of care and service type (e.g., language capabilities, MAT, special populations, etc), includes intake times and bed availability, and incorporates Google Maps functionality to help with navigation

<http://sapccis.ph.lacounty.gov/sbat/>

Prevention Driven Initiatives

- Launch of **CORE (Connecting Opportunities for Recover and Engagement)** Centers –support community education, screening and referral to treatment for SUD
- Launch of **50 Student Well-Being Centers (SWC)** where high-need HS can access coaching and support around on substance use prevention and education



Thank You



“The opposite of addiction is not sobriety; the opposite of addiction is social connection.”

- Johann Hari