

# S1.04 Advancing Equitable Outcomes with Data-Informed Strategies



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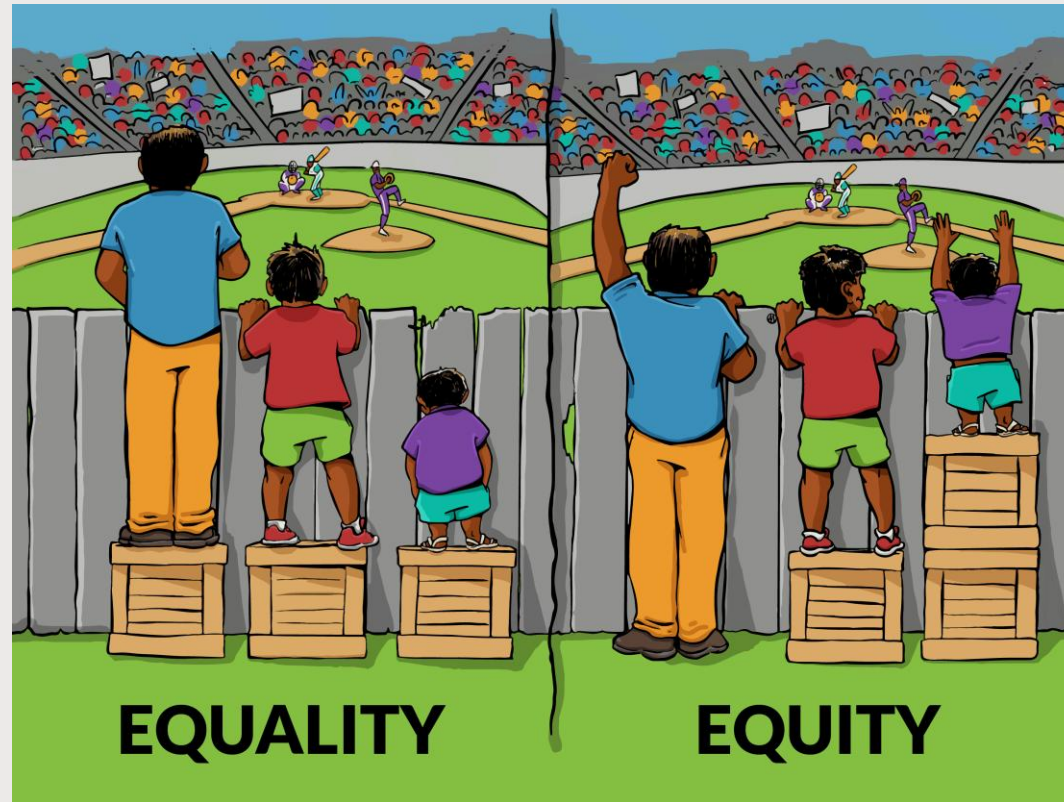


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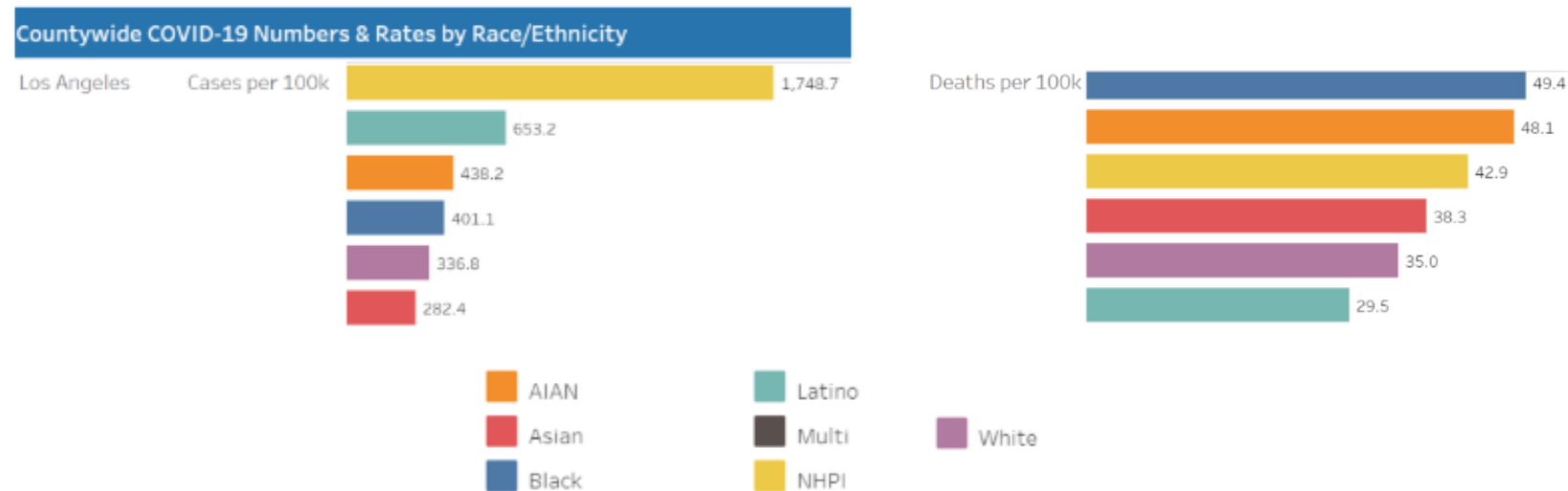
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# Equality vs Equity



# The Impact of COVID-19 on BIPOC Communities

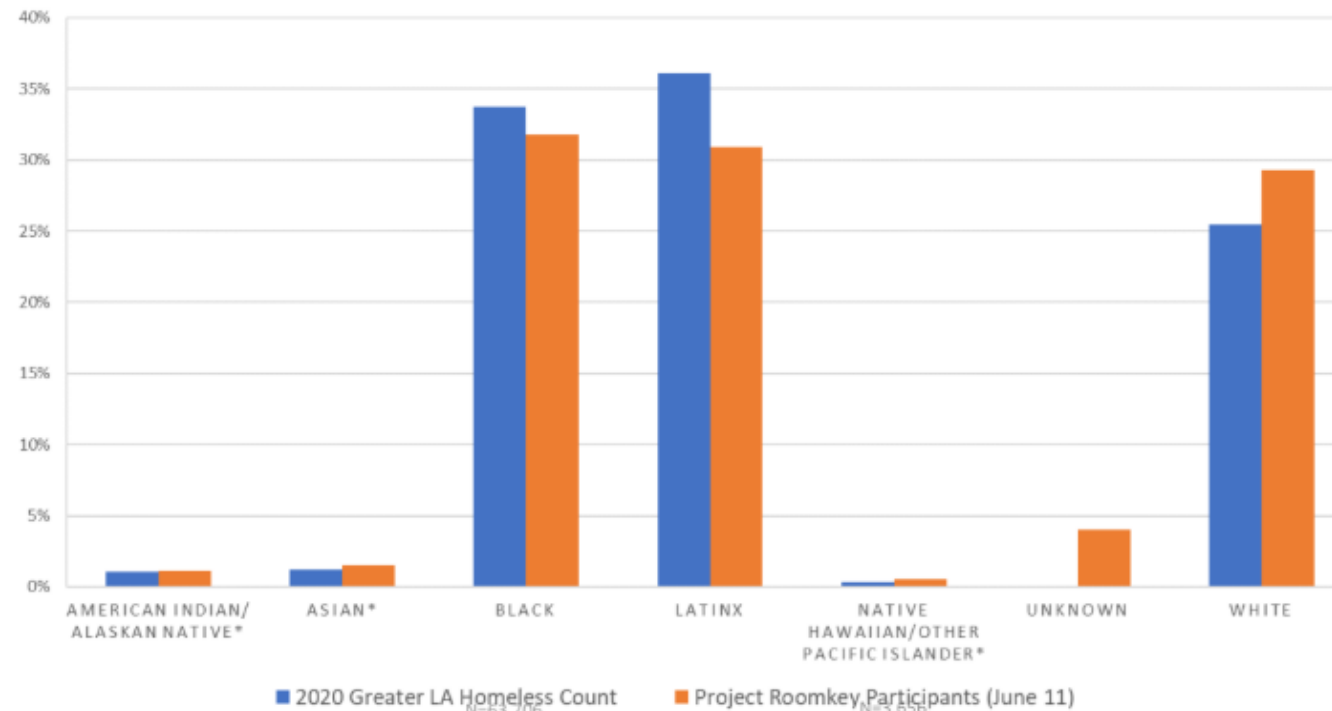
In California, there were a disproportionately high number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander communities.



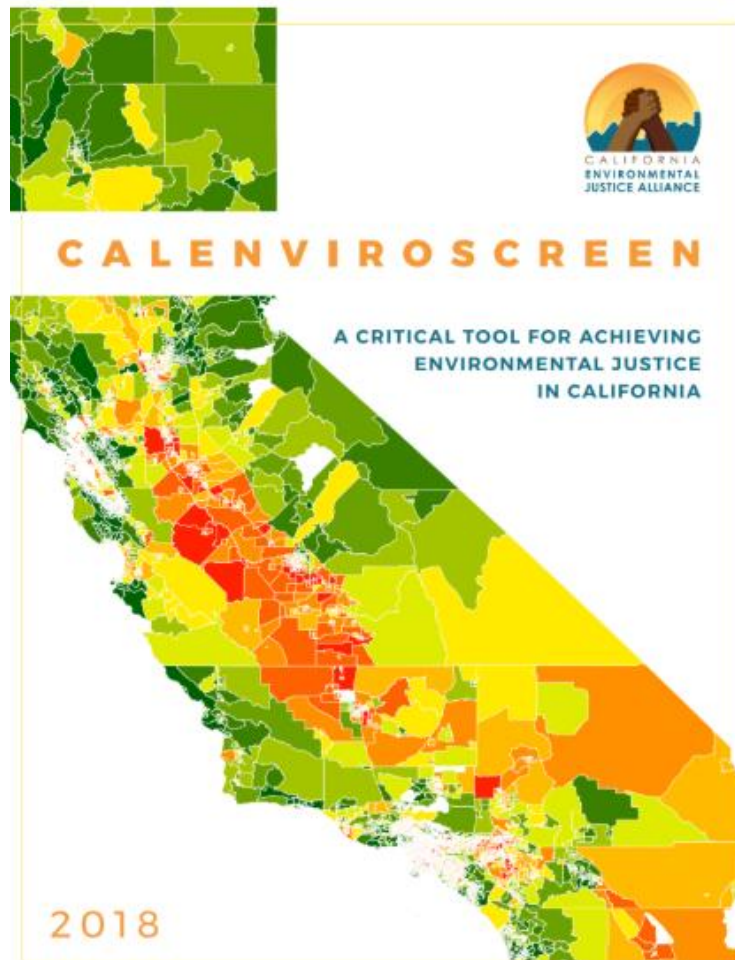
Source: COVID-19 Rates and Risk Factors by California County Dashboard presented by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research's California Health Interview Survey (CHIS); Data as of July 1, 2020

# The Need to Adjust PRK Enrollment Practices in LA

Compared to 2020 Homeless Count, June 2020 data showed that Black and Latinx participants were underrepresented in PRK, while white participants were overrepresented



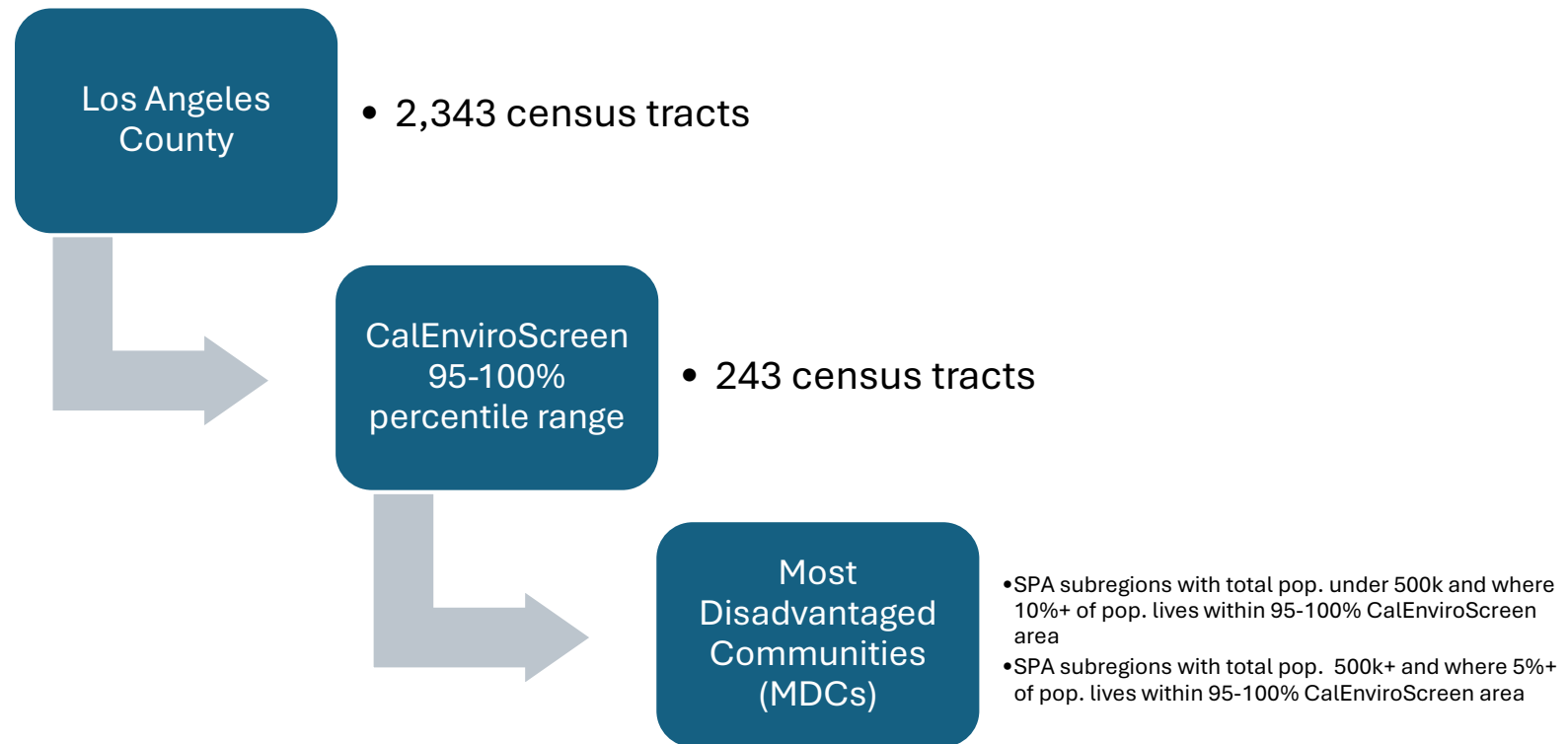
\* Indicates small percentages: These respective groups account for 0.32% to 1.21 % of the homeless population



## Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) piloted the use of the CalEnviroScreen to target areas of greatest vulnerability

- Using race and ethnicity alone would be impermissible under the Fair Housing Act and an inadequate risk assessment measure
- State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)'s CalEnviroScreen is a suitable tool for identifying environment vulnerability at neighborhood level
- Produces cumulative score which takes into account pollution burden, sensitive population indicators, and socioeconomic factors
  - Scale: 1-100 (low to high level impact)
  - Percentile: 1-100 (lowest to highest percentile across CA)

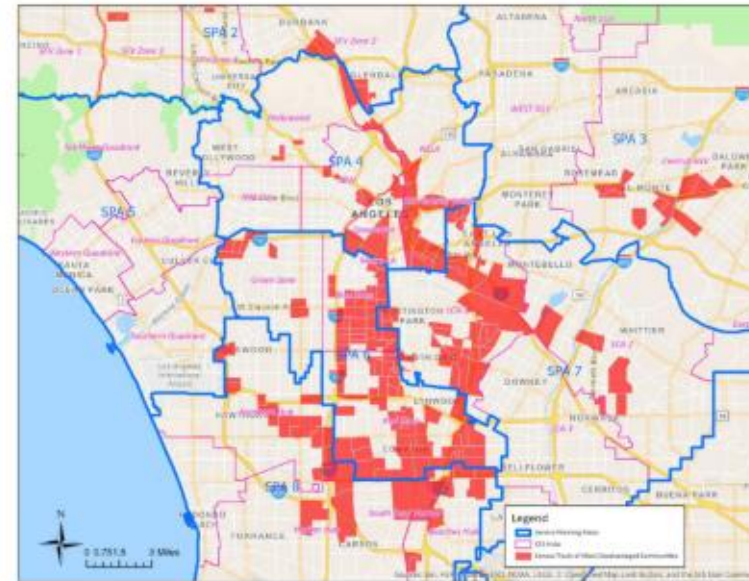
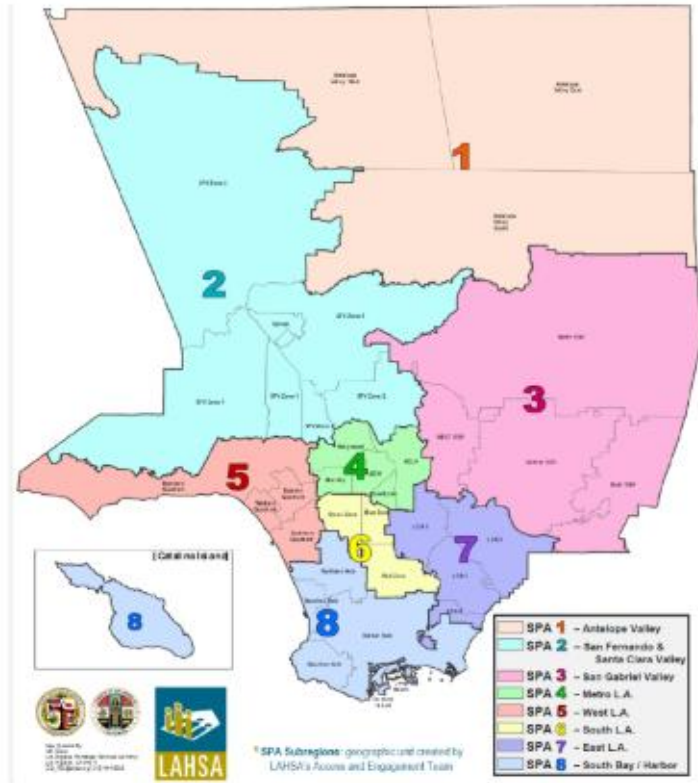
# Identifying Most Disadvantaged Communities (MDCs) Using CalEnviroScreen for PRK Enrollment



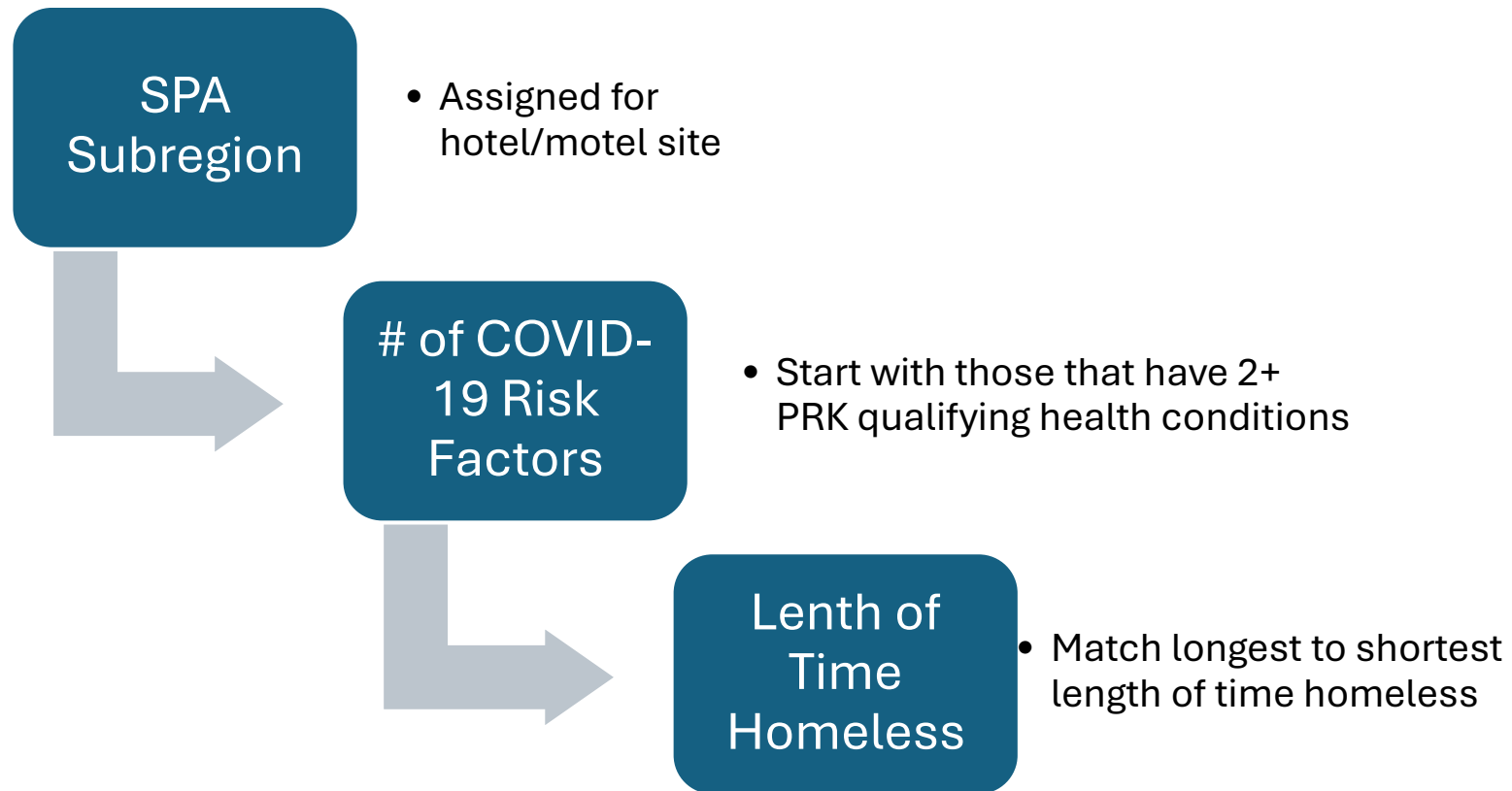


# Identifying MDC Status of Los Angeles Service Planning Area (SPA) Subregions

14 of 34 Los Angeles SPA subregions categorized as most Disadvantaged Communities (MDCs)

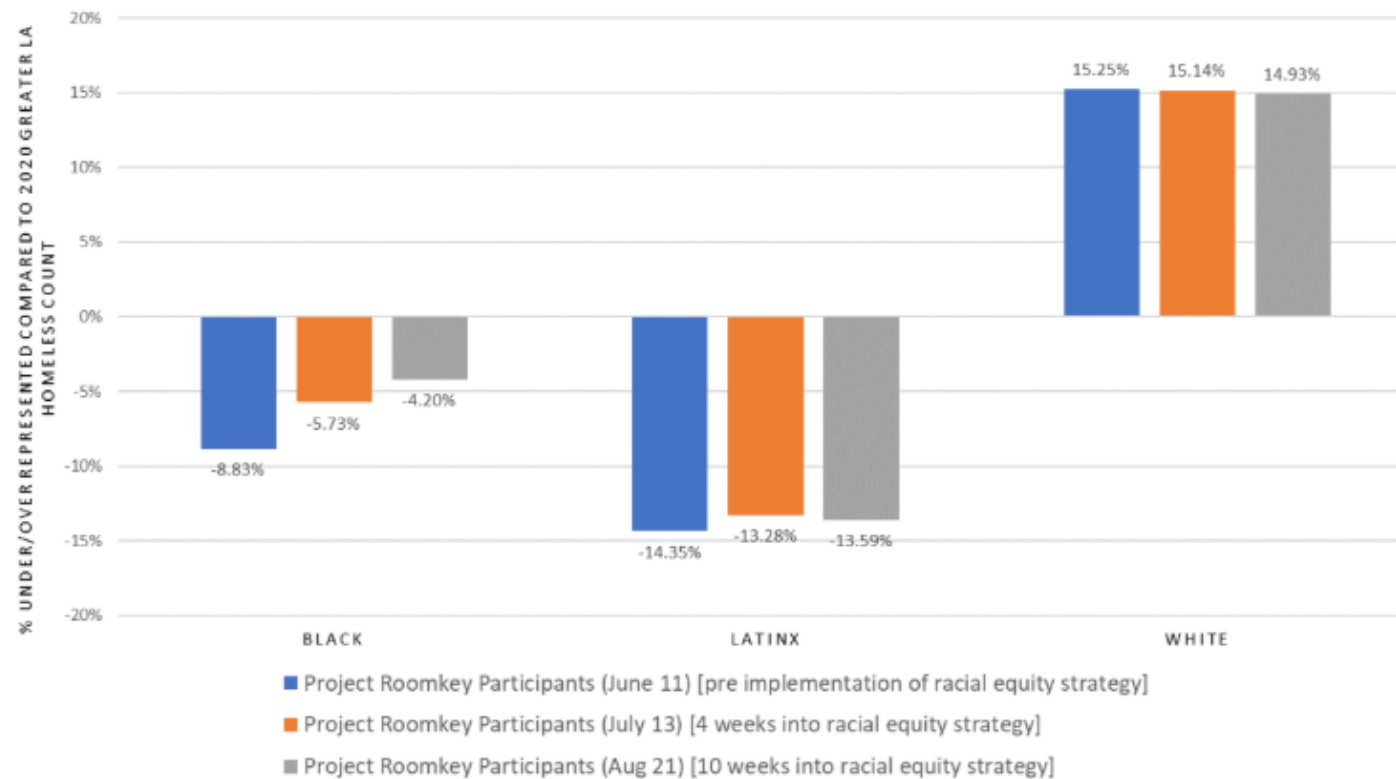


# PRK Prioritization & Matching Process



# PRK Enrollments

MDC focused enrollment strategy started to correct for the underrepresentation of Black and Latinx participants during the Summer of 2020



# **Building on PRK Learnings for Emergency Housing Voucher Prioritization**

To create equitable access and allocation of Emergency Housing Vouchers, eligible households were prioritized by:

1. Most Disadvantaged Communities, as defined through LAHSA analysis of CalEnviroScreen data
2. Chronic Homelessness, an HMIS System Metric
3. Justice System Involvement, based on documentation in a participant's CES Triage Tool which indicates having both stayed 1+ nights in a prison/jail/holding cell and having "legal stuff going on"

# Opportunities



Observe equity data early and often; dig into potential issues



Identify available data that can be used as proxies for race and ethnicity



Don't be afraid to pilot and test working theories about how to bring more equity to program and system performance

# Questions?

*All data in this presentation is from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.*