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Washtenaw County Michigan 2011 Homeless Data Report

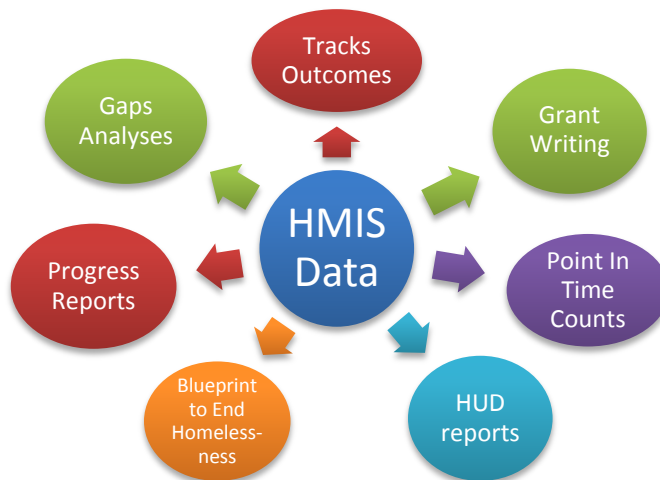
Washtenaw County, Michigan has an estimated population of 344,791.

This 2010 figure represents 3% of the total population of Michigan residents (9,876,187). Median household income was \$56,612 and **16% of persons were living below poverty level (under \$15,000 for a family of two)**. In 2010, there were approximately 100,100 homeless persons in Michigan and 5,000 in Washtenaw County. This number represents 5% of the total homeless in Michigan and approximately 25% of Region 7.

The 2011 Homeless Data Report is designed and intended to provide a snapshot of the state of homelessness in Washtenaw County using data extrapolated from the **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)**. This report contains data on the demographics of the people served in Washtenaw County. The data in this report is not intended to provide a complete count of the people experiencing homelessness because:

- Only 92% of the agencies serving people experiencing homelessness track their data using HMIS:
- We continue to make great strides on improving the quality of our data. The WHA Data Leadership Team meets monthly to monitor data, input and quality throughout our community;
- The data for this report is pulled from multiple report queries in the HMIS; each query may have pulled the data from the system in slightly different ways, so there may not always be a one-to-one match of data among the graphs and all numbers may not add up to 100%. None the less, we are very confident about the picture this information provides.

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a web-based database, mandated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), used to collect data on homelessness including unduplicated counts of program participants, basic demographic data, and service delivery information. Washtenaw County is part of Michigan's statewide HMIS project (MSHMIS) and enters data directly in the ServicePoint system. HMIS data is used by the agencies in Washtenaw County to measure effective service delivery and to improve program delivery.



Overall data during January 1 – December 31, 2011

Approximately **4,069** persons received services related to homelessness in Wash. Co.

3,029 adults (74%)

- **41%** are adults in households with children
- **59%** are individual adults

1,022 are children under 18 (25%)

52% were African American

35% were White

4% were Hispanic/Latino

21% of individual adults are employed

37% of adults in households with children are employed

95 Unaccompanied youth were served in emergency shelter and transitional housing

- **88%** were between the ages of 10 and 17
- **57%** were females
- **15%** were employed at intake

Greater Detail

Data shows that people experiencing homelessness in our community and seeking assistance decreased slightly (7%) in 2011 from 2009. This may be due to a short-term infusion of funds we received in September, 2009. At that time, the county received \$1.3 million in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds from HUD for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP). This two-year program and the services provided for persons experiencing homelessness was responsible for increasing the number of persons served in 2010 by 9%. When funding ended, the number of persons receiving services decreased by approximately 14%; this decrease is reflected in the 2011 numbers.

January 1 – December 31, 2011

Individual Adults	Households with Children under 18 years old
1,786	2,252 (45% children under 18)
68% males and 32% females	56% female single-parent households; 10% 2 parent households
Avg. age for women: 37; for men: 42	Avg. age for women: 33; for men: 36
43% have a high school diploma or GED	30% have a high school diploma
20% have some college	24% have some college
21% are employed	37% are employed
Most frequent reasons for homelessness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment • Jail/prison • Substance use disorder 	Most frequent reasons for homelessness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eviction • Loss of job • Underemployment • Family issues
42% were homeless for the first time	50% were homeless for the first time
30% had been homeless one to two times in the past	38% had been homeless one to two times in the past

Veterans

Veterans make up approximately 6% of the people experiencing homelessness served in Washtenaw County in 2011 (204). Over 90% are male and single. There are numerous reasons why veterans become homeless, with the highest being substance use disorders at 12%, followed closely by unemployment and eviction at 11%. Roughly 38% of single veterans are chronically homeless.

January 1 – December 31, 2011

OVERALL	204		
	7% of Adults		
Primary Race	Overall	Single	Families
White	137	67%	41%
Black or African American	67	27%	51%
Ethnicity			
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	203	94%	95%
Hispanic/Latino	7	3%	5%
Gender			
Female	18	5%	24%
Male	198	95%	76%
Transgender	1	0.5%	
Age Range			
Age 18 to 30	17	6%	19%
Age 31 to 50	82	37%	49%
Age 51 to 61	98	47%	30%
Age 62 and older	20	10%	3%
Employment			
No	63	81%	72%
Yes	17	19%	27%
Extent of Homelessness			
First Time Homeless	62	33%	48%
1-2 times in the past	59	32%	42%
3-4 times in the past	8	5%	
Chronic: 4 times in past 3 years	24	15%	6%
Long term: 1 year or more	18	12%	3%
Long term: 2 years or more	6	3%	

Chronic Homelessness

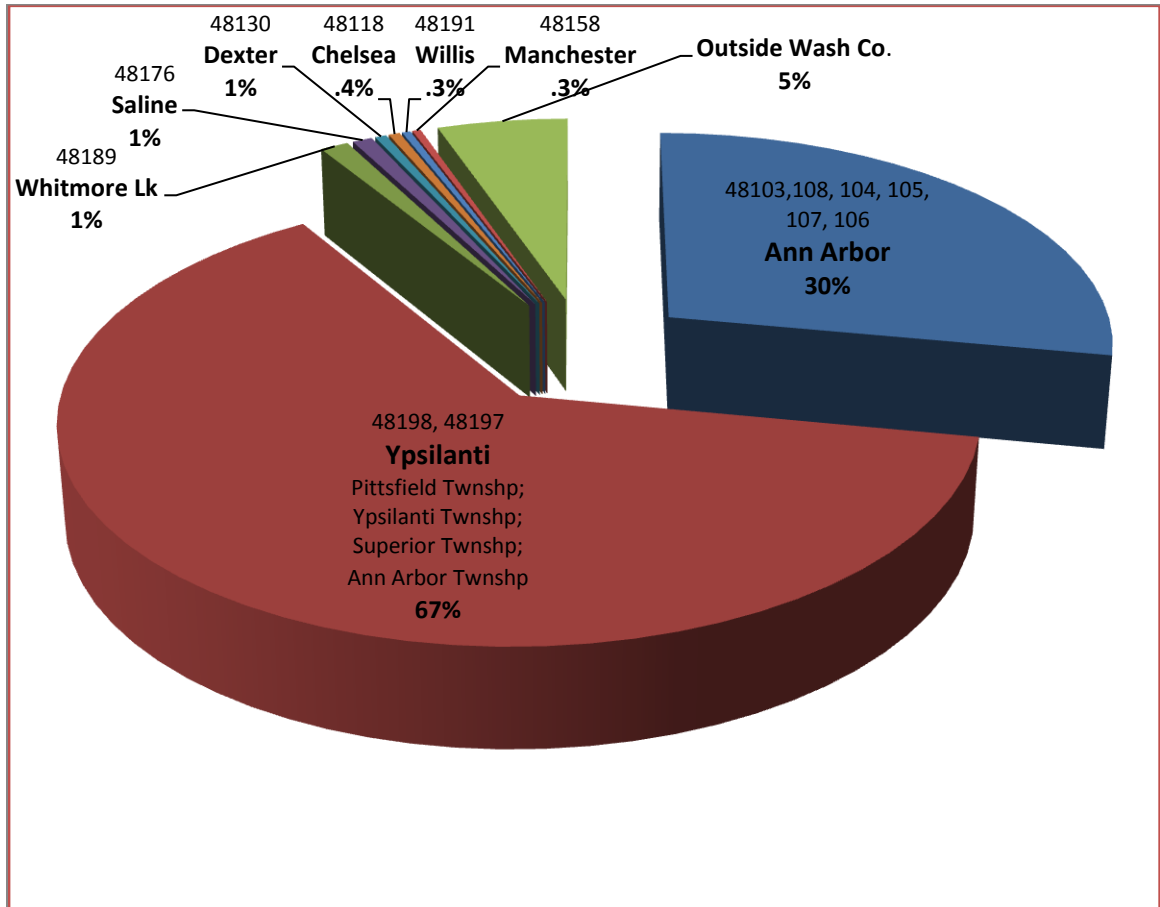
HUD defines a person or family as chronically homeless if there is long-term (a year or more) or repeated incidents of homelessness (four times in the last three years) and an adult has a disabling condition.

January 1 – December 31, 2011

OVERALL	503 17% of adults	Adult Individuals
Primary Race		
White		56%
Black or African American		34%
Ethnicity		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino		97%
Hispanic/Latino		3%
Gender		
Female		23%
Male		77%
Transgender		
Average Age		44
Employment		
No		77%
Yes		3%
Education		
Some High School education		26%
High School degree or GED		25%
Some College education		17%
Veteran		13%

Zip Code of Last Permanent Address

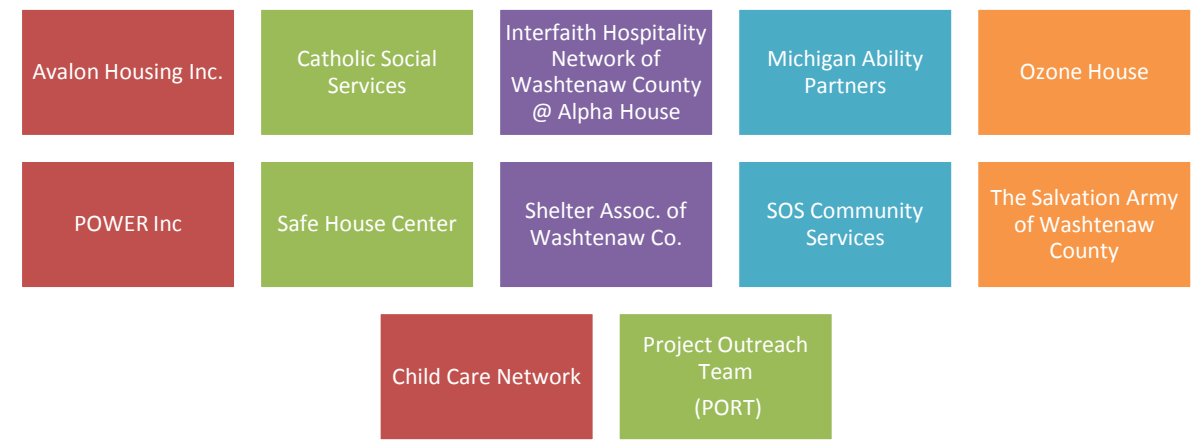
Washtenaw County service providers gather data on the zip code of last permanent address of each person they serve in order to identify where people are coming from. ***You can see from this chart that 95% of our service participants come from Washtenaw County.***



Data entered into the HMIS comes from 12 organizations representing over 100 programs and 120 staff entering data. These providers are emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, programs providing supportive services, short term rental assistance and permanent supportive housing programs within Washtenaw County. These agencies provide an extensive array of services for people in need in our community.

They include shelters for individual adults (Delonis Center) and families (SOS, IHN and Salvation Army); transitional housing programs (SOS and Salvation Army); permanent supportive housing (Avalon Housing); housing with support services for people with disabilities who become homeless (MAP); transitional housing for veterans (Salvation Army and MAP); shelter and transitional housing for youth who become homeless (Ozone House); shelter for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault (SafeHouse Center); assistance with managing funds (MAP); counseling; mentoring (most); outreach to people living on the streets (PORT, Home of New Vision, and Shelter Association of Washtenaw County); medical assistance; assistance with accessing mental health services and substance abuse disorder services (all); scholarships for child care for households who become homeless (Child Care Network); Public Housing (Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Housing Commissions); assistance with transportation to school for households with school age children (Education Project for Homeless Youth) and much, much more!

The list below represents HMIS participating organizations whose data is included in this report.



The data found in this report is only a small sample of information we have available to us to assist in our planning and service delivery. As a community committed to constant quality improvement and creating a system of care that is responsive and caring to those in need, we use our data to help judge the quality of our work; to determine how we should target our limited resources; to analyze the gaps between our services and the needs; and to assist us as we make plans for expanded responses to need.

The Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA)

Located in Washtenaw County, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA) is a unique coalition of 32 community-based organizations and government offices that serve people experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness. Founded in 2000, the WHA functions as a dynamic collaboration that harnesses the commitment, energy and resources of a major hospital system, the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, institutions of higher education, the private sector and the community at large to end homelessness in Washtenaw County. The WHA has maximized this strong commitment to develop “*A Home for Everyone: A Blueprint to End Homelessness in Washtenaw County*” our strategic plan for ending homelessness in our community.

Our Member Agencies

Ann Arbor Housing Commission • Avalon Housing • Catholic Social Services • Child Care Network • Community Action Network • Education Project for Homeless Youth • Faith in Action • Food Gatherers • Friends in Deed • Habitat for Humanity • HIV/AIDS Resource Center • Home of New Vision • Housing Bureau for Seniors • Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House • Jewish Family Services • Legal Services of South Central Michigan • Michigan Ability Partners • MISSION • Neighborhood Senior Services • Ozone House • Peace Neighborhood Center • SAFE House Center • The Salvation Army • Shelter Association of Washtenaw County • SOS Community Services • VA Health Center Homeless Veterans Program • Washtenaw Community Health Organization • Washtenaw County Community Support and Treatment Services • Washtenaw County Project Outreach Team • Washtenaw Health Plan • Washtenaw Prisoner Re-Entry • Ypsilanti Housing Commission

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