

Housing & Homelessness

Our Community Outcome: Reduce the number who suffer homelessness.

COMMUNITY TRENDS

- From 2010 to 2017, the overall homeless count for Washtenaw County has decreased, as shown by the Washtenaw County Point-in-Time Count.
- Washtenaw County's portion of the statewide homeless population has stayed constant at 4% since 2010 (n=342 individuals in 2016).

- The average sector cost-per-client has increased from \$179 in 2011-12 to \$432 in 2015-16. This is likely due to the higher on-average cost of permanent supportive housing services, which have better outcomes for reducing homelessness but necessitate more investment over time.
- The average length of time people are homeless in Washtenaw County is 2.3 months. This is less than the Michigan average of 4.03 months.

SYSTEMS GOAL: Decrease the number of persons who become homeless for the first time.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

Length of Time Homeless (Days)¹

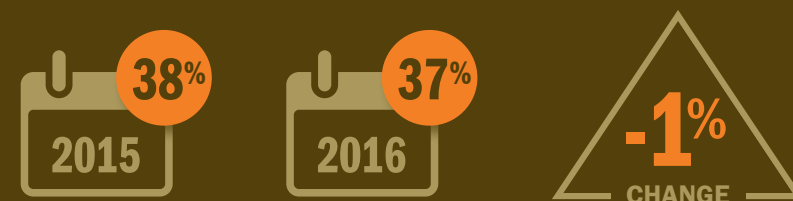
¹Median length of time in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing



GOAL:
A decrease in the median length of time

Returns to Homelessness²

²Total returns to homelessness from Permanent Housing within 2 years



GOAL:
Fewer returns from Permanent Housing

Permanent Housing Placement and Retention



GOAL:
More exits to or retention in Permanent Housing



* ES = Emergency Shelter
PH = Permanent Housing
RRH = Rapid ReHousing
SO = Street Outreach
TH = Temporary Housing

Source: Washtenaw County Point In Time Count

Community Dashboard

JULY 2018

PROGRAM LEVEL OUTCOMES

This section illustrates the total number of clients who reported achieving specified outcomes, and the corresponding percentage of achievement for all clients working on that outcome, as measured by HMIS.



Homelessness Prevention

Increase in clients who maintained housing for at least 6 months after receiving direct financial assistance for housing-related payments and/or housing stabilization services



Increase in clients who remained stably housed for 6 and 12 months after service intervention



Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and/or Homelessness Outreach

*as measured by HMIS

Increased exits to permanent and/or positive housing (including RRH and PSH)*



Increased or maintained income and/or benefits



Decreased length of time clients are homeless (includes time in ES and TH)



Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

Increased exits to permanent and/or positive housing (including RRH and PSH)



Increased or maintained income and/or benefits



Increased clients who remained stably housed for 6 and 12 months after service intervention



Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Increased exits to permanent and/or positive housing (including RRH and PSH)



Increased or maintained income and/or benefits



Increased clients who remained stably housed for 6 and 12 months after service intervention

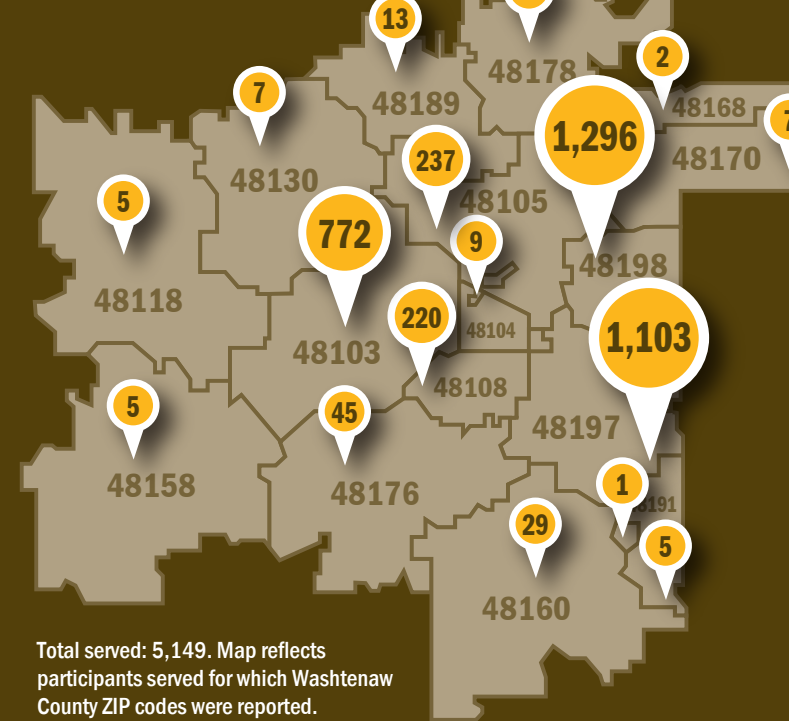


TRENDS FROM REPORTING

- The three Prevention programs are generally performing close to identified targets of 40-60% of the grant projections.
- Emergency Shelter (ES), Transitional Housing (TH) & Outreach are grouped into one category for the Coordinated Funding outcomes. Outcomes for ES and TH are mixed thus far.
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) providers have struggled to achieve the targeted number of Rapid Re-Housing program exits. All programs have already achieved their one-year income/benefits targets.
- Nearly all of the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) providers have already achieved their one-year targets for housing exits, income/benefits and stably housed.

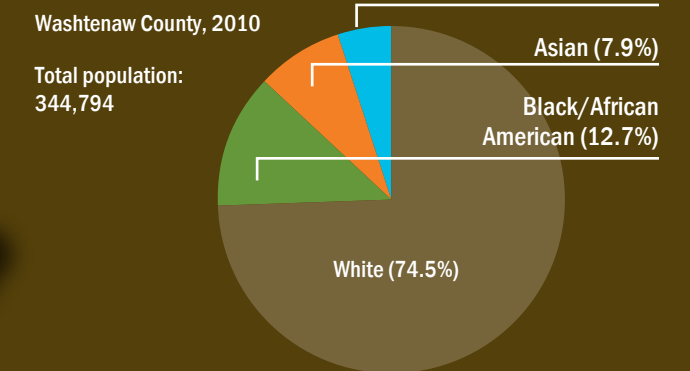
DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Number of All WCF Participants Served, by ZIP Code (FIGURE 1)



Total served: 5,149. Map reflects participants served for which Washtenaw County ZIP codes were reported.

Race of All WCF Participants (FIGURE 2A)



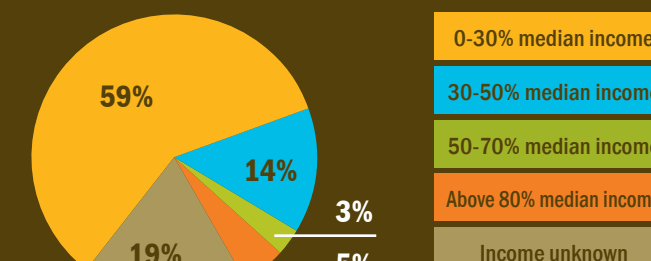
Race of Housing & Homeless Clients Served (FY17) (FIGURE 2B)



Breakdown by Income

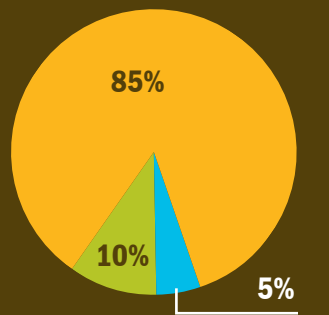
Income of All WCF Participants (FIGURE 3A)

Total served: 30,843



Income of Housing & Homeless Clients (FY17) (FIGURE 3B)

Total served: 5,149



POLICY UPDATES FROM WASHTENAW HOUSING ALLIANCE

FEDERAL UPDATES

There is deep concern about the Trump administration's choice of Ben Carson—who has no housing or policy background—as U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) director. Proposed changes to federal housing assistance programs is another concern. New work requirements and rising rents will impact many Washtenaw County households receiving assistance. We will continue to report and advocate on these proposals as discussion and policy unfolds in D.C.

LOCAL UPDATES

Y-LOT: Ann Arbor City Council voted to re-purchase the former YMCA site in downtown Ann Arbor, which once housed 100 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) affordable housing units. These units were not in jeopardy when the

community's original Blueprint to End Homelessness was created but were demolished shortly after, and the lot has been vacant for years. WHA's May 2018 Advocacy & Communications Committee meeting focused on creating a vision for the site. Recent WHA advocacy alerts on this topic are here: 1, 2, 3; stay tuned for future developments.

LIBRARY LOT: WHA awaits the City of Ann Arbor to finalize a purchase agreement for the Library Lot, at which time 50% of the proceeds of the sale will go into the now-depleted City of Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Fund.

PLATT ROAD: WHA awaits information regarding a purchase agreement for the County's Platt Road site: if it moves forward with purchase agreement and development in a few years, there will be 50-units of permanent supportive housing constructed on the site.

Washtenaw Coordinated Funders (WCF) is meeting the needs of our community's most vulnerable in four priority areas through three funding components intended to: Support human services programming; Build nonprofit capacity; Foster community collaboration and systems-level change. WCF includes the following partners: Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF); Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), representing Washtenaw County, Urban County and the City of Ann Arbor; United Way of Washtenaw County (UWWC); RNR Foundation; Saint Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor (SJMAA). For more information, visit our website: coordinatedfunders.org.