



Washtenaw County Zero:2016 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

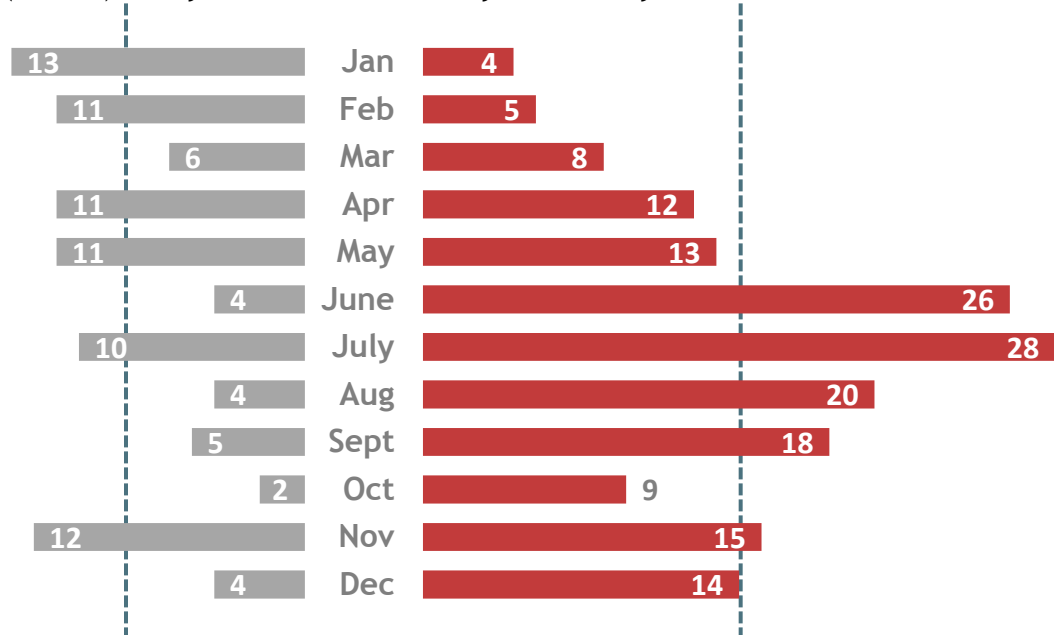
VETERANS

In January 2015, Washtenaw County joined 74 other communities across the country when it launched its participation in the Zero:2016 Initiative, a national movement to end veteran and chronic homelessness by the end of 2016. **We exceeded our projected goal by housing 172 veterans experiencing homelessness.**

WHAT WE LEARNED

Inflow
There is an average of **8 veterans** entering or reentering the system (inflow) every month.

Housed
There is an average of **14 veterans** housed in the system every month.



Veterans experiencing homelessness at year-end: **34**

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2016

- Information about veterans experiencing homelessness exists in multiple places – we’re working to **better align our data sources** to ensure we have the most accurate information in real time.
- There are 23 transitional housing units for veterans in active use in our community. **Transitional housing is not a permanent housing solution** for ending veteran homelessness
- Despite an increase in housing subsidies for Washtenaw County veterans experiencing homelessness, we lack sufficient housing units due to an extremely tight rental market. **We need to develop more affordable units and identify landlord partners to help us house our veterans.**
- Our system is also impacted by the number of homeless veterans who **leave our service area or become institutionalized each month**. We will be tracking this data point as well in 2016.



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CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

In January 2015, Washtenaw County joined 74 other communities across the country when it launched its participation in the Zero:2016 Initiative, a national movement to end veteran and chronic homelessness by the end of 2016. **We exceeded our projected goal by housing 158 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in 2015.**

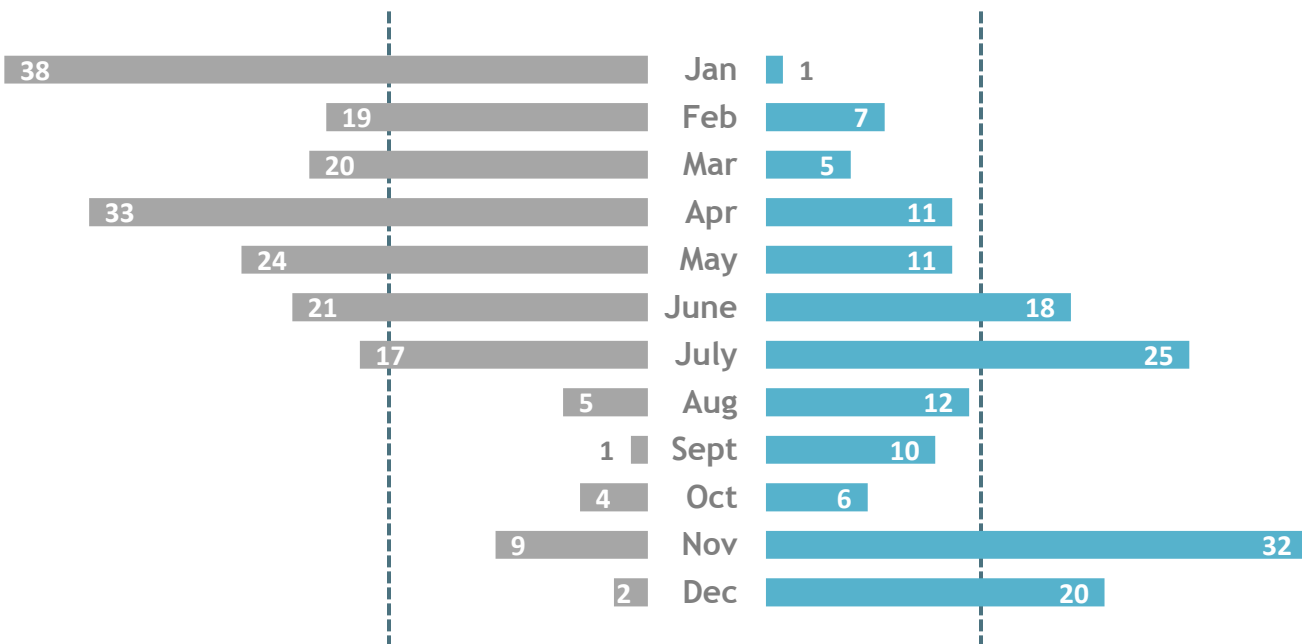
WHAT WE LEARNED

Inflow

There is an average of **16 individuals** newly experiencing chronic homelessness each month.

Housed

There is an average of **13 individuals** experiencing chronic homelessness housed in the system every month.



People experiencing chronic homelessness at year-end: **75**

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2016

- A person's length of time homeless affects chronic status, which can change overtime; thus, making chronic homelessness a fluid status. **We are working to improve data quality and documentation** to ensure we are accurately reporting the incidence of chronic homelessness.
- On January 16, 2016 the **federal definition of chronic homelessness changed**. The impact of this change on our total number individuals experiencing chronic homelessness is still being evaluated.
- Despite an increase in housing subsidies for Washtenaw County individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, we lack sufficient housing units due to an extremely tight rental market. **We need to develop more affordable units and identify landlord partners to help us meet this goal.**
- Our system is also impacted by the number of individuals experiencing homelessness who **leave our service area or become institutionalized each month**. We will be tracking this data point as well in 2016.