

## Built for Zero is having a measurable impact on veteran and chronic homelessness.

In 2015, Washtenaw County joined 74 communities across the country in "Zero: 2016" - a nationwide coalition working to end chronic and veteran homelessness. Renamed "Built for Zero" in recognition of the progress made, the initiative has housed more than 60,000 homeless Americans nationwide.

Washtenaw County has housed 547 homeless veterans & chronically homeless persons as part of the national total.

Based on 2016 PIT data, veteran homelessness has declined twice as fast as total homelessness within Washtenaw County; while chronic homelessness has declined more than three times as fast.

Furthermore, compared to Michigan communities not participating in Built for Zero, chronic homelessness in Washtenaw County declined 25% faster and veteran homelessness 12% faster, despite total homelessness falling at a slower rate.

To learn more about efforts to end homelessness, visit:

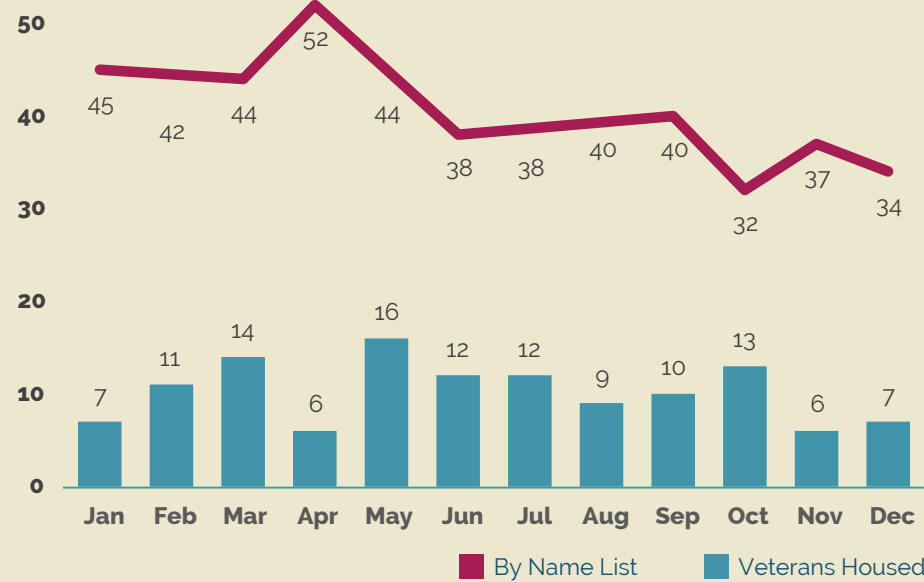
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# Washtenaw County Continuum of Care 2016 Year in Review

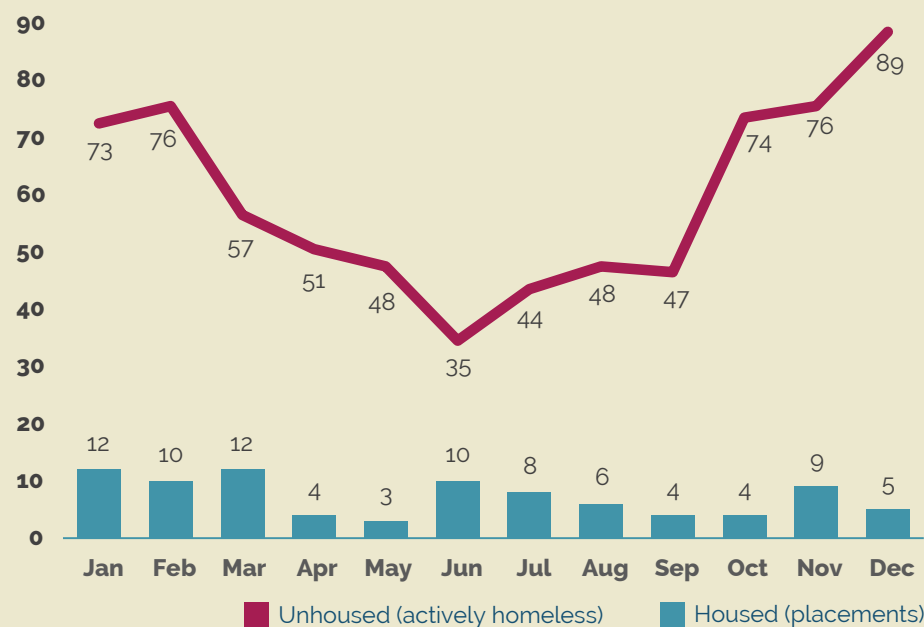


Our goal is **Functional Zero**: where the number of veterans experiencing homelessness or persons experiencing chronic homelessness is equal to or less than the monthly housing placement rate for that group. In view of unhoused clients remaining each month on the "By-Name" List, Washtenaw County is still on the way to reaching Functional Zero. As we continue to improve our data tracking and processes, we will develop a clearer picture of how we are meeting housing needs.

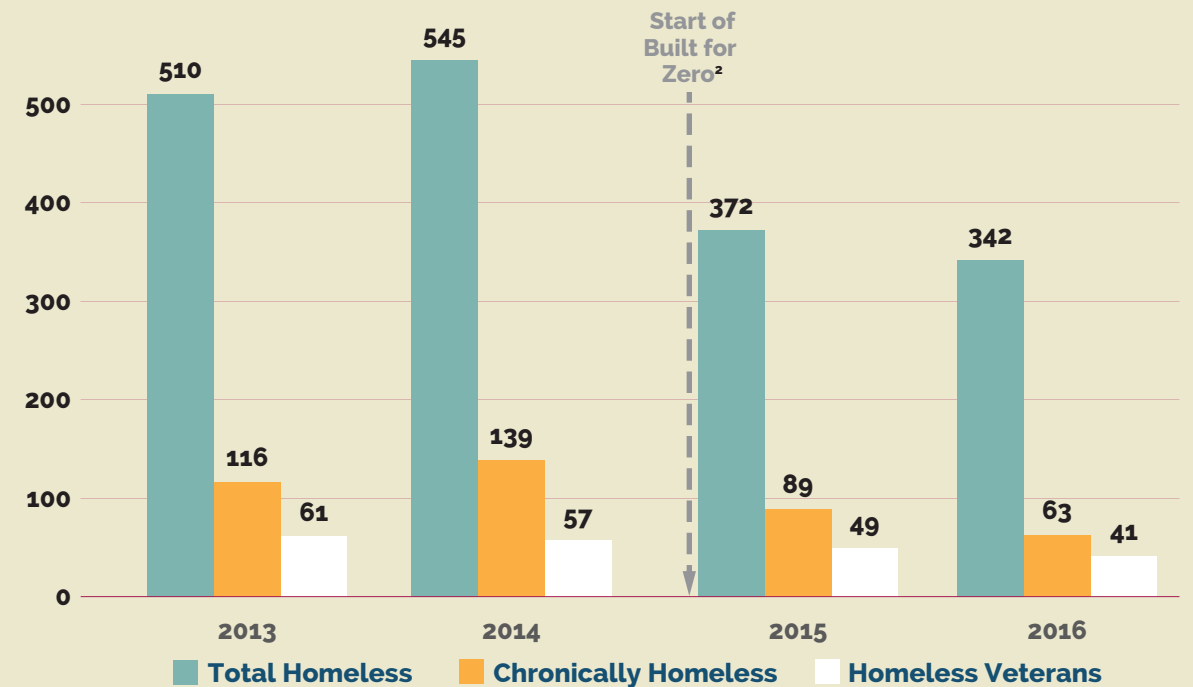
### Veterans Housed | "By-Name" List



### Chronically Homeless Housed | "By-Name" List



## Washtenaw County Point-In-Time (PIT) Count 2013-2016



# Housed	2015	2016	Total
VETERANS	172	123	295
CHRONICALLY HOMELESS <sup>1</sup>	158	87	245
TOTAL	330	210	540

<sup>1</sup> The federal definition of Chronic Homelessness changed on January 16, 2016. While the change likely results in fewer people identified as chronically homeless, the precise effect on our numbers cannot be determined.  
<sup>2</sup> Though Built for Zero efforts began in 2015, the 2016 PIT Count gave us the first opportunity to measure our impact using external data.