

AGENDA

Housing and Human Services Advisory Board (HHSAB)
June 8, 2023 from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

This will be a digital meeting. Members of the public may participate electronically in the meeting or by telephone.

Zoom link: <https://washtenawcounty.zoom.us/j/83784962121?pwd=VXpMWGgrdIV6ZU9wSEFNK1hMVGRaZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8496 2121 | Passcode: 758842

- I. Convene Meeting (Skylar Woodman, Chair) _____ 6:30 pm
- II. Welcome _____ 6:32 pm
 - Special welcome to 2 new members – Ellen Rabinowitz and Peter Slutzker!
 - Ellen is filling the at-large seat vacated by Anna Foster; Peter is filling the at-large seat vacated by Emily Canosa. Terms will run through May 2026.
- III. Public Comment _____ 6:38 pm
- IV. Approval of Agenda (**ACTION**) _____ 6:40 pm
- V. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2023 (**ACTION**) _____ 6:42 pm
- VI. Business/update _____ 6:45 pm

Business

- a. Planning for community event/engagement on affordable housing to be held in August (ALL)
 - Per 2023 Workplan: possible topics are definitions of affordable housing and associated challenges

Updates

- b. 2023 Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Counts (Tara Cohen)
 - See slides included in meeting packet. This was recently presented at the CoC Annual All-Member meeting on May 25th.
- c. HHSAB Amended By-laws – at City Council for final approval 6/5/23 (Tara Cohen)
 - Only one substantive change – giving youth seat voting rights
- d. Recruitment for a New Liaison to Renters’ Commission (Tara Cohen)
 - Core meetings occur on third Thursday each month at 7:30pm on Zoom
 - Meetings typically last about 2 hours
 - Per City staff, some potential interest from Renters Commission members in a shared role, maybe every other month meeting time commitment

Next meeting: Thursday, July th at 6:30 p.m. | Location: Remote (Zoom)

- VII. City Council (Council Member Update) _____ 8:00 pm
- Councilmember Watson – shared HHSAB support of Council’s efforts re:
Use of Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate
- VIII. General Updates _____ 8:15 pm
- IX. Public Comment _____ 8:20 pm
- X. Adjournment (**ACTION**) _____ 8:30 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, July 13th at 6:30 p.m. | Location: Remote (Zoom)

Communication in Support of Council Efforts to Allocate Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate Monies Toward Social Services

Local social service and safety net agencies have experienced significant funding challenges in the last few years,

The city of Ann Arbor continues to receive large windfalls through the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate,

The Mental Health and Public Safety millage rebate has an established 40, 40, 20 spending plan,

The Affordable Housing Millage is capped in what can be spent on social services,

The Climate Action Millage, along with portions of the Mental Health millage rebate, have been earmarked for achieving the city's sustainability goals,

Eviction courts have resumed, disproportionately affecting, single mothers and mothers of color,

Barrier Busters is a group of 100+ social service agencies committed to improving services and responding to emergencies for Washtenaw County residents and well positioned to prevent evictions and utility shut-offs; and assist with other emergency costs that threaten residents' housing and financial stability. Based on Barrier Busters 2021 Annual Report, 132 Ann Arbor City families received assistance in the amount of \$87,004, well exceeding the City allocations in 2021. Barrier Busters is funded by voluntary contributions from City of Ann Arbor residents who round up their fees from utility services with city staff indicating that these voluntary contributions have typically added up to \$10-15K per year yet city staff has previously anticipated that requests from City of Ann Arbor residents would exceed \$120,000 in 2022.

In 2021, council resolved (R-21-098) to allocate this revenue "for such purposes specifically related to restorative and alternative strategies for public safety and community support such as: Emergency Services response that include mental health and substance use disorder professionals; Programs for substance abuse intervention, treatment and recovery support services; Education and enrichment programs for at-risk youth; and Innovation grants toward promoting criminal diversion and expungement, support for formerly incarcerated members of our community, and other criminal justice reform initiatives."

In that same resolution council directed the city administrator to "collaborate with Washtenaw County and request matching funds from the County for coordinated programming to promote these goals" and "to consider application of these funds or creation of programs to receive this funding starting in FY2022 and includes consideration of using the funds in all future budgets moving forward."

Stable housing and support services are a recognized way of supporting mental health needs, important resources for returning citizens, and critically important to children's social-emotional wellbeing and academic success.

Social safety net programs are best able to meet the needs of the community when they can rely on stable funding.

The Housing and Human Services Advisory Board (HHSAB) supports the in-progress Council budget resolutions to use currently unallocated funds from the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate (understood to be about \$1,000,000) to support eviction prevention, wrap-around support services, and youth supportive services. HHSAB encourages Council to move toward making these allocations permanent and ongoing as the Marijuana market becomes more stabilized.

2023 POINT-IN-TIME & HOUSING INVENTORY COUNTS

Rebecca Zasadny

TOTAL PERSONS

Sheltered

250 People

were in emergency shelter
or transitional housing

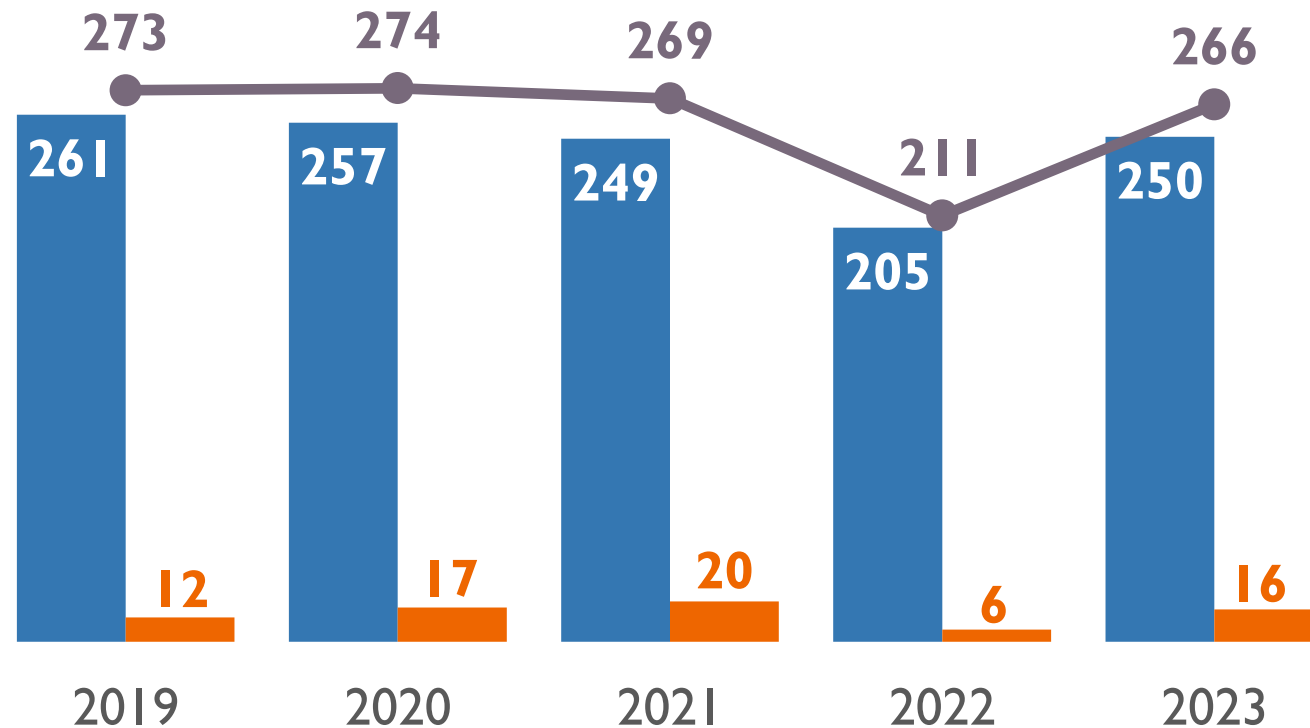
Unsheltered

16 People

were on the streets or in
places not meant for human
habitation

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW: WASHTENAW COUNTY

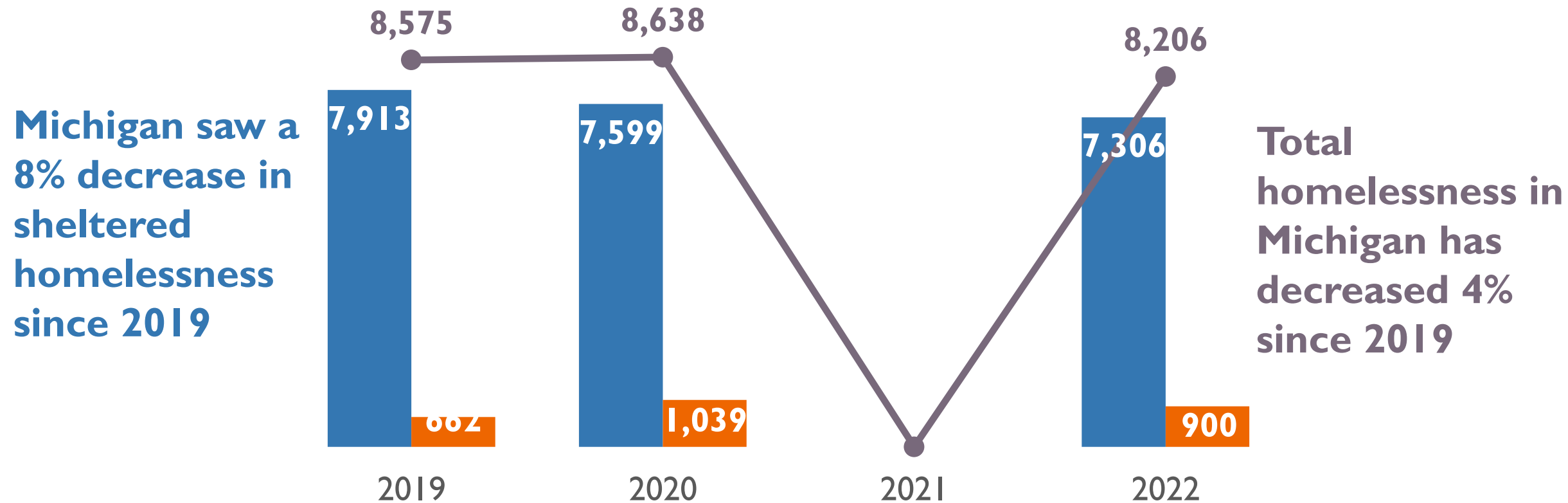
94% of people we counted are in shelter



Total Homelessness has decreased by almost 3% since 2019

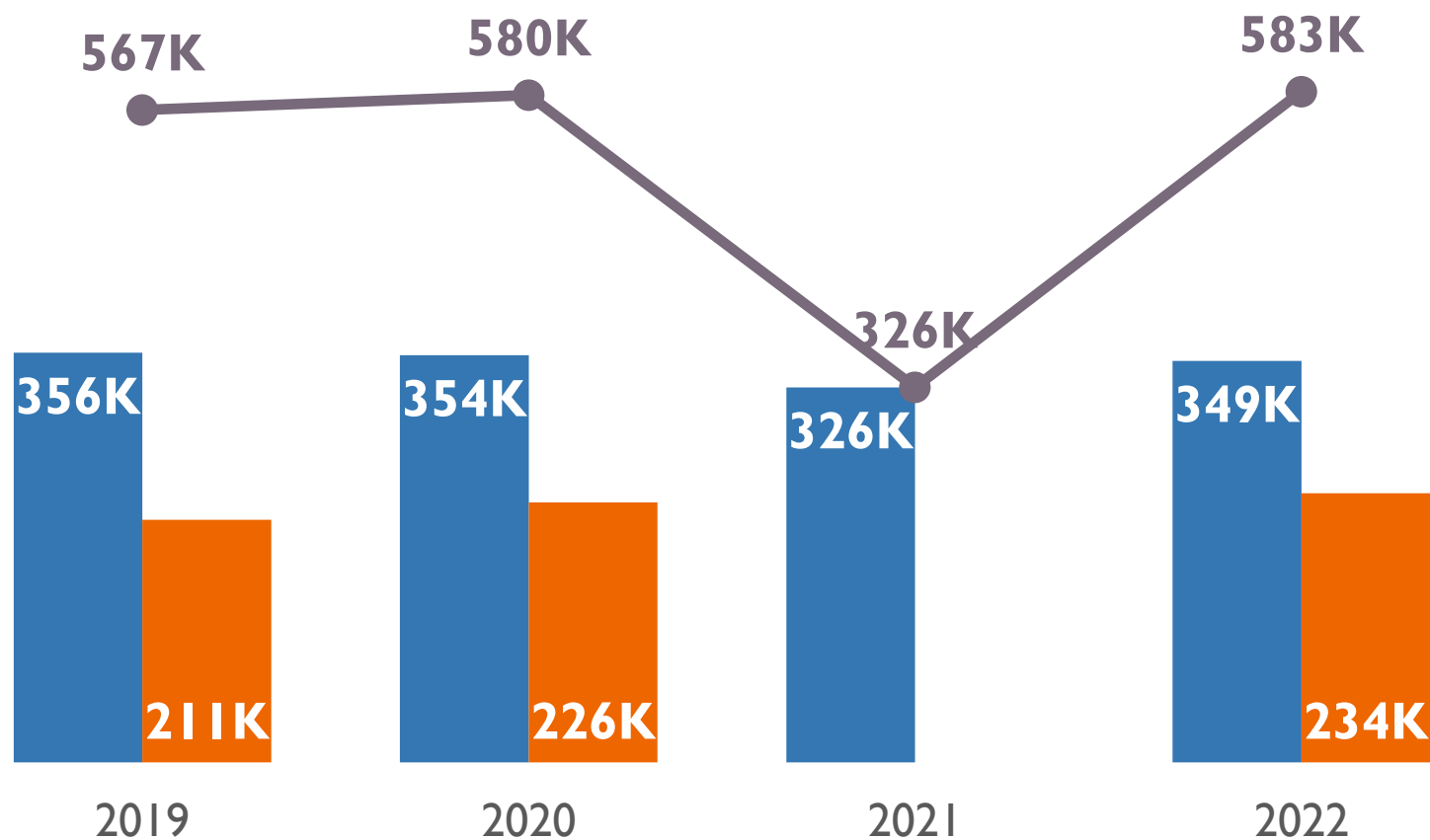
HISTORICAL OVERVIEW: STATE OF MICHIGAN

Michigan PIT Count Totals



HISTORICAL OVERVIEW: UNITED STATES

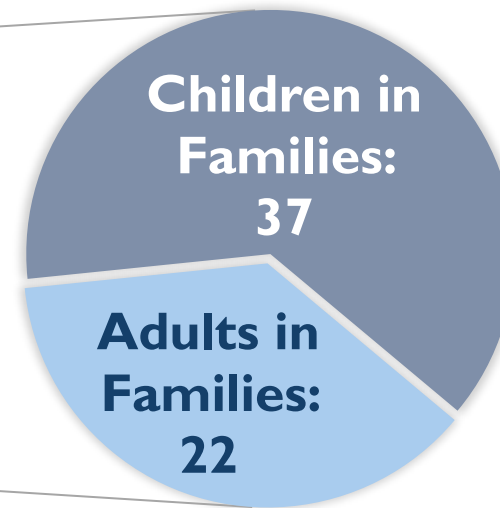
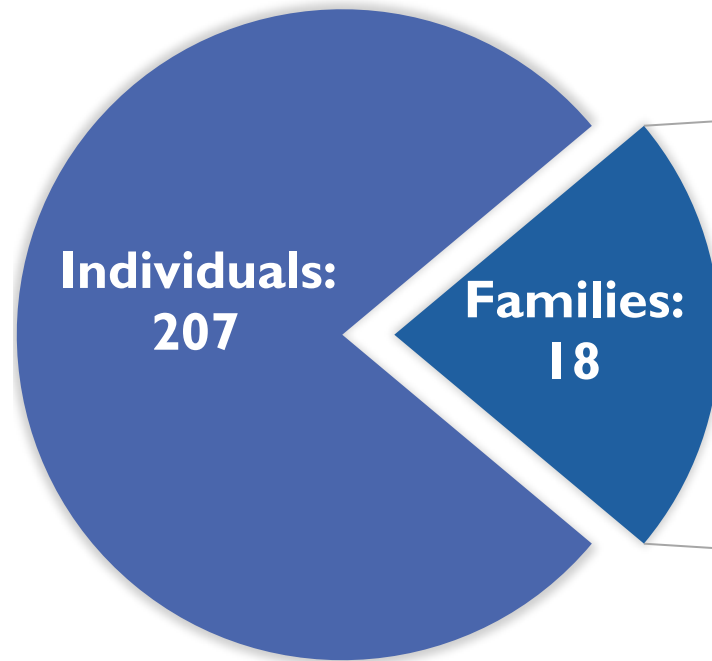
Sheltered homelessness decreased by 2% nationwide since 2019



Total homelessness in the U.S. has increased 3% since 2019

HOUSEHOLD TYPES (SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED)

78% of persons experiencing homelessness are individuals not in a family

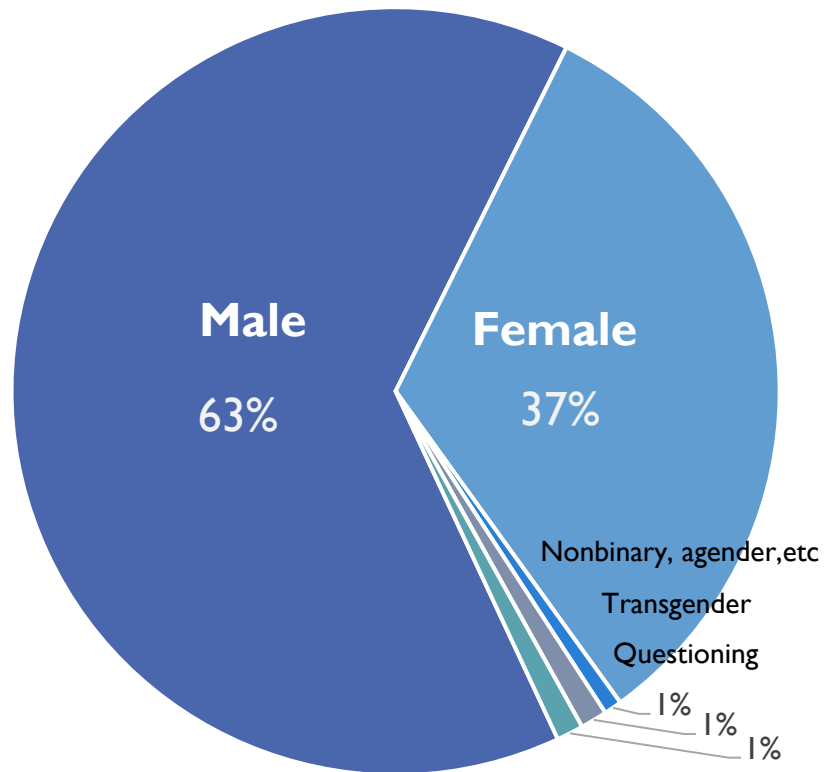


18 family households were counted with an average family size of 3.3

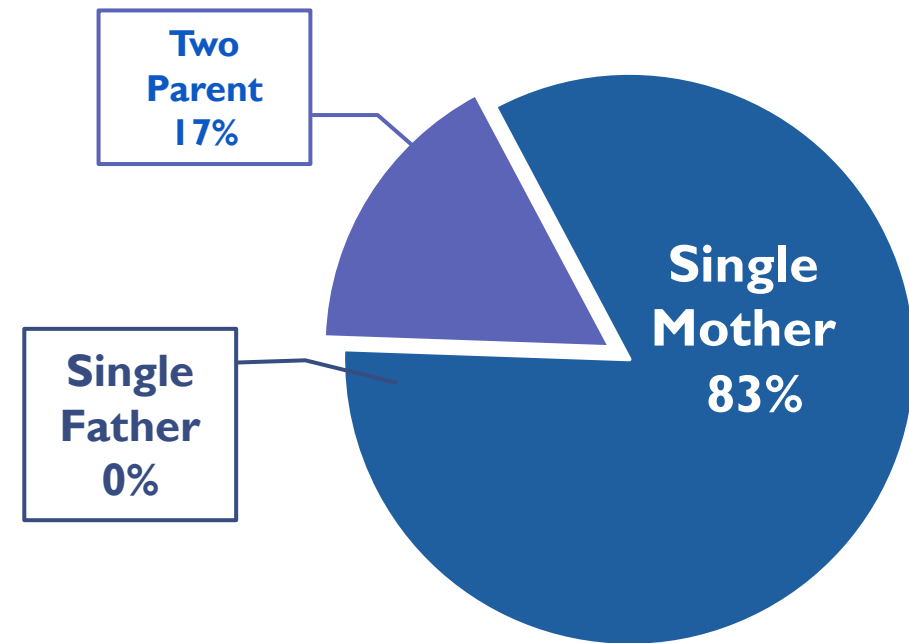
No unsheltered families were found in 2023!

DEMOGRAPHICS: GENDER

ALL PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESS



FAMILY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD



DEMOGRAPHICS: AGE

Children
under 18

Adults 25-54

Seniors
65+

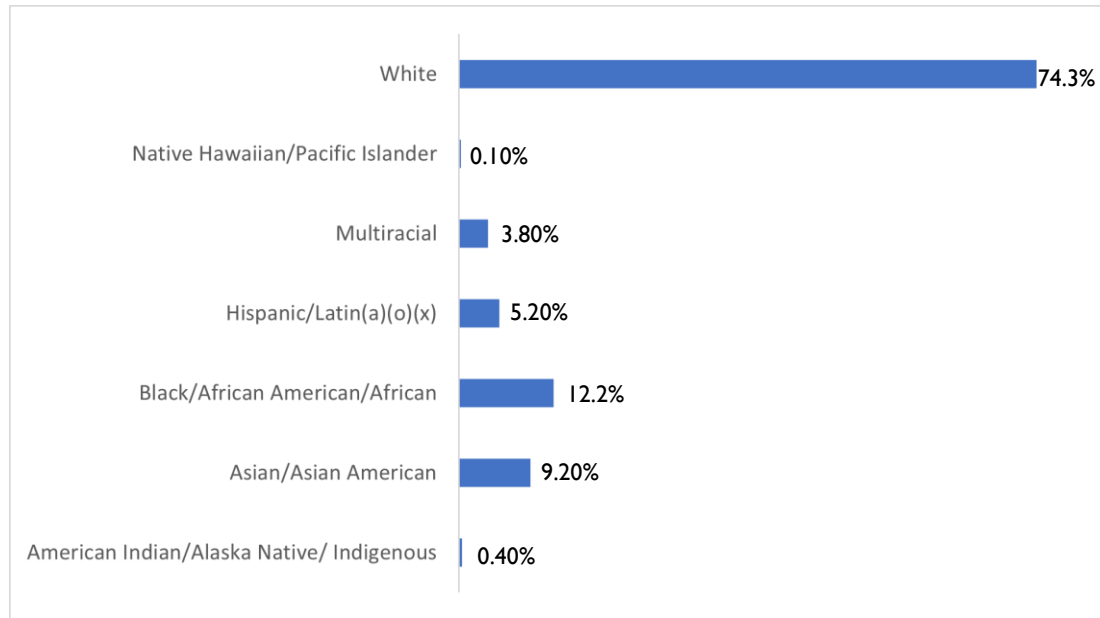


Young
Adults
18-24

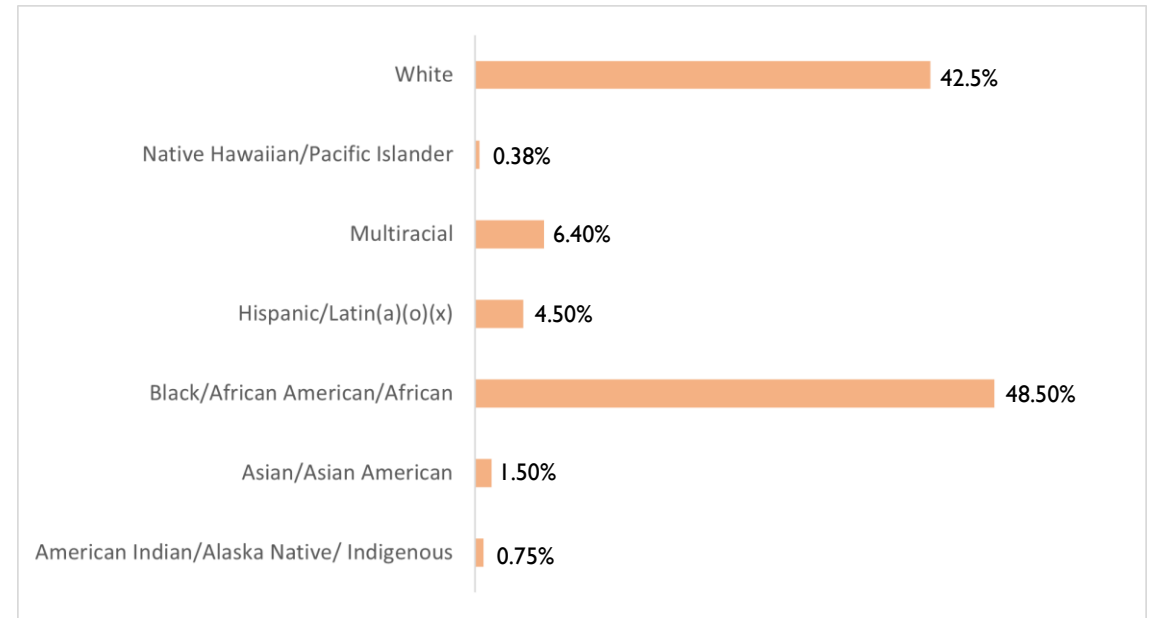
Older
Adults
55-64

DEMOGRAPHICS: RACE

Total County Population

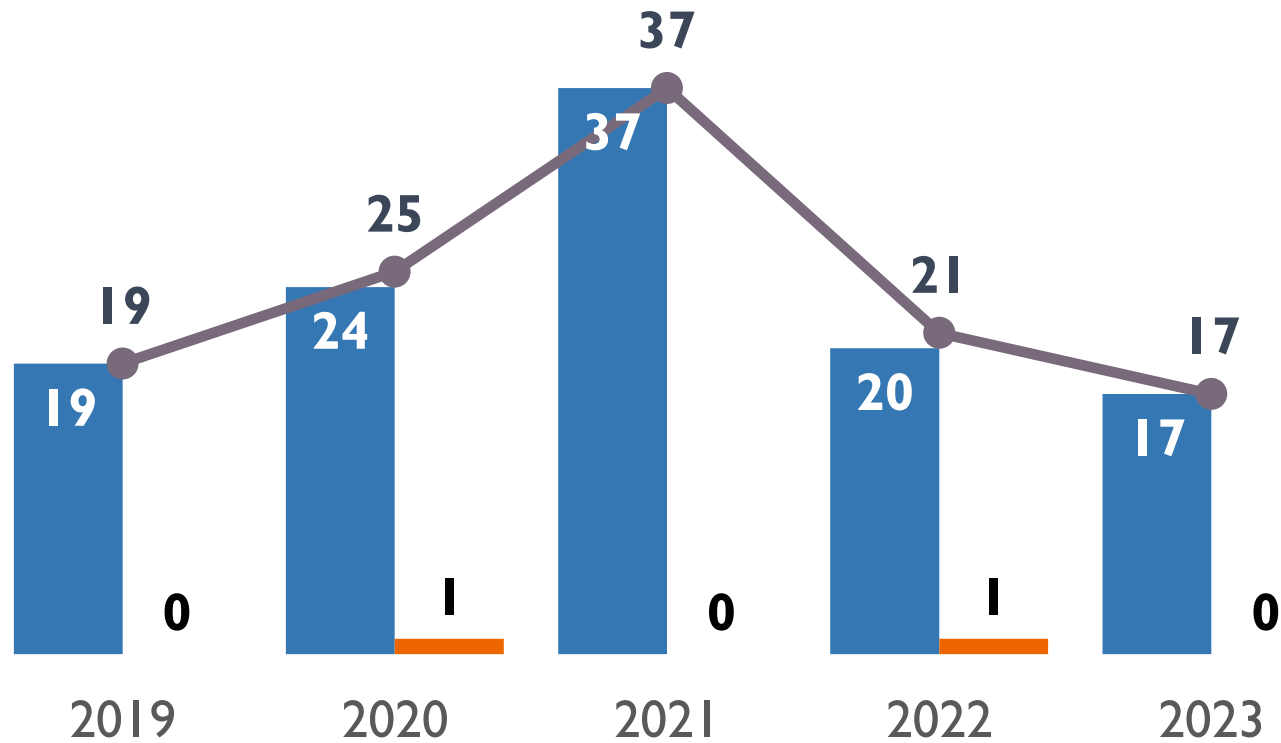


Persons Experiencing Homelessness



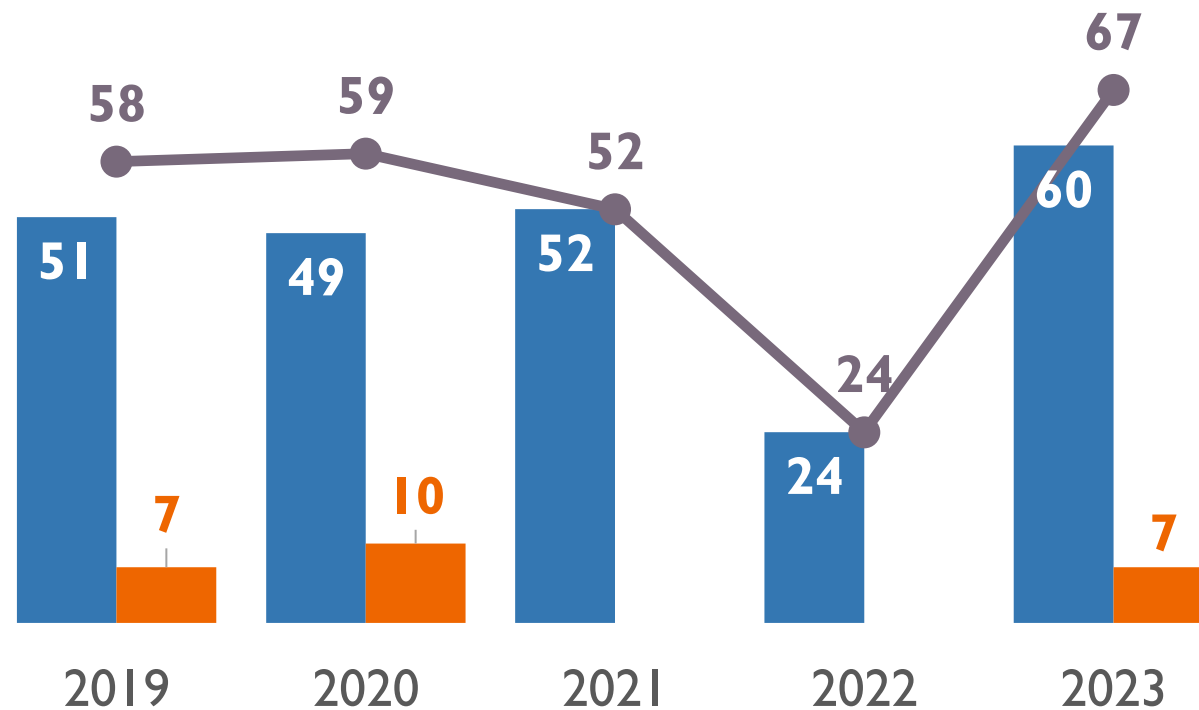
VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Veteran homelessness is falling faster than total homelessness



Total Veteran homelessness has dropped by 11% since 2019

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS



Total chronic homelessness has increased by 16% since 2019

RESOURCES

- <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/washtenawcountymichigan>
- <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2022-AHAR-Part-I.pdf> page 101