

WASHTENAW COUNTY 2019 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT COMMUNITY DEBRIEFING

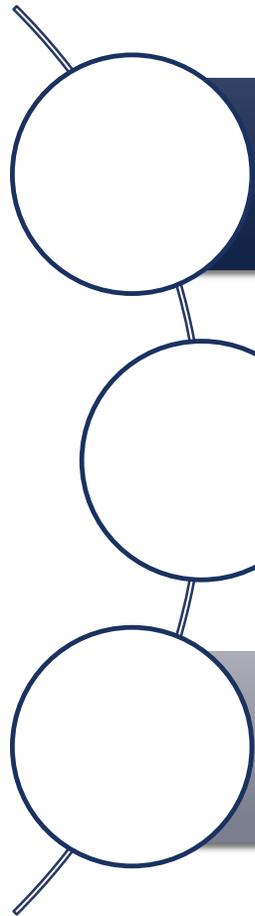
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Collaborative solutions for a promising future

AGENDA



Pit Count 101

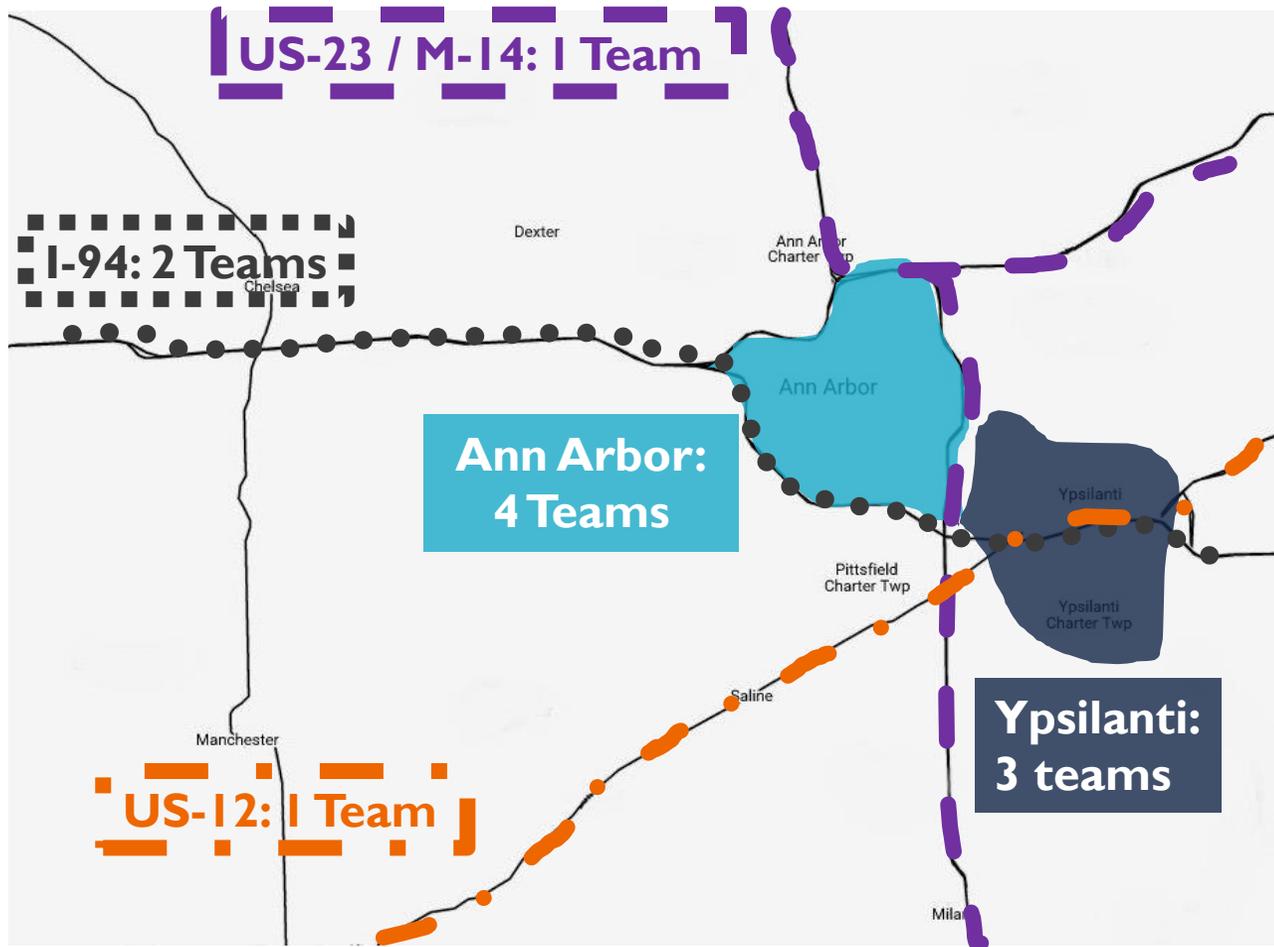
2019 Data & Statistics

Built for Zero Updates

WHAT IS THE POINT-IN-TIME COUNT?

- A **federally-mandated count of all sheltered AND unsheltered persons** experiencing homelessness on a single day in January
- Volunteers and staff **canvass the streets** to survey and count every person experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County
- During the count, **we collect demographic information** from survey respondents, including, but not limited to:
 - Date of Birth
 - Gender
 - Race
 - Ethnicity
 - Housing Status
 - Disability Status
 - Veteran Status
 - Chronicity

TEAMS & MAP



- On January 30th, we had over **25** volunteers and staff canvass between 10 p.m. & 2 a.m. for the unsheltered count
- The county was divided among 11 teams. Teams travelling along highways also canvassed communities they passed through
- *We are very grateful to all of our volunteers! We could not do this without you!*

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE PIT COUNT?

Sheltered

Persons who are living in a supervised, publicly- or privately-owned shelter designed to provide temporary living arrangements:

Shelter

Transitional Housing

Hotel or Motel paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government funders

Unsheltered

Persons with a primary nighttime residence that is a place not designated for human habitation:

Car

Park

Abandoned Building

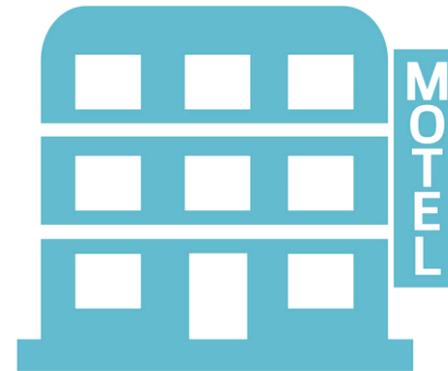
Bus or Train Station

Airport

Camp ground or site

WHO IS EXCLUDED FROM THE PIT COUNT?

- Persons residing in a **hotel or motel they paid for themselves**
- Persons **staying with friends or families**
- Persons **admitted to the hospital** (staying in a hospital, not including the emergency room)
- Persons who did not explicitly meet the definitions on the previous slide





2019 DATA & STATISTICS



PIT COUNT DATA



- PIT Count data comes from two sources:
 1. Data for persons in shelter comes from HMIS, our local Homeless Management Information System
 2. Data for persons who are unsheltered comes from surveys conducted by volunteers
- In both cases, all data is self-reported
- The count is conducted once per year, so it is better understood as a snapshot than as a full census.

TOTAL PERSONS

Sheltered

261 People

were in emergency shelter or
transitional housing

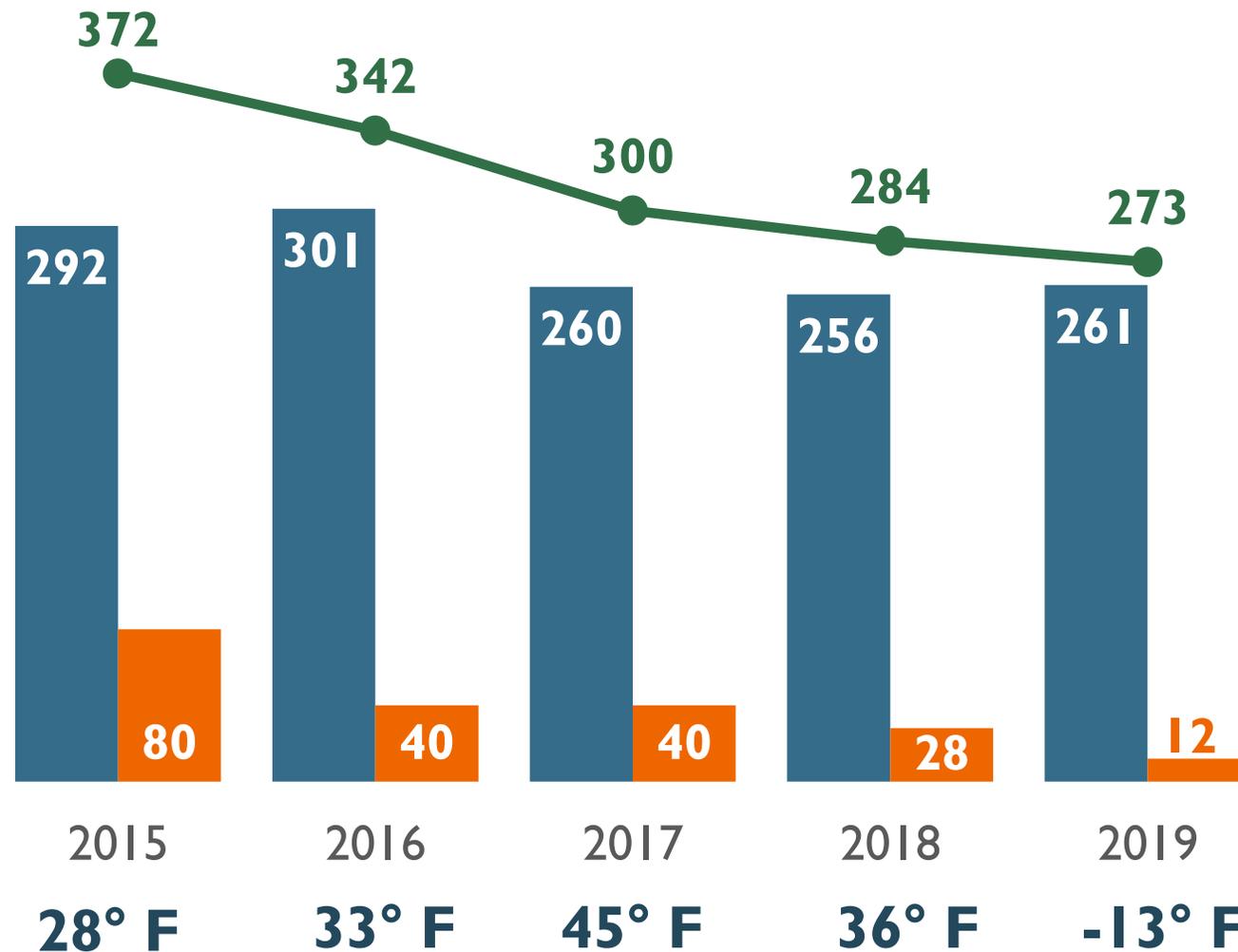
Unsheltered

12 People

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

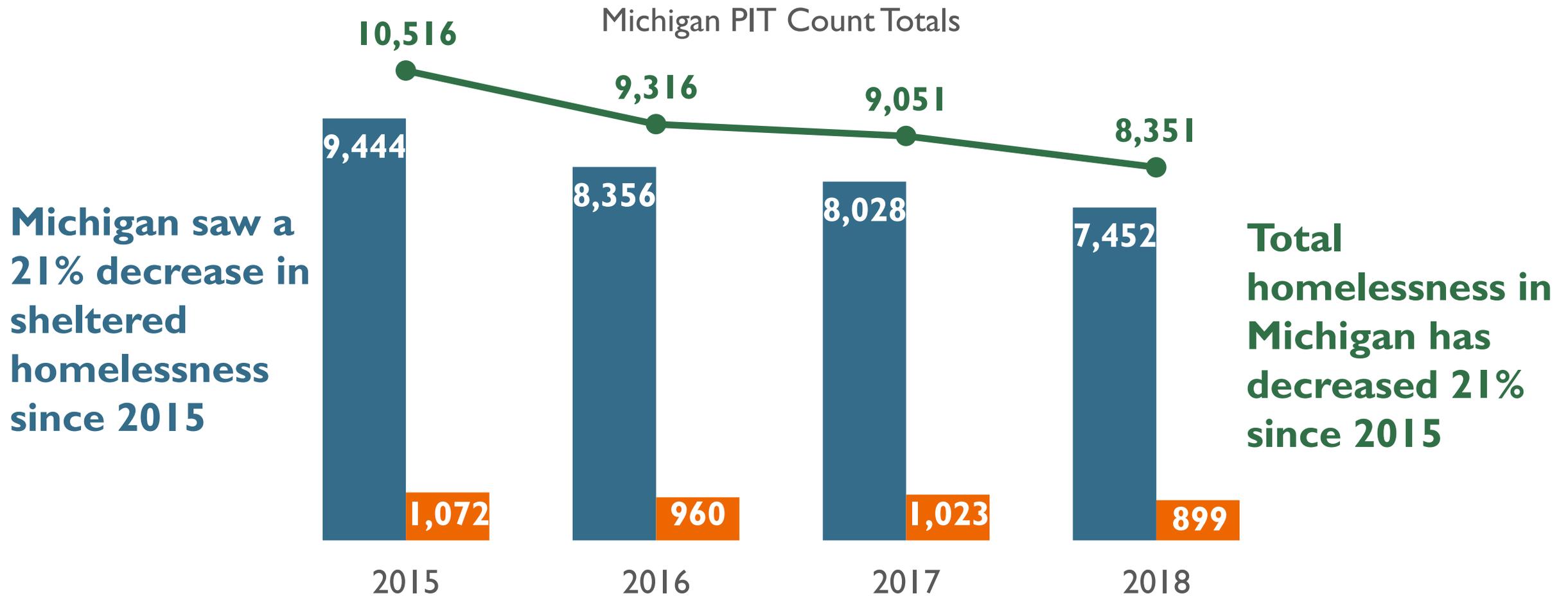
HISTORICAL OVERVIEW: WASHTENAW COUNTY

95% of people we counted are in shelter



Total Homelessness has declined by almost 27% since 2015

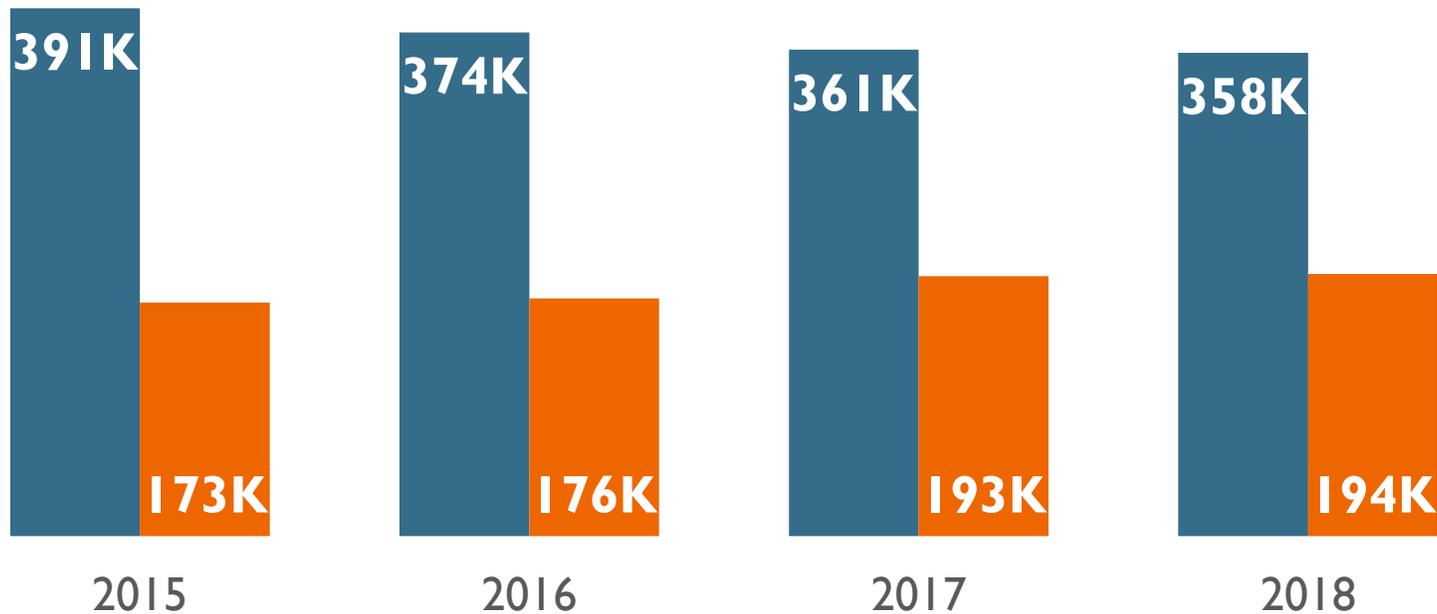
HISTORICAL OVERVIEW: STATE OF MICHIGAN



HISTORICAL OVERVIEW: UNITED STATES



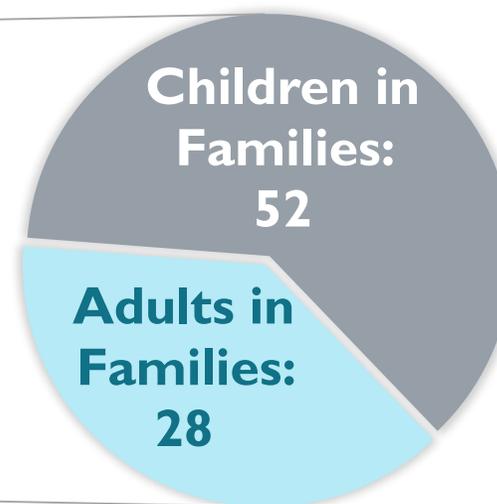
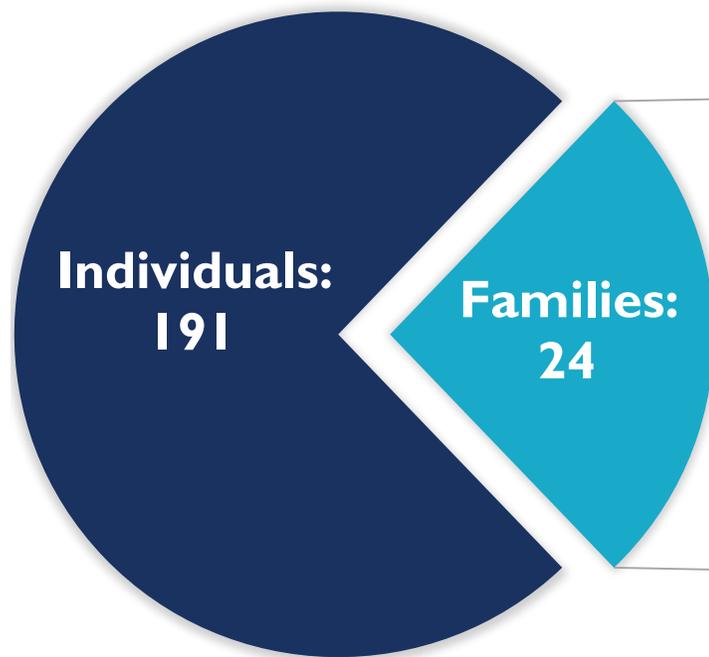
Sheltered homelessness fell by 8% nationwide since 2015



Total homelessness in the U.S. has decreased 2% since 2015

HOUSEHOLD TYPES

70% of persons experiencing homelessness are individuals not in a family

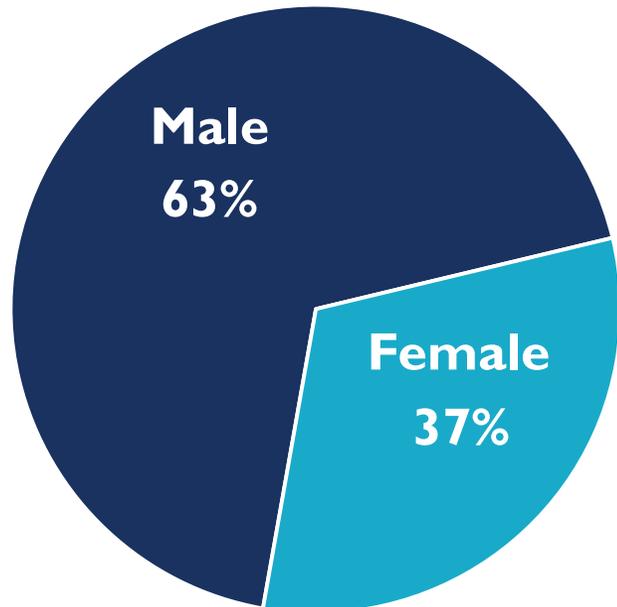


24 family households were counted with an average family size of 3.3

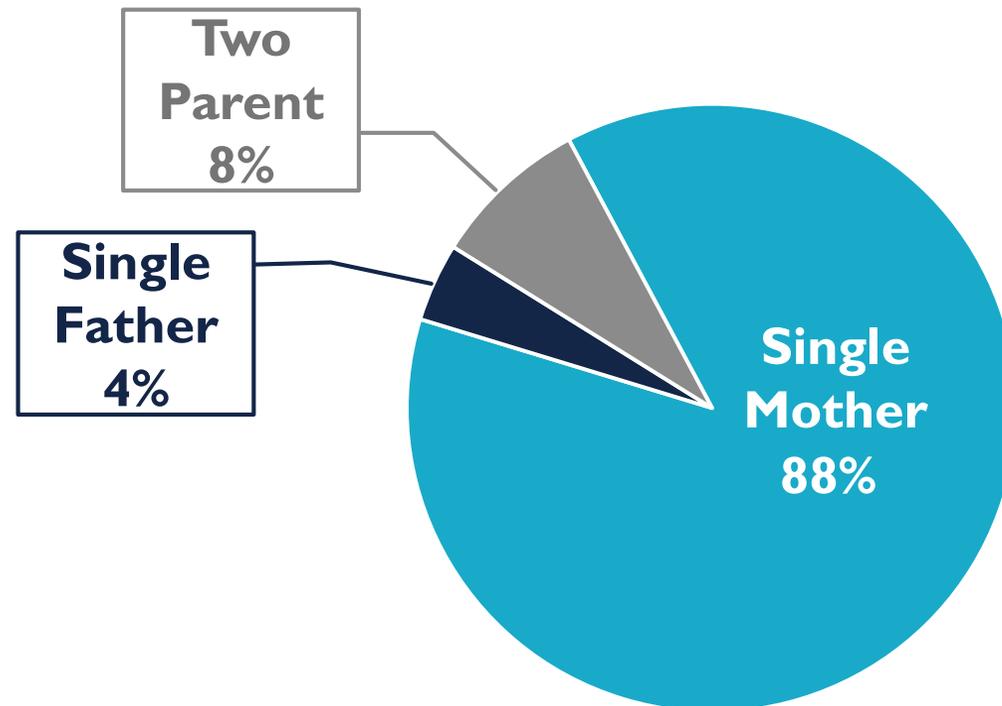
No unsheltered families were found in 2019!

DEMOGRAPHICS: GENDER

ALL PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



FAMILY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD



DEMOGRAPHICS: AGE

**Children
under 18**

Adults 25-54

**Seniors
65+**

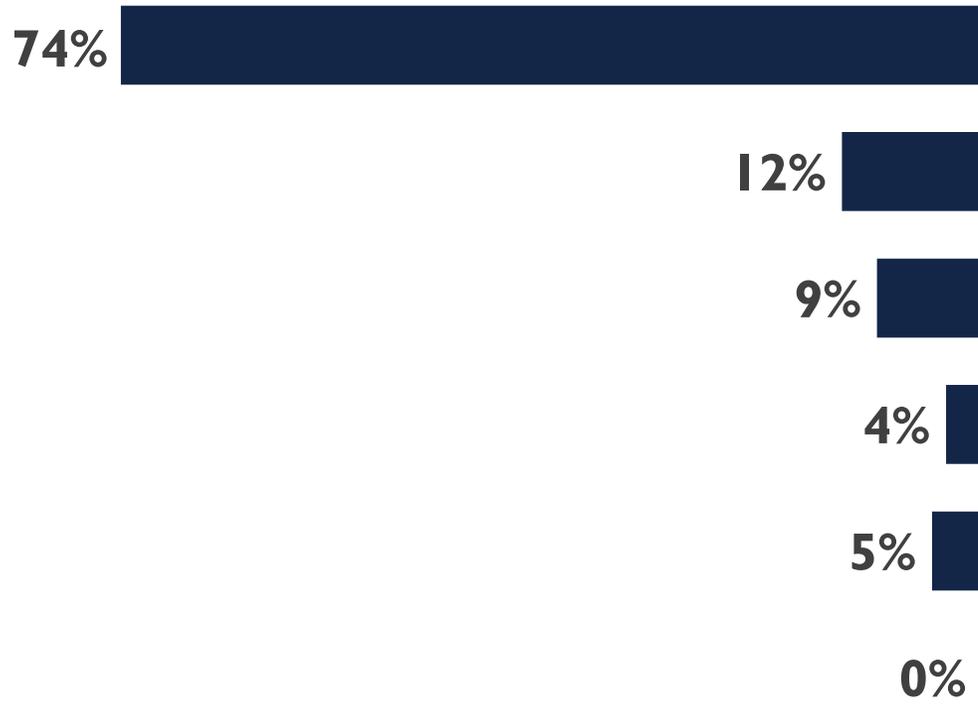


**Young
Adults
18-24**

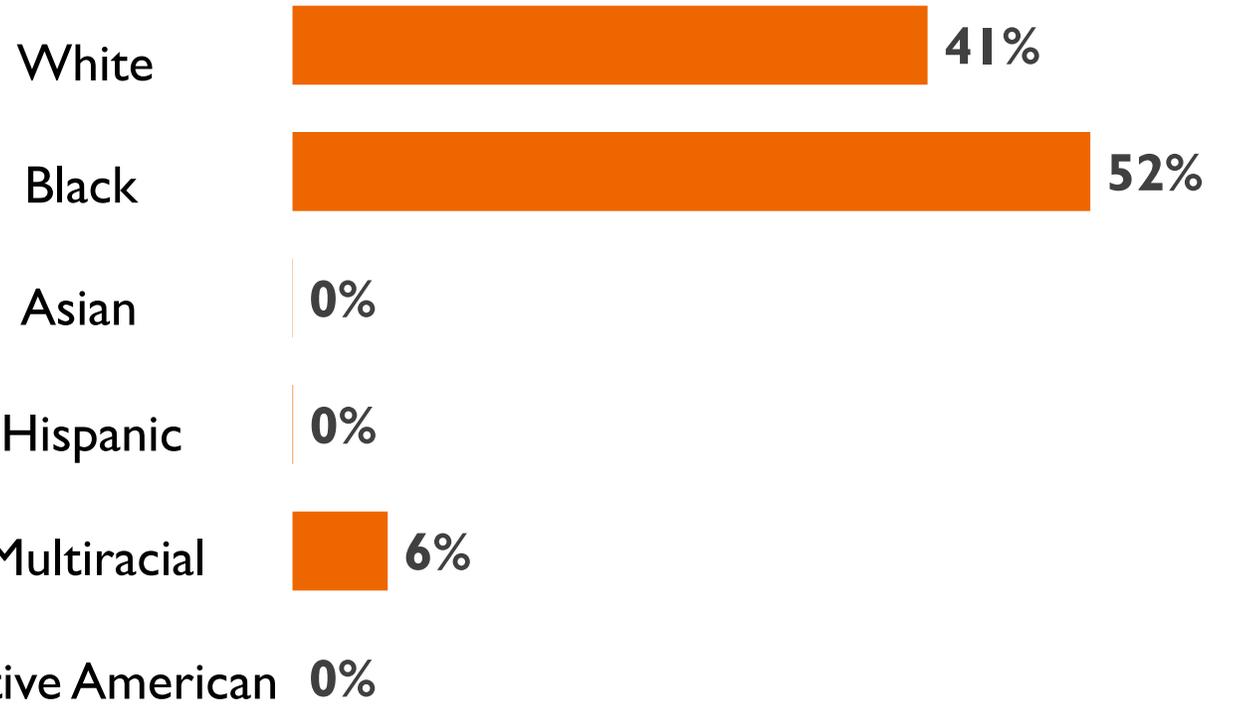
**Older
Adults
55-64**

DEMOGRAPHICS: RACE

TOTAL COUNTY POPULATION

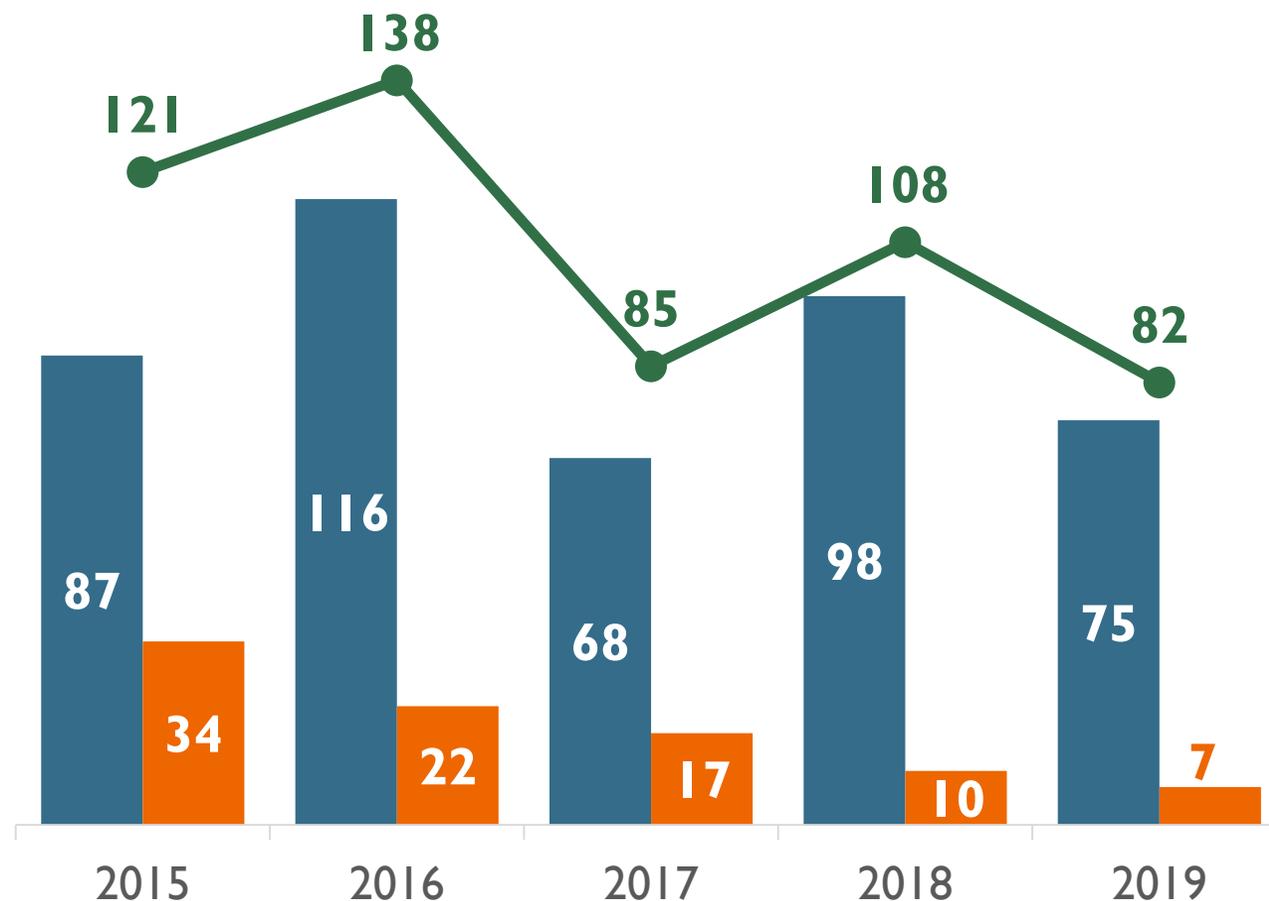


PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



MENTAL HEALTH

In 2019, 91% of those reporting mental illness were sheltered, up from 72% in 2015



There is a lot of variation in the number of people self-reporting mental illness

STREET OUTREACH

PROJECT OUTREACH TEAM (PORT/PATH)



PORT ROLES / RESPONSIBILITIES

- Discovery and assessment:
 - Locate individuals in the community experiencing homelessness
 - Provide assessments of category of homelessness and documentation/verification
 - Assess for a Severe Mental Illness and and SMI/Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorder
 - Assess for possible income and entitlement challenges
- Link and connect:
 - Provide connections to community resources, and make referrals as appropriate
 - Assist individuals with completing documentation
 - SOAR process when able/appropriate
 - Connect with shelter, and other CoC members with warm hand-offs when able



PORT ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Resource Provision:
 - Assist individuals with gear and set-up if appropriate
 - Connect individuals with monies for a variety of purposes:
 - Security Deposits
 - Move-in Costs
 - Hotel Stays (with screening and determination)
 - Transportation:
 - Bus passes
 - Linking to appointments (medical, housing, legal)





BUILT FOR ZERO (BFZ) UPDATE



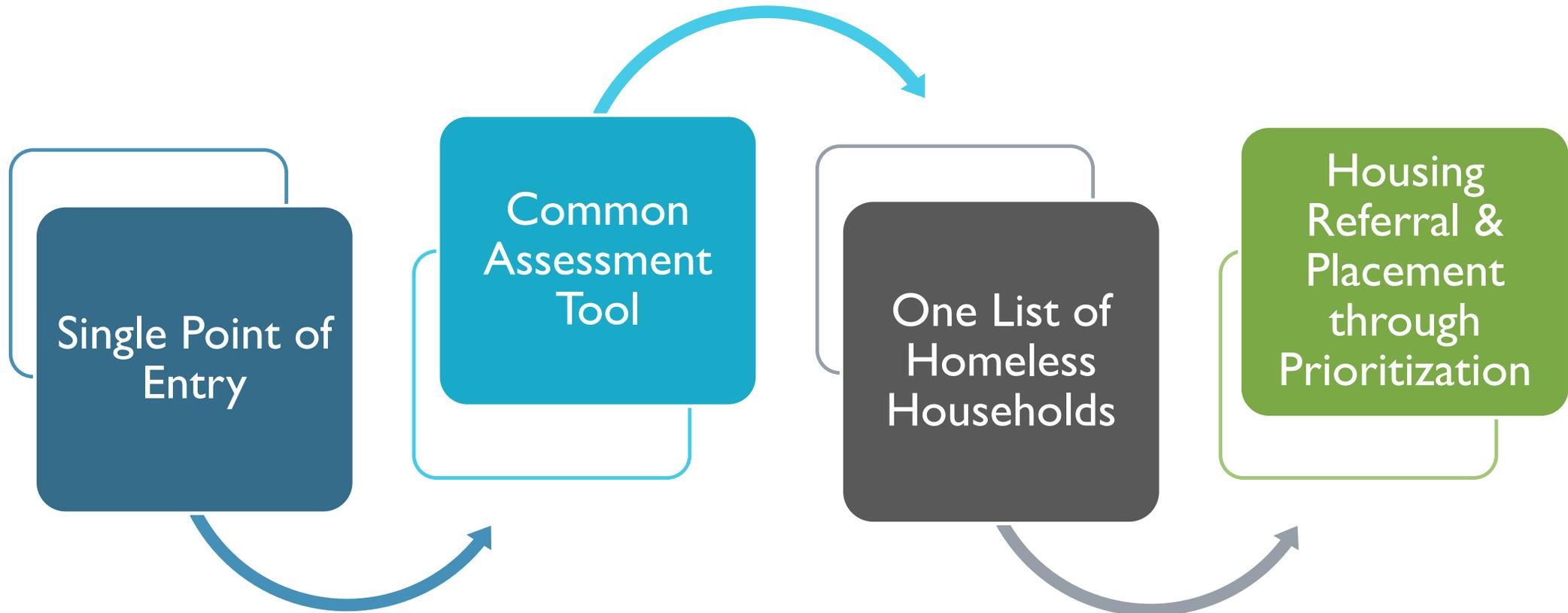
WHAT IS BUILT FOR ZERO?

- Rigorous **national change effort** designed to help a committed group of U.S. & International communities end veteran and chronic homelessness
 - Adopt proven best practices
 - Deploy existing resources more efficiently
 - Use real-time data to improve performance
- **Led by Community Solutions**, with assistance from federal partners:
 - U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
 - U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA)
 - U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)
- **Benefits to participating communities:**
 - Coaches and technical assistance resources
 - Direct access to HUD, VA, and other top national officials



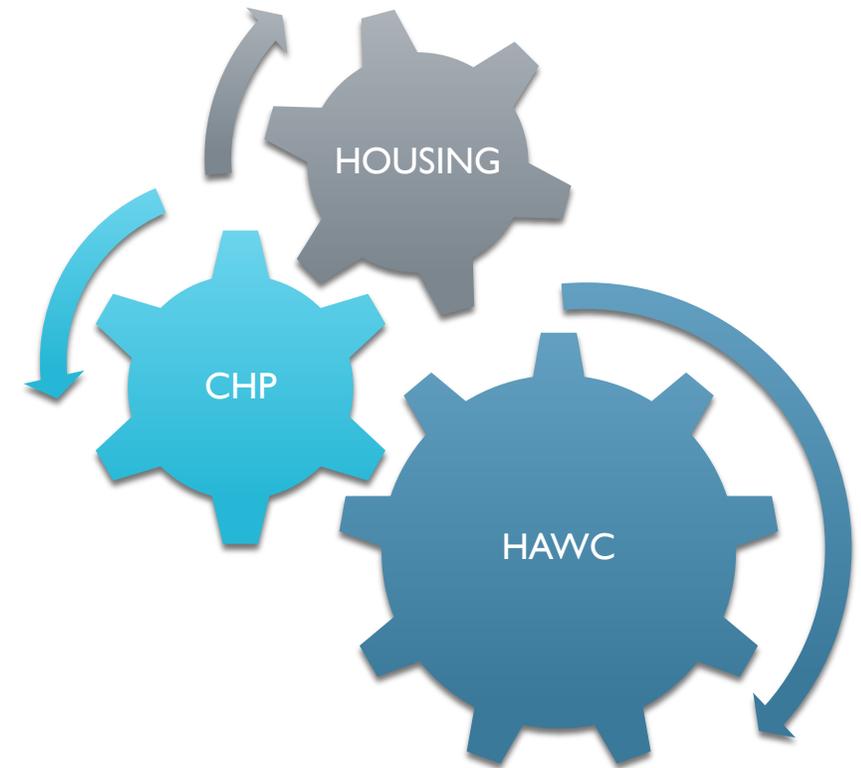
**COMMUNITY
SOLUTIONS**

KEY COMPONENTS OF BUILT FOR ZERO



WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED AND ACCOMPLISHED WITH BFZ

- Focus on **systems transformation**
- Incorporation of a **real-time data** on who is experiencing homelessness in our community (by-name)
- Total Veterans & Chronically Homeless housed nationwide: **83,000+**
 - Veterans & Chronically Homeless Individuals Housed in Washtenaw County since 2015: **719**
- Systematic approach to **prioritizing permanent housing resources**
- **Continuous process improvement** → optimal system performance
 - Using data for systems improvement
- **Breaking Down System siloes** (increased collaboration with stakeholders & service providers)



UP NEXT IN BUILT FOR ZERO

- Continue the **sense of urgency to identify and house people** as quickly as possible
 - Streamline access and assistance
 - Continue to prioritize scarce permanent housing resources
 - Adapt to changing environment
- **Finalize and submit veterans homeless data** to U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) by July 15, 2019
- **Continue progress being made** on chronic homelessness and family homelessness
- **Leveraging the success of the initiative for youth** experiencing homelessness



THANK YOU

2019 PIT Count Planning Committee.

25+ outreach staff, case managers, board members, citizens, advocates, and community partners for all their hard work!

Questions?

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