

Washtenaw County 2017 Point-in-Time Count

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Agenda

Point –in-Time Count Community Debrief

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PIT Count 101: Mercedes Brown, OCED

PIT Count Data: Jessica Detrio & Andrew Kraemer, OCED

Youth Homelessness: Katie Doyle, Ozone House

Built for Zero Update: Amanda Carlisle, Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA)
Mercedes Brown, OCED

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Marla Conkin & Ashlee Cunningham, Salvation Army/HAWC
Aubrey Patiño, Avalon Housing

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Recognition and Community Partners: Andrea Plevек, OCED

Welcome & Introductions

ANDREA PLEVEK, Office of Community & Economic Development

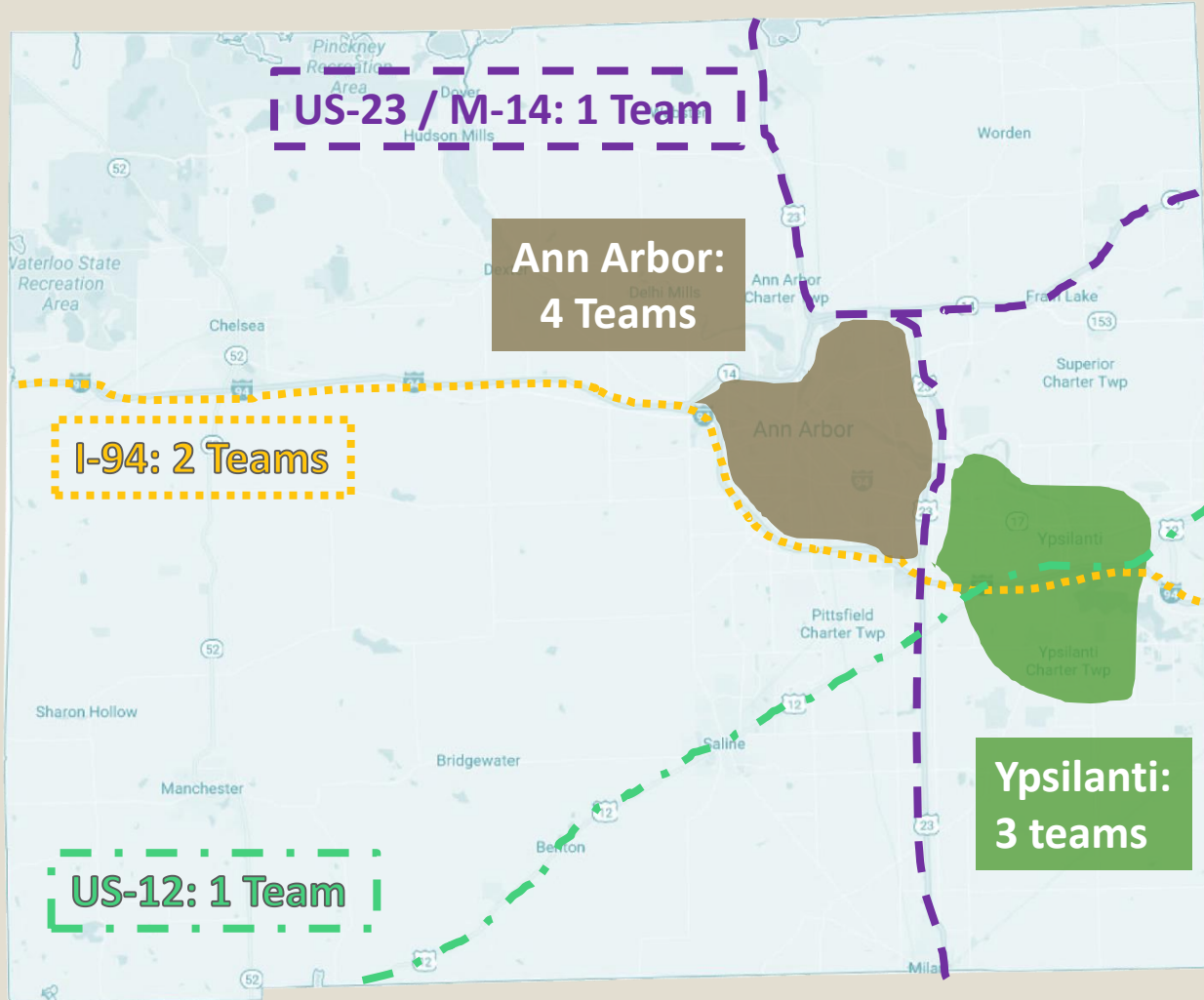
PIT Count 101

MERCEDES BROWN, Office of Community & Economic Development

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 and congregate settings, such as meal programs, 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



We had over 40 volunteers count between 4 a.m. & 8 a.m. for the unsheltered count.

The county was divided among 10 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?

UNSHELTERED

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

- Car
- Park
- Abandoned building
- Bus or train station
- Airport
- Camping Ground

SHELTERED

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

- Shelters
- Transitional Housing
- Hotel or Motels paid for by charitable organizations, state, federal, or local government funders

Who is *not* included in the PIT Count?

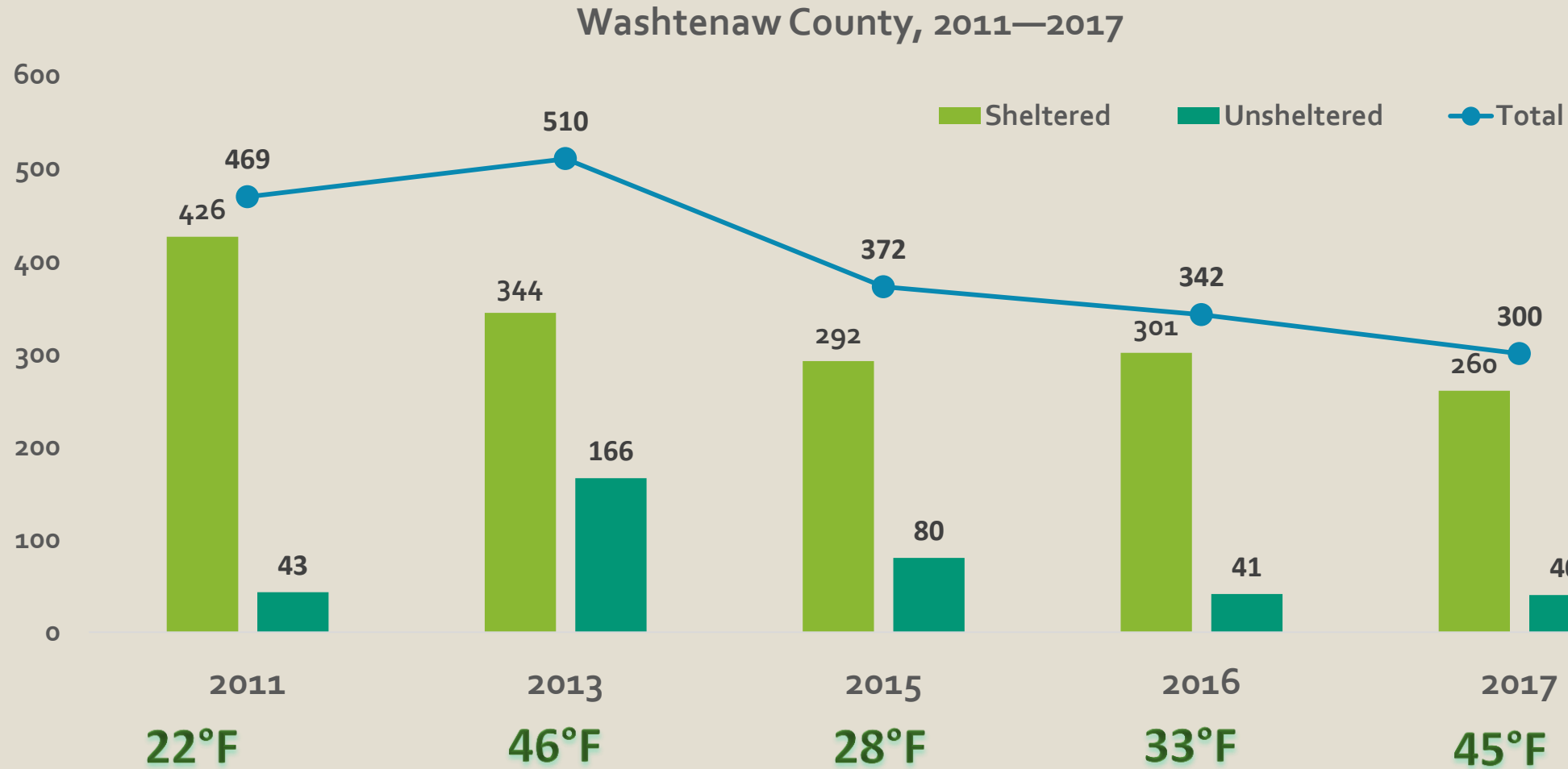


- Persons residing in a hotel or motel they paid for themselves
- Persons staying with friends or families
- Persons admitted to the hospital (staying in a hospital other than the emergency room)
- Persons who did not explicitly meet the definitions on the previous slide

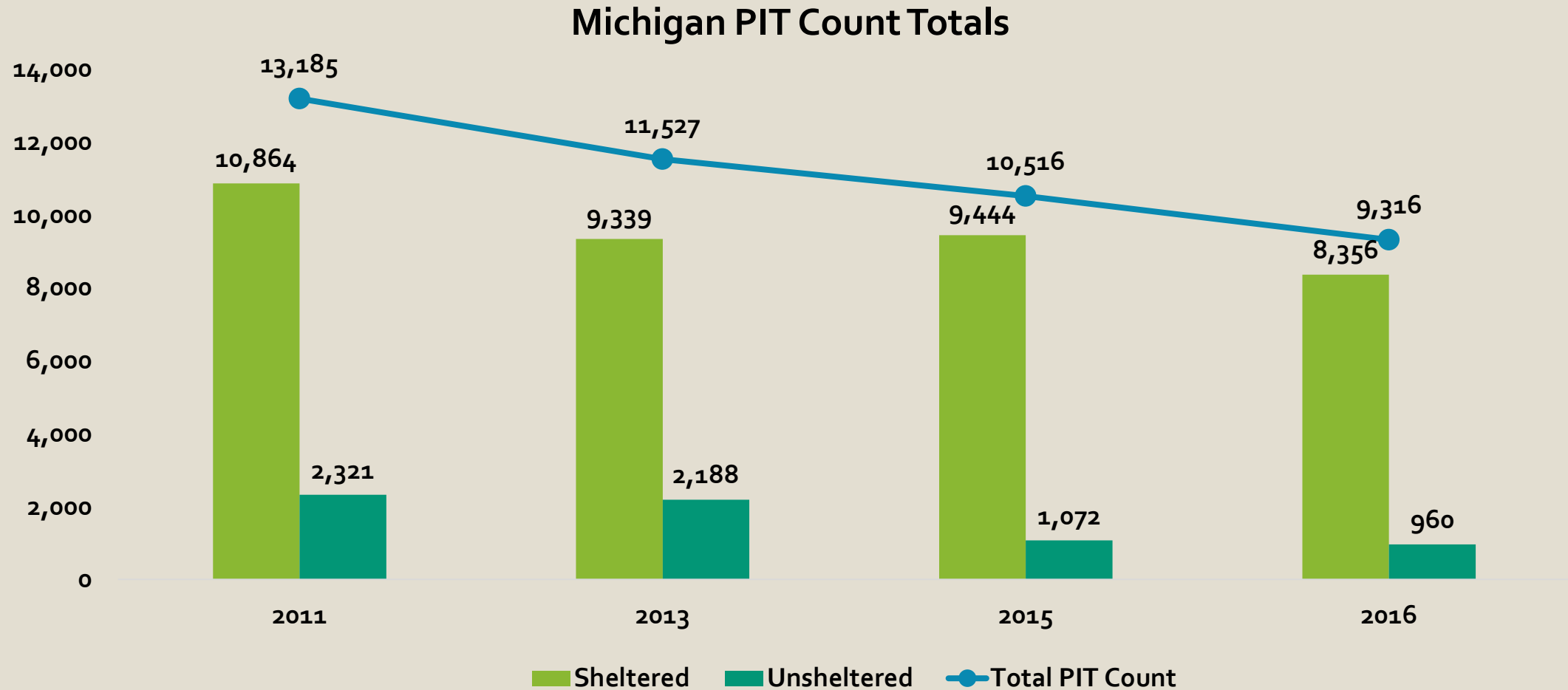
2017 Data & Statistics

JESSICA DETRIO & ANDREW KRAEMER, Office of Community & Economic Development

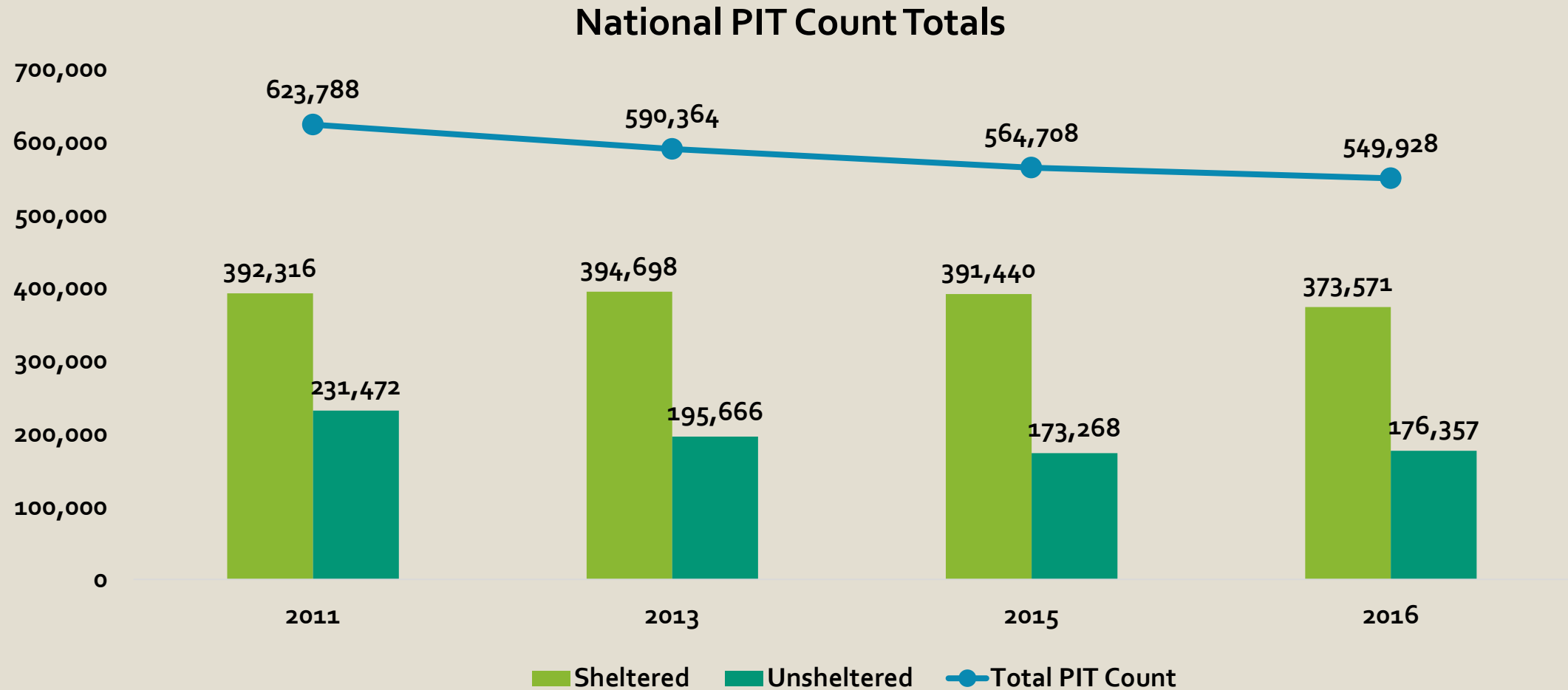
Historical Comparison



Michigan Context



National Context



Total Persons

300 people experienced homelessness in Washtenaw County on January 26, 2017.

Unsheltered

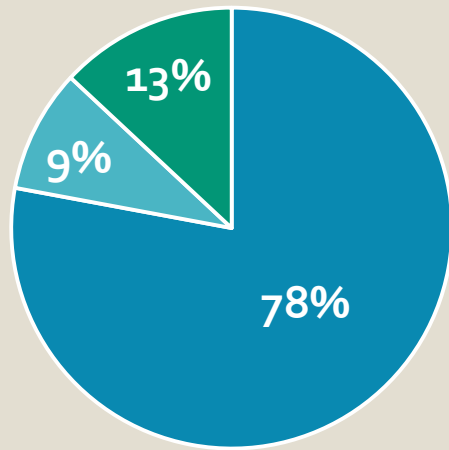
40 People were on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation.

Sheltered

260 People were in shelter or transitional housing.

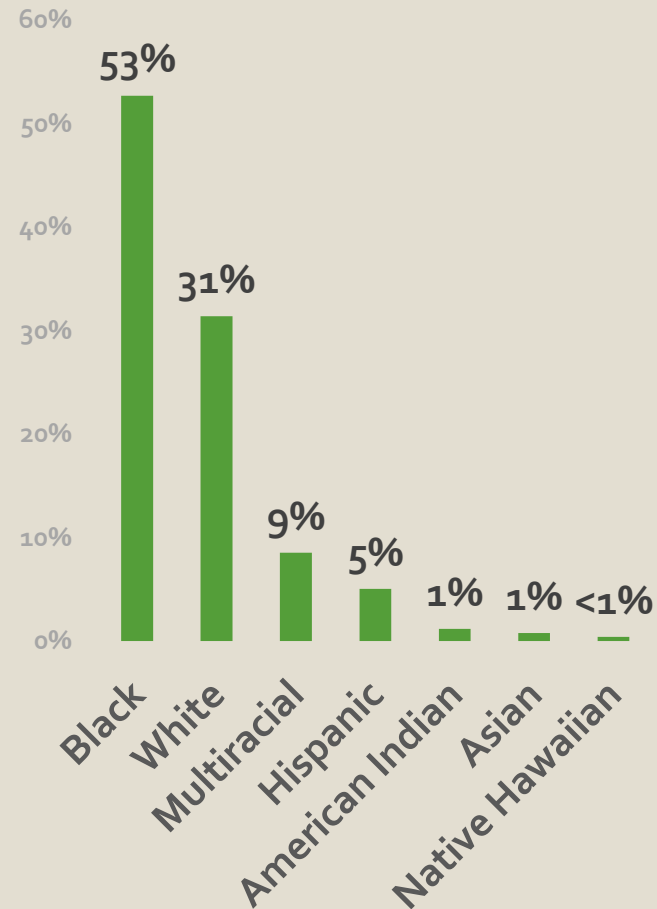
Demographics

Age

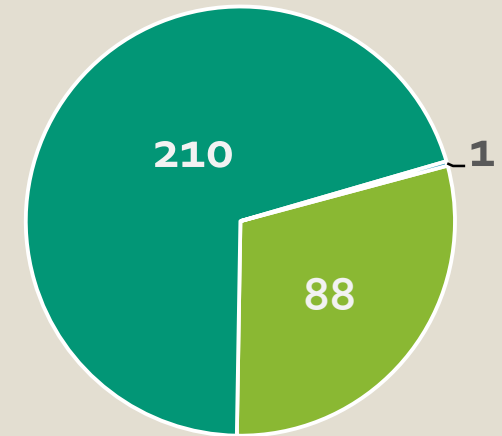


- Adult (24+)
- Young Adult (18-24)
- Minor (Under 18)

Race & Ethnicity

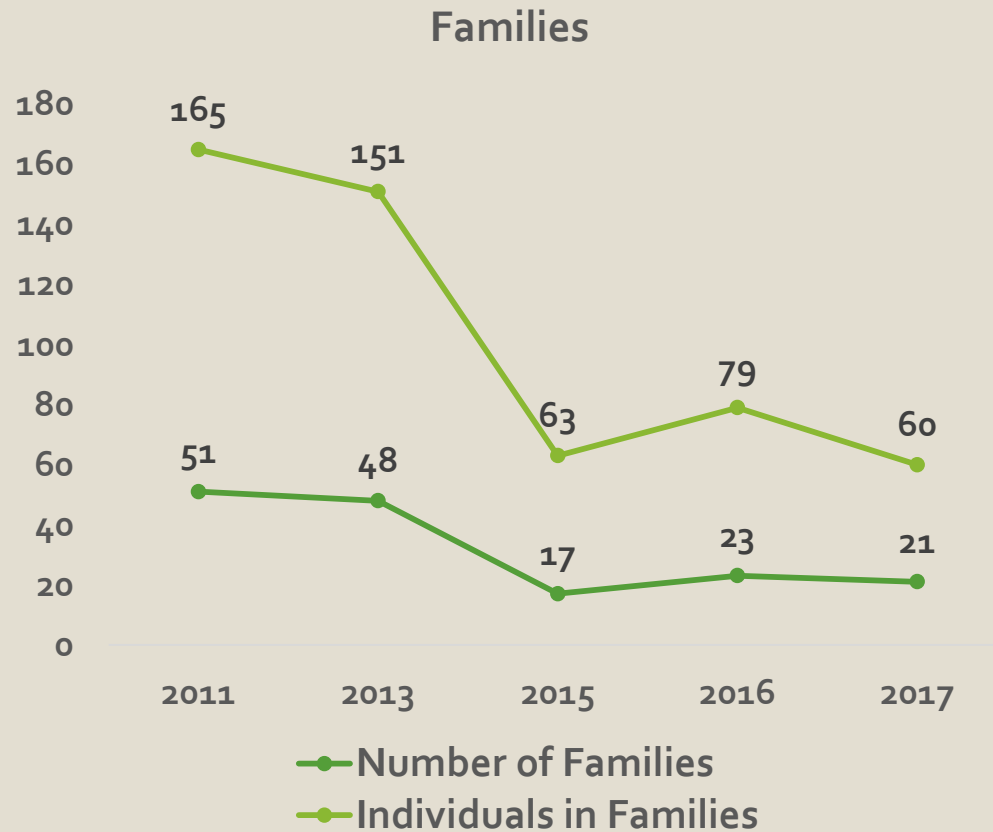


Gender



- Female
- Male
- Transgendered

Individuals & Families

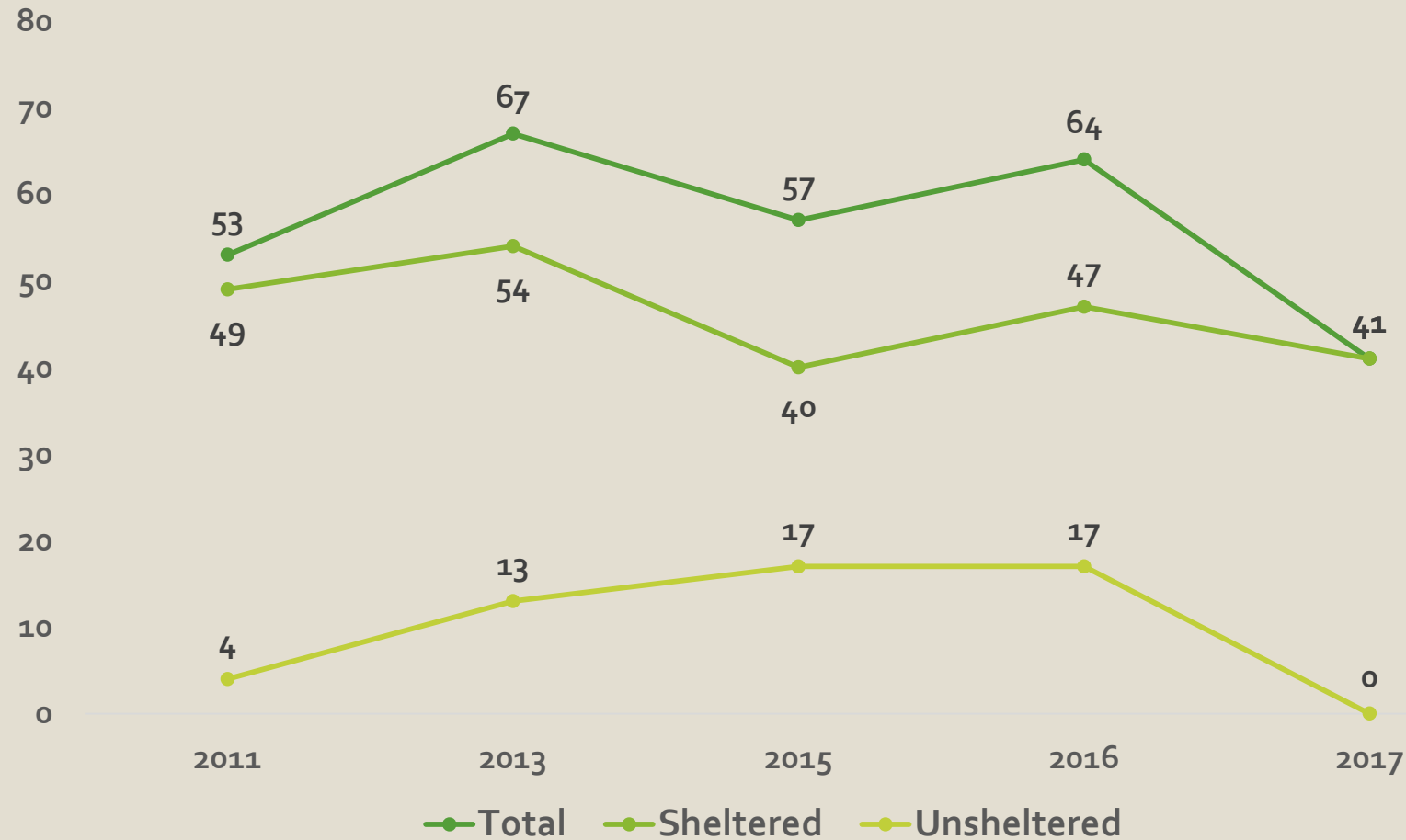


1 out of **5** persons experiencing homelessness is in a family with children.



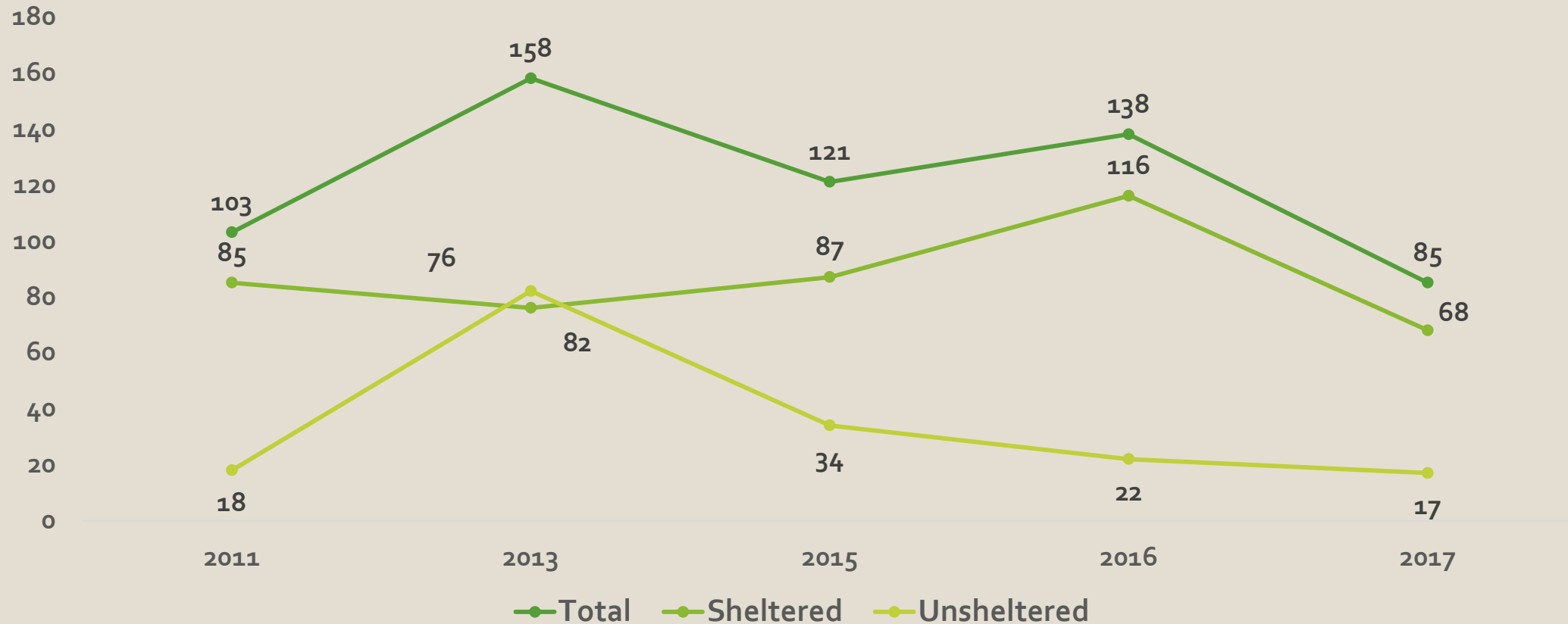
Since a peak in 2013, individual homelessness has fallen **33%**

Victims of Domestic Violence



These numbers usually reflect the number of people in **SafeHouse**

Adults with a Serious Mental Illness

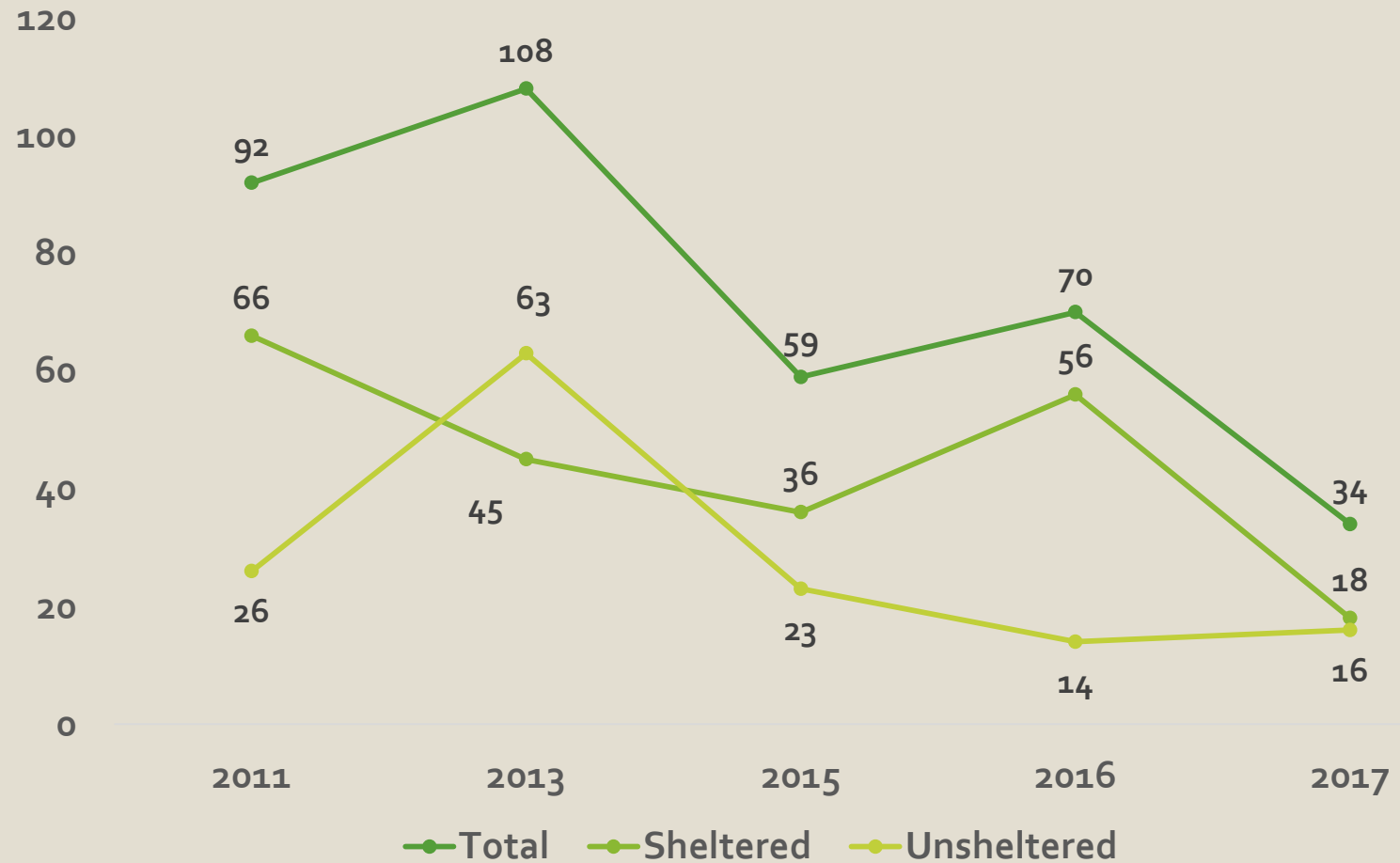


Unsheltered mental illness has declined by **80%** since 2011 among those surveyed

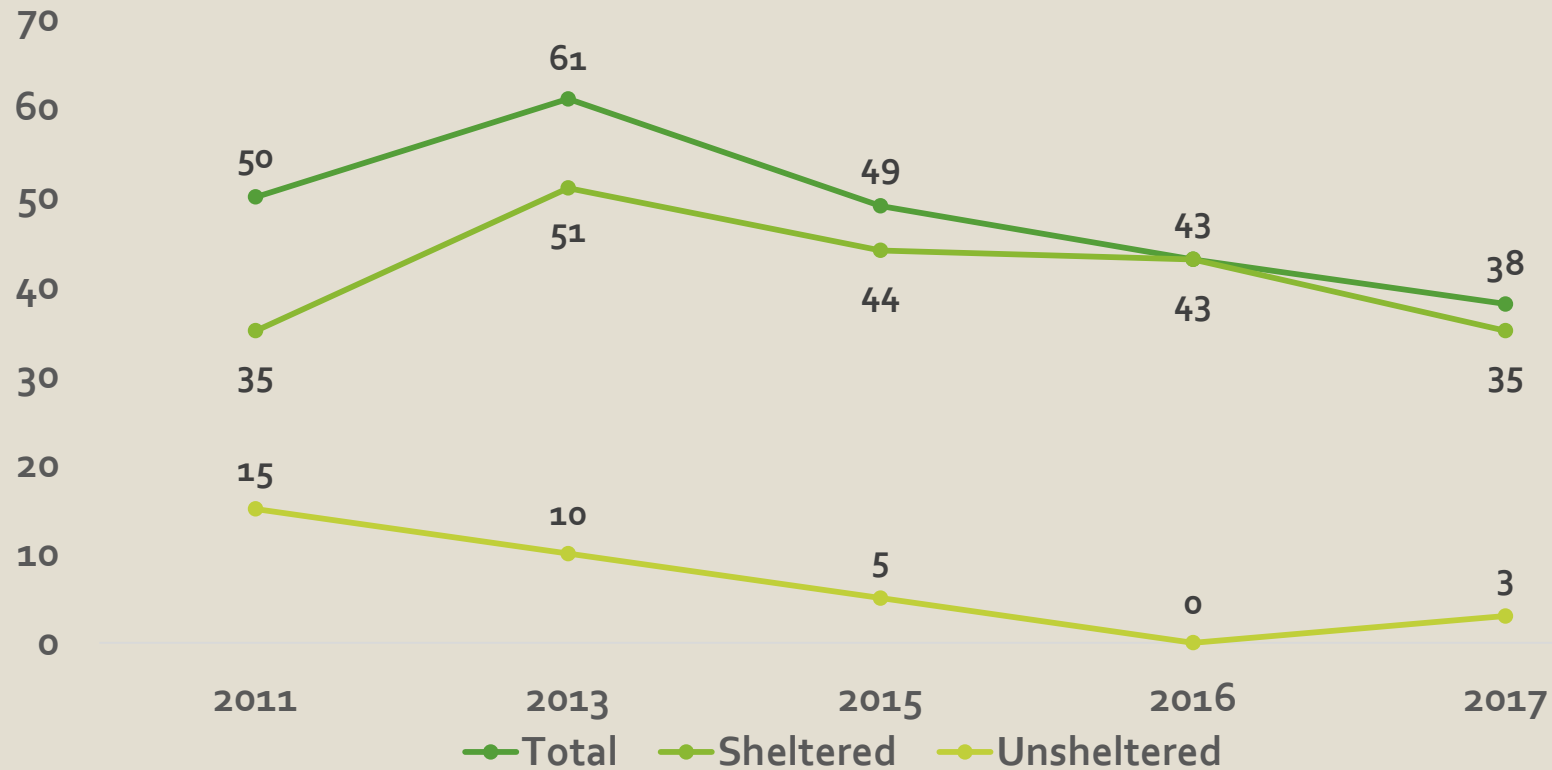
Adults with a Substance Abuse Disorder

60% of persons reporting a substance abuse disorder also reported a serious mental illness

1 out of **9** people counted reported a problem with alcohol and/or drugs



Veterans



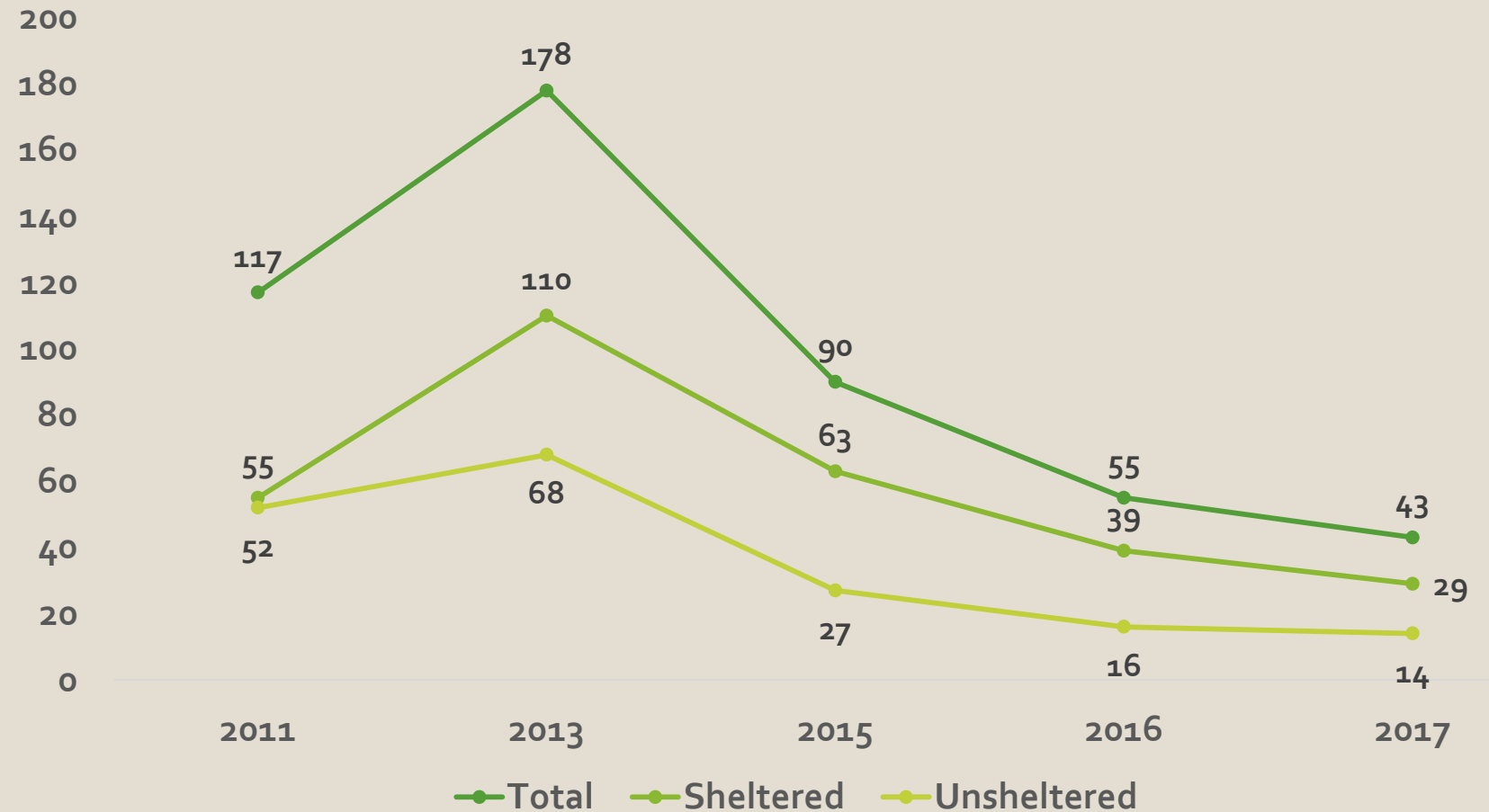
Since 2011, total
veteran
homelessness
decreased **24%**

Unsheltered
veteran
homelessness fell
80% since 2011

Chronically Homeless

We counted **63%**
fewer chronically
homeless persons
than in 2011

Chronic
homelessness is
declining at
twice the rate
of total homelessness



Youth Homelessness

KATIE DOYLE, Ozone House

Ozone House

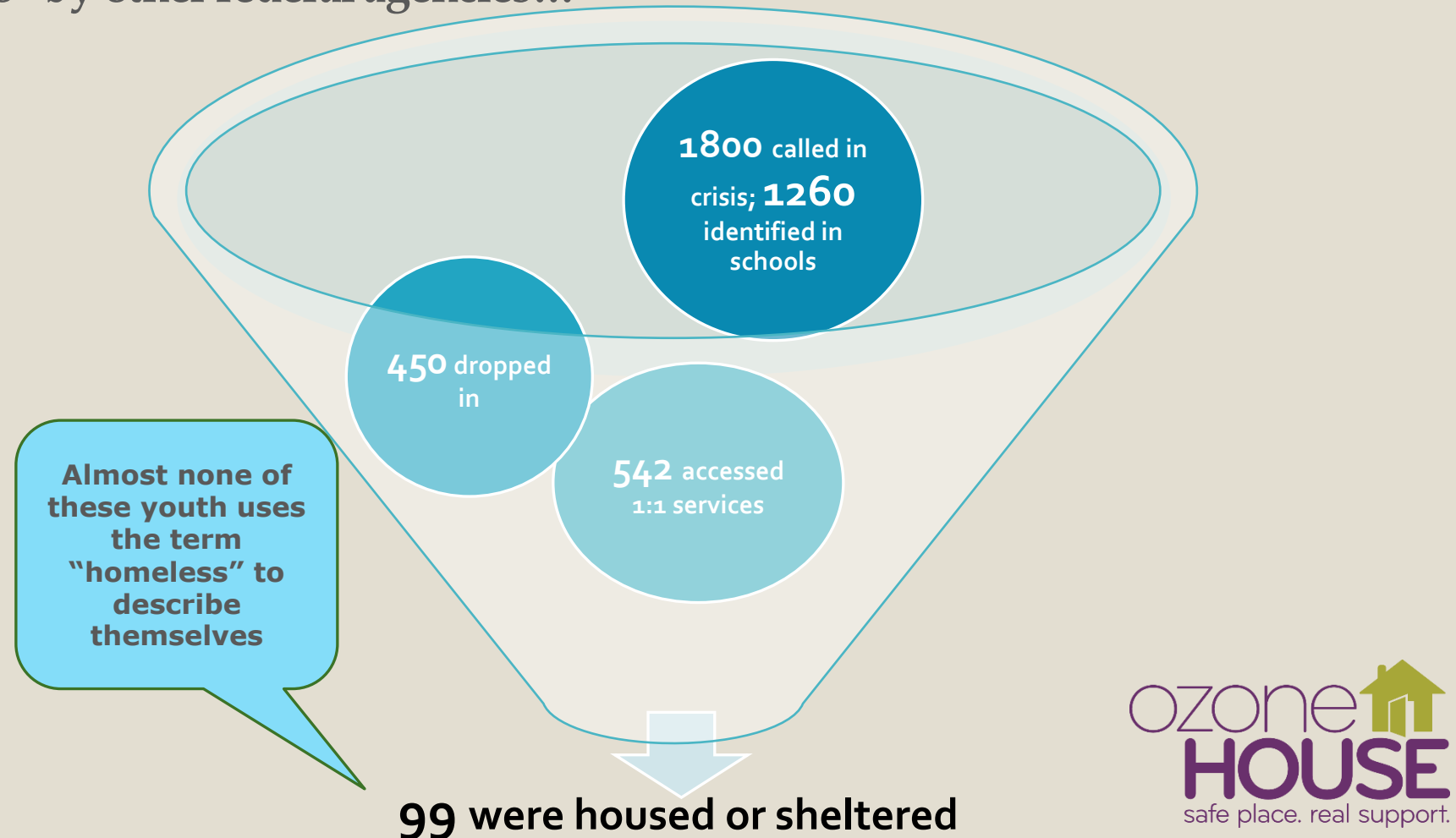


Ozone House helps youth lead safe, healthy, and productive lives through intensive prevention and intervention services.



Homelessness among youth is about a lack of safe, appropriate relationships.

Last year, Ozone House supported the following youth who are considered “homeless” by other federal agencies...



Last year at Ozone House...



93% of youth ages 10-21 in
all our programs exited
services to SAFE
HOUSING

92% of minor youth were
REUNITED with their
families



79% of formerly homeless
youth in our WorkZone
program are now working
or are in school





Making the leap to adulthood is a little easier with a safety net.



Built for Zero Update

AMANDA CARLISLE, Washtenaw Housing Alliance

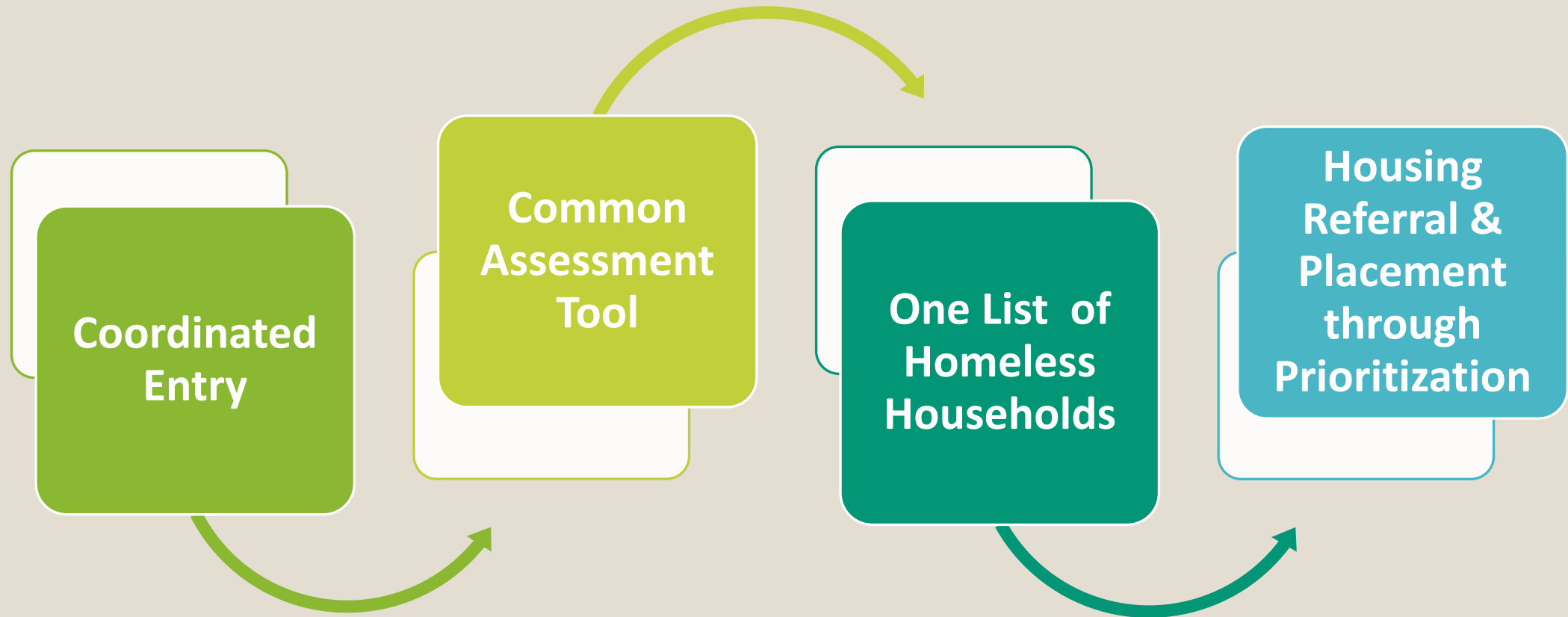
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What is the Built for Zero Initiative?

- Rigorous **national change effort** designed to help a committed group of U.S. 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
 - Peer-sharing resources; learning from other communities

<https://cmtysolutions.org/what-we-do/built-for-zero>

Key Components of Built for Zero Initiative



Video: Animated Guide to Complex Social Challenges

Link to video: <https://youtu.be/s8ZsHErQxEM>

Washtenaw County's Built for Zero Initiative

Date	Achievement
January 2015	Launch participation in initiative with PIT Count ➤ Created goal to house 153 homeless veterans by Dec. 2015 & 121 chronically homeless individuals by Dec. 2016
February 2015	First meeting of Veterans Community Housing Prioritization (CHP) Committee
March/April 2015	Official by-name list of all literally homeless individuals created from our HMIS system
June 2015	Attended an Action Camp and created aim statement, action plan
July 2015	First publication of local data for initiative
March 2016	Publication of 2015 year –end data ➤ Achieved 2015 goals by housing 172 homeless veterans & 158 chronically homeless individuals!

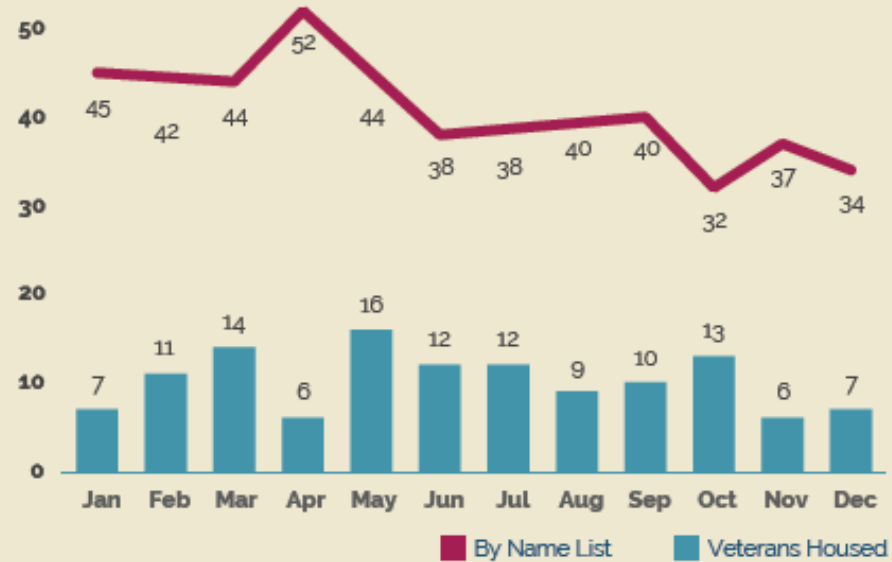
Video: By-Name Lists and Functional Zero

Link to video: <https://youtu.be/4O8mEwbF0ps>

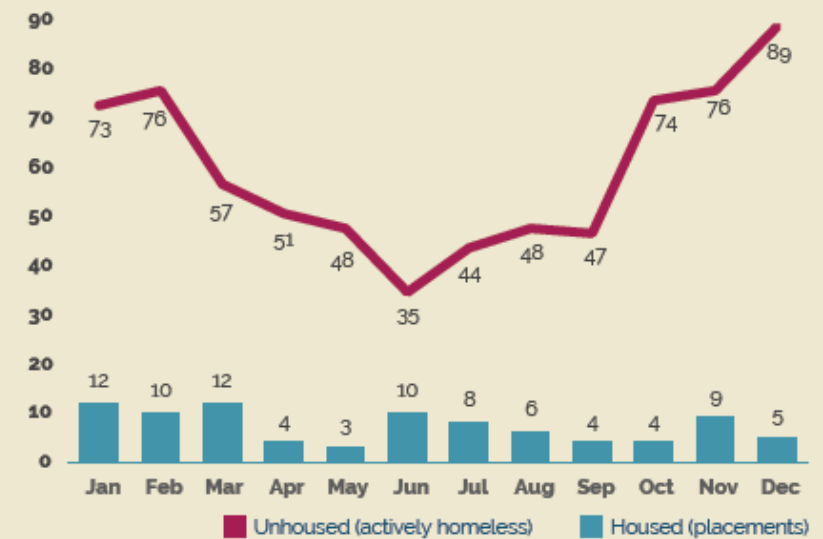
What We Have Learned & Accomplished

# Housed	2015	2016	Total
VETERANS ●	172	123	295
CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ² ●	158	87	245
TOTAL ●	330	210	540

Veterans Housed | "By-Name" List



Chronically Homeless Housed | "By-Name" List



What's Next

- **Continue the sense of urgency** to identify and house people as quickly as possible
 - Streamline access and assistance
 - Prioritize scarce permanent housing resources
 - Adapt to changing environment
- **Finalize and submit veterans homeless data** to U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)
- **Continue progress being made** on chronic homelessness and family homelessness
- **Improve family by-name-list management** to mirror veterans and chronically homeless

Hearing from our partners...

- Marla Conkin & Ashlee Cunningham, The Salvation Army / Housing Access for Washtenaw County
- Jan Little, Michigan Ability Partners
- Aubrey Patiño, Avalon Housing



How to Get Involved

AMANDA CARLISLE, Washtenaw Housing Alliance

Four Ways YOU Can Make a Difference

1. **Donate** – time, money and goods/services
 - **Volunteer** at an agency that serves people who are homeless or at-risk
 - **Join a Board or Committee**
2. **Work with the Housing Coordinators Network** – if you are a landlord or property manager, or if you know one!
 - Assistance filling vacant units
 - Case management support for formerly homeless residents
 - Rapid response to landlord concerns or questions
3. **Advocate**
 - Speak to your elected officials – email and call
 - Washtenaw County Platt Road property
 - City of Ann Arbor Library Lot property
 - Attend events
 - Educate your family, friends, and neighbors about homelessness and affordable housing issues
4. **Partner with us**
 - Join our email list serves, newsletters, and speak to us to find out more

Recognition & Thanks to Community Partners

ANDREA PLEVEK, Office of Community & Economic Development

Thank You

Many thanks to the 50+ outreach staff, case managers, board members, citizens, advocates, and community partners for all their hard work!

Questions?

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