Washtenaw County
2017 Point-in-Time Count

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Welcome & Introductions

ANDREA PLEVEK, 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
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

Washtenaw County, 2011—2017

- Sheltered
- Unsheltered
- Total

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<td>426</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>344</td>
<td>166</td>
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<td>2015</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>301</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>260</td>
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Temperatures:
- 2011: 22°F
- 2013: 46°F
- 2015: 28°F
- 2016: 33°F
- 2017: 45°F
Michigan Context

Michigan PIT Count Totals

- **2011**
  - Sheltered: 10,864
  - Unsheltered: 2,321
  - Total PIT Count: 13,185

- **2013**
  - Sheltered: 9,339
  - Unsheltered: 2,188
  - Total PIT Count: 11,527

- **2015**
  - Sheltered: 9,444
  - Unsheltered: 1,072
  - Total PIT Count: 10,516

- **2016**
  - Sheltered: 8,356
  - Unsheltered: 960
  - Total PIT Count: 9,316

Legend:
- **Sheltered**
- **Unsheltered**
- **Total PIT Count**
National Context

National PIT Count Totals

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<td>392,316</td>
<td>231,472</td>
<td>623,788</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>394,698</td>
<td>195,666</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>391,440</td>
<td>173,268</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>373,571</td>
<td>176,357</td>
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300 people experienced homelessness in Washtenaw County on January 26, 2017.

- **40 People** were on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation.
- **260 People** were in shelter or transitional housing.
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.
Unsheltered mental illness has declined by 80% since 2011 among those surveyed.
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.
Since 2011, total veteran homelessness decreased **24%**

Unsheltered veteran homelessness fell **80%** since 2011
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 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...

- 1800 called in crisis
- 1260 identified in schools
- 542 accessed 1:1 services
- 450 dropped in

Almost none of these youth uses the term “homeless” to describe themselves

99 were housed or sheltered
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
MERCEDES BROWN, Office of Community & Economic Development
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

Coordinated Entry

Common Assessment Tool

One List of Homeless Households

Housing Referral & Placement through Prioritization
Video: Animated Guide to Complex Social Challenges

Link to video: https://youtu.be/s8ZsHERQxEM
## Washtenaw County’s Built for Zero Initiative

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| 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

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<td>VETERANS</td>
<td>172</td>
<td>123</td>
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<td>CHRONICALLY HOMELESS</td>
<td>158</td>
<td>87</td>
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<td>330</td>
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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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