

According to the latest 2016 Michigan Council on Homelessness Annual Report, in Michigan, there were nearly 100,000 persons homeless.

African Americans are disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

- 53% of the homeless population in Michigan are African American, yet make up just 14% of the states overall population

The number of homeless senior citizens increased by 9%. 7,919 seniors experienced homelessness in 2016.

- 84% of senior citizens experiencing homelessness are between the ages of 55 and 64
- 16% of seniors experiencing homelessness are 65 or older
- 73% have a disability
- 58% have a mental disability; 54% have a physical health disability
- 5% of Michigan's chronic homeless are seniors

Nearly half of the homeless population in Michigan have a diagnosed disability

- 44% of Michigan's homeless population have long term disabilities, yet make up only 10% of the state's overall population
- 67% experience mental health disabilities
- 36% experience physical health disabilities
- 29% experience substance use disorders

Homeless Veterans in Michigan

- 3,952 veterans experienced homelessness in 2016
- 90% of those 3,952 homeless veterans were single males
- 494 veteran families were homeless
- Homeless veterans have a 71% disability rate
- 57% of all homeless veterans in 2016 were African American

Families, Children and Homelessness

- In 2016, there were 9,795 families with children who experienced homelessness in Michigan
- The families consisted of 10,954 adults and 13,812 children
- 75% of families experiencing homelessness are primarily single-parent, female-headed households, with the parent being young and having very young children
- 65% of the adults are under the age of 35
- 75% of the children are under 11 with the average age being 7

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

- In 2016, 5,414 homeless youth under the age of 25 were reported in Michigan
- 1 out of every 7 youth identified as LGBTQ, increasing their risk of family rejection
- 1 out of 15 youth reported coming from a home where one or both parents were incarcerated
- Nearly 30% left home due to abuse and/or neglect