









Homelessness in Michigan

Fact Sheet

Demographics

- There are 86,189 homeless persons in Michigan.
- 50 percent of those homeless in Michigan are adults, and children in families.
- More than half of the homeless persons in families are children.
- 69 percent of homeless Michigan families are single mothers with children.
- The average age of a homeless adult is 32.7 years old.
- The average age of a homeless child is 7.6 years old.
- The homeless population in Michigan (Source: National Coalition for the Homeless) is estimated to be:
 - 42 percent African-American
 - 39 percent white
 - 13 percent Hispanic
 - 4 percent Native American
 - 2 percent Asian

Economics

- The average income of a homeless Michigan family is \$730 per month.
- 38 percent are living with an income of less than \$500 per month.
- Disabilities are a driving factor in homelessness. 19 percent of homeless adults report a disability.

By Region

- The Detroit Metro area (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties) has 34,642 homeless people, including 5,536 children in families and 192 unaccompanied minors.

 This area has the highest homeless population in the state of Michigan.
- Michigan's South Central area (Lenawee, Hillsdale, Jackson, Washtenaw, Ingham, Livingston, Eaton, Clinton and Shiawassee counties) has the next highest homeless population, with a total of 14,267.
 Of those people, 3,349 are children in families, and 223 are unaccompanied minors.

Michigan vs. National Average

- In the United States, approximately 3.5 million people, including 1.35 million children, are likely to experience homelessness in a given year. (Source: National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, 2007). This is 1% of the population.
- Michigan is ranked 5th in the United States and 1st in the Midwest for number of homeless residents. California is ranked 1st in the nation. (Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Homeless Assessment, 2008)
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