

# Washtenaw County 2017 Point-in-Time Count

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WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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# Welcome & Introductions

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# PIT Count 101

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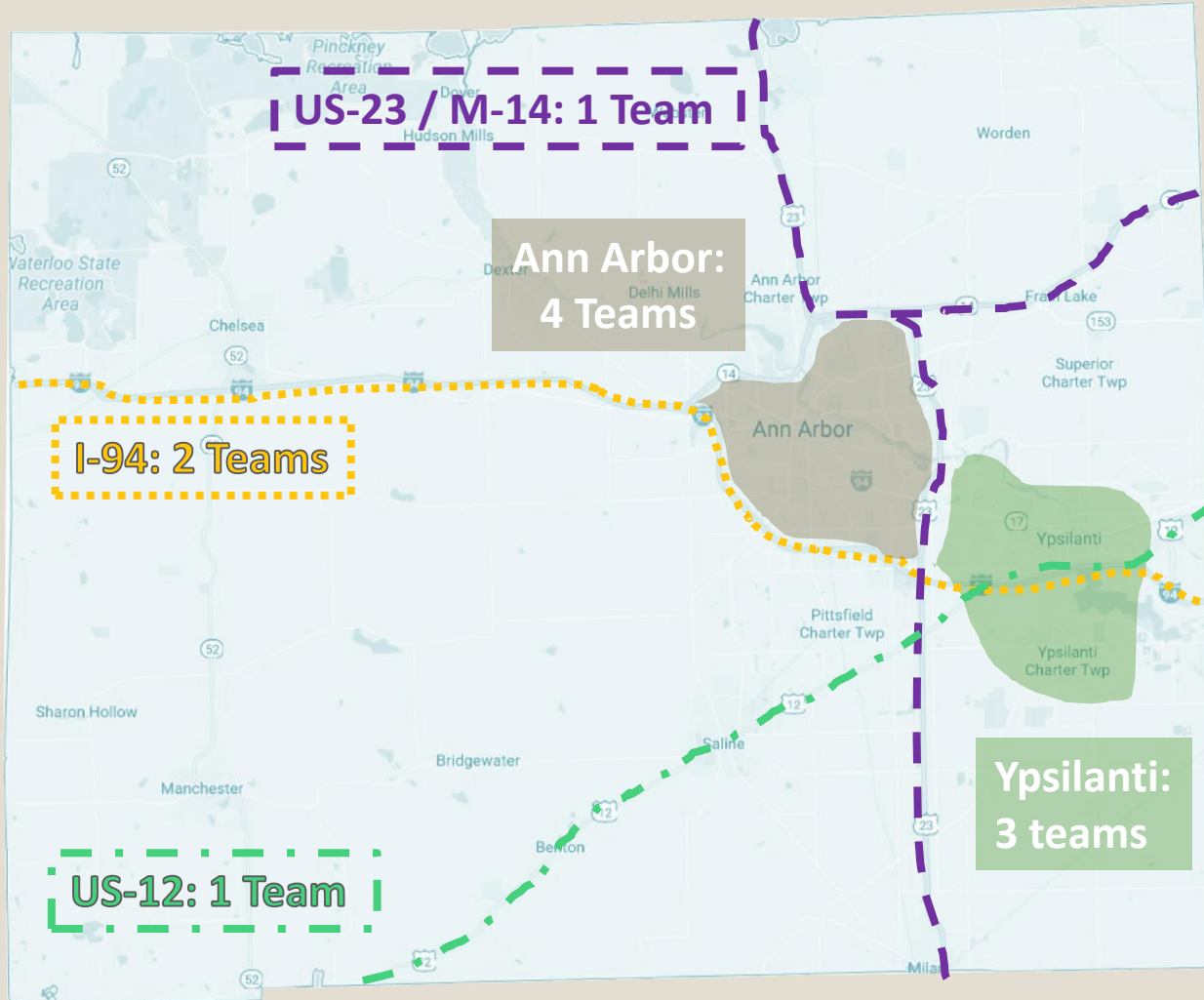
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# What is the Point-in-Time Count?

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- 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?

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## 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?

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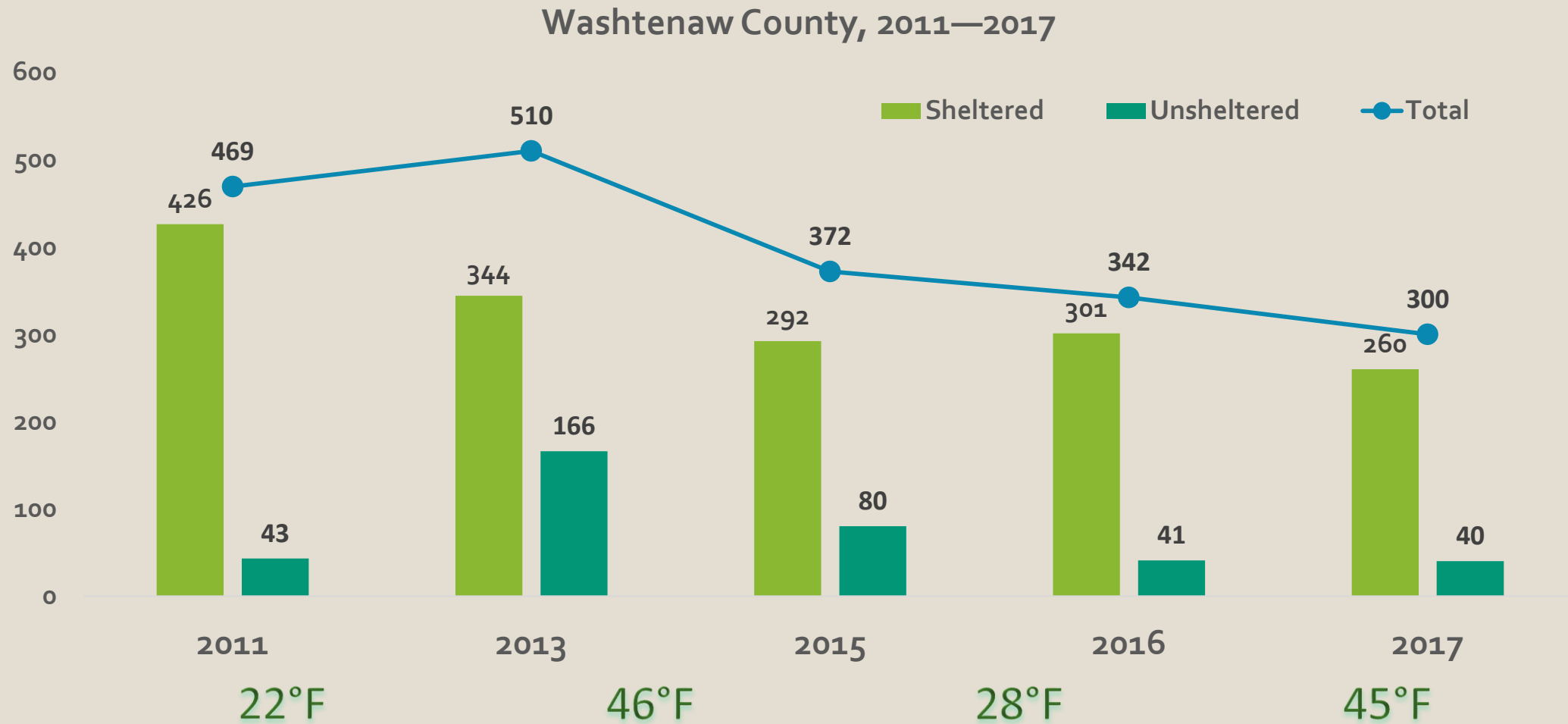
- Persons residing in a hotel or motel they paid for themselves
- Persons staying with friends or families
- Persons who did not explicitly meet the definitions on the previous slide.
- Persons admitted to the hospital (staying in a hospital other than the emergency room)

# 2017 Data & Statistics

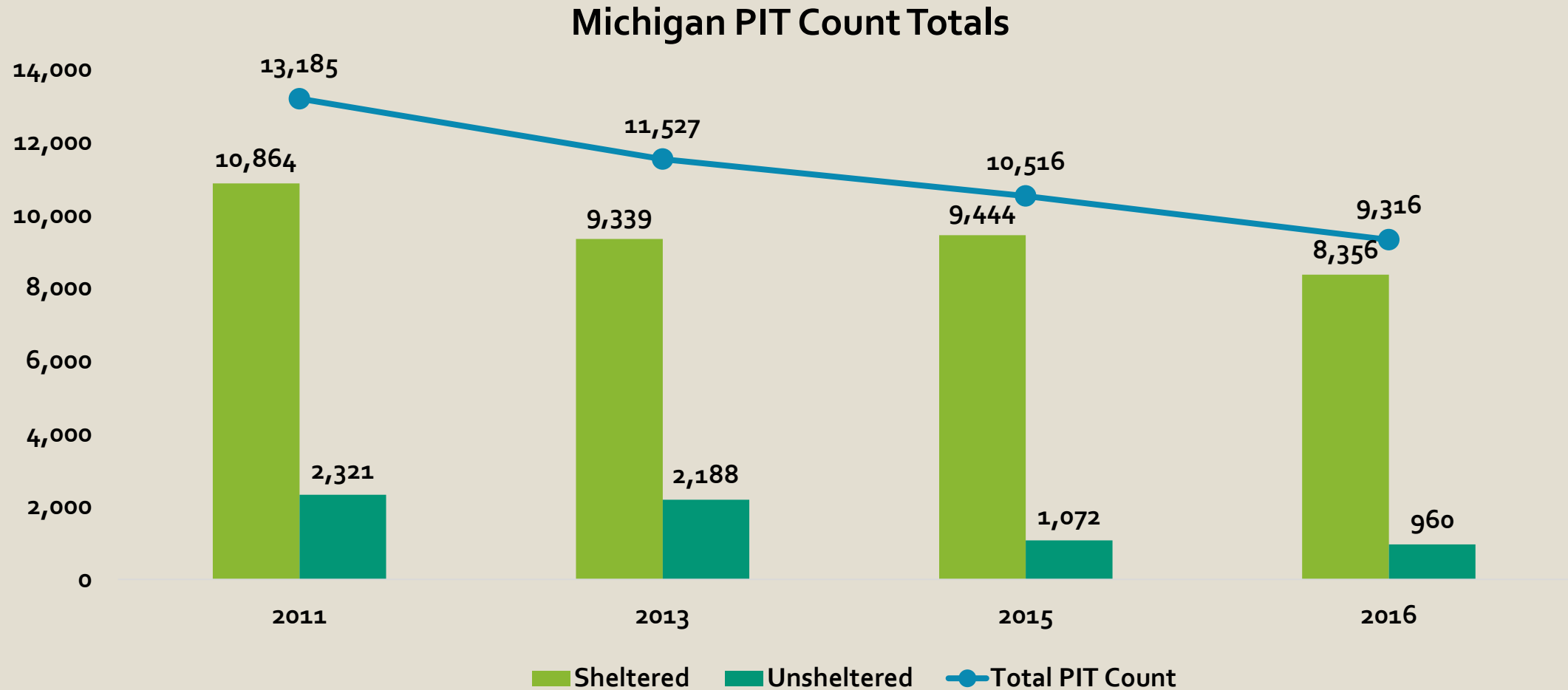
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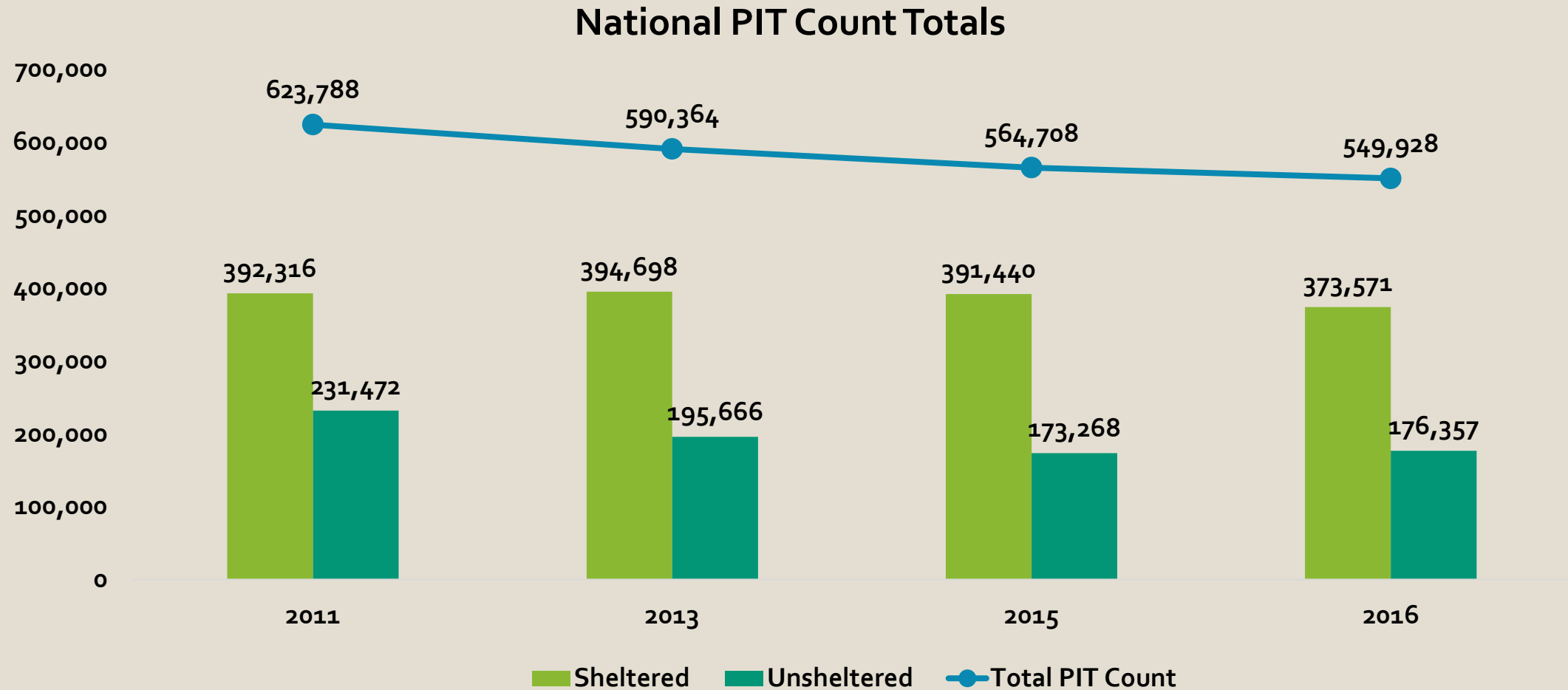
# Historical Comparison



# Michigan Context



# National Context



# Total Persons

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

Unsheltered

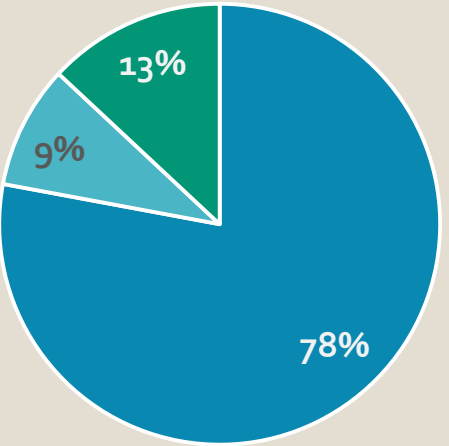
40 People were on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation.

Sheltered

260 People were in shelter or transitional housing.

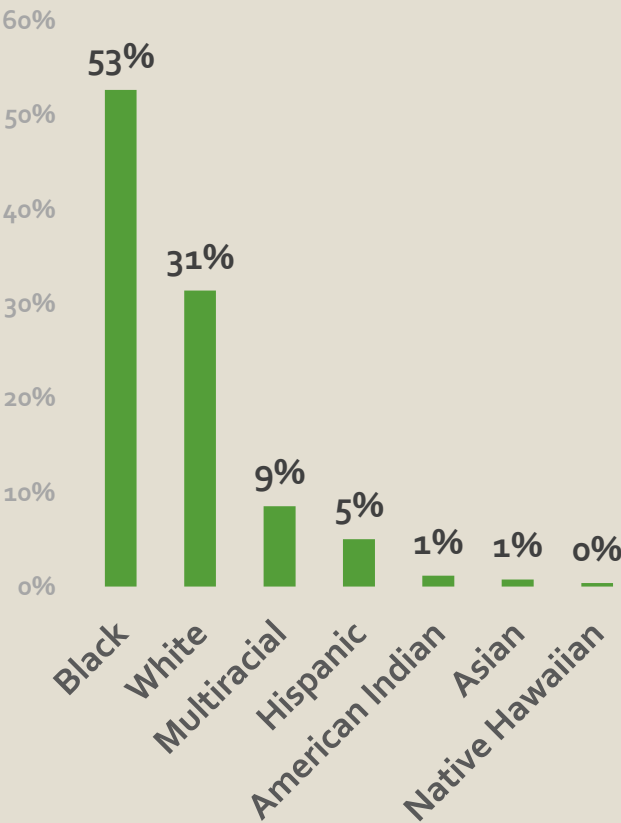
# Demographics

Age

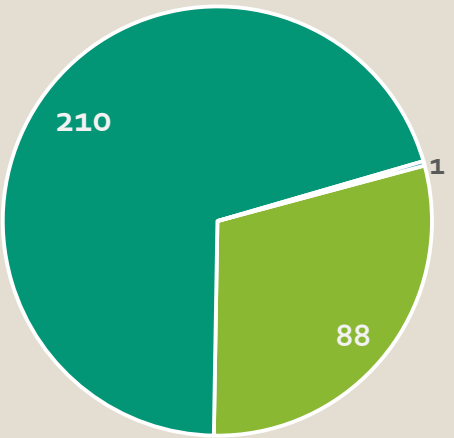


- Adult (24+)
- Young Adult (18-24)
- Minor (Under 18)

Race & Ethnicity

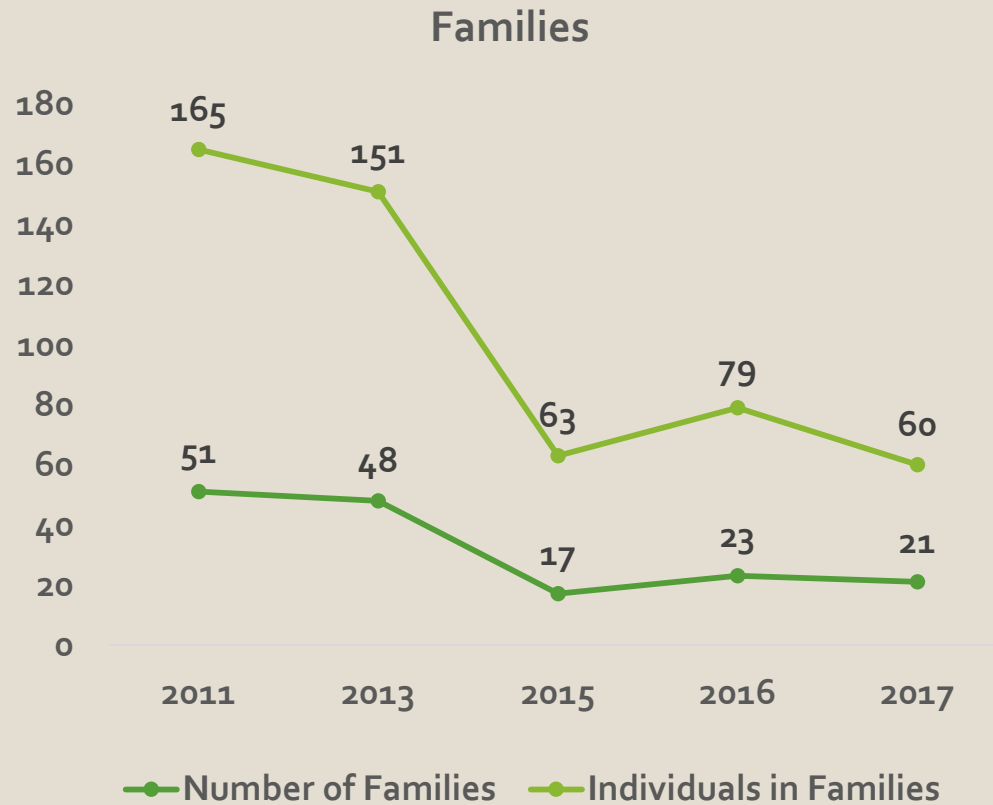


Gender



- Female
- Male
- Transgendered

# Individuals & Families

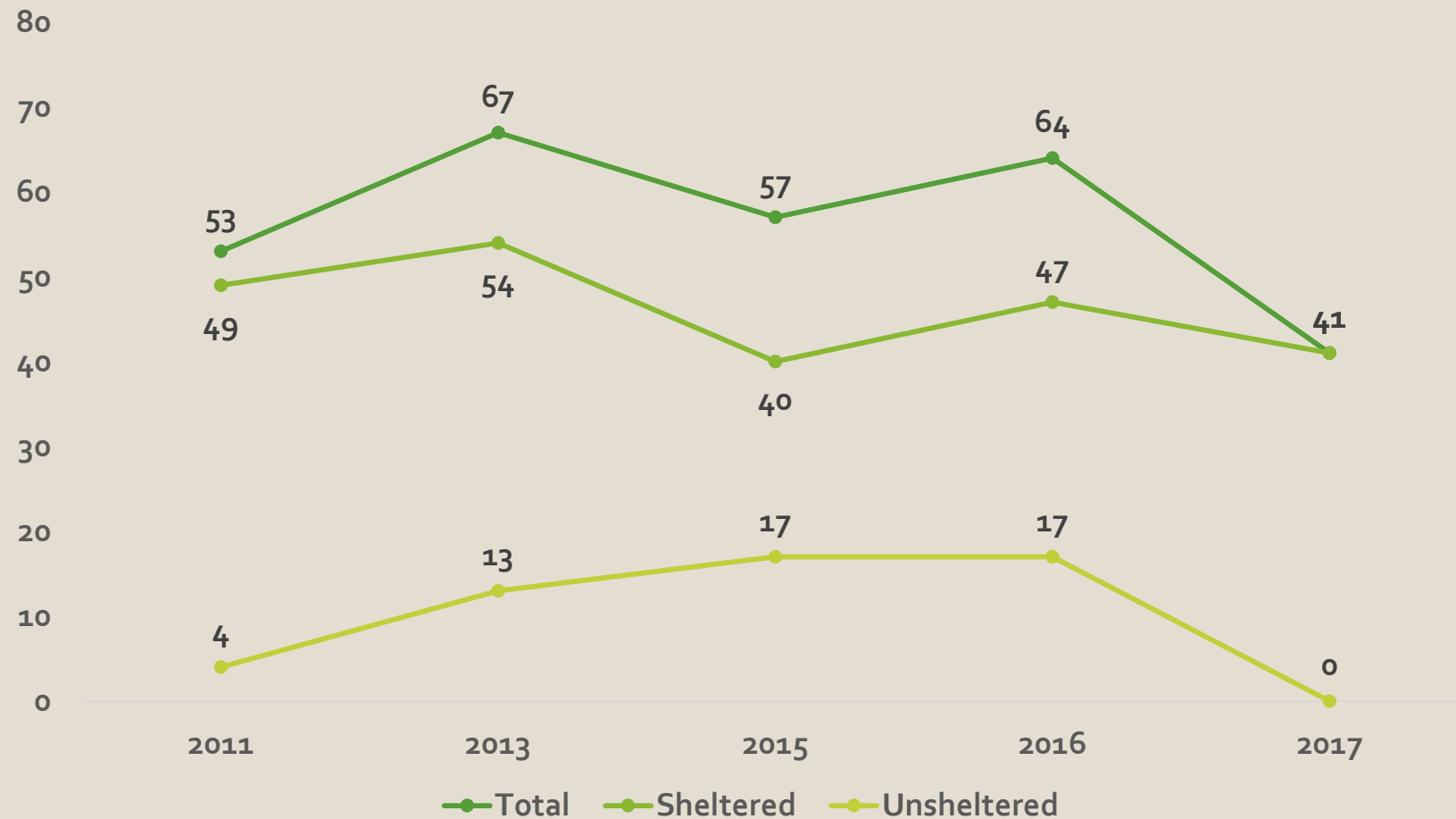


**1** out of **5** persons experiencing homelessness is in a family with children.



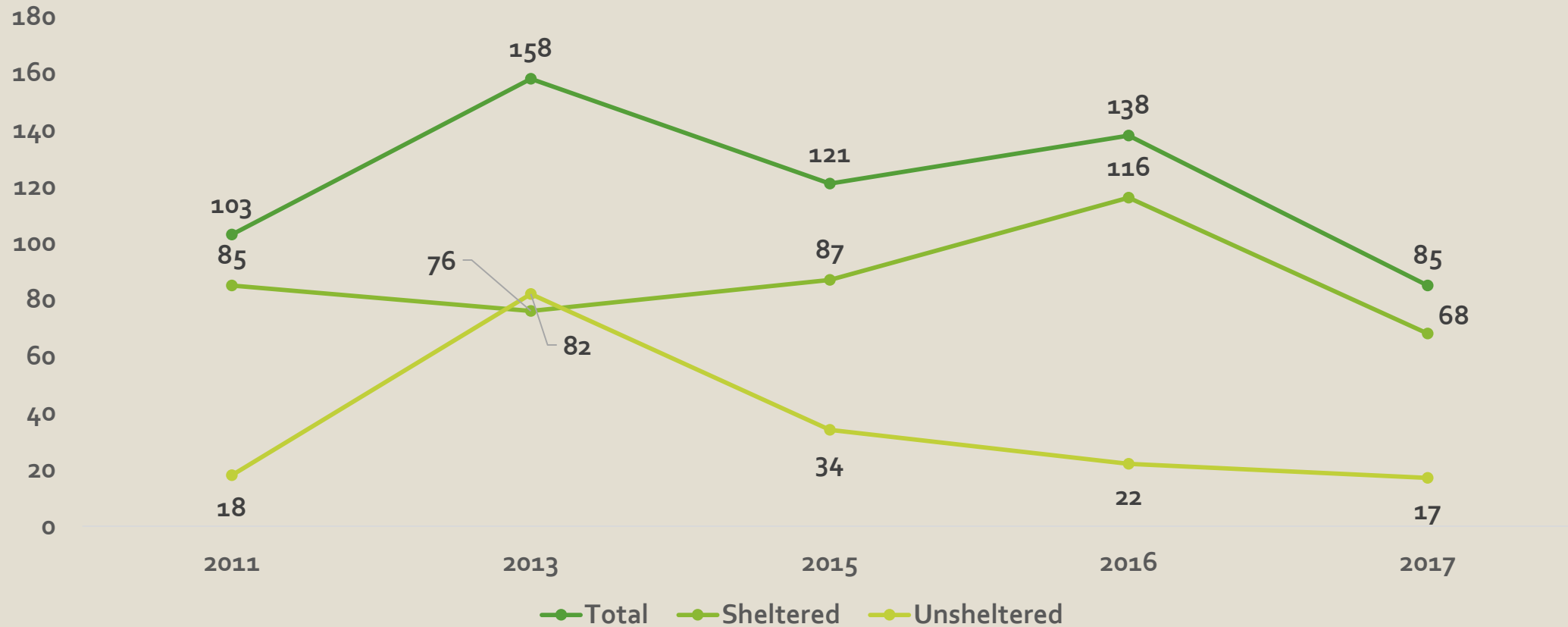
Since a peak in 2013, individual homelessness has fallen **33%**

# Victims of Domestic Violence



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

# Adults with a Serious Mental Illness

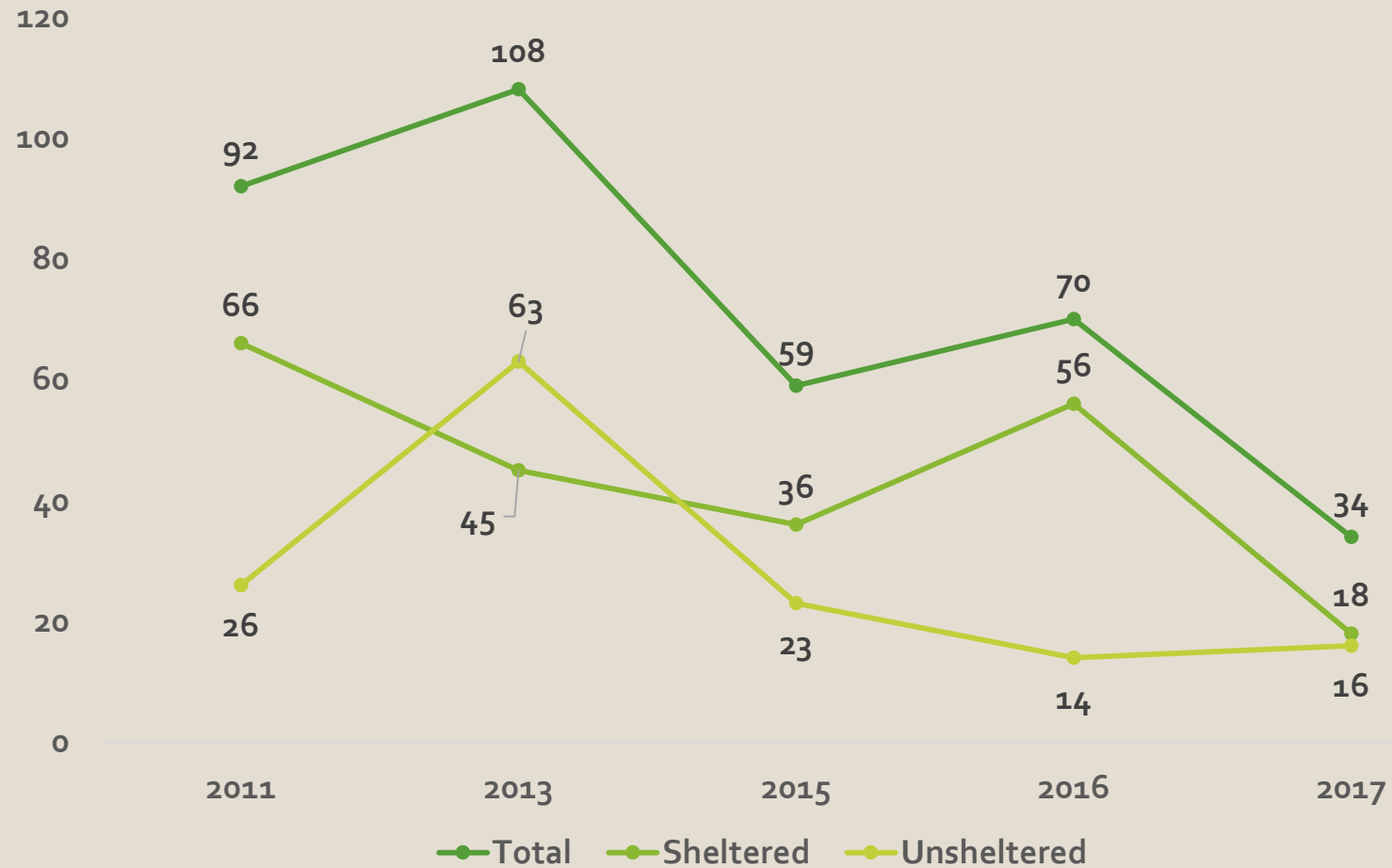


Unsheltered mental illness has declined by **80%** since 2011 among those surveyed

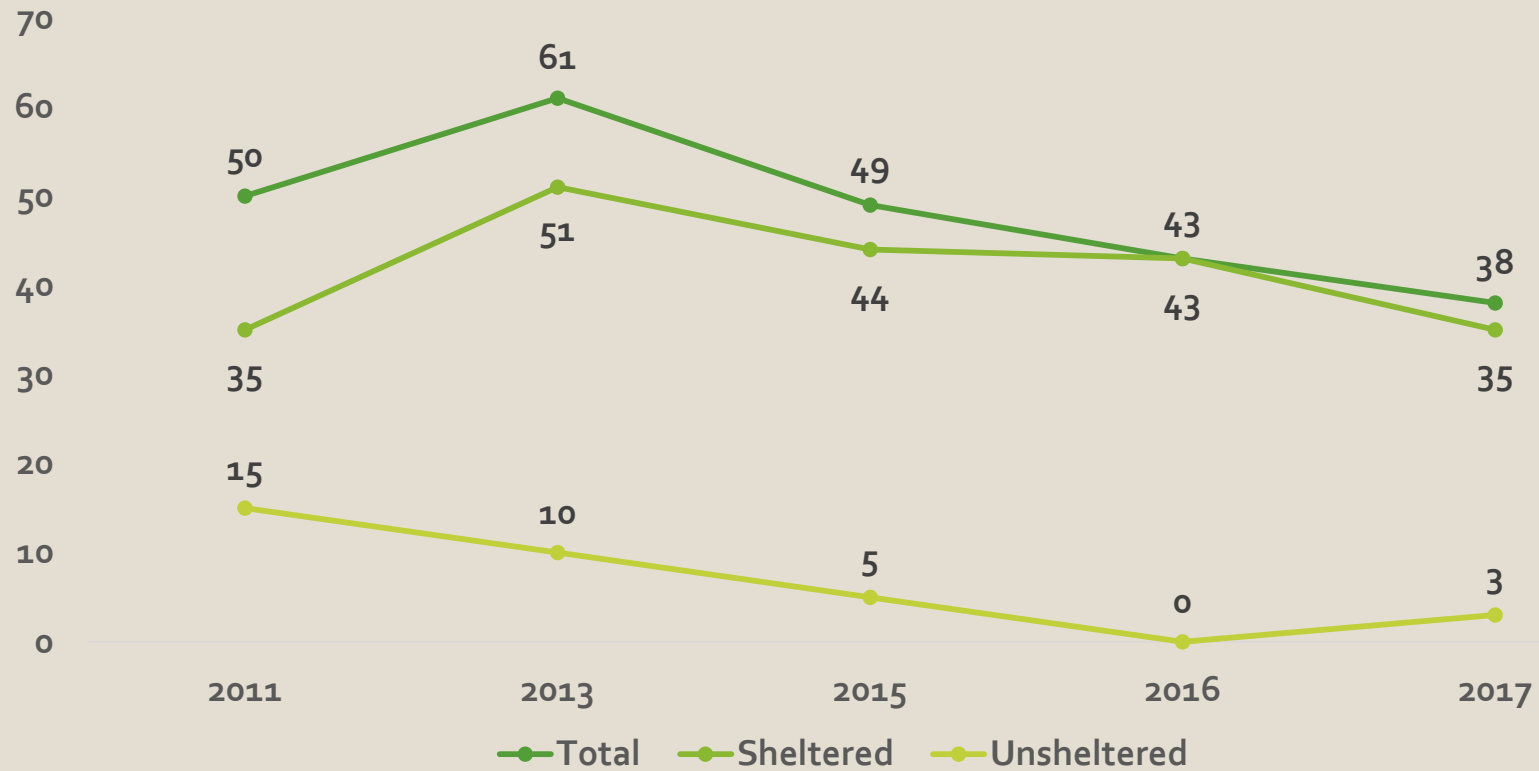
# Adults with a Substance Abuse Disorder

**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



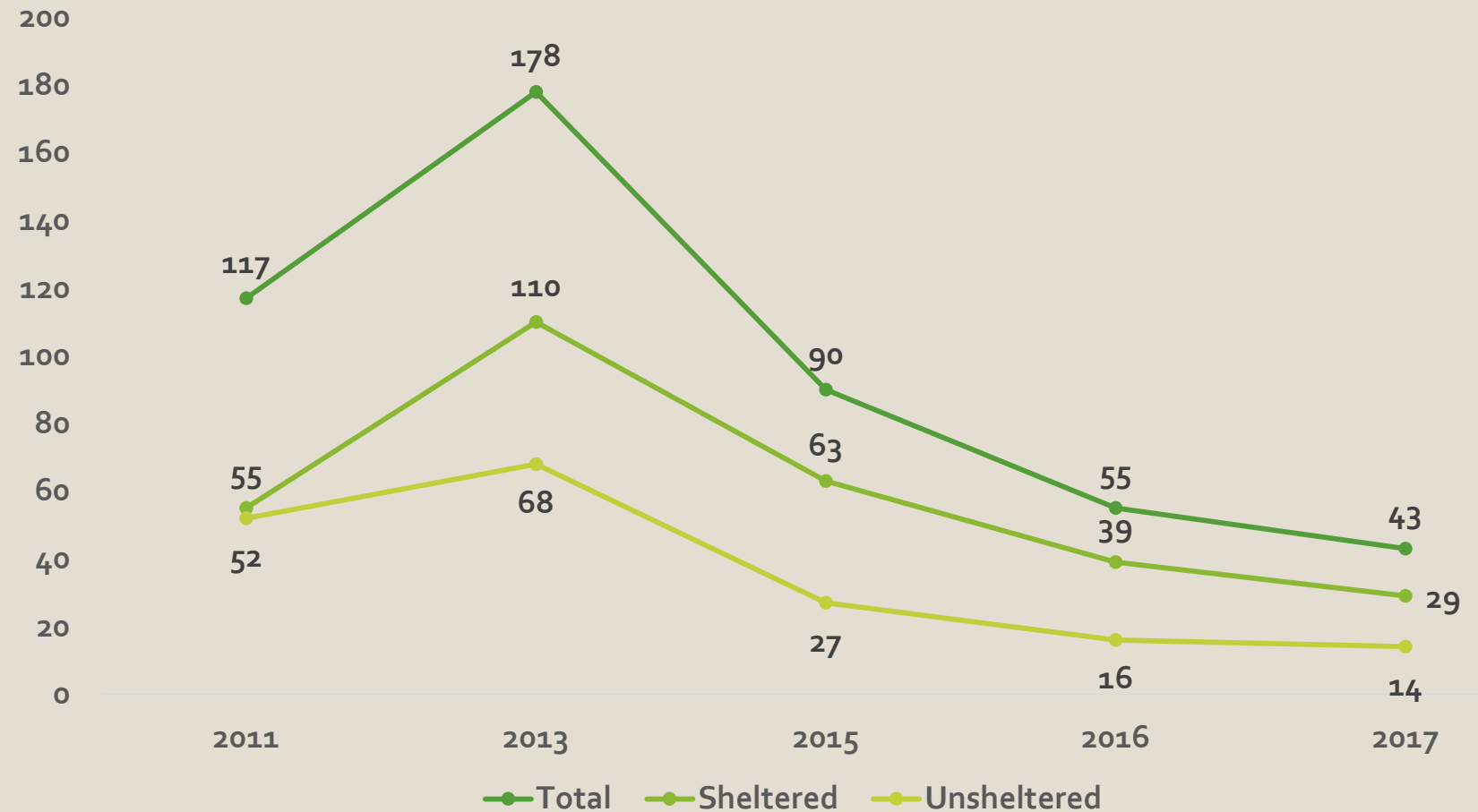
Since 2011, total  
veteran  
homelessness  
decreased **24%**

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

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KATIE DOYLE, Ozone House

# Ozone House

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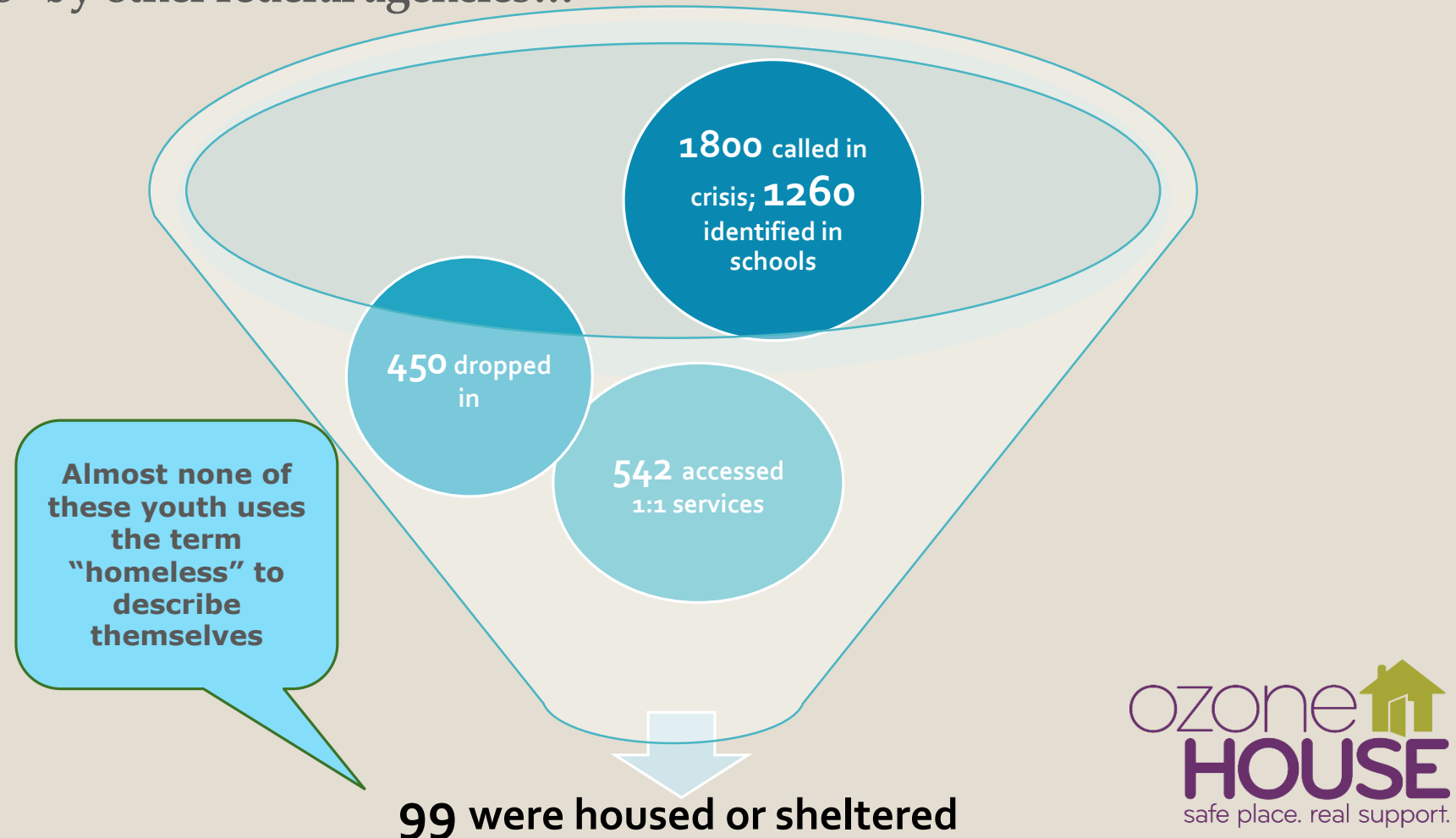


Ozone House helps youth lead safe, healthy, and productive lives through intensive prevention and intervention services.



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...

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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

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AMANDA CARLISLE, Washtenaw Housing Alliance

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# What is the Built for Zero Initiative?

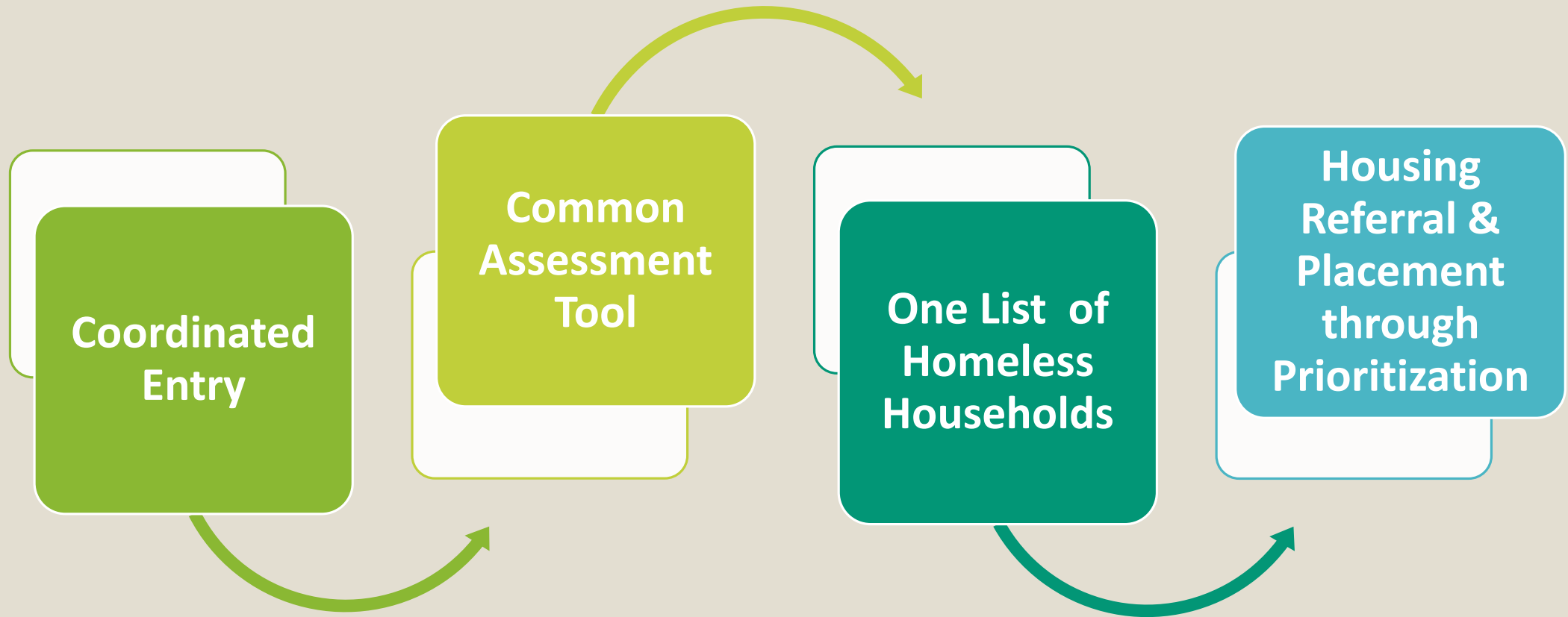
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- Rigorous **national change effort** designed to help a committed group of U.S. communities end veteran and chronic homelessness
  - Adopt proven best practices
  - Deploy existing resources more efficiently
  - Use real-time data to improve performance
- **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>

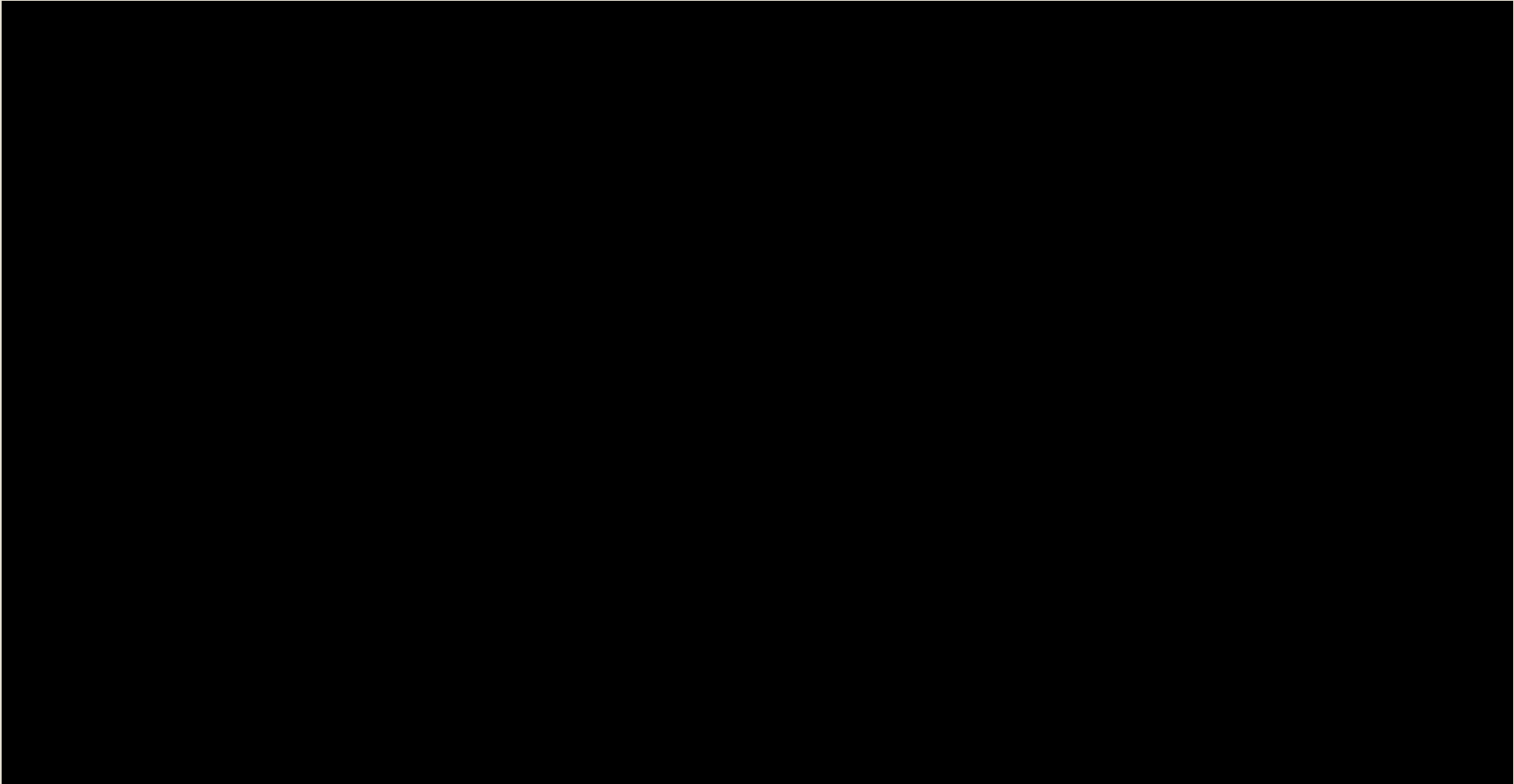
# Key Components of Built for Zero Initiative

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# Video: Animated Guide to Complex Social Challenges

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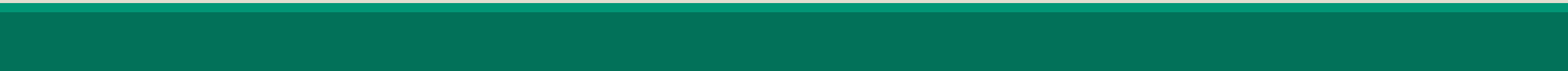


# Washtenaw County's Built for Zero Initiative

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

# Video: By-Name Lists and Functional Zero

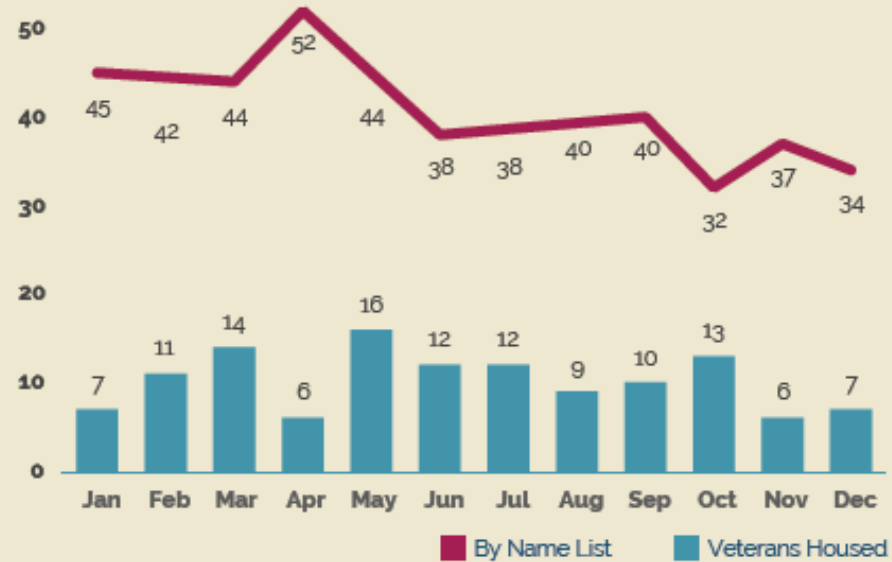
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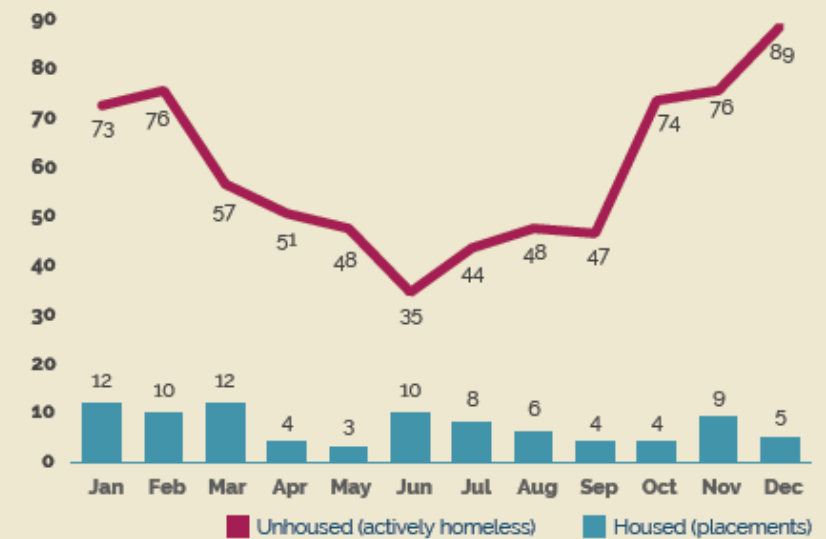
# What We Have Learned & Accomplished

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

Veterans Housed | "By-Name" List



Chronically Homeless Housed | "By-Name" List



# What's Next

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- **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...

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- 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

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# Four Ways YOU Can Make a Difference

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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

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# Thank You

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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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