

HOMELESSNESS

GOAL: All residents in Calhoun County will have access to safe, permanent, affordable housing

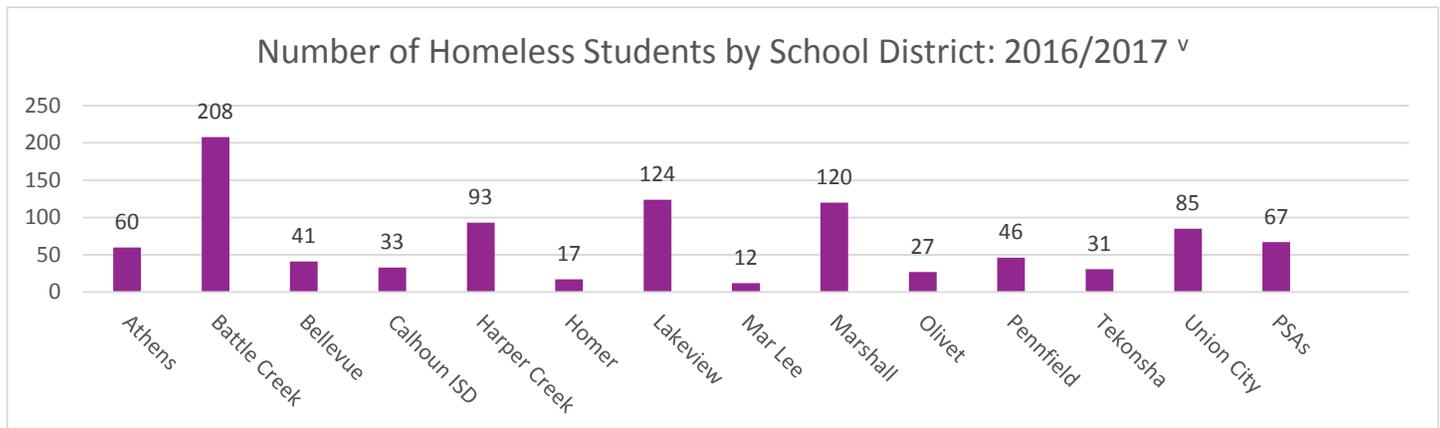
HOW ARE WE DOING? In 2016, the 211 Call Center made 894 rent-related referrals for services, while the number of unmet rent-related requests totaled 360. The reasons that needs remained unmet included: caller ineligible/lacked the required documentation e.g., an eviction letter (155); caller had been previously assisted and was no longer eligible (50); no immediate resource was available (40); caller was ineligible because they didn't fall into the target population that a program served (30); caller not eligible due to income (23); caller refused the referral (11); or other reasons (58).ⁱ

In 2016, 473 unduplicated clients with 558 children received advice and/or representation from Legal Services of South Central Michigan with housing cases including eviction, mortgage foreclosures and property tax foreclosures. A full 98% of cases represented had a successful outcome (i.e. prevented eviction/foreclosure).ⁱⁱ

The Point-in-Time count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January, while the Literally Homeless data is aggregated annually from the State HMIS database through the local County Housing Assessment and Resource Agency. Literally Homeless is defined as an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (has a primary residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation, or is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter). Of the 381 persons in families who are literally homeless, 66% are female single parents.^{iv}

SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT BATTLE CREEK/CALHOUN COUNTY ⁱⁱⁱ			
	Sheltered		Unsheltered
	Emergency	Transitional	
Households	84	56	25
Persons	102	73	29
Children Under 18	20	18	3
Persons Age 18-24	6	3	2
Persons Over Age 24	76	52	24

LITERALLY HOMELESS CALHOUN COUNTY ^{iv}		
	Number	Percent of Literally Homeless
Total	1,190	100%
Seniors Age 55+	214	17.7%
Veterans	205	17.23%
Persons in Families	381	32%



ⁱ HandsOn Battle Creek, 2017.

ⁱⁱ Legal Services of South Central Michigan, 2017.

ⁱⁱⁱ Battle Creek/Calhoun County Point in Time Count, 2016. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2017.

^{iv} Michigan Coalition Against Homeless HMIS Data; Region 8 Continuum of Care, Report Category 1: Literally Homeless, 2016.

^v Calhoun Intermediate School District, 2017.