RACIAL DISPARITY ASSESSMENT SUMMARY
CoC MI-514

To better understand racial disparities within our homeless service delivery system, the CoC reached out to their System Administrator, Michigan Coalition Against Homeless (MCAH), and discovered that the statewide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is unable to produce reports to assist with assessing racial disparity at this time. The CoC was able to compare Calhoun County census data and HMIS data to conclude that minorities represent 18% of people included in the July 2017 census and represent 47% of people served within the homeless service delivery system in 2017 (R8 Battle Creek 2017 Overall Homeless Count report).

The CoC has created an internal process that will focus on assessing racial disparities over the following 12 months. Every element of this work will be underpinned by data through ongoing evaluation and communications with MCAH. Additionally, we will look to our local communities as well as national partners to explore and implement strategies to leverage a variety of data points and sources. Below we've outlined approaches and mechanisms for not only assessing the scope of racial and ethnic disparities locally, but also the action steps to take that will measure and drive progress toward shrinking those disparities.

DATA

- Continue to use demographic data from the most recent census to map the racial profile of our community and, compare it to HMIS data to understand who is experiencing homelessness at disproportionate rates in our community.
- Identify system wide goals to drive progress toward equity and identify data points to measure progress toward those goals.
- Assess and regularly revisit data indicators that link to equitable outcomes, particularly outcomes related to rates of permanent housing placement and connections to services.
- Develop data-driven goals for including people of color with lived experience of homelessness into planning efforts.
- Integrate person-centered data to build out an understanding of service utilization patterns and the connection between those patterns and housing placements and/or other outcomes; use these data points to inform planning and resource allocation.
- Map the points of entry and precipitating causes of homelessness and assess whether there are significant differences among people of color.
- Regularly review data, assess impact, and refine and strengthen strategies and activities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- We will engage local stakeholders, leaders, culturally specific organizations, faith based groups, social service agencies, landlords, housing providers, the school systems, and people of color with lived experiences of homelessness to discuss racial disparity.
- We will endeavor to build a shared understanding of the systemic issues that affect people of color and create open and ongoing opportunities for continued conversations.
- Share successful strategies and insights with community and national partners, as well as other systems and commit to supporting others in undertaking the work to rectify racial inequities.

All Topics ▾	Q Calhoun County, Michigan
ⓘ **Population estimates, July 1, 2017, (V2017)**	**134,128**
ⓘ Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2017)	136,148
ⓘ Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2017, (V2017)	-1.5%
ⓘ Population, Census, April 1, 2010	136,146
Age and Sex	
ⓘ Persons under 5 years, percent	⚠ 6.3%
ⓘ Persons under 18 years, percent	⚠ 23.1%
ⓘ Persons 65 years and over, percent	⚠ 17.4%
ⓘ Female persons, percent	⚠ 51.1%
Race and Hispanic Origin	
ⓘ White alone, percent (a)	⚠ 81.8%
ⓘ Black or African American alone, percent (a)	⚠ 11.2%
ⓘ American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	⚠ 0.8%
ⓘ Asian alone, percent (a)	⚠ 2.8%
ⓘ Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	⚠ Z
ⓘ Two or More Races, percent	⚠ 3.4%
ⓘ Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	⚠ 5.3%
ⓘ White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	⚠ 77.6%
Population Characteristics	
ⓘ Veterans, 2012-2016	11,020
ⓘ Foreign born persons, percent, 2012-2016	3.6%

R8 Battle Creek 2017 Overall Homeless Count

Total Homeless:	1409	OVERALL HOMELESS (CATEGORY 1 & 2)

Average Age Adults Overall:	35		Average Age Adult Female	28.2254		Average Age Adult Males:	37.9

Gender	Total	Percentage
Female	488	34.71%
Male	917	65.22%
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	1406	100.00%

All Clients Age	Total	Percentage
1. Newborn to 4	134	9.29%
2. 5 to 10	119	8.25%
3. 11 to 14	45	3.12%
4. 15 to 17	27	1.87%
5. 18 to 24	106	7.35%
6. 25 to 34	263	18.24%
7. 35 to 44	229	15.88%
8. 45 to 54	260	18.03%
9. 55 to 64	209	14.49%
99. 65 and up	50	3.47%
Sum:	1442	100.00%

Race	Total	Percentage
White (HUD)	736	52.12%
Black or African American (HUD)	632	44.76%
American Indian or Alaska Native (HUD)	14	0.99%
Asian (HUD)	8	0.57%
Client doesn't know (HUD)	7	0.50%
Client refused (HUD)	5	0.35%
Data not collected (HUD)	4	0.28%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (HUD)	3	0.21%
Other	3	0.21%
Sum:	1412	
Percentage:		100.00%

Gender	Age Range	Total	Percentage
Female	1. Newborn to 4	70	4.85%
Female	2. 5 to 10	53	3.68%
Female	3. 11 to 14	20	1.39%
Female	4. 15 to 17	13	0.90%
Female	5. 18 to 24	48	3.33%
Female	6. 25 to 34	107	7.42%
Female	7. 35 to 44	68	4.72%
Female	8. 45 to 54	70	4.85%
Female	9. 55 to 64	44	3.05%
Female	99. 65 and up	3	0.21%
Male	1. Newborn to 4	64	4.44%
Male	2. 5 to 10	66	4.58%
Male	3. 11 to 14	25	1.73%
Male	4. 15 to 17	14	0.97%
Male	5. 18 to 24	58	4.02%
Male	6. 25 to 34	156	10.82%
Male	7. 35 to 44	160	11.10%
Male	8. 45 to 54	190	13.18%
Male	9. 55 to 64	165	11.44%
Male	99. 65 and up	47	3.26%
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Sum:		1442	
Percentage:			100.00%

Housing Status	Total	Percentage
Category 1 - Homeless (HUD)	1198	85.57%
Category 2 - At imminent risk of losing housing (HUD)	202	14.43%
Sum:	1400	
Percentage:		100.00%

134128   July 2017 census - total number of people

18% minorities   24143

82% white   109985

100%   **134128**

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660   47%

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