



# Homelessness in Wisconsin

The Balance of State Continuum of Care is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides leadership to local homeless coalitions in 69 counties across the State of Wisconsin, excluding Dane, Milwaukee, and Racine counties.

**Annualized Data** Cumulative data by providers serving the homeless. Totals represent those served in emergency shelters and transitional housing programs between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. Only includes data reported in HMIS.

2016

**18,883**

people experienced homelessness

**54%**

(10,229) were in the Balance of State CoC

Experiencing Homelessness



Total Population



African American/Black

Caucasian

Hispanic/Latino

Native American

**40%** have a disability

*29% of those with a disability have a mental illness*

**1,133** veterans

**Point-In-Time (PIT) Data** A "snapshot" count of those experiencing homelessness on one night. Wisconsin does this count during the last week of January and the last week of July each year. Totals represent unsheltered and those served in emergency shelters and transitional housing programs on Data is from January 27, 2016. Includes both HMIS and non-HMIS data.

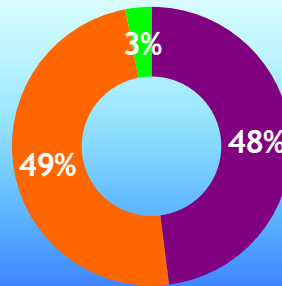
PIT

**5,822**

people were homeless in Wisconsin

**446** were unsheltered

**464** had been homeless for over one year



Families

Singles

Unaccompanied Youth (Under 18)

**3,438 (59%)** were from the Balance of State CoC

**132** were unsheltered

HMIS data was provided by the Institute for Community Alliances, [www.icalliances.org](http://www.icalliances.org).

## SOLUTIONS

Remove statutory language hindering local control of state funds, and instead base funding on need and performance.

Authorize WHEDA and encourage Public Housing Authorities to prioritize vouchers for people experiencing homelessness.

Increase funding for case management services.

*Case management provides coordinated services that are far more effective at addressing both surface needs and the underlying causes of homelessness.*

Overall support for Governor Walker's proposed budget providing new resources to end homelessness.

# CAP CoC

This local homeless coalition includes all of Marquette, Portage, Waupaca, and Waushara counties. According to the US Census Bureau (2015), the estimated population is 161,461 with 20% under the age of 18.

2016

**422**

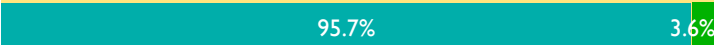
people experienced homelessness

**2%** of Wisconsin's total homeless population

Experiencing Homelessness



Total Population



African American/Black

Caucasian

Hispanic/Latino

Native American

**31%** have a disability  
Compared to **9%** of the general population

**42** veterans



**37%** were  
35 - 59 years old

## PIT January 27, 2016

PIT

**102**

People were homeless in the CAP CoC

**0**

Had been homeless for over one year

**2**

Were unsheltered

**19**

Were veterans



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