

State of Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness

Balance of State Board Meeting Presentation

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Interagency Council on Homelessness

Mission and Responsibilities

- “The council shall meet quarterly and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson or a majority of its members.”
- “Establish and periodically review a statewide policy with the purpose of preventing and ending homelessness in this state.”
- “Designate individuals from each agency or organization represented on the council, who shall meet at least twice quarterly, to coordinate the implementation of policy established by the council.”
- “Submit a report on the activities of the council to the governor and to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the appropriate standing committees.”

2023 State Activities

- WHEDA awarded Housing Tax Credits to projects throughout Wisconsin in May. These projects will add over 1,500 units for low-income households – including projects in Sauk, Waupaca, La Crosse, St. Croix, Vernon, Manitowoc, Crawford, and Marathon Counties
- WHEDA opened the 2023 Housing Grant Program competition. This program, to assist in the improvement of the state's housing for special needs populations, will award \$2 Million to projects. Reminder, the deadline for applications for this program is 11:59PM TONIGHT.

2023 State Activities

- The State Legislature passed, and Governor Evers signed, Acts 15, 17, and 18. These laws, and funds provided through the 2023-25 budget, will provide \$550 Million in one-time funds for housing rehabilitation and commercial-to-residential conversion to add workforce housing units.
- The Recovery Voucher Grant Program, funded with \$2 Million from the State's opioid settlement, launched in 2023. Through this program, housing vouchers for recovery housing will be provided to people experiencing homelessness who have an opioid use disorder diagnosis.

2023 State Activities

- The Children's Health Insurance Program Health Services Initiative (CHIP HSI) launched on May 1. Through this program, five agencies in the BoS area (CW Solutions, Family Promise of Washington County, House of Hope Green Bay, Renewal Unlimited, and Shalom Center of Interfaith Network) will be able to provide housing support services for households with dependent children or persons who are pregnant who are experiencing homelessness.
- Department of Veterans Affairs: The Veteran Outreach and Recovery Program has been adding staff – changing the structure from 11 regions to 16 regions and adding 2 clinicians to better expedite services for veterans experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

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Duties

- Organize and/or facilitate activities (meetings and workgroup sessions) for the Council,
- Serve as a conduit within Wisconsin State Government and between different levels of government,
- Serve as a conduit between public and private agencies and State Government,
- Represent the Governor and the Administration as needed,
- Serve as a resource for the Citizens of Wisconsin on matters of homelessness.

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Port Washington
and Ozaukee
County Coalition

Rice Lake (with
Governor Evers
and Sec.
Blumenfeld)

Prairie du Chien
(with Sec.
Blumenfeld)

Oshkosh (with
Sec. Blumenfeld)

Eau Claire (with
Governor Evers)

Wausau

Neopit
(Menominee Tribal
Housing
Department)

Shawano

Eau Claire (July
PIT)

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Virtual Meeting Visits

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Brown County
Homeless and
Housing Coalition

Coulee Coalition
to End
Homelessness

Dairyland
Coalition

Housing Action
Coalition of
Waukesha County

Jackson County
Homeless
Committee

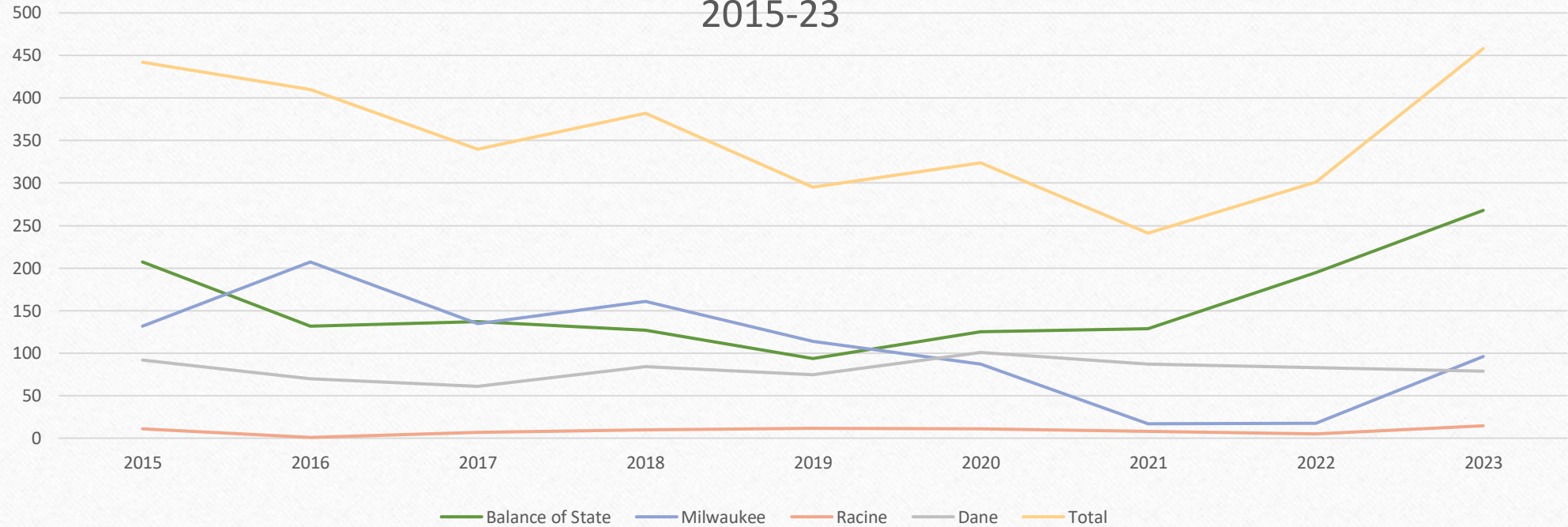
Fox Cities
Housing Coalition

Northeast
Coalition

Southwest
Coalition

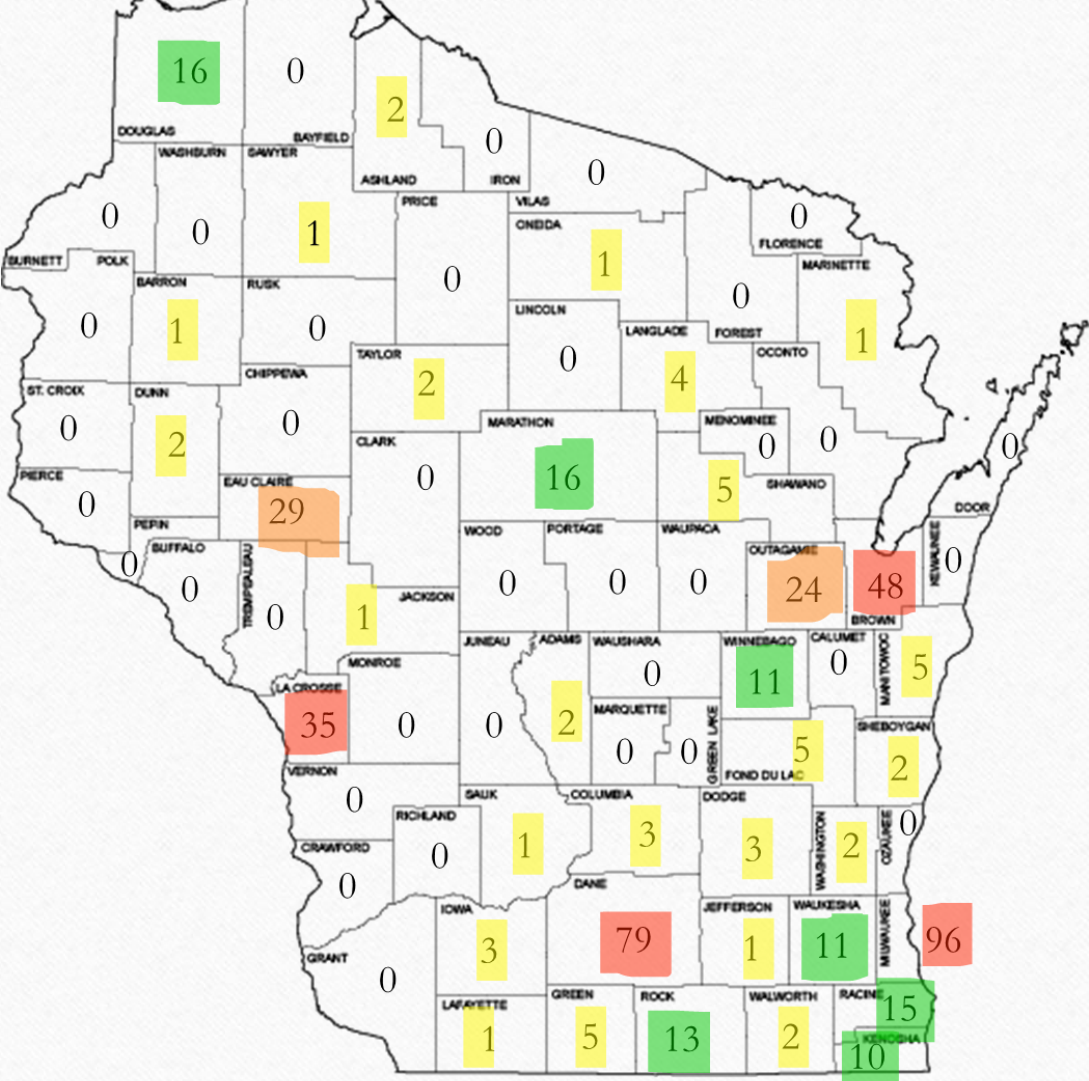
Clark County

Total Persons Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness at PIT, Wisconsin, 2015-23



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Balance of State	207	132	137	127	94	125	129	195	268
Milwaukee	132	207	135	161	114	87	17	18	96
Racine	11	1	7	10	12	11	8	5	15
Dane	92	70	61	84	75	101	87	83	79
Total	442	410	340	382	295	324	241	301	458

Counties with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness



>30 People

Brown, Dane, La Crosse, Milwaukee

20-29 People

Eau Claire and Outagamie

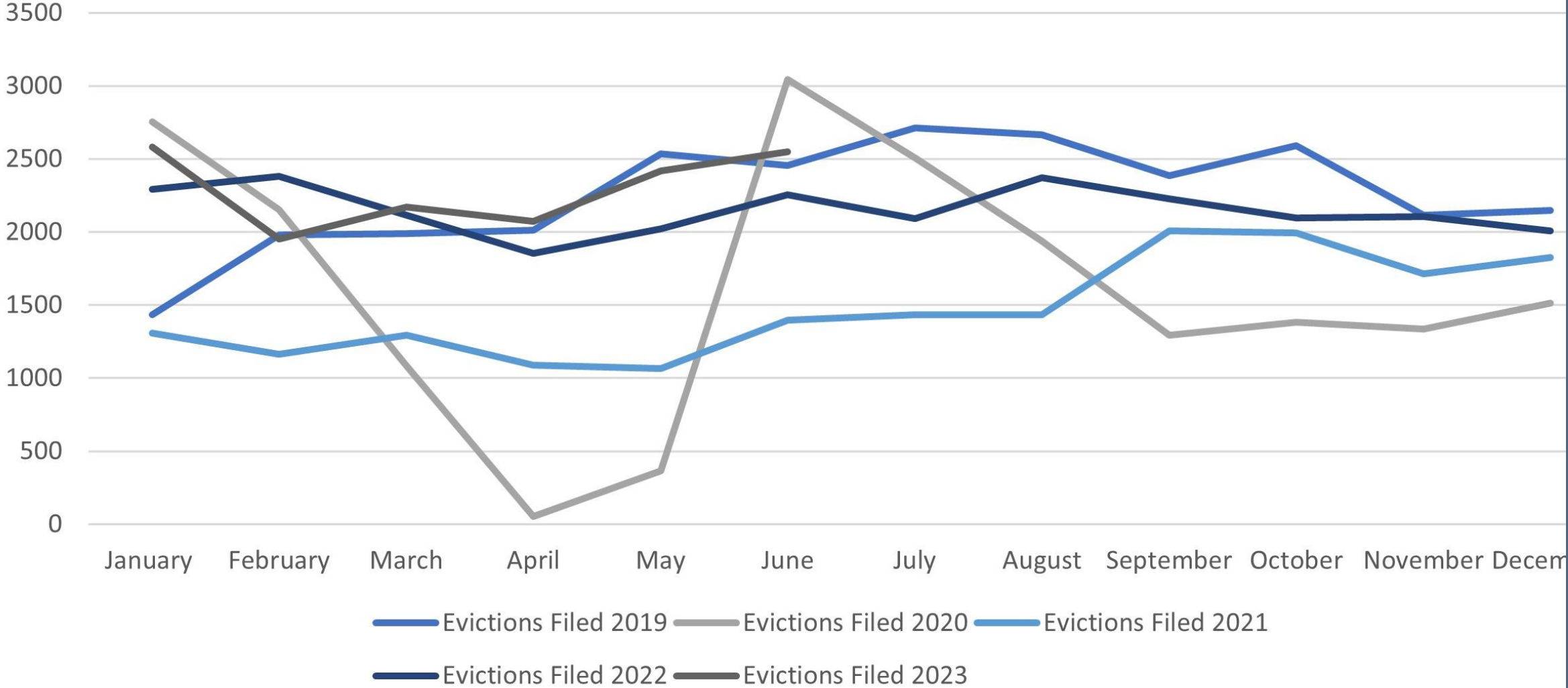
10-19 People

Douglas, Kenosha, Marathon, Racine, Rock, Waukesha, Winnebago

1-9 People

Adams, Ashland, Barron, Columbia, Dodge, Dunn, Fond du Lac, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oneida, Sauk, Sawyer, Shawano, Sheboygan, Taylor, Walworth, Washington

Wisconsin Eviction Filings 2019-2023



Coming up

- Department of Health Services is projecting the 1915i State Plan Amendment to be finally approved by the federal government during the next couple months. This will provide housing support services through Medicaid for people experiencing homelessness who have substance use disorder and/or mental health disorder diagnoses.
- Department of Administration is projecting the HOME-ARP program will begin within the next three months. Nearly \$42 Million will be provided to develop affordable rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance, and supportive services.

Coming up

- Progress will continue on items in the “Welcoming Wisconsin Home” statewide plan on homelessness. This includes the start of applying the racial equity analysis tool to analyze state programming outcomes.



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