

2019 - 2020 Summit County Homelessness Report



Summit County
Continuum of Care

*Each person is a
branch of strength
within the community.*

*Strong branches
make a strong
community!*



Summit County Continuum of Care

The Summit County Continuum of Care (SCCoC) has been operating since 1997. It is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness, by providing funding to nonprofit housing providers, to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families.

The SCCoC currently collaborates with over 30 agencies in Summit County to combat homelessness. We fund 28 different housing programs that range from Transitional Housing and Safe Haven, to Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing. Many of our programs are dedicated to serving veterans, youth, chronically homeless, severely mentally ill, people struggling with substance abuse, people with HIV/AIDS, and victims of domestic violence.

We are always looking to collaborate with more individuals and agencies who have a stake in homelessness. Our goal is to create more awareness, bring more resources into our community, and implement innovative ideas to help end homelessness in Summit County. For more information about the SCCoC, please visit our website, www.summitcoc.org

PARTNER AGENCIES

ACCESS Shelter
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Board
Akron City Fire Department
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Akron Police Department
Battered Women's Shelter
CANAPI
City of Akron
City of Barberton
City of Cuyahoga Falls
Community Health Center
Community Support Services
Fair Housing Contact Service
Family Community Services
Family Promise
Harmony House
Haven of Rest
Humility of Mary Housing
Joanna House II
Legacy III
Legal Aid
North Coast Community Homes
Ohio Multi-County Development Center
Oriana House
Project Rise (Akron Public Schools)
Salvation Army
Shelter Care
Summit County
Summit County Children Services
Summit County Department of Job
and Family Services
Tarry House
The Homeless Charity
United Way of Summit & Medina
Veteran's Health Administration

2019

2019 Highlights

97%

of people who exit to Permanent Supportive Housing stay housed

88%

of people who exited homelessness to permanent housing in 2017 remained housed for at least six months

76%

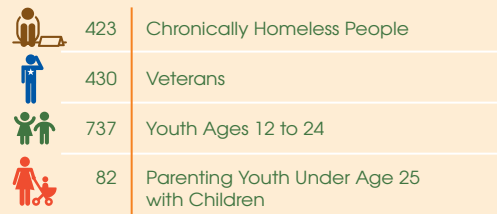
of people who exited homelessness to permanent housing in 2017 remained housed for at least two years

Profile of Homelessness in Summit County

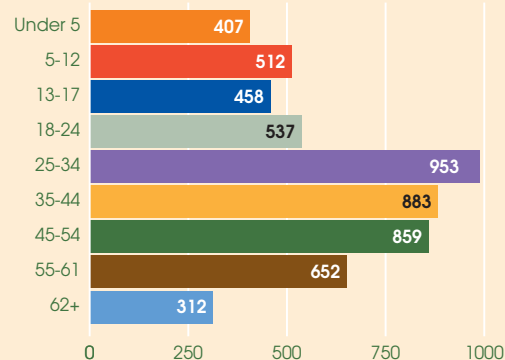
PEOPLE SERVED



SPECIAL POPULATIONS⁴



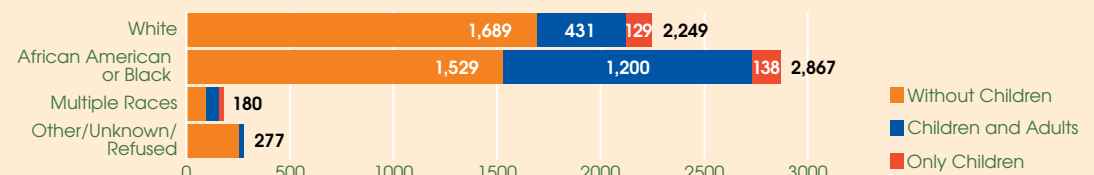
AGE



ETHNICITY

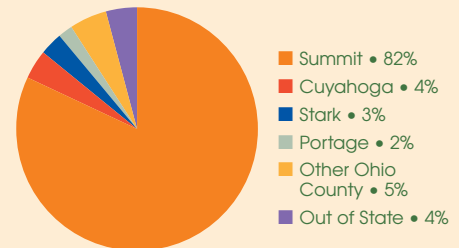
2.2% Hispanic/Latino ethnicity

RACE BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE



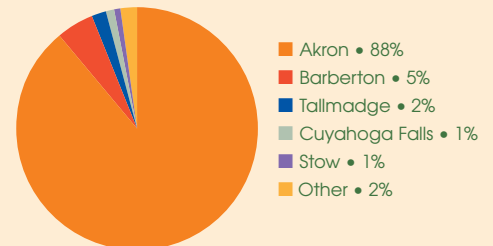
LAST PERMANENT COUNTY

Total: 5,383



LAST PERMANENT CITY IN SUMMIT COUNTY

Total: 4,438



SUMMIT COUNTY HOMELESS BY ZIP CODE



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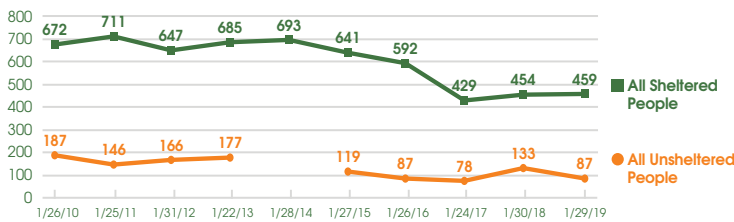
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³ Chronically homeless describes a person with a disability who has one year of continuous homelessness (living in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation) or four episodes of homelessness over a three year period that total 12 months of homelessness.

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2019 Profile of Homelessness in Summit County (continued)

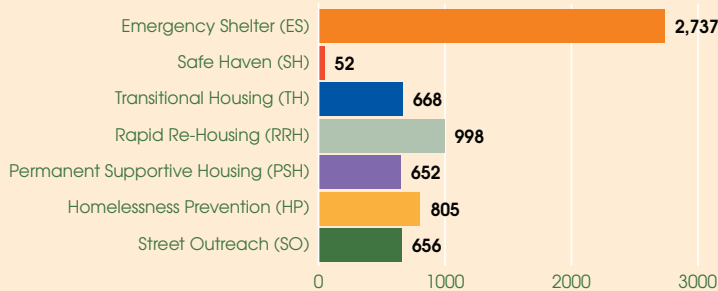
SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED POINT-IN-TIME COUNT (2010-2019)⁵



546 homeless people on 1/29/19 | **36%** decrease compared to 2010 PIT count

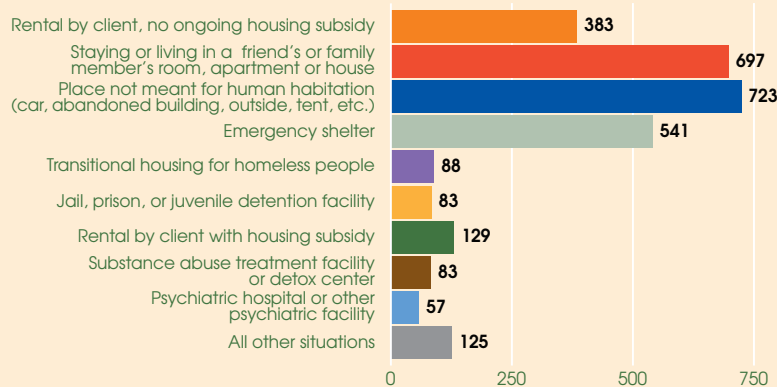
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED⁶

Total: 5,573



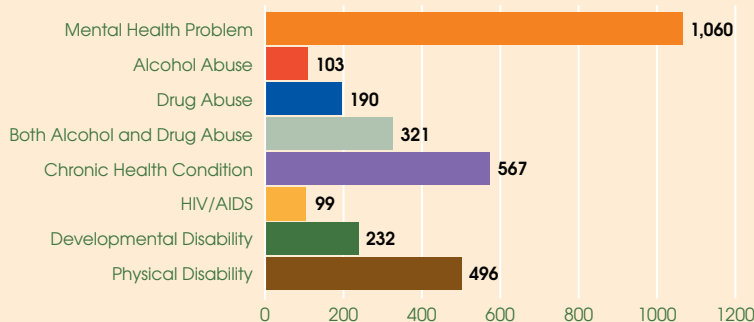
PRIOR LIVING SITUATION

Total: 2,909



HEALTH CONDITIONS⁶

Total: 5,133



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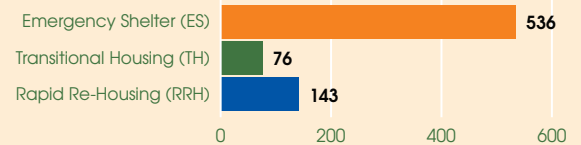
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TOTAL BEDS BY HOUSING TYPE

Housing Type	Beds Dedicated for Domestic Violence Victims	All Other Beds	Total Beds
Emergency Shelter (ES)	68	217	285
Safe Haven (SH)	0	22	22
Transitional Housing (TH)	68	145	213
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	95	180	275
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	0	604	604
TOTAL BEDS	231	1,168	1,399

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS⁷

Total: 657



Types of Housing Assistance

EMERGENCY SHELTER (ES): Any facility with overnight sleeping accommodations, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of homeless people. The length of stay can range from one night to as much as three months.

SAFE HAVEN (SH): A form of supportive housing that serves hard-to-reach homeless people with severe mental illness who are on the street and have been unable or unwilling to participate in supportive services.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH): A program that is designed to provide homeless individuals and families with housing and appropriate supportive services to facilitate the successful transition to permanent housing within 24 months.

RAPID RE-HOUSING (RRH): An intervention that rapidly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH): Long-term community-based housing and supportive services for homeless people with disabilities. The intent of this type of supportive housing is to enable this special-needs population to live as independently as possible in a permanent setting.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION (HP): Services that help individuals and families at risk of homelessness to maintain their existing housing or transition to new permanent housing and may include housing relocation and stabilization services as well as short- and medium-term rental assistance.

STREET OUTREACH (SO): Essential services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care. May include engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, transportation and services for special populations.

2020

2020 Highlights

97%

of people who exit to Permanent Supportive Housing stay housed

88%

of people who exited homelessness to permanent housing in 2018 remained housed for at least **six months**

78%

of people who exited homelessness to permanent housing in 2018 remained housed for at least **two years**

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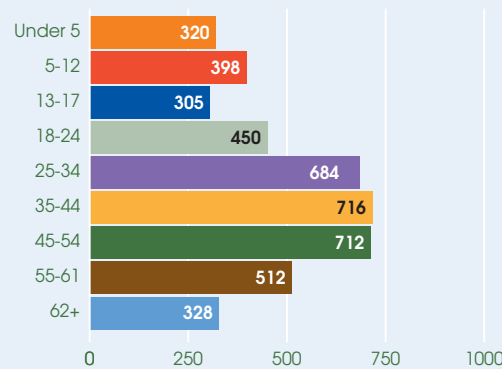
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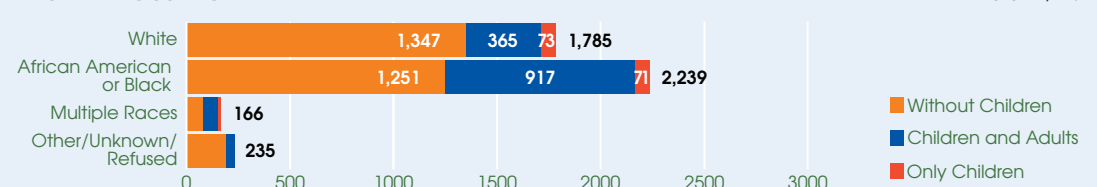
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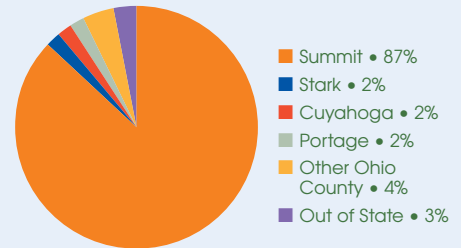
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RACE BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE



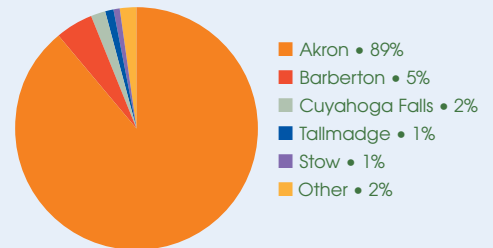
LAST PERMANENT COUNTY

Total: 3,609

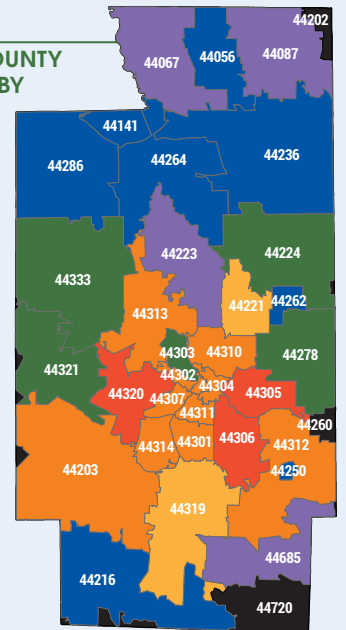


LAST PERMANENT CITY IN SUMMIT COUNTY

Total: 3,134



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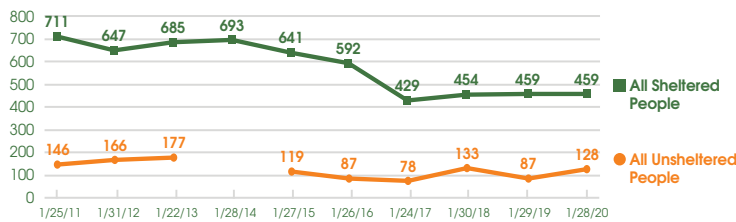
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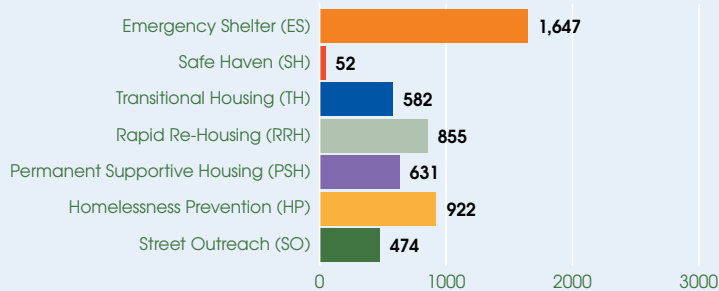
SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED POINT-IN-TIME COUNT (2011-2020)⁵



587 homeless people on 1/28/20 | **32%** decrease compared to 2011 PIT count

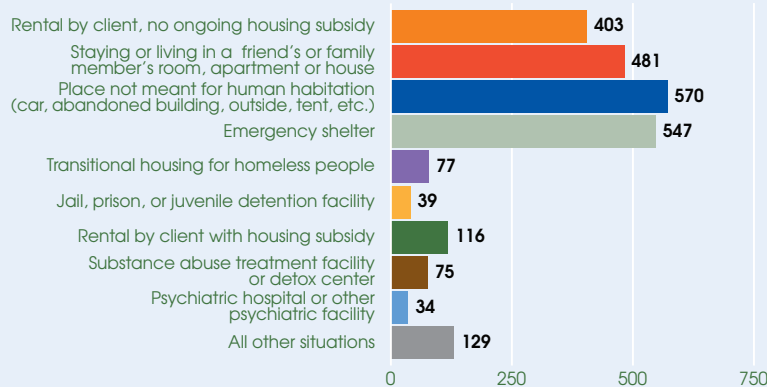
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED⁶

Total: 4,425



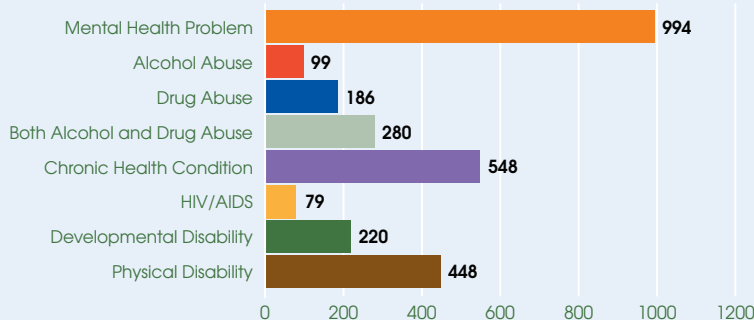
PRIOR LIVING SITUATION

Total: 2,471



HEALTH CONDITIONS⁶

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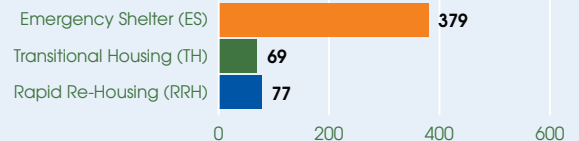
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TOTAL BEDS BY HOUSING TYPE

Housing Type	Beds Dedicated for Domestic Violence Victims	All Other Beds	Total Beds
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Safe Haven (SH)	0	22	22
Transitional Housing (TH)	68	119	187
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	69	126	195
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	0	701	701
TOTAL BEDS	205	1,186	1,391

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS⁷

Total: 456



COVID-19 Response

EMERGENCY SHELTER

- Emergency shelters implemented safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures resulted in reduced shelter capacity during 2020, but demand for shelter also dropped during the pandemic. Some of the reasons for the drop in demand include increased ability to stay with friends or family due to the pandemic and increased availability of rent assistance.
- The CoC established quarantine shelter options for homeless individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 or who had been exposed and were awaiting test results.

HOMELESS PREVENTION

- Increased funding to prevent evictions enabled the CoC to provide rent assistance to households who were at risk of eviction and who had either experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19 or who were at high-risk for COVID-19. This additional rent assistance launched within a few weeks of the first case of COVID-19 and continued through 2020.

STREET OUTREACH AND RAPID REHOUSING

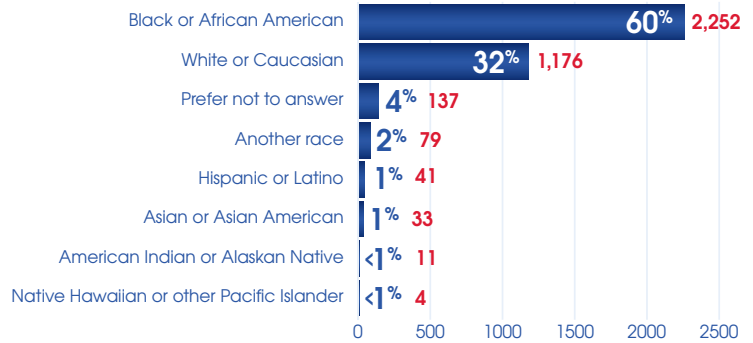
- The Street Outreach team at Community Support Services, the CoC, and many local volunteers continued to conduct outreach to homeless individuals during the pandemic and to distribute extra supplies such as hand sanitizer, face masks and sack lunches. CoC funded programs continued to enroll homeless individuals and provide case management services by phone and video conferencing.

Summit County CARES



Summit County CARES is the front door for various government funded assistance designed to help keep families and individuals living in Summit County, Ohio housed in the wake of the historic economic recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Summit County CARES is a partnership of local government and community organizations.

APPLICANT RACE



Of the 3,733 households served, **1,812 households** had school aged children. This is almost 1 out of every 2 households assisted.

APPLICANT GENDER



<1% preferred not to answer

UNDUPLICATED RENT ASSISTANCE

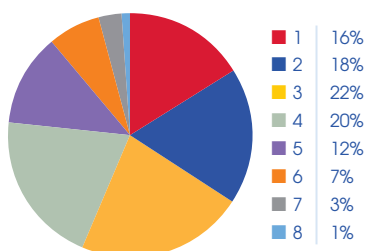
Total Payments:	\$9,234,098
Total Number of Payments:	3,508
Average Payment:	\$2,632
Average Months Paid:	3.96

Summit County CARES served people from every municipality in Summit County

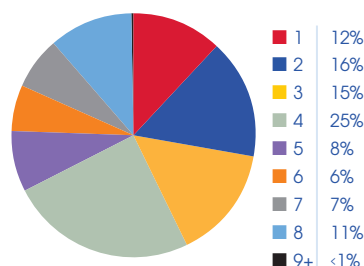
UNDUPLICATED MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

Total Payments:	\$768,210
Total Number of Payments:	227
Average Payment:	\$3,384
Average Months Paid:	4.5

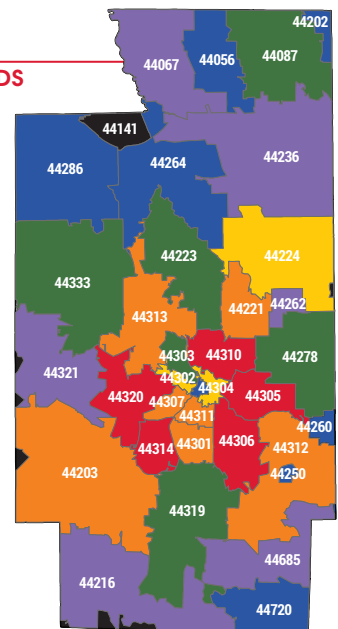
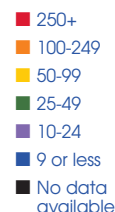
HOUSEHOLD SIZE



MONTHS PAID



HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY ZIP CODE





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