LAKESHORE HOUSING **ALLIANCE**

November is Homeless Awareness Month

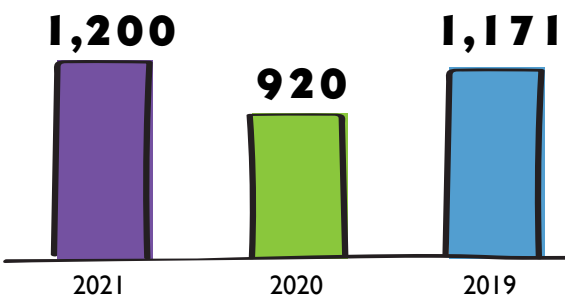
The mission of the Lakeshore Housing Alliance is to work collaboratively to meet the needs of people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Ottawa County. Together the LHA member agencies work to:

Develop and promote integrated, community-wide strategies and plans to prevent and end homelessness.

Close the front door to homelessness by offering prevention services, linking people in housing crisis to permanent housing programs, and promoting access to mainstream resources.

Provide a variety of options for permanent housing and offer wraparound and intensive case management services that open the back door out of homelessness.

Number of Homeless Persons

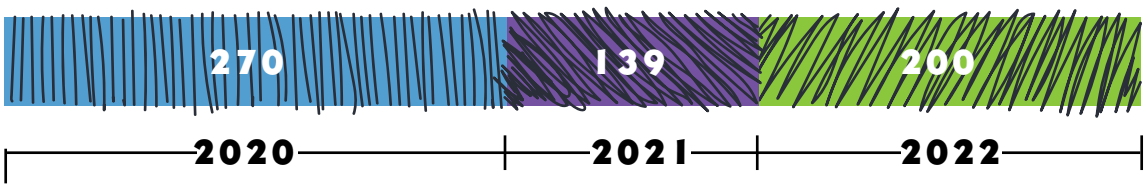


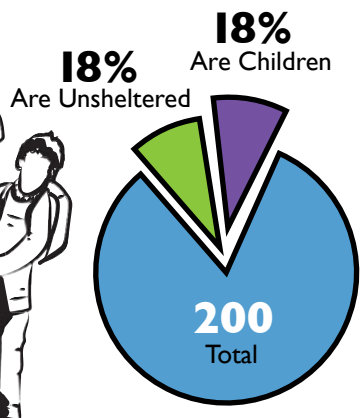
So far, in 2022, the Street Outreach team has connected with 292 people sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation like the streets, tent, bus station, or storage unit.

People are homeless longer due to the lack of available and affordable housing. The average length of time homeless increased by **22 days in 2020/2021**.

Point in Time

The Point in Time count takes place annually on the last Wednesday of January. This year's PIT count was held on January 26, 2022, and counted 200 people who were literally homeless: staying in **emergency shelter, transitional housing** or in a place **not meant for human habitation**, a significant increase from 2021.





Collaborative Response:
Eviction Prevention
Street Outreach
Permanent Supportive Housing

Get Involved:

LHA bi-monthly meetings are open to the public and are conducted via Zoom on the first Friday of even months from 12PM – 1:30PM. Contact Lyn Raymond at lraymond@ottawaunitedway.org for more information.

The November Book Group will be hosted by the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan. Join us via Zoom, November 29, 12PM-1PM, when we discuss *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will to Survive*.

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkdO6gqDIrH9RvRGCS6Tw3Y5hWmkln71LX

The LHA is committed to bringing an end to homelessness.

Key to success is building the foundation for a coordinated and comprehensive community response to provide people with stable housing, permanent connections, education, employment, and social-emotional well-being.