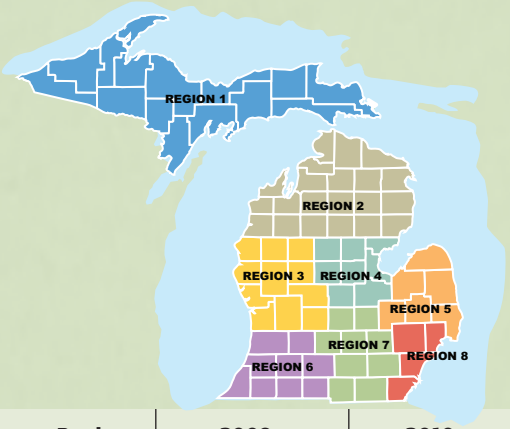
Homeless Families

Michigan's Campaign to End
HOMELESSNESS
One person, one family at a time.
TheCampaignToEndhomelessness.org

"Homelessness and poverty are inextricably linked where families are one illness, accident, lost job or paycheck away from living on the streets. The rising cost of housing accompanied by declining wages creates conditions that put families at risk of losing their housing, and make it even more difficult for them to find housing once they become homeless."

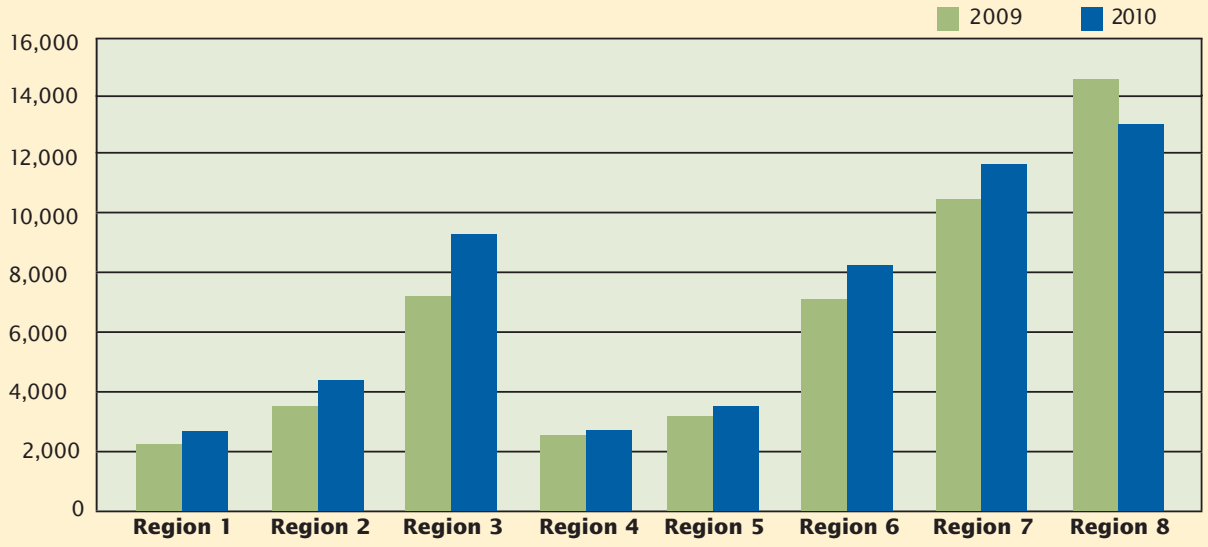
Ellen Kisinger-Rothi – Executive Director, HRI, Kalamazoo

- 53 percent of actual homeless in Michigan are adults and children in families
- 52,940 total homeless persons in families were counted on the HMIS (Not projected numbers)*
- 67 percent are single female head of household families
- 53 percent of homeless persons in families are children
- 27 percent of homeless families are working poor
- 18 percent have incomes of less than $500/month
- $725 average monthly income for homeless families
- First time homeless decreased 3 percentage points from 55 percent to 51 percent of the total homeless
- 19 percent of adults reported a disability
- 3 percent are veterans
- Average age of adults in families is 32.2 years old
- Average age of children is 7.3 years old
- Adults in families are largely women (75 percent) with young children



Region	2009	2010
Region 1	2,369	2,749
Region 2	3,641	4,329
Region 3	7,335	9,307
Region 4	2,385	2,547
Region 5	3,208	3,478
Region 6	7,512	8,211
Region 7	11,307	11,900
Region 8	14,414	13,001
Statewide	52,452	52,974

Change in Family Homelessness by Region 2009 to 2010



More homeless persons requested help at participating agencies, especially in the rural areas where those in crisis sought services in their home communities rather than traveling to larger locales to find shelter. The 2010 total count of homeless persons across the state stayed about the same as 2009, with rural areas increasing and urban areas decreasing.

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