

Milwaukee Point in Time Data

What is the Point in Time?

- The **Point-in-Time** count (also known as PIT) is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continua of Care conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in Emergency Shelter, Transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night in January.
- The Milwaukee CoC conducts their count on the last Wednesday of January to satisfy HUDs mandate and the last Wednesday in July to satisfy the State of WI's mandate.

Who is involved in planning and assisting with the Point in Time count?

- The Point in Time count is a collaboration of both private and publically funded agencies including but not limited to: 8 Milwaukee County Police Departments (City of Milwaukee, Cudahy, Franklin, Greenfield, Hales Corners, Wauwatosa, West Allis and West Milwaukee) Albright United Methodist Church, Armor Correctional, Center for Veterans Issues, Cardinal Capital Management, City of Milwaukee CDGA Office, Desatar Ministry, Dry Hootch, Hope House of Milwaukee, HUD, Institute for Community Alliances, Milwaukee County Special Needs Housing, Milwaukee Homeless Outreach Team, Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, Outreach Community Health Center, Pathfinders, St. Ben's/Capuchin, State ETH, City ESG and CoC funded agencies, The Salvation Army of Milwaukee, Tippecanoe Church, Veterans Administration, Walker's Point Youth & Family Center, over 200 volunteers representing various agencies and companies throughout Milwaukee County, etc.

Who is counted?

- Anyone who falls under the Category 1 definition of homelessness.
- According to HUD, the Category 1 definition of homelessness is: (1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Why is the Point in Time count important?

- Aside from complying with HUD and other funder reporting requirements, data collected on unsheltered homeless people can help individual service providers and local continua justify requests for additional funding. The PIT count results assists with the discussion, planning and execution for future



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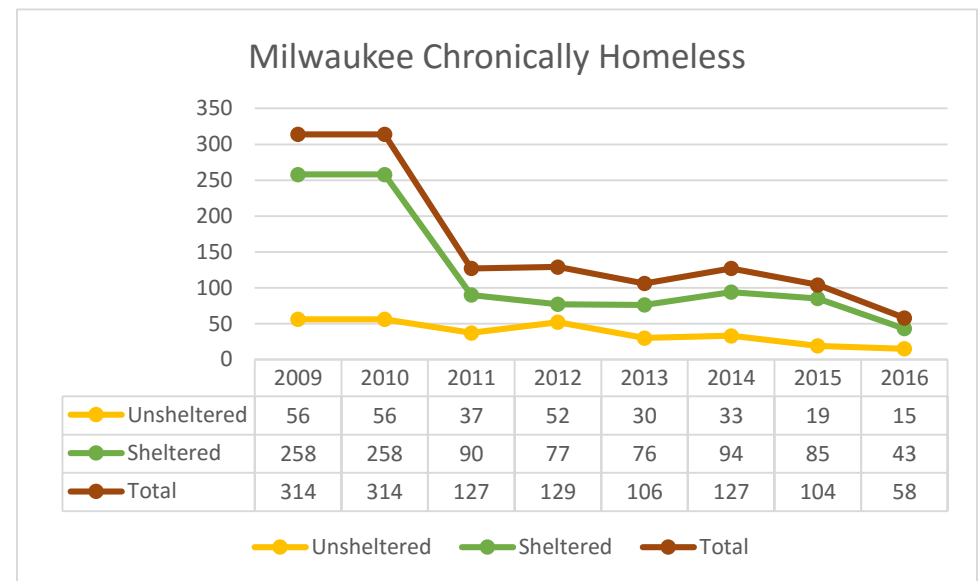
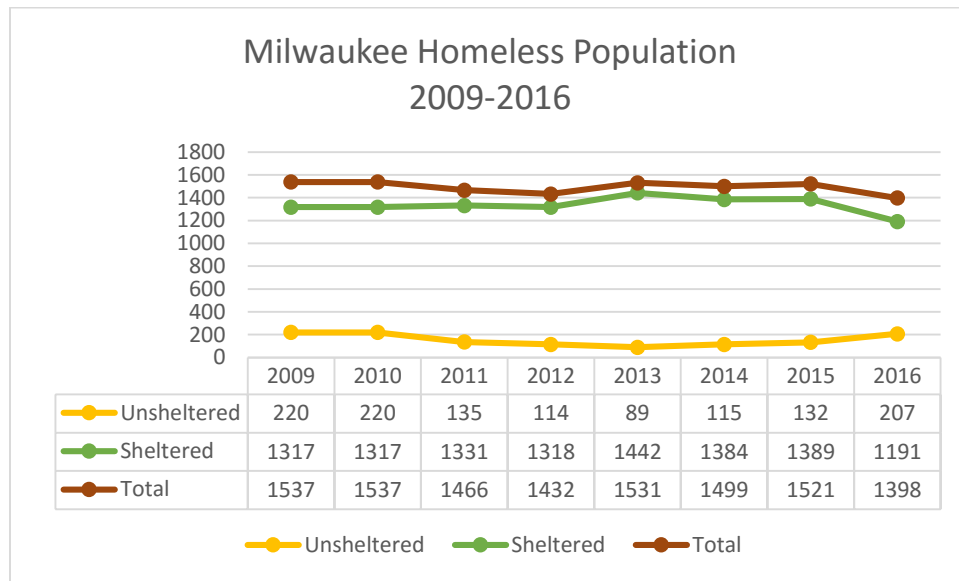
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services geared toward meeting the needs of unsheltered homeless people. Most importantly, the PIT count allows communities to understand changes in trends among the homeless populations.

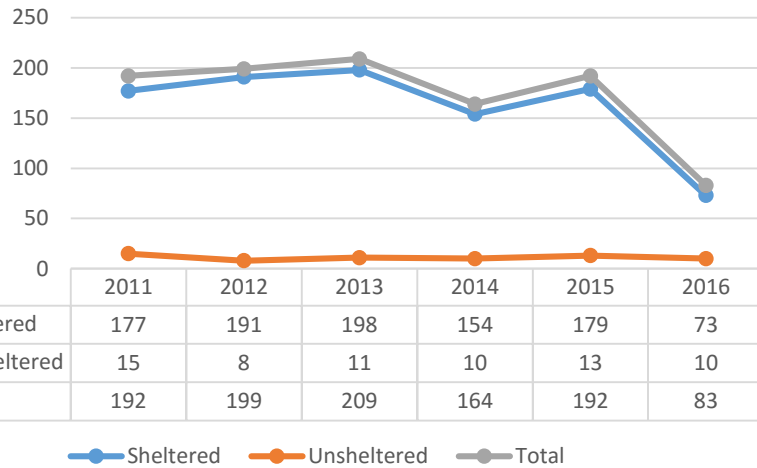
How does Milwaukee track the PIT data?

- After each January PIT count, Milwaukee submits the Point In Time data to HUD. HUD has published the data for each CoC since 2009 on their website.
- Milwaukee began entering the unsheltered data into the Homeless Management Information System since July 2015.
- All State, City and Federally funded agency are mandated to enter into the HMIS system (Wisconsin ServicePoint). Since the data is already entered into the database, there is no need for an additional survey to be filled out.
- All non-WISP agencies fill out a survey that contain the required HUD data elements.
- All unsheltered individuals and families also fill out a similar survey.
- The surveys are then entered into ServicePoint to allow for a consistent method of tracking data.

How many homeless individuals (Households with Children, Households without Children and Unaccompanied Youth) are there in Milwaukee?



Homeless Veterans 2011 - 2016



Since 2009, Milwaukee has had a 9% (139 individuals) decrease for those experiencing homelessness.

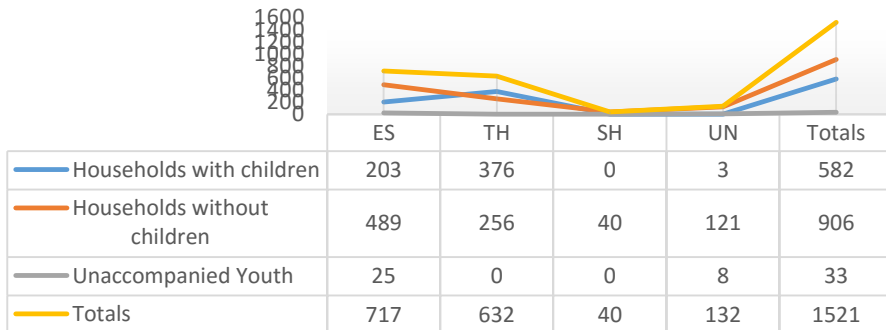
- There are 256 (81%) fewer Chronic individuals currently in Milwaukee.
- Milwaukee has seen a 56% decrease in veteran homelessness!

What's the difference between homeless and chronically homeless?

- A person is considered chronically homeless when a single individual (or head of household) with a disabling condition who has either:
 - Experienced homelessness for longer than a year, during which time the individual may have lived in a shelter, Safe Haven, or a place not meant for human habitation.
 - Or experienced homelessness four or more separate times (with a break of at least 7 days) in the last three years where the episodes add up to at least 12 months.

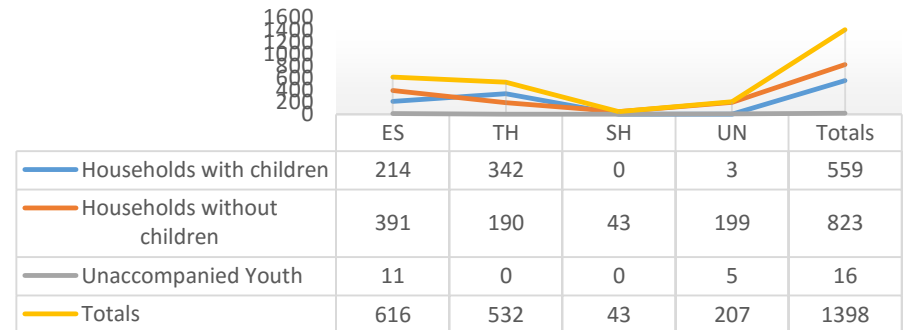
2015 & 2016 PIT Comparison

Household Type 2015 PIT



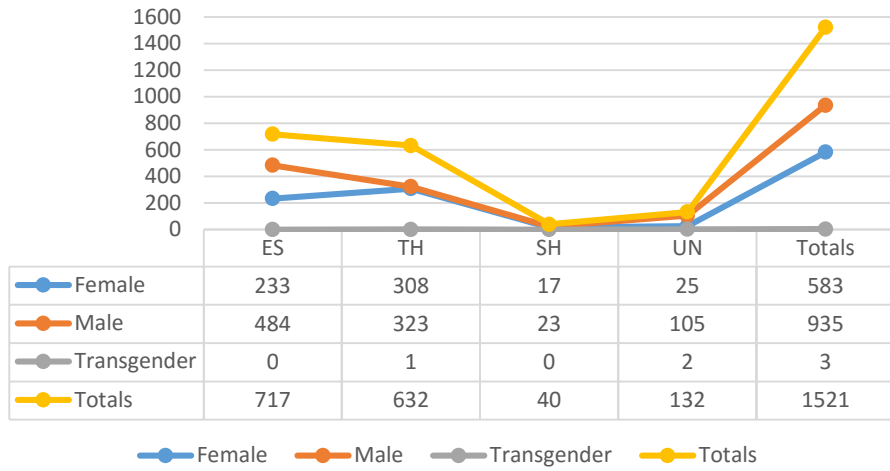
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Unaccompanied Youth Totals

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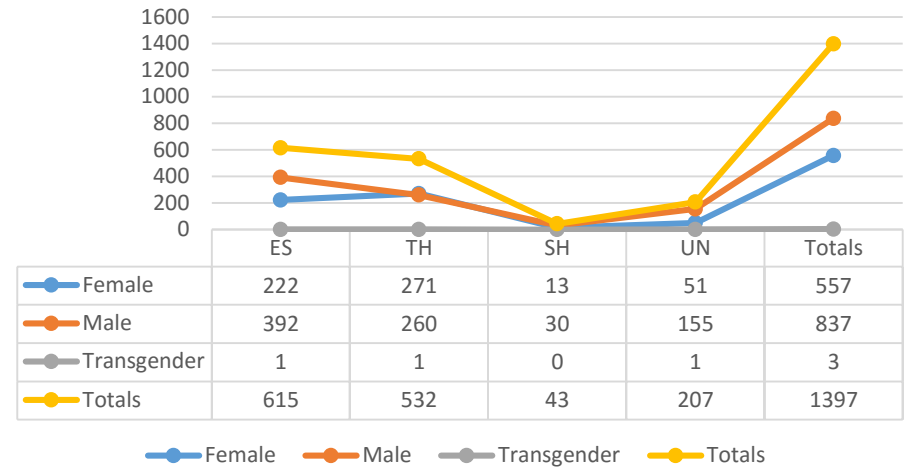


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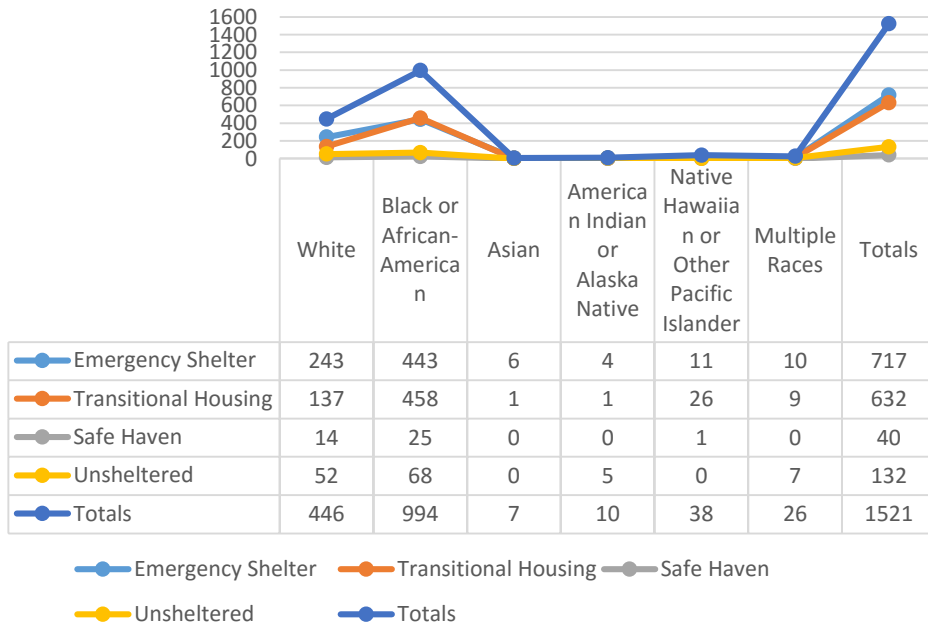
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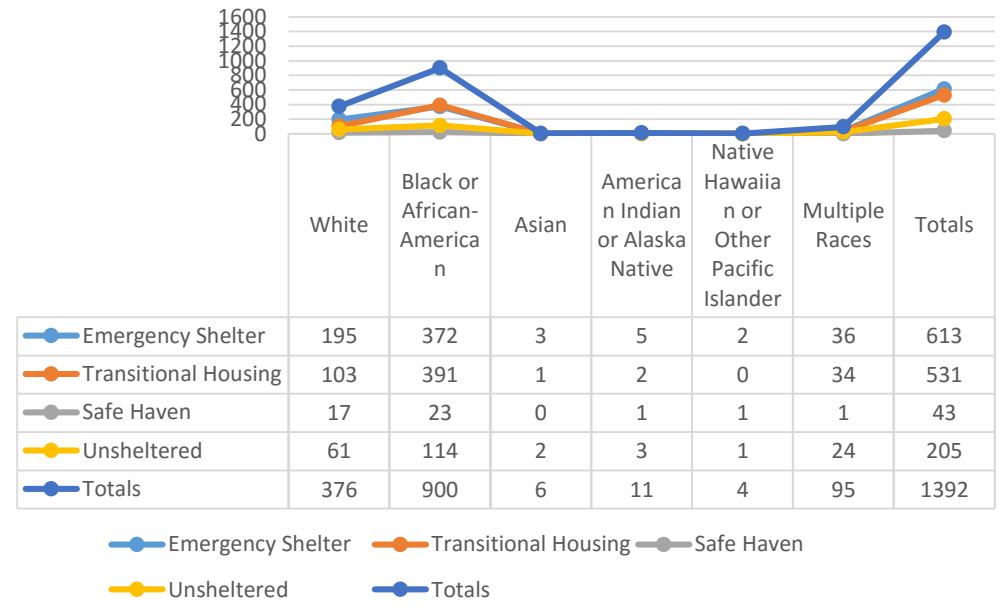
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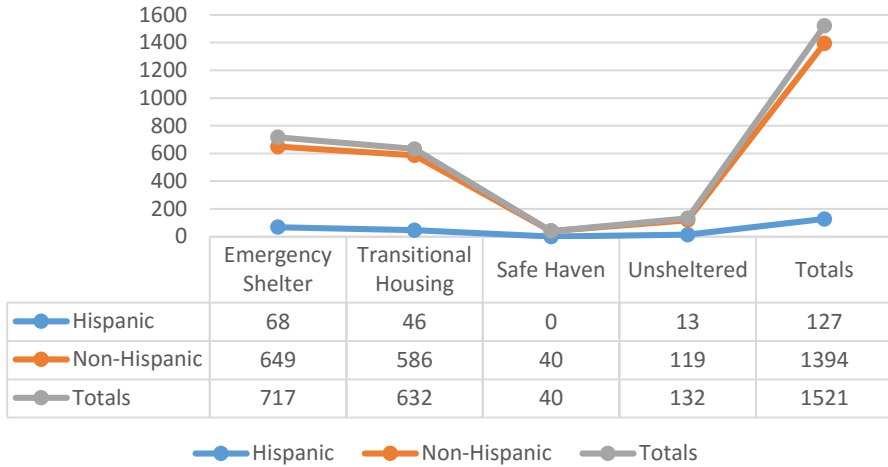
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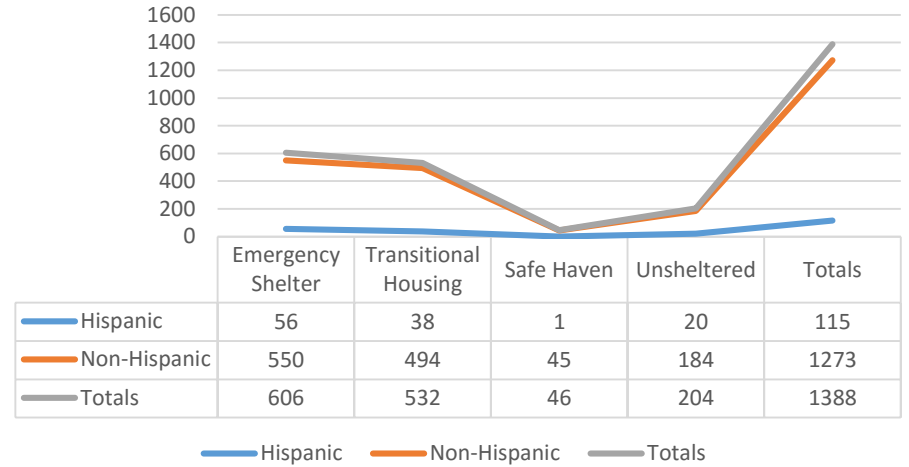
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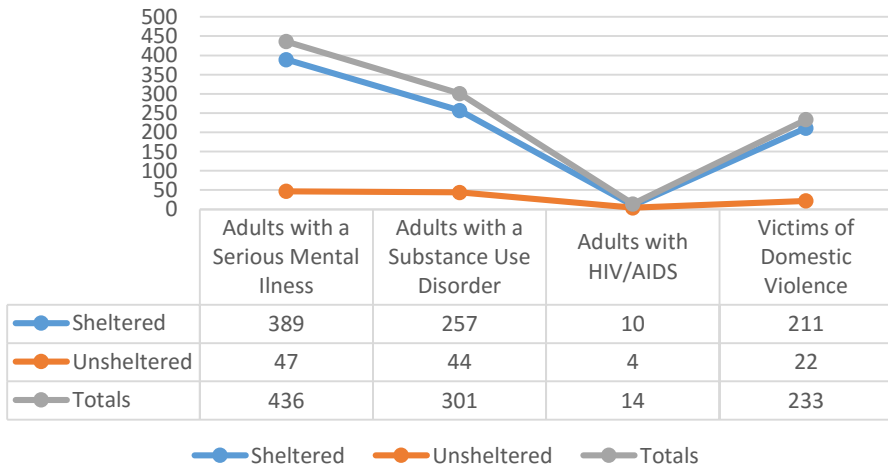
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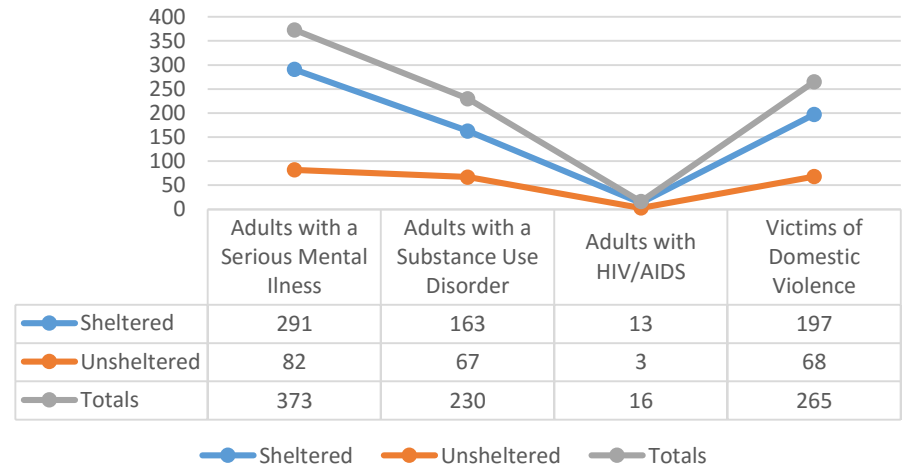
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Subpopulations 2015 PIT



Subpopulations 2016 PIT



Providers included in this Report:

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| ARCW WI House | Milwaukee Rescue Mission Joy House |
| Cathedral Center Emergency Shelter | Milwaukee Rescue Mission Safe Harbor |
| Community Advocates Autumn West Safe Haven | My Home Your Home Lissy's Place Transitional Housing Program |
| Community Advocates Family Support Center - Emergency Shelter | Outreach Community Health Center FAITH Progra |
| Community Advocates – Milwaukee Women’s Center | Outreach Community Health Center Family Abodes Program |
| CVI Milwaukee Boudicca House | Pathfinders RHY Emergency Shelter |
| CVI Milwaukee VOID Exchange Program | Pathfinders Qblok Transitional Housing |
| DayStar, Inc. | SET Ministries Project Restore Transitional |
| Guest House of Milwaukee GATES Emergency Shelter | The Salvation Army of Milwaukee - Emergency Lodge |
| Guest House of Milwaukee LEADS THP | The Salvation Army of Milwaukee - RESPITE |
| Guest House of Milwaukee - VA Per Diem TH Program | The Salvation Army of Milwaukee - Winterstar |
| Hope House of Milwaukee Emergency Shelter | Walker's Point Insights Transitional Living |
| Meta House Bremen TH 1 | Walker's Point RHY Emergency Shelter |
| Meta House Locust TH 2 | Walker's Point RHY Transitional Living Program |
| Milwaukee CoC Point in Time - Unsheltered | YWCA Southeast Wisconsin - Transitional Housing Program |
| Milwaukee County Safe Haven Program | |

Glossary:

State ETH: Combination of Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Homeless Prevention
 ESG: Emergency Solutions Grant
 CoC: Continuum of Care
 HUD: Housing and Urban Development
 HMIS: Homeless Management Information System
 WISP: Wisconsin ServicePoint

Data Sources:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/>
<http://www.icalliances.org/>
 Wisconsin ServicePoint
 2016 Milwaukee Point in Time Surveys

Interested in additional information?

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