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Washtenaw County Community Action Board

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
5:30 pm to 7:30pm
General Session/Regular Meeting
Hybrid/Zoom meeting

In-Person: 4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Zoom link:

<https://washtenawcounty.zoom.us/j/84725349635?pwd=SQJYsYX0Ub1gfykikjkdpeGTtcQx6W.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2534 9635

Passcode: 617613

	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD
5:30 pm	Call to Order	Jeanice Townsend – Chair
5:32 pm	Welcome and Introductions a) Roll Call, with each board member stating name and where they are from	All
5:35 pm	Public Comment a) Reserved for non-CAB members only b) 3 minutes maximum per individual	Members of Public
5:40 pm	Approval of October Agenda (ACTION)	All
5:42 pm	Approval of August meeting minutes (ACTION)	All
5:50 pm	Community Guest Program a) United Way – Bridget Herrmann	
6:15 pm	OCED Program Updates a) Director's report – Toni Kayumi b) New Human Services Partnership – Nicole Kennedy c) Housing and Homelessness Data Report and update– Andrew Kraemer and Kristin Kunes	



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6:30 pm	CAB New Business a) Board member composition matrix – Nicole Kennedy b) December 17th meeting (ACTION) – Nicole Kennedy	Chair
6:50 pm	CAB Member Discussion	Chair
	Community Needs	All
7:10 pm	BOC Representative Report a) Current Board of Commissioner Priorities / Emerging Community Issues	BOC Members
7:20 pm	Public Comment a) Reserved for non-CAB members only a) 3 minutes maximum per individual	Members of Public
7:30 pm	Adjourn	

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Meeting Minutes

August 27th, 2025

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5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

General Session/Regular Meeting

In-person: Washtenaw Learning Resource Center | 4135 Washtenaw Avenue | Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present:

1. Emily Hastie
2. Pat Vaillencourt
3. Commissioner Justin Hodge
4. Kathy Wyatt
5. Courtney Cruz (Zoom)
6. Chris Watson
7. Yvonne Cudney
8. Jeanice Townsend
9. Faith Redwine-Otieno
10. Bonnie Billups Jr.
11. Krystal Steward
12. Candice Spencer

Absent:

1. Madyn Litten
2. Commissioner Shannon Beeman
3. Pat Davis

OCED staff present:

1. Hannah Lane
2. Toni Kayumi
3. Nicole Kennedy
4. Nicole Harris
5. Nathan Voght
6. Pam Smith
7. Andrew Kraemer

Community Guest:

1. Ashley Lieto
 2. Jessica (no last name given)
 3. Olivia (no last name given)
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I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Jeanice at 5:31 pm

II. Welcome and Introductions

- Roll call of CAB board members

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III. Public Comments

- Olivia – thanks the group for supporting affordable permanent housing

IV. Approval of August agenda:

- Moved by Jeanice, seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried

V. Approval of June minutes:

- Moved by Kathy Wyatt, seconded by Chris Watson. Motion carried

VI. Community Guest Program

- Ashley Lieto presenting for Vivent Health. Merged with Unified HIV and Beyond. The Bridge Funding grant funds have served 31 people so far, many more than originally planned. Funds used for food, medical crisis, mental health, move in funds, motels, utilities, water, and much more.
 - Kathy Wyatt – Once funds are exhausted and an eviction is coming can you connect with other services? Ashley – Yes, we connect with HAWC, SOS, and others. Many clients are medically case managed. We're limited to \$800 per client.
 - o Jeanice – What is your relationship with the school entities for extra support? What about Bridge, WCS Resiliency Center, etc. There are a lot of wrap around resources. Ashley – We work closely with schools, but we realize that we can partner a lot more.
- Yvonne – How many staff do you have? Ashley – we went from 55 to 12 with the merger from Unified to Vivent.
- Kathy Wyatt – What period are you talking about? How many were individual and how many were families? Ashley – this calendar year. Funds end December 31st of this year.
- Yvonne – Do you test kids? Ashley – we test ages 13 and up. We test kids with parent consent, usually if the parents are positive, we test and can treat.

VII. OCED Program Updates

- Toni Kayumi –
 - o Ypsilanti Food Fest with Growing Hope and OCED. First time the event was held, and it was a success with over 500 in attendance.
 - o August 21st OCED County Disaster Preparedness – A winter extreme flooding simulation
 - o August 23rd SummerFest recap. OCED and BOC committed \$10,000 total.
 - Kathy Wyatt – it's so important to let parts of the community know what resources are available
 - Pat Valliencourt – citizens of my region (Western Washtenaw) need to know what services are available
 - Yvonne Cudney – this is the biggest and most amazing event for our county
 - o August 26th Avalon Housing groundbreaking for 206 N. Washington
 - o Historic Preservation Specialist – Joe Frost, starts September 8th

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- o September 23rd – MI CAA ED Brian McGrain will visit OCED from 10-3pm. CAB members are welcome to join the OCED All Staff Meeting at 1pm, if they'd like to hear Brian speak about the MI CAA. We are one of five counties in the state who are the CAA for the county instead of the position being held by a non-profit.
- o October 10th – Pam's last day
 - Kathy Wyatt – Pam leaving is a great loss of institutional knowledge
 - Commissioner Hodge – you have been here during a difficult time, thank you.
- o Currently working with Senior Millage tasks. Senior Millage Transportation RFP Task Force, Director of Aging Services Selection Committee
- o Transfer of SNP to new Aging Services department. Keeping Foster Grandparents at OCED currently. Foster Grandparents is supported through the year, but AmeriCorps funding is in danger next year.
 - Kathy Wyatt – seniors are nervous about their support services, and most don't want higher taxes just to pay for a new department with more bureaucracy. There are a lot of skeptical people who think the program is going to be too top heavy, and not enough into direct services.
 - Pat Vaillencourt – even though Manchester Senior Center received their base \$200,000, we are still concerned about where the tax funds are going, and how they are used.
 - Yvonne Cudney – Can you tell us about the interview process? Toni – candidates have been narrowed down, but interviews have not begun yet.
- o The new state budget cuts 10 million from the state. Decrease in CSBG and Weatherization funding. We're still waiting on final decisions.
- Nicole Harris - Financial Empowerment Center representative. Nicole has been a county employee for over 20 years. Two counselors with OCED who are licensed and trained locally and nationally certified.
 - o We meet with clients in Washtenaw County offices. Clients must live in the county and be over age 18. Clients can have one session or several, we can budget, get credit scores, plan to save for a house or emergency. Breaking the cycle of financial crisis. Partner with EMU on campus, JFS, and FIA, and meet at those locations. FEC provides the software. Clients can see the data driven reports. Hours are M-F 8:30-5pm. Services and time are individualized to meet needs.
 - Jeanice – what demographic to you see, and how many people do you see? What is your capacity to serve? There needs to be more marketing for this program with the Public Administration Officer. Nicole – served 700 people to date. We can see five people a day, five days a week between the two staff. Cheranissa meets with non-profits and can arrange collaboration. We attend the U of M financial day, Food Fest, and other public gatherings.
 - Ashley Lieto – How can our Detroit staff get training? Nicole – Wayne Metro and Matrix have FEC representatives for training and information.
 - Bonnie Billups – Is there a breakdown of who is served by zip code? Nicole – there isn't, but we can get you that data. We'd be happy to partner with Peace Neighborhood and CAN going forward.

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- Commissioner Hodge – I’m a big advocate for OCED and having the county running the FEC program, and keeping this model as opposed to being non-profit ran. There tends to be more instability and staff turnover with that model.
- Nathan Voght – Brownfield Program
 - Began in 1999. Assists with redeveloping contaminated, blighted, or obsolete properties, using Tax Increment Financing. Work with Grants for environmental cleanup and tax increment financing to fund cleanup activities. Lots of projects around the county, Saline, Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Saline, and other areas. Dorsey Estates, Katherine, Hickory Way, and other affordable housing projects receive our funds.
 - Chris Watson – Can you use the funds if there isn’t any contamination due to the 2023 change in the rules? Nathan – Yes, Manchester and other projects build a certain number of units with some being affordable.
- Andrew Kraemer – June, July, and August CoC data
 - July had a big increase in the number of calls
 - Most calls were for questions, and people concerned about preventing homelessness
 - Family homelessness is still high.
 - Sustained homelessness is up 34%.
 - Rapid rehousing funds have decreased
 - 40 households got housing vouchers, 18 permanent supportive housing to be filled at Veridian, 121 Catherine has 32 one-bedroom units

VIII. **CAB New Business and Member Discussion**

- Nicole Kennedy – CSBG CAP FY 26 is done. It’s a roadmap of how OCED plans to use CSBG funds in the upcoming year. There will be adjustments as SNP moves away.
- Motion to approve by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Yvonne Cudney.
- Amend agenda as an action item.
- Kathy Wyatt – the Eastside community and rec center. Cheney School was demolished and the project has been stalled for several months.
- Jeanice – Thank you to Pam for working with us. You are a great asset to the OCED team and the community.

IX. **BOC Representative Report**

- Justin Hodge
 - Senior Millage disagreements and contention has been had a negative impact on some OCED staff. Thanks everyone for persevering during a difficult time. The BOC has had difficulty in coming to a conclusion which pleases everyone. The Chair does not want to put out RFP’s or allocate other funds until the Director of Aging Services is hired, and their office is in place.

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- o Thank you to Emily Hastie for making a difference in people's lives. Received a nice voicemail specifically about Emily.

X. **Public Comment - none**

b. **Adjourn**

- Adjourn at 7:48pm

WHAT WE DO + HOW WE DO IT

THE PROBLEM

In Southeastern Michigan, **over 40% of families struggle to afford basic needs** like food, housing and child care. **United Way provides direct support and services to help families move from crisis to stability and stability to prosperity.**

OUR FOCUS



ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE



ADVANCING EQUITY



CREATING YOUTH OPPORTUNITY



MEETING BASIC NEEDS



PROMOTING PROSPERITY

WHERE

Macomb
County

Oakland
County

Washtenaw
County

Wayne
County



WE HELP FAMILIES OUT OF CRISIS AND ONTO A PATH TOWARD STABILITY.

We rapidly coordinate efforts and distribute funds to areas of greatest need during a community crisis, and we connect families with resources and programs to meet their immediate needs and get back on stable footing.



WE BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER.

We fund and deliver equitable, innovative and collaborative support services designed to address our community's biggest challenges – like hunger, homelessness, and access to quality education, health care, technology and child care.



WE TACKLE THE ROOT CAUSES OF OUR COMMUNITY'S PROBLEMS.

Through community mobilization and collaboration with our broad network of partners, we work to advance meaningful policy change that removes institutional barriers and ensures all households have an opportunity to succeed.



YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE.

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WHAT IS THE NEW HUMAN SERVICES PARTNERSHIP?



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What is its purpose?

The purpose of the funding is to address racism, poverty, and trauma as root causes of inequity by

- Offering multiple funding sources with different focuses
- Having community volunteers trained as grant reviewers
- Increase accessibility by simplifying the application and creating avenues for new or growing organizations to receive funding
- Allow funding/programming flexibility to react to emerging needs

Grant Cycle

2022 - 2027



How is it funded?

The New Human Services Partnership (NHSP) is funded by:

- Washtenaw County General Funds
- City of Ann Arbor General Funds
- City of Ann Arbor Rescue Plan Act
- Washtenaw Urban County CDBG & CDBG-CV funds

Grant Break Down

\$15.2 million broken up into 3 categories

- High Impact
- Safety Net
- Mini Grants

Grantee: We The People Opportunity Farm

We The People Opportunity Farm received a \$40,000 Mini Grant in 2024.

— “ —

These dollars are helping us pay interns a livable wage, purchase essential farm supplies, engage professional support, cover some overhead, and elevate our storytelling through marketing.



- Melvin Parson
Founder & Executive Director
We the People Opportunity Farm





MICHIGAN Restorative Justice Summit

Reclaiming a Culture of Healing

The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) is hosting the 2025 Michigan Restorative Justice Summit. This statewide event aims to bring together **practitioners, partners, and stakeholders** to **collaborate on restorative practices**. The summit will focus on **creating dialogue**, expanding current practices, **disrupting systems** of colonization and oppression, **building restorative spaces**, **advocating for criminal legal reform**, and **exploring the future** of Restorative Justice.

Thursday October 30 - Friday October 31, 2025

Early Bird Registration: \$240
(ends August 31)

General Admission Registration: \$295
(opens September 1)

Breakfast, lunch, strolling dinner, snacks,
beverages included.

**Scholarships and group rates are available, contact,
Germaine Smith, rjsummit@thedrcmi.org*



**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER:
DR. FANIA
E. DAVIS**



for information, visit - <https://thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/mirjsummit/>

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OCED CALL CENTER DATA SEPTEMBER 2025



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2,731

Total Calls

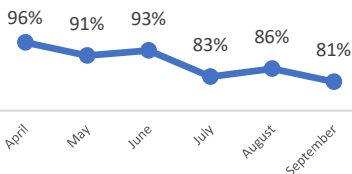
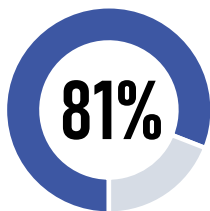
56% of 2,498 Inbound
Calls Answered Live

1,200 Unique Callers

123

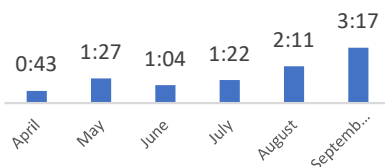
Calls per day

Calls Answered in less
than 5 minutes



Average Wait Time

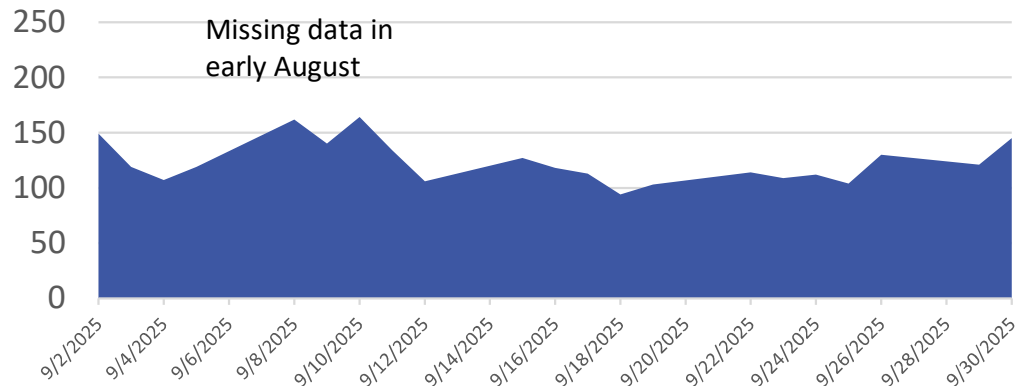
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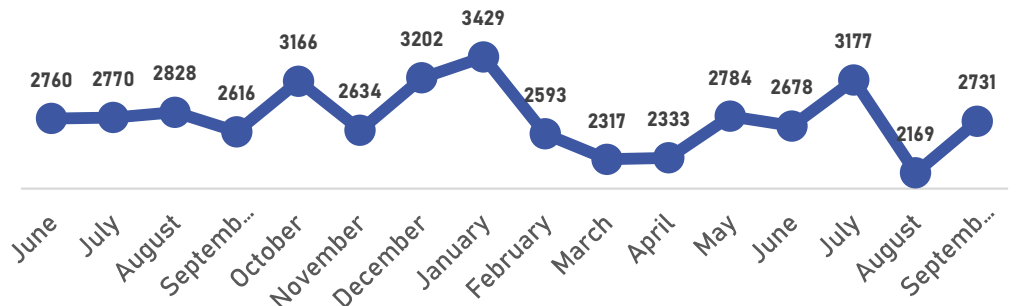
Average Voice Mail
Callback Time

Within one business hour

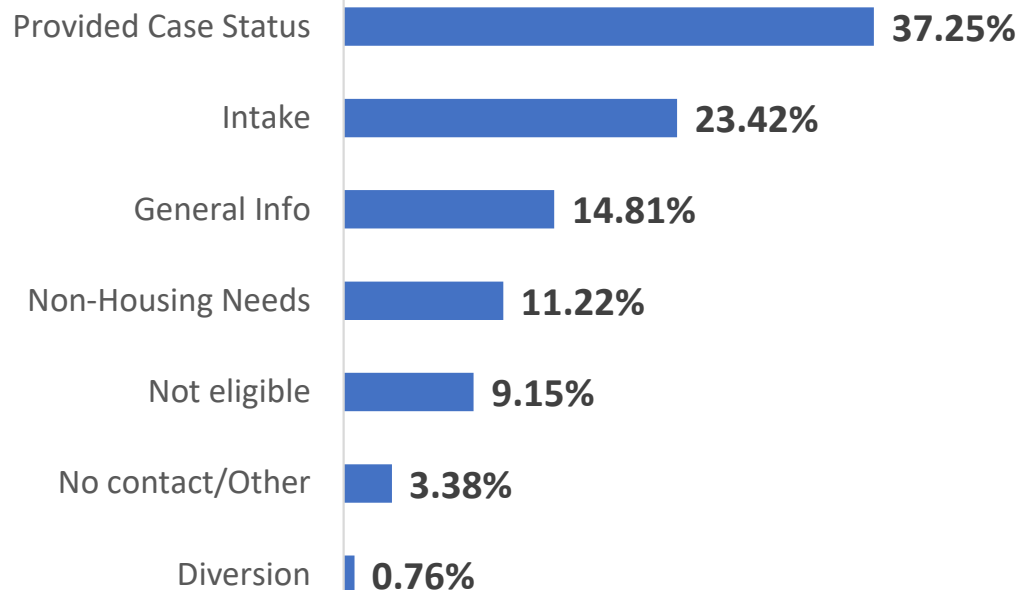
OCED Call Volume per Working Day



Calls per Month



Types of Calls



Non-Housing Needs are calls requesting assistance not available through HAWC



ASSESSMENTS & REFERRALS

SEPTEMBER 2025



1200
Unique Callers

134
Appointments Scheduled



0
Youth Assessments
0
Youth under 25
added to CHP List

70
Prevention Referrals



105
Prevention Assessments
Conducted

16.9 Days

Average Wait Time for
Assessment

14 Households

Waiting for appointments as of
10/1/25

Scheduling on October 7
as of 10/1/25

64
Family Homeless
Assessment Referrals



43
Family Homeless
Assessments Conducted

4 Days

Average Wait Time for
Assessment

24

Families added to CHP List

COMING SOON!

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Washtenaw Count Continuum of Care Data Review

OCTOBER 2025

System Overview: September 2025

703

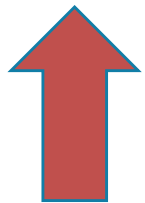
People Experiencing
Homelessness at end
of September 2025

415

People in **211 Households**
Permanently Housed
In 2025

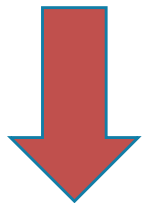
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Average days
from intake to
permanent
housing



17%

Since
September 2024



22%

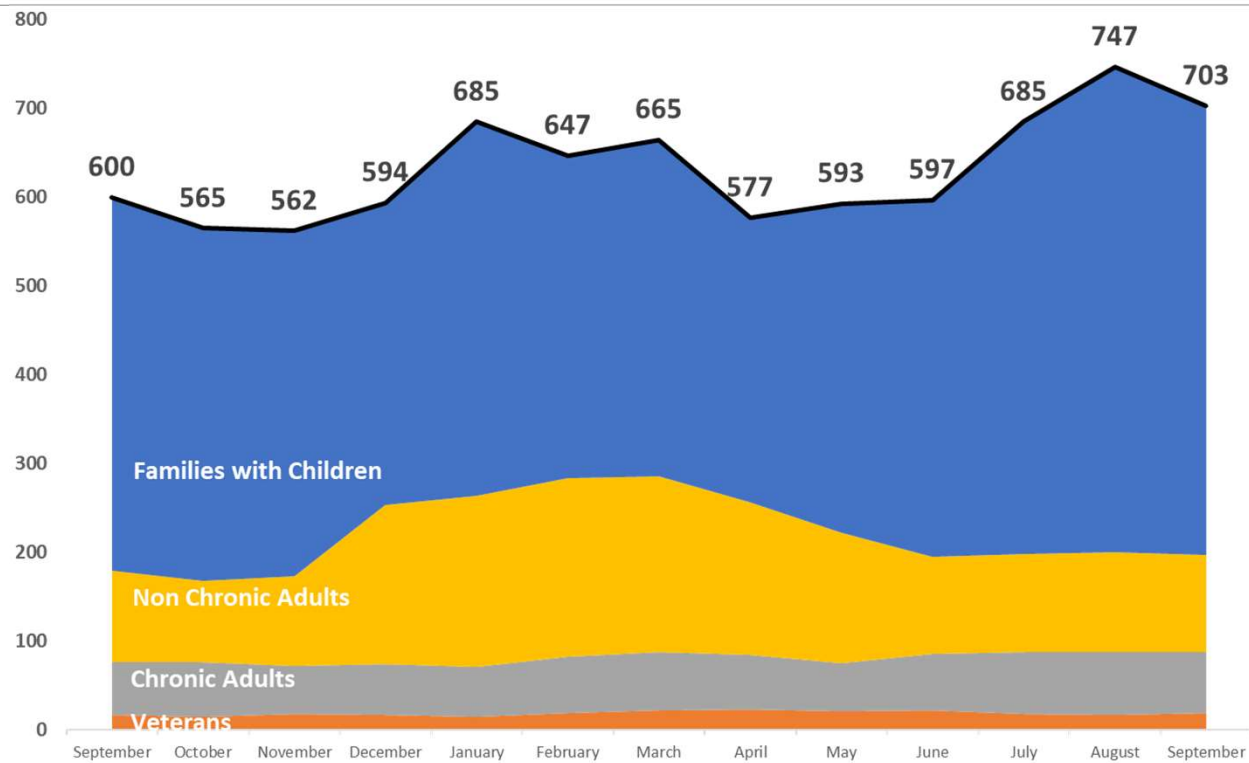
Compared to Jan-
Sep 2024



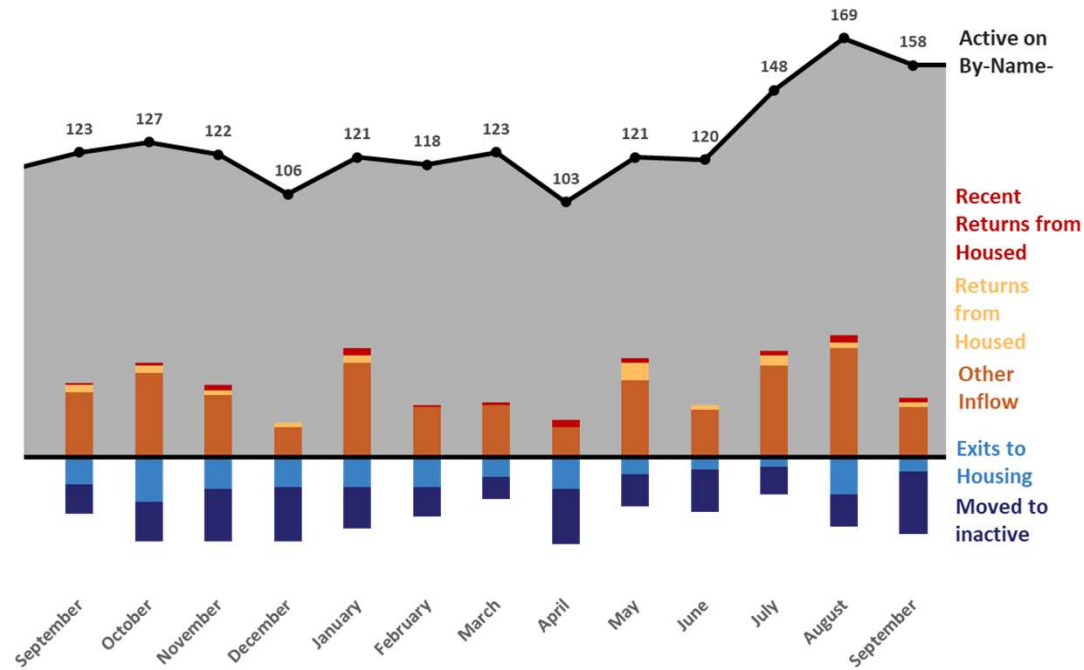
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Since CY 2024

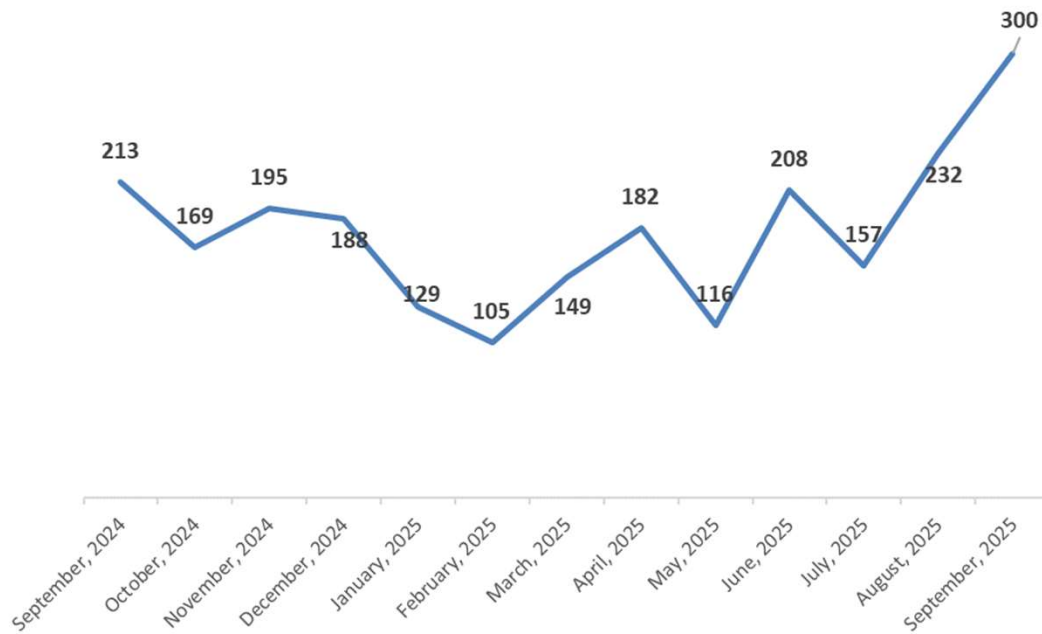
Whole System Lookback in Persons



Family By Name List: Year Lookback

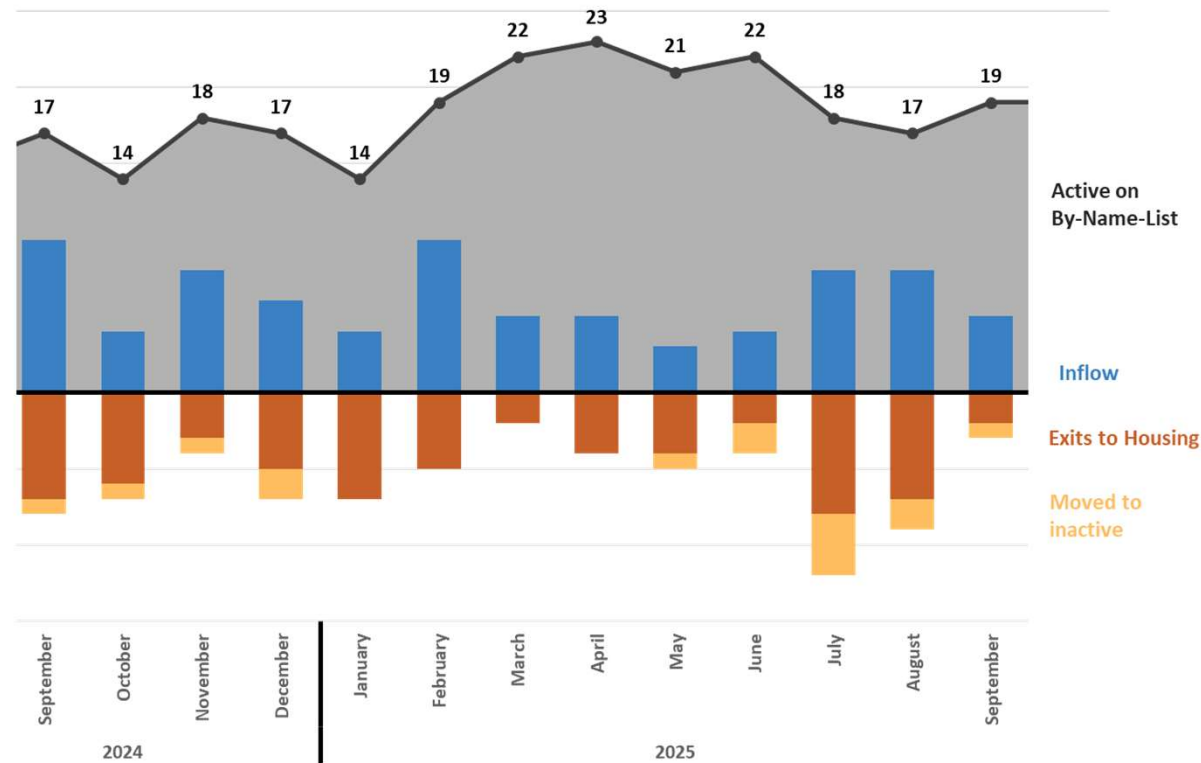


Family Length of Time to Housing

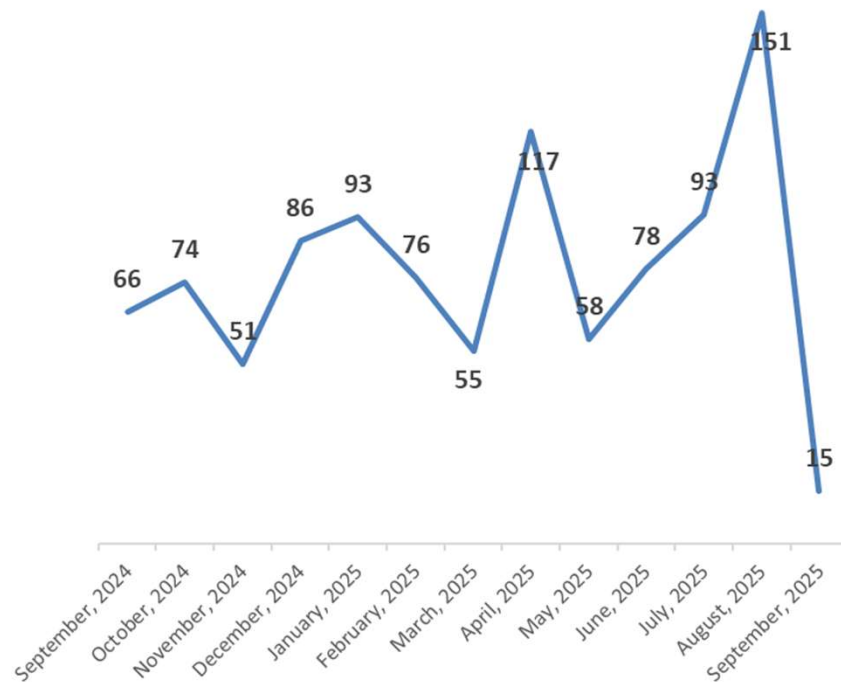


Year	Length of Time
2018	83
2019	98
2020	91
2021	92
2022	116
2023	177
2024	191
2025	174

Veteran By Name List: Year Lookback

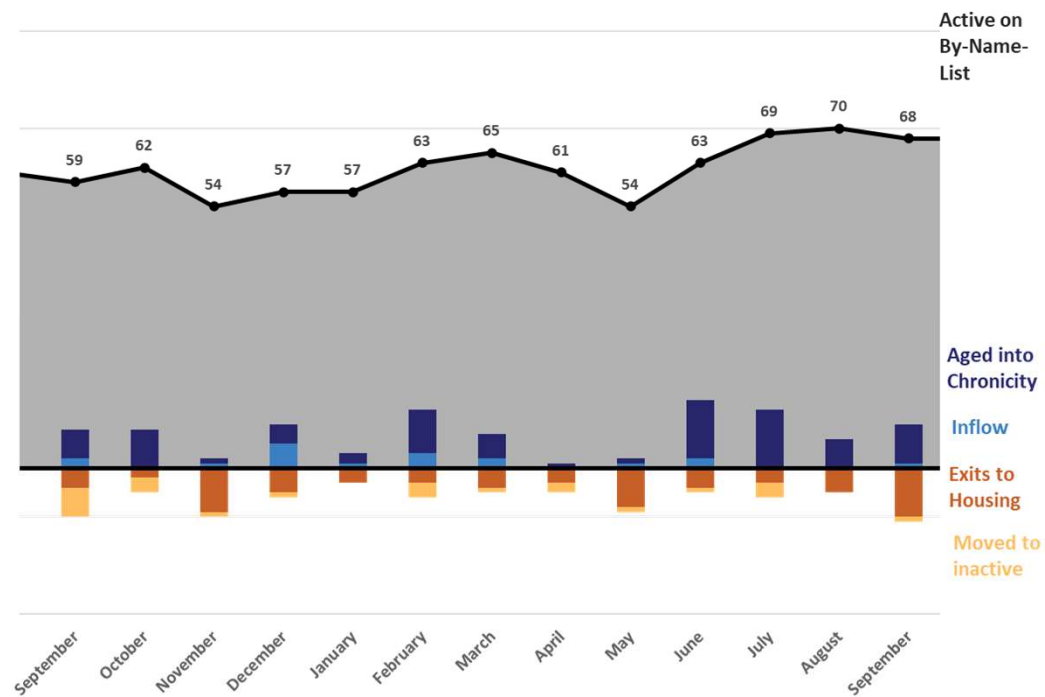


Veteran Length of Time to Housing

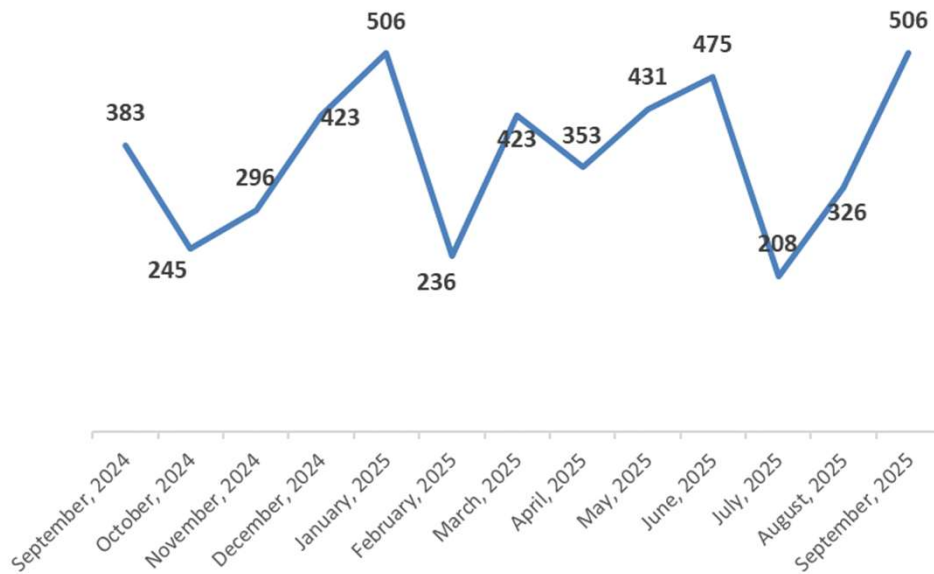


Year	Length of Time
2018	97
2019	97
2020	86
2021	111
2022	99
2023	113
2024	80
2025	93

Chronic By Name List: Year Lookback

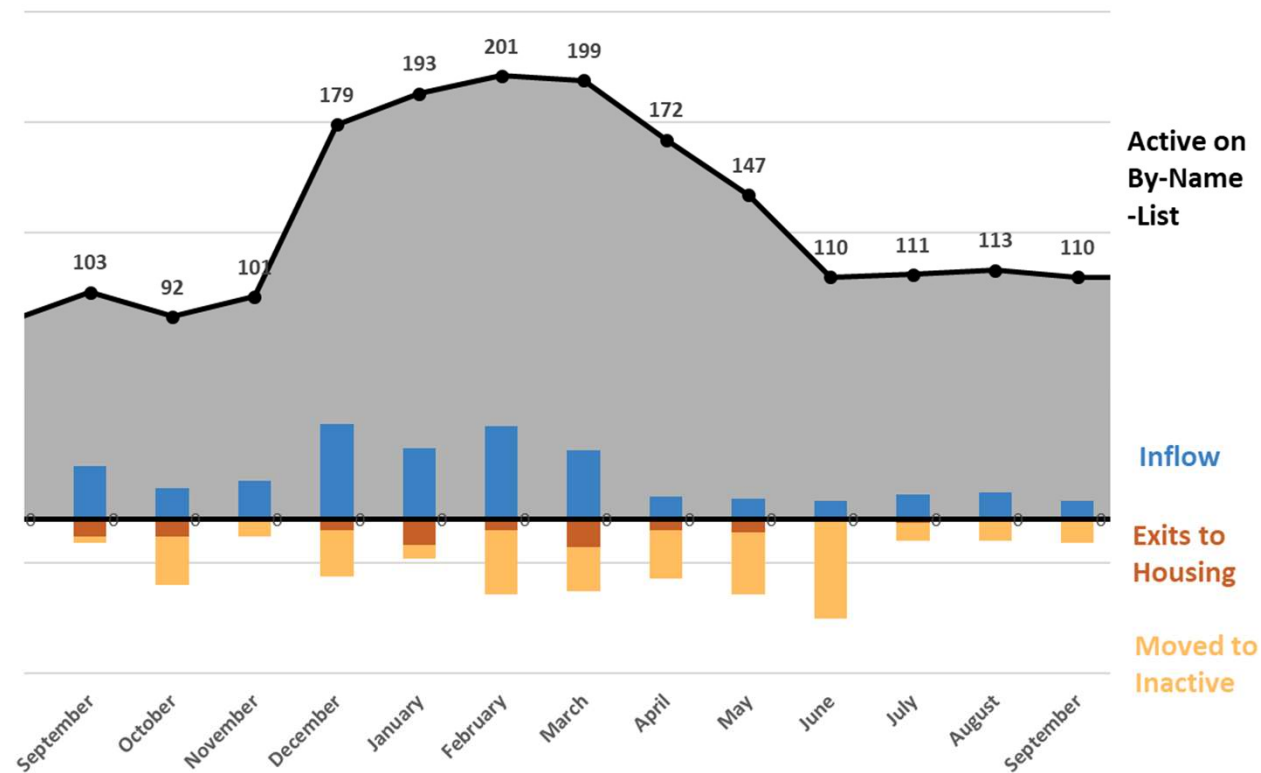


Chronic Length of Time to Housing

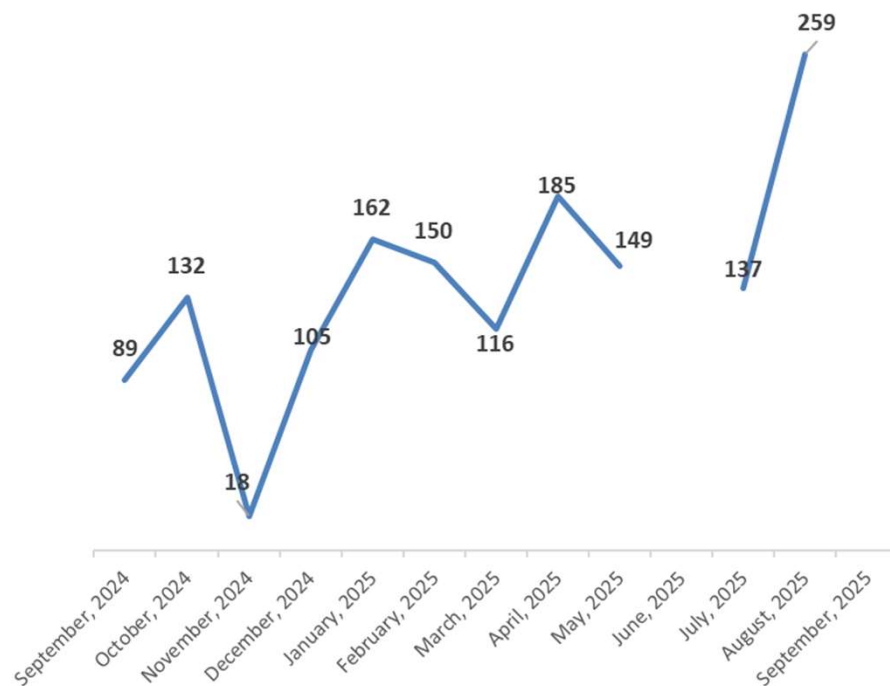


Year	Length of Time
2018	235
2019	247
2020	220
2021	365
2022	322
2023	314
2024	355
2025	404

Non-Chronic By Name List: Year Lookback



Non-Chronic Length of Time to Housing



Year	Length of Time
2018	163
2019	136
2020	148
2021	157
2022	167
2023	230
2024	89
2025	149

Upcoming Housing Resources

Several housing resources are coming online over the next few months:

- MSHDA Housing Choice Vouchers
 - New process this year, currently 40 households are working on using their vouchers.
- Units at Veridian Grove
 - 18 units of Permanent Supportive Housing are currently being filled!
- HOME ARP Funds
 - One time funding through the American Rescue Plan. Will fund:
 - Domestic Violence services for homeless households
 - Childcare for literally homeless families
 - Rapid Re-Housing for youth and young adults
 - Prevention services for a wider pool of eligibility
 - Prevention services for persons currently in PSH
 - Youth Homeless Demonstration Project
 - 121 Catherine
 - 32 One-bedroom Units!