



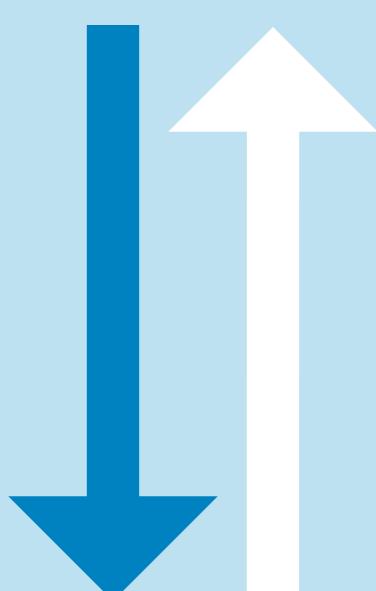
Healthcare & Homelessness

Homelessness is a public health issue.

Poor health is a major cause of homelessness. Homelessness creates new health problems and exacerbates existing ones, creating a vicious cycle.

HEALTH ISSUES

Poor health can lead to **employment problems** which can lead to **financial difficulties, stress, and housing issues.**



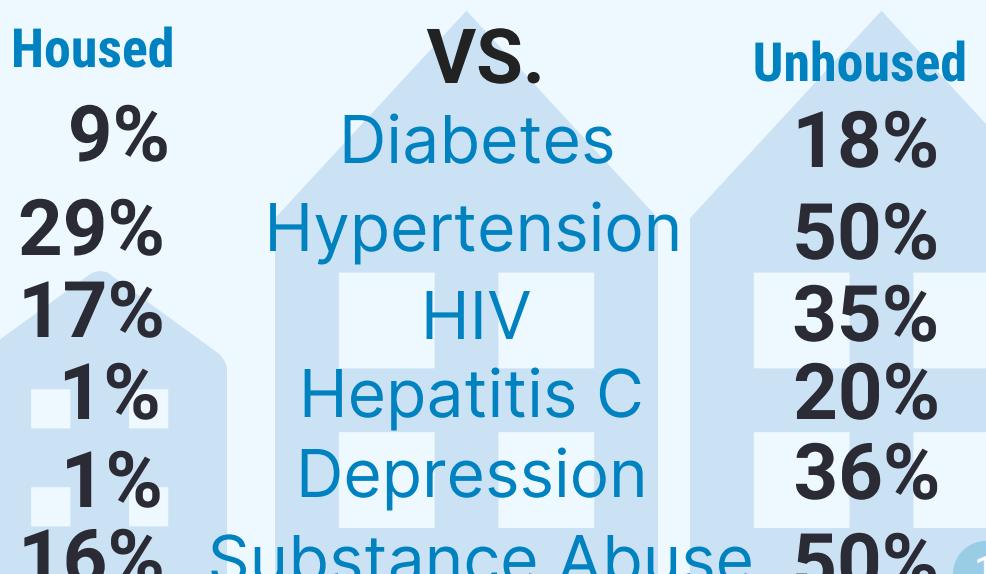
Homelessness can lead to health issues from **increased exposure to elements, diseases, violence, unsanitary conditions, malnutrition, stress, and addictive substances.**

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HOMELESSNESS

HEALTH DISPARITIES

Those unhoused suffer higher rates of illness and die an average of **12 years** sooner than the housed U.S. population.



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Nearly **half** of Michigan's homeless population has a diagnosed disability. **44%** have long term disabilities:

66% Mental Illness **39%** Physical **12%** Developmental **24%** Chronic **29%** Substance Use Disorder

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VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

RUNAWAY YOUTH

LGBTQ YOUTH

PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

VETERANS

VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ELDERLY

PEOPLE RELEASED FROM PRISON

PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE USE

DISORDERS

VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS

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COMMON BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE



Competing priorities



Financial costs & lack of insurance



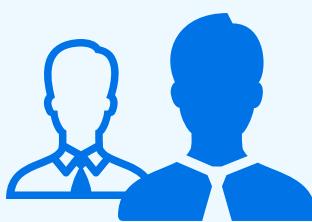
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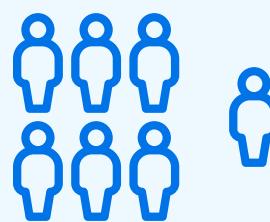
Identification



Lack of Awareness of resources



Lack of trust in system



Discrimination & stigma

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STRATEGIES

ADEQUATE INSURANCE

Healthcare plans for unhoused people include Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program.

ACCESSIBLE MEDICARE

Shelter-affiliated free clinics, targeted street-based outreach, qualified health centers, are a few ways to make care accessible to vulnerable populations.

HOUSING

Long and short term housing assistance are critical to treating and preventing health issues.

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RESOURCES



Whether you long or short term care, regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation, these are some of the resources near you that offer healthcare and housing .

- [Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network](#)
- [Neighborhood Service Organization](#)
- [Malta Medical & Dental Clinic](#)
- [Pope Francis Center](#)
- [Cass Free Medical Clinic](#)
- [Central City Health](#)
- [US Dept. of Veteran Affairs](#)
- [Ruth Ellis Center](#)
- [Wayne Metro Community Action Agency](#)
- [NOAH's Florence and Paul Marback Wellness Center](#)
- [Coalition on Temporary Shelter](#)

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