

# 2022 Community Assessment

## WISD Early Childhood Program

Prenatal - 5 Years of Age



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# Purpose

The 2022 Community Assessment is a joint effort of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, and its sub-recipients, Lincoln Consolidated Schools, Ann Arbor Public Schools, Ypsilanti Community Schools, and Whitmore Lake Public Schools to understand the needs and resources available in WISD’s service area. In addition, this document is meant to serve as a guide and resource for program planning and resource allocation so that the program can effectively meet the needs of its families.

## Home Based Program



**Funded Enrollment: 66**

**Early Head Start**  
**Washtenaw Intermediate School District –**  
**Early Childhood Department**  
1819 South Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
734-994-8100

## Center Based Programs



ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Funded Enrollment: 152**

**Westerman Preschool and Family Center**  
2775 Boardwalk Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
(734) 994-2303



**Funded Enrollment: 15**

**Lincoln Early Childhood Center**  
8850 Whittaker Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(734) 484-7045



**Funded Enrollment: 15**

**Whitmore Lake Early Childhood Center**  
1077 Barker Road, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189  
(734) 449-4464



**Funded Enrollment: 245**

**Beatty Early Learning Center**  
1661 Leforge Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48198  
(734) 994-8178

**Ford Early Learning Center**  
2440 E Clark Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48198  
(734) 221-1801

**Perry Early Learning Center**  
550 Perry Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(734) 221-1700



## Local Districts We Serve





## Assessment Background

This assessment was conducted to meet the Office of Head Start Program Performance Standards outlined in 1302.11(b): Community wide strategic planning and needs assessment (community assessment). The Office of Head Start directs programs to “conduct a community assessment at least once over the five-year grant period.” Per the performance standard, the community assessment must use data that describes community strengths, needs, and resources and include, at a minimum:

- ▶ The number of eligible infants, toddlers, preschool age children, and expectant mothers, including their geographic location, race, ethnicity, and languages they speak, including “children experiencing homelessness”
- ▶ Children in foster care, and children with disabilities, “including types of disabilities and relevant services and resources provided to these children by community agencies.”
- ▶ The education, health, nutrition and social service needs of eligible children and their families, including:
  - ◆ Prevalent social or economic factors that impact their well-being
  - ◆ Typical work, school, and training schedules of parents with eligible children
  - ◆ Other child development, child care centers, and family child care programs that serve eligible children, including home visiting, publicly funded state and local preschools, and the approximate number of eligible children served
  - ◆ Resources that are available in the community to address the needs of eligible children and their families
  - ◆ Strengths of the community



## Resources Used

In preparing this assessment the grantee obtained information utilizing a variety of community surveys and data sources. Among others, these include:

- ◆ The 2010 and 2020 US Census and updates
- ◆ The Annie E. Casey Kids Count Data Book
- ◆ Head Start Program Information Report data
- ◆ Michigan Department of Community Health
- ◆ Wikipedia
- ◆ Washtenaw Success by Six Great Start Collaborative
- ◆ Michigan Department of Education
- ◆ 2019 (5 year ACS) American Community Survey
- ◆ Feeding America
- ◆ Point in Time Count
- ◆ Child Care Network
- ◆ Washtenaw County Health Department

## Head Start in Washtenaw County

Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) is currently in its ninth year of operating Head Start in Washtenaw County. WISD took over the grant that covers Washtenaw County from the county government in 2013. Prior to this change, the county government had held the grant since 1966.



Washtenaw Intermediate School District was formed in 1962, and its mission is “to promote the continuous improvement of achievement for every student while providing high-quality service to our customers through leadership, innovation, and collaboration.” WISD has worked with the nine-member school districts to help meet their needs by “increasing achievement, supporting diverse communities, and developing efficiencies”. WISD provides curriculum, instruction, and research assistance, and coordinates programs and services for youth and adults with special needs. Specific to early childhood WISD operates:

- ◆ Early On (Washtenaw County’s Part C Agency) - which provides early identification and support of children with special needs.
- ◆ Early Head Start and Early Head Start model home visiting programs – which serve pregnant women and children birth to three.
- ◆ The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) - the State of Michigan’s Preschool program, which serves four-year-old children living in families at or below 250% of the federal poverty level
  - ▶ Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, The State of Michigan has allowed GSRP to serve families at or below 400% of the federal poverty level in the 2020-2021 program year. This change was made in an attempt to increase enrollment and was not intended as a permanent change.

WISD currently serves 493 children, 427 in center based Head Start and 66 in home based Early Head Start. The Early Head Start Home Based program has a waitlist of 43 as of November 2022. However, WISD also utilizes blending and braiding funding with the State of Michigan’s Preschool Program (Great Start Readiness Program, or GSRP). This allows our sub-recipients to offer school day programming to 245 children in Head Start and can expand its reach using GSRP to serve Head Start eligible children in all nine school districts, operating 69 classrooms through 16 local providers at 25 locations/sites in Washtenaw County.

One hundred and eleven three-year-old children are on the waitlist as of November 2022. Based on this waitlist and the number of interest forms received, the county has fewer three-year-old slots than current community needs.



## Early Childhood 2022-2023 Funding

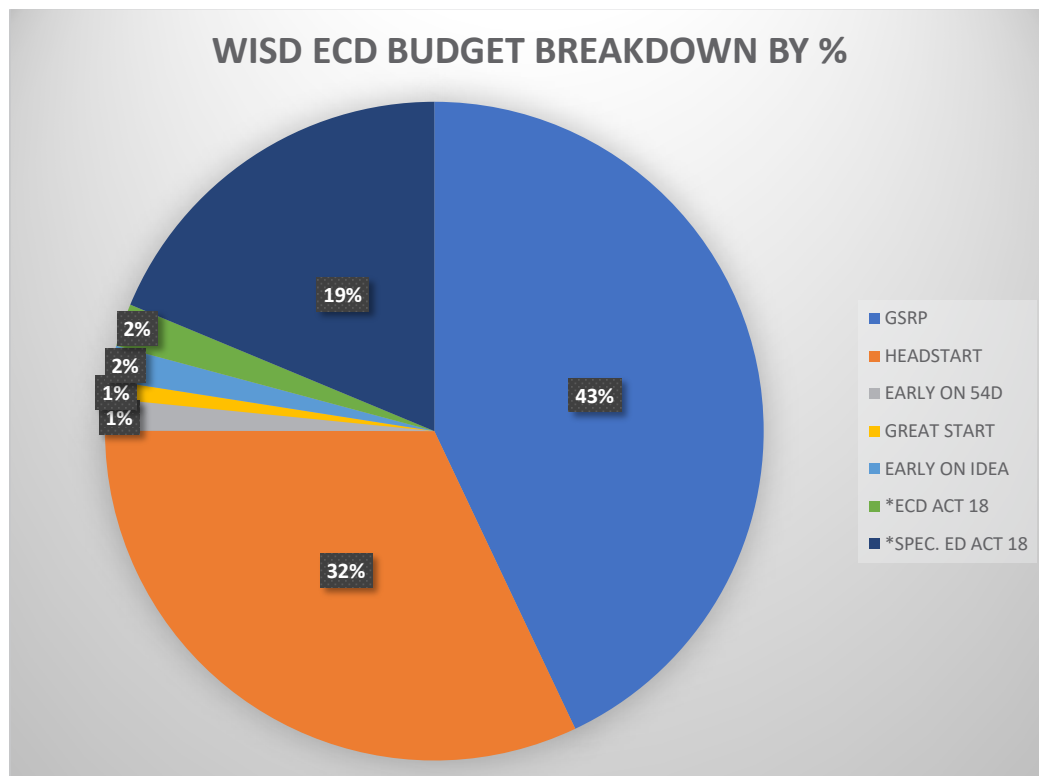
Washtenaw ISD-supported early childhood programming exists within the nine cities of Washtenaw County. Four of the nine distinct districts currently offer center-based Head Start. Early Head Start services are provided in a home-based format and also include socialization activities. As a result of the collaborative community partners and multiple funding streams, nine school districts and community-based organizations offer equitable services to over 2,000 children and families with the support of WISD.

The WISD EC department funds programming for families and children prenatal-5 years of age. The State of Michigan-funded programs that provide supports to those children are Early On, 32p/32p(4)-Home Visiting, & the Great Start Readiness Program. Federal funds for Early Head Start home-based and center-based Head Start preschool programs round out the department's funding and allow the county to benefit from a comprehensive set of services. The annual operating budget for FY 22-23 is \$18,000,634.00.

Head Start and Early Head Start funding in Washtenaw County schools makes up approximately 1/3 of all funding for the WISD Early Childhood Department. The chart below displays the operating budget. The percentage provides a visual display of the contribution for each funding source.

The fiscal strategic framework of the ISD uses an equitable, inclusive model that ensures children are ready and prepared for success in school and life.

The collective impact of funding sources allows the WISD to proactively address the diverse service needs of the county. Those needs are based on working collaboratively with district staff, collection and ongoing review of program data, the individual needs of children, district and community at large.



\*ECD Act 18: includes special and general ed funding; SPEC ED Act 18: is mandatory Spec. Ed funding



# Washtenaw County Profile

According to the 2019 American Community Survey Washtenaw County has an estimated 21,286 nursery and preschool age children. Kids Count in Michigan reported as of 2019 38.4% (3,012) of children aged 3-4 are not attending preschool in the county.

## Ann Arbor

The city of Ann Arbor is the center of Washtenaw County both geographically and economically. It is also home to the county seat. Ann Arbor is the sixth largest city in Michigan and is home to four universities or colleges, most notably the University of Michigan.

The University of Michigan (U of M) is vital to Ann Arbor’s population and economy. According Ann Arbor Spark, the university employs 49,061 people; 39.7% of those employees live in Ann Arbor. U of M has a student enrollment of more than 48,090 as of Fall 2018 (per U of M Office of the Registrar).

Geographically, the city of Ann Arbor has a total area of 28.8 square miles. The city is situated on the Huron River and mostly consists of hills and valleys. Its downtown area is a center of commerce and has a low population. The central part of Ann Arbor is mostly made up of the University of Michigan campus and has a large student population. The Northwest and North sides of Ann Arbor are the highest income while the Southwest and Southeast parts of the city are the lowest income. According to 2020 Census Reporter 22.3% of families are living below the poverty level. Census Reporter also indicates the racial makeup of the township is White (71.1%), African American (6.8%), Native American (0.4%), Asian (16.9%), Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (.1%), from other races (0%), and from two or more races (4.1%). Hispanic or Latino of any race is 4.8% of the population.



The city of Ann Arbor and surrounding areas are served by Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS). AAPS has provided Head Start programs and services for three- and four- year old children since 1981. The Ann Arbor Preschool and Family Center is in the south-central portion of the city and is well located to serve Ann Arbor’s highest need residents.

In the 2022-2023 school year, AAPS funded enrollment for Head Start is 152. As of November 2022, AAPS has 24 children waitlisted (WISD ChildPlus), 21 of which are 3-year-old children.





## Lincoln

Lincoln Consolidated Schools (LCS) is a public school district situated in the rural area of the 48197 zip code, Ypsilanti MI. The founding history of LCS is unique. The school district was created by consolidating the 13 one room schools in the surrounding area. These 13 schools were located in 5 rural townships; Augusta, Ypsilanti, York (Washtenaw County) Van Buren, Sumpter (Wayne County). Over the years LCS has grown significantly, but what has not changed is the rural community. The educational philosophy of developing this district was to bring a “city” education to the rural students. This creates challenges when attempting to collect community data that accurately reflects the community where our school district is located. Most of the data that can be found is either by County or zip code, which does not create an accurate description of our community makeup.



48.9% of the students enrolled at LCS come from economically disadvantaged homes. 55% qualify for Free and Reduced lunch. From the LCS campus the nearest gas station, grocery store or access to a public bus line is a minimum of 10 minutes driving time. When searching licensed childcare centers in the 48197 zip code it states that there are 23 centers in the zipcode where our district is located. However, there are only 4 centers that are within our district boundaries. The rest of the centers are a minimum 20 minute drive from our school campus and even longer for our families residing in the Southeast portions of the district.

From approximately 2003-2007 LCS was the recipient of approximately 60 Head Start slots. However when the grant changed Administrators, LCS no longer had Head Start Programming. The families that would qualify for Head Start were left without local access to a Head Start program. The closest Head Start program for our families was a 24 minute drive from the LCS campus and a 30 minute drive for our families who live in the Southeast portion of the district. The sites are located in another district so transportation was not offered to access these programs.



In 2018 LCS was allocated 15 Head Start slots. However, the need for additional Head Start slots remains much greater than the 15 as shown in the chart below:

### Number of Head Start Eligible Families

2019-2020	71
2020-2021	54
2019-2020	71
2020-2021	54

Of the 154 interest forms that were received for the 2022-2023 program year, 73 were three-year-old children. 15 three-year-old children were enrolled from the 73 interest forms received. 19 three-year-old children are currently on the Waitlist. The remaining 36 interest forms are pending receipt of one or more documents required for enrollment. Eleven of the 154 interest forms received are for 4-year-old children.



## Ypsilanti

Ypsilanti is a city in Washtenaw County, though generally when people refer to “Ypsilanti,” they are referring to both the city of Ypsilanti and to Ypsilanti Township. The Ypsilanti area can be broken into three distinct areas: western Ypsilanti, which is the city of Ypsilanti, eastern Ypsilanti, which is known as Willow Run and is partially located in Ypsilanti Township (and partially in Superior Township), and southern Ypsilanti, which is located South of I-94 and served by Lincoln Consolidated School District and makes up the majority of Ypsilanti Township.

According to the 2020 Census Report there are 20,648 people and 7,743 households in the Ypsilanti School District. The racial makeup of the district is White (64.9%), African American (28.2%), Native American (0%), Asian (2.4%), Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (.1%), other races (1%), and two or more races (3.7%). Hispanic or Latino of any race were 4.6% of the population. 31.6% of the population lives below the poverty line.

The Ypsilanti area is the easternmost area of Washtenaw County and is bordered by Wayne County. Ypsilanti is the home of Eastern Michigan University (EMU). In 2013, the Ypsilanti area underwent a change educationally. Two of its school districts, Ypsilanti Public Schools and Willow Run Community Schools merged to create a new district, Ypsilanti Community Schools. This was an attempt on the part of both districts, who were struggling both economically and with student enrollment, to combine and create a viable district. The merger remains a large part of the community conversation as it continues to develop.



For the 2021-2022 school year, Ypsilanti has a funded enrollment of 245 Head Start children. According to the amount of interest forms received, the program has fewer three-year-old slots than the current community needs. As of November 2022, Ypsilanti has a total of 66 3-year-old children on the waitlist. There is one 4-year-old child on the waitlist (WISD ChildPlus).





## Chelsea

Best known for Jeff Daniels' Purple Rose Theater and the Milling Company Jiffy Mix, the town of Chelsea has just over 5000 people as of the 2020 Census. Chelsea boasts a downtown area that was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as well as a District Library named "Best Small Library in America" by Library Journal in 2008.

Chelsea School District serves the city of Chelsea as well as several of the surrounding townships and students residing in the surrounding communities of Dexter Township, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge.

The minority enrollment in the schools is 10%. 1.1 % are identified as EL and 8.7% are identified as Economically disadvantaged. Chelsea Schools offer a wide range of support services for children with disabilities including full scholarships for enrollment in our First Step Washtenaw Parent Playgroup for those children identified as Early On who reside within the district. Chelsea School District partners with WISD to provide one full day GSRP class for qualifying families.



CHELSEA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Dexter

The community of Dexter is located in southeastern Michigan on the Huron River, just five miles northwest of Ann Arbor. Dexter Community Schools boundaries encompass the city of Dexter (population 4,160) as well as portions of eight townships including Webster, Scio, Dexter, and Lima. Light industry, publishing houses, and "high tech" firms form Dexter's industrial base. Dexter is a short drive from the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College, Concordia University, and Cleary University. Dexter Community Schools partners with WISD to provide one full day GSRP classroom.



DEXTER  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS





## Manchester

Located in the southeast area of Washtenaw County and with a population of just over 2,200 residents, the village of Manchester prides itself on being a “small, close knit community” with many community organizations providing well-attended annual events and celebrations. There were about 1,000 households recorded on the 2020 census with an average of 2.1 persons per household. Manchester Community Schools provides educational services to a geographically large area that includes the village of Manchester and portions of several neighboring townships. The roughly 800 students who attend Manchester Community Schools are serviced in three sites: Klager Elementary, Riverside Intermediate School and Manchester Junior and Senior High School.

Manchester works with WISD to provide GSRP services to one classroom of preschoolers.



## Milan

Boasting “tree lined streets, a charming historic downtown, beautiful parks, safe neighborhoods and great schools”, the city of Milan is home to 6079 residents as of the 2020 Census, a 4% increase from the 2010 Census. Of Milan’s total residents, 28% of are under age 18 and the racial makeup of the city is: 92.3% White, 2.8% African American, 0.5% Native American, 0.9% Asian, 1% Other Races and 2.6% from two or more races. . The city’s 3.5 square miles places it in both Washtenaw and Monroe counties. The city of Milan is served by Milan Area Schools. Although Milan Area Schools are part of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, most of the 89 square miles are located in Monroe County.

Milan Area Schools partner with WISD to provide 2 classrooms of children enrolled in GSRP.



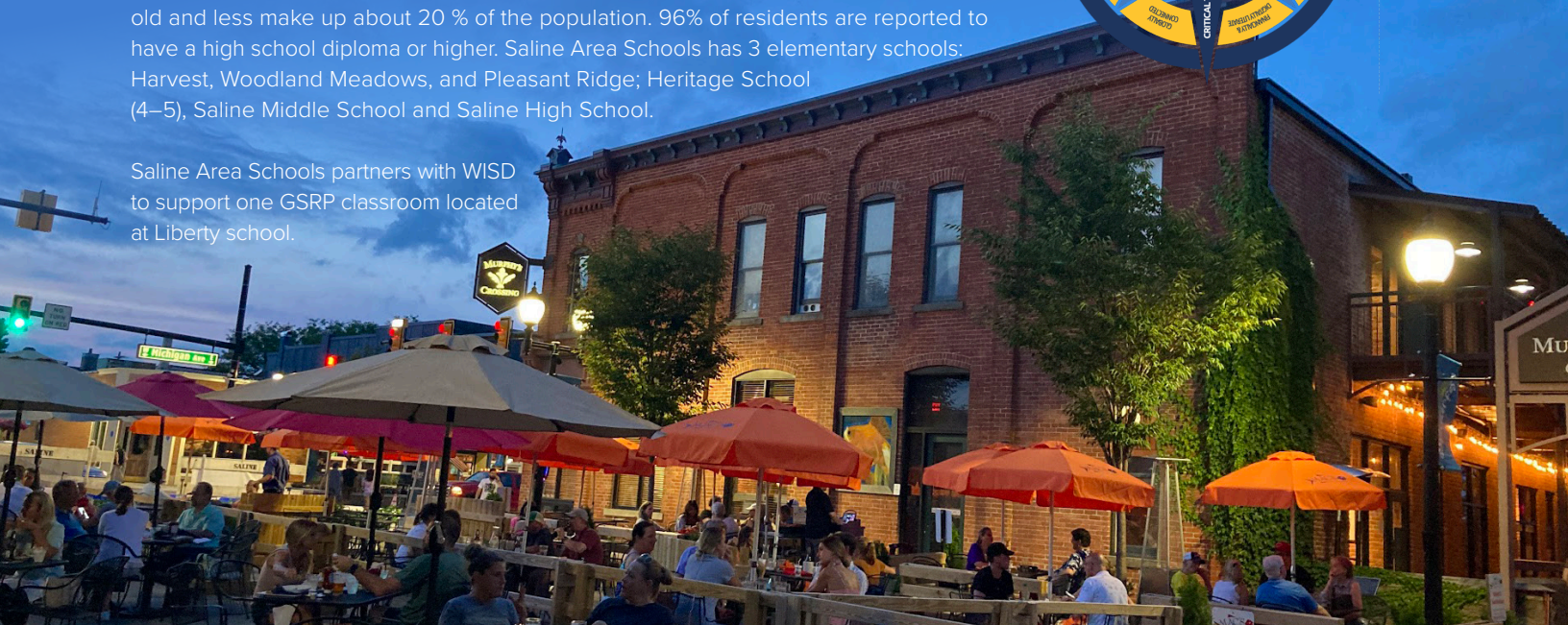


### Saline

Among the many festivals, parades and community events held in Saline every year the Celtic Festival is a highlight which draws crowds from all over the United States.

Located south of Ann Arbor, the city of Saline has the third largest population in Washtenaw County. As of the 2020 census there were 8,961 people, 3,760 households, with an average of 2.43 persons per households. Individuals 18 years old and less make up about 20 % of the population. 96% of residents are reported to have a high school diploma or higher. Saline Area Schools has 3 elementary schools: Harvest, Woodland Meadows, and Pleasant Ridge; Heritage School (4-5), Saline Middle School and Saline High School.

Saline Area Schools partners with WISD to support one GSRP classroom located at Liberty school.

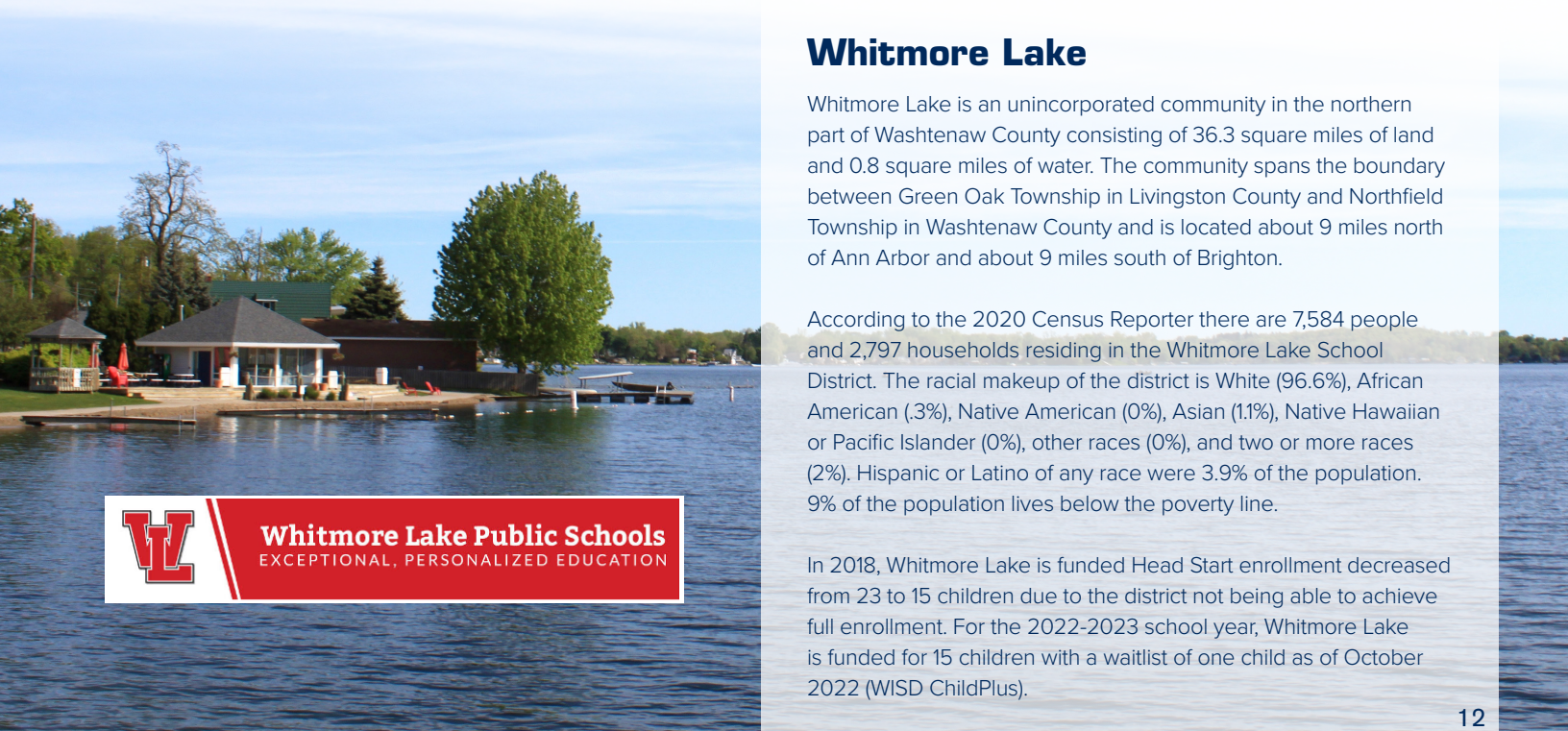


### Whitmore Lake

Whitmore Lake is an unincorporated community in the northern part of Washtenaw County consisting of 36.3 square miles of land and 0.8 square miles of water. The community spans the boundary between Green Oak Township in Livingston County and Northfield Township in Washtenaw County and is located about 9 miles north of Ann Arbor and about 9 miles south of Brighton.

According to the 2020 Census Reporter there are 7,584 people and 2,797 households residing in the Whitmore Lake School District. The racial makeup of the district is White (96.6%), African American (.3%), Native American (0%), Asian (1.1%), Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (0%), other races (0%), and two or more races (2%). Hispanic or Latino of any race were 3.9% of the population. 9% of the population lives below the poverty line.

In 2018, Whitmore Lake is funded Head Start enrollment decreased from 23 to 15 children due to the district not being able to achieve full enrollment. For the 2022-2023 school year, Whitmore Lake is funded for 15 children with a waitlist of one child as of October 2022 (WISD ChildPlus).





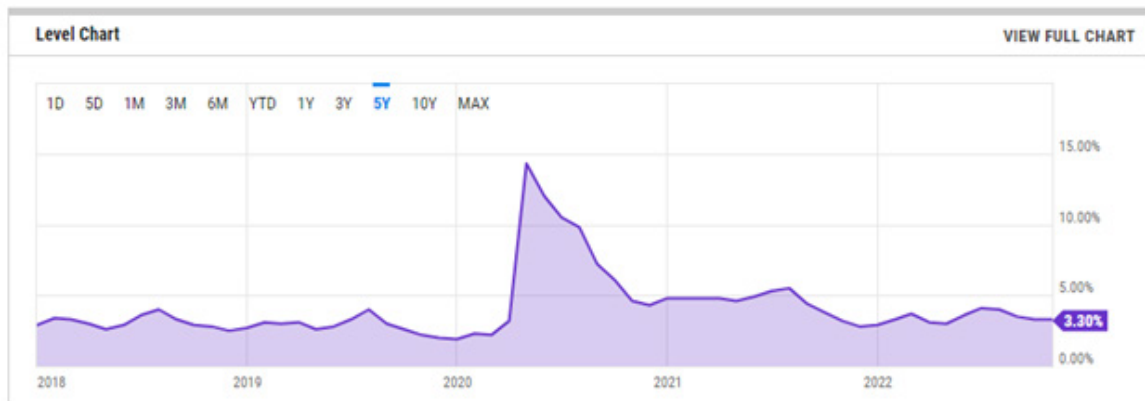
# Demographic Information

## Families in Poverty

30.8% of families live in poverty in Washtenaw County (per the federal poverty guidelines), 18% of those households have children ages 0-5. According to Kids Count for Michigan in 2020, 8% of families in Washtenaw County with children ages 0-5 are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance and 15% receive Food Stamps. Children 0-18 receiving Social Security Income is 9.6% in Washtenaw County. A 2019 report provided by the Washtenaw County Women’s Infant and Children (WIC) program identified that 4,445 children and 361 pregnant women in the county receive WIC benefits on a weekly basis. While a 2020 report from Kids Count for Michigan showed the number increased to 4,564. 51% of children enrolled in Washtenaw County Preschool Programs are enrolled in WIC. Due to the tremendous importance of ages 0-5 on a child’s overall development, providing services to these families and their children is vital.

As stated in 2019 Kids Count for Michigan “it is without a doubt that family income has a direct impact on outcomes for kids. When families are challenged with constant stress about how to pay their bills—rent, utilities, childcare, medical expenses and more—that can turn into toxic stress, which affects brain development, school readiness, mental health and a child’s overall well-being”.

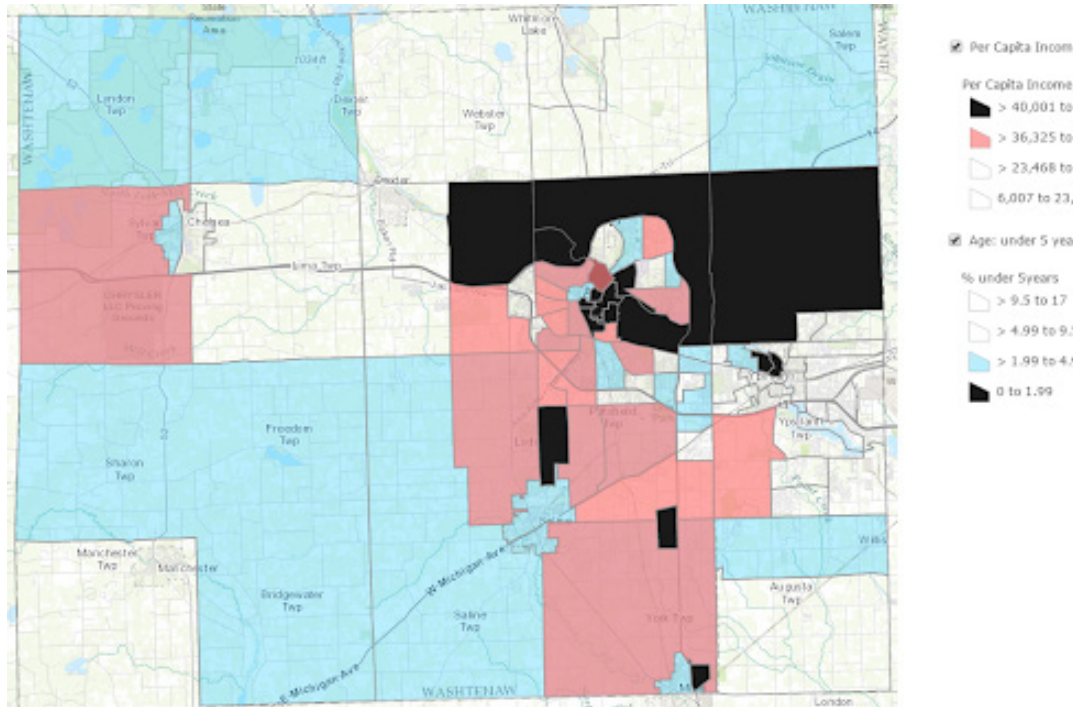
We also know that to be experiencing poverty an early age has long-term educational consequences. Per the National Center for Education Statistics, the high school dropout rates of 16 to 24-years-old students who come from low-income families are seven times higher than those of students with higher incomes. The Washtenaw County unemployment rate as of 2020 is 6.4%.



Washtenaw County unemployment data 2018-2022 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics



## High Concentrations of Eligible Children in Washtenaw County - 2020 Census



## Other Socio-Economic Demographics

In addition to families in Washtenaw County below the poverty level, there are also significant populations of families that have other types of risk factors, such as receiving public assistance, being English Language Learners, being homeless or in foster care, or being a single parent family, having parents with low education levels. The table below shows various data points for children in Washtenaw County.

### Socio-Economic Risk Factors in Washtenaw County – 2019 (5 Year ACS) American Community Survey

- ◆ **Single Parent Families** – Per the American Community Survey 5-year data on Poverty, the poverty rate for married families is only 4.4% with the total number of families being 2,214. By contrast, the poverty rate for single female families accounts for the largest family type living in poverty at 37.3% with the total number of families being 5,106 compared to the rate for single-parent, father is 12.4% with the total number of families being 431.
- ◆ **Families with Multiple Children** – Using the same data sets, families with multiple children, especially young children, also have significantly higher rates of poverty. In Washtenaw County, the overall poverty rate for all families with at least one child under 18 years is 11.5%. However, for families with a child under 5 years of age, the poverty rate is 15.6%. And for families with at least one child under 5 and at least one child 5-17, the poverty rate jumps to 19.4%. In addition, looking specifically at number of children in the family also shows a high disparity in poverty level.
- ◆ **Families with low(er) Educational Attainment** – Another notable risk factor for poverty is the education level of the family. The poverty rate for families with a bachelor's degree or higher is 3.0%. On the other hand, the poverty rate for families with some college, an associate degree, a high school degree, or a GED is around 11%. For those families with less than a High School Diploma or GED, the poverty rate is 24%. The percentage of families in Washtenaw County with less than a bachelor's degree is around 44%.



Socio-Economic Demographics of Children\* in Washtenaw County 2012-2020 - Kids Count Data Center

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Receive TANF (Ages 0-5)	648	399	346	268	237	217	216	218	161
Receive SSI (Ages 0-5)	915	956	974	1016	948	914	798	749	736
Receive WIC (Ages 0-4)	6159	5989	6108	5962	5665	5233	4875	5130	No new data
Receive Food Assistance (Ages 0-5)	5342	4838	4171	3935	3699	3319	3082	3097	3200
Foreign Born Residents (Ages 5-17)	2910	2689	2711	2624	2670	2604	2669	2491	No new data
Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	-	-	13552	12888	12834	14842	14442	14806	14391
In ELL Families (ages 5-17)	6964	6991	6733	7061	7210	6719	7247	7358	No new data
Confirmed Victims – Abuse/Neglect (Ages 0-5)	333	370	370	381	374	459	395	286	234
Living in Single Parent Families (ages 0-17)	18390	18971	18383	18687	18066	17177	16880	17170	No new data
Living in High Poverty Neighborhoods (0-17)	-	4862	4583	5191	4157	4672	2825	4004	No new data

Foster Care Information from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>2016</b>	183	175	180	178	182	180	171	174	170	158	160	156
<b>2017</b>	152	149	144	140	147	142	131	142	137	150	159	170
<b>2018</b>	163	159	154	165	158	159	149	139	139	135	136	130

Michigan ranks 18th in the country for the number of children, per capita, placed in out-of-home care. Each year approximately 7,400 children enter foster care for the first time. And on any given day in Michigan, approximately 13,000 children are in foster care or a residential placement due to abuse or neglect.





## English Language Learners and Foreign-Born Individuals

Around 14% of the population of the county speaks a language other than English at home. However, among individuals in poverty, 20% speak a language other than English at home. The poverty rate for foreign born individuals is 20% compared with 15% for native born individuals. One more recent change in Washtenaw County is the growth of refugees arriving. In the past five years, more than 600 refugees have settled in Washtenaw County.

Country of Origin	2019	2020	2021	2022
Afghanistan	13	27	14	19
Angola				1
Antigua		1		
Burma	1			1
Congo				
Dem. Rep. Congo	74	12	14	33
Colombia				4
Eritrea	18			
El Salvador				4
Eritrea				6
Ethiopia	4			
Guatemala				22
Honduras				11
India				1
Iran		1		
Iraq		6		1
Israel	1			
Pakistan	6	5		
Somalia		1	4	2
Sudan				9
Syria	10		19	42
Ukraine	4			5
Venezuela				2
Yemen			5	8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>171</b>

Based on data from the 2010 US Census, there are areas where there are significant populations of Asians, African Americans, and Hispanics/Latinos, and a growing population of immigrants.

Per the 2020 Census data, there are notable populations of non-English speaking families in Washtenaw County. While the overall percentage of people speaking a language other than English is only 16.1%, the percentage is 22.3% in Ann Arbor.



# Barrier Buster 2nd Quarter Report - 2022

Barrier Busters is a group of 100+ social service agencies committed to improving services and responding to emergencies for Washtenaw County residents in need.

## QUARTER 2 HIGHLIGHTS:

**90%** of total funding requests assisted residents in zip codes 48197 and 48198

**61%** of total funding requests assisted BIPOC\* households

\* Black, Indigenous, and Other People of Color

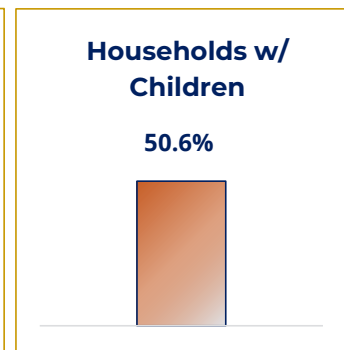
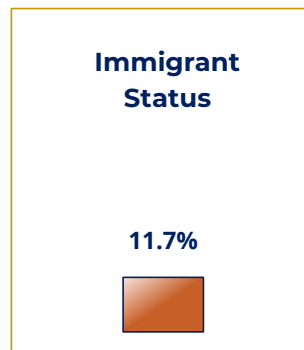
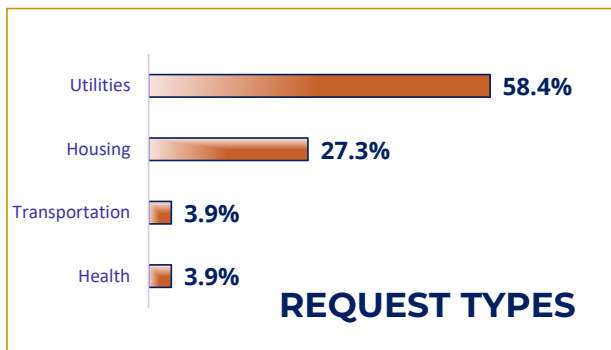
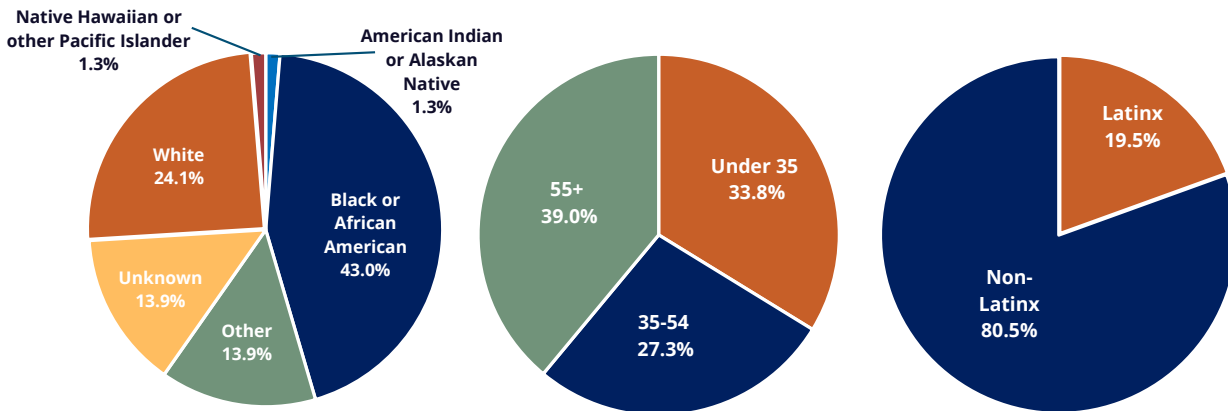
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TOTAL REQUESTS FUNDED

**\$53,143**

TOTAL ASSISTANCE

## COUNTYWIDE DATA





## WHERE IS ASSISTANCE GOING?

Jurisdiction	Total Requests	Total Assistance Provided
Ypsilanti Township	20	\$16,364.03
City of Ypsilanti	15	\$8,647.48
Pittsfield Township	15	\$8,303.86
City of Ann Arbor	12	\$6,076.20
Superior Township	5	\$6078.76
City of Chelsea	2	\$934.15
Ann Arbor Township	2	\$2,384.83
City of Saline	1	\$630.43
Lodi Township	1	\$940.02
Northfield Township	1	\$695.50
Scio Township	1	\$538.05
Inkster	1	\$1,050.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>\$53,143.31</b>

*Due to increased demand and a decrease in funds available compared to 2021, all flexible funds were spent within the first two weeks of the second quarter. Thank you to our generous 2022 funders: Washtenaw County, City of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Township, Michigan Community Action, and individual donors.*



## Disabilities

### Early On – Birth-3: Referral Outcomes

	WISD	Ann Arbor	Chelsea	Dexter	Lincoln	Manchester	Milan	Saline	Whitmore Lake	Ypsilanti
Referrals	952	352	29	59	106	7	33	66	32	268
Evaluations Conducted	471	249	19	42	55	3	24	53	19	107
Completed Initial IFSPs	452	202	16	31	42	4	19	39	14	85

### Build Up MI – 3-5: Referral Outcomes

	WISD	Ann Arbor	Chelsea	Dexter	Lincoln	Manchester	Milan	Saline	Whitmore Lake	Ypsilanti
Initial IEPs Held	294	117	10	15	36	6	15	23	9	63
Eligible IEP	283	111	10	15	36	6	15	22	8	60

### Birth-5: Total Enrollment

	WISD	Ann Arbor	Chelsea	Dexter	Lincoln	Manchester	Milan	Saline	Whitmore Lake	Ypsilanti
IFSP: Active Children	506	215	21	32	63	7	24	44	15	85
IEP: Active Children	515	171	16	31	88	10	26	42	23	108

According to data taken from the Michigan Department of Education, there were 646 children ages 0-5 receiving special education services in Washtenaw County in 2020. Based on data from the last 10 years, the number of children in Special Education has started to gradually decrease.

### Children 0-5 in Special Education in Washtenaw County 2010-2020

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number	684	639	619	576	631	671	763	816	775	801	646
Percent	2.9%	2.8%	2.8%	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%	2.8%	3.7%	3.5%	3.7%	3.0%

\*Data taken from the Michigan Department of Education per the Kids Count Data Center.

### Type of Reported Disabilities 2020-2021

Autism Spectrum	Developmental Delay	Health Impairment	Physical Impairment	Emotional	Speech & Language
9	8	2	2	0	61

The tables above reflect the reported number and type of reported disabilities for 2020-2021. As is evident, the majority of children receiving services have an identified Speech or Language Impairment. This diagnosis is common in early childhood education across Washtenaw County because it is an area of focus during this developmental stage.



Children Enrolled in Early On by School District

Local Education Agency	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Ann Arbor Public Schools	234	245	288	288	288	288
Chelsea Public Schools	35	36	36	36	36	36
Dexter Community Schools	45	45	45	45	45	45
Lincoln Consolidated Schools	79	81	86	86	86	86
Manchester Community Schools	15	15	13	13	13	13
Milan Area Schools	41	34	39	39	39	39
Saline Area Schools	42	34	48	48	48	48
Whitmore Lake Public Schools	21	24	28	28	28	28
Ypsilanti Community Schools	87	98	90	90	90	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>673</b>

The above table shows the number of children that have been enrolled in the county Early On special education program from 2015 - 2020. The program works specifically to identify and provide support for children 0-3, prior to preschool age.

The table below is a listing of some of the Washtenaw County programs that provide additional support and services to families of children with disabilities.

Resources for Children with Disabilities in Washtenaw County

Organization	Program	Targeted Ages	Services Provided
Youth & Family Services	Infant Mental Health	0-3	Home based services for addressing emotional, behavioral, and relationship problems
University Center for Language and Literacy	Preschool & Communication Therapy (PACT)	3-4	Communication/Speech and Language
University Center for the Child & Family	Children and Family Services, Mental Health Services	1-25	Autism Spectrum Disorder and Pervasive Developmental Disorder; Individual Treatment, Parent Support, Behavior Management, Social Skills
The Ann Arbor Center for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics	Behavior & Developmental Services	1-26	Parent Training, Behavioral Therapy, Assessments: late developers, Genetic syndromes, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, cerebral palsy
Sunfield Center for Autism	Hanen Program; Diagnostic and Behavioral Evaluations; Individual, Family, Cognitive and Behavioral Therapy	3-18	Parent Group Intervention, Communication, Social Skills, Individual and family therapy, Diagnostic Evaluations for ADHD, disruptive behavior disorder; Children who demonstrate selective mutism, anxiety, separation anxiety
Creating Brighter Futures	ABA Autism Treatment	2-8	Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), individual behavior and play-based autism therapy



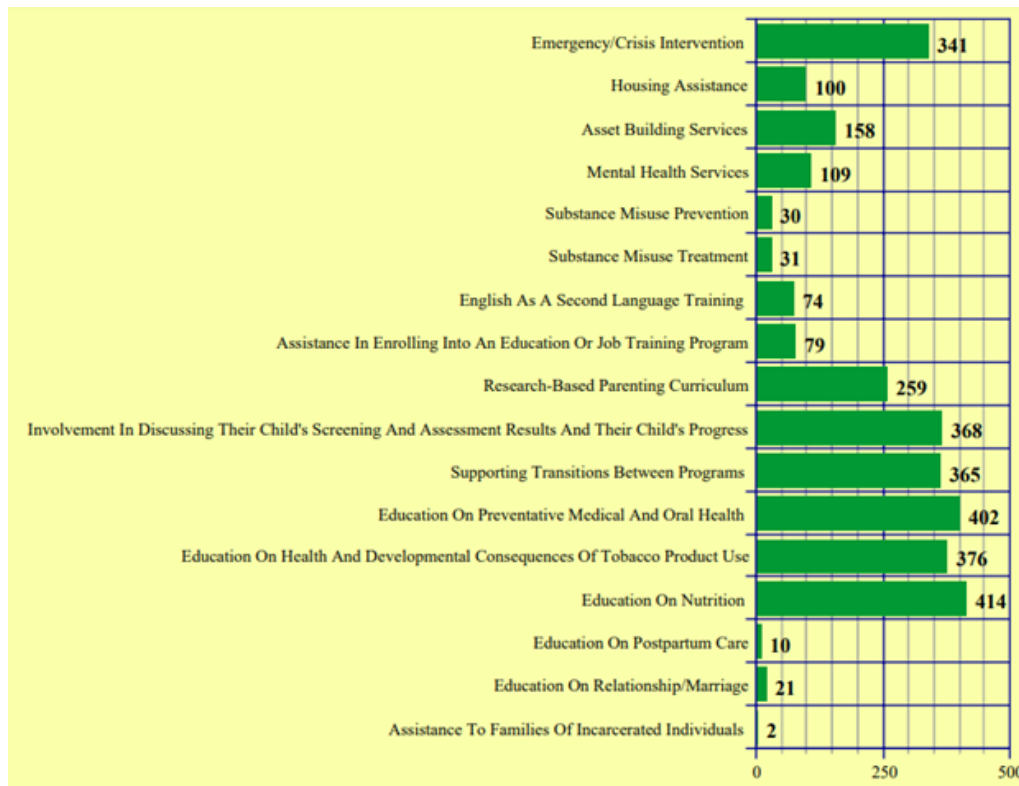
## Social and Human Needs

The table below shows the breakdown of services and referrals provided to Head Start families during the 2020-2021 program year.

Total Number of Families: **480**

- ◆ Single-Parent Families: **196**
- ◆ Two-Parent Families: **284**

### WISD Early Childhood Preschool Enrollment Opportunities 2020–2021



The number that received at least one of the services listed above: **459**



## Washtenaw County Kids Count Data for 2019

According to Kids Count data (2019)	Washtenaw County	Michigan
Total Population	367601	9986857
Population Ages 0-4	17700	566442
Population Ages 0-5	21286	683798
Population Ages 0-5 by Race		
White, Not Hispanic or Latino	67.1%	68.2%
Black or African American, Not Hispanic or Latino	16.5%	19.1%
Hispanic or Latino	6.9%	8.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.5%	0.8%
Poverty - All Ages	13.0%	12.9%
Average Cost of Full-Time Child Care Per Month (Percent Of Full-Time Minimum Wage)	48.6%	34.4%
Children Ages 3-4 Not In Preschool	38.4%	52.5%
Children Ages 0-5 With All Parents in The Labor Force	69.1%	67.1%
Children Ages 0-5 Receiving FIP	1.0%	1.6%
Children Ages 0-5 Receiving FAP	14.3%	23.6%
Children Ages 0-5 Eligible for Subsidized Care	4.1%	6.2%
Children Ages 0-4 Receiving WIC	28.4%	44.3%
Children Ages 0-4 Experiencing Homelessness	2.9%	4.6%
Children Ages 0-5 In Special Education	3.7%	4.1%
Children Receiving Early On Services By ISD, Ages 0-2 (2018)	2.9%	3.3%
High School Dropouts	4.7%	8.4%
M-STEP - Students Not Proficient In Grade 3 English Language Arts	45.5%	54.9%
Total Births (Number) (2018)	3594	111658
Births to Teens Under Age 20	2.5%	4.9%
Repeat Teen Births Ages 15-19	12.9%	16.6%
Births to Mothers with No Diploma or GED	4.7%	11.2%
Births with Late or No Prenatal Care	4.4%	5.4%
Preterm Births	9.7%	10.1%
Low Birthweight Babies	7.7%	8.6%
Infant Mortality (Number)	19	744
Children Ages 1-2 Tested For Lead	31.9%	40.9%
Children Ages 1-2 With Elevated Blood Lead ( $\geq 5\mu\text{g/DL}$ )	1.0%	2.6%
Fully Immunized Toddlers, Age 19-35 Months (Series 4313314)	75.9%	73.9%
Confirmed Victims of Abuse And/or Neglect, Ages 0-5	13.2%	23.7%
Children Ages 0-5 In Out Of Home Care-Abuse Or Neglect	2.7%	8.5%



This Kids Count data shows the number of children, ages 0-5, who are receiving subsidized care.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Number</b>	587	703	864	856	895	618	590
<b>Percent</b>	2.6%	3.1%	3.9%	3.9%	4.1%	2.9%	2.8%

The table below shows how many children ages 0-5 have both parents in the workforce in Washtenaw County.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Number</b>	14507	14445	14069	14550	14241	14335	13693
<b>Percent</b>	65.8%	66.5%	65.6%	68.4%	67.6%	69.1%	66.3%

The two charts above further illustrate the need for free quality preschool enrollment opportunities for children and families living in Washtenaw County.

Enrollment opportunities for 4-year old children living at or below the poverty level in Washtenaw County, are in line with the population due to blending of Head Start and GSRP funding. However, the lack of opportunity for enrollment is notable among 3-year old children. Only 17% of the need of these younger preschool age children is being met by the current enrollment opportunities. As of December 2022, 149 eligible children remain on the preschool waitlist and 40 people meeting age and income requirements remain on the waitlist for Early Head Start. Some of the waitlisted participants could be served if not for staffing shortages.

Geographical Areas	Programs Serving Areas	Number of children who families have expressed interest in Early Childhood Programming				
		Total Family Interest in Preschool	3-Year Old Interest	3 -Year Old Funded Enrollment	4-Year Old Funded Enrollment	4-Year Old Interest
Ypsilanti Township Ypsilanti City Superior Township	YCS Preschools Lincoln ECC Global Tech Academy EMU Children's Institute Dorothy's Discovery Daycare HighScope Preschool Bottles-N-Backpacks	948	355	57	500	593
Ann Arbor City Pittsfield Township Scio Township	AAPS Preschools Central Academy Multicultural Academy Foundations Preschool Gretchen's House Centers	523	204	95	245	319
Northfield Township Dexter Township Manchester Twp Chelsea	Whitmore Lake ECC Manchester ECC Chelsea Community Preschool Dexter	115	35	15	53	80
Rest of County	Milan Pooh Corner Preschool Play and Learn Children's Place	81	16	0	65	65
<b>Washtenaw County</b>		<b>1667</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>1057</b>





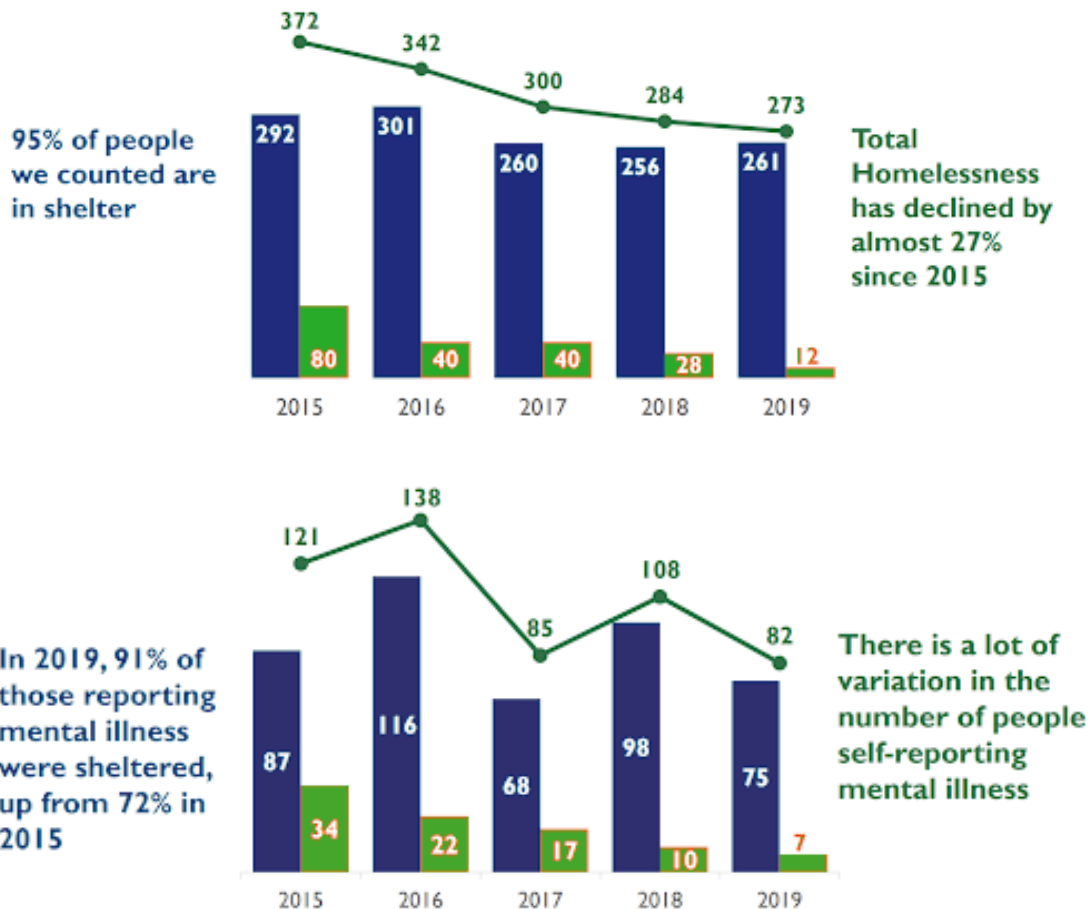
## Homelessness

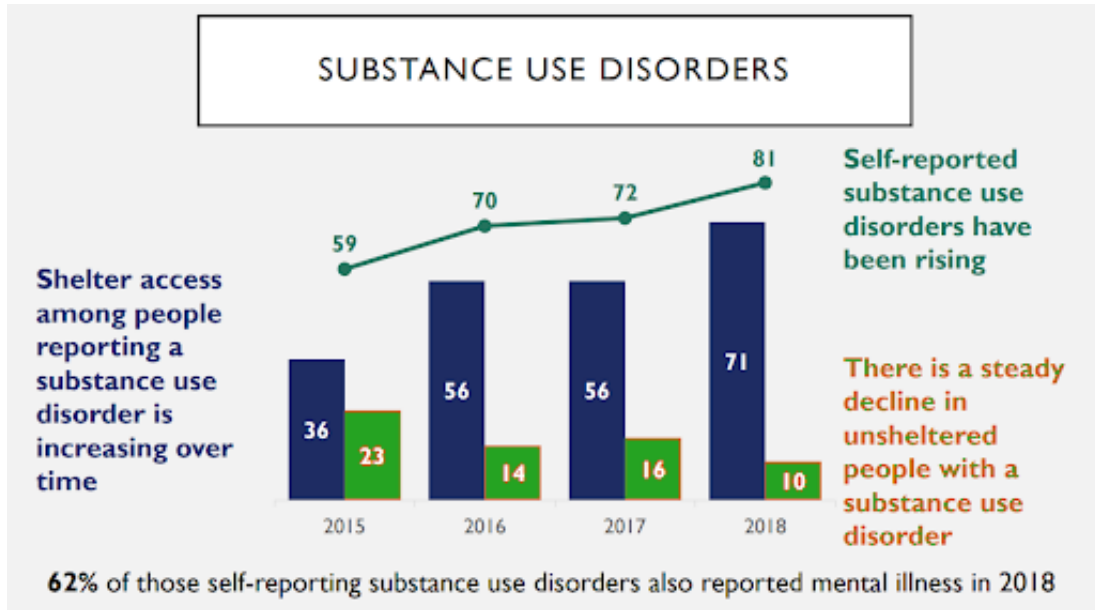
The Washtenaw Housing Alliance reported that for the year 2020, 2800 people were “literally homeless and sought emergency shelter”. The Alliance data also showed that “about 38% of those literally homeless are families with young children.” Beyond those families and individuals considered literally homeless, thousands more are doubled up or considered at imminent risk of homelessness due to struggles with unstable housing.

The root causes of homelessness are many and varied. They include:

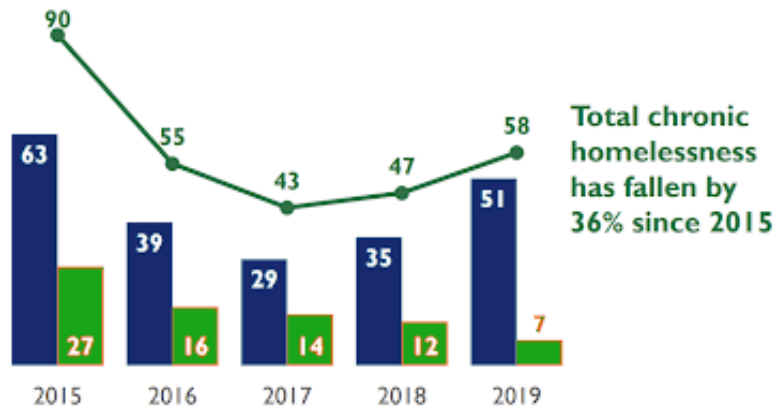
- ◆ Lack of affordable housing
- ◆ Loss of job/employment or underemployment
- ◆ Family conflict/domestic violence
- ◆ Mental illness
- ◆ Chronic medical problems
- ◆ Substance use disorders
- ◆ Youth aging out of foster care
- ◆ Eviction

A Point in Time Count conducted in January seeks to measure the scale of homelessness in the community by conducting a snapshot count of the number of people who are homeless including both individuals in shelters those who are unsheltered. Washtenaw County data from 2019 is presented below.





## CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS



According to the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment, 9% of student in Ypsilanti school district are homeless. Children without stable housing are more likely to transfer schools, have long commutes, struggle with poor health, and be chronically absent than their permanently housed peers.

As the number of homeless in Washtenaw County continues to increase, there will likely be increased efforts at intervention. Currently, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance works with local non-profits to identify and provide emergency services to homeless individuals and families and those at-risk of experiencing homelessness. Currently the Washtenaw Housing Alliance is executing their "blueprint to end homelessness."

The WISD Education Project reported they supported 1,100 families who had unstable housing in 2018.

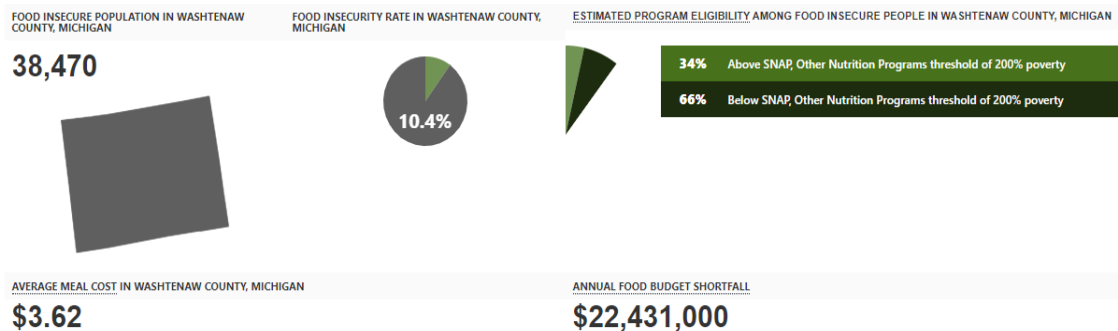


## Food Insecurity

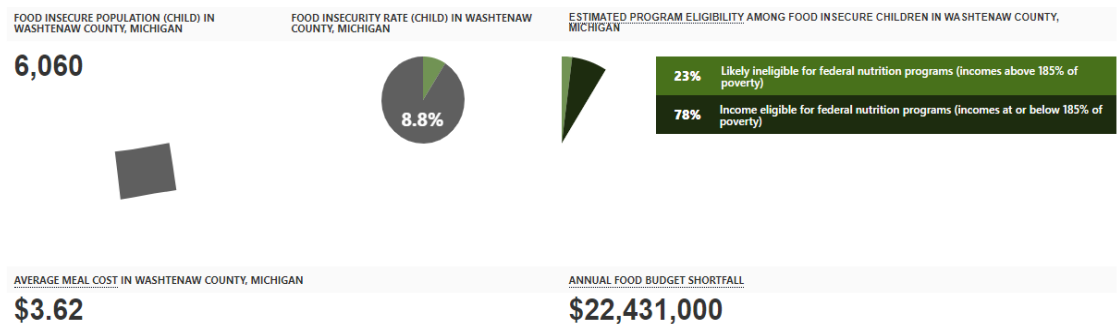
Food insecurity refers to USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods (Feeding America).

In many ways the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the problem of food insecurity. Food Gatherers, the food bank that serves Washtenaw County, reported a 30-300% increase in people in need of their assistance. A project led by the Washtenaw County Health Department, Washtenaw County Food Policy Council, and the Michigan Local Food Council Network found substantial anecdotal evidence outlining some of the concerns of the community regarding food access during the pandemic. Concerns included fears regarding safety while shopping, safety issues with food pickup for people dealing with food insecurity, and the limited products available in stores (Health for all Washtenaw). Without all the data, it is impossible to have a full view of the relationship between COVID-19 and food insecurity, but it is undeniable that there have been challenges created by the pandemic.

### 2020 Overall Food Insecurity in Washtenaw County (Feeding America)



### 2020 Child County Food Insecurity in Washtenaw County (Feeding America)





## Health and Safety

According to 2018 Data USA, 97.3% of the population of Washtenaw County has health coverage, with 63.1% on employee plans, 9.9% on Medicaid, 9.78% on Medicare, 13.5% on non-group plans, and 0.951% on military or VA plans.

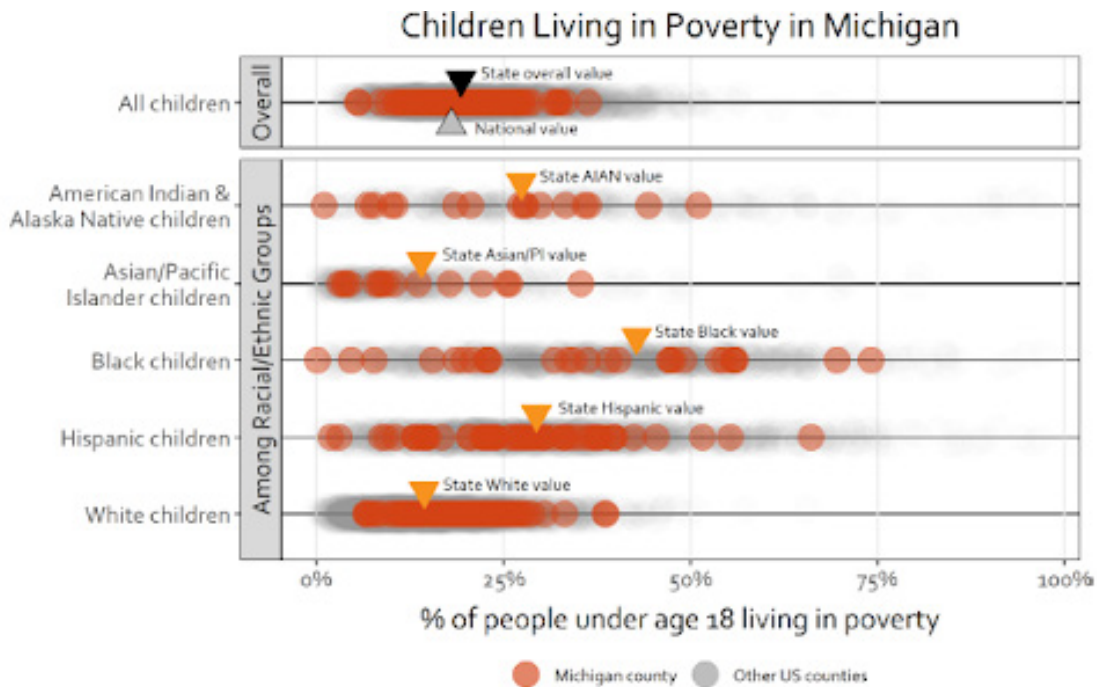
The per capita personal health care spending in the county of Washtenaw County was \$8,055. This is a 4% increase from the previous year (\$7,745).

Primary care physicians in Washtenaw County see 563 patients per year on average, which represents a 0.705% decrease from the previous year (567 patients). Compare this to dentists who see 595 patients per year, and mental health providers who see 213 patients per year.

## Opportunities for Health Within Michigan Counties










A healthy beginning is essential to a healthy future for our children and our communities. Children in poverty is a measure of both current and future opportunities for the health of the community. Patterns of unfair and avoidable differences at the local, state, and national level exist among racial and ethnic groups for children living in poverty.

The graphic below shows the patterns of children living in poverty for individual counties in Michigan and among racial and ethnic groups within counties of Michigan. It also shows the data for all counties across the nation in the gray circles beneath the Michigan data.



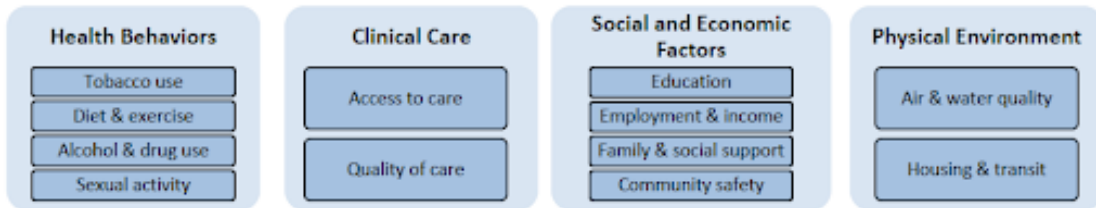


A Pattern of Unfair Differences Exists for People with Lower Incomes and Communities of Color in:

-  Access to Care
-  Community Safety
-  Housing Opportunities
-  Air and Water Quality
-  Educational Supports
-  Income
-  Availability of Healthy Foods
-  Employment Opportunities
-  Quality of Care

## What Are Health Factors?

Many factors shape our opportunities to be healthy and influence how well and how long we live. Health factors represent the things we can change to improve health for all, like opportunities for quality education, good paying jobs, access to quality clinical care, healthy foods, green spaces, and secure and affordable housing. We measure four health factor areas:



According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2020 Kids Count Data Book, Michigan placed 22nd in health 30th in both economic well-being and family and community and 40th in education.



## Washtenaw County Opioid Data

The 2019 Community Health Assessment reported there has been an increase in opioid use and opioid-related overdose deaths from 2011 (29 deaths) to 2018 (80 deaths). As of 2019, Washtenaw County is 10th in the state for highest fatal opioid overdose rates. There were 61 opioid-related deaths among Washtenaw County residents in 2020, a decrease of over 20 percent compared to 2018. Improved access to naloxone has likely contributed to this decrease in deaths. An estimated 2,500 naloxone kits were distributed by public and non-profit agencies in Washtenaw County in 2019. In Washtenaw County, 18.4 percent of adults reported binge or heavy drinking, compared to 18.1 percent statewide (Health for all Washtenaw). This fact has an impact on children and families living in the county in several ways: child displacement, incarceration, income, and family stability represent some of the outcomes related to opioid use/death.

The Washtenaw Health Initiative Opioid Project is a volunteer organization, the opioid project brings concerned community members together with professionals from law enforcement, public health, community mental health, treatment programs, and hospitals to combat opioid misuse and overdose while meeting the needs of those living with chronic pain. Believing that every person has a part to play in ending the opioid epidemic in Washtenaw County, the project promotes opportunities for residents and professionals to get involved, make a difference, and combat this epidemic. Each month, members of the Washtenaw County Opioid Project come together to discuss community needs and both plan and coordinate activities designed to address them.

Opioid Project In 2018, the Washtenaw Health Initiative Opioid Project catalogued and analyzed local substance use disorder treatment, support, and response systems to identify five root causes of Washtenaw County's opioid crisis:

- ◆ Limited pain management options
- ◆ Stigma experienced by patients with substance use disorders
- ◆ Lack of community education and primary prevention strategies
- ◆ Limited substance use treatment options, and
- ◆ Inadequate care management for patients with chronic pain or substance use disorder

In 2019, Opioid Project members recommended 19 strategies to address those gaps and organized three subcommittees to carry out the work. Members, including individuals with lived experience and representatives from more than 20 local organizations, began work to achieve those objectives—both individually and collectively—in 2019 and they will continue the work in the year ahead.

2021 Opioid-related Deaths Among Washtenaw County Residents \*\*

Month	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Deaths	10	4	6	8	5

2020 Opioid-related Deaths Among Washtenaw County Residents \*\*

Month	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Deaths	3	3	3	9	14	3	5	4	4	6	3	4	61

2019 Opioid-related Deaths Among Washtenaw County Residents \*





Month	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Deaths	3	4	6	5	9	4	10	2	5	1	5	6	60



Washtenaw County Health Department Opioid Report

**Opioid Poisonings By Type<sup>1</sup> for Deaths and Emergency Department Visits<sup>2</sup>**  
**Age, Race, Sex, Geography**

Washtenaw County Residents | January 2018 – May 2018

	Heroin	Synthetic Opioids <sup>3</sup>	Prescription Opioids	Unspecified Narcotics <sup>4</sup>
<b>Median Age</b>	 31 years	 47 years	 58 years	 61 years
<b>Race</b>	7% Black 83% White	15% Black 81% White	28% Black 66% White	25% Black 72% White
<b>Gender</b>	34% Female	46% Female	50% Female	40% Female
<b>Geography by Zip Code of Residence</b>	50% Ypsilanti 26% Ann Arbor 11% Chelsea/ Manchester/ Dexter 6% Milan/ Willis/ Whittaker 3% Whitmore Lake 2% Saline 2% Unknown	50% Ypsilanti 27% Ann Arbor 6% Milan/ Willis/ Whittaker 2% Chelsea/ Manchester/ Dexter 2% Saline 13% Unknown	42% Ypsilanti 30% Ann Arbor 14% Chelsea/ Manchester/ Dexter 6% Saline 4% Milan/ Willis/ Whittaker 1% Whitmore Lake 2% Unknown	42% Ypsilanti 32% Ann Arbor 14% Chelsea/ Manchester/ Dexter 4% Milan/ Willis/Whittaker 6% Saline 1% Whitmore Lake 1% Unknown

<sup>1</sup> Source: Washtenaw County Health Department, Washtenaw County Medical Examiner. Deaths and Emergency Department Admissions include unintentional, intentional, adverse effects and undetermined opioid related poisonings. Emergency Department Visit include opioid poisoning related admissions for Washtenaw County residents at Michigan Medicine and Saint Joseph Mercy Hospitals, Waller, A, WCHD Internal Communications.

<sup>2</sup> Persons who survived the poisoning and who refused or did not seek medical care are not included. Nearly all patients who are admitted to the ED for opioid related poisonings survive their overdose.

<sup>3</sup> Synthetic Opioids include Fentanyl, Carfentanil, etc.

<sup>4</sup> May include prescription and/or illicit opioids

**Beneath the Numbers**

- The **average age** is youngest for opioid related poisonings associated with heroin. The average age is significantly older for Opioid related poisonings associated with prescription (58 years) or undetermined opioids (61 years).
- **Black Washtenaw County residents**, who comprise 12% of total Washtenaw County population, are underrepresented for opioid related poisonings involving heroin (7%), and overrepresented for those associated with prescription (28%) or undetermined opioids (25%).
- **Females** comprise nearly half of the opioid related poisonings involving synthetic (46%) and prescription opioids (50%).
- While **Ypsilanti** zip codes represent only 29% of the total Washtenaw County population, Ypsilanti zip code residents represent nearly half of opioid related poisonings for heroin, synthetics, prescription and undetermined substances. Similarly, while Chelsea/Manchester/Dexter (CMD) zip codes represent only 4% of the County population, CMD residents are overrepresented for poisonings from all opioid substances, except for synthetic opioid related poisonings.



## Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

WISD and our partner programs are committed to supporting children and families who experience trauma and toxic stress. We utilize knowledge gained from the ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) study to inform our understanding of trauma and toxic stress and their immediate and long-term impact on individuals. ACEs are adverse childhood experiences that harm children's developing brains and change how they respond to stress. The ten ACEs that researchers measured that can be guidelines when considering risk factors are:

- ◆ Physical, sexual, and verbal abuse
- ◆ Physical and emotional neglect
- ◆ A family member who is:
  - ◆ Depressed or diagnosed with other mental illness
  - ◆ Addicted to alcohol or another substance
  - ◆ In prison
- ◆ Witnessing a mother being abused
- ◆ Losing a parent to separation, divorce or other reason

The ACEs study found that 64% of adults reported at least one ACE and that more than one in five reported three or more ACEs. They also found that as the number of traumatic events experienced during childhood increases the likelihood of adult health problems in like heart and liver disease, depression, pregnancy problems, and suicide attempts also increases.

To support our children and families, WISD-supported early childhood programs strive to use trauma-informed practices and support individuals to build resiliency, or the ability to bounce back when bad things happen.

We seek to create caring and nurturing environments for children and their families, supporting them meeting basic needs and improving social and emotional well-being.





## Handle With Care

In an effort to support children, Washtenaw Intermediate School District partnered with the Washtenaw County Sheriff, all local law enforcement agencies, and Community Mental Health to implement the Handle with Care program. Through this program, schools are notified by law enforcement when a student is present during a potentially traumatic situation outside of school. No information about the incident is disclosed to the school and school staff are advised to keep an eye on the student and look for signs they may need additional support at school. Identifying students through Handle with Care encourages staff to treat children with empathy and compassion if sensitivity, anger, or fearful behaviors occur at school. Handle with Care notices can be sent to students from preschool through 12th grade. The chart below outlines the number of reported incidents from 2018 – 2020. This data is collected by WISD.

Washtenaw County Handle with Care Incident Reports Data 2020-2022

2022	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	TOTAL
WCSD	31	36	40	33	37	27	16	26	25	36	<b>307</b>
AAPD	13	13	9	14	27	4	9	7	16	19	<b>131</b>
Pittsfield PD	5	7	8	1	1	1	1	4	6	4	<b>38</b>
Saline PD	2	1	1	4	1	0	1	5	6	0	<b>21</b>
Ypsilanti PD	3	1	2	6	4	3	0	0	2	1	<b>22</b>
MSP	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	<b>7</b>
UM PD	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	<b>5</b>
Chelsea PD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Milan PD	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>5</b>
EMU PD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>536</b>

2021	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
WCSD	30	28	38	36	28	31	27	21	32	39	52	37	<b>399</b>
AAPD	6	9	8	14	9	9	11	10	15	11	11	15	<b>128</b>
Pittsfield PD	3	1	2	3	5	3	0	3	3	7	3	3	<b>36</b>
Saline PD	3	1	4	3	7	1	6	3	4	6	7	4	<b>49</b>
Ypsilanti PD	10	6	16	5	5	9	8	0	2	3	2	0	<b>66</b>
MSP	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>6</b>
UM PD	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>5</b>
Chelsea PD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Milan PD	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
EMU PD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>694</b>

2020	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
WCSD	28	21	28	32	14	28	13	18	40	33	28	30	<b>313</b>
AAPD	14	18	17	8	9	9	6	9	11	14	14	9	<b>138</b>
Pittsfield PD	2	1	3	2	3	2	2	5	2	5	3	2	<b>32</b>
Saline PD	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	3	<b>14</b>
Ypsilanti PD	7	7	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	11	8	<b>36</b>
MSP	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	<b>9</b>
UM PD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	<b>4</b>
Chelsea PD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Milan PD	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	<b>8</b>
EMU PD	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>556</b>



## Transportation

Per records from the 2019-2020 school year, 340 children were provided transportation to and from their Head Start programs. Transportation is offered at Ann Arbor Public Schools and Ypsilanti Community Schools.

Transportation is an ongoing barrier for low-income families in Washtenaw County. Many parts of the county have little or no public transportation, and that limits access to employment opportunities for families as well as school opportunities in areas where bus transportation is not provided.

Transportation services were not provided to families at the beginning of the program year due to virtual only programming. As classes returned to in person instruction in the Spring, transportation services were provided. 361 children were provided with transportation services in 2020.

Due to hybrid programming many children continued to receive services virtually per their request.

## English Language Assistance

There are a large proportion of English language learners in Washtenaw County. Washtenaw County sees a large amount of immigration, particularly from West Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and East Asia. Per the Kids Count Data Center, 4.9% of births in Washtenaw County were to parents who were foreign born.

Immigration numbers are particularly high in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti areas. In 2019 – 2020, for example 22% of children enrolled in Head Start in Ann Arbor Public Schools spoke a language other than English spoken in the home. In Ypsilanti Community Schools, the primary language of approximately 14% of all Head Start families was a language other than English. Ypsilanti Community Schools shows an increase of 4% from the previous program year.

There are organizations in Washtenaw County to help immigrants and their families learn English and access needed services. Jewish Family Services, located in Ypsilanti, for example, provides multiple services to families including:

- ◆ Naturalization application and citizenship education services to eligible legal permanent residents.
- ◆ An English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. At Jewish Family Services has served over 1,000 students from more than 40 countries. They offer classes for international adults who want to improve their English language skills.
- ◆ A Resettlement Program at Jewish Family Services assists refugees and their families with critical social services needed to ease their transition into a new way of living.
- ◆ There are also several organizations in the county that provide services to specific ethnic groups. La Casa Latina is a community center for Latinos living in Washtenaw County and provides general assistance and advocacy. There is also the Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR), an ever-expanding organization that works to aid recent immigrants and advocate for their rights.

The largest English Language Learner program in Washtenaw County however is Washtenaw Literacy, which in addition to assisting in literacy for individuals 16 and over, also focuses on providing tutoring and classes to adults in the area trying to learn English.

Since 2018 the WISD has hired an additional three bi-lingual staff members. All bi-lingual recruitment materials have been updated and recruitment plans have been revised to reach more non or limited English-speaking families.



## Focus Groups

As part of our efforts to understand the perceived strengths and needs of our community from the perspective of various stakeholders, Focus Groups were conducted in November and December of 2022. These groups brought together more than 85 individuals including parents with children enrolled in WISD-supported programs, WISD staff, sub-recipient staff, community partner staff and other community members, asking simple questions focused on gathering opinions on community needs. A summary of some of the information gathered from these Focus Groups is below. Overall, it was noted that although the county has many strengths, resources and community service organizations, there is a need for more in many ways- more coordination, more awareness about what is available and more options to access services.

<p><b>From the point of view of this group and its members, what are some prevalent community problems? And how accessible are existing resources to address problems?</b></p> <p><b>Most commonly cited:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inaccessibility of services (specifically transportation challenges in many areas of the county)</li> <li>• Lack of affordable housing</li> <li>• Lack of basic needs (including food)</li> <li>• Not enough preschool opportunities</li> <li>• Lack of other child care (specifically programs for 0-3 and school age care)</li> <li>• Lack of available mental health services</li> <li>• Lack of services available in multiple languages</li> <li>• Not enough support for refugee families</li> </ul> <p><b>Other issues raised:</b> Discrimination and segregation in the school systems, staffing at social service organizations, grandparents raising grandchildren, technology limitations</p>
<p><b>What suggestions do you have for improving services? And What additional resources are needed?</b></p> <p><b>Most commonly cited:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased communication between service providers</li> <li>• Increasing true family engagement</li> <li>• Exploring community factors affecting health</li> </ul> <p><b>Other issues raised:</b> Opportunities for entrepreneurship, equal availability to food</p>
<p><b>Thinking broadly about Washtenaw County, what community strengths or positive community attributes do you see?</b></p> <p><b>Most commonly cited:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to free food in the schools</li> <li>• Groups like this that bring people together to share</li> <li>• The funding of many community programs is good, just need to increase awareness and access</li> </ul> <p><b>Other strengths noted:</b> Barrier Busters, Hope Clinic, Food Gatherers, House N2 Home, Community Mental Health</p>

“ While resources may be there, families may be overwhelmed with day to day needs and not able to access them.

- FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANT

“ Washtenaw County has a lot of money/resources—we just need to help families learn about them and how to qualify for them.

- FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANT

“ How can we have more people helping people?

- FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANT



## Community Partner Focus

Aligned in their mission, vision and philosophy that all children and families should have the support they need to be healthy and successful in school and in life, the Washtenaw Success by 6 Great Start Collaborative is a long-standing and important partner in Washtenaw County.

Together, we collaborate to hold county wide School Readiness Family Workgroups, to bring high quality early childhood professional development to the community, to share information and resources, and to raise awareness in the community about issues affecting the lives of young children and their families.

The work of Washtenaw Success by 6 Great Start Collaborative is focused on four state directed outcomes:

- ◆ Children are born healthy
- ◆ Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade.
- ◆ Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at time of school entry.
- ◆ Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

To achieve these outcomes, Washtenaw Success by 6 Great Start Collaborative (SB6GSC) brings together parents/caregivers and professionals in healthcare, early education, childcare, and social services to support work in several areas.

As a collaborative, they lead work to gather data to address community issues, which when improved will ensure better access to early childhood programs and services for low-income families and families of color. An overarching goal is to address all projects with a focus on racial justice and equity to help all children thrive!

Also part of SB6GSC, Washtenaw Great Start Parent Coalition has a mission of engaging and empowering parents through education around early childhood development, community resources and advocacy opportunities on behalf of all families in Washtenaw County. Trusted Parent Advisors are parents in the community trained as community change champions, working to empower families so their young children and school aged children are successful in school and life. They work to reduce barriers for families by supporting their involvement in education and/or basic need programs and advocate directly with programs and systems to improve services for families. Parent Cafes are parent-led support groups for parents to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting. Cafes connect parents in a safe, nonjudgmental atmosphere and help parents feel less isolated in their parenting journey. The guided questions are based on the protective factors, which have proven to strengthen families. Parents and caregivers leave cafes feeling inspired to take care of each other while also taking care of their children.





List of Resources in Washtenaw County

Type of Service	Name of Organization	Location
Emergency and Crisis Services	Barrier Busters Action Network	Washtenaw County
	American Red Cross	Ypsilanti
Abuse and Neglect	Safe House	Ann Arbor
Adult Education	Washtenaw Literacy	Ypsilanti
	MSU Extension	Ann Arbor
Alcohol/Drug Abuse	Dawn Farm	Ann Arbor
	Home of New Vision	Ann Arbor
Counseling Services	Community Support and Treatment Services	Washtenaw County
	Ozone House	Ann Arbor
	Washtenaw County Mental Health	Washtenaw County
Disability Services	Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living	Ann Arbor
	Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy	Ann Arbor
Childcare Assistance	Child Care Network	Ann Arbor
Food and Nutrition	Food Gatherers	Ann Arbor
	Meals on Wheels	Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti
	WIC	Washtenaw County
	Project Grow	Ann Arbor
	Growing Hope	Ypsilanti
Employment and Job Training	Michigan Works!	Washtenaw County
Health Care	Washtenaw County Health Department	Ypsilanti
	Washtenaw Health Plan	Ypsilanti
	Washtenaw Health Initiative	Washtenaw County
	Corner Health Center	Ypsilanti
	The HOPE Clinic	Ypsilanti
Housing	Washtenaw Housing Alliance	Washtenaw County
	Shelter Association of Washtenaw County	Washtenaw County
	Habitat for Humanity	Ann Arbor
	Project Outreach	Washtenaw County
	Housing Access for Washtenaw County	Washtenaw County
Pregnancy Counseling	Family Life Services and Pregnancy Counseling Center	Ypsilanti
	Planned Parenthood	Ann Arbor
	Sienna's Women's Health	Ypsilanti
Rehabilitation Services	Michigan Rehabilitation Services	Ann Arbor
	Michigan Ability Partners	Ann Arbor
Migrant Services	Michigan Outreach Services	Washtenaw County
	Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition	Ann Arbor
	MIRC Michigan Immigrant Rights Center	Ypsilanti
General Services or Multiple Services	Catholic Social Services	Ann Arbor
	Casa Latina	Ann Arbor
	Aid in Milan	Milan
	Department of Human Services	Ypsilanti
	Faith in Action	Chelsea/Dexter
	Friends in Deed	Ypsilanti
	Jewish Family Services	Ypsilanti
	Manchester Community Resource Center	Manchester Area
	Northfield Human Services	Whitmore Lake Area
	Salvation Army	Washtenaw County
	POWER Inc.	Ypsilanti
	SOS Community Services	Ypsilanti
	The Womes's Center	Ann Arbor
Free Narcan Vending machine at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health	Ypsilanti	



# Enrollment Opportunities in Washtenaw County

For the 2021-2022 school year, WISD received 1,867 inquiries for enrollment in preschool through our website, washtenawpreschool.org.

WISD Early Childhood Preschool Enrollment Opportunities 2021-2022

District/Agency:	GSRP Enrollment	Head Start Enrollment	Blended Slots (included in Head Start Enrollment number)
Ann Arbor Public Schools Total	77	152	0
Chelsea School District	16	0	0
Dexter Community Schools	8	0	0
Lincoln Consolidated School District	112	15	0
Manchester Community Schools	18	0	0
Milan Area Schools	32	0	0
Saline Area Schools	16	0	0
Whitmore Lake Public Schools	18	15	0
Ypsilanti Community Schools Total	104	89	156
Central Academy	0	0	0
Global Technical Academy	48	0	0
Gretchens House	40	0	0
Dorothy's Discovery Day Care	36	0	0
EMU Children's Institute	18	0	0
Foundations Preschool of Washtenaw County	42	0	0
Bottles and Backpacks	16	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>156</b>



WISD Cumulative Early Childhood Preschool Enrollment 2016-2021

Program	2017/2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Head Start	216	181	188	169	167
Great Start	581	585	612	247	349
Head Start /Great Start Blend	297	282	260	273	291
Early Head Start	47	41	52	104	121
Early On	673	702	598	662	781
<b>Total</b>	<b>1814</b>	<b>1791</b>	<b>1710</b>	<b>1455</b>	<b>1709</b>

### Status of Child Care in Washtenaw County

Child Care Network (CCN) collaborates with the WISD to support the early childhood work in our community in myriad ways. As the Great Start to Quality Resource Center, CCN provides early childhood educators with access to resources that help improve quality of early care and education. In addition, CCN’s Family Support Program helps low to moderate income families and families experiencing homelessness or a life crises to get access to quality child care through child care scholarships. The organization provides the following data regarding the current state of child care services, beyond the federal and state-funded classrooms, in the county:

- ◆ There are 287 licensed programs in our county. In addition to early childhood, this includes programs that only serve school-aged children.
- ◆ Of those 287 programs, only 154 accept children beginning at 2-3 months of age
- ◆ Infant care is extremely difficult to come by and is often significantly more expensive than preschool aged care.
- ◆ As of September 2022 there are currently 81 Licensed Providers in Washtenaw county that are billing for CDC Subsidy.
- ◆ In the last year, CCN’s Family Support Program served 424 children in 293 families.
- ◆ Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, 28 homes have closed and 18 centers have closed.

“The number of families receiving assistance from the state in some capacity is not small, and these people also need quality care that is affordable and accessible to them. COVID has caused many child care providers to close their doors because they were not bringing in enough money to stay open, or they cannot hold onto teachers, and it has now left us in a situation where we cannot supply child care to all those who need it because there just isn’t enough.”



## Comparing Enrollment Opportunities to Need

The chart below illustrates the number of childcare facilities available to families with small children in the county and is broken down by zip code.

Child Care Facilities by Zip Code (As of 12/2/2022)

Zip Code	Centers	Homes	Total
48103	42	6	48
48104	30	3	33
48105	15	4	19
48106	0	0	0
48107	0	0	0
48108	9	2	11
48109	2	0	2
48113	0	0	0
48118	7	2	9
48130	8	3	11
48158	2	3	5
48175	1	0	1
48176	16	7	23
48189	6	3	9
48191	0	0	0
48197	23	27	50
48198	20	14	34
ALL	181	74	255

For the 2022-2023 program year Washtenaw Intermediate School District is funded to provide 427 Head Start and 66 Early Head Start eligible children with early education opportunities. The state-funded Great Start School Readiness (GSRP) program is funded for 1,459 slots which serves 757 full day children of which 156 are funded with state and federal funds and 20-part day children in the county. The WISD enrolled 942 children for the 2021-2022 program year. This number is a combination of Early Head Start, Head Start, GSRP and blended slots.

Based on the number of children living at or below poverty in Washtenaw County there is the potential to serve an additional (approximate) 1,090 preschoolers if funding were available to do so.





The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Early Childhood Program would like to thank our sponsors and partners for their participation in the creation of the 2022 Community Needs Assessment.

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