

HOMELESSNESS ON THE BALLOT

IN THE U.S., 30% OF THE POPULATION EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. NEARLY 1 IN 4 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS ARE OVER THE AGE OF 55.

Homelessness is a traumatic experience with potential long-term consequences affecting people's health, educational outcomes, and earning potential.

Elected officials have an important role to play in passing policies and funding programs that address homelessness.

WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS

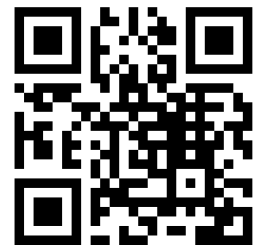
- In 2022, **32,589** people were identified as experiencing homelessness in Michigan, up 8% from 2021.
- During the 2020-21 school year, **26,867** pre-K-12 students in Michigan were identified as experiencing homelessness.
- Data from 2018-19 show **homeless high school youth** were 5x more likely to have attempted suicide, 4x more likely to currently misuse prescription pain medicine, 3x more likely to have been forced to have sex, and 11x more likely to have been or gotten someone pregnant than their housed peers.

ASK THE CANDIDATES

- What policies are you considering to address homelessness?
- What approach would you take with K-12 students experiencing homelessness, unaccompanied youth, and runaways?



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