



Coordinating Systems to End Veteran Homelessness in Rural Ohio

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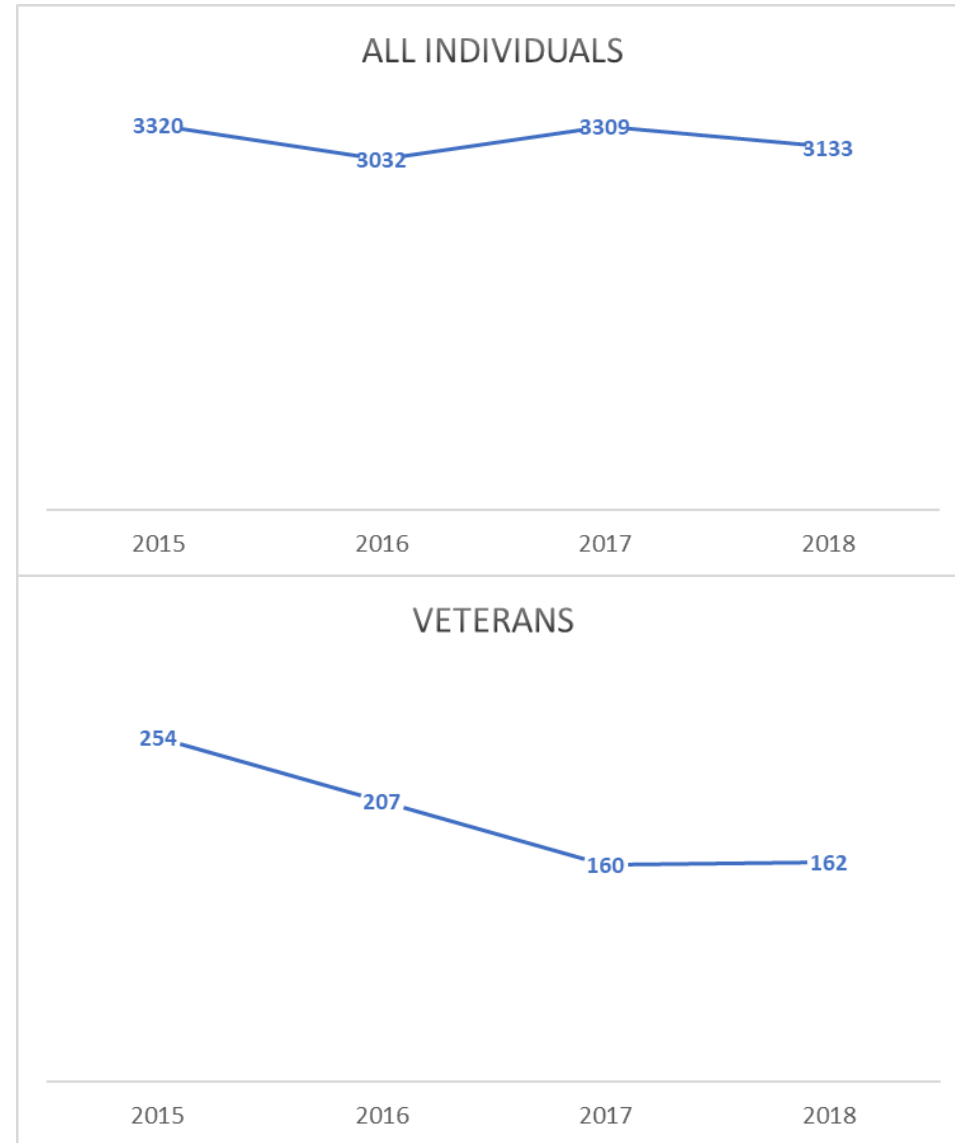
Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

- 80 out of the 88 Counties in Ohio
- Unshaded Counties contain Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton, etc. Each of these is its own CoC.
- “Balance” of State = nice way of saying “the rest of the state”
- BoS population: 6.2 million
- Non- BoS population: 5.4 million

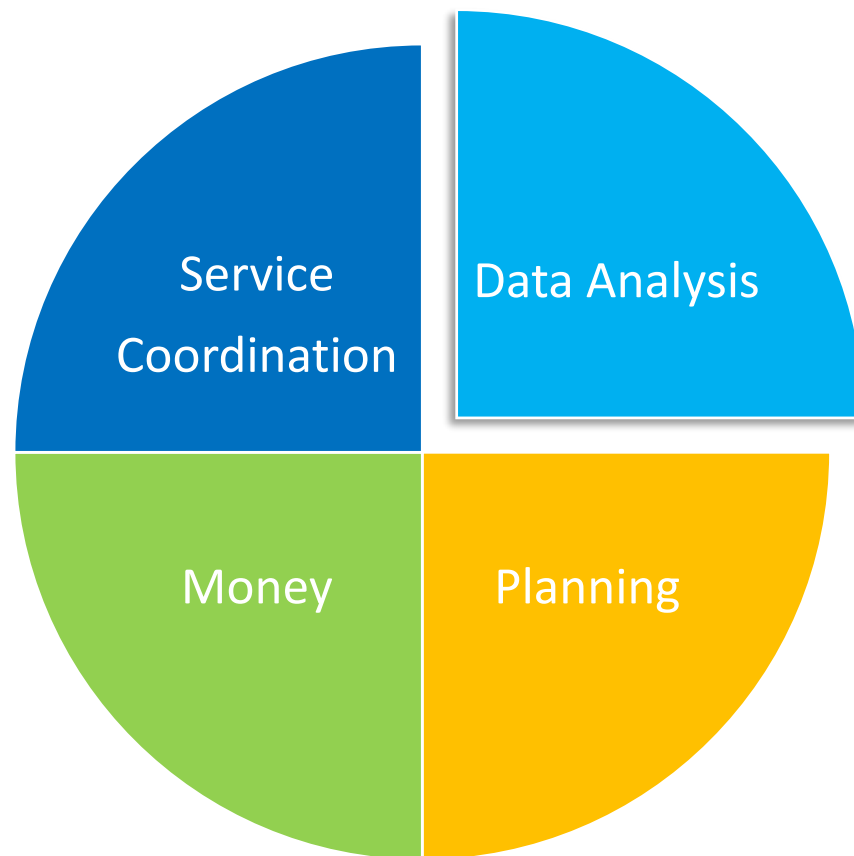


Ohio Balance of State Point in Time Counts

- We generally count about 3,200 homeless sheltered and unsheltered individuals on a night in January.
- Homeless definition differences
- Steep drop in veteran homelessness coincides with the implementation of our coordination efforts.



Ending Veteran Homelessness



Guidance from the US Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)

- [Criteria and Benchmarks for Achieving the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness](#)
- Main goal: to functionally end veteran homelessness (make homeless episodes rare and brief) in our CoC.
- Benchmarks:
 1. Chronic and long-term homelessness among Veterans has been ended
 2. Veterans have quick access to permanent housing
 3. The community has sufficient permanent housing capacity
 4. The community is committed to Housing First and provides service-intensive transitional housing to Veterans experiencing homelessness only in limited instances

Original Workflow (Google docs)



- No login or HMIS training required
- Quick implementation
- Flexible, easy to change process & data collection



- Double-entering client data
- Returning Veterans not handled accurately
- Dashboard required manual adjustments to the data
- It's Google.

Something Better (Move it all into HMIS)

- Easy setup
- Created an Unsheltered Provider so manual data entry into the Active List is not necessary
- Minimal extra steps, minimal training barriers
- Contingent on Veteran Active List report being coded, tested
- DEMO: Veteran Active List report

Other Coordination Efforts

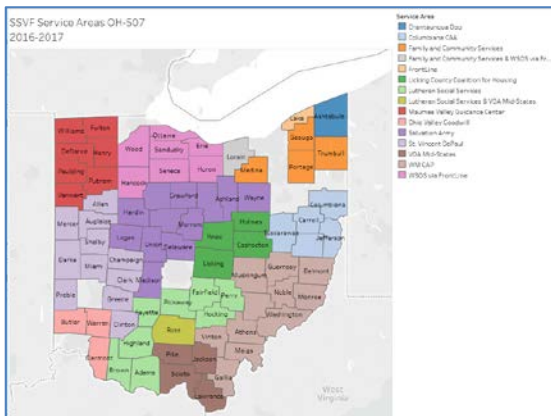
CoC-wide Prioritization report highlights Veterans so that they can be fast-tracked to Veteran resources and permanent housing.

Homeless and Potentially Eligible for PSH Right Now

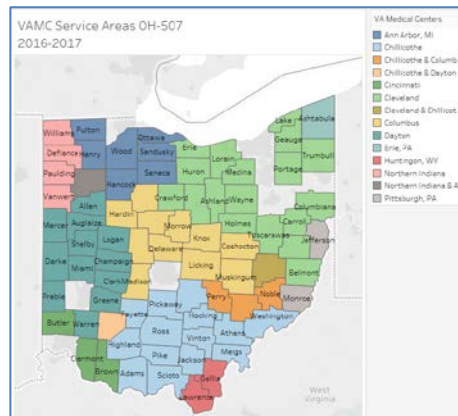
Client ID*	Provider	Entry	Days Homeless*	Fleeing DV	Zero Income	Chronicity	VI-SPDAT Score	Youth HoH SPDAT
56703	Licking - Salvation Army Licking County - ESap(188)	██████	███	No		Chronic		
146483	Unsheltered in County	██████	████	No	Yes	Chronic		
200545	Licking - Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries - GPD - TH - VET(749)	██████	███	No		Not Chronic		
206726	Licking - Licking County Coalition for Housing - LCCH - THap(251)	██████	███	No		Not Chronic		
213862	Licking - Licking County Coalition for Housing - LCCH - THap(251)	██████	████	No	Yes	Not Chronic		
208537	Unsheltered in Licking County	██████	███	No	Yes	Not Chronic	12	
212802	Unsheltered in Licking County	██████	███	No		Not Chronic	11	
207370	Licking - Licking County Coalition for Housing - LCCH - THap(251)	██████	████	No	Yes	Not Chronic	9	
210390	Unsheltered in Licking County	██████	███	No		Not Chronic	7	
59769	Licking - Salvation Army Licking County - ESap(188)	██████	███	No		Not Chronic	6	
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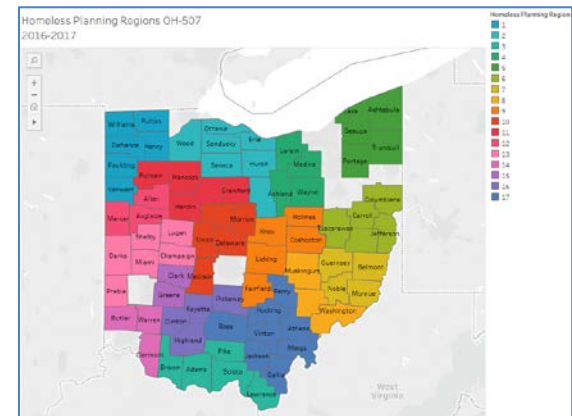
Our local VA office created a “Homeless Vet Local Coordination” list to collect information to help agencies that share a geography to coordinate.



SSVF Service Areas



VAMC Service Areas



Homeless Planning Regions

The Plateau

- 70 Veteran-dedicated Transitional Housing beds.
- Functionally ending Veteran homelessness <> zero homeless Veterans
- More coordination between VA and homeless services should help

Sources

- HUD Exchange, <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/gis-tools/>
- US Department of Veterans Affairs, https://va.gov/vetdata/Veteran_Population.asp
- United States Census, <https://census.gov>
- US Interagency Council on Homelessness, [Criteria and Benchmarks for Achieving the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness](#)
- Ohio Balance of State Veteran Active List Report, hmis@cohhio.org
- Genelle Denzin's professional blog: <https://reportingnotes.com>

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