



Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board

# Annual Homeless Assessment Report

# 2016

# Community Report

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The Annual Homeless Assessment Report, also known as AHAR, is an annual report to Congress regarding the current state of homelessness nationally. Continuums of Care (CoCs) across the country gather and submit data annually to participate in and inform the report. A continuum's participation in the AHAR affects federal funding applications. Toledo Lucas County CoC's participation in the 2015 AHAR was included in the 2016 Application for CoC funding.

## **Annual Homeless Assessment Report Essentials**

### ***AHAR Structure***

The AHAR is structured by housing type and by household type. Data is broken into three housing types: Emergency Shelter (ES), Transitional Housing (TH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).<sup>1</sup> Each housing type data is broken further into Family (FAM) and Individual (IND) data.

The report data is then broken into two sections: All Individuals and Veterans' Only.

In total, twelve (12) categories are reported: ES-FAM, ES-IND, TH-FAM, TH-IND, PSH-FAM, PSH-IND; and for veterans: ES-FAM-VET, ES-IND-VET, TH-FAM-VET, TH-IND-VET, PSH-FAM-VET, PSH-IND-VET. There are also summaries for all persons, SUM-ALL, and for veterans' only, SUM-VET, sections.

### ***AHAR Contents***

Toledo Lucas County Continuum of Care relies on the Toledo Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (Bowman's ServicePoint) to compile and export data for the AHAR. HMIS aggregates data regarding clients, household type, beds and bed usage during the AHAR reporting period. Aggregated and de-identified client demographics are uploaded (including but not limited to gender, race and ethnicity). HMIS classifies each household as either FAM or IND groups. Once uploaded to HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HUDHDX), data is compared to Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data from the same year.

## **HMIS Data Entry, Review & Reporting Procedure**

Participating HMIS service providers enter data into Toledo HMIS. Monthly data quality reports help the providers ensure that the entered data is complete and valid. The HMIS Administrator reviews the AHAR report data from HMIS and either makes or consults with providers to help correct the data. The AHAR data is then exported and uploaded to HUD Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) website. HUD assigns an AHAR representative to each CoC,

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<sup>1</sup> Rapid ReHousing data is not included in the AHAR.

and s/he reviews the data for internal consistency (validity). Once the data consistency is confirmed by the representative, the data is submitted officially. HUD conducts an extended review of the data until it determines that the data can be used in that year's AHAR.

## **The 2016 AHAR Dates**

HUD required that all AHAR data be submitted in HDX by (the extended deadline) of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The report included data from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Bed usage data from four point in time dates (October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016) were compared to Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data from the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 count.

## **2016 Report Status**

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, HUD determined that eight of twelve categories of Toledo Lucas County Continuum data were usable in the 2016 AHAR to Congress.

## **2016 Data**

Records of the Toledo Lucas County CoC AHAR submitted data is available on the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board's website.<sup>2</sup>

## **Historical Usability**

The chart below (fig 1) shows the historical usability of Toledo Lucas County Continuum data within the AHAR for years 2008–2016. Usable (green) means that the data was used in that year's AHAR, while unusable (red) means the data was not used. Not measured (grey) indicates that the category was not measured in the AHAR in the year noted.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://endinghomelessness Toledo.org/thmis/reports>

FIGURE 1: HISTORY OF AHAR CATEGORY USABILITY, 2008 TO 2016

2016		
Included Category	Usability	
ALL ES-FAM	Useable	
ALL ES-IND	Not Useable	
ALL TH-FAM	Not Useable	
ALL TH-IND	Useable	
ALL PSH-FAM	Useable	
ALL PSH-IND	Useable	
ALL Summary	Not Useable	
VET ES-FAM	Useable	
VET ES-IND	Not Useable	
VET TH-FAM	Not Useable	
VET TH-IND	Useable	
VET PSH-FAM	Useable	
VET PSH-IND	Useable	
VET Summary	Not Useable	

  

2015			2014			2013			2012		
Included Category	Usability		Included Category	Usability		Included Category	Usability		Included Category	Usability	
ALL ES-FAM	Useable		ALL ES-FAM	Useable		ALL ES-FAM	Useable		ALL ES-FAM	Useable	
ALL ES-IND	Not Useable		ALL ES-IND	Not Useable		ALL ES-IND	Not Useable		ALL ES-IND	Not Useable	
ALL TH-FAM	Useable		ALL TH-FAM	Not Useable		ALL TH-FAM	Useable		ALL TH-FAM	Not Useable	
ALL TH-IND	Useable		ALL TH-IND	Useable		ALL TH-IND	Useable		ALL TH-IND	Not Useable	
ALL PSH-FAM	Useable		ALL PSH-FAM	Useable		ALL PSH-FAM	Useable		ALL PSH-FAM	Not Useable	
ALL PSH-IND	Useable		ALL PSH-IND	Useable		ALL PSH-IND	Useable		ALL PSH-IND	Useable	
ALL Summary	Not Useable		ALL Summary	Not Useable		ALL Summary	Not Useable		ALL Summary	Not Useable	
VET ES-FAM	Useable		VET ES-FAM	Useable		VET ES-FAM	Useable		VET ES-FAM	Useable	
VET ES-IND	Not Useable		VET ES-IND	Not Useable		VET ES-IND	Not Useable		VET ES-IND	Not Useable	
VET TH-FAM	Useable		VET TH-FAM	Not Useable		VET TH-FAM	Useable		VET TH-FAM	Useable	
VET TH-IND	Useable		VET TH-IND	Useable		VET TH-IND	Useable		VET TH-IND	Useable	
VET PSH-FAM	Useable		VET PSH-FAM	Useable		VET PSH-FAM	Useable		VET PSH-FAM	Useable	
VET PSH-IND	Useable		VET PSH-IND	Useable		VET PSH-IND	Useable		VET PSH-IND	Useable	
VET Summary	Not Useable		VET Summary	Not Useable		VET Summary	Not Useable		VET Summary	Not Useable	

  

2011			2010			2009			2008		
Included Category	Usability		Included Category	Usability		Included Category	Usability		Included Category	Usability	
ALL ES-FAM	Useable		ALL ES-FAM	Useable		ALL ES-FAM	Useable		ALL ES-FAM	Not Useable	
ALL ES-IND	Not Useable		ALL ES-IND	Useable		ALL ES-IND	Useable		ALL ES-IND	Not Useable	
ALL TH-FAM	Useable		ALL TH-FAM	Useable		ALL TH-FAM	Useable		ALL TH-FAM	Useable	
ALL TH-IND	Useable		ALL TH-IND	Useable		ALL TH-IND	Useable		ALL TH-IND	Not Useable	
ALL PSH-FAM	Useable		ALL PSH-FAM	Useable		ALL PSH-FAM	Not Measured		ALL PSH-FAM	Not Measured	
ALL PSH-IND	Useable		ALL PSH-IND	Useable		ALL PSH-IND	Not Measured		ALL PSH-IND	Not Measured	
ALL Summary	Useable		ALL Summary	Not Useable		ALL Summary	Useable		ALL Summary	Useable	
VET ES-FAM	Not Useable		VET ES-FAM	Useable		VET ES-FAM	Useable		VET ES-FAM	Not Measured	
VET ES-IND	Not Useable		VET ES-IND	Useable		VET ES-IND	Useable		VET ES-IND	Not Measured	
VET TH-FAM	Not Useable		VET TH-FAM	Useable		VET TH-FAM	Useable		VET TH-FAM	Not Measured	
VET TH-IND	Not Useable		VET TH-IND	Useable		VET TH-IND	Useable		VET TH-IND	Not Measured	
VET PSH-FAM	Not Useable		VET PSH-FAM	Useable		VET PSH-FAM	Not Measured		VET PSH-FAM	Not Measured	
VET PSH-IND	Not Useable		VET PSH-IND	Useable		VET PSH-IND	Not Measured		VET PSH-IND	Not Measured	
VET Summary	Not Useable		VET Summary	Not Useable		VET Summary	Useable		VET Summary	Not Measured	

FIGURE 1: HISTORY OF AHAR CATEGORY USABILITY, 2008 TO 2016

## **Conclusion**

The Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board would like to thank all providers for their continued support and participation in data collection and, specifically, the Annual Homeless Assessment Report.