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Morgan County Residents Continue to Struggle in 2011

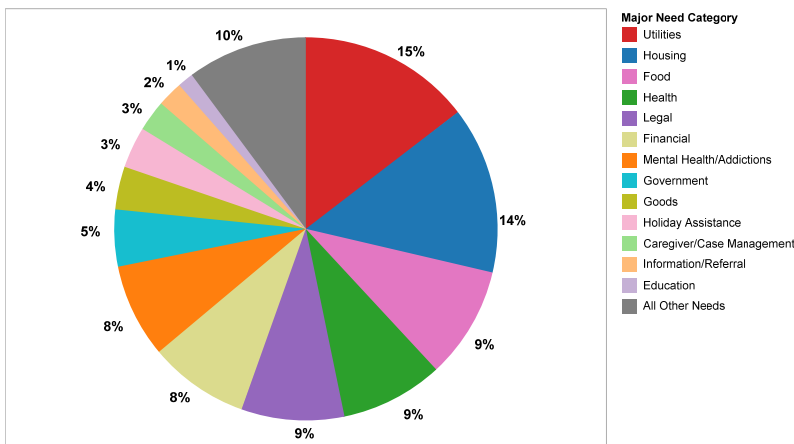
The economy is slowly starting to turn around. The latest unemployment rate for Morgan County (November 2011, STATS Indiana) was 8.5%, an improvement over the rate of 8.8% at the same time last year. However, thousands of people in Morgan County are still struggling financially.

Morgan County	
County Population (2010, US Census Bureau)	68,894
# calls to 211 in 2011	1,992
% of population calling 211 (assuming unduplicated calls)	2.9%
County Poverty Rate (2009, US Census Bureau)	10.2%
Indiana Poverty Rate (2009, US Census Bureau)	14.4%

In 2011, nearly 2,000 Morgan County residents called 211 for help. This represents 2.9% of the population (assuming unduplicated calls). Adding in the additional 1,000 searches on Connect2Help's online resource database for Morgan County resources in 2011 (again, assuming unduplicated counts) brings this percentage to 4%.

However, Census Bureau data show that 10.2% of the county residents are living in poverty. Connect2Help (C2H) would like to bridge this gap by creating more awareness of how people can find resources to meet their needs by calling 211 or searching our online database (www.connect2help.org). C2H currently maintains detailed information on over 600 agencies that provide more than 1,100 human services programs that serve Morgan County residents; nearly 80 of these agencies are physically located in Morgan County.

Morgan County 2011 Needs By Major Category

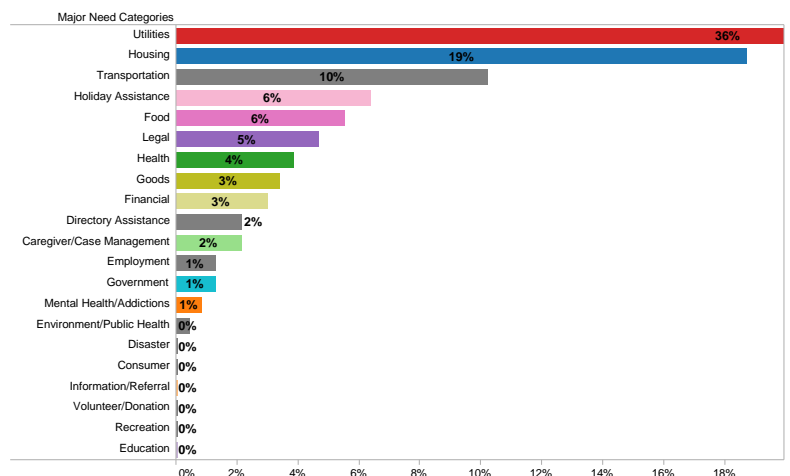


- In 2011, Morgan County callers reported over 2,800 needs and received nearly 3,600 referrals to community resources.
- Almost than one-third of the needs (29%) were for utility assistance or housing. Calls for housing increased by 4% compared to 2010; utilities calls decreased by 2%.
- Food requests, which accounted for 9% of reported needs, jumped 28% compared to 2010.
- Eight percent (8%) of Morgan County needs were recorded as "unmet." More than half of the unmet needs (55%) were for utilities and housing resources.

C2H tracks underlying situations that played a role in motivating callers to ask for help. Below are the top 5 for Morgan County residents.

Underlying Situations Morgan County 211 Callers	
Illness/Disability	22%
Unemployed/Laid-Off	20%
Homeless/Doubled-Up	9%
Reduction in hours/income	6%
Uninsured/underinsured	6%

Morgan County 2011 Unmet Needs by Category



For assistance or more information about human services needs in Morgan County, dial 2-1-1 or (317) 926-4357.



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