

## Health Ranking is another Indicator that Poverty Exists in Morgan County

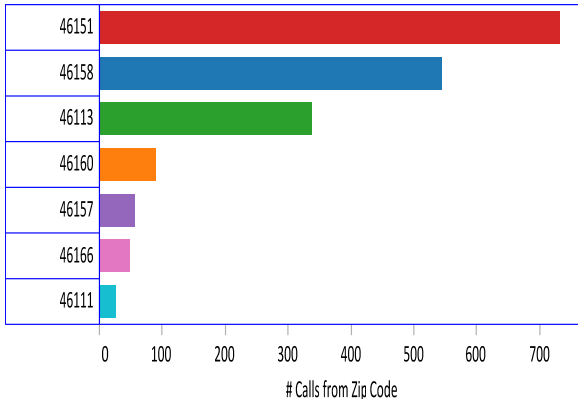
Morgan County ranks 42<sup>nd</sup> out of 92 Indiana counties, according to the most recently released data (April 2012) from the **County Health Rankings and Roadmaps** project ([www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org)). The project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, ranks nearly every county in the nation on a vast array of health, economic, demographic and social factors to create a composite health ranking for each county.

Median household income factors into Morgan County's ranking just above the average of Indiana counties; its 2010 median income of \$53,738 (US Census Bureau) is 12<sup>th</sup> in the state. (Indiana's 2010 median income is \$44,616). Despite the fact that the majority of its residents are not faced with it on a daily basis, **poverty still exists in the county**. Poverty thresholds are determined by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and vary based on the number of people in the

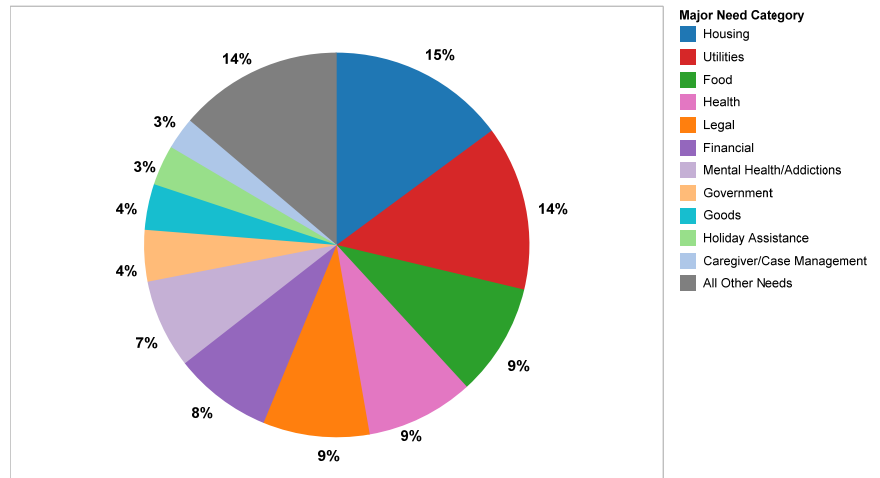
Morgan County	Indiana
County Population (2010, US Census Bureau)	68,894
2012 County Health Ranking (out of 92 Indiana counties)	6,483,802
County Poverty Rate (2010, US Census Bureau)	42
Avg. # Monthly Food Stamps Recipients (2011, FSSA)	11.9%
Free/Reduced Lunch Recipients (2011 Kids Count Data)	15.3%
Number Uninsured (2012 County Health Ranking)	9,274
	884,135
	489,137
	8,718
	882,602

household. The threshold for a single person is \$11,491; the threshold for a typical family of 4 is \$23,018. According to 2010 US Census Bureau data, **11.9% of Morgan County residents are poor**; this percentage represents **nearly than 8,200 people, more than 3,100 of whom are children**. (The poverty rate for children under 18 is 18.1%, compared to a state rate of 21.6%).

### Morgan County Calls By Zip Codes April 2011 - March 2012



### Morgan County Needs By Category April 2011 - March 2012



- Connect2Help 2-1-1 (C2H) receives calls for help from Morgan County residents on a daily basis. During the last 12 months, April 2011-March 2012, C2H connected more than 2,000 callers with nearly 3,700 community resources to help them meet their needs.
- **The majority (77%) of the callers** lived in 3 **Morgan County cities**: Martinsville (46151 - 35%), Mooresville (46158 - 26%) and Camby (46113 - 16%).
- Morgan County callers' **top 3 needs**, which accounted for 38% of all requests, were **Housing, Utilities and Food**. Within the Housing category, the top 3 needs were shelter, rent assistance and low-cost housing. The top Utilities needs included electric, gas and water bill assistance. Finally, the top Food needs included food pantries, food vouchers and home-delivered meals.
- **Eight percent (8%)** of Morgan County callers' needs were recorded as **"unmet."** The top **unmet** needs were nearly the same as the **presenting** needs of Morgan County callers: Utilities (31%), Housing (22%) and Transportation (8%). The top unmet Utilities needs were electric, gas and water bill assistance; top unmet Housing needs included shelter and rent assistance; and top unmet Transportation needs were transportation expense assistance, transportation for endangered people and medical transportation.

**While the general "health" of Morgan County is slightly better than average, thousands of residents are still struggling for survival.**

**To find help or to volunteer to help Morgan County residents, dial 2-1-1.**



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