



Employment Remains Top Concern for Hoosiers

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A recent survey¹ conducted by WISH-TV and Ball State University found that 70% of Hoosiers place job creation as a number one priority. Recent announcements in the news² of major employers like Carrier in Indianapolis and United Technologies Electronics Controls in Huntington moving their operations out of Indiana have many Hoosiers concerned about their own financial security and the economic opportunities for their children.

Jenny*, a 32 year old single mother of 3, called Connect2Help211 needing help getting a bed for her oldest child. Jenny works many seasonal and temp jobs through various staffing agencies, but the pay is low and it's difficult to make ends meet. After finding a resource for the bed, the Specialist discussed employment options with Jenny. She connected Jenny with WorkOne for a skills assessment, job training and potential job placement options.



*Name changed to protect confidentiality

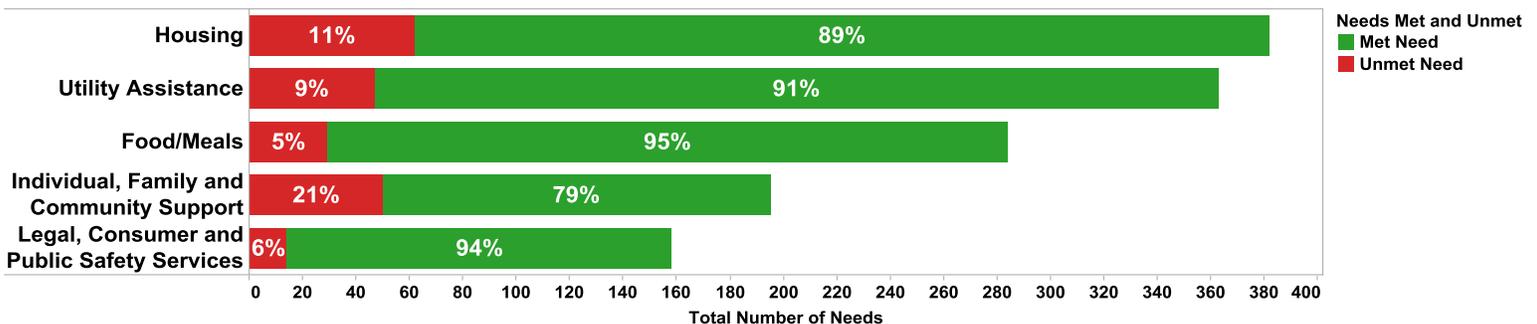
Five Largest Employers in Morgan County³

1. Nice-Pak Products Inc
2. TOA LLC
3. IU Health Morgan Hospital
4. Walmart
5. BRI Staffing

Between April 1st, 2015—March 31st, 2016

- 1,560 Morgan County residents dialed 2-1-1
- 1,202 residents searched for resources online at www.Connect2Help211.org
- Clients reported 3,556 needs
- 12% of callers' needs were marked as unmet
- Connect2Help211 made 4,027 referrals to community resources from its database of 4,238 resources that will serve Morgan County residents
- 26% of callers reported being unemployed, laid-off, or on reduced hours

Top Five Needs in Morgan County



The *sheer volume* of available information can be overwhelming for someone who needs help. **2-1-1 cuts through the confusion** by assessing a caller's situation, identifying resources, and determining if the caller is eligible BEFORE making the referral. This creates **two positive outcomes**: *the caller is connected with the correct resource AND agencies only spend staff time fielding calls from people who are eligible for their services.*

For more information—

dial **2-1-1** or visit www.Connect2Help211.org

Available 24/7/365



¹<http://bowencenterforpublicaffairs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/HoosierSurvey2015FinalReport.pdf> ²<http://www.wthr.com/story/31202246> ³<http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>

