

# Connect2Help™

## Beyond the Surface: Poverty Exists in Morgan County

### POPULATION

Morgan County's population has **grown by 4%**, from 66,689 in 2000 to 69,464 in 2011.

Source: US Census Bureau; Indiana Business Research Center



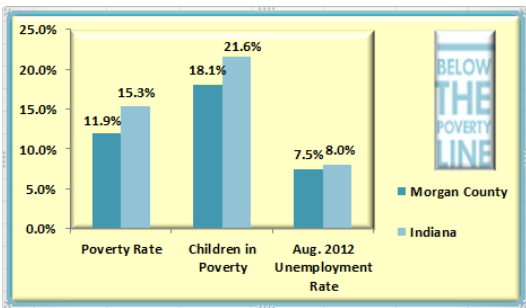
Morgan County Median Income:  
\$53,738

\$35,976

\$82,054

Ranked **12<sup>th</sup>** in the state, Morgan County residents' median income was almost \$54,000. (Indiana's median income was \$44,616.)

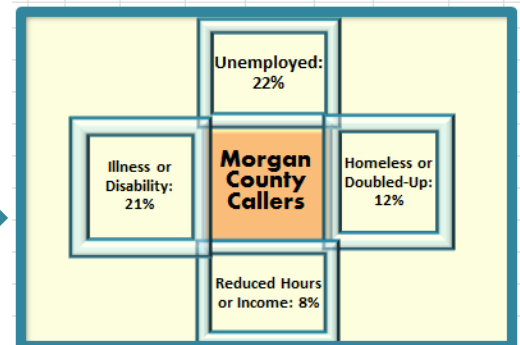
Source: STATS Indiana



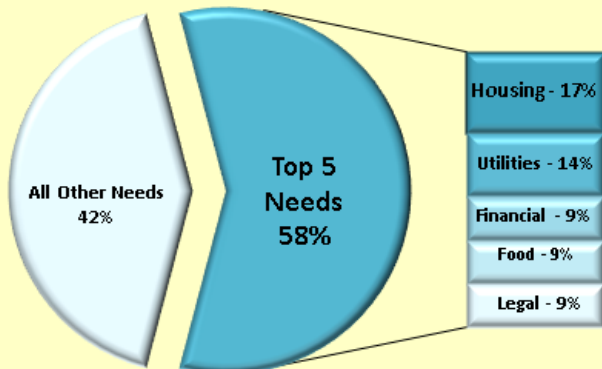
Despite the high ranking, **nearly 8,300 Morgan County residents lived below the federal poverty threshold** (\$23,018 for a family of 4, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce). And, while the county's August 2012 unemployment rate was below the state average, **almost 3,200 Morgan County residents were out of work.**

Source: STATS Indiana

A lack of sufficient income creates hardship in the household. From October 2011-September 2012, nearly **2,300 Morgan County residents called Connect2Help 2-1-1 for help with more than 3,200 needs.** In addition to unemployment, residents **faced other barriers** such as illness or disability, homelessness or reduced hours/pay at work. Help with **basic needs dominated** Morgan County callers' requests.

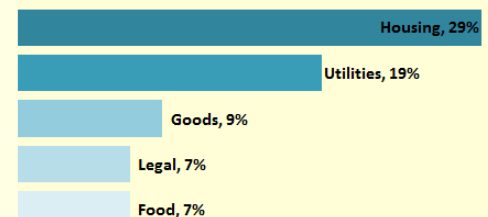


### Morgan County Major Needs



But, not all needs could be met with existing resources; **8% of Morgan County callers' needs were "unmet."** The **top 5 unmet needs accounted for 71% of ALL unmet needs.**

### Morgan County Top 5 Unmet Needs



If you **need help** or would like to **give help** to Morgan County residents, call **2-1-1** or visit [www.Connect2Help.org](http://www.Connect2Help.org).

