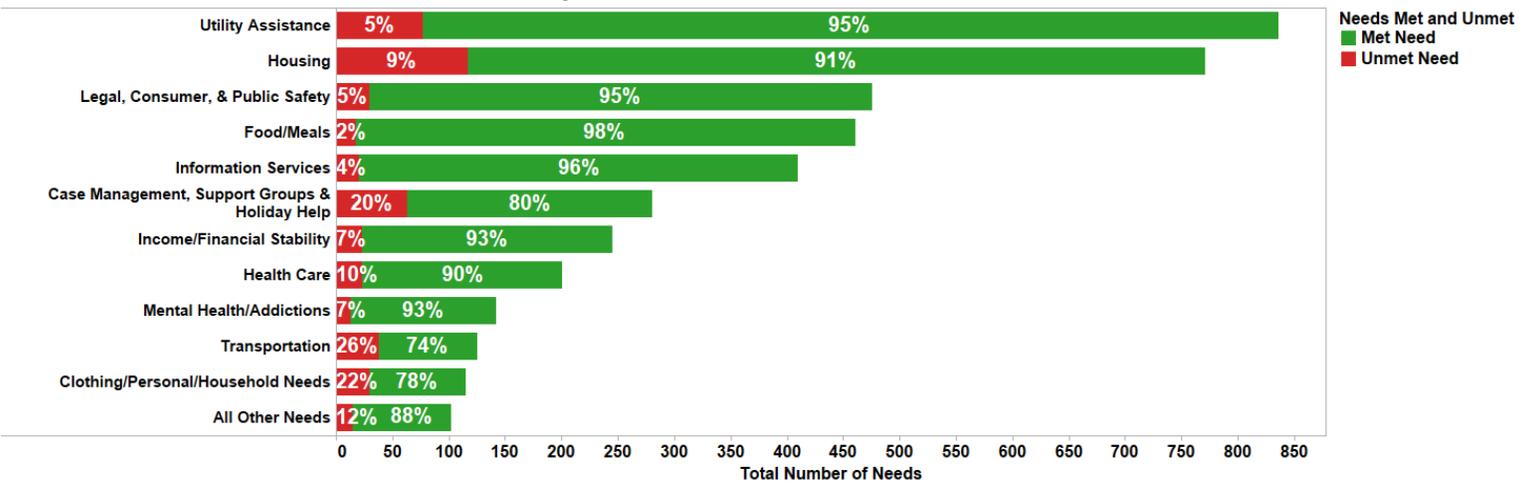




November is **National Veterans and Military Families Month**, a time to remember, celebrate, and thank the men and women who defend our way of life. Once they come home though, too many of our veterans struggle. Some are unable find jobs, pay bills, or keep the heat on. Others have difficulty readjusting to civilian life and need mental health support or addiction treatment. There is a vast tangle of social service programs available which can be daunting and confusing to someone already in an overwhelming situation. Connect2Help211's mission is to cut through that and connect people with the resources that can get them the help that they need.

Between November 1st, 2016 and October 31st, 2017, Connect2Help211 answered 2,042 requests for help from Hoosier Veterans. This number includes eight vets who contacted Connect2Help211 via the Suicide Prevention Hotline. It is impossible to identify how many veterans used our website (www.connect2help.org) to find help, but we can report over 800 searches for veteran related assistance. The graph below shows the needs, both met and unmet, documented in our veterans' calls.

Connect2Help211 Veteran Callers' Needs



Our Specialists offered 6,165 referrals to veterans for assistance with these needs. Some of these agencies specialize in helping veterans while others are local programs that serve those who live within their communities. The Indiana 211 Database contains over 23,000 programs that offer help, from hot meals to crisis intervention and everything in-between.



Many veterans face barriers to getting the help they need. Below are the most common underlying situations for the veterans who dialed 2-1-1:

Chronic Illness or Disability—40%

Unemployed or on reduced hours—24%

Homelessness—9%

Need More Info?

Want to volunteer to help veterans in need?

Have a family member/friend who needs help?

Want to find your legislators' contact info and advocate for veterans' issues?

We can help!