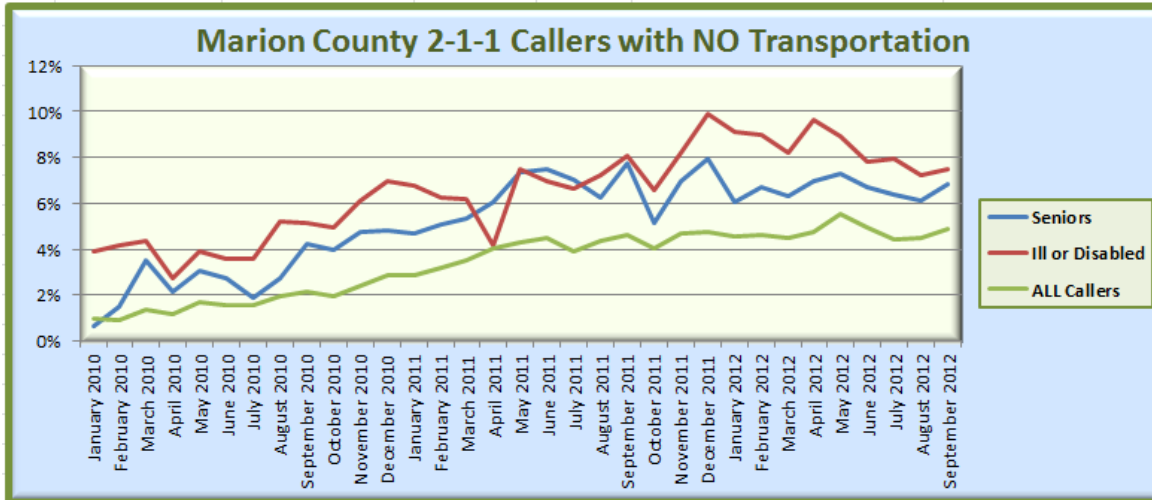


Connect2Help™

Double-Whammy: In Need and No Transportation to Reach Help



Each year, more than **100,000 Marion County residents call Connect2Help 2-1-1** for help to meet basic needs, such as feeding their families, providing a safe place to live and heating their homes. Each year, **thousands** of these residents learn about community resources, but can't access them because they **lack another basic resource: transportation.**



Walking might seem to be an obvious solution, but often a resource is miles away. Many times, resources are only open for a short period of time; this is often the case with food pantries. **Seniors and persons who are ill or disabled** often have mobility issues which will not allow them to walk.

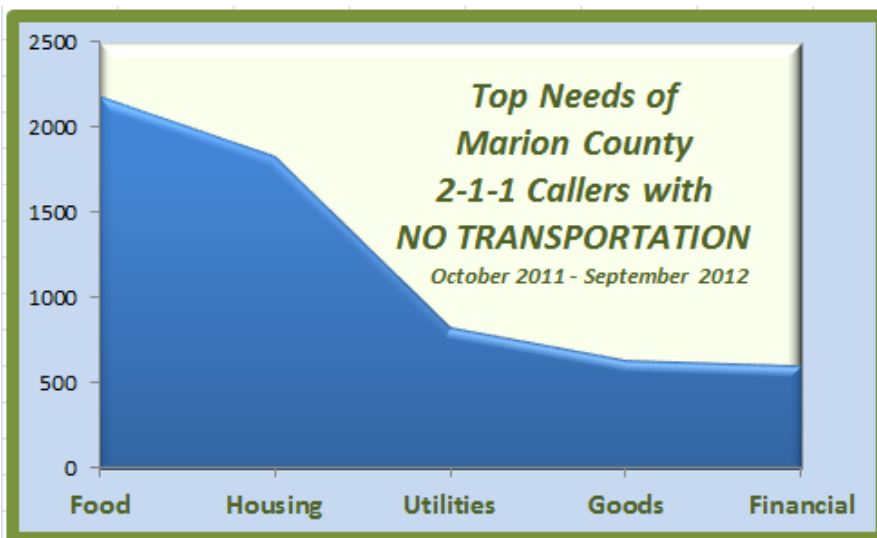


Taxi rides are sometimes available for Medicaid recipients, but almost exclusively for medical appointments.

Senior centers often provide rides to medical appointments or group outings to the grocery store or other errands. However, this kind of transportation must be scheduled in advance. Trips to the trustee or community center for emergency help paying rent or utilities are not available.



Bus passes are a rare commodity, offered by only a few resources in the community, and usually only for rides to and from work, not for transportation to a food pantry or shelter.



For most Marion County residents who need help meeting a basic need such as food, housing or utility assistance, **there simply is no formal community resource for transportation** to the service provider. Residents most often must rely on family or friends, who may or may not be able to help.

To find out more about Marion County needs and resources, dial **2-1-1** or visit www.Connect2Help.org.