

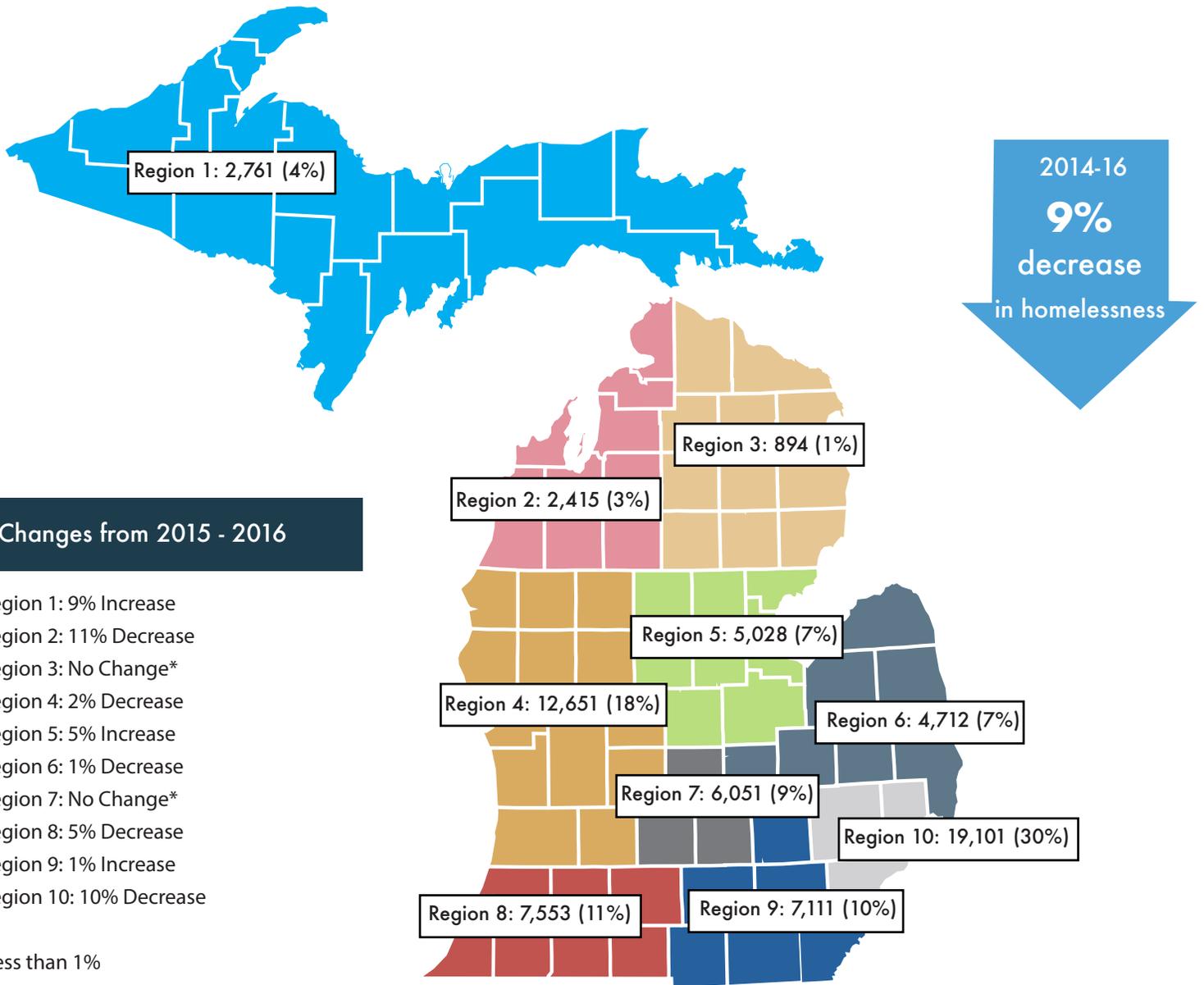
# EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MICHIGAN

## SUMMARY OF THE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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### Regional Numbers of the Total Literal Homeless Population Count in Michigan

There were **66,483** literally homeless persons in Michigan in 2016. Literally homeless is defined as an individual or family whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or is living in a shelter; on the streets; or is exiting an institution where she/he has resided for less than 90 days.



Please note: the sum of the literally homeless individuals by region is greater than the total projected count due to the fact that some individuals presented as homeless in more than one region at different points in time during the year

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### 2016: Key facts about homelessness in Michigan

Michigan homeless service agencies provided care to a total of 57,028 people based on data from the Michigan Homeless Management Information System. The care included prevention services, sheltering and permanent housing placements.

- **22,211 people secured permanent housing after transitioning from living on the streets or in shelters**
- **The majority of the homeless population had health insurance, with Medicaid being the primary source**
  - 85% of the total homeless population were covered by health insurance
- **Families with children made up nearly half of the homeless population**
  - 24,766 people (43%) were families that included at least one child
- **Homelessness disproportionately affected African Americans**
  - 53% of the homeless population were African American yet African Americans are only 14% of Michigan's total population
- **70% of the single homeless adults reported having a mental health condition**
- **The number of homeless seniors (aged 55+) increased 9% from 7,207 in 2014 to 7,919 in 2016**
  - 73% had a long term disability
  - 84% were between the ages of 55 to 64
- **Between 2014-2016 there was a 16% decrease in the number of homeless veterans**
- **According to the Michigan Department of Education, there was a 4% decrease in the number of homeless children/youth enrolled in public school between the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years**