

# LIVINGSTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY

## Health and Human Service Needs FACT SHEET

### Housing in Livingston County October 2020



Livingston County  
Homeless Continuum of Care Committee

#### LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION . . .

#### The State of Housing in Livingston County

Single family homes make up the vast majority of County housing units, however only <b>36%</b> of households are families with children. Liv Co Master Plan 2018	Only about <b>10%</b> of housing units across United States have basic “accessible” features such as single floor, wide halls and doorways, zero-step entrances, etc. 2011 HUD American Housing Survey
By 2045 in Livingston County, expect a <b>178% increase in population age 65+.</b> Liv Co Master Plan 2018	<i>Important Trend:</i> Steady rise in singles living alone; delaying marriage, family, and home purchase.
47% of renters and 26% of homeowners are “housing burdened,” <b>paying more than 30% of household income for housing.</b> 2020 Housing Stock Survey	Many of today’s in-demand jobs do not pay enough to afford housing, and it is getting worse . . . <b>Raising rents vs. stagnate wages.</b>
<i>Young families</i> and <i>seniors</i> are drawn to vibrant communities and neighborhoods, with lots of amenities and walkability.	87% of adults over the age of 65 would <b>prefer to stay in their houses and community as they age.</b> Liv Co Master Plan 2018

#### Housing impacts the whole community . . .



employers’ ability to attract and retain employees



stability and quality of neighborhoods



safety, security, accessibility & well-being of rapidly-growing senior population



parents ability to care for their children



positive health outcomes



children’s success in school



**These issues last for generations!**

**The future of Livingston County lies in its ability to provide a broader array of housing options to meet the changing needs of its residents and attract younger generations.**

## Why is this issue important to Livingston County?

HUD's definition of affordable housing, is 'housing accommodations in which a household pays no more than 30% of their household income for housing expenses' [includes utilities and taxes if applicable]. Based on the 2020 Housing Stock Survey, this table shows the median monthly owner costs are affordable to 46,894 or 81.5% of owner households and the median gross rent is affordable to 4,800 or only 48.6% of renter households.

In our community:	
<b>70,831</b>	Housing units in Livingston County
<b>85%</b>	Owner-occupied
<b>\$1,263</b>	Monthly owner costs with mortgage (median)
<b>\$85,532</b>	Median owner income
<b>\$966</b>	Median gross rent
<b>\$41,971</b>	Median renter income

## What programs & services exist?

The Livingston County Homeless Continuum of Care Committee (HCCC) was established to address housing, which has been prioritized as one of the top community needs by consumers and members of the Human Services Collaborative Body. The housing continuum includes prevention programs, emergency shelter services, transitional, supportive and affordable housing.

The Homeless Continuum of Care is a federally mandated body that is responsible for planning and coordinating services for homeless and those at risk for homelessness. The Workgroup Goal is to develop and coordinate a continuum of housing and services for homeless individuals and families and those at-risk of homelessness in Livingston County.

<b>Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency</b>	Emergency support for housing, nutrition, and utility assistance, as well as, housing counseling services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Shelter 517-546-8500 ext. 4113</li> <li>• Rental Assistance 517-546-8500 ext. 4113</li> <li>• Emergency Utilities 517-292-2969 or <a href="http://www.olhsa.cascheduler.com">www.olhsa.cascheduler.com</a></li> <li>• Emergency Nutrition 517-404-6020</li> <li>• Housing Counseling 517-546-8500 or <a href="mailto:housingcounseling@olhsa.org">housingcounseling@olhsa.org</a></li> <li>• Supportive Services for Veterans 517-599-6954</li> </ul>
<b>The Salvation Army</b>	Rent, utilities, emergency shelter and/or food support 517-546-4750
<b>Love, INC</b>	Call and leave a message 517-552-3620
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	The four St. Vincent de Paul conferences are providing assistance: shelter, rent, utilities, food, transportation, medical, etc. Call the conferences, leave their name and phone number, and describe the assistance they are requesting and a volunteer will return their call. <b>St. Augustine</b> 810-220-9741, <b>St. Joseph</b> 517-404-1984, <b>Holy Spirit</b> 810-231-9199x235, and <b>St. Patrick</b> 810-229-9863

## What can the community do to help?

**Partnership** – Success of the HCCC depends on the ongoing commitment of Livingston County organizations, officials, local government and residents toward a **county-wide solution for homelessness**.

**Landlord Engagement** is another critical piece to efficiently house people experiencing homelessness. If you are a landlord or you know one, please encourage participation with the HCCC!

For more information on the Homeless Continuum of Care workgroup check out their website:

<https://www.livgov.com/hscb/Pages/homeless.aspx>