MISUNDERSTOOD:

An Analysis of the Homeless Population in Maryland and their Information Needs

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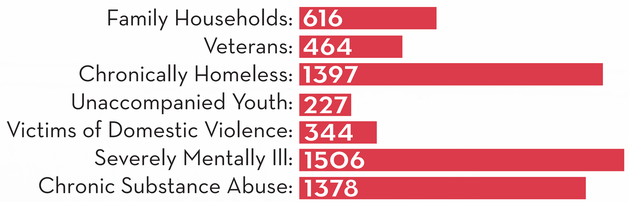
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

about the Homeless in Maryland



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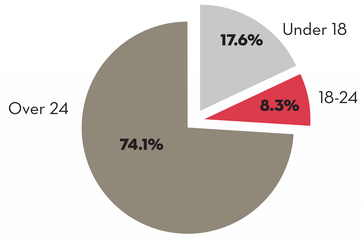

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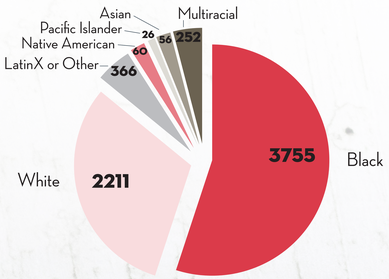

GENDER

Male: **3753**
Female: **2568**
Transgender: **31**

NUMBER of Homeless 2020

Nationwide : **580,466**
Maryland : **6,360**
Baltimore City : **2,193**

INFORMATION NEEDS

of the Homeless

- Affordable Housing
- Relationships with others
- Childcare
- Finances
- Health Information
  - Medical
  - Mental Health
  - Substance Use Disorders
- Healthcare
- Employment
- Education
- Transportation
- Public Assistance
  - Medicaid
  - Welfare
  - Social Security Benefits
- Legal Assistance
  - Housing Law
  - Record Expungement
- Domestic Violence

BARRIERS

to Information

- Attitudes & Bias of Information Professionals
- Lack of Access
- Lack of Technology
- Lack of Transportation
- Finances & Library Fines

FACT: **FULL-TIME WORK AT MINIMUM WAGE NO LONGER COVERS THE COST OF HOUSING IN THE UNITED STATES.**

FACT: **THERE IS A HOUSING CRISIS IN OUR NATION, COUPLED WITH A MINIMUM WAGE THAT DOES NOT KEEP UP WITH THE RISING COST OF LIVING.**