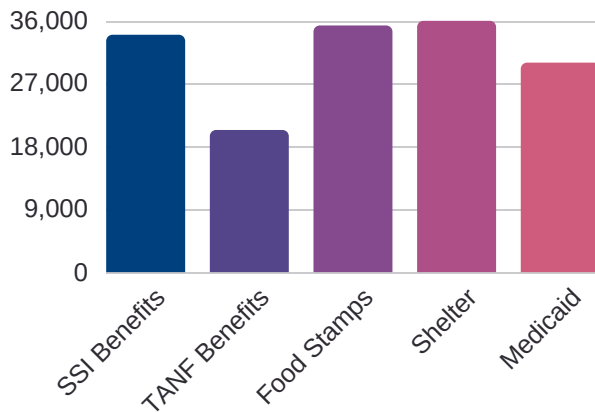


# Obtaining State IDs in Michigan

IDs are needed to access a variety of services such as housing, banking, employment, & education

## BACKGROUND



Estimated number of Michigan homeless denied services because of no ID



An estimated 818,012 voting age Michiganders lack a photo ID

## OBSTACLES

### Top 3 barriers to obtaining a state ID:

- Acquiring supporting documents
- Cost
- Transportation



Obtaining an ID often requires multiple trips back to the Secretary of State - 73% of clients required 2 or more visits, an additional 33% required 3 or more

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support SB 404 (amendment) which adds veterans and people experiencing homelessness to the Free ID For Me Program
- Encourage MI SoS to expand the homeless ID pilot program, currently in 5 counties, to cover the entire state



Jason Weller, Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness

Phone: 517-853-3888

Email: [Jweller@mihomeless.org](mailto:Jweller@mihomeless.org)

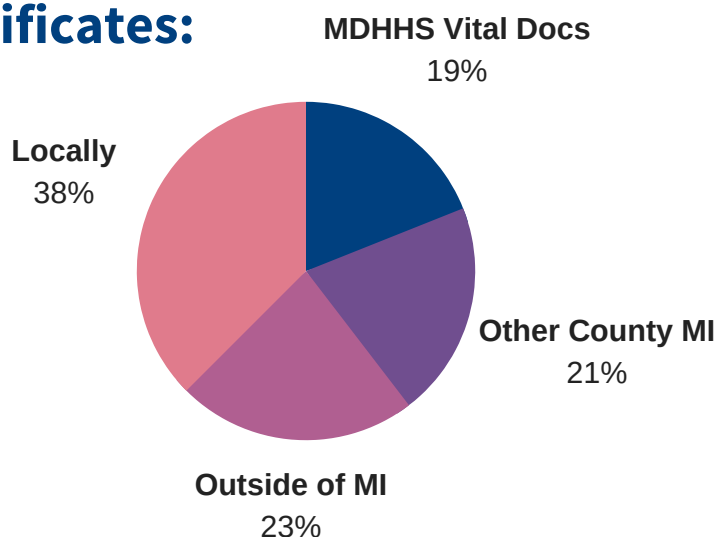
# Obtaining Vital Documents in Michigan

*Vital docs are necessary for school enrollment, many MDHHS services, & obtaining a state ID*

## BACKGROUND

In a 2017 survey of homeless service providers, birth certificates were identified as the most difficult document to obtain for people experiencing homelessness

## Why it is so hard to obtain birth certificates:



## OBSTACLES

In 2017, locally obtained birth certificates ranged in price from \$10-26 with an average price of \$13.38. Birth certificates obtained from MDHHS Vital Docs office cost \$34 plus processing fees

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support HBs 5418 & 5584 which allow County Clerks to charge the same fee for birth records whether they are obtained locally or from the MDHHS central office
- Encourage County Clerks offices across the state to adopt fee waivers for vital documents for people experiencing homelessness



Jason Weller, Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness

Phone: 517-853-3888

Email: [Jweller@mihomeless.org](mailto:Jweller@mihomeless.org)