NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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CELEBRATION OF HOME



The Road Home - Official Trailer

This documentary addresses the critical issues of homelessness, mental health, and housing insecurity in Washtenaw County, exploring both the underlying challenges and potential solutions through a unified community effort.

Film Screening followed by facilitated discussion this Friday!
Friday November 6, 2026 6pm
Downtown Library - Lower Level Program Room

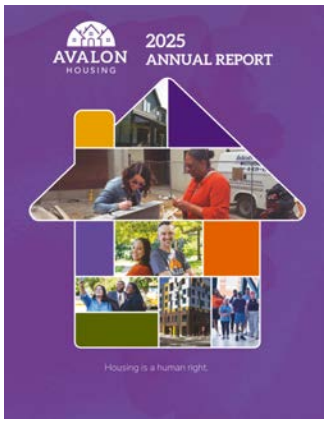
This event is provided by Neighbors for More Neighbors, the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, and the UM Urbanism Club.

Members providing Home to the most vulnerable in our community

*Click on the images below to access each organization's report

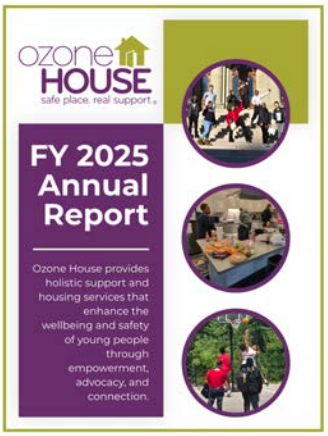
Alpha House
Interfaith Hospitality Network

Alpha House provides shelter
to 50-60 families per year



(now with more capacity!), with average stay between 30-60 days

Alpha House - 14 families
1 pregnant person - families of 4
Del's House - 30 families
Scatter site shelter - short term leases to house larger family sizes
Case Management Support during up to 120 day stay.
CHM-IHN Partnership - limited-stay hotel shelter with wrap-around support services









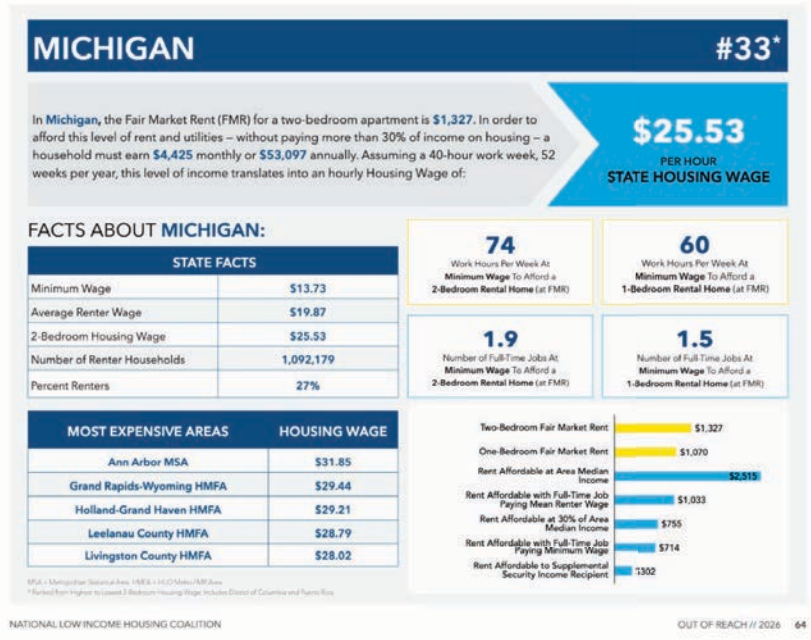
Statistics in Washtenaw County

Washtenaw County Continuum of Care Point-in Time Data: January 29, 2025 source

Summary by household type reported:

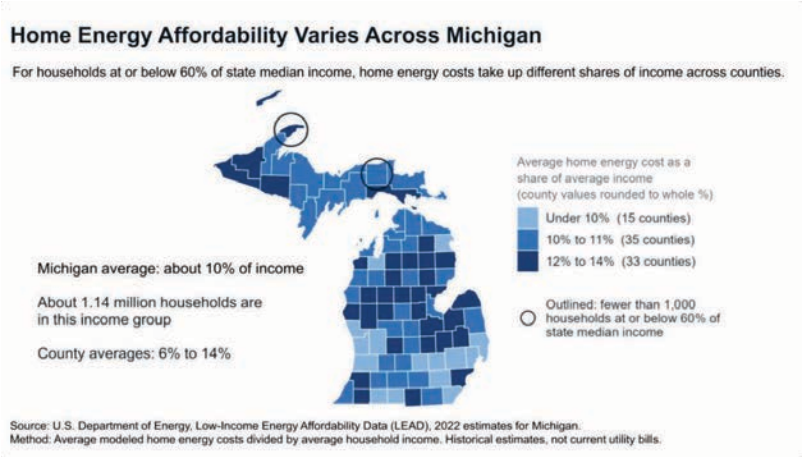
	Sheltered: Emergency Shelter	Sheltered: Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	**Total**
Households without children:	185	20	19	**224**
Households with at least one adult and one child:	40	0	1	**41**
Households with only children:	1	1	0	**2**
Total Homeless Households:	**226**	**21**	**20**	**267**





In Michigan, the Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom apartment is $1327.

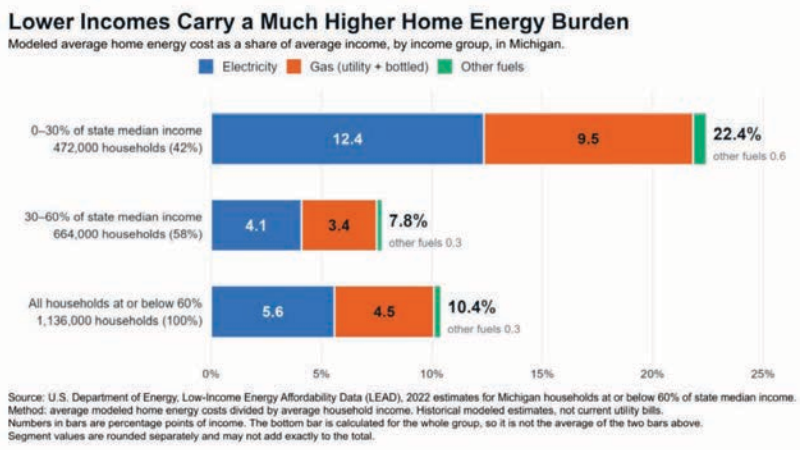
According to Google - "The average rate for a 2-bedroom apartment in Washtenaw County generally ranges from $1,578 to $2,213+ per month, depending on the specific location and data source"



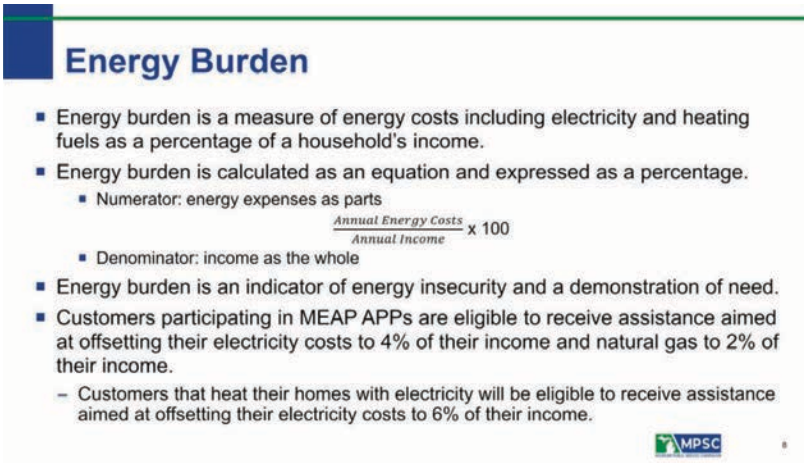
Michigan Average - 10% of income

Energy affordability is intertwined with housing affordability - creating the overall cost of housing.

Washtenaw Weatherization Program has resources available to help with energy efficiency.



Assistance is available to help with utility bills - **Learn more here**



On June 11, 2026, the MPSC issued an Order in Case No. U-20757 (See: Issue Brief) establishing a statewide affordability goal:

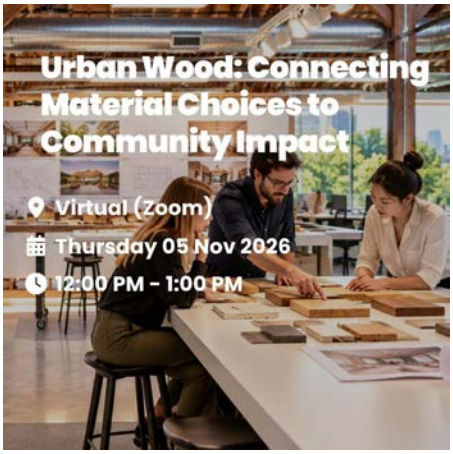
No Michigan residential customer should pay more than 6% of household income on electricity and gas.

Events



12-1 PM
Register here

Implementing the A^{2}ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan 2026
Session IX: Beyond Disinfection: The Role of UV in HVAC Performance, Energy Efficiency & Healthy Buildings
Speakers: Rocky Alazazi, CHFM, BCxP, LEED AP, Director of Facilities and Engineering at Trinity Health Oakland Hospital; Rajul Patel, CEO, CTO Citra
Ultraviolet (UV) technology is widely recognized for its ability to control microorganisms, but its potential role in building performance extends well beyond disinfection.
This webinar will explore how properly designed germicidal UV applications within HVAC systems can help control biological growth on cooling coils, maintain or improve heat-transfer performance, reduce HVAC energy consumption, support equipment performance and longevity, and contribute to building decarbonization goals—all while providing an additional layer of protection for indoor air quality and healthier buildings.
The presentation will explain the fundamentals of germicidal UV, the differences between coil treatment and airborne disinfection, and why factors such as UV intensity, exposure, airflow, system geometry, operating conditions, and proper engineering are critical to achieving measurable results.
A real-world healthcare application at Trinity Health will be featured as a peer reviewed case study. The Trinity Health Facility Director will join the webinar to provide the building owner's perspective, discussing the facility's experience with the technology, operational considerations, measured performance, and lessons learned from implementing UV in an operating healthcare environment.



Urban Wood: Connecting Material Choices to Community Impact
November 5, 2026 | AIA Wisconsin Webinar

A webinar focused on specification guidance, industry standards, and USRW certification.

This presentation is designed primarily for architects, interior designers, developers, specifiers, and others who influence material choices in the built environment.

View program details and register



Before the November and December films, attendees can participate in a **Climate Café** at 6:00 p.m., facilitated by the Office of Sustainability and Innovations and A^{2}ZERO Collaborators from Planet Blue through the University of Michigan. Climate Cafés are a safe space to pause, connect, and share experiences about the environment and climate change. These intimate sustainability conversations are designed for a small group. Therefore, registration for the Climate Cafes is required, and space is limited.



****Save the Date****
Sustainable Food Business Coalition (SFBC)
Winter Coffee Hour -- Dec 10 11am - noon



New Members



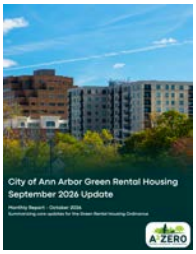
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Welcome Graham Scholars Team
2027 Transportation Survey



News

Green Rental Housing
October 2026 Update | A²ZERO



SEU Update October 2026

Now more than 90 customers enrolled and nearly 60 solar-plus-battery systems physically installed on homes.
City Council authorized expansion of the pilot outside of the Bryant neighborhood. At this time, income-eligible residents located anywhere within the City limits, while funding lasts. [Read full SEU newsletter]

DTE Energy launches Michigan's first residential VPP with sonnen

DTE Energy has formed a partnership with commercial battery firm sonnen, launching Michigan's first residential battery virtual power plant

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More heat pumps would actually be good for the grid, researchers find

In states with extra grid capacity in winter, heat pumps would help lower residential electricity rates by spreading out fixed costs, according to a new...

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Energy Communities Bonus Credit

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 allows for increased credit amounts if certain requirements pertaining to energy communities are satisfied.
Types of energy communities that may qualify for a 10% bonus: Brownfield site, Statistical Area, and Coal Closure.

- **June 9, 2026 - June (tbd), 2027:** Washtenaw County is listed as eligible (n-26-39-appendix-1.xlsx). So for any of the projects that are completed in this time period qualify for the EC bonus and get an extra 10%!
- **For Future notices:** See this link Energy Communities | U.S. Department of the Treasury

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Resources

MI 2030 Districts Case Study Hub

Attention engineers and architects - You are invited to contribute your high performing/renewable energy projects. Please use the template (Submit a Case Study) to add yours. **https://migbc.org/green-building-case-studies/**



Tax Credits For Tax Exempt Entities

Elective Pay allows tax-exempt entities to take advantage of federal clean energy tax credits and receive payment for a portion of their clean energy projects that meet the program requirements.

Examples of eligible projects and purchases include:
Solar power
Geothermal
Wind
Energy storage/batteries

Eligible Entities:
Local and Tribal governments
Non-profits
Rural electric co-ops
Houses of worship
Schools, Colleges & Universities

Do you think you have an eligible project?
Contact Kim Heumann heumannk@2030districts.org Washtenaw 2030 District's Elective Pay Ambassador for Livingston, Jackson, Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe for details and to find out if your **current** or **future** project qualifies.

New Resource:

Carbon Leadership Forum

[Existing and Emerging Strategies to Decarbonize Construction Materials]

MI Funding Hub

Michigan Grants & Funding Opportunities: MI Funding Hub

Explore grants and funding opportunities on MI Funding Hub. Access technical assistance, grant details, and tools to empower your community.

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Energy Management Grants

Washtenaw 2030 District 2024 Energy Management Grant Program. Member buildings are eligible for grant funding for Energy Audits, Retro Commissioning and Electrification Plans. We support you wherever you are on your carbon neutrality journey. Contact: **jculbertson@2030Districts.org** if you are interested in learning more.

WASHTENAW 2030 DISTRICT®

The Washtenaw 2030 District is funded by our members, DTE, the City of Ann Arbor and EGLE. We are accelerat-ing our work locally because climate change is a serious and immediate threat. Science, our community, and the global market place will not be deterred in accomplishing the energy transformation that is required for our planet's and nation's resilience.

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BEACON

BEACON Newsletter - Architecture 2030

Spotlighting the leaders who are designing built environments that support healthy, vibrant and equitable living, highlighting pockets of the future alive and thriving in the present. **Check it out here**!

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