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Be Counted and Help Place Pittsfield Township on the Map

September is the last month of the 2020 Census! As such, I would like to focus this letter on urging you to please take a few minutes to take the census yourself and remind your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Every 10 years, the 5-10 minutes it takes for you to complete the census determines the narrative of our community. Our ability to access critical federal and state funding dollars for everything from transportation, public safety, affordable housing, economic development, local food access, and energy efficiency is dependent on who is included in the census count. A decade ago, in the 2010 census, Pittsfield Township had a completion rate of about 70% that gave us an official population county of 34,663. Subsequently, we fell short by 337 of reaching the 35,000 population threshold, which hindered us from accessing a number of grant funding opportunities available to communities with a population of 35,000 and higher.

Going into the last 30 days, 74.5% of Pittsfield Township residents have completed the 2020 census (the last day to take the census is September 30th). Given our past experiences and the essential need to fully count everyone in our community so we can work to meet their needs, I urge you to please take a few minutes of your time to complete the 2020 census: <https://2020census.gov/>



Please remember that responses are confidential with the only criterion being that you can only take the census once in your community of primary residence. Typically, people of color and foreign-born populations are undercounted but, given our community's commitment to reflecting the diverse spectrum of our nation's changing demographics, it is my hope that each of you – regardless of age, race, immigration status, and gender – will take the time to be counted and help place Pittsfield Township on the map!

With your partnership, we will be able to accurately reflect the diverse demographics of our community and leverage it to meet the needs of each and every Pittsfield Township resident. Thank you for your assistance, stay healthy, and be kind and patient with yourselves and each other.

Mandy Grewal, Ph.D.

Good afternoon,

Thanks again for your contribution to the Barrier Busters unmet needs fund. We wanted to provide you with a high-level report summary to share with the Township Board and the community.

- Overall, there has been 3 times the number of requests and expenditures during the COVID-19 period starting in mid-March through June 30, 2020
- The top 2 requests for assistance from Pittsfield Township residents are housing assistance, and utility assistance

Attached is the [Pittsfield Township report](#). Please note that the report is through June 30, 2020. We will be providing the next update in early October 2020.

We have heard from individuals who interested in donating to the Barrier Busters Emergency Unmet Need Fund, where 100% of their donation will go to helping an individual or family in our community. Those interested in donating can do so online or by mailing or dropping off a check. **Donations can be made by clicking on the following link, and selecting “Washtenaw” from the drop-down menu of counties:** <http://bit.ly/bb-donations>. Checks can be mailed to Washtenaw County, Office of Community and Economic Development – 415 W. Michigan Suite 2200. Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Please reach out with any questions, and thanks again for your support!

Teresa Gillotti

Director, Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED)
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BARRIER BUSTER QUARTLEY REPORT

COVID-19 RESPONSE | MARCH 18TH - JUNE 30TH

HIGHLIGHTS

3x

as many requests made and assistance funds provided during the first three and a half months of COVID-19.

67%

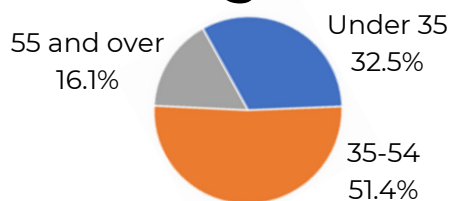
of funding requests supported immigrant households during the first three and a half months of COVID-19, compared to 9% in 2019.

55%

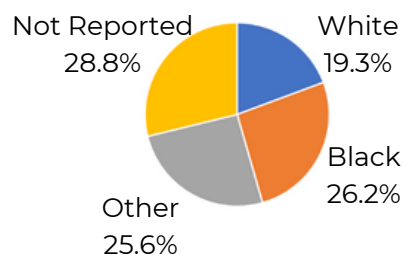
of funding requests supported eviction prevention during this time period - compared to 24% in 2019.

COUNTYWIDE DATA

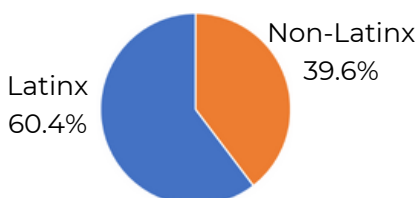
Age



Race



Ethnicity



346

Total Requests
Funded

\$206,735

Total Assistance
Provided

70.1%

Households
w/ Children

67.3%

Immigrant
Status

Rental Assistance

Utilities

Move In Costs

Health

Misc

**Covid-19
Requests**

Thank you to the funders who have increased contributions to Barrier Busters during COVID-19 including Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, United Way of Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township, and Michigan Community Action.

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP REPORT

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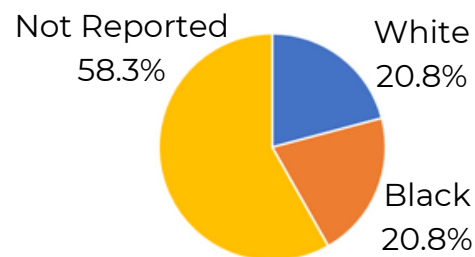
Total Requests Funded
6.9% of Countywide Requests

\$13,718

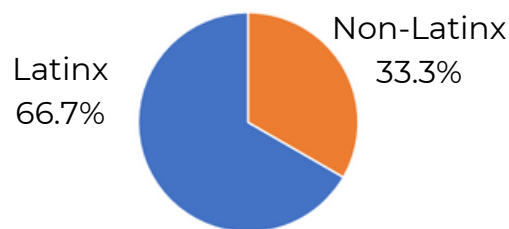
Total Assistance Provided
6.6% of Countywide Funds

Demographics

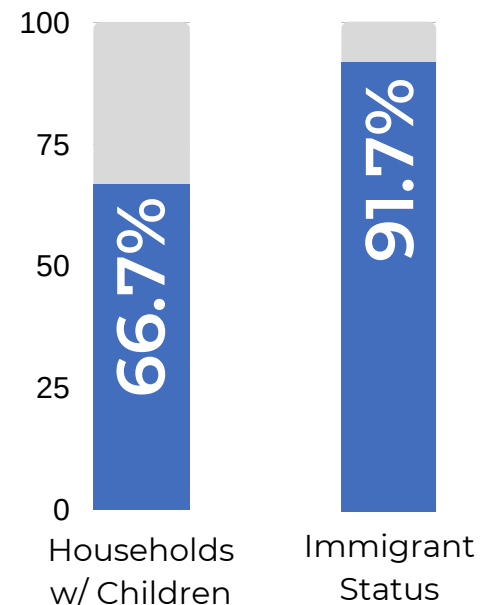
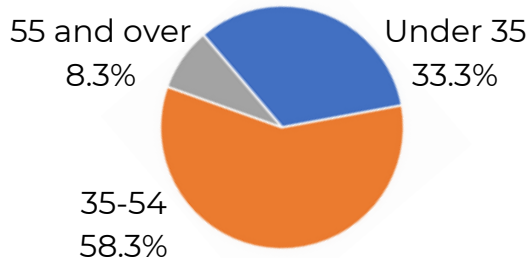
Race



Ethnicity



Age



Covid-19 Requests

