# 2022 Impact Report

## **Meeting Real Needs in Real Time**

211 connects individuals to a specialist who can assess their needs and connect them to the right solution using a comprehensive database of services - federal, state, and local; government and nonprofit.





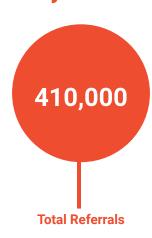
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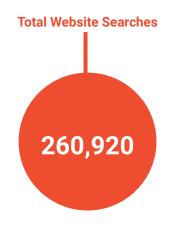


### **2022 Summary**









### **Available 24/7/365**



CHAT on 211Wisconsin.org



TEXT your zipcode to 898211



SEARCH on 211Wisconsin.org



CALL 211 or (877) 947-2211

# System Capabilities

## **Web Search Capabilities**

By visiting **211wisconsin.org**, individuals looking for resources can access a database of health and human services.

The 211 Wisconsin database is continuously updated following the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) standards.

## **TOP 10 WEB SEARCHES**

- 1.) COVID-19 Immunization Clinics
- 2.) COVID-19 Vaccine Information
- 3.) Food Pantries
- 4.) Rental Payment Assistance
- 5.) COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests
- 6.) Low-Income / Subsidized Rental Assistance
- 7.) Rental Deposit Assistance
- 8.) Water Service Payment Assistance
- 9.) Automotive Repair and Maintenance
- 10.) Electric Service Payment Assistance

## **Warm Transfers**



When individuals call 211 and it is deemed beneficial for them to be transferred directly to an outside agency, a 211 Community Resource Specialist performs a warm transfer. Warm transfers occur when a Community Resource Specialist connects with an agency and provides an introduction on behalf of the caller, while the caller is still on the line, to provide a seamless transition.



## TOP NEEDS BY CATEGORY

## Top Requests by Category - 2022



Housing

59,964



Food / Meals

20,116



Mental Health / Substance Use

49,049



Assistance

27,544



**Health Care** 

22,701





Information Services

17,676



Individual, Family, and Community Supports

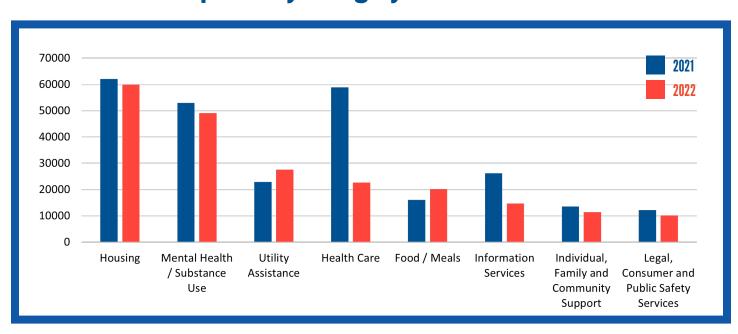
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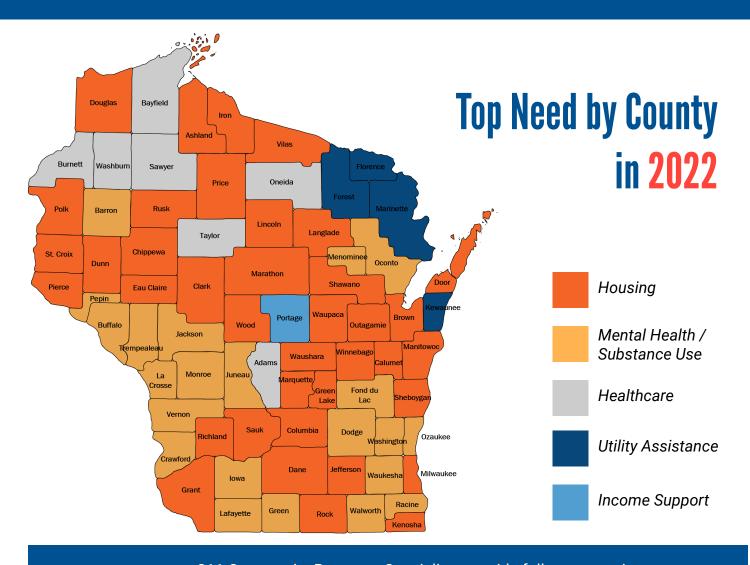
Legal, Consumer, and Public Safety

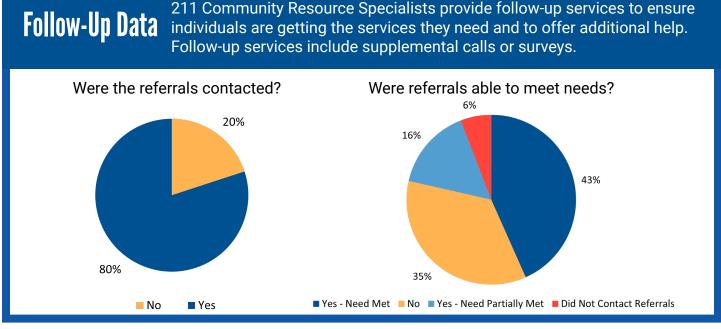
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## Requests by Category - 2021 vs. 2022



# Who is Served by 211 Wisconsin





# **Addiction Recovery Helpline**

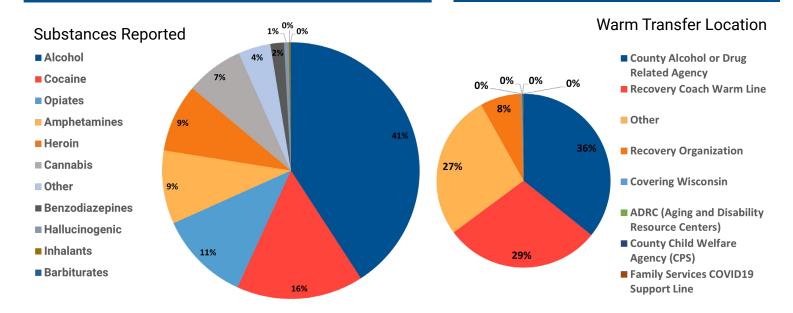
The Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline is a statewide resource for finding substance use treatment and recovery services.

The Helpline is free, confidential, and available 24/7. In 2022, the Helpline received 6,531 calls, texts, and chats. Additionally, the AddictionHelpWI.org website saw 32,606 visits throughout the year.

To access the Helpline, individuals can call 211 or 833-944-4673, text 898211, or chat/search on AddictionHelpWI.org.



The Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and is made possible by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services **Administration** 



#### **Top 10 Referral Categories:**



Assessment



Residential



Detoxification Services



Inpatient **Treatment** 



Recovery Coaches / Peer Support



Substance Use Counseling



Substance Use **Support Groups** 



Medication Assisted **Treatment** 

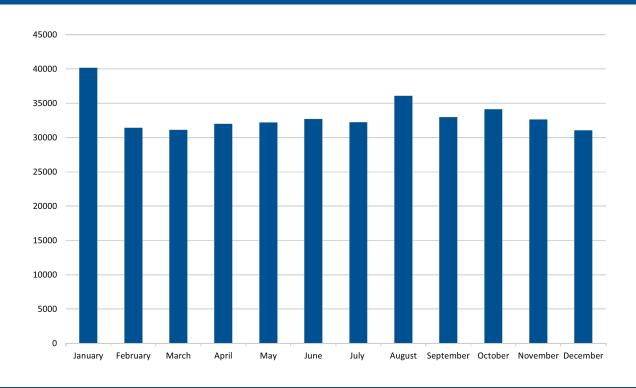


Outpatient **Treatment** 



Talklines / Warmlines

## REFERRAL TOTALS BY MONTH



#### **Top 5 Agency Referrals & Top Respective Service**

- IMPACT
- MILWAUKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- MILWAUKEE RESCUE MISSION
- COMMUNITY ADVOCATES
- MILWAUKEE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION

# TOP REFERRAL SERVICES

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT & SUPPORTIVE LISTENING - MILWAUKEE COUNTY

ENERGY ASSISTANCE & CRISIS ENERGY APPOINTMENTS JOY HOUSE

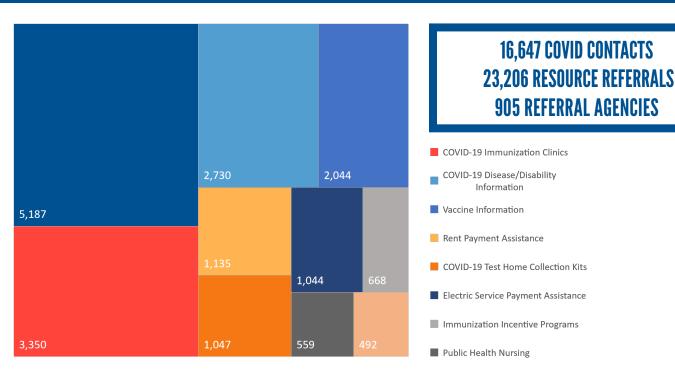
EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) MILWAUKEE COUNTY CRISIS LINE

# **Public Health Emergency Response**

In March of 2020, the 211 Wisconsin System was activated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to answer calls about the COVID-19 pandemic. This activation continued through 2022, with 211 Community Resource Specialists supporting callers with their COVID-19 related questions. While activated for COVID-19 related calls, 211 Wisconsin supported Wisconsin residents with additional public health needs, fielding calls around Mpox, the infant formula shortage, flu vaccine access and PFAS contamination in drinking water. The 211 Wisconsin System supports residents during times of natural disaster and when public health issues arise.

To support these public health issues, the 211 System worked closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, as well as Local / Tribal Health Departments to ensure we had access to the most up-to-date information.

#### **Top 10 COVID-19 Related Referrals**



## "Pop-up" COVID-19 Vaccine Event Search

Alongside efforts to maintain database listings of ongoing Covid-19 Vaccination and Testing, 211 WI created and maintained a public webpage dedicated to regional "pop-up" or one-time vaccination clinics being offered throughout Wisconsin. There were 1,099 vaccine clinics shared on the public vaccine clinic webpage.

211's Community Resource Specialists continue to use this webpage to assist callers in finding vaccination locations.

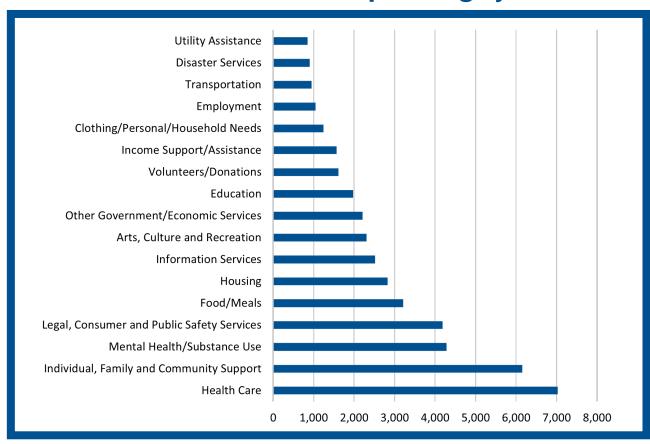


# 211 Wisconsin Systems Database



The 211 database houses over 30,000 community resource records and is essential for successful 211 operations. The robust database allows the public and 211 Community Resource Specialists access to up-todate information to connect to local community services. Our team of 26 Resource Managers works daily to ensure the database reflects current service offerings throughout the state. The database supports entities beyond the 211 System, through regional and statewide integration partnerships with state agencies, health care systems, and nonprofit organizations.

## **Number of Services per Category**



# Statewide Initiatives

## **Anti-Human Trafficking**

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families utilizes 211 to connect Wisconsinites to information about human trafficking. Individuals who contact 211 can receive information and resources about human trafficking as well as guidance about how to report cases of human trafficking.

Individuals can call 211 or text 898211 to receive information on human trafficking prevention.



## **Ride United - Transportation Assistance**

United Way Worldwide's Ride United Transportation Access (RUTA) Program started in 2018. Its purpose is to close transportation gaps by providing free and reduced rides to help people access essential medical services, obtain healthy food, get to job interviews and more. In 2022, UWW administered this service first through the Ride United Vaccine Access Campaign (RUVAC) grant which ended in June, and then again through another awarded RUTA grant which commenced in August. In 2022, 3,290 rides to essential services were taken by individuals throughout Wisconsin.

## **Caregiver Support**

211 Wisconsin, in partnership with AARP, is offering direct and consistent contact to caregivers throughout the state. This project is intended to reach informal/unpaid family caregivers who are 18 years or older, who are providing care to those 18+.

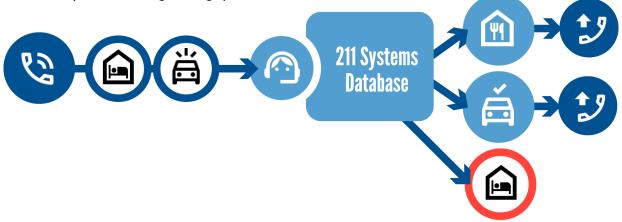
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Caregivers were supported through this program in 2022.

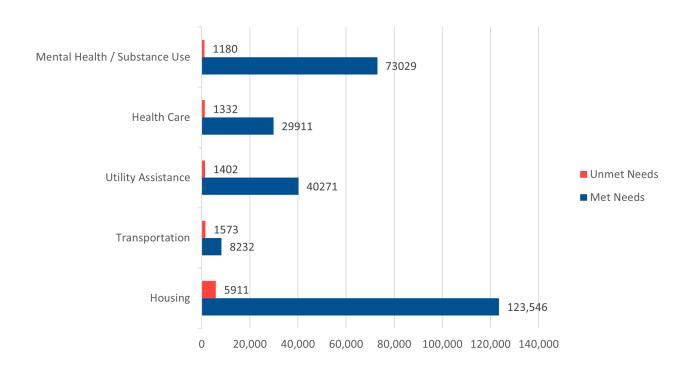
# 211 Wisconsin & Unmet Needs

An unmet need is documented when there are no available programs or services to refer a client to. When this occurs, 211 Community Resource Specialists work to think through other services or solutions that may support the caller's need.

When a 211 Community Resource Specialist finds that there is not an available resource to support a caller's request, they log this occurrence as an unmet need. Recording when Wisconsin residents are encountering needs and no supporting service is currently available allows 211 Systems and our partners to keep track of regional gaps in service.



#### **Top 5 Unmet Need Categories**



# Who We Are & What We Do

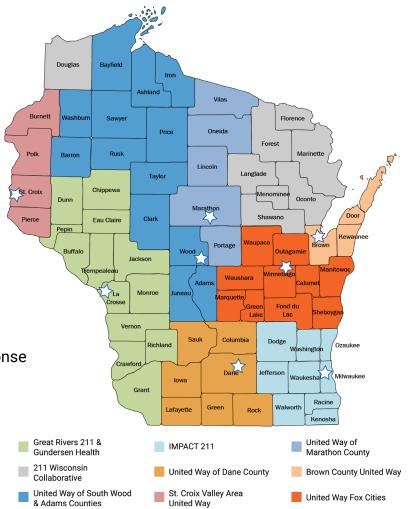
211 is a free, confidential service offered 24/7/365 to connect the people of Wisconsin to resources and services in their community. Individuals looking for assistance can call, text, chat online, or search in an up-to-date database to find the information they need.

## **Call 211 for Referrals To:**

- Emergency Information and Disaster Relief
- · Employment and Education
- · Financial and Tax Assistance
- Healthcare Information
- · Mental Health Services
- Nutrition and Food Assistance Programs
- Shelter, Housing, and Utilities
- Substance Use Prevention and Treatment

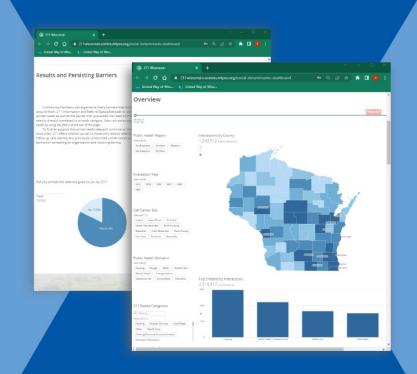
## **211 Wisconsin Provides:**

- · Referrals to Agencies and Organizations
- An Up-to-Date Online Database of Community Resources
- Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response
- Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting
- Crisis Intervention
- Follow-up calls to ensure individuals are receiving the help they need
- Advocacy for individuals struggling with barriers to entry





## **GET CONNECTED**



211 Wisconsin is excited to announce the launch of our first Community Dashboard focusing on Social Determinants of Health

The new Community Dashboard is intended to give users the ability to dig into years' worth of 211 Wisconsin data.

#### Visit:

https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/social-determinants-dashboard

**Get Connected. Get Help.** 



Call 211 or 877-947-2211 to get connected!

Visit https://211wisconsin.org

**Text Regional ZipCode to 898211** 

Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline Promotional Materials
Available to Order Here:
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