Marion County had a total of 725 homeless citizens, sheltered and unsheltered, 181 of which are chronically homeless.

It costs Marion County $8.96 million annually to support our chronically homeless residents.

United Way of Marion County provided 6,641 NIGHTS OF SHELTER through the Marion County Homeless Council, Salvation Army and Shepherd’s Lighthouse.
The 2018 ALICE report of Florida indicates that 51% of Marion County residents are struggling financially. The average household income for Marion County is $39,383 – a startling 25% less than what a family needs to meet their basic needs.

United Way of Marion County provided 37,071 MEALS through Brother’s Keeper, Community of Gratitude, Salvation Army & Marion Senior Services.
The survival budget of $4,390/month for Marion County does not allow for savings of any kind including emergency, retirement or college funds.

The most expensive line item for a family of four is childcare, costing over $950/month.

United Way of Marion County provided 16,448 DAYS OF CHILDCARE through the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County and Episcopal Children’s Services.

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