

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Survey of
Local Homeless Coalitions for
2010

Annual Report on
Homeless Conditions in Florida

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2010 Survey

To assist the Department of Children and Families in preparing its 2010 Report on Homeless Conditions in Florida, as required by s.420.623 (4), Florida Statutes, please fill in the following:

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Do you plan to expand your catchment area in 2010 to add one or more of the following counties: Dixie, Gilchrist, Union, or Baker?

Yes _____ No X

PART II
Homeless Data

A. Homeless Population by County

Report the total number of persons and households who are homeless on any given day for each county covered or served by your coalition in January 2010.

| County Name | Federal/HUD Homeless Definition | | State Homeless Definition | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | # Persons | # Households | # Persons | # Households |
| 1. Charlotte County | 598 | 336 | 626 | 349 |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| 6. | | | | |
| 7. | | | | |
| 8. | | | | |

Federal Definition: As Used in 2009 CoC NOFA

A homeless person is a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation or in an emergency shelter, and a person in transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the street or an emergency shelter.

State Definition: Florida Statutes, Section 420.621

Homeless means an individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and includes an individual who:

- a. Is sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- b. Is living in a motel, hotel, travel trailer park, or camping ground due to a lack of alternative, adequate accommodations?
- c. Is living in an emergency or transitional shelter;
- d. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- e. Is living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, bus or train station, or similar setting;
- f. Is a migratory individual who qualifies as homeless because he or she is living in circumstances described in paragraphs (a) - (e).

Data Source: *(Check one.)*

- January 2009 Count (Conducted Jan 22-31, 2009), unless waiver granted by HUD
- January 2010 Count - conducted last 10 days of January 2010.

• *Check the methods used to enumerate the homeless persons.*

- Point-in-time count with no interview.
- Point-in-time with interviews.
- Point-in-time plus sample of interviews.
- Point-in-time plus extrapolation
- Administrative data from providers of services
- Public places count.
- Public places count with interviews.
- Sample of interviews.
- Extrapolation from Point-in-time and sample of interviews.
- Public places count using probability sampling.
- Service-based count for non-shelter services.
- HMIS
- Other

**Check all methods used.*

B. General Homeless Characteristics

Report on the total homeless persons under Section A above, **using the federal definition.** The data elements and reporting categories are based on the core short form point-in-time survey instrument provided by the Office on Homelessness for the 2009 and 2010 counts.

| Data Element Sex | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Male | 349 | 58 |
| Female | 249 | 42 |
| TOTAL | 598 | 100% |

| Age: | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Children- under 18 years | 142 | 24 |
| Adults – 18 to 60 years | 450 | 75 |
| Elderly – over 60 years | 6 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 598 | 100% |

| Race / Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino? | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Yes | 24 | 8 |
| No | 278 | 92 |
| TOTAL | 302 | 100% |

| Data Element Race / Ethnicity | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 17 | 5 |
| Asian | 2 | 1 |
| Black/African American | 36 | 11 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 1 | 1 |
| White | 246 | 79 |
| Other, including 2 or more races | 10 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 312 | 100% |

| Military Veteran Served on active duty in the US military | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Yes | 45 | 15 |
| No | 264 | 85 |
| TOTAL | 309 | 100% |

| Marital Status | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Single | 514 | 86 |
| Married | 84 | 14 |
| TOTAL | 598 | 100% |

| Prior Episodes of Homelessness in last 3 years, number of separate times homeless | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 time | 155 | 49 |
| 2 - 3 times | 84 | 27 |
| 4 or more times | 76 | 24 |
| TOTAL | 315 | 100% |

| Disabling Condition | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Yes | 127 | 41 |
| No | 181 | 59 |
| TOTAL | 308 | 100% |
| Type of disabling condition | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
| Physical | 77 | DO NOT REPORT |
| Developmental | 5 | |
| Mental Health | 57 | |
| Drug or Alcohol Addiction | 17 | |
| HIV/AIDS | 0 | |

| Length of Current Homeless Episode | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 week or less | 38 | 12 |
| More than 1 week, less than 1 month | 34 | 11 |
| 1 to 3 months | 66 | 22 |
| More than 3 months, less than 12 months | 72 | 24 |
| 1 year or longer | 95 | 31 |
| TOTAL | 305 | 100% |

| Data Element Cause of Homelessness | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Employment/financial reasons | 210 | 65 |
| Housing Issues | 6 | 2 |
| Medical/ disability problems | 36 | 11 |
| Forced to relocate from home | 13 | 4 |
| Family problems | 53 | 16 |
| Natural/other disasters | 3 | 1 |
| Recent immigration | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 322 | 100% |

| Data Element Sources of Income | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Earned Income | 35 | DO NOT REPORT % |
| Unemployment | 25 | |
| SSI | 21 | |
| SSDI | 22 | |
| Veterans disability | 10 | |
| Private disability insurance | 0 | |
| Workers Comp | 1 | |
| TANF | 23 | |
| General assistance | 2 | |
| SSA retirement | 3 | |
| Veterans Pension | 3 | |
| Job pension | 1 | |
| Alimony | 0 | |
| Other source | 31 | |
| No financial resource | 122 | |

| Data Element Length of Stay in the County | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 week or less | 13 | 5 |
| More than 1 week, less than 1 month | 19 | 6 |
| 1 to 3 months | 38 | 12 |
| More than 3 months, less than 12 months | 56 | 17 |
| 1 year or longer | 194 | 60 |
| TOTAL | 320 | 100% |

| Foster Care History Were you ever a foster care child? | Total Number Homeless Persons | Percentage |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Yes | 21 | 7 |
| No | 260 | 93 |
| TOTAL | 281 | 100% |

Part III

All Coalitions should respond.

- A. Of the subpopulations of the homeless in your service area, please identify your top two (2) groups in each of the three columns.

| Homeless Subpopulation | Greatest Need | Least Resources to Serve | Most Effectively Being Served |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Adult individuals | | | |
| Families with Children | X | | |
| Elderly | | | |
| Youth | | | |
| Chronic homeless | X | | |
| Mentally Ill | | X | |
| Substance abuse | | X | |
| Veterans | | | X (V.O.A) |
| Domestic Violence | | | X (C.A.R.E) |
| HIV/AIDS | | | |
| Other | | | |

- B. Please evaluate the effectiveness of your Continuum of Care components to identify the two strongest, and two weakest elements. Consider the capacity of your provider network, resources committed, and performance outcomes being achieved.

| Continuum Component | Strongest | Weakest |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Outreach, intake and assessment | | |
| Emergency shelter | X | |
| Transitional housing | | X |
| Supportive Services | | X |
| Permanent supportive housing | | |
| Permanent housing | | |
| Linkages and referral among all components | X | |
| Prevention | | |
| Ongoing planning | | |

- C. Based upon your coalition's inventory of homeless resources and programs, and your assessment of the adequacy of services available for the homeless, please identify your top two unmet needs.
1. Operating funds for Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing programs that offer supportive services.
 2. Adequate financial resources for client medical, mental health and substance abuse services.
- D. Identify two recommendations that your community would propose for state government action in 2010 to reduce homelessness.
1. Increase funding to provide operating funds for facilities that assist the homeless.
 2. Increase funding to provide Case Management to homeless clients to increase the number of eligible clients receiving Medicaid and other mainstream services.