



2012 Homeless Enumeration Results for the Washington Metropolitan Region

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2012 Point-in-Time Enumeration



- COG's 12th annual enumeration
- Conducted January 25, 2012
- Provides a one-day, "snapshot" of the region's homeless population
- Updates data on the number of unsheltered persons and persons utilizing Winter Shelters, Year-round Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing Facilities, Safe Havens and Permanent Supportive Housing within nine metropolitan Washington area jurisdictions

How is Homelessness Defined?



- Literally Homeless - People who reside in some form of emergency or transitional shelters, domestic violence shelters, runaway youth shelters, and places not meant for human habitation, which include streets, parks, alleys, camp sites, abandoned buildings, and stairways.
- Formerly Homeless - People presently living in permanent supportive housing following a period of living on the street or in emergency or transitional shelter

Homelessness By Jurisdiction, 2011 - 2012

Jurisdiction	2011	2012	Percent Change 2011 - 2012
Alexandria	416	352	-15%
Arlington County	461	451	-2%
District of Columbia	6,546	6,954	6%
Fairfax County	1,549	1,534	-1%
Frederick County	280	285	2%
Loudoun County	156	164	5%
Montgomery County	1,132	982	-13%
Prince George's County	773	641	-17%
Prince William County	566	467	-17%
TOTAL	11,879	11,830	-0.4%

NOTE: The 2011 total has changed to reflect a revision in Prince William County's family count.

Household Composition, 2008 - 2012

THE REGION'S HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS

Year	Unaccompanied Youth	Single Individuals	People in Families	Total
2012	15	6,204	5,611	11,830
2011	26	6,647	5,206	11,879
2010	16	6,763	4,995	11,774
2009	n/a	6,689	5,293	11,982
2008	n/a	7,140	4,566	11,706
2008 – 2012 Percent Change	-6.3%	-13.1%	22.9%	1.1%

Family Composition, 2012

LITERALLY HOMELESS PEOPLE IN FAMILIES BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Families	Adults in Families	Children in Families	Persons in Families
Alexandria	49	51	88	139
Arlington County	58	77	111	188
District of Columbia	1,014	1,307	1,880	3,187
Fairfax County	249	332	505	837
Frederick County	39	42	74	116
Loudoun County	29	35	60	95
Montgomery County	126	152	229	381
Prince George's County	113	124	238	362
Prince William County	88	103	203	306
ALL COG COCs	1,765	2,223	3,388	5,611

- Children represent 60% of all people in homeless families and account for 29% of the region's homeless population

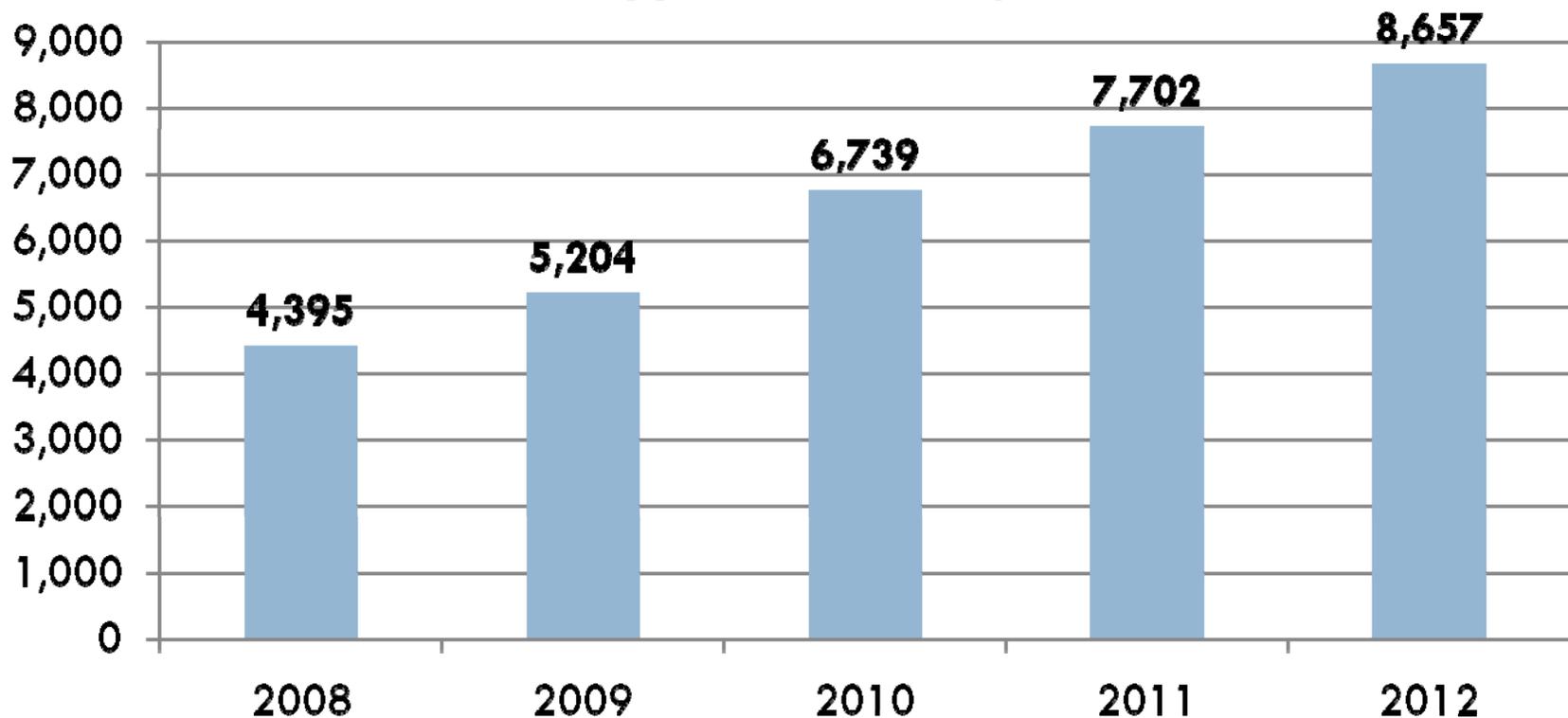
Homelessness and the Working Poor



- 35 percent of all homeless adults in families are employed (3% decrease from 2011)
- 17 percent of all homeless single adults have jobs (3% decrease from 2011)
- 38 percent of all adults who have income reported that employment wages and salaries were their primary source of income (3% decrease from 2011)

Permanent Supportive Housing

Formerly Homeless Persons Residing in Permanent Supportive Housing



Recommendations to Reduce Homelessness



- ❑ Continue Housing First and Rapid Re-housing models that provide homeless residents with needed wrap-around services to assist them in their efforts to live as independently as possible.
- ❑ Implement shelter diversion programs and prevention strategies that identify households at risk of homelessness and prevents their need to be housed in local shelter programs.
- ❑ Increase and improve outreach efforts to unsheltered homeless people living in the woods and on the street

Recommendations, cont.



- Jurisdictions are encouraged to support the creation of more living wage jobs.
- The region should create affordable housing opportunities across income levels.

Are there any questions?



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