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# 2014 Homeless Enumeration

*Results for the Metropolitan Washington Region*

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# 2014 Point-in-Time Enumeration



- COG's 14<sup>th</sup> annual enumeration
- Conducted on January 29, 2014
- 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?

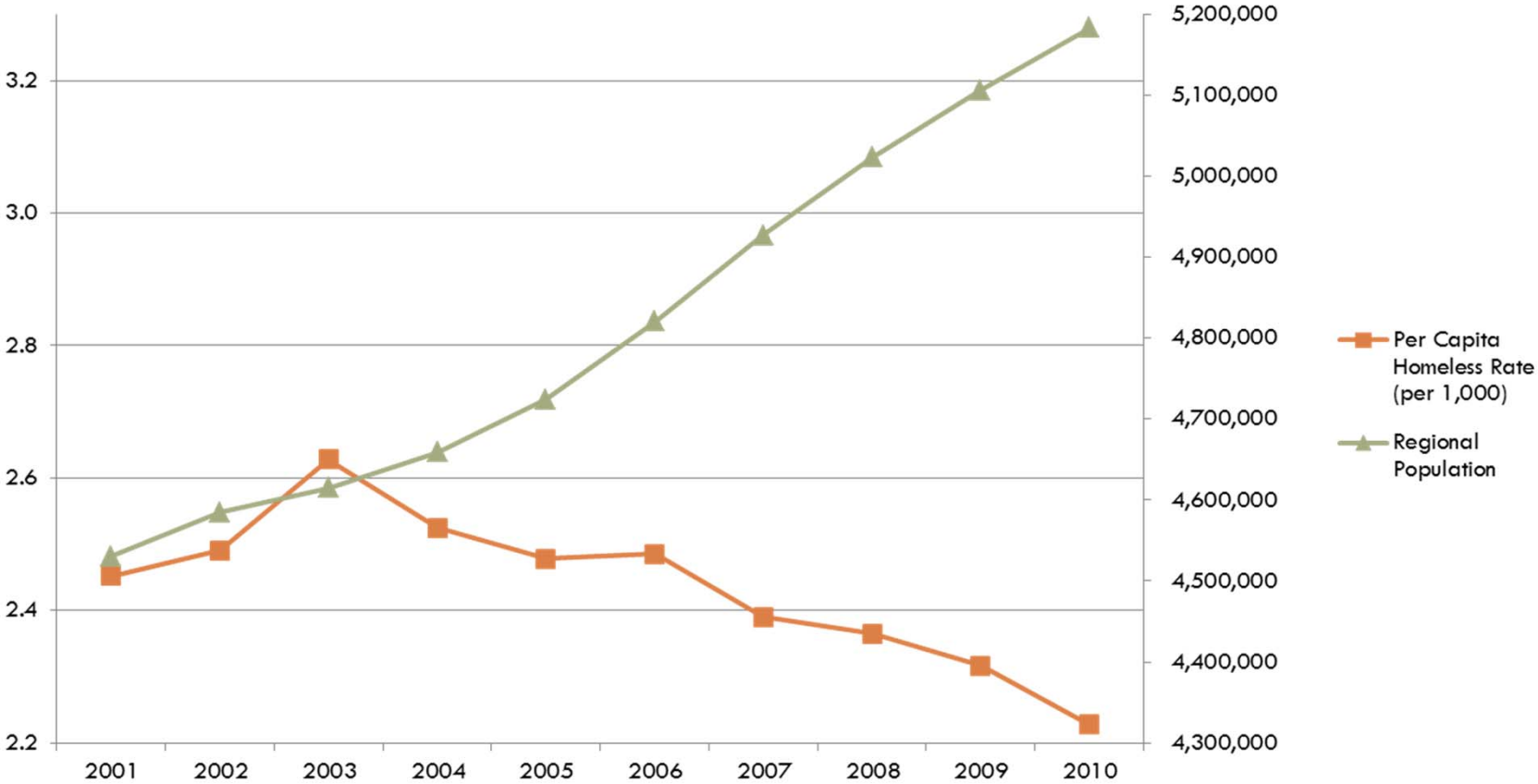
- Literally Homeless - People who reside in some form of emergency or transitional shelters, domestic violence shelters, runaway youth shelters, and places not meant for human habitation, which include streets, parks, alleys, camp sites, abandoned buildings, and stairways.
- Formerly Homeless - People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

# Homelessness By Jurisdiction, 2013 - 2014

<b>LITERALLY HOMELESS BY JURISDICTION 2013 - 2014</b>				
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Change in Number of Persons 2013-2014</b>	<b>Percent Change 2013 - 2014</b>
City of Alexandria	275	267	-8	-3%
Arlington County	479	291	-188	-39%
District of Columbia	6,865	7,748	883	13%
Fairfax County	1,350	1,225	-125	-9%
Frederick County	275	246	-29	-11%
Loudoun County	166	179	13	8%
Montgomery County	1,004	891	-113	-11%
Prince George's County	686	654	-32	-5%
Prince William County	447	445	-2	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,547</b>	<b>11,946</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

**NOTE:** The literally homeless total above includes the unsheltered homeless.

# Rate of Homelessness to Regional Population Growth (per 1,000): 2001 - 2010



# Unsheltered Homeless by Jurisdiction

<b>UNSHeltered HOMELESS BY JURISDICTION 2013 - 2014</b>			
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City of Alexandria	29	23	-21%
Arlington County	146	51	-65%
District of Columbia	512	396	-23%
Fairfax County	104	66	-37%
Frederick County	69	49	-29%
Loudoun County	38	26	-32%
Montgomery County	143	95	-34%
Prince George's County	168	179	7%
Prince William County	110	98	-11%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>-25%</b>

# Household Composition, 2010 - 2014

		Total Persons in Households with ONLY Children	Total Single Adults	Total Persons in Families	Regional Total
<b>MWCOG REGION</b>	<b>2014</b>	9	6,057	5,880	<b>11,946</b>
	<b>2013</b>	27	6,115	5,405	<b>11,547</b>
	<b>2012</b>	15	6,204	5,611	<b>11,830</b>
	<b>2011</b>	26	6,647	5,206	<b>11,879</b>
	<b>2010</b>	16	6,763	4,995	<b>11,774</b>
<b>2010 - 2014 Percent Change</b>		<b>-43.8%</b>	<b>-10.4%</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

# Family Composition, 2014

## 2014 LITERALLY HOMELESS PERSONS IN FAMILIES BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Number of Families	Adults in Families	Children in Families	Persons in Families
City of Alexandria	32	36	52	88
Arlington County	35	43	70	113
District of Columbia	1,231	1,559	2,236	3,795
Fairfax County	211	288	407	695
Frederick County	36	41	64	105
Loudoun County	31	40	62	102
Montgomery County	91	100	188	288
Prince George's County	144	168	273	441
Prince William County	74	92	161	253
<b>ALL COG COCs</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>3,513</b>	<b>5,880</b>

- Children represent 60% of all people in homeless families and account for nearly a third (28%) of the region's literally homeless population.



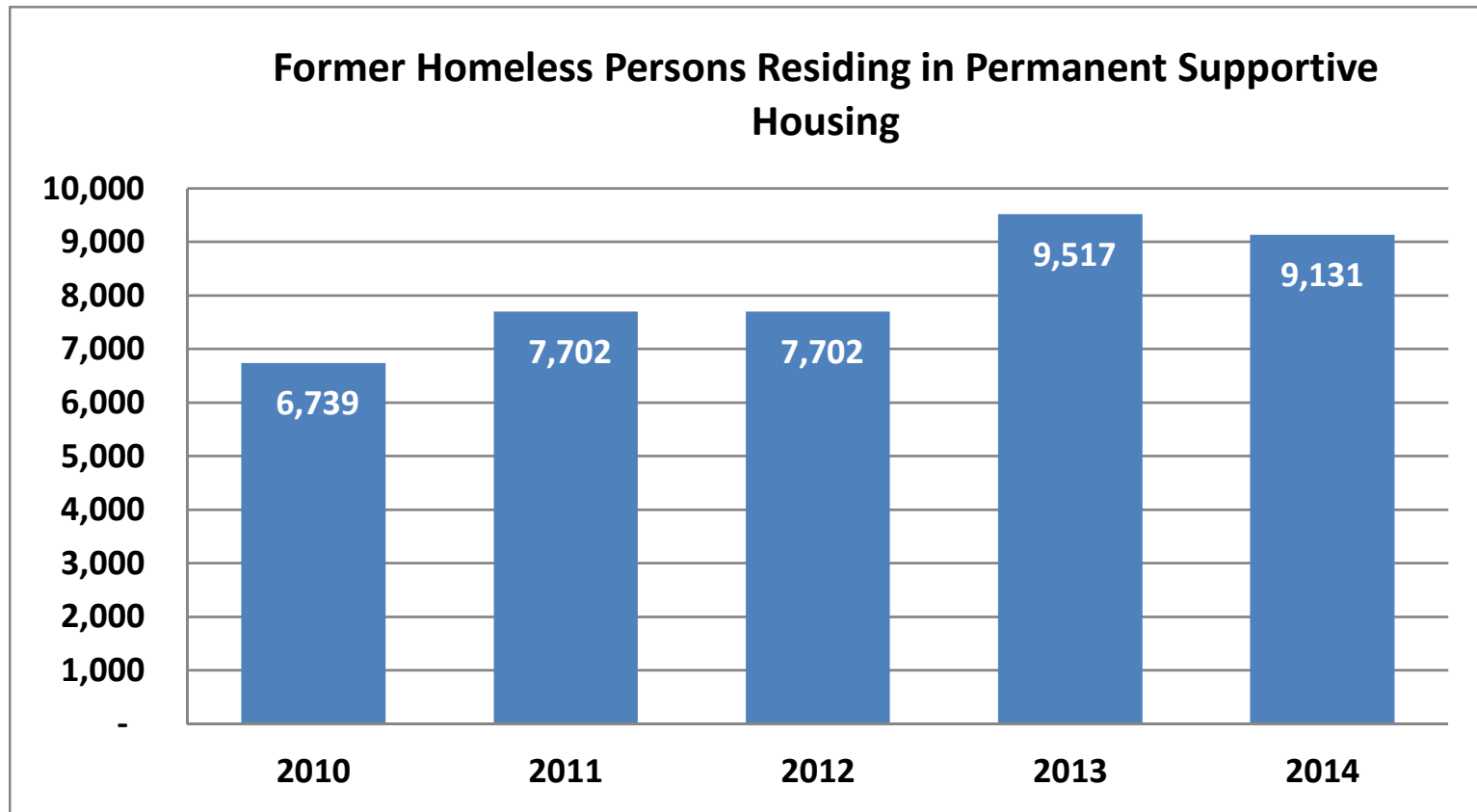
# Homelessness and the Working Poor



- **34%** of all homeless adults in families are employed (2 percentage point decrease from 2013)
- **19%** of all homeless single adults have jobs (1 point decrease from 2013)
- **44%** of all adults who have income reported that employment wages and salaries were their primary source of income (4 point decrease from 2013, but 6 point increase from 38% in 2012)

**Note:** The data for employed homeless single adults and homeless adults in families includes 3% who did not respond to this question.

# Permanent Supportive Housing



**NOTE:** The number of formerly homeless persons in Permanent Supportive Housing increased by 35% from 2010-2014.

# Rapid Re-Housing

- **115 single Homeless Adults** were in Rapid Re-Housing on January 29, 2014
- **2,501 persons in Homeless Families** were in Rapid Re-Housing on January 29, 2014
- **22%** of the formerly homeless population was in Rapid Re-Housing on the night of the Point-in-Time count.
  - Most formerly homeless are housed in PSH (95% of single adults and 61% of families)

# What Works in Our Region?



- Housing First model;
- Rental subsidies for low-income households;
- Shelter diversion programs and prevention strategies that identify households at risk of homelessness;
- Outreach to unsheltered homeless people living in the woods and on the street;
- Creating more affordable housing opportunities across all income levels throughout the metropolitan Washington area.

# Challenges to Ending Homelessness



- Federal budget uncertainty, cuts in grant funding and limited availability of Housing Choice Vouchers may limit progress on providing Temporary and Permanent Supportive Housing
- Increasing housing prices in the region further constrain affordable housing options

# Are There Any Questions?



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