



Summary of Results - 2011 Homeless Enumeration for the Washington Metropolitan Region

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2011 Point-in-Time Enumeration



- COG's 11th annual enumeration
- Conducted January 26, 2011
- 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, 2009 - 2011

Jurisdiction	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change 2010 – 2011
Alexandria	360	359	416	16%
Arlington County	511	531	461	-13%
District of Columbia	6,228	6,539	6,546	0%
Fairfax County	1,730	1,544	1,549	0%
Frederick County	324	303	280	-8%
Loudoun County	152	157	156	-1%
Montgomery County	1,194	1,064	1,132	6%
Prince George's County	853	789	773	-2%
Prince William County	630	488	675	38%
TOTAL	11,982	11,774	11,988	2%

Household Composition, 2007 - 2011

SINGLE INDIVIDUALS AND PEOPLE IN FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS			
Year	Single Individuals	People in Families	Total
2011	6,673	5,315	11,988
2010	6,779	4,995	11,774
2009	6,689	5,293	11,982
2008	7,140	4,566	11,706
2007	6,911	4,851	11,762
2007 – 2011 Percent Change	-3%	9.5%	2%

- 11,988 people were counted as homeless on January 26th
- Represents a 2% increase from 2007 when 11,762 people were counted

Family Composition, 2011

LITERALLY HOMELESS PEOPLE IN FAMILIES BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Families	Adults in Families	Children in Families	People in Families
Alexandria	52	58	94	152
Arlington County	65	81	112	193
District of Columbia	858	1,068	1,620	2,688
Fairfax County	265	344	539	883
Frederick County	37	39	72	111
Loudoun County	22	23	47	70
Montgomery County	125	143	231	374
Prince George's County	106	120	224	344
Prince William County	142	190	310	500
ALL COG COCs	1,672	2,066	3,249	5,315

- Children represent 61% of all people in homeless families (unchanged from 2010) and account for 27% of the region's homeless population, an increase of 1% from 2010

Homelessness and the Working Poor



- 38 percent of all homeless adults in families are employed (a decrease from 40% in 2010 and 45% in 2009)
- 20 percent of all homeless single adults have jobs (decreased from 21% in 2010 and 23% in 2009)
- 41 percent of all adults who have income reported that employment wages and salaries were their primary source of income (9% decrease from 2010)
- Employment and income have decreased for homeless persons; few have a living wage

Chronic Homelessness



- Single adult – An unaccompanied individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.
- Families – A family with at least one adult aged 18 or older, with a disabling condition, who meets the time period requirements noted above for single adults. All family members are counted as persons in a chronically homeless family.

Chronic Homelessness, cont.

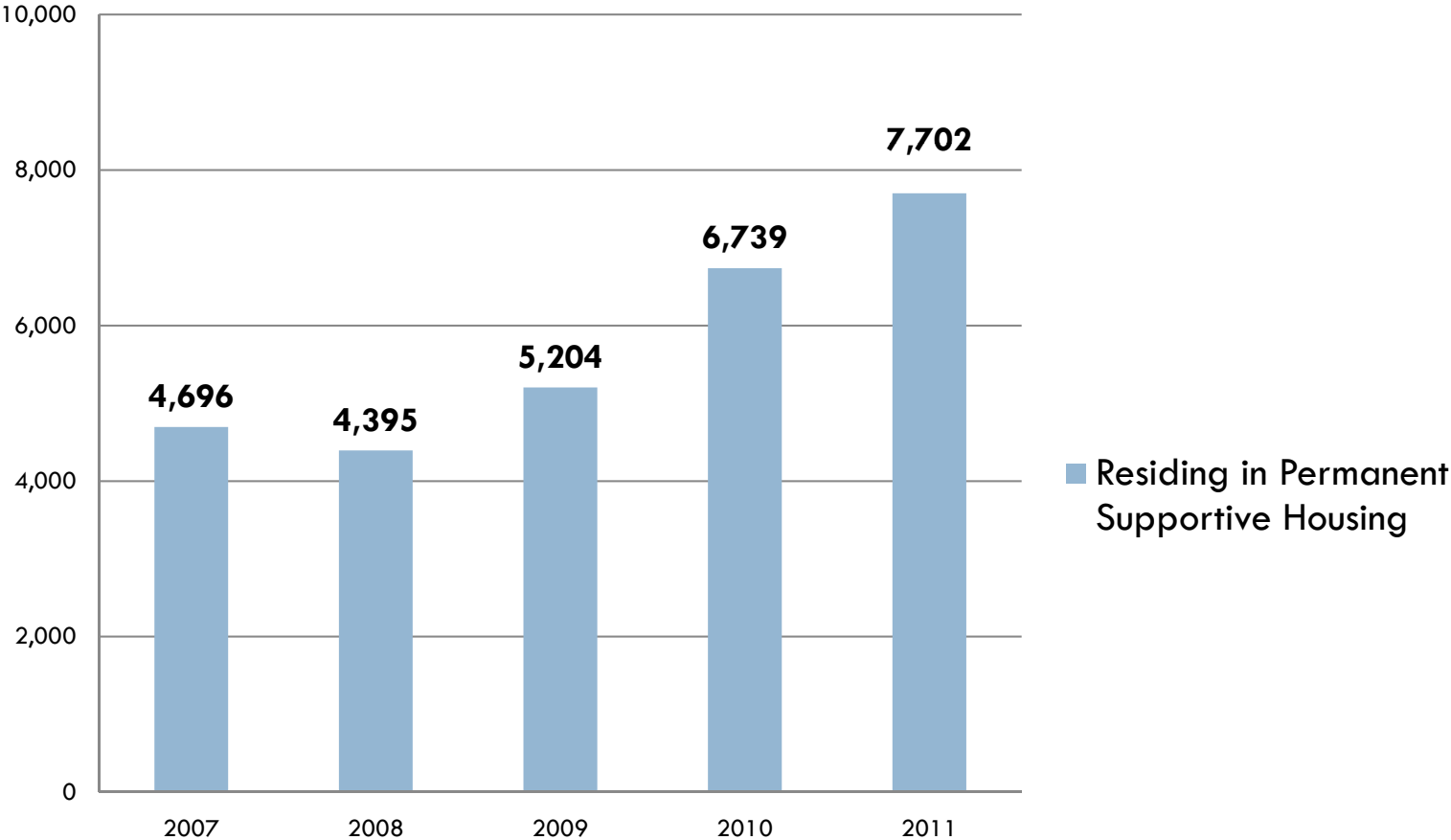


- 27 percent of the region's homeless persons are chronically homeless individuals
 - ▣ 3,289 single individuals, an increase of nearly 11% from the 2,972 counted in 2010
 - ▣ Most chronically homeless adults suffer from mental illness, substance abuse, and/or chronic health problems
 - ▣ These individuals accounted for 62% of the 1,329 persons who were counted as unsheltered
- 9 percent of the region's homeless families were chronically homeless – 155 families
 - ▣ Only 8 families were counted as unsheltered

Permanent Supportive Housing

FIGURE 1: REGION'S FORMERLY HOMELESS RESIDENTS

Source: COG 2011



Recommendations to Reduce Homelessness



- Continue Housing First (rapid re-housing) model which provide homeless residents with much needed wrap-around services to assist them in their efforts to live as independently as possible
- Prevention Strategies - Broadly implement shelter diversions programs that identifies 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.



- CoC jurisdictions must identify funds to sustain prevention and rapid re-housing programs due to federal funds being exhausted because of demand
- The region should create affordable housing opportunities across income levels

Are there any questions?

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