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Preliminary Results - 2010 Homeless Enumeration for the Washington Metropolitan Region

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2010 Point-in-Time Enumeration



- COG's 10th annual enumeration
- Conducted January 27, 2010
- 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 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, 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

How Many Local Residents are Homeless?

| Jurisdiction | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Percent Change 2006 - 2010 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Alexandria | 377 | 375 | 348 | 360 | 359 | -5% |
| Arlington County | 477 | 462 | 410 | 511 | 531 | 11% |
| District of Columbia | 6,157 | 5,757 | 6,044 | 6,228 | 6,539 | 6% |
| Fairfax County | 1,766 | 1,813 | 1,835 | 1,730 | 1,544 | -13% |
| Frederick County | 212 | 223 | 302 | 324 | 303 | 43% |
| Loudoun County | 184 | 211 | 170 | 152 | 157 | -15% |
| Montgomery County | 1,164 | 1,139 | 1,104 | 1,194 | 1,064 | -9% |
| Prince George's County | 1,291 | 1,168 | 943 | 853 | 789 | -39% |
| Prince William County | 498 | 614 | 550 | 630 | 488 | -2% |
| TOTAL | 12,126 | 11,762 | 11,706 | 11,982 | 11,774 | -3% |

1.7% decrease from 2009 when 11,982 total people throughout the region were homeless

Homelessness By Jurisdiction, 2009 - 2010

| Jurisdiction | 2009 | 2010 | Percent Change 2009 - 2010 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Alexandria | 360 | 359 | 0% |
| Arlington County | 511 | 531 | 4% |
| District of Columbia | 6,228 | 6,539 | 5% |
| Fairfax County | 1,730 | 1,544 | -11% |
| Frederick County | 324 | 303 | -7% |
| Loudoun County | 152 | 157 | -3% |
| Montgomery County | 1,194 | 1,064 | -11% |
| Prince George's County | 853 | 789 | -8% |
| Prince William County | 630 | 488 | -23% |
| TOTAL | 11,982 | 11,774 | -1.7% |

The previously reported total for 2009 was 12,035. The 2009 total is revised to reflect Alexandria's and Montgomery County's homeless count revisions.

Family Composition, 2010

LITERALLY HOMELESS PEOPLE IN FAMILIES BY JURISDICTION

| Jurisdiction | Families | Adults in Families | Children in Families | People in Families |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Alexandria | 52 | 63 | 88 | 151 |
| Arlington County | 61 | 76 | 108 | 184 |
| District of Columbia | 800 | 988 | 1,535 | 2,523 |
| Fairfax County | 263 | 342 | 550 | 892 |
| Frederick County | 39 | 43 | 68 | 111 |
| Loudoun County | 25 | 34 | 52 | 86 |
| Montgomery County | 124 | 138 | 234 | 372 |
| Prince George's County | 102 | 130 | 240 | 370 |
| Prince William County | 97 | 113 | 193 | 306 |
| ALL COG COCs | 1,563 | 1,927 | 3,068 | 4,995 |

- Children represent 61% of all people in homeless families and account for 26% of the region's homeless population

Homelessness and the Working Poor



- 40 percent of all homeless adults in families are employed (5% decrease from 2009)
- 21 percent of all homeless single adults have jobs (2% decrease from 2009)
- Nearly 50 percent of all adults who have income reported that employment wages and salaries were their primary source of income

The Region's Year-Round Housing Inventory



- ❑ Region has increased its winter/hypothermia bed count by 70% or 868 beds since 2006
- ❑ Emergency shelter beds account for 23% of region's winter inventory
- ❑ Region has increased its transitional housing bed count by 3.7% or 182 since 2006
- ❑ Permanent supportive housing beds account for 38% of region's winter inventory
- ❑ Region added 2,490 permanent supportive housing beds to its inventory since 2006 representing a 55% increase

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
- Broadly implement shelter diversion programs which timely identifies households at risk of homelessness and prevents their need to be housed in local shelters
- 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 and increase its rapid re-housing programs before federal stimulus money expires
- Jurisdictions must provide more living wage jobs
- The region should create affordable housing opportunities across income levels

Are there any questions?



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