

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**Survey of Local Homeless Coalitions for
2009
Annual Report on Homeless
Conditions in Florida**

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2009 Survey

To assist the Department of Children and Families in preparing its 2009 Report on Homeless Conditions in Florida, as required by s.420.623(4), Florida Statutes, please fill in the following:

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Continuum of Care Served by Coalition: Okaloosa, Walton

Do you plan to expand your catchment area in 2009 to add one or more of the following counties: Dixie, Gilchrist, Union, or Baker?

Yes _____ No x _____

Did your coalition submit to your respective DCF Circuit (formerly District) Administrator in 2008-09 recommendations for the Homeless Grant in Aid Program's Spending Plan?

Yes _____ No x _____ (I don't recall being asked)

Did your coalition receive assistance from the Circuit's Homeless Grant-in-Aid Program in 2008-09? Yes x No _____

List the use(s) funded: \$5905 on direct assistance, primarily homeless prevention; \$450 for Florida Coalition on the Homeless membership

How many homeless persons will be served? 38 (final number; all funds have been expended)

PART II Homeless Data

Instructions

In reporting your data on the homeless, and their characteristics, answer the following based upon the definition of a homeless person as specified in Florida law [section 420.621, [F.S.]

“Homeless” means an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:

- (a) A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill;
- (b) An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized;
- (c) A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

The term does not refer to any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant to state or federal law.

A. Homeless Population Counts by County.

Report the total number of persons who are homeless on any given day for each county covered by your continuum of care plan or the county(s) served by your coalition in January 2009.

County Name	Total Homeless Persons
1.Okaloosa County	2361
2.Walton County	85
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
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8.	

Data Source: (*Check one.*)

January 2009 Count (Conducted Jan 22-31, 2009), unless waiver granted by HUD

- Check the PRIMARY method used to enumerate the sheltered 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
- HMIS
- Other

- Check the PRIMARY method used to enumerate unsheltered homeless persons.

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

Note: Interviews were abbreviated.

B. General Homeless Characteristics

If your coalition used the core short form point-in-time survey instrument, please share your results on the following data elements. Report on the total homeless population for all of the counties reported under section A above. 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 count.

Data Element	Total Number	Percentage
Sex		
Male	1239	50.7%
Female	1207	49.3%
TOTAL	2446	100%

Age:		
Children- under 18 years	930	38%
Adults – 18 to 60 years	1409	57.6%
Elderly – over 60 years	107	4.4%
TOTAL	2446	100%

Race/Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino?		
Yes	404	16.5
No	2042	83.5
TOTAL	2,446	100%

Data Element	Total Number	Percentage
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	38	1.3
Asian	17	.7
Black/African American	533	21.8
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	3	.1
White	1811	74.3
Other	44	1.8
TOTAL	2446	100%
Military Veteran Served on active duty in the U.S. military.		
Yes	339	22.4
No	1177	77.6
TOTAL	1516 adults	100%
Marital Status		
Single	1296	75.6
Married	220	24.4
TOTAL	1516 adults	100%
Prior Episodes of Homelessness. In last 3 years, number of separate times homeless		
1 time	1,875	76.7
2-3 times	274	11.2
4 or more times	297	12.1
TOTAL		100%

Data Element	Total Number	Percentage
Disabling Condition	Yes	443
	No	2,043
	TOTAL	2446
<u>Type of disabling condition</u>	Physical	123
	Developmental	6
	Mental Health	195
	Drug or Alcohol Addiction	278
	HIV/AIDS	8

Length of Current Homeless Episode		
1 week or less	957	39.1
More than 1 week, less than 1 month	873	35.6
1 to 3 months	216	.9
More than 3 months, less than 12 months	255	10.4
1 year or longer	245	10
Total	2446	100%

Data Element	Total Number	Percentage
Cause of Homelessness		
Employment/financial reasons	962	39.3
Housing Issues	68	2.8
Medical/ disability problems	585	23.9
Forced to relocate from home	465	19
Family problems	287	11.8
Natural/other disasters	5	.2
Recent immigration	74	3
TOTAL	2446	100%

Data Element	Total Number	Percentage
Sources of Income		
Earned Income	911	DO NOT REPORT %
Unemployment	92	
SSI	305	
SSDI	243	
Veterans disability	302	
Private disability insurance	0	
Workers Comp	3	
TANF	482	
General assistance	0	
SSA retirement	0	
Veterans Pension	6	
Job pension	0	
Child support	92	
Alimony	0	
Other source	3	
No financial resource	151	

Data Element	Total Number	Percentage
*Length of Stay in the County		
1 week or less		
More than 1 week, less than 1 month		
1 to 3 months		
More than 3 months, less than 12 months		
1 year or longer		
TOTAL		100%

Foster Care History		
Were you ever a foster care child?		
Yes	60	4
No	1,456	96
TOTAL	1516 adults	100%

*Was not an item on our count tool.