

2011 Survey

To assist the Department of Children and Families in preparing the 2011 Council on Homelessness Report, as required by s.412.622(9), Florida Statutes, please fill in the following:

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A. Homeless Population by County

Report the total number of persons and households who are homeless on any given day for each county covered or served by your continuum in January 2011.1

County Name		Federal/HUD Homeless		State Homeless Definition	
		# Persons	# Households	# Persons	# Households
1	Okaloosa	2,145	940	2,570	1,082
2	Walton	619	258	748	166
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
TOTAL		2,764	1,198	3,318	1,248

Federal Definition: As Used in 2010 CoC NOFA

A homeless person is a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation or in an emergency shelter, and a person in transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the street or an emergency shelter.

State Definition: Florida Statutes, Section 420.621

Homeless means an individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and includes an individual who:

- a. Is sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- b. Is living in a motel, hotel, travel trailer park, or camping ground due to a lack of alternative, adequate accommodations;
- c. Is living in an emergency or transitional shelter;
- d. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- e. Is living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, bus or train station, or similar setting;
- f. Is a migratory individual who qualifies as homeless because he or she is living in circumstances described in paragraph (a) - (e).

Data Source: *(Check one.)*

January 2011 Count - conducted last 10 days of January 2011.

Other Date - Waiver Granted by HUD.

Enter Date: _____

- *Check the methods used to enumerate the homeless persons.*

Point-in-time count with no interview

Point-in-time with interviews

Point-in-time plus sample interviews

Point-in-time plus extrapolation

Administrative data from providers of services

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

** Check all methods used.*

B. General Homeless Characteristics

Report on the characteristics of homeless persons identified in your 2011 Point-in-Time Count, using the federal definition.

Data Element Gender	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
Male	1,246	45.1%
Female	1,514	54.8%
Transgendered Male to Female		0.0%
Transgendered Female to Male		0.0%
Other		0.0%
Don't know	2	0.1%
Refused	2	0.1%
TOTAL	2,764	100.0%

Age	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
Children - under 18 years	1,393	50.4%
Adults - 18 to 60 years	1,194	43.2%
Elderly - over 60 years	133	4.8%
Don't know	12	0.4%
Refused	32	1.2%
TOTAL	2,764	100.0%

Ethnicity	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
Hispanic or Latino	246	8.9%
Non Hispanic/Non-Latino	2,500	90.4%
Elderly - over 60 years		0.0%
Don't know	16	0.6%
Refused	2	0.1%
TOTAL	2,764	100.0%

Data Element Race	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
American Indian/Alaska Native	72	2.6%
Asian	19	0.7%
Black/African American	564	20.4%
Transgendered Female to Male		0.0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	14	0.5%
White	1,965	71.1%
Don't know	83	3.0%
Refused	47	1.7%
TOTAL	2,764	100.0%

Military Veteran Served on active duty in the US military	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
Yes	246	17.9%
No	1,123	81.9%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Refused	2	0.1%
TOTAL	1,371	100.0%

Household Type	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
Households without Children	573	47.8%
Households with Children	625	52.2%
TOTAL	1,198	100.0%

Disabling Condition	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
Yes	518	100.0%
No	853	#REF!
Don't know	0	0.0%
Refused	0	0.0%
TOTAL	853	#REF!
Type of disabling condition	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
Physical	203	Do Not Report
Developmental	11	
Mental Health	192	
Drug or Alcohol Addiction	187	
HIV/AIDS	2	
TOTAL	595	

Prior Episodes of Homelessness in last 3 years, number of separate times homeless.	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
1 time	1,983	71.7%
2-3 times	528	19.1%
4 or more times	253	9.2%
TOTAL	2,764	100.0%

Length of Current Homeless Episode	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
1 week or less	491	17.8%
More than 1 week, less than 1 month	1,006	36.4%
1 to 3 months	601	21.7%
More than 3 months, less than 12 months	306	11.1%
1 year or longer	360	13.0%
TOTAL	2,764	100.0%

Data Element Cause of Homelessness	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
Employment/financial reasons	695	50.7%
Housing Issues	106	7.7%
Medical/disability problems	225	16.4%
Forced to relocate from home	38	2.8%
Family problems	262	19.1%
Natural/other disasters	41	3.0%
Recent immigration	4	0.3%
TOTAL	1,371	100.0%

Data Element Length of Stay in the County	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
1 week or less	75	2.7%
More than 1 week, less than 1 month	160	5.8%
1 to 3 months	108	3.9%
More than 3 months, less than 12 months	279	10.1%
1 year or longer	2,142	77.5%
TOTAL	2,764	100.0%

Foster Care History Were you ever a foster care child?	Total Number Homeless	Percentage
Yes	104	7.6%
No	1,267	92.4%
TOTAL	1,371	100.0%

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