



**Preliminary Results - 2010 Homeless Enumeration  
for the Washington Metropolitan Region**

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## 2010 Point-in-Time Enumeration

- COG's 10<sup>th</sup> 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%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,126</b>	<b>11,762</b>	<b>11,706</b>	<b>11,982</b>	<b>11,774</b>	<b>-3%</b>

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%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,982</b>	<b>11,774</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>

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.

## Household Composition, 2006 - 2010

SINGLE INDIVIDUALS AND PEOPLE IN FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS			
Year	Single Individuals	People in Families	Total
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
2006	7,137	4,948	12,085
<b>2006 - 2010 Percent Change</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>

- 11,774 people were counted as homeless on January 27<sup>th</sup>
- Represents a 1.7% decrease from 2009 when 11,982 people were counted
- 2010 count is a near 3% decrease from 2006

## 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
<b>ALL COG COCs</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>4,995</b>

- 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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