

**Providing leadership
to prevent and end homelessness**

2011 State of the Homeless Address



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Point in Time Count & Survey

Why do we count?

- To know the nature and extent of homelessness
- Federal requirement to support nearly \$16 million in funds from HUD, HHS, VA
- Measure success and identify gaps
- Plan for improvements and solutions

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Point in Time Count & Survey

Where the data comes from:

- Unsheltered: Volunteers Surveys
- Emergency Shelters: HMIS & Surveys
- Transitional Housing: HMIS & Surveys

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The Survey Instrument

1. 136 Completed for Unsheltered
2. 763 Completed at Emergency Shelters
3. 437 Completed at Transitional Housing
4. 1,336 x 765 data elements = 1,022,040 pieces of information.....

Every Survey is a Story

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Point in Time Count

Unsheltered

Unsheltered Counting Effort:

1. 429 Volunteers Counting: + 111 more than 2009
2. 86 Routes: + 24 more than 2009
3. *New: GIS mapping with 2006, 2007, 2009 data*

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Point in Time Count
Unsheltered

	Fort Worth	Tarrant County	Arlington	Parker County	TOTAL
2011	122	0	14	0	136

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Unsheltered



	Fort Worth	Tarrant County	Arlington	Parker County	TOTAL
2011	122	0	14	0	136
2009	176	4	15	0	195
	-54	-4	-1	0	-59
Change	There are 30% fewer unsheltered homeless 40% reduction in Chronic unsheltered 45% reduction in women unsheltered				

GIS Mapping

Changes in Campsites

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Emergency Sheltered



	Fort Worth	Arlington	RITI	TOTAL
2011	984	143	33	1,160

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Emergency Sheltered



	Fort Worth	Arlington	RITI (FW)	TOTAL
2011	984	143	33	1,160
2009	959	158	11	1,128
	+25	-15	+22	+32
Change	2.8% increase in emergency sheltered 4.8% increase in Fort Worth 9.5% decrease in Arlington 9.8% decrease in children emergency sheltered			

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Transitional Housing



	Totals
2011	927
2009	838
Change	+ 89 10.6% increase in persons in Transitional Housing <i>TH is considered 'homeless' by HUD definition. This year closed a 3 year gap improving occupancy to 95% up from 84 % in 2009</i>

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All Housing Types 2011



	Unsheltered	Emergency Sheltered	RITI	Safehaven	Transitional	Total
2011	136	1,127	33	20	927	2,243
2009	195	1,117	11	20	838	2,181
Change	<p>+62 more homeless 2.8% increase in the number of persons experiencing</p>					

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Subpopulations **preliminary*



SUB POPULATIONS	Unsheltered	Emergency & Safehaven	Transitional	Total
Chronic Homeless	38	To be completed		
Severely Mentally Ill	25			
Chronic Substance Abuse	29			
Veterans	28			
Persons with HIV/AIDS	4			
Victims of Domestic Violence	7			
Unaccompanied Youth (under 18)	0			

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Children



	Unsheltered	Emergency	RITI	Safehaven	Transitional Housing	TOTALS
Total Homeless Population	136	1,127	33	20	927	2,243
2011 Children	1	165	0	0	422	588 25.8%
2009 Children	0	183	0	0	362	545 24.99%
Change 2009 to 2011	+ 1 100%	- 18 -9.8%	0	0	+60 + 16.6%	+43 +7.9%

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What was reason you became homeless?

	Unsheltered	Emergency
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	50.0%	45.7%
Unemployment	77.6%	59.90%
Divorce/Separation	21.1%	14.30%
Domestic Violence	3.9%	16.50%
Release from Jail/Prison	19.7%	14.20%
Family/Personal Illness	11.8%	11.60%
Physical/Mental Disabilities	23.7%	20.40%
Addictions/Substance Abuse	30.3%	15.50%
Evicted within past week	6.6%	3.40%
Moved to seek work	6.6%	9.20%
Sexual Orientation	0.0%	1.20%

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What services do you need?

Top 6 Needs	Unsheltered	Emergency
Job Training	4	2
Transportation	2	1
Food Stamps / Food	5	4
Case Management	6	6
ID/License/Replacement SSC	3	5
Basic Needs – Food & Clothing	1	3

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Needs

	Unsheltered	Emergency
Those who need dental Care, not able to get dental Care	88.6%	65.6%
ID/Critical Documents	87%	63.7%

2011 Initiatives

- Address dental with new JPS Dental Health Program
- Address ID needs with TX DPS Driver Responsibility Program: Amnesty
- Address Critical Documents needs with ID Blitz
- Creation of Youth Taskforce and new collaboration with ISDs to assess at risk youth/runaway

Take-Aways

- There are **2,243** persons experiencing homelessness at any point in time in our community.
- The number of **unsheltered homeless**, those persons living on the streets, has **decreased by 30%** in two years.
- **25%** of the homeless were children, however , fewer were found in emergency sheltered and moved to more stable transitional housing
- 10% more homeless are being moved from unsheltered and emergency shelters to more stable Transitional Housing
- Family homelessness is growing across U.S.

Opening Doors

Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

“Stable housing is the foundation upon which everything else in a family’s or individual’s life is built—without a safe, affordable place to live, it is much tougher to maintain good health, get a good education or reach your full potential.”

~ Barack Obama

Federal Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

- (1) Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness
- (2) Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in five years
- (3) Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth and children in ten years
- (4) Set a path to ending all types of homelessness

a Home with hope



Federal Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

After chronically homeless and vulnerable populations enter permanent supportive housing, local communities, including our own experience:

- *Fewer inpatient hospitalizations*
- *Fewer emergency room visits*
- *Fewer ambulance transports*
- *Fewer psychiatric hospitalizations*
- *Fewer days in jail*
- *Fewer police contacts*

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