



The Community Partnership  
For The Prevention  
of Homelessness

## A Summary of the 2006 Point in Time Survey Results for the District of Columbia

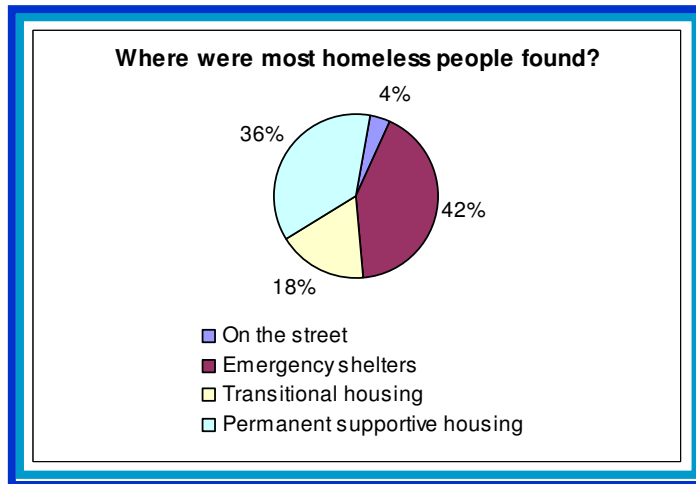
On January 25, 2006 the Community Partnership completed the sixth point in time enumeration for the District of Columbia's Continuum of Care (CoC). This count of homeless persons occurs annually to comply with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reporting standards and to provide the city with the most up to date comprehensive statistics on the homeless population in the area.

### The Problems We Face

- There are **6,157** homeless individuals & persons in families in the District.
- Today in the District of Columbia, 11 of every 1,000 persons are homeless.
- As the pie chart indicates, most homeless persons are still residing in emergency shelter.

### The Progress We Are Making

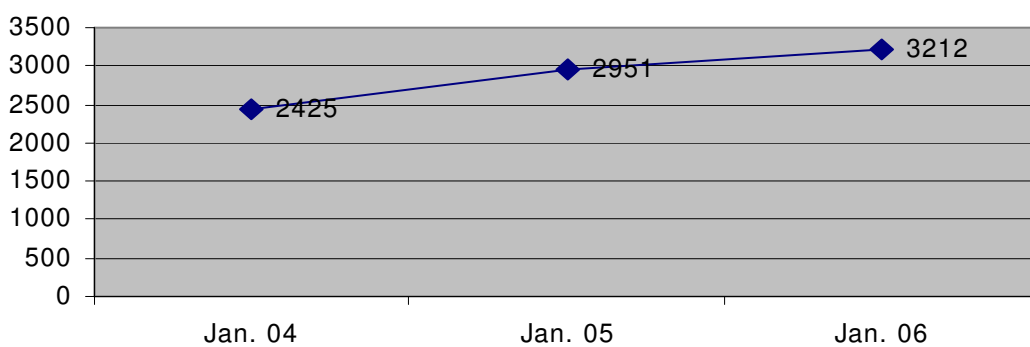
- The District's Permanent Housing inventory is steadily increasing as indicated in the trend line in the chart below. Permanent Housing is seen as the SOLUTION to homelessness.
- The District's 10 year plan goals calls for a continued increase in the development of Permanent Housing units.
- There are **3,212** formerly homeless individuals & persons in families living in permanent housing in DC.



### Quick Facts

- 1,891 persons in the CoC are chronically homeless (a disabled individual who is homeless for 1 year +).
- 347 persons were estimated to be sleeping on the streets on Jan. 25.
- 1,507 cases of chronic substance abuse were reported.
- 1,410 cases of Severe Mental Illness and 654 cases of Dual Diagnosis were reported.
- 468 homeless persons were reported to be living with HIV/AIDS.
- 492 homeless persons have been victims of domestic violence.

### Growth in the Number of Formerly Homeless Persons Living in Permanent Housing in D.C.



For a copy of the complete *Regional Point in Time Report*, please visit [www.community-partnership.org](http://www.community-partnership.org)

### Survey Methodology

The Community Partnership utilized the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect data on homeless individuals and families in the DC. Providers were instructed to fill out a survey sheet on each individual in their shelter on 1/25/06.

Private agencies that do not receive public funds voluntarily participated in the survey collection process and submitted information via telephone interviews and paper surveys. They were given the option to return information in the aggregate or by individual.

Questions in the survey instrument were derived from HUD data standards and regional interest areas of the Washington Council of Governments Homeless Subcommittee. The Survey consists of close ended questions on persons residing in a shelter facility on the night of 1/25/06. Over the past six years, many questions on the instrument have remained constant giving The Partnership the opportunity to establish trends and comment on changes in the population over time.

Our research indicates that there was a 96% participation rate by DC homeless shelter providers. The Partnership would like to thank these providers for their participation and commitment to this process.